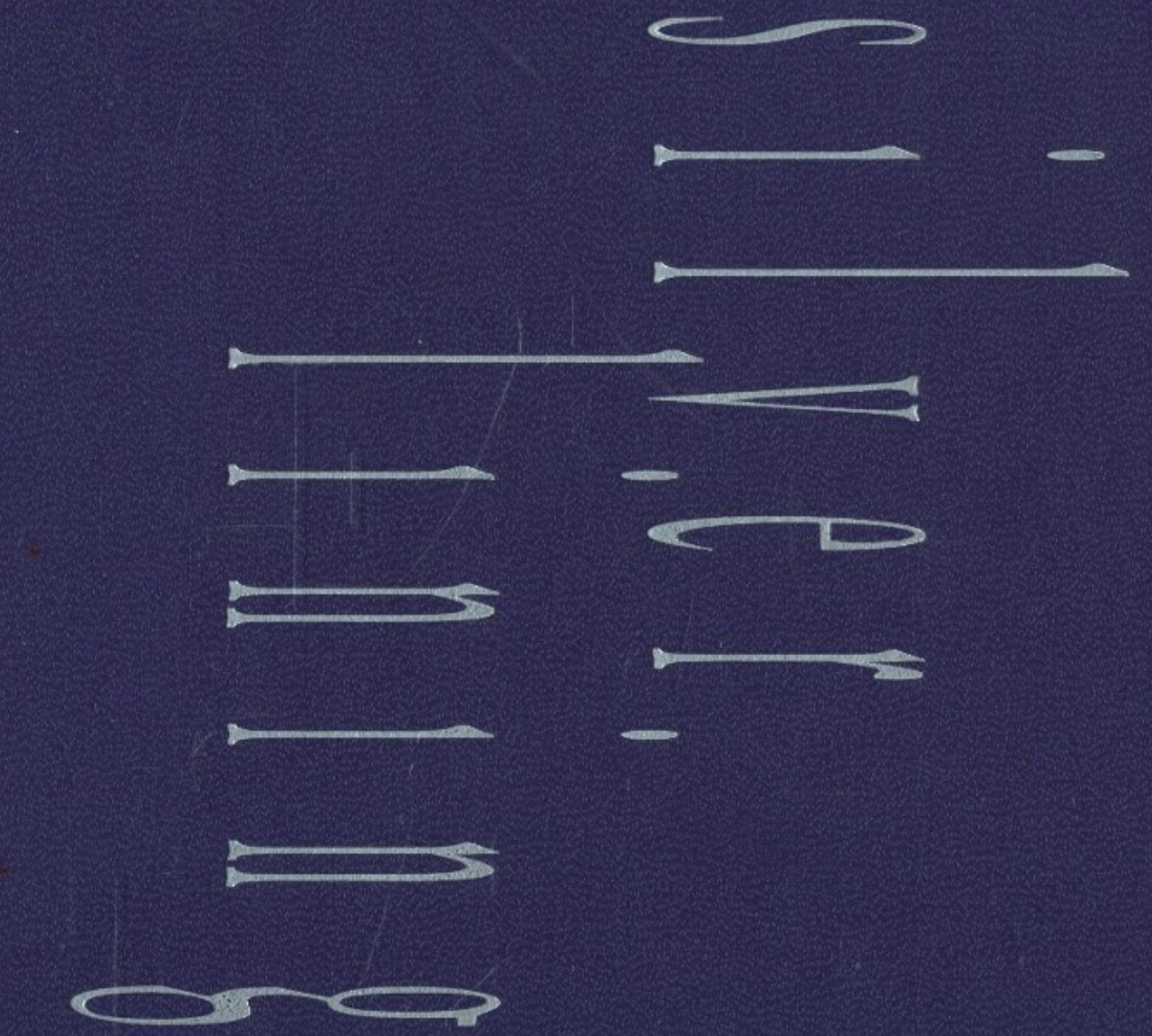

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Margeaux –
Thanks for being such a sweetheart this year. Good luck next year and have a great summer!
I, Sam
Ms. :)

Margo-
Spelled it wrong. It's been nice knowing ya. Take care and K.I.T. 614-0836
home 850-7578-cell
-Matt Champs

Hey chic-a-dick
Sorry bout last year
But its cool that we're friends again
Good luck being the 100th prep at school.
Maybe I'll see you over the summer
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AKA Shitgoose
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At the Homecoming pep rally, senior **Katie Homan** celebrates after she and junior **Becky Marsh** tackle science teacher **Rob Mason**. The girls dressed up as police officers for Twin Day and were promoting trash pick-up. Even though it took a few extra seconds out of our days to pick up our trash, we realized it was important to keep the school clean.

So here's how the year started off. We got our first listen of the infamous "rules for cell phones speech" (just a reminder…we couldn't use them before or during school, but after 3:10, that was fine). Yeah…you'll remember how much fun that was. Our eyes rolled in disgust, and the year had only just begun.

We thought the routine of searching for a parking spot would never end. As the deadline for the new parking lot came and went, we were convinced that the hunt would be a continued tradition. It also took quite a few years of rumors to finally begin to transform the weight room.

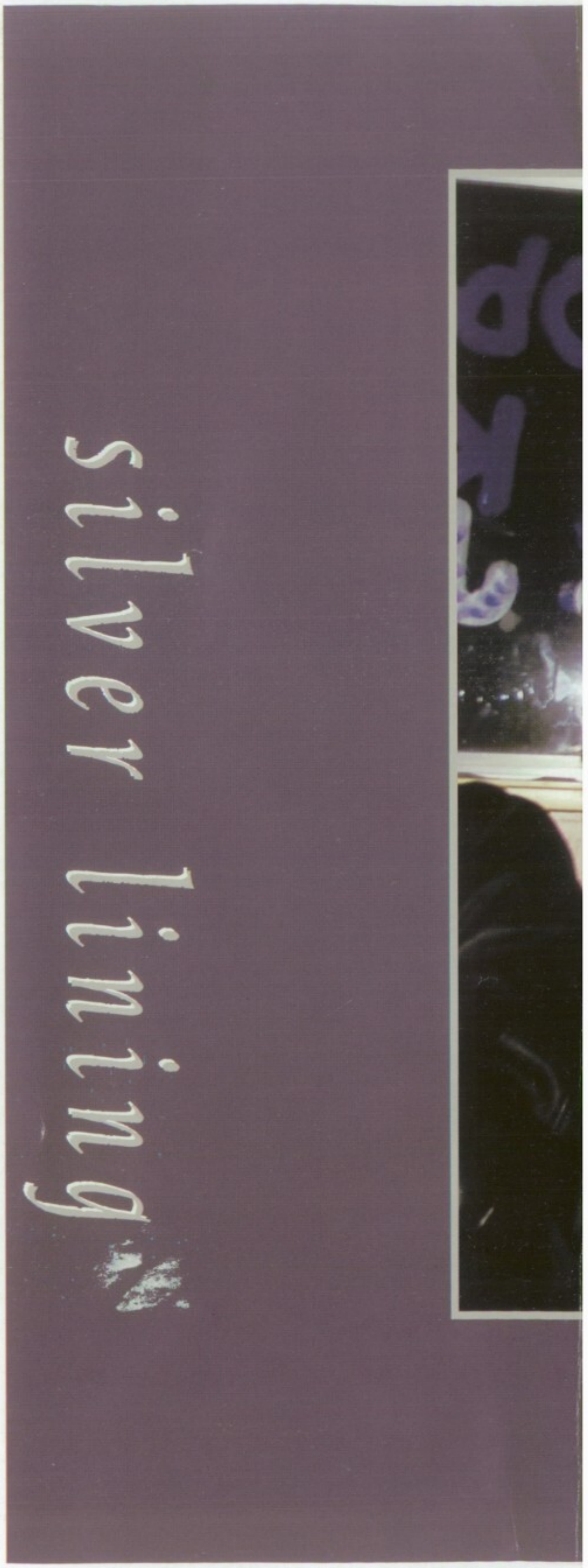
For those with claustrophobia, nerves probably set in a few times. Classrooms, and hallways in particular, seemed to get more crammed and crowded every year. We tried our best to stay polite, but every now and then, the tight spaces just got to be too much.

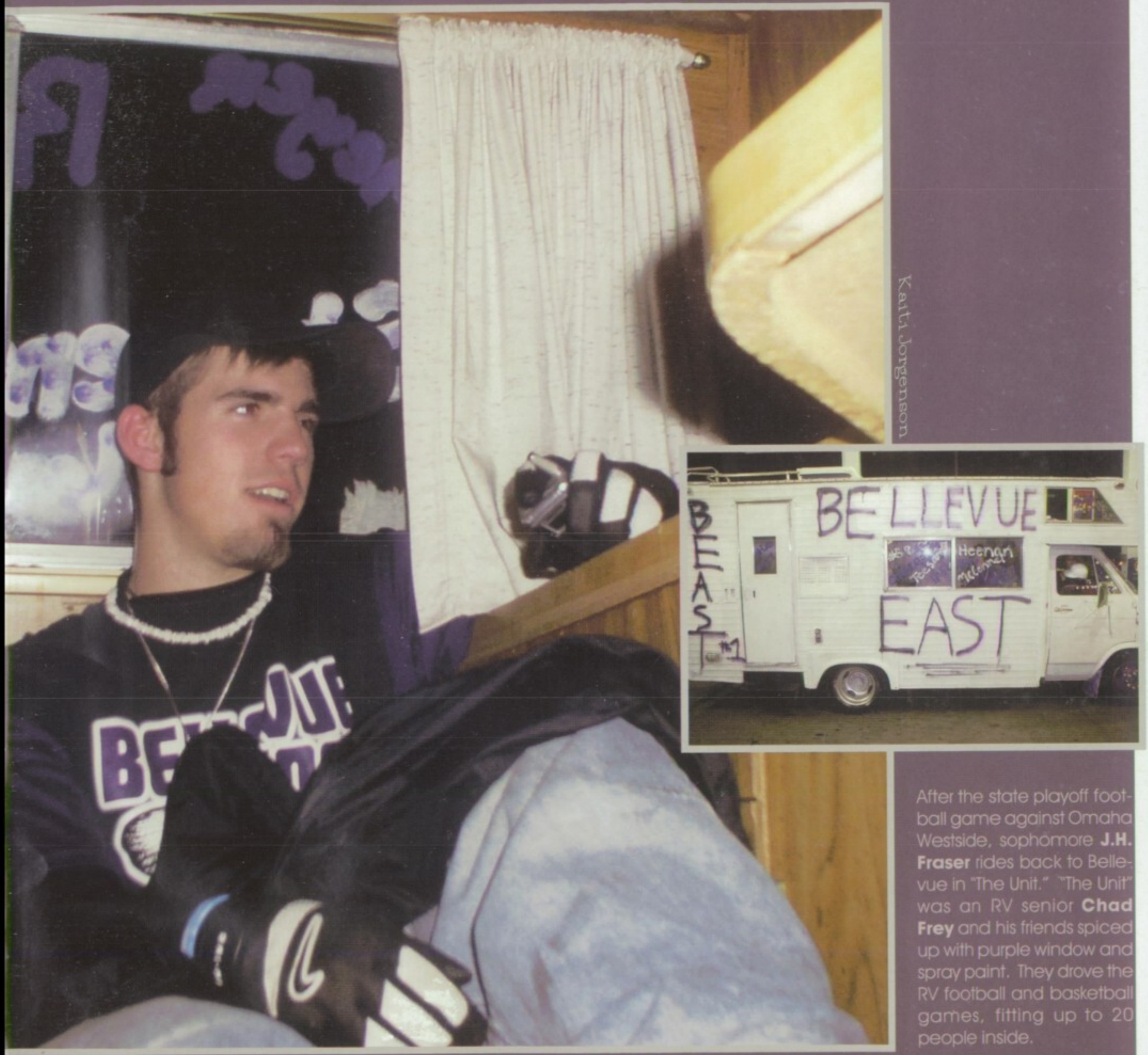
But then came the "silver lining" behind it all. Not being allowed to have cell phones turned into a kind of game…seeing whose phone got sent to the dean's office the most times, or hiding them inside purses or behind books as we text-messaged.

Once the parking lot was completed in early winter, those who ended up in "creative parking" at BJSA did so by choice. But if we were in the mood for a front-row spot, we still had to be here before 7:20.

Even though we didn't exactly want to be at school all the time, it was nice to think that something good might actually come out of our high school careers. We discovered a brighter side to our situations and looked past our discouragements. We looked forward to Friday night football games and winter break. We made fun of the teachers we disliked behind their backs and hoped they didn't do the same to us.

Someday we might realize that these were some of the best days of our lives, and we'll recall that they really weren't all that bad.





Kaiti Jorgenson

After the state playoff football game against Omaha Westside, sophomore **J.H. Fraser** rides back to Bellevue in "The Unit." "The Unit" was an RV senior **Chad Frey** and his friends spiced up with purple window and spray paint. They drove the RV football and basketball games, fitting up to 20 people inside.

the bottom line is...

After we did all the things that made the parentals proud, we had a chance to make ourselves proud, too. That was, of course, the bottom line. Our goals may have been a little bit different, but they were goals nonetheless.

No matter how slowly the week went by, we always had the weekends to look forward to. We had parties at the lake, camping trips in Louisville, and sleepovers at our friends' houses. We saw *Napoleon Dynamite* for the third time at AMC. We then invited people over when our parents were away, hoping they wouldn't find out.

Not only did we have our weekends free, we had hours after 3:10 to do as we pleased. There was nothing like our shopping sprees at the mall or ending up at McCain field. For those who wanted money for bills and spending, jobs were also a part of the equation.

The bottom line is our lives didn't necessarily revolve solely around the classroom. Getting out, exploring, and simply having fun was what actually molded us into the people we became.

Megan Kolenik

As they walk across the field at halftime of the Homecoming game, seniors **Andrew Kumor** and **Heather Hopkins** look for friends and family in the stands. Students bought dresses, made hair appointments, and began decorating weeks in advance. Homecoming was held on September 18, 2004.

student life

During Spirit Week, sophomores **Kayla Polinsky** and **Ashley Olsen** dress up like fairies on Twin Day. Students had a chance to be judged on their outfits after school each day and win prizes.

Top 5 *ways to show school spirit*

5 Homemade T-Shirts

4 School Colors

3 Beads

2 School Shirts

1 *Body Paint*

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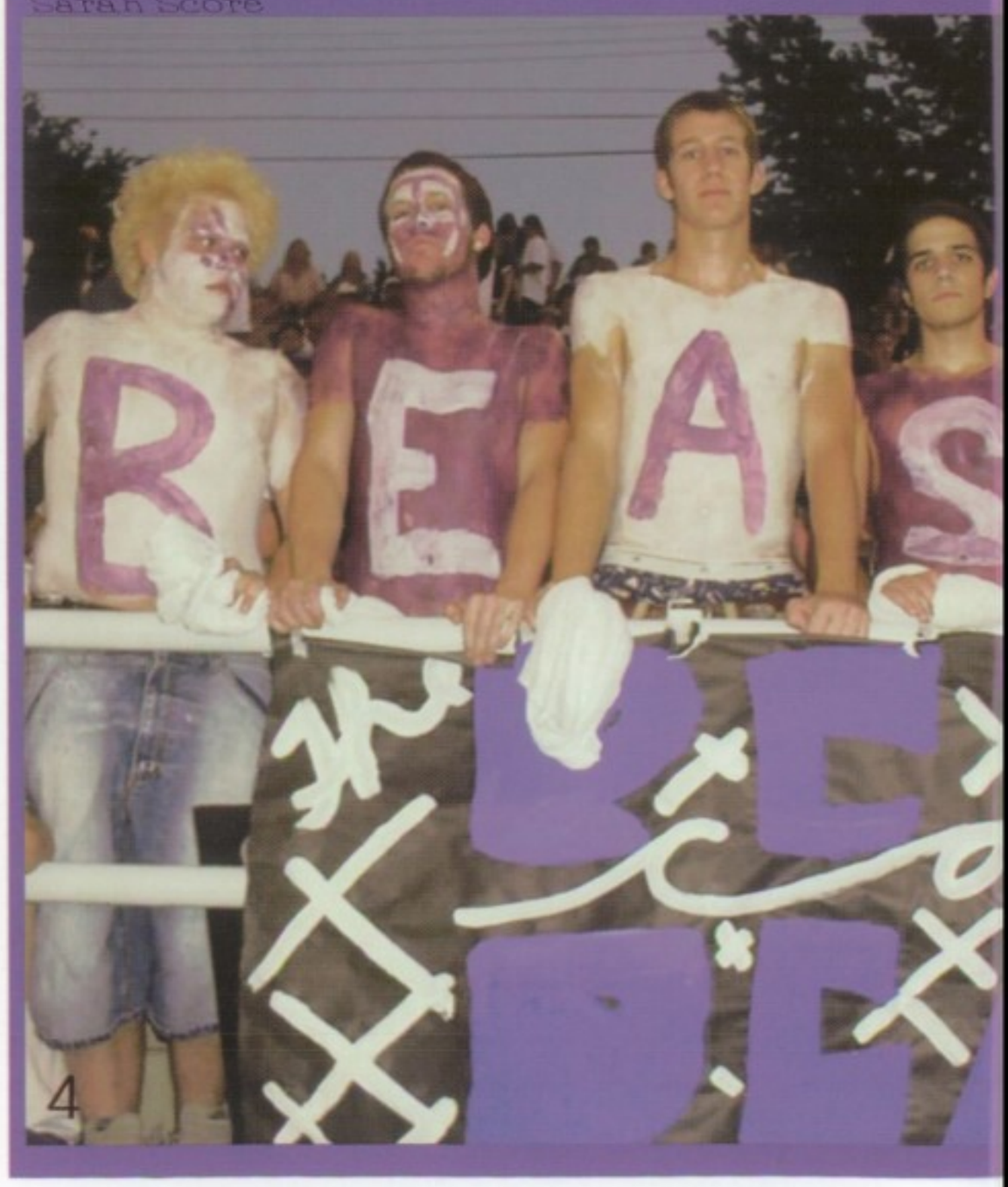

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1.Wearing cheerleading outfits, senior **April Wert** sprays glitter on senior **Brain Grout**. 2.Junior **Alex Cherubin** makes a call to pass the time while he waits to be judged on his Malibu Day outfit. 3.All dressed up for Spirit Day, seniors **Cami Hoogeveen** and senior **Katie Weeks** made fun of senior **Robert Rands** for only wearing a T-shirt. 4. Seniors **Pat Huland**, **Zach Kaufman**, **Andrew Senske**, **A.J. Hansen**, and **Dustin Slottje** stand in the student section waiting for the East/West game to start. 5.Promoting the Homecoming dance, teachers **Todd Porter** and **Kathy Liebenguth** dance around the gym floor at the Homecoming pep rally.

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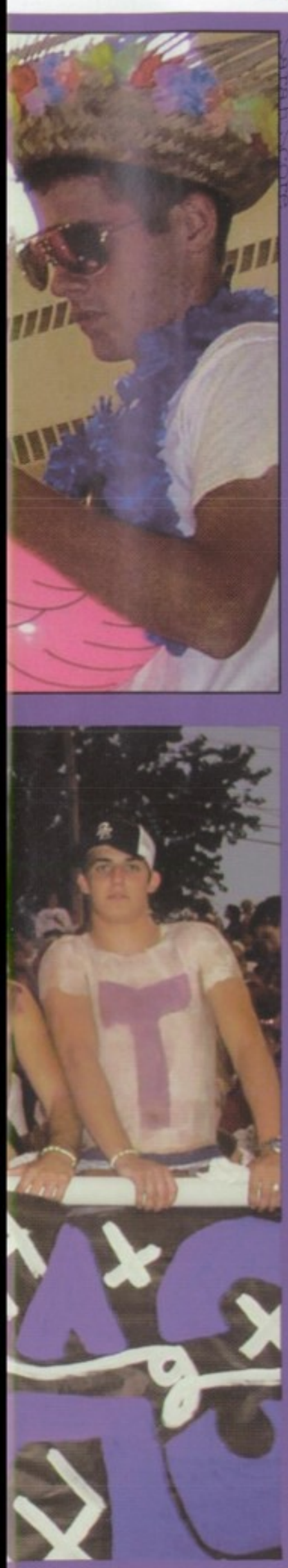
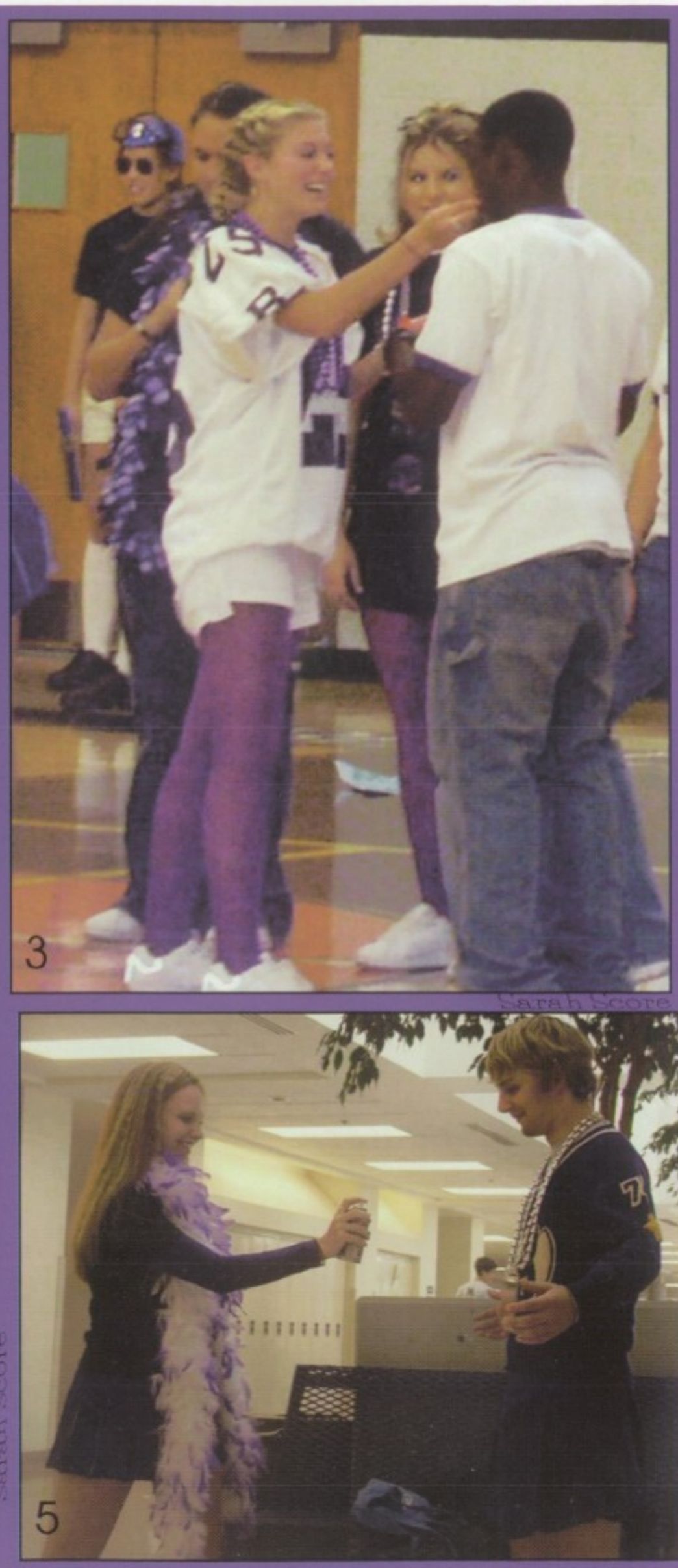
Spirit Shows





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Cheering, yelling and chanting is all you could hear coming from the gym at a pep rally on a Friday afternoon.

Many students were not only cheering, but they were dressed up in school colors and ready to win the football game.

"Going to the pep rallies is an awesome way to show your school spirit, not only going because you have to but because you support the school," sophomore **Amber Hairston** said. "I think you have more spirit if you are decked out in school colors."

> "I try to find different ways to dress up and be spirited."

Throughout the school there were students who could not care less about school spirit, and there were students who went all out. Among the students there were some students that stood out.

"I go to all the games. I really like supporting my school," senior **Katie Homan** said. "I try to find different ways to dress up and be spirited."

There were different ways to show school spirit. One way was to get dressed up in purple, wearing beads, stickers, and paint. But some students had another idea.

"My friends and I like to tailgate before the games. It gets us ready and pumped for the games. If we can't tailgate, we like to try to go to Taco Bell after the games," senior **Josh Canterbury** said.

Students had different ideas about how to show school spirit, but in the end, having school spirit and having fun was all that mattered.

Heather Gibbons
Student Life Editor

Sarah Score

Wearing a cowboy outfit, senior **Nikole Sloter** chats during break. Some students dressed up as the opposite sex on Western Wednesday.

1.Homecoming Queen senior **Jordan Jenkins** receives her robe and crown from last year's queen Bonnie Strawn. 2. Senior **Katie Willis** helps Student Council decorate Tootsie Rolls and other candy to hang from the ceiling at the dance. 3.Enjoying Homecoming, junior **Jackie Chandler** dances to the Electric Slide. 4.During the Candy Land dance, freshman **Heather Watson** line-dances to the Electric Slide. 5. Making decorations for the Candy Land dance, freshman **Hillary Hubbel** cuts out blue Saran Wrap to wrap the candy.

Top 5 *favorite candy*

5 Twizzlers

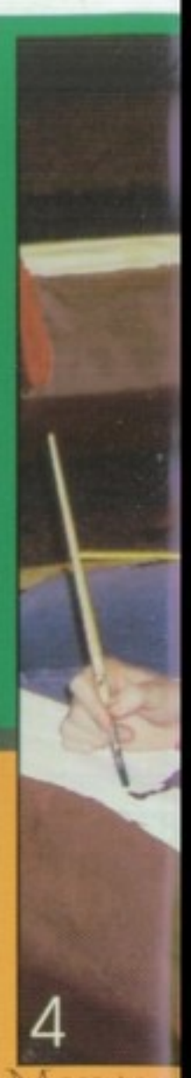
4 M&M's

3 Gummy Bears

2 Snickers

1 *Reese's*

1 Kassie Harden



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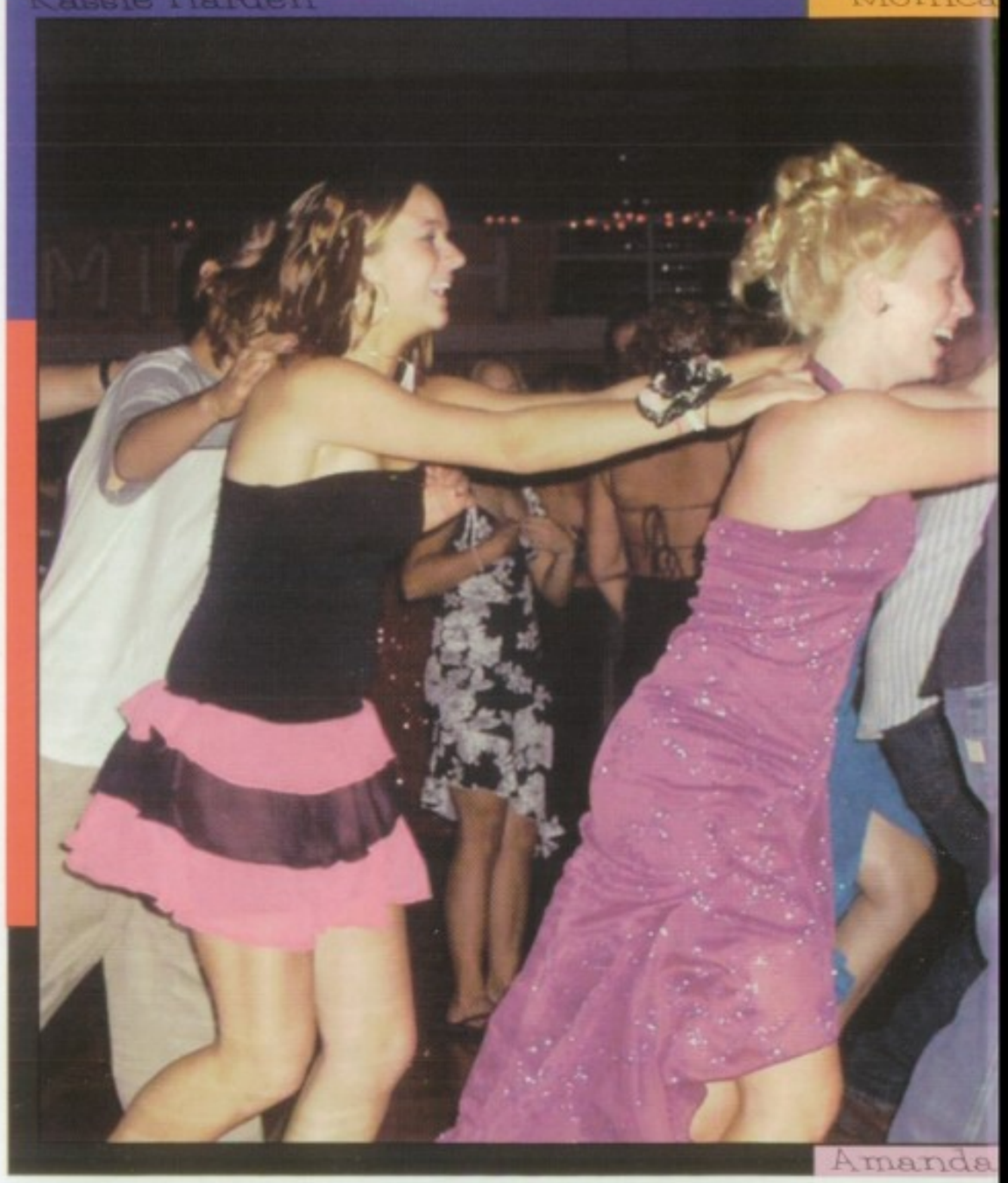

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Court members clap after senior **Robert Rands** is crowned Homecoming King. Following traditions, the king was crowned at the Homecoming dance Saturday night and the queen at the Homecoming football game the night before.

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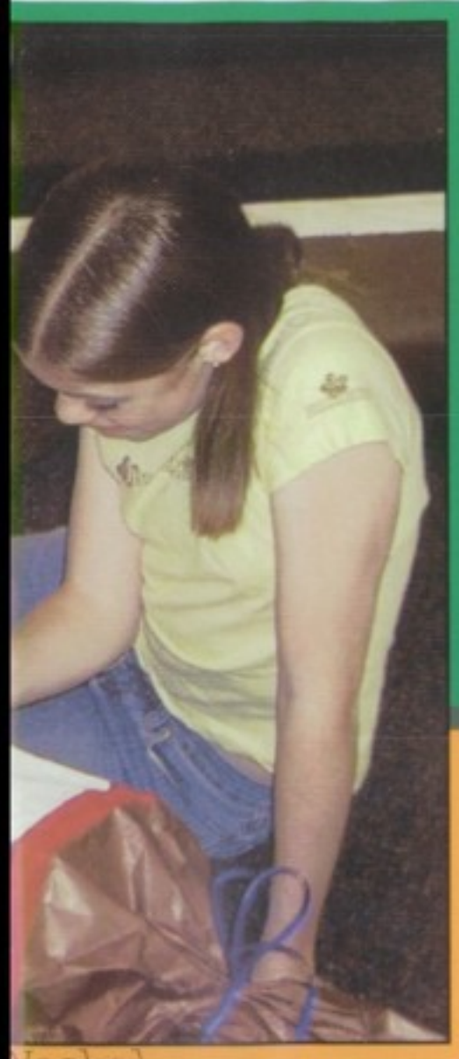

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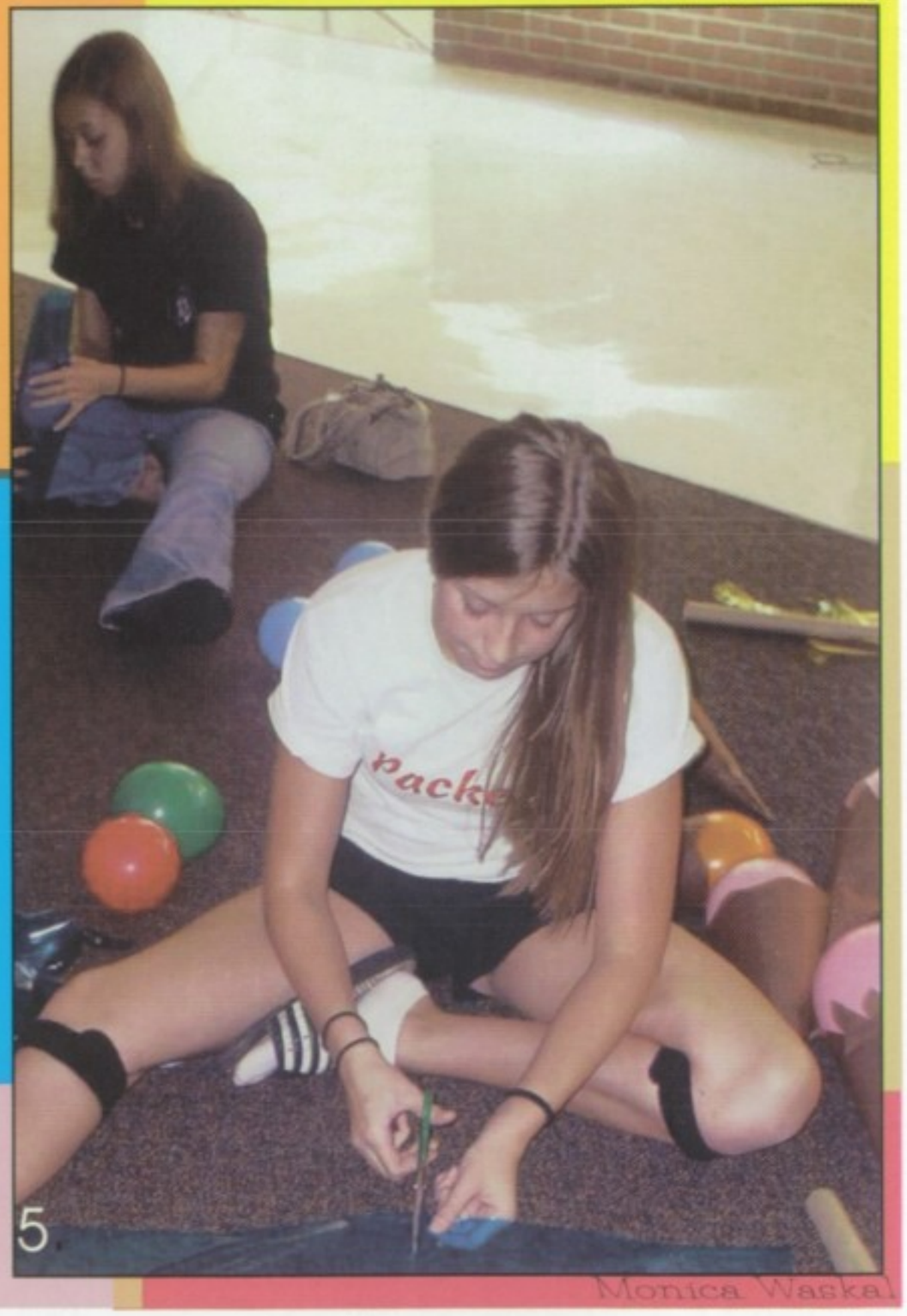

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Monica Waskal

Dancing During Candy Land

Homecoming court members pose for the *Bellevue Leader*. The court included seniors (back row) **Justin Conley**, **Robert Rands**, **Joey Eckerman**, **Avery Walker**, **Andrew Kumor**, **Tim Burton**, and **Tom Smaldone**; (front row) **Catherine Crider**, **Cami Hoogeveen**, **Emily Holdaway**, **Mindy Winkler**, **Heather Hopkins**, **Ashly Banta**, and **Jordan Jenkins.**

Micheal Crum

Getting dressed. Dinner. Dancing. Pictures. Homecoming night was a night that students would remember forever. Yet, students often overlooked the people that made their night possible. Student Council members gave hours of their time to make Candy Land a reality.

"We worked for two weeks every day after school for two hours," senior **Cami Hoogeveen** said.

> "It [the mural] was amazing..."

The Student Council members brought the game to life by constructing each different land that was seen in the game.

"I thought the decorations looked a lot better this time then they did last year," sophomore Stephanie Pelletier said.

Senior **Heather Grout** and her sister, freshman **Allison Grout**, spent all of their free time constructing a mural of all the Candy Land characters.

"It [the mural] was amazing," senior **Ashly Banta** said. "I couldn't believe it when I saw it."

Members of Student Council thought these were the most creative and outstanding decorations in the past four years.

"Everyone always said our Homecoming looked cheap," Student Council President senior **Mindy Winkler** said. "They were completely wrong this year."

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1.Freshman **Dana Schroder** plays ping-pong at freshman **Ryan Hansen**'s house on a school night instead of going out. 2.In the newly remodeled Taco Bell, freshman **Jenny Christensen** sits and eats dinner with a couple of friends. 3.Many students not only went to school but hung out together after school, such as junior **Savanna Jimenez** and senior **Anthony Giessinger**. 4.Racing his car, senior **Dan Farley** wins the race at the Mid-America Center.

Top 5 *hang outs*

5 The Roxbury

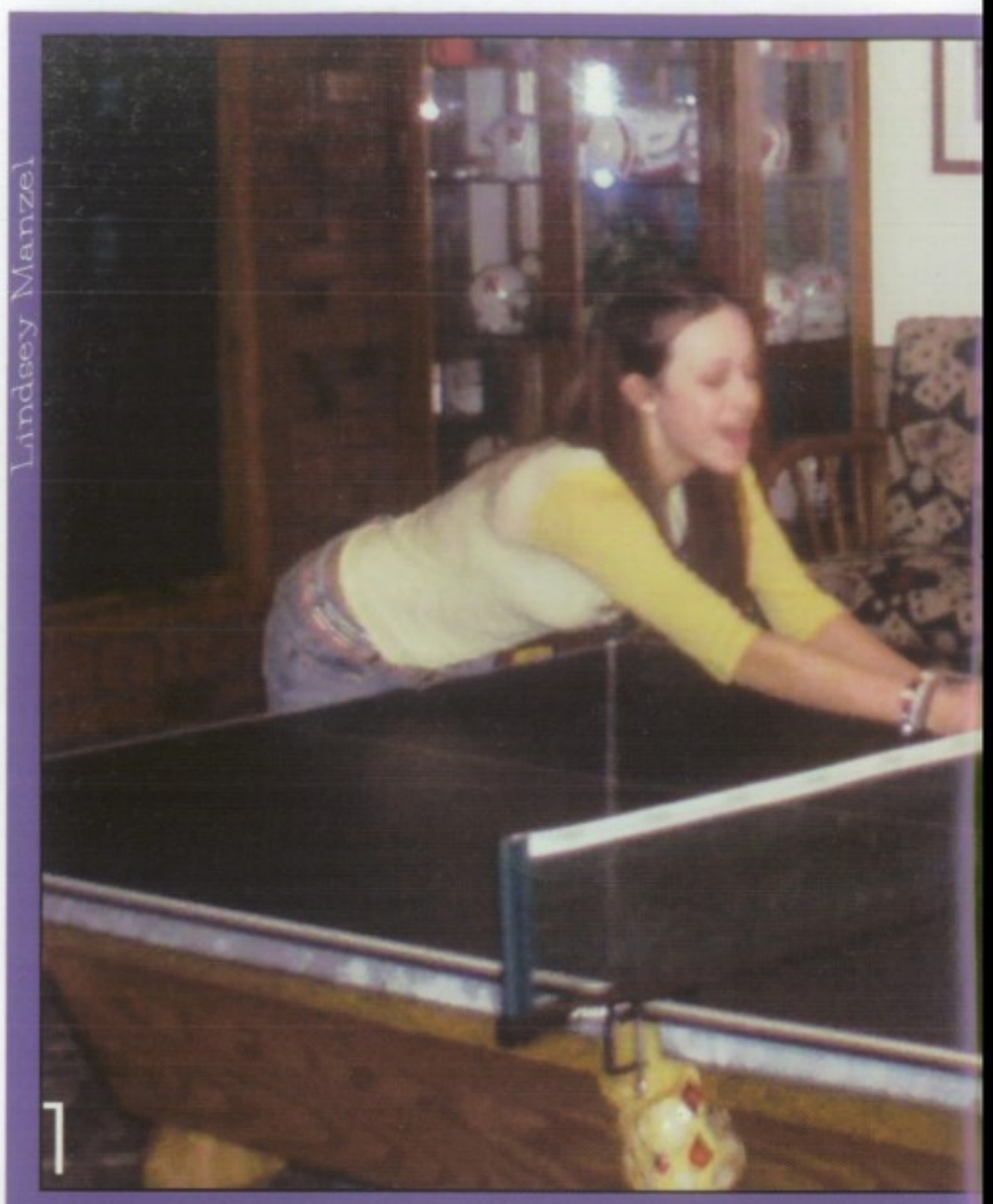
4 A Friend's House

3 The River

2 Twin Creek Theater

1 *Taco Bell*

Sophomore **Austin Hitt** and junior **Justin Cruz** hang out at Hitt's house playing video games. Hitt said, "We play video games and watch t.v. whenever we are bored and have nothing else to do."



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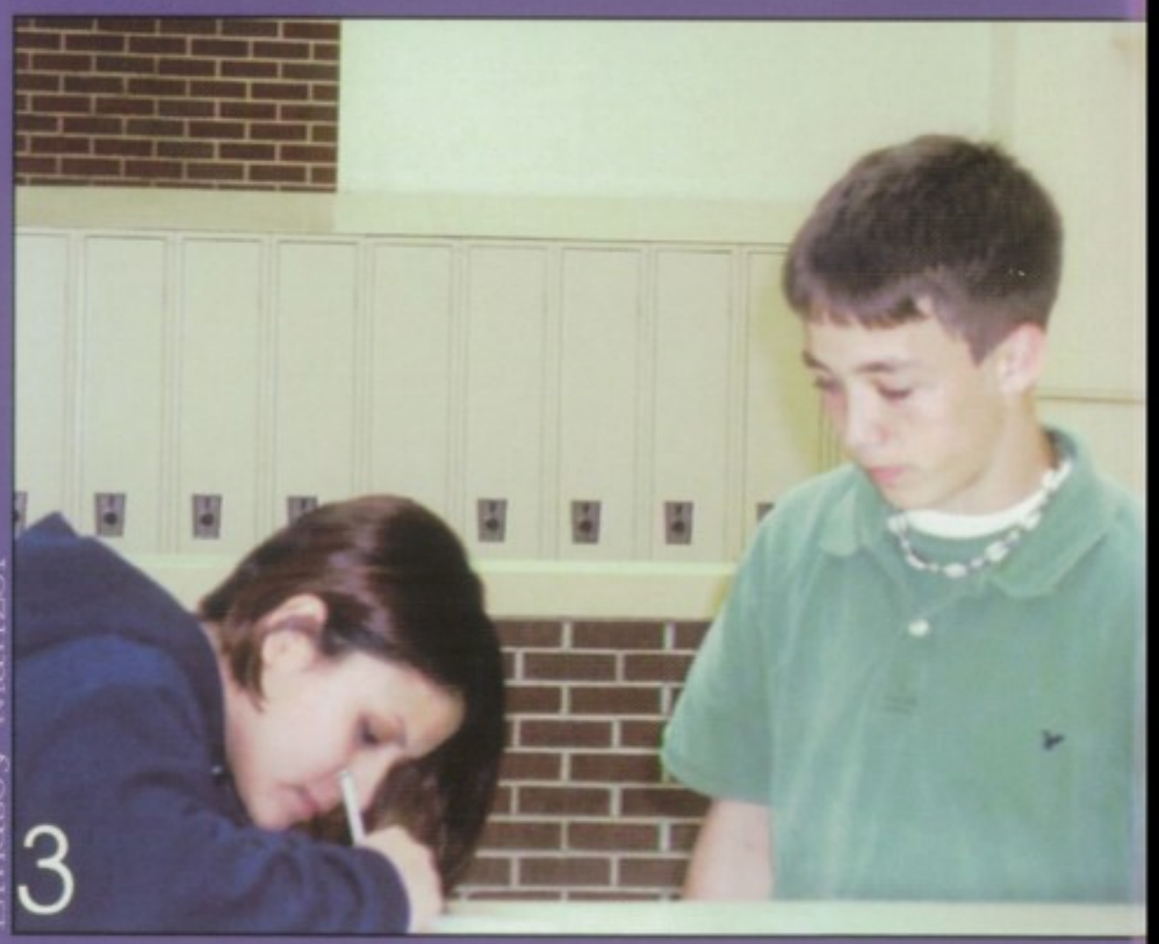

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Sitting at her house, freshman **Heather Watson** laughs with her friends at a joke. If students didn't have much to do, they would hang out at a friend's house or have friends over.

Lindsey Manzel

Chillin' at the Hot Spots

Freshman. Sophomore. Junior. Senior. Different ages, different stages. But they all had one thing in common: they all had a life outside of school.

"Almost every weekend me and all my friends go to Twin Creek Theater," freshman **Heather Watson** said.

The theater was one of the many places that freshmen and sophomores hung out.

Sophomore **Austin Hitt** said, "It's a place in the middle where we can all have someone drop us off at, and then we basically figure out what we're doing from there."

> "...it's our time to have fun."

On the other hand, the juniors and seniors felt that they had more freedom since they didn't rely on others for rides.

"I get to do more things now that I can drive. I don't have to wait for someone to be ready to take me somewhere or pick me up," senior **Tyler Cloyd** said.

Many students found places in Omaha to hang out. Senior **Sam Lee** and her friends hung out at Sokol Auditorium and the Ranch Bowl on the weekends.

"We usually go as a group and stay there until midnight, and then we usually head to someone's house," Lee said.

Either way, students spent their time on the weekends enjoying being somewhere other than school and home.

As junior **Bryan Hess** said, "I just like the weekends because whether we are at the Old Market or just chilling at someone's house, it's our time to have fun."

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Pampered Cars

Reaching in his trunk, junior **Cole Tesar** tinkers with the cord to his sub. Instead of having stock stereos, many students bought stereos, speakers, amplifiers, and subs for their cars.

Sara Score

As senior **Blythe Danowski** leaves school, she arrives at her '93 Nissan. She opens the door and climbs in. Danowski looks next to her and sees someone getting in his Mustang. She puts on her seat belt and exits the lot as her car slowly starts to creak.

Senior **Matt Gengel** owned the '98 Ford Mustang that sat next to Danowski. He got his car on his birthday, and four days after that, wrecked it. He then decided to put some money into it.

> "It's basically to look good..."

"I put a rear spoiler on and added Mustang details." Gengel said. "I don't put too much into my car, though. It's basically to look good and get me through high school and college."

Some students felt that their car was a statement of who they were; others felt their car was strictly for transportation.

Sophomore **Julian Andrade** drove a '93 Honda Civic.

"It's just a decent car, and I just want it to run," Andrade said.

Senior **Tim Benak** owned a '94 Mitsubishi Eclipse and invested about 600 dollars for a stereo system and new exhaust.

"Who really feels good riding around in an old beat up Buick?" Benak said.

"It's a car. It isn't anything special," Andrade said. "I don't understand why people put so much money in them when it doesn't even do anything to help the car run."

There were conflicting views on the kinds of cars students had and the reasons for driving them. The bottom line was that all the cars served the same purpose: transportation.

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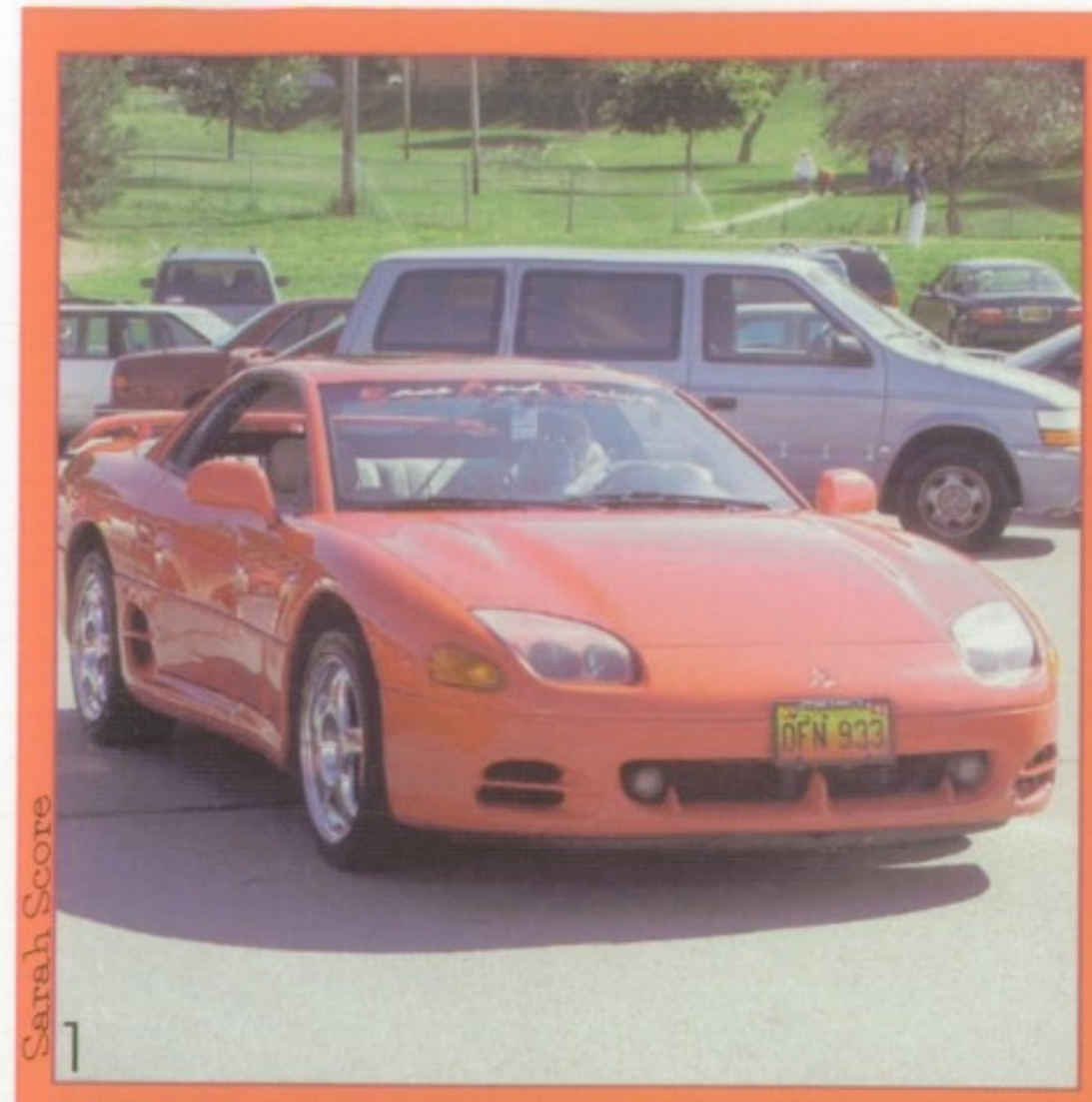
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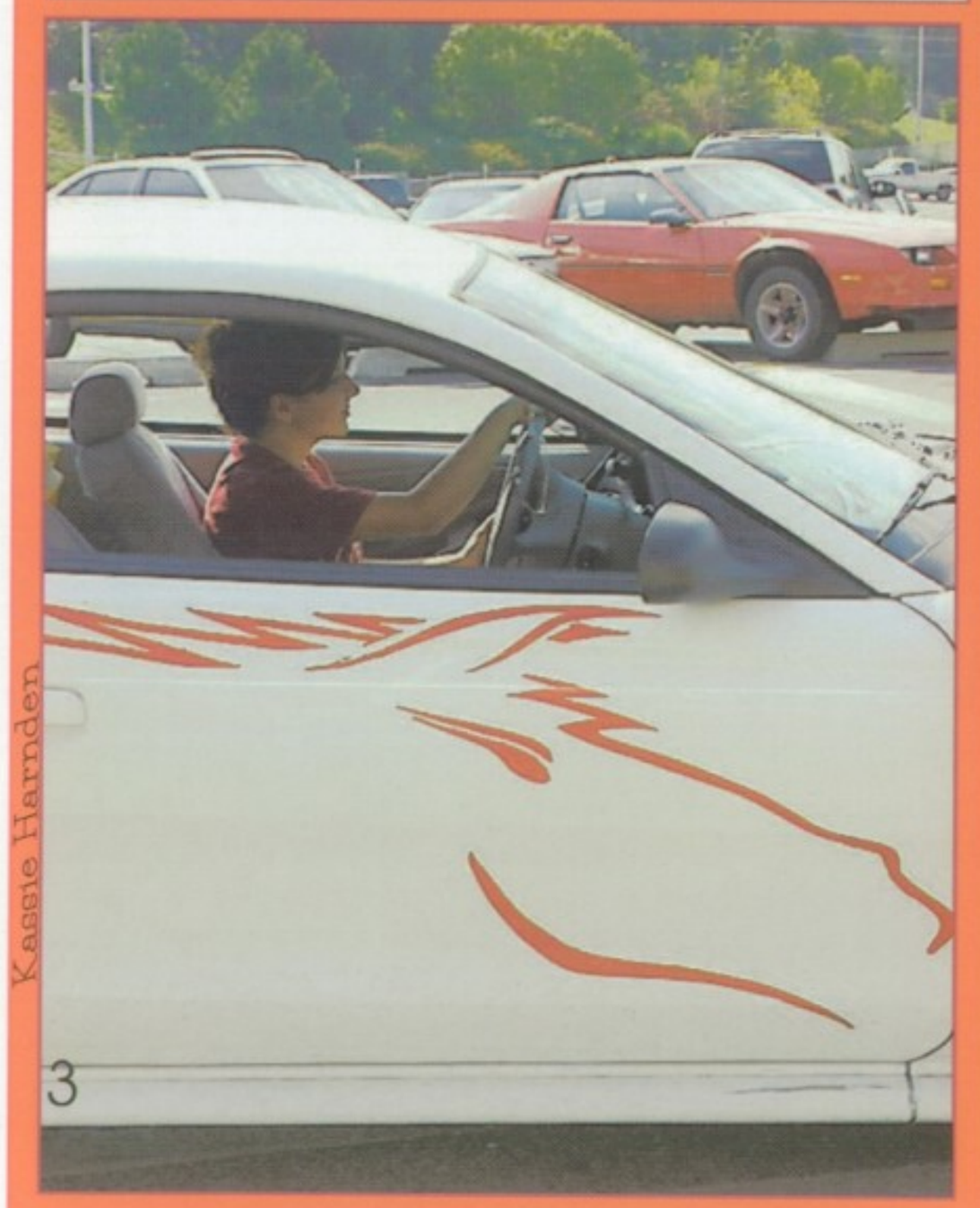
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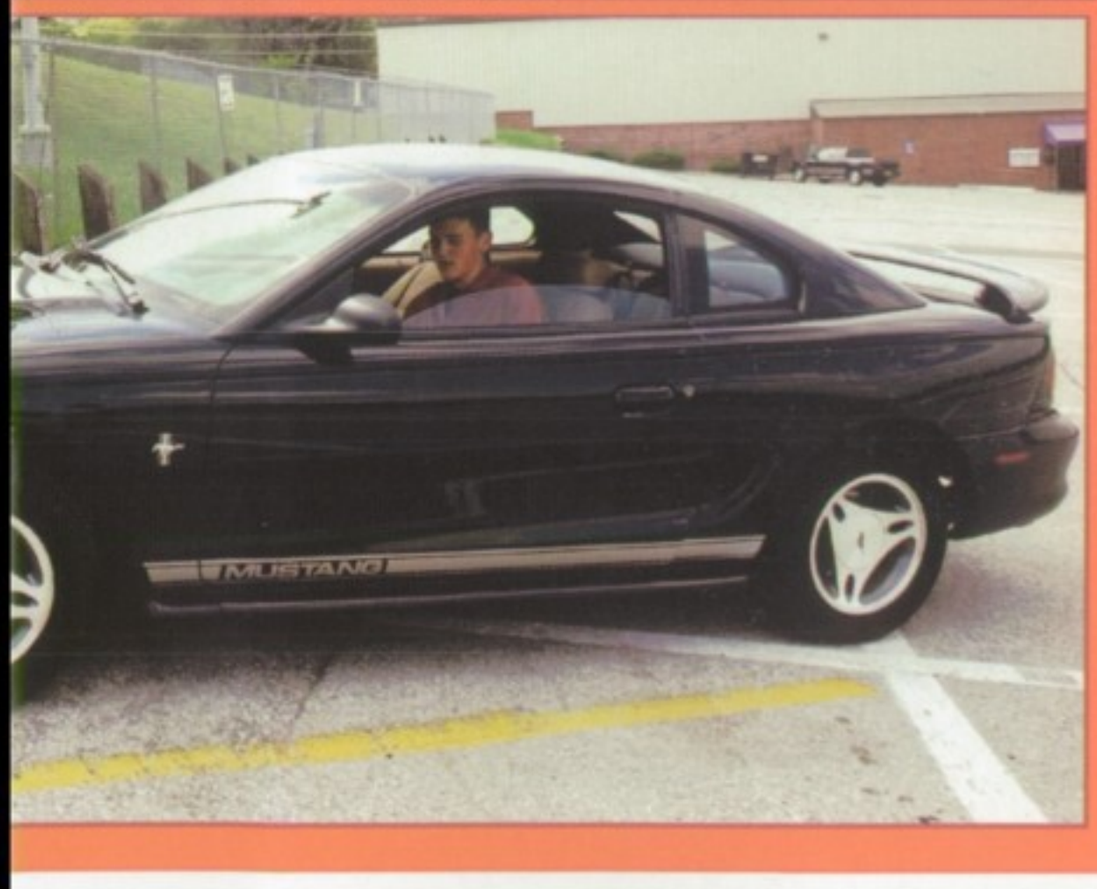
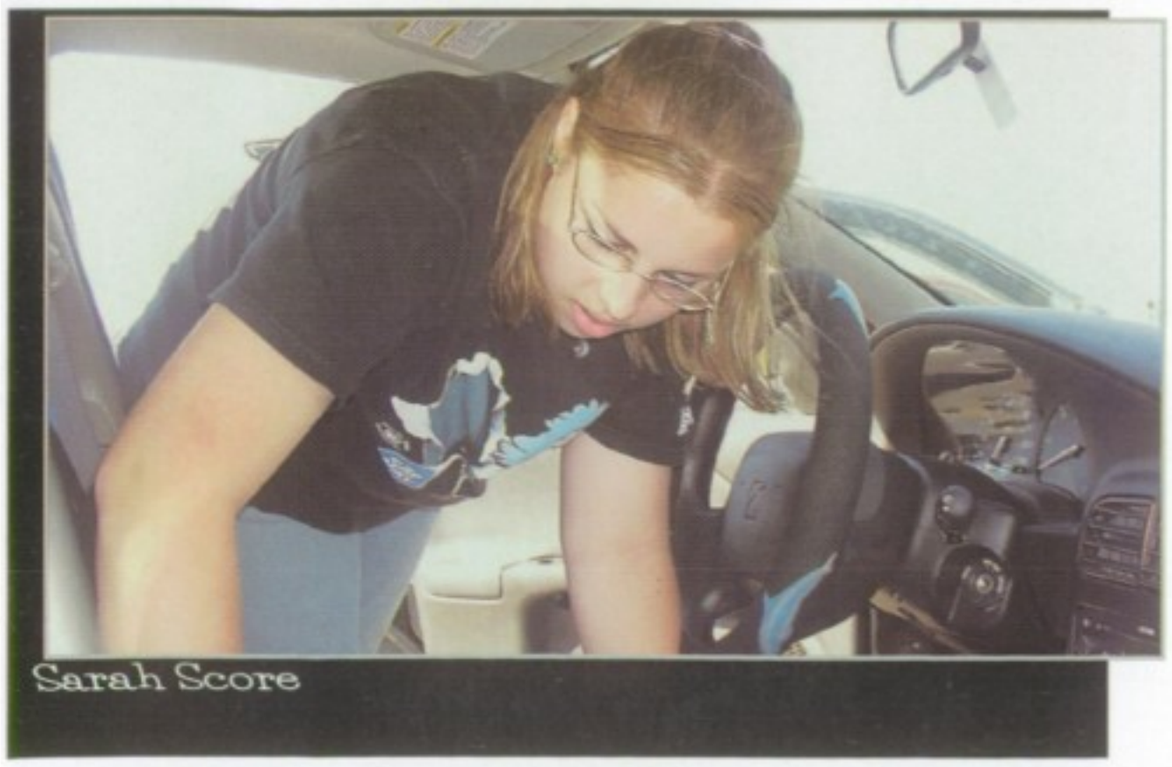
1.Pulling away to go home, senior **Brian Decinque** drives a red Mitsubishi 3000 GT with chrome rims. 2.Driving a 2005 Scion xB, senior **Scott Seeba** pulls into a parking spot, ready to lock up his car and go into school. 3.Senior **Elizabeth Genualdi** had decals in the shape of a horse applied to her 1997 Ford Mustang. 4.After school, seniors **Matt Gengel**, who drove a 1998 Ford Mustang, and **Dan Farley,** with a 1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse, show off their cars to senior **Alan Castro**.





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Top 5 *favorite cars*

5 Mustang

4 Corvette

3 El Camino

2 Explorer

1 *Viper*

Reaching in her Saturn, junior **Cassie Daves** gets ready to leave after school. Many students had their own cars for driving to school, work, and social activites.

Hot Trends for Teens

When you think of pink, you might think of a little baby girl wrapped up in a pink blanket coming home from the hospital. When you think of blue, you might think of a little boy. Well not anymore-colors were all switched up.

Many students wore the color pink, anything from pink shirts to pink shoes.

"I have a lot of pink in my wardrobe, and I think the color pink, especially for guys, is really popular this year," senior **Cody Barr** said.

Pink was everywhere, not only clothes but accessories as well.

"I have pink diamond earrings, pink jewelry, and pink sweatbands; I have a lot of pink in my closet," senior **Kevin Johnson** said.

> "Pink is the new black."

"Pink is the new black, everyone is wearing it like people used to wear black," junior **Katie Smith** said.

Not only pink but bright colors were a huge hit, too.

"The brighter the better," Barr said. "Bright-colored Converse style shoes and the retro style is what a lot of people are wearing.

So why were bright colors so popular?

"I'm not all too sure, but I think it is just the trend right now. Who knows what people will be wearing next year or even in ten years?" Sophomore **Brittney Stanke** said.

Many students spent a lot of time shopping for trendy clothes, shoes, and accessories; there was an expensive price that went along with that.

"I go shopping a lot just because there is new things that come out in the stores all the time," Smith said. "I spend a lot of money, but being trendy is all worth it in the end."

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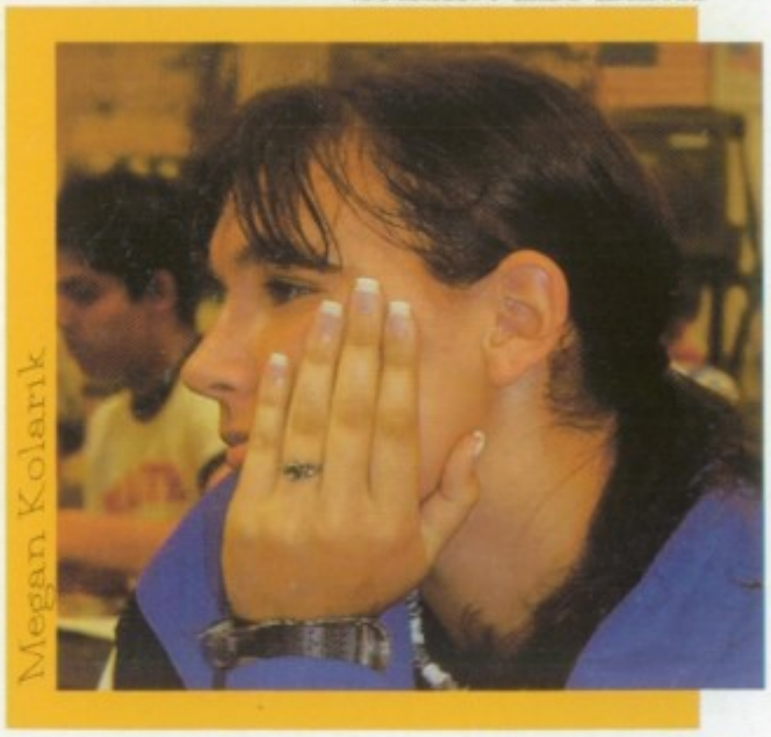

Megan Kolarik

Sophomore **Lauren Mansavage** shows off her French-tipped nails. Many ladies had their nails done for special events, such as Homecoming or Prom.

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Megan Kolarik

While getting things ready for class, freshmen **Brooke Hoogeveen** and **Gabby McCormick** talk about their newly-bought "princess" bookbags. The bookbags included Disney characters such as Sleeping Beauty, Bell, and Cinderella.

Top 5 *trends of the '04-05 year*

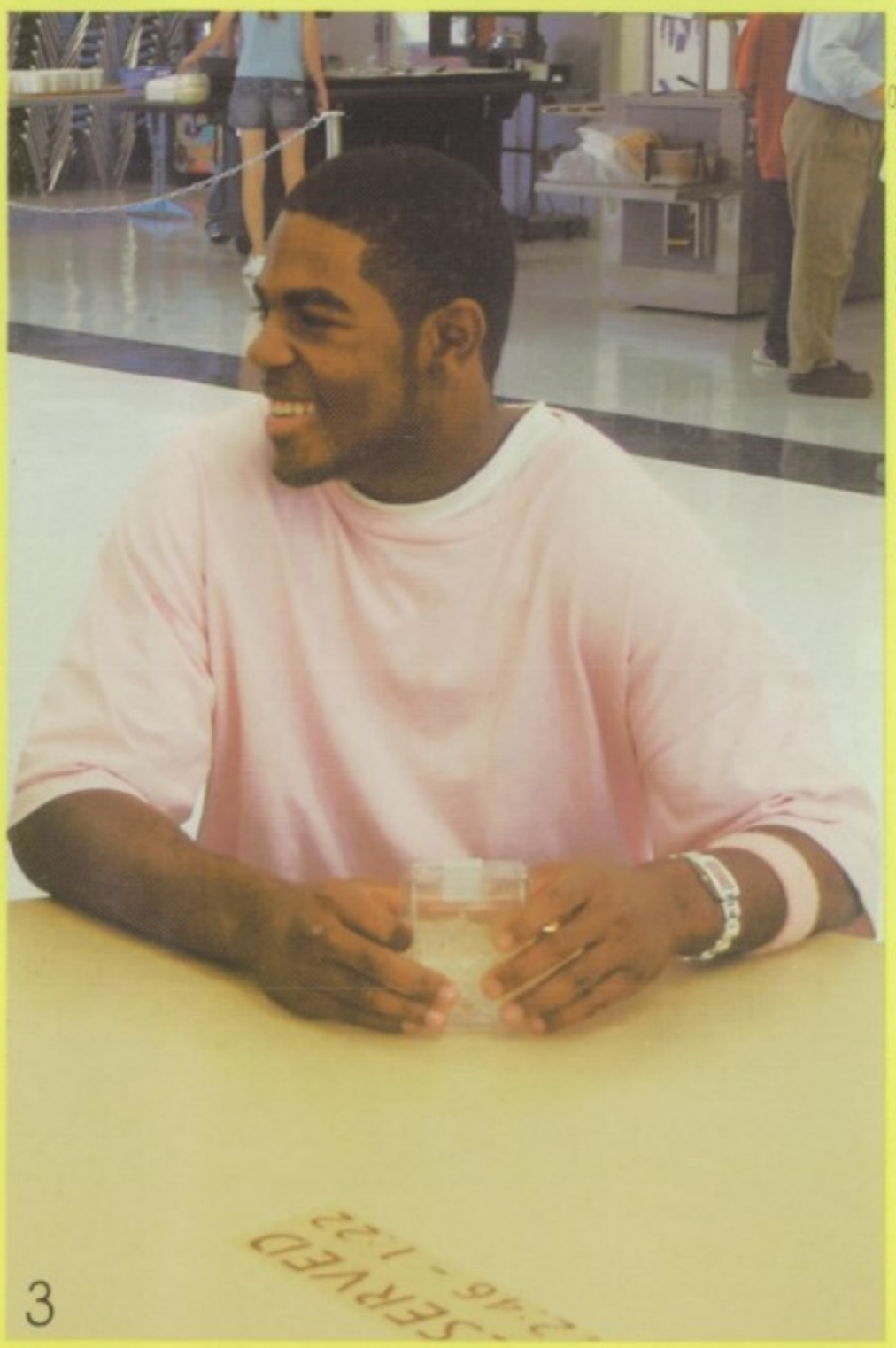
5 Do-rags

4 Tattoos

3 Skirts

2 Fake nails

1 *Pink*



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1.Senior **Prestyn Corey** displays his spider web tattoo. 2.Shorts skirts were popular, and sophomore **Kelsey Severin** complements hers with a dark jean jacket. 3.Sporting his pink t-shirt, senior **Kevin Johnson** has a matching sweatband. 4.Showing off her personality, sophomore **Rasheema Pitt** has on bright green and also see-through shoes. 5.Initialed accessories and clothing were a big hit among teens, like senior **Kelly Frye**.

While junior **Mike Goble** rings out a customer at Baker's, junior **Tony Baker** bags the groceries. Baker's employees not only helped customers find groceries, ring them out and bag for them, they also carried the bags out to customers' cars.

Top 5 *things to spend your money on*

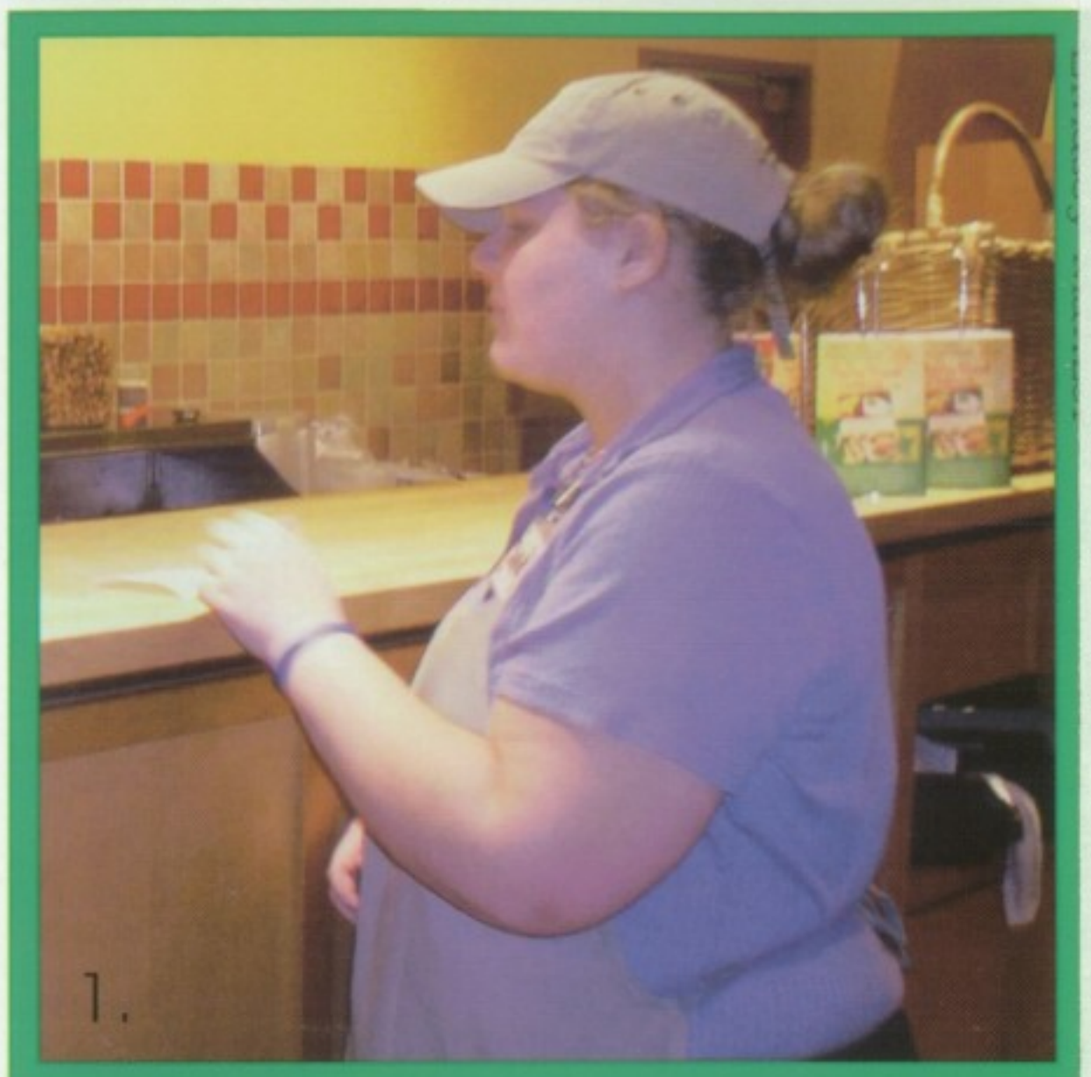
5 Music

4 Movies

3 Gas

2 Food

1 *Clothes*



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1.While working at Panera Bread, junior **Sarah Score** waits for an order that she needs to deliver.2. Making batter, senior **David Williams** gets ready to fry the next batch of chicken at KFC. 3.Taking an order at Buffalo Wild Wings, senior **Catherine Barnes** types it in for a customer. 4.Senior **Brandon Andrade** makes his 10th pizza while working a Sunday night at Papa Jonh's.

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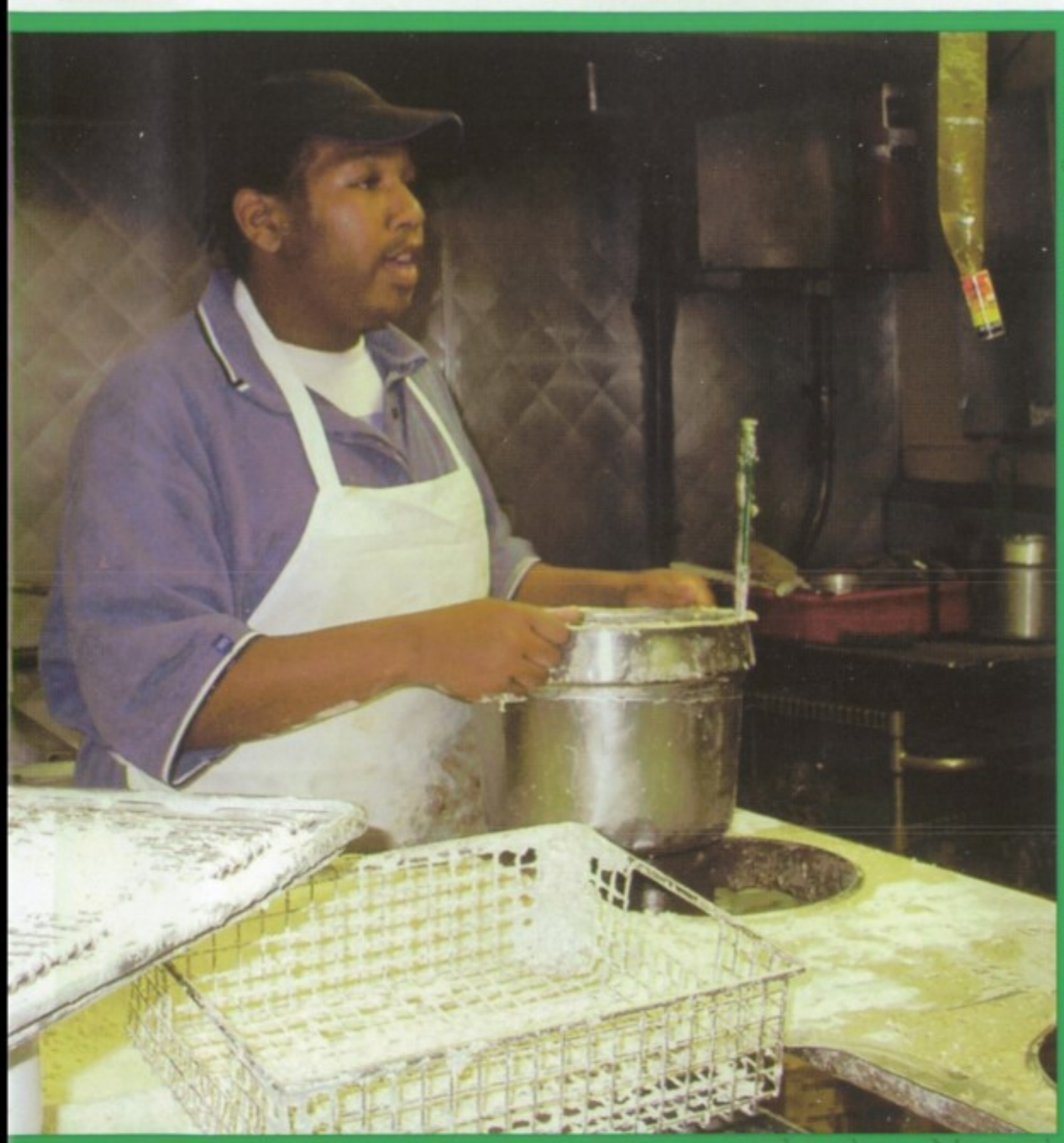
Hard-Earned Cash



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Twenty dollars here, 40 dollars there; it may have seemed like high school students' money came from nowhere.

"I work just so I can have a little extra money and not have to ask my parents all the time, when they pay for a lot already," senior **Robbie Reinhard** said.

Some students were very involved in school and had no time to work.

"I get money from my parents during the school year, and I work during the summer and try to save," junior **Jorge Gonzalez** said.

> "I like going to work"

Senior **Lindsey Brown** worked a little more than the average student might.

"I work at 6:30 in the morning until 9:15, and then I come to school," Brown said. "After school I go back to work until 6:00 or 9:15 at night."

Some students worked since they turned legal age, such as senior **Nikole Sloter.**

"When I turned 12 years old I babysat, and when I turned 14 I got a job working at McDonald's," Sloter said. "I started working because my family didn't have a lot of money, so I got a job to pay for the things I needed and for going out with my friends."

Working was hard work, but it was also fun. Junior **Vanessa Martinez** worked at a daycare.

"I like going to work seeing all the kids on a daily basis, you begin to bond with them," Martinez said. "Although it might seem like an easy job just watching little kids, just imagine watching six kids alone all the same age and having to get them all to stay in their chairs or stand in a line; when one doesn't listen none of them listen."

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Student Life Editor

Lindsey Manzel

Ringing out a customer, senior **Sue Garrison** chats with her customer. Garrison worked at Shopko for almost one year.

1.Putting on his watch, sophomore **Preston Phillips** gets ready for school. 2. Freshman **Keeland Hill** relaxes on his couch and watches the Houston and Green Bay football game. 3. After school, senior **Vickie Stanback** cleans up dinner after preparing it for her brother and sister. 4.Senior **Spencer Holt** watches a movie in her room with her boyfriend.

Top 5

things to do at home

5 Talk on the Phone

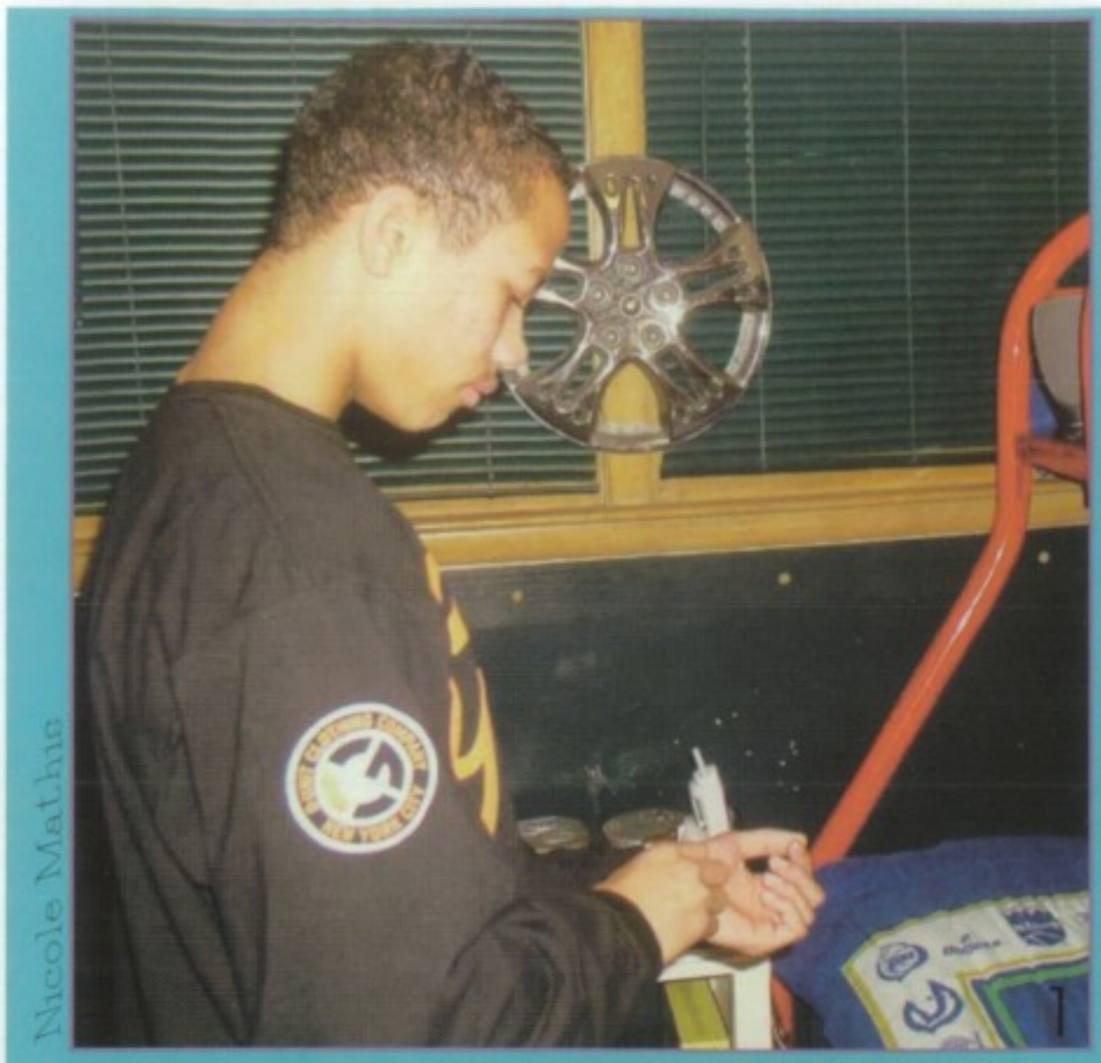
4 Play Video Games

3 Watch TV

2 Eat

1 *Sleep*

Watching MTV2, sophomore **Regina Ebbing** relaxes after a long day of school. Ebbing and her sisters were normally on their own after school because their parents were at work.



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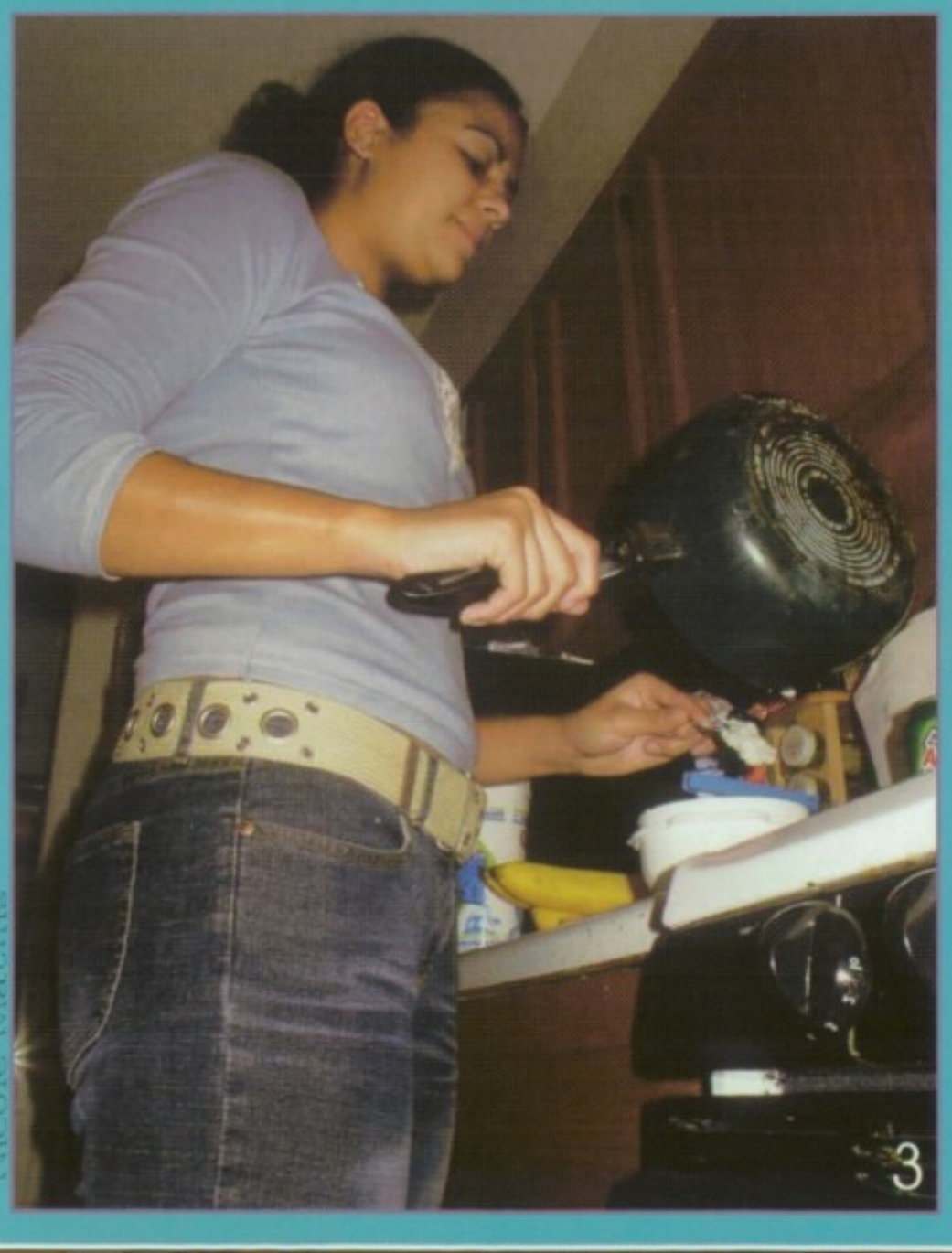

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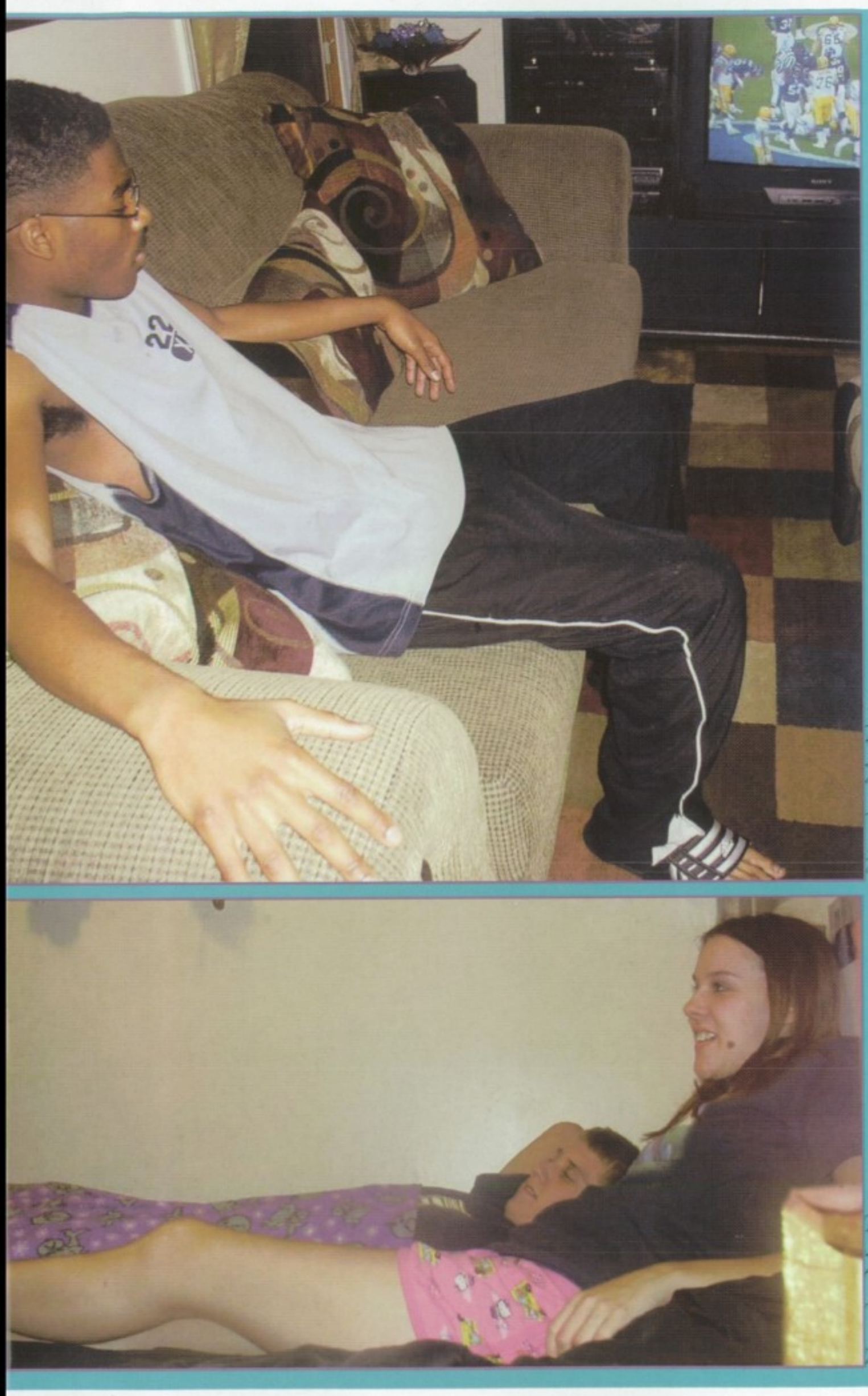

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Senior **Dwight Williams** talks on his phone in his apartment. Most students lived with their parents or guardians, but there were a few students who saved their money to be out on their own.

Nicole Mathis

Living the Luxury of Home Life

Imagine living away from your parents and being able to run your own life.

Senior **Dwight Williams** lived in the Bellevue Brent Village apartments. He lived with two of his closest friends, who he had known for about ten years.

Williams decided to move out on his own about mid-August when he turned eighteen.

"I wanted to be more independent," Williams said.

> "I have my own say in things"

Williams enjoyed living on his own, but he still relied on his dad for help.

"I still get help from my dad when I can, like to get into college," Williams said.

Williams saved up his money to pay for his apartment.

"I worked at Arby's for a while, but now I am looking for a new job," Williams said.

Since Williams was out of a job, he ate at his dad's house to save money.

"I go to my dad's house to eat more food, so I don't eat all the food at my place," Williams said.

Williams said he had more freedom by not living with his dad, and he loved it.

Williams said, "I have my own say in things, and I get to do whatever I want."

Nicole Mathis
Staffer

Pointing up to shoot a pheasant, senior **Joey Eckerman** uses a 12-gauge shot gun. Eckerman shot two birds on the hunting trip at Tobacco Island in Plattsmouth.

Top 5 *things to hunt*

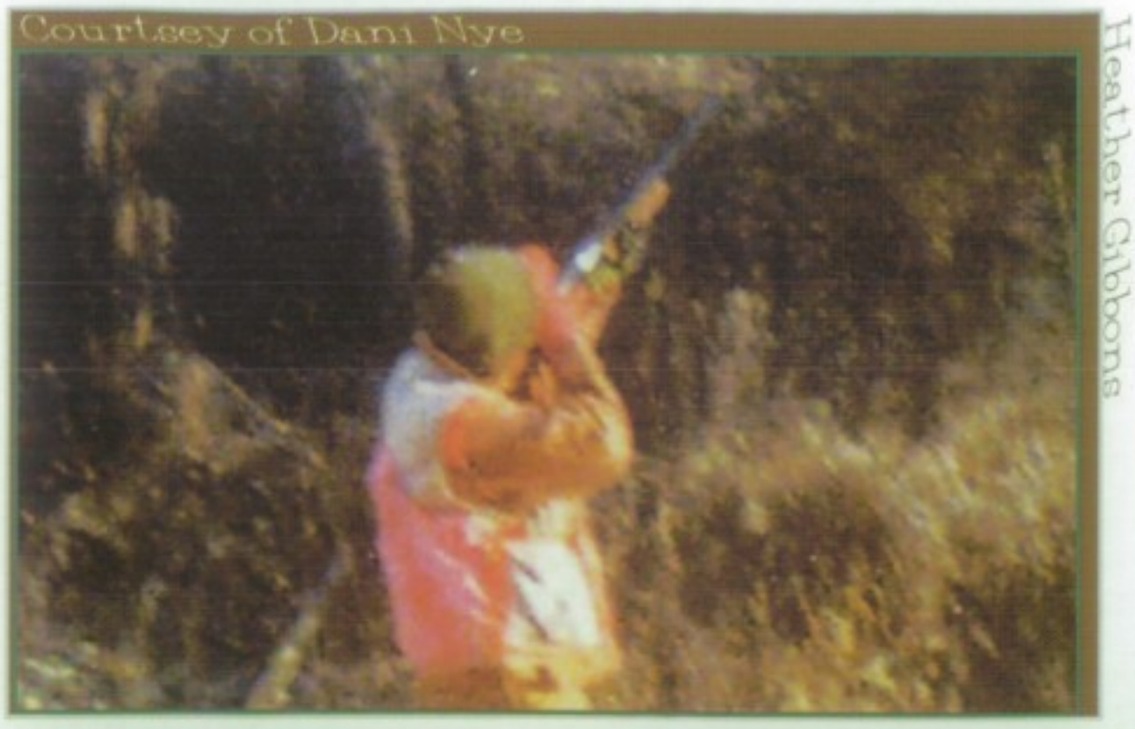
5 Dove

4 Turkey

3 Pheasant

2 Rabbit

1 *Deer*



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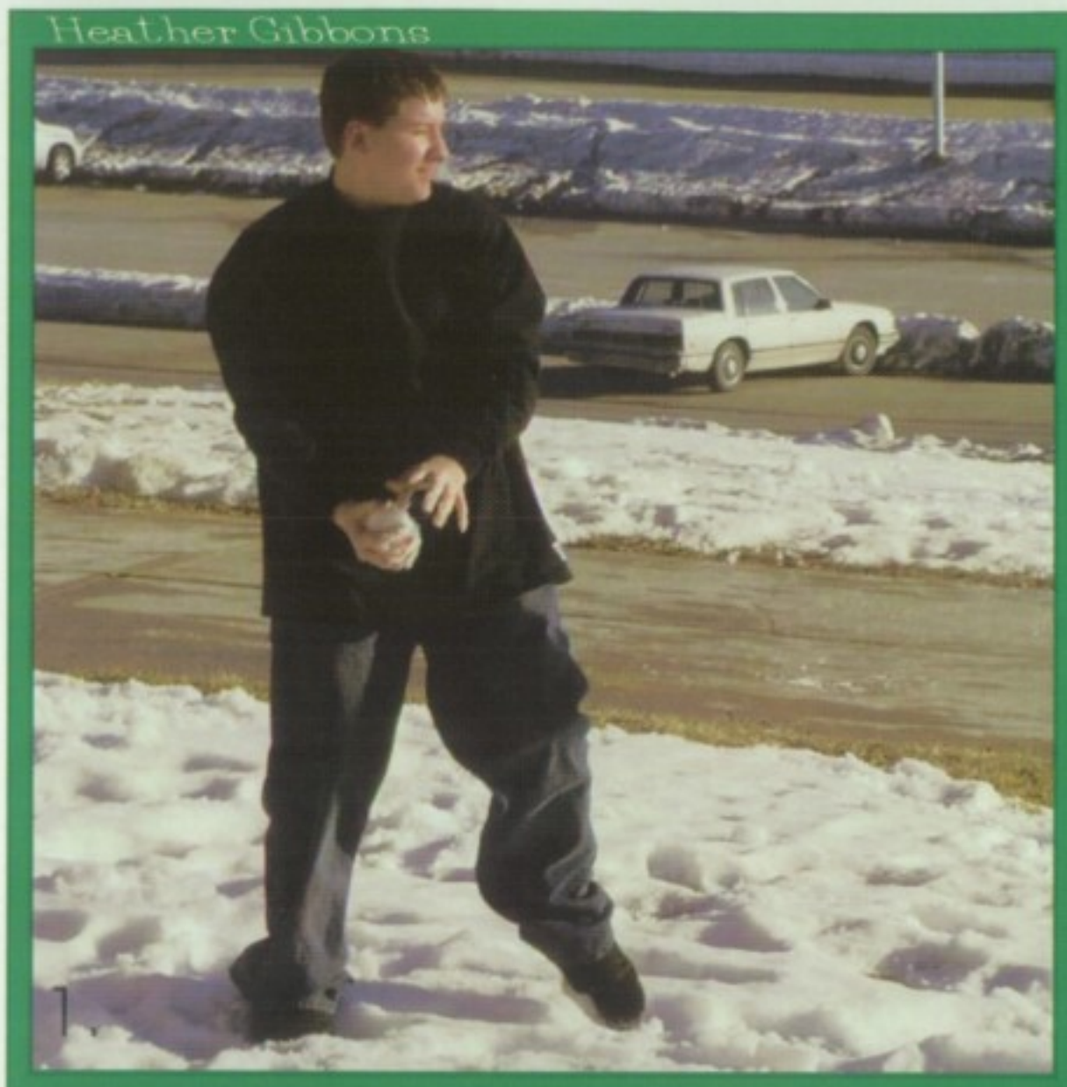

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Courtsey of Danny Nye

1.On a snowy day after school, sophomore **Jeff Donahue** starts up a snowball fight. 2.Senior **A.J. Hansen** watches for a good shot. 3.Sitting next to his prize, freshman **Danny Nye** shot an elk on a hunting trip with his dad. 4.Senior **Sam Gonzales** shoots a bird before calling it a night.

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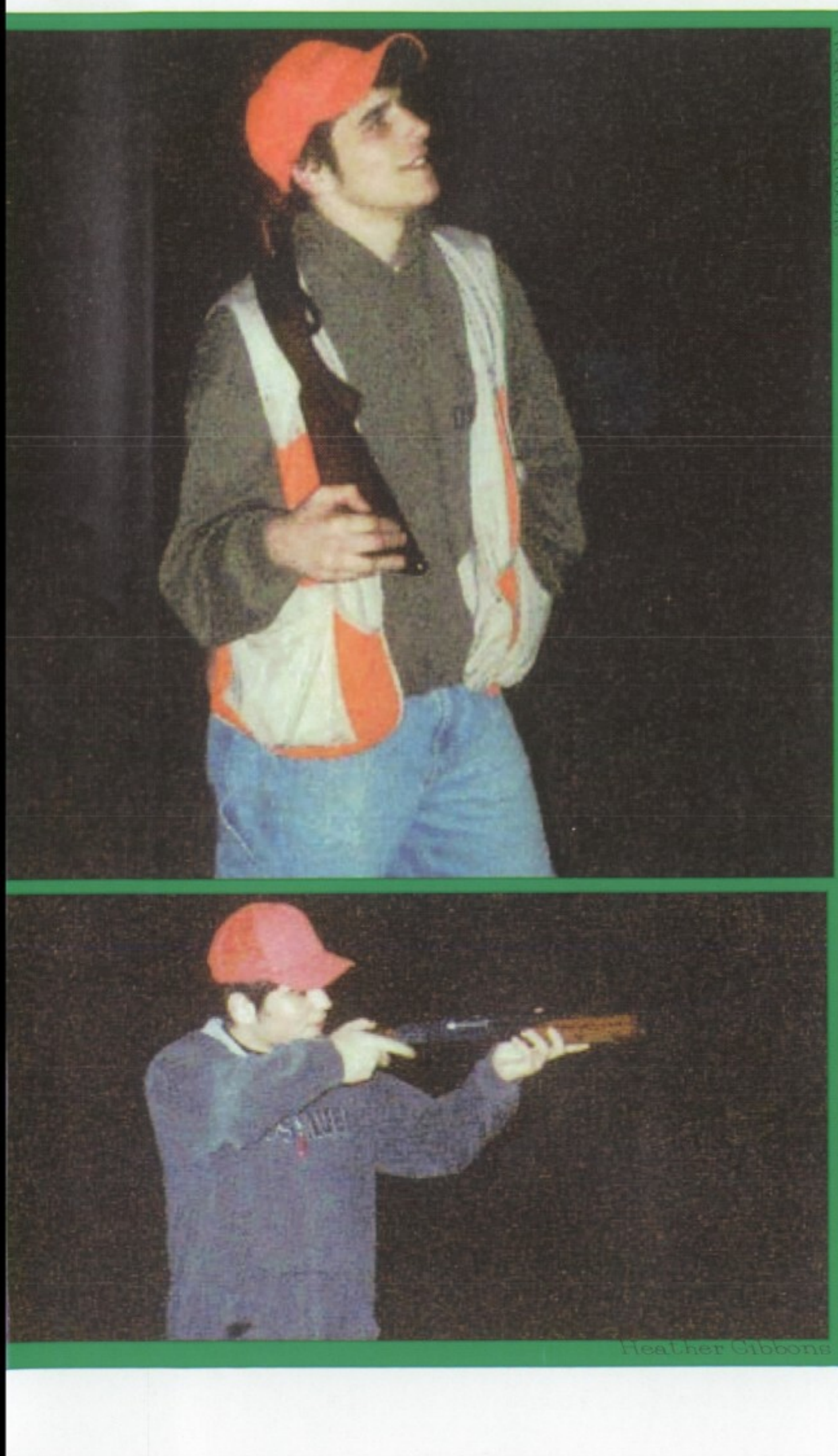
Outdoor Sports



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It's early morning on a Saturday ,and most high school students are still asleep from the night before.

There were a few, however, who woke up before sunrise to get ready for a day filled with hunting.

Q. Why do you have to get up so early?

A. "You need to be up in your tree stand before the deer are active. The deer are moving the most in the morning," senior A.J. Hansen said.

> "...it's something I love to do..."

Q. What kinds of things do you need to do in order to get ready for the hunting season?

A. "First you need to take a hunter safety class, then you need to take a test at the Bellevue Rod and Gun Club, and with a passing score you can get your hunting license. After you do that, you need to get different tags to hunt the animals you want," senior Scott Seeba said.

Q. What kinds of animals do you hunt the most?

A. "I hunt deer, elk, duck, dove and geese," freshman Dani Nye said. "After we kill it we cook and eat it."

Q. How many times a year do you go hunting?

A. "I go all year round. Each season it is something different," Nye said. "My dad and I went up to Jackson, Wyoming, for a week. We packed up on horses and rode to where we were hunting. Then we set up our tents and we camped and hunted."

Q. What do you hunt with the most?

A. "I hunt with 12-gauge shotgun for pheasant," Hansen said.

Q. Why do you go hunting?

A. "I go to get away," Nye said. "It's relaxing, and being out in the nature is a cool experience."

Q. Does the weather affect if you go out or not?

A. "No, it doesn't," Hansen said, "because it's something I love to do and there's nothing better than sitting in a tree, totally silent, with the wildlife going on like nothing is watching the animals."

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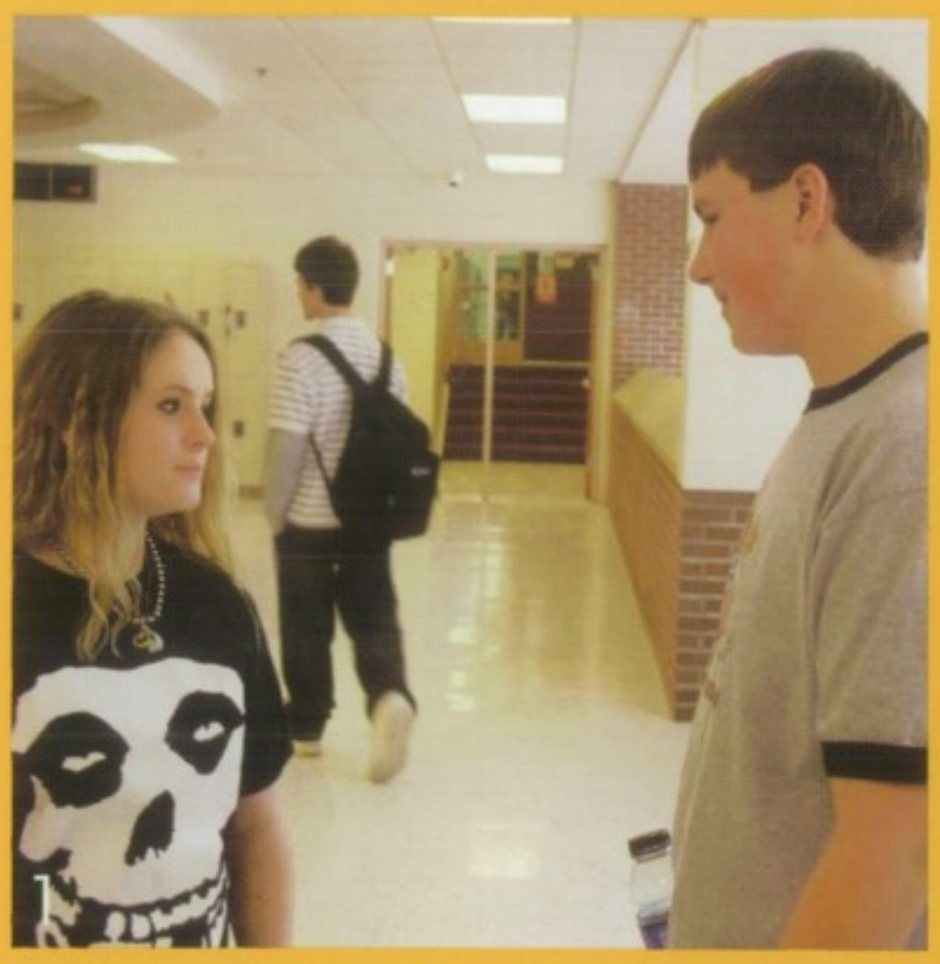
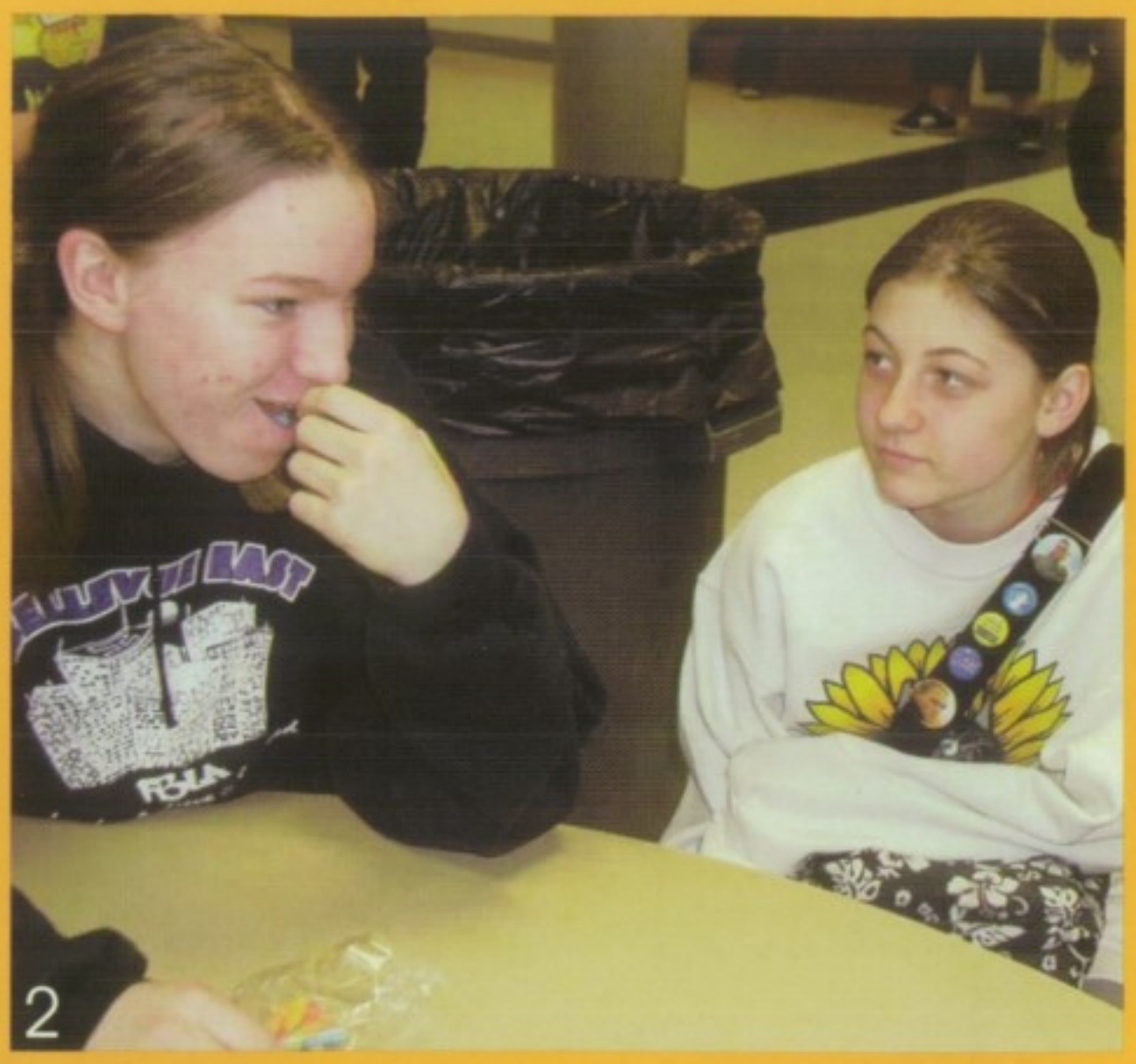
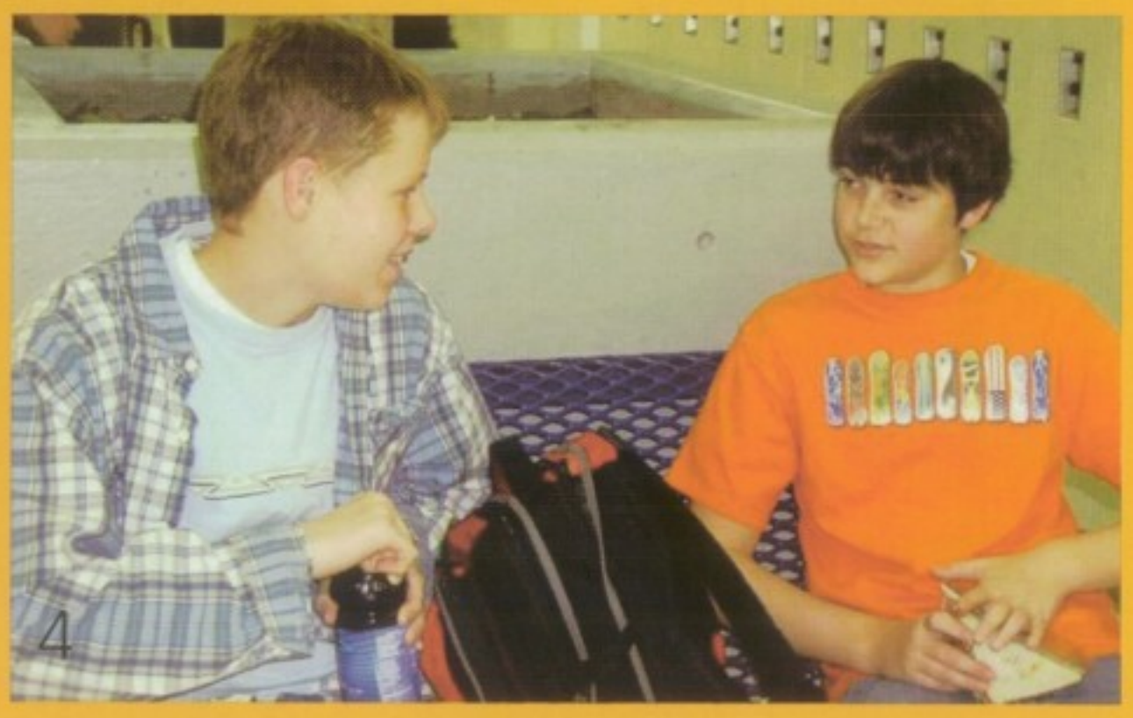
Freshman **Tom Gibbons** rides around on his 1980's moped. Gibbons got the moped for his 12th birthday from a family friend.

Friends







1.Standing together during passing, freshman **Judi Scott** talks to her friend, sophomore **Peter Senior,** about after school plans. 2.Sitting at the lunch table, freshmen **Kelly Plagman** and **Nannette Wilson** chat about the long weekend. 3.Freshmen **Lindsey Watson** and **Chelsea Moerles** talk about what they have planned for holiday break. 4.Sitting in the commons, freshmen **Ben Chandler** and **Logan Harre** discuss their classes for second semster.

Top 5

things to buy that special someone

5 CDs/Movies

4 Clothing

3 Flowers

2 Chocolate

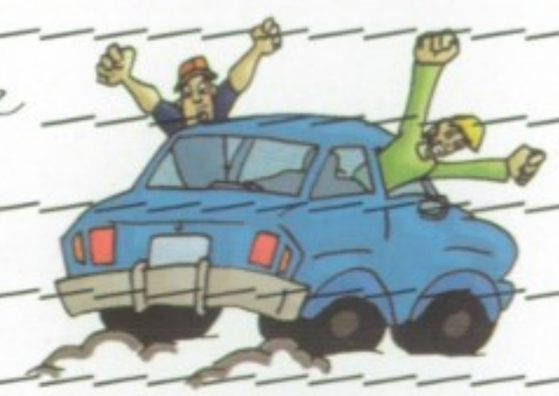
1 *Jewelry*

Loving and Lasting Relationships

My high schod boyfriend/girlfriend was _____ and we've been together for _____. When he/she asked me out we were at ___ _____. On our first date _____. Our first fight was when _____. The biggest obstacle we've overcome together was _____. The nicest thing he/she ever did for me was _____. The nicest date we went on was _____. I will never forget _____.

Best Friends Forever

My best friend in high schod was _____. We met _____ and have known each other for _____. The first thing we did was _____. The dumbest thing we did together was _____. The first time we got into trouble was when we _____. Our favorite thing to do was _____ and _____. We plan to _____ and _____ after high schod. My most memorable moment with him/her was _____.



Celebrity-Student Mix-Match:

Draw a line from the student to the celebrity that he or she most looks like.

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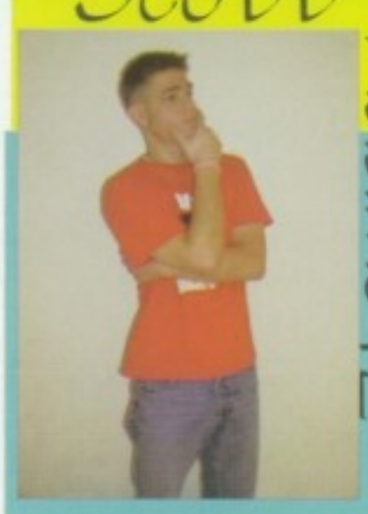

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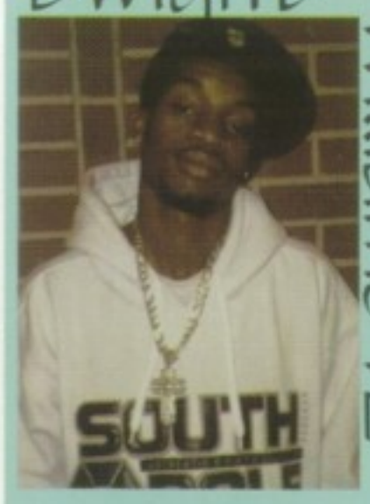

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Matt Damon

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Day In The Life Of...

Jamal Jackson

Take a stroll down...

Memory Lane

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Favorites

Sitcom
1. *Simpsons*
2. *Family Guy*
3. *That 70's Show*

Best Teacher
1. Todd Porter
2. Jason Teeter
3. Wendy Grojean

Movie Flick
1. *Napoleon Dynamite*
2. *Spiderman 2*
3. *Meet the Fockers*

Football Team
1. Green Bay Packers
2. New England Patriots
3. Dallas Cowboys

Video Game
1. Halo 2
2. Grand Theft Auto
3. '05 Madden

Brand
1. Hollister
2. American Eagle
3. Aeropostale

Actress
1. Halle Berry
2. Jennifer Anniston
3. Sandra Bullock

Actor
1. Johnny Depp
2. Denzel Washington
3. Adam Sandler

Fast Food
1. Taco Bell
2. McDonald's
3. Burger King

T.V. Drama
1. *Orange County*
2. *CSI*
3. *One Tree Hill*

Trend
1. Off-shoulder shirts
2. Birkenstocks
3. Livestrong Bracelets

Musical Artist
1. Usher
2. Green Day
3. Linkin Park

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Sitcom

1. Smallville
2. Seinfeld
3. Family Guy

Actress

1. Lindsey Lohan
2. Jennifer Lopez
3. Britney Spears

Brand/Store

1. Aeropostale
2. Hollister
3. Hot Topic

Actor

1. Josh Hartnett
2. Will Ferrell
3. Ben Stiller

Musical Artist

1. Ashlee Simpson
2. Hillary Duff
3. Nelly

Fast Food

1. Long John Silvers
2. Taco John's
3. Hardee's

Movie Flick

1. *Grudge*
2. *Darkness*
3. *White Noise*

T.V. Drama

1. *Soap Operas*
2. *Law and Order*
3. *The O.C.*

Football Team

1. Miami Dolphins
2. Chicago Bears
3. Denver Broncos

Trend

1. Poncho
2. Baggy Pants
3. Mohawks

Video Game

1. Mario Sunshine
2. Simpsons RoadRage
3. Madden

Non-Favorites

This information was provided by 350 students in a survey.

Memories

"When Phillip Bailey rapped for Robert Rands during the pep rally for the playoff football game."
-Alex Voegtli 9

"FBLA National Fall Leadership Convention at the Hilton Hotel."
-Heather Watson 9

"When I shot the game-breaker three-pointer, and we won our game."
-Kelsey Gauger 9

"The crazy crowds at the East/West games: students really get into it."
-Pat Hedlund 12

"The teachers dancing at the Homecoming pep rally."
-Kenny Renolds 10

"The teachers helping whenever you needed it."
-Ryan Kiley 10

"Having to fill in for Jessica Becker who played Hippolyta in *A Midsummers Night's Dream* for the fall play."
-Elyse Watson 12

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"I made honor roll this year because I haven't been on it since freshman year, and I'm about to bounce out of this school."
-Rochelle Johnson 12

"Homecoming decorations were awesome this year."
-Brooke Brockman 9

"Making new friends to help me adjust to my move from Japan."
-Ashley Carpenter 10

"I liked it when Mr.[Chris] Palo tripped at the pep rally and knocked over another teacher."
-Kevin Laurenti 11

Top eight...

Phobias

1. Spiders
2. Heights
3. Snakes
4. Claustrophobia
5. Clowns
6. Darkness
7. Being alone
8. Drowning

Survey completed by multiple students in their English classes.

A Day in the

At 6:50 a.m, junior **Jamal Jackson** wakes up and heads for the kitchen. Jackson always ate Trix cereal or apple and cinnamon oatmeal. Jackson never went a day without eating breakfast because for him, it was the most important meal of the day.

Nicole Mathis

Around 7:50, Jackson shows up for school to head to his first hour class, Weight Training. Later during the day, Jackson attended such classes as English 11AP, Health, Spanish III, Singers, Debate, and Pre-Calculus.

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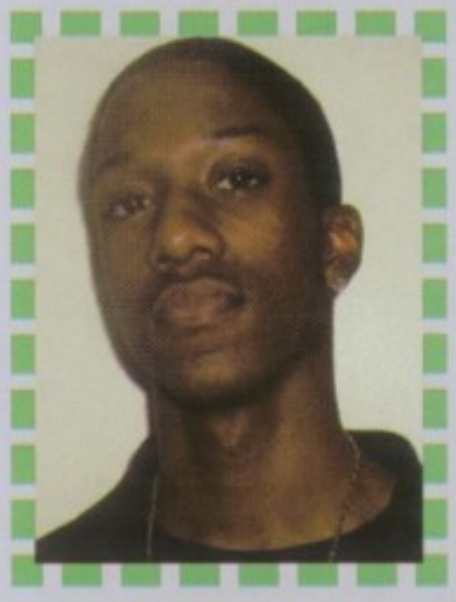

Born On: December 23, 1987
Born In : Alexandria, Louisiana
Lived In: Louisiana 1987-1992
Bellevue,NE 1992-1998
Omaha,NE 1998-2001
Orlando,FL 2001-2004
Bellevue,NE 2004-present
Favorite Sports Team: Atlanta Falcons
Favorite Soda: Vanilla Coke
Favorite food: Church's Cajun Fried Chicken (extra crispy)
Favorite Music Artists: Musiq, Avant, Boyz II Men, John Legend, Smokie Norful, and Tupac

Jamal Jackson
Grade: 11

Nicole Mathis

Sleeping on the couch, freshman **Angela Phillips** relaxes after finishing her homework. Just like Phillips, after finishing his homework at the end ot the night, Jackson headed upstairs toward his room and got ready for bed. Around eleven,Jackson went to bed and fell asleep. In the morning, his cycle of daily activities started again.

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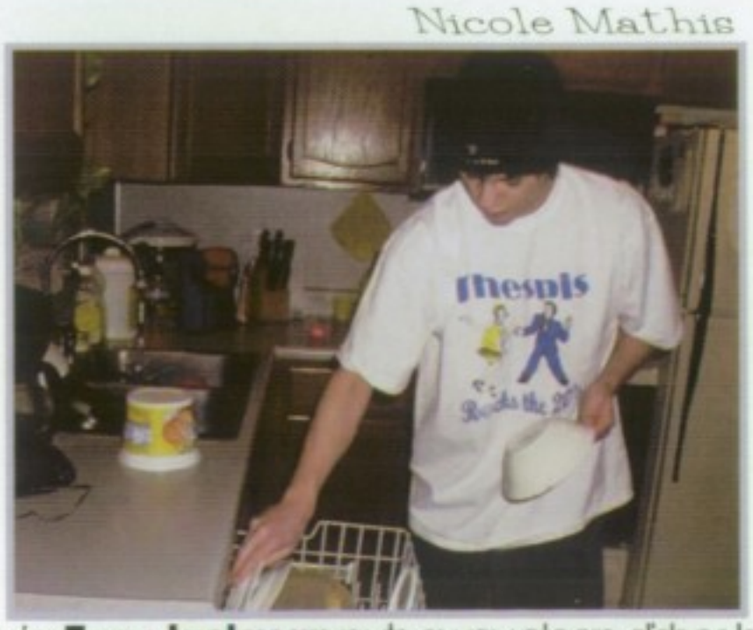

Senior **Tony Jackman** puts away clean dishes before he heads to school. Jackson went home every night to put away dishes, vacuum, and tuck his two younger sisters into bed. After tucking his sister into bed, Jackson always made sure to finish his chores before he started his homework, to make his mama happy.

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Life of...

Jamal Jackson

Duing sixth hour Debate class, freshmen **Rebecca Briggs** and **Katelyn Steitzer** discuss the topic of lowering the voting age to sixteen with their fellow classmates. Jackson enjoyed going to Debate because it was where he could express his strong feelings about certain topics such as religious views.

Lindsey Manzel

Practicing the song " Faure Requien," senior **Sean Queen** and junior **Jakeen Fox** listen to the tone of their voices. Singers was held during fifth hour, and the group had nine concerts a year. Jackson took Singers to improve his skills.

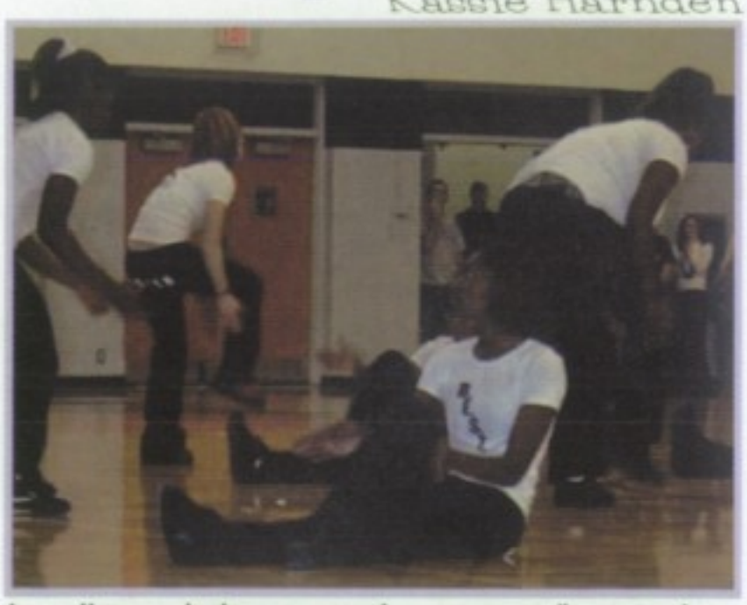
Scott Seeba

"Only God can judge me." -Jamal Jackson

Brad Carman

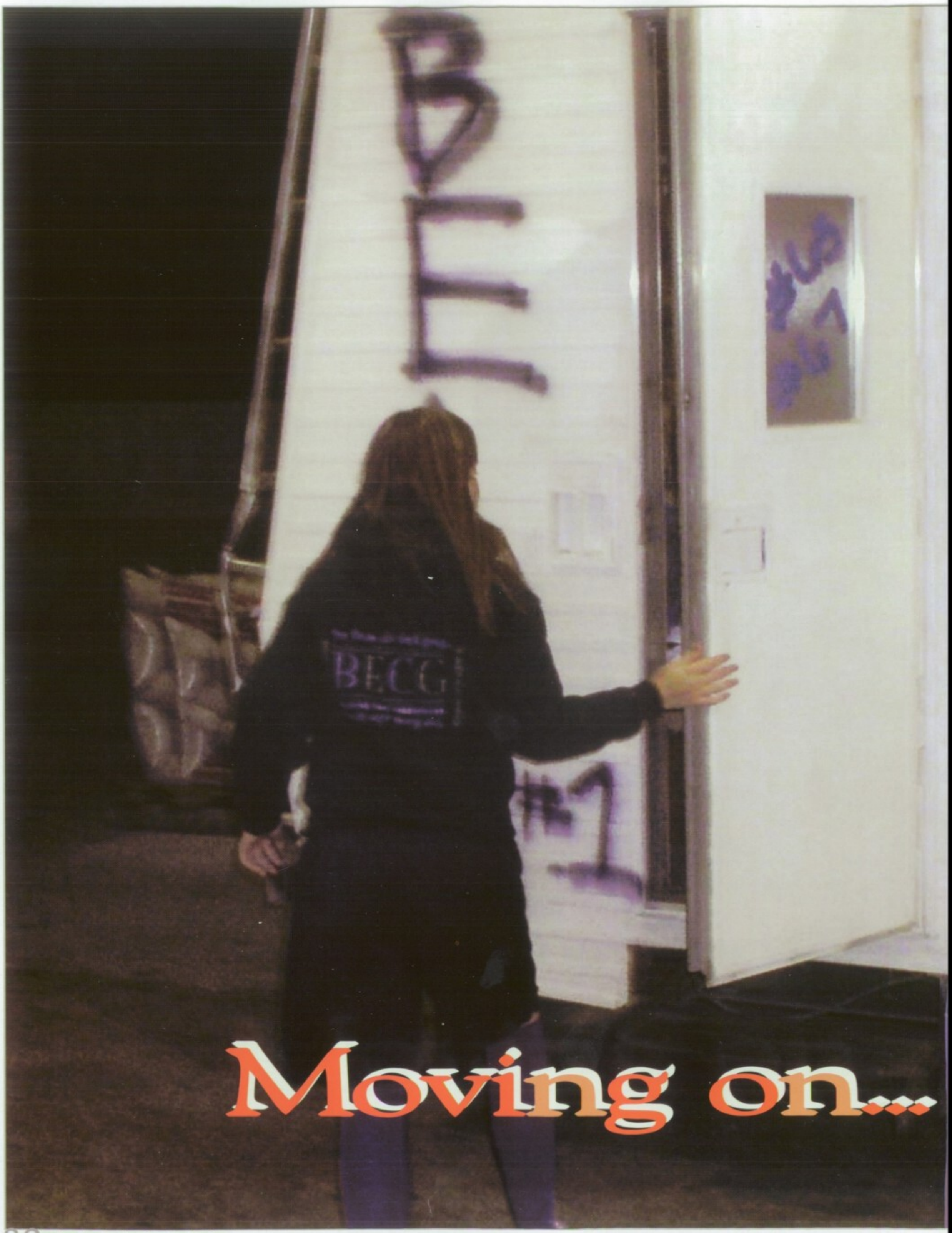
Attempting to pass the ball, freshman **Jeff Shelton** looks for an open teammate. JV basketball practiced every day after school for about two hours. Basketball kept Jackson in shape and helped him start his own workout habits outside of school.

Kassie Harnden



During the winter sports pep rally, sophomores **Rasheema Pitt**, **Roshinaie Johnson**, **Brittney Jackson**, and senior **April Wert** perform a routine. The Step Team practiced several times a week for about an hour after school in the senior commons. Jackson enjoyed being on the team because he could show his emotions from the day through his routines.

Jamal Jackson was picked by the yearbook staff to reperesent a typically busy student.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Moving on...

'04-'05 News Calendar

Aug. 13-29, 2004

The Summer Olympics were hosted in Athens, Greece.

Jun. 05, 2004

Ronald Reagan died at age 93 due to old-age and Alzheimers.

Oct. 23, 2004

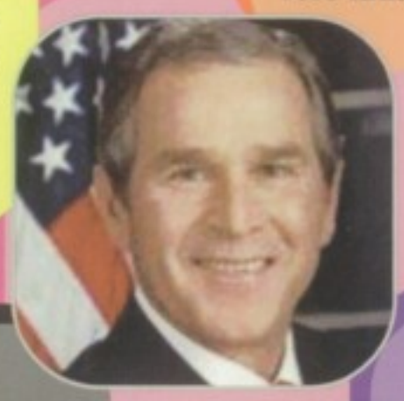
Ashlee Simpson was caught lip-syncing on *Saturday Night Live* when the wrong song started playing. She walked off stage before finishing.

Jul. 16, 2004

Martha Stewart was sent to jail for a five- month sentence for lying about her stock sale.

Nov. 04, 2004

George Bush won the 2004 election for his second term in office.



Dec. 13, 2004

Scott Peterson was convicted of murdering his pregnant wife and sentenced to the death penalty.

Oct. 27, 2004

Boston Red Sox won the 2004 World Series and broke the "Curse of the Bambino."

Jan. 01, 2005

A smoking ban was passed in Linclon; smoking was only permitted in bars without kitchens.

Feb. 06, 2005

The New England Patorites won Superbowl XXXIX, their third championship in four years.

Jan. 23, 2005

An Omaha man was arrested for possession of 490 pounds of pot after police pulled the driver over for a headlight out in a U-Haul.

Dec. 21, 2004

Napoleon Dynamite was a huge hit among teens. The movie got a 7.3/10 rating from amazon.com

Mar. 23, 2005

"Disney on Ice" presented *Toy Story 2* at Omaha's Qwest Center.

Jan. 23, 2005

Johnny Carson died at age 79 due to emphysema. He hosted *The Tonight Show* for nearly 30 years.

Dec. 28, 2004

Tsunami hit Asian communities, killing an estimated 127,414 people overall.

Finding a spot to belong was one of the biggest challenges we faced in high school. The first thing we did after schedule pick-up day was see if we had any friends in our classes and figure out who we could sit with at lunch.

Whoever we were, we found at least a few others like us. And if we couldn't, then we just started a group of our own.

There were the "cool" freshmen, who thought on their first day of school they should stand on the Chieftain head. Little did they know, some seniors happened to be standing by and needless to say, they fulfilled their role of protecting tradition.

As we moved farther up the ladder, every sophomore came to realize that they really didn't have any particular role to fill, other than just being there.

Freedom was something all of us longed for. Whether it was the freedom to wear what we wanted, come and go as we please, or eat lunch at a place of our choice, not all of our requests were granted. Juniors, however, began to feel a little more freedom set in.

It was another long year for seniors, since senioritis set in about a week and a half after school started. The thirteenth year of school will do that to a person.

Common questions we asked ourselves were "Where do I belong?" or "What's my line?" After the process of figuring that out, our lives and personalities came to life and became somewhat clearer.

What's my line?

Linda Hoang

At the Student Council blood drive held on November 5, senior **Lauren Massey** relaxes as her blood is drawn. Students filed into the lower gym and waited in lines for hours for their chance to donate. There was another oppurtunity in February for students to donate to the Red Cross.

Ashley Ackerman

Jackie Adams

Scott Adams

Brian Allison

Jacquelyn Allison

Terra Anderson

Brandon Andrade

Kyle Ankele

AJ Anton

Jennifer Arthur

Amy Aspedon

Stepfanie Austin

James Bailey

Phillip Bailey

Tyler Bailey

Samantha Baker

Ashly Banta

Cody Barr

Jessica Barr

Tim Benak

Brittany Bengtson

Amber Best

Jonathan Bigelow

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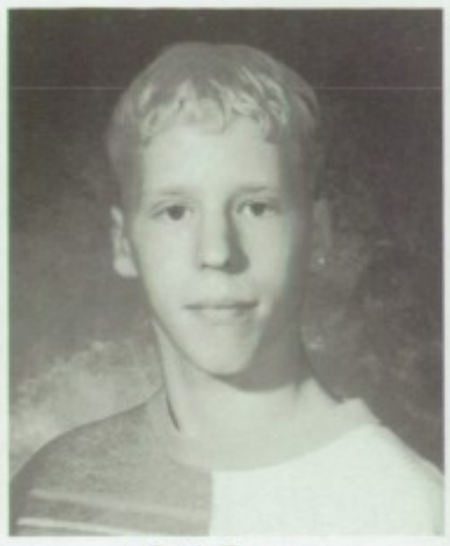
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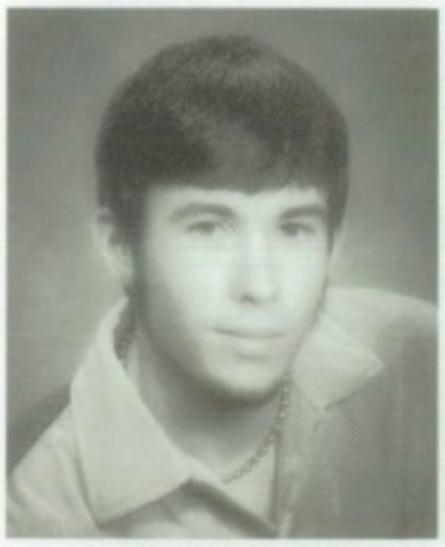
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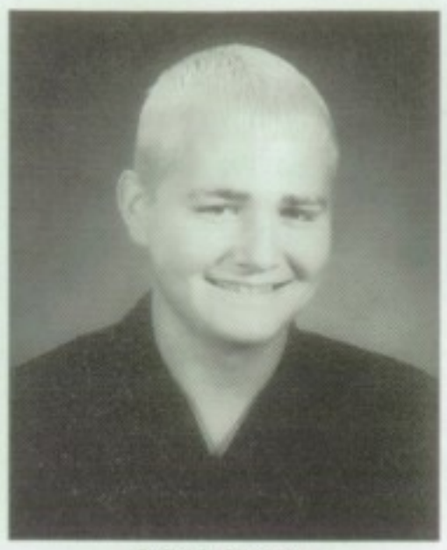
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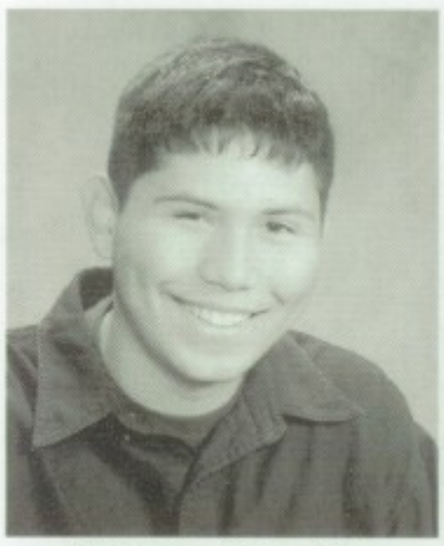
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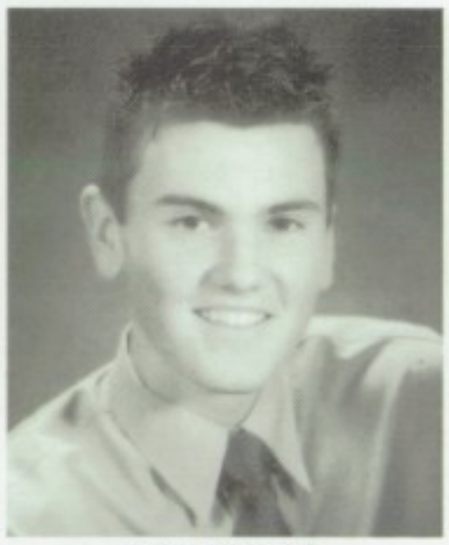
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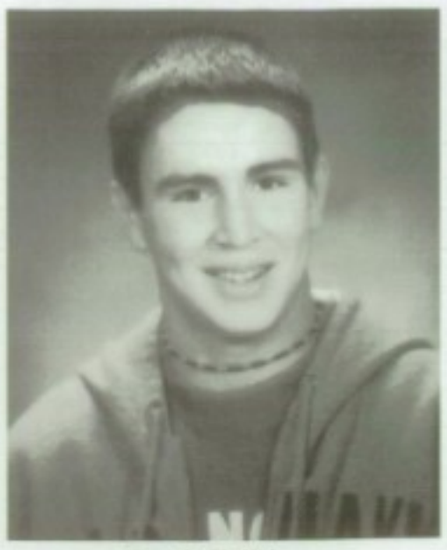
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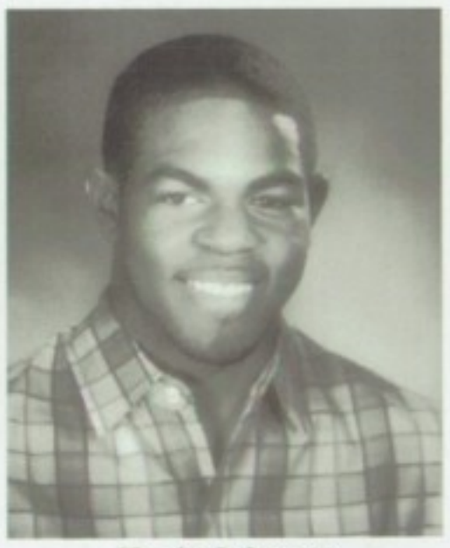

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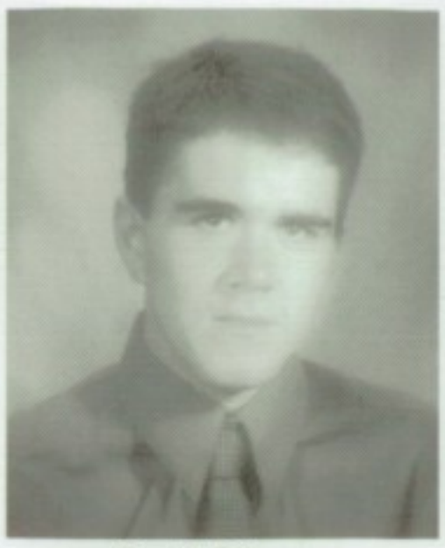
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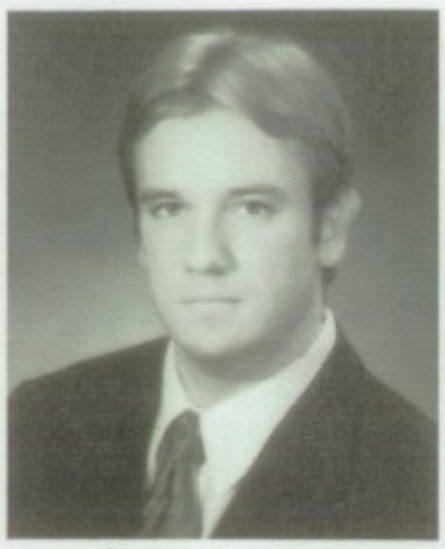
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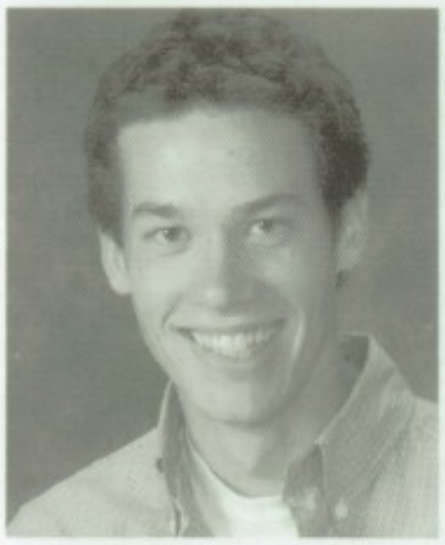
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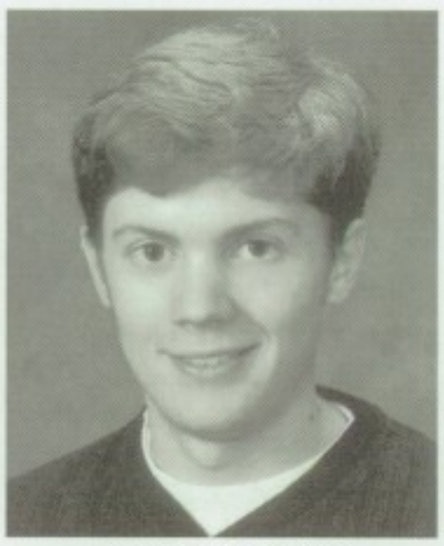
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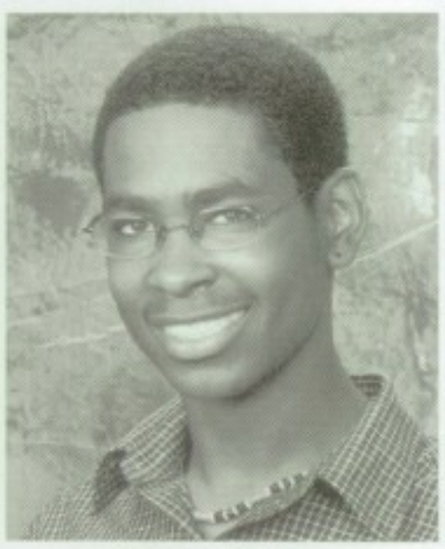
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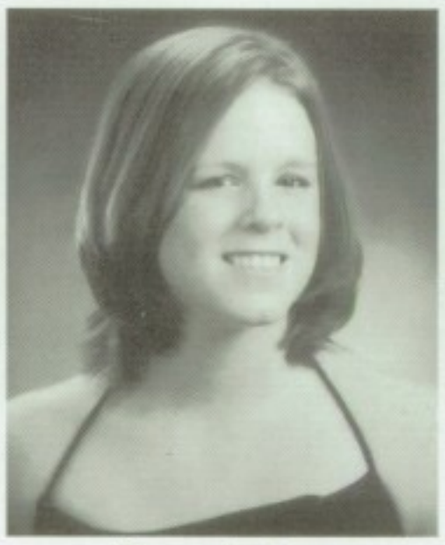
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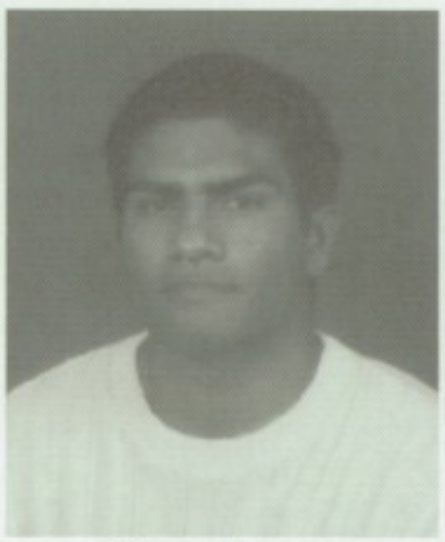
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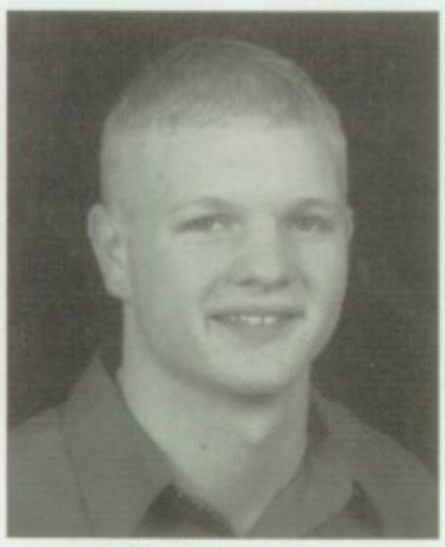
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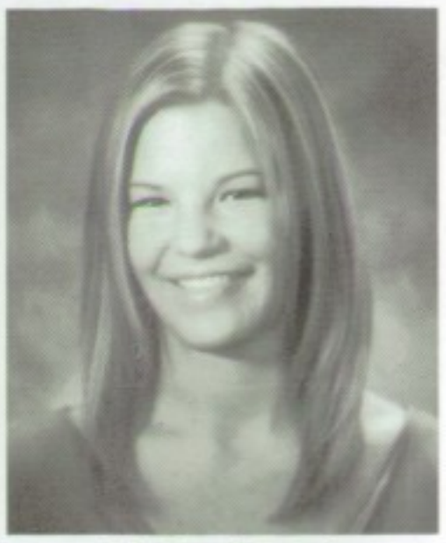
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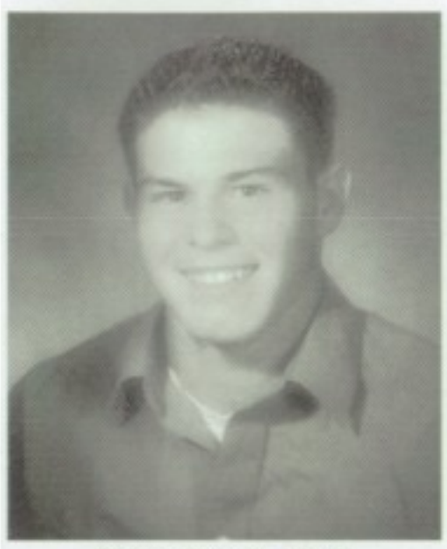
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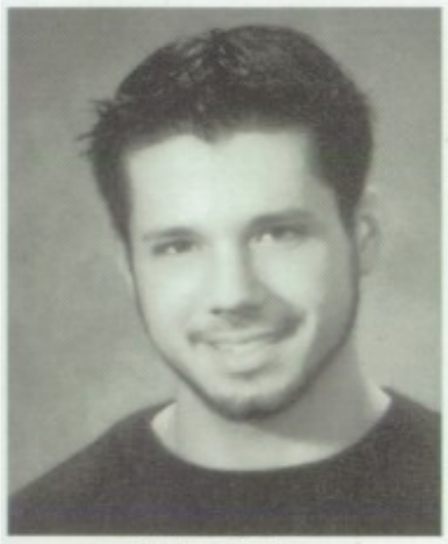
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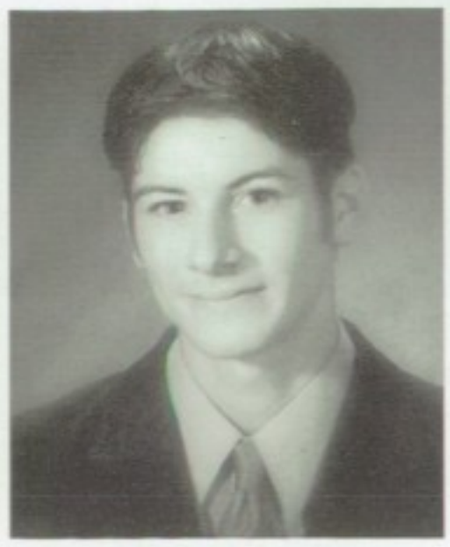
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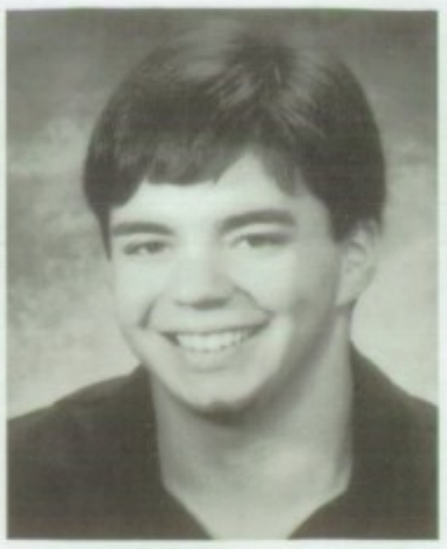
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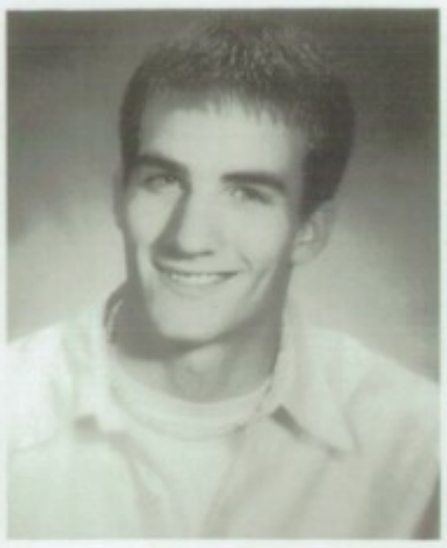
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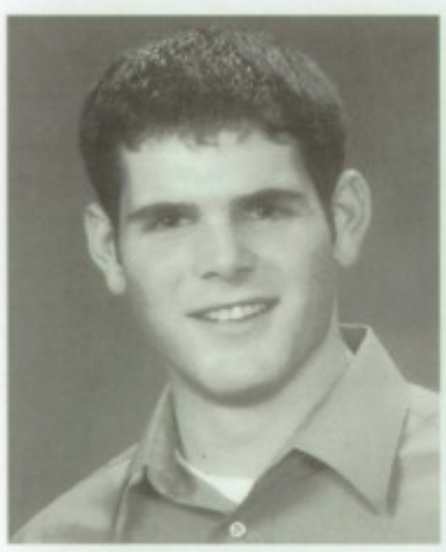
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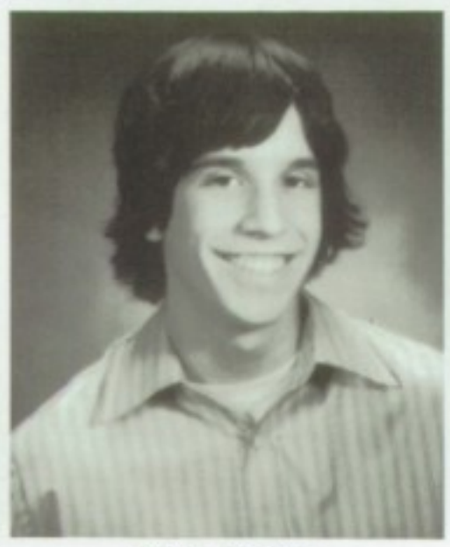
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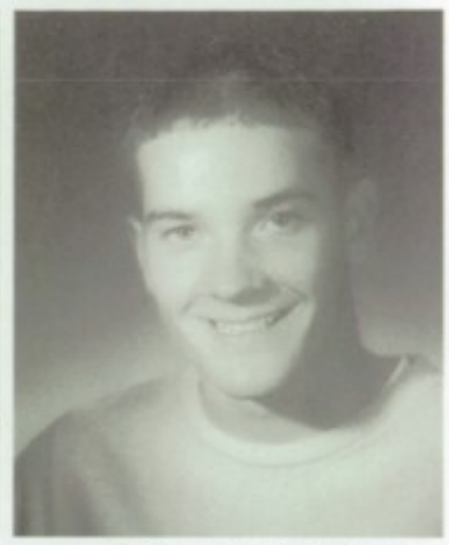
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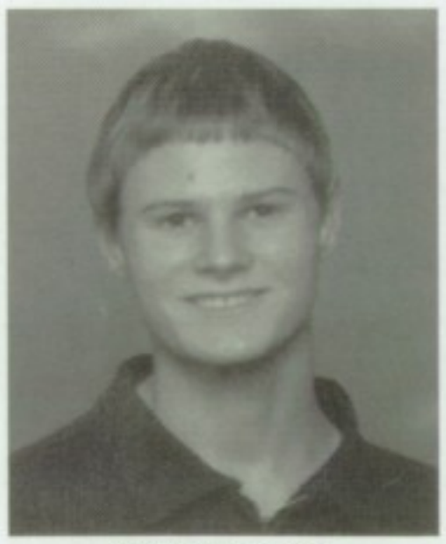
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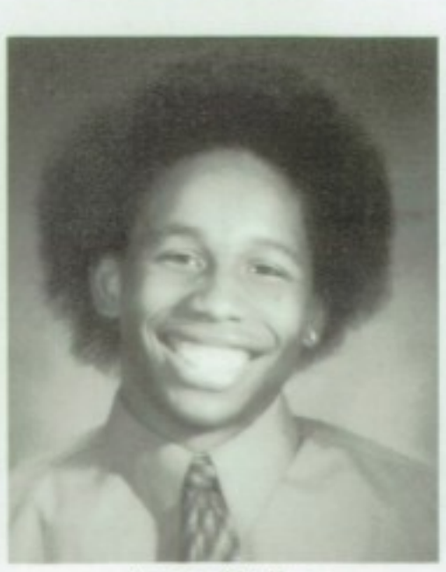
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Jeanna Witkowsky

Kady Woodford

Sara Woolery

Ian Yates

Eddie Ysusi

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Michael Zimmerman

Jonathan Zgainer

Meet...

Phalen Jones

date of birth: Oct. 18, 1988

age: 16

FAVORITES

movie: Rush Hour 2

food: Pizza

music genre: Rap/Hip-Hop

song: "In Da Club" by 50 Cent

quote: "A man's loneliness is just his fear of life." -Jones

TV show: Comic View

What is the most interesting thing about you?

"My laugh."

What was the funniest thing that happened to you your freshman year?

"Me and my friend started laughing at each other's laugh, and we laughed for like 10 minutes straight."

What was your best memory?

"When I got my first dog."

What have you learned?

"Don't mess around with the police."

Interview by Missy Woolery, Journalism 1

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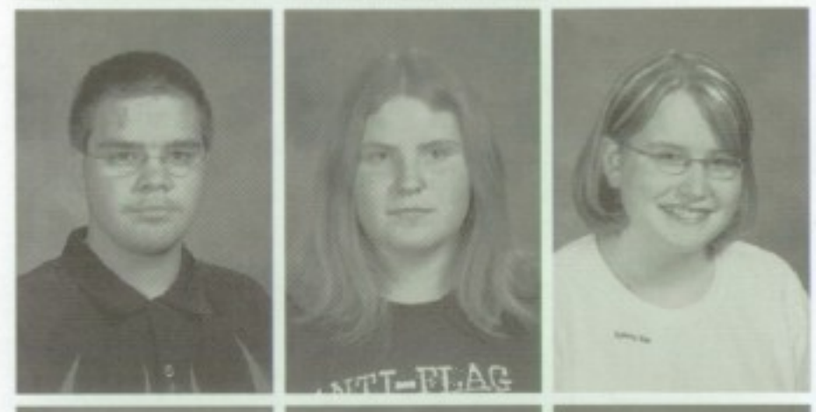

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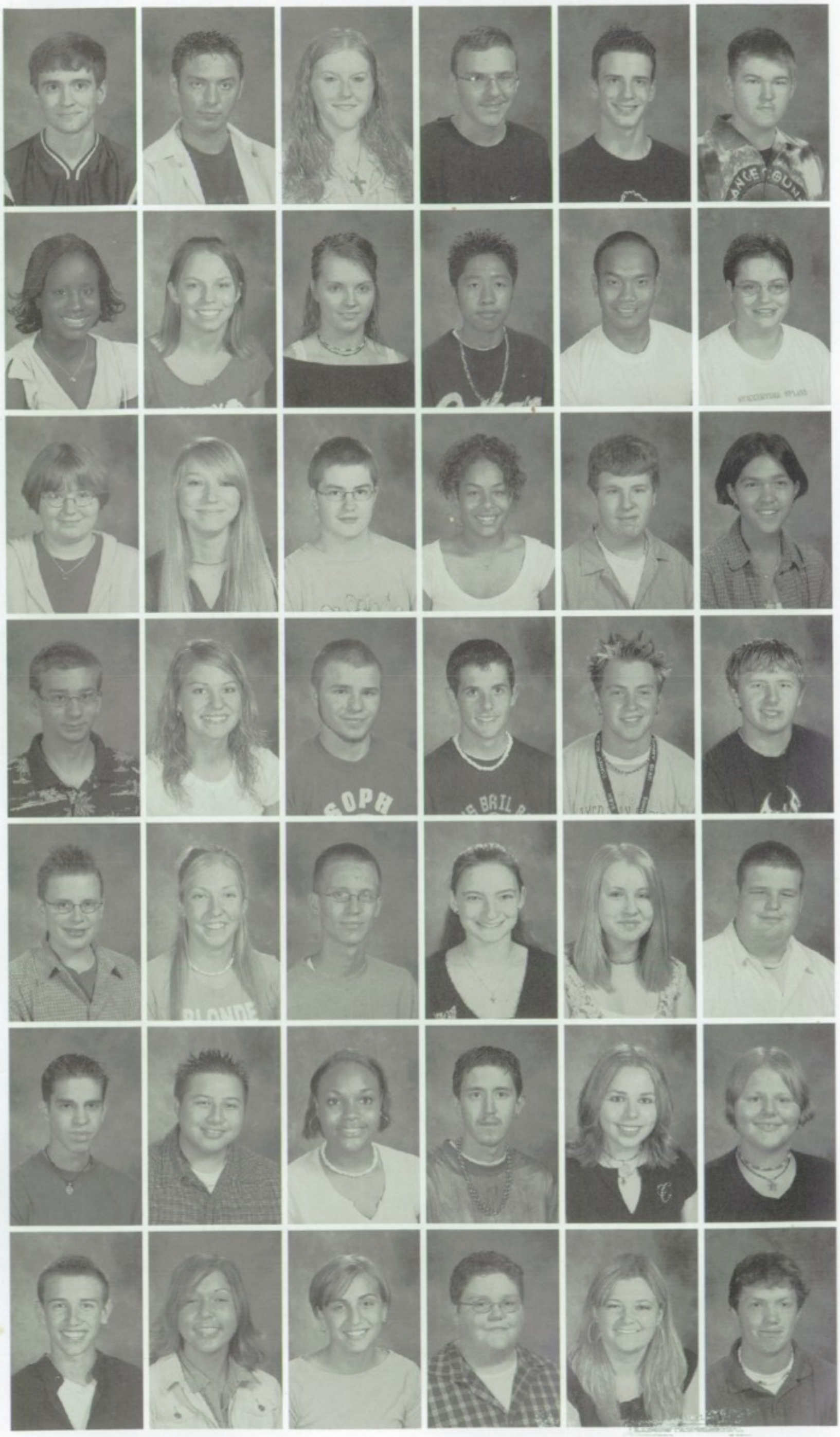

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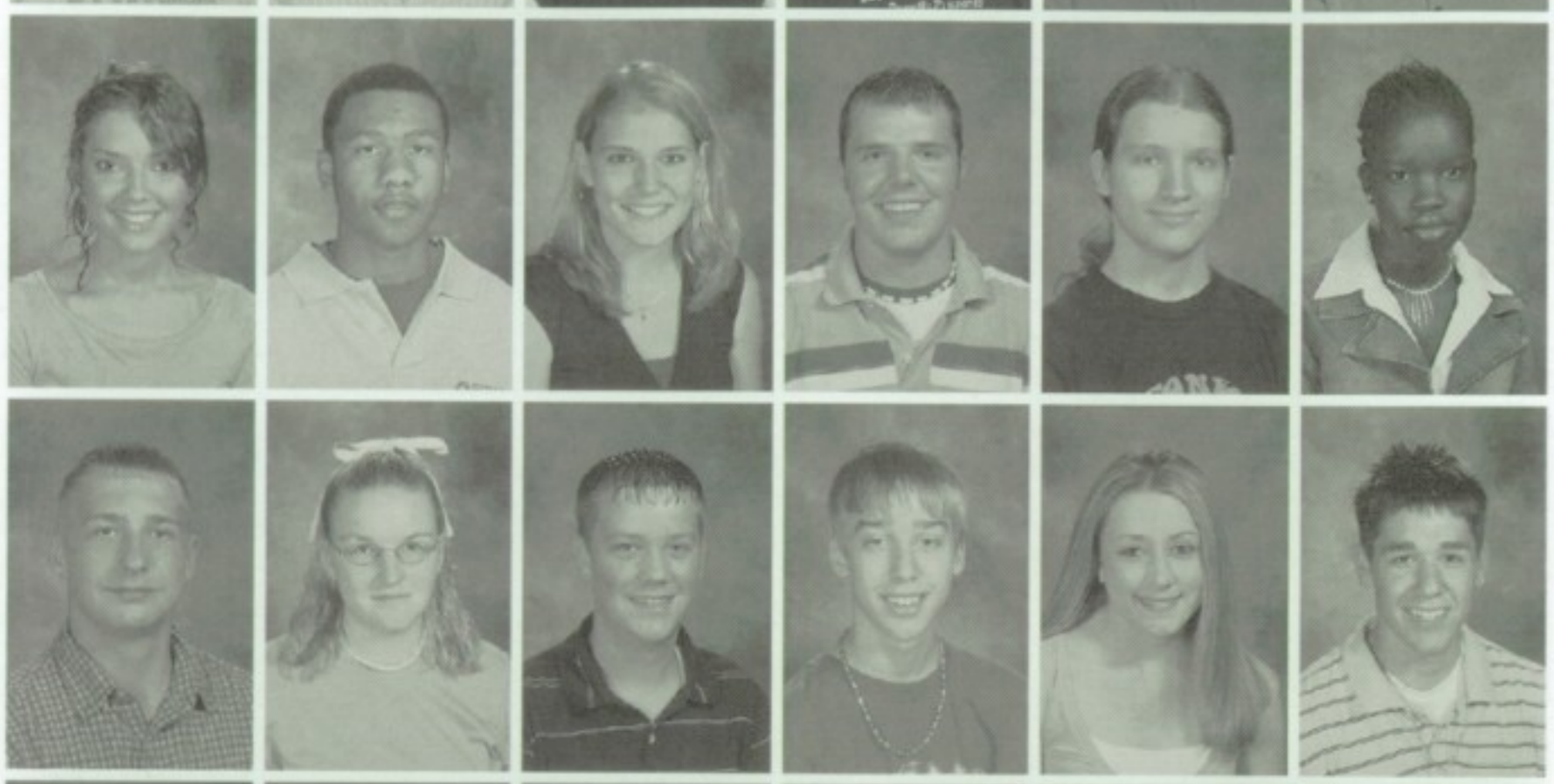

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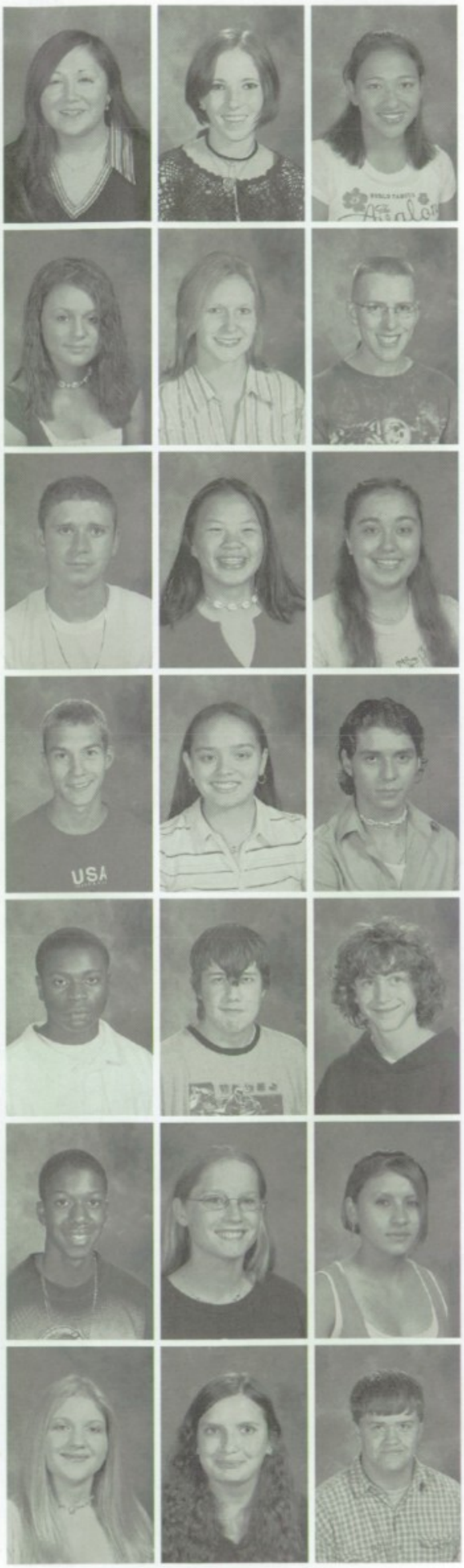

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Meet...

Chris Gilland

date of birth: Aug. 17, 1988
age: 16

FAVORITES
movie: Pirates of the Caribbean
food: Chinese
music genre: Rock/Pop/Rap
song: "The Anthem" by Good Charlotte
quote: "Live everyday like it's your last." -Gilland
TV show: Adult Swim

What's your favorite hobby?
"Singing and cooking."

What is the most valuable thing you've gotten out of high school?
"Your true friends come out of high school."

What is unique about you?
"I'm good at making people laugh and smile."

Interview by Amber Hairston, Journalism 1

Meet...

Tina Macedo

full name: Tina Olivia Macedo
date of birth: May 31, 1988
age: 16

FAVORITES

movie: Napoleon Dynamite
food: anything edible
music genre: Rock
song: "Pieces" by Sum 41
quote: "Live as if you were to die tomorrow." ~Macedo
TV show: Will and Grace

How would you describe your personality?
"Fun, a little crazy, and entertaining."

What was your best memory?
My first kiss with Jonathon Wicks on my 14th birthday."

What is the most important thing you've ever learned?
"Don't give up!"

Interview by Cecily Padillo, Journalism 1

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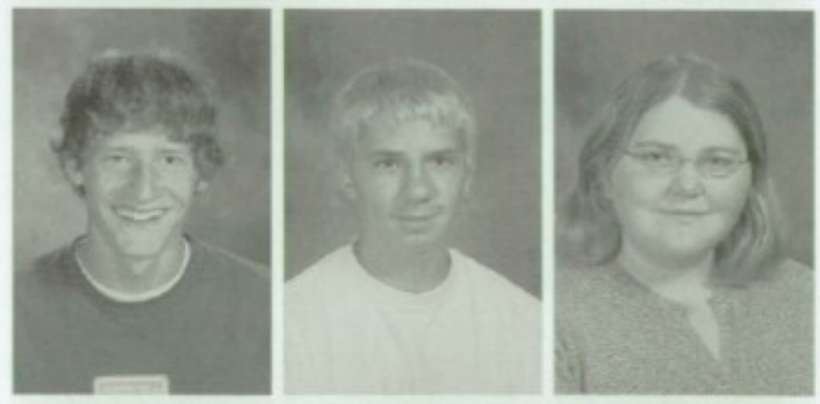

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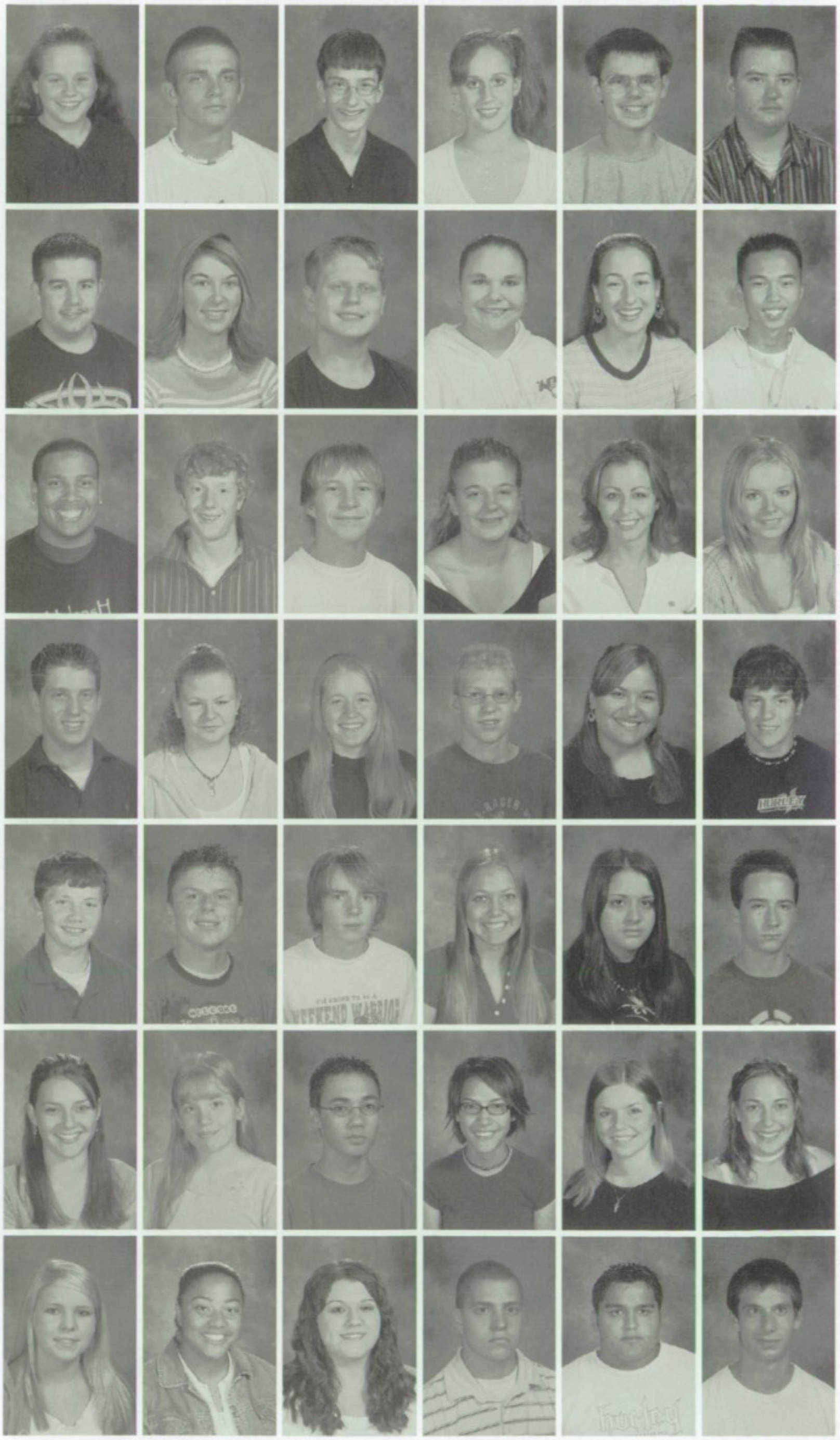

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Robert Navarro
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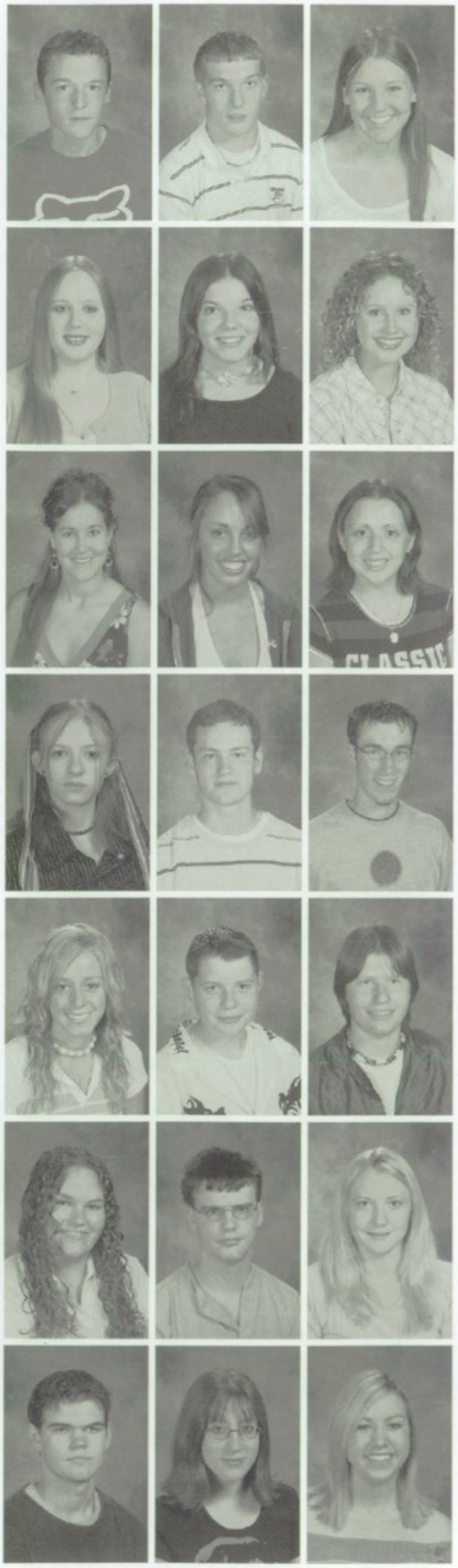

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Deborah Spring

Gary Stalcup
Caitlin Standifer
Michelle Stevens

Meet

Kirstin Weeks

date of birth: Oct. 8th, 1988

age: 16

FAVORITES

movie: White Chicks

food: Pizza

music genre: Pop

song: "My Boo" By Usher and Alicia Keys

quote: "I'm going to have a BF."
-White Chicks

TV show: Full House

What is your biggest fear?
"Going to college and living on my own."

What is interesting about yourself?
"My sense of humor."

What do you do in your spare time?
"Hang out with friends, listen to music, or watch TV."

What is your favorite memory?
"When me and my friends were having a pinching fight because we all came to school the next day and we had bruises all over our arms."

Interview by Leah Manzel Journalism 1

Meet...

Justin Horn

full name: Justin Brian Horn
date of birth: Aug. 25, 1988
age: 16

FAVORITES
movie: Meet the Parents
food: Taco Doritos
music genre: Polka
TV show: Chapelle Show

What is the most interesting thing about yourself?
"I'm actually a woman."

What was the funniest thing a teacher ever did?
"Mr. David Bossman once danced in the middle of the room for three minutes straight."

What is your funniest nickname?
"Baby Nuts."

Interview by Tiffany Riggs, Journalism 1

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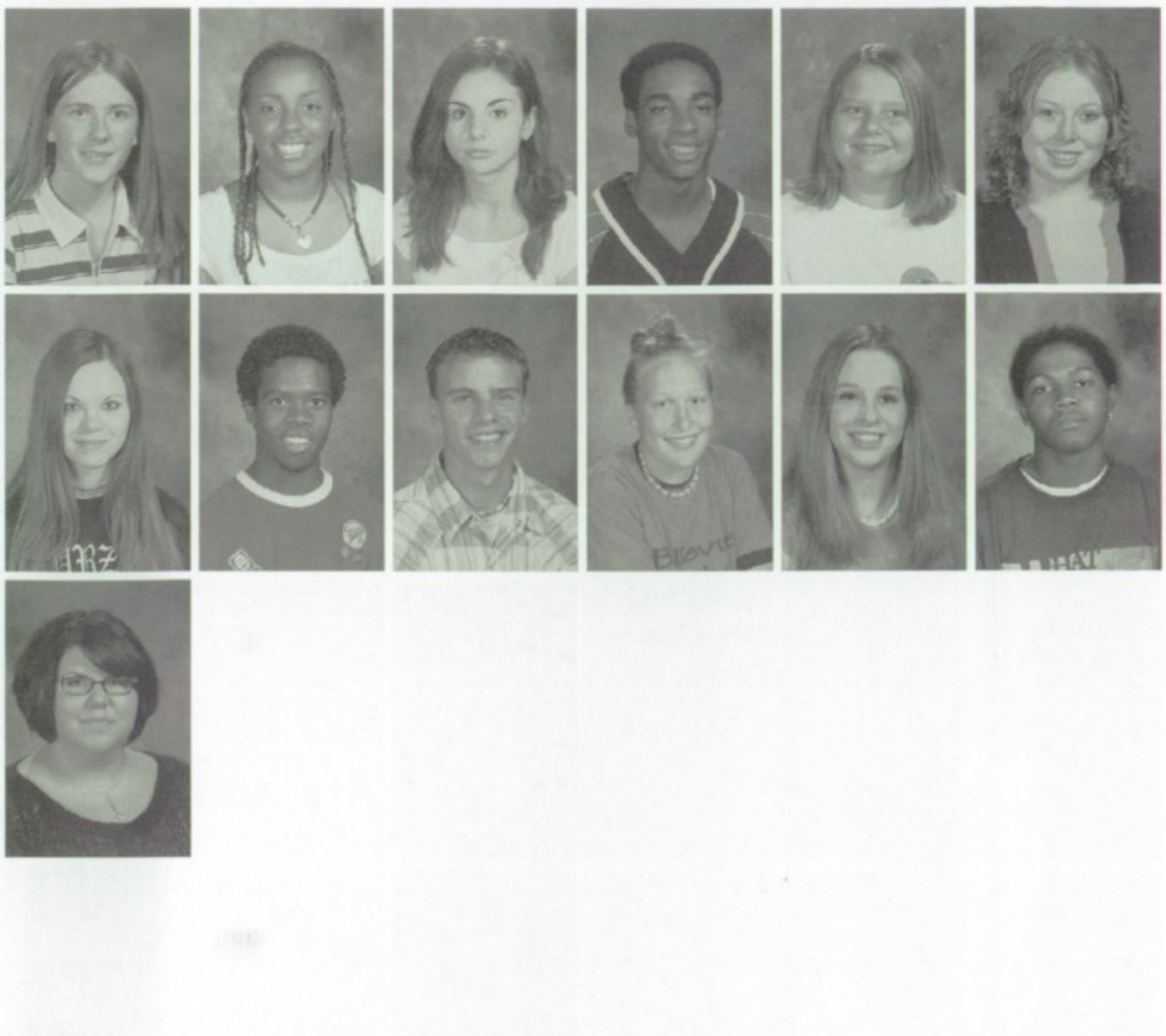

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Elizabeth Batterman
Rachel Beach
Samantha Beach
Alex Becker
Megan Beckstead
Michael Beliveau

Meet...

Jake Hoover

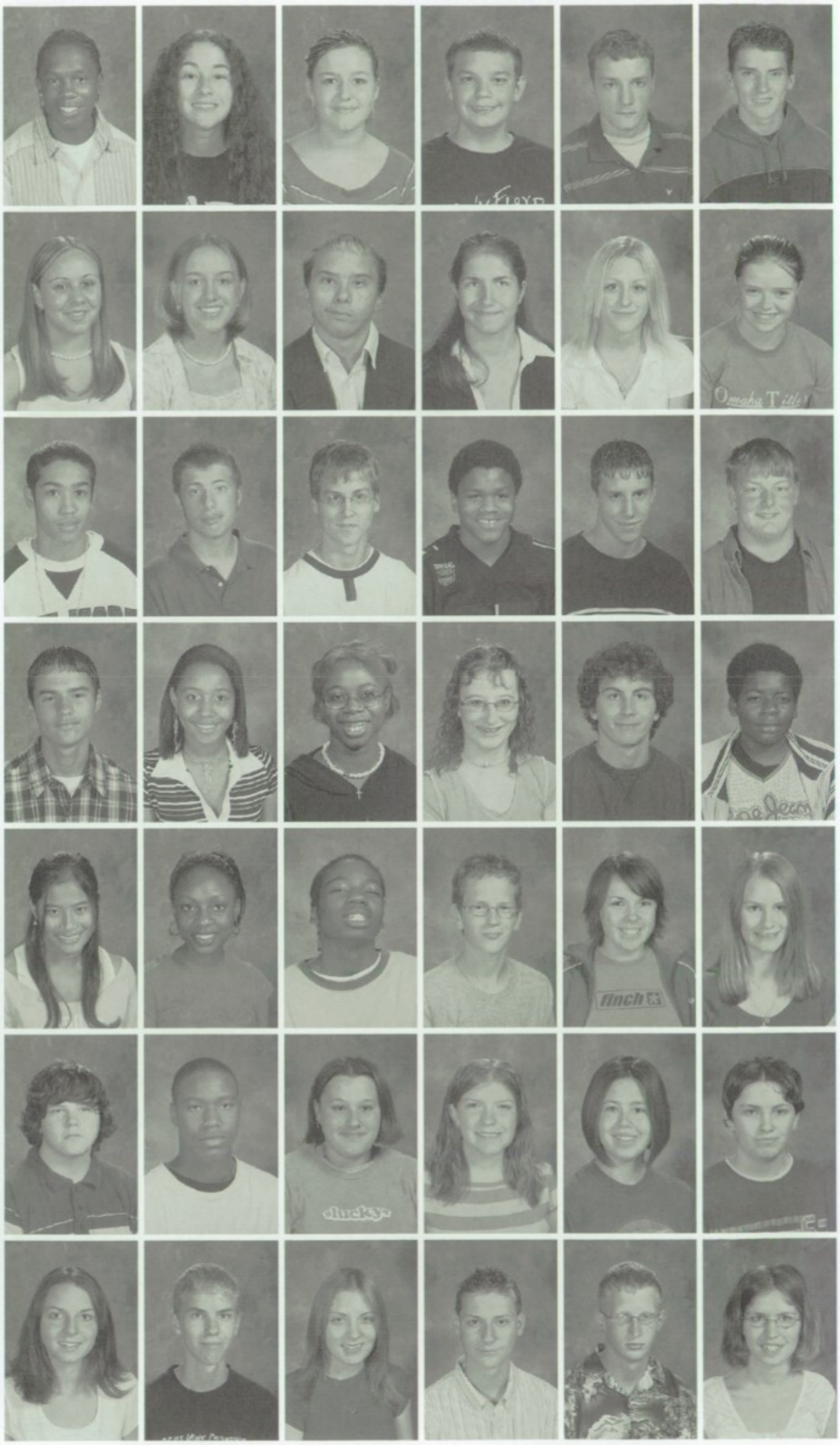
full name: Jacob Francis Hoover
date of birth: September 17, 1988
age: 16

Interview by Megan Kolarik

FAVORITES

movie: Bull Durham
food: Steak
music genre: Hip hop
quote: "We are the music makers, we are the ones who dream dreams." -Willy Wonka
TV show: Sportscenter

What will you never understand about the opposite sex?
"They way they think."
What can't you live without?
"Baseball."
What do you miss most about being a little kid?
"Having all the energy in the world."
What is your best excuse to get out of class?
"I got to work on a project."



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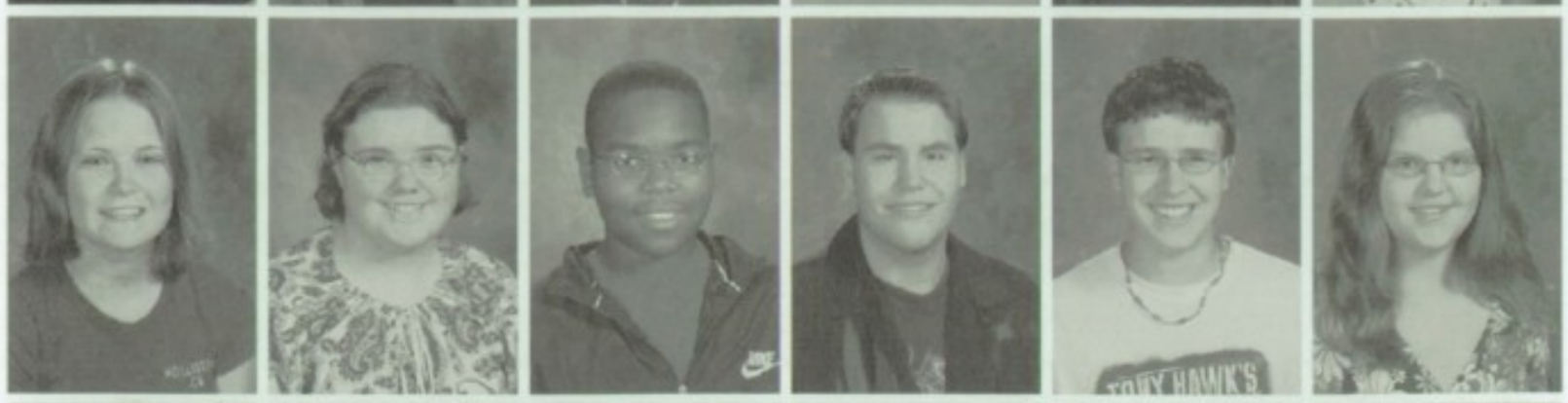

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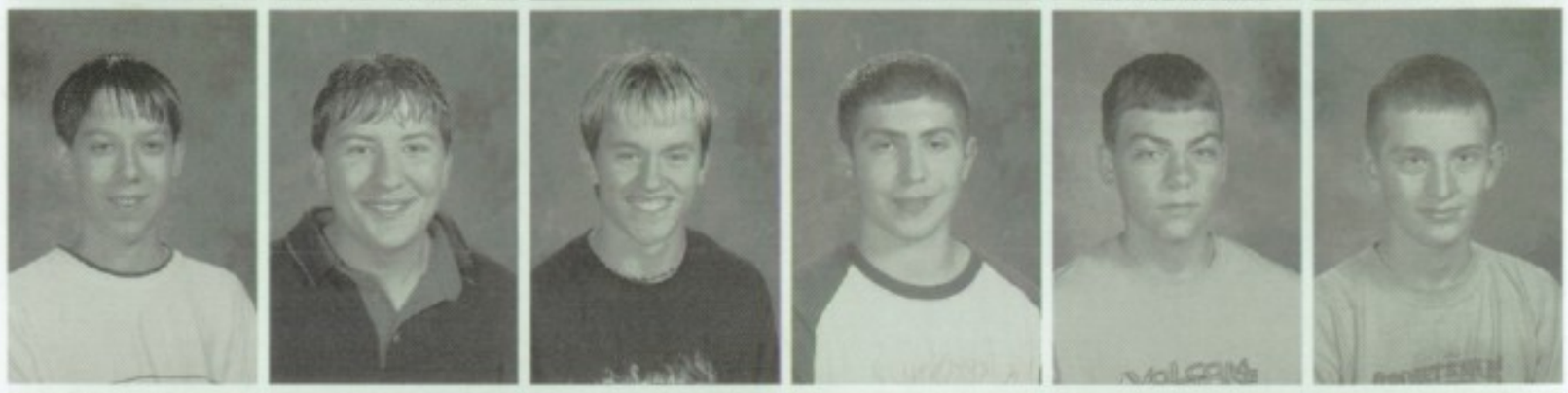

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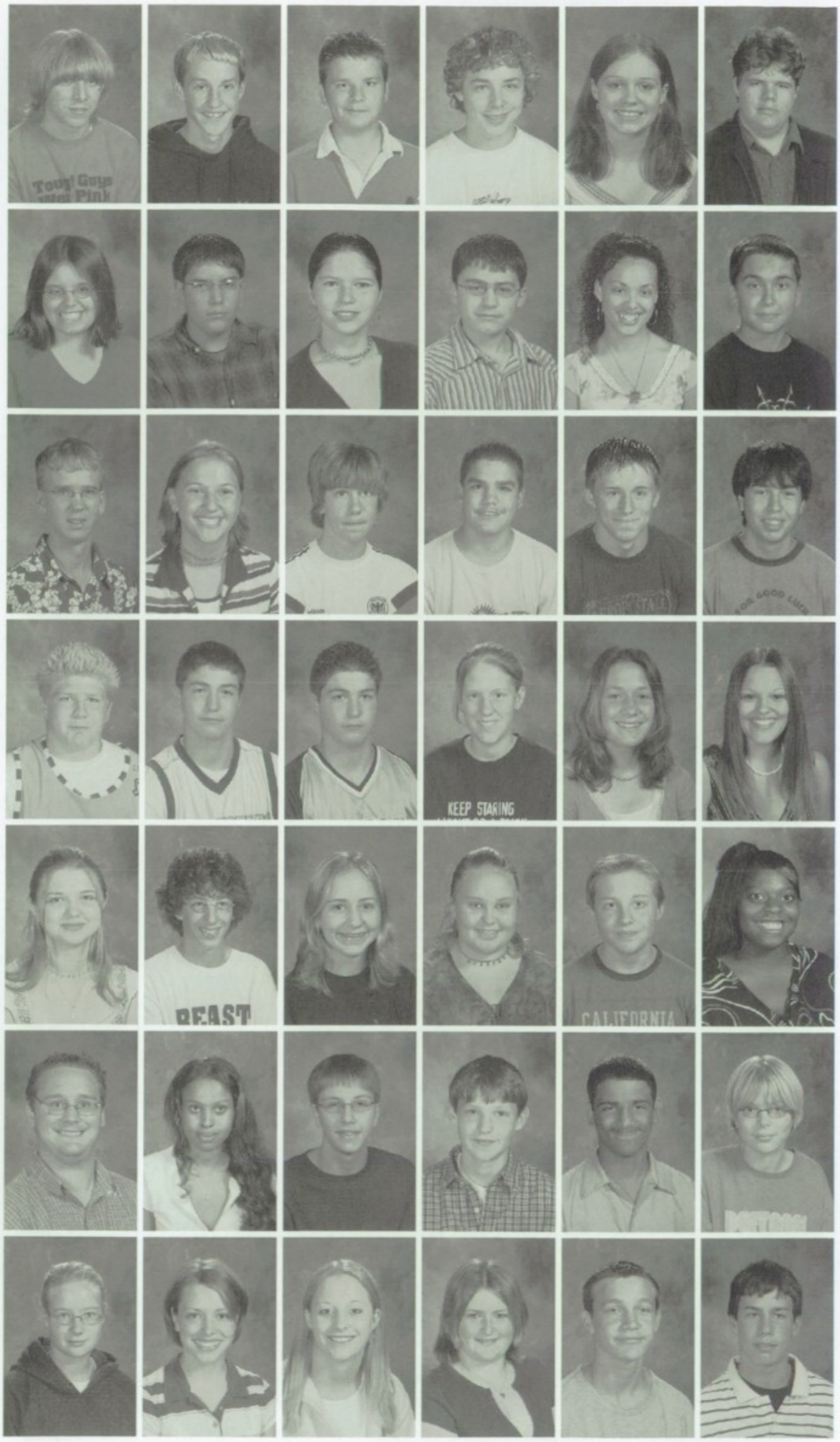

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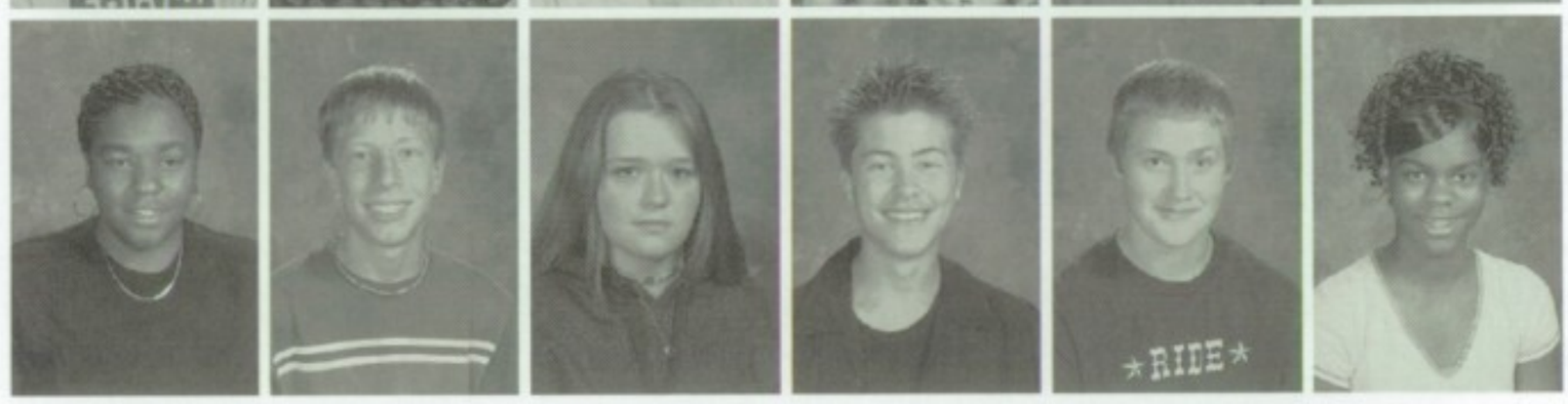

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Meet...

Brian Aniciete

full name: Brian Gotbonton Agosto Soriano Aniciete

date of birth: April 7, 1989

age: 15

FAVORITES

movie: Truman Show

food: Lumpia (Filipino Eggrolls)

music genre: hip hop

quote: "Don't be stupid. It just wouldn't be smart of you." -Dean Martin

TV show: Boy Meets World

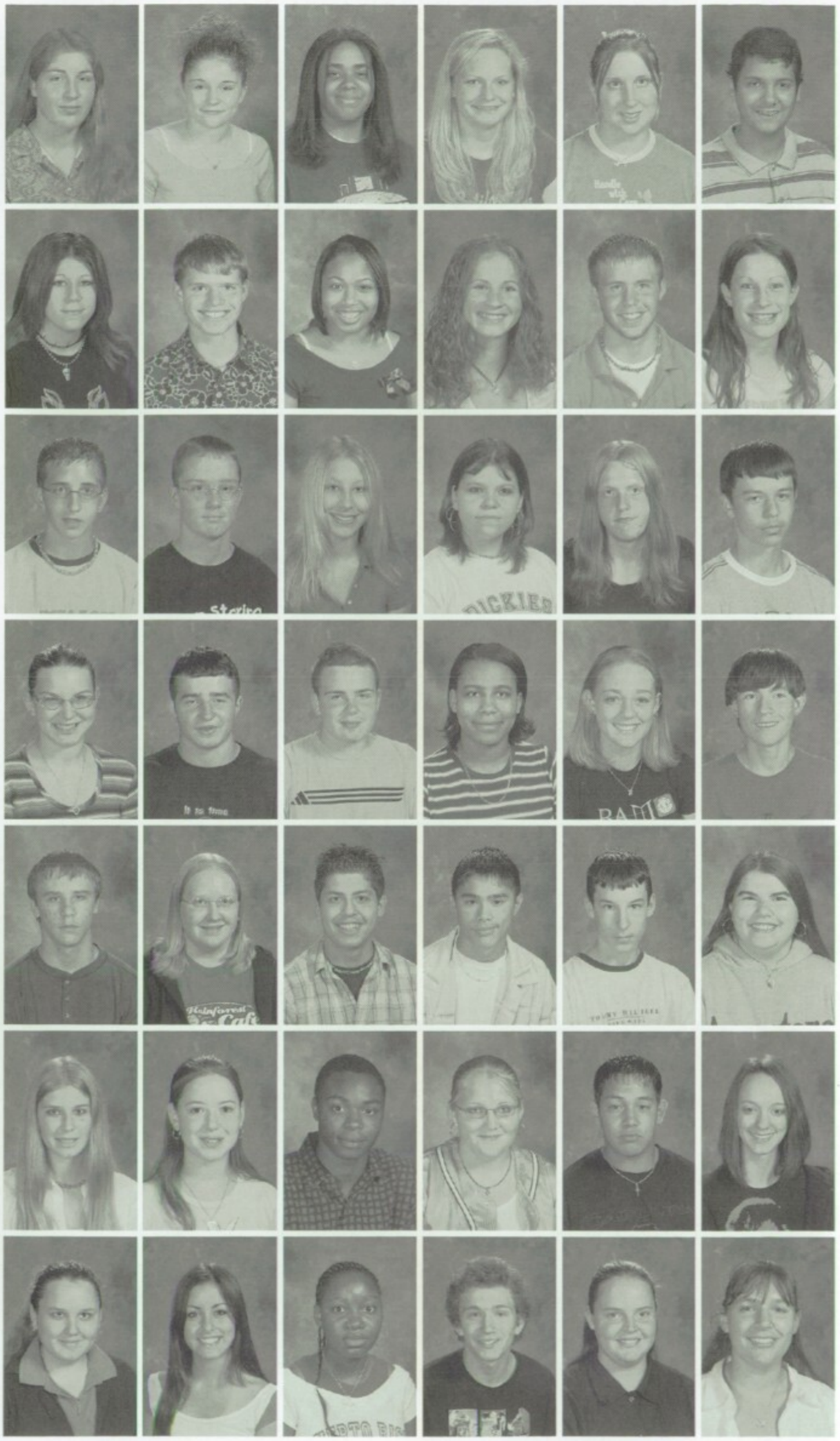
What will you never understand about the opposite sex?
"Why they go to the bathroom in pairs."

What can't you live without?
"The opposite sex"

What do you miss most about being a little kid?
"You can get away with being fat."

What is your best excuse to get out of class?
"I'm working on a speech for a forensics tournament."

Sophomore Class President



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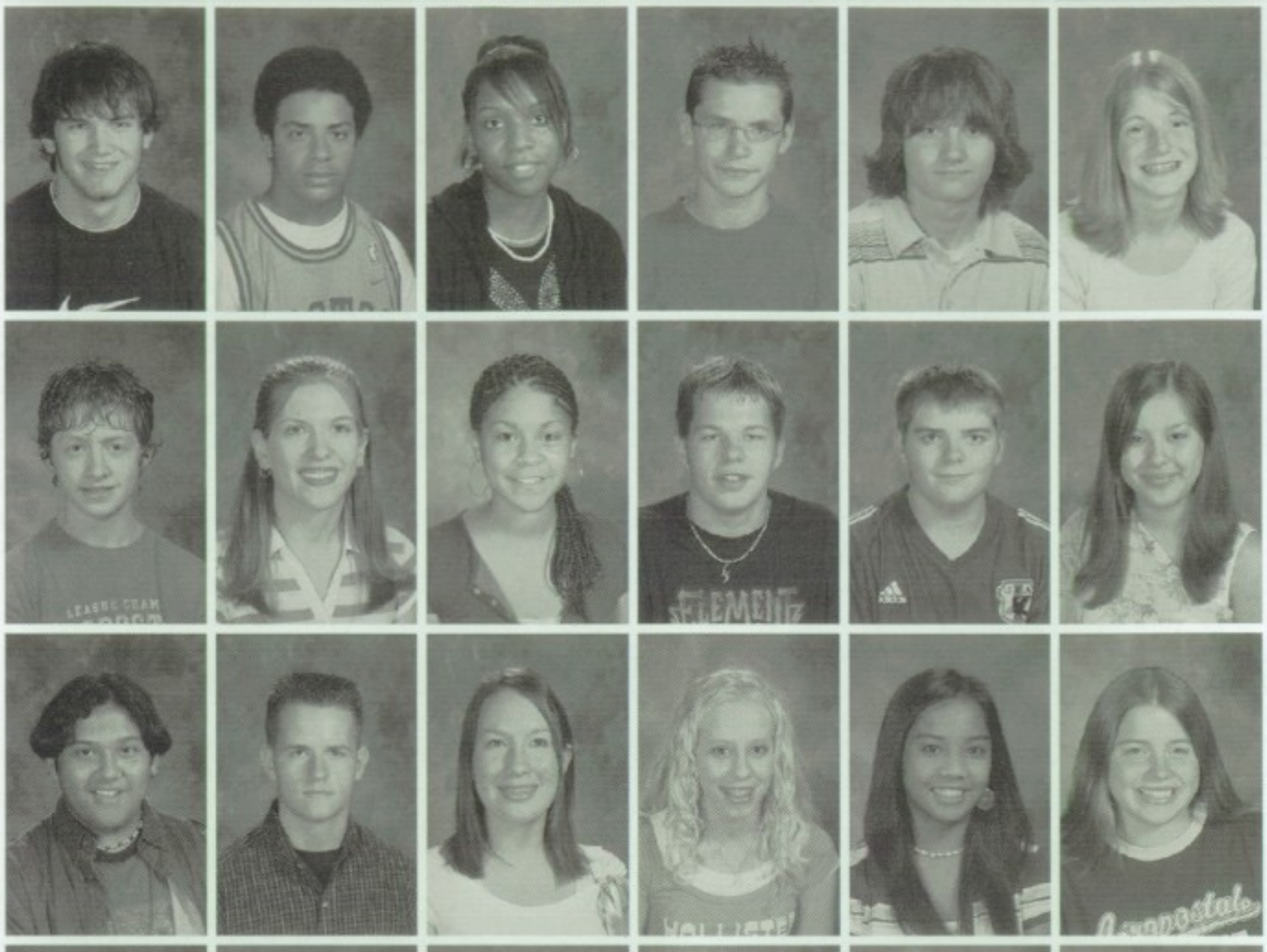

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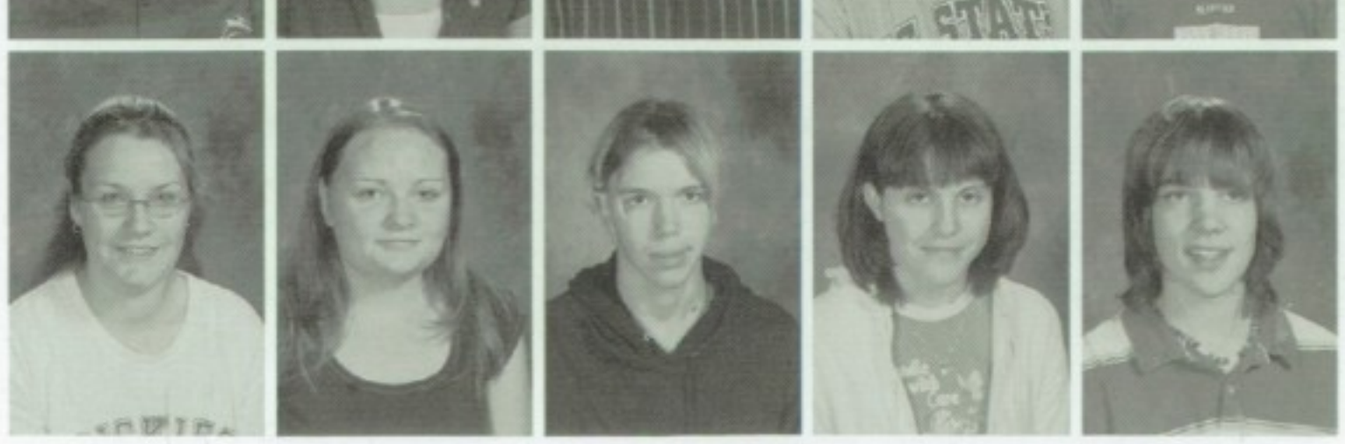

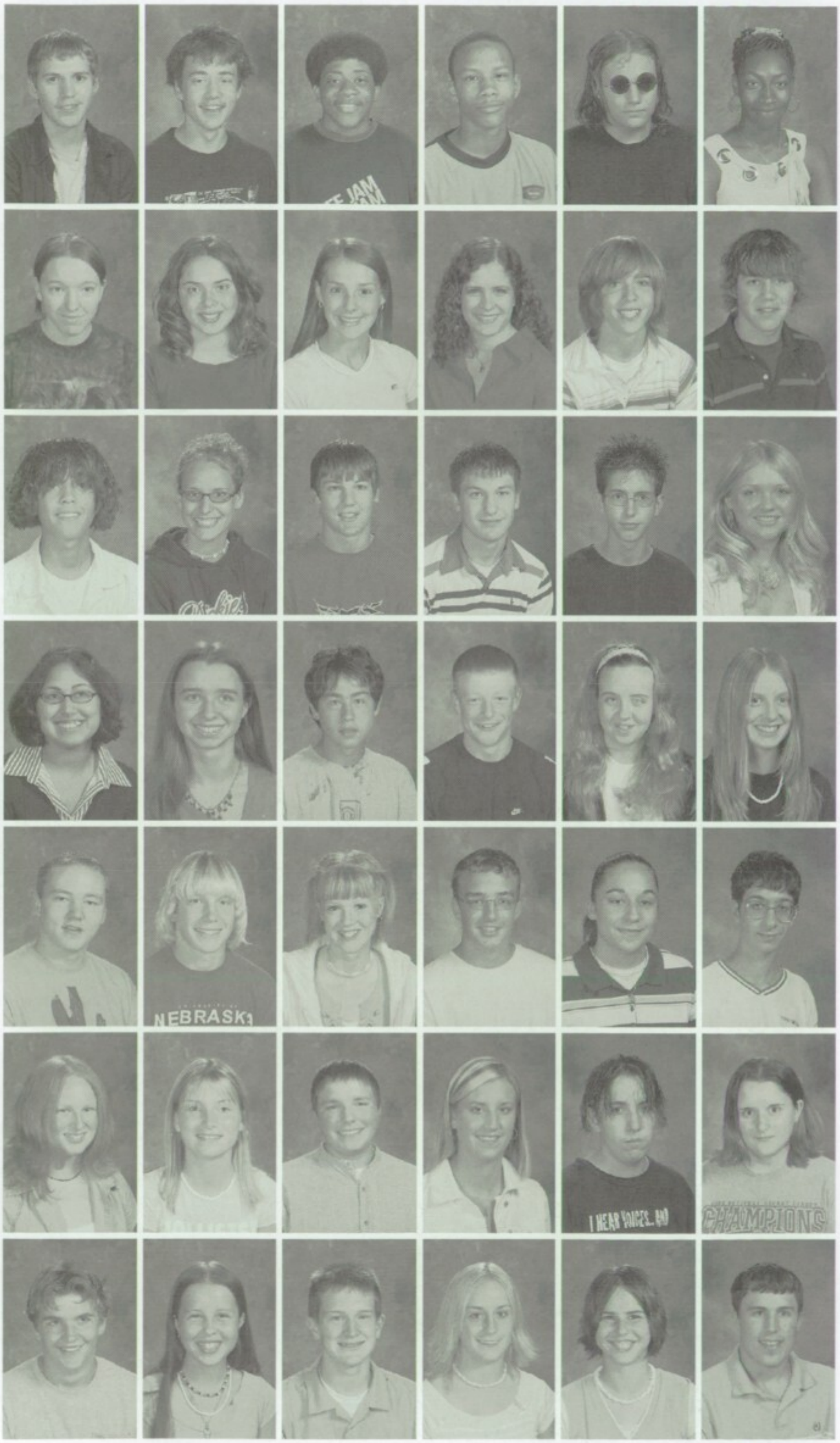

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Benjamin Yates
Connor Yax

Meet... Katherine Monahan

full name: Katherine Ann Monahan

date of birth: Feb. 21, 1989

age: 15

FAVORITES

movies: Aladdin and Moulin Rouge

food: Mashed potatoes

music genre: Everything except country

quote: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." -Mother Theresea

TV show: Lost

What will you never understand about the opposite sex?

"How some guys can be inconsiderate and not care."

What can't you live without?

"My family."

What is your best excuse to get out of class?

"I need to talk to the counselor."

What do you miss about being a little kid?

"I miss being able to do stupid things without anyone caring."

Interview by Megan Kolarik

Meet...

Erik Myers

date of birth: Dec. 31, 1989

age: 15

FAVORITES

movie: Star Wars

food: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, and corn

music genre: Rock

song: "Bottom of the Bottle" by Smile Empty Soul

quote: "Fear is way stronger than love will ever be." -Tupac

TV show: Simpsons

What is the most unique thing about you?

"My height. Not many people are that tall"

What was your best memory?

"The freshman East football team beat West at West's home field."

What is you favorite thing to do on the weekend?

"Going to the movies with friends. It's tons of fun."

Interview by Chelsea Ford, Journalism 1

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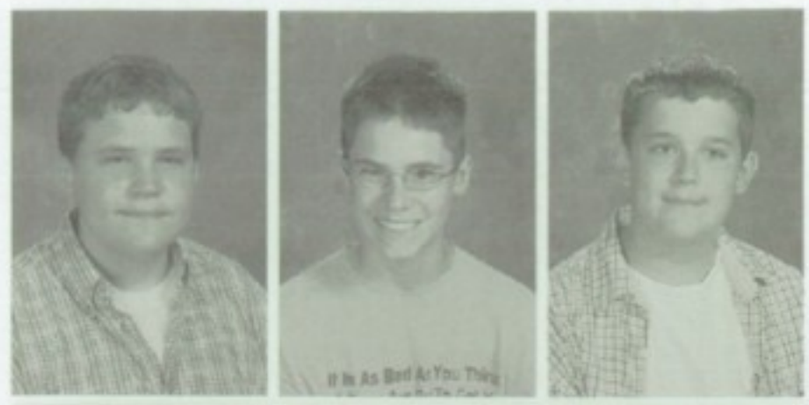

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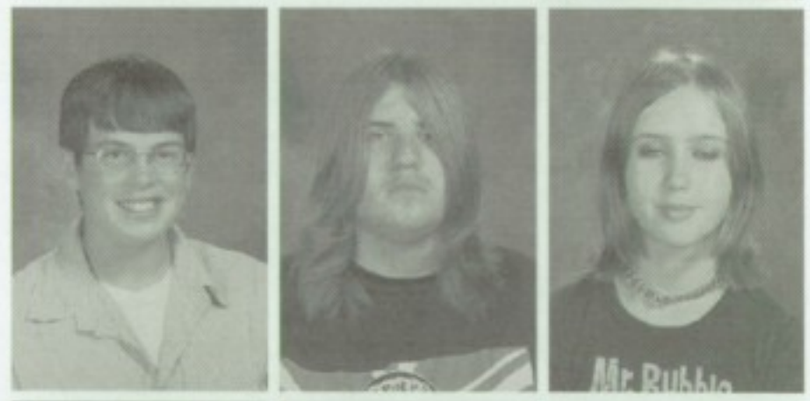

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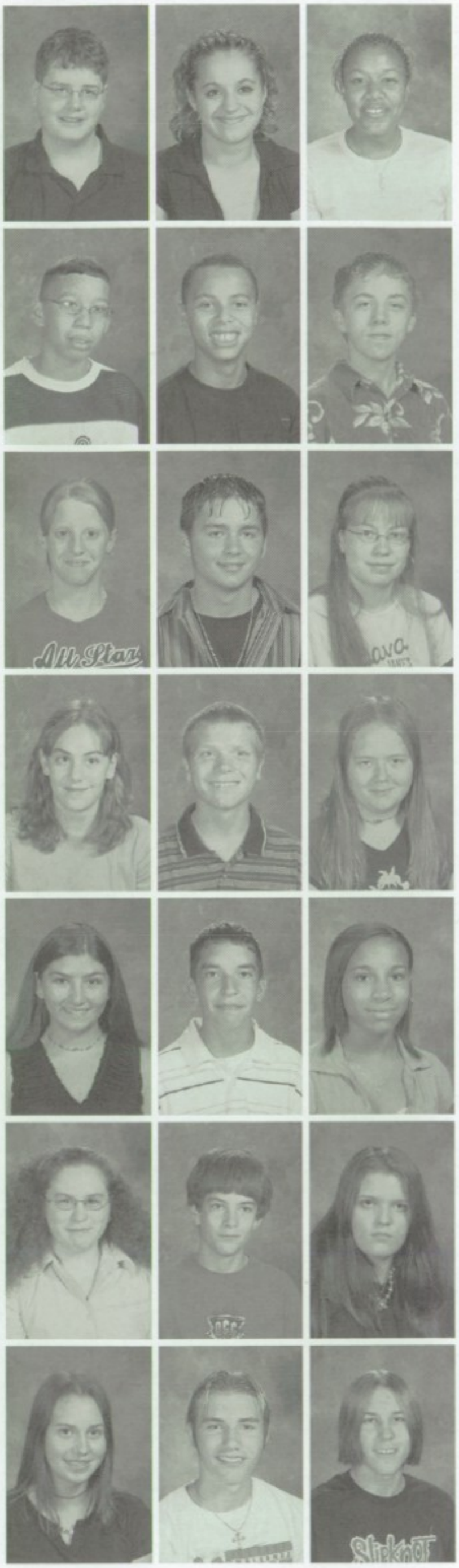

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Meet...

Sarah Crum

full name: Sarah Alexis Crum
date of birth: March 18, 1990
age: 14

FAVORITES

movie: Fight Club
food: Mom's homemade enchiladas
music genre: Punk/Rock/Christian
song: "Empty Apartment" by Yellowcard
quote: "I see your pain and your hatred and it's beautiful"
-Anonymous
TV show: Family Guy

What do you want to be when you grow up?
"A pediatric surgeon."

What is the weirdest thing about you?
"Two of my toes are stuck together, and I have really short thumbs."

What was your most embarrassing moment?
"I was in a race and I slipped and fell in a big puddle of water."

Interview by Kendall Culbertson, Journalism 1

Meet...

Zach Mathias

full name: Zachary Brent Mathias

date of birth: Sept. 10, 1989

age: 15

FAVORITES

movie: Scarface

food: Chinese

music genre: Industrial

song: "Surgery of Impellment" by Suffocation

quote: "The world is mine." ~Al Pacino

TV show: That 70's Show

What is the most interesting thing that has happened to you your freshman year?

"My band put out a demo."

What was the best concert in 2004-2005?

"Suffocation at the Ranch Bowl."

What is your favorite place to hang out?

"Outside of Victoria Secret at Westroads."

What is your dream car?

"A 1970 Pontiac GTO."

Interview by Jeff Donahue, Journalism 1

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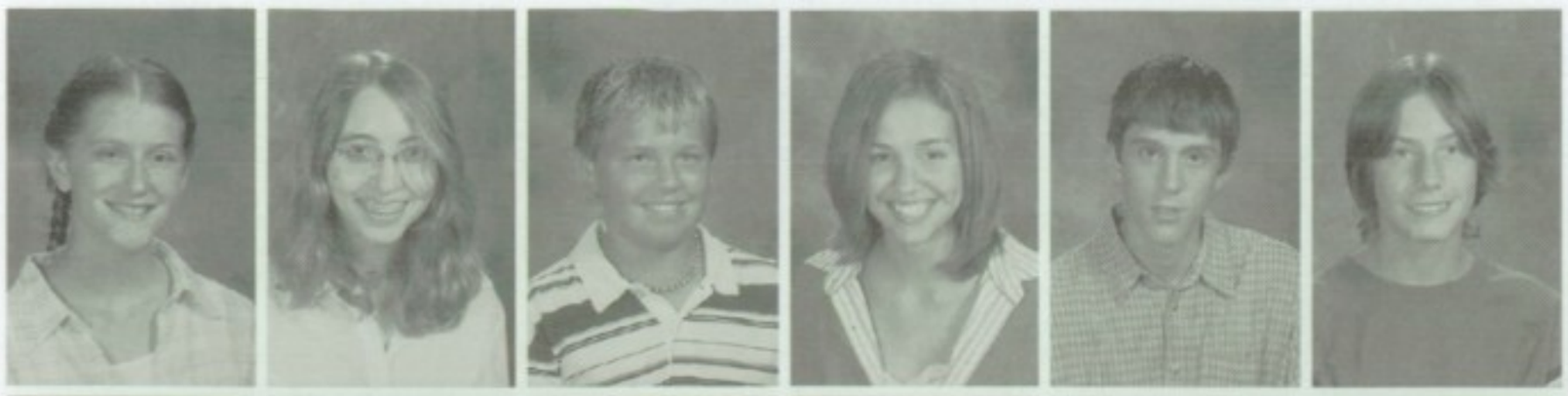

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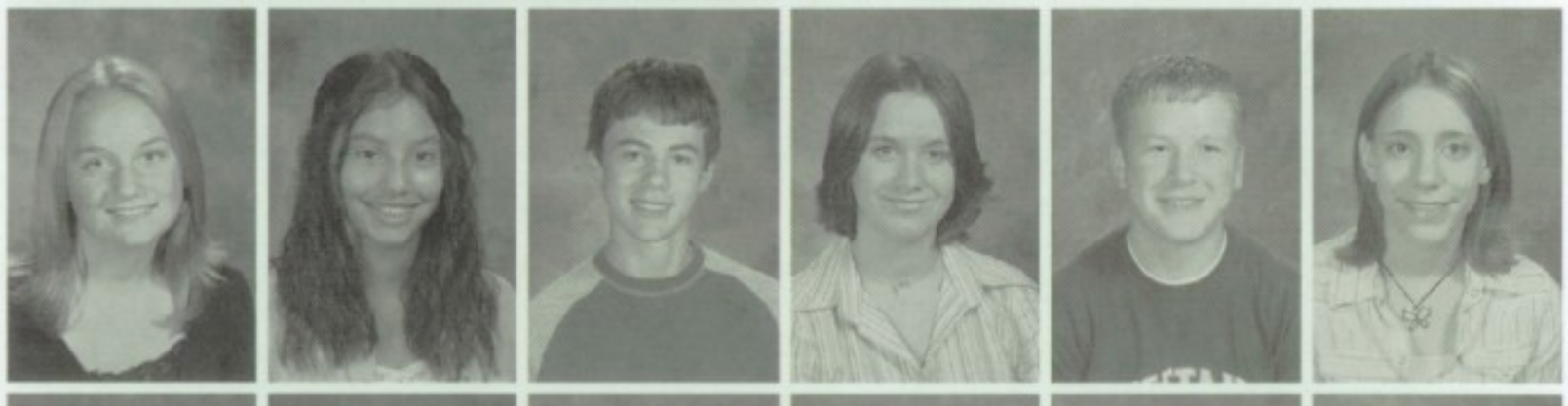

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Meet...

Gabby McCormick

date of birth: Sept. 9, 1989

age: 15

FAVORITES

movie: *Love and Basketball*

food: Pizza

music genre: Rap/Hip-Hop

song: "Lovers and Friends" by Lil John

quote: "Gabby YEAH" -McCormick

TV show: *Gilmore Girls*

What is the most interesting thing about yourself?

"My laugh."

What was the funniest thing that happened your freshman year?

"I was dancing at the club, and I bent down and ripped my pants. It was from the top of the back all the way down."

What was your best memory?

"Homecoming."

What have you learned?

"Always to be yourself."

Interview by Missy Woolery, Journalism 1

Meet...

Tim Osborne

date of birth: Dec. 15, 1989

age: 15

FAVORITES

movie: none

food: Spaghetti

music genre: Alternative

song: "American Pie

quote: "Ich Icahn F'liegen." ~ Space Jam poster

TV show: none

What is the most interesting thing about yourself?

"My extraordinaryheight (6'2"). I'm also obsessed with dead cats and [my girlfriend, freshman] Shay [Pleiss]."

What was the funniest thing that happened your freshman year?

"When Charlie and I were talking in German in front of Shay."

What was your best memory?

"July 29, I met Shay."

What have you learned?

"Ich Icann F'liegen (I can fly)."

Interview by John Bust, Journalism 1

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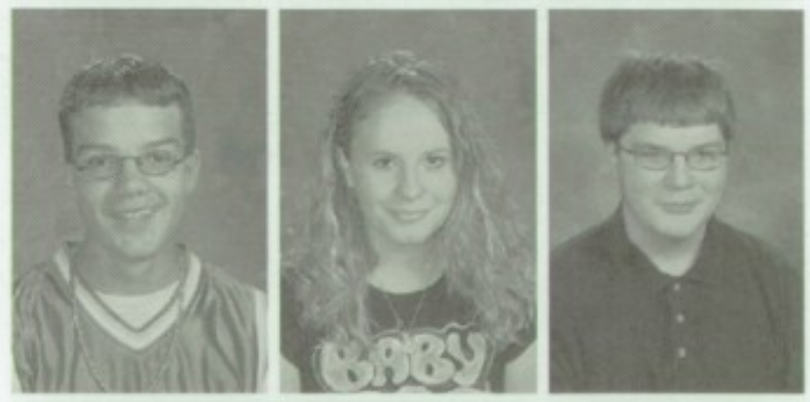

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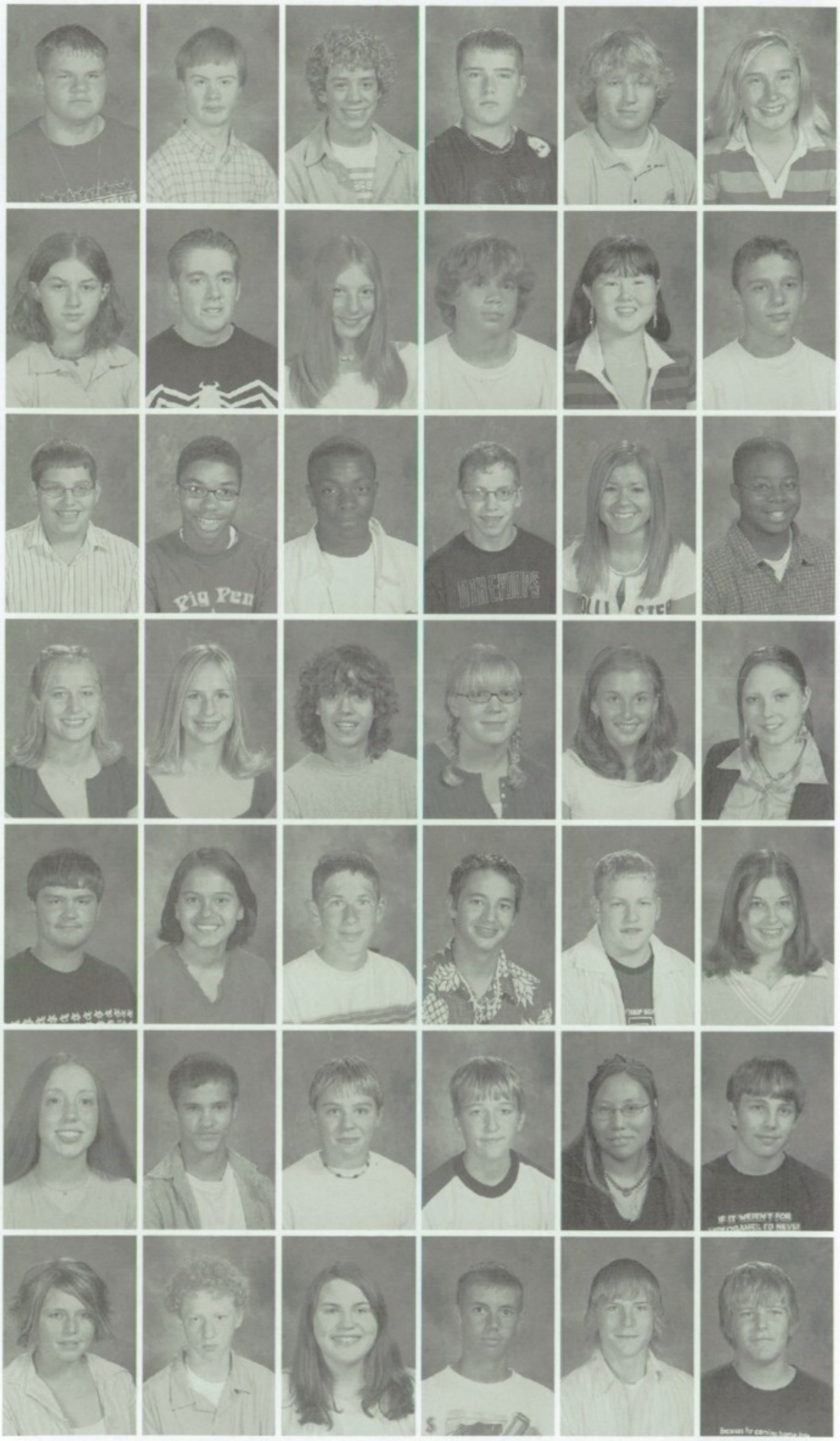

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Alexander Zimmer

Meet...

Brian Bjerk

date of birth: Sept. 10, 1989

age: 15

FAVORITES

movie: Anchorman

food: Pizza

music genre: Rock

song: "Hey Driver" by Lucky Boys Confusion

quote: "Everybody Wang Chung Tonight"
-Wang Chung

TV show: College Gameday

What is the most interesting thing about yourself?
"I'm lovable."

What was the funniest thing that happened your freshman year?
"Tie between two: Wedge Dance in the freshman football film and Homecoming night."

What was your best memory?
Going to varsity football games to watch my favorite football player, [senior] Sean Feagan."

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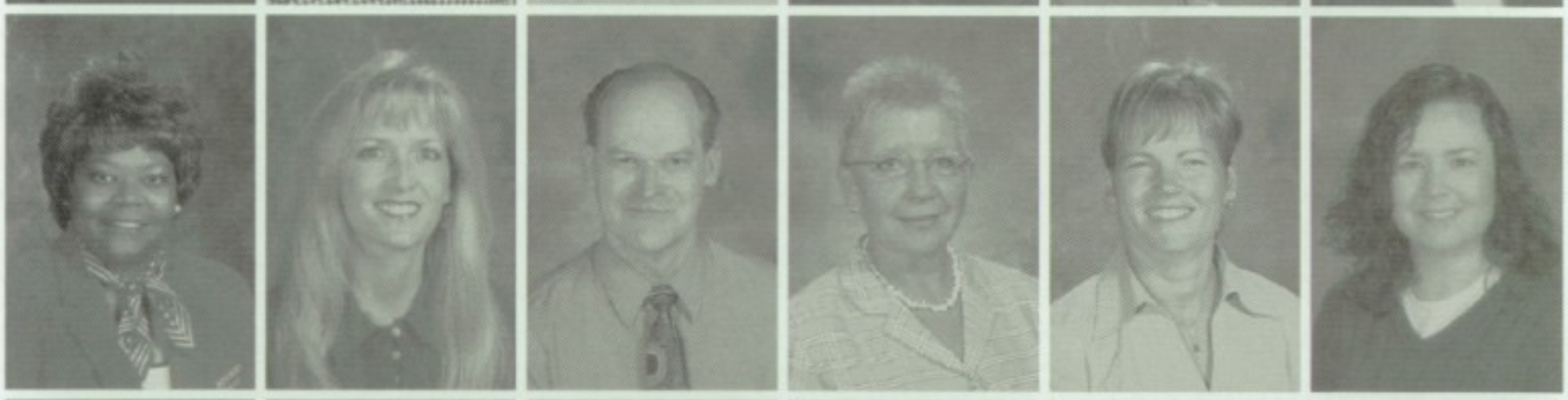

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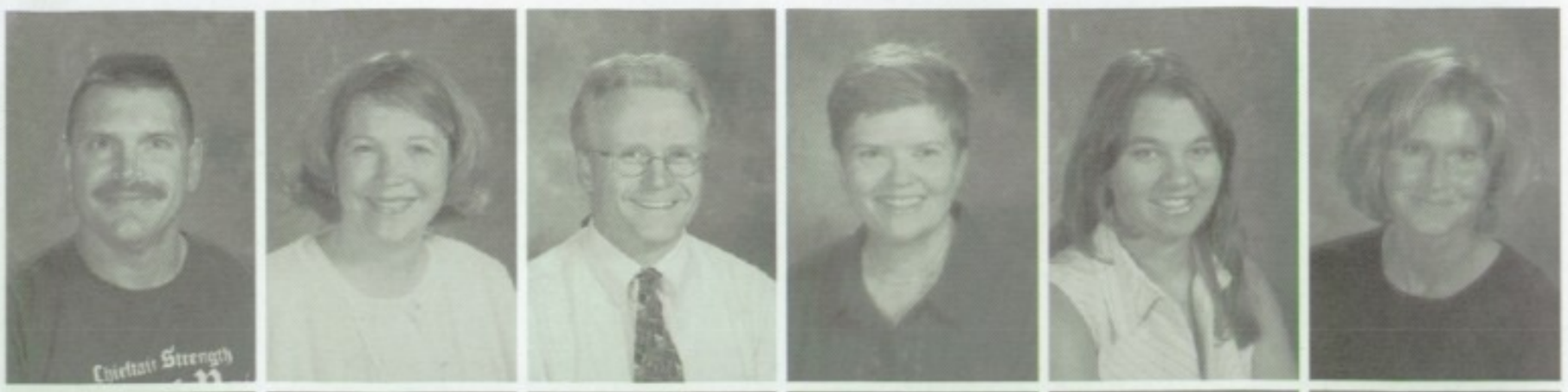

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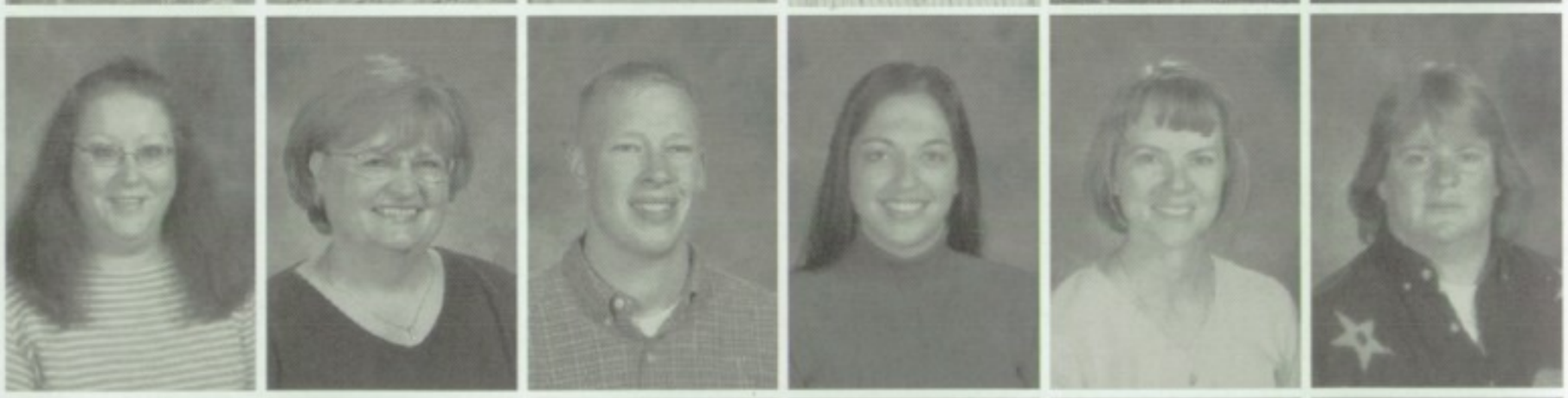

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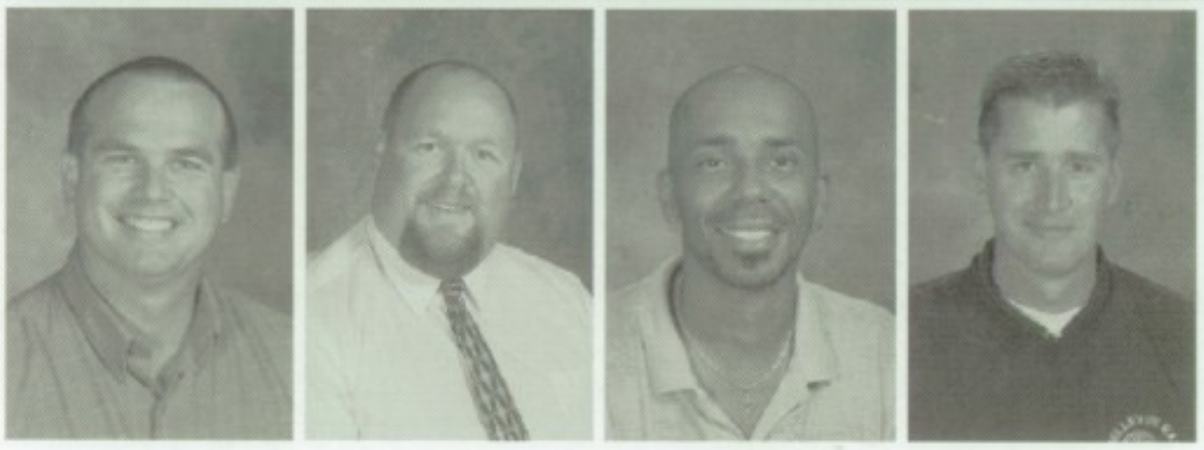

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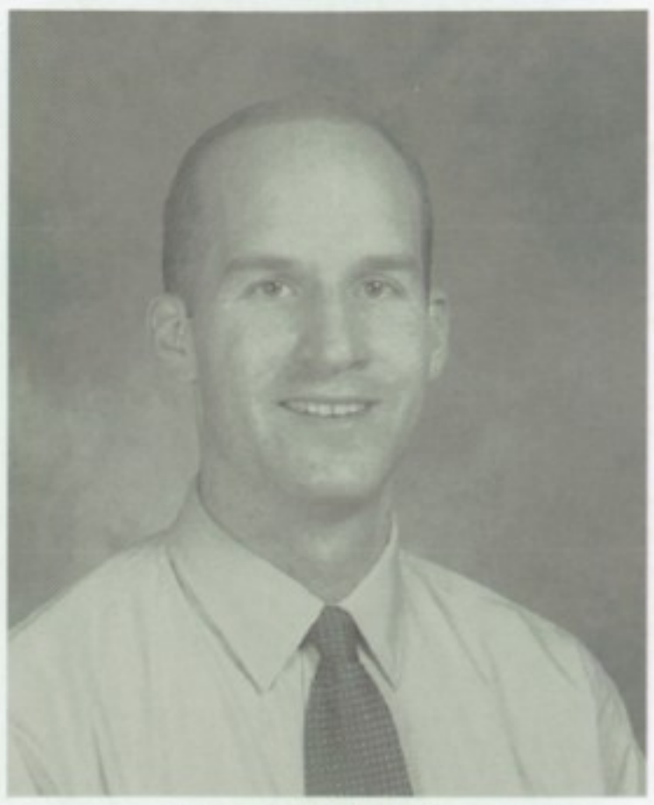

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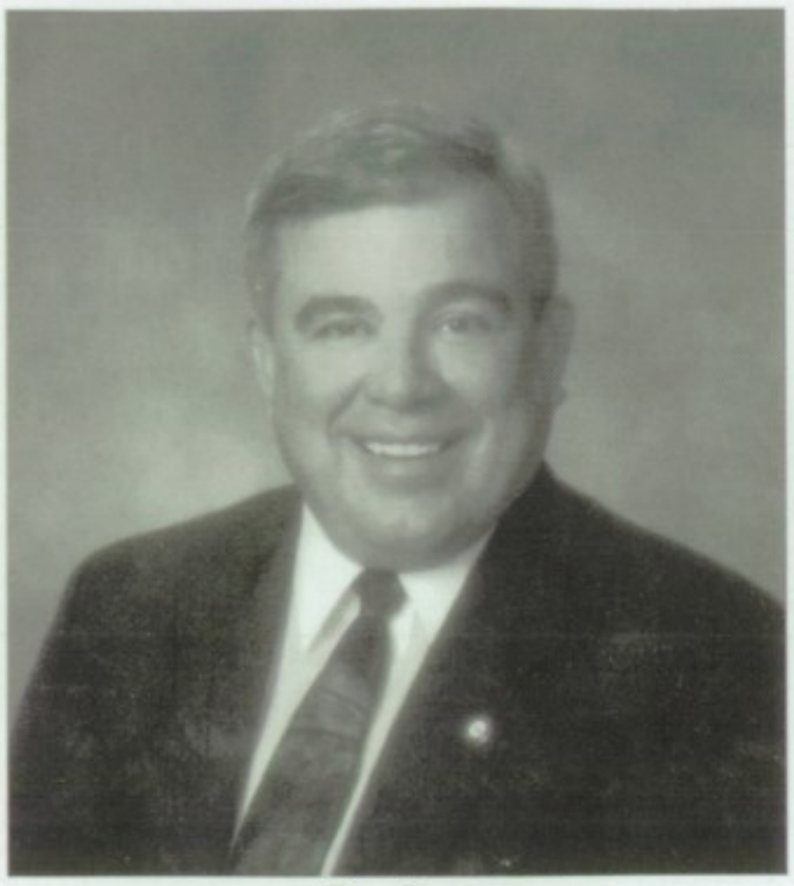

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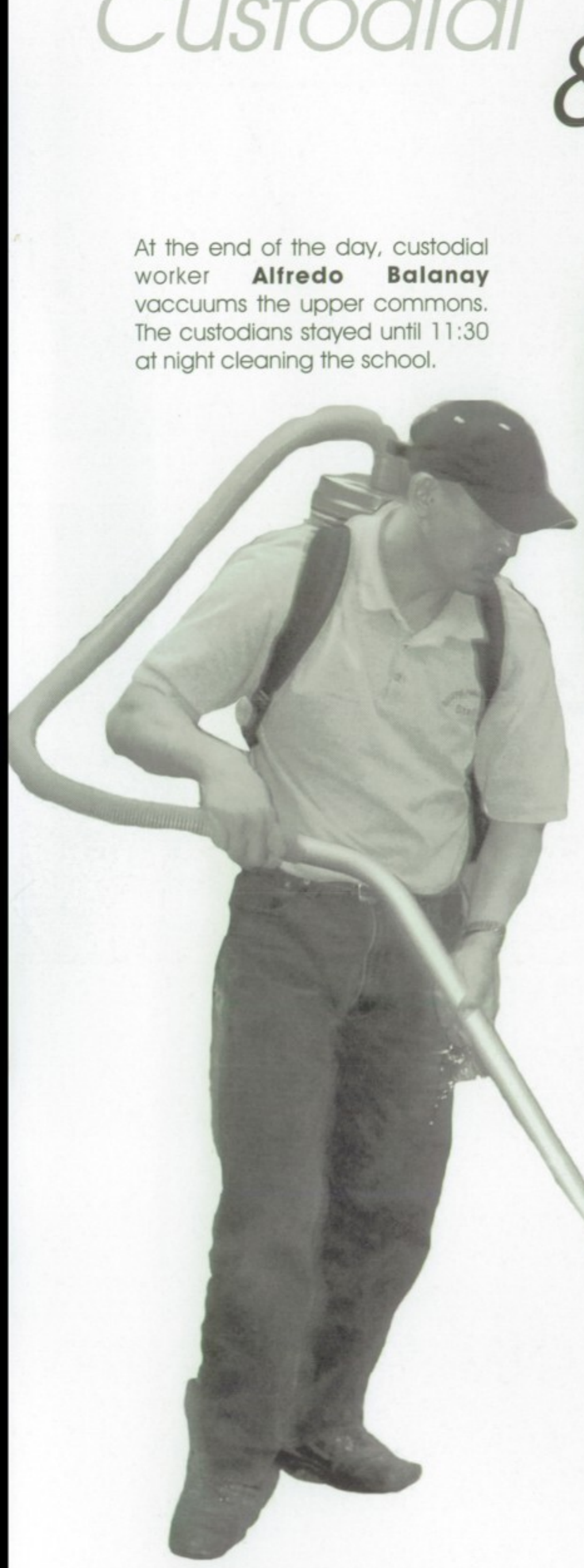
Custodial & Food Service

At the end of the day, custodial worker **Alfredo Balanay** vaccuums the upper commons. The custodians stayed until 11:30 at night cleaning the school.



Lindsey Manzel

Counting her drawer, food service worker **Mary Jo Lockett** keeps track of how much money was made that day. Food service workers were also in charge of organizing the snack carts and running the registers at lunch.

Lindsey Manzel

After all lunch passings are over, food service worker **Edy Russell** takes the condiments back to the kitchen. Workers had to restock and get the items ready for the next day in addition to cleaning the area behind the counters.

If it weren't for sporting events, some of us wouldn't even have a reason to go to school. Anticipation on game days kept student morale high, and our hopes even higher. We knew our reputations were on the line every time we stepped onto a playing surface.

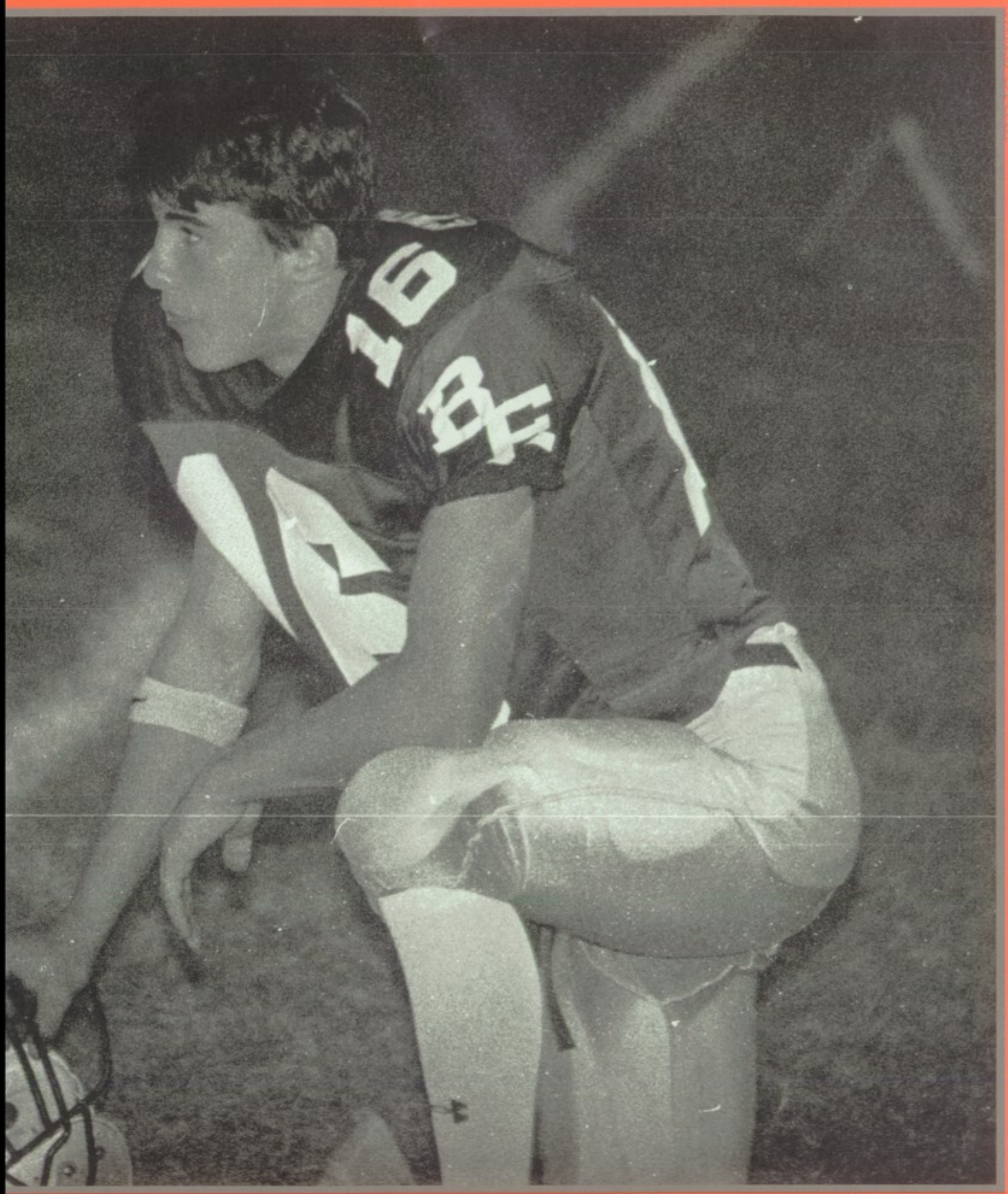
The football team played in the state tournament for the second year in a row but lost the game against Omaha Westside that would have advanced us into the semifinals. The volleyball team, which was ranked in the top five all season and predicted to make an appearance at state, lost their chance at a title during Districts. The girls golf team sent sophomore Buffy Mather to state, the first in eight years. Senior Mallory Douglas was named an All-state softball player, and senior Robert Rands accepted a football and track scholarship to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Our success continued into the winter season. Not only did the girls basketball team hold a top position in the state rankings, it placed first at a national tournament in Reno, Nevada, as well. Senior Shawn Gach and sophomore Micah Laughenberg were some of the most-watched wrestlers in the state, and powerlifting was as strong as ever. However, with only two varsity returners, seniors Chad Simon and Avery Walker, the boys basketball team went through a rebuilding year.

What would a sporting event be without the fans? We attended every football game, made shirts to wear on game days, and made up our own cheers (mostly nonsense) when we thought the time was right.

When the game was on the line, players and members of the BEAST stepped up. We thought about our game-winning plays, and those we wished we could redo. When it came to performance, however, we gave it all we had.

on the line



At the opening varsity football game against Bellevue West, senior **Eric Stevens** takes a knee after time expires. The team lost to West for the fifth year in a row, 27-35. Stevens was a punter, quarterback, and captain on the team.

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The action of a football game extended beyond the field. Behind the sidelines and benches there was the student section, which became stronger and livelier as the season progressed.

Although the team had a 1-3 start, beginning with a loss to Bellevue West, it gained strength and made it to the quarterfinals in playoffs. Senior **Paul Gribben** said that crowd support played a huge role in improving team morale.

"When the crowd gets excited, the defense gets excited, and that helps us make third and fourth down stops," Gribben said.

Although the students were there to support the team in general, they tended to cheer frequently for their favorites.

"The crowd never cheers when linemen get pancakes, but they cheer for all of Robert's [Rands] runs," senior **Mike Ciriaco** said.

Junior **Chris Powell**, a strong supporter and loyal fan, said he tried to keep the crowd going even when the team wasn't performing well.

"When we died out, the spirit of the team died out with us," Powell said. "But when the crowd got into the game, the team did better."

Advancing to the state tournament gave students a little more to cheer about.

"I liked how all the people came out to support the team during the playoff games, even when it was cold," Ciriaco said. "It got the team pumped up."

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At the East/West game, junior **Josh McKean** attempts a field goal. It was McKean's first year as the varsity kicker.

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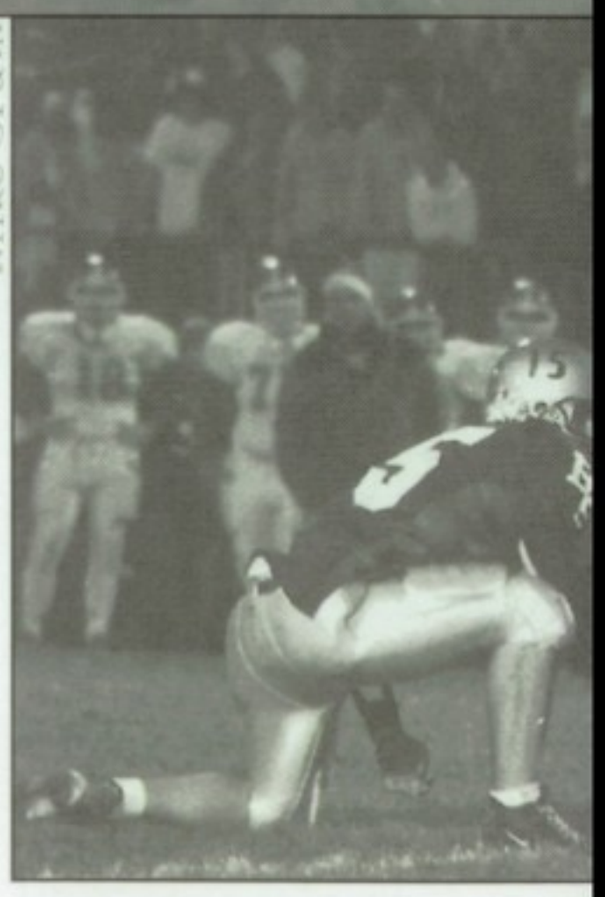

It's a numbers game

Varsity
season record: 6-5

Bellevue West	27-35
Omaha South	12-16
Lincoln High	19-6
Kearney	0-10
Omaha Benson	28-7
Omaha North	18-7
Omaha Bryan	56-20
Millard South	16-17
Omaha Burke	55-13

State Playoffs

Millard South	26-6
Omaha Westside	14-21

varsity football

Senior **Kevin Johnson** runs the ball down the field, trying to spot a hole in the defense. Johnson played on offense, defense, and special teams.

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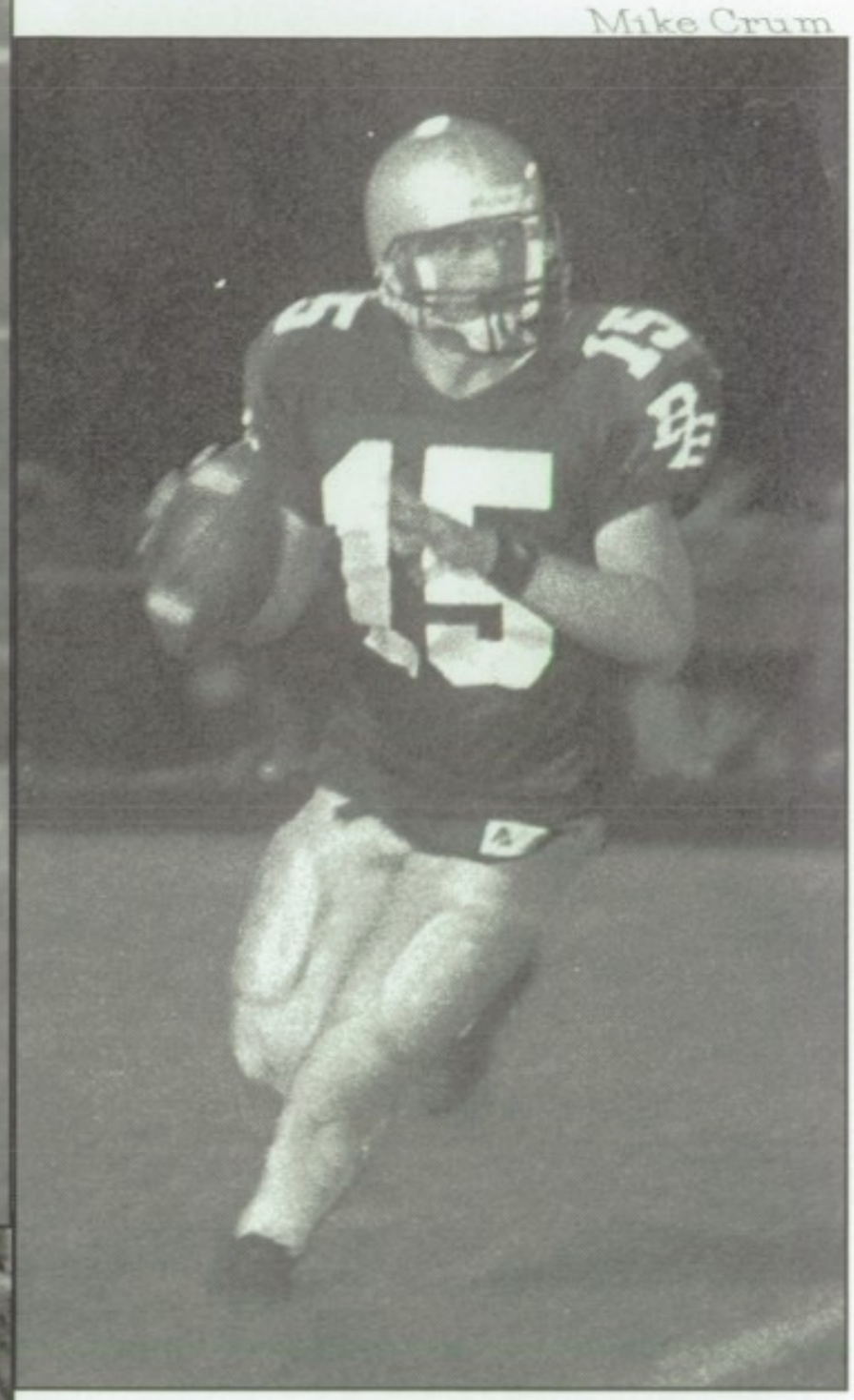
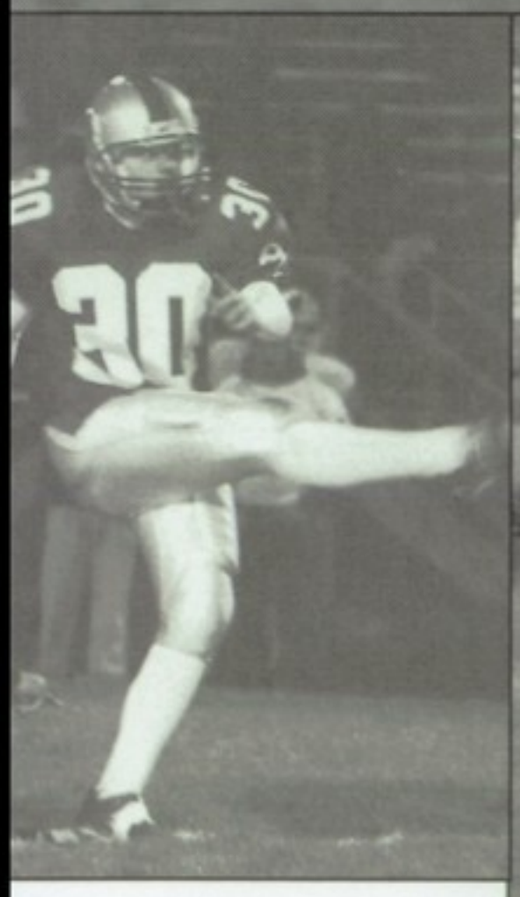


Senior **Robert Rands** darts down the field past the line of defense to score a touchdown. Rands made the All-state team and accepted a football scholarship to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Quarterback senior **Tim Burton** gets ready to throw a pass at the Homecoming game. The team beat Lincoln High 19-6. Burton was also a punt returner during the season.



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Kassie Harnden

In the game against Omaha Bryan, freshman **Trey Porter** runs for a touchdown. Porter's touchdown helped the freshman team win 22-0.

Kassie Harnden

During a timeout, freshman football coach **Gary Wood** relays strategy information to freshman **Jeff Marlow**. Marlow played both offensive and defensive lineman on the team.

Keeping up with the Millard West receiver, sophomore **Brett Townsend** runs down the field. The game was scoreless until the last 45 seconds; the Wildcats scored the winning touchdown.

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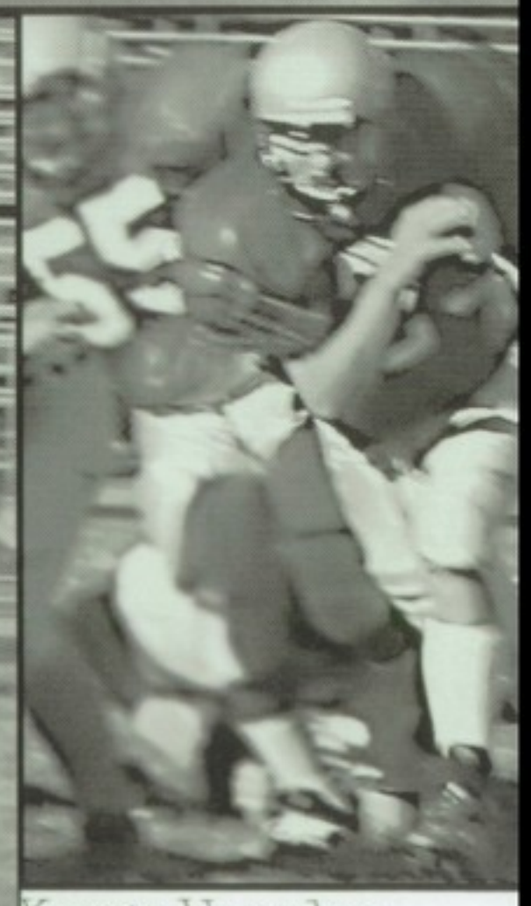


Breaking through the line, junior **Cole Tesar** gains some extra yards. Tesar was a wingback and linebacker on the JV team.

Only after helping the varsity team were the JV players free to practice their way to victory.

One of the duties of the JV team was to be a "scout team." For instance, if varsity played Omaha South that week, JV ran South's offense against East's defense. Coaches watched film from the opposing team's games so they were able to recognize the line-ups.

"I don't like lining up like the opposing team because I am just there to be hit," sophomore **James Burton** said.

At the beginning of the season, players practiced four and a half hours a day – one and a half hours before school, three hours after, and also about 40 minutes of weightlifting during the day.

Sophomore **Tyler Kouba** said, "It's a lot to do. Too much."

A point system was used to determine who was eligible to letter in football. Points were awarded for attending practices, lifting weights, doing work for coaches, and servicing concession stands. If the players had 900 points at the end of the season, they earned a letter.

"When you talk about the JV level, you're not necessarily worried about wins and losses," coach **Aaron Taylor** said. "You're hoping that they learn the game, so that way when they get to the varsity level, they get to win."

Megan Kolarik
sports co-editor

It's a numbers game

freshman
season record: 6-3

Thomas Jefferson	38-6
Omaha Creighton Prep	14-33
Omaha Bryan	22-0
Millard South	10-20
Omaha Burke	34-6
Omaha Benson	38-14
Omaha Central	28-12
Millard North	0-8
Bellevue West	53-22

JV
season record: 2-5

Omaha Westside	7-21
Omaha South	14-6
Papillion LaVista South	0-17
Millard West	0-7
Millard South	20-25
Millard North	6-24
Omaha Creighton Prep	35-6

JV/F football

A new season. A new team. A new coach. This is what the girls faced when softball season rolled around. The new coach was **Amy Reoh**. And she had a completely new outlook on their season.

"You know how good coaches push you and stuff? She was like that," sophomore **Tiffany Riggs** said.

Reoh first played softball for her hometown high school in Hinton, Iowa. She was recruited to play at University of Nebraska at Lincoln, but her senior year in college she had a shoulder injury that kept her from playing the game.

She volunteered as a coach throughout her college years. She then coached the 2003 junior varsity softball at East. Reoh said it was a good year filled with ups and downs.

"When they played well they were hard to beat," Reoh said.

Reoh was head coach for the first time in her life for the 2004 season.

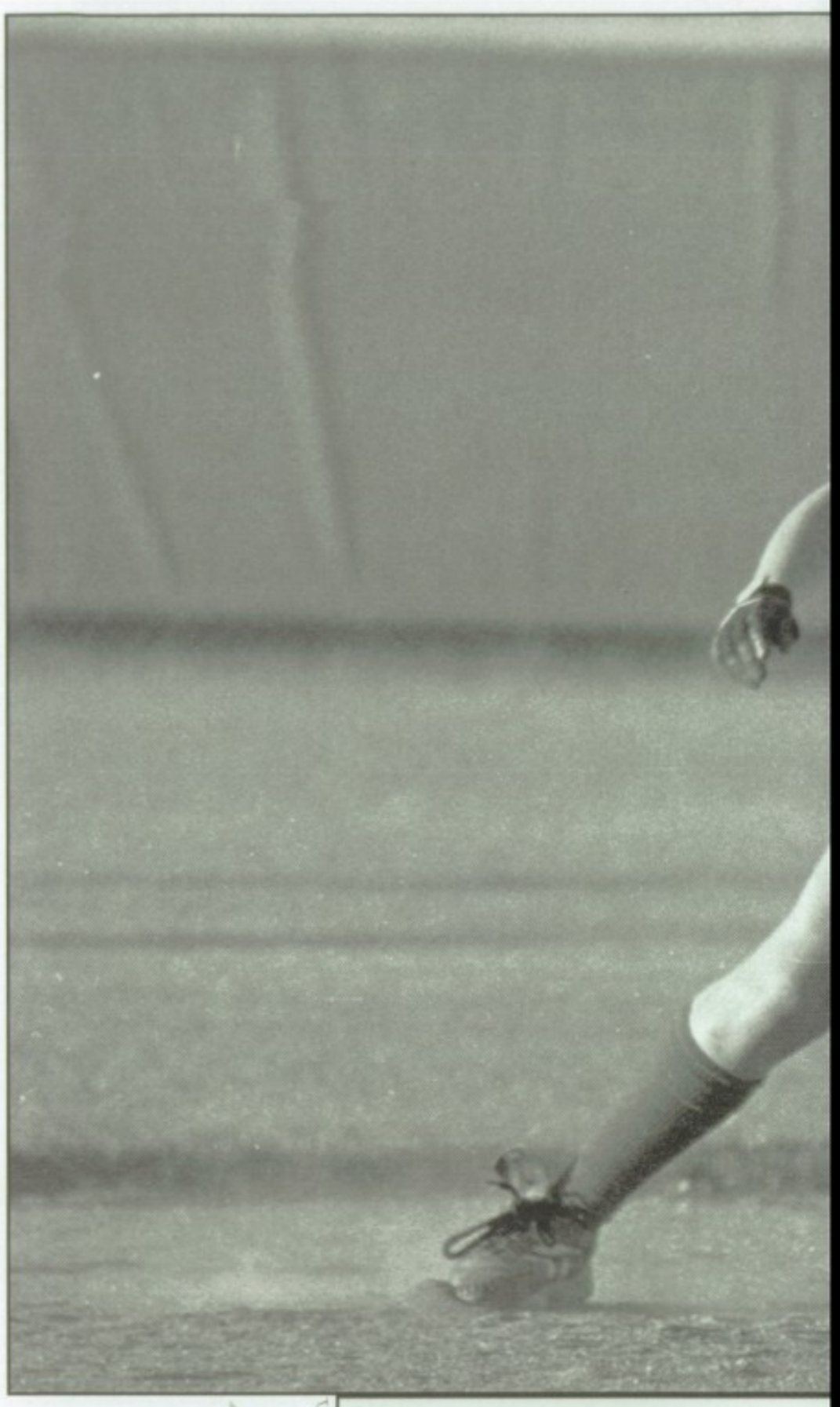
Reoh said, "There is more responsibility to go from assistant coach to head coach. There is a lot more paperwork!"

Megan Kolarik
sports co-editor

It's a numbers game

Varsity
season record: 10-14

Omaha North	7-1	Omaha Burke	5-1
Bellevue West	0-2	Omaha Northwest	7-5
Omaha Bryan	5-1	Elkhorn	10-0
Omaha Central	1-4	Millard South	0-7
Omaha Bryan	8-0	Omaha Benson	14-0
Nebraska City	0-7	Millard West	2-3
Nebraska City	1-0	Omaha Burke	0-2
Omaha North	4-1	Omaha Bryan	4-5
Omaha Central	1-13		
Papillion LaVista	0-9	**Districts**	
Omaha Marian	2-8	Omaha South	6-1
Omaha Northwest	10-3	Lincoln Northeast	0-2
Omaha Marian	4-5	Lincoln Southwest	0-3



Junior **Treightin Yates** and senior **Tara Billings** watch as junior **Mickala Carnley** tags the Burke opponent out. The team won the home game 5-1.

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softball

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Watching to see if the ball goes foul, senior **Mallory Douglas** prepares to take off. Douglas was also a pitcher on the team since her freshman year.

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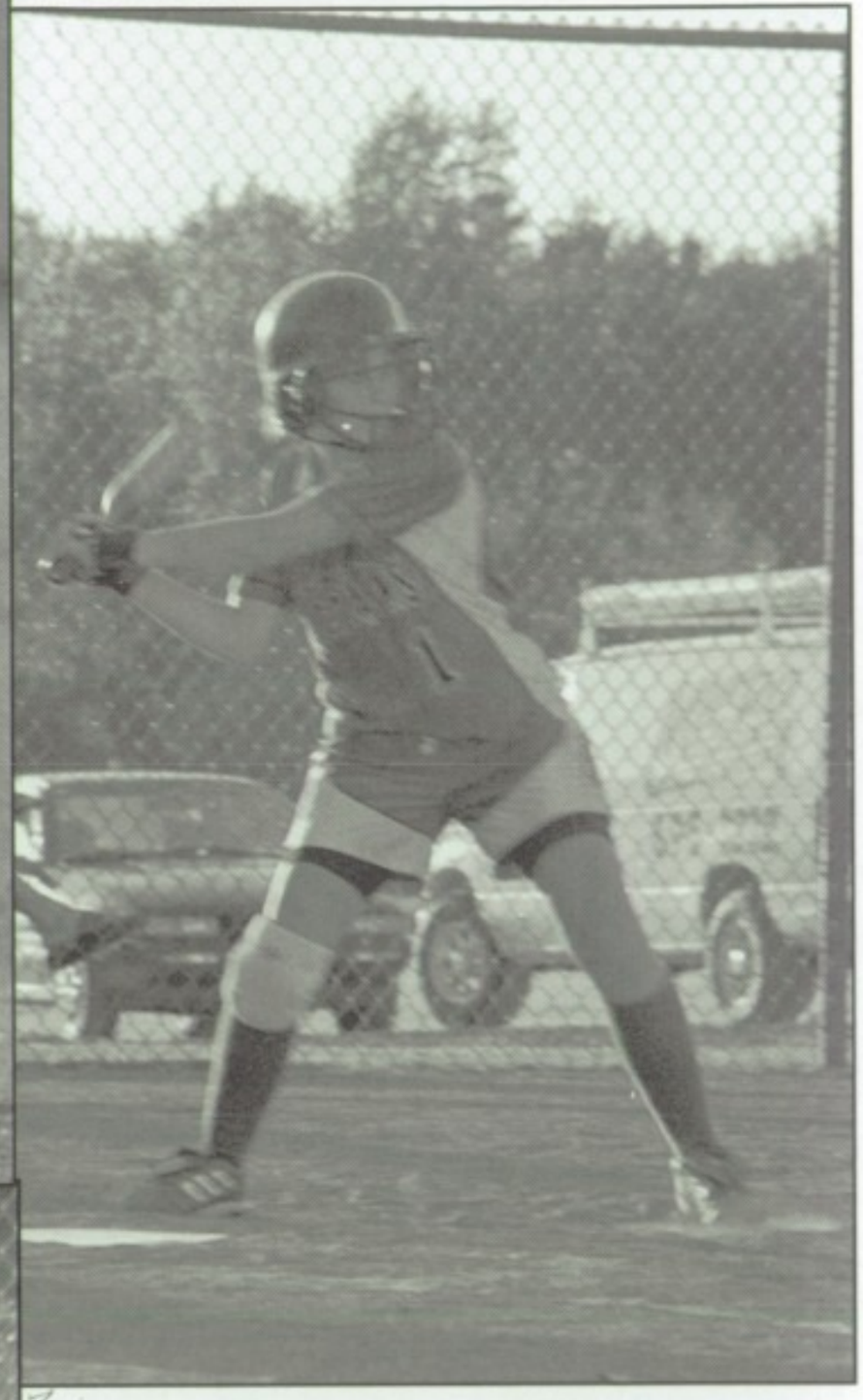

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Junior **Jasmine Mosely** talks with coach **Amy Reoh** about the proper grip of the bat. It was Mosely's first year playing softball for the school.

As the ball approaches, junior **Rachel Allen** takes a swing. Out of the 12 people on the varsity team, seven were juniors.

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After a false start, senior **Nick Resser** slows himself down. The boys race was 3.1 miles in length, and the girls was 2.6 miles.

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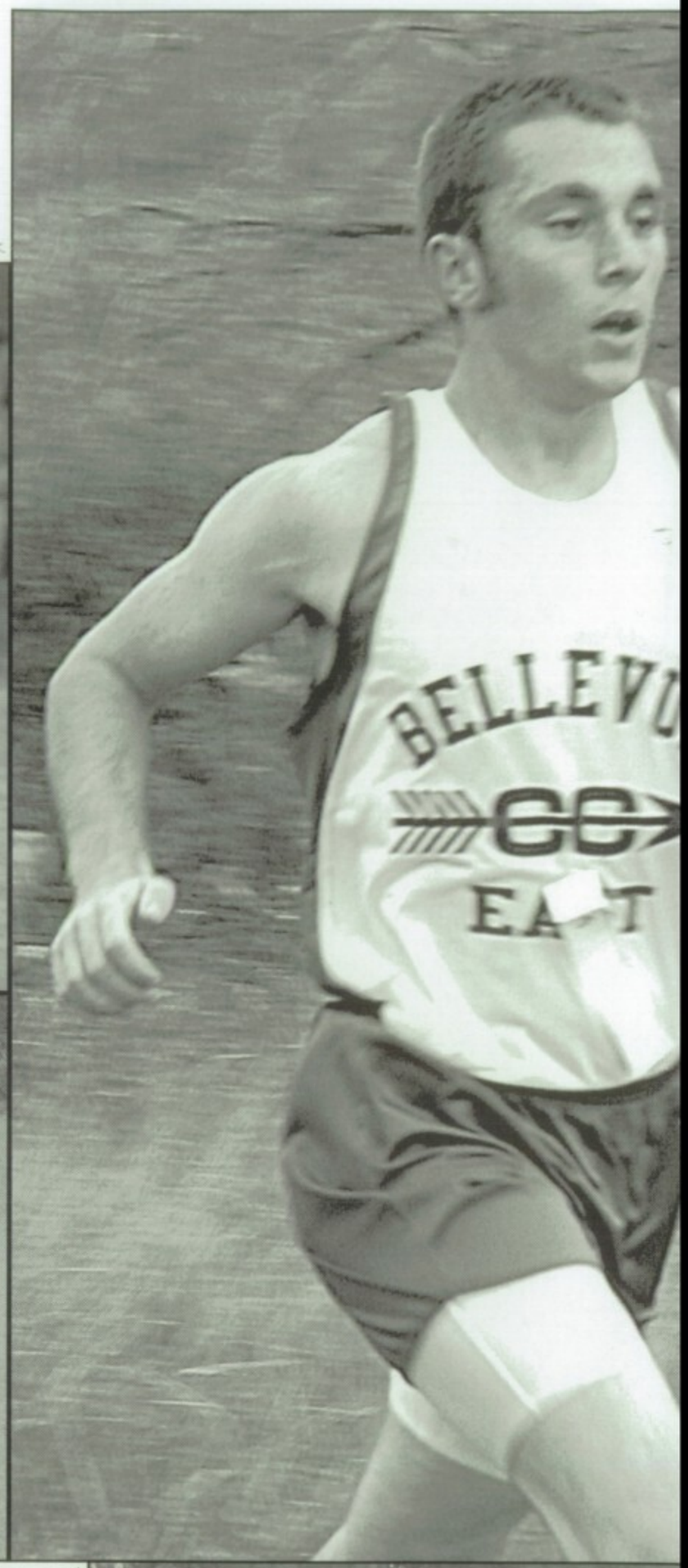

Before she starts her race, sophomore **Jena Hike** stretches her muscles. Hike was on the varsity and was the top runner on the girls team.

After completing his run, freshman **Mike Kunz** talks with coach **Jill Bakewell**. Kunz's time at the Metro meet was 32:38.

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cross country

It's a numbers game

Girls

Team did not place

Boys

Papillion LaVista South Invite	5th	Omaha Bryan Invite	9th
Omaha Burke Invite	6th	Millard West Invite	6th
Millard South	8th	Metro	9th
Class of Metro	12th	Districts	6th
Norfolk	7th		

All crammed up, arm to arm, everyone fearful not to cross the line. All are in position to begin. The gun sounds. Bam. They're off. "They're off" was an understatement for the cross country team. The season closed on positive notes with two qualifiers for state and team placings in the middle of the pack. Individual placings were up also with medal winning times.

Sophomore **Janea Hagen** said, "My times have improved greatly since last year. I have received more medals, too."

A loss of older and experienced runners wasn't noticed and didn't have a big impact because of the underclassmen.

Bakewell said, "It's nice to watch young kids who have never ran before try to conquer the course."

Junior **Tim Winslow** said he felt that he made constant improvements during year. He finished second on the team behind sophomore **Peter Falcon** at the Metro meet and was happy he achieved his goal for the year.

"I can usually keep a constant pace and pass people on the hills," Winslow said. "I also broke 18 minutes for the five kilometers, and that was my goal for the year."

State was tough competition for qualifiers Falcon and sophomore **Jena Hike** as they did not place.

"We had a pretty good year overall. Looking back we gelled sometimes running but weren't together at other times," Bakewell said. "It was more of a rebuilding year since this is my first year. We both learned a lot."

Scott Seeba
staff writer

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Senior **Adam Hike** finishes the middle segment of the race. At State neither qualifier, sophomores **Jena Hike** or **Peter Falcon**, placed.

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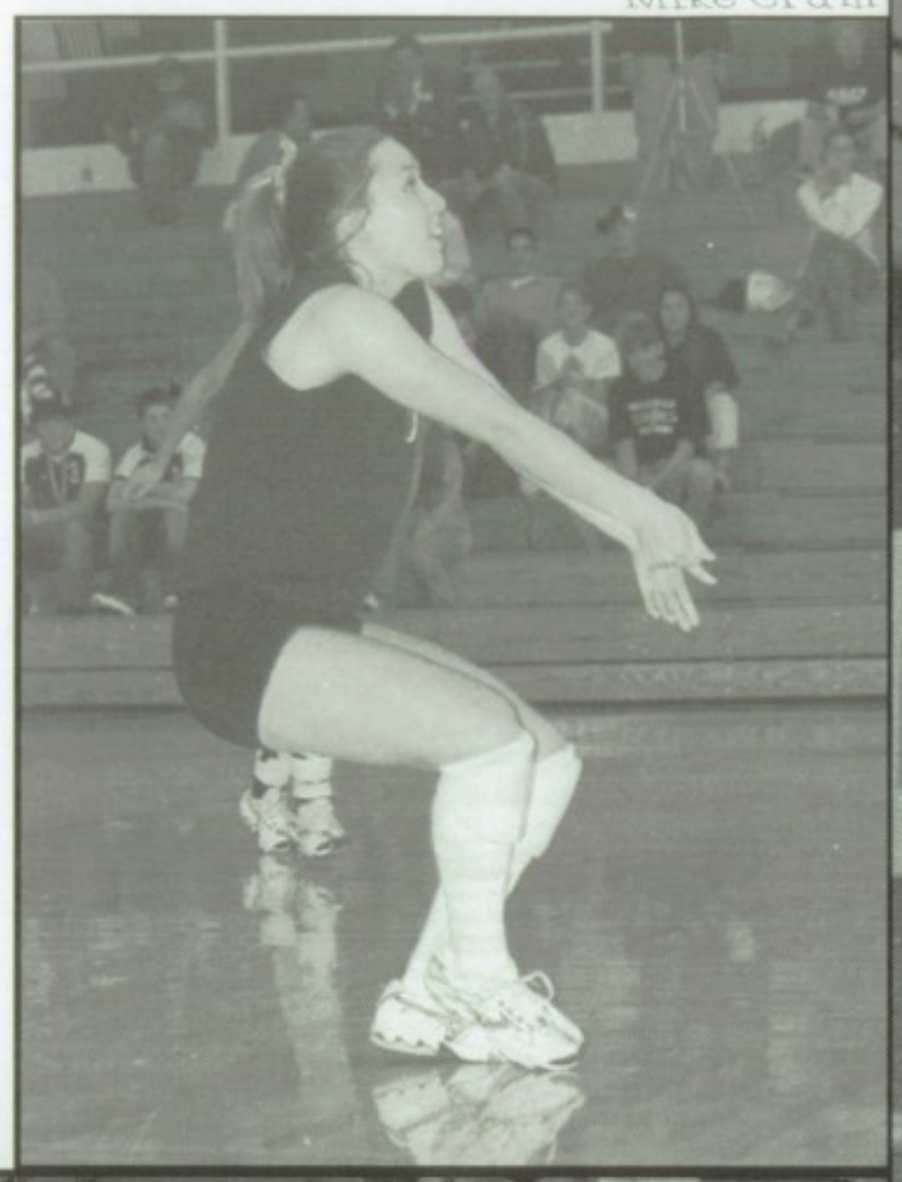

As she gets under the ball, junior **Becky Marsh** eyes it to make a pass. The team lost to Omaha Marian in the first game of the triangular but won the second against Millard South.

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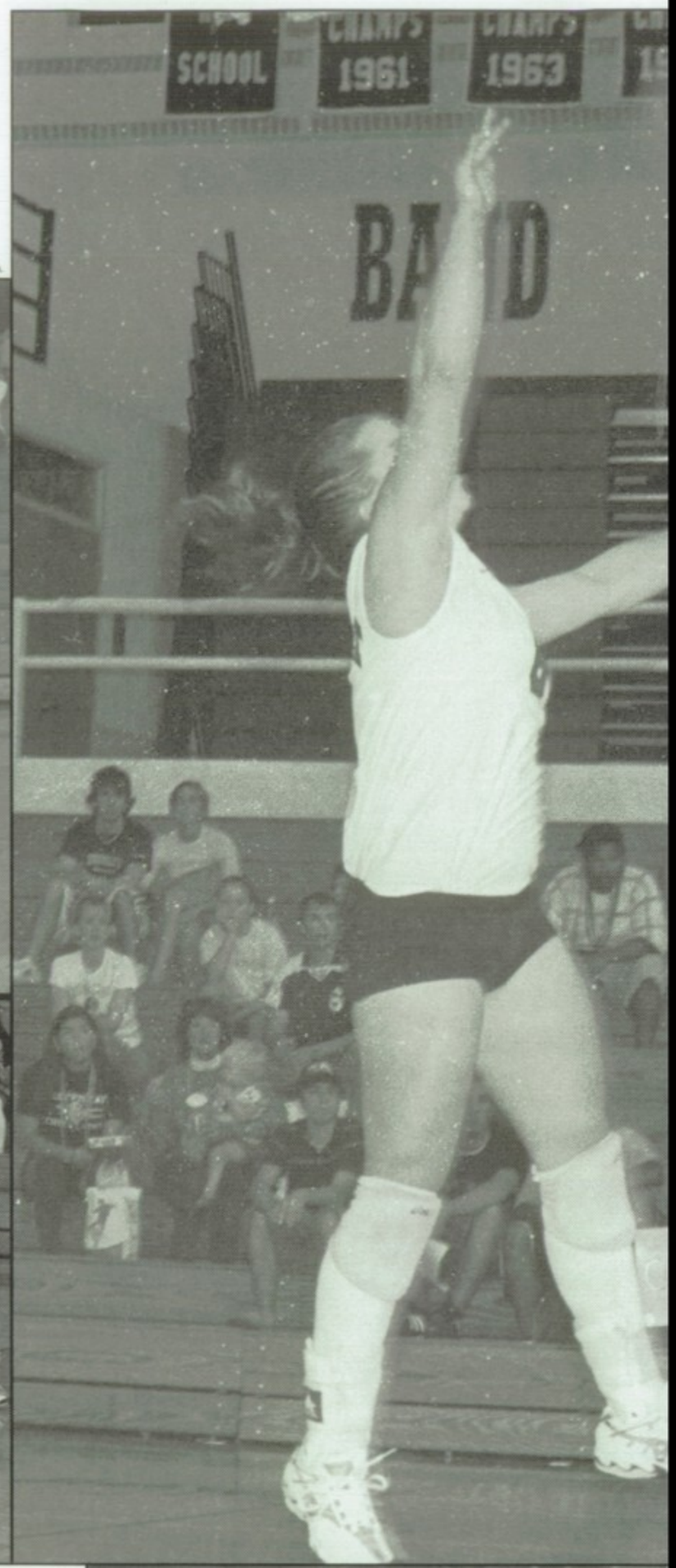
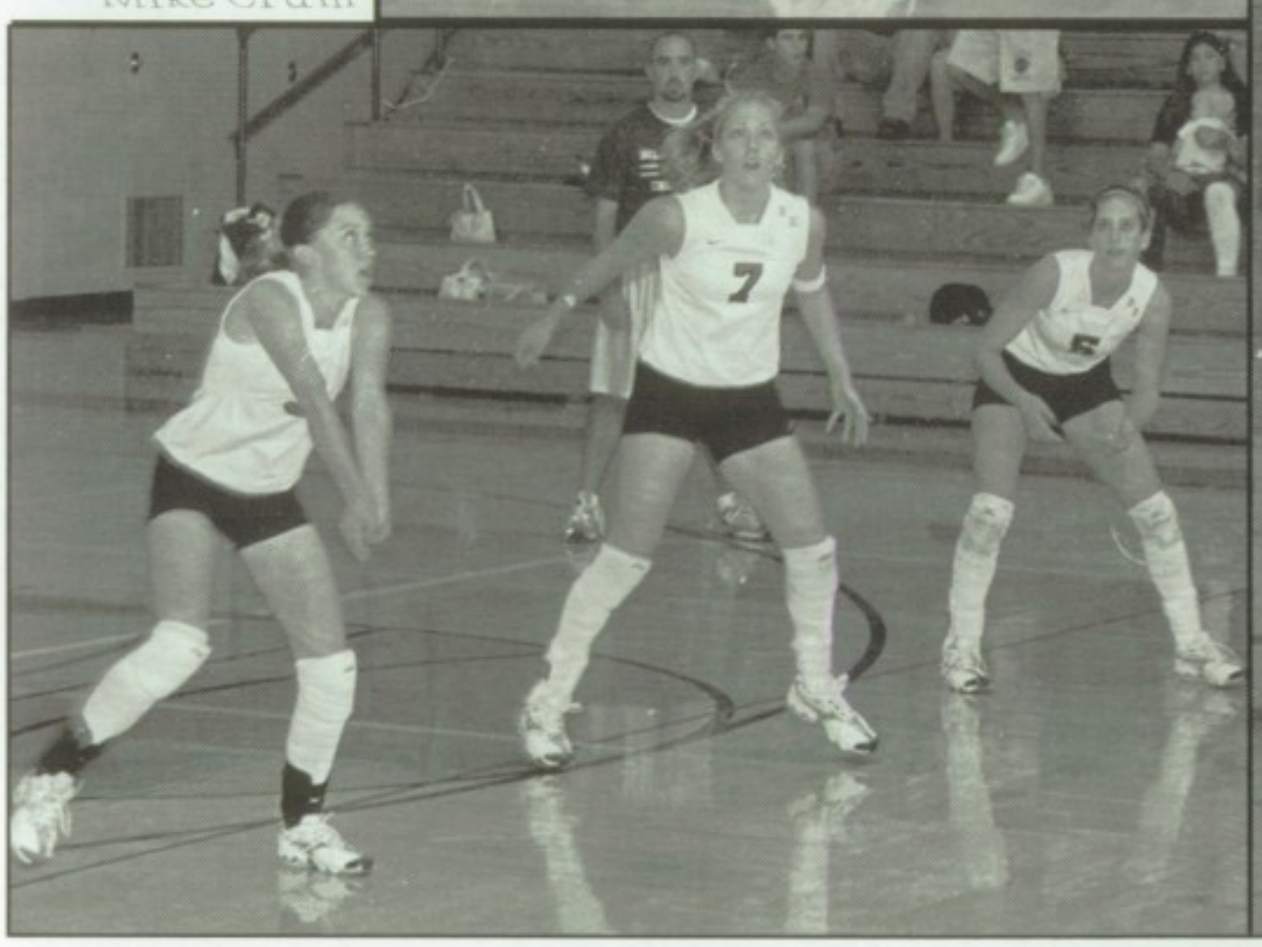
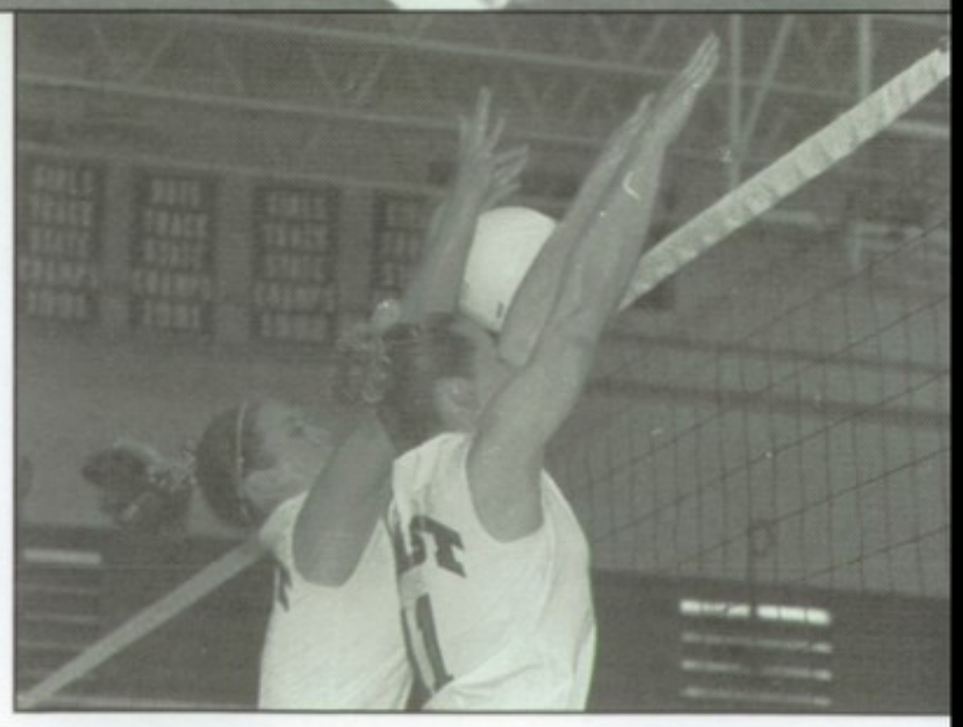




Junior **Kate Niemier** calls the ball as juniors **Amanda Cook** and **Shannon Roth** back away. They were three of the primary passers on the team.

At a home match, juniors **Shannon Roth** and **Amber Quinn** both jump to block the ball. East won the game against Omaha Central, 2-0.



Mike Crum

Jumping high, junior **Melynne Kessler** attacks the ball. Kessler had been on the varsity team since her freshman year.

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varsity volleyball

It's a numbers game

Varsity
season record: 28-9

Omaha Marian	2-1
Lincoln High	2-0
Thomas Jefferson	2-0
Lincoln Northeast	2-0
Papillion LaVista	2-0
Lincoln East	1-2
Omaha Benson	2-0
Omaha Bryan	2-0
Omaha Marian	1-2
Millard South	2-0
Omaha Central	2-0
Omaha North	2-0
Lincoln Southwest	2-0
Millard North	2-0
Omaha Marian	2-1
Millard South	2-0
Lincoln Northeast	2-0
Lincoln Pius X	1-2
Millard South	2-0
Millard West	2-0
Omaha Benson	2-0
Omaha Gross	1-2
Norfolk	2-0
Columbus	1-2
Millard West	2-0
Fremont	2-0
Papillion LaVista	1-2
Omaha Burke	3-0
Kearney	2-0
North Platte	2-1
Grand Island	1-2
Omaha Benson	3-0
Papillion-LaVista South	3-0
Millard North	3-1
Bellevue West	2-3
Omaha South	3-0
Lincoln Northeast	1-3

Everyone who has played a sport has sat on the bench during their team's game, even if it was only for a few seconds for water. So when you are someone who is on the bench for most of the game, every game, it gets harder and harder to be positive. But seniors **Jeanna Witkowsky** and **Emily Donovan** found a way.

"I'm not mad about the time I got to play, because we did what was best for the team," Witkowsky said.

The team's season ended at Metro, losing three out of four matches against Lincoln Northeast. Unfortunately the two seniors had little playing time since the team was losing. But even watching their team lose and knowing they wouldn't be able to go in, they were still positive.

"Even though I wanted to play, I knew that the team was able to do it, and we were there for support and confidence," Donovan said.

Knowing their last season was ended by a loss couldn't have been easy to cope with, but Donovan and Witkowsky knew that the team did their best.

"It wasn't really a letdown, but it was a sad way to end the season and our high school career, knowing we [as a team] had the ability to win," Witkowsky said.

Seeing the underclassmen step up throughout the season was an accomplishment the seniors were proud of.

Donovan said, "I felt helpless, but I knew that they have the ability to overcome the mental block and do their best."

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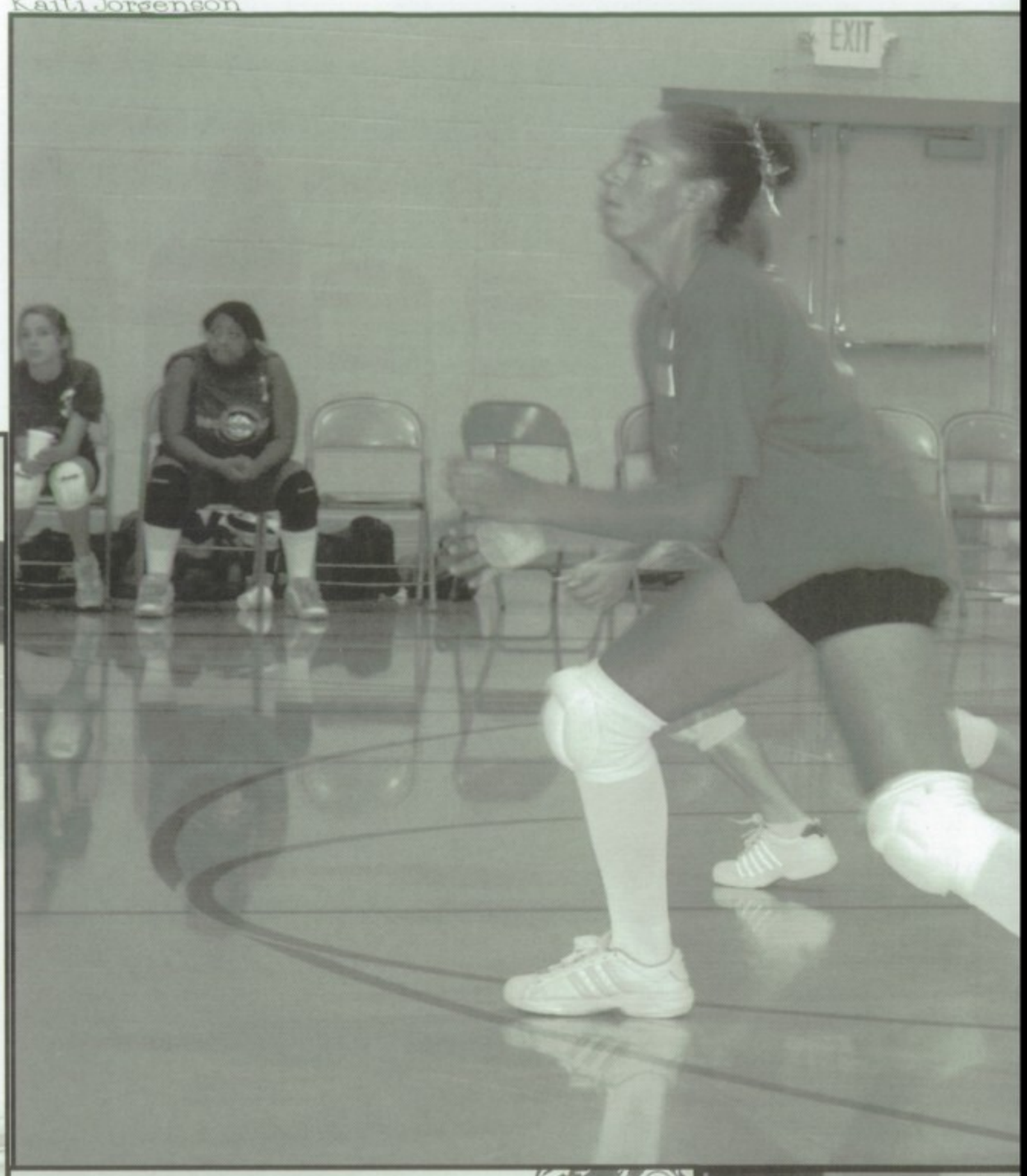
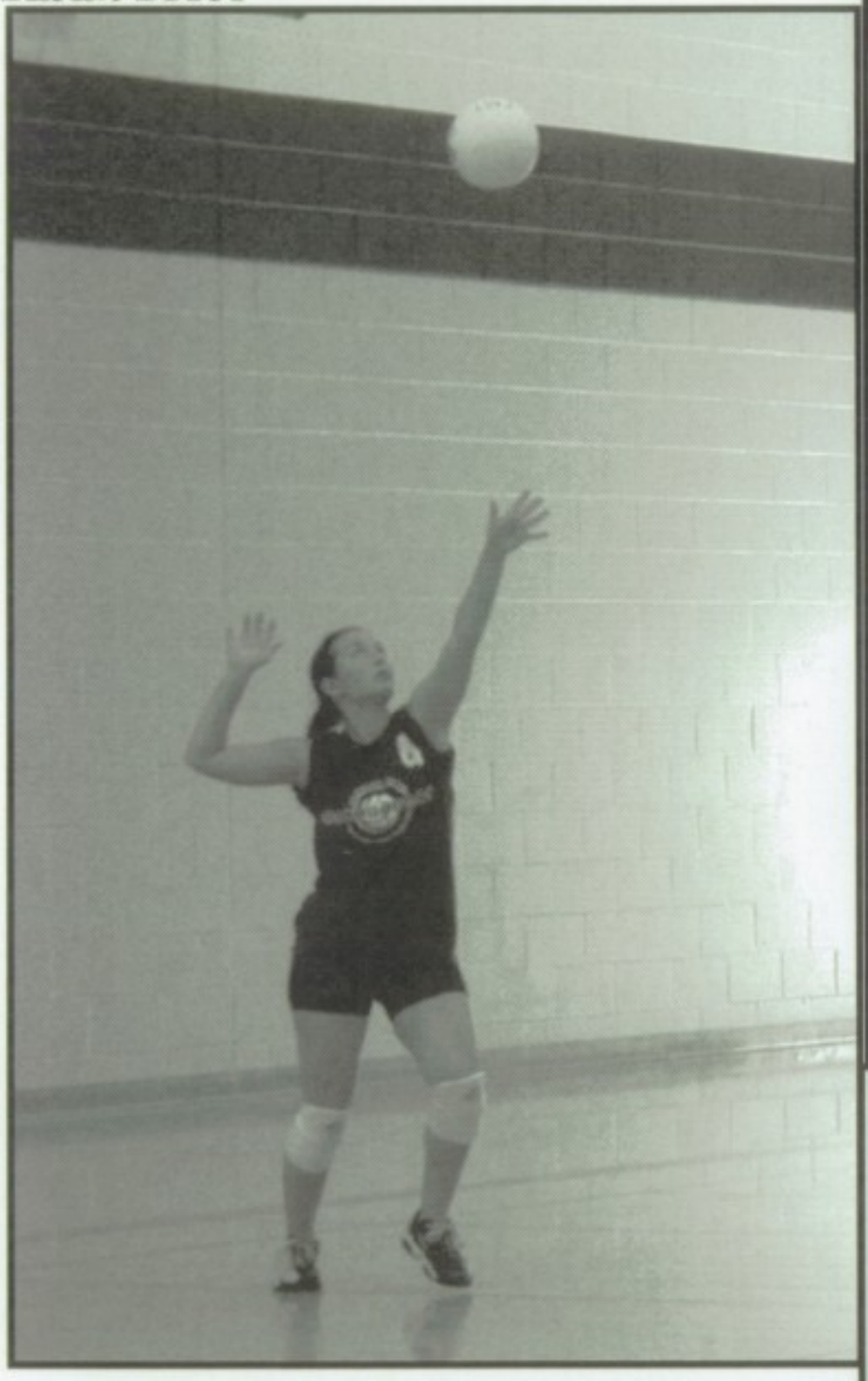


Taking her stance, freshman **Satie Shepherd** prepares to pass. **Sara Blankenship** coached the eleven girls on the freshman team.

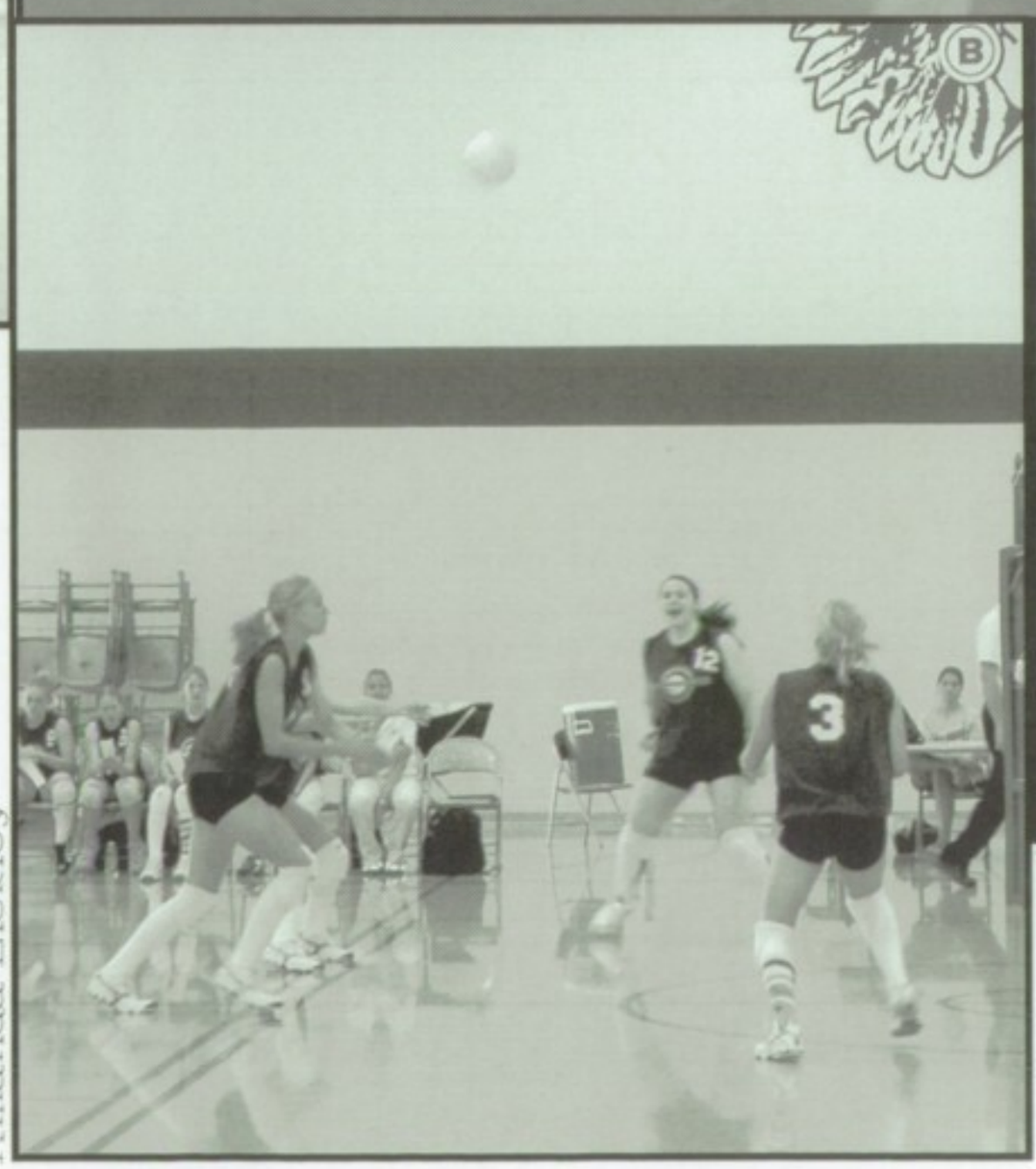
Sarah Score



Throwing the ball up, sophomore **Andrea Hvistendahl** serves to her opponents. Hvistendahl played outside positions on the team.

Freshmen **Terra Andreasen**, **Laura Tesnohlidek**, and **Kristen Cook** call for the ball at the Bellevue East Invite. The JV team won the invite.

Amanda Lickley



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After the freshman team scored a point, freshmen **Breanna Koch** and **Aimee Valentine** slap hands. The team won the game against Papillion-Lavista South 2-0.

She was a leader but didn't even realize it.

Freshman **Terra Andreasen** may have been quiet on the sidelines, but on the court it was a completely different story.

"Terra is our strength," sophomore **Margo McCollum** said. "Her nickname is 'Tool Time Terra.' She knows how to tool, which is when you can hit the ball after the block."

The fact that Andreasen had talent was undeniable to her teammates and coaches.

"Terra is definetly one of our key players. She's smart on the court, and even though she's only a freshman, she still has experience," coach **Terri Wehrbein** said.

Being one of the leaders of the JV brought added pressure to the freshman.

"People expect things of you. It's frustrating when you don't fulfill them," Andreasen said. "You never want to lose. I try to get my head back in the game and try to get better even if it's hard."

Her deterministic attitude didn't go unnoticed by her teammates.

"Terra is awesome. She goes for every ball," sophomore **Nikki Laufenberg** said. "She's so tight."

Andreasen was modest about her leadership position, but her talent spoke for itself.

"Some days it is our goal to get her to smile," Wehrbein said. "I know she's having fun on the court, but [because] she's so professional, [she] doesn't show it."

Kaiti Jorgenson & Megan Kolarik
sports editors

It's a numbers game

freshman
season record: 4-16

Omaha Bryan	0-2
Roncalli	2-0
Omaha Benson	2-0
Omaha Central	2-0
Bellevue West	0-2
Papillion Lavista South	0-2
Omaha Gross	2-0
Millard North	0-2
Millard South	0-2
Abraham Lincoln	0-2
Omaha Marion	0-2
Millard South Invite	0-2, 0-2, 1-2
Omaha Burke	0-2
St. Alberts	0-2
Omaha Central	1-2

JV
season record: 16-8

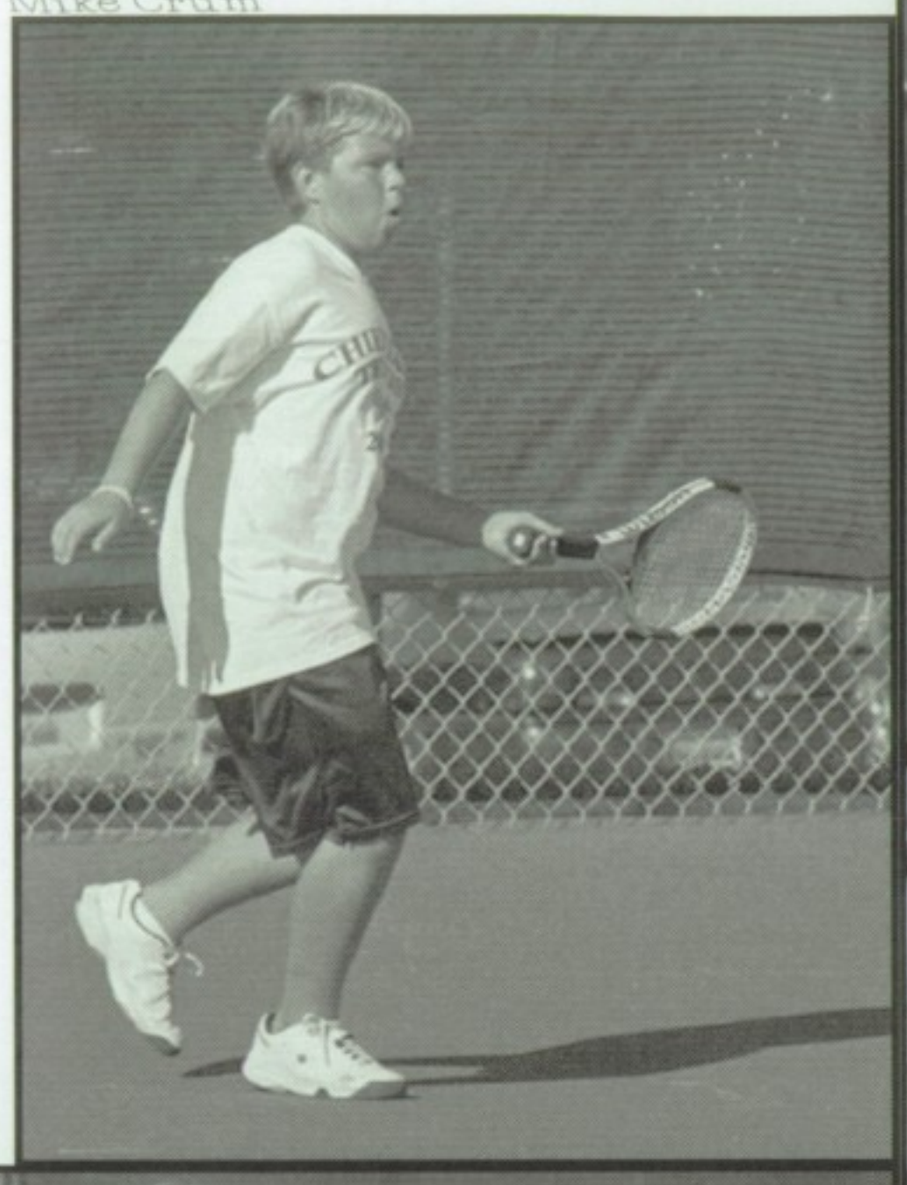
Omaha Benson	2-0
Omaha Bryan	2-0
Omaha Skutt	1-2
Papillion LaVista	2-0
Millard South	2-0
Bellevue West	1-2
Omaha Marian	2-1
Millard South	2-0
Omaha North	2-0
Omaha Central	2-0
Omaha Burke	2-0
Bellevue West	2-1
Omaha Gross	2-0

Tournaments

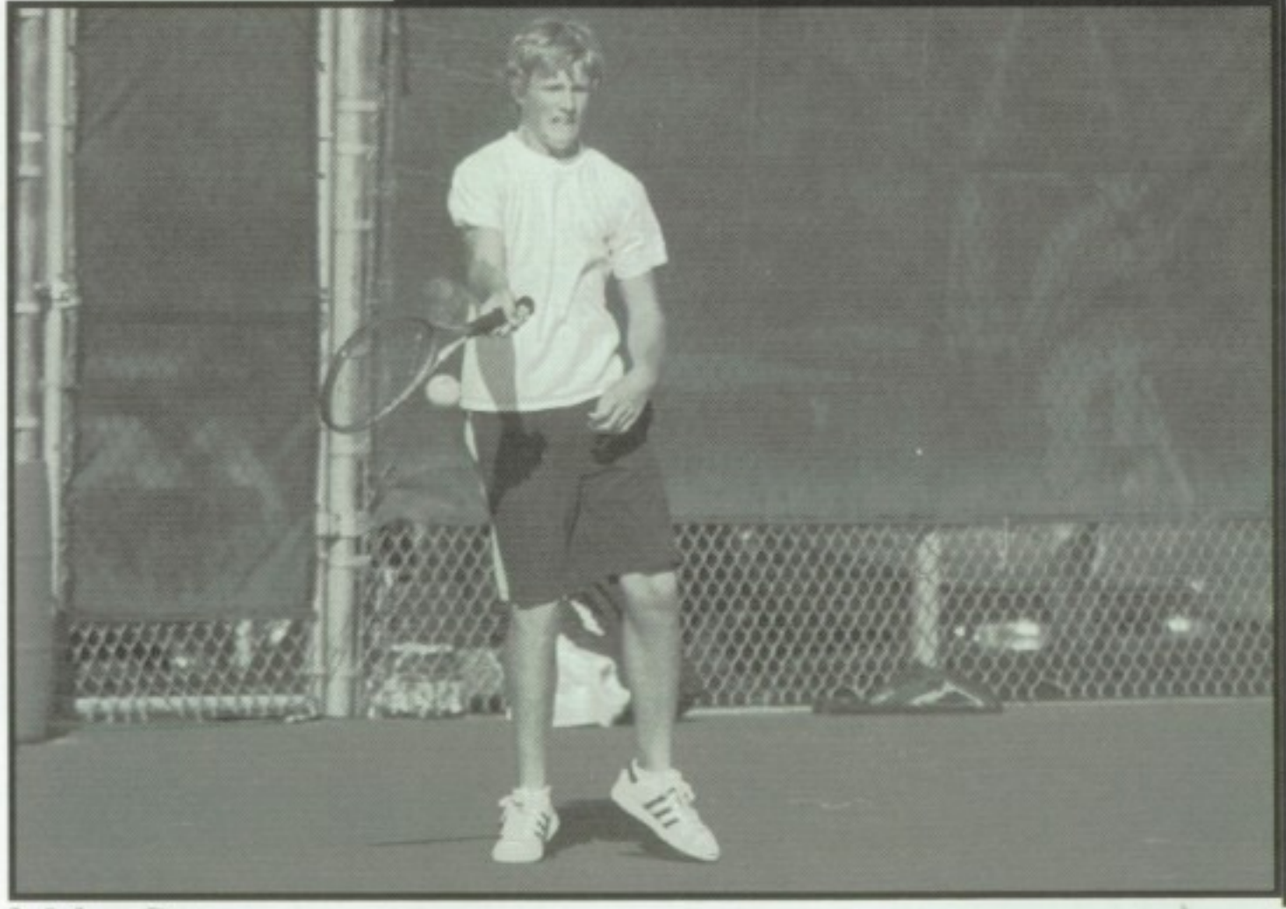
Omaha Westside	5th
Bellevue East	1st
Lincoln Northeast	6th
Lincoln High	3rd

JV/F volleyball

Mike Crum



Stepping forward, freshman **Brett McCaw** returns the ball with a forehand stroke. McCaw was the only freshman on varsity and took private lessons over the summer.



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Returning the ball, sophomore **Micah Holdaway** takes a swing. Holdaway was a top player on the varsity team in both singles and doubles.

In the match against Omaha Central, senior **Scott Seeba** lunges for the ball. Seeba competed in the singles match and won 8-3.

Mike Crum

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boys tennis

Mike Crum

Senior **Patrick Carr** tosses the tennis ball up as he prepares to serve. Carr and senior **James Massengill** were the only returning varsity players.

It's a numbers game

Varsity
season record: 4-7

Omaha Bryan	9-0
Millard South	2-7
Papillion LaVista South	2-7
Omaha Creighton Prep	0-9
Millard North	2-7
Ralston	2-7
Omaha Northwest	9-0
Omaha Central	6-3
Omaha South	9-0
Brownell-Talbot	3-6
Omaha Burke	2-7

JV
season record: 3-3-1

	singles	doubles
Millard South	0-6	0-3
Papillion LaVista South	3-3	2-2
Omaha Creighton Prep	0-6	0-3
Millard North	2-4	0-2
Ralston	6-2	2-2
Omaha Central	4-3	2-0
Omaha Burke	4-0	2-0

Invitationals

Lincoln Northeast Invite	9th
Millard West Invite	7th
Bellevue West Invite	10th
Metro	11th

The tennis team ended its season with team losses at Metro and State tournaments.

The team improved in many aspects throughout season with a final record of 4-7, and did it with a team full of underclassmen

"We had a very young team this year," senior **Scott Seeba** said. "We had some inexperienced players, but we still did very well. We did the best we could do."

The underclassmen on the team played a part in helping the Chieftains succeed.

"The underclassmen were always a factor," Seeba said. "They might not always win by a lot, but they did find a way to get the win. That was a big boost for us."

The excitment on the team also came from the underclassmen.

"I think the energy came from the [underclassmen] in some cases, in practices especially," sophomore **Micah Holdaway** said.

Another part of the team's successful season were the big plays of number one and two singles players Seeba and senior **James Massengill**, who combined to make the number one doubles team also.

"Our big wins were usually the only ones at matches," Massengill said. "When we needed something to be proud of."

Nick Verlaney
staff writer

Sarah Score

Sophomore **Rachel Ford** labels her golf balls. The golfers put their names on balls to make sure they could recognize them and know which one to play.

Sarah Score

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Sophomore **Rachael Heuertz** follows through on her stroke. At practices, the team played nine holes and got feedback from coach **Mindy Skoff** about what to improve upon.

In the duel against Millard North, freshman **Kristina Mickelson** putts the ball. The team golfed at the Fontenelle Hills course and lost the match 2-7.

Sarah Score

girls golf

It's a numbers game

season record: 7-3

Omaha Benson	196-256
Omaha Burke	201-207
Omaha Central	186-187
Millard North	217-185
Lincoln North Star	183-240
Millard West	178-213
Papillion LaVista	190-183
Papillion LaVista South	185-211
Omaha Westside	207-199

Invitationals

Lincoln Northeast	3rd
Bellevue West	5th
Ralston/Westside	4th

In just a year's time, the golfers went from a team that struggled to one that dominated on the course. Individual and team scores both improved.

Scores were periodically averaged from practices and matches to define a player's ranking. Sophomore **Buffy Mather**, the number one golfer, said attitude played a major part in improvement.

" I'm not as conceited as I was," Mather said. " I thought I was better than everybody last year when I really wasn't."

Senior **Elyse Watson** said the team worked on short game techniques, including putting, using the irons, and getting up to the green.

"My sophomore year, we lost every single [match] consecutively. We've kept a positive attitude, though, and practiced over and over again," Watson said.

Concentration was an important aspect to the game, as well.

"It was kind of a disappointing to lose to Millard North, but we still played well at that match and the following ones," sophomore **Kelsey Severin** said.

Even though the team performed better, they said their fan base still consisted of mainly moms and dads.

Watson said, "Most of us didn't really care about people coming to watch us because we keep each other happy."

Kaiti Jorgenson
sports editor | editor-in-chief

Amy Straub

At practice, senior **Meagan Moerles** swings at the ball. It was Moerles' first year playing golf for the school because she participated in cross country her other three years.

Varsity Boys Tennis

Back row (Left to Right): coach Brian Waggoner, Scott Seeba, James Massengill, Patrick Carr, Michael Beliveau. Front row (L to R): Daniel Jamieson, Micah Holdaway, Brett McCaw.

JV Boys Tennis

Back row (L to R): Ryan Hansen, Cory Hicks, Keelan Stewart, John Moake, coach Bill Richards . Front row (L to R): Austin Hitt, Cameron Logsdon, Suriel Jimenez , Ronnie Davis.

Cross Country

Back row (L to R): coach Jill Bakewell, Jeff Kousgaard, Jon Kousgaard, Lukas Hulett, Andrew Tew, Tim Winslow, Matt Evers, coach Dave Wallace. Second row (L to R): Nick Resser, Chris Andersen, James Wallace, Adam Hike, Tim Kruger, John Delong, Tim McKean, Peter Falcon, Tim Gengel, Mike Kunz. First row (L to R): Tyler Worrall, Dani Cheney, Jenea Hagen, Jena Hike, Stephanie Booth, Matt Dunkelman, Ricky Loftis.

Varsity Softball

Back row (L to R): coach Amy Reoh, Tara Billings, Jessica Baker, Jasmine Mosley, Mickala Carnley, Jessica Arrowsmith, Treightin Yates, coach Kelly Sullivan. Front row (L to R): Jessica Jungers, Stacie Webb, Mallory Douglas, Jessica Powers, Rachel Allen, Megan Beckstead, Stephanie Shank.

JV Softball

Back row (L to R): coach Michelle Janovec, Kari Scamfer, Katie Webb, Jasmine Mosley, Amy Milos, Treightin Yates, Jessica Arrowsmith, coach Danielle Wells. Front row (L to R): Jessica Jungers, Stacie Webb, Tiffany Riggs, Jami Romi, Syrena Thrower, Stephanie Shank.

Girls Golf

Back row (L to R): coach Mindy Skoff, Rachael Heurtz, Kelsey Severin, Sarah Shipman, Elyse Watson, Krysti Mickelson, coach Andrew Havelka. Second row (L to R): Jacqueline Sturch, Lisa Kinney, Amanda Moerles, Kathleen Filer, Meagan Moerles, Casey Buckland, Buffy Mather. First row (L to R): Rachel Ford, Chelsea Moerles, Pheobe Callo, Ashley Murphy.

Freshman Volleyball

Back row (L to R): coach Sara Blankenship, Breanna Koch, Satie Shepherd, Jordan Osmera, Aimee Valentine, Sarah Crum. Front row (L to R): Cecily Padilla, Erica Schroeder, Cassandra Mosley, Kate Hansen, Christina Henderson, Danielle Haas.

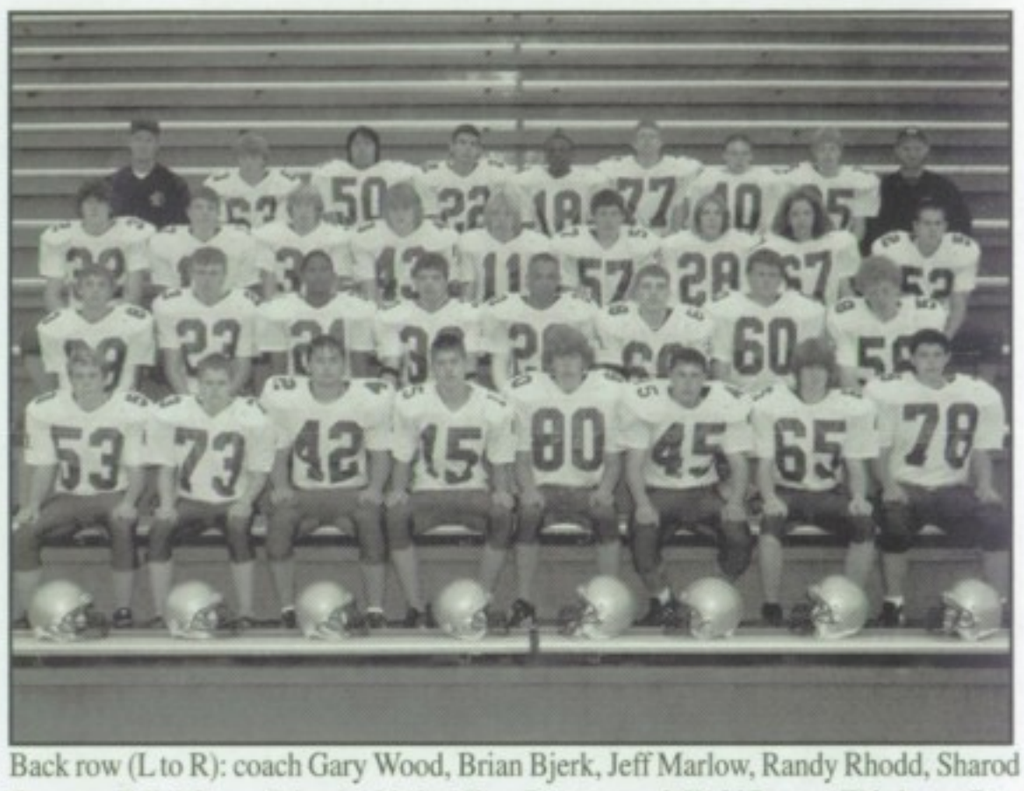
JV Volleyball

Back row (L to R): coach Becky Brill, Laura Tesnohlidek, Maggie Grange, Terra Andreasen, coach Terri Wehrbein. Second row (L to R): Nikki Laufenberg, Kayleen Stanek, Margo McCollum, Andrea Hvistendahl. Front row (L to R): Michelle Hampton, Kristen Cook, Sara Sweet.

Varsity Volleyball

Back row (L to R): coach Colleen Cascio, Shannon Roth, coach Terri Wehrbein, Sami Kemp, Jacki Chandler, Carolyn Splichal, coach Robyn Cascio-Jensen, Amanda Cook, coach Cheri Pribyl. Second row (L to R): Kate Niemier, Becky Marsh, Melynne Kessler, Alicia Kettleson, Amber Quinn. First row (L to R): Kristen Cook, Jeanna Witkowsky, Emily Donovan, Terra Andreasen.

Freshman Football

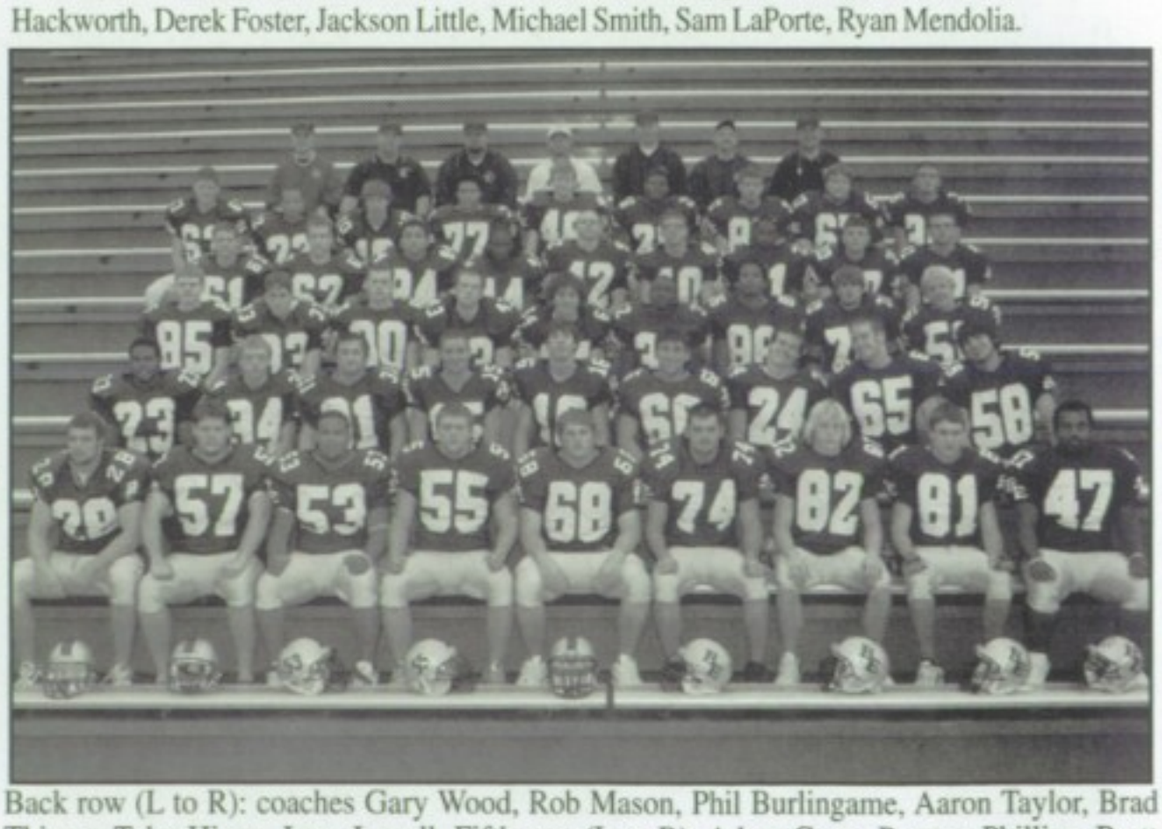


Back row (L to R): coach Gary Wood, Brian Bjerk, Jeff Marlow, Randy Rhodd, Sharod Spencer, Erik Myers, Schuyler Vytlas, Trey Porter, coach Todd Porter. Third row (L to R): Phillip Collison, Rickey Bishop, Tony Boyd, Matt Thayer, Rydge Michael, Seth Van Nostrand, Matt Henry, Mike Vieira, Zachary Penny. Second row (L to R): Logan Hulett, Tom Reinhard, Hector Done, Will Schwandt, John Robert Bryan, Ethan Smith, Brad Jenkins, Terry David. Front row (L to R): Nick Jungers, Casey Laski, Cody Hackworth, Derek Foster, Jackson Little, Michael Smith, Sam LaPorte, Ryan Mendolia.

JV Fooball

Back row (L to R): Chris Phillips, Aaron Gutierrez, coach Brad Thimm, coach Aaron Taylor, Travis Baker, Brett Townsend. Third row (L to R): Jerome Burton, Darryl McAllister, Ryan Thomas, Zach Bass, Connor Yax, Kabbot Stewart, Sean Bumann. Second row (L to R): Preston Phillips, Michael Lake, Jeremy Burk, James Burton, Joe Chavis, Caleb Kleven, Shawn Smith. First row (L to R): Tommy Barrett, Casey Laski, Mitchell Laski, Adam Cupp, John Botsford, Cole Tesar, A.J. Macaitis.

Varsity Fooball



Back row (L to R): coaches Gary Wood, Rob Mason, Phil Burlingame, Aaron Taylor, Brad Thimm, Toby Higgs, Jerry Lovell. Fifth row (L to R): Adam Cupp, Preston Phillips, Brett Townsend, Darryl McAllister, A.J. Macaitis, Leon Spencer, Andrew Richardson, Sean Feagan, Cole Tesar. Fourth row (L to R): Conor Yax, Kabbot Stewart, Phillip Bailey, Tee Samuel, Shane McConnell, Eric Holtmeyer, Robert Rands, Josh McKean, Micah Laufenberg. Third row (L to R): Caleb Kleven, Ryan Thomas, Jon Sims, Josh Belt, James Burton, Ronnell Cutler, Phalen Jones, Spencer Tiller, Jon Walker. Second row (L to R): Kevin Johnson, John Botsford, Zach Bass, Tim Burton, Eric Stevens, Steve Holman, Joey Eckerman, Shawn Gach, Sam Gonzalez. First row (L to R): Justin Conley, Matt Ralston, Matt Lucid, Jake Nosal, Mike Ciriaco, Tony Bland, Spenser Sailors, Paul Gribben, Brett Jensen.

varsity girls basketball

She laced her shoes and stepped onto the court. A common routine for her since the age of nine. As the starters were announced, the level of adrenaline from the fans and the players rose to the ceiling. The girls huddled together to say their team chant, and the second game of the season began.

Three minutes later, one of only two seniors was escorted off the court with a later-announced torn ACL, LCL, and lateral meniscus; an injury costing her the whole season.

"I didn't really think the injury was bad at first. I thought that the girl had run into me, so I figured it was just going to be a bruise," senior **Chevelle Herring** said.

Not only was Herring affected by the injury, but her team members were affected by the loss of an important player.

"Chevelle and I have played basketball together since the third grade; I remember us sitting together and making plans for our senior year. We planned on going to state and taking it all," senior Katie Homan said. "It was upsetting that we weren't able to do that."

Herring had a difficult time watching rather than playing.

"In the beginning of the state championship game, I was really nervous. I knew that the girls had a really good chance of winning, yet it was upsetting that I couldn't play," Herring said.

By attending all games of the season and sitting the bench, Herring was given the chance to notice the qualities of her team.

"They did a really well throughout the season, and a lot of them helped out by stepping up," Herring said.

To many athletes, an injury could cost them their high school, college, and future career plans. For Herring, keeping her head high throughout the season kept her motivated. Through basketball, Herring had earned a full-ride scholarship to Creighton University, where she planned to attend her freshman year.

Herring said, "I'm really excited, and I think I'll be ready. I have all summer to prepare myself, and I'm looking forward to stepping onto the court again."

Missy Holton
Activities

Getting ready for the shot, junior **Yvonne Turner** attempts to score two points. East was the wildcard at the state tournament but lost the championship game to Lincoln Northeast 45-52.

Courtesy of Clayton Marsh

It's a numbers game

Varsity
season record:20-2

Omaha Benson	83-27
Omaha Central	77-47
Omaha Bryan	82-20
Omaha Bryan	96-29
Omaha Central	76-43
Millard West	50-44
Bellevue West	71-75
Omaha Marian	72-52
Omaha Burke	76-41
Omaha Northwest	100-20
Omaha Westside	81-58
Papillion-LaVista South	71-35
South Sioux City	79-71
Lincoln Southeast	70-42
Omaha North	90-18
Millard South	65-32
Omaha South	74-24
Millard West	63-60
Millard North	57-43
Bellevue West	70-54
Omaha Central	61-41
Lincoln Northeast	63-68

West Coast Showcase

Ponderosa, CA	72-49
Galena, NV	77-43
Reno, NV	63-51

State

Lincoln Southeast	58-52
Papillion-LaVista	61-58
Lincoln Northeast	45-52

Senior **Katie Homan** tries to get a rebound from the Lincoln Northeast free throw. Homan and **Chevelle Herring** were the only seniors on the team. Herring was unable to play because of a knee injury occurring early in the season.

Driving down the court, junior **Jasmine Mosley** tries for a layup against her Omaha Marian opponent. East won the game 72-52.

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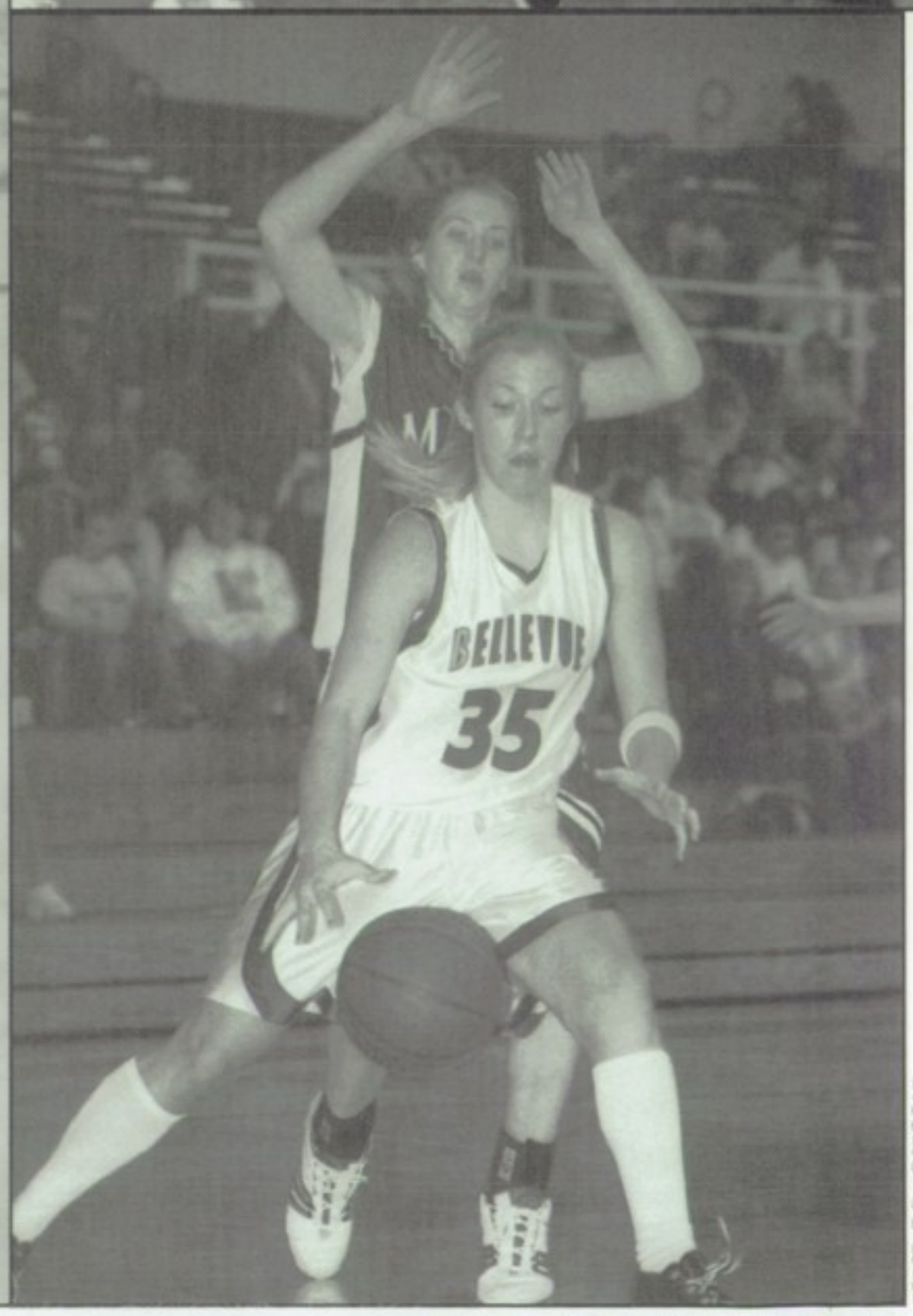

On offense, junior **Amanda Cook** dribbles the ball and avoids the defender. Of the five starters on the varsity team, four were juniors.

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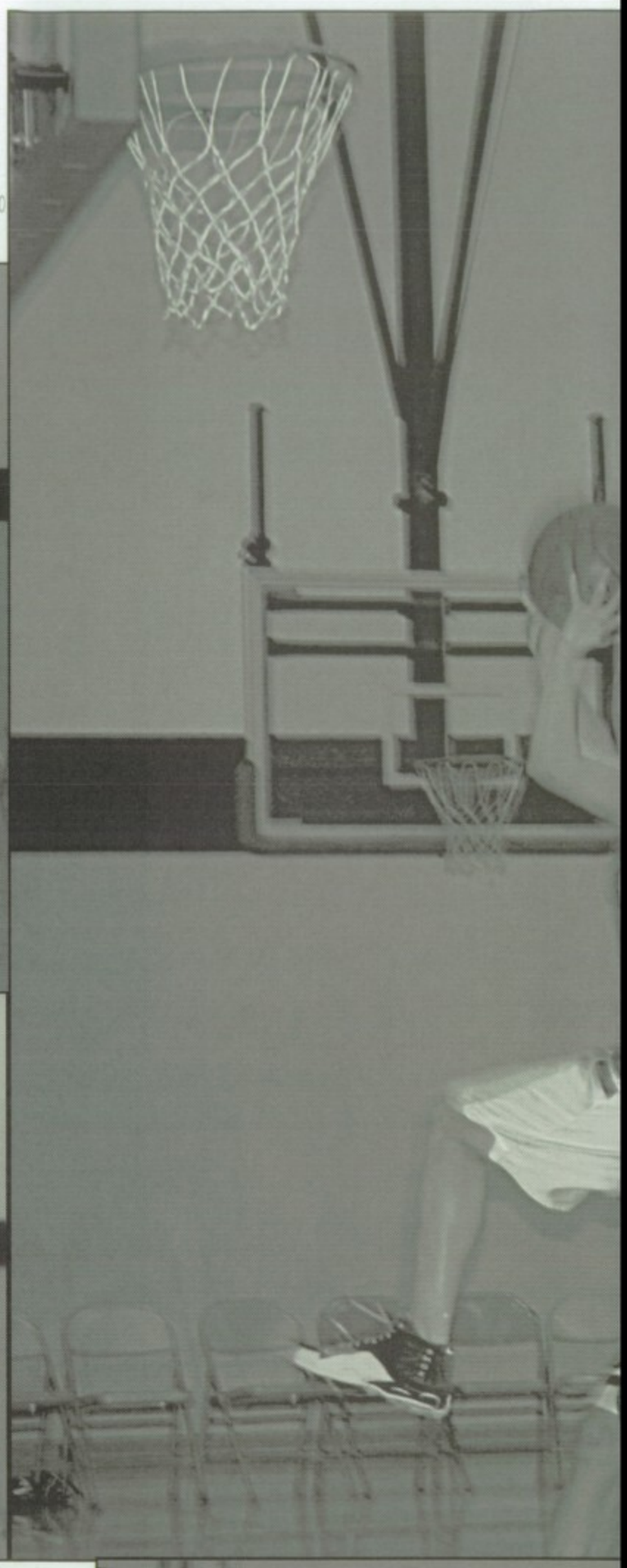
Megan Kolarik

Sophomore **Kristen LaTour** shoots a free throw to try and gain points for the team. LaTour played for both JV girls basketball and reserve basketball.

Megan Kolarik



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Freshman **Satin Shepard** tries to pass the ball to one of her teammates on the freshman basketball team. The girls lost to their opponents, the Millard West Wildcats.

Freshman **Candace Goolsby** keeps the ball from her Omaha Westside opponent. Goolsby played forward for her team along with sophomores **Ashley Schmitt** and **Sami Kemp** and freshmen **Kendyl Stanek**

Megan Kolarik

jv/f girls basketball

It's a numbers game

Junior Varisty

season record:7-2

Omaha Northwest	54-17
Westside	59-57
Papillion South	43-41
Omaha Burke	48-49
Millard North	51-53
Omaha North	69-47
Millard South	51-42
Omaha South	65-13
Millard West	38-31

Freshmen

season record:2-11

Bellevue West	27-41
Omaha Gross	19-34
Omaha Benson	21-59
Millard North	16-63
Omaha Central	17-34
Ralston	11-47
Omaha Northwest	36-25
Westside	24-51
Papillion South	14-56
Millard South	21-29
Omaha Bryan	36-31
Omaha North	25-27
Millard West	46-12

Going for a layup, **Kayleen Stanek** tries to earn her team two more points. The JV team had 13 games and won two of them.

Study hall is usually a class that someone takes when they have no other options. Or they just want extra time to do their homework. Or extra time to sleep. Whatever reason, study hall is a class people have the option to take. But athletic study halls were a completley different story.

"Athletic study halls are a chance to get homework done since we have late practices. We also watch film from the previous game for around 30 minutes," sophomore **Ashley Schmitt** said.

Athletic study halls were only held about two times a week from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. It wasn't a choice to go; it was required for playing basketball.

"First semester of practice, everyone has to go. But at the start of the second semester, if your grades are all 1s and 2s, no 2-, then you don't have to go anymore," Schmitt said.

The results of these athletic study halls were successful overall. JV girls basketball coach **Andrew Havelka** said it helped at the beginning of the season and when the team went out of town for tournaments.

"When we went to Reno, the players used their study halls for their make-up work and to take tests that they missed while they were gone. It was very helpful," Havelka said.

As for students, opinions about the study halls were mixed. Of course, if they didn't have any homework, they weren't going to find study halls very exciting, but Havelka tried to cut down on the boredom by letting the basktball players use computers to pass the time. Mostly though, students felt the study halls helped them.

"We're students before athletes," sophomore **Jena Hike** said.

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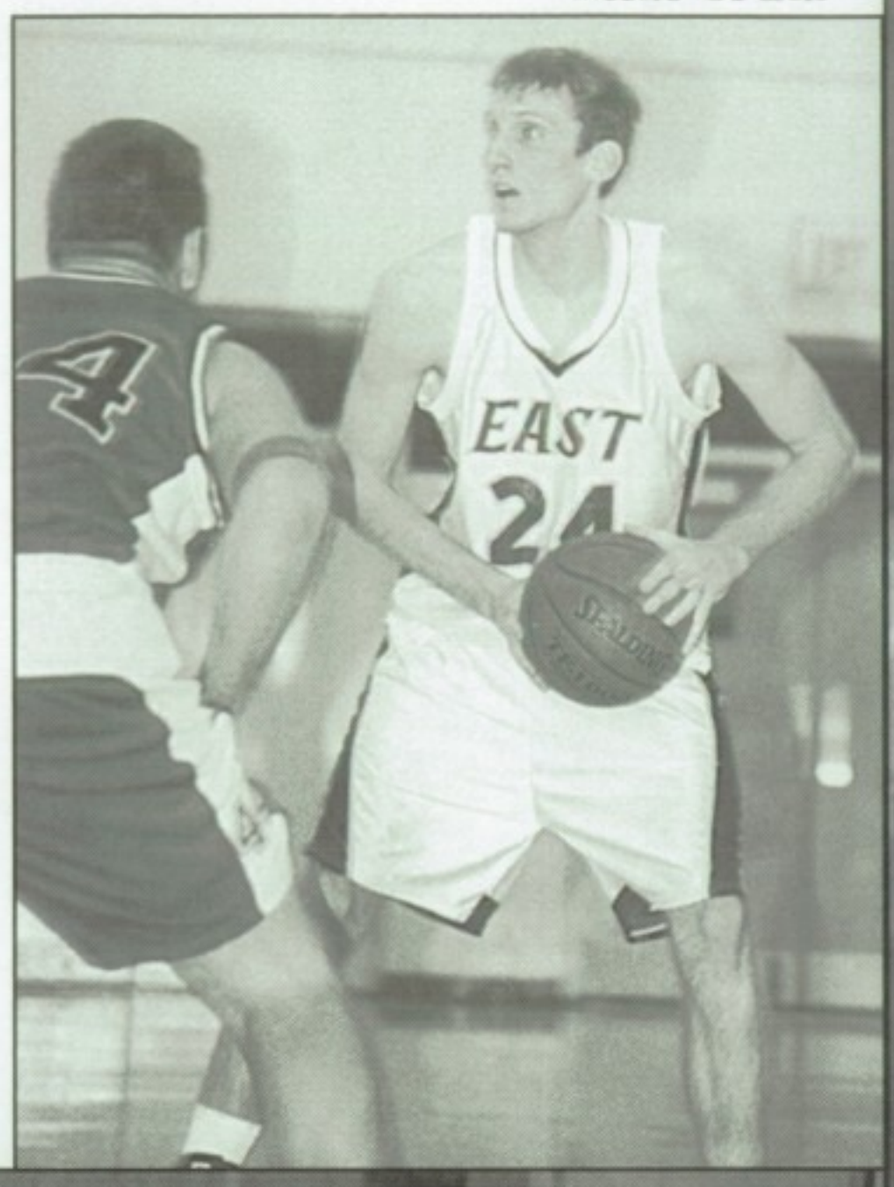

At a home game, senior **Chad Simon** looks to pass the ball to his teammate. Simon had played on the varsity team since his freshman year.

Mike Crum

Freshman **James Futch** anticipates his opponent's next move. Futch was the only freshman starter on the team.

Senior **Tyler Cloyd** tries to keep the opponent away from the basket. The team's season record was 8-12.

Mike Crum

varsity boys basketball

It's a numbers game

Omaha Benson	57-55	Papillion-LaVista South	65-57
Omaha Central	36-69	Millard North	47-55
Omaha Bryan	58-66	Abraham Lincoln	60-49
Omaha Northwest	50-43	Omaha North	63-69
Omaha Central	64-49	Millard South	49-55
Creighton Prep	49-58	Omaha South	40-61
Fremont	57-52	Millard West	58-56
Omaha Burke	59-66	Millard North	49-46
Omaha Northwest	71-79	Bellevue West	41-83
Omaha Westside	43-59	Lincoln High	45-55

To end a three-game losing streak, the varsity boys basketball team beat Millard West in overtime.

Head coach **Jason Ryan** said the win was very important, especially for team morale.

"It was definitely big at this time of the year," Ryan said, "especially because of the three previous losses we had that we felt we could have won."

The team was leading the Wildcats by 11 entering the fourth quarter, but a 19-8 run by Millard West forced the game into overtime.

In overtime the Wildcats led 56-54 with a minute left when senior **Avery Walker** evened the game up with a layup. After a forced turnover by Millard West, with ten seconds left Walker hit two free throws to seal the win. The game was won due to better teamwork.

"They learned to trust each other more, " Ryan said, "and that it's a team game."

The team also adjusted to some new starters.

"We've been tinkering with the starting line-ups; they learned that it's not who starts it's who finishes a game," Ryan said.

Earlier in the season at the Bryan Cage Classic the team took on the Millard North Mustangs; the team was unable to come out with a win and lost 47-55.

"It was nice that we showed some toughness, but losing isn't great," senior **Chad Simon** said.

The next night in the consolation game, East played an out of state team, Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln, and won 60-49. East led by 2 at half-time and never trailed the last two quarters. Simon was the team's lead scorer with 21 points and 7 rebounds but said what he was most proud of was the way the underclassmen stepped up.

"The freshman did a great job; the four of them played the best they ever have," Simon said.

Amber Quinn
staff writer

Mike Crum
In the game against Creighton Prep, senior **Avery Walker** drives for the basket. East lost the game 49-58.

Brad Carman

In the game against Omaha Creighton Prep, freshman **Jeff Shelton** looks for a pass. There were five freshmen, three sophomores, and four juniors on the JV team.

Brad Carman

During the second quarter of the game against Papillion LaVista, junior **Jamal Jackson** dribbles past a defender. JV was coached by science teacher **Brad Thimm.**

Junior **Ryan DeBuhr** drives the ball down down the court, ending by scoring two points. The score of the game against Millard South, was 71-56.

Linda Hoang

It's a numbers game

JV

Benson High	52-67
Bellevue West	30-55
Omaha Central	65-68
Omaha Burke	58-53
Omaha Benson	51-54
Creighton Prep	57-44
Creighton Prep	55-66
Fremont	43-55
Omaha Northeast	40-47
Westside	52-67
Papio South	30-55
Omaha Bryan	65-68
Abraham Lincoln	58-53
Omaha North	51-54
Millard South	57-44
Omaha South	55-66
Millard West	43-55
Millard North	40-47

Freshman A

Bellevue West	66-48
Omaha Benson	57-39
Omaha Central	57-41
St.Alberts	68-38
Millard North	55-66
Ralston	39-65
Omaha Burke	56-51
Omaha Gross	56-59
Westside	56-62
Papillion LaVista South	74-80
CB Abraham Lincoln	45-41
Omaha Bryan	62-44
Millard South	50-43
Omaha South	70-67
Millard West	70-52

Freshman B

Bellevue West	77-45
Omaha Benson	41-44
Omaha Central	58-50
Millard North	32-55
Ralston	38-47
Omaha Burke	41-57
Omaha Gross	41-38
Westside	30-42
Papillion LaVista South	29-32
CB Abraham Lincoln	46-21
Omaha Bryan	61-34
Millard South	36-51
Millard West	49-78

The players warm up and go through a few drills as a team before the coach begins talking to the players, convincing them to play harder. He points to the door and tells the players that if it's too hard they can leave, but not one of them budges.

"We work hard and do our best," junior **William Bryan** said.

A losing season didn't phase the players. They played for the game and did their best. Players practiced every day which took away from their free time.

"It doesn't give us much time to chill with friends," junior **Ryan Debuhr** said.

Some players, including freshman **Jeff Shelton**, played on both the JV and Varsity teams. This meant he got to play on both teams, but it also meant more work for him.

"You don't get to spend much time at home or doing other stuff," Shelton said.

Brad Carman
staffer

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Junior **Joe Chavis** does a lay-up during practice. The team had either early practice, which was right after school, or late practice, which started at 5:00.

jv/f boys basketball

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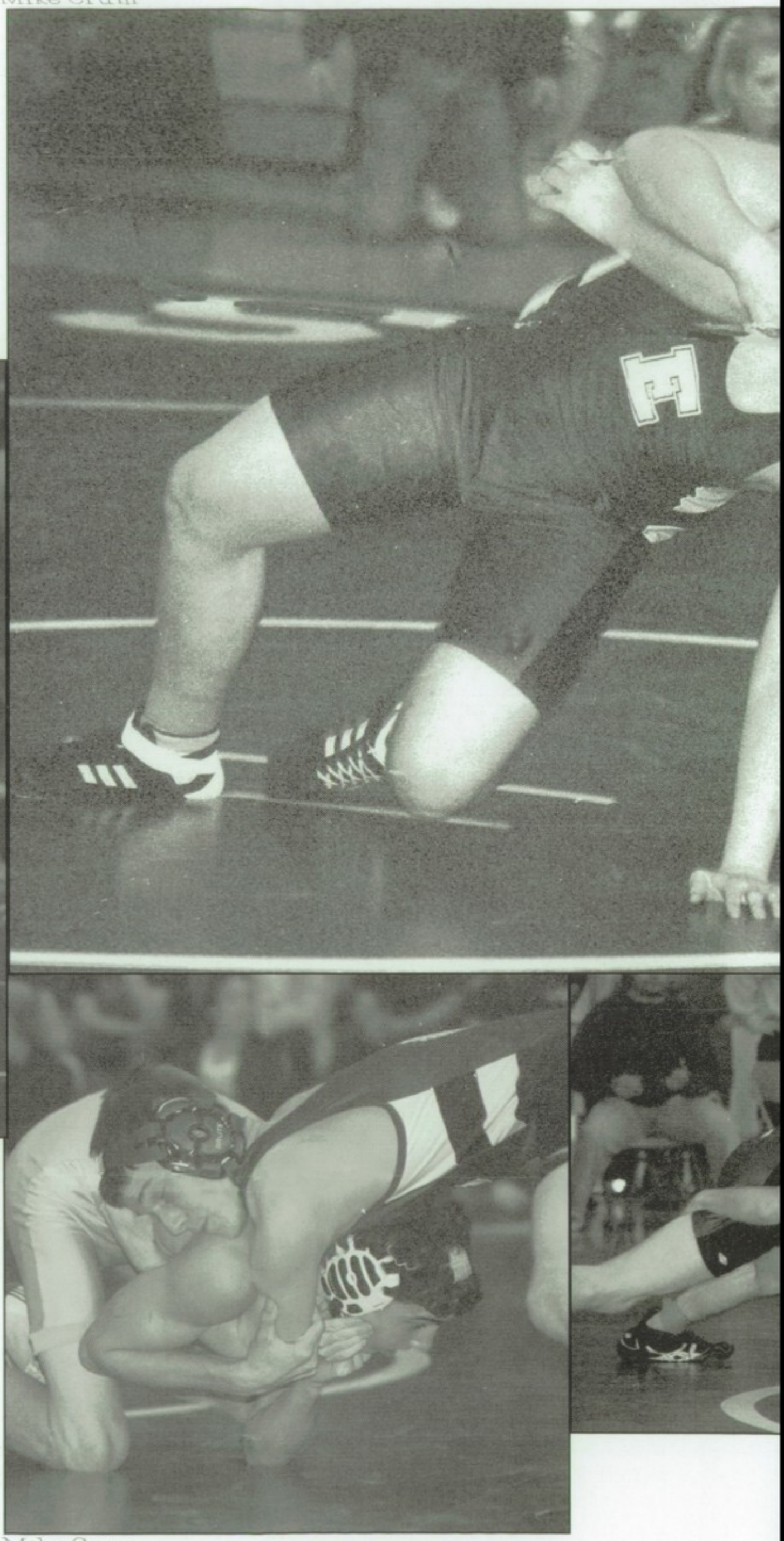

Keepng his balance, junior **Zachary Johnson** tries to avoid a pin. The team practiced avoiding pins in the school's new wrestling room, which was a much needed addition.

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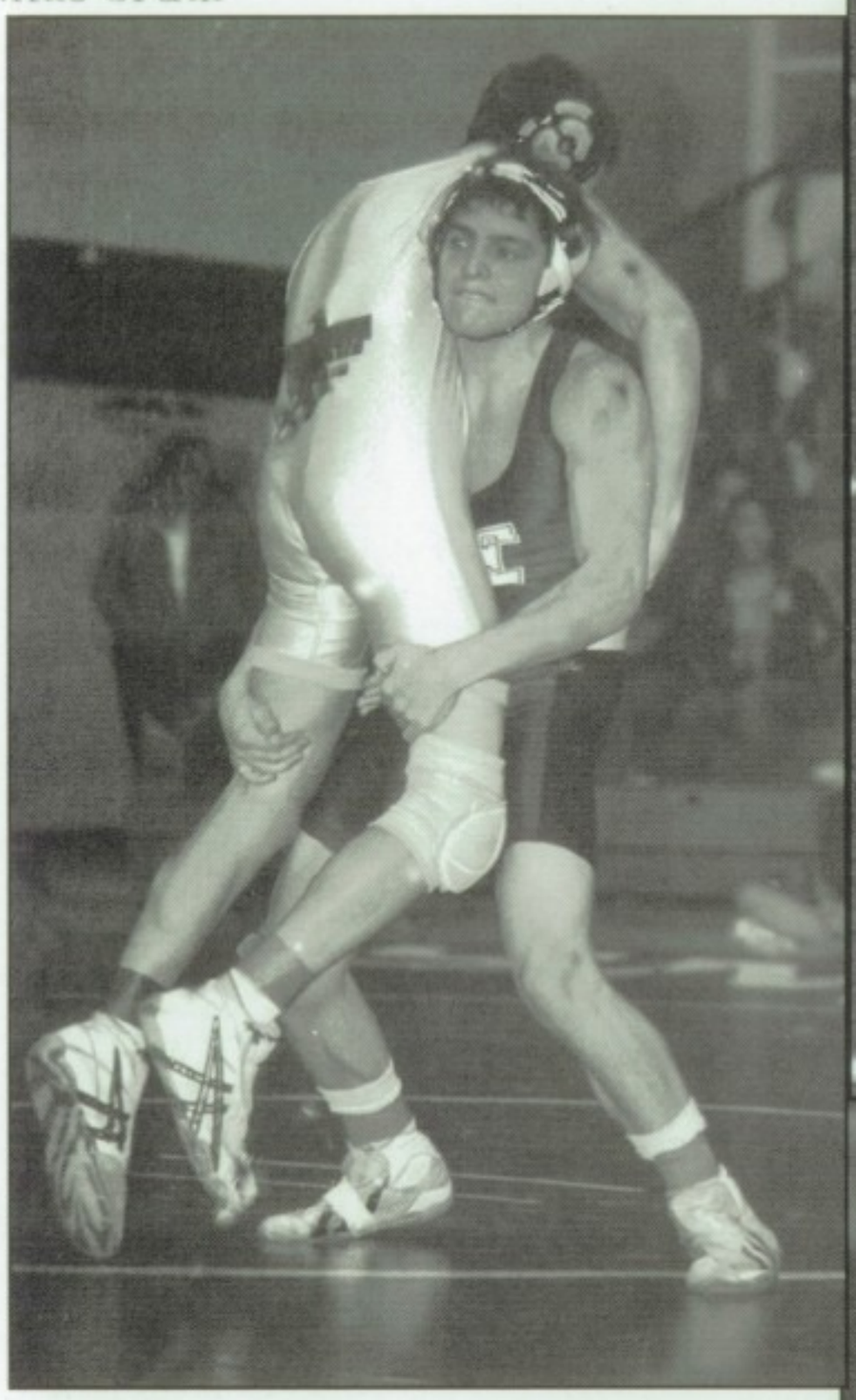
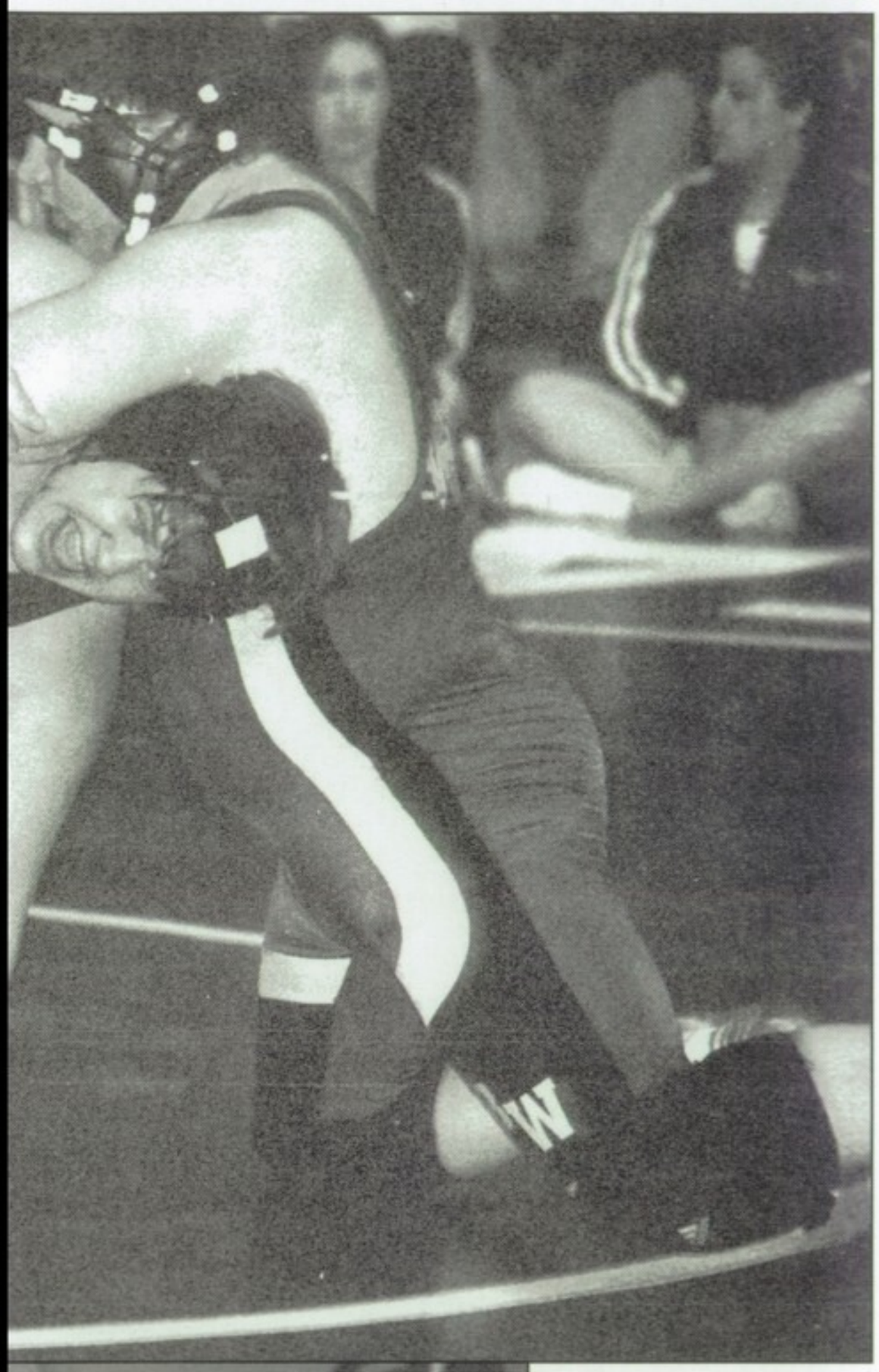
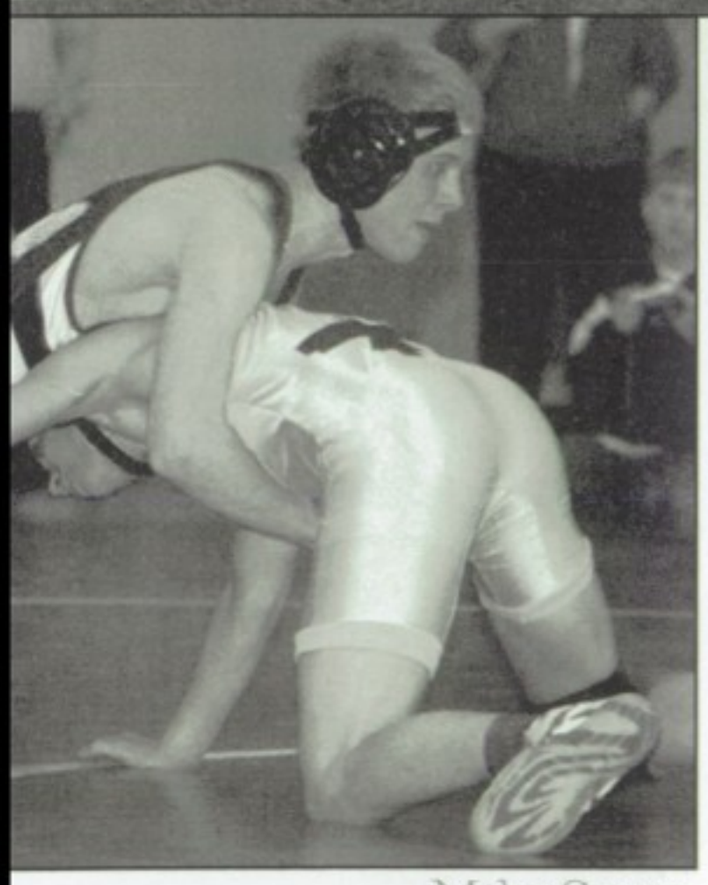


Junior **Nick Munch** tries to get a takedown. Munch was one of nine wrestlers to qualify for the state tournament.

In the dual against Bellevue West, junior **David Seeley** gets his opponent in a headlock. For this home dual, the team had a spotlight entrance but unfortunately lost.

Mike Crum





While trying to get a reversal, senior **Danny Walther** escapes from his opponent's takedown. Because of an injury in this match, Walther was unable to qualify for the state tournament.

Mike Crum

The varsity wrestling team was out to prove themselves and earn respect they hadn't been given.

"We weren't getting our due respect," coach **Todd Porter** said, "but now we're the surprising team in the metro."

The team finished sixth at the Omaha North Invite, third at the Bellevue West Invite, and beat Omaha South, Millard West, and Millard North in duals.

"I've always thought these guys were that good," Porter said. "They're just proving it now."

The team was led by junior **Micah Laufenberg**, who took third at state in the 160 weight class, and senior **Shawn Gach**, who was the state champion in the 215 weight class.

"Those two [Laufenberg and Gach] are stars, but what makes our team so good is that we are better than just two stars," Porter said.

Senior **Eric Stevens** placed sixth at the state tournament, and sophomore **Joe Munch** placed second. The team sent nine wrestlers to state, had four place, and finished eighth overall.

The team also competed at a twelve-team tournament in Kansas where they had seven wrestlers in the finals and won the whole tournament

Junior **David Seeley** said the good team chemistry helped everybody work harder.

"Being a very close team, you try your hardest. The way you wrestle affects the whole team, so you have to give it everything you've got," Seeley said.

The new wrestling room was another source of inspiration for the team.

Seeley said, "It makes you realize people care about our success and makes you try that much harder."

Amber Quinn
staff writer

numbers game

Duals

Millard North	39-33
Omaha South	59-15
Springfield/Platteview	67-12
Bellevue West	41-27
Omaha Northwest	70-3
Millard West	66-9
Creighton Prep	36-34
Omaha Benson	66-16
Omaha Bryan	W
Bellevue West	36-33

Dual Record: 8-2

Invites

Omaha North	6th
Bellevue East	1st
Bellevue West	3rd
Bonner Springs, KS	1st
Metro	7th
Omaha Burke	5th
Omaha Skutt	6th
District A-1	2nd
State	8th

wrestling

swimming & diving

Swimming is one of most strenuous sports, even though most people don't realize it. It involves lots of time and dedication to the pool. But Bellevue East's swimming team was willing to do it.

"We have a terrific group; they work hard and bring the whole package. They help each other grow inside and outside the pool," Coach **Bart Dennis** said.

The swim team had two-a-day practices on most school days to get ready for swim meets, which is something that senior **Julia Hohoff** was used to.

Hohoff was a foreign exchange student from Germany. Although there were some differences from swimming in Germany, Hohoff pushed herself to be one of the best swimmers on the team.

"I have been swimming for eight years, and I swim in a swim club, not at school. It's different because instead of having just two teams at a meet, there is usually six teams," Hohoff said.

The years of experience made Hohoff a great asset to the team, along with seniors **Brandon Copeland**, **Tara Billings**, and **Vickie Stanback**.

"We have great seniors. All of them provide leadership and do a great job in a lot of ways," Dennis said. "In the water they work hard, but they also talk to the younger people and have fun with them."

Both the girls and boys teams were determined to work hard to return to the state meet.

"I want to go to state and do well. I also want to keep improving my personal times," Billings said.

These goals were what the team was striving for, but individuals also wanted to meet personal goals.

"Of course I want to improve as an individual athlete," Copeland said. "I also want to instill the want to achieve in the new swimmers."

Nick Verlaney
staff writer

It's a numbers game

	Boys	Girls
Lewis Central	L	n/a
Omaha Benson	W	W
Omaha Bryan Invite	9th	5th
Millard South	L	L
Bellevue West	L	L
Roncalli	W	W
Omaha Burke	L	L
Millard North Invite	n/a	12th
Millard North	L	L
Lewis Central	13th	8th
Creighton Prep/Marian	L	L
Omaha Bryan	W	W
Omaha Central	L	L

Metro

Boys	12th
Girls	11th

Junior **Cole Tesar** tries to get a head start on his opponent from Omaha Central. It was Tesar's second year on the swim team.

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Taking a breath, junior **Maggie Grange** diplays perfect form for the freestyle. Grange was part of one relay team that made it to the state competition.

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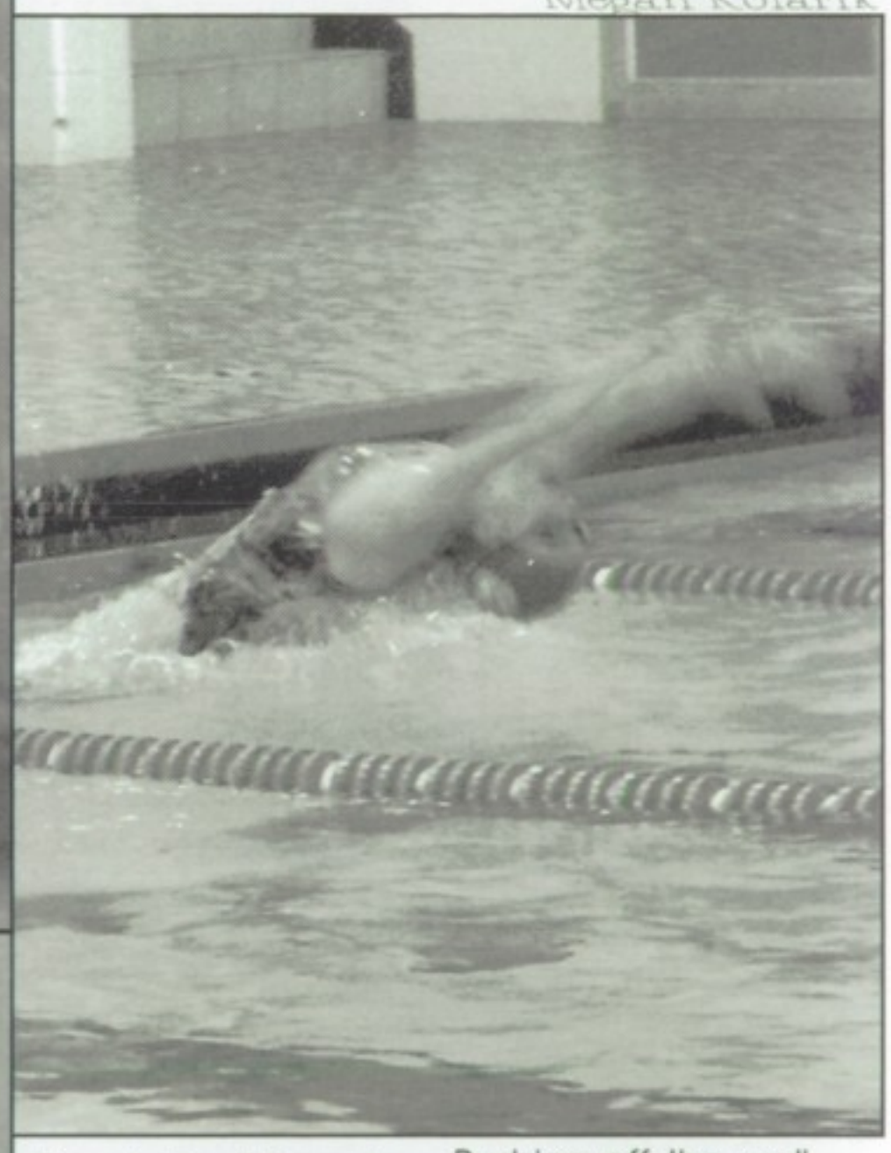

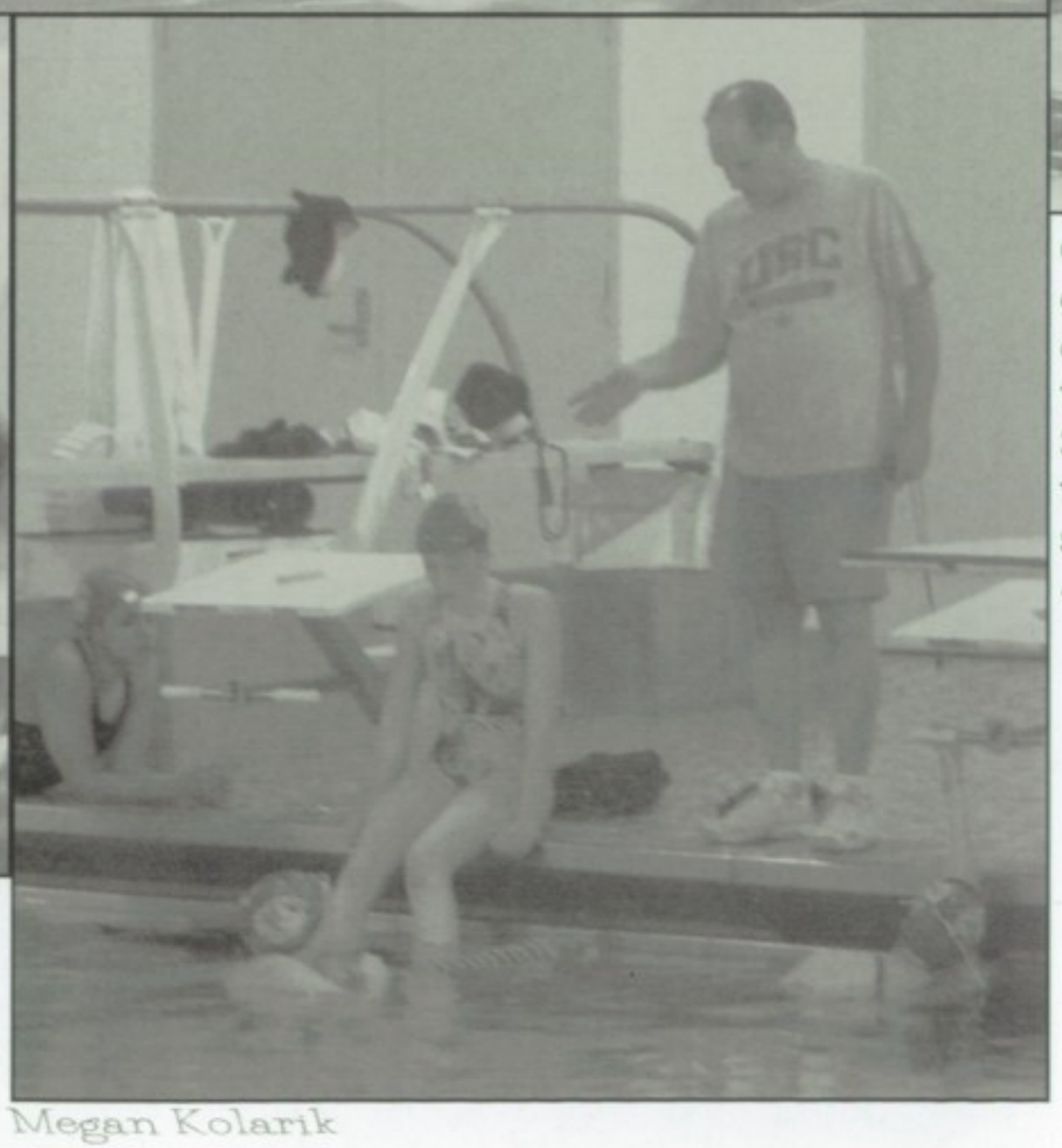

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Coach **Bart Dennis** gives his team some advice during one of their practices. Swimmers had practices daily after school until around 4:30 or 5:00.

Pushing off the wall, freshman **Sara Smits** practices her backstroke for upcoming meets. The girls swimming team had nine meets in their season and won three of them.

non-sanctioned

He had bowled since he was two years old, playing in a league at Leopard Lanes. Fifteen years later, senior **Zach Pomfret** went from practicing with bumpers to becoming one of the best bowlers in the state.

After all those years, Pomfret made his face known around the local bowling alley.

"That's why the owner, Mikki, knows me," Pomfret said. "I got connections."

Pomfret was the leader on the bowling team. He believed in focusing his attention on things he excelled at.

"Anyone could tell you I'm lazy, but it's one of the only things I'm good at: bowling and poker," Pomfret said.

By mid-bowling season, Pomfret was one of only two seniors left on the team. This put him in an even stronger leadership position.

"I help everybody out by coaching them and telling them what they're doing wrong," Pomfret said.

He was the first person to realize his own mistakes and worked to never make them again.

"I'm really hard on myself because bowling means a lot to me," Pomfret said.

On December 31, 2003, Pomfret bowled a 300 game, a rare feat for even the best bowlers. It got him a ring, a 300 jacket, Bowler of the Year title, and his name on the wall of Leopard Lanes.

"I was relieved because I came close so many times but then would always mess it up in the end," Pomfret said.

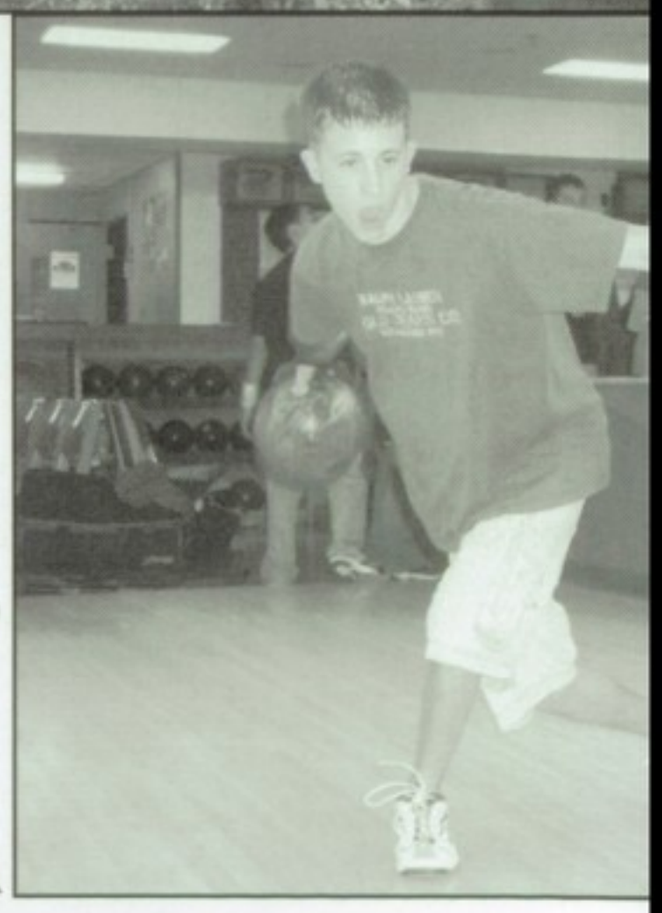
He was invited to a ceremony to honor his talent on the bowling team but decided not to attend.

"I don't care about trophies or anything," Pomfret said. "If it ain't a ring, I don't want it."

Kaiti Jorgenson
editor-in-chief

▶Trapshooting

At a bowling practice in December, senior **Michael Marnik** finishes his approach to the lane. The bowlers competed in tournaments at places such as Grand Island, Kearney, Columbus, Fremont, and Plattsmouth.



▲Bowling

Kaiti Jorgenson

Seniors **Sean Postma** and **Seth Nielson** practice their trapshooting skills. Trapshooters practiced on Sundays at the Bellevue Rod and Gun Club and competed at invitationals. The state tournament was held in Doniphan, NE.

Intramurals

Scott Seeba

On Sunday, February 20, senior **Andrew Senske** dunks the ball during an intramural game. Senske was on the "Rednecks" team, which won eight games but didn't make it to the championship.

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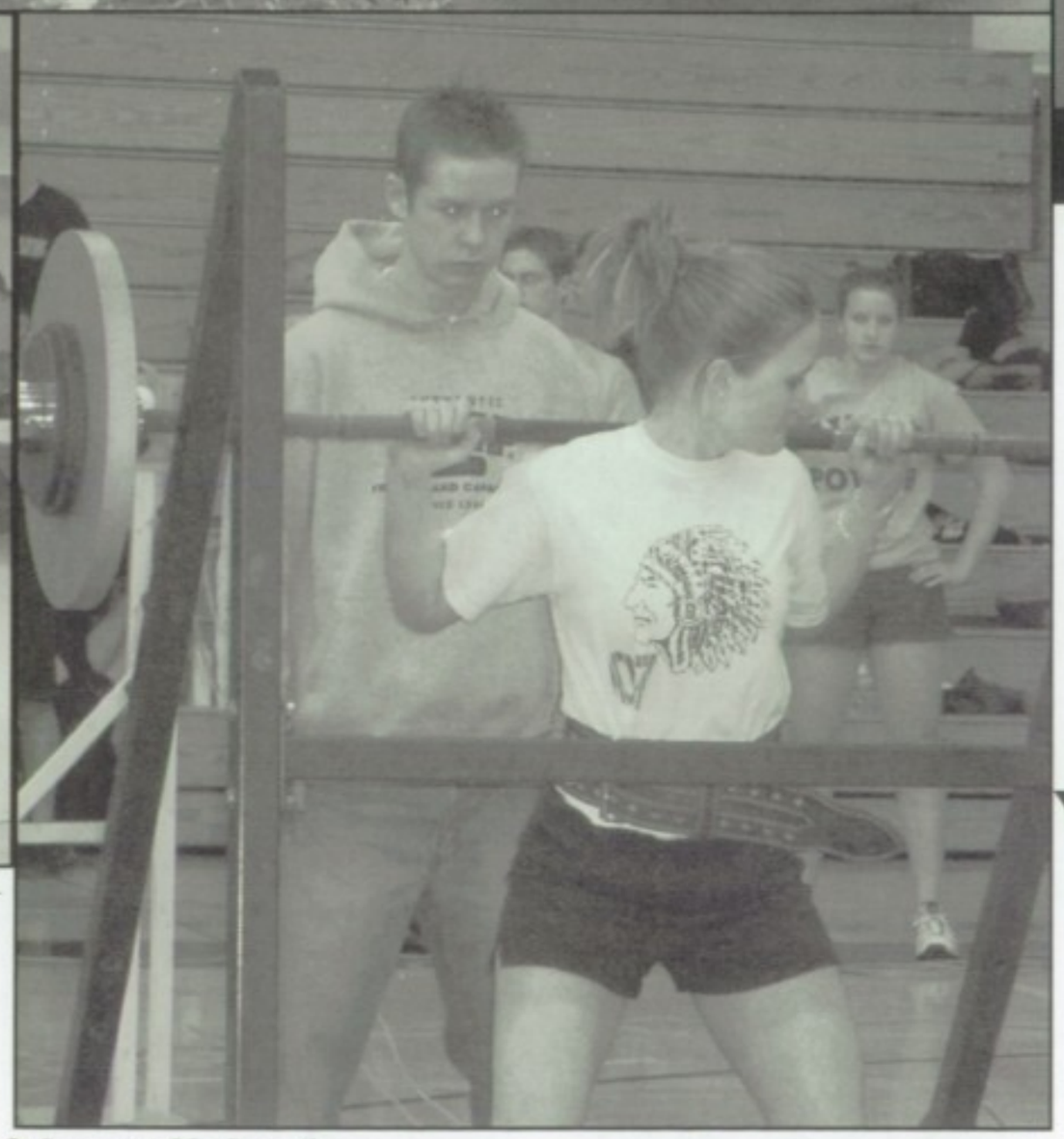


Powerlifting

At a powerlifting competition, junior **Chris Noyes** spots sophomore **Chelsea Dean** as she squats. Sophomore **Corey Taylor** and seniors **Shane McConnell** and **Amanda Moerles** got Outstanding Lifter honors at the East Invitational.

It takes a lot of time to become a good cheerleader. But to get on the competition squad, it took real talent and dedication to the sport.

"Throughout October and November, which is the season for competition cheer, we practiced probably about 20 times," cheerleading coach Vickie DeBuhr said.

Out of those 20 practices, most were done before school for about 45 minutes. But sometimes they dedicated an hour and a half of their weekend to practicing cheers and dances. Their first practice was to learn their dance, and it took six hours out of their Saturday.

"At first I thought it was going to be a lot, but if we wouldn't have had that practice, there would have been no way we would have gotten through those competitions," sophomore **Brittney Stanke** said.

Senior **Mindy Winkler** was one of the competition squad's captains. A captain's job was basically to run practice. She was in charge of making sure that people who missed practices made up for it by doing jumps. Winkler was also responsible for buying make-up and hair ribbons for the entire squad.

The squad went to two competitions throughout their season: the Metro State Spirit Spectacular, where they placed first, and the American Regional Championships, where they placed third overall.

The point of competition cheer was different for everyone. For Stanke, it was the cheering experience. For Winkler, it was the learning experience.

Winkler said, "I've learned a lot more responsibility on my part and others. Competition squad is different from regular squad. You can't get a lot accomplished if one person is missing. You're only as good as your weakest member."

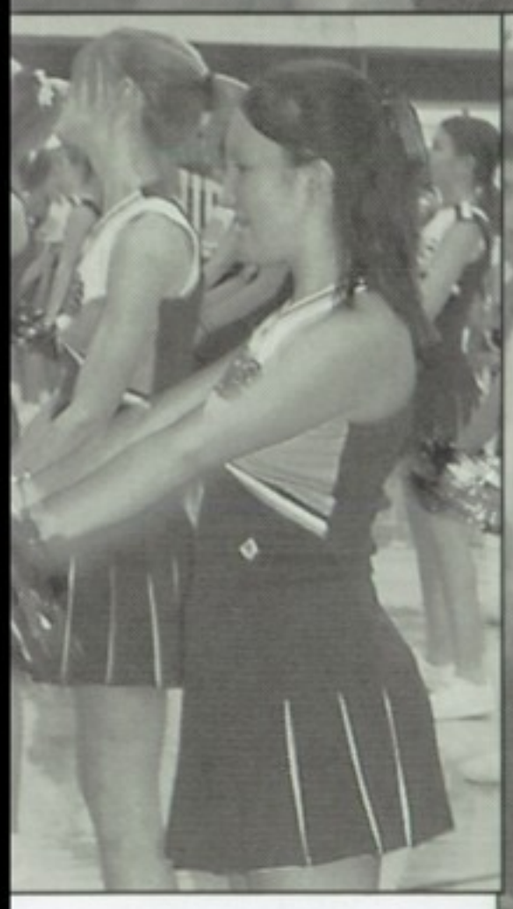
Megan Kolarik
sports co-editor

Brittney Stanke shows how a Russian should look when her body is in the air. The legs should be straight and toes should be pointed. Also, arms need to be straight out above the legs. Russians are the most well-known jump for cheerleaders. It invloves a lot of flexiblity and muscle to be able to pull it off.

Sophomores **Paige Miles**, **Margo McCollum**, and junior **Cindy Griffin** cheer for the teams by doing the school song. All three were on wrestling squad, and it was McCollum and Miles' first year cheering.

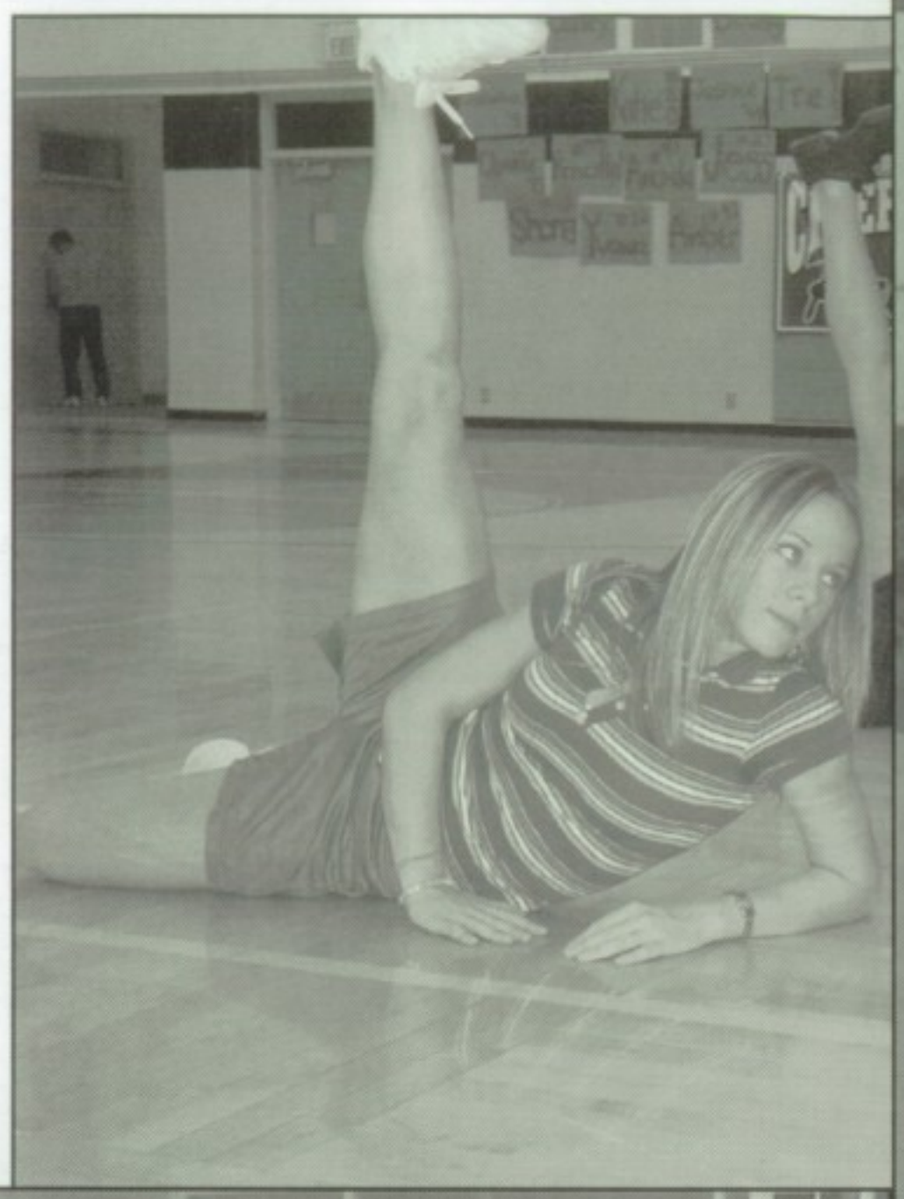
Cheerleading

Senior **Elizabeth Genualdi** performs a jump at a varsity boys basketball game. Genualdi was one of four captains for the varsity cheerleading squad.

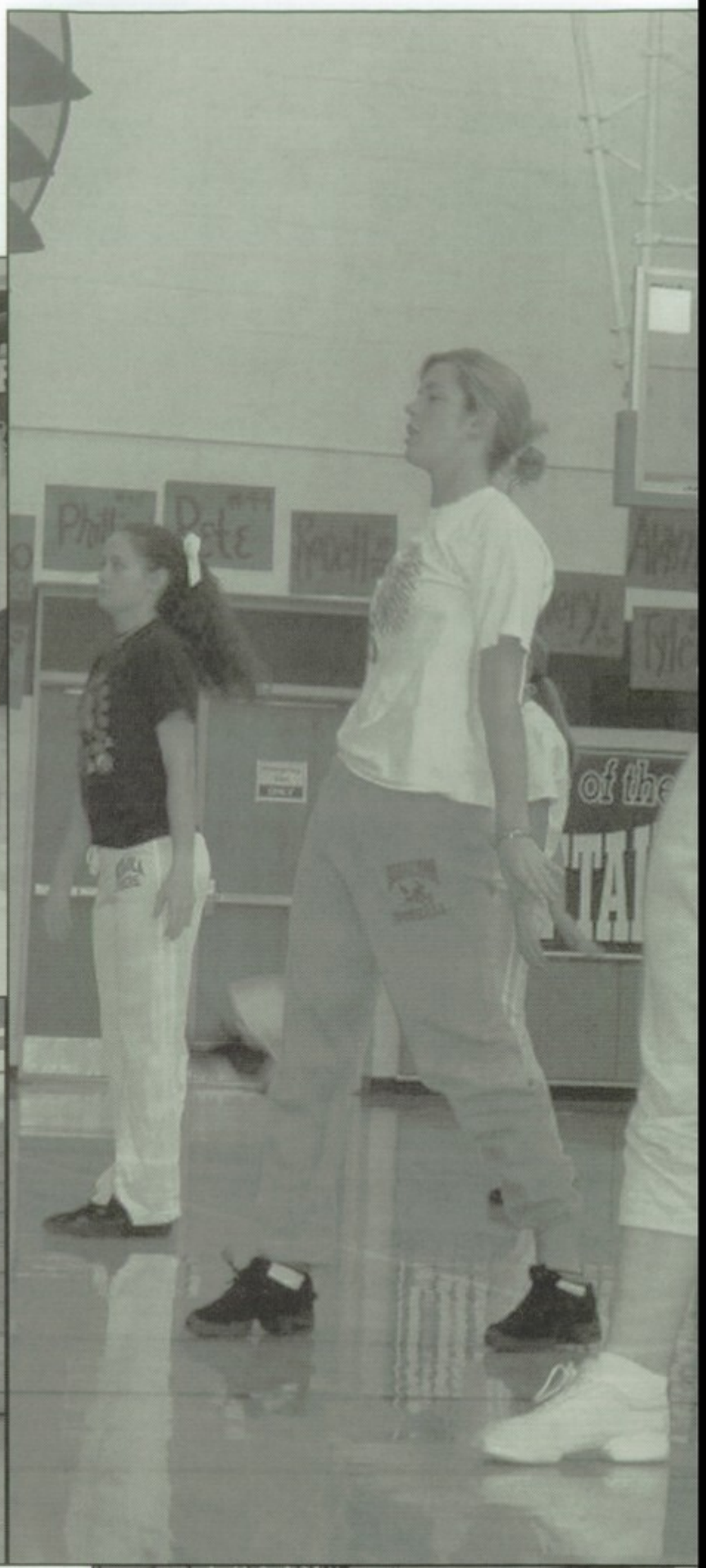


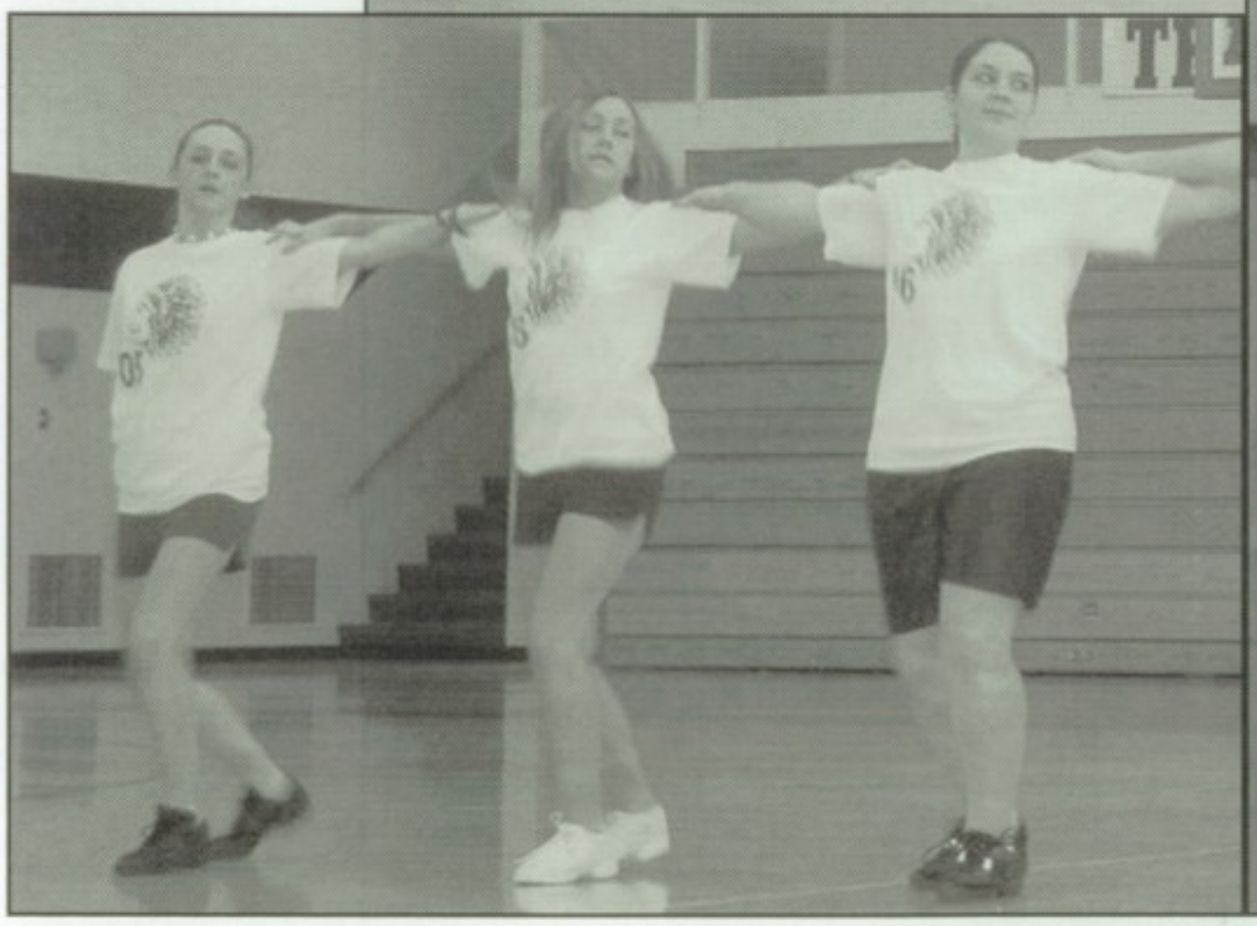
Senior **Ayanne Linder** and sophomores **Latisha Banks** and **Shannon Gach** do their dance for the school during the opening pep rally. All three cheerleaders were on the varsity squad.

Seniors **Sam Gonzalez**, **Mindy Winkler**, and **Joey Eckerman** dance along to a mix of songs including "Lean Back" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." The senior dance was done annually during the Homecomimg pep rally.



Junior **Sarah Hansen** stretches her leg as part of warm-ups. Bellevedettes had to practice stretching as part of a daily routine to become as flexible as possible.





Senior **Emily Donovan** and juniors **Tina Godwin** and **Katie Adams** practice the Can-Can dance. The Can-Can had been a Bellevedette tradition for 27 years.

Freshmen **Kristin Wheeler** and **Hillary Hubbell**, junior **Katie Adams**, and seniors **Jackie Adams** and **Ashly Banta** get up from a connected-splits line. This technique was used at the Bellevedette's Christmas show.

Bellevedettes

Freshman **Kristen Wheeler**, junior **Tina Godwin**, and seniors **Jackie Adams**, **Ashly Banta** and **Mindy Winkler** work on perfecting a cheer for a game. Bellevedettes mainly performed at dance competitions while cheerleaders performed at sporting events for motivation.

The Bellevedettes file out of the locker room and huddle together. They start out a prayer that changes into a chant: "East East East East Win Win Win Win Let's Go Chieftains!" It's showtime.

One of the greatest assets of the Bellevedettes was team unity. Team unity is an important part of any team, but to be able to perform dance routines, more unity is expected of the members than other sports.

"When you act like a team, you perform better and feel more confident because you know everyone is giving it their best," senior **Emily Donavan** said.

To be a team that has unity, though, the Bellevedettes had to spend quite a bit of time together doing activities like team dinners before games and even summer conditioning. Senior captain **Ashly Banta** said that seventh hour helped, too, for the practice.

"Any other team has to work together to get the outcome they want," Banta said. "Any group of people can put on a show, but only a team can perform."

Apart from team unity, teams can disagree with each other sometimes. Junior **Sarah Hansen** said while this was true, the Bellevedettes got through those moments.

"We just suck it up and get over it for the good of the team," Hansen said.

With the show over, the Bellevedettes get great applause and exit the performing area. They've put on another excellent show because of team unity.

Senior **Jackie Adams** said, "As a team, we've had to realize that we don't have to be perfect. It's better to stay strong with friendships than to take first in anything."

Dan Schreiber
sports writer

Senior Bellevedette captains **Jackie Adams**, **Ashly Banta** and **Mindy Winkler** demonstrate a kick move in front of the rest of the Bellevedettes. Team captains set a postive example and showed dance moves to everyone else.

Freshman Boys Basketball

Back row: coach Jeff Bernadt, Andrew Tew, Ricky Bishop, Jeff Marlowe, Trevor McDaniel, Keeland Hill, Hector Done, Kyle Moritz, coach Jason Teeter. Front row: Tim McKean, DaRelle Benford, Josh Webber, Andrew Lamb, Rydge Michael, Alex Zimmer, James Wallace.

JV Boys Basketball

Back row: coach Brad Thimm, Jeff Shelton, Pete Kostrunek, Ryan DeBuhr,Will Bryan. Front row: James Wallace, DaRelle Benford, John Robert Bryan.

Reserve Boys Basketball

Back row: coach Kent Crossley, Brett Townsend, Hector Done, Johnny Hicks, Jesse Martinez, James Wallace, coach Mike Putnam. Front row: Anthony Leuck, DaRelle Benford, Joey Vizcaya, Julian Andrade, Justin Brown.

Freshman Girls Basketball

Back row: coach Lori Waring, Kellie Harper, Satie Shepard, Krystal Hirko, Julia Cutter, Kelsey Gauger, Olivia Lewis, Brianna Koch. Front row: Cecily Padilla, Lisa Kinney, Kate Hansen, Jessica Arrowsmith, Christy Mickelson, Jaclyn Young, Chelsea Moerles.

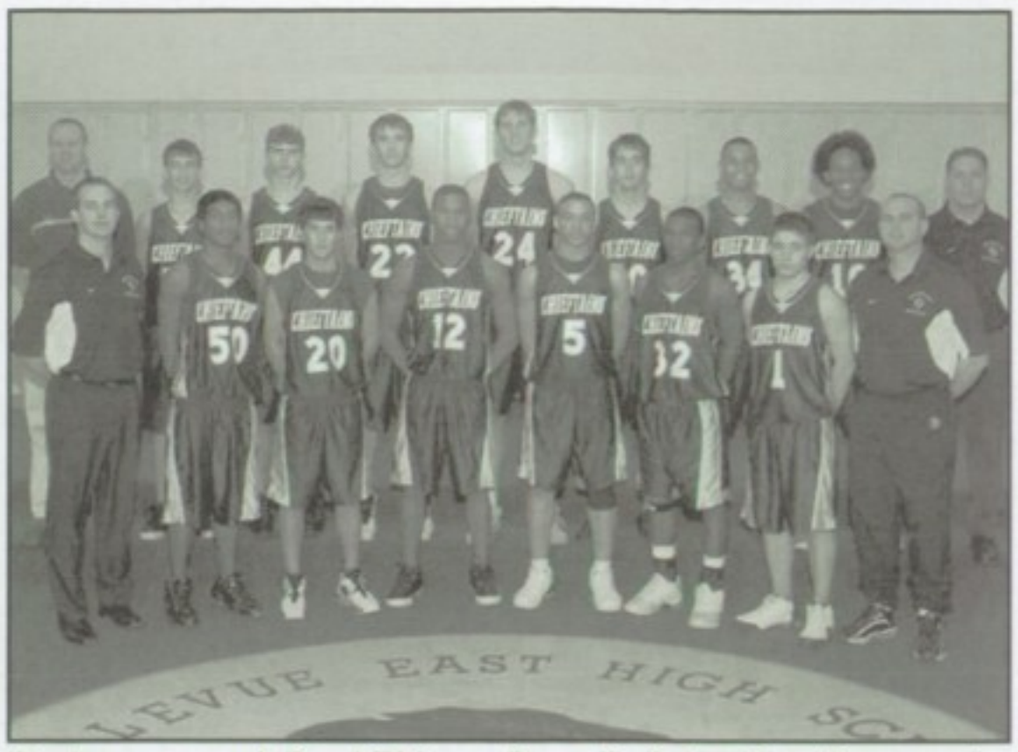
JV Girls Basketball

Back row: coach Andrew Havelka, Kristen LaTour, Terra Andreasen, Candace Goolsby, Ashley Schmitt, Sami Kemp, coach Sara Blankenship. Front row: Dani Cheney, Kayleen Stanek, Jena Hike, Kendyl Stanek, Shona Johnson, Kristen Cook.

rls Basketball

Back row: coach Bryan McKinley, Tedra Stephens-Sojourn, Rasheema Pitt, Kristen LaTour, Candace Goolsby, Sami Kemp, Carolyn Splichal, coach Sara Blankenship. Front row: Meagan Beckstead, Jenea Hagen, Jena Hike, Kendell Stanek, Dani Cheney, Kristen Cook.

Varsity Boys Basketball



Back row: coach Brad Thimm, Ryan DeBuhr, Pete Kostrunek, Tyler Cloyd, Chad Simon, Alan Castro, Will Bryan, Avery Walker, coach Jason Ryan. Front row: coach Ryan Raess, Jeff Shelton, James Massengill, Joe Chavis, John Robert Bryan, Ronell Cutler, James Futch, coach Dave Wallace.

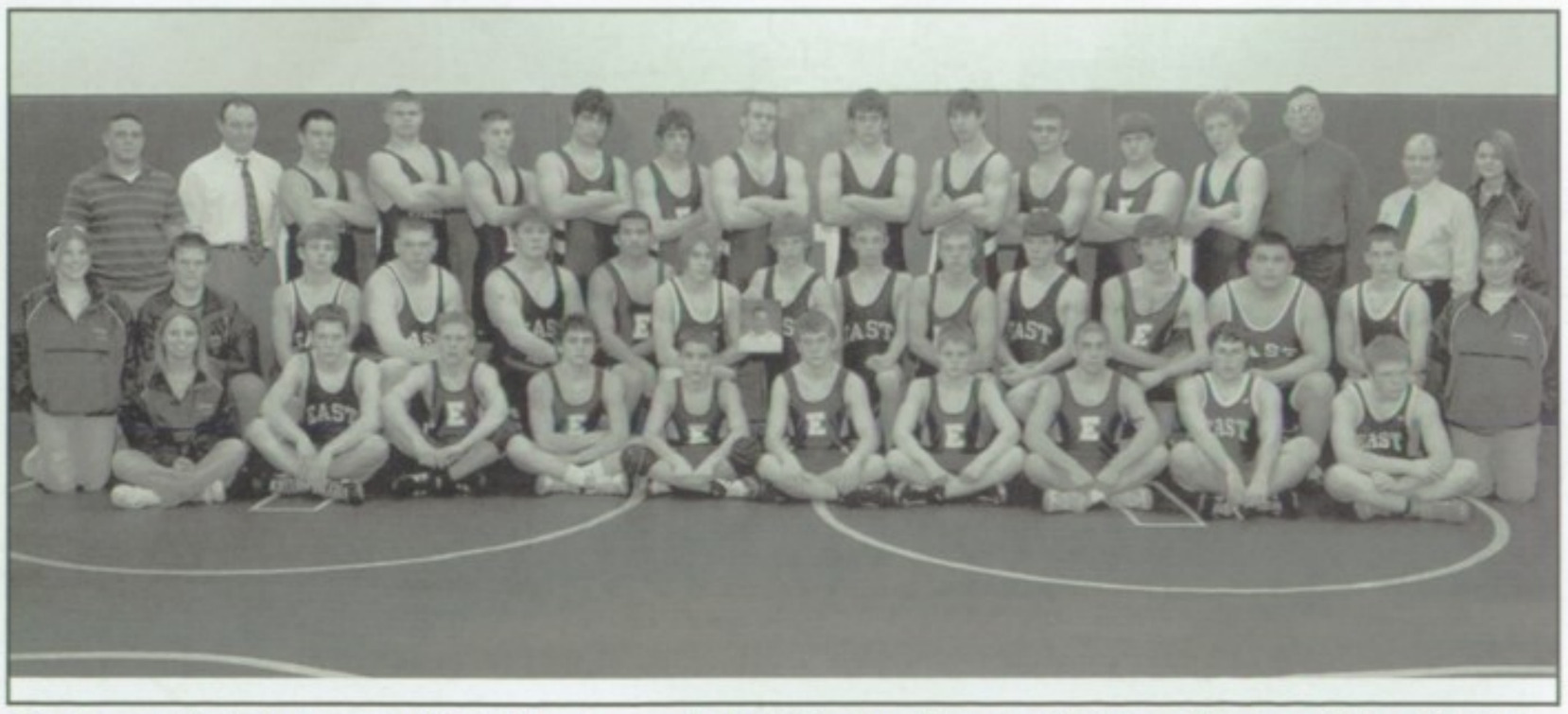
Varsity Girls Basketball

Back row: coach Scott Jensen, Ashley Schmitt, Pandora Agnew, Katie Homan, Amanda Cook, Jasmine Mosley, coach Sara Blankenship. Second row: coach Gary Wood, coach Andrew Havelka, Treightin Yates, Yvonne Turner, Becky Marsh, Amber Quinn, coach Bryan McKinley. First row: water girl Rylie Jensen, JaQuawna Watts, Chevelle Herring, Shona Johnson, Jessica Powers.

Swimming

Back row: Aaron Gutierrez, Cole Tesar, Philip Smith, George Hopkins, Grant Coultas, James Burton, Pat Carthay, Greg Collins. Third row: Cody Barr, Shawn Smith, Matt Dunkleman, Dustin Guerke, Robbie Donavan, Andrew Gray, Brandon Copeland. Second row: Leilani Leilani, Julia Hohoff, Maggie Grange, Autumn Shapland, Kathleen Filer, Victoria Stanback, Tara Billings, Kady Woodford. First row: coach Bill Wesselman, Rocky Hansen, Stephanie Pelletier, Kelsey Severin, Randy Gillispie, Sara Smits, Liz McCain, coach Bart Dennis.

Wrestling



Back row: Assistant coach Matt Byous, coach Todd Porter, Brendan Fleisher, Stephen Shlee, Patrick Carr, Sam Gonzalez, A.J. Hansen, Shawn Gach, Tom McCoy, Eric Stevens, Micah Laufenberg, Zach Johnson, David Terry, coach Ron Lintz, coach Les Kinney, manager Sara Holt. Second row: manager Syrena Thrower, manager Adam Cupp, Charley Taylor, Brian Dimmick, Alex Vo, Greg Thompson, Matt Henry, (pictured) Schyler Vytlas, Trey Porter, Jake Bailey, John Botsford, Alex Barden, Josh Smith, Sebastian Dillon, Chris Andersen, manager Nikki Laufenberg. Front row: manager Casey Buckland, Ryan Markley, Danny Walther, Nick Munch, Joe Munch, David Seeley, Danny Nye, Jorge Gonzales, Michael Smith, Aaron Hagen.

down the line

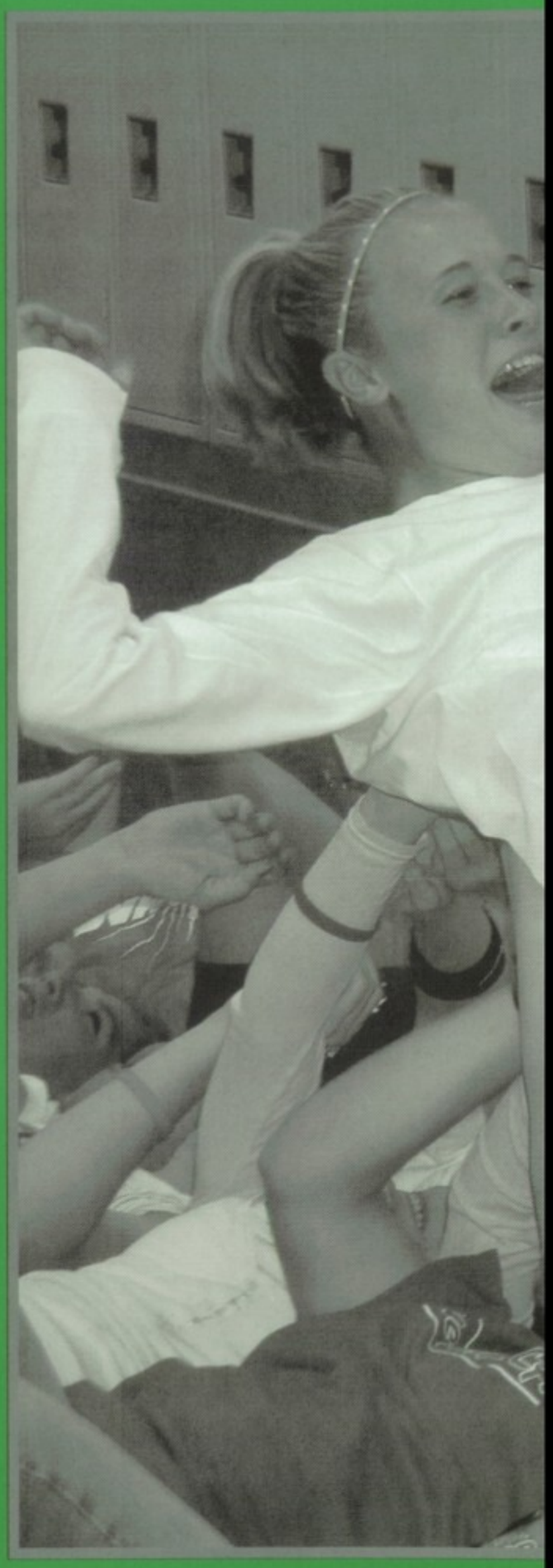
The 3:10 bell didn't necessarily mark the end of our day. Since our time in the classroom was only one aspect of our daily lives, the halls of East were never empty. Those who got involved in activities did so to help themselves down the line.

On any given day, we could find drama students lurking around the upstairs commons or a marching band member practicing in the parking lot. We tutored elementary kids and trick-or-treated for canned goods to earn service points in National Honor Society, simply to become active members and wear honor cords at graduation.

We argued over Latin Club t-shirts and learned the true meaning of compromise. We tried our hardest to keep Math Club cool and find reasons to hang out with sponsor Julie Kabourek. There was Monday-night excitement for Fellowship of Christian Athletes members, learning how to keep faith the top priority in their lives.

It was impossible to predict what kind of people would come out of the school after graduation. No matter what we became, we were offered stepping stones to lead us in the right direction. We had clubs for aspiring teachers, business leaders, journalists, and musicians. For those who were undecided, the clubs at least gave us an idea of what we didn't want to do.

Even though some of us didn't always get to see it, there was a world outside of East. The activities we were involved in helped us prepare for the various situations we were about to face in college, our careers, or life in general.



Kaitlin Henderson

At a Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, freshman **Kayleen Stanek** participates in a game on a Monday night. FCA members divided into teams, and the goal was to see which team could pass six of its members to the end of the line the quickest.

activities

"...there are more eyes to watch everyone to be sure that they're keeping positive attitudes"

Three's Company

New Drum Majors Learn to Deal

Junior **Will Bryan**, senior **Jeremy Gillmore**, and sophomore **Kendall Culbertson** hold their form as the homecoming candidates walk the field. The marching band performed the song "East" as candidates took their place near the track.

Megan Kolarik

Drumline Facts

- Performed during the fall and winter seasons
- 12-13 students were involved
- Drumline practiced with Marching Band
- Practice started at 7:00 a.m. (August - November)

Being a drum major wasn't necessarily how everyone perceived it; it wasn't only about standing on a podium at a game and conducting all of the other band members.

Junior drum major **Krysti Martin** saw it as much more.

"As a drum major, we have a lot to do. Many people don't know that our job applies off the field, too. We are depended on for obvious things such as conducting and helping students learn marching and music. We also help motivate others, and we always try to be the best role models for the members."

The idea of a drum major was to represent the marching band in a positive way. Dealing with the busy and stressful schedule was a part of the job.

The drum majors spent an average of more than 48 hours at school a week. That was 13 extra hours of band practice and 13 hours that an average student could have been finishing homework, studying for an exam, or just relaxing.

"It's all about time management and getting as much work done in school as you can," junior drum major **Autumn Huey** said.

Although being stressed out was completely normal for any high school student, the drum majors were able to relieve the amount put on them.

"Having three drum majors relieves a lot of stress on us because there's one more this year than previous," senior drum major **Kevin Sueper** said. "We're able to spread out more, and there are more eyes to watch everyone to be sure that they're keeping positive attitudes."

Missy Holton
activities staffer

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What is the best part of being in Drumline?

"The challenge that keeps you involved to keep up the greatness of the band as a whole."
Andrew Mitchell, 12

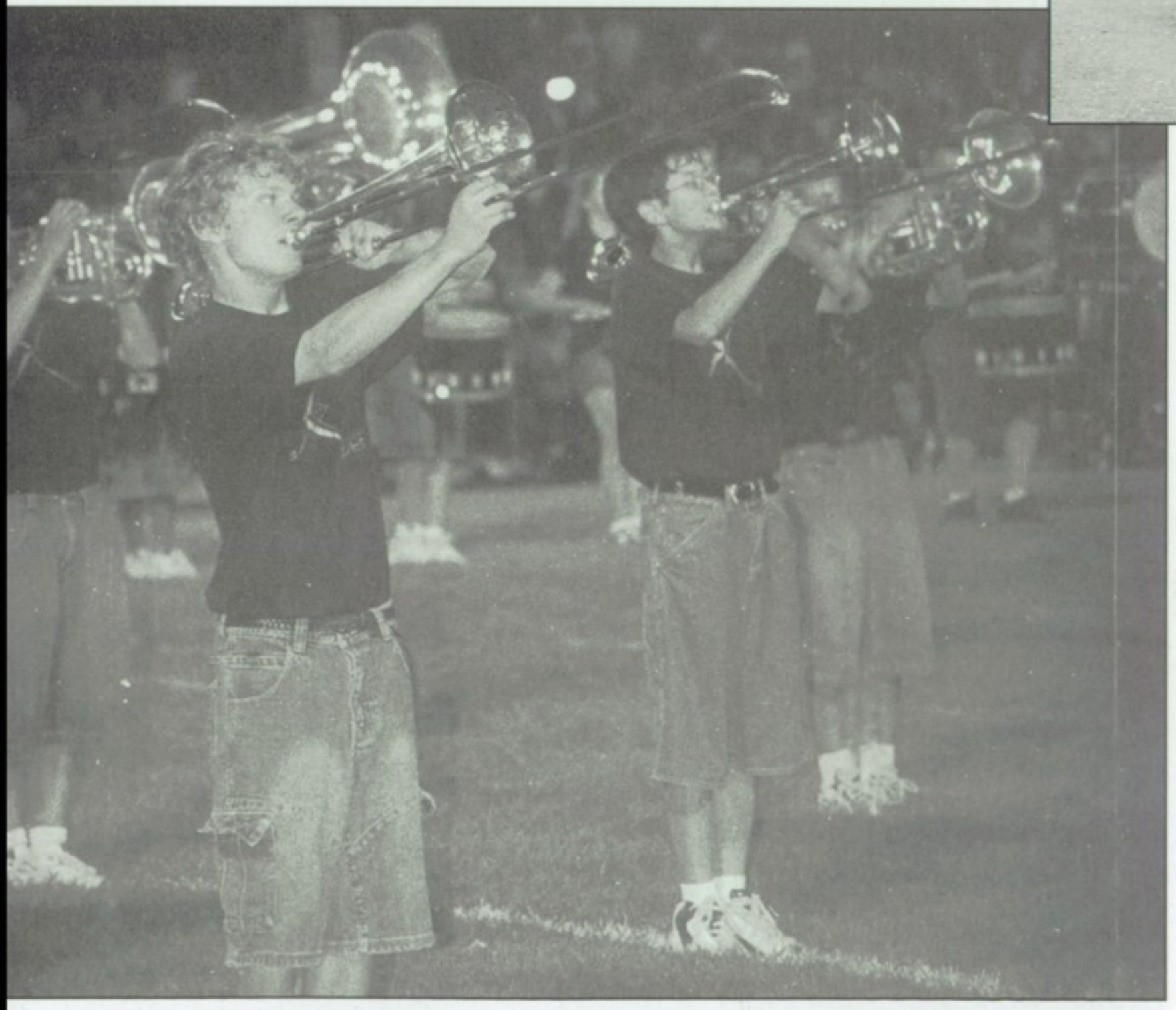
"It's fun, it keeps you involved in a school activity, and it's something fun to do to meet new people."
Derrek Ehrlich, 10

Senior **Kevin Sueper** directs the band during the homecoming football game. To become drum major, Sueper had to write an essay, conduct the "Star Spangled Banner," and be interviewed by band director **Ron Hardin**.

Megan Kolarik

At a morning practice, senior **Jessica Lloyd** stands at attention. This kept the band in a uniform position, which helped them to stay in time with each other.

Kassie Harnden



During halftime at the East vs. West football game, junior **John Devol** and freshman **Nick Bigelow** play trombone and hold their position on the field. The marching band only performed at the home games.

Mike Crum

While performing at the halftime show of a football game, junior **Cassandra Daves** catches her flag. Colorguard performed at home football games and competitions with the marching band.

Megan Kolarik

Freshman **Celeste Bethelsen** holds her position while marching in the Arrows to Aerospace parade. Colorguard members used face paint, false eyelashes, and hair extensions for their performances.

Courtesy of Cologuard

During Winterguard practice, junior **Christina Trout** throws her flag into the air. For performances and competitions, Winterguard practiced many routine steps and tosses such as: single, double, triple, and one and a half throws.

Kaiti Jorgenson

What do you like most about performing?

"The crowd's reaction is the best part."
Katie Willis, 12

"Being in front of people and being able to show off what you can do."
Krystal Stivers, 10

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"I will admit that they help us put out a visual for our performances."

Adding Dimensions

Combination of Groups Add New Flavor

The auditorium is filled with excitement as the loud speaker sounds. Then all goes silent.

"Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Minnesota Percussion Association Competition. It is time to begin today's competition. Please put your hands together for the Bellevue East Drumline... and Winterguard."

The stands roared with confusion. Drumline and winterguard? They had never performed together before.

The reason for the combination was to save money towards competition trips, but other members saw it as much more than just a money-saving issue.

"It was a step in a new direction for the drumline and the Winterguard. There aren't many other percussion groups that do both combined, but it definitely adds a dimension," senior **Jordan Huey** said.

To put on an outstanding show, the selection of members was based on their abilty to perform.

"There are higher standards expected in winter drumline and winterguard. The group of people this year are very selective because not just any random person can be in it," junior **Krysti Martin** said.

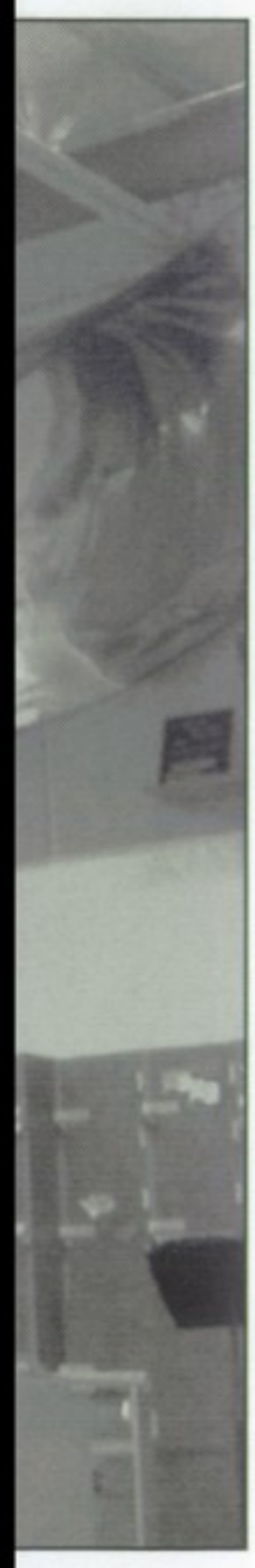
The addition of Winterguard to the line had its advantages and its disadvantages.

Sophomore **Ben Jenkner** said, "Sometimes we didn't get along because drumline is an independent group. I will admit that they help us put out a visual for our performances."

Missy Holton
activities staffer

Mike Crum

During the Kickoff Celebration, senior **Mandy Mansavage** spins her rifle. Mansavage participated in Colorguard since her freshman year and was a captain her senior year.



Winterguard Facts

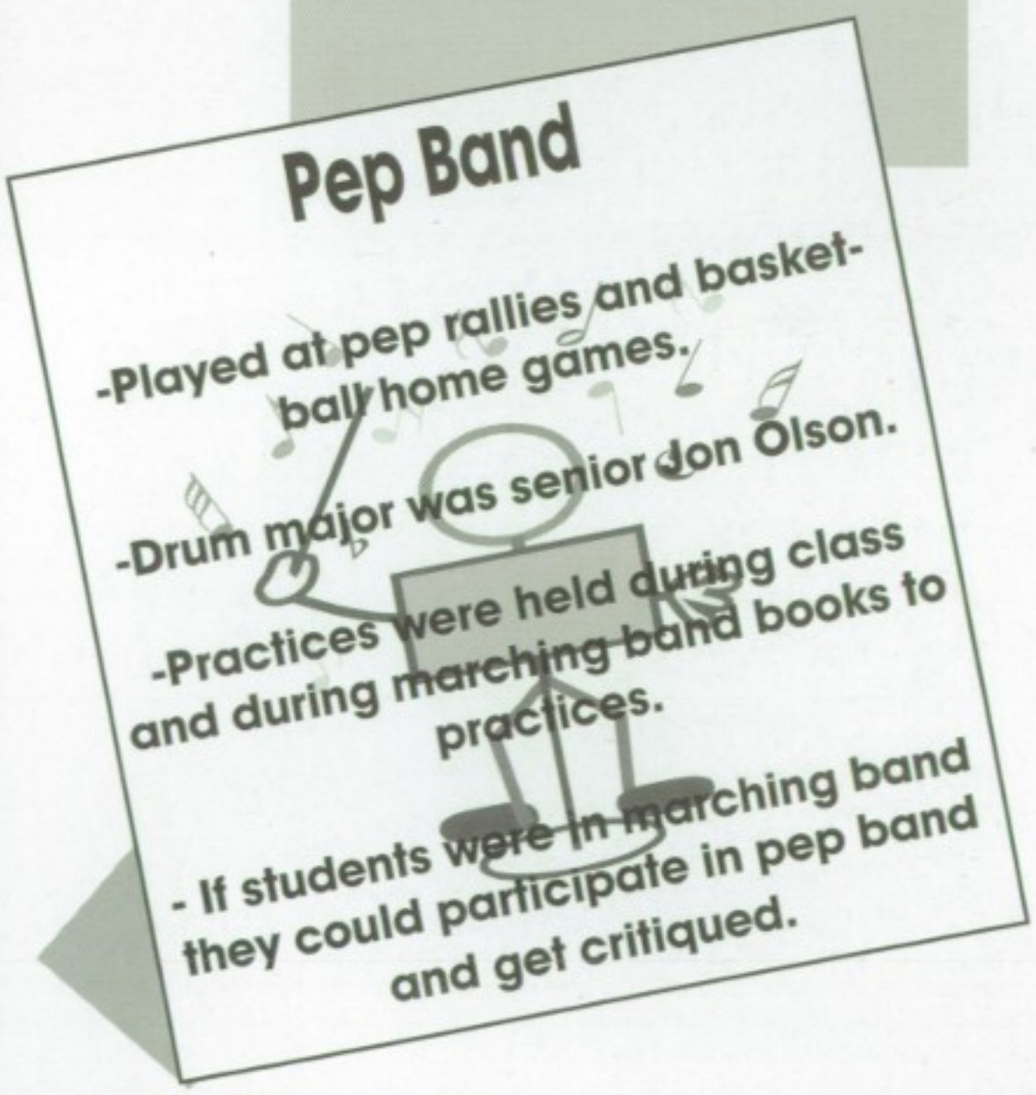
- 3 Days of Practice (Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday)
- 5 Competitions Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota
- Drumline and Winterguard were combined into one group for competitions. In the past, each had separate performances.

"I like jazz music because theres just something about jazz that makes me feel good."

And All That Jazz

Pep Band Song List

- "Louie Louie"
- *Rocky* theme
- "Hang On Sloopy"
- "Woolly Bully"
- "Anchor's Aweigh" (School song)
- *Jaws* theme song
- *Coach* theme song



For four years senior **Jordan Huey** did the one thing he loved most, play jazz.

"There's just something about jazz that makes me feel good," Huey said.

Four days a week, from seven to seven forty-five in the morning, the jazz band rehearsed jazz charts, or songs, for their jazz sets, also known as programs, to perform for concerts and at festivals. The festivals they participated in were also a fundraisers.

"We have many fund-raisers that we do annually with Bellevue West, Mission[Middle School], Logan[Fontenelle Middle School], and this year, the UNL Jazz at the Jazz Dinner Night. We played and listened to other high schools at the UNO Jazz Festival. We earned a lot of money for our class to help support our trips," Huey said.

In jazz band there were six saxophone players, four trombone players, four trumpet players, and four members of the rhythm section. They all competed together at the UNO Jazz festival and earned a "1" also known as Superior.

"Since freshman year, when I played bari sax, I have worked my way up and have been an alto ever since, so it was a big accomplishment for me," Huey said.

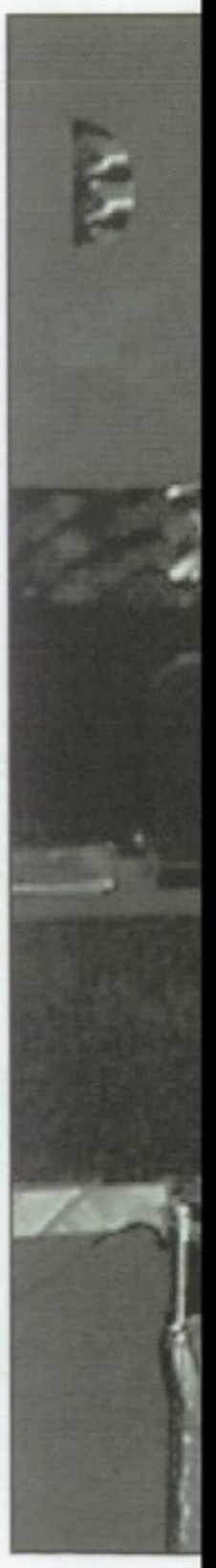
Jazz band focused primarily on Swing in 2005.

"We were able to work with a local percussionist, with jazz trap set," Huey said.

Huey claimed that jazz is just something that gets you moving when it's all put together well.

"Jazz just gets your toes tapping, your head nodding, and it makes you feel real good deep down inside, you know?" Huey said.

Nicole Mathis
activities staffer



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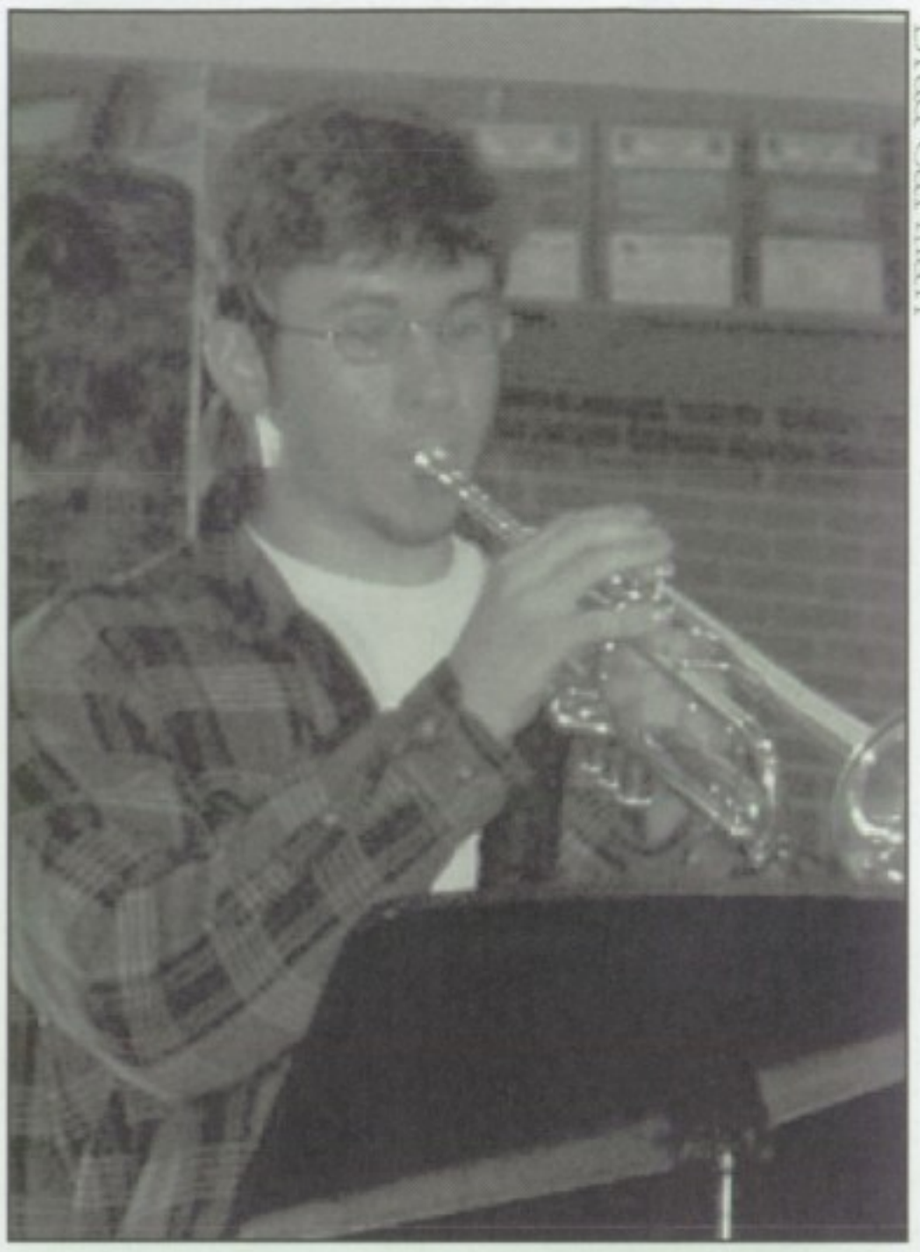
What's the best thing that comes from pep band?

"We're there to be supportive and to make sure they{players} stay motivated," Cameron Blazek, 11

" You get to be with a lot of your friends ,and you get to play good music with great people."
Sebastian Delgadillo, 12



Brad Carman

Warming up, senior **Paul Corley** plays a scale on his trumpet. Pep band did most rehearsing during the fall and relearned the songs throughout the school year in band class.

Nicole Mathis

Sophomore **Christopher Mesnard** starts the intro to "Sing, Sing, Sing" during a jazz band practice before school. East held a jazz festival in the spring where they invited other high school and middle school jazz bands.

"I think people could give more, because, I mean, this family has nothing; everything was burned in the fire."

Burning Needs

ROTC Cadets Raise Money for a Worthy Cause

Linda Hoang

After inspection, junior **Jennifer Andersen** practices marching. Andersen was also a member of JROTC's colorguard team.

"While deployed in Iraq, SSgt. Tim Huey lost his home and one child in a fire on 31 October 2004. His wife and four children need your support."

This was written on the side of the ROTC collection jug. The jug held donations for the Huey Fund.

During lunch passing, dozens of student volunteers gave their time to the cause. The head volunteer, senior **Troy Wajda**, felt a tremendous need to put forth all his effort.

"I feel the only way for me to contribute is to donate all of my time to this cause," Wajda said.

The students found the family's situation difficult and heart-wrenching. Relating it to her personal life, sophomore **Gina Lyle** was especially touched by the story.

"It's really sad, and if I had a child or little sister I would feel horrible, but at the same time I would be thinking about all that was lost," Lyle said.

Others were also deeply affected by the losses, like senior **Angela Bowing**, who dedicated her time because she could relate it to her own family.

"If it was me, I know other people would do the same thing in return," Bowing said.

Although the ROTC volunteers' aim was to help the family, it benefited the corps, as well. According to Wajda, this fundraising was also a way to help with goals and become recognized.

"We strive every year for the Honor Union, which is the best JROTC unit in Nebraska, and we've won it three years in a row," Wajda said.

According to Bowing, the corps indeed proved themselves worthy. The fundraiser was a success and the school raised over $500. Lyle appreciated the donations but also believed that people should have been more concerned about the situation

Lyle said, "I think people could give more, because, I mean, this family has nothing; everything was burned in the fire."

Linda Hoang
activities editor

JROTC Stats

*TWO INSTRUCTORS:
-LIEUTENANT COLONEL BILL STEELE
-MASTER SERGEANT BILL ICKES
*ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:
-MILITARY BALL IN JANUARY
-SAC MUSEUM FIELD TRIPS

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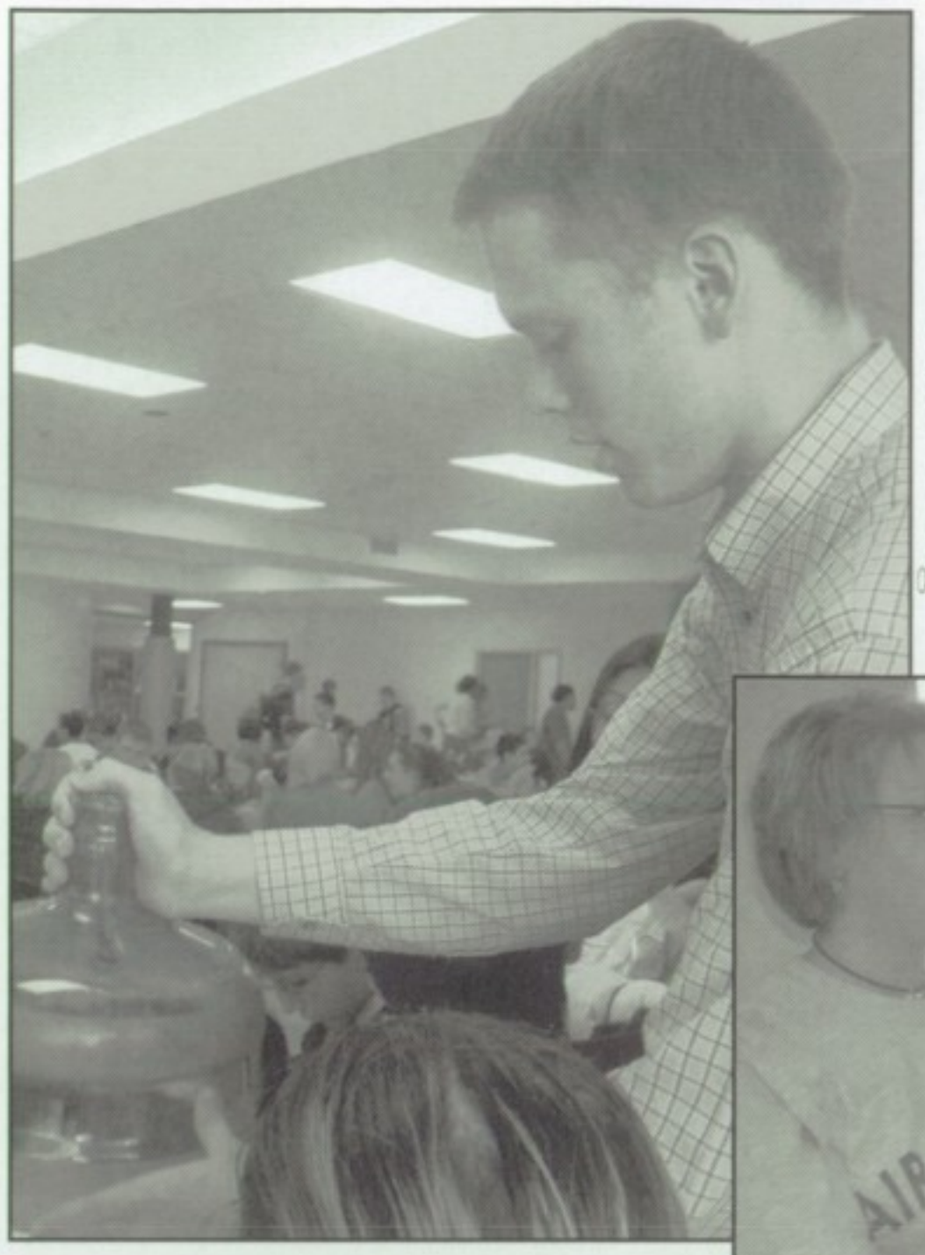
Why did you join ROTC?

"My mom's in ROTC and my family has always had a military back-ground." John DeShields, 10

"I had to beat how well my sister did because I was curious as to how far I could go." David Kring, 12

During third lunch passing, senior **Troy Wajda** inserts change into the collection jug. Wajda went from table to table for a week, trying to gather donations for the Huey family.



Linda Hoang

Reaching out their hands, sophomores **Krista Moore**, **Crystal Garcia**, and **Gina Lyle** ask for donations for the Huey Fund. JROTC had volunteers help out during lunch.

Linda Hoang

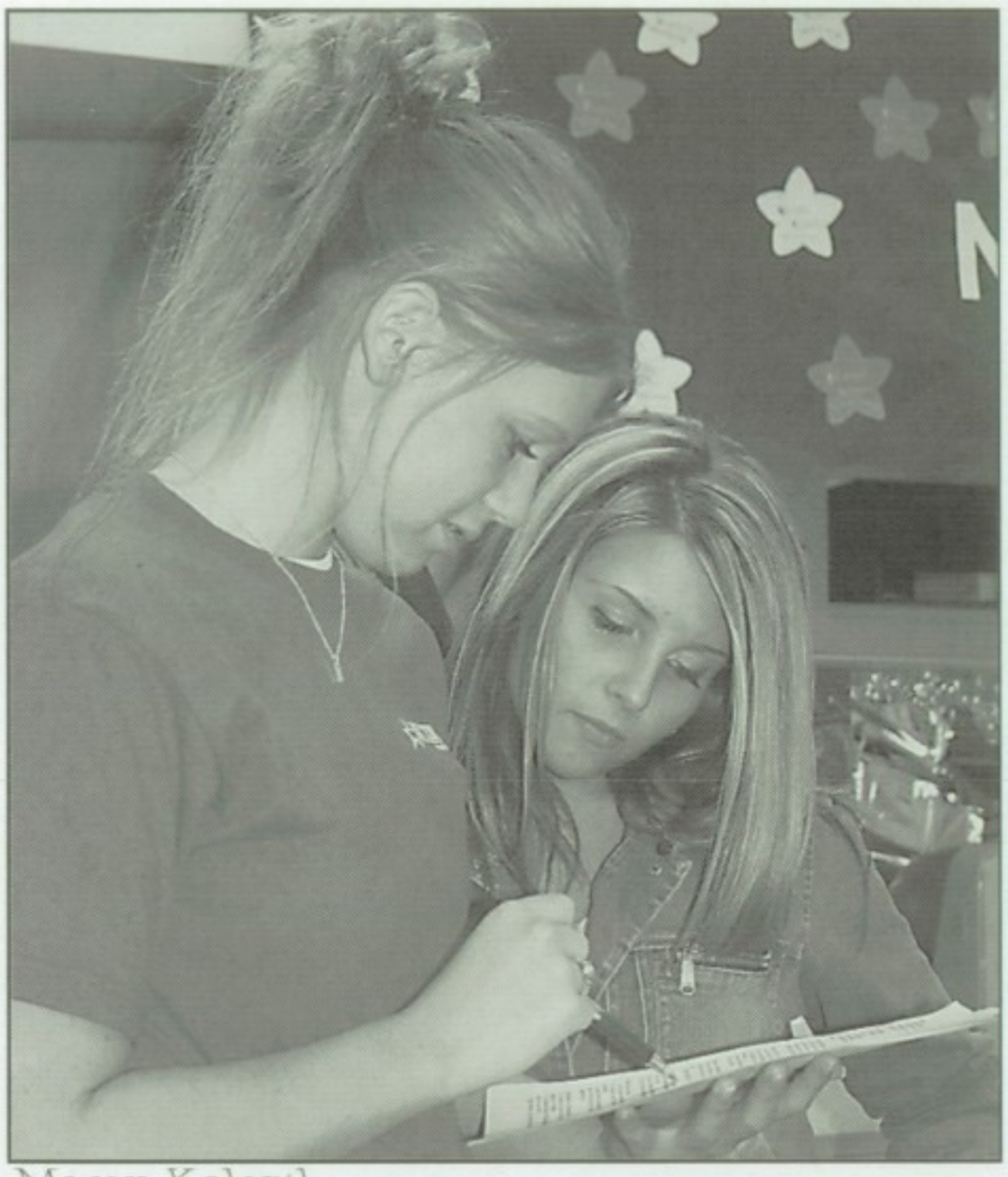
During 6th hour, junior **Michelle Costin** inspects junior **Will Bryan**'s uniform. Inspection was the equivalent of a test grade for all the JROTC classes.

Linda Hoang

"... one boy threw a Spiderman action figure and [senior] Ariel Dowell got the blunt of it."

Quality Over Quantity

Creative Writing Students Take a Twist on the Image



Megan Kolarik

Revising a story for the yearbook, senior **Kaiti Jorgenson**,editor-in-chief, gives senior **Brittany Estep**, layout design editor, positive feedback. "It's frustrating when people ask so many questions, but I realize it's just part of my job," Jorgenson said.

Image stats

- *15 PEOPLE
- *4 TEAMS
  - -EDITING
  - -SUBMISSIONS
  - -LAYOUT
  - -PUBLIC RELATIONS (ADS)

When the votes were tallied, only the strong survived.

Tons of submissions were sent to the *Image*, the school's literary magazine, and only the choice few were accepted. Focusing more on obtaining finer writing, the team filtered out unnecessary works.

According to junior **Alyxandria Roark**, public relations manager, this statement held true.

"**Mrs. [Megan] Fiedler**...leaves most of the work in the hands of the students. We're focusing more on quality than quantity," Roark said.

Constructing a more suitable publication required the class to vote on every submission. A story had to be analyzed entirely by every student in the class. Junior **Cameron Blazek**, submissions staffer, explained how they weeded out the best entries.

"When we vote on a submission, it has to be creative and expressive and very moralistic, and most of all something different that you wouldn't expect," Blazek said.

A story had to stand out from the rest and had to project a certain feeling to affect the reader. The competition was tough according to junior **Caty Capps**, submissions staffer.

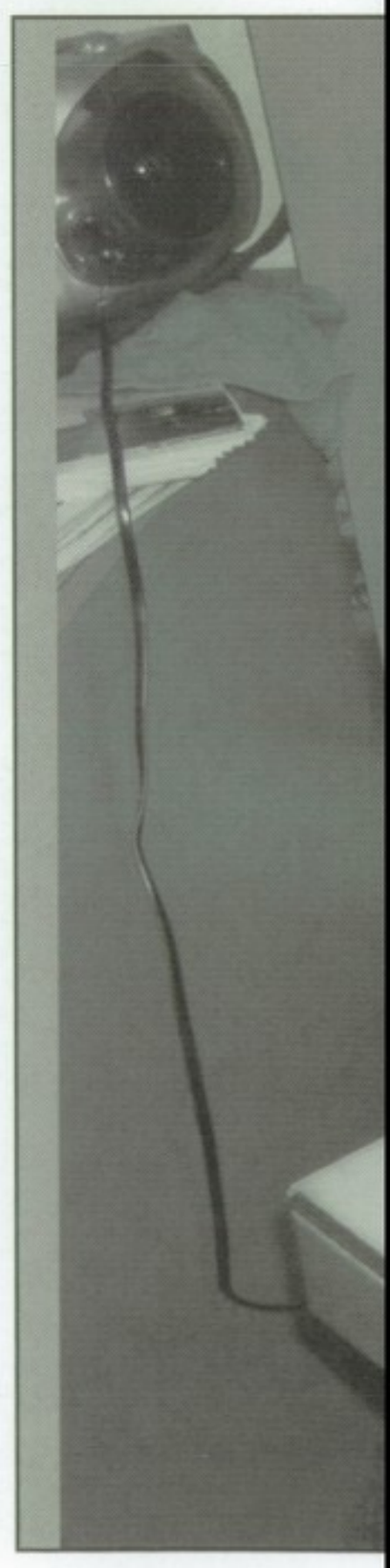
"We're focusing on more quality; we've only accepted three out of the ten writing submissions, but we do need more," Capps said.

However superior the submissions had to be, there still needed to be more of them. Identifying plenty of quality works was not an easy task to accomplish. After all, the stories and poems had to meet all the standards required by the *Image* teams.

"Good poems are pretty hard to come by because everyone wants to be exactly like a New Found Glory's style, like talking about lost love and how life is going downhill...we just need some originality," junior **Pat Carthay**, submissions staffer, said.

When asked to make improvements, some writers took it worse than others.

Senior **Stephen Easey**, editing staffer, said, "There was this one instance in which one boy threw a Spiderman action figure, and [senior] **Ariel Dowell** got the blunt of it."



Linda Hoang
activities editor

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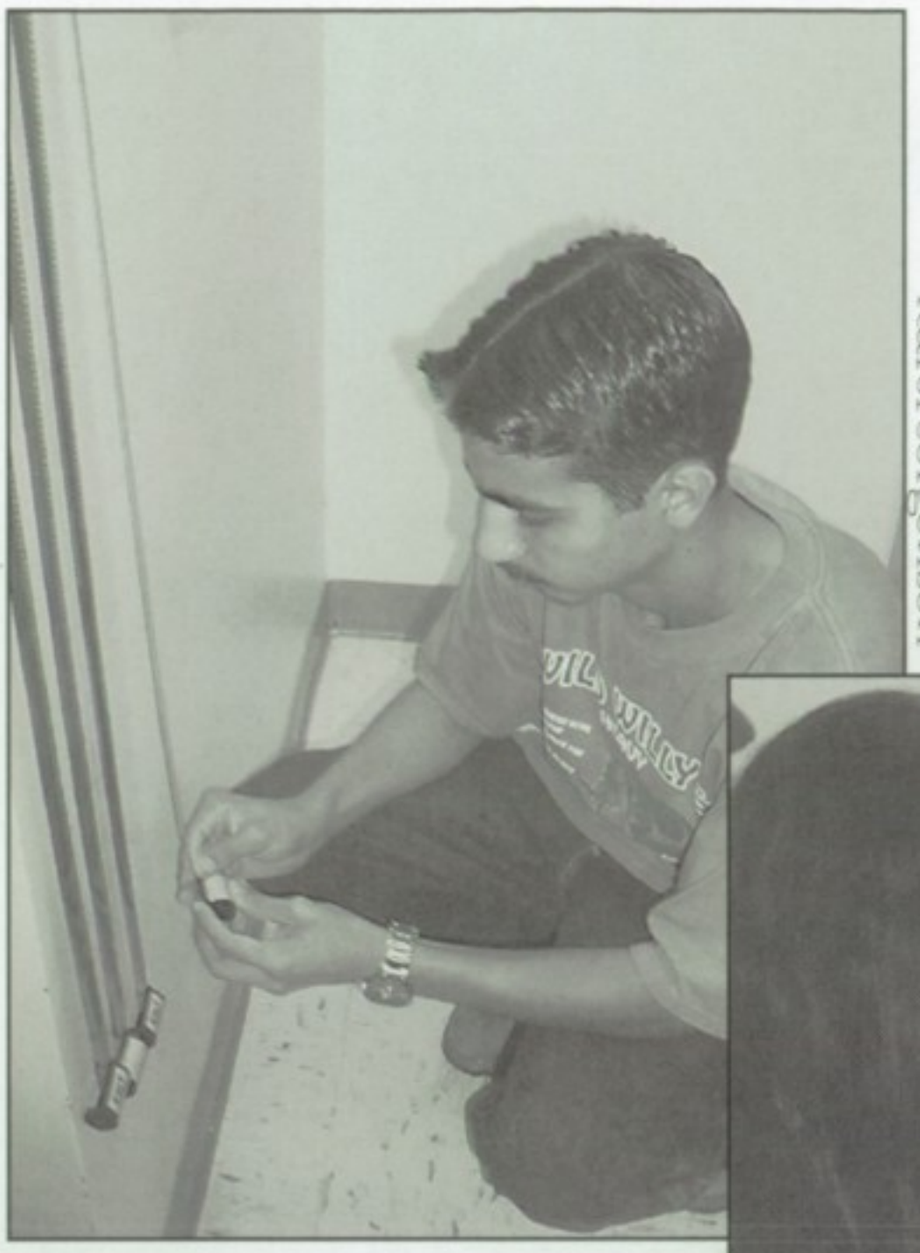
How did you overcome the stress of being on staff?

"I just stick to it–[you] just got to keep on it." Kenny Reynolds, 10 Newspaper

"I keep an open mind to ideas and suggestions." Heather Gibbons, 12 Yearbook

Kneeling down, senior **Mike Crum** unrolls the film for the final stage of development. "It's cool to challenge yourself [when taking pictures] and I just find it exciting," Crum said.



Kaiti Jorgenson

Sophomore **Sarah Hoffman**, editing staffer, constructs a poster for Poetry Cafe. Poetry Cafe was an after school program run by the *Image* for students to express their creativity.

Megan Kolarik

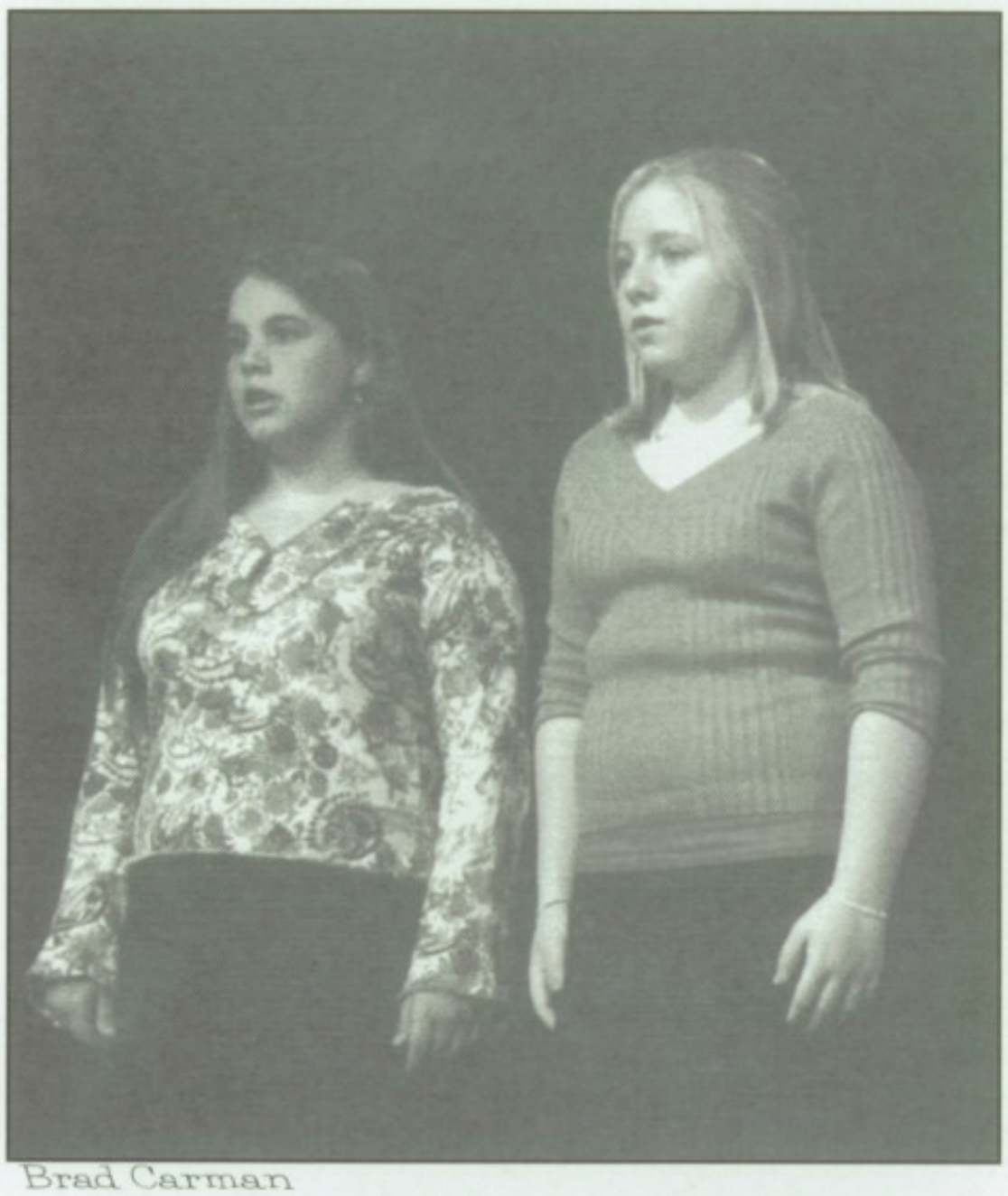
Leaning over a light board, junior **Philip Ybay**, graphic artist, sketches an illustration for the *Tom Tom*. "I use the light board when inking and to make the work more accurate," Ybay said.

Kaiti Jorgenson

"He's great at singing and can get lower than most other basses."

Sing low, sweet chariot

Deep singer takes hold of chorus



Brad Carman

Freshmen **Kathleen Lickly** and **Allison Jarvis** sing "Ave Maria" in the Freshman Chorale part of the Fall Concert. "Ave Maria" was among 2 other songs which were "Adoramus Te" and "'Cross the Wide Missouri."

The hands of Mrs. **Simons-Bester** rise into the air as the class comes to a complete silence. The hands drop slightly after a while and start bobbing back and forth as the chorus erupts into song. One student, however, stands out among the rest.

Terrance Duley, a junior, was the only person in mixed chorus that was able to reach a B flat. Duley started singing when he was about five years old, but had not been in mixed chorus before.

"I joined chorus because I didn't have any other specific class to do so I tried it out," Duley said. "[Junior] **Michael Kerber** and [junior] **Nate Welsh** also pushed me to become a singer."

Thomas Didamo, a sophomore, stood right next to Duley on the risers. Didamo said that it was good to have that deep of voice next to him.

"I think Terrance is a good singer because he actually keeps the tone of the other people focused," Didamo said.

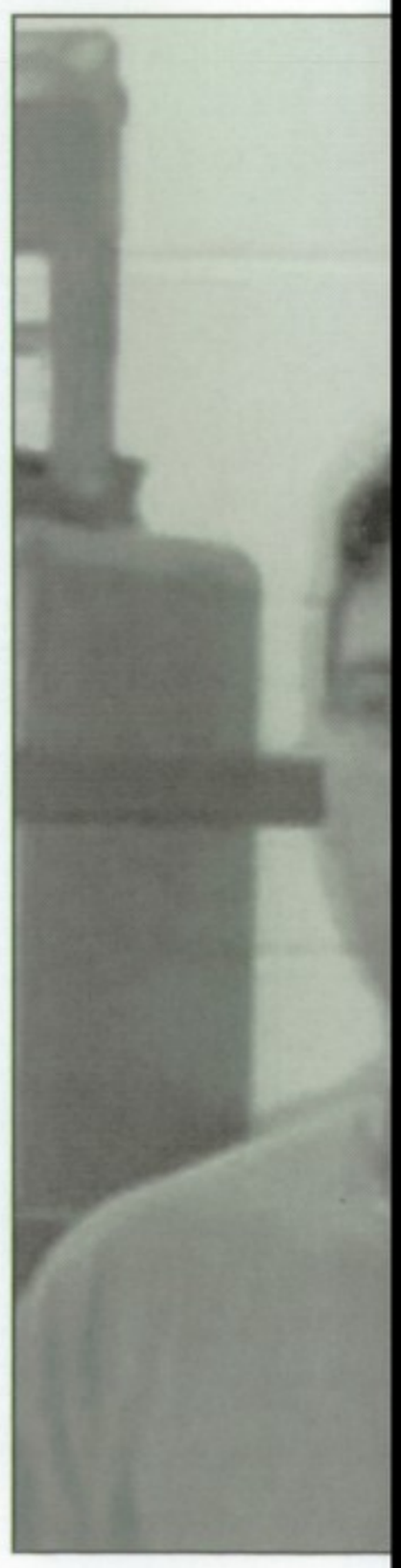
Jacquelyn Allison, a senior, was also in mixed chorus and said that Duley was an awesome singer.

"He's great at singing and can get lower than most other basses," Allison said.

Mrs. Simons-Bester also had a say in Duley's performance.

Mrs. Simons-Bester said, "All of my students are gifted, talented, and wonderful, of which Terrance is just one of them."

Dan Schreiber
Staff Writer



Freshman/Mixed Stats

*APPROXIMATELY 75 MEMBERS
*MAJOR EVENTS:
- FALL CONCERT (OCT.)
- CANDLELIGHT CONCERT (DEC.)
- CHORAL FESTIVAL (FEB.)

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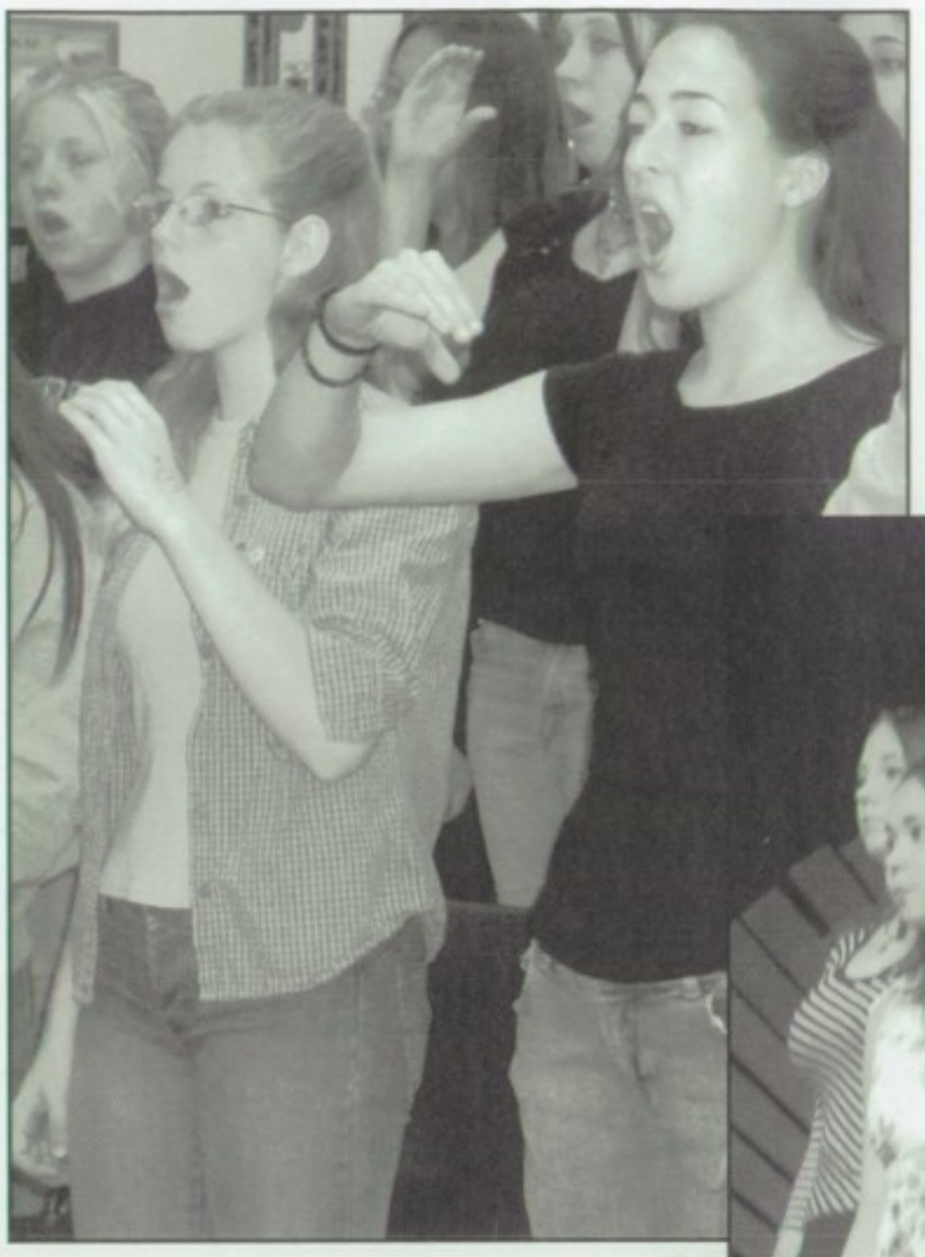
Why did you join chorus?

"I love to sing and Mrs.B [Simons-Bester] inspires me."
Alex Vo, 9

"I wanted to show off how good I can sing."
Vickie Burnell, 10

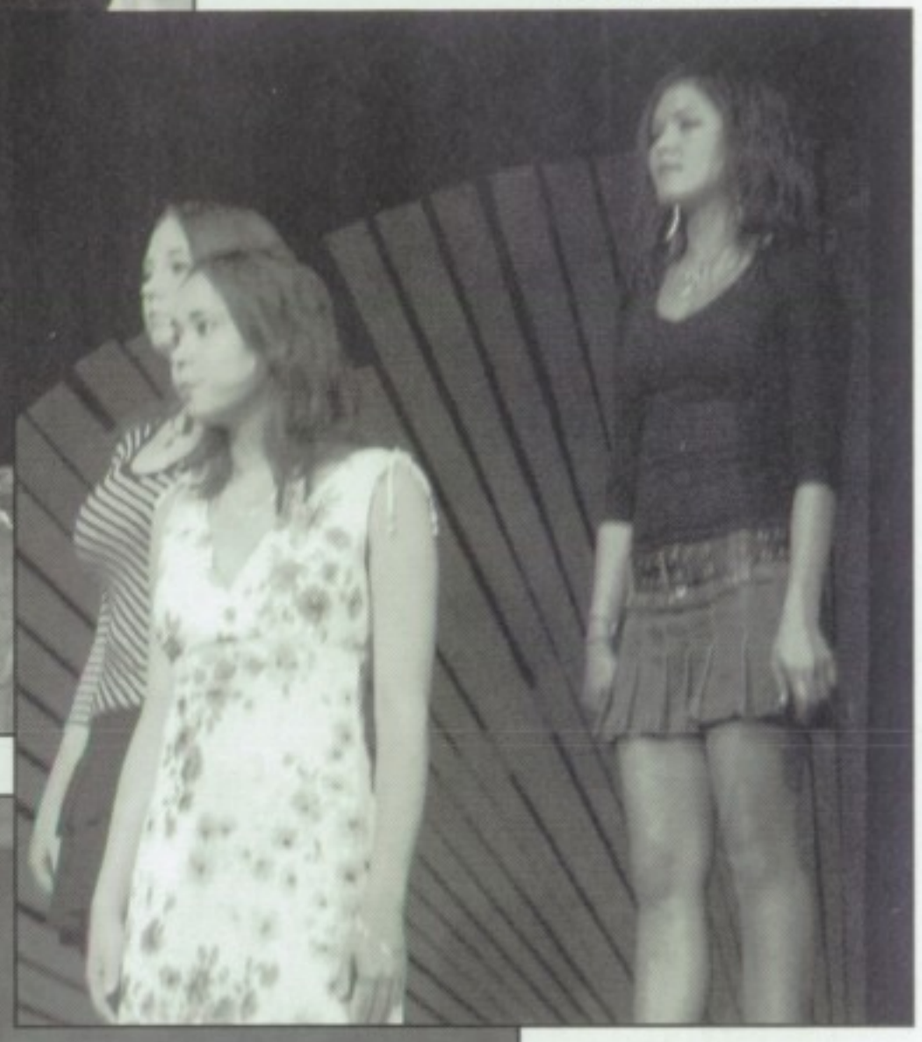
Freshman **Justina Johnston** and junior **Rachel Lowery** warm up. Warm ups were important for tuning and keeping the chorus together when singing.

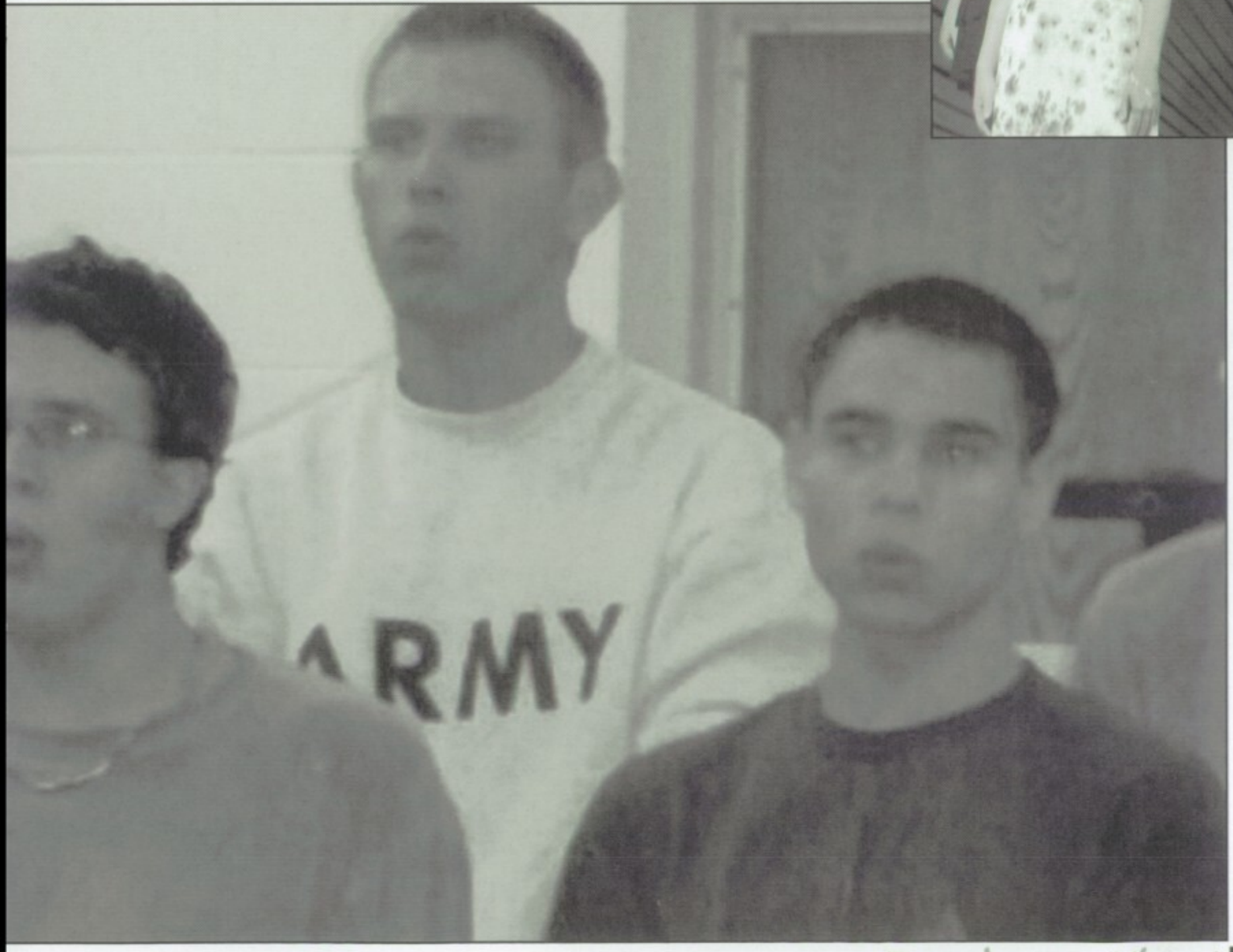


Amanda Lickly

Freshmen **Maria Rojas**, **Jackie Villegas**, and **Sarah Stetler** sing at the first concert of the year. The Freshman Chorale sang alone and then the women of the Freshman Chorale and Mixed Chorus sang together.

Brad Carman





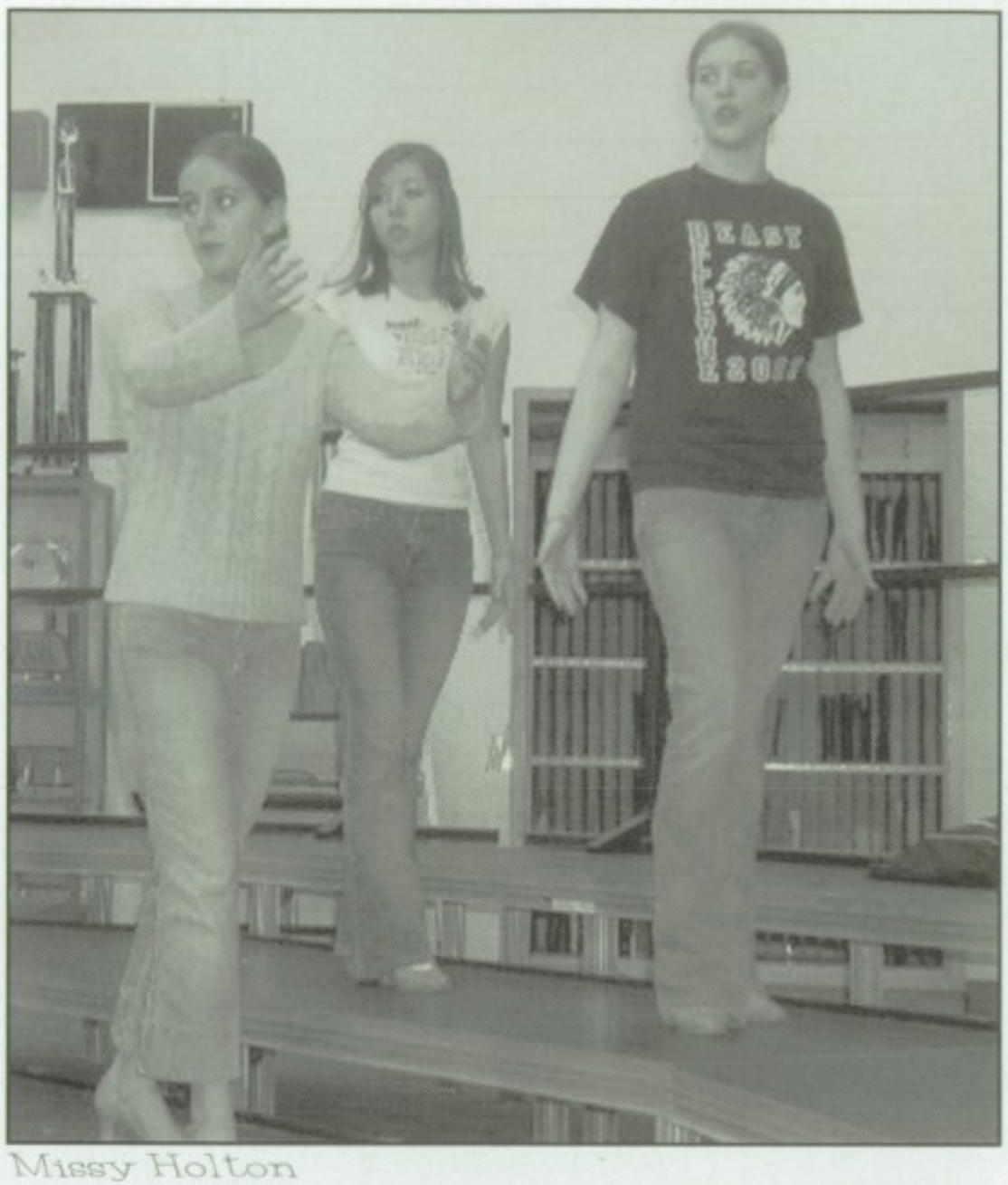
Sophomore **Thomas Didamo**, senior **James Sons**, and junior **Terrance Duley** sing during practice for Mixed Chorus. During class the students practiced for their concerts.

Amanda Lickly

"Right away they told me to get up, so I didn't argue"

Long Live the Chair

Tradition in music department continues



Missy Holton

Senior **Heather Winslow** and sophomores **Sheena Gastrock** and **Heather McIntosh** rehearse their choreography. Members of East in Harmony had to have the coordination to dance and sing at the same time.

Sensations Facts

*SPONSOR:
-MARGE SIMONS-BESTER
*11 MEMBERS
- 6 SOPRANOS
- 5 ALTOS
PRACTICE ON TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS

Walking into the choir room, you realize how long your day has been. You decide to take a break and find a comfortable chair. As you begin to take a seat, you hear a voice from behind you saying, "Don't sit down!"

Known as the Tradition Chair, this particular piece of furniture had been a part of the Chieftain tradition for many years.

"I used to have a really worn out chair that had previously broke. On graduation morning, the seniors had told me to sit down, and when I went to sit, they had told me I had the wrong chair. They had purchased a new, comfortable chair for me," director **Marge Simons-Bester** said.

Some students found out about the Tradition Chair through the talk of other choir students and Simons-Bester herself. Only choir alumni were allowed to sit in the chair. It wasn't an issue discussed constantly, but everyone in the music department knew it existed. They were sure to take care of anyone breaking tradition.

"I've sat in the chair before just because I wanted to sit down. Right away they told me to get up, so I didn't argue," junior **Tisi Meyer** said.

To some, it was a good way to establish yet another tradition. To others, it may have seemed like it was all about the graduates when they came back for a visit.

Sophomore **Sheena Gastrock** said, "Sometimes it seems like a pain, but it's a tradition, and I respect it like every other tradition of this school."

Simons-Bester said, "The choir members think that I should sit down more and in turn let them sit down also. On graduation morning, most of the graduating seniors come back just to sit in the chair and take pictures."

Missy Holton
activities co-editor

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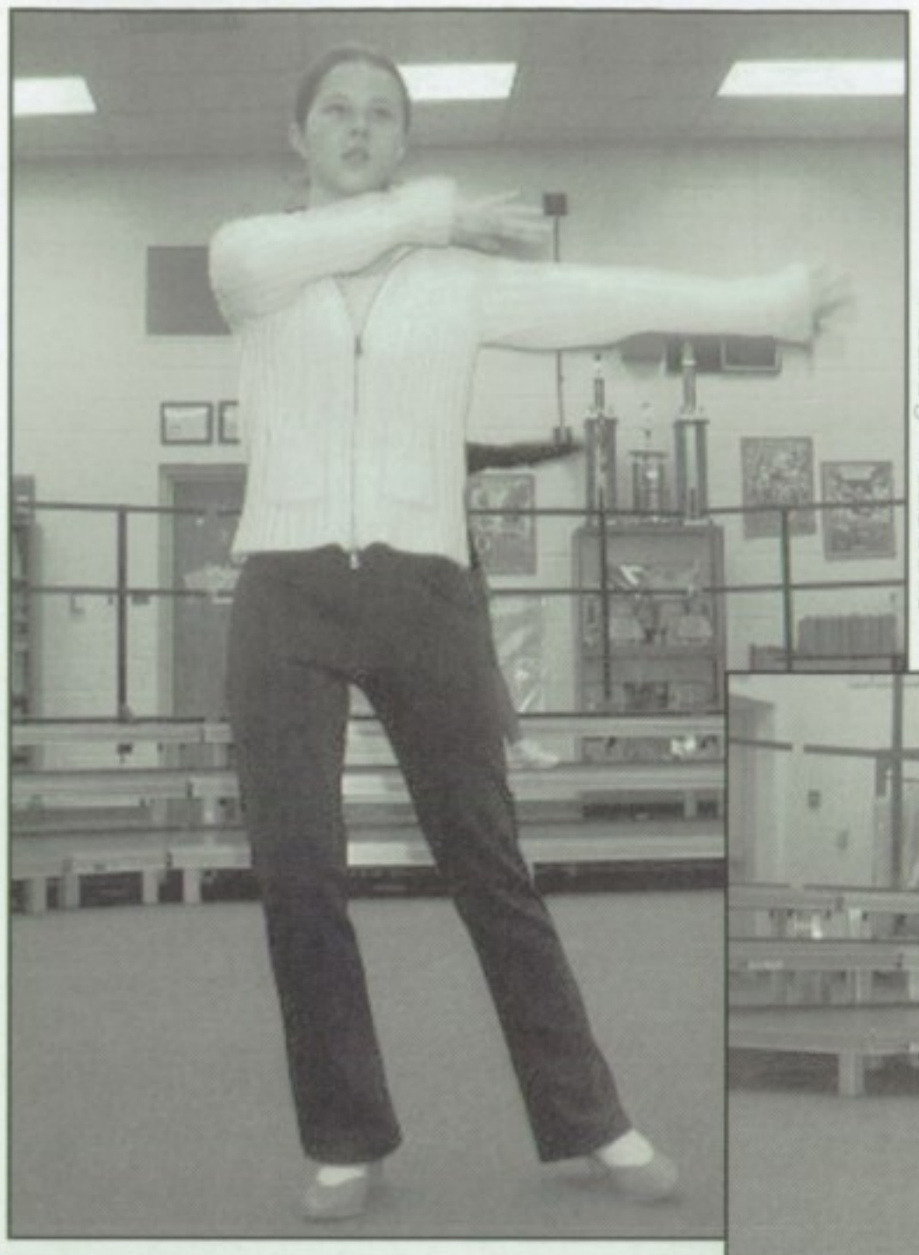
What do you enjoy most about singing?

"It's a great way to express myself and it's just fun. There's no other way to explain it." Kristina Owens, 11.

It's fun to be on stage and seeing the faces on the people you're entertaining." Audrey Whitcomb, 10.

Sophomore **Courtney Slack** demonstrates a dance routine for a Sensations performance. Choir members participated in the annual 8-12 festival held at Bellevue West in February for middle and high schoolers.



Missy Holton

Preparing to start practice, freshman **Brooke Hoogeveen** fastens her dance shoes. Members of swing choir wore their dance shoes during practice to break them in for competitions.

Missy Holton

At East in Harmony rehearsal, junior **Jeriel Cabanilla** learns his part. During "Look Into My Eyes," the guys proceeded to the front while the girls stayed on the risers.

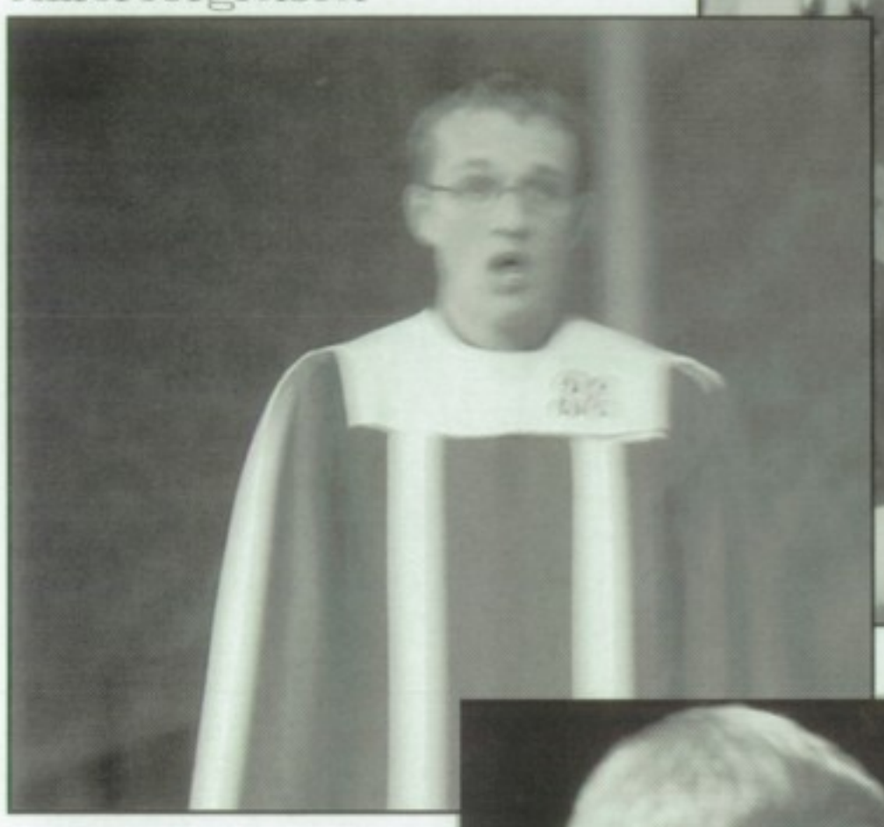
Missy Holton

During Singers class, sophomore **Anna Lefebvre** listens as director **Ryan Placek** explains the new material. Singers used fifth hour to study new musical pieces and practice for concerts.

Heather Gibbons

Senior **Jonathan Olson** performs at a fall choir concert. Men of the Freshman Chorale, Mixed Chorus, and East High Singers sang "The Awakening" by Joseph Martin.

Kaiti Jorgenson



Senior **Colin Kirkeby** and juniors **Kelvin Lozano** and **Derrick Bell** follow closely the instruction of director **Ryan Placek** at a fall choir concert. It was Placek's second year as a choir instructor.

Kaiti Jorgenson

What impact has music had on your life?

"It has kept me out of trouble by making me dedicate my time towards something else."
Zack Heenan, 12

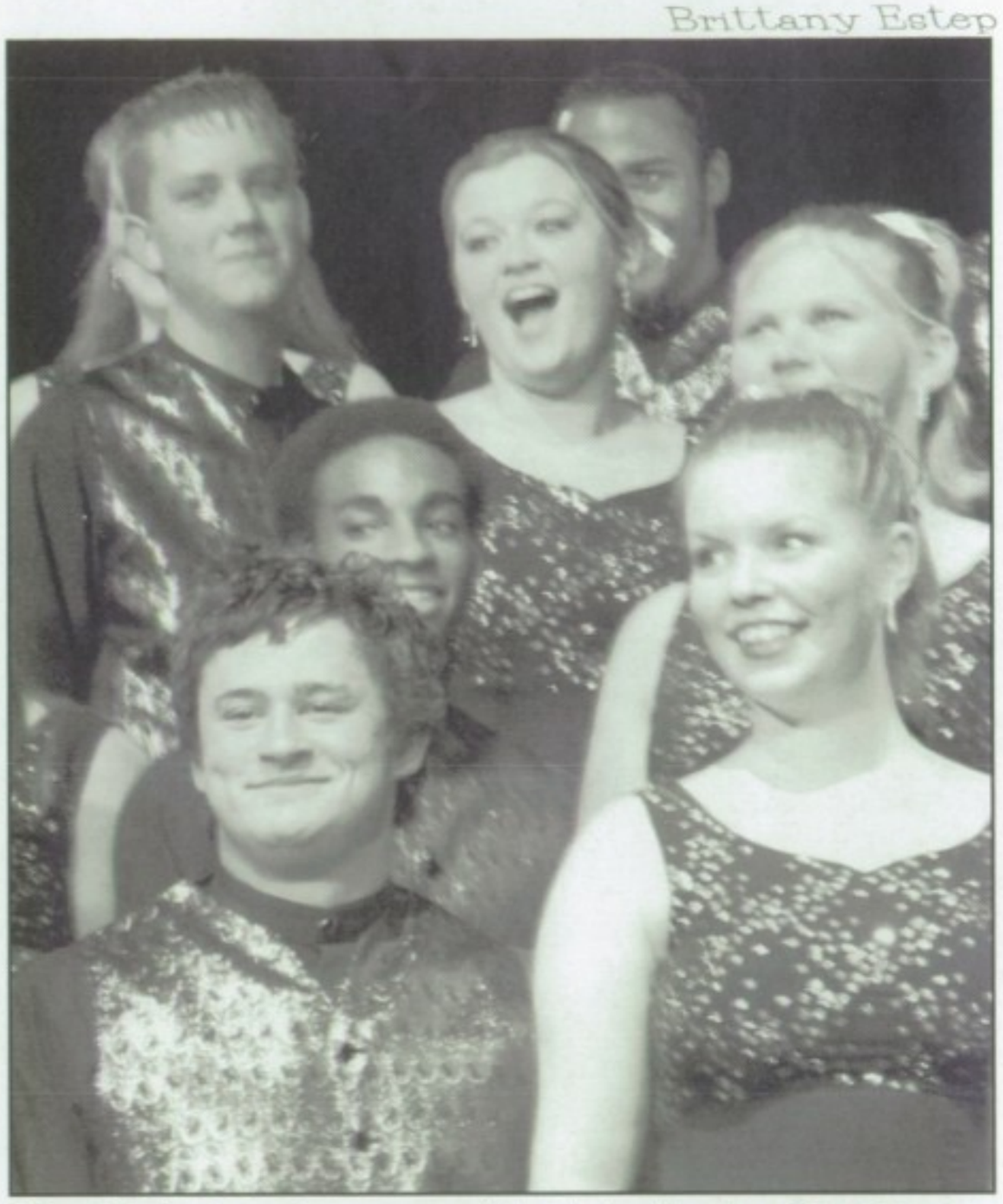
"It has allowed me to meet many new people that have influenced me in many ways."
Michelle Hoins, 12

"It was sort of saying good-bye to the old members and hello to the new."

So-called Bonding

New Members of Take II Experience Initiation

Brittany Estep



After a Take II performance,(clockwise) juniors **Christopher Gilland**, **Madeline Doerr**, **Becca Sunberg**, **Michelle Morehead**, **Nathan Welsh**,senior **Zack Heenan** and junior **Nathan Welsh** take their final pose. Each member of Take II brought an item for the "Take II Emergency Kit." The emergency kit was put together in case an item such as hairspray was forgotten at a competition.

3:00 a.m. You awaken to the sound of people running through your house, screaming and laughing. Then all goes silent. Seconds later, your lights flip on, and you hear, "Aren't you excited? You're in Take II! Team bonding time!"

Former members of Take II were in charge of planning the initiation.

The bonding began at 3:00 a.m. when the members were picked up one by one at each of their houses. After all of the new members were together, they headed to Haworth Park where new members were instructed to do activities such as running around the park in the cold. After the initiation was finished, the leaders took them to breakfast at Village Inn.

"I was in utter shock of having 20 people in my house and waking up really early. I had no clue that they had planned it, so it was a surprise," senior **Nikole Sloter** said.

As in any club activity, member unity played an important role in keeping a group of unique individuals together.

"Last year, initiation prepared me to step up into the leaving members' shoes. It was sort of an awakening to what there was to look forward to," senior **Michelle Hoins** said.

Sometimes conflicts interfered and finding the time to become comfortable with a new group of people was difficult.

For some, initiation allowed them to become familar with the new year's group.

Sloter said, "It has helped me to build a different type of friendship with those that have the same interest as me. It was sort of saying good-bye to the old members and hello to the new."

Missy Holton
activities staffer

East High Singers Facts
- 28 Members
- 3 Seasonal Concerts (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Worlds of Fun concert during spring

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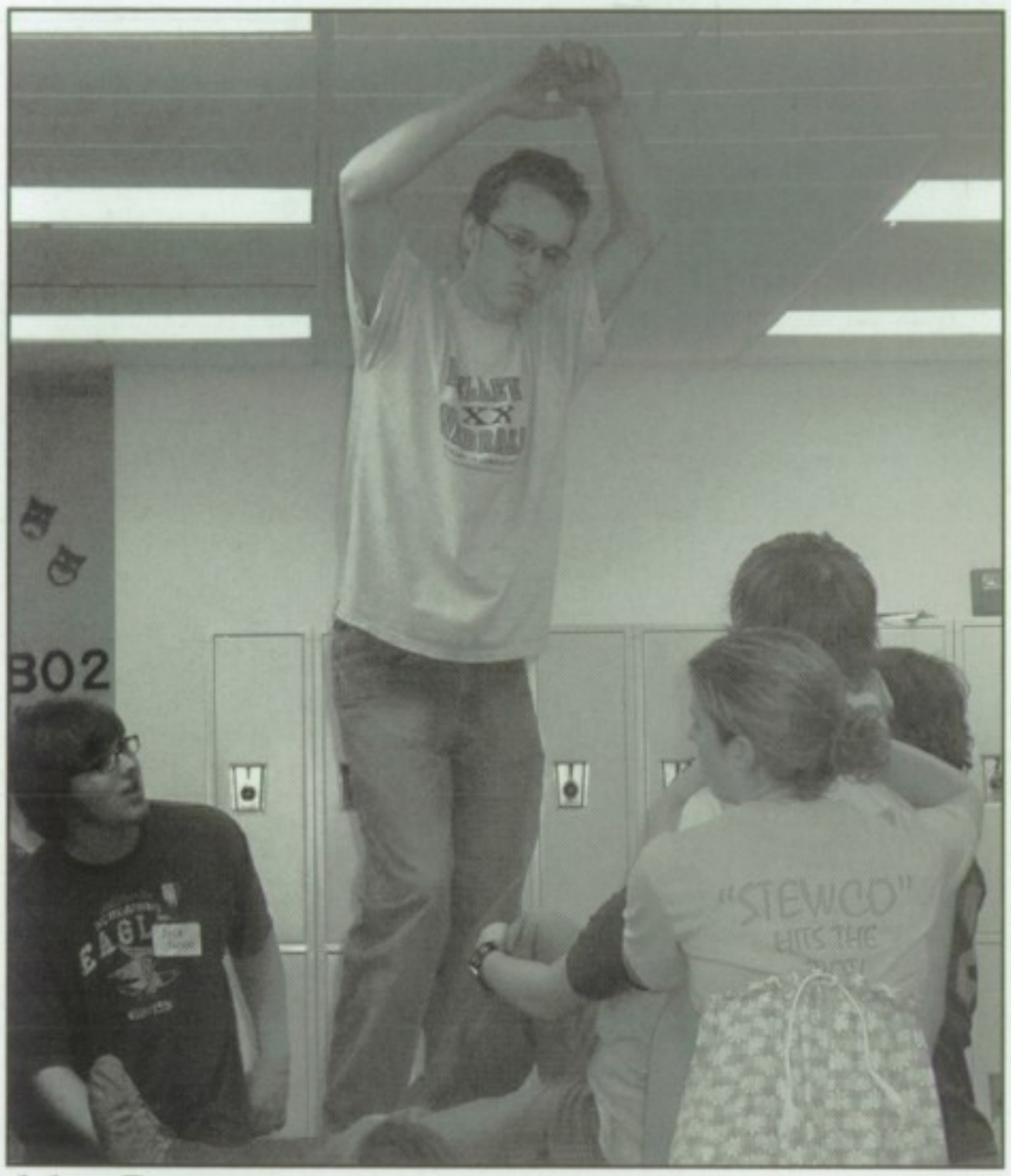
"It's a good event for Thespians to come and share a love for theater; I believe they will come and have fun."

75 Years and Still Roaring

International Thespian Society Festival Comes to East



John Buss

Senior **Jon Olson** poses on top of a desk while senior **Ashly Banta** and sophomore **Josh Parker** looks on during a spring play practice. Olson played Gaston in the school's production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

Six hundred members of Nebraska's Thespian troupe came to East in January to attend the 75th International Thespian Society state convention. To attend, a participant had to be a student actor and in a troupe.

"East was chosen to host because of the size of our auditorium," drama advisor **Susan Quint** said. "We have enough space to hold around 700 students there."

The schools arrived around 1:00 p.m. on Jan. 14.

"Even though part of the event is going on during the school day, the participants will be in the auditorium watching a performance until 4:00," drama director Susan Quint said.

During the two-day convention, there were many activities such as workshops, vendors, full shows, competitions, and college booths.

Schools that attended had to prepare for different types of acting. They had their own display, showing what they had done through the year.

"There is a Showcase of Stars, which is basically a talent show, and also Improv Olympics," junior **Jerica Wild** said.

The attendees were able to take back more knowledge of theater because of the convention.

"With the workshops, people can learn different aspects of theater," junior **Jessica Becker** said. "They can learn a new skill like dance, scenic art, and almost anything they want to know."

Decorations were one of the most time-consuming parts of the convention preparation.

"The decorations are bigger than after prom. We have to organize and build everything within our time frame,"Quint said.

Many special decorations had been put up, including a wall designed to look like a speakeasy, and the troupe displays. A 15-foot prop of two dancers designed by parent **Julie Wilson** was set up to stand by the auditorium to greet the participants.

With all the effort put into convention, Wild said she believed that everything will be worth the time they spent.

"[The event] is extremely stressful for us, but it's so much fun, sometimes I don't realize how stressed I really am," Wild said. "I don't think it would be as enjoyable if there wasn't some stress involved."

Quint hoped to have a good turn out and thought that everyone that attended had a good time.

"It's a good event for Thespians to come and share a love for theater," Quint said. "I believe they will come and have fun."

Kim Volenec
staff writer

Thespian Stats

*SPONSOR: SUSAN QUINT
*REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINING:
-EARN AT LEAST 10 POINTS
-EACH POINT WAS WORTH 10 HOURS OF ACTING
-REQUIRED TO BE IN AT LEAST 2 PLAYS

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Why did you join Drama Club?

"Ever since I was little, I wanted to be an actress." Amber Ostrander, 9

"It seemed like it would be fun. I had seen some of the meetings, and they were popping balloons without their hands or feet." Josh Bourgeois, 11

During one-act auditions, sophomore **Abigale Jenkins** points her finger at another actor. There were a total of 3 student-run one-act plays: *The Booby and the Trap*, *Final Directions*, and *Imaginary Friend*.

Linda Hoang

Sophomore **Lauren Mansavage** holds sophomore **Stephanie Hill**'s arm during *The Booby and the Trap* audition. *The Booby and the Trap* was about a soldier who gets caught in a land mine.

Linda Hoang

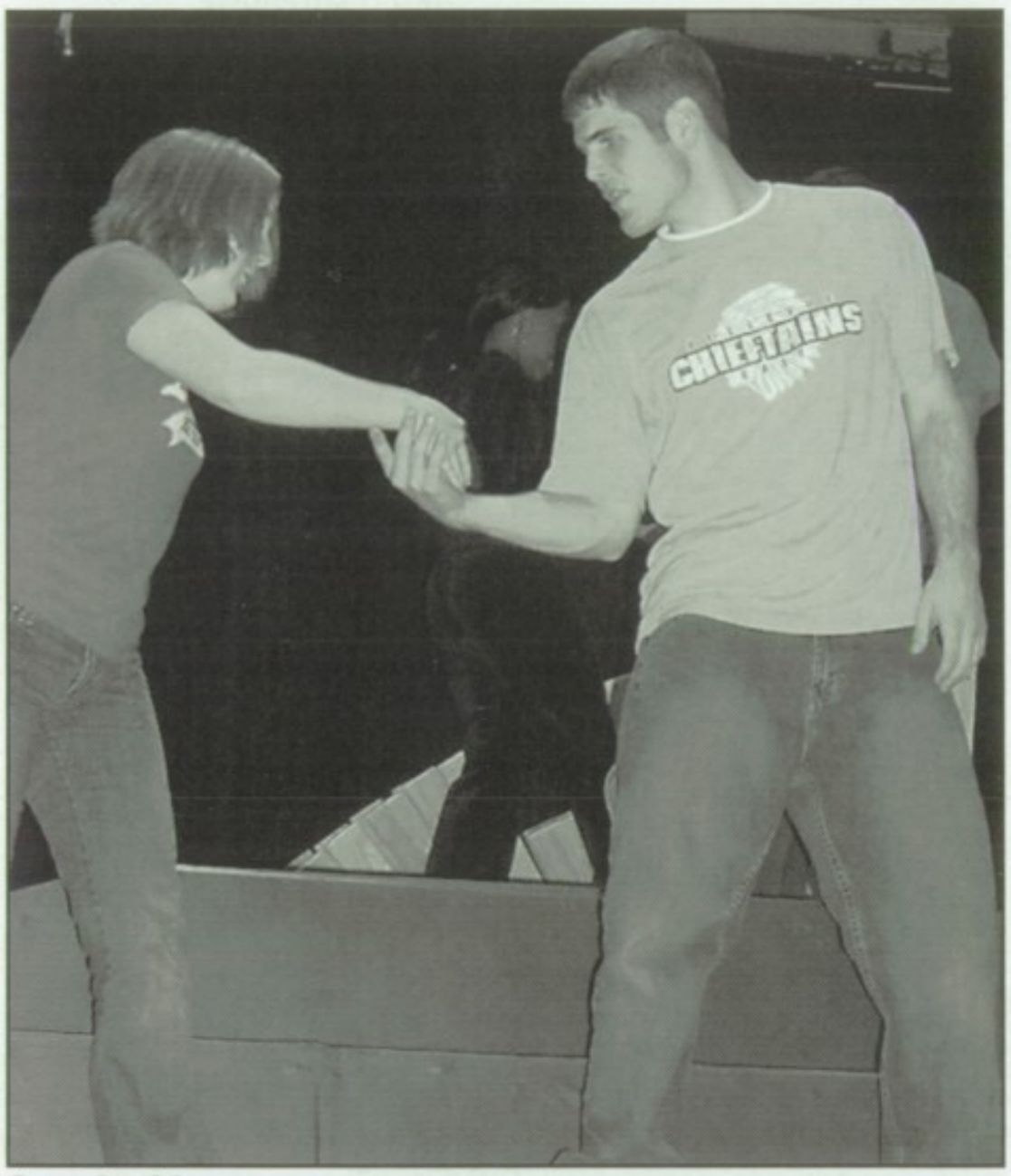
During play practice, sophomore **Matthew Cutter** practices his choreography. Cutter was involved in play productions since his freshman year, like *Brigadoon*, *The Hobbit*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

John Buss

"If it was just the actors, it would just be a bunch of people yelling and walking around."

Dream Team

A Midsummer Night's Dream Tech Team Takes the Cake



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Hand in hand, junior **Lauren Ackerman** and senior **Zach Powell** perform a dance routine during practice. This particular dance was called the Charleston and was performed for the celebration scene.

A stage without props, lighting, and a setting wouldn't be much of a stage at all.

According to spotlight and electrical crew member senior **David Whitsett**, the actors would be lost without the rest of the crews.

"Any play can have actors, but it takes the tech crew to make it real to life, " Whitsett said.

For the play practices to run smoothly, both the actors and the behind-the-scenes teams needed to cooperate at all times. Stage manager sophomore **Kelle Grabhorn** backed up this theory.

"The tech teams don't get much credit, but we can easily work together with the actors to get the job done, even if we're not in the spotlight," Grabhorn said.

One of the ways the crews learned to get along was to put all of their day's stresses behind them.

"All of the cast and crew have to leave their emotions at the door and stay attentive," assistant director junior **Emilie Kunz** said.

Without this determination, dedication, and cooperation, there wouldn't have been a play.

Whitsett said, "If it was just the actors, it would just be a bunch of people yelling and walking around."

Linda Hoang
activities editor

Fall Play Stats

*OVER 80 CREW MEMBERS
*CREWS: STAGE, PUBLICITY, CONSTRUCTION, SCENIC ART, SPECIAL EFFECTS, SET/RUN, PROPS, COSTUME, HAIR/MAKEUP, PROGRAM, ELECTRICAL, SOUND DESIGN, SPOTLIGHT

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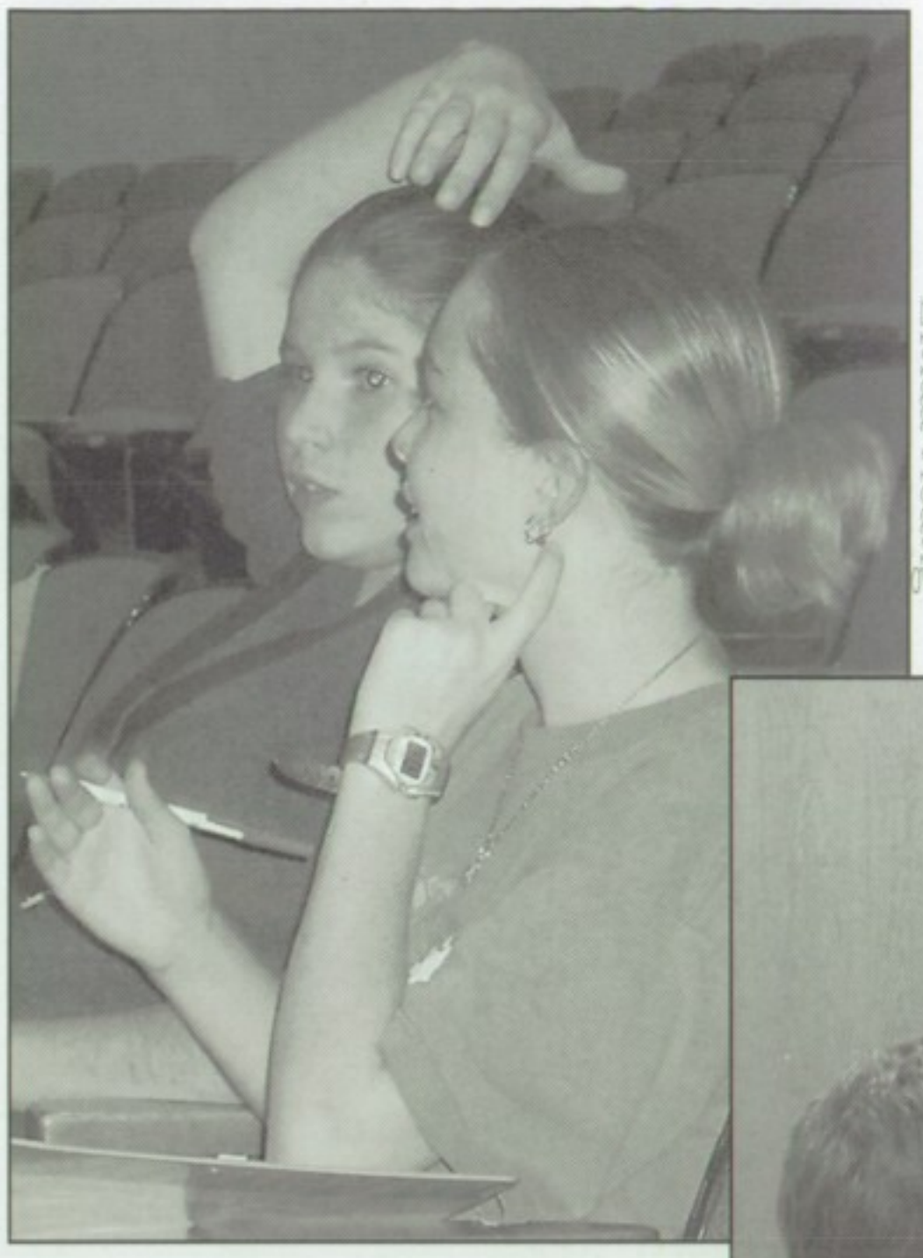
What is the hardest part of your job?

"It's a tie between memorizing lines and getting into character." Jason VonBehren, 12 "Oberon"

"Keeping yourself cool when everyone's going AHHHH!" Emilie Kunz, 11 Assistant Director

Sophomores **Kelle Grabhorn** and **Stephanie Hill** discuss possible improvements for the actors' positions. Grabhorn and Hill were both first-time stage managers for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



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Leaning down, freshman **Jared Spence** applies stage makeup for junior **Josh Bourgeois**. Since the play was set in the 1920's, makeup was used to fit the era.

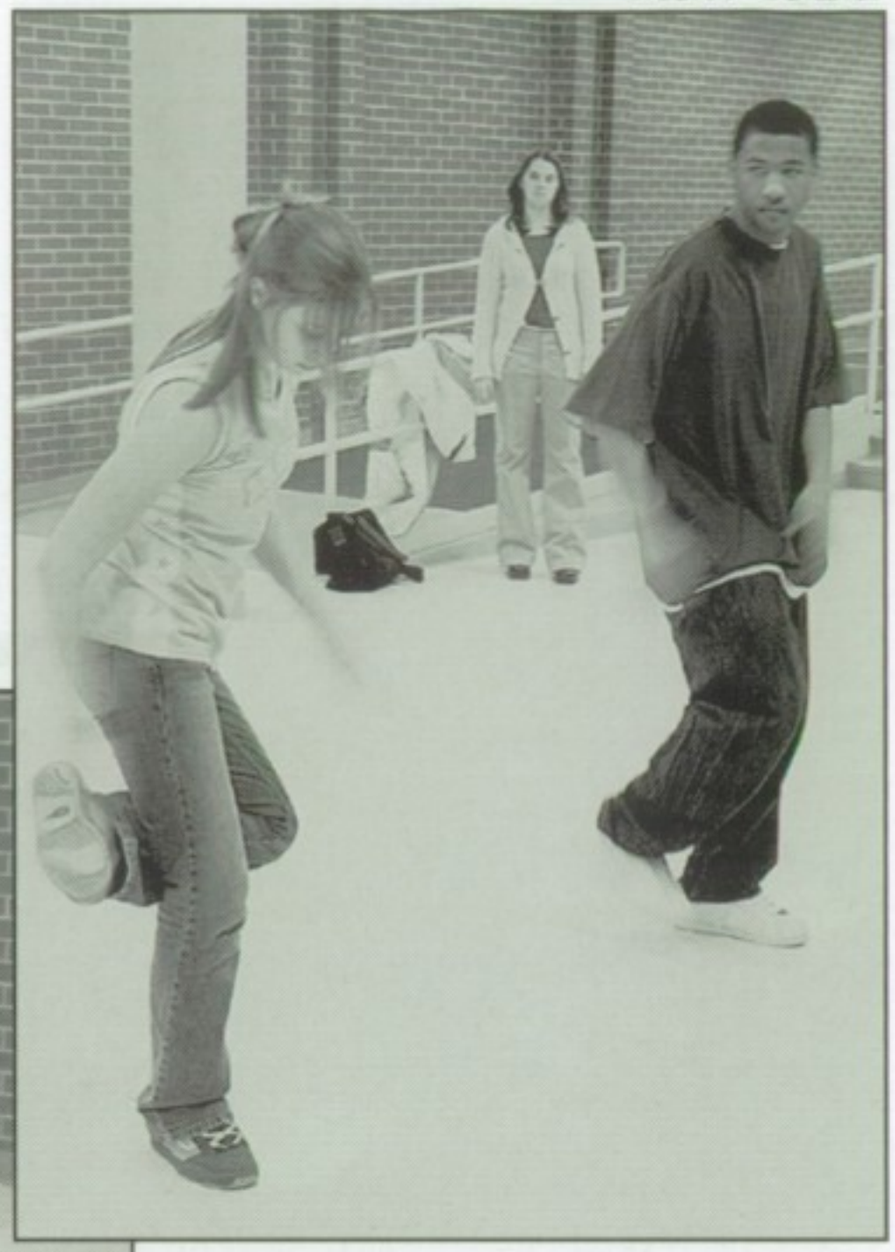
Amy Straub

During dress rehearsal, sophomore **Katrina Powell**, junior **Heather Winslow**, and freshman **Katrina May** shove senior **Catherine Crider** off of a rice barrel prop. Crider played "Puck" for her senior performace and got the last on-stage line.

Amy Straub

Freshman **Hillary Hubbell** and junior **Jakeen Fox** practice a routine. Step Team practiced in the commons near the swimming pool and also in upper commons after school.

Mike Crum



Perfecting a hand movement, junior **Kyra Olson** looks for guidance from other members. Step Team performed during halftime of home basketball games.

Mike Crum

Sophomore **Vickie Burnell**, freshman **Catelyn Wells**, and junior **Yesenia Torres** practice in a small group. By practicing in groups, members could be sure that individual timing was accurate and in unison.

Mike Crum

What is the best part about performing?

"It's great to see how the crowd gets into it and enjoys something you practiced so hard on."
Chelsea Dean, 10

"It's always a lot of fun to be in front of people, doing something you love to do."
Hillary Hubbell, 9

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"...having patience is a key element."

Representin'

Step Members Represent East in Positive Ways

They called themselves the "B.E.S.T." That's right. The Bellevue East Step Team. Whether it was at a pep rally or a basketball game, they knew how to break it down and represent.

"Step team represents East by showing students a new way to cheer for the team and by also representing a different fan base," junior **Jakeen Fox** said.

Step Team worked hard throughtout the year to show off their school spirit in positive ways.

Step Team practiced twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays for approximately one hour. Sometimes they needed to schedule an extra day of practice or a morning practice the week of a performance to make sure the timing, forms, and steps were correct.

"On the Step Team, it only takes one person to make a whole routine look and sound terrible," sophomore **Roshinaie Johnson** said.

The team worked on starting traditions to continue throughout the years.

"I hope that the tradition of having fun and working hard continues next year," sophomore **Markia Kelly** said.

With the strong dedication and determination to perform, there was something in it for them and for East. Not only was it an event to keep them busy, it taught them a life lesson.

Johnson said, "I've learned that having patience is a key element. Some people learn faster than others. You can't really move on until everyone learns the step correctly."

Missy Holton
activities staffer

Kassie Harnden

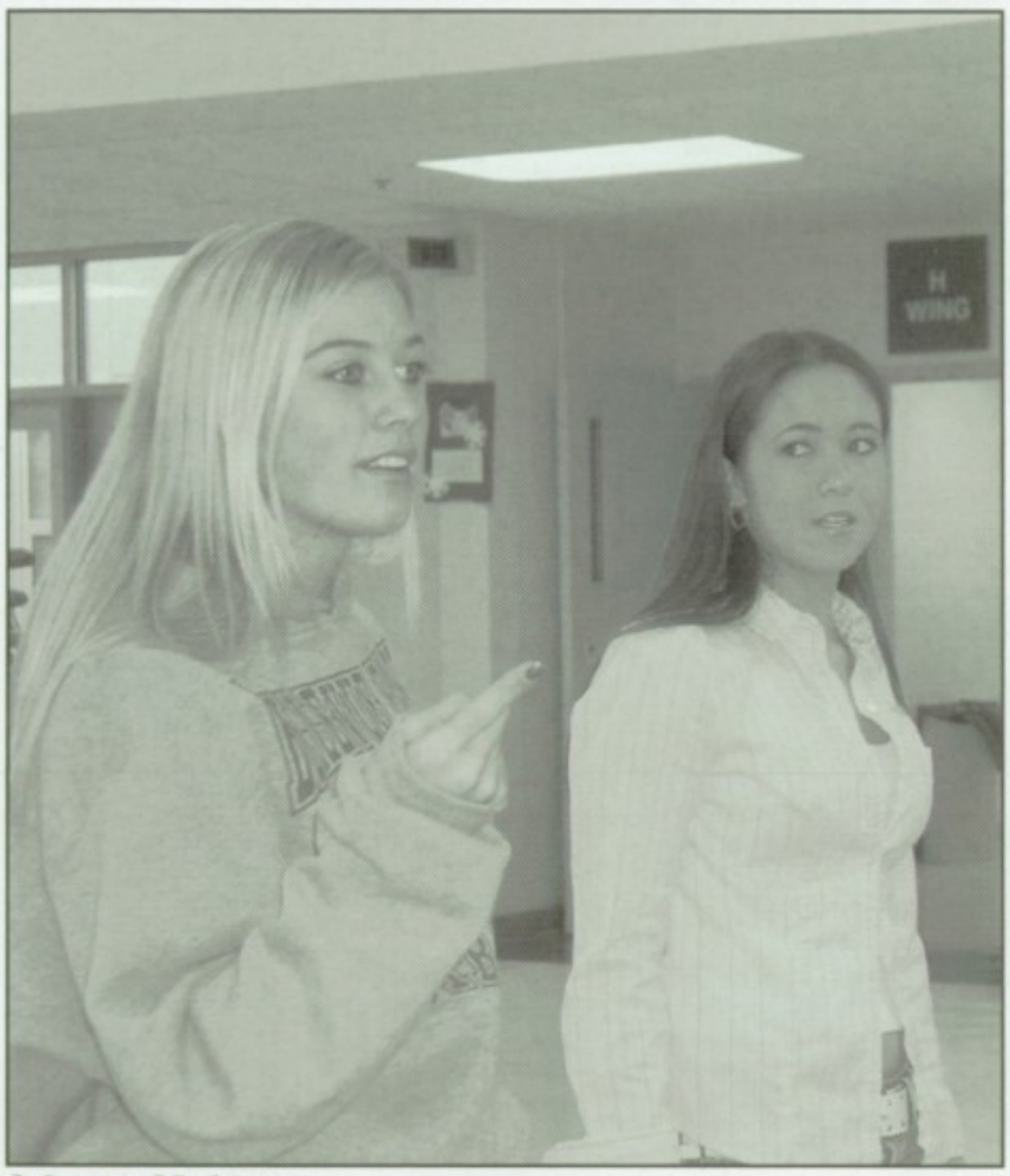
During the winter sports pep rally, senior **April Wert** and junior **Jamal Jackson** perform together in unison. The pep rally was Step Team's first performance in front of the student body.

Step Team Info
- Practice twice a week
- 25 Members
- Performed at basketball games and pep rallies

"The responsibilities and hard work are all worth it in the end."

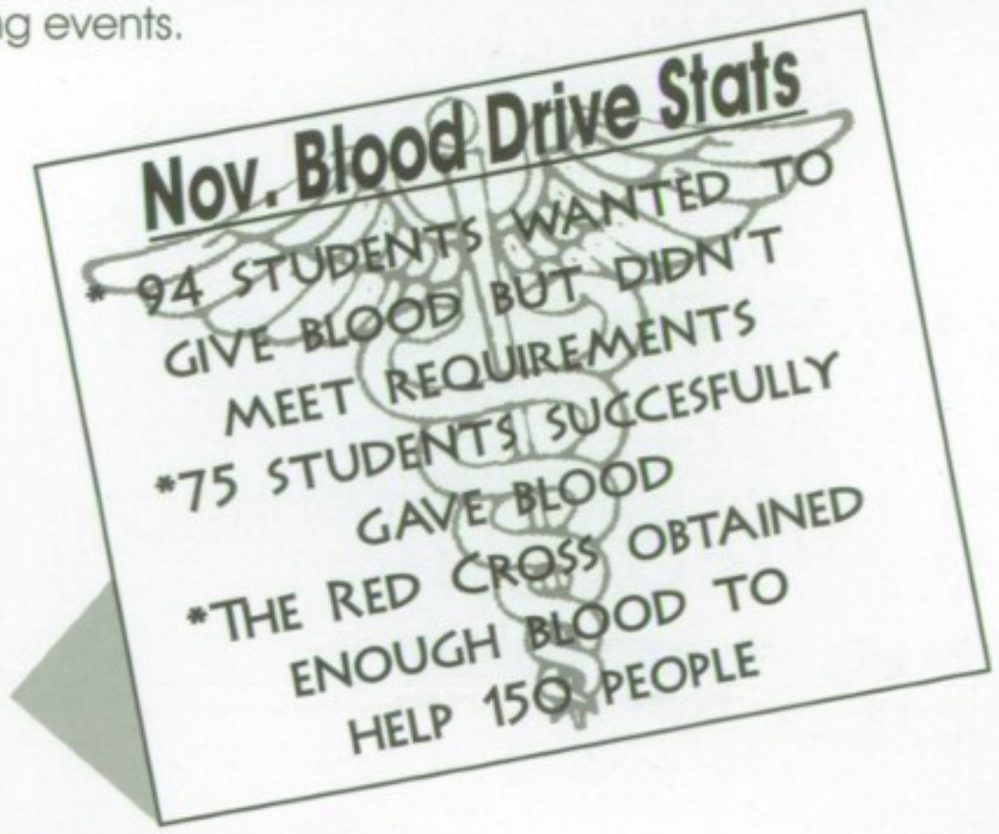
Student Council

Student Council Officers work together to make club productive



Missy Holton

During the monthly Sudent Council meeting, Project Manager senior **Heather Hopkins** listens to Treasurer senior **Cami Hoogeveen** give directions to other members. Student Council met monthly on Fridays to go over upcoming events.



It's Thursday at 3:15, and while most students are leaving school to continue their day, six Bellevue East seniors head to D-09 to begin the week's Student Council officer meeting.

"We meet every Thursday before our Stu Co meeting to mainly discuss plans for upcoming events," Student Council Secretary senior **Ashly Banta** said.

Student Council was in charge of events throughout the year, such as Mr.Bellevue East, the blood drives, school-wide trash pickup, and Homecoming.

"This year Homecoming was really hard because as a senior I wanted it to be great," Student Council Treasurer senior **Cami Hoogeveen.** "I never knew that organizing everything was as hard as it was."

The officers' responsibilities were important, but those six students also formed friendships with each other.

"Before this year I knew of some of the girls, but we weren't close or anything," Student Council President senior **Mindy Winkler** said. "Now we all talk and have formed friendships we wouldn't have had otherwise."

One difficult thing that the officers dealt with was the loss of members.

"We lose a lot of members after Homecoming," Student Council Historian senior **Sara Woolery** said, "but we are trying to give incentives to keep members active and involved."

The officers spent time planning in and out of school. They worked on projects to better the school environment and student morale.

"I just like making a difference," Student Council Vice President senior **Nikole Sloter** said. "The responsibilities and hard work are all worth it in the end."

Lindsey Manzel
activities staffer

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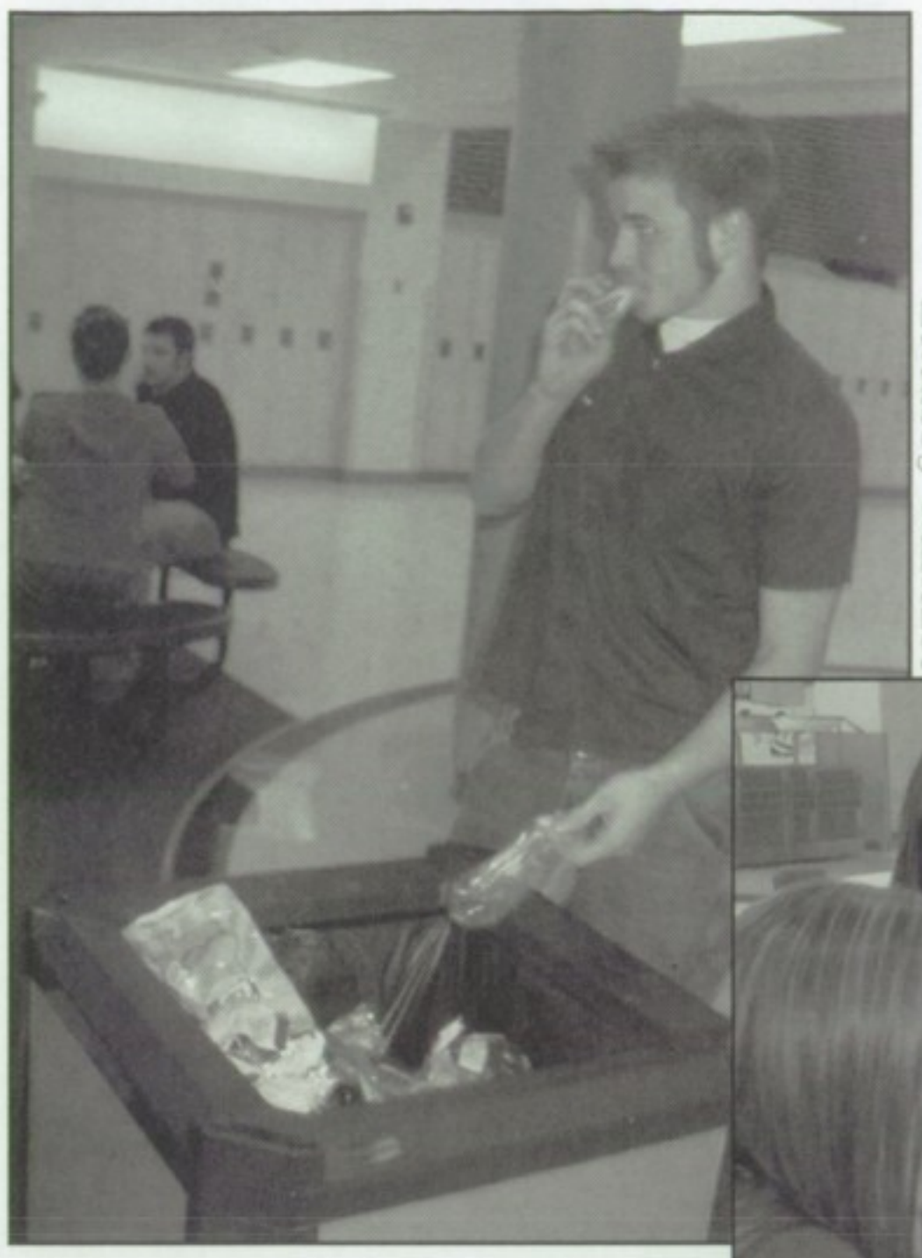
What was the most memorable moment during the year?

"When we went bowling, Ms.Davis kept making everybody laugh."
Audrey Whitcomb, 10

"I remember staying at school until 12:30 the Friday before Homecoming decorating with my friends."
Heather Watson, 9

In support of the Student Coucil trash pick-up campaign, junior **Kevin Cheairs** picks up a sack he saw sitting by the trash. Student Council promoted trash pick-up all year long.



Lindsey Manzel

Senior **Katie Willis**, junior **Autumn Huey**, and senior **Emily Holdaway** discuss the decision for t-shirt designs. Students submitted their ideas to the officers, and then members voted for their favorite design.

Missy Holton

Senior **Kent Hylok** gets a needle inserted into his arm by a lab technician. Students who donated blood received juice and snacks to help them recover.

Mike Crum

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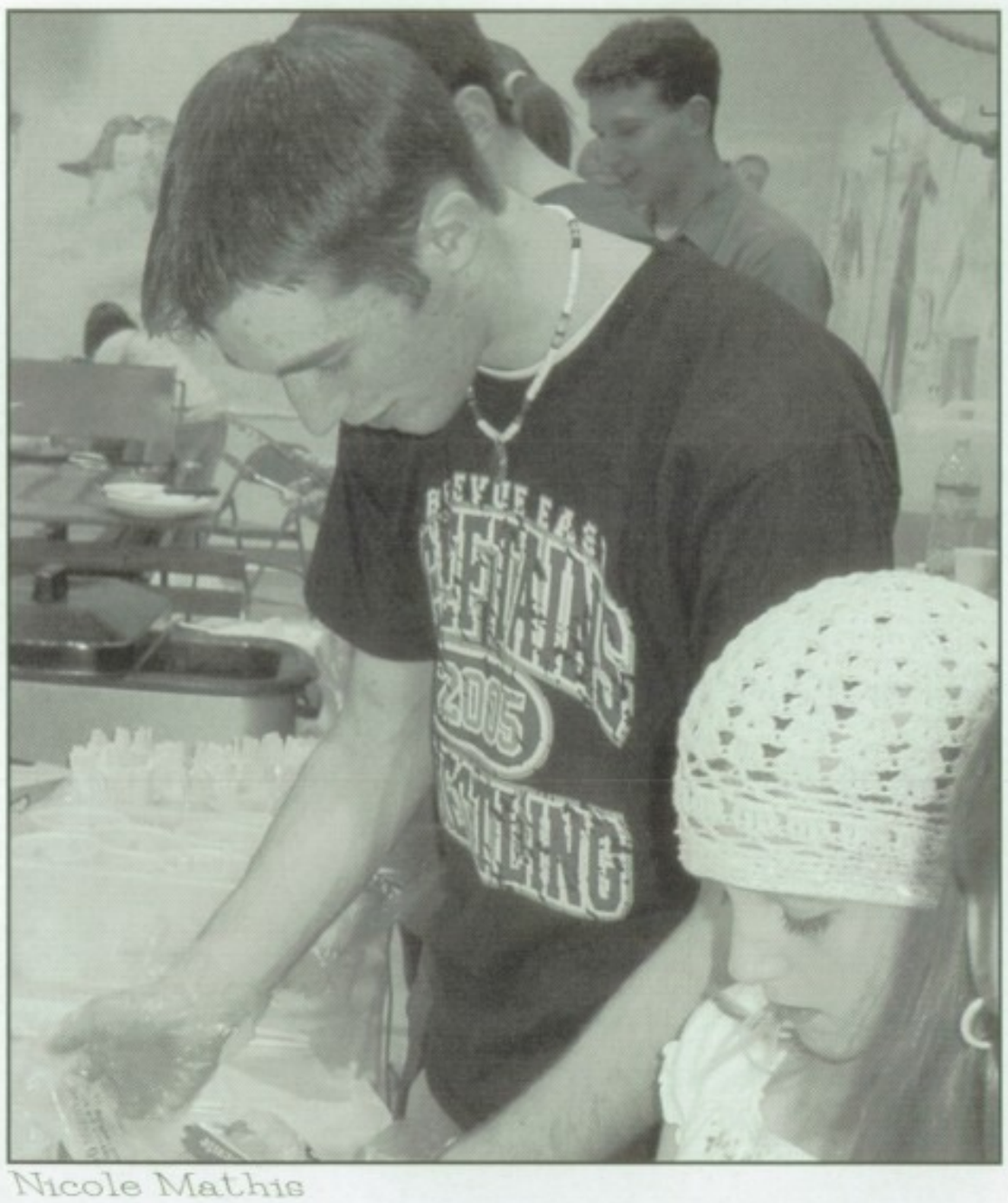
Giving Back

NHS continues the tradition of study buddies



Nicole Mathis

Junior **Josh Smith** serves food during Bingo Night at Central Elementary. The Pancake Man was also present at the event.

National Honor Society is often remembered by those annoying service points you needed to be an active member, but it was really much more than that.

Members participated in activities that helped out the community and made them better citizens. One of these activities included the study buddy program which consisited of a couple students going to an elementary school to help students with their homework.

"I did study buddies because it's been a tradition, and I like helping kids," senior **Britni Stephens** said.

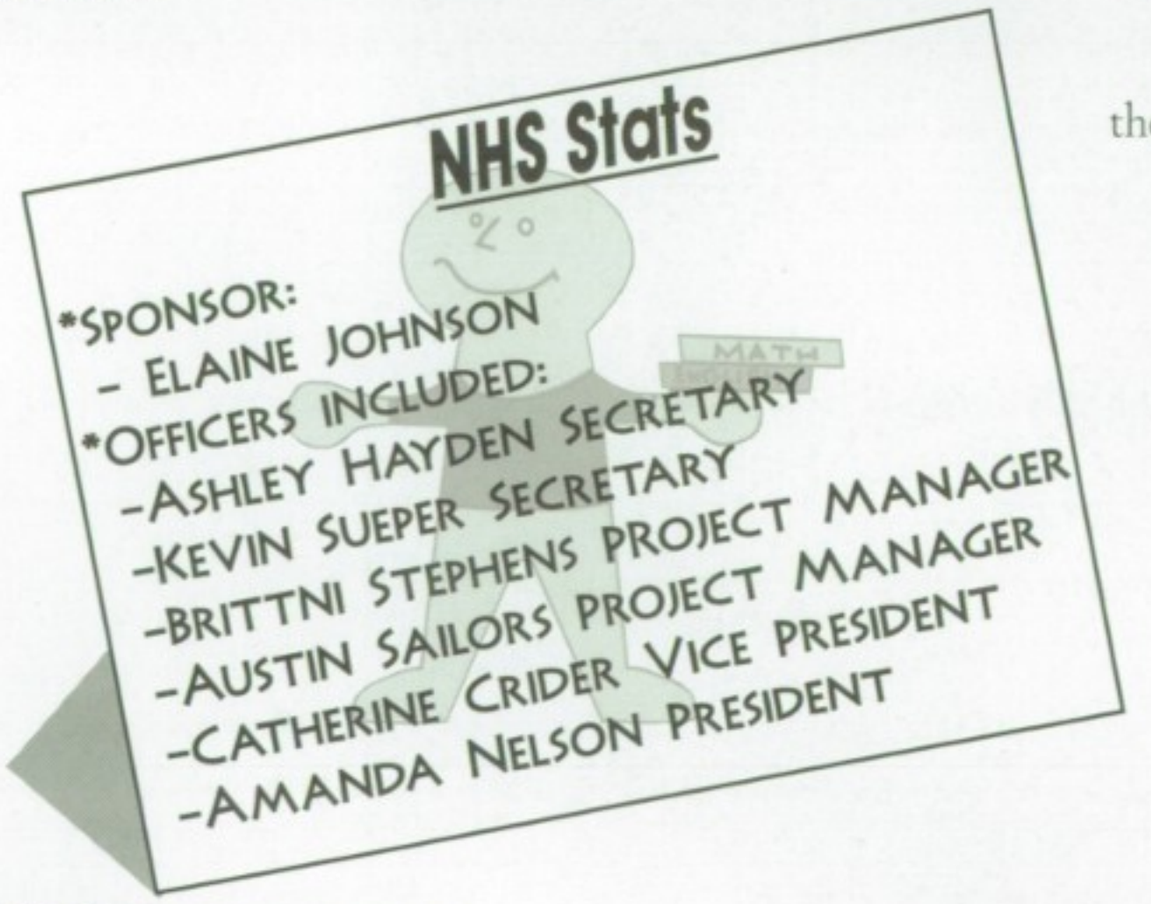
Other activities included bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, and donating coats and blankets to help families in need.

"I was a Salvation Army bell-ringer because it was a different way to help the community," junior **George Hopkins** said.

Some of the activities also allowed students to visit their elementary schools.

"I did the Halloween Party at Belleaire because I liked the kids and administrators," junior **Heather Lewis** said.

Brad Carman
staffer



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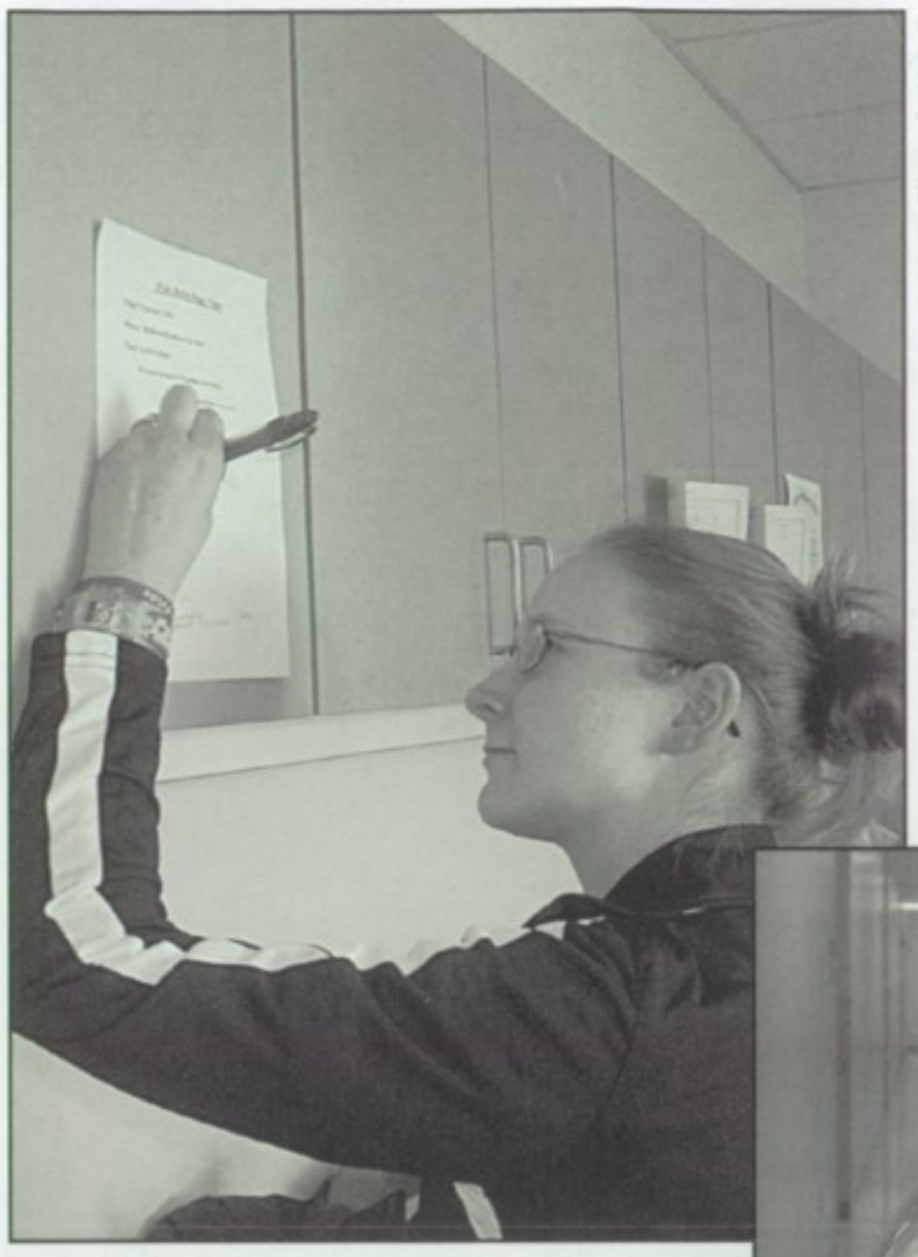
What do you like most about NHS?

"I like to be involved in the academic and service stuff."
Kevin Sueper, 12

"The peple actually go to the meetings and do the activities."
Jordan Huey, 12

Junior **Audrey Homan** signs up for the Bingo Night held at East. Students who wanted to participate in activities such as road clean-up signed up in sponsor **Elaine Johnson**'s room.



Brad Carman

Senior **Jeanna Witkowsky** pulls off a pop tab from a soda can to collect for NHS service points. Seven service points and seven meeting points were needed to receive an honor chord to wear at graduation.

Brad Carman

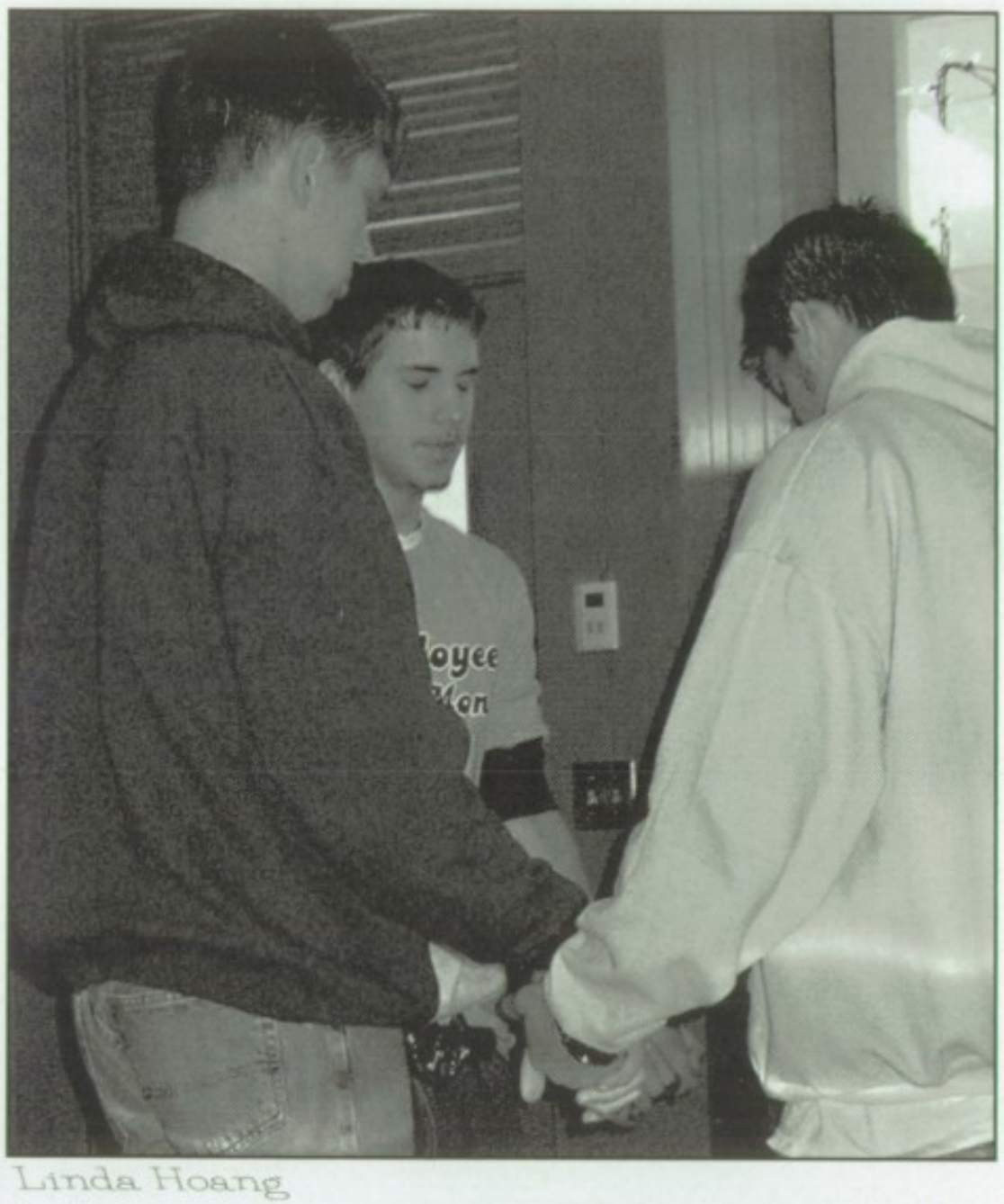
Seniors president **Amanda Nelson**, project manager **Brittni Stephens**, and secretary **Ashley Hayden** go over the month's activities. Officers were in charge of planning events, running meetings, and keeping track of all the members.

Brad Carman

"I can't believe how we come together--we're like a family."

Another World

Youth Alive Members Unite on a Higher Level



Linda Hoang

Holding hands, senior **Shawn Gronseth**, sophomore **Josh Phelps**, and freshman **Coldy Hackworth** gather in a circle to pray right before the end of the meeting. Youth Alive started out each meeting with icebreaker questions to get to know each other better.

"Into your arms, into your arms," the boombox repeated as the lights flashed off, enveloping the students' faces in a mysterious darkness. Outside, the world couldn't be more apathetic.

Some paced around the room, occasionally mouthing the words that emitted from the CD, while others privately nestled in a desk with their heads hanging low. The world inside was care-free and comforting.

This was the ceremonious worship time for the Youth Alive club.

"It's a time for us to wake up, since we meet really early at the school," junior **Caleb Wampler** said.

The club met at 7:05 on Tuesday mornings to share their beliefs.

"Sometimes we talk about what's going on in our life and get others' points of view," junior **Katie Adams** said.

A certain energy filled the room during the worship time. Junior **Josh Smith** described exactly what the atmosphere was like.

"It's very calm and relaxing, but also energetic," Smith said.

These surroundings influenced the members' worlds outside of the club.

"When I leave the group, everything that's in the group leaves with me," freshman **Coldy Hackworth** said.

The club also brought students together outside of the club.

Smith said, "I can't believe how we come together--we're like a family."

Linda Hoang
activities editor

FCA Stats

*SPONSORS:
-RON BROCKHAUS
-DAVE WALLACE
*LEADERS INCLUDED:
-HEATHER GROUT, 12
-ADAM HIKE, 12
-EMILY HOLDAWAY, 12
-BRIAN STRAWN, 12
-JOSH SMITH, 11

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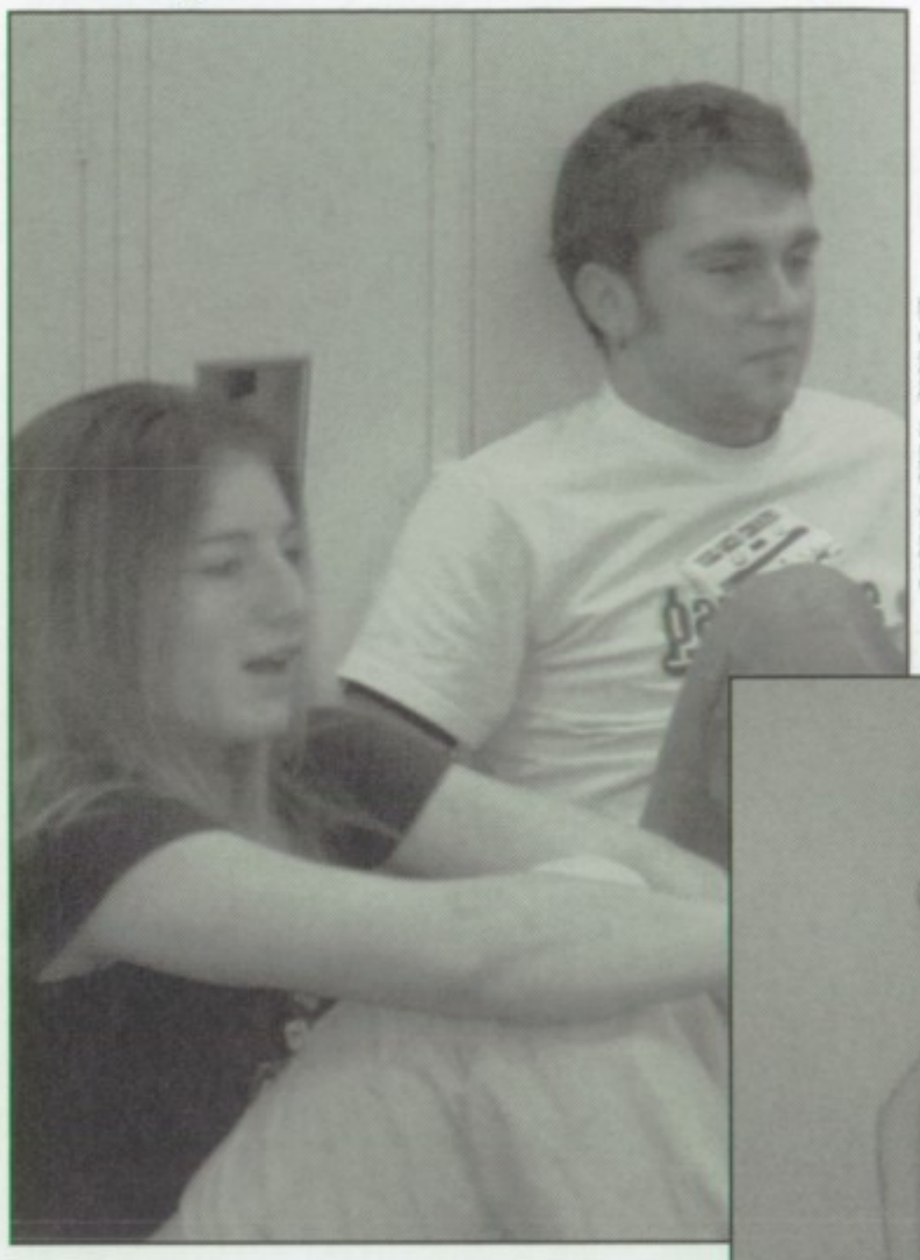
Why did you join FCA or Youth Alive?

"I joined because it was a Christian club for athletes like me,"
Josh Smith, 11
FCA

"I just wanted to be in a group where people understood my beliefs,"
Michelle Morehead, 11
Youth Alive

Preparing for a guest speaker, senior **Adam Hike** and a West student get ready to pray with the rest of the FCA members. FCA invited fellow church members to the late-night meetings.



Brad Carman

During Youth Alive worship time, freshman **Hannah Dunn** sings to a CD. Youth Alive was a national Christian program for students in middle and high schools alike.

Linda Hoang

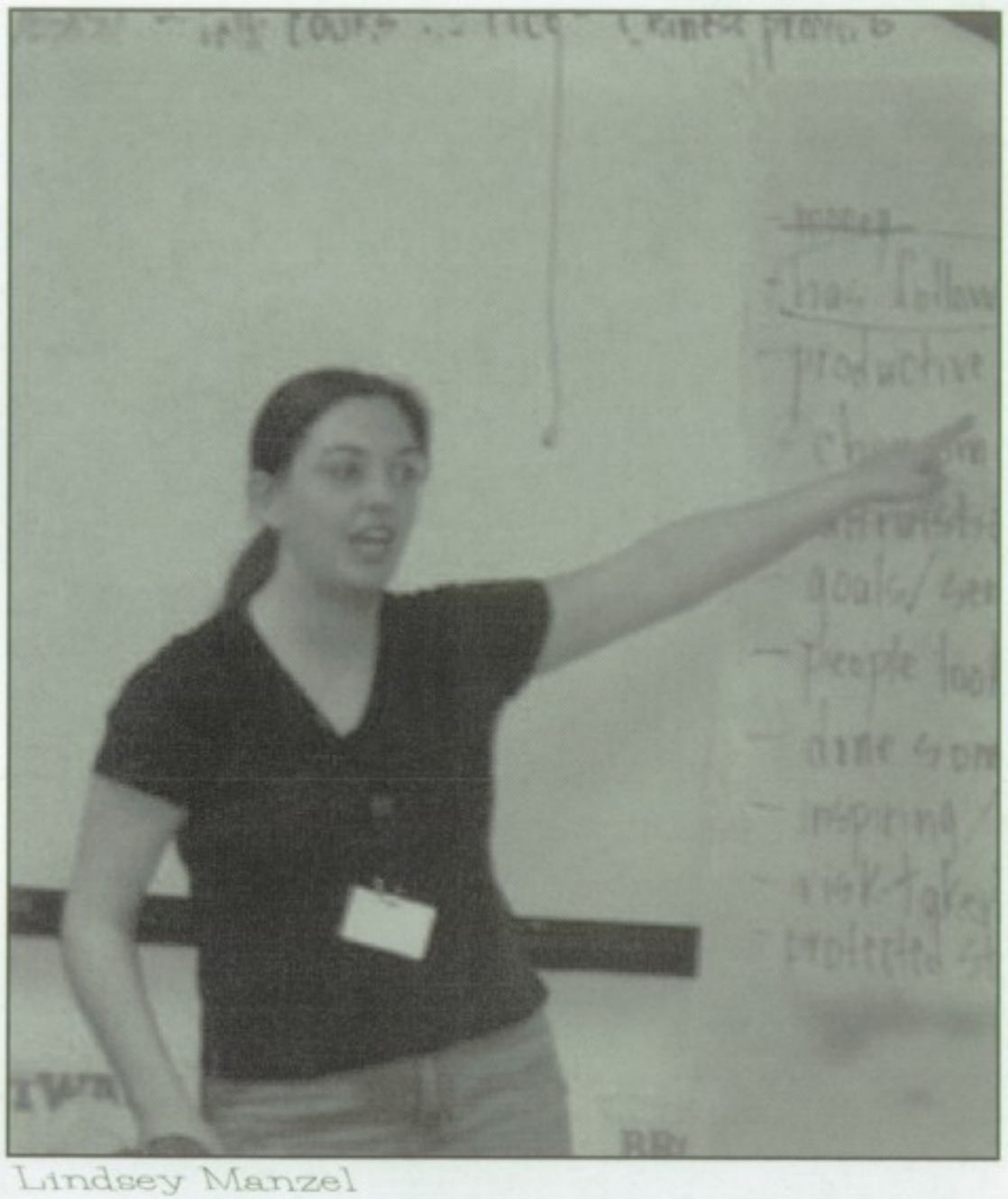
Introducing themselves, junior **Tim Kruger**, senior **Kady Woodford**, and freshman **Miranda Hike** kick off a special guest speaker meeting. **Richard Nakai**, the guest speaker, spoke to members about how their faith affected their academic life.

Brad Carman

"Our goals are to increase cultural awareness and tolerance of diversity."

Multicultural Club

Helps improve the school climate



Lindsey Manzel

At a meeting, Multicultural Club sponser **Brenda Nelson** goes over a list of possible activities for the year. It was Nelson's first year as the sponser of the club.

Members of the Multicultural Club were determined to promote tolerance and educate their peers about the values and customs of the various cultures that made up East's student body.

Multicultural Club was an after- school activity that allowed students to learn about different ways of life. One of their activities included "Mix It Up," a day where people in the school met with someone new during lunch to promote diversity.

New sponsor **Brenda Nelson** helped students organize activities which highlighted the advantages of a diverse population.

"Our goals are to increase cultural awareness and tolerance of diversity," Nelson said.

In addition to promoting tolerance, members also worked to develop understanding and tolerance of the diverse cultures within its own club.

One group new to the club was the students who were sensitive to the rights and concerns of those with alternative lifestyles.

Sophomore **Sarah Hoffman** was one who supported understanding of and tolerance for those with alternative lifestyles, and said students who agreed with her were anxious to create an environment where people felt comfortable about who they were and were not ridiculed for it.

Nelson said the club provided support for all cultures, not just various ethnicities or races.

"One of our biggest obstacles is the lack of tolerance," Nelson said. "Multicultural Club is attempting to increase awareness, and hopefully at the same time we increase tolerance of diversity."

Jamie Fisher
Staff Writer

Multicultural Club Activities

*BRENDA NELSON BECAME THE NEW ADVISOR

*21 STUDENTS WERE MEMBERS

*MULTICULTURAL CLUB SET UP A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

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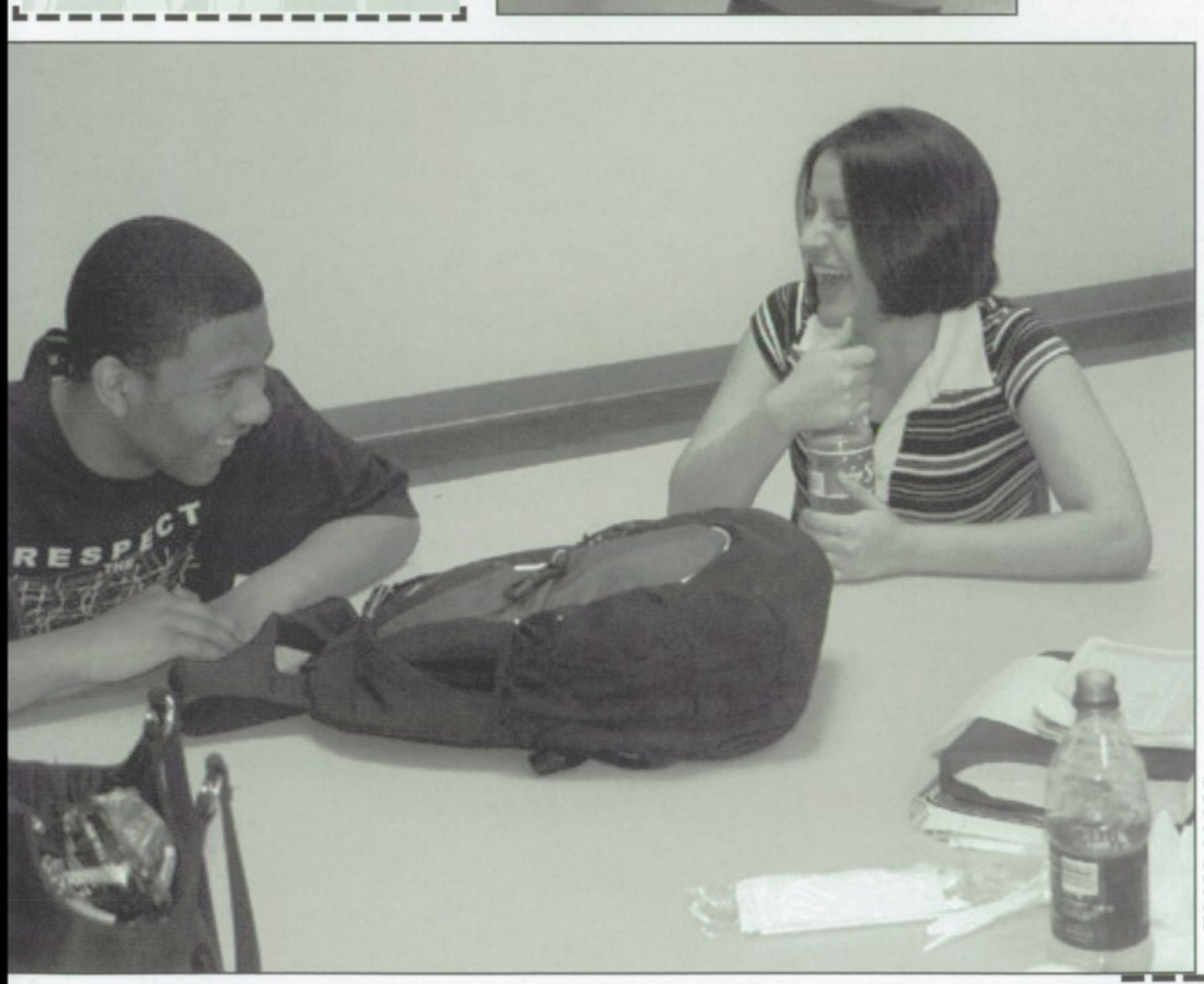
What was the most memorable event during the year?

"When we were at the first meeting organizing all of the activities planned for the rest of the year." Hillary Hubbel, 9

"Planning the play *Romeo in the Hood*, another version of the real play." Kellie Harper, 9

Lindsey Manzel

After school, sophomore **Markia Kelly** hangs a flier to encourage student to come to Multicultural Club meetings. It was the club's goal to hold meetings every other Wednesday.



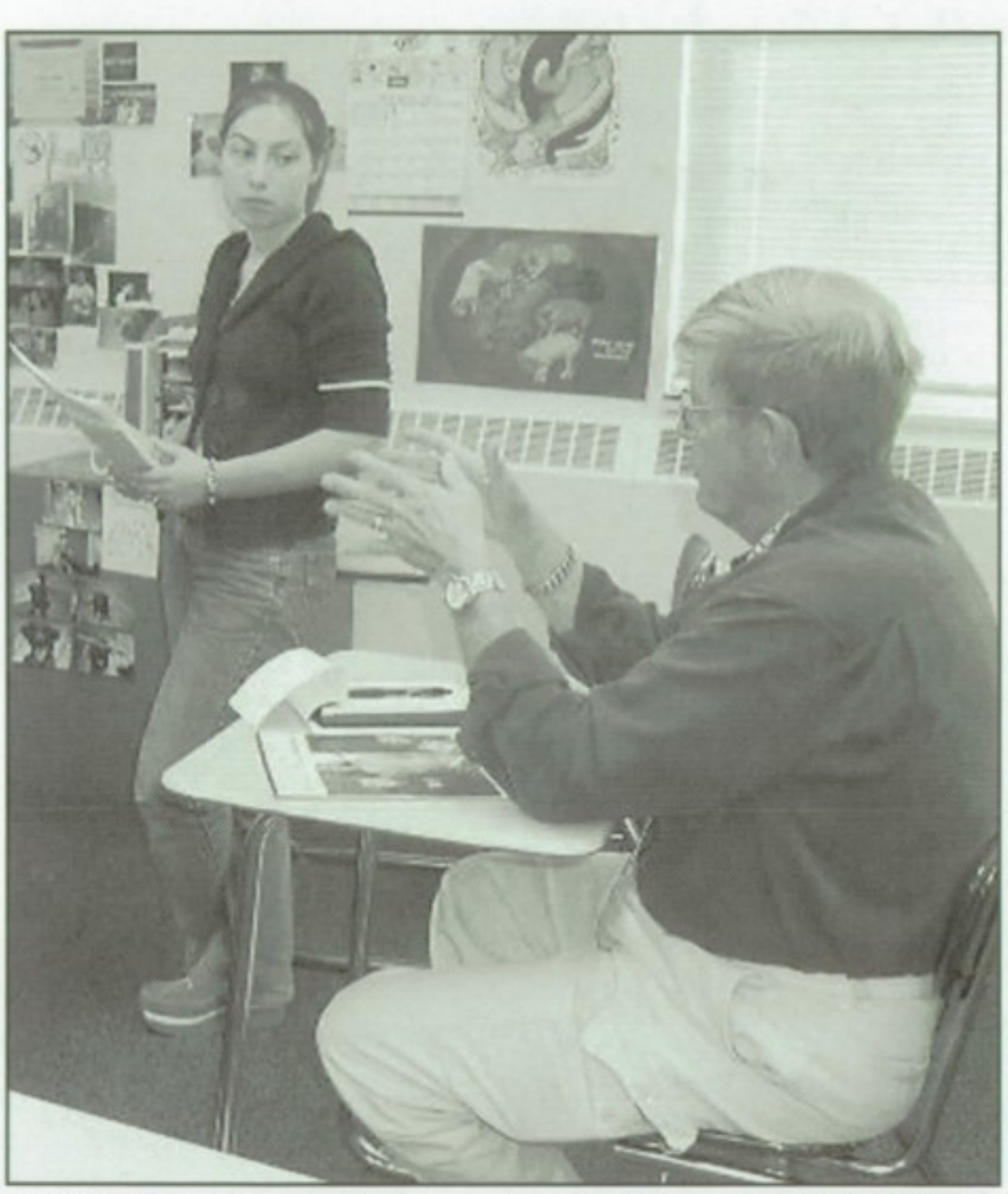
Juniors **Jakeen Fox** and **Savanna Jimenez** participate in "Mix it Up." On this day, members sat at different lunch tables to meet new people and promote diversity.

Scott Seeba

"It's great to see the smile on their face, knowing that you're the reason for it."

Unlocking Hospitality

Key Club Members Dedicate Time Towards Volunteering



Missy Holton

At the Key Club officer meeting, club president senior **Ashley Hayden** listens as Offutt Kiwanis Club member **Don O'Connell** talks about club plans for the month. The Offutt Kiwanis Club was similar Key Club in the aspect that both were volunteer groups.

Think about the endless hours you spent doing absolutely nothing, yet knowing there was something you could have been doing. If that was you, did you ever wish that you would have done something else with your time?

Whether it would have been helping with a fundraiser, organizing a clean-up, or just helping others, Key Club members volunteered in their spare time.

"Volunteering my time has opened my eyes to other people's situations," junior **Loni Kirby** said.

It wasn't only about doing good for others. Those that dedicated their time to volunteering also received something for it.

"It has really helped me understand the responsibility on my part, and by volunteering my time, it has allowed me to better my time management skills," junior **Stacey Williams** said.

Key Club held a fundraiser for the hurricane victims. They also participated in events such as Trick or Treat for UNICEF, Habitat for Humanity, and Rainbow House.

"Key Club goes once a month to Rainbow House to make cookies and sometimes a spaghetti dinner for the families," President senior **Ashley Hayden** said.

Rainbow House was similar to the Ronald McDonald House. Families that had children in Children's Hospital were able to stay in Rainbow House for free.

Kirby said, "Helping others has made me feel better about myself. It's great to see the smile on their [children and parent's] faces, knowing that you're the reason for it."

Missy Holton
activities staffer

SADD Club Facts

S.A.D.D. stands for Students Against Destructive Decisions

Main Motive: get students involved in the community, school, and each other's lives by helping them make good decisions.

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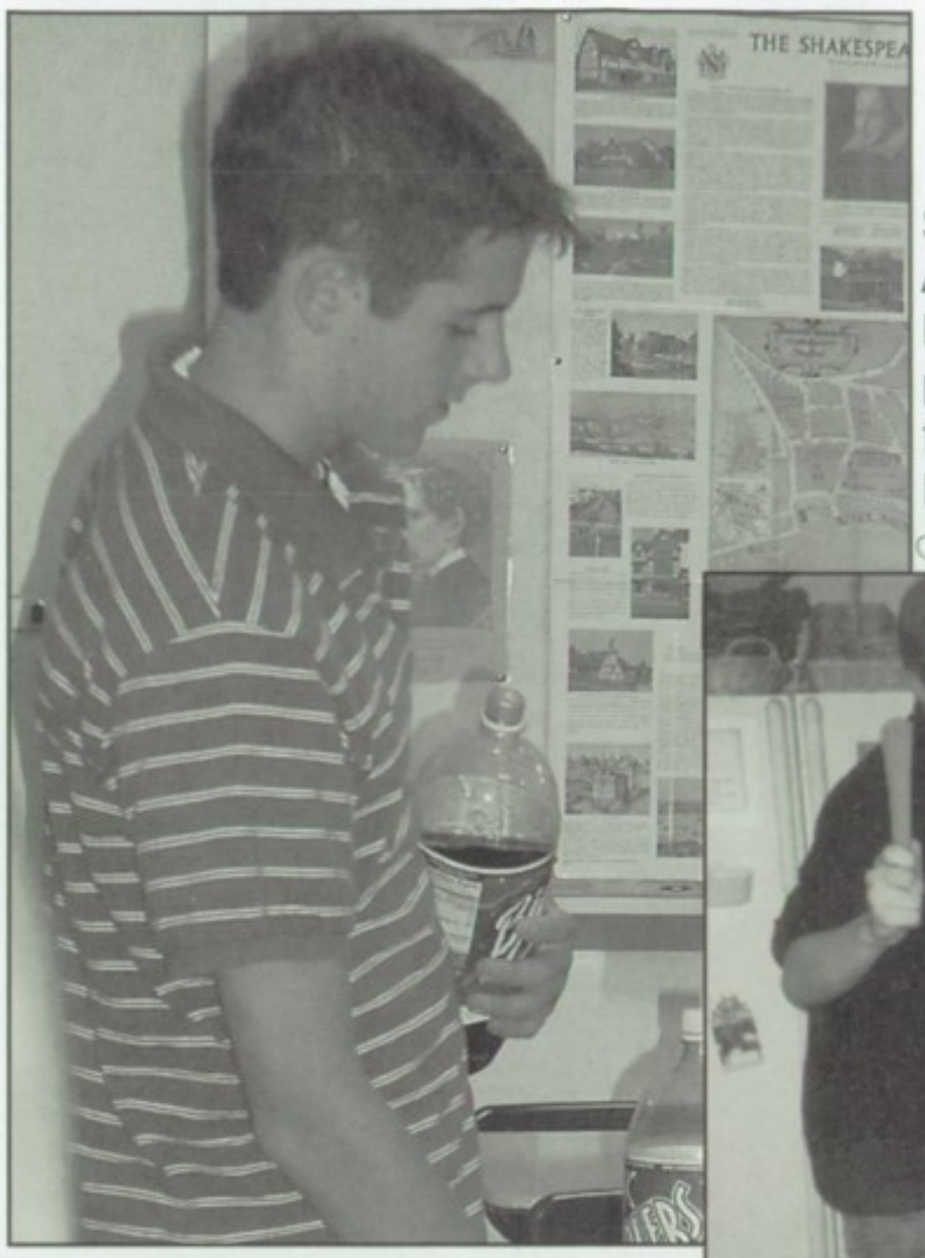
What impact has sponsoring the club had on you?

"It has made me appreciate a select few of the teenagers that give 99% of them to the club." Kelly Sain, Key Club Sponsor

"It has made me more aware of those that actually care about the topic of students drinking and doing drugs." Kathy Liebenguth, SADD Club Sponsor

Junior **Alex Cherubin** pours soda at the SADD Club Kick Off Party. The party was held to introduce new members to the club and give them a general idea of what the club was about.

Sarah Score



Seniors **Brandon Copeland** and **Ashley Hayden** make spaghetti for Rainbow House. Rainbow House provided a place to stay for the families of sick children in Children's Hospital.

Courtesy of Kelly Sain

At their first meeting, junior **Ashley Oakes**, sophomore **Crystal Garcia**, and advisor **Kathy Liebenguth** decide on what to do at their meeting. SADD Club informed their members about the club's motive to prevent students from making destructive decisions.

Sarah Score

"She's impacted my life on being a teacher and being a friend also because she got down to your level and understood how you felt about things"

Bird soars to new nest

Teacher leaves Bellevue East to be closer to family

When former business teacher **Sara Bird** first came here, it was difficult. She had just finished student teaching at Bellevue West and the adjustment wasn't easy. Two and a half years later she knew exactly what she was doing and had revived the business department. However, she would no longer be teaching here at Bellevue East.

"I have mixed feelings because I really like the kids here at Bellevue East and I've had a good experience,"Bird said, "but I need to be with my family."

Bird had a positive effect on the business department by organizing and getting students involved as much as she could.

"One of the things I really tried to do was plan a lot of activities, because that's what gets kids interested," Bird said. "Being active has helped students get involved. That doesn't just interest students but to let the community know what we're doing too."

Future Business Leaders America was an organization that had seen a lot of growth with Bird's guidance. Through different activities such as community service, trips, conferences, networking with professionals, public relations, and the calendars they made, students were able to get involved.

"She's impacted my life on being a teacher and being a friend also because she got down to your level and understood how you felt about things," senior **Sara Schroeder**, secretary of FBLA said. "When she acted like she wanted you in [her] class it made you want to be there and it made you feel important."

Brent Gehring, who was formerly a student teacher at Kearney High School, became the new teacher that replaced Bird. Gehring said he felt pressured to live up to the expectations Bird has built up for the program.

"She's built it from the ground up so I need to keep going on what she started," Gehring said. "I don't have the level of experience but I do feel like I can bring a different energy level, I can bring my enthusiasm and my level of fun that I like to have."

Although there were things Bird said she was going to miss about Bellevue, she was still excited to be moving to Grand Island.

"One of the big positives is that I'm going to be--and my husband is too, closer to both of our parents," Bird said. "That excites me that my little boy can grow up closer to his grandparents."

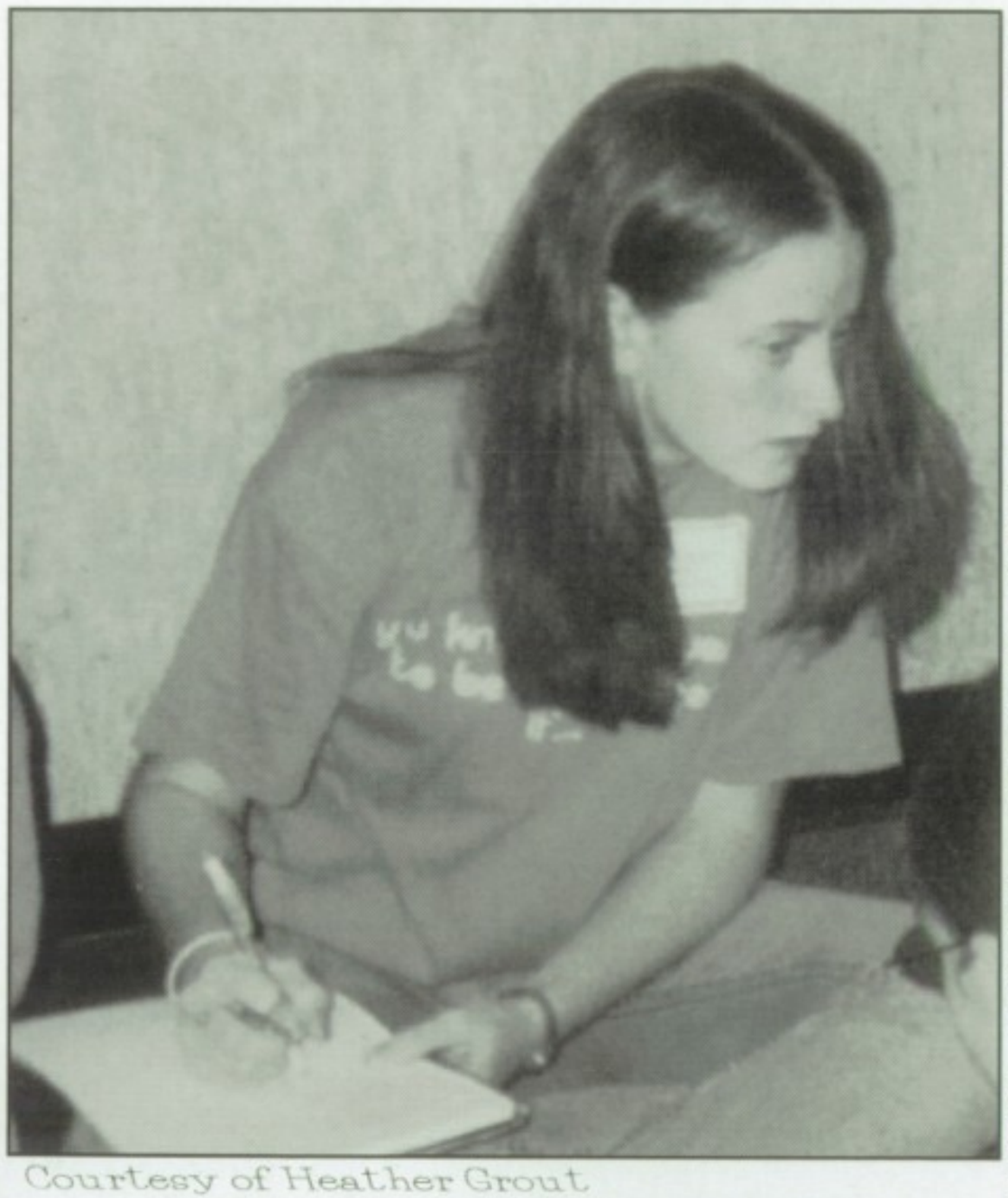
Along with being close to her parents and her husband, Bird said she was ready for the small town feel of Grand Island.

"I grew up in a small town so I am really looking forward to that," Bird said. "Even things like the local banks and the local coffee shops--Bellevue has that too, but I never really became a part of that."

Even though Bird would be teaching a computer class that had nothing to do with business and was switching from high school to middle school, she was ready for the change.

Bird said, "I'm looking forward to a new challenge."

Kristina Owens
staff writer



Courtesy of Heather Grout

While at an FEA conference, senior **Heather Grout** listens and takes notes about the workshop. FEA met every Monday in sponsor Debbie Whitworth's room.

FBLA and FEA stats

*SPONSORS:
-DEBBIE WHITWORTH, FEA
-BRENT GEHRING, FBLA
*FTA WAS CHANGED TO FEA (FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA) SO THAT FTA, THE CLUB, COULD BE RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY.

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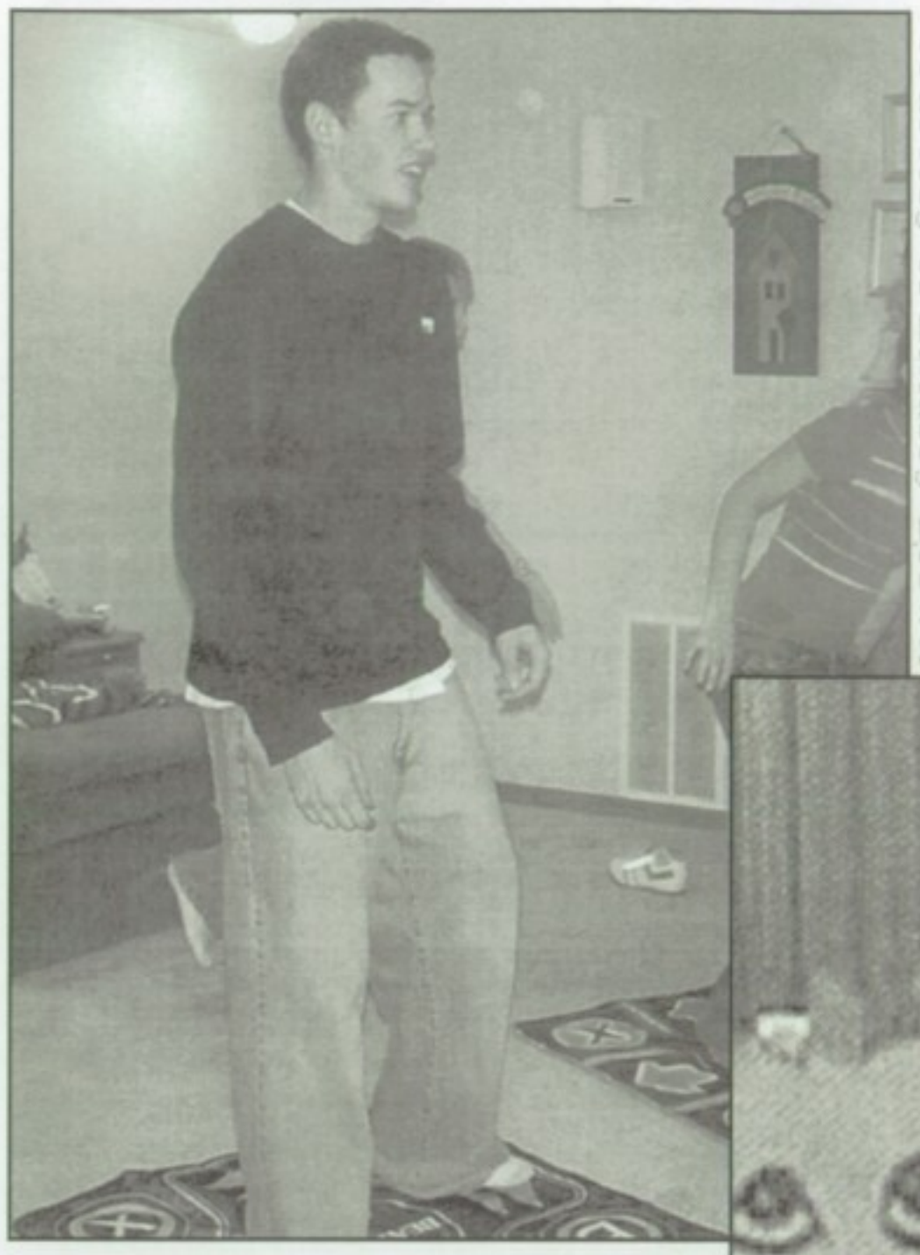
Why did you join FBLA/FEA?

"I'm thinking about becoming a teacher, and I need all the experience I can get."
Jamie Smith, 12, FEA

"It looks good on a resume."
James Secor, 11, FBLA

Senior **Jon Kousgaard** plays Dance Dance Revolution at an FBLA party. The party was held at senior **Lindsey Brown**'s house.



Courtesy of Lindsey Brown

Seniors **Jason Sempeck** and **Brittney Blakeley** hold up pumpkin cut-outs at the Bellevue Public Library. FBLA members also acted out skits for the children.

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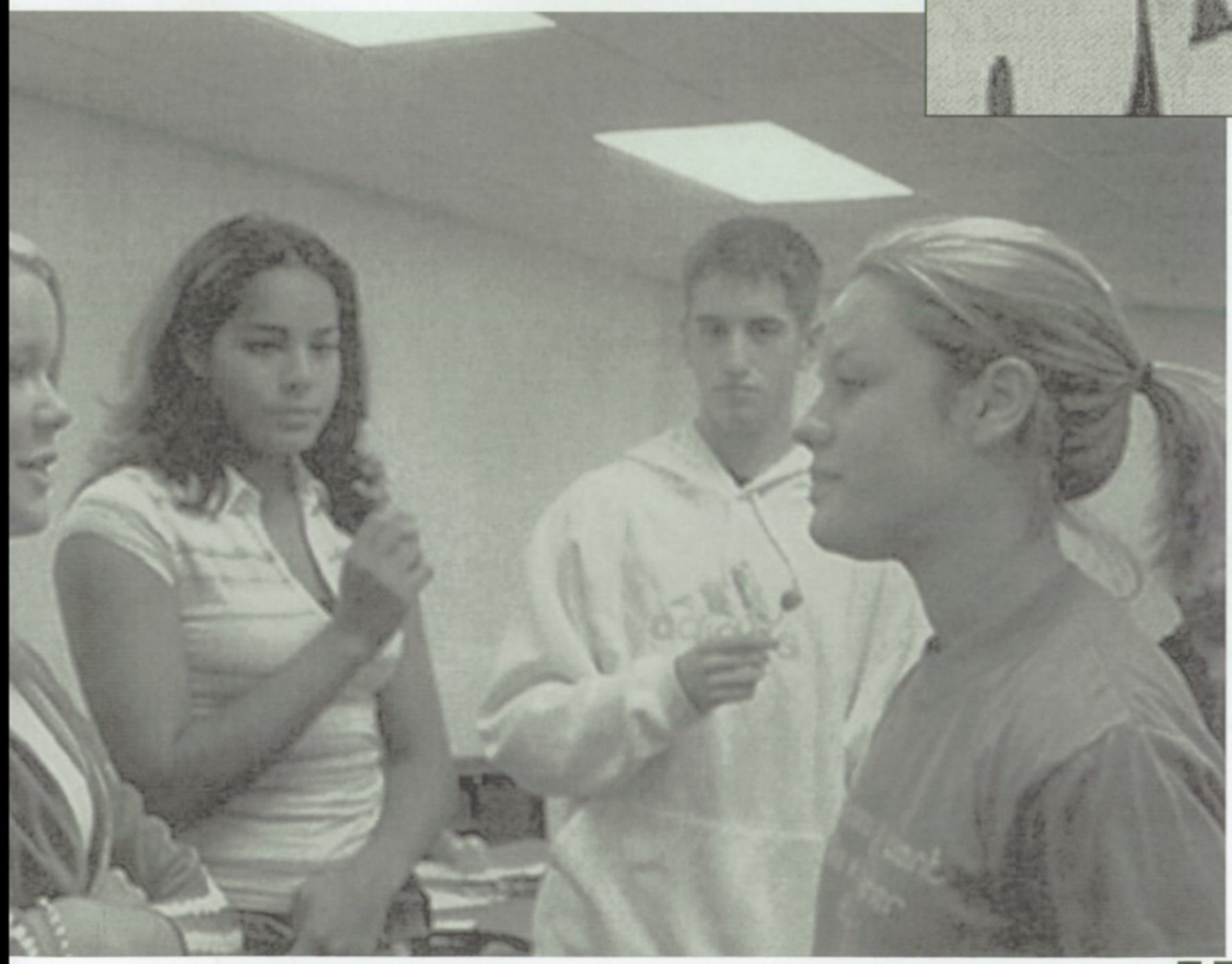


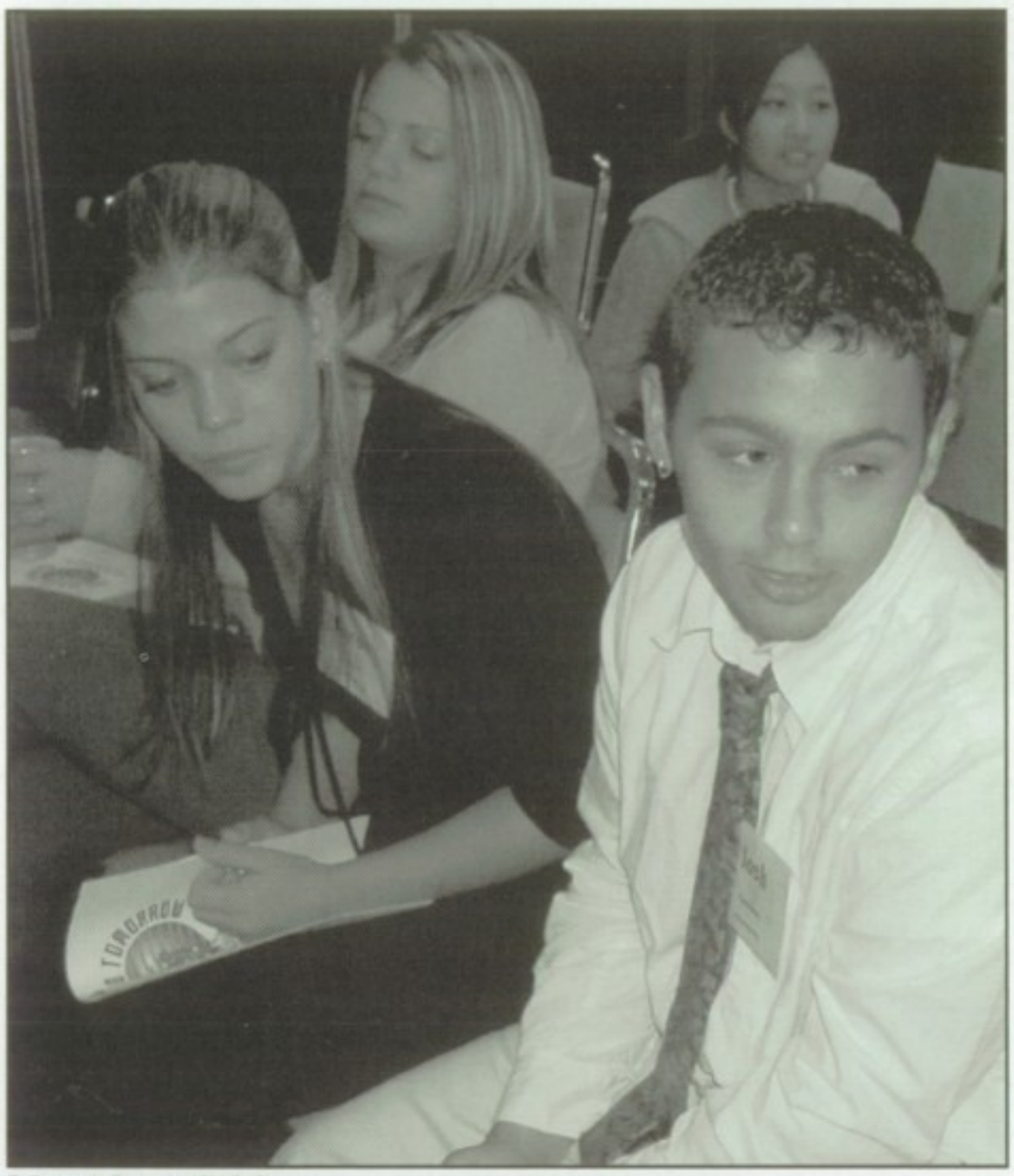
Freshman **Leah Manzel**, junior **Mickala Carnley**, and seniors **Alan Castro** and **Sara Schroeder** discuss upcoming events at an FBLA meeting. Members sold ads to make a calendar that was distributed to teachers at the beginning of the year.

Courtesy of Lindsey Brown

"It puts you in real world situations and lets you see what the corporate world is like"

Playing the Role

DECA competes using role-playing elements.



Heather Gibbons

Seniors **Josh Canterbury** and **Karen Milford** talk to fellow DECA members before the conference begins. The conference was held in Kearney, and members spent the weekend there.

You own a catering service, and one day you send food to someone for a special occasion. They come back a couple hours later and say that they could not pay for it and want to return it. The way you deal with this could mean many different outcomes, even the closing of your business.

This is just an example of a situation given to DECA teams at a role-playing competition. Teams were given a scenario, and they had to act out what they would do in that situation. This role-playing was meant to prepare DECA students to face any random challenge they might encounter when running a business.

Senior **Amy Aspedon** had to go through a role-playing competition.

"I was nervous at the beginning, but later I got better," Aspedon said. "It's a good experience because it's helpful when dealing with business situations."

Senior **Brian Grout** also took part in a role-playing competition. His role was that he was an employee in the corporate office of a gas company, and they were thinking about putting in scanners at the pumps for quick payment. They asked his opinion, pros and cons, and how he would advertise it.

"I felt bored throughout the competition because there wasn't much talking with other people involved, so it got kind of old fast," Grout said.

Grout also thought that role-playing was helpful.

"It puts you in real-world situations and lets you see what the corporate world is like and helps you become creative in your decision making process," Grout said.

DECA Stats

*SPONSORS:
-BART DENNIS
*OFFICERS INCLUDED:
-AMY ASPEDON, 12
-HEATHER GIBBONS, 12
-NORA DIGREGORIO, 12
-KATIE SMITH, 11
-DANNY MORROW, 11

Dan Schreiber
activities staffer

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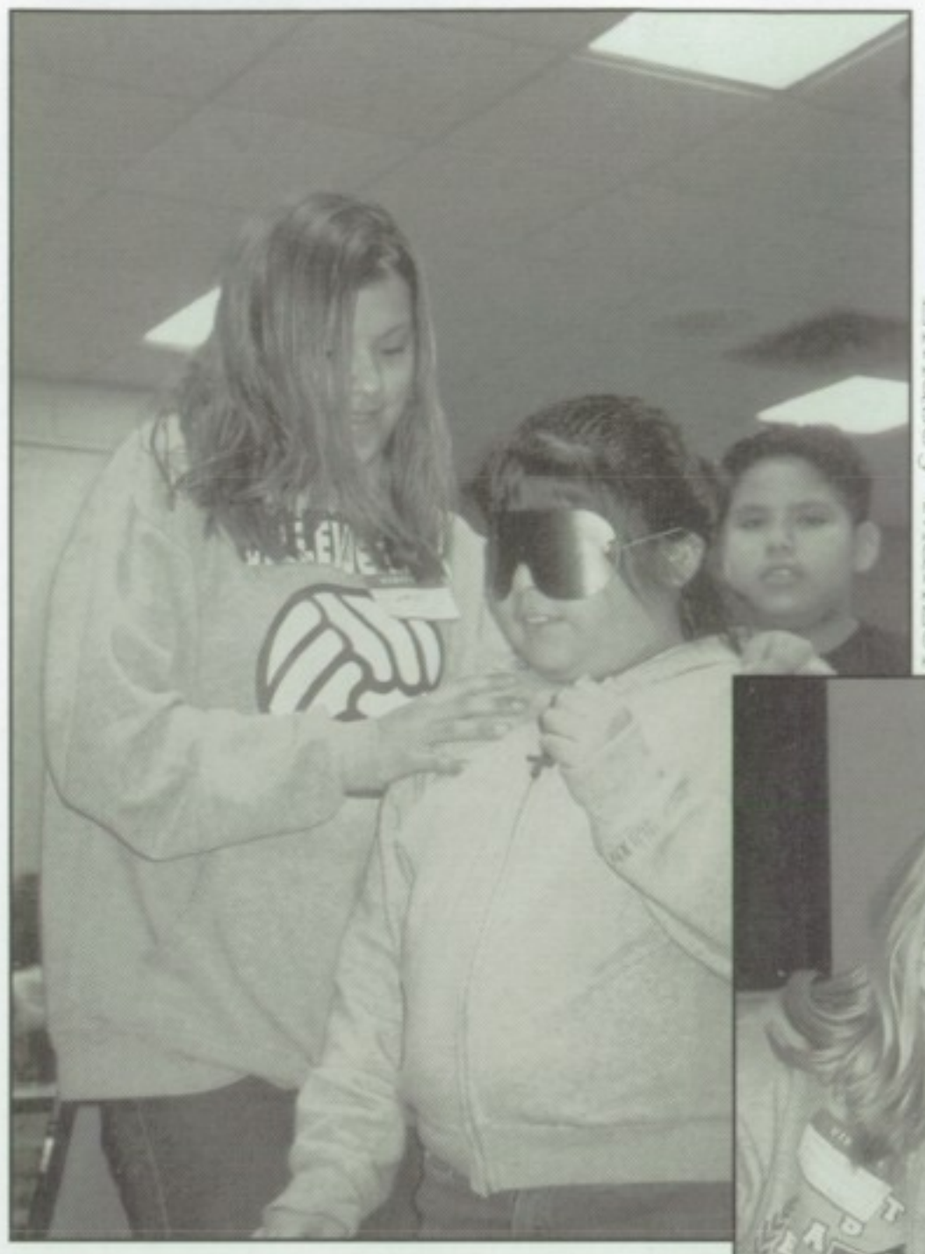
What do you like about DECA?

"The trips and events. They are fun and you meet people from other schools," Katie Smith, 11

"It's professional and everyone feels like family," Danielle Morrow, 11

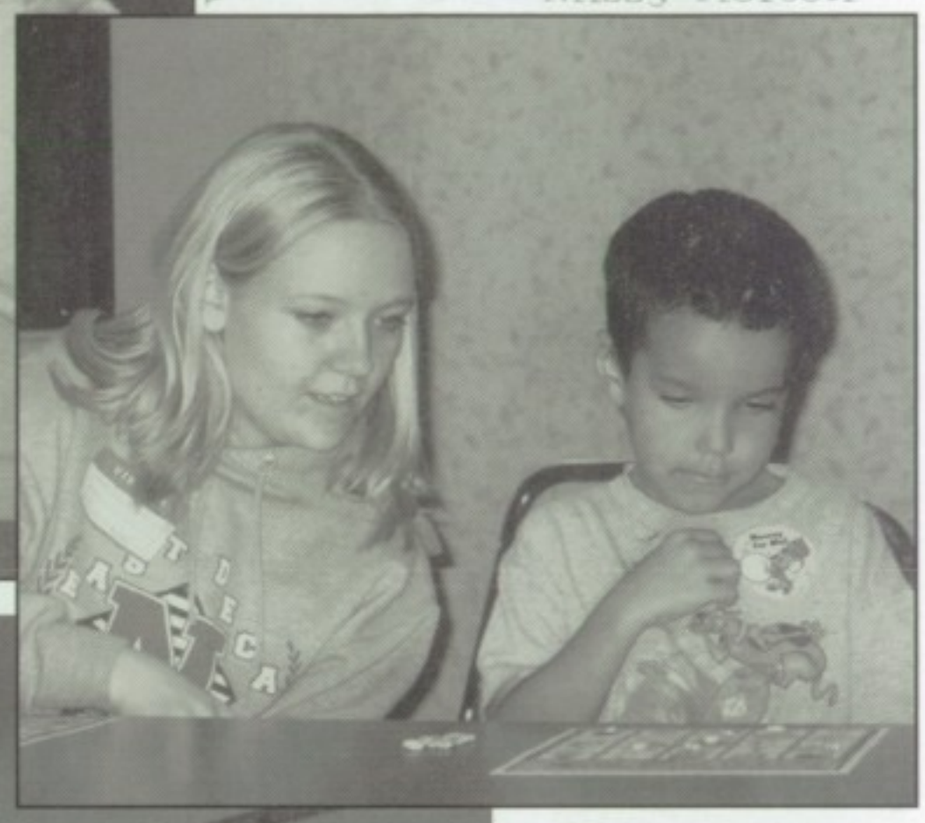
Senior **Crystal Mendez** spins a blindfolded child during a Pin-the-Tail-On-the-Donkey game. Salvation Army invited the DECA team to visit homeless children.



Lindsey Manzel

Senior **Melissa McCoy** helps a young child play Bingo during their visit to the church. The children that participated ranged from ages one to seven.

Missy Holton



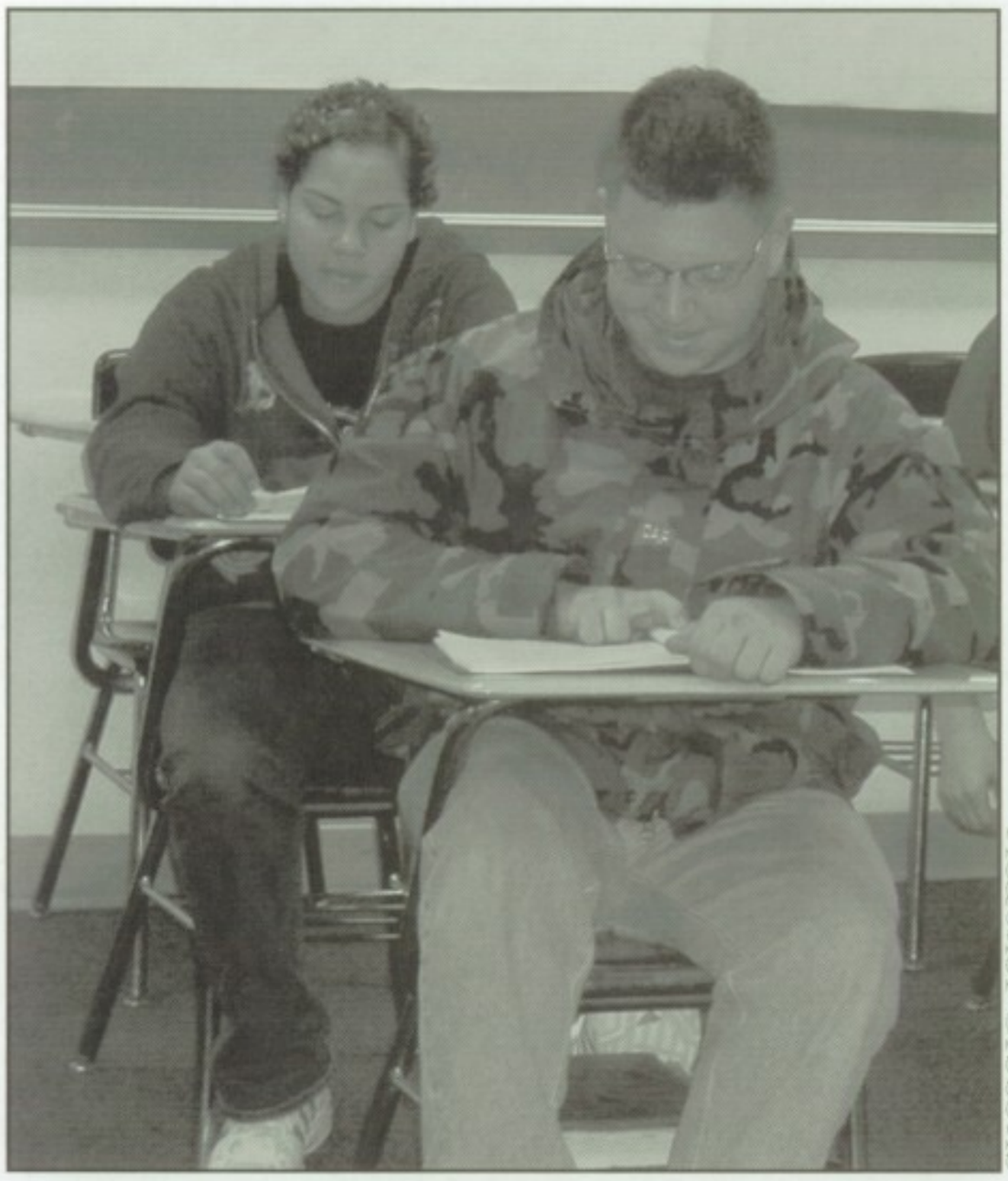
During an October visit to Karen Lehman's students, senior CJ Radford and freshman Mac Slagle carve out the top of a pumpkin. Another DECA activity included running the Trading Post, which was a major project of DECA.

Nicole Mathis

"They dedicated so much time and always wanted to do so much better."

Mocking the Trial

Mock Trial's Win Influences Future Careers



Heather Gibbons

Junior **David Pingleton** and sophomore **Tedra Stephens-Sojourn** read through pamphlets about ancient economics. Economics was one of ten categories covered by sponsor **P.K. Simmons**.

Academic Decathlon Facts

Competition Categories
- Art, Economics, Essay, Interview, Math, Literature, Science, Social Studies, Speech, Super Quiz
- Six students were chosen to compete based on academic performance and G.P.A.

All faces are stern. The jury hangs in the balance. Senior **Jon Zgainer**, the prosecutor, stands in suspense. The verdict is released... guilty.

"It's a formal competition and it can get very complicated if you don't listen. That's the best part about it," Zgainer said.

There were two teams and each team consisted of three prosecutors and three witnesses. During competitions, an actual judge from the Sarpy County Courthouse was present.

The competitions were made up by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation and were given to club sponsor **Debbie Whitworth** in August. The first meeting was held in September and was open for anyone that was interested in participating. At that time, the court cases were distributed to members, and practices began.

For some, the intense competitions and the chance to meet new people with the same interests gave them a different outlook on what it takes to be a lawyer.

Senior **Leslie Dinius** said, "I want to go into law as a career, and Mock Trial has helped me to make that decision. It has prepared me for real world and for a future."

Both teams competed in Mock Trial Districts during November. Team one, consisting of seniors **Stephen LaPorte**, Dinius, Zgainer, and **Brandon Kea**, and juniors **Kasey Buckland** and **Chrissy Classen**, won their match against Papillion South and continued on to Mock Trial District Semi-Finals.

Whitworth said, "Despite their loss in the semi-finals, they did a fantastic job. They dedicated so much time and always wanted to do so much better."

Missy Holton
activities staffer

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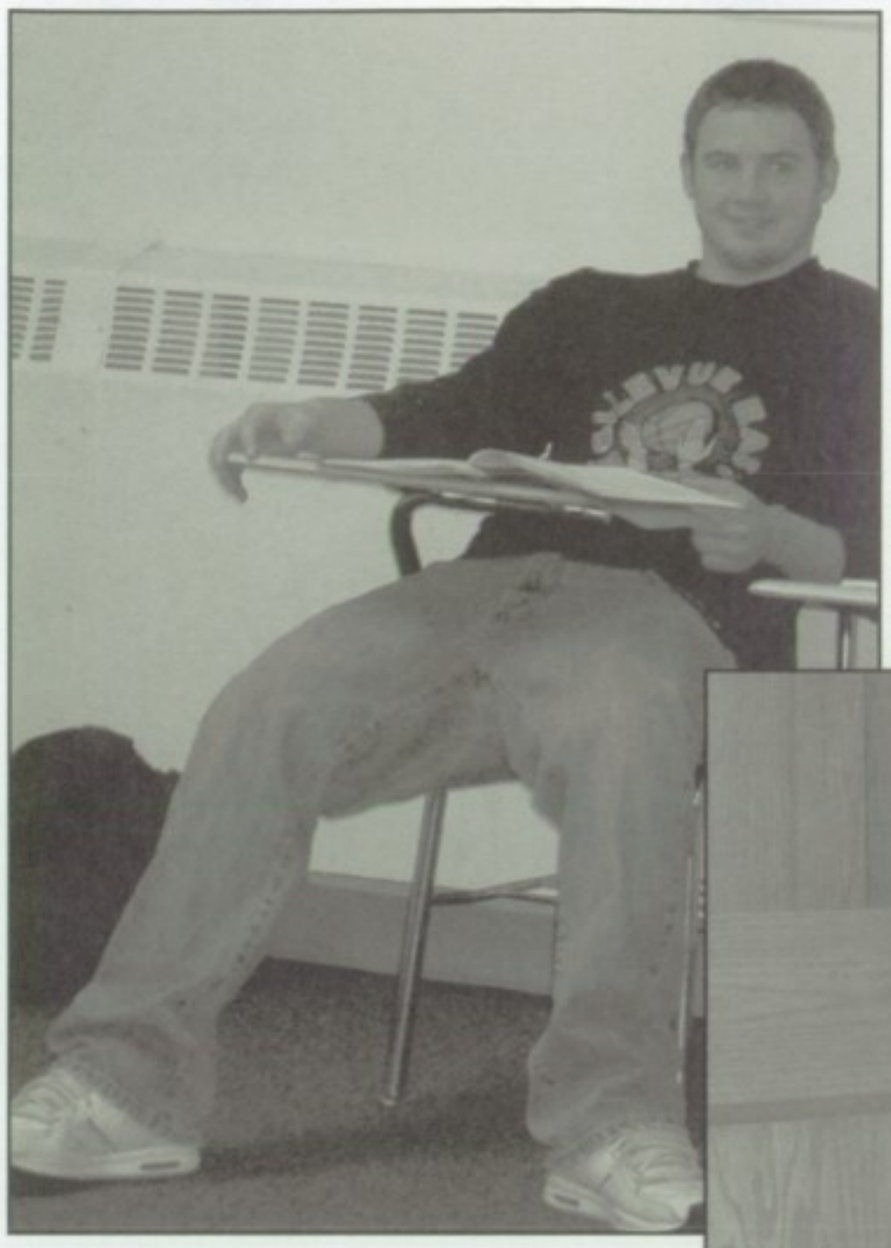
What's the best part about sponsoring your club?

" I get to see the process of students strengthening their arguments and figuring our strategy."
Debbie Whitworth, Mock Trial Sponsor

"I've learned a lot of interesting things that I would have never taken the time to read through."
P.K. Simmons, Academic Decathlon Sponsor

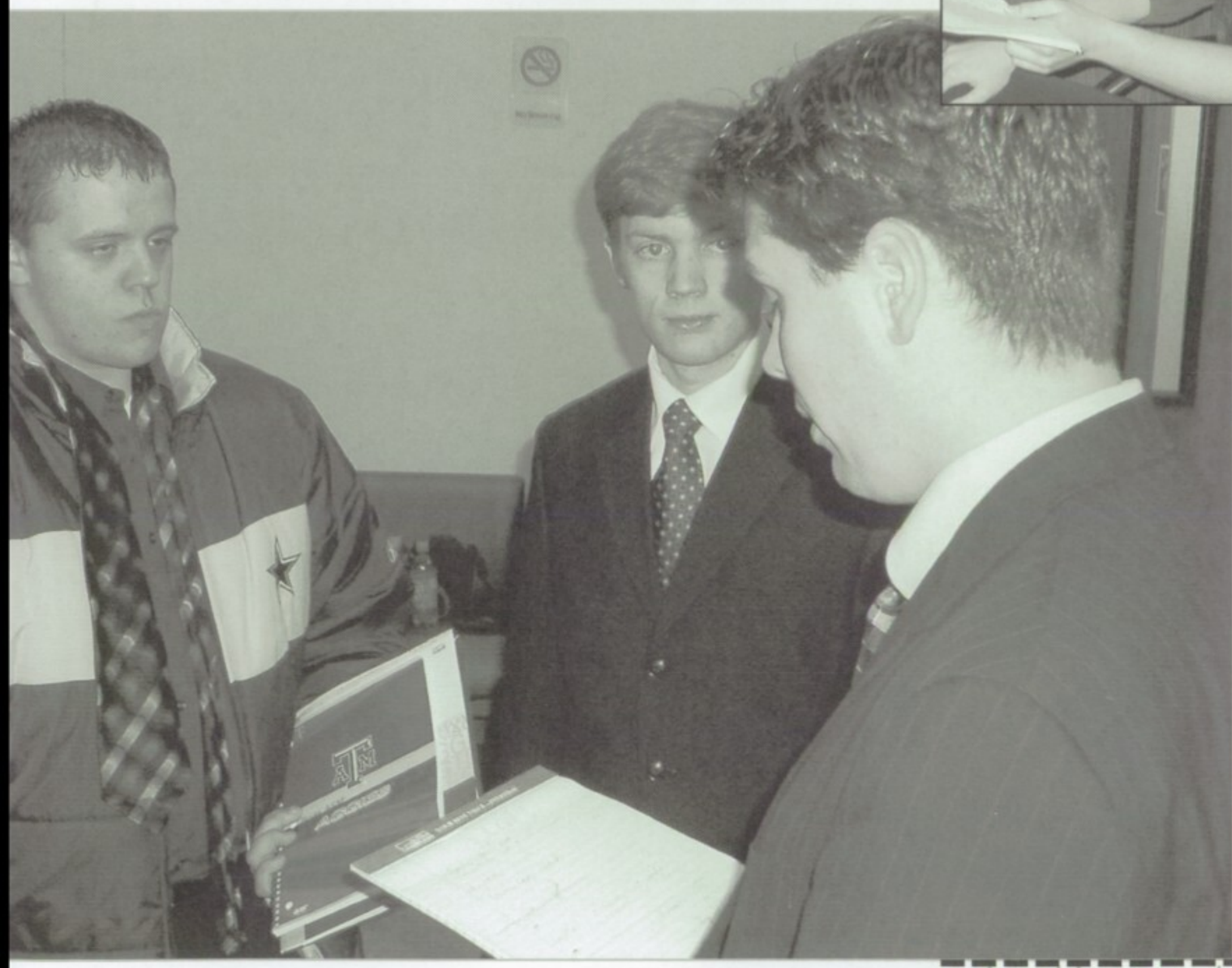
During the fourth hour Academic Decathlon class, senior **Tim Burton** listens to the daily lesson. Although Burton was not on the competition team, he was one of 15 students in the class.



Heather Gibbons

During a Mock Trial competition, sophomore **Alysia Macedo** examines evidence. It was Macedo's second year involved in Mock Trial.

Missy Holton



Seniors **Stephen LaPorte** and **Jon Zgainer** listen closely as attorney John Hascall discusses their performance. Hascall helped members prepare for competition by practicing their roles in the cases individually.

Missy Holton

"Last year, we'd go to a tournament, and we'd lose, and this year we get invited to their tournaments and kick their butts"

Argue Your Opinion

Debate students learn to deal with mayhem first-hand.

"Hectic" doesn't even describe the scene.

As his opponent continually pounds his arguments into the dirt, she continues to build up her own. He was left to frantically scribble down everything he's hearing come out of her mouth, because when she's done talking, he has exactly one and a half minutes to find the holes in her arguments, and then four minutes to exploit them.

But then, no one said debate would be easy.

East's debate team saw this kind of mayhem often, as they went to tournaments almost every Saturday during the season, which started in October and ended in March. And while it may have been difficult, the team had a good amount of success.

"The way other teams treat us on the circuit [is a lot different this year]," senior **James Donahue** said. "Last year, we'd go to a tournament, and we'd lose, and this year we get invited to their tournaments and kick their butts."

Donahue was the co-captain of the debate team. His partner, senior **Leslie Dinius**, felt confident in the strength of the team.

"We have an extremely skilled team this year," Dinius said. "They have very strong commitment to debate, [and they] go to every tournament and practice session."

The debate team mainly competed in two categories of debate: Lincoln-Douglas debate, which was more focused on philosophy (e.g. Is it better to have an oppressive government, or no government?), and Public Forum debate, which was geared toward current events (e.g. Should the United States pull its troops out of Iraq?). East was having strong success in both categories.

"[The tournament at] Iowa City floored me, because we had about four people break in Public Forum, and [sophomore] **Luke Hoffman** broke in Lincoln-Douglas, which signified what to expect of our season," debate coach **Melissa Goldax** said.

The tournament season was still going on, with National Qualifiers held March 11 and 12.

"The last three tournaments determine the standings," Dinius said. "Since the topics [hadn't come yet], we have to get our cases up quickly and get them polished."

The team remained optimistic about the outcome of the season. Goldax said that she would be surprised if the team didn't make it to Nationals. Goldax also felt that the team didn't have many challenges facing them, so long as they stayed motivated.

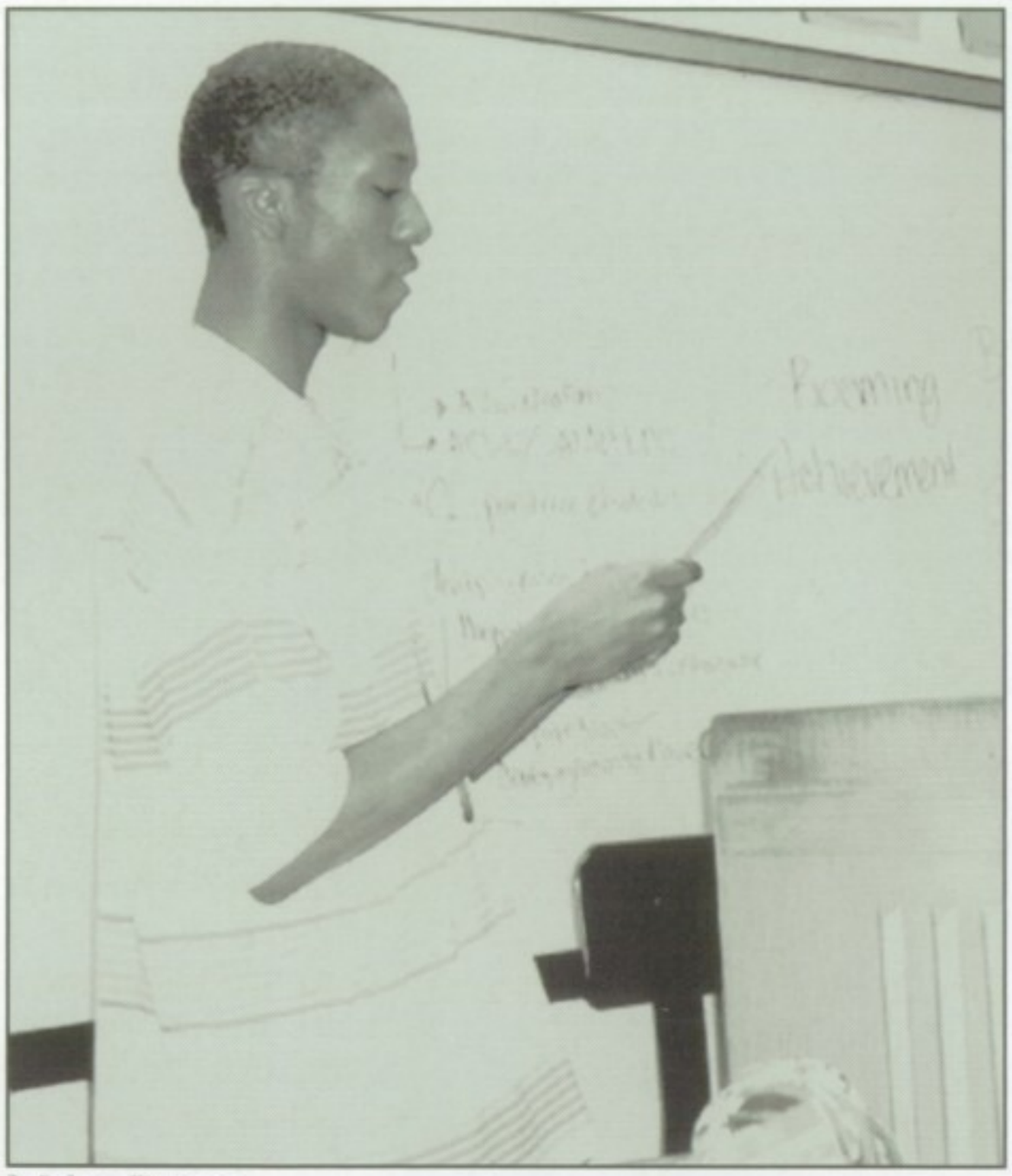
While motivation was important to debate, unity played an important part in how the team performed.

"We need to come together as a team and agree to help each other," junior **Justin Horn** said. "Teamwork is very important when it comes to National Qualifiers."

As the final few tournaments came into sight, East debate remained poised to do its best.

Horn said, "The most important thing is to stay calm, and stay confident, and know that at any point you can win."

Josh Bourgeois
staff writer



Mike Crum

Junior **Jamal Jackson** delivers an arguement during a debate. The debate team practiced during their seventh hour class and had competitions from October through March.

Debate/Forensics Stats

*SPONSORS:
-MELISSA GOLDAX, DEBATE
-JOHN CAMPBELL, FORENSICS
*BIG COMPETITIONS:
-APPLE VALLEY INVITATIONAL IN MINNESOTA FOR FORENSICS
-STATE AT KEARNEY HIGH SCHOOL FOR DEBATE

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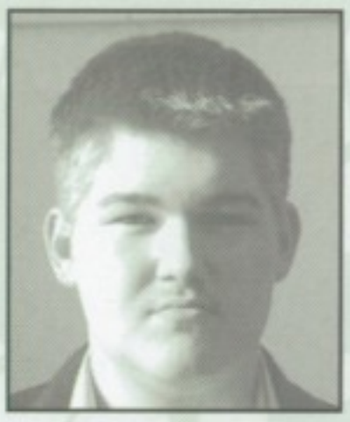
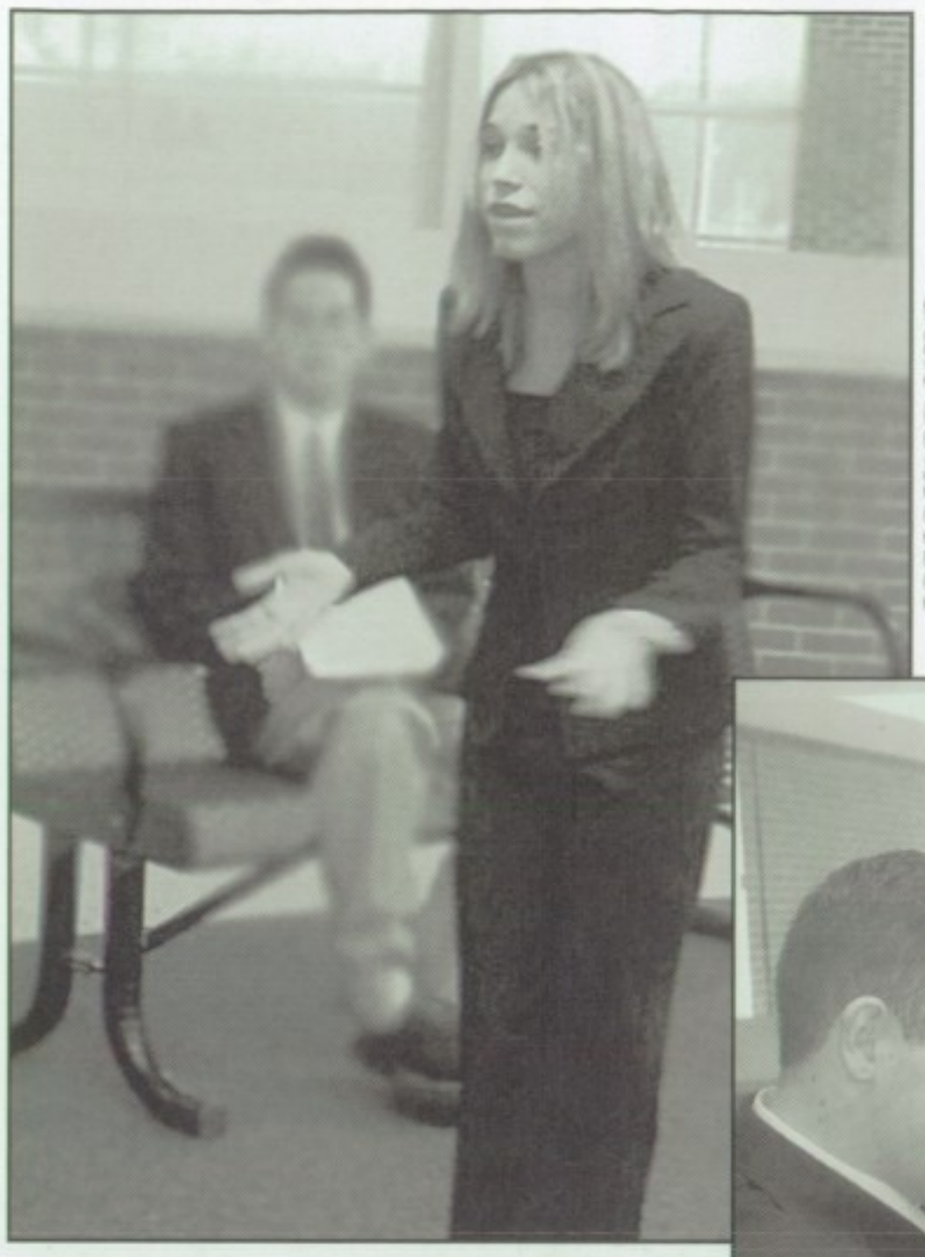
Why did you join Forensics/Debate?

"I thought I could score with hot forensics chicks... boy was I wrong." Brandon Kea, 12, Forensics



"There was nothing better to do and nothing else that sounded good." Dakotah Bronk, 11, Debate

Sophomore **Brittney Stanke** performs her Info speech. It was Stanke's first year competing in forensics in the humorous interpretation category.



Dan Schreiber

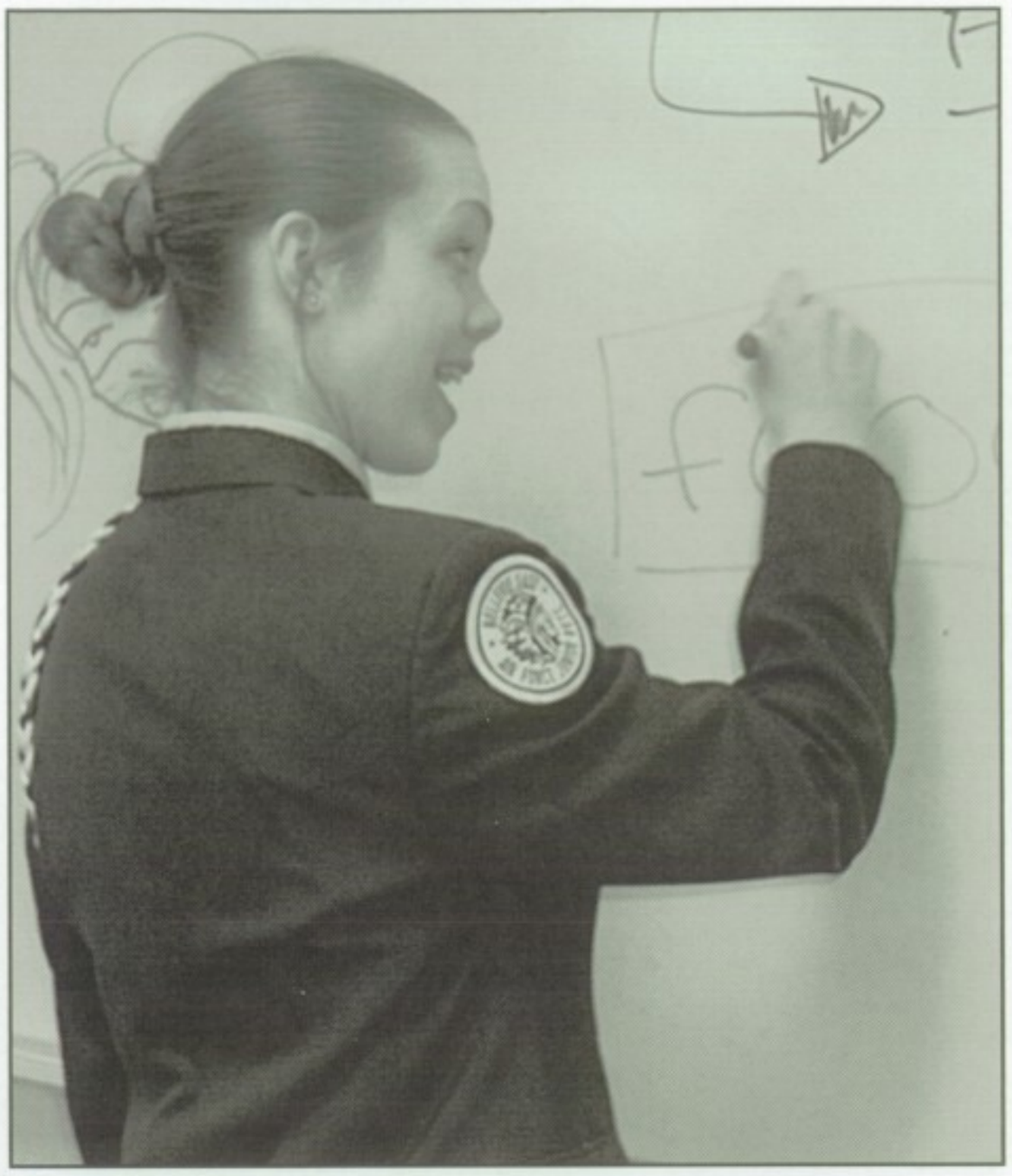
Senior **Tom Smaldone** straightens freshman **Eli Barts**'s collar before an away competition. Smaldone competed in oratory and humorous interpretation categories and Barts competed in oratory.

Dan Schreiber

Before they leave for a competition, senior **Jerrica Kyger** practices her performance in front of the forensics team. Kyger's performance over Celebrity Worship Syndrome was about how some American's are completely obssessed with Hollywood stars.

Mike Cram

Concentrating on the whiteboard, junior **Stacey Williams** makes a list of food for a Science Club party. Williams was one of the founders of Science Club, along with former student **Kristina Yancey**.



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Science Club Stats

*SPONSOR:
-PHIL ALCOCER
*OFFICERS INCLUDED:
-STACEY WILLIAMS, 11
-STEPHEN LAPORTE, 12
-ALEX CHERUBIN, 11
*ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:
-STARGAZING CAMP-OUT
-ZOO FIELD TRIP

During a Science Club party, senior **Kandy Scott** points out ingredients in her sushi to sponsor **Phil Alcocer**, while sophomore **Katie Eller** watches a movie. Science Club watched several movies about the String Theory during most of their parties.

Expression has no restrictions when it comes to art, but sometimes art has limitations.

Art Club was invited to participate in a community project sponsored by the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts. The project was to be a large quilt put on display at the Qwest Center.

The club was allowed to produce artwork on an 8 by 15 foot square, which was to be just one of the squares to make up the quilt. The square could only contain simple shapes and basic colors, which limited artistic creativity.

Freshman **Adam Sweet** jokingly expressed his opinion about the parameters.

"In a way, it's Communist art because you're not allowed to do what you really want," Sweet said.

Sponsor **Tim Bogatz** disagreed with this concept.

"You can still express a lot through simple shapes because they can evoke certain moods and different feelings," Bogatz said.

Bogatz further explained how the overall project would create a "wow" effect, since it would not just be the club's artwork, but others' as well.

"You'll be able to be like 'check it out—that's our square!'" Bogatz said.

Members expressed their enjoyment about the project and ideas. Freshman **Katarina May** felt it would be a way to be remembered when she moves away.

"I think it's cool because I'll be able to leave my mark…knowing that I did something," May said.

Freshman **Kirk Adams** felt it contributed greatly to the community.

"It gives me a sense of power and importance in helping my community," Adams said.

Linda Hoang
activities editor

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Simple Abstraction

Art Club Members Contribute to Community Project

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Discussing project ideas, freshmen **Katarina May** and **Charlie Taylor** draw plans for Art Club. The Omaha community project was unveiled in June at the Qwest Center.

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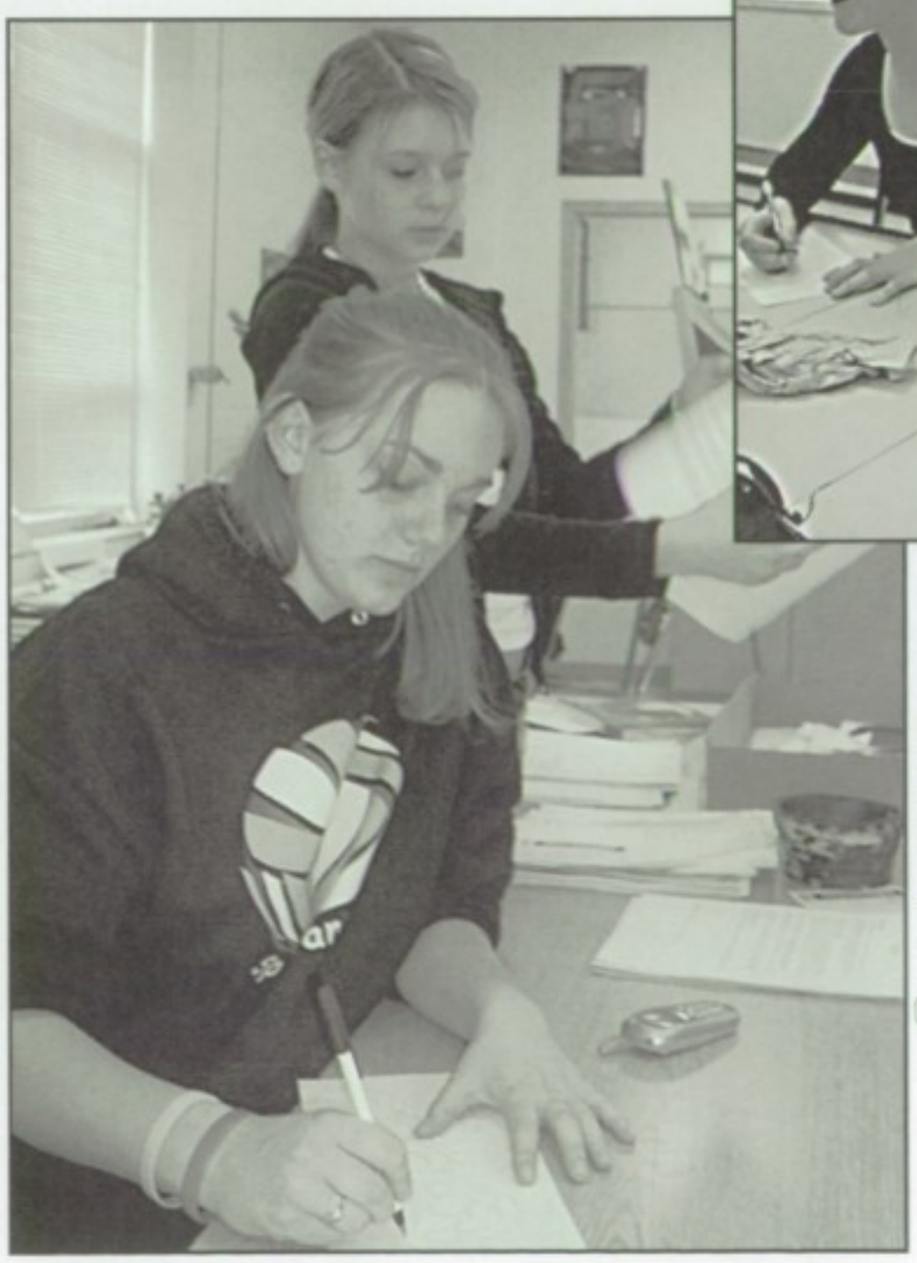

Looking through books and magazines, junior **Sara Holt** and sophomore **Nikki Laufenberg** search for ideas and inspiration for an art project. The project was sponsored by the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts.

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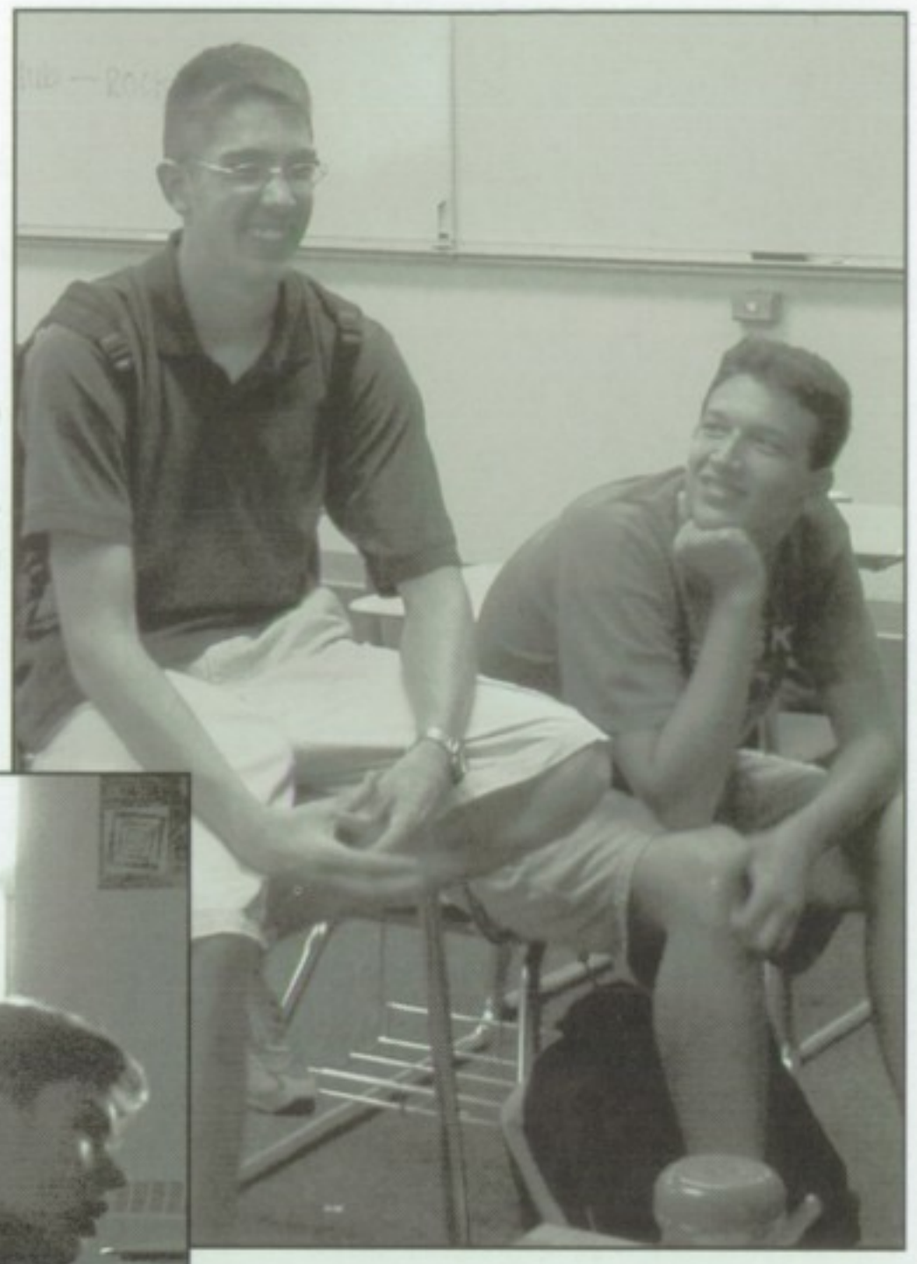
Why did you join Science or Art Club?

"I thought it [Science Club] would be a great experience to broaden my horizons," Chelsea Isham, 12

"I'm in art [class] and in Art Club, you do more involving art," Philip Ybay, 11

Seniors **Kevin Sueper** and **Austin Sailors** discuss Math Club shirt design ideas. Math Club met every Thursday after school.



Sarah Score

Seniors **Jordan Huey** and **Stephen LaPorte** watch an independent film called *Pi* during Math Club. Math Club was also known as the "Radicals."

Daniel Schreiber

While freshman **Friend Olsen** strategizes his next move, junior **Phillip Kent** moves his knight. Chess Club hosted its first invite in February.

Linda Hoang

Why did you join Chess or Math Club?

"My reason for joining Chess Club was more of an involuntary brain spasm than anything else"
Dorian Biberdorf, 11

"All the cool kids join Math Club."
Mike Guericke, 12

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"I probably wouldn't talk to half the people I've met in Chess Club [otherwise]; I'd be like 'Get away!'"

Revenge of the Nerds

Chess Club Members Defend Their Name

Pocket protectors, plaid shirts, high pants, huge glasses, and parted hair was the typical stereotype of what a geek was.

However, Chess Club went beyond this stereotype.

"It's great because we have many active players that come that are in all sorts of other activities, like forensics and sports," sponsor **Mark Still** said.

The club appealed to people of all walks of life. President senior **Heather Grout** did not consider herself a nerd but was often called one because of her position.

"[Seniors] **Robert Rands** and **Shane McConnell** always ask me 'How's my queen of the geeks?' just because I'm president," Grout said.

Vice president junior **Zach Oehm** expressed his thoughts about the misconceptions toward chess players.

"People think, like in movies, we're really smart and geeky, but not all of us are smart," Oehm joked.

Grout blurred the line between the stereotypes of being a "jock" and being a "geek" and explained the reasoning behind playing sports and chess.

"If you have an athletic background, you have a better state of mind; like when playing soccer, you have to strategize the same way as when you're playing chess," Grout said.

The club's diversity brought the different social groups together to share their love for chess. Treasurer senior **Brittni Stephens** joked about the various people she met.

Stephens said, "I probably wouldn't talk to half the people I've met in Chess Club [otherwise]; I'd be like 'Get away!'"

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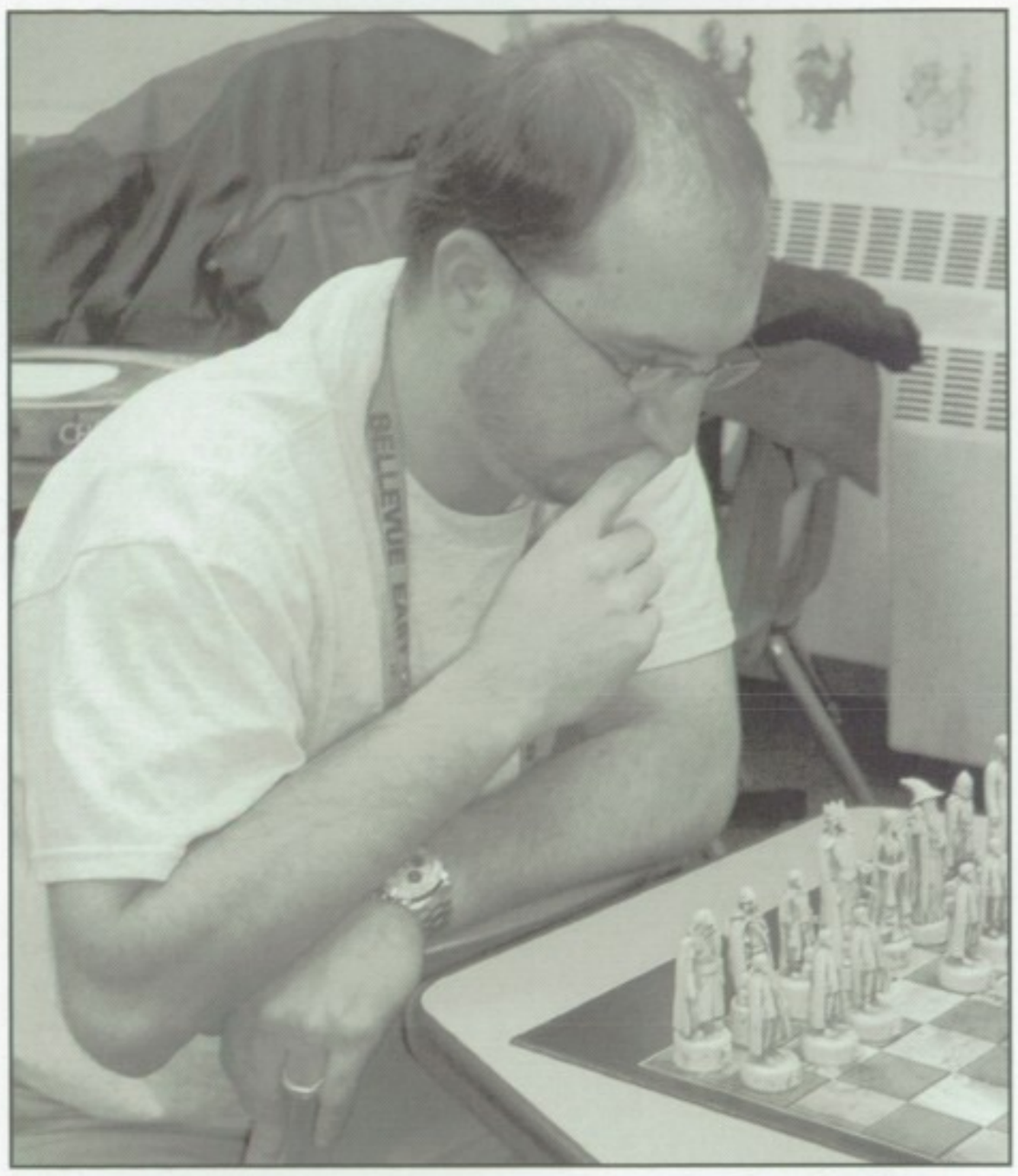

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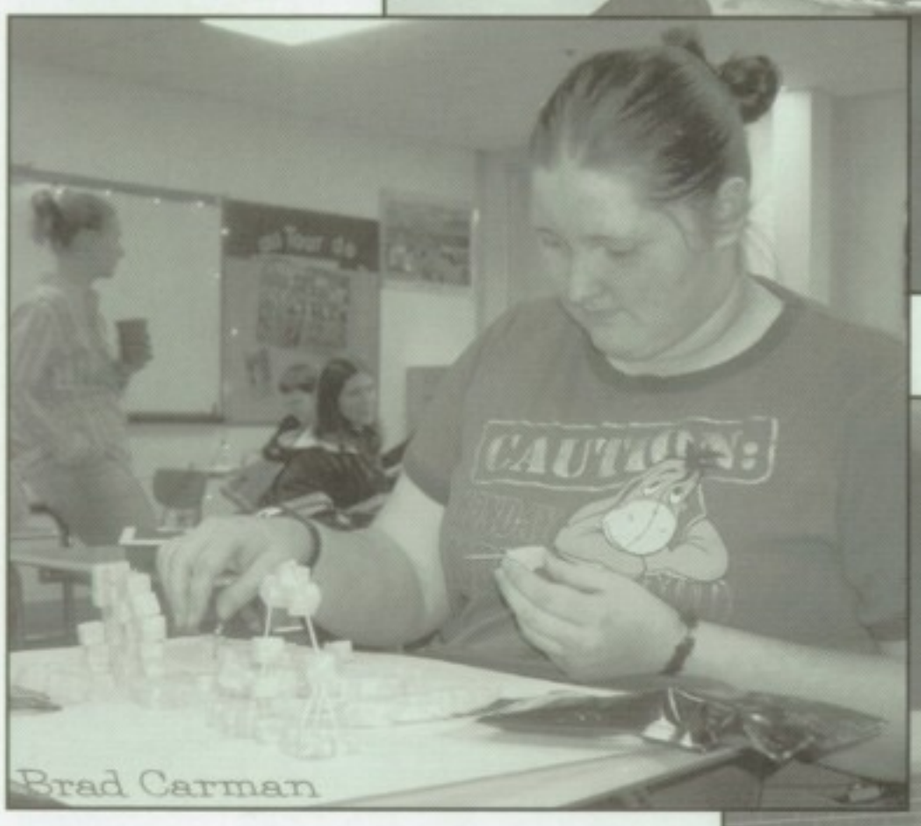
Sponsor **Mark Still** ponders his early game strategy. Chess Club sold lollipops to fund scholarships for club members.

Math Club Stats

*APPROXIMATELY 12 MEMBERS
*ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:
-EATING "π"
-FUNDRAISING AND CONCESSION STANDS
-UNO MATH DAY
*SPONSOR: JULIE KABOUREK

Brad Carman

Seniors **Tami Hartz** and **Jennifer Freeney** make posters informing students of how the Romans harvest their crops. During the meeting, members not only made posters, but they listened to metal music such as Iron Maiden.



Brad Carman

During the first Latin Club meeting, junior **Alyxandria Roark** builds a replica of an ancient Roman building. Latin Club got the idea for using cheese to build sculptures from French Club.

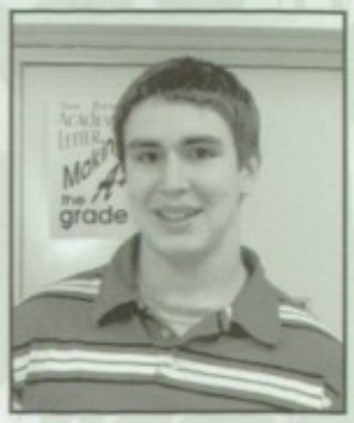
Lindsey Manzel

During a Spanish Club party, senior **Melissa Dooley** and senior **Heather Grout** eat churros. Churros are fried sweet bread.

What's your favorite Mexican dish?

"Posole, a soup that has meat and carrots, because it's warm and good."
Yesenia Torres, 11

"Chicken enchiladas, because my mom's are the best."
Paul Gribben, 12



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Spanish Club and charity weren't traditionally related. As members sat at the Christmas party, however, they realized that was what the club was all about.

In addition to exploring the Spanish culture, the club focused on donating and giving charitable contributions during the holidays.

"I donated out of the goodness of my heart," sophomore **Jade Ehlert** said. "It's better to donate and give than to take."

Christmas time wasn't the only time that Spanish Club gave back to the community. Members donated toiletry items to a church in South Omaha, which helped a Latino family in need.

"It felt good to know that we were helping these people and that we, as a club, were making a difference," freshman **Chandra Rogers** said.

To keep members active, the club organized bowling nights, holiday parties, and monthly activities.

"Spanish Club makes being a member enjoyable because it's not just about the language; it's about having fun," sophomore **Daniel Jamieson** said.

Members raised $150 for the Angel Tree by asking all members to donate two dollars or gifts. By helping charities, members also helped themselves.

"I really think it brings kids together," Spanish Club sponsor **Veronica Falkner** said. "It also brings awareness to the Latin and Spanish culture."

Lindsey Manzel
staff writer

Latin Club

-KNOWN AS "IMPERATORUM CONGRESSUM," WHICH MEANS THE "SOCIETY OF EMPERORS"
-THEY ATTENDED A YEARLY CERTAMEN, WHICH IS LATIN FOR QUIZBOWL
-ABOUT 10 MEMBERS

During the Spanish Club Christmas Party, sophomore **Daniel Jamieson** watches *A Christmas Story* in Spanish. Students were only able to atttend to the Christmas party if they donated money to the Angel Tree.

Spanish Club finds ways to give back to the community

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(Charity)

"I donated out of the goodness of my heart. It's better to donate and give than to take."

"Mike Guericke was like, 'We should have a bratwurst eating contest!'"

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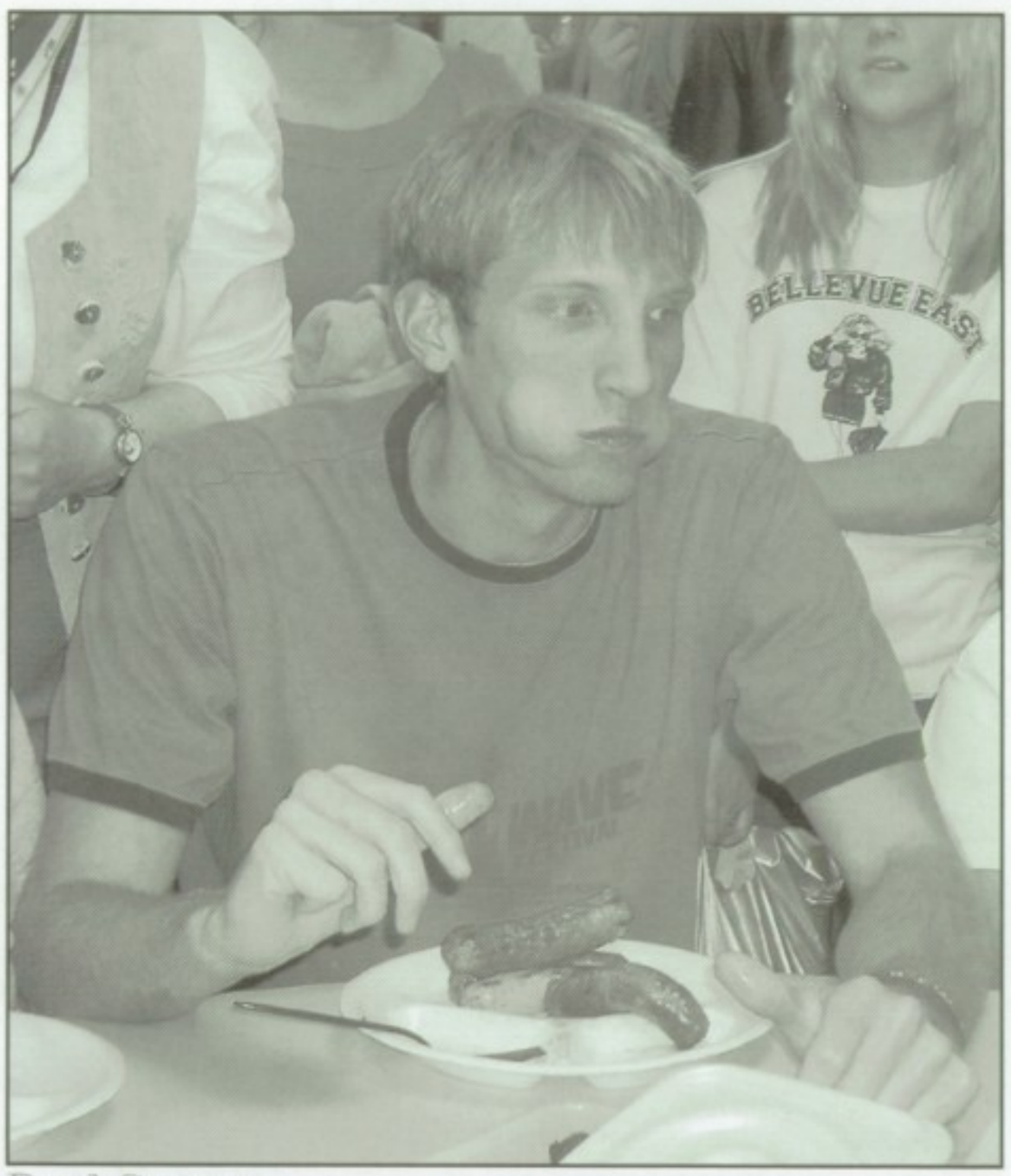
(is good)

6 bratwursts in 5 minutes



Brad Carman

Senior **Chad Simon** tries to be the first one to eat six bratwursts in five minutes. Simon finished 3 bratwursts within the five-minute limit.

It seemed simple beforehand: you just had to eat six bratwursts in five minutes. But only one of the eleven students survived.

"It was harder than you would think. They're very hard to chew, and it would've helped if I had had something to drink," junior **George Hopkins** said.

Hopkins was in German Club, along with a few other contestants, but the winner was not. Junior **Matt Lucid** won by eating all six bratwursts in just over three minutes.

Many of the students who didn't win shrugged it off and said they still had a good time.

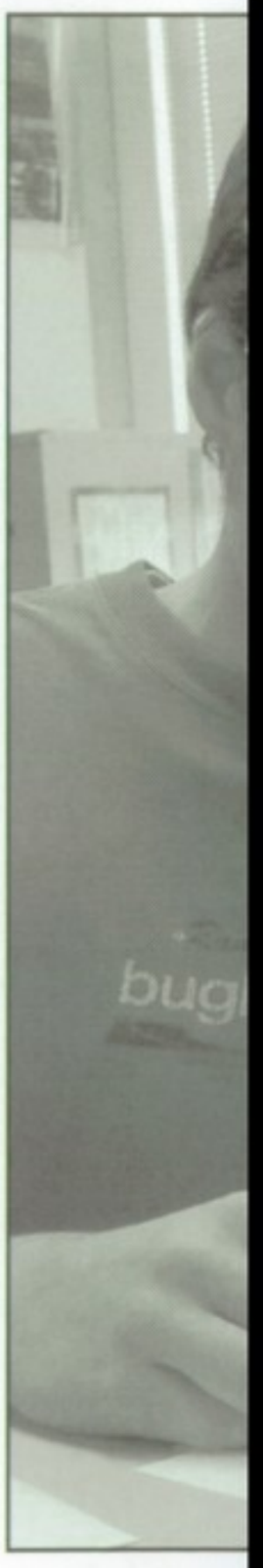
"Honestly, it felt pretty good eating all those bratwursts," senior **David Kring** said.

The contest was open to everyone who wanted to compete and also drew a large crowd of spectators.

The contest started as an idea from senior **Mike Guericke.** It was held during German-American week to boost publicity of the club and German class; its main purpose, however, was for fun.

Senior **Catherine Crider** said, "Mike Guericke was like, 'We should have a bratwurst eating contest!' and Frau [Pat Branson] was like 'Okay.'"

Brad Carman
Staff Writer



French Club Activites

HALLOWEEN PARTY
FONDUE NIGHT
MELODRAMA
CHRISTMAS PARTY
CREPES NIGHT
FRENCH CAFE

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What was the most exciting thing about your club?

"The Cheese Paris. Imagine the Eiffel Tower out of cheese."
Stephen la Porte, 12
French Club

"When we watched *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* because it was funnier in German."
Beth Kirby, 9
German Club

Junior **Daryl Cottrell** and **Shannan Simpson** sing "Bohemian Rhapsody" at the French Club Halloween Party. French Club had less than 20 members, which made them like a family.

Brad Carman

Before travelling to a haunted house, senior **Erik Peters** and junior **Aurora Ratliff** talk and drink punch in costumes. The French Club went to a haunted house in Omaha for their Halloween activity.

Brad Carman

Juniors **Cameron Blazek**, **Cassandra Daves** and **Shamera Hall** create Paris out of cheese. This event was the first of many that the French Club held.

Linda Hoang

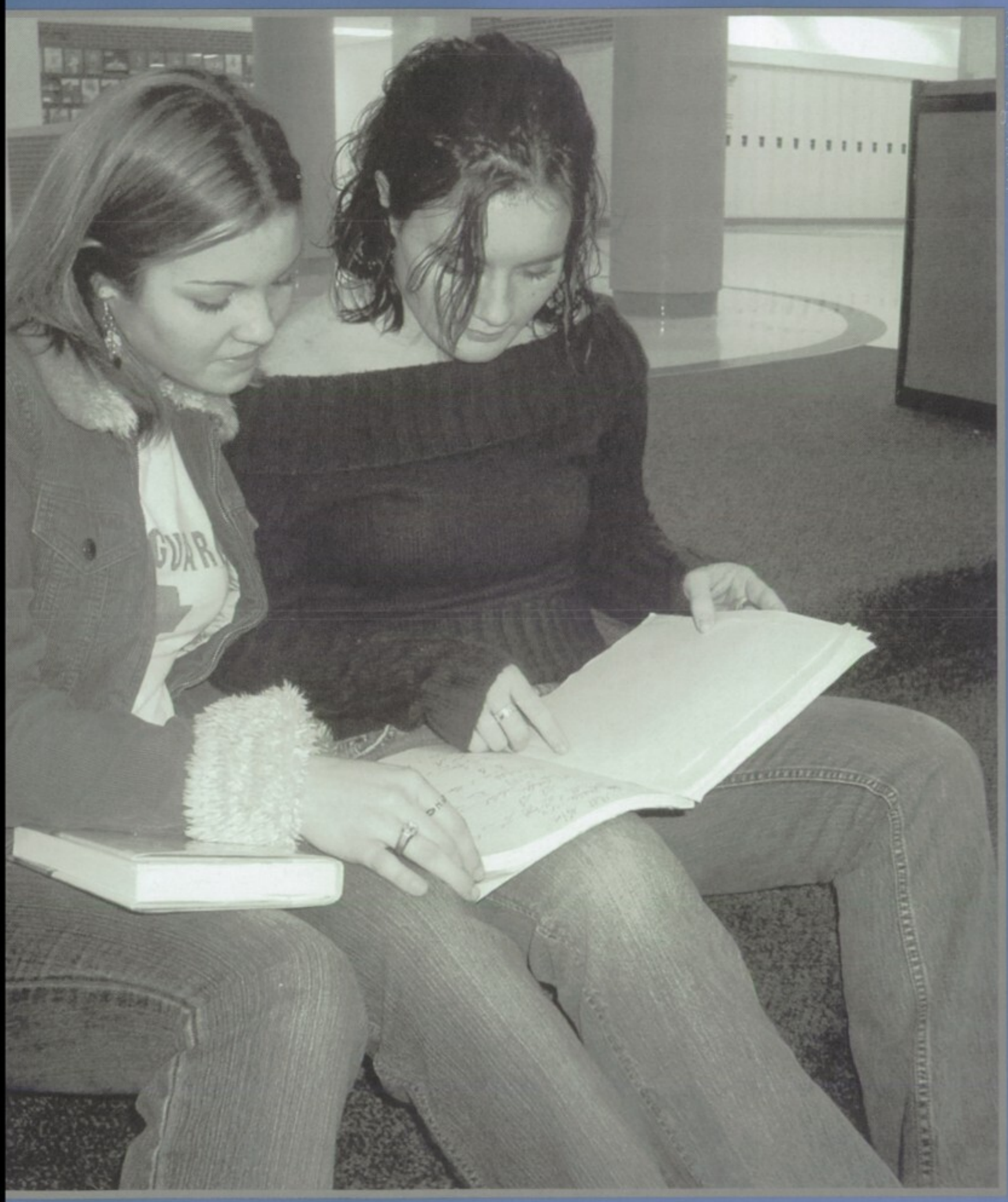
When it came to the classroom, reading between the lines was a necessity for survival. We figured out what classes we needed to take to get into college, found shortcuts, and learned how to analyze a novel instead of just reading it.

Even though most of us considered ourselves good students, we all experienced moments of slacking. When we didn't know an answer to a question, we pretended to take notes to avoid being called on (not making eye contact was also important). We decided making shirts for the football game was more important than studying for the vocabulary test. We claimed the only reason we didn't have any Euros in Spanish was because the teacher didn't call on us. We may have used our time in homeroom to "collaborate" on our English packets or math worksheets. We might have also fallen asleep during a movie in 21st Century World Studies or *Law & Order* day in Justice and Law.

However, we also stayed after class to finish taking notes in American History and came early to get help on our Calculus homework. We stayed up until 1 a.m. memorizing and studying for the Biology AP test. All we had to do was make a few commitments and sacrifice a little of our time, and we were almost guaranteed to pass our classes.

What it all boiled down to was work ethic. Our grades reflected if we were valedictorian material, college-bound, or lazy. Figuring out which teachers accepted late work, those who let us use notes on tests, and the classes you could sleep through and still pass with 100% was probably knowledge we gained on the first day of school. They were all important steps in the process of reading between the lines.

reading between the lines



During first hour, sophomore **Christa Davis** and senior **Meagan Moerles** go over their notes in the commons. Students finished homework and studied for tests in the mornings and before they left after school. Popular places to do this were the upstairs and downstairs commons and the cafeteria.

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Test Yourself

Take this quiz to see if you proved yourself a hard working student throughout the '04 - '05 school year...

In the morning...

a) You absolutely could not be any more excited for another glorious day of school.
b) After hitting the snooze button 3 or 4 times, you were up and ready.
c) When you woke up, you were so tired you came to school with a drool stain down the side of your mouth. (This happened more than once.)

By the time the bell rang...

a) You had already been in your assigned seat for the entire passing period, prepared and waiting for class to start.
b) You were in your seat and prepared most of the time, except when you forgot a book or pen in your locker.
c) You were still in the commons trying to get the scoop on all of the gossip from over the weekend.

When it came to studying for tests...

a) You made sure you read through the entire chapter twice the night before and even had your mother quiz you.
b) You studied every time you felt it was necessary.
c) Forget studying...the gossip from the weekend was way too interesting.

When it was time to do homework...

a) You sat in your room for hours checking and rechecking all of your answers and maybe e-mailed your teacher making sure you had the right assignment.
b) You completed most of your homework assignments at home and maybe some the day they were due.
c) Your teacher insisted you take your dog to the vet... too much paper in his stomach couldn't be good for him.

Go chieftains

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Be honest... was falling asleep in class ever on your agenda?

a) Never. You made sure you got exactly 8-12 hours of sleep every night.
b) Maybe once or twice, only when you had to watch a movie...being in the dark made you tired.
c) Watching the inside of your eyelids became a hobby.

When the teacher was speaking...

a) You stayed attentive throughout the entire class period and even took notes over the topic every day.
b)You tried..most teenagers only have an attention span of 8 minutes.
c) What were we just talking about, again?

How were you at following directions?

a) You made sure you wrote down the directions given by the teacher even if they were already on the worksheet.
b) You followed directions for the most part, unless you were staring at the kid writing them down a second time.
c) Forget directions! You figured for two bucks the kid next to you wouldn't mind taking the oppurtunity to learn more.

When it came to working hard...

a) You put 150% effort in everything you did so you could add to the collection of As on your refrigerator.
b)You put effort in everything you did, some assignments more than others.
c)You can recall putting 100% effort in an assignment once, but it was because you had to write about your favorite video game.

Were you concerned about your grade?

a) You made sure you had nothing less than a 100% on every assignment and even personally asked your teacher to grade them ASAP.
b) After you missed an assignment or two, you decided to check your grade just to get back on track.
c) The only time you recalled knowing your grade was when you got a phone call home and your parents grounded you for week.

Mostly As

Wow... Congratulations! Hopefully you are planning to go to an exquisite university and become a doctor or lawyer. Your extremely hard work will pay off in the end. Be careful... a social life isn't required, but it helps to have friends around when things get stressful... like when you get a B on an assignment.

Mostly Bs

You care about your school work and being on time to class, but you know how to keep your stress level down to a minimum. High school years are said to be the best years of your life, and you seem to understand that. Just make sure you stay on track.

Mostly Cs

A piece of advice: start hanging out with the students in the grades below you. Those faces might become very familiar to you.

In Algebra II, sophomore **Katherin Monahan** finishes her assignment before the end of the class period. In order to graduate students needed two years of math.

Sophomore **Anthony Lanacone** checks his answers on the TI-83 graphing calculator. To prepare students for the ACT, math teachers helped tutor students at worksessions before and after school.

During seventh hour, sophomores **Kelsey Severin** and **Robin FifeGriffith** compare their answers on their graphing worksheets. Students were given essential objective quizes to determine if they passed the chapter.

The Award Goes to...

It's not every day you hear about a teacher from Bellevue East who is recognized for their talent and passion for teaching.

Over the summer, math teacher **Jason Waller** was entered into the Sylvan National Teaching contest after working at the Sylvan Learning Center in Bellevue. A group of his co-workers entered him and one other teacher from the center in the contest.

Waller had been a teacher at Bellevue East for three years. He taught mostly freshman classes including Algebra I, Algebra I-I, and Geometry.

" I began teaching at the Sylvan Learning Center in February [2004] because I wanted a second job, " Waller said.

At the end of September 2004 he competed against close to a thousand teachers from other Sylvan Centers from all over the nation. He placed third and competed in Las Vegas where he had to teach three students different subjects in math in front of ten judges that actually began the Learning Center.

"There was a lot of pressure," Waller said. "The three kids were even nervous, too."

Waller not only got to go to Las Vegas, he won $500 and was awarded a plaque with a crystal apple.

"It was a great honor to be nominated by the Sylvan Learning Center," Waller said.

Brittany Estep
Academics Editor

THE NATIONAL TEACHING AWARD

3rd Place

Bellevue East Math Teacher

"It was a great honor."

Jason Waller

Sylvan Learning Center

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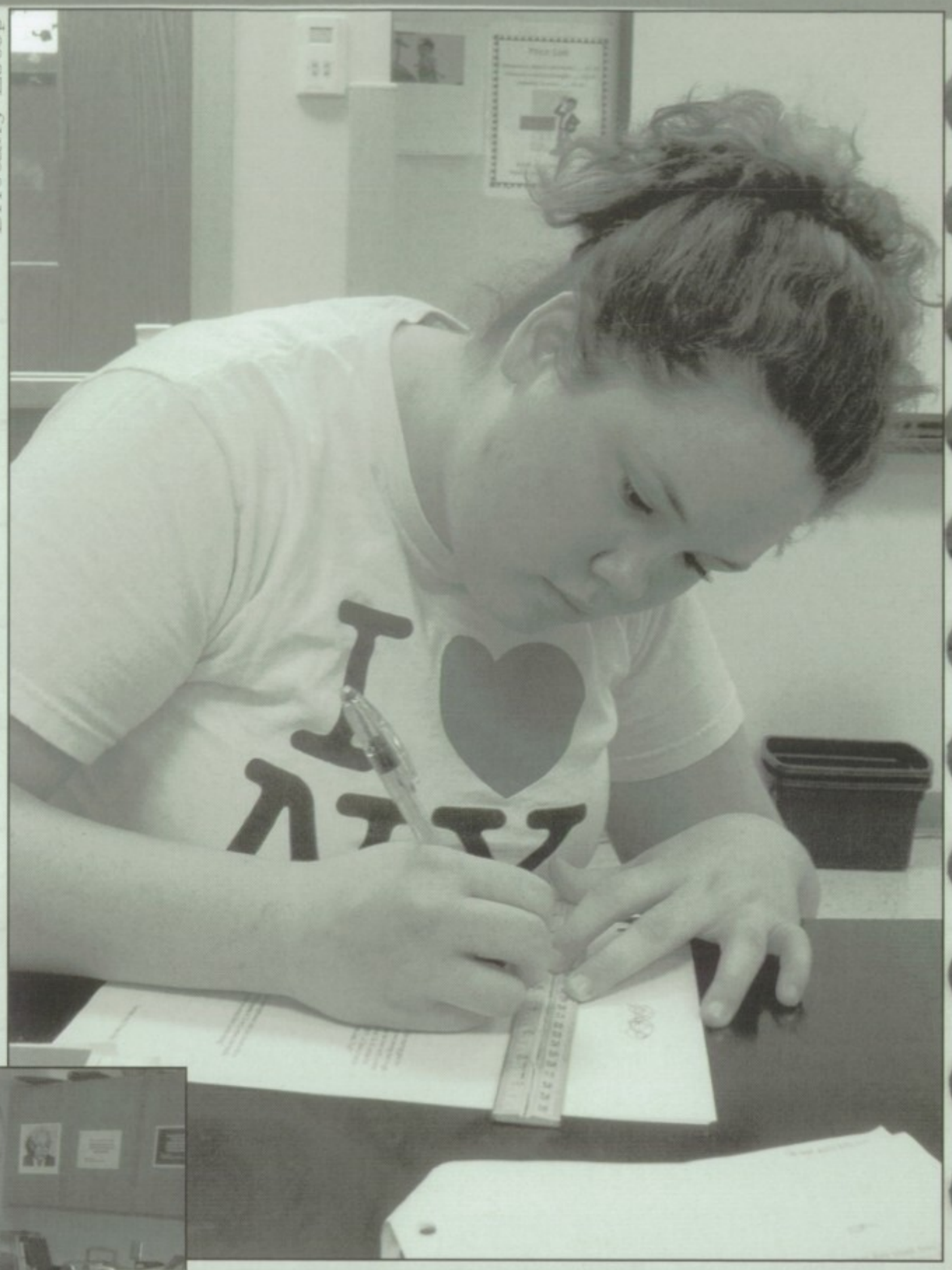
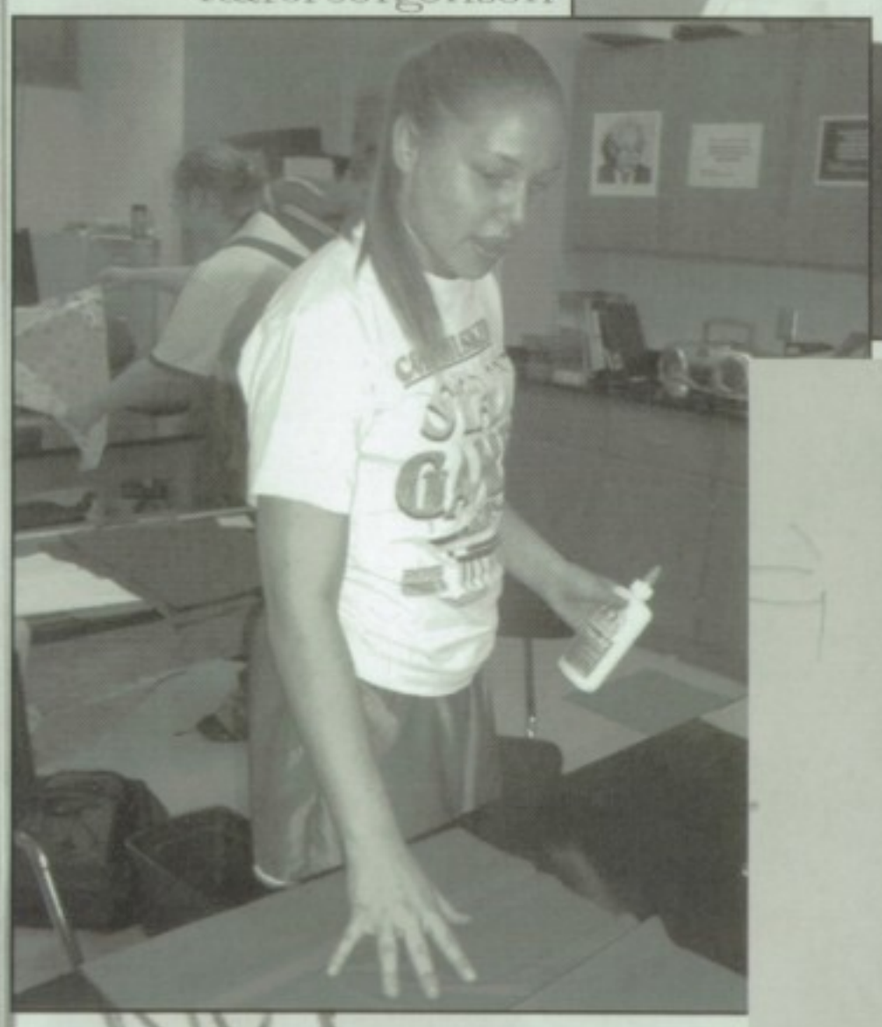
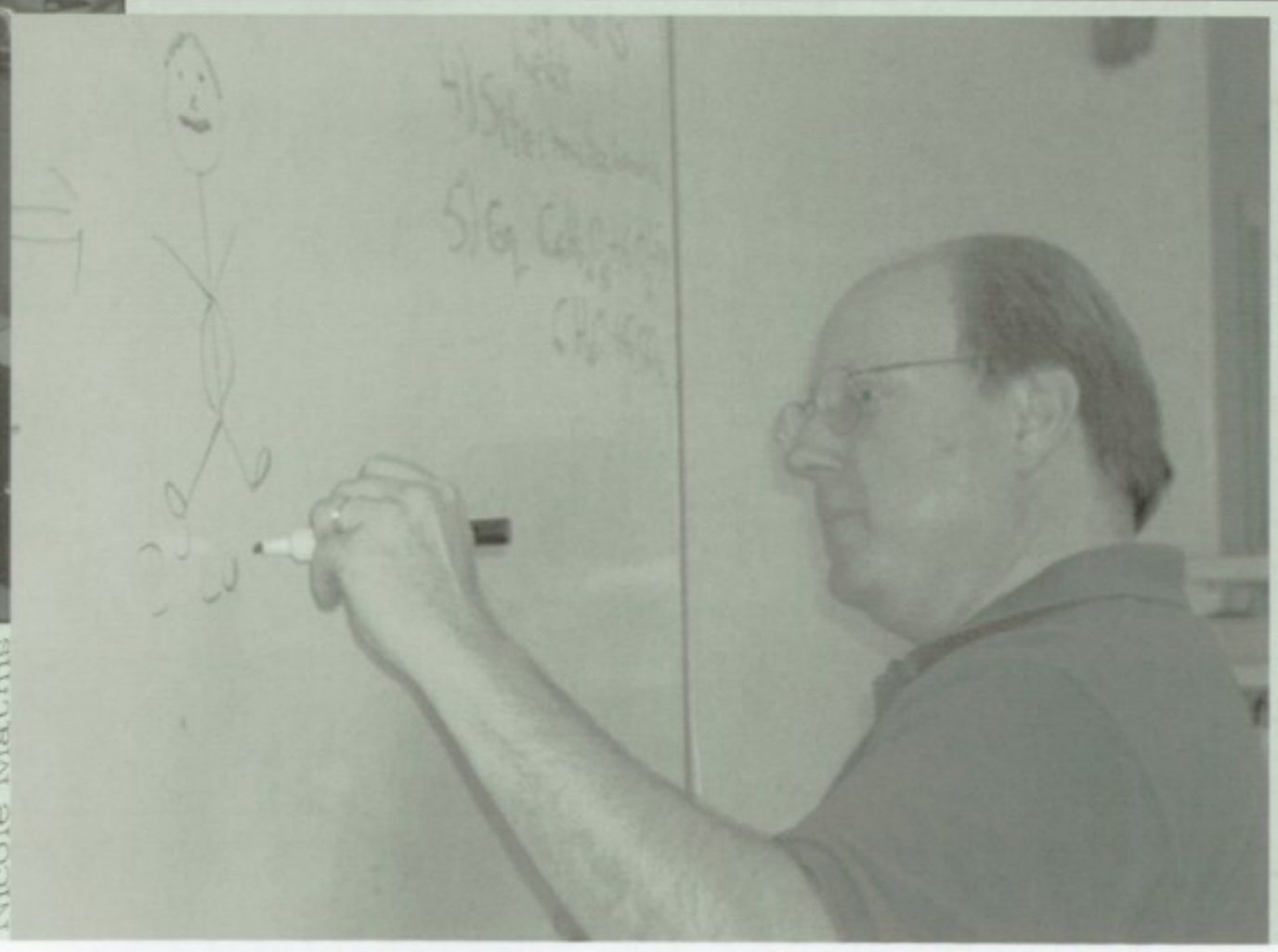


Senior **Sara Woolery** tries to figure out a problem on her Physics worksheet. In **Rob Mason's** class, students did multiple worksheets and a few projects dealing with things such as potential and kinetic energy.

In **Kim Brown's** Physics class, junior **Megan Metzger** constructs her hot air balloon. Another big project for students in Brown's classes was contructing a wooden bridge. A contest was held to see which bridge held the most weight.

Kaiti Jorgenson





Science teacher **Bruce Bartholow** draws Chemistry teacher **Phil Alcocer** as a carnivore in his biological energy cycle. The main highlight in Biology AP for many students was dissecting cats towards the end of the year.

Nicole Mathis

Explosions, Lights, & Learning

Watching things burn, dissecting cats, and constructing bridges were a few labs students and teachers looked forward to doing during the school year.

Students discovered what they might want to do after high school through the science labs.

Senior **Michael Marnik** was in Biology AP and knew he was going into a career in the medical field after he did a microscope lab over cells.

"I like to look at things under the microscope because it's cool to see what things looked like magnified." Marnik said. "You can't see them with the naked eye."

Some students just enjoyed doing labs instead of taking notes every day.

Chemistry A student junior **Mike Goble** said, "The wood distillation lab was interesting because it had to deal with burning wood and explosions."

Students weren't the only ones who enjoyed doing labs.

Chemisrty teacher **Phil Alcocer's** favorite lab was the soap lab, but he also enjoyed the spectroscopy lab.

"The spectroscopy lab is really neat because you get beautiful lights coming out of atoms," Alcocer said. "You get to learn so much about an atom from the light."

Teachers also liked watching students have fun while learning something in the process.

Physics teacher **Rob Mason** looked forward to doing labs and getting students involved.

Mason said, "I like the competition aspect of some labs, like the mousetrap cars and the egg drops. Everyone is competing with each other, but the biggest thing is that the students are having fun with it."

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Chemistry teacher
Phil Alcocer

Nicole Mathis
Staffer

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Michael Marnik, Bio AP
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Senior **Kady Woodford** motions toward **P.K. Simmons** in response to a question. Students learned about metaphysics, aesthetics, ethics, epistemology, logic, and political philosophy.

Freshman **Jackson Little** asks a question in American History. American History covered the history of America from 1861-1970.

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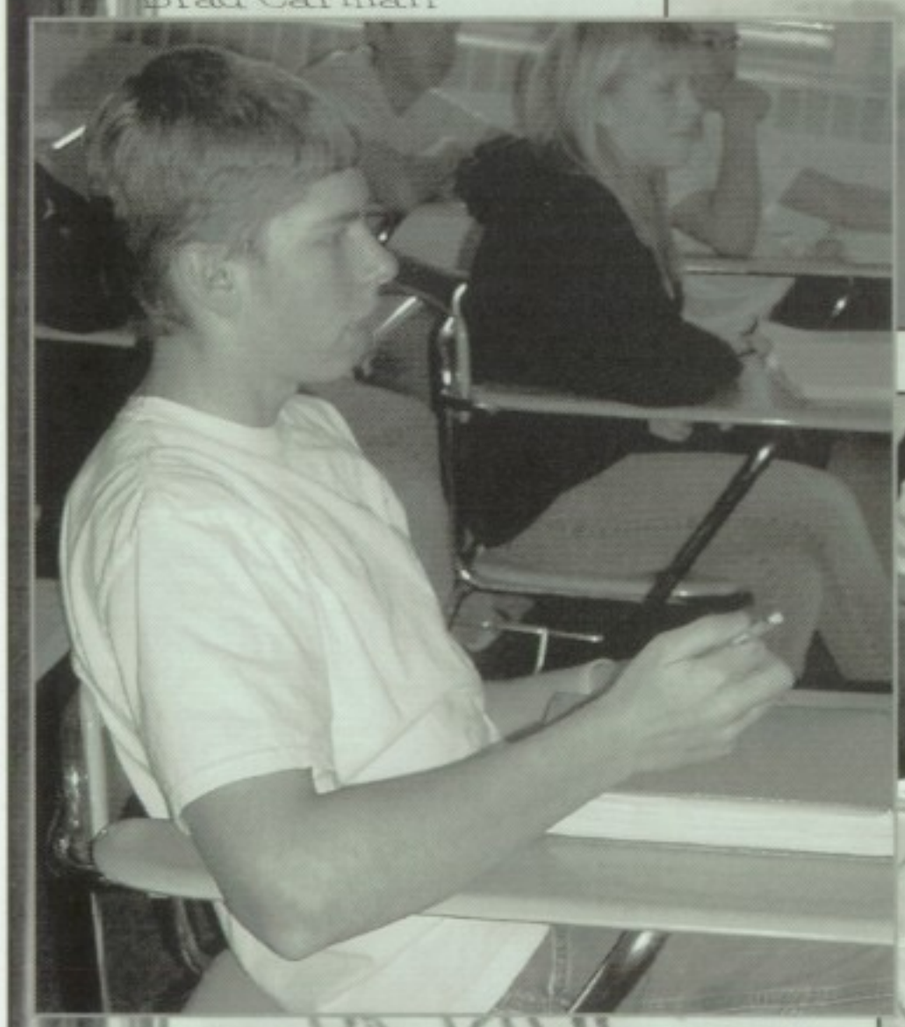

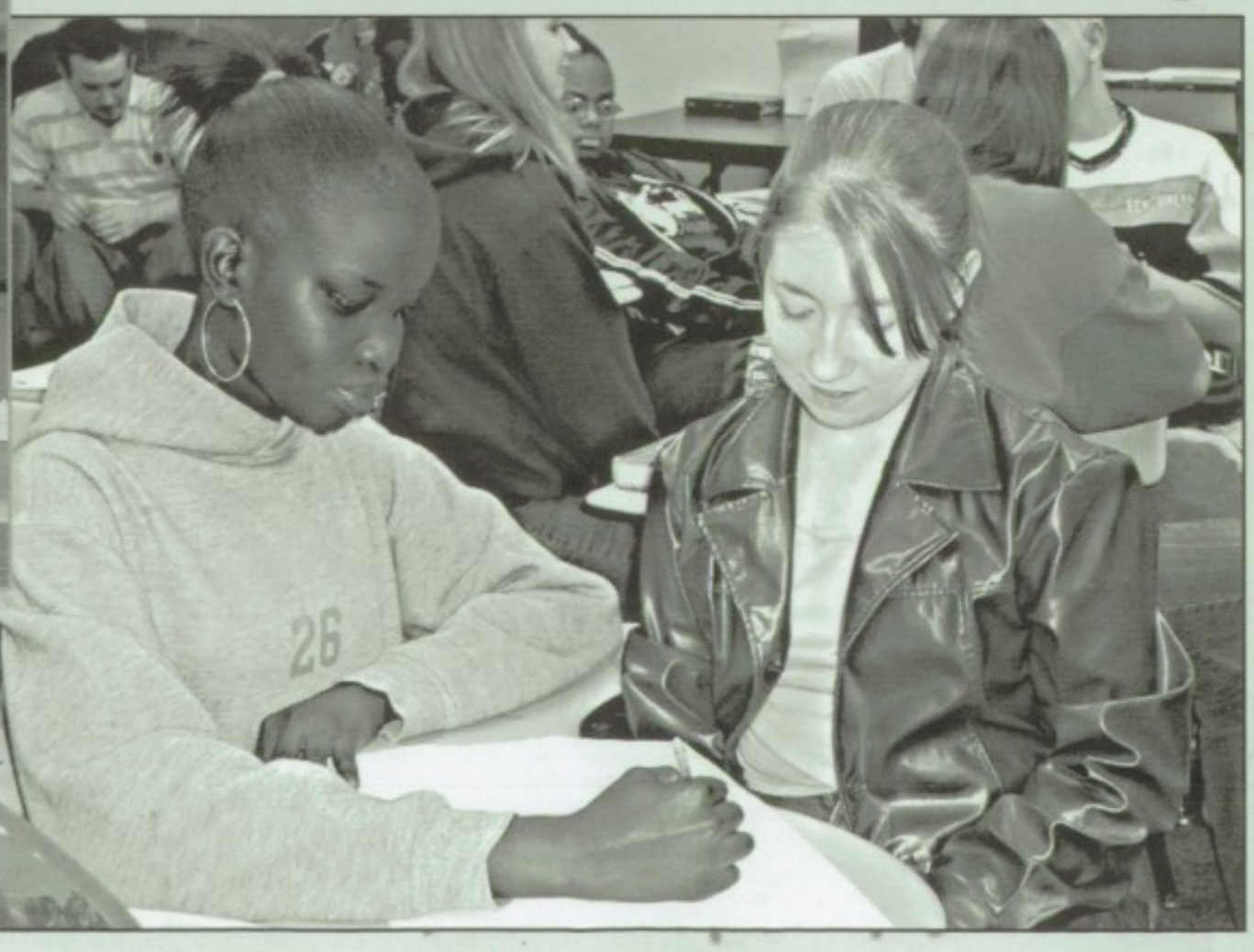

Juniors **Nya Gatluak** and **Kim Volenec** work on a poster that is similar to those used to start the Mexican Revolution. Projects were a large part of the class and made it more student involved

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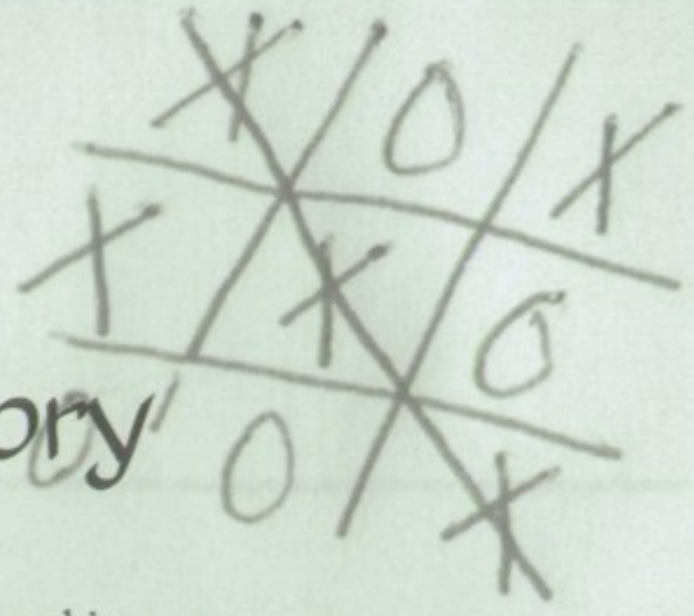
A Change in History



History didn't repeat itself; it only changed its course. Similar to all the high schools in the Omaha Public School District, Bellevue East's Social Studies Department changed the order in which the social studies classes were taught.

"There has been a movement nationwide, and we are improving the department," social studies teacher **Lance Raabe** said.

All freshman students were required to take American History. The next social studies course was World History followed by American Government and a social studies elective.

The Social Studies Department agreed on these changes because all history classes involved Geography in some way, so World History was moved up to the sophomore level students and Geography was moved down to the middle school level.

"Even though Geography seems like an easy course, I like taking American History," freshman **Gabby McCormick** said. "It's kind of funny: freshman were taking a course that sophomores and juniors used to take; I guess I feel smart."

More changes fothe the history department are expected in the future.

Raabe said, "Next, we hope to push for the improvement of our technology."

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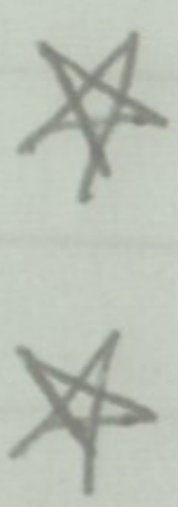

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Freshmen **Jackson Little** and **Krystal Phillips** perform a scene from Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*. Some freshmen English classes also read *Animal Farm* and *Winter Thunder*.

During sixth hour, senior **Michael Marnik** finishes his research and types up his term paper. Marnik chose to write his paper on the exploration of Mars.

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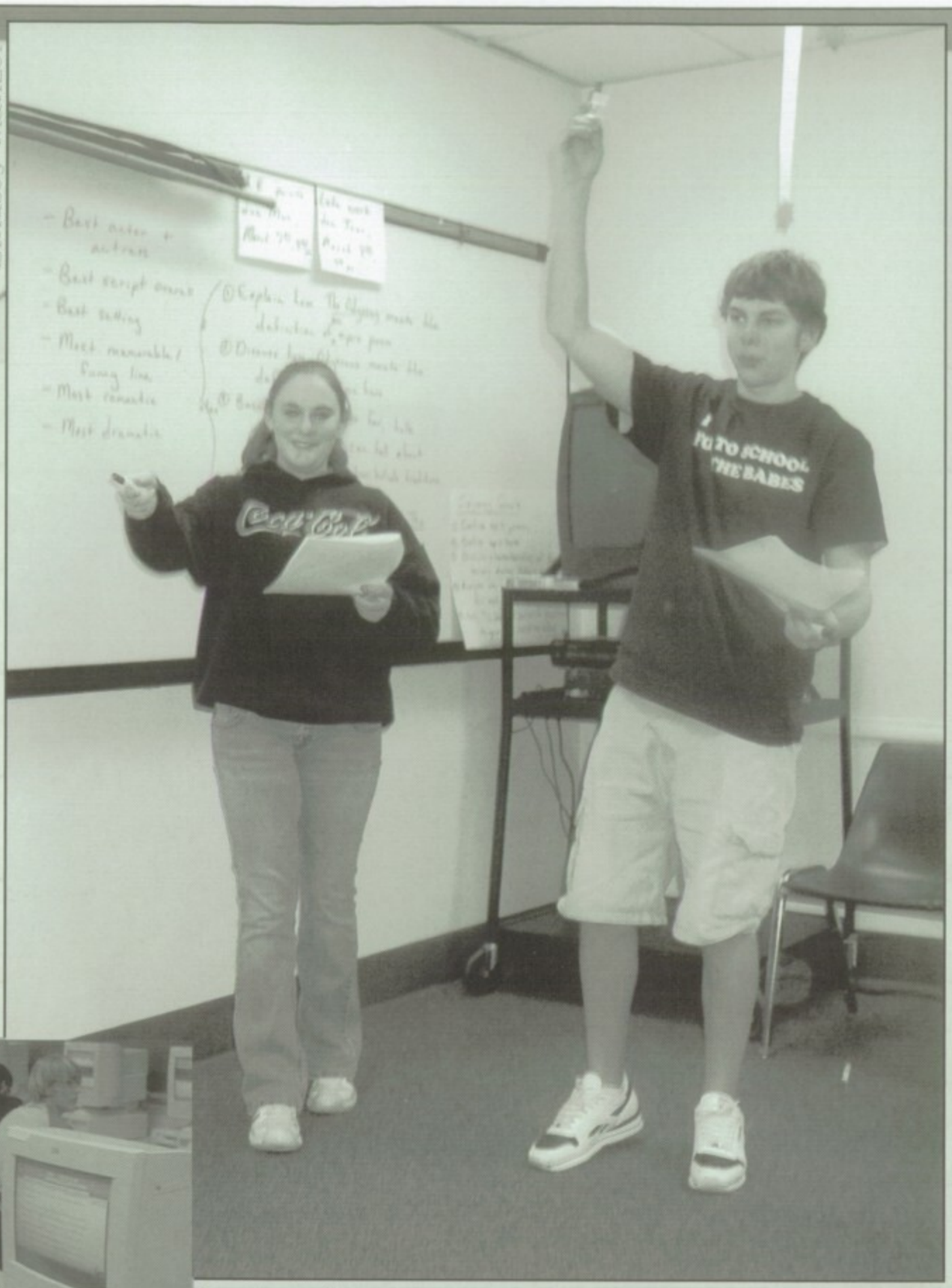

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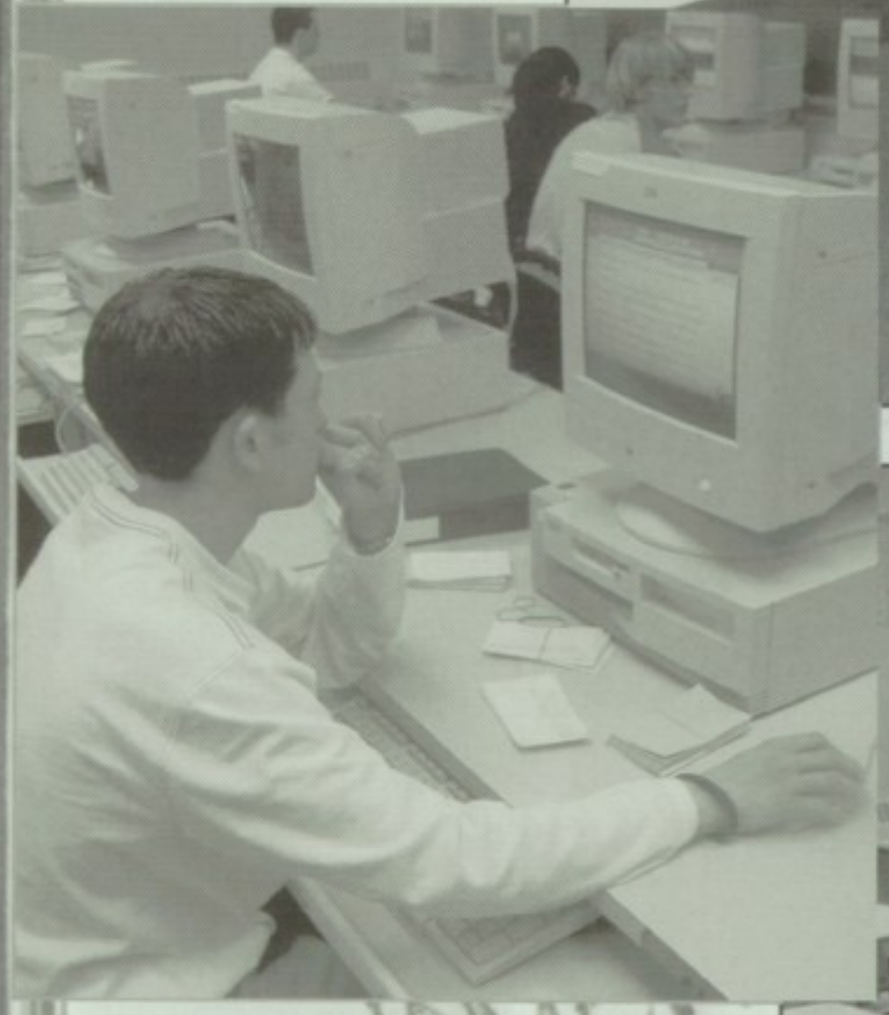

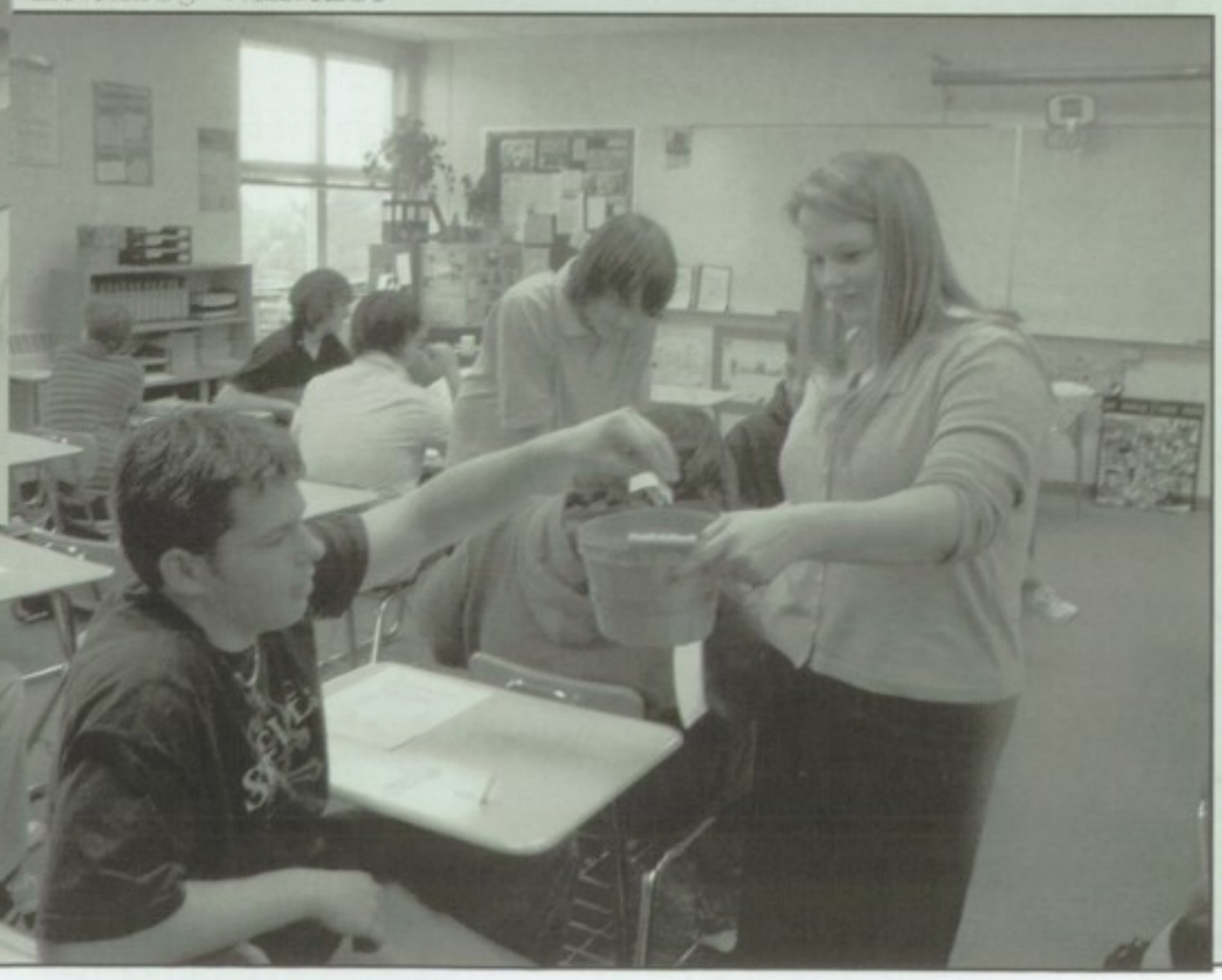

Sophomore **Brad Mears** pulls his research paper topic out of English teacher **Tracy Vance**'s bucket; Mears pulled out Elvis. Giving students a research topic allowed students to learn about something they didn't necessarily know already.

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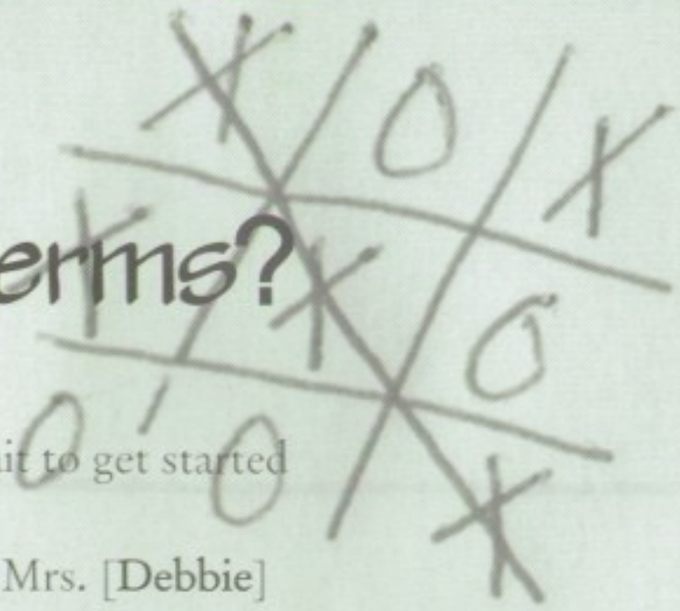
So What Are the terms?



It's the English assignment students just couldn't wait to get started senior year... the English term paper.

"At the beginning of the year, the first thing I asked Mrs. [Debbie] **Whitworth** was 'When we were going to start writing our term paper?'" senior **Sara Woolery** said.

Teachers were anxious to hand out the grading sheet for this particular assignment. It was the assignment that students had to turn in if they had intentions to graduate.

Students were given the freedom to write about any topic they wanted to. Whether it was the common cold, Johnny Depp, or spiders, the options were unlimited.

"I'm writing my term paper on the sport golf," senior **Tim Burton** said. "I play it so I know a lot about it. [Senior] **Eddie Ysusi** was my inspiration."

So what was the big deal? Why did all of the seniors have to write this paper? These were the questions that entered the minds of the seniors.

"The term paper teaches organization skills, documentation skills, and also research skills," English teacher **Kathy Liebenguth** said. "That is why this is required."

Each English teacher decided to have their term papers due on different dates, so library and lab times didn't overlap. They also chose to give this assignment second semester so teachers were able to learn students writing styles and study habits on a personal level. They then knew how much attention they needed to give each student.

"I'm not going to get stressed out about it," senior **Jason Von Behren** said. "I plan to take it one day at a time."

To encourage and help the students get this assignment done, English teachers gave a schedule that had a list of when each part of the assignment was due. This included the information gathered, the outline, the bibliography, the rough draft, and final draft.

"Every year students were prepared for this assignment through essays and projects from freshman through senior year," Liebenguth said.

The papers took between three to four weeks to complete.

"After I finished my term paper I was so relieved," Woolery said. "It took almost a month to complete and I worked really hard."

Overall, the assignment helped students ogranize and combine everything they learned during their high school careers.

Liebenguth said, "This research project is meant to help prepare students for the future, especially in college."

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Getting Down to Business

What was the best way to learn about business? Actually running a business. Bellevue East's very own school store, The Trading Post, was run by students in Marketing.

"Everything in Marketing is a learning experience, and the Trading Post is their laboratory," business teacher **Bart Dennis** said.

The Trading Post served two purposes. It allowed students to run a business and learn all the fundamentals including inventory, profits, and popular merchandise.

"This year we worked on opening the greatest merchandise and putting profits back in inventory," Dennis said. "Like any business, we continue to grow and try to buy merchandise that is attractive, has style, and is fashionable."

The Trading Post also enabled staff and students to purchase Bellevue East attire, school materials, warm cookies, and other snacks.

"We represent our school community very well," Dennis said.

There were three class periods that ran the store. Each class was responsible for keeping up business in the Trading Post, just like any other job, if students worked below expectations, they were able to be fired from working the store.

Working the Trading Post was more of a hands-on learning experience, which was different compared to English and math courses.

"I like working in the Trading Post; it's so different from all of my other classes, senior **Nora Digregorio** said. " It's like a job: we all have responsibilities to help keep it running."

Not only did students learn how to run a business, the store's profits were put towards scholarships for students planning on studying business-related courses in college.

Each year students improved the Trading Post, whether it was the variety of merchandise or the prices.

"Our goal is to create a fun atmosphere, and I think we've done a great job," Dennis said.

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Trading Post

Hoodies	$40
T-shirts	$12
Trucker Hats	$14
JokerHats	$12
Polo Shirts	$26-28
Socks	$12
Muffins	$1
Beads	$1.50
Notebooks	$2.75
Warm Cookies	$1

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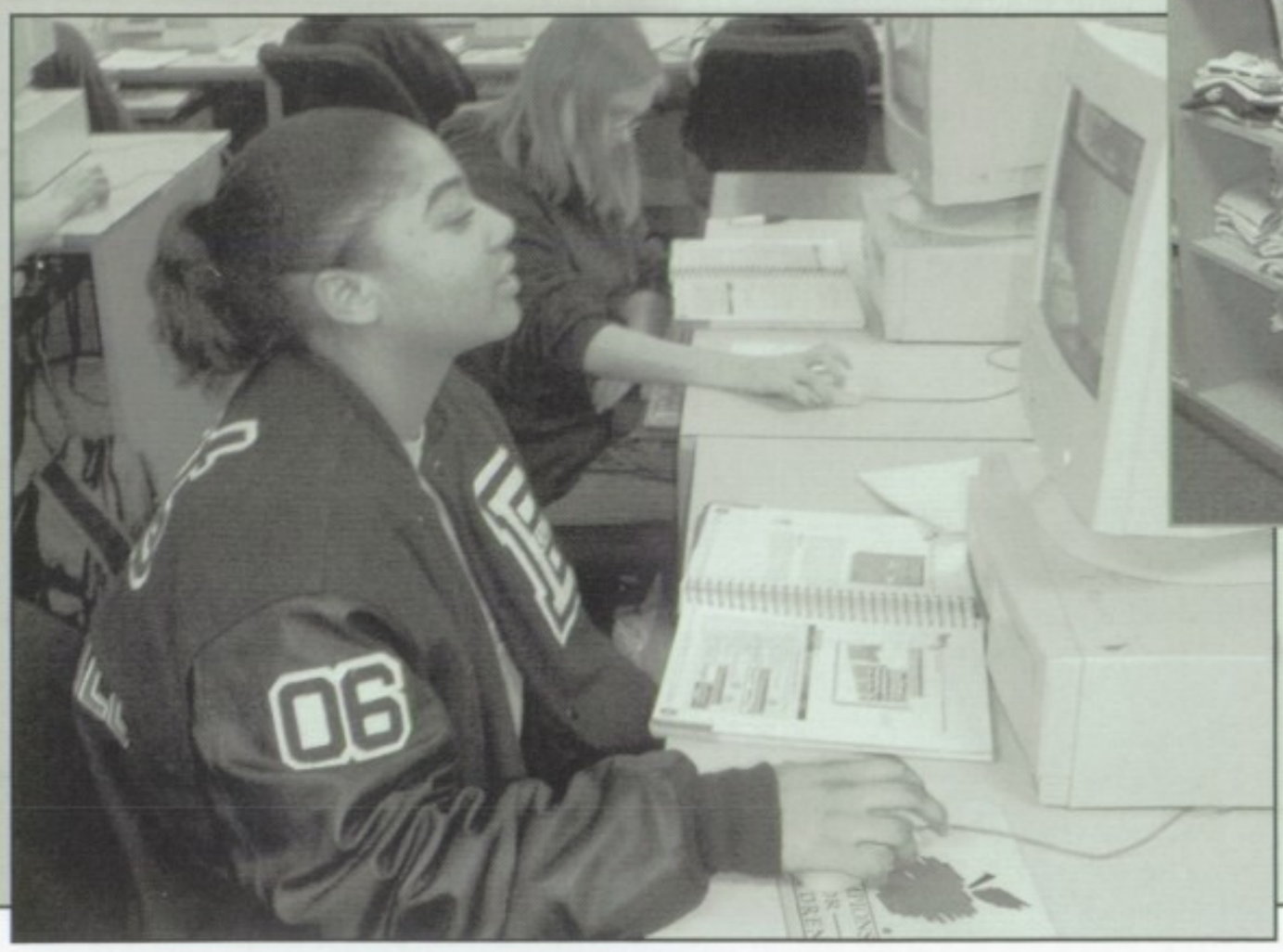
Before the Trading Post opens to students, senior **Melissa McCoy** and junior **Heather Harnden** stock up on muffins while senior **Josh Canterbury** seperates the cash box. "I have faith in these students because I trust them," sponsor Bart Dennis said.

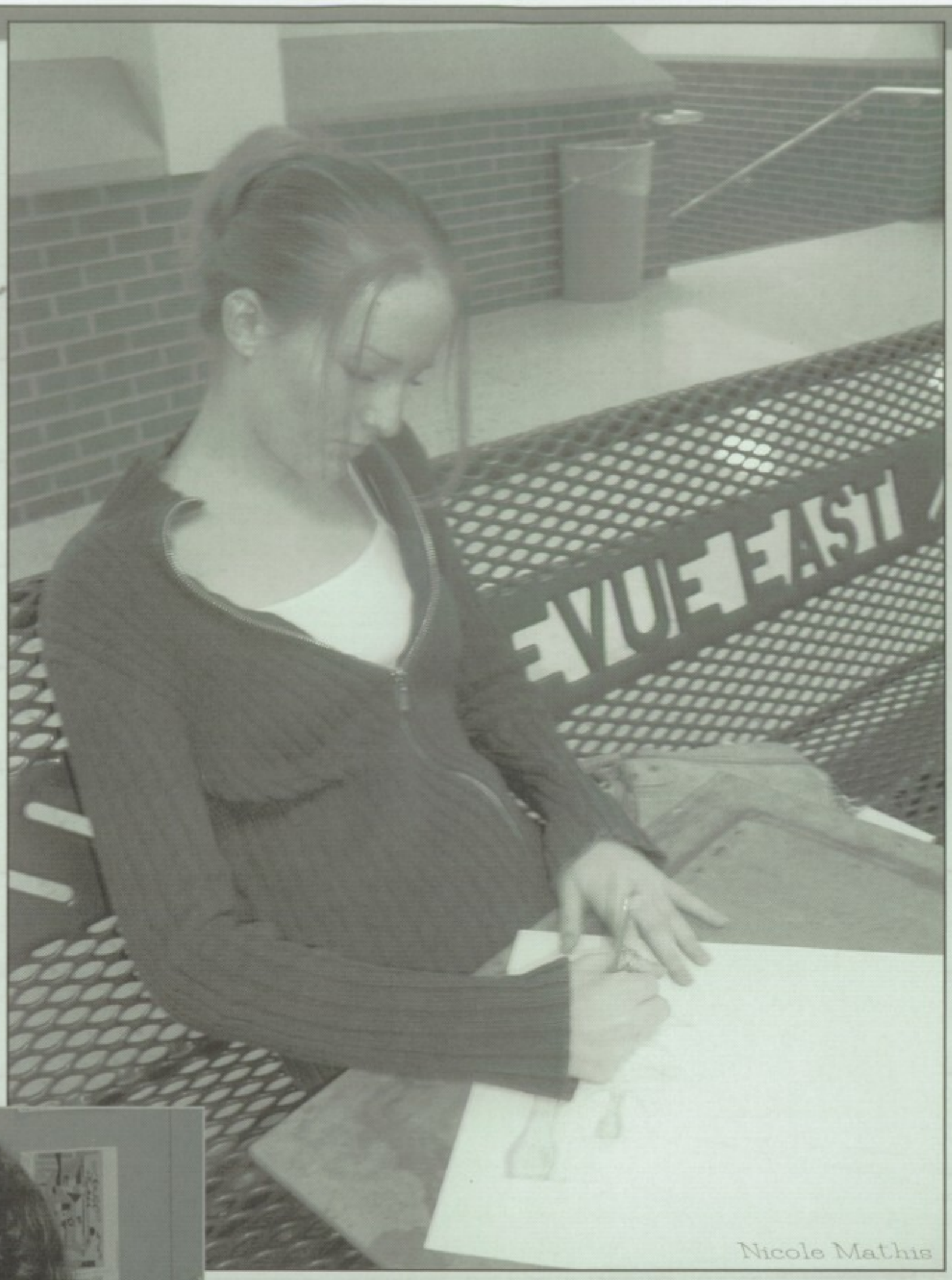
Junior **Samantha Thomas** refolds the polos so the store has a more professional look and the merchandise is more appealing. The business department purchased clothing items that coordinated with with the latest fashion such as the trucker hats.



Juniors **Jasmine Mosley** and **Shamera Hall** check their work on the computer in Computer Fundamentals, during sixth hour. Computer Fundamentals taught the basics of typing, including posture, speed and accuracy.

During class, senior **Sarah Shipman** sketches trees for her outside scenery design. After some art assignments were complete, students would vote for the best design.

Art teacher **Tim Bogatz** assists senior **Amanda Johnson** with her optical illusion drawing. The art department planned a photography course for students to take.



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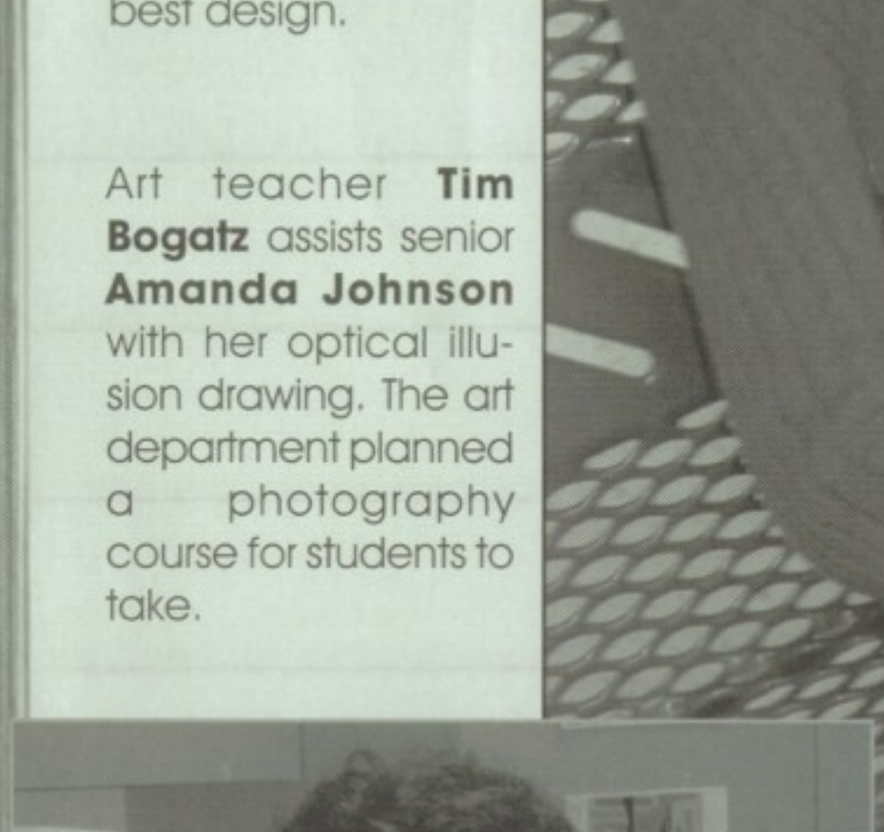

Freshman **Taylor Brumley** independently works on her tesselation design during art class. Art students had other assignments including 3-D sculptures and designing a dream house.

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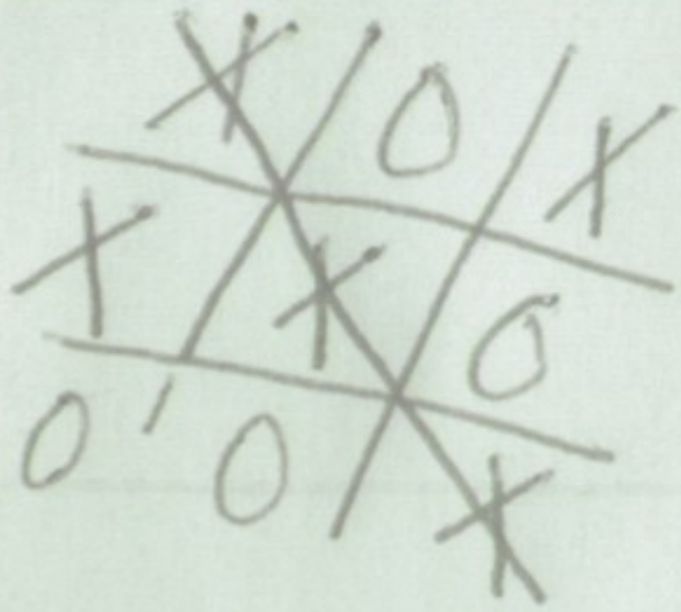

New Dimensions

It was the room hidden at the end of the freshman commons. What used to be an unorganized, filthy art room was now a decorated classroom split into three different learning areas. It was art teacher **Tim Bogatz's** first year at Bellevue East, and he was enthused to work in a newly remodeled class room.

"This is exciting. I taught elementary school before, but older students have a better ability to work," Bogatz said. "I teach four classes in one period: Intro to Art, 2-D [two-dimensional], 2-D Advanced, and Art Thesis. It is so much easier to teach with the art room being separated," Bogatz said.

The room in front of the doors was used to show videos and teach graphic arts. The area in the center was used as the main classroom, where the students painted and worked on all of their main projects and designs. The room in the back was used for clay projects and three-deminsional ceramics.

It was senior **Sarah Shipman's** fourth year of taking art.

"The art room isn't ugly anymore, and now you can be more organized," Shipman said. "If you do clay work, it won't get all over the entire room."

Art students looked forward to working on optical illusions, large 3-D sculptures, and black and white photography.

Administrators also agreed that the art room renevation had a good effect on students and was a major improvement at Bellevue East.

Principal **Dan Larson** said, "The art department is moving in a whole other direction."

Brittany Estep
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Room #1 Graphic Arts

Room #2 Main Classroom

Room #3 Clay and Sculpters

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Senior **Sheri Ward** and junior **Jeriel Cabanilla** change the oil of a Chevrolet Cavalier. In Autos, students learned about the basic mechanics of a car.

Senior **Andy Brown** works on the quarter pipe in Woods class. Students had many different choices for projects to do and could do either group or independent projects.

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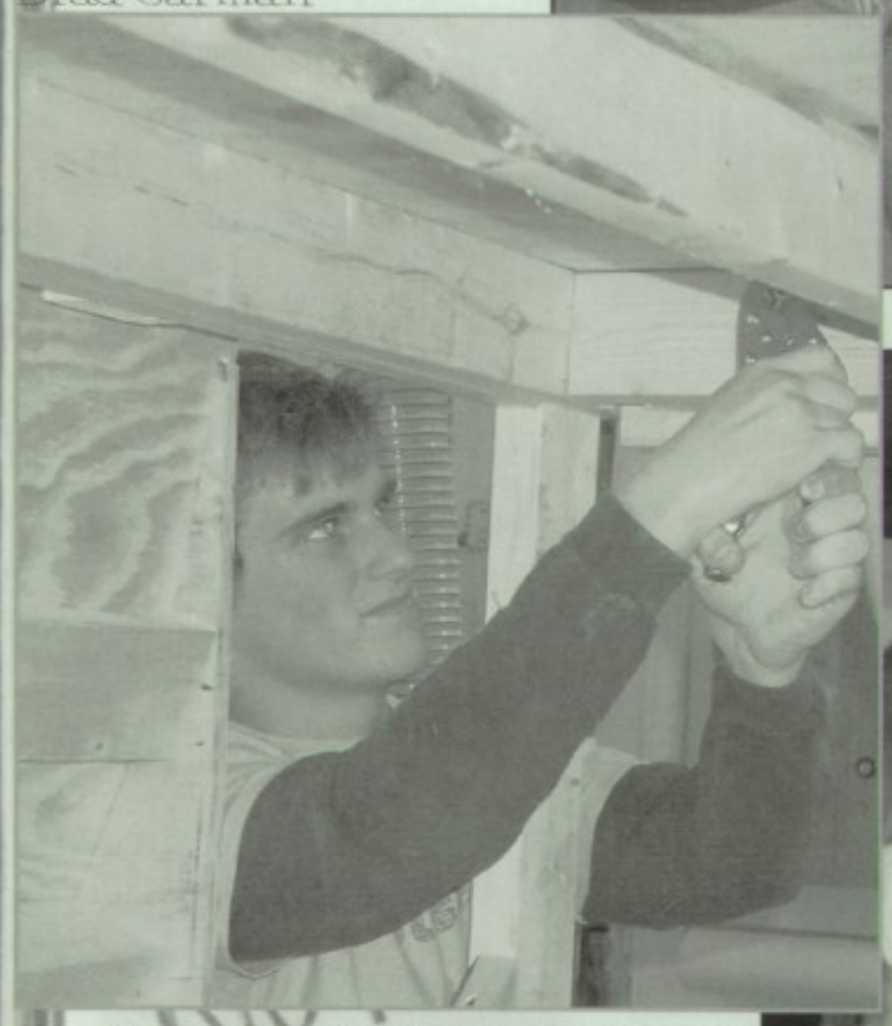

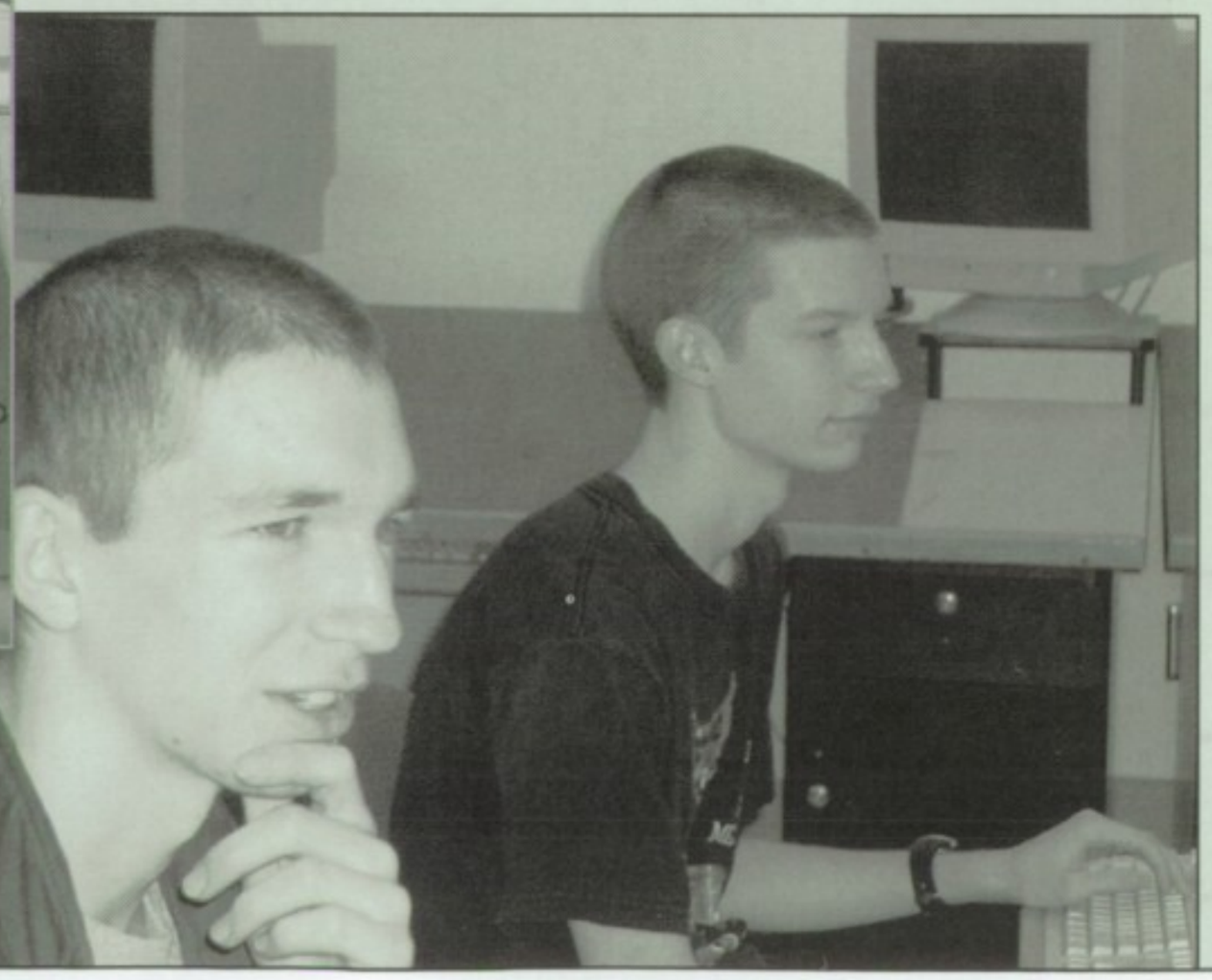

During Visual Basic, seniors **David Kring** and **Kyle Joy** write a board game program. The games were a creative way to incorporate the basic programming structures.

Brad Carman

Behind the Welder's Mask

Building a car isn't something you would expect to be done in a high school class, but thanks to some interested students and the donations of Omaha Public Power District, the new Powerdrive class was a success.

In the class, students built a small electric car from the ground up. The car was tested in endurance races at the end of the year, so students had to design it with efficiency in mind.

"Everything you can think of, we test on. Things like maneuverability, speed, endurance, weight, aerodynamics, creativeness, and overall knowledge of the car itself," senior **Lauren Massey** said.

The car was designed as it was built to allow any necessary changes to be made as was needed.

"We didn't really design it [the car]. We're just designing as we go," junior **Mike Goble** said.

Students first developed simple skills like how to use the tools. They then studied the inner workings of a car to aid in the designing and building of their own car.

"We do things like weld and use the wind tunnels, which you don't get to do in any other class, " junior **Greg Collins** said.

The deadline to finish the car was in early May, and the students remained ahead of schedule for most of the time.

Massey said, "I know we'll be fine. We have plenty of people who know what they're doing and a few helpful tips from the [Bellevue] West coach. Plus a lot of time and effort has been put into the car."

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Staffer

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Turn in Vocab

Foreign exchange student **Taner Turksoy** answers a student's question during the panel. The exchange students spent the entire day talking with students about their home countries.

Junior **Amanda Kelsey** works on a verb-agreement assignment in her book. Students learned the proper way to use verbs and nouns, in addition to learning the vocabulary.

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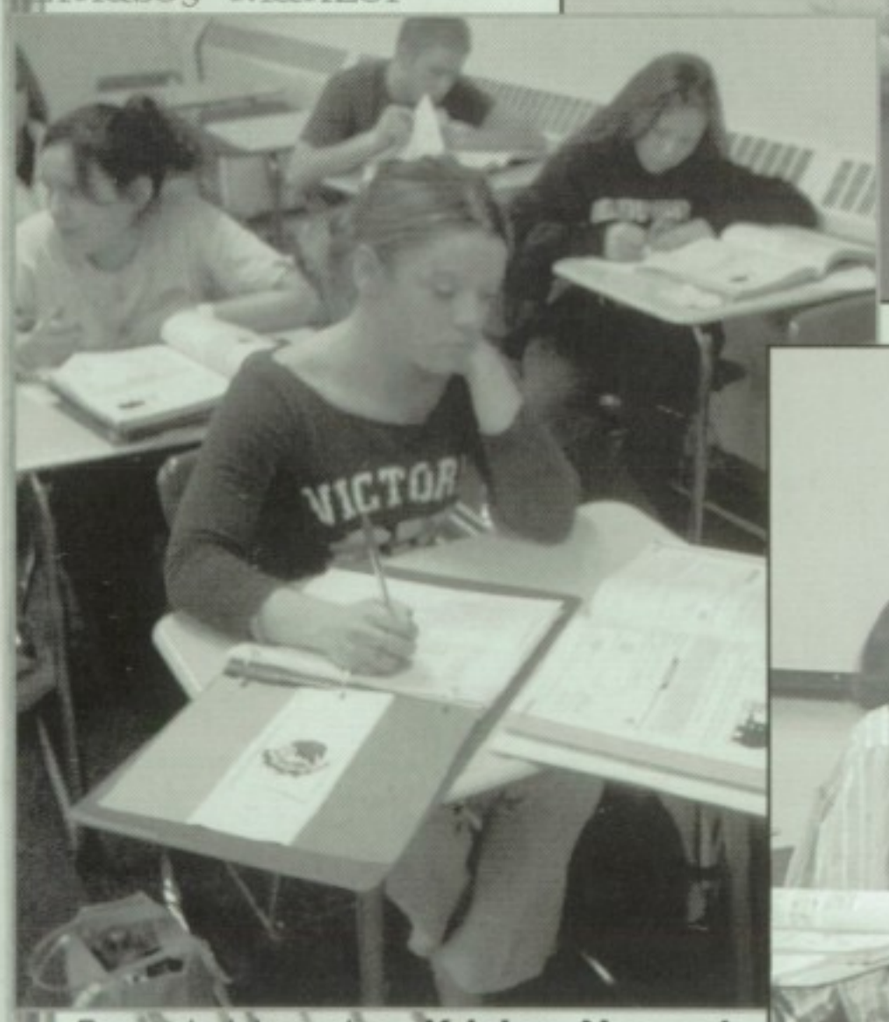
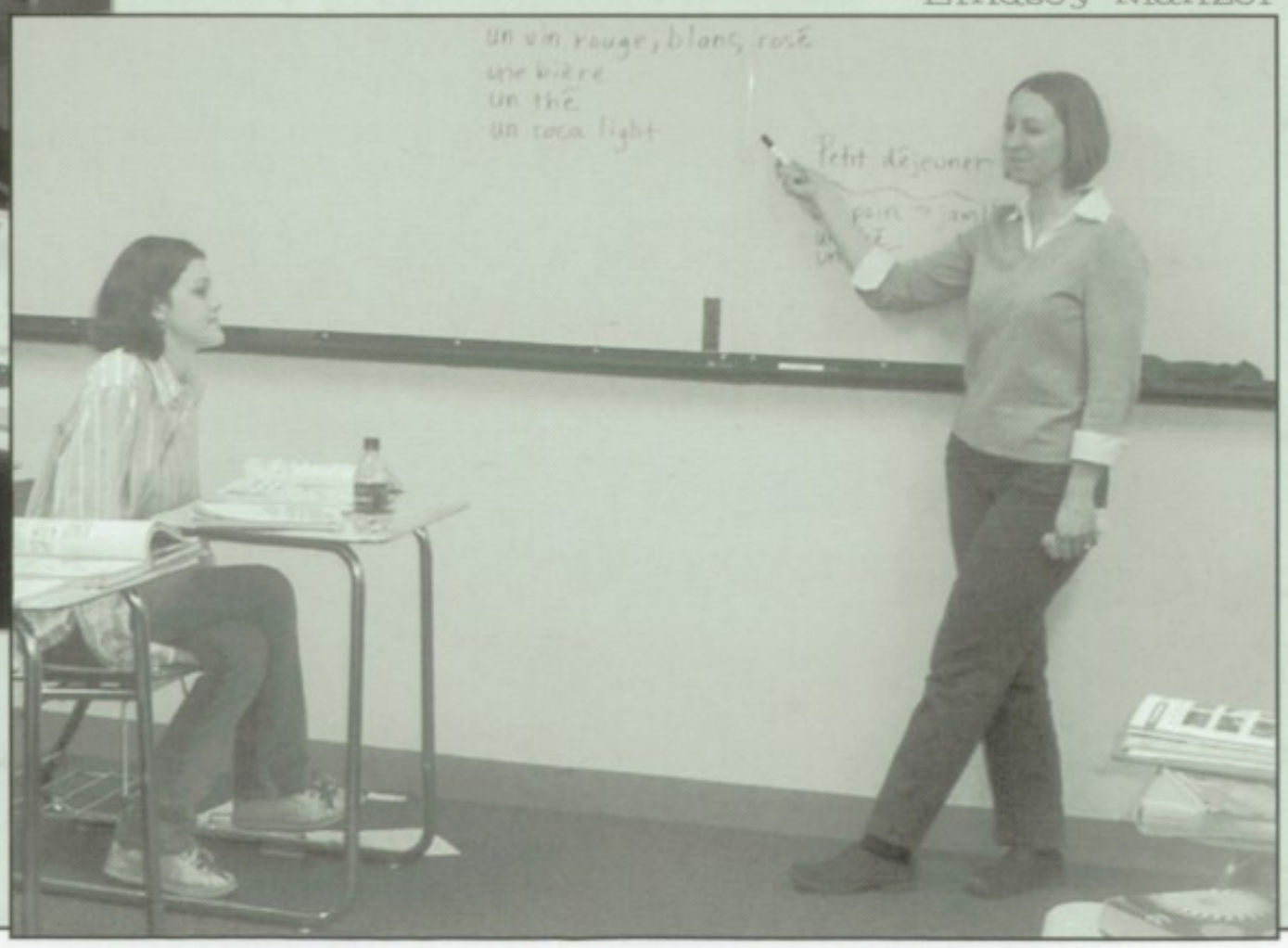




French I teacher **Kristen Nugent** teaches students the correct way to order water at a restaurant in France. Students learned the language but also the correct way to use it in a foreign setting.

Foreign Exchange Student Panel

Foreign language students got a glimpse of what it would be like to grow up in a different country during the foreign exchange student panel.

"It was wierd that they do everything we as teenagers do here," senior **Paul Gribben** said. "I always thought it would be alot different growing up somewhere else."

Students were allowed time to ask the foreign exchange students questions about growing up somewhere other than the United States.

"I had no idea that people in Germany were so open,"sophomore **Sarah Davis** said. "They talk about everything."

Foreign exchanges students also got a chance to set the record straight about things in their countries.

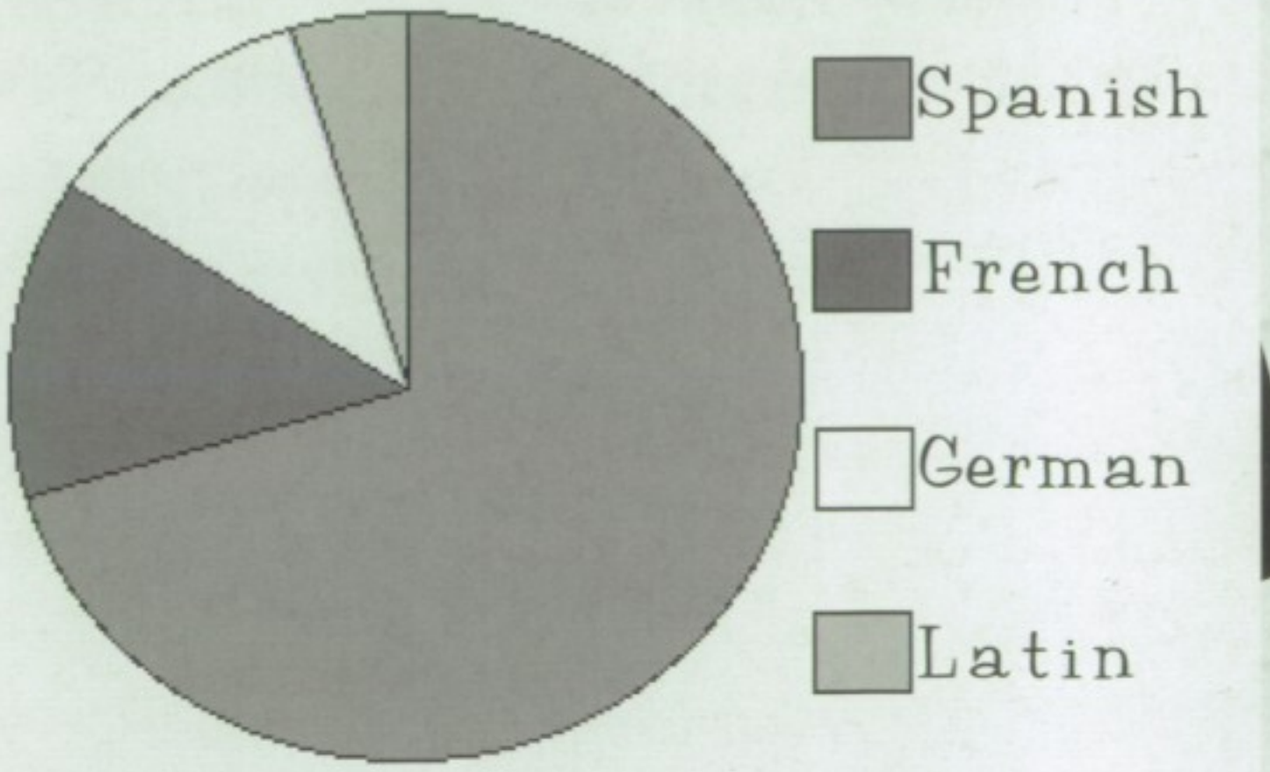
"People here think their place is the only one," foreign exchange student **Mariya Lesiva** from Russia said. "They dont know there is a whole world out there they dont see."

The goal of the panel was to give Bellevue East students a better understanding of the culture the foreign exchange students grew up in.

"There are alot of different people in Germany like Russians and Turks," foreign exchange student **Philipp Vogel** said. "It's just like here in America with all the races and religons."

Lindsey Manzel
Staffer

How It Pans Out



*Out of 764 students

Turn in Vocab

A Change of Scenery

Spending time at the bowling alley, visiting Fontenelle Forest and going skating. These are some of the things that teacher **Karen Lehman's** students did to have some fun.

The students also had a Christmas program that they held in the auditorium. They sang songs like "Silent Night."

"We invited special people, and the parents came," paraprofessional **Carolyn Clark** said.

Getting out of the classroom helped students experience what life was like out of school and to learn the basics of life.

"It helps them to go out and prepare themselves on how to meet people," Clark said, "and how to react in the public."

Different activities also let students have fun and spend time with each other. For example, when freshman **Mac Slatle** went on a field trip to the bowling alley with his class, he got a strike.

"It's fun, and I like being with my friends," Mac said.

Although the students enjoyed different activities, they still did school work and studied the same subjects as other classes.

"We help them with their math," Clark said, "and we do projects with them."

During Christmas time they did different projects relating to the Christmas season. They also made snowflakes and snowmen.

The teachers and paraprofessionals created a special relationship with the students and enjoyed helping them learn.

"I have a great relationship with the students," Clark said. "They always come and ask me things, and I help them any way I can. I just love working with them."

Kristina Owens
Newspaper

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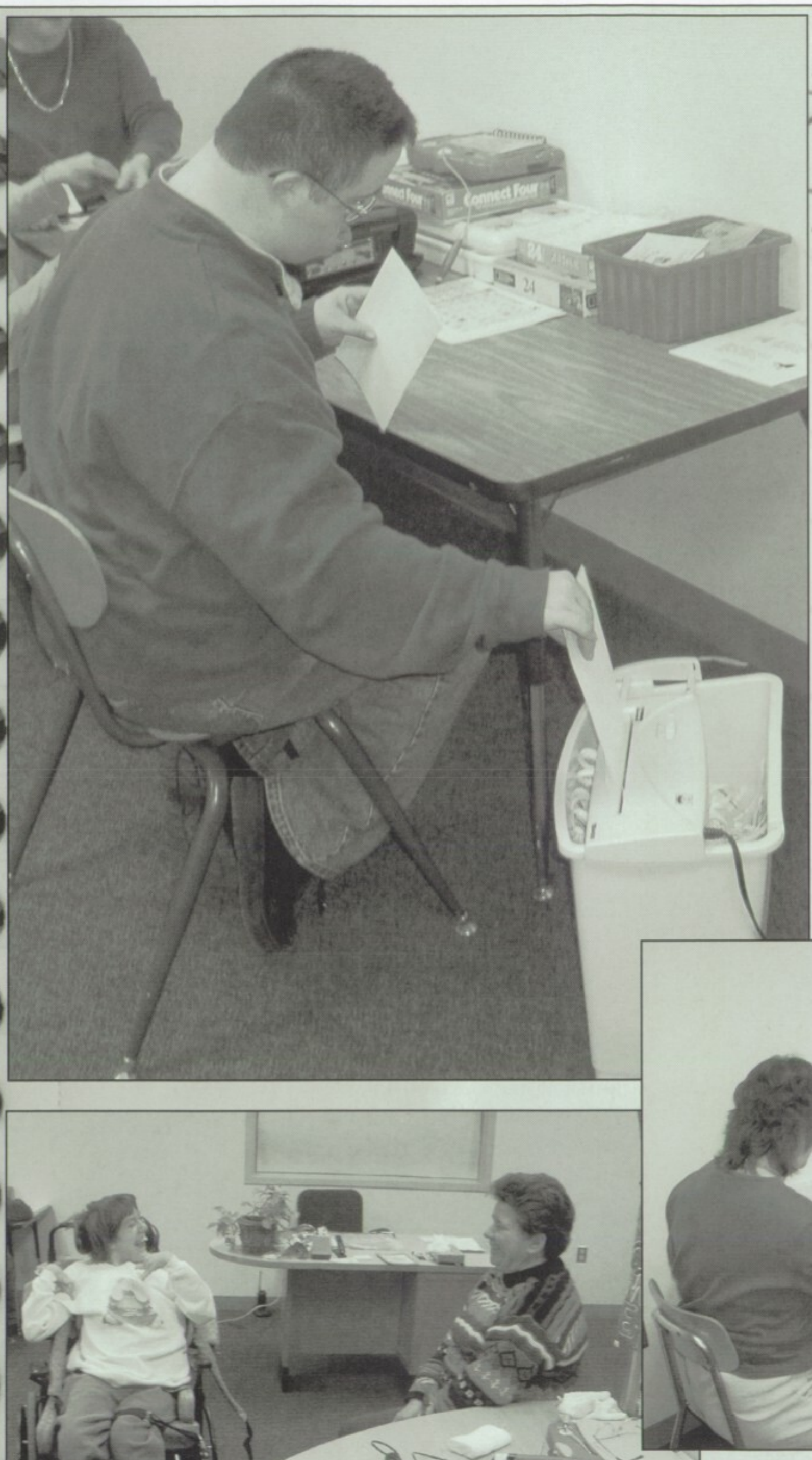
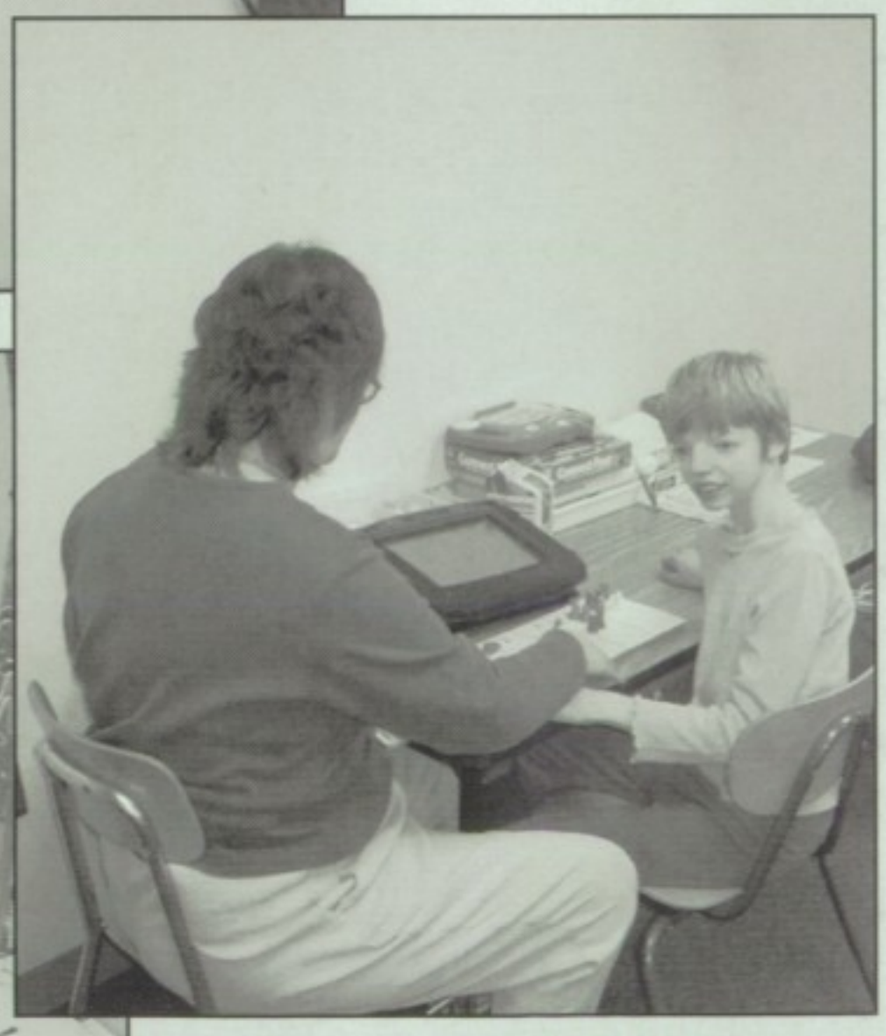


Senior **Sky Rios** helps paraprofessional **Angie Marshall** shred documents. Paraprofessionals gave students every-day tasks to do after their classwork was done.

Freshman **Kelsea Stilwell** works on her educational pad. Electronics helped students complete work that was difficult to complete by hand.



After senior **Ashlee Bradley** finishes up her exercises, she takes time to relax and talk to paraprofessional **Donna Lowe**. Exercise was an activity that was essential to the student's day.

Teasing Brings New View

Teasing is a part of school, but thinking it applies to teachers as well as students is unusual.

There were a few new teachers who were teased for being young.

New math teacher **Tom Griebel** had a nickname from social science teacher **Todd Porter.**

" Porter calls me 'rookie'; they said if I could shave my face, I could dress down and become a sophomore," Griebel said.

Looking young and being new also had its benefits.

" They [students] don't think I know the perks to things like passes, and because I'm young they think I will be more lenient," social science teacher **Sarah Holland** said.

There were times when the administration tried to get the new teachers known, like the relay performed at the first pep rally.

" I thought it was a good idea for me to get out there so people could recognize me as a teacher and not a student," Griebel said.

Holland said, "I enjoyed the pep rally. It became uncomfortable at first, but then it was welcoming; I don't think I would do it again, though."

Latin teacher **Christopher Palo** would remember his first pep rally for a while, too.

"At the pep rally, the new teachers had to do a partnered relay race, spin in circles, then run to the free throw line to go to my partner. I ran into Mrs. [**Laura**] **Howard** [a new science teacher], and we both fell."

Even though new teachers were teased a little, their perceptions of East were positive.

" I love everything about East. It is one unit; it is a good experience, and I feel a lot of support here," Holland said.

Griebel said, " I think East is a really nice school. It reminds me of my high school, so I feel real comfortable."

Nicole Mathis
Staffer

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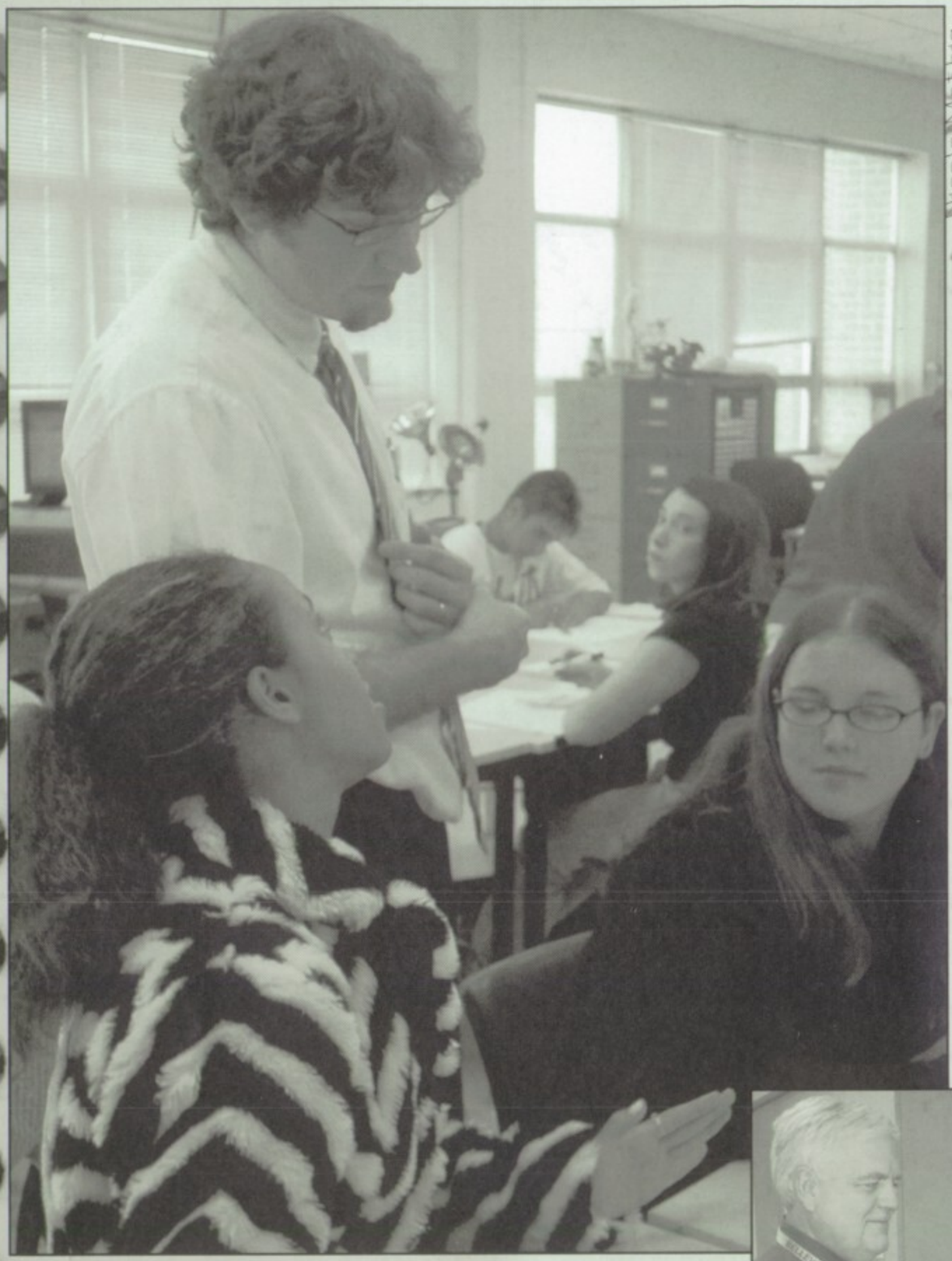

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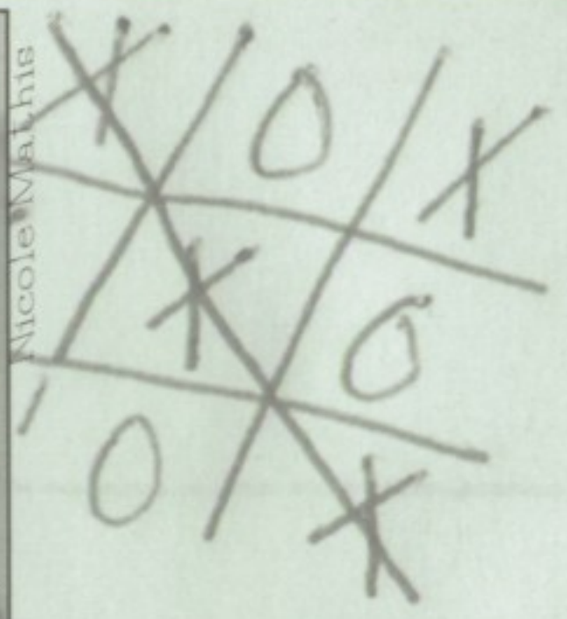
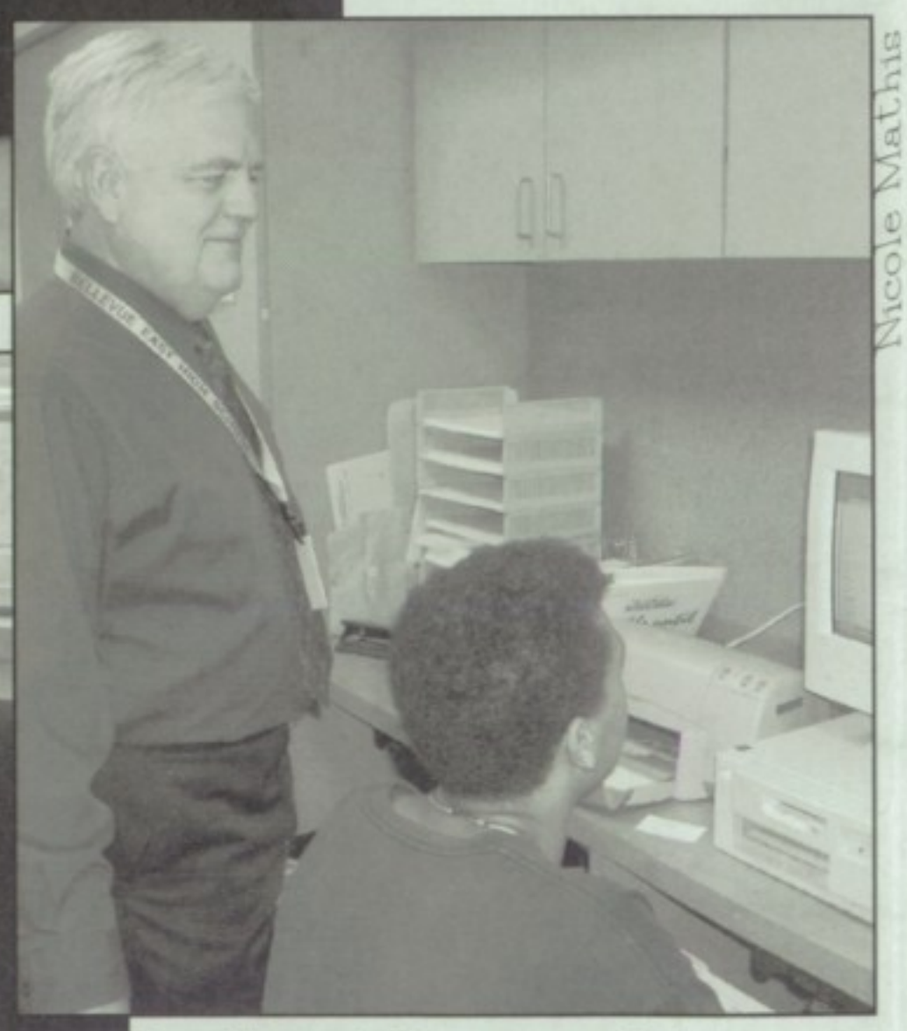


Art teacher **Tim Bogatz** gives seniors **Jennifer Freeney** and **Megan Bullard** constructive criticism on their drawings. Last year Bogatz taught at several elementary schools.

Resource teacher **Marvin Alff** assists senior **Jonathan Walke**r as he types a letter. Alff worked at Metro Community College for two years before he became a teacher at East.



Nicole Mathis

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Family and Consumer Science teacher **Cathy Hansen** records grades at her desk. Hansen was the third new consumer science teacher in the past four years.

Philosophy: A Set of Ideas or Beliefs

What is beauty? Is there a difference between argument and opinion? What is permanence and change? What is knowledge, and how is it acquired? How do you define right and wrong action? These are just a few of the questions addressed in the Philosophy pilot program.

"Philosophy is another social studies elective that gives students a taste of the study of reality, knowledge, and ethics," Philosophy teacher **P.K. Simmons** said.

Simmons had pushed to get a Philosophy class as an elective at East and finally got approved to teach the class for a year to see if students responded positively.

"I can sense his philosophical presuppositions," senior **Stephen Easey** said, "which is a good thing because that means he is challenging people to think, especially me."

Bellevue East and Bellevue West were the only schools in the midwest that offered Philosophy as a high school elective, according to Simmons.

"We're already a well-rounded high school, and this class just adds another dimension to it," junior **John Buss** said.

The idea behind Philosophy was to try and get students to think abstractly.

"It's a very intellectually stimulating class, and I get to tell people what I think," **Easey** said, "and that brings me much happiness."

Lindsey Manzel
Staff

New Classes to '04 - '05
→ Philosophy
→ American Government AP

NO HOMEWO

Survey of Philosophy Students

86% of students surveyed said they would recommend this class to friends

83% of students felt the class was challenging but not overwhelming

65% of students were more likely to take a philosopy class in college

87% of students said Philosophy was equal to or better than other social studies classes they took

*Two Philosophy classes surveyed - approx. 40 students

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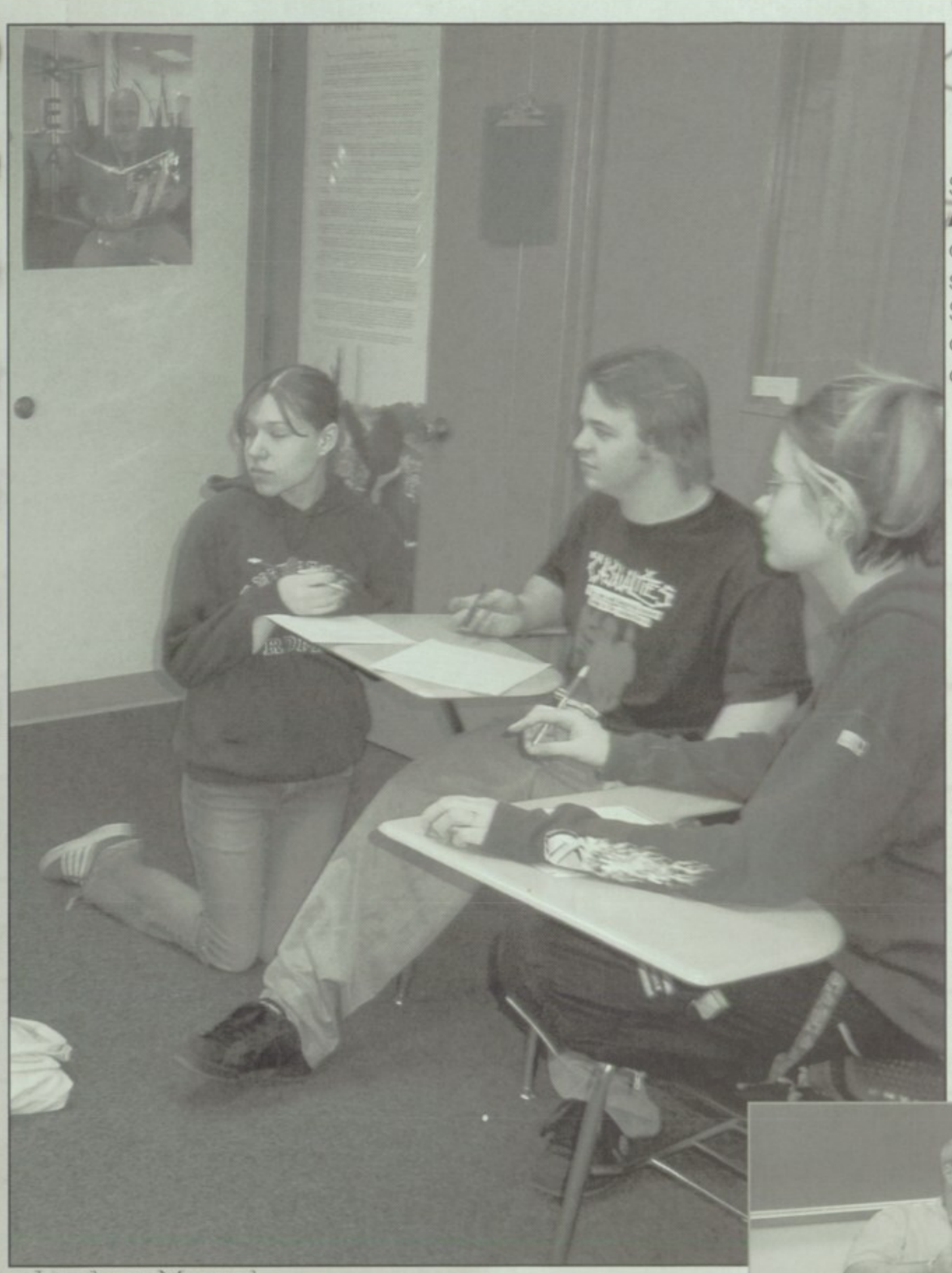

Seniors **Angie Lewis**, **Sean Ahern**, and **Jamie Whitmire** address Metaphysics, the study of the nature of reality. Simmons often divided the class into groups to discuss certain topics.

During a Philosophy discussion, **P.K. Simmons** talks about Epistemology, which is the study of knowledge. Simmons has a social studies degree with an emphisis in philosophy and was the one who urged the district to allow philosophy to be taught.

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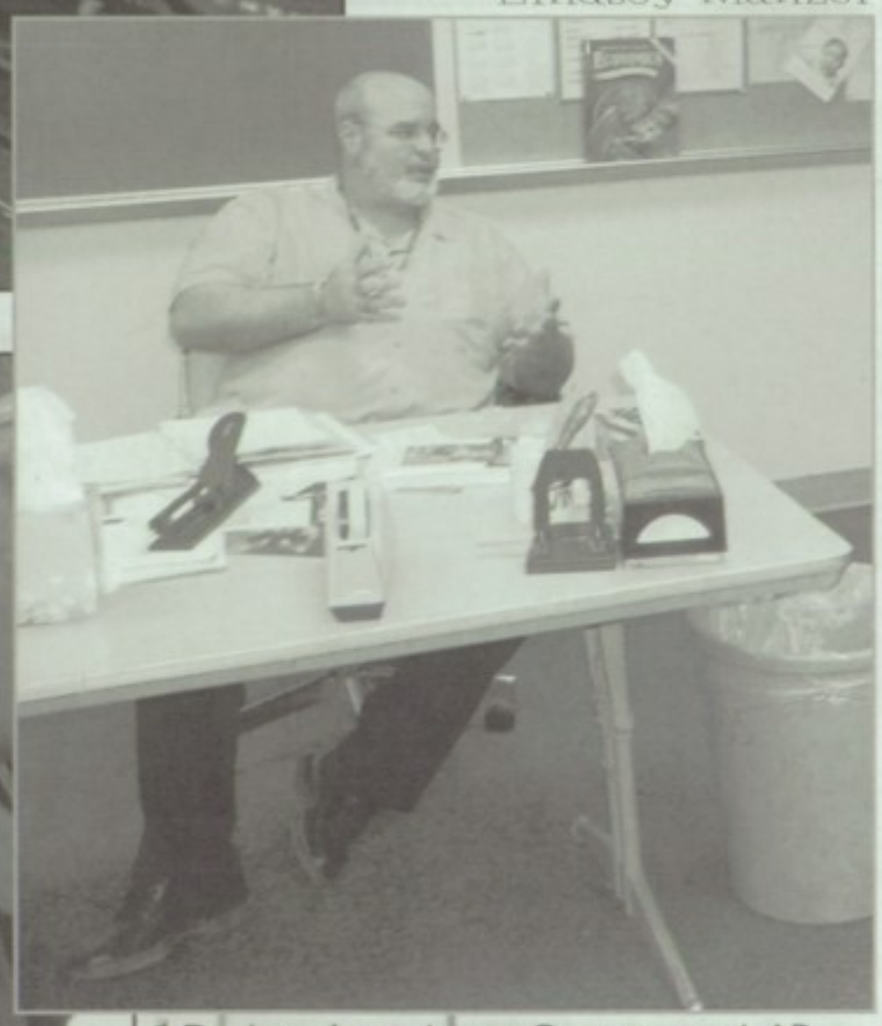


Brad Carman

During American Goverment AP, senior **Andrew Mitchell** looks through his notes to prepare for an upcoming test. American Goverment AP was new to the Bellevue East curriculum this year.

It was impossible to ignore the world around us, especially when it came to Bellevue. Millions of dollars were spent and thousands of contracts were signed to make our town one to be proud of.

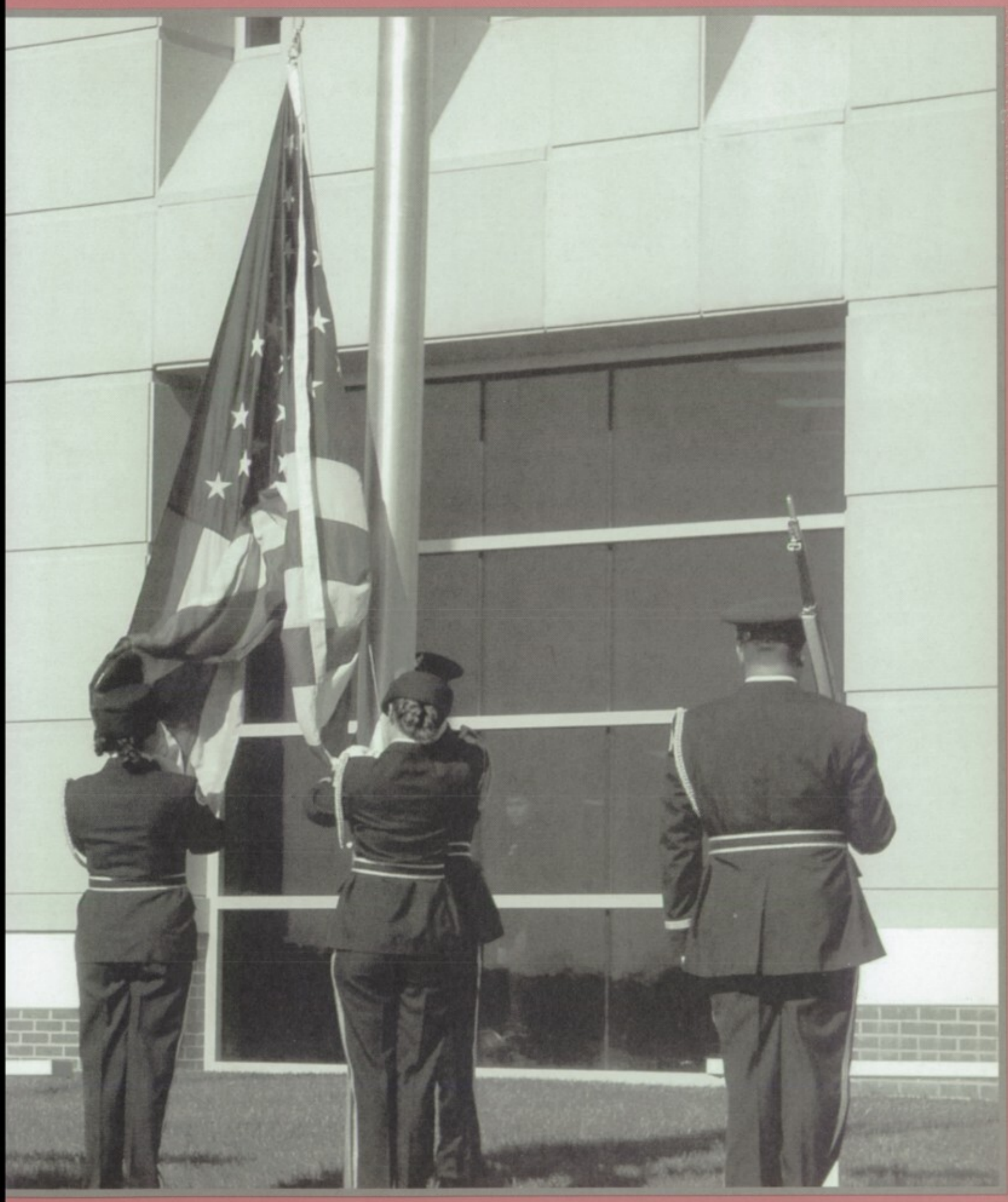
One of the most valuable aspects of our community was job availability. With places like Baker's, Shopko, Great Western Bank, and too many fast food places to count, we filled out applications and waited for call-backs. Once we were hired at a place that suited us, we worked and watched the money flow in. If we said we couldn't find a job, we probably weren't looking hard enough.

Without the support of our community, many of our school's organizations and programs wouldn't have survived. Businesses bought ads for the FBLA calendar, yearbook, and newspaper. Booster Club sold items and raised money for the school, and many area businesses contributed money for sporting events.

Even though we still had to drive into Omaha to find real entertainment, it was fun trying to make our own. Plus, we felt comfortable in Bellevue. For the most part we could follow directions and not get lost, satisfy any food craving, and stay out of trouble on Saturday nights.

In a military community, we got the chance to meet people who had circled the globe. Diversity in people and businesses was what made the community strong. All in all, Bellevue wasn't that bad of a place to call home. We knew that when we needed support in family, school, or financially, we had a way to fulfill our needs.

Signs on the dotted line



ROTC members juniors **Jen Andersen** and **Becky Huff**, senior **Jonathon Romi**, and junior **David Pingleton** raise the flag in front of the school before the Fall Kick-Off Celebration. The kick-off night gave the community and students a chance to preview the year's sports, and clubs also sponsored booths. Students participated in inflatable games and went to the dance that followed.

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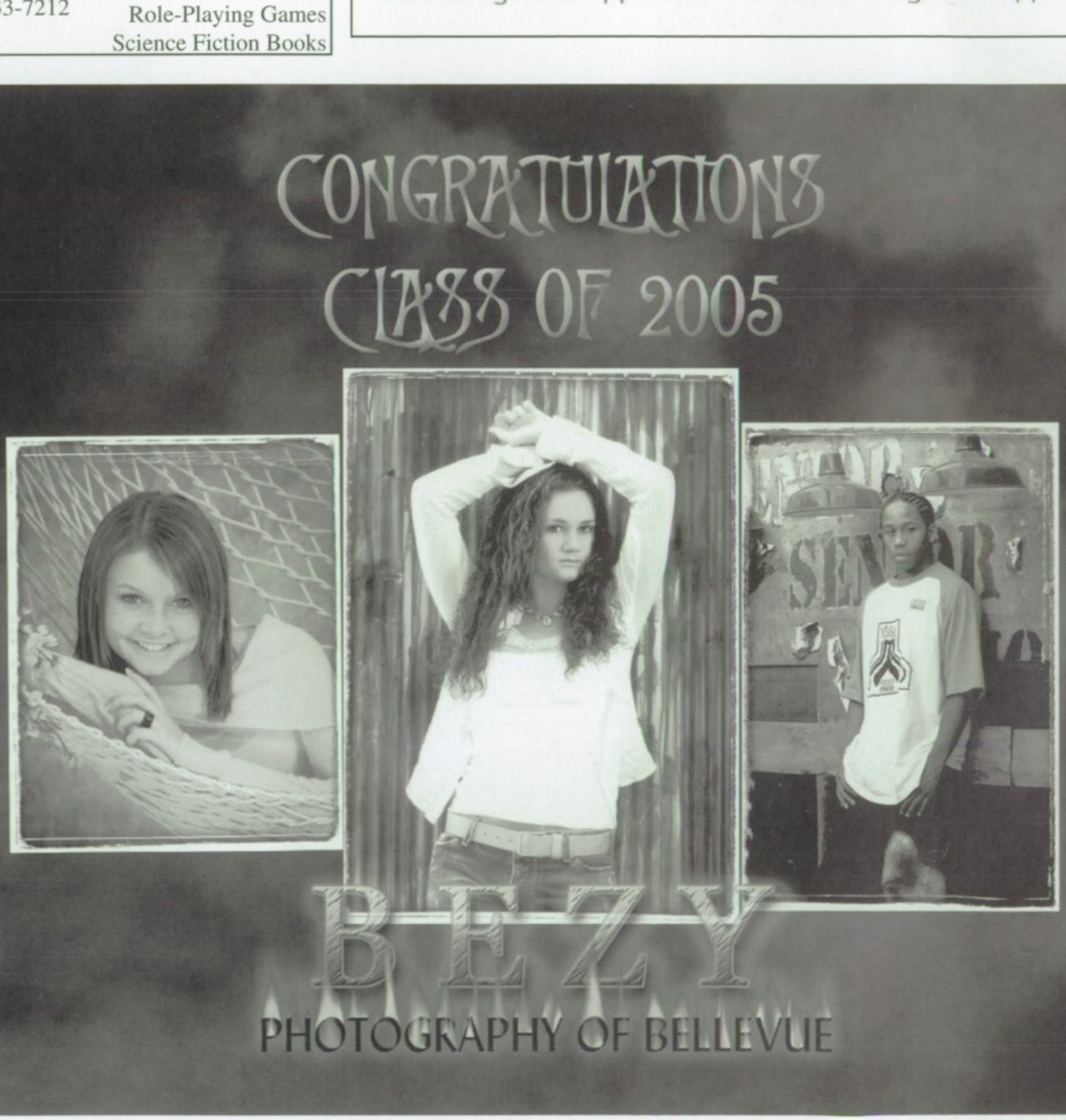

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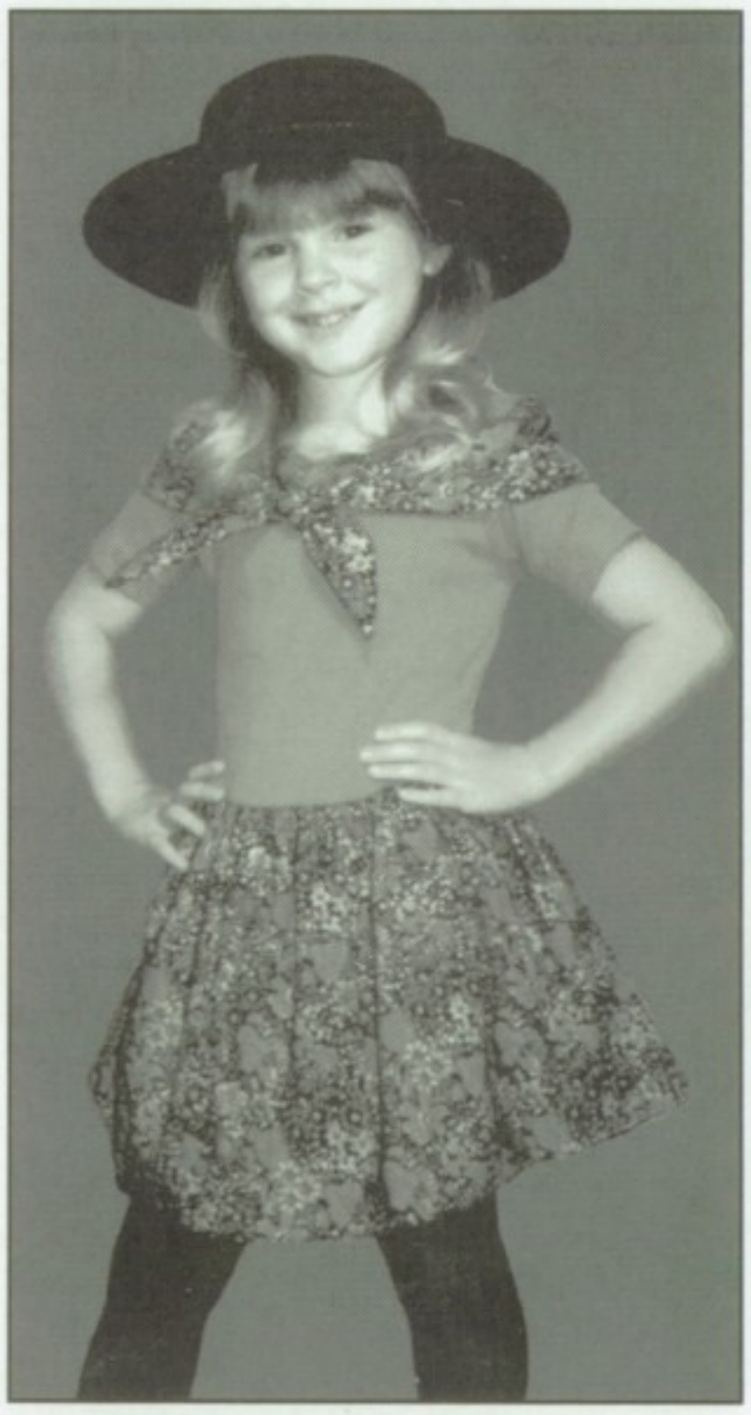
MELISSA,

I SIT HERE THINKING OF WHAT TO SAY, HOW DO YOU FIT 18 YEARS INTO ONE PARAGRAPH? I THINK OF THE LAUGHTER, TEARS, AND WONDER: ARE YOU READY FOR THIS? I KNOW YOU ARE. WE COULDN'T BE ANY PROUDER OF YOU THAN WE ARE RIGHT NOW. GO OUT AND MAKE YOUR MARK IN THE WORLD AND REMEMBER, WE ARE BEHIND YOU 100%! WE LOVE YOU SWEETHEART!

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, SARA, AND JOHNNY

Amanda



The day you entered our lives
our dreams came true.

We hope ALL your dreams
Come true...

LOVE MOM and DAD!

To Our Daughter With Love Forever,

When you were a baby we
thought we could rock you in our
arms forever.
We thought we could look into
your brown eyes forever.
We thought we could play with
your little fingers and toes forever.
We thought we could watch your
beautiful grin forever.

Now you are no longer a
baby,
but a beautiful woman
with a wide range of emo-
tions,
ideas, and goals.
We want you to know
that
no matter what you do,
what you think,
or what you say,
you can depend on our
support and love forever!!

Congratulations, Ashley,

We are proud of you and
your accomplishments. We
love you with all of our
hearts.

Love, Mom, Dad, Marissa,
Travis, and Wesley

To Amanda,

We were blessed with a beautiful little angel, on nineteen March, nineteen eighty - seven: Sacramento, California, was where you were born, though we knew you were made in Heaven.

You've brought more joy to both of our hearts than anyone could possibly have dreamed; the years have simply flown by too quickly, at least in our minds it has seemed.

From the infant child we first held, to the beautiful young lady that you have become, we couldn't be more proud of you, even if the Nobel Prize you would have won.

It's hard for your parents to believe that this milestone of your life has come, but soon graduation ceremonies will be over, and off to college you will run.

Your high school years have been completed, it's time to move on to life's next phase. While you're glad to have the years behind you, soon you will wish to have those days back.

Choose the path your life will travel, by always setting your goals high. There's nothing you can't possibly reach from the earth up to the sky.

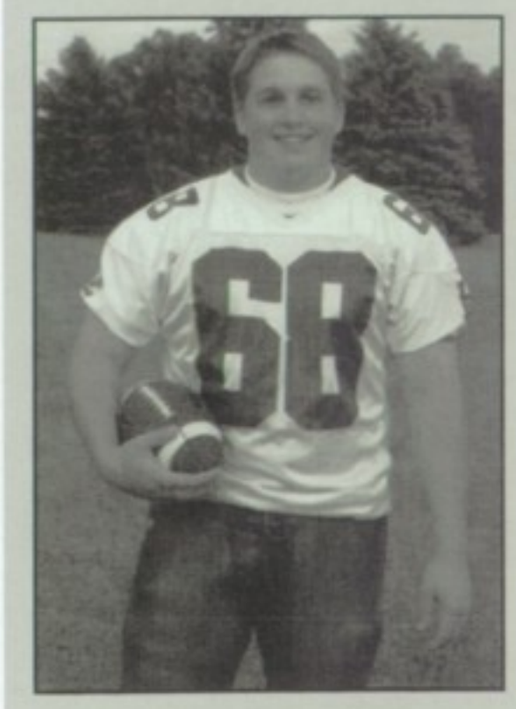
Remember a few of the things we've taught you as you journey out into this world, like sharing what you have and helping others, or respecting our nation's flag unfurled.

Stay focused on all of your hopes and dreams; work hard and someday they will come true. No matter where in life you might find yourself, your parents will always be here for you.

Congratulations on your high school graduation; it's a very special moment for you and all your friends. Try not to think of it so much as an ending, but rather like where a true meaningful life begins.

Congratulations!

Many happy days are ahead!



Intelligence will carry you!

Keep learning and challenging!

Every dream is worth exploring!

We are all so very proud of you. Love.

Mom, Chris, & Mark

Nick,

What a great kid you have been!
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Erin

Candace Pike

The morning sun is for you to chase. Embrace the newness of each day, and find your true passions. Focus on the great potential you have to make the world a better place, and enjoy the exciting journey ahead of you. We are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Sam

Never a doubt

**Love,
Mom & Dad**

Dan Schreiber

On June 18, 1986, Danny was born. Now he is graduating from high school. Where has the time gone? We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. Great Job!

Remember: YES, you can do anything!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Kim

TERRA

Hey Country Girl,
i am very proud of you and all
that you have done in your Life.

toot, you've got the bull
by the horns: run with
it in all you do.

Love,
dad

DEREK

YOU HAVE EARNED TODAY. BE PROUD OF YOURSELF. I LOVE YOU, BABY BOY.

Patrick

JP,
We love you & are so very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Pat, Kalen, & Kevin

Ashley

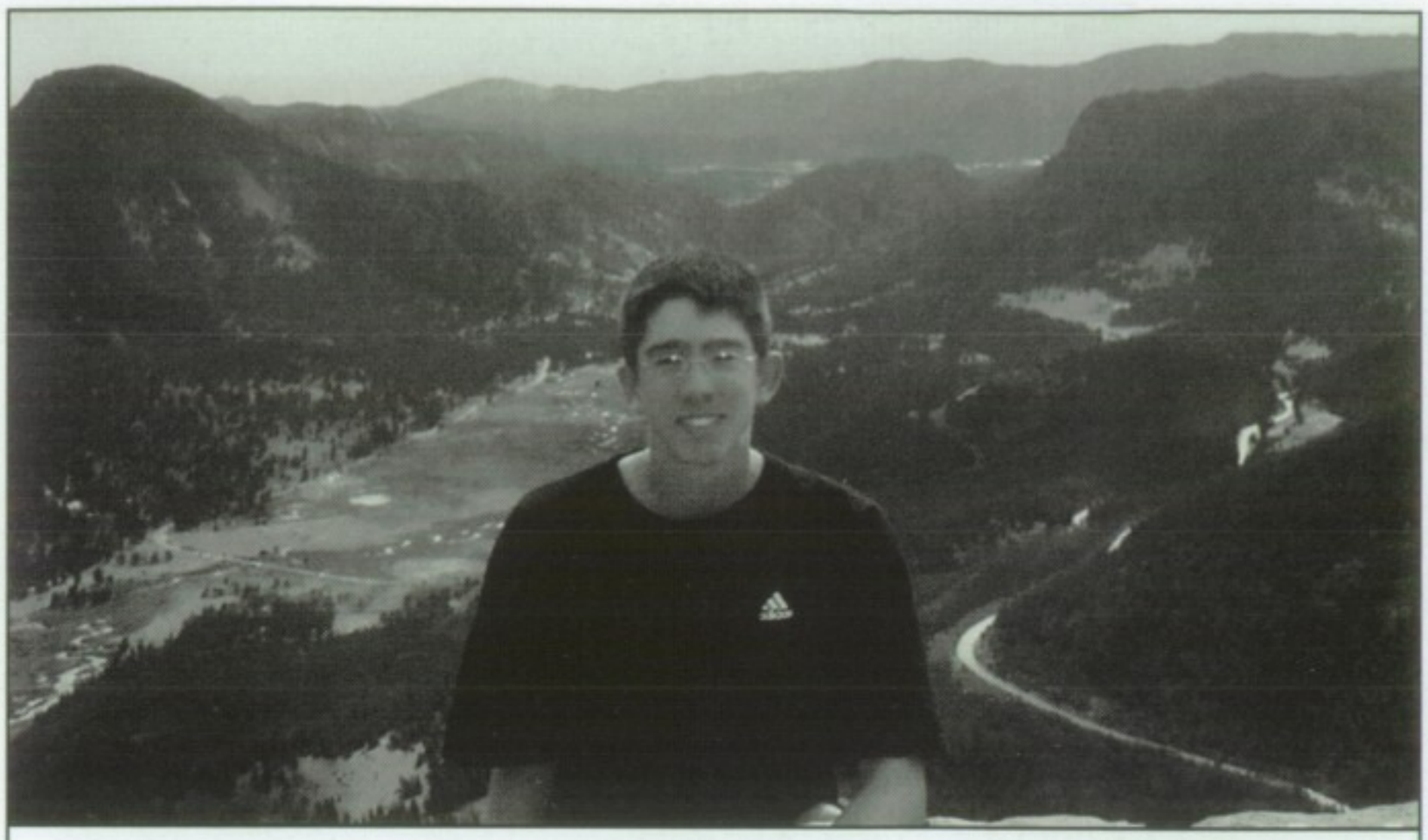
Congratulations!
We are so very proud of all your wonderful accomplishments. It's been such a joy to watch you grow into such a beautiful, talented young woman.
Love, Mom, Dad & Amy

Dear Chris,
We'll miss you when you go away to college. We hope you'll come home to see us whenever you can.
Love,
Gomez and Neo

Congratulations to Blake Bartenbach

We can't believe you are already a senior. We love you and are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad



KEVIN

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

You have been a great blessing in our lives,
And we love you so!

Mom and Dad and Beth

HAPPY

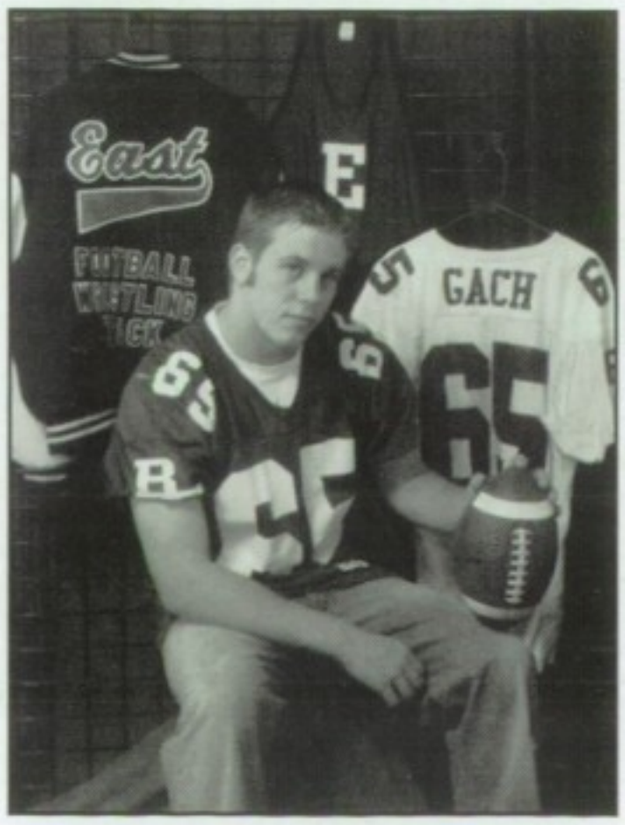
Good Morning!
You did it - we know you are excited, and we are very proud of you. You have grown into a wonderful person.

- Love you always -
Mom, Dad, Joe, & Conner

Shawn

Where has the time gone? We are so proud of all the hard work and dedication you have shown through the years; you have turned into an awesome young man who we are proud to call a son.

We love you,
Mom & Dad



Best wishes to a wonderful daughter! We are so proud of the choices you have made during the past four years, and with that foundation, we look forward to watching you continue to grow in the coming years. Combining the confidence you have with your awesome personality, the whole world is out there for you to be whatever you desire! We love you very much, and congratulations!!

Mom, Dad,
Adam, & Brooke

P.S. "You not happy to me?"

Ashley

Little Ashley Little Star
That is what you really are
Cross my heart and hope to die
You're the apple of my eye.
Michael W. Smith

Ashley,
You're the last of the
DuPree kids to go through
BPS; good luck.
Love you very much,
Dad, Mom, Edwin, Morgan,
Arnie, Sumoa, & Kenny

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There are not enough words to express how proud we are of you. Follow your heart and your dreams, and you will accomplish everything you desire.

Love,
Mom & Dad,
Spenser & Connor

FRIENDS

sarah ashley

So many laughs,
So little time.

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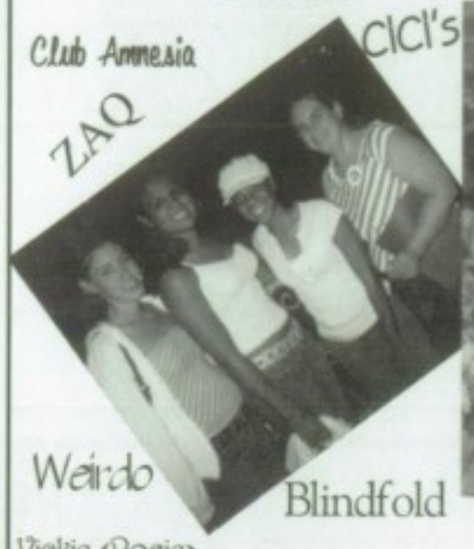
2005

Nicole & Vickie

Homecoming, Jand, Jason, Lavon, Lotion Fight, Myrtle Beach, Strawberries and Cream, Soccer Field, Victor, Prom, Ice Cream, Sabrina, The Floor, Buddy, Dwight, "Get Low", Usher Concert, trampoline, Chocolate Syrup, Mustard Fight, Village Inn, Terrence, IHop, Club Amnesia, CiCi's, ZAQ, Feather, The Rox, Whip Cream, movies, New Years Party, Weirdo, Blindfold



Vickie (Rosie),
Hey gurl! You have been my best friend since the eighth grade! We've had so much fun together, from playing softball for the rec center to traveling to Spain together. You have always been there for me! I know I have been there for you. Does an officer, 5am, and T.J.O. ring a bell? You are like my twin sister. I wish you so much luck, and I give you my love! Don't stop smiling! - Nicole

Nicole,
I've known you since the eighth grade, but it seems like I've known you forever! You're like my sister, since you're always at my house. I'll miss all of our late nights and never going home! We've always helped each other in situations, and I know we always will.

Love always,
Vickie

Nicole,
I'm glad to say we're best friends. If I had never met you, I don't think this past year would have been as fun as it has. You were there to make me happy and to get my mind off of Jason, when needed. Sorry that's all I ever talked about. You'll always be my dance partner to "Get Low" by Lil John and the Eastside Boys, no matter how far apart we are. I'll never forget you.

Love always,
Sabrina

Sabrina,
Hey Freak-A-Leak! You will be my dance partner for life, gurl! I'm glad we have become best friends in the past three years. Even though it has only been three years, I don't know what I would do without you! You will always have the best fashion in my book! I love you to death! Always remember to keep that feather pen with you! - Nicole

Vickie,
You mean so much to me. Sometimes I think about what it would be like if we never met one another. I don't think high school would have been as exciting without you. I want to say thank you for helping me through my problems with Jason, and if you ever need to talk I'm here for you, and I'll listen just like you did with me. I will never forget you and that smile of yours, and I hope you do the same.

Love always,
Sabrina

Sabrina,
For the past three years we've been best friends! You are so crazy and outgoing, but you still have a sweet side. All the road trips, pictures, and long talks were the best times! I hope all your dreams come true.

Love always,
Vickie

Kristeen

We have total confidence that you can do whatever your heart desires. However, put your total trust in God: because only He can give you the desires of your heart.

Avalon

From little pink tights to All Star Cheer, All Star Dance, two years of B.E.

Cheerleading, two years of B.E. Bellevedettes, to community service work and President of B. E. FBLA, you have accomplished a lot and have made us proud. Congratulations! Always know you can do anything you set your mind to.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kenny, & Jack

BRIAN

Congratulations. We are very proud of you. Let your passion and spirit guide you, and you will go far. Keep smiling.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations, Amanda!

We love you,
Mom & Alex

Scott

Scott,

From a happy-go-lucky boy to a bright young man, we've been proud to call you our son. Your athletic and academic successes are a testimony to your drive and persistence. We're confident that no matter where life takes you, your personality will brighten and enrich those around you. You can always count on our love and support.

All our love,
Mom & Dad

Song of the Open Road

Afoot and lighthearted I take to the open road,
Healthy, free, the world before me,
The long brown path .... leading wherever I choose.

Walt Whitman

Katie,
We wish you a lifetime of love, happiness, and success in all you do. Continue to be the sweetheart you are, and surely all your dreams will come true.
We are so very proud of you, Katie-mae. Congratulations, and we love you!!
Mom, Dad, Joe, Mary, Audre, and Daisy Belle

Jessica

Eighteen years ago we were entrusted with a most precious gift. We have watched you grow from a little girl with blonde ringlets into the beautiful young woman that you are today. The time has gone by so fast.

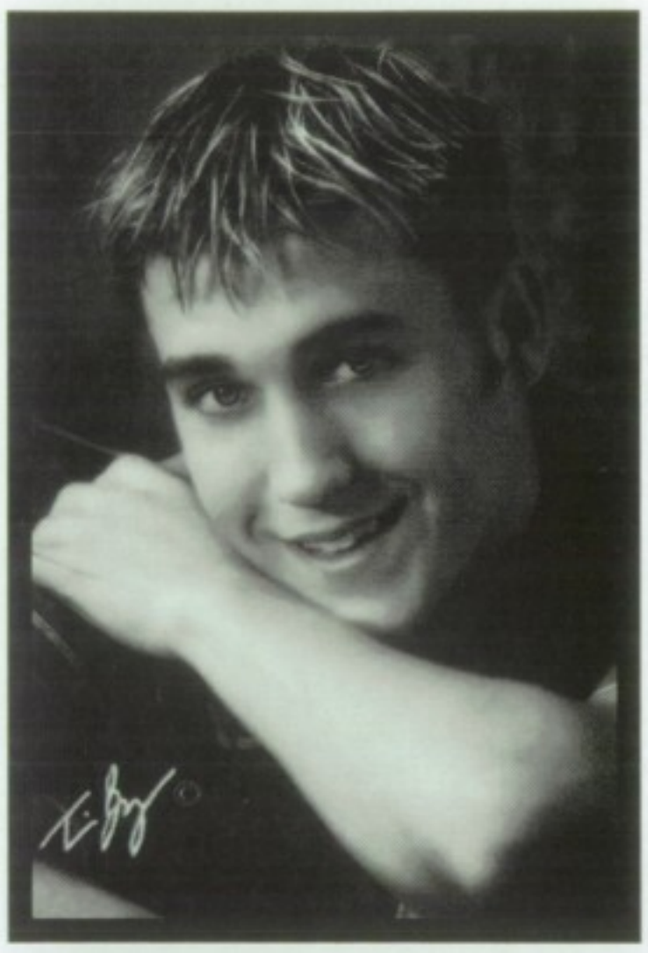
As you embark into the world on your own, know that our love and support go with you. We are so proud of you. The sky's the limit, Jessica, reach for the stars!

All our love,
Mom and Dad

Tim

Congratulations!! We are so proud of you. Remember those who achieve success, take a dream and make it come true. Go live your dreams and always believe in yourself.

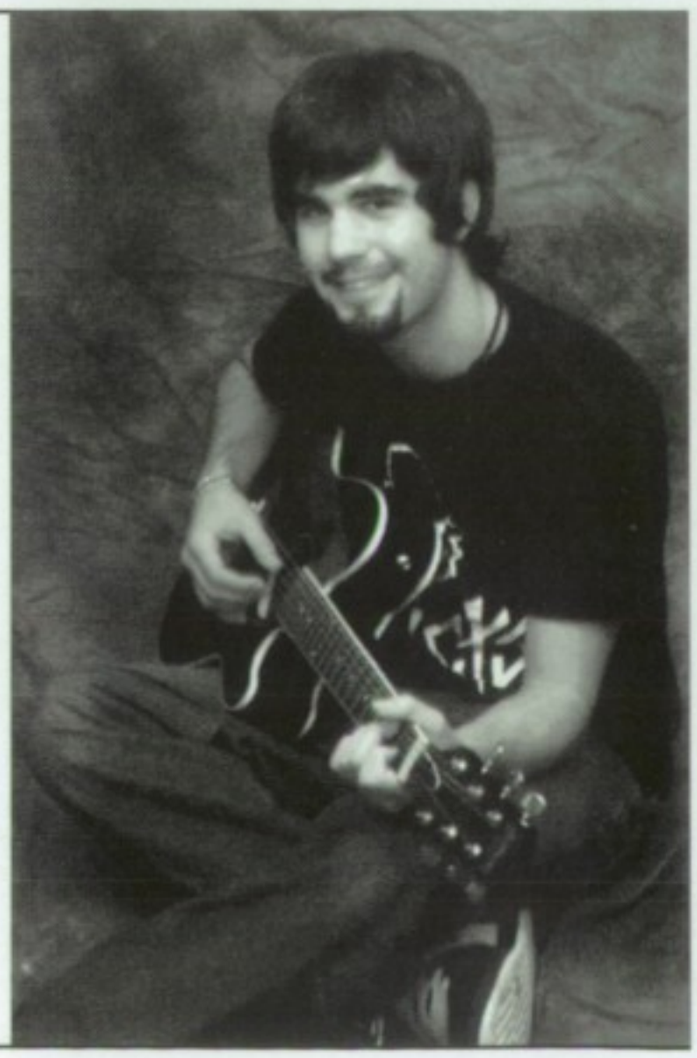
We love you,
Dad, Mom, & Tara



Sean

You have brought joy and laughter into our lives. With your quirky sense of humor, kind heart, and your gift of music, you have made this world a better place. Follow your dreams, stay true to yourself, and find the happiness that you so richly deserve.
You are a wonderful son and brother.

We love you always,
Dad, Mom, and Natasha



Dearest Nicole,

You will always be very special to us, our first grandchild. We wish you the very best for your future and hope all of your dreams come true.

All of our love,
Grandma & Grandpa Z.

YOU HAVE ALWAYS MADE US PROUD OF YOU, FROM THE DAY YOU WERE BORN TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND NOW YOUR GRADUATION DAY. THANKS FOR JUST BEING YOU. WE WISH YOU ALL THE HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

MOM & DAD

EDDIE

Jerrica

From the day you were born, you have made us smile and laugh. You have given us so much joy and happiness with everything you have accomplished and will accomplish. We are so proud of you! May all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Joey

We're not "lion,"
you are our favorite son!

ChelseyIsham

You have always amazed us! You have overcome many obstacles in your life, and you have always remained so positive, so sure of yourself & so wise beyond your years. You have taught us to take time to enjoy life and warmed our hearts with your infectious laughter & sweet spirit. We love you & are very proud of whom you are. We know that the person you will become will continue to make us proud & amaze us.

Mom, Dad, Jeremy, & Will

"Be who you are and say what you feel 'cause people who mind don't matter and people who matter don't mind."

Dr. Suess

We're so proud of you, Brittni ~ You're an amazing, beautiful, and talented friend, daughter, and sister!

All our love,

Mom & Dad, Kayla & Jaycee, Mallory & Elway!

Brittni

Dear Nicole,

I am so very proud of you, and I love you so very much. No matter how old you are, you will always be my baby girl!

Love,

Mom

Tom

You have been a joy and inspiration since you were born. Your personality and sense of humor have enlightened us through the years. You have been the center of our family and an admiration to us all. Your motivation, knowledge, and humor will always keep you grounded. You are talented, smart, funny, bright, and most of all, you are our brother and friend. We wish you the best in years to come.

B4E

Niccole & Rick

From the moment you entered the world, I knew you were special, blessed, and destined for something great. This has come to pass, as you have the talent and knowledge beyond your years. I know the future holds great things for you. I am so proud of not only your accomplishments, but of the wonderful adult you have grown into. May God continue to bless you, and may all your wishes and goals be realized.

Love,

Mom

Hold on to your ideals, your self respect, and your sense of humor. Don't let mediocrity and conformity get in your way. Perfection is not always requisite, but pursue your aspirations to the fullest.

Dad,

2005

Nick

You were our shiny penny 17-years old and still are! We are <u>SO</u> proud of you.

Love,

Mom & Dad

It used to be Butterfly Kisses & bedtime prayers, now it's Graduation & College Fairs, but no matter how old you get, you will always be, "Daddy's Lil' Girl"

We are so proud of you!

Mom & Dad

Heather

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, JON!

Good luck with all of your future endeavors!

- Mike & Laurie Sayles

JON GOMBAS

Class of 2005

CHRIS

i want you to know how proud i am of you! i Love you always. mom

TYLER

From our little boy to our young man – you always make us laugh.

We are so proud of you!

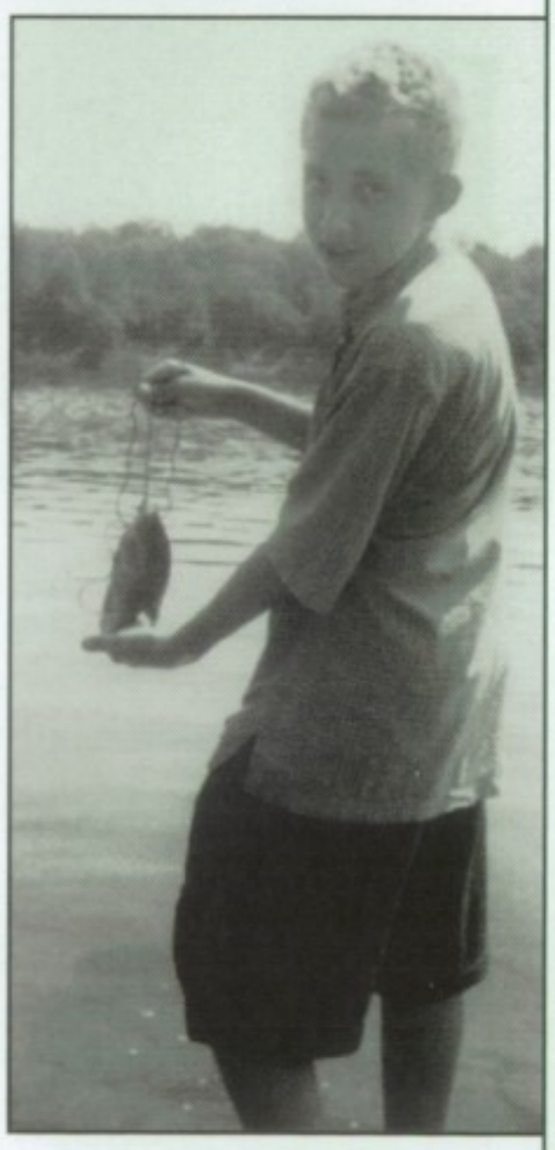
Love.

Mom. Dad. & Jake

CURTIS GRIMSTAD

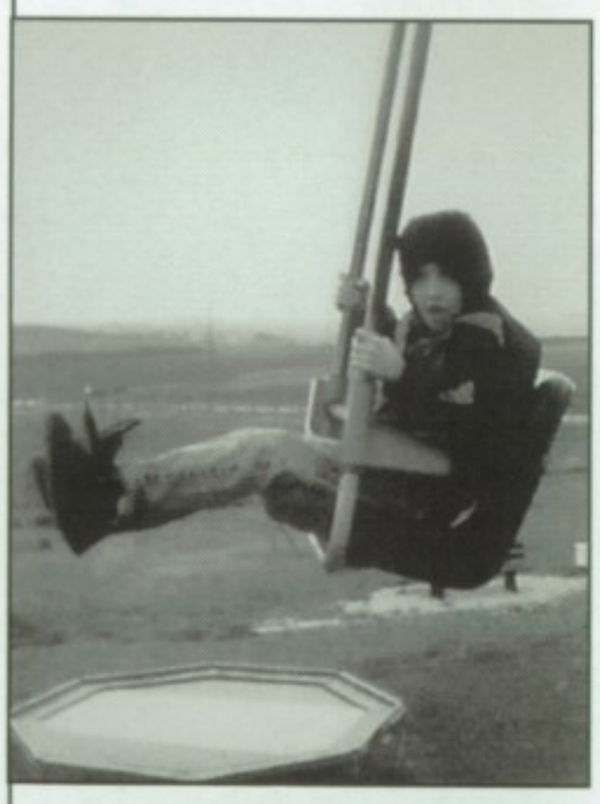
CONGRATULATIONS, CURTIS!!!

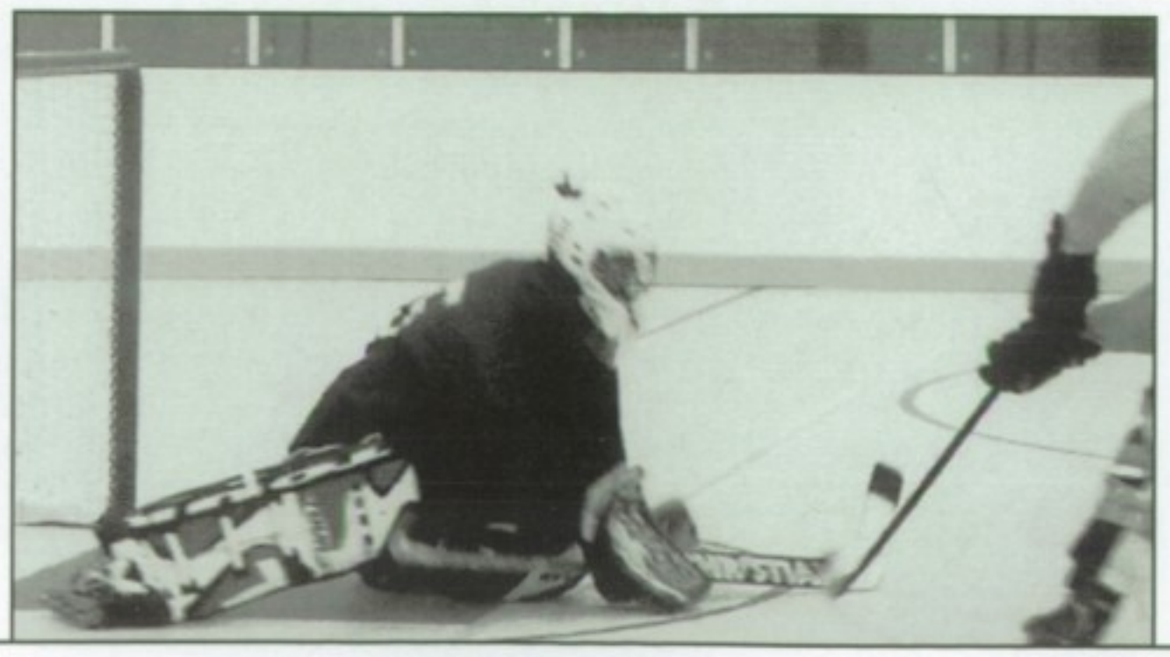
What an adventure for your first 18 years: born and lived in Wyoming and moved on to live in Germany, Indiana, Florida, Georgia, and now Nebraska. You've seen and done things that many people just dream about.



Now you reached this milestone and another journey begins; just keep being yourself and you will go far. Good luck in your future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Alex





KELLY

Kelly - You've been my pride and joy for the past seventeen years. I am so proud of what you have accomplished in life so far! I know you will accomplish many more wonderful things after graduation. You're a wonderful daughter and a great friend! I love you Charmin Butt!

All my love,
Mom

CONGRATULATIONS, MICHAEL!!!

You have made us sooooo proud!

We know you will succeed at anything you put your mind to.

We will <u>always</u> be here for you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, &

Jenny

(1) Erik Bluewater
(2) Hearts so full
(3) For time we've had
(4) Here's a wish from Mom & Dad
(5) Follow your heart
(6) Do what you love
(7) All you need will be yours
(8) In the time that you have

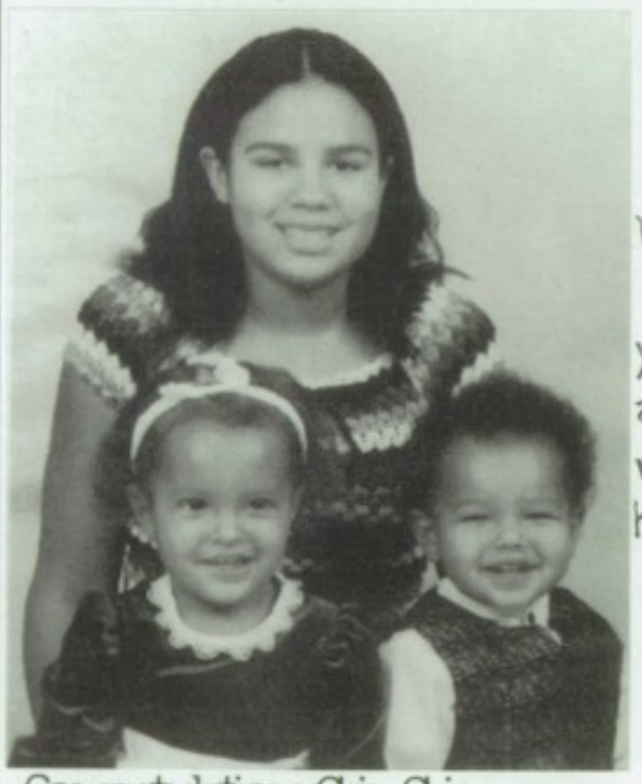
Congratulations, Terra Terese.
You have come a long way from wearing your brother's Underoos!

Love Ya Lots,
Mom

"Vickie"
May your dreams take you
to the corners of your smiles,
to the highest of your hopes,
to the windows of your opportunities,
to the most special places your heart has ever known.
Love, Mom

Congratulations Vickie,
May GOD continue to bless you in all your future endeavors. You have grown up to be a beautiful young lady. You will always be my "Baby Cakes."
Love Always, Grandma

To: Vickie, aka: Boo, Boo Boo, Baby Cakes, and Chin Chin
The day you were born was one of the happiest days of my life. From the minute I saw you, I knew you were special. You have become the daughter every father dreams of. I have watched you grow up to become a strong, intelligent, beautiful young lady, excel in all your endeavors, and strive to be the best person you could become. In this day and time, in a world filled with hatred, war, greediness, and power, growing is not easy. I commend you for your hard work, positive attitude, and your strong faith and belief in God. With his strength, you will be able to accomplish anything your heart desires. Your gorgeous smile and great personality are just two of your many fine qualities. As you continue your journey through life, remember: God will guide you, family will always be there for you. You are the beat in my heart, the star in my night, and the ray in my sunshine. I love you more than you can ever imagine, and I am so, so proud to be your father. U R 1 of a kind. Congratulations on this special day!!
Love Dad
"Never G-I-V-E U-P, and keep your H-E-A-D U-P"



Vickie,
Congratulations on your special day. You are a great sister and we L-O-V-E you.
Kiki & Robert.
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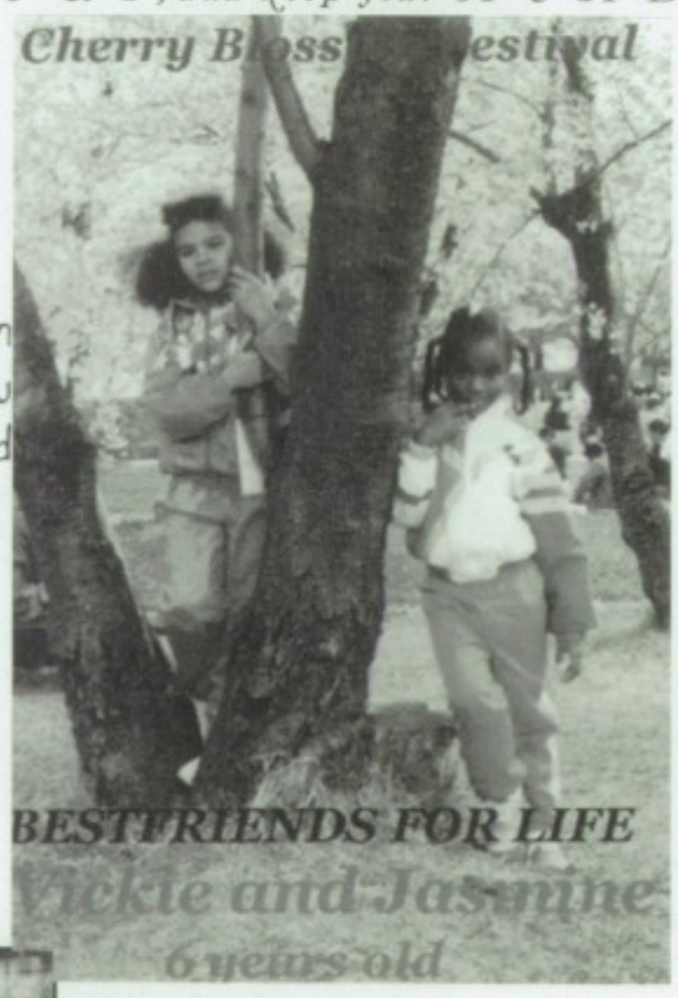


Congratulations, Vickie
You did it! This is only the beginning. Keep your head up and always strive for the best.
Uncle Maurice said to:
"Be like the Air Force and Aim High or be like the Marines and be the best!"
We Love you Baby Cakes.
Uncle Maurice and Aunt Vyckie

Congratulations Chin Chin.
You've accomplished one of many milestones to come. We wish you the very best.
Love,
Uncle Bill, Aunt Stephanie, Renee', Latonia, Michelle

Vickie,
You're a strong, self-possessed, young woman. We're so very proud of you and all you've accomplished. We know you're on your way to make a real difference in this world.
Love,
Your aunts, Gina and Linda

Vickie,
I met you at the age of six, and we were in the first grade in Japan. It is so hard to believe that we are getting ready to graduate. Even though we don't see each other very often, our friendship has never faded. I love you like a sister. No matter how old we get or how many miles we're apart, you will always be my....."Best Friend."
Love always,
Jasmine Renee Robinson (Wiesbaden, Germany)

Kelly

Congratulations on your graduation! Remember as you enter the journey of adulthood to always work hard, do your best, and have fun. Life is all about being happy. I Love You - Dad

Danielle

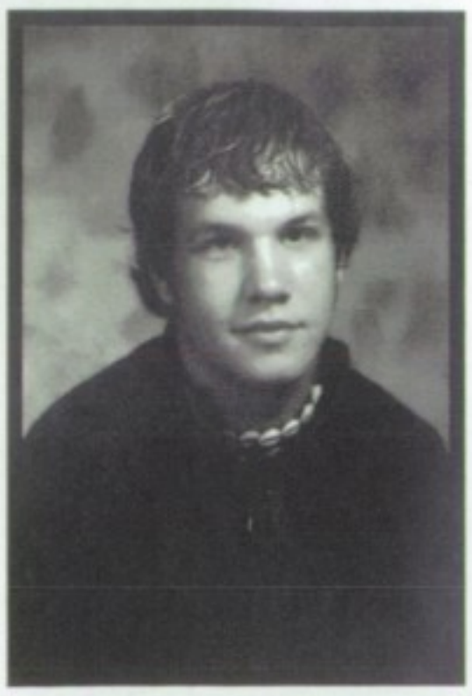
Danielle, you're the greatest daughter ever. We're proud of you and all you've done. You truly are a beautiful daughter.
Love,
mom & dad

Andrew...

Your family here and in heaven is proud of you.

Zachary Kaufman

Zach, you have been a joy and blessing to your family. We are so proud of you! Congratulations!!



Tyler

MY SON

I think a lot about the past, when you were little you'd run and play. I think about balls and bats and little cars that somehow never got put away.

I think about knees I kissed and shoes I tied, and the bicycle you finally learned to ride. But mostly I think about a little face that smiled up at me at the end of the day.

And little arms held up so high to wrap around me to say "good-night." I miss those days very much, but they are alive in my memory...

And I'm proud today of the man you've grown to be. Stay sweet.

Love you bunches...
Mom, Dad, and Troy

Kassie.

It seems like only yesterday that we were new parents of a beautiful baby girl - and now you are graduating. We have enjoyed watching you grow up to be a wonderful, caring person. Your smile makes those around you happy. We couldn't be more proud of you. Remember that you can do anything you want to - just believe in yourself & follow your heart.

Love always,
Dad, Mom, & Kyle

MALLORY

You have such strong morals and ethics that never waiver. It is in these that we have watched you spread your wings and succeed in school, sports, and being a "Big Sister."

As you begin your new journey into adulthood, remember these things: never give in, never quit trying, always give 100%, and continue to follow God with all your heart and soul.

We are very proud of you and love you.

Mom, Dad, & Brad

Robert...
You have made it through some rough times and a lot of joyous times. All of these experiences were needed to create the person you have become. Remember your past, learn from your experiences, look to the future, and live life to the fullest. God has given you talent beyond most. Respect it and give God the glory. You are a great son. Thanks for adopting us as your family.
Love you, Mom

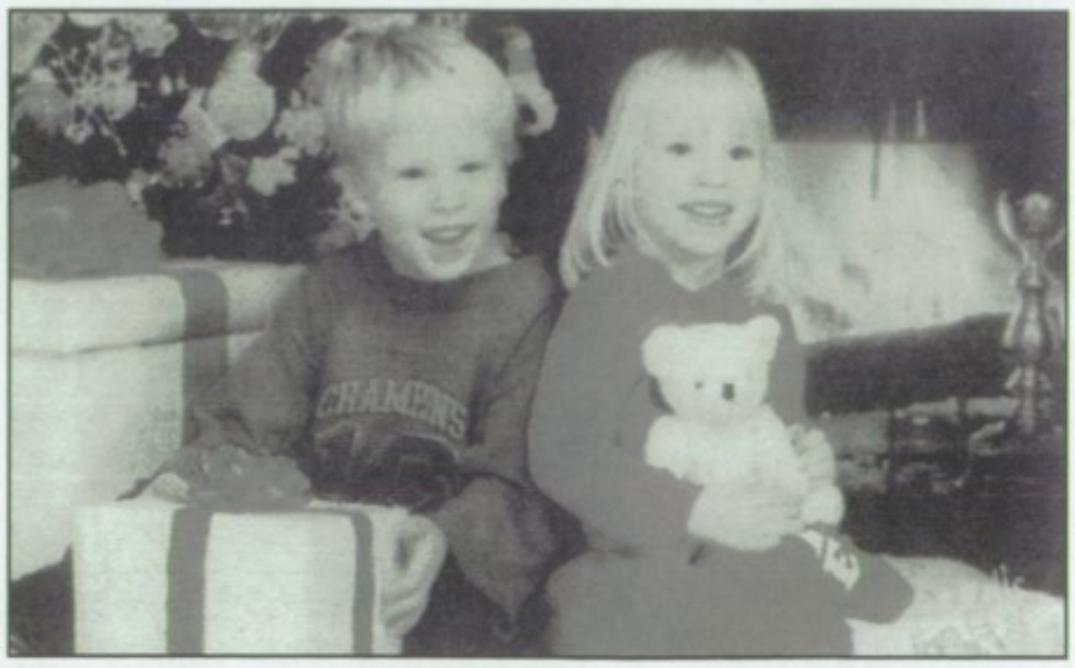
You have been a blessing to me. More than you can imagine. I am very proud of all you have accomplished. Life is now in your hands and I believe, with all my heart, that you will be very successful.
I love you dearly - Dad

LUM LUM,

FOUR YEARS AGO, GOD BROUGHT ME A VERY SPECIAL GIFT: YOU! I AM VERY PLEASED AND PROUD OF YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS. YOU HAVE OVERCOME. YOU HAVE BECOME A FINE YOUNG MAN.

LOVE YOU,

DAD



Heather

Congratulations!
We're so proud of the woman you've become. Always remember, there's nothing you can't achieve.
Love you Baby Girl,
Mom, Jeff, Tom

AJ

AJ -

Congratulations!!
We are so proud of you...
The future is yours for the taking...
Love You Always,
Mom, Dad, Heather & Jake

Sarah

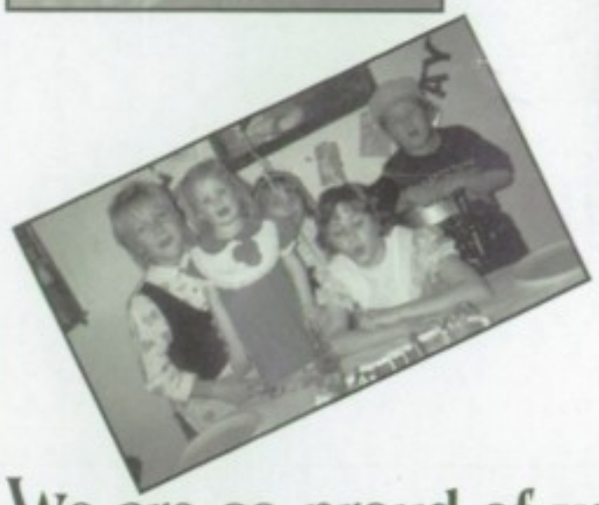
As an Air Force brat, you've experienced life's pleasures, witnessed some awesome sights and endured challenges others can't even imagine, but you've come through it as a strong and confident young lady. We're so proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Andy & Matt, & Boomer

Adam

We are so proud of all you have accomplished. Keep up the hard work and hold strong to your faith, and you'll be able to accomplish anything you desire.

We love you,
Mom & Dad



We are so proud of you! You have brought us lots of joy and laughter. Tomboy through proms, you have turned into a beautiful and wonderful young woman with a great sense of humor. Always remember family and friends are everything. Never give up on your dreams; you will go far.

We love you with all our hearts,
Mom, Dad, & Rocky

Melissa

Adam

You were my first friend.
You're still my best friend.
Congratulations!
I love you,
Miranda

Ashleigh

Our Precious Ashleigh,

We are so proud of you! "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all else will come to you."

Love always,
Mom, Dad, & "A" team
F.R.O.G.

Trevor & Joshua,

So many good things come in pairs
Like ears and socks and panda bears
Best of all are sets of twins
With extra laughter, extra grins.

There's so much fun in having two
With twice as many points of view
So much alike, forever linked
And yet they're also quite distinct.

They share a birthday and a name
But moods and tempers aren't the same
Although at times they may dispute
Their loyalty is absolute!

From days of youth till life is done
It's one for both and both for one
We're all quite novel and precise
But special folks. God made twice
~ Anonymous

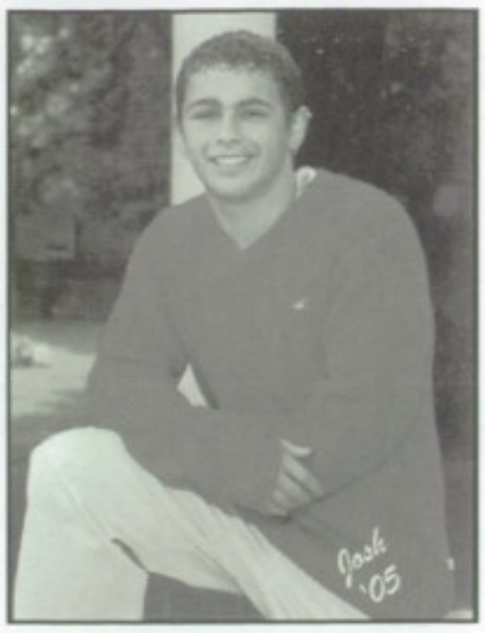
You've made us very proud!
We love you!
Mom & Dad

Andrew

Here you are then and now. A long road between the two that only seemed to take a moment to travel. The road ahead is yours, dream to your full potential, but know family is always there along the way. I'm proud of you, Son. Congratulations!
Love,
Mom

Amanda,
You have always been very curious. I know it will get you far in life. We have always been proud of you and always will be proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Jeff and Josh

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.
You're on your own. And you know what you know.
And you are the guy who'll decide where to go.

Out there things can happen and frequently do
To people as brainy and footsy as you.
And when things start to happen, don't worry, don't stew.
Just go right along. You'll start happening too.
On and on you will hike. And I know you'll hike far
And face up to your problems whatever they are.

And will you succeed? Yes! You will indeed!
(Ninety eight and 3/4 percent guaranteed.)
Kid, you'll move mountains!

So... be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray
Or Mordicai Ali Van Allen O'Shea,
You're off to Great Places! Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!

– Dr. Seuss

With lots of love,
Mom, Dad, Tony, Karlie, and Rachel

Olaf

You've gone from my baby

to "the Toad"

to FALO

You'll never know how proud of you we are.

Mom & Dad

Congratulations Montague (Tee)!

We are so very proud of your accomplishments. Remember "you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you." Philippians 4:13.

We Love You!

Dad, Mom, & Nique

Lindsey

Since the day you were born, you have made me smile and laugh.

Little did I know how much fun I would have raising you and how much you would teach me about life.

Your determination & tenacity allowed dreams to come true... Varsity Cheer... All-American. Don't ever stop dreaming; you will go far.

You are a blessing & a true gift from God.

Love, Mom and Vince

Kaiti

"I'll take the dirt road, it's all I know
I've been walking it for years,
It's gone where I need to go
It ain't easy, it ain't supposed to be
So I'll take my time, and life won't pass me by
'Cause it's right there to find
On the dirt road."

Follow your dreams and always remember where you came from.

~Congratulations!~

Love,

Mom, Dad, Josh, Allie, Grama, and Pa

Matthew Ralston

Matt,
I cannot believe you are graduating already. I was just taking you into kindergarten with the magic keys. We all love you, best of luck.
Mom, Dad, Nic, Ronans,
Chartrands, & Taren

Jake

From climbing trees
to sailing the
seas ~ Anchors Aweigh
Love,
Mom, Dad, Caleb & Anna

Tara

You are such a special daughter, and we are proud of your academic and athletic achievements. You will make a wonderful doctor, wife, and mother because you are such a beautiful, loving, and caring person. May all your dreams come true!

Love,

Mom and Dad

scott

we are proud of the young man you have become!

Love,

mom, dad, & kirk

E - Excelled in all that you attempted
M - Made your parents so proud
I - Intelligent and involved in so much
L - Leader (class president all 4 years)
Y - Your future is bright

Emily, we thank God for your desire to follow Him to become all that He created you to be. Your dedication and discipline are examples to all of us in our family. We love you!

Dad, Mom, Matt, Micah, & Elise (& Linus)

Mindy

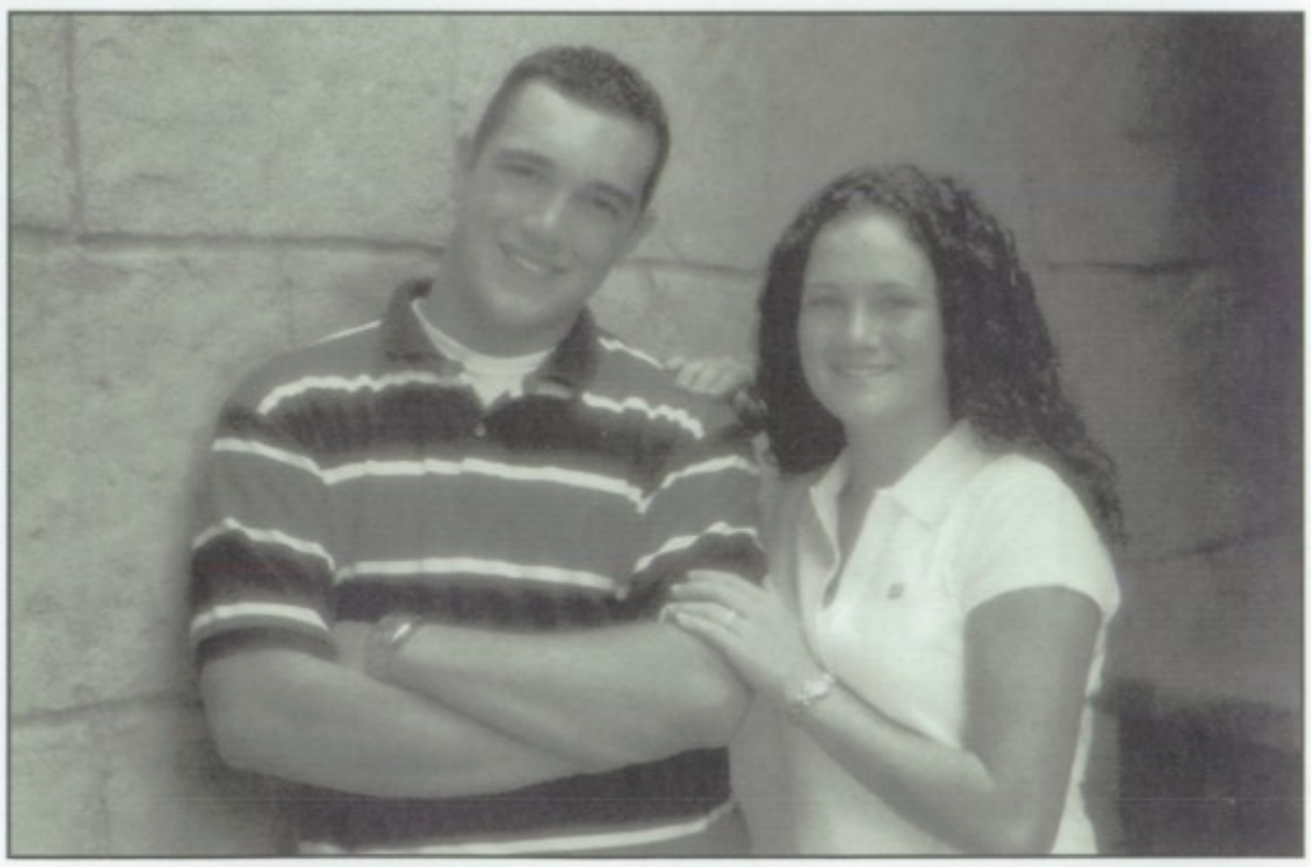
As time dances past
our memories will last
of our little girl who grew up so fast.

From Barbies and dolls
and writing on walls
Legos and toys
never kissing the boys.

Now cheering is your thing
and you've got the swing
of Stu-Co and school
you're nobody's fool.

As you grow through the years
all the laughter and tears
the little dancer you see
deep in our hearts you'll always be.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Mindy,
I'm proud of you.
Love you lots -
Your big brother,
Zach

E

E xceptional always

L iving life large

I ncredibly funny

Z any all the time

A lways smiling

B eliever in Christ

E xcellent Friend

T ruly lovable

H appy, healthy, and a joy to all!

E - we are so proud of you and love you very much.

Mom, Dad, & Salvatore

F.R.O.G.!

APRIL

Dearest April,

Dad and I just want to convey how proud we are of you. You are a bright and energetic person. You have always been inquisitive and eager to try new things. We love what a ham you are, and the jokes and stories you still tell keep us laughing for hours. You are a beautiful, gifted, and talented young lady. We wish you all the best in your endeavors throughout your life.

We love you. God Bless,

Mom and Dad

Jackie

PINK SLIPPERS AND PEPPERMINT ICE CREAM

A FATHER, UNABLE TO SLEEP, CRAVES PEPPERMINT ICE CREAM

SLIPPING INTO THE CELLARS DARKNESS.

CRACKS OPEN A FREEZER DOOR.

BATHED IN THE COLD LIGHT, REACHING FOR HIS PRIZE.

HIS HAND BRUSHING A PINK PAIR OF SLIPPERS.

HIS DAUGHTERS DANCE SHOES TUMBLE TO THE FLOOR.

FLASHING BACK TO THAT FIRST RECITAL.

BUTTERFLIES BECKONING HER TO RUN.

HIS LITTLE GIRL STEPPED TO THE STAGE AND MELTED HIS HEART.

TO AND FROM SO MANY RECITALS SINCE THEN.

NURSING SORE MUSCLES AND ACHING ARCHES.

HUSTLING TO CHANGE AS MOM CHARGED THROUGH TRAFFIC.

NOW ANOTHER STAGE AWAITING HER.

THE SLIPPERS REPLACED WITH A CAP AND GOWN.

WONDERING IF THE BUTTERFLIES STILL CALL.

OR WILL SHE ONLY HEAR HER FAMILY CHEERING?

WITH THE TASTE OF COOL PEPPERMINT ON HIS TONGUE.

HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MELTING ONCE AGAIN.

Charles

Meet every challenge head on. Believe in yourself as we believe in you. Set your goals high and go after them. Don't forget who you are, for that is what makes you special.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sarah, & Kristina

BRIAN

GROWING OLDER CAN BE A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE IF YOU REMEMBER THAT THE IMPORTANT WORD IS "GROWING."

MOM & DAD

FRESHMAN

SOPHOMORE

It's All About
"ME"
Mindy and Elizabeth

Friends Double the Joy
and Divide the Tears!

Love, Your Families

JUNIOR

JUNIOR

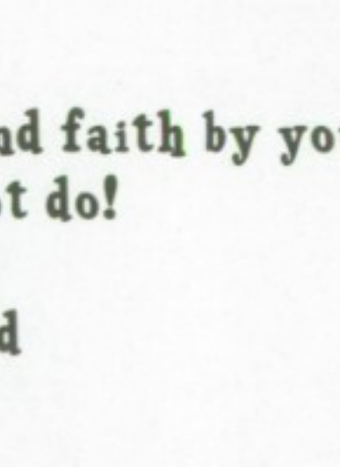
SENIOR

ashLy NeveLL...

Who knew these years would fLy by so fast? We are so proud of you and aLL you have accompLished. No one couLd Love you or be more proud of you than we are. You've grown into a beautifuL, taLented, and wonderfuL person. We wish for you happiness and Love, and for aLL your dreams to come true!

CongratuLations, ash!

aLL our Love, mom and dad



To Lindsey "Peaceful Isle"
From so tiny to tall
You have outgrown us all
And taught us a lesson so true
That with love in your heart, and faith by your side
There is nothing that you cannot do!
Your biggest fans,
Leah, Kayla, Mom, & Dad
(Heidi & Spike too!)

Lindsey Manzel

Our Beautyful Brittany,

No matter what you do, we will always be there for you. No matter where you go, home will never be too far away. We've always known how special you are; soon you will show the rest of the world. We couldn't be more proud of you.

Love Always,
Mom & Dad

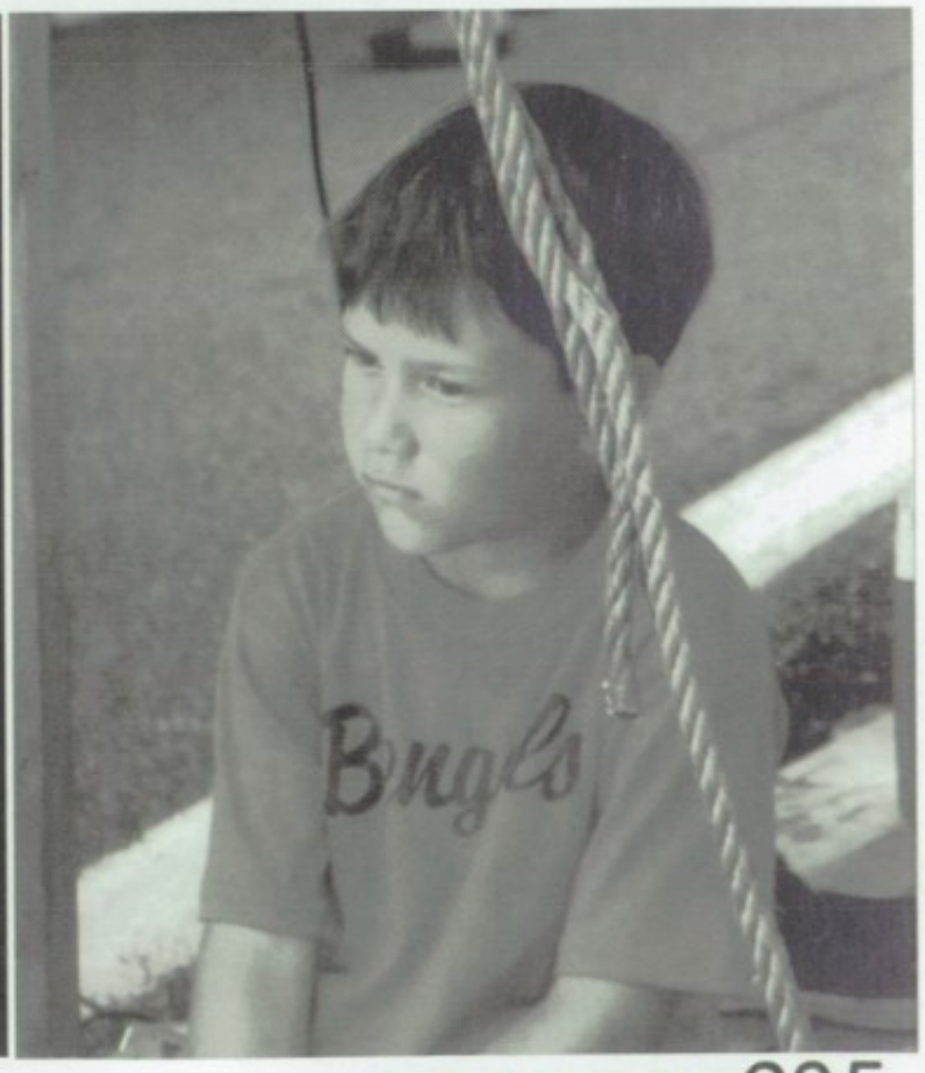
Brittany,

We have shared many laughs and cried many tears, been the best of friends for so many years.
You are always there with me in mischief and strife, you help me understand the brighter side of life.
You've always given me very special, loving care.
Thank you, the world's best sister, for always being there.

Love,
Kristin

The desire to compete and excel began at an early age. You have done well; don't ever stop.

Love,
Dad



Heather

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Brittney

You were six months old and full of fun,
and with the blink of an eye, you were suddenly one.
There were so many things to see and do,
but I turned around and then you were two.
At two you were very resilient and carefree,
independence took over and then you were three.
Your third birthday; another year I tried to ignore,
but when I lit the candles, there were four.
Four was a year you really strived,
why look at you now: you're already five!
Now you are ready for books and for rules
this is the year that you go to school.
The big day came, you were anxious to go,
we walked to the bus, going oh-so slow.
I felt a lump in my throat, and tears stung my eyes as you climbed up the steps and waved good-bye.
Thirteen years later my tears still flow,
I'll watch in anticipation of
how far you will go.
So wear your cap and gown,
you deserve to be a grad.
Family will always be there for you.
Love,
Michelle, Sarah, Daniel, Ashlee,
Mom, and Dad!

Jessica

JESSICA

NOT SO LONG AGO YOU WERE JUST BEGINNING SCHOOL. NOW HERE YOU ARE AT GRADUATION. THE ONLY REGRET THAT WE HAVE IS THAT IT HAS ALL HAPPENED TOO FAST!

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU! WE WISH YOU HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN ALL YOU DO!

WE LOVE YOU!

MOM & DAD, MIKE, AND GRANDMA

Karen & Karie

Karen. Karie. & their older brother Kelly along with their Easter buddy!

MATT

Keep your eye on the ball, and swing for the fences. Congratulations. Mom. Dad. and Kevin

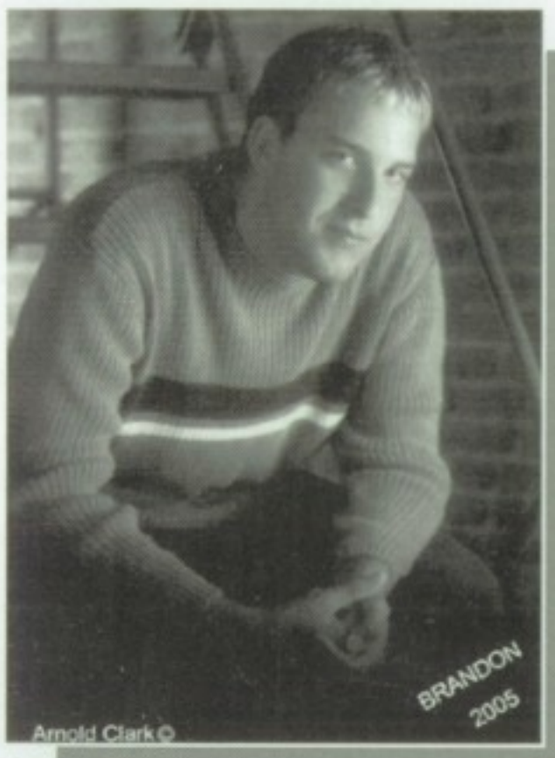
Brandon...

We have watched you grow (and grow) from a shy little boy to a young man of quiet faith, strength and confidence.

We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

We love you so very much and know your future will be wonderfully blessed.

Mom & Dad



Remember, you are special!
pink is an attitude.
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Katie, & the Boys

Kylene,
Always a flair for the wild side... It's been a long four years. You made it!

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Sarah

Blythe and Sarah,
Here's our advice to you as you begin your next phase of your life's journey. Take time to celebrate your similarities and differences. You are perfect individuals. Take time to notice the budding flowers, the clear blue sky, the perfect full moon, a quiet winter night, and the twinkling of the stars. These moments are lost forever if you don't notice them. Celebrate the love in your hearts and the spirits in your souls. Learn from your mistakes. Always say you're sorry and genuinely mean it. Share. Don't run with scissors, and say "please" and "thank-you." Smile even when you don't want to. Be sincere and thoughtful. Always remember back with fondness, even though those times might have been difficult. Continue to choose your friends with the greatest of care (you will need them someday). And last but not least, know that we love you completely and we will always be there for you.

Go forth and make the world a more beautiful place, and invite others to share it with you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Diana

Blythe

Congratulations

To our graduating members of

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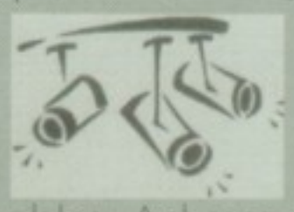

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SEAN FEAGAN

Freight Train

Last one of three at Bellevue East,
fits the mold of last but not least.

Delivered to us on his mom's birthday,
he started out on his own pathway.

Older brothers set goals up high,
but not their paths, we knew not why.

Sports and music, cars and smarts,
and in drama, he played his parts.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Eagle rank,
working hard to fill his Mustang tank.

Most of their objectives he did obtain,
but all alone he became Freight Train.

While being youngest he could not take,
he grew up to become Pancake.

A passion for football unlike the others,
something different than his brothers.

Different, but special like the other two,
you make us proud Sean, keep being you!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Ryan, and Austin

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Each of us could be considered a "stick" that was used to "build" the yearbook. To the seniors - you were the "glue" that held us all together. Congratulations on making it so far. We all wish you the best of luck and hope that you come back to visit us.

Congratulations!

Andy,

You know how much we love you and that we are always here for you - you are such a joy to us! New and exciting opportunities lie ahead... you make us so proud of all that you have accomplished!

Stay positive and God Bless You, our "littlest" ray of sunshine!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Erick, & Danny

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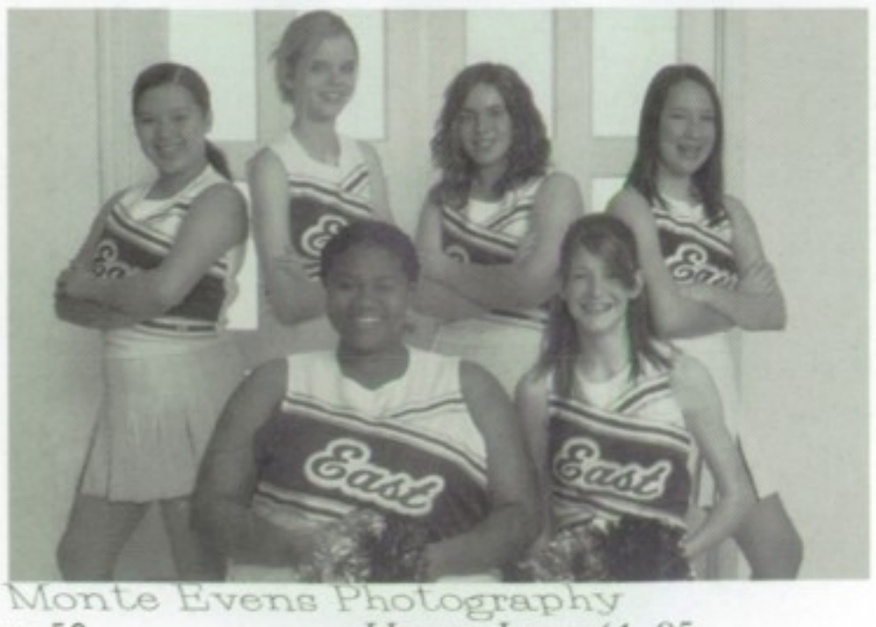

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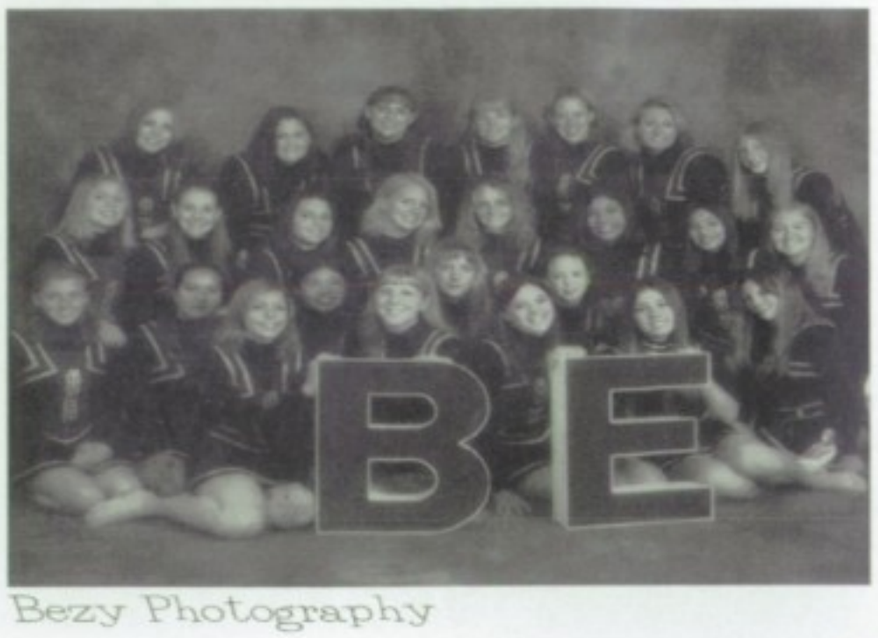

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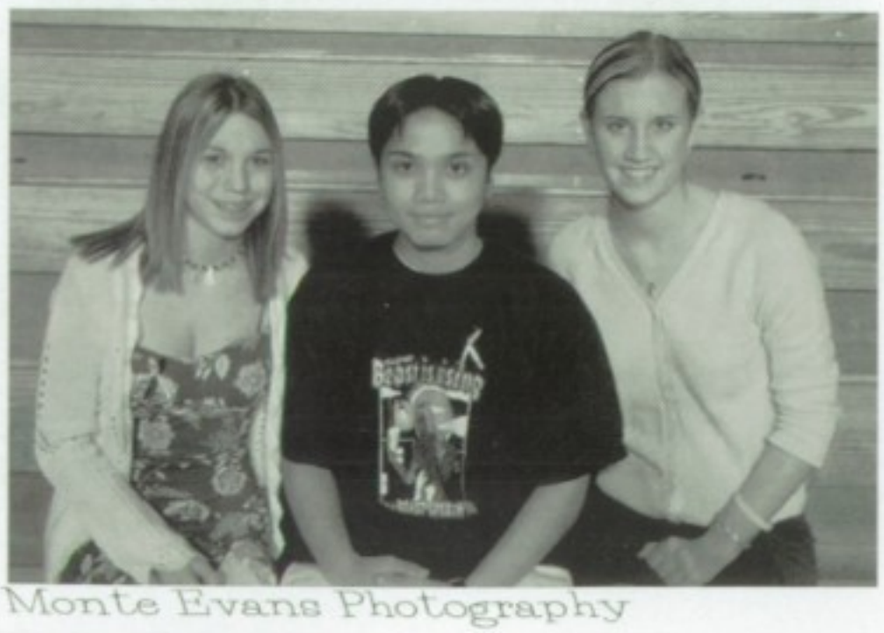

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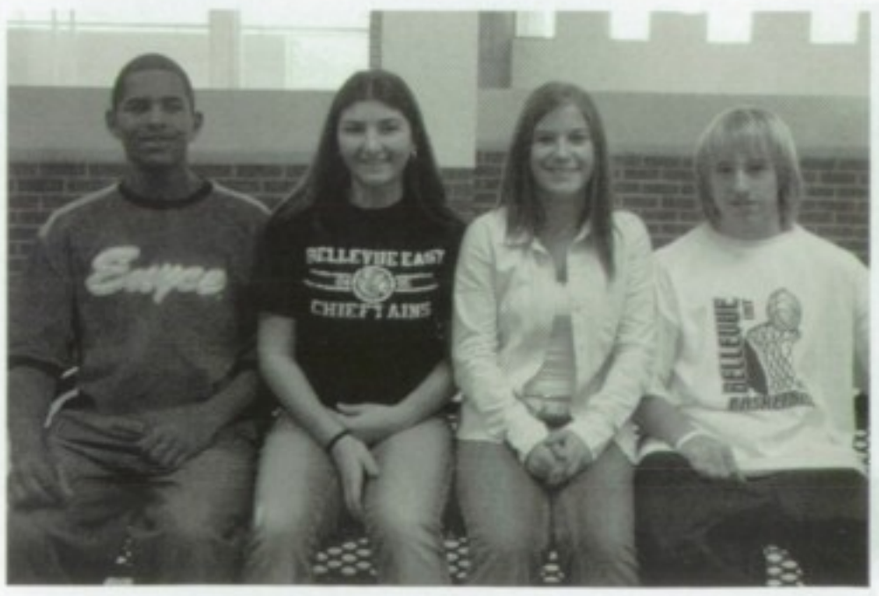

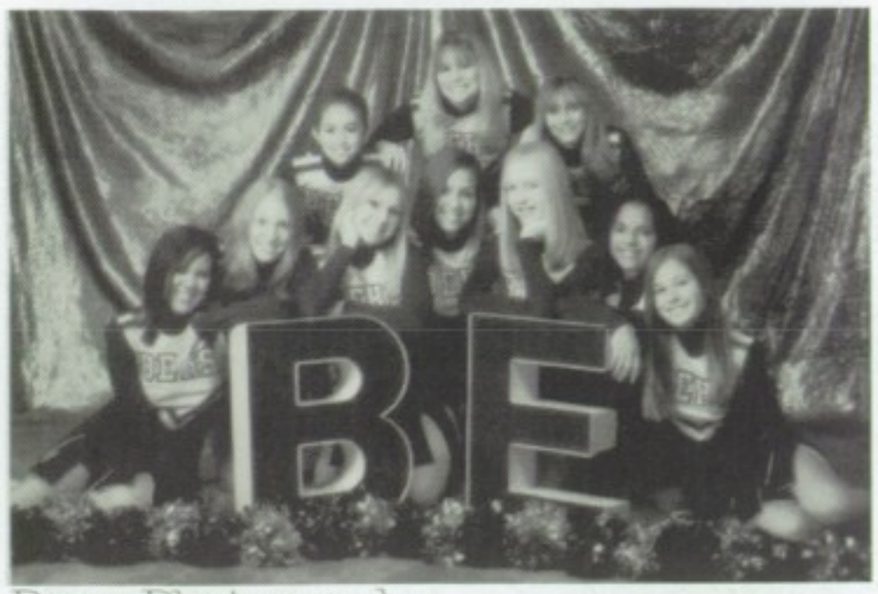

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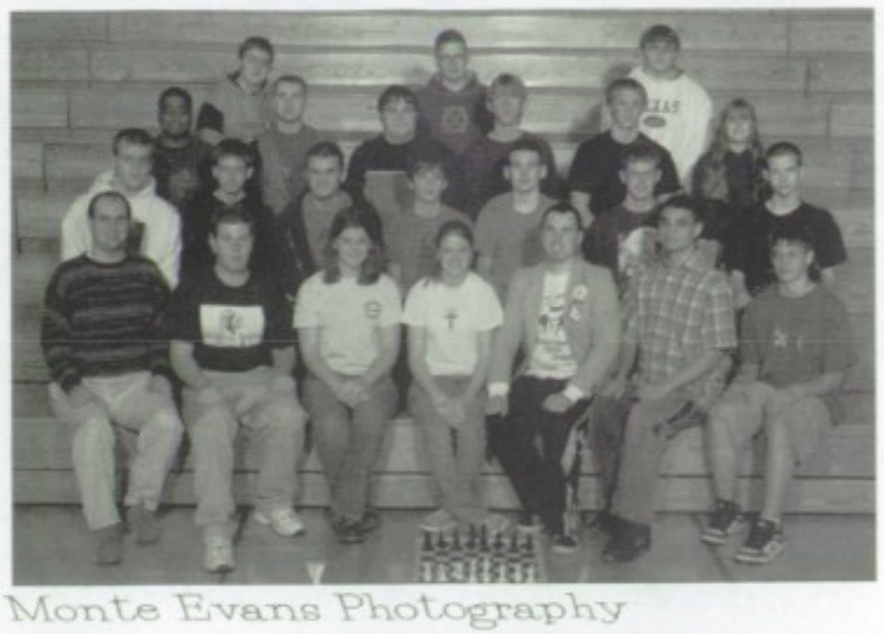

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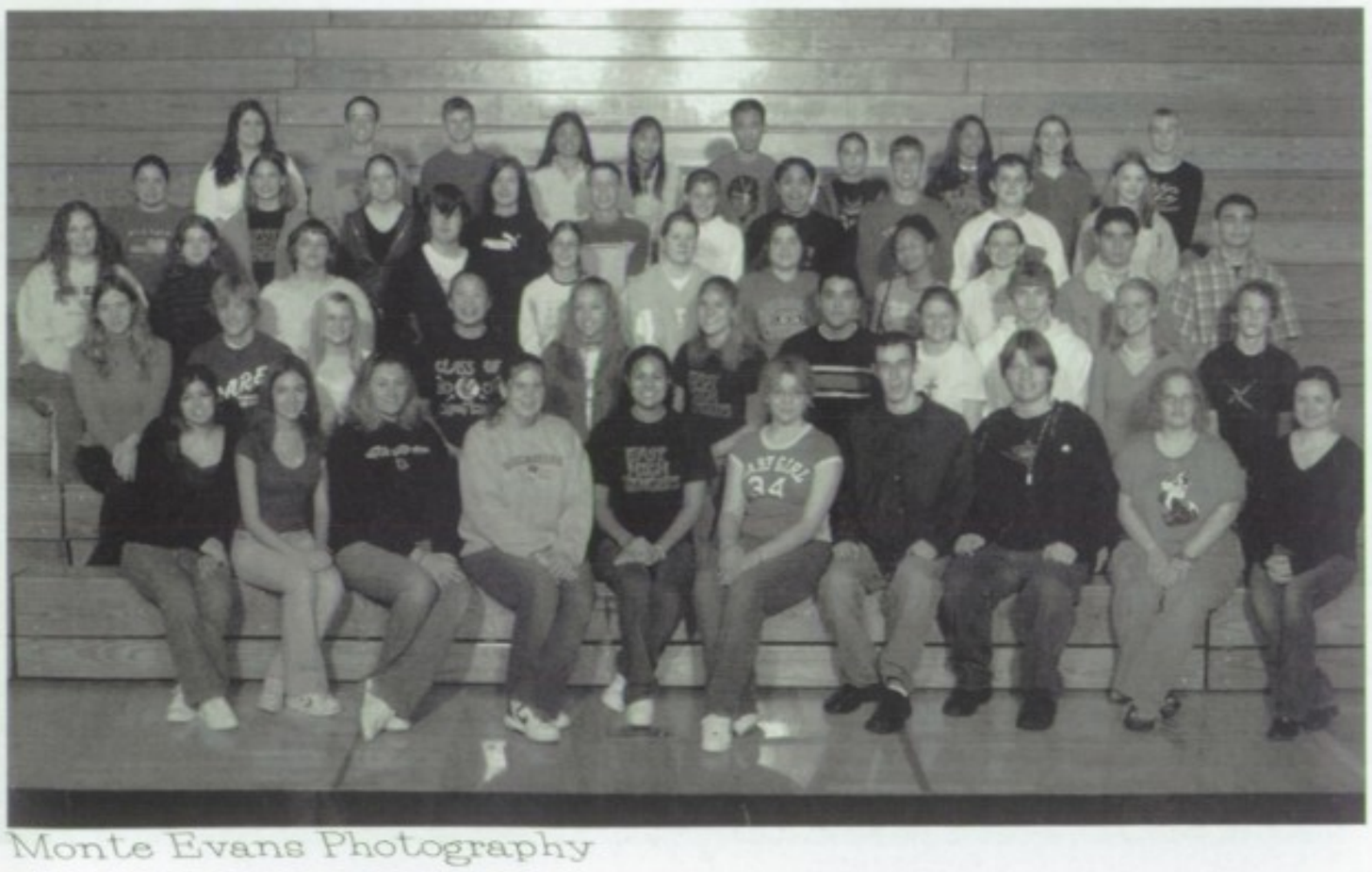

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Just when we thought there wasn't an end in sight, it came time to hand in books, pay fines, and clean out lockers.

After dealing with hall freezes, Saturday schools, and bad cases of Senioritis, the end could not have come at a better time. All important events were checked off our lists: Homecoming, East/West games, Mr. Bellevue East, state competitions, prom, and parties. This left summer vacation our next priority, and we welcomed it.

For nine months we sat in class and did what we were told (most of the time, anyway). We dealt with different cliques, annoying people, and bad break-ups. But with all the bad also came good. We spent countless hours talking with friends in the halls, at lunch, and during break. We planned out our futures and couldn't wait to fulfill them. There then came a time when we realized that one day the whole high school experience would be over, and that we might as well just cherish the days we had left.

Times were constantly changing. We spent years listening to our parents talk about what life was like "back when." As we got older, we too, had memories that made us feel ancient. We could remember paying 75 cents for a bottle of pop at a vending machine. We'll never forget the day *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* – a show we grew up on – got moved to Nick at Nite. There was once a time when we wore stirrup pants, hair scrunchies, and high tops (and we were the "cool" kids in school).

But believe it or not, these and other memories were the kind that stuck with us through the years. As we look through this yearbook, we'll remember how we took the good with the bad and found the hidden "silver lining" in everything.

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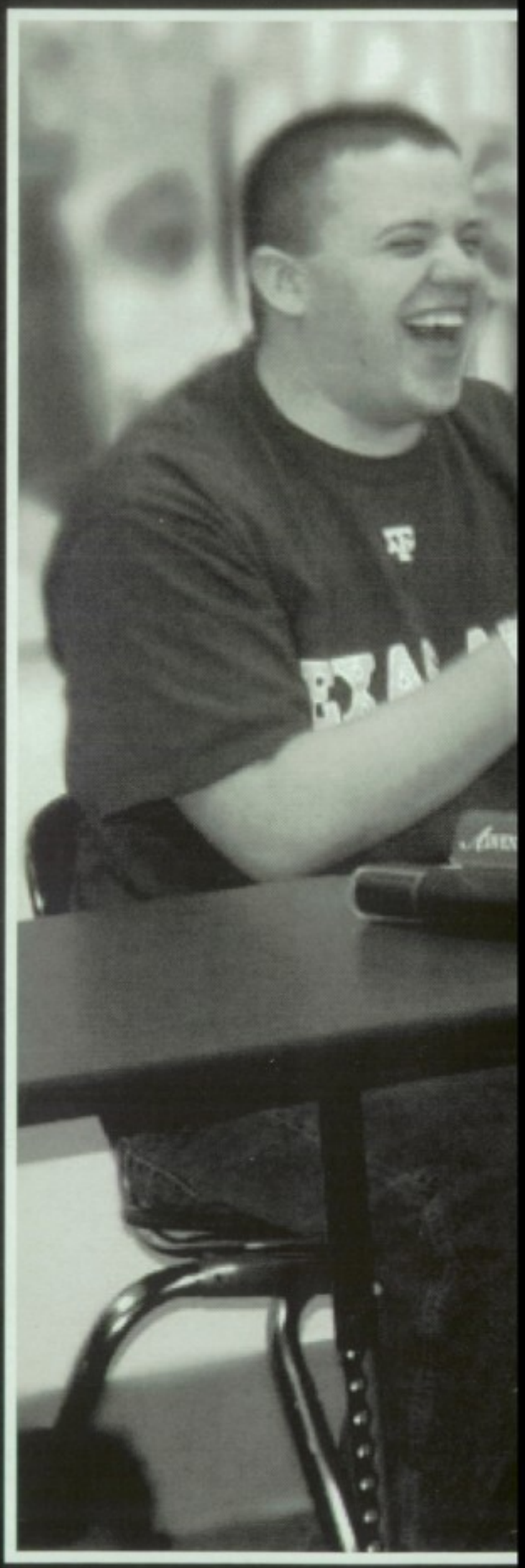

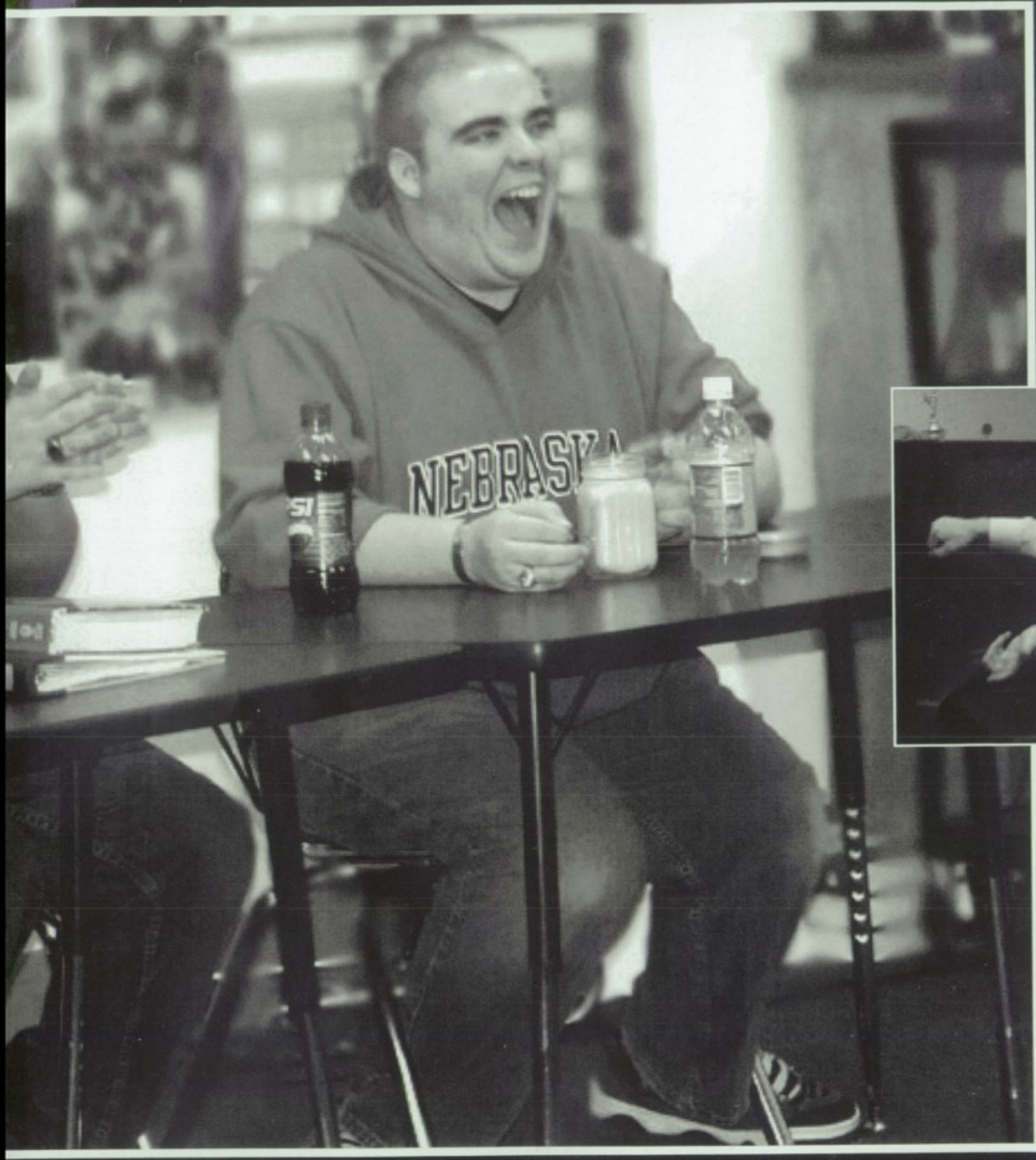

During forensics, seniors **Jon Zgainer** and **Brandon Kea** laugh at their teacher, **John Campbell** (above), before practicing their routines. Throughout the year, East consistently placed highly at forensics competitions, including runner-up as a team at State. It was the highest the team placed in school history at that level.

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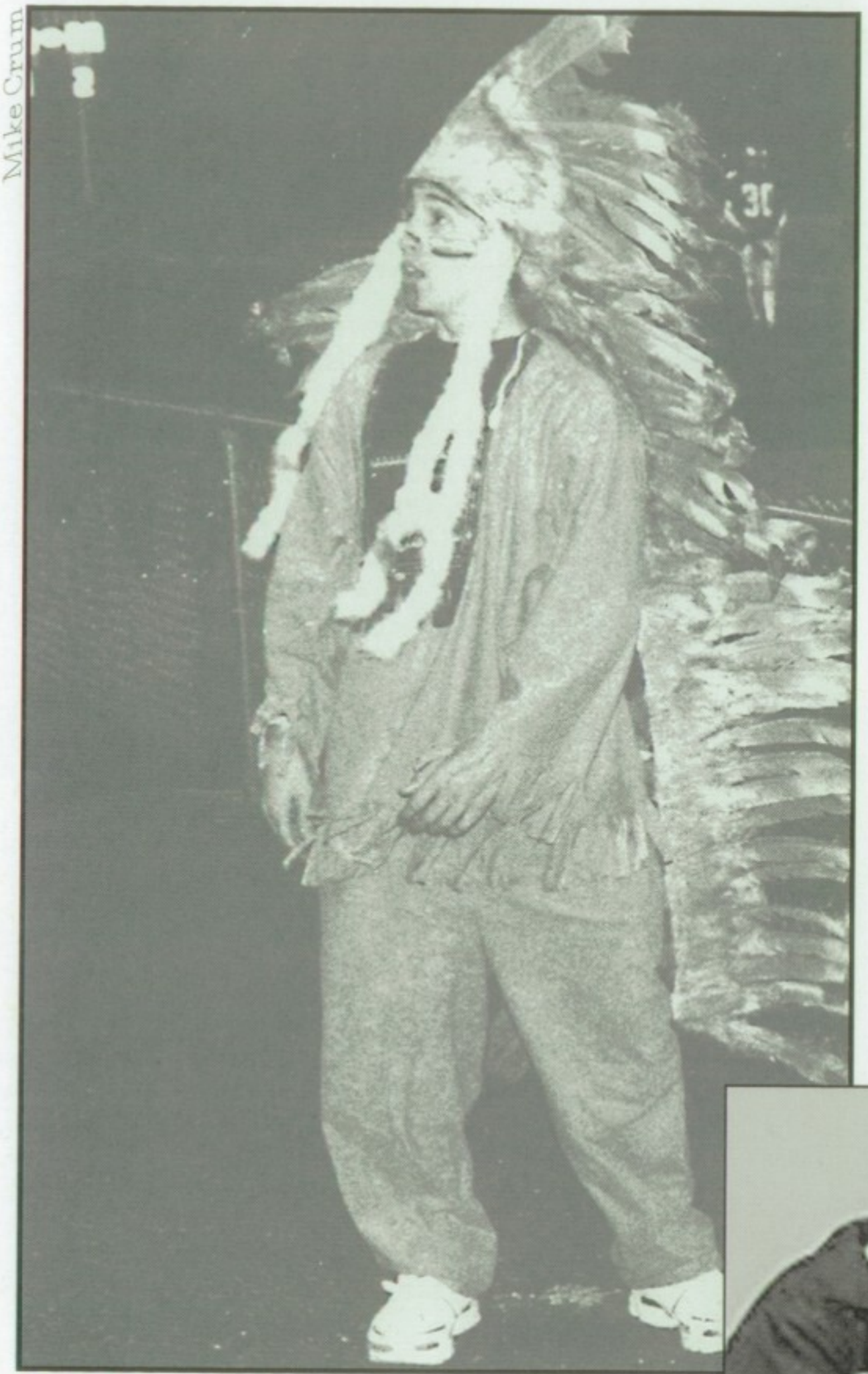

Mike Crum

At the final home football game, junior **Chris Powell** dresses up as the Chieftain to show his school spirit. Student support helped lead the team to the quarterfinals of state playoffs. Powell got the crowd pumped up and started cheers and chants to support both the football and basketball teams.

On February 2, seniors **Justin Conley** and **Robert Rands** commit to their colleges. Conley signed with Hastings to play football, while Rands committed to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with football and track scholarships. Rands also broke Gale Sayers' state long jump record during track season. Because of their dedication to athletics during their high school careers, their college tuition was paid for in full.

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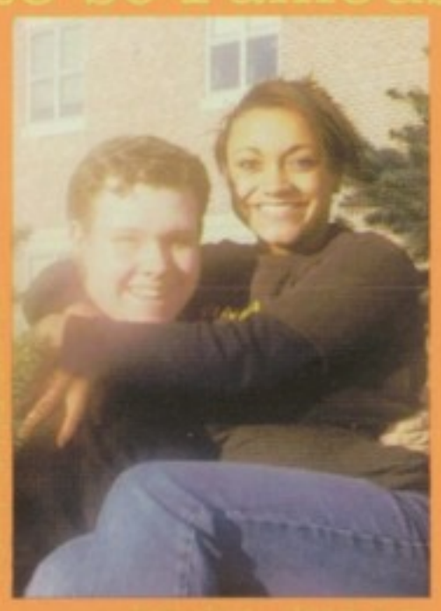
Senior Favorites

Most Spirited

Katie Horan

Most Likely to be Famous



Jordan Jenkins

Worst Driver

Elizabeth Gonzalez

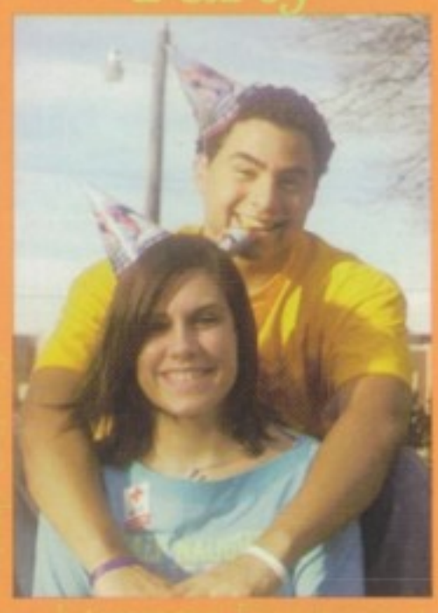
Best Sense of Humor

Kelly Fillmer

Cutest Couple

Sam Baker

Life of the Party

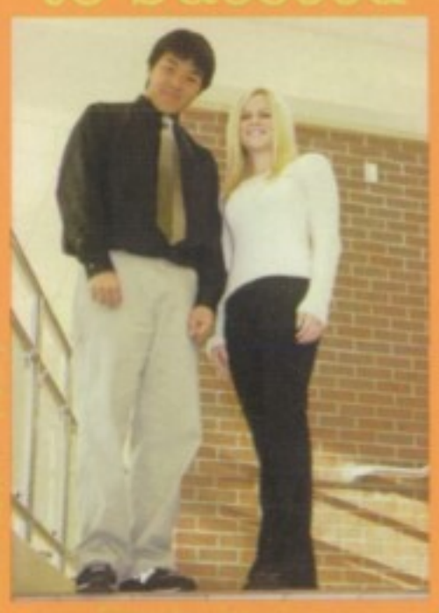


Marissa Rowland

Best Hair

Kelly Fillmer

Most Likely to Succeed

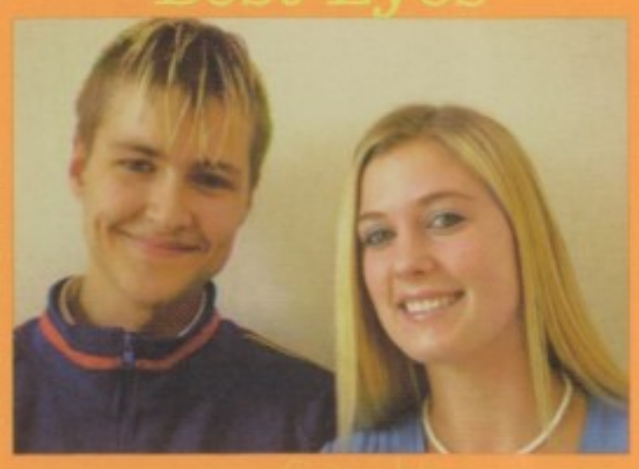


Emily Holloway

Most Athletic

Brandon Brown

Best Eyes



Carri Hoogeveen

Most Likely to Live in Bellevue Forever

Heather Gross

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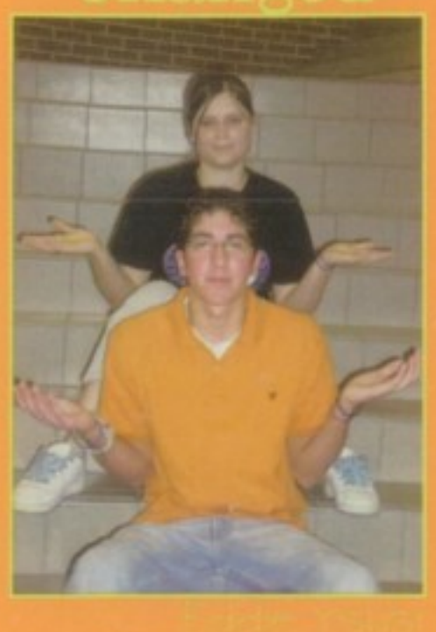
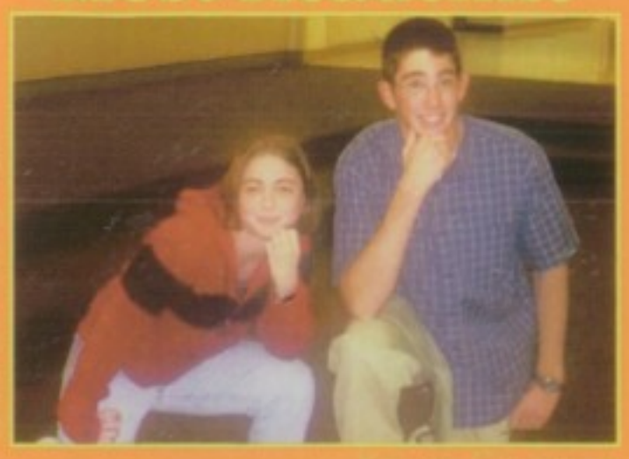
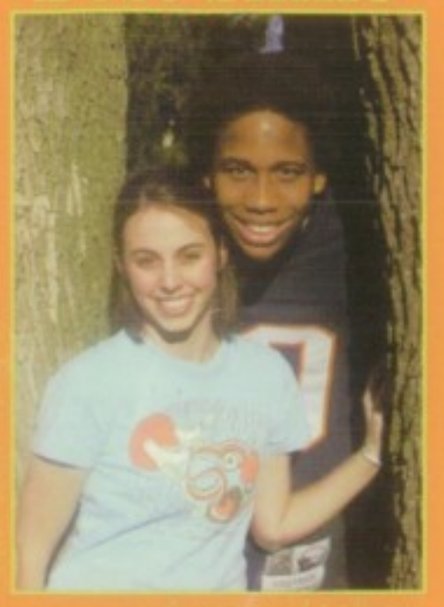


Most Academic



Best Smile



Most Unique Style

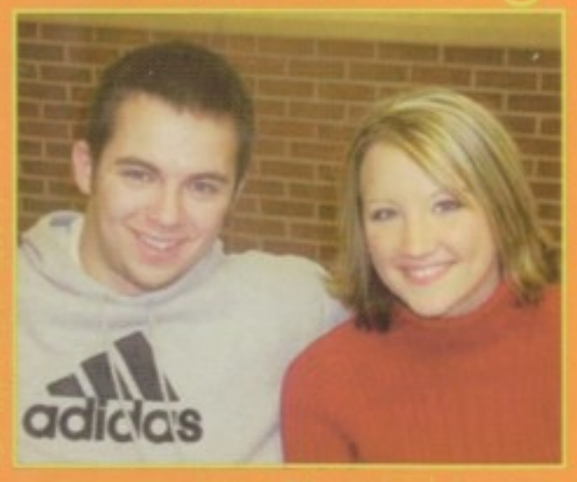
Most Talented

Most Unusual Laugh

Best Dressed

Biggest Flirt

Best Looking



Nicest Car

Most Likely to be Late to Graduation

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I have grown
apart this past
year. I hope we
can get to hangout
this summer! Call
me OK?! 917-5793
Sarah

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