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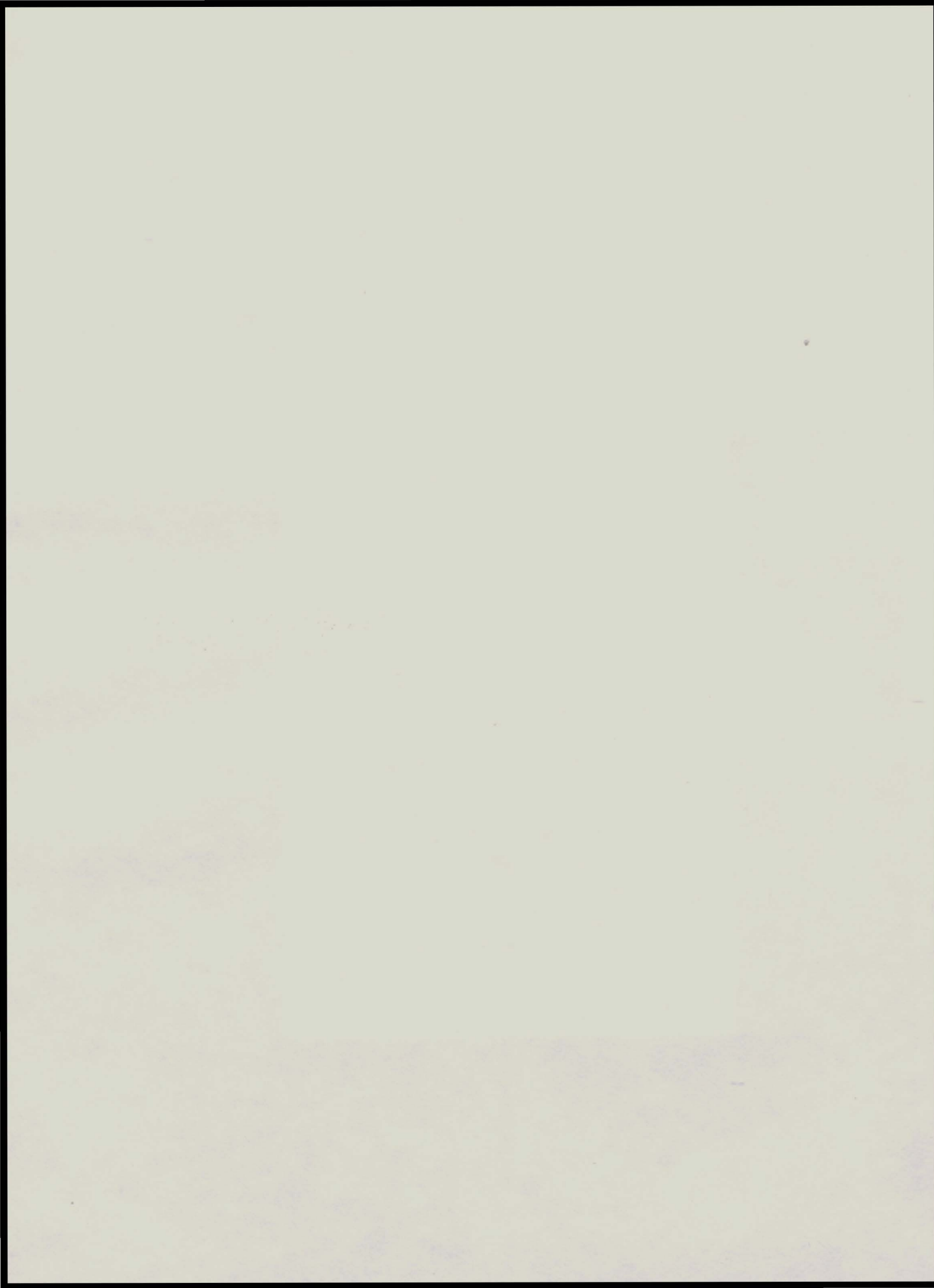


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2003





Southern High School
2002-2003
Yearbook

Home of the

Rebels

and

Belles



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Karen Starbuck
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Robert Frank



A

Gary Ricketts
Jeff Nichols
Nadine Nice
Brandon Tate



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Vicky Kever
Will Bavery
Connie Torrance
Chris Singleton



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Ben Borries
Janet Shinkle
Terri Copeland
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Joe Rodeffer
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Jim Cole
Mike Snowden
Joanne Hilligoss

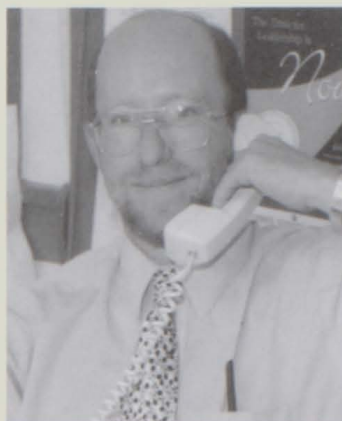


Y

Mr. Charles
Barber
Superintendent



Mr. Dale Buss
Principal



ADMINISTRATION



Sharri Richard
Secretary



Judy Duncan
Secretary



Tanya Morrison
H.S. Secretary

From Left:
Karen Day,
Diane Rankin,
Joni Alecock,
Vicky Wood



Standing left:
Jon Wetterling,
Jerry Spiker, Nick
Roark.



Cooks

Janitors

Front Left: Monty Waddell,
Karen Jack, Missy Livermore
Back Left: Mike Bundy,
Doug Brooks, Jon Corzatt,
Barry Bigger.



School Board



Garrett Bowen



Audrey Corey
Student Council President



Crystal Corzatt
Treasurer



James Dye
Student Council Treasurer



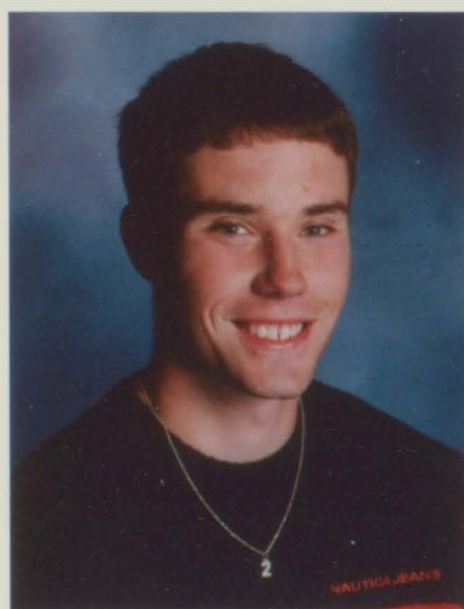
Andy Gittings
Student Council Representative



Corie Grafton



Kourtney Kane



Quinn Leath
Student Council Representative



Noel Lemaster



Amy Corzatt



Misty Crain



David Donlan



Lindsay Guy



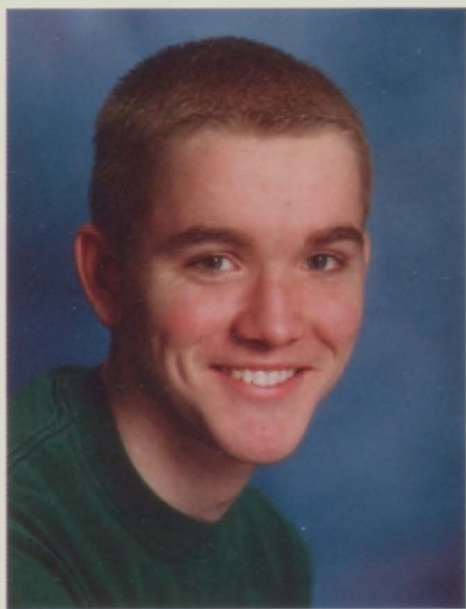
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Nichol Johnson



Shannon Logan



Ryan McSparen



Nick Morris

Best Dressed

*Dan
Morrison*

*Paige
Taylor*



Best Personality

*Audrey
Corey*

*Brock
Brookheiser*



Best Eyes

**Chris
Wisslead**

**Valerie
Postle**



Best Smile

**Nick
Morris**

**Sarah
Jacob**



Most Likely to Succeed

**James
Dye**

**Crystal
Corzatt**



Most Athletic

**Quinn
Leath**

**Nichol
Johnson**



Biggest Flirts

Cody
Smith

Shannon
Logan

Andy
Gittings



Class Clowns

Silas
Pouge

Kourtney
Kane



Biggest Procrastinators The Class of 2003



Most Accident Prone

Darrell
Stribling

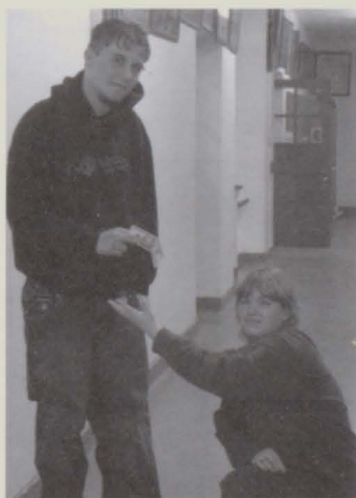
Amy
Corzatt



Biggest Mooch

Travis
Zeh

Lindsay
Guy



Most likely to leave and not return

Jon
Wasson

Serena
Root





Danny Morrison



Casey Nichols
Secretary



Nichol Plackett



Patrick Rountree II



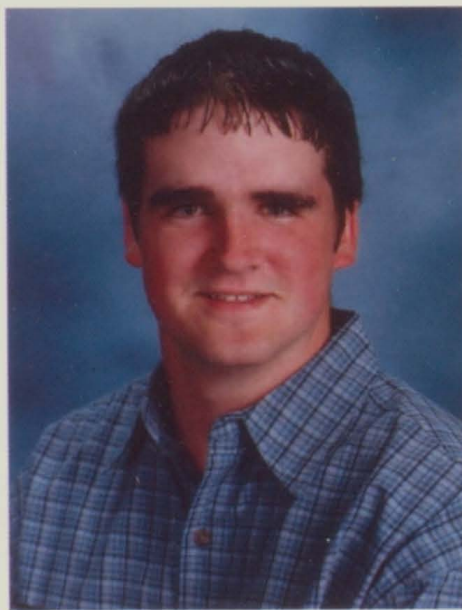
Samantha Shaner



Cody Smith



Paige Taylor
President



Bill Waller



Jon Wasson
Vice President



Silas Pogue



Valerie Postle



Serena Root



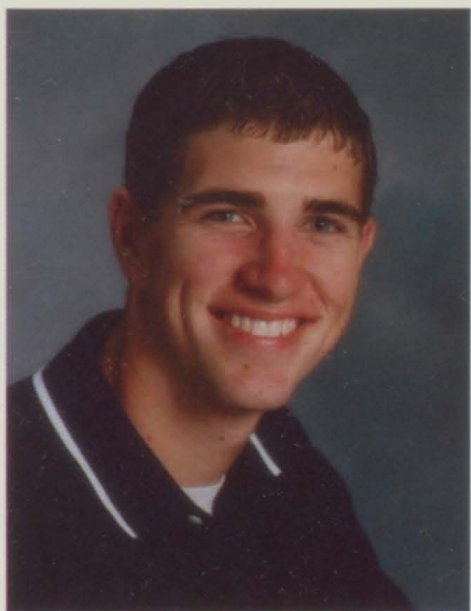
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Darrell Stribling



Laura Symmonds



Christopher Wisslead



Travis Zeh

CLASS OF 2003!

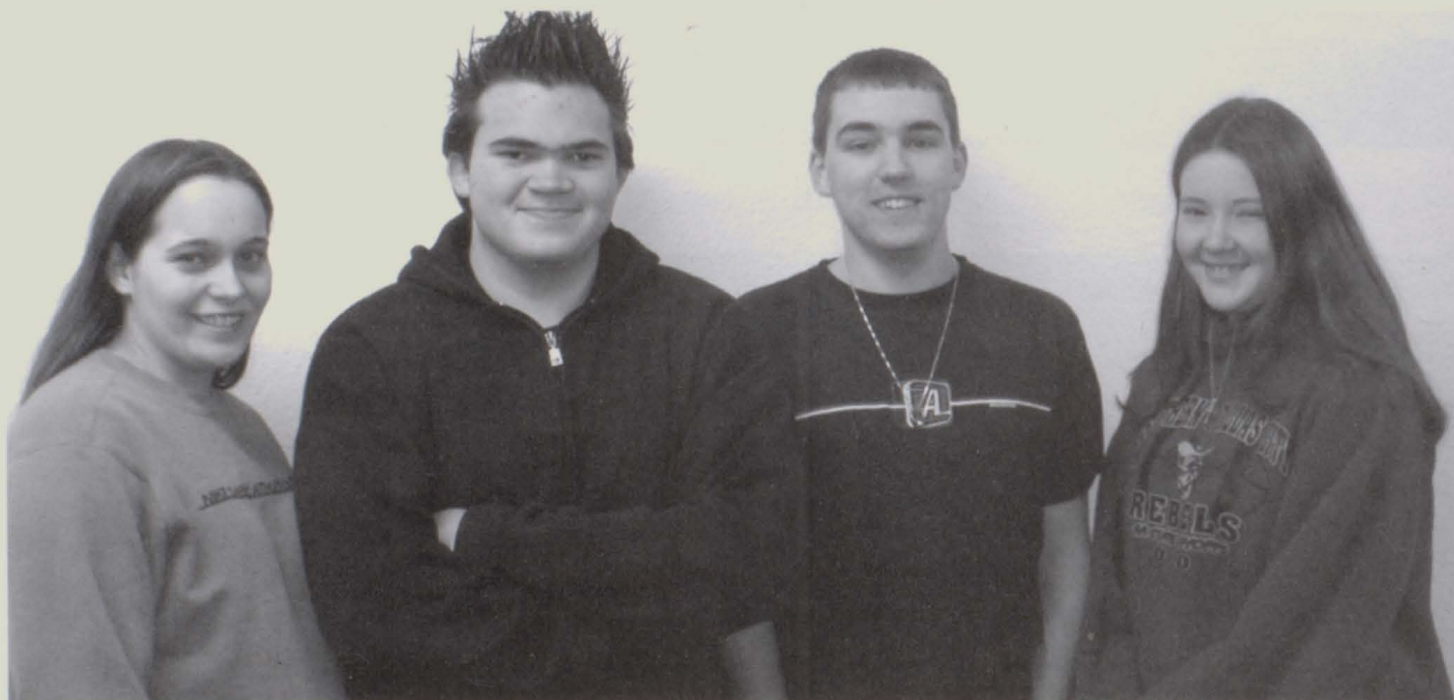
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Brock Brookhiser
Tony Holan

Student Council



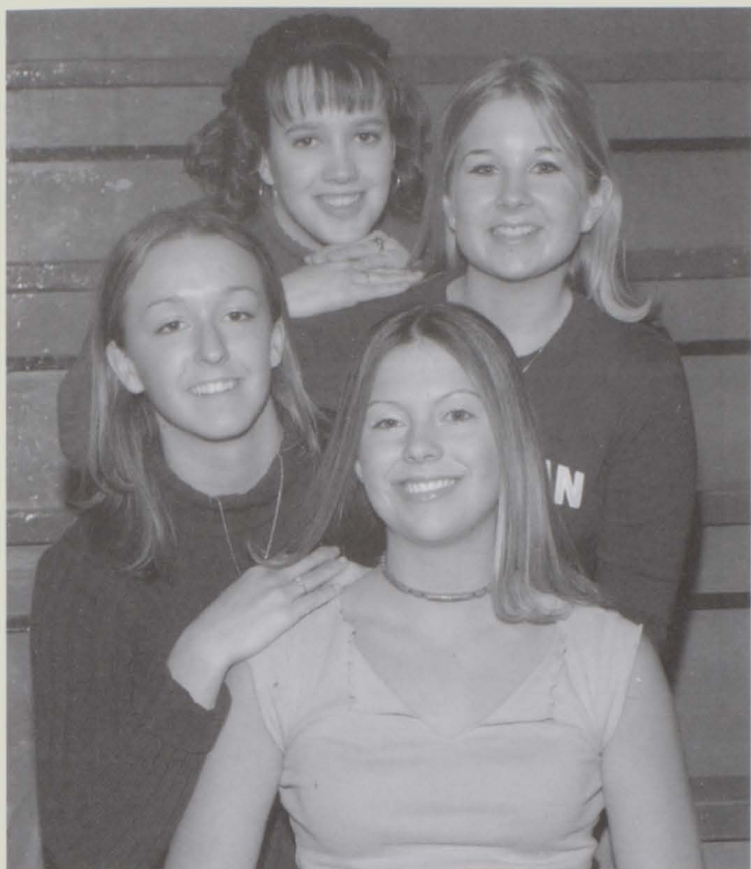
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Student Council Officers



Left To Right: Audrey Corey, Darrell Stribling, James Dye, Corie Grafton

Class Officers



Junior

Sara Ford, Pres.

Megan McCollum, Treas.

Starr Robinson, VP.

Mindy Heller, Sec.



Sophomore

Kyle Wood, Treas.

Anne Pogue, Pres.

Emily Ford, VP.

Kim Plath, Sec.



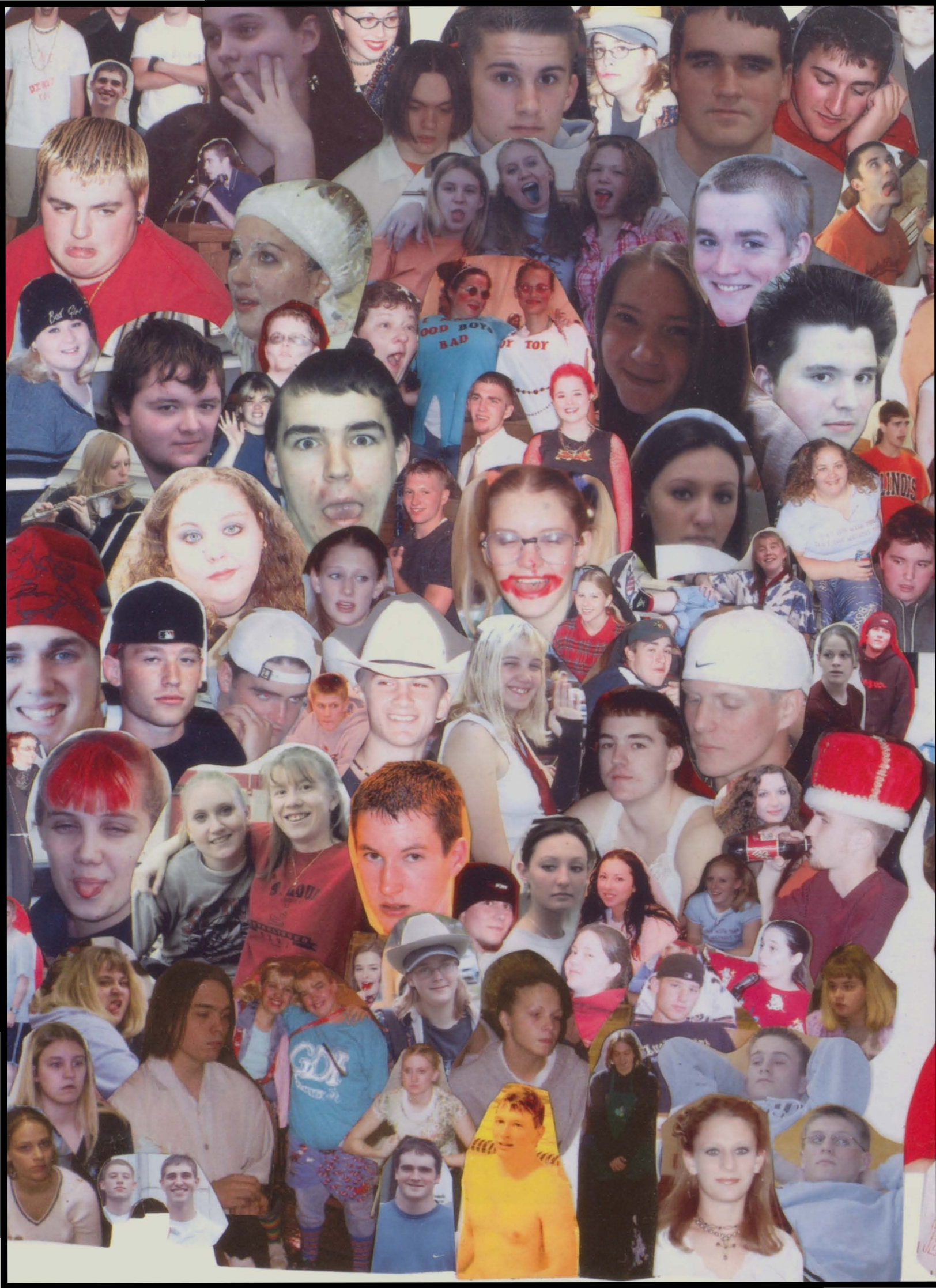
Freshman

Nick Burg, Pres.

Erika Ensminger, Sec.

Teresa Brokaw, Treas.

Kyle Keever, VP.

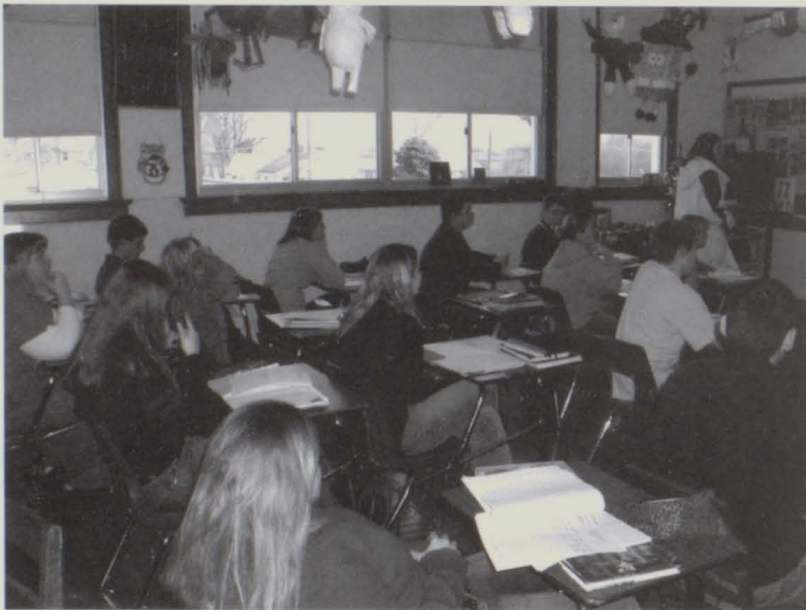




Well...this could raise some questions...

STUDENT LIFE!

The students at Southern High School enjoy going throughout the school day and conversing with their friends. Southern has enjoyable special events that occur very often throughout the year, and the students love them. Some of the favorites of these are the Christmas Fun day, The Halloween movie day, and any day they get out at 11:45 A.M.



Middle Right- Serena and Elise talking in Health Oc.

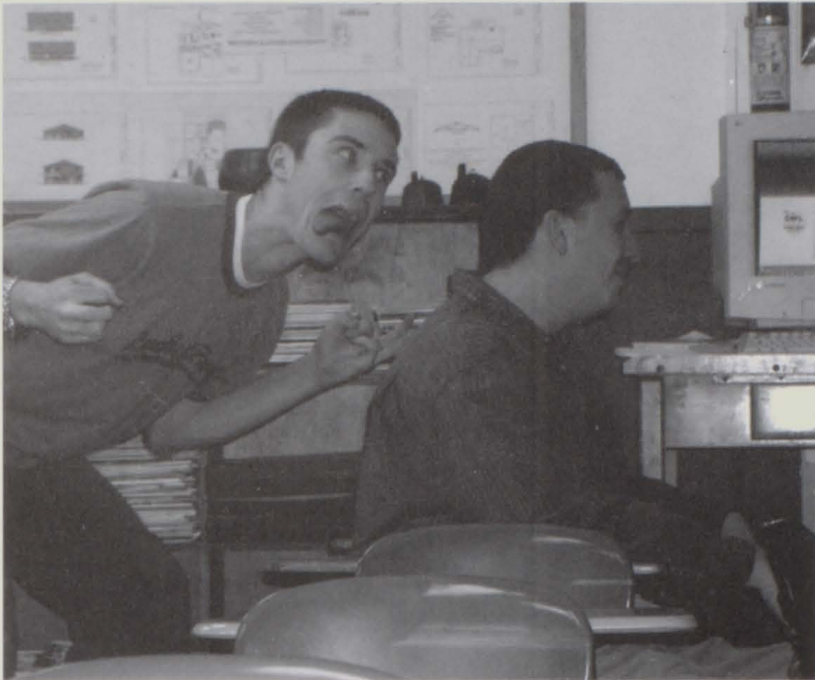


Middle Left- Spanish one learning the Fundamentals of the Language.

Bottom Right- Going to a high school dance, \$5.00. Getting your picture taken with the woman you love, \$20.00. Making out when you *think* no one is looking.....**priceless.**

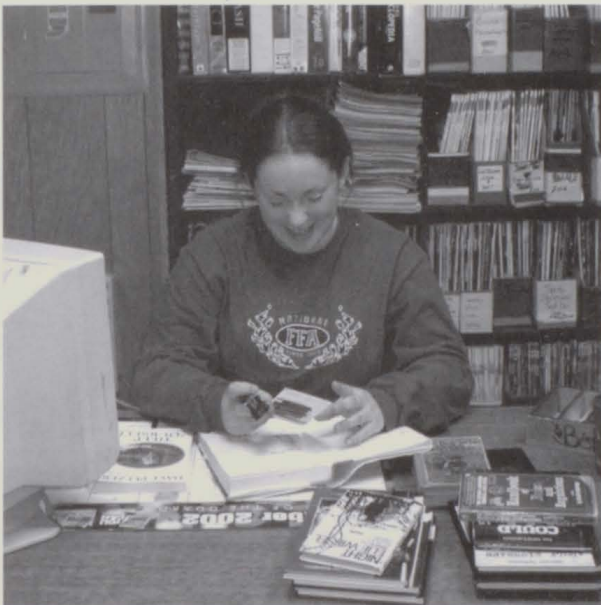


Quinn, who is no doubtedly bonding with Mr. Frank, is showing his...friendly side.



STUDENT LIFE!

As you can see, the students get along well with the teachers. After becoming friends with the teachers, the students are able to learn better, and it creates a better environment for them. Students enjoy their O.P time as well. It is a time where they can study, do homework, or socialize with their friends.



Middle Left- Krystal Reighard during her S.A.E time, helping Mrs. Shinkle.

Middle Right- Ryan Smith posing in the Weight Room.

Bottom Left- Nick Burg in the Lunch Line.....yummy.





Senior Autographs

Louie D. Drayton
Lindsay Guy
Patth R. II
Bill Walker
Crystal Cornatt
Dana Pogue
Betsy Nichols
"KCQT"
Sarah Jacob
Nick Morris
Jantasha
Courtney Kane
Laura Symmonds
"Korno"
Jacqueline
Strange
"Jacqueline Wilson"
Valerie Postle
Vdang
Misty Crane
David Gordon
Audrey Corey
Darrall Lundy (DOC)
Nichol Blackett
Cathy Smith
Richard Johnson
Samantha Shaner
James Dye
Andy Gittings
Laura Symmonds
Horn
Zimm "Q-####" Leath
Dann Morrison
Amy Corzett
Ryann Wilson
Travis Smith
Paige Taylor
Serena Root
Horn



Josiah Boyd



Lee Brokaw



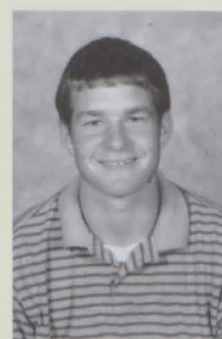
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Bryant-Bey



Rachael Bundy



Kelsey Cargill



Nathan Corzatt



Amanda
Harkness



Mindy Heller



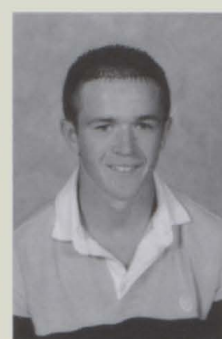
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Hershman



Chancey Hicks



Krystle Hills



Matt Kane



Bradley Mowen



Jason Mynatt



Jeric Plackett



Starr Robinson



Brandon
Rothzen



Sara Rowe

J U N I O R S





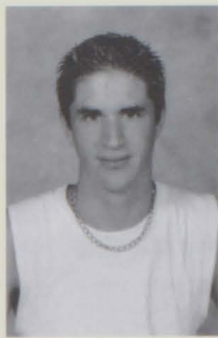
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Kimberly
Dickerson



Brandon Dixon



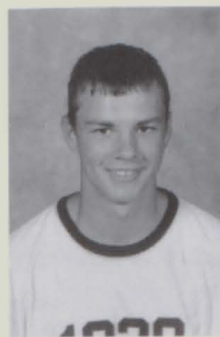
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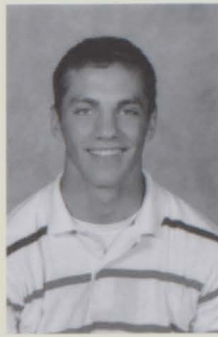
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Alton Luder III



Megan
McCollum



Matthew
McIntire



Rachel Manning



Ryan Smith



Victoria Tapscott



Thomas
Timmerman



Kimberly
Waddell



Stephanie
Wisslead



Travis Winters

Not Pictured:
Tiffany McIntyre
Matt Eastman

Class of 2004





Brandy Blender



Bryan
Bohnenkamp



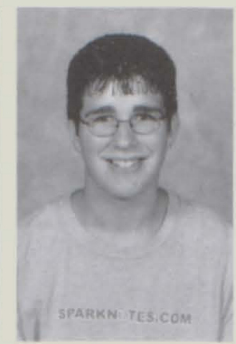
Craig Bowman



Robert Caldwell



MacKenzie Day



Nick Ebert



Benjamin Jacob



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Andrew Linder



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Livermore



Amanda Lovett



Mallory
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Anne Pogue



Krystal Reighard



Molly Shaner



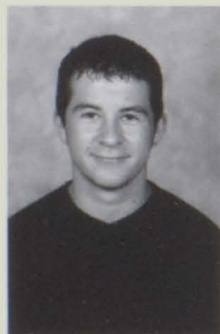
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Landon Talbott



Devin Zeh



Sophomores Class of 2005





Emily Ford



Lauren Gittings



David Guile



Ryan Gullberg



Justin Harden



Chasen Heap



Curtis Mayer



Mindy Morrison



Kyle Ott



Nathaniel
Overhake



Matthew Peterson



Kimberly Plath



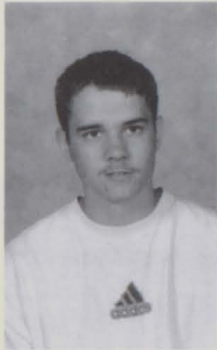
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Ryan Walters



Danielle Waterman



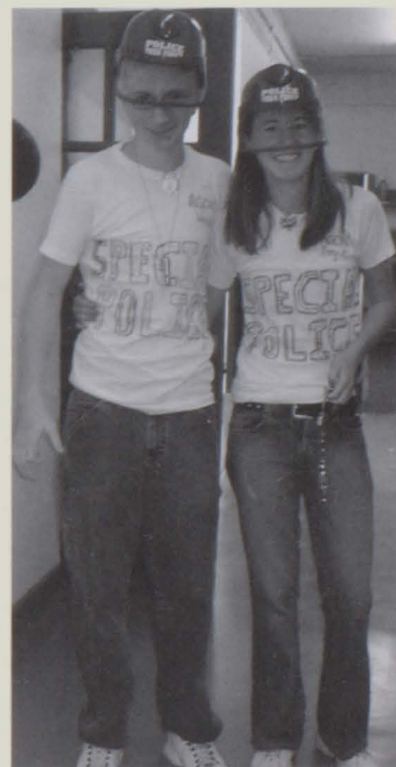
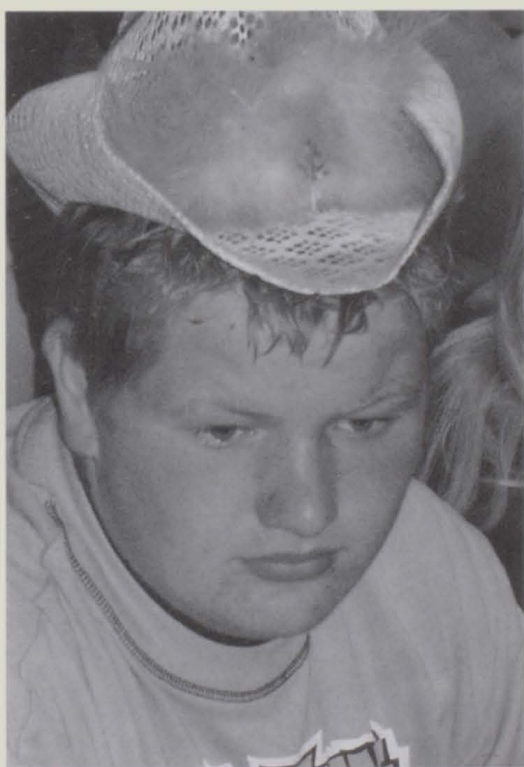
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Christopher
Wilson



Kyle Wood





Crystal
Alexander



Shanna Avery



Jessica Beeler



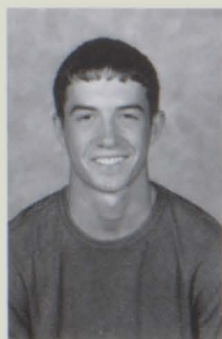
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Jim Bride



Theresa Brokaw



Darick Clark



Kayla Coffey



Adam Corzatt



Olivia Crandall



Eric Ebert



Erika Ensminger



Tanner Hartman



Joshua Hawk



Shayna Heap



Holly
Hendrickson



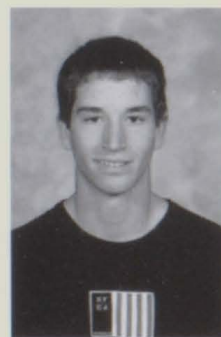
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Emily Malcolm



Jerry Morris



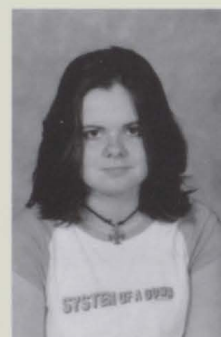
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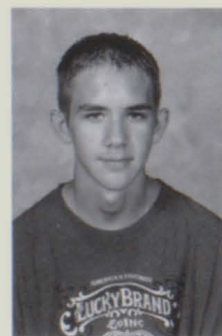
Kristy
Petermann



Kristen
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Mary Peterson



Jace Taylor



Robert Turner



Ryan Utter



Daniel Warth



Bryan Wiley



Erica Willits



Nicole
Bryant-Bey



Seth Bundy



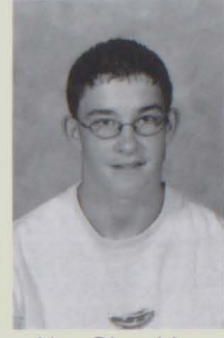
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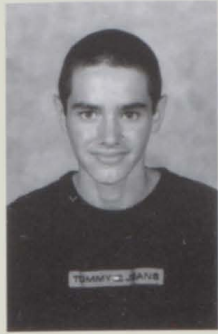
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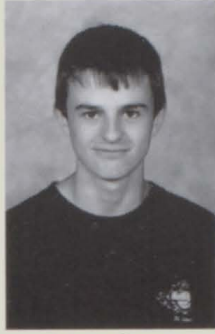
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Abe Chockley



Blake Fox



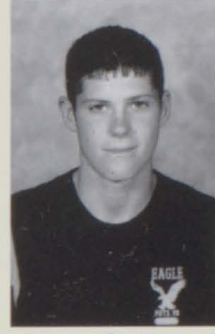
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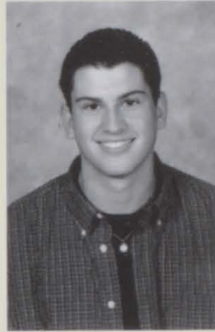
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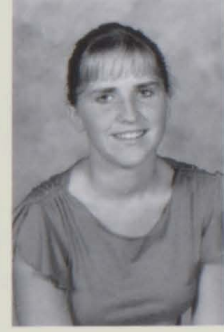
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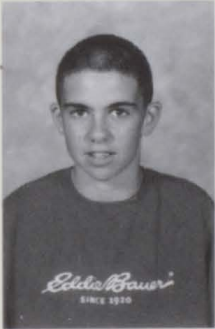
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Tamara Lovett



Darci Renken



Gerry Roark



Ciara Robinson



Symone
Robinson



Julie
Stambaugh



Eilizabeth Swan



Cameron
Wilson



Mike Yeater

Freshmen Class of 2006

Senior Players

Andy Gittings #2
Chris Wisslead #17
Danny Morrison #31
Silas Pogue #38
Cody Smith #44
Quinn Leath #46
Bill Waller #51
Nick Morris # 83



Front Row(From Left): Silas Pogue, Danny Morrison, Andy Gittings, Bill Waller. Standing(From Left): Cody Smith, Quinn Leath, Chris Wisslead, Nick Morris.

8 SENIORS = ELITE 8 AT STATE





Front Row(From Left): Andy Gittings, Christopher Wisslead, Bill Waller, Quinn Leath, Silas Pogue, Nick Morris, Cody Smith, Danny Morrison. Second Row(From Left): Matt Kane, Jason Mynatt, Nathan Corzatt, Ryan Smith, Alton Luder III, Garrett Lenz, Matthew McIntire, Lee Browkaw. Third Row(From Left): Coach Will Bavery, Coach Floyd Bavery, Brandon Rothzen, Bobby Caldwell, Travis Winters, Caleb Covert, Coach John Morrison, Coach Scott Dillard.

REBEL POWER!

Varsity Football

RECORD

9-3

Rebel Wins over:

- Springfield Ursuline (38-0)
 - Edwardsville Metro-East Lutheran (32-0)
 - Springfield Ursuline (40-6)
 - Arcola (34-18)
 - Chicago St. Francis de Sales (36-6)
 - Villa Grove (43-7)
 - Bunker Hill (66-8)
- Playoffs
- Abingdon (38-0)
 - Annawan (26-24)

JV Football

RECORD

2-1

Rebel Wins over:

- Villa Grove (21-0)
- Arcola (14-7)



Front Row(From Left): Coach Scott Dillard, Chris Wilson, Devon Stribling, Chase Heap, David Guile, MacKenzie Day, Ben Jacob, Bryan Bohnenkamp, Coach John Morrison. Second Row(From Left): Jerry Morris, Gerry Roark, Blake Fox, Nick Burg, Abe Chockley, Ross Gullberg, Nick Ebert, B.J. Garst, Daniel Warth. Third Row(From Left): Cameron Wilson, Mike Yeater, Ryan Utter, Tristan Kain, Travis Pence, Josh Hawk, Darick Clark, Adam Corzatt, Jimmy Bride. Fourth Row(From Left): Coach Floyd Bavery, Bobby Caldwell, Justin Hardin, Ray Boughton, Kyle Ott, Seth Bundy, Ryan Gullberg, Jeremy Walters.

**CAN'T STOP
THOSE
RUNNIN'
REBELS!**

GO REBELS!

Rebel Action





Its a bird, no its a plane,
no its Nick!!!



Come On
Ride The
Train



The Rebels made it to the playoffs with a record of 7-2. For the first round of playoffs they faced the Abingdon Commandoes. The Rebels won 38-0. Then the Rebels traveled to Annawan. In this game they trailed 17-0 till the third quarter. Dan Morrison, Matthew McIntire and Quinn Leath all scored touchdowns to give the Rebels the lead. Although the Braves would take the lead again. A last minute touchdown drive and a sensational catch by Matthew McIntire gave the Rebels the lead to win the game 26-24. In the next game the Rebels faced the defending State Champs the Wethersfield Flying Geese. It was a hard fought game but the Rebels didn't prevail.

FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS



SENIORS

Crystal Corzatt, Sarah Jacob,
Laura Symmonds



VARSITY

Sarah Jacob, Crystal Corzatt
Laura Symmonds, Rachel Bundy



JV CHEERLEADERS

Kim Plath Darci Renken
Symone Robinson JoHanna Livermore
Shayna Heap Paige Lafary



FOOTBALL POMS



SENIORS



From Top Left: Mindy Heller, Casey Nichols, Starr Robinson,
Megan McCollum, Ciara Robinson, Amy Corzatt, Alyssa Harkness
Jessica Beeler, Lynn Buss, Kayla Coffey, Sarah Ford, Casey Gibb
Stephanie Wisslead

Casey Nichols, Amy Corzatt

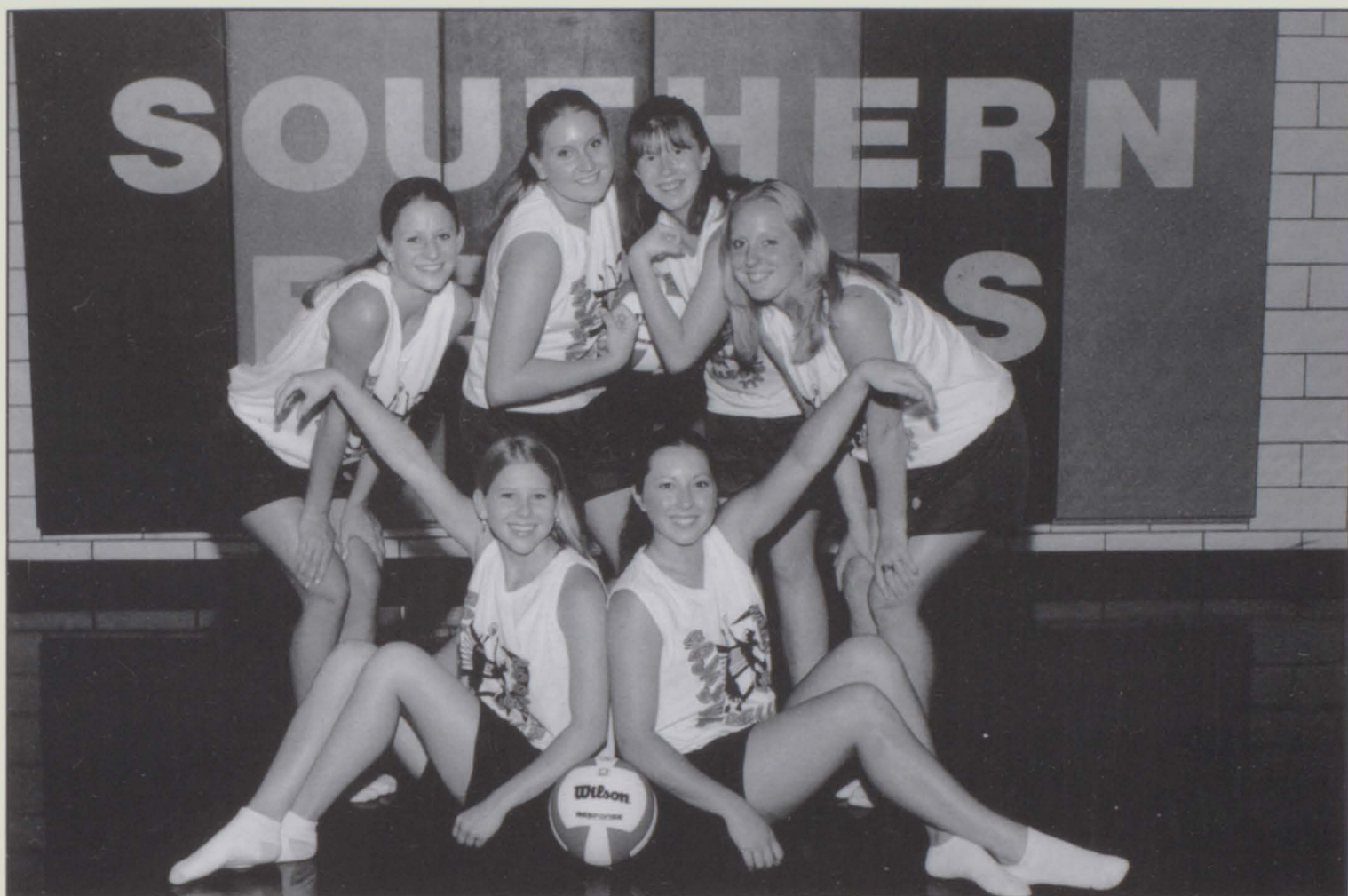
Senior Belles Volleyball

Laura
#14

Nichol
#20

Kourtney
#33

Casey
#24



Paige
#18

Crystal
#15

2003

Varsity Volleyball Scoreboard

Sherrard	Home/Loss
Monmouth	There/Loss
Abingdon	Home/Won
Roseville	Home/Loss
Union	There/Won
ROWVA	Home/Won
Avon	There/Won
A.G.D.T.	2nd Place
North Fulton	Home/Won
LaHarpe	Home/Loss
Galesburg	Home/Loss
Northwestern	Home/Won
Colchester	There/Loss
Industry	There/Won
Southeastern Aug	There/Loss
Bushnell	There/Won
Yorkwood	There/Won



Mindy Morrisson
Brandy Blender
Victoria Tapscott
Kelsey Cargill
Darci Renken

Crystal Corzatt
Laura Symmonds
Casey Nichols
Nichol Johnson
Kourtney Kane
Paige Taylor

The varsity volleyball team ended the season with a record of 9-7, and placed 2nd at the Aledo Green Dragon Tournament. Nice job girls.

Coach: Nadine Nice
Managers: Valerie and Cody Postle

JV Volleyball Scoreboard

Sherrard	Home/Won
Monmouth	There/Won
Abingdon	Home/Won
Roseville	Home/Loss
Union	There/Won
ROWVA	Home/Won
Avon	There/Won
North Fulton	Home/Won
LaHarpe	Home/Won
Galesburg	Home/Won
Northwestern	Home/Won
Colchester	There/Won
Industry	There/Won
Southeastern Aug.	There/Won
Bushnell	There/Won
Yorkwood	There/Won

The JV Volleyball team had an excellent season with a record of 15-1. These ladies were outstanding.



Jessica Beeler
Alyssa Harkeness
Maygen Johnson
Kayla Coffey
Darci Renken
Erika Ensminger
Casey Gibb
Olivia Crandall
Kristin Peterson
Tamara Lovett
Mara Lefler

Coach: Jennifer Ford
Managers: Cody Postle and
Jennifer Livermore

Shayna Heap
Paige Lafary
Lindsay Griepentrog
Brooke Stull
Lauren Gittings
Brandy Blender
JoHanna Livermore
Kim Plath
Mindy Morisson
Amanda Lovett
Mallory McCollum

VARSITY BELLES



!A FORCE WITHIN!



The in-game huddle hasn't always been part of Southern's program, but we have been experimenting with new methods.



Now would you
look at zat. All
zese gerls play-
ing togezer?
intriguing. Vee
have zee best
athletic
pwrogram in
zee verld. It
vill pump...
you up.
Now,ver is my
camera?



Theresa Brokaw, 5th in State.

Cross Country

This was the first year that we had cross country at our school. Theresa was the only participant and had a record of eight first places, one second, one third, and a seventh place in regular season. In regionals she recieved second place with a time of 18:26, in sectionals she recieved third place with a time of 18:44, and she qualified to go to state and had a time of 18:04 on the three mile course to win fifth place. Everyone was very proud of her.

This was the start of the race at State. Theresa is in the middle.

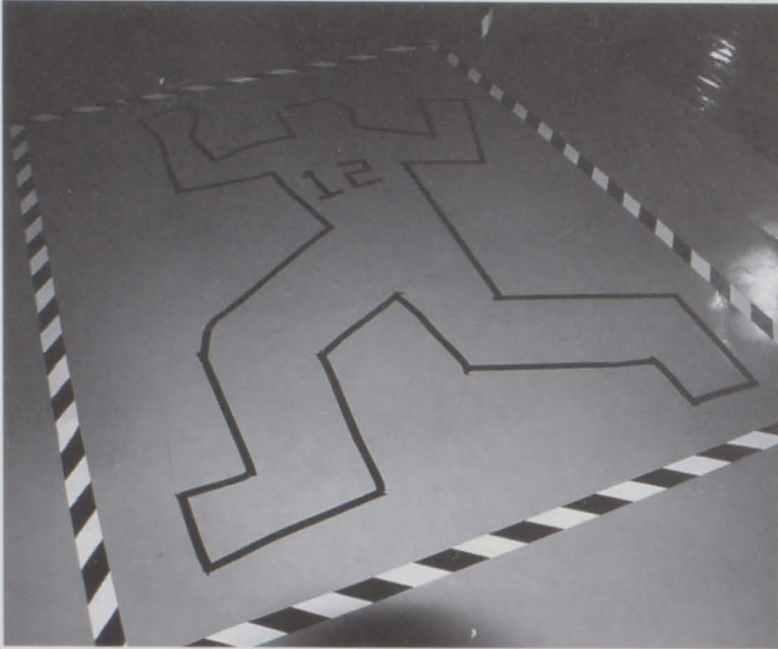


Theresa is being interviewed after the big race with her dad and coach, Pat Brokaw.



Theresa is nearing the end of the race.

Homecoming Hallways



Mindy working her brain trying to find the other end of the tape.



No Medic could save this guy.

How many Southerners does it take to screw in a lightbulb?





30 AM -3:20 PM



Homecoming Costumes Throughout SHS



Homecoming Costumes



Here are the students of Southern High School showing off their costumes during homecoming week.



Homecoming Dance Action



Homecoming Court & Dance



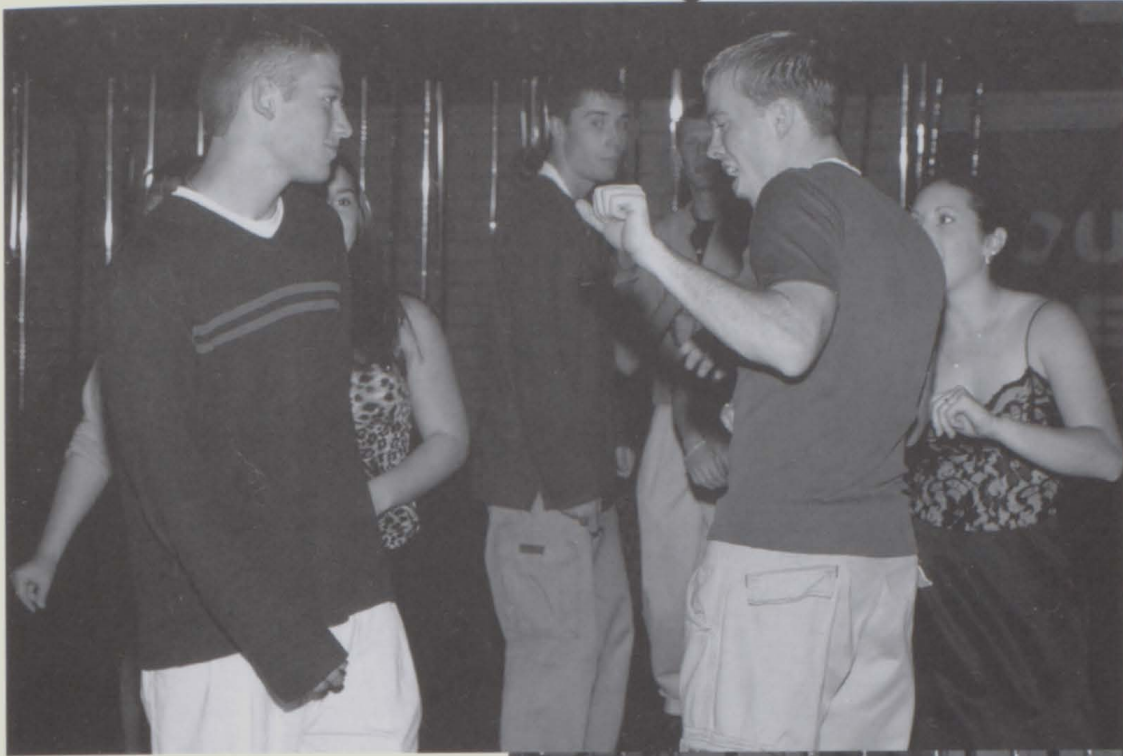
Home coming court
left to right:
Kourtney Kane,
Casey Nichols,
Shana Heap,
Emily Ford,
Jessica Bryant-Bey,
Thomas
Timmerman,
Curtis Mayor,
Blake Fox,
Nick Morris,
Jon Wasson,
King Silas Pogue,
and
Queen Crystal
Corzatt
Homecoming
Attendants: Katlyn
Nichols and Austin
Schneider

James Dye and
Mallory McCollum
share a dance in front
of the rest of the
homecoming group



Everybody dance like
monkies!

Homecoming Action

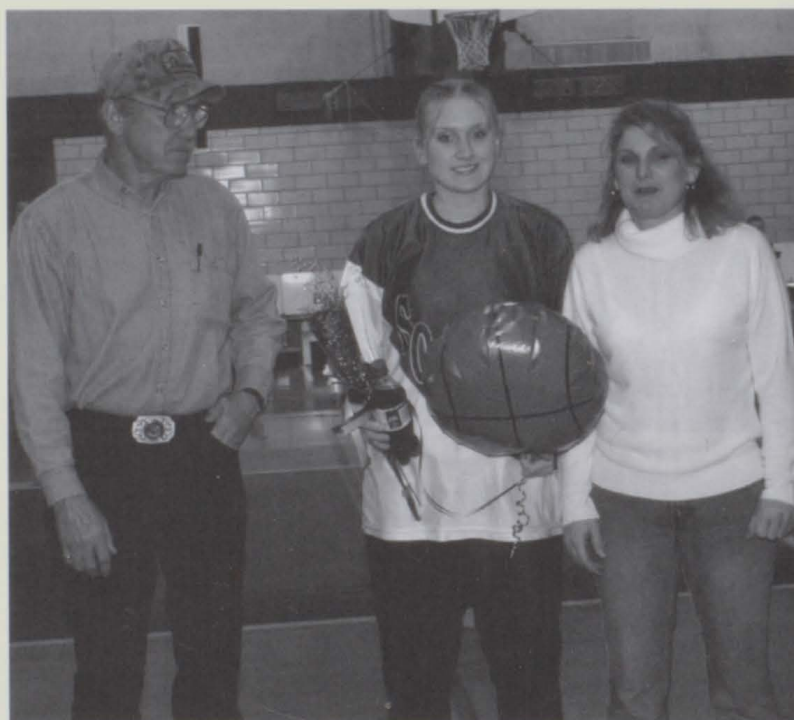


Senior Girl's Basketball

Nichol Johnson is the only senior girl that went out for basketball this year. Remaining true to the sport she loves through the years, she can move on, happy with her seasons at Southern.

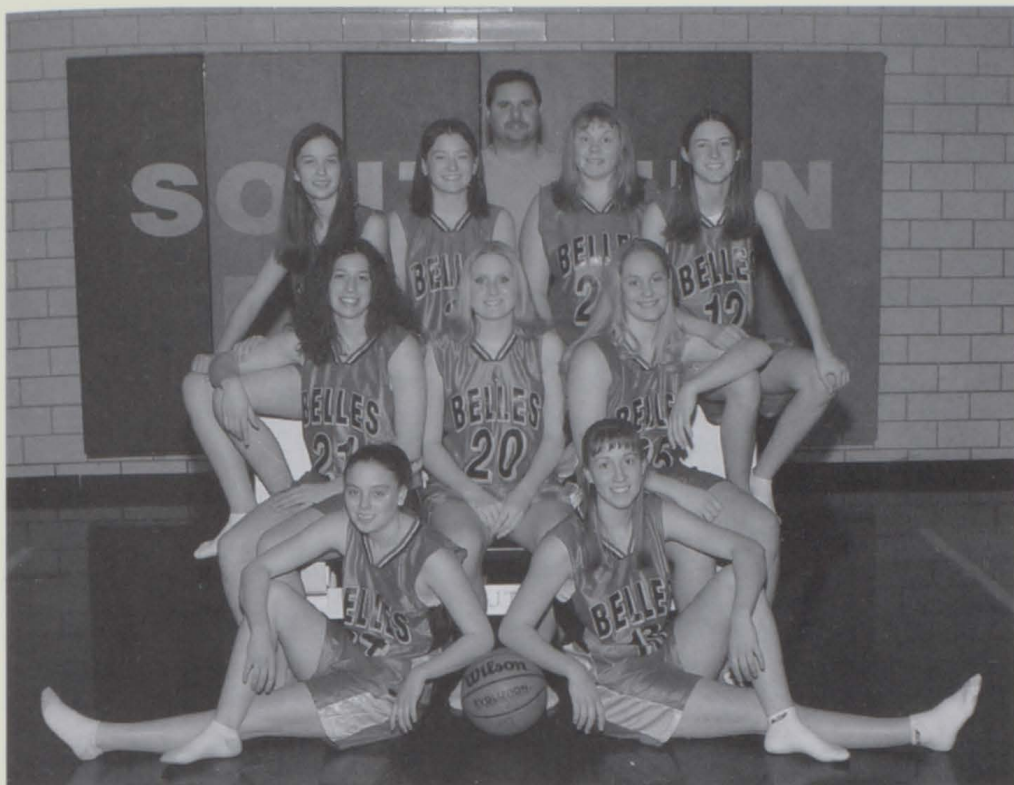


Nichol has always been an influential player and helper to the rest of the team.



Nichol and her Parents at senior night.

Girl's Basketball Team



Bottom Row L-R: Brooke Stull, Mindy Morrison.
 Middle Row L-R: Rachel Bundy, Nichol Johnson, Darcey Rankin.
 Top Row L-R: Lauren Gittings, Kim Waddell, Brandy Blender, Annie Pogue.
 Back row: Coach Cole.

The Girls did a great job this year in basketball, coming out with a very admirable season.

Top Left- Varsity Girls Basketball Team.
 below- Kim Waddell driving the ball.



The opening tip off!



Bottom Left- Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team.



Bottom row L-R: Shayna Heap, Theresa Brokaw.
 Middle Row L-R: Lindsay Greipentrog, Kayla Coffey, Mara Lefler
 Top Row L-R: Brooke Stull, Lauren Gittings, Coach Nice, Olivia Crandall, Paige Lafary.

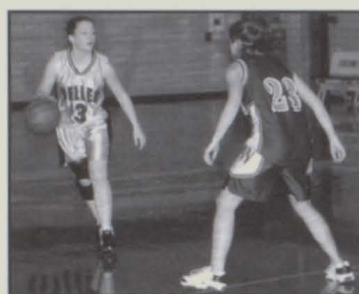
Above- Annie Pogue looking for an open team-mate.



VARSITY

ACTION

!WE DOW WHAT WE WANT!





J-V ACTION



44 Too Hot To Handle

Rebel Varsity



Back row left to right: Coach Blender, Danny Morrison, Brandon Rothzen, Nick Morris, Christopher Wisslead, Quinn Leath, and Nathan Corzatt. Front row left to right: Matthew McIntire, Andy Gittings, Matt Kane, Silas Pogue, James Dye, and Jason Mynatt. All Conference First Team: Christopher Wisslead and Quinn Leath. Second Team: Danny Morrison and Nick Morris. Bi-County Champs Regular Season! Roseville Tourney Champs! 4th Place in Western Tournament! 2nd Place Bi-County Tournament!

Scoreboard

Us-Them

Warren	76-35
Hamilton	64-38
Bushnell	57-26
Union	87-34
Rushville	68-32
Alexis	92-26
Roseville	65-38
Warsaw	74-22
Camp Point	48-44
Canton	50-55
Macomb	35-37
Mendon	68-31
Carthage	38-40
Galva	76-49
Abingdon	62-36
Roseville	47-42
Orion	81-53
Yorkwood	42-30
Colchester	30-39
Warsaw	64-37
Avon	74-37
La Harpe/NW	67-40
North Fulton	79-57
Monmouth	40-42

Rebel Junior Varsity

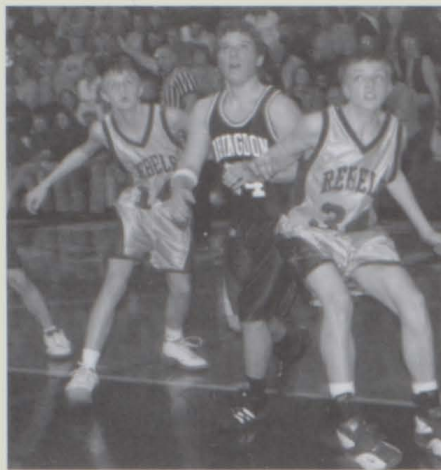
Scoreboard

Us-Them

Warren	48-49
Hamilton	35-31
Bushnell	58-38
Union	49-19
Mendon Unity	54-32
Carthage	43-58
Galva	39-25
Abingdon	61-49
Avon	49-33
Roseville	50-41
Monmouth	53-44
Macomb	33-48
Yorkwood	59-47
Colchester	66-38
Warsaw	55-43
Avon	38-32
LaHarpe	49-26
North Fulton	47-26
Orion	55-40
Peoria Christian	54-17
Dunlap	40-30
Elmwood	44-61



Back row left to right: Andrew Linder, Benjamin Jacob, Christopher Wilson, Jerry Morris, Nick Burg, Adam Corzatt, and Coach Borries. Front row left to right: Kyle Kever, Darick Clark, Chase Heap, MacKenzie Day, Gary Roark, and Kyle Wood.



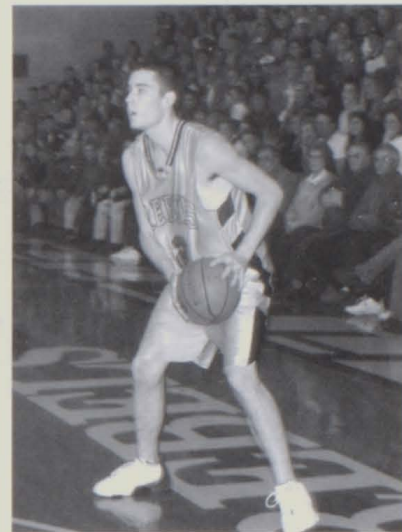
TV Action





VARSITY

ACTION



Basketball

Cheerleading

2003



Top Right Picture: JV Cheerleaders: Front Row L-R: Shayna Heap, Kimberly Plath, JoHanna Livermore, Ciara Robinson.

Back Row: L-R: Paige Lafary, Darci Renken.

Middle Picture: Varsity Cheerleaders: Front Row Middle: Kelsey Cargill.

Front Row: L-R: Laura Symmonds, Sarah Jacob.

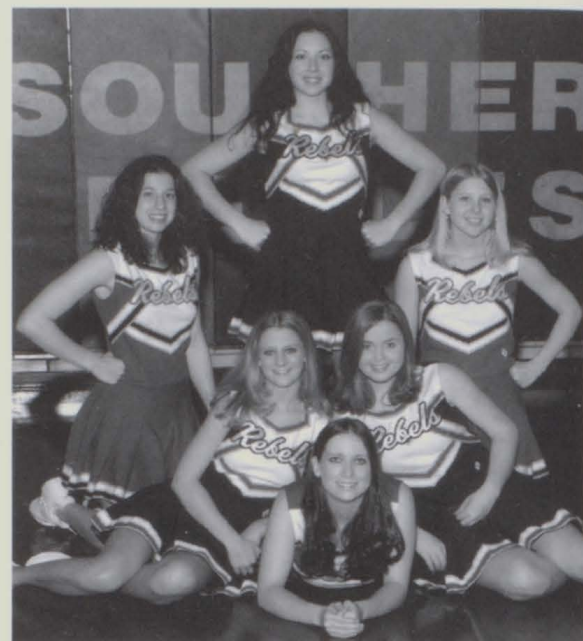
Middle Row: L-R: Rachael Bundy, Paige Taylor.

Back Row: Crystal Corzatt.

Bottom Picture: Senior Cheerleaders: Front Row: Paige Taylor.

Middle Row L-R: Laura Symmonds, Crystal Corzatt.

Back row: Sarah Jacob.





Basketball

Pom Poms



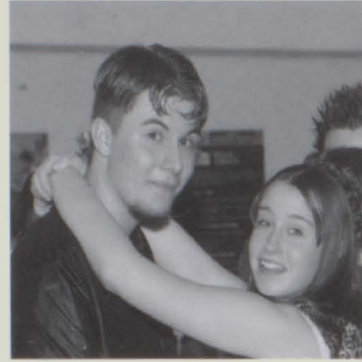
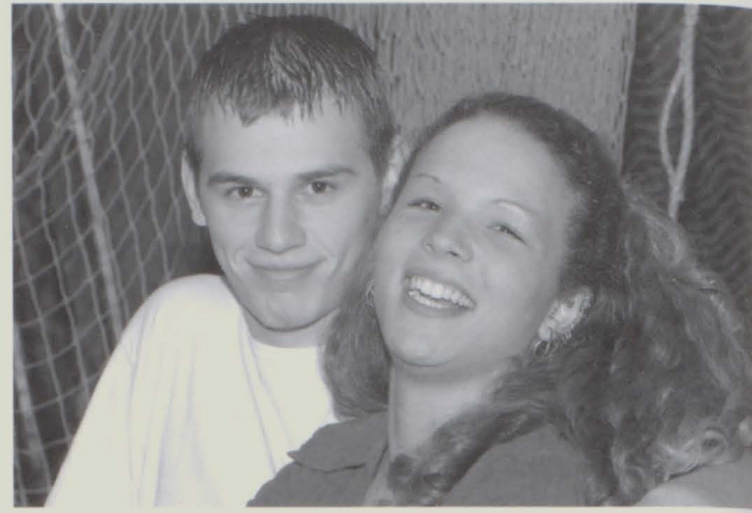
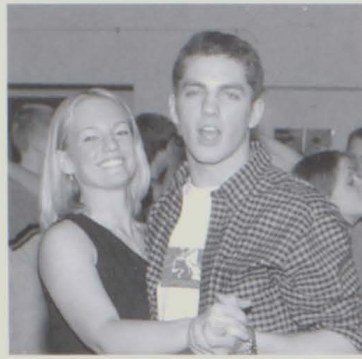
Front Row L-R: Amy Corzatt, Mindy Heller, Casey Nichols

Middle Row L-R: Jessica Bryant-Bey, Sara Ford, Stephanie Wisslead, Starr Robinson, Megan McCollum.

Back Row L-R: Lynn Buss, Alyssa Harkness, Cassandra Gibb, Jessica Bealer, Ciara Robinson

Seniors: Amy Corzatt & Casey Nichols

Southern High School Poms in action.



Sweetheart Dance 2003

Your 2003 Candidates



Freshman
Nick Burg
Clara Robinson



Sophomores
Kyle Wood
Mallory McCollum



Juniors
Lee Brokaw
Sarah Ford



Seniors
Nick Morris
Casey Nichols

King and Queen Casey Nichols & Nick Morris



Softball



The Southern Belles in Action

THE SOUTHERN BELLES WON THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOUR YEARS.

THEY PLAYED THE SECOND LONGEST GAME IN ILLINOIS HISTORY WHERE THEY WENT 26 INNINGS AGAINST THE MACOMB BOMBERS WINNING 1-0.

THE GAME LASTED 5 HOURS AND 15 MINUTES.



Softball Seniors



BASEBALL SENIORS 2003

Nick Morris
Chris Wisslead
Quinn Leath
Andy Gittings
Silas Pogue



BIG STICKS!



Rebel Team

Opponents

We		They
9	Southeastern	0
14	Camp Point Central	4
12	Carthage	2
15	Williamsfield	0
7	Hamilton	0
1	Tri-City	0
8	Warsaw	3
6	North Fulton	3
4	North Fulton	1
8	Abingdon	0
5	Quincy Notre Dame	2
6	Porta	4
4	Aledo	0
18	Williamsfield	0
6	Brimfield	5
5	Colchester	4
3	Colchester	10
7	La Harpe	1
6	La Harpe	3
3	BPC/Avon	1
9	BPC/Avon	5
7	Farmington	2
7	Southeastern	1
6	La Harpe	0
4	Monmouth	0
9	Union	2
16	La Hapre	3
6	Illini Central	2
5	Midwest Central	3
1	Tremont	0
2	Rockridge	3



From Top Left: Nick Burg, Quinn Leath, Christopher Wisslead, Nick Morris, Jerry Morris, Nathan Corzatt, Second Row from Left: Brandon Rothzen, Eric Ebert, Kyle Keever, Bryan Bohnenkamp, Adam Corzatt, Coach Jim Cole. Front Row from Left: Silas Pogue, Andrew Linder, Chris Wilson, Darick Clark, Matthew McIntire, Gerry Roark, Andy Gittings.

FINAL RECORD 29-2

School Record 29

Wins

Bi-County Conf.

Champs

Regional Champs

Sectional Champs

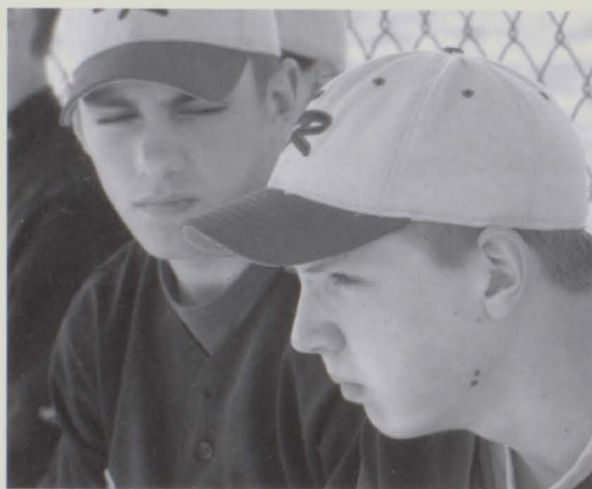
Sweet Sixteen

Go Crazy

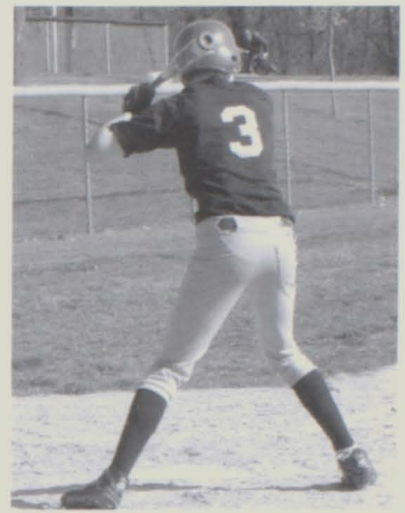
Folks!

Go Crazy!

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BASEBALL

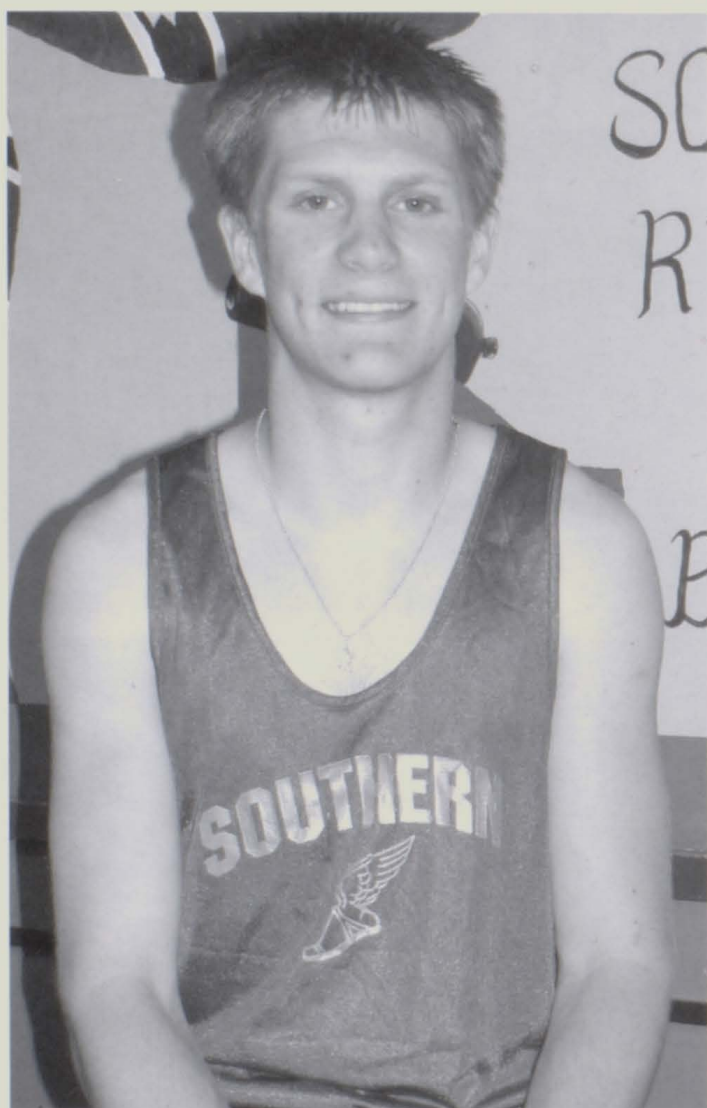


Track Team



Top to bottom, left to right: Jenny Ford, Seth Bundy, Alton Luder, Danny Morrison, Bobby Caldwell, Brad Mowen, Julie Stambaugh, Rachael Bundy, Darci Renken, Theresa Brokaw, Ciara Robinson, Laura Hoover

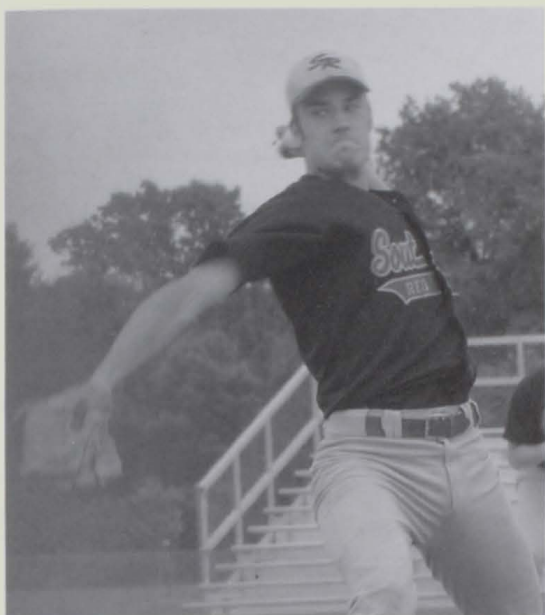
Track Seniors



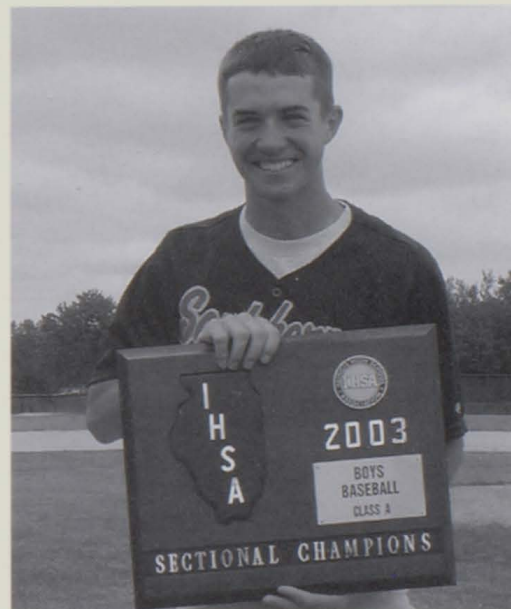
Danny Morrison is the only Senior to go out for Track this year.



Rebel Boys of Summer - Stellar Hitters and Pitchers!



Outstanding Season ends short of a state championship,
but power hitting and great pitching made for
a memorable season.



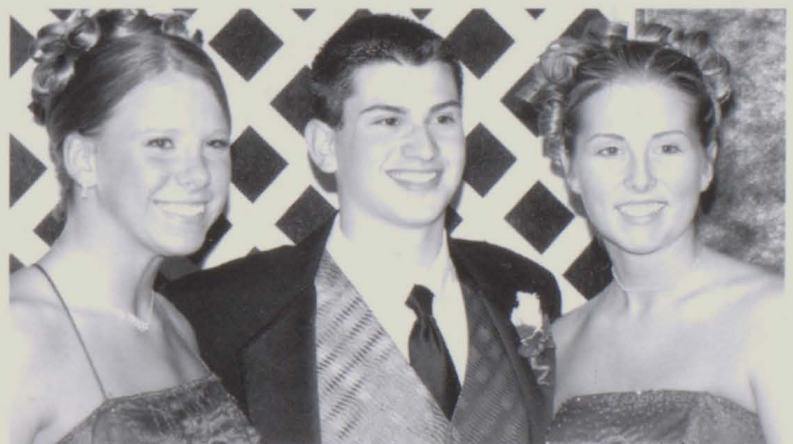
Arer't we the cutest?



"Remember Me This Way"

Promenade 2003

Don't we just look smashing?



Just a swinging!

The Junior Class of Southern High School
Presents for the Senior Class of 2003
At the Macomb Dining Company
"Remember Me This Way"-
May 3, 2003



Welcome: Sara Ford
Junior Class



Senior Response: Paige Taylor
Senior Class



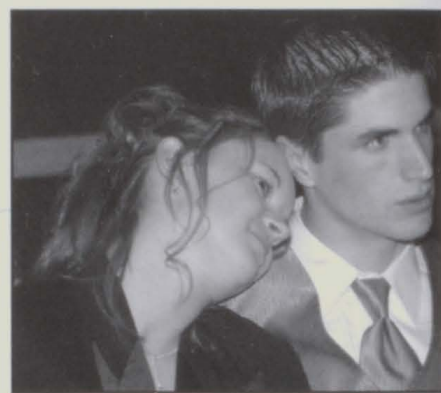
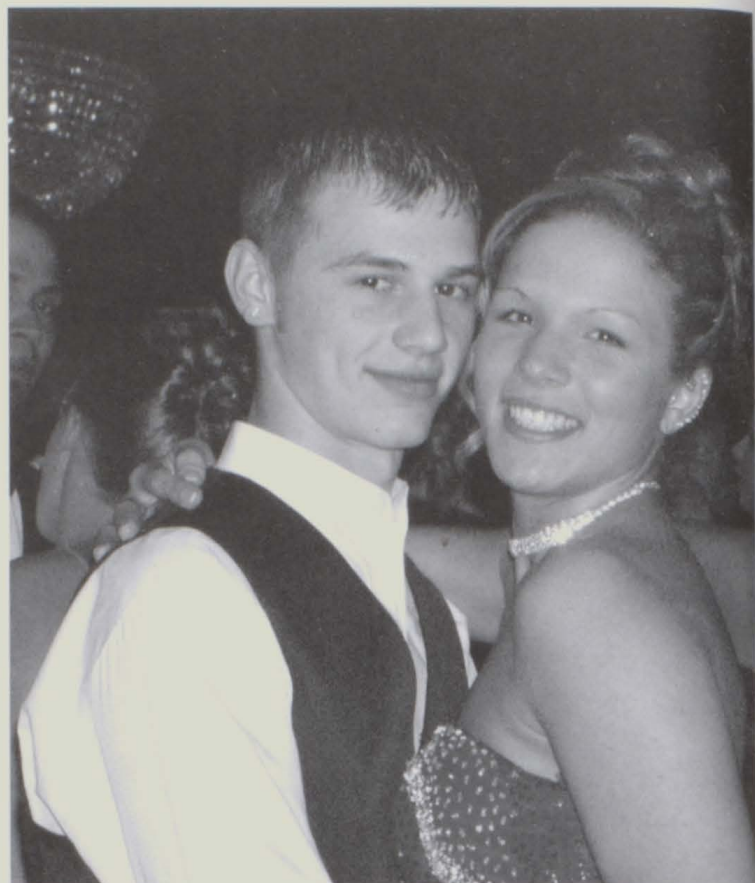


"Remember Me This Way"



Prom 2003

"Remember Me This Way"



Prom
2003



Coronation 2003

"Remember Me This Way"



Queen Jessica Bryant-Bey
and King Lee Brokaw

Candidates: Sarah Ford and
Garrett Lenz



Candidates: Kelsey Cargill
and Ryan Smith

Last Year's King and Queen:
Jacque Strange and
James Dye



Junior Class



Senior Class





Our Night After Prom!



FUN
TIMES
TOGETHER

The Fall Play

The Southern High School Drama Club performed "A Christmas Carol" in the fall of 2002. Skeet Stribling and Sally Day directed the play, and everyone who attended enjoyed the play very much. there were many new faces that premiered into the drama group, and some older ones that people have grown to appreciate.



Above- Ashley Lewis playing as Scrooge's Girlfriend and Tristan Cain Performing as Young Scrooge.

Top Right- An even younger Scrooge reunites with his younger sister, Fan. Fan. Byan Bohnenkemp and Valarie Corey played the parts.



Darrell Stribling, a Senior at Southern High School, is playing as Ebenezer Scrooge.

Kristen Peterson, Holly Hendrickson, Casey Gibb, and Alyssa Harkness playing the Crafty old women selling Scrooge's belongings.



Tristan Cain, Alyssa Harkness, Thad Tharpe, Casey Gibb, and Kristen Peterson playing as partygoers at Fezziwig's Christmas Party.



A Christmas Carol



Scrooge and the Ghost Of Christmas Present conversing. The Ghost was played by Audrey Corey.



The Cratchet Family at the dinner table. The Cratchets were played by: Alton Luder as Bob Cratchet, Emily Ford as Cratchets Wife, Lynn Buss as Martha Cratchet, Emily Smith as a daughter of Cratchet, Dustin Stribling as Tiny Tim, and Drew Stribling as Peter Cratchet.



The entire cast of "A Christmas Carol", Techies included.



The Ghost Of Jacob Marley speaking to the people. The part of Marley was played by Patrick Rountree.

Spring Play

Bye-Bye Birdie!

The spring play was directed by Diana Taylor and was a complete success. It sold out all three nights and was requested a fourth time the Friday after.







Academic Team

Coach-Mr. Rodeffer

Front row L-R Bill Waller, Megan McCollum, James Dye, Dan Morrison, Caleb Covert, Chris Wisslead.

Middle Row L-R Amy Corzatt, Crystal Corzatt, Laura Symmonds, Samantha Shaner.

Back Row L-R Patrick Rountree, Alton Luder III, Audrey Corey, Starr Robinson.



Scholastic Bowl

Coach-Mrs. Killey

Front Row L-R Starr Robinson, Audrey Corey, Crystal Corzatt, Matt McIntire, James Dye, Kyle Wood, Chad Kaup.

Middle Row L-R Bob Turner, Alton Luder III, Ryan Smith, Lee Brokaw, Megan McCollum, Kim Plath, Ben Jacob.

Back Row L-R Travis Pence, David Guile, Sarah Ford, Ciara Robinson, Nick Burg, Teresa Brokaw.



S Club

Floor L-R Chris Wisslead, Matt McIntire, Silas Pogue.

Second Row L-R Brandy Blender, Crystal Corzatt, Nick Morris, James Dye, Samantha Shaner, Cody Smith, Sarah Jacob, Casey Nichols, Amy Corzatt, Laura Symmonds, Andy Gittings, Dan Morrison.

Third Row L-R Mindy Morrison, JoHanna Livermore, Annie Pogue, Mallory McCollum, Jessi Bryant-Bey, Vicki Tapscott, Rachel Manning, Paige Taylor, Kim Waddell, Kelsey Cargill, Nathan Corzatt. **Fourth Row L-R** Kyle Wood, Alton Luder III, Devon Stribling, Krystle Reighard, Chancey Hicks, Starr Robinson, David Guile, Lee Brokaw, Jason Mynatt, Matt Kane, Quinn Leath, Ryan Walters. **Fifth Row L-R** Ryan Smith, Rachel Bundy, Andrew Linder, Ben Jacob, Stephanie Wisslead, Kourtney Kane, Brandon Rothzen, Kyle Ott, Chase Heap, Chris Wilson, Justin Harden. **Sixth Row L-R** Patrick Rountree, Darrell Stribling, Audrey Corey, Bill Waller, Corie Grafton, Brian Bohnenkamp, Kim Plath, Lauren Gittings, Brooke Stull. **Back Row L-R** Caleb Covert, Brad Mowen, Bob Caldwell, Teresa Brokaw, Amanda Lovett, Darci Renken. **Not Pictured-** Nichol Johnson.

Ecology Club



Top row: Kourtney Kane, Chris Wisslead. Next Row: Allysa Harkness, Darci Renken, Kim Plath, Brandy Blender, Jason Mynatt, Kim Waddell, Lauren Gittings, Brook Stull, Lee Brokaw, Sara Ford. Next Row: Mrs. Weyer, Laura Hershman, Brad Mowen, Theresa Brokaw, Mara Lefler, Erica Ensminger, Ben Jacob, Derick Clark, Matt Kane, Kelsey Cargill, Mindy Heller. Next Row: Kyle Kever, Annie Pogue, Mindy Morrison, Crystal Reighard, Molly Shaner, Danielle Waterman, Olivia Crandall, Mallory McCollum, Kristen Peterson, Paige Taylor, Laura Symmonds, Sarah Jacob. Next Row: Ciara Robinson, Kyle Wood, Rachel Bundy, Symone Robinson, Casey Nichols, Valerie Postle, Ryan Smith, Nick Morris, Megan McCollum, Nathan Corzatt, Andy Gittings. Bottom Row: Crystal Corzatt, James Dye, Starr Robinson, Amy Corzatt. Not Pictured- Nichol Johnson

SAE



Top Row: Matt McIntyre, Paige Taylor, Kourtney Kane, Garrett Lenz, Megan McCollum Nathan Corzatt, Next Row: Mara Lefler, Shayna Heap, Olivia Crandle, Andy Gittings, Quinn Leath, Kim Waddell, Kelsey Cargill, Brandon Rothzen. Next Row: Erica Willits, Darci Renken, Kyle Kever, Jace Taylor, Seth Bundy, Ryan Smith, Rachel Bundy, Jason Mynatt, Lee Brokaw, Matt Kane. Next Row: JoHanna Livermore, Mindy Morrison, Adam Corzatt, Derick Clark, Kyle Ott, Bobby Caldwell, Amanda Herkness, Victoria Tapscott, Erica Ensminger, Theresa Brokaw, Ciera Robinson, Rachel Manning. Next Row: Krystal Reighard, Amands Lovett, Ben Jacob, Brandy Blender, Kim Plath, Anne Pogue, Laura Hershman, Molly Shaner, Mallory McCollum, Danielle Waterman, Nick Morris, Semone Robinson. Next Row: Laura Symmonds, Lynn Buss, Lauren Gittings, Brook Stull, Eric Ebert, Sara Ford, Starr Robinson, Amanda Harkness, Shanna Avery, Emily Ford, Kyle Wood, Mindy Heller. Next Row: Mrs. Shinkle, Sara Jacob, Valerie Postle, Darrell Stribling, Audrey Corey, Corie Grafton, Amy Corzatt, Serena Root, Chris Wisslead, Crystal Corzatt, Casey Nichols, Danny Morrison, Samantha Shaner. Bottom Row: Stephanie Wisslead, James Dye, Silas Pogue: Not Pictured- Nichol Johnson



Mr. Tate, Matt McIntyre, Racheal Bundy, Lee Brokaw, Jason Mynat, Matt Kane, Nathan Corzatt, Krystal Hills, Chancey Hicks, JoHanna Livermore, Krystal Reighard, Mara Lefler, Shayna Heap, Theresa Brokaw, Cody Smith, Jon Wasson, Travis Winters, Ryan Walter, Justin Harden, Brandon Rothzen, Garrett Lenz, Jimmy Bride, Ray Boughton, Bryan Wiley, Seth Bundy, Abe Chockley, Mackenzie Day, Blake Fox, Josh Hawk

FHA



Mrs. Starbuck, Kim Plath, Brooke Stull, Amanda Lovett, Brandy Blender, Valerie Postle, Casey Nichols, Amy Corzatt, Jacque Strange, Mindy Morrison, JoHanna Livermore, Anne Pogue, Mallory McCollum, Chancey Hicks, Laura Hershman, Vicky Tapscott, Kim Waddell, Kelsey Cargill, Mindy Heller, Danielle Waterman, Tamera Lovett, Lindsay Griepentrog, Erica Ensminger, Kayla Coffey, Molly Shaner

Band



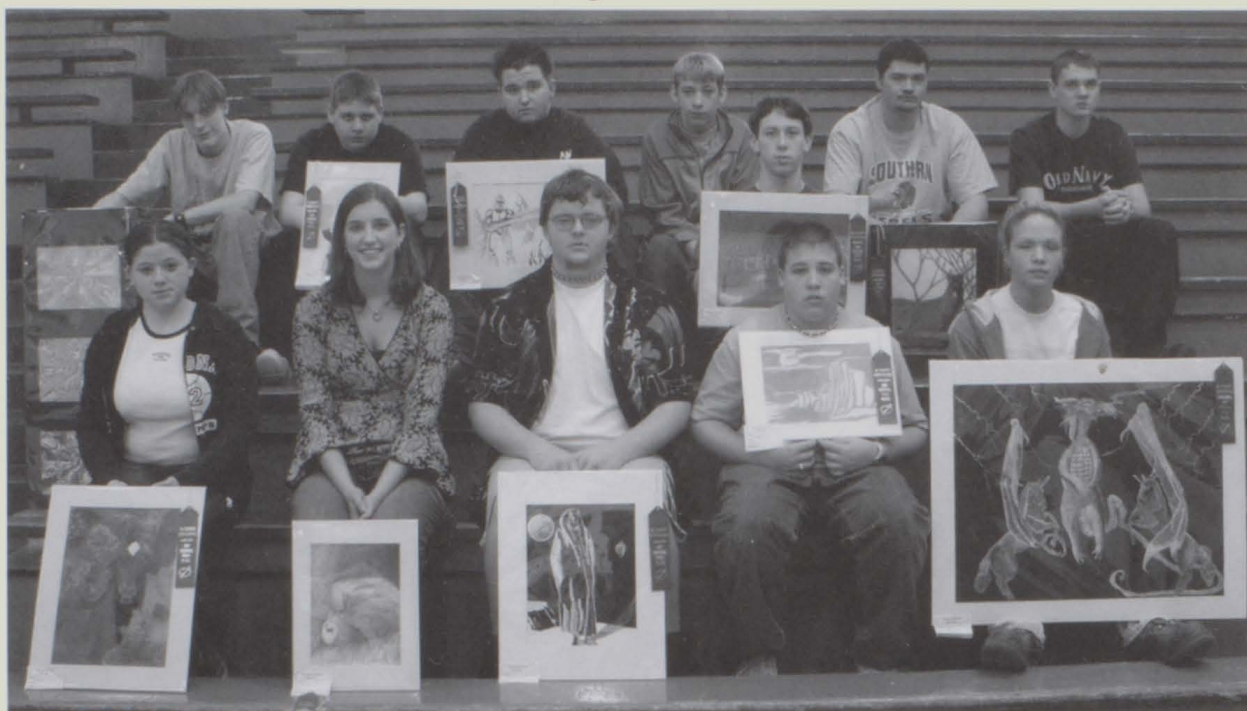
Front Row: Audrey Corey, Darrell Stribling, Casey Nichols.
Second Row: Erica Willits, Holly Hendrickson, Casey Gibb,
Theresa Brokaw, Starr Robinson. Third Row: Lynn Ann Buss, Mary
Allison Peterson, Julie Stambaugh

Chorus



Front Row: David Donlan, Darrell Stribling. Second Row: Corie Grafton, Audrey Corey, Casey Nichols,
Valerie Postle, Sarah Jacob, Kourtney Kane. Third Row: Erica Willits, Alyssa Harkness, Holly
Hendrickson, Casey Gibb, Stephanie Wisslead, Starr Robinson, Sara Ford, Krystle Hills. Fourth Row:
Nicole Bryant-Bey, Lynn Ann Buss, Chancey Hicks, Krystal Reighard, Devon Stribling. Landon Talbott.
Fifth Row: Ashley Lewis, Mary Allison Peterson, Crystal Alexander, Mikayla Wakefield

Bi-County Art Show



First Place Winners: Alyssa Harkness, Stephanie Wisslead, Patrick Rountree, Bryan Bohnenkemp, Shannon Logan, Tristan Cain, Travis Pence, Garrett Bowen, Thomas Timmerman, Alton Luder, Bobby Caldwell, Brad Wiley



Second Place Winners: Jeric Plackett, Travis Ingraham, Mary Peterson, Brad Wiley, Craig Bowman

Spanish Club



Top Left To Bottom Right: Alton Luder, Darick Clark, David Guile, Nick Ebert, Lee Brokaw, Matt Kane, Kelsey Cargill, Nathan Corzatt, Sarah Jacob, Silas Pogue, Quinn Leath, Danny Morrison, Starr Robinson, Nick Morris, Christopher Wisslead, Olivia Crandall, Mallory McCullum, Mindy Morrison, Kim Plath, JoHanna Livermore, Samantha Shaner, Ciara Robinson, Kim Waddell, Laura Symmonds, Amanda Lovett, Brooke Stull, Kristen Peterson, Annie Pogue, Valerie Postle, Rachael Bundy, Corie Grafton, Molly Shaner, Audrey Corey, Brandy Blender, James Dye, Megan McCollum, Sara Ford, Mindy Heller, Stephanie Wisslead, Casey Nichols, Crystal Corzatt, Amy Corzatt, Mrs. Killey, Robert Turner, Matthew McIntyre, Kyle Wood, Lauren Gittings, Ryan Smith.

National Honor Society



Top Left To Bottom Right: Matt Kane, Alton Luder, Kyle Wood, Nathan Corzatt, Christopher Wisslead, Chris Wilson, Chase Heap, Lee Brokaw, Laura Symmonds, Amy Corzatt, Sara Ford, James Dye, Corie Grafton, Paige Taylor, Audrey Corey, Starr Robinson, Annie Pogue, Kim Plath, Megan McCollum, Ben Jacob, Kim Waddell, Brooke Stull, Crystal Corzatt, Ryan Smith, Sarah Jacob, Devon Stribling, Emily Ford, Lauren Gittings, Brandi Blender.

Yearbook Staff



Top left to Bottom Right: Ryan McSparen, Jon Wasson, Billy Waller, Travis Zeh, Paige Taylor, Kourtney Kane, Nichol Johnson, Shannon Logan, Serena Root, Darrell Stribling, Garrett Bowen, Lindsay Guy, Quinn Leath, Jacque Strange, Noel Lemaster, Andy Gittings, Patrick Rountree



Spring Musical



Top Left to Bottom Right: Andy Gittings, Quinn Leath, Allison Peterson, Travis Zeh, Lynn Buss, Jace Taylor, Blake Fox, Kourtney Kane, Ciara Robinson, Anne Pogue, Kimberly Waddell, Lauren Gittings, Olivia Crandall, Mallory McCollum, Laura Hershman, Emily Ford, Devon Stribling, Tristan Cain, Valarie Postle, Nick Burg, Casey Nichols, Starr Robinson, Cassandra Gibb, Holly Hendrickson, Symone Robinson, Alton Luder, Darrell Stribling, Sarah Jacob, Kyle Keever, Audrey Corey, James Dye, Crystal Corzatt, Christopher Wisslead, Laura Symmonds, Daniel Morrison, Silas Pogue, Paige Taylor, David Donlan





Bloodmobile Day



Staff and Secretary Appreciation Breakfast

Around SHS



Artists in Residence



The ever-patient Mr. Frank



Top Accelerated Reader Prize Winners



Sarah Sings in Springfield



Josten's Ordering Day



Spanish Class Death Masks



Devon McDonald signs autographs



FFA Week Teacher Appreciation Breakfast



Fancy Dining at SHS



A computer puzzler



Drip, Drip, Drip



Garrett Bowen



Audrey Corey



Amy Corzatt



Crystal Corzatt



Misty Crane



Sarah Jacob



Nichol Johnson



Kourtney Kane



Quinn Leath



Noel Lemaster



Nichol Plackett



Silas Pogue



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James Dye



Andy Gittings



Corie Grafton



Lindsay Guy



Shannon Logan



Ryan McSparen



Danny Morrison



Casey Nichols



Samantha Shaner



Cody Smith



Nick Morris



Darrell Stribling



Laura Symmonds

Jacque Strange

Our Baby Pictures!

BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

SOUTHERN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2003 - 5:00 P.M.

Processional*	Stephanie Wisslead
	"Pomp and Circumstance" - Elgar
Invocation*	Darrell Stribling
	Vice President, Student Council
Music Selection	Senior Chorus
	"Remember Me This Way"
Introduction of Honors Speaker	Crystal Corzatt
	Vice President, National Honor Society, Treas., Senior Class
Honors Address	Audrey Corey
	President, National Honor Society, Student Council
Don Isaacson Award	Mr. Jay Blender
Ron Waid Award	Mrs. Jenny Ford
Gladys Bigger Memorial Scholarship	Mr. Barry Bigger
Pieter McVey Memorial Scholarship	Mr. Dale Buss
American Legion Post 765 Citizenship Award	Mr. Gene Heap
Presentation of Outstanding Senior Music Student(s)	Mrs. Joanne Hilligoss
Baccalaureate Address	Pastor George Knox
	Minister, United Methodist Church
Introduction of Senior Speakers	Paige Taylor
	President, Senior Class
Senior Address	Shannon Logan
	Silas Pogue
Music Selection	Senior Music Students
	"I Hope You Dance"
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Casey Nichols
	Secretary, Senior Class, F.H.A.
Guest Speaker	Mrs. Terri Copeland
Valedictorian and Salutatorian	Mr. Dale Buss
	Principal, Southern High School
Presentation of Class	Mr. Charles Barber
	Superintendent, Southern Unit #120
Presentation of Diplomas**	Mr. Jon Corzatt
	President, Board of Education
Benediction	Sarah Jacob
Recessional*	Stephanie Wisslead
	"Pomp and Circumstance" - Elgar

*Audience will please remain seated for the Processional and Recessional

**Audience will please hold applause until all students have received diplomas.

Southern High School Top Seniors Graduating with Scholar, Honors, or High Honors

SCHOLAR (3.00 - 3.32)

Andrew Gittings	Silas Pogue
Nicholas Morris	Jon Wasson
Daniel Morrison	Travis Zeh
Casey Nichols	

HONORS (3.33 - 3.69)

Quinn Leath	Paige Taylor*
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HIGH HONORS (3.70 - 4.20)

Audrey Corey*	Sarah Jacob*
Amy Corzatt*	Samantha Shaner
Crystal Corzatt*	Laura Symmonds*
James Dye*	Christopher Wisslead*
Corie Grafton*	*Designates National Honor Society Members

TOP TEN SENIORS

Audrey Corey	Sarah Jacob
Amy Corzatt	Samantha Shaner
Crystal Corzatt	Laura Symmonds
James Dye	Christopher Wisslead
Corie Grafton	Paige Taylor

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Paige Taylor
Vice President	Jon Wasson
Secretary	Casey Nichols
Treasurer	Crystal Corzatt

CLASS FLOWER - Orchid

CLASS COLORS - Purple & Silver

CLASS MOTTO - "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

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The Graduating Class of 2003 . . .

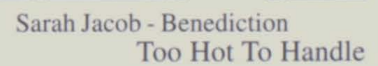
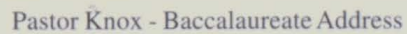
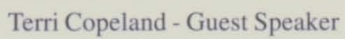
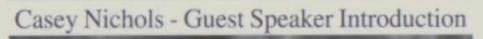
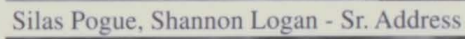
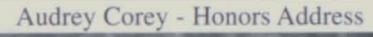
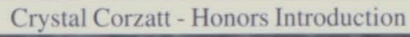


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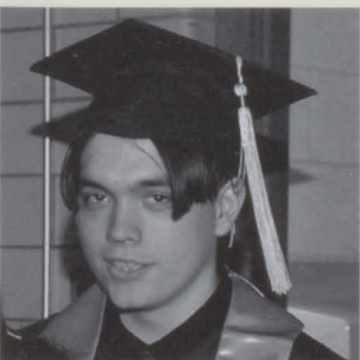
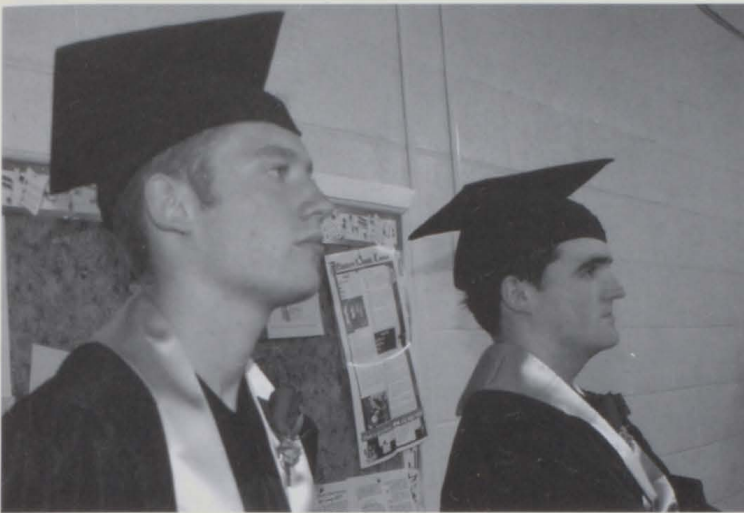


Graduation Candids



The day that the class of 2003 graduated was a joyful and, yet, a sad day for most students and their families. Many tears were shed, but a weight was lifted off most of our shoulders as well. Now we can set new goals and will begin working toward accomplishing them over the years to come. Best wishes to all the members of the Class of 2003.





It is now the year 2013, and the class of 2003 is on their way to their ten year reunion at Andy's house.

CLASS OF 2003 PROPHECIES

The evening's entertainment will be provided by Darrell's hardcore metal band "dysembodiment". Ok, let's see what everyone has been up to these past ten years.



After a very successful career as a computer programmer and software designer, **Garrett Bowen**

now has enough money so he can retire and never work again. He now spends the rest of his days secluded in his mansion playing bass and video games.



After graduating college and becoming significantly wealthy from selling his world-renowned

"bead necklaces," **Brock Brookhiser** retired at the age of 22 and can now be found loitering on the beaches of the Netherlands.



Audrey Corey moved to New York with Roger to start their family and careers. She is now an FBI

agent. They have three children. Every now and then her good friend, Heather, comes up to see her.



Maybe our class successful pharmacist should have kept her nose in the Drivers-Ed book along with her medical books.

After wrecking 43 cars, **Amy Corzatt** continues in the Guinness Book of World Records with "Surviving the Most Car wrecks." She is now doing tests to design an "indestructible" car.



Crystal Corzatt still works at The Club in Raritan while also being an accomplished physical therapist.

She is one of Andy's favorite employees. She also dances while Quiggy raps for Andy's parties.



Misty Crane is now a history teacher at Henderson County High School. She married Dustin

and has 3 children. They live on a ranch outside of Stronghurst.



After graduating from high school, **David Donlan** went into the police force. Two years later he was fired for

roughing someone up. He now works for Andy at the mansion as head chief of security. Andy is quite sure that he and his employees will be safe when David is guarding the place.



After graduating from Harvard, **James Dye** went into politics and is now the President of the United States. He is the

first president to be a one man army. He controls all of France, Cuba, Afganistan, and Iraq.



Andy Gittings has inherited a mansion and has his own new line of designer clothing. He and his boys hang out every

chance they get. Andy throws wild parties and "Quiggy Quall's" is the DJ. When the boys aren't busy, they start up a game of Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2003.



After having ten more surgeries in five years, **Corie Grafton** has finally corrected her knee

problems. She is now a practicing physical therapist continuously on the go. She has yet to find Mr. Right but has had several prospects.



After going to college at IU, **Lindsay Guy** has her own vet clinic in New Orleans and makes over 10 mill. a month.

She is also married to Matt McIntyre and has 2 kids. She lives beside her best friend Nichol Plackett and Mitch Cook. She and Nichol will NEVER come back to Stronghurst ever again.



After graduating from Southern, **Tony Holan** gets a steady job and makes plenty of money. However, misfortunes

arose, and he can now be found with his new best "friend" Bubba and lives in "Disneyland."



After graduating, **Sarah Jacob** joined a Christian family with her husband, Ru Paul, and became a nun. They both own a

cat farm and sing at wedding receptions. Sarah is also a camp counselor at CIY during the summer time.



After she graduated from high school, **Nichol Johnson** moved to Hollywood. Shortly after, she

became rich and famous from being the best make-up and hair artist in the nation, thanks to her good friend Julia Stiles. Nichol married Josh Hartnett.



After graduating from John Woods Community College with her certificate in Surgical Tech.,

Kourtney Kane lives in her Florida mansion on the beach with her husband Kenny Chesney. They travel quite a bit with their two kids, and they plan to have two more.



After winning 8 Cy Young Awards and making millions of dollars, **Quinn and Paige Leath** bought a house in the

Hawaiian Islands, where Paige is an occupational therapist at a nearby hospital. However, Andy has had Quinn rap/DJ for famous parties, under the name of "Quiggy Qualls".



After graduating from college with her master's in nursing, **Noel Lemaster** moved to California. A year after her

move, she married Brandon and they became millionaires. They now have one child and live by the ocean.



Shannon Logan, inspired her senior year with a speeding ticket for going 80 in a 55, now is a NASCAR driver.

On the side she is a top surgical nurse. She lives in one of her 10 mansions which are all located by the ocean with her wonderful husband Erik and their 10 kids.



Ryan McSparen left the area to live with a good friend of his in a two-story house out in the country with a very large

garage where he works on his few hot-rods. He has started a business working on cars and has brought back the almost forgotten world of hot-rod racing.



Nick Morris had a successful career with the Baltimore Ravens. He also married his high school sweetheart, Allison. They now

live on a farm in Maine where they raise their pet lobsters. In his spare time he still enjoys making videos of "COPS" with his wife and friends.



Danny Morrison was in the Boston Marathon for 10 consecutive years. He achieved a remarkable record in competition.

Dan went on to become a professor of engineering and architectural design for a university in New York City where he designs skyscrapers for fun.



After graduating from John Wood in nursing, **Casey Nichols** and Gabe got married and moved to Florida

along the beach. She and Gabe have two gorgeous kids. She now works at a university hospital in Florida and she is the highest paid nurse in the state.



Nichol Plackett is a secretary of a big business and is a nature photographer. She married one of Andy's

employees and has two kids named Ellis and Paige. Sadly, she divorced him, and she made him pay her child support.



Silas Pogue pursued his childhood dream of working for NASA, but unfortunately was recently fired for

allowing Andy to entertain his mansion friends in a shuttle. He now works for a vending machine repair company and works mostly at local school districts.



After graduating from John Wood with a degree in nursing, **Valerie Postle** moved to North Carolina. She married James

Vanderbeak, and they have four wonderful children. She now works at the best hospital in the state, and she is the best nurse in the state.



After graduating from Briar Cliff University with her Master's Degree in Physical Therapy, **Serena Root** and

Michael moved to Texas. They got married two years before she graduated have three wonderful kids. She started her own physical therapy business and became really rich.



Halfway through his senior year, **Patrick Rountree** swore to never buy Everquest. However, the day

he returned from his class trip, he bought it, went home, and was never heard from again. There are rumors that you can find him online under the name John Farseer or Kir Dath:116.



Although Trista got Ryan in the first episode of "The Bachelorette," **Samantha Shaner** is POSITIVE that

there has to be a Ryan-look-alike somewhere. She can be found today in numerous auditions to become the next "Bachelorette", in hopes her hunk will one day soon appear.



Cody Smith is now living down in Southbeach, Florida. He is an adult beverage sales representative.

Cody is still, unfortunately, not married. But he is living the high life and enjoys cruisin' in his Ferrari.



Jacquie Strange currently lives on a farm with her husband Jap and has two bright kids. They make millions off of

Sherwoods Farm & Co. They plan to retire at the age of 30. Jacquie runs a massage therapy business "Rub'n it the Right Way."



After receiving his PhD in Theology, **Darrell Stribling** became a minister at a church while

teaching at Central Christian College of the Bible. At the same time he was in a hardcore metal band that released a song that shot to the top of the nation's most loved songs charts.



Laura Symmonds moved out to Hollywood and became, first, Vin Diesel's maid, but after a while she soon became his

wife. They have three big boys. She, too, is one of the frequent visitors to Andy's mansion and occasionally does model shoots for his line of designer fashions.



After receiving her Masters in college, **Paige Taylor** won the lottery and has been travelling around the world

with Quinn who she will be supporting with her billions. He plays for the Cardinals and they take their private jet back for his games.



One day, **Bill Waller** was playing golf at the country club when out of nowhere he was hit in the head by

a golf ball from Tiger Woods. He has now joined Tiger on the PGA Tour and is very famous. There are rumors that he is a secret character in the next Tiger Woods game.



After graduating college with a master's degree in Forensic Studies, **Jon Wasson** had an unfortunate

mishap with a lab experiment and has now decided to use his super powers to fight crime. He is known as Double O Batman.



Christopher Wisslead was the star basketball player in high school and college and is now the star for

the Chicago Bulls. He married Julia Stiles and they have four children. He has his own personal golf course right behind his house in the outskirts of Chi-town.



After graduating college and getting married, **Travis (Tweek) Zeh** went into the medical field as a cardiologist. After

becoming bored and filthy rich from his "part-time" job, he soon joined Jon Wasson (A.K.A.: Double O Batman) to fight crime as his melee weapons expert.

Well, that's it for this reunion. Hope you have enjoyed what everyone has been up to these past 10 years. Oooh... what a lovely tea party! Join us in another 10 years.

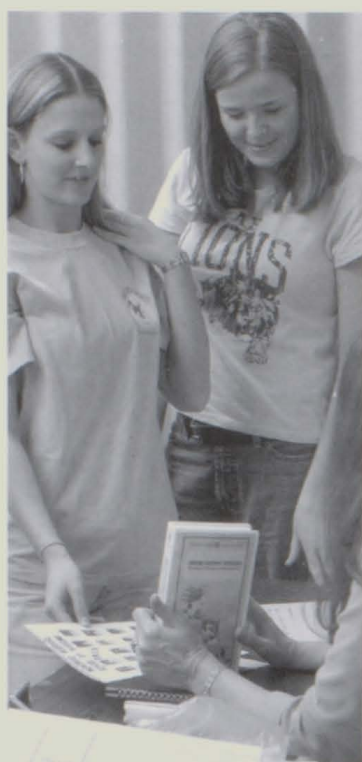
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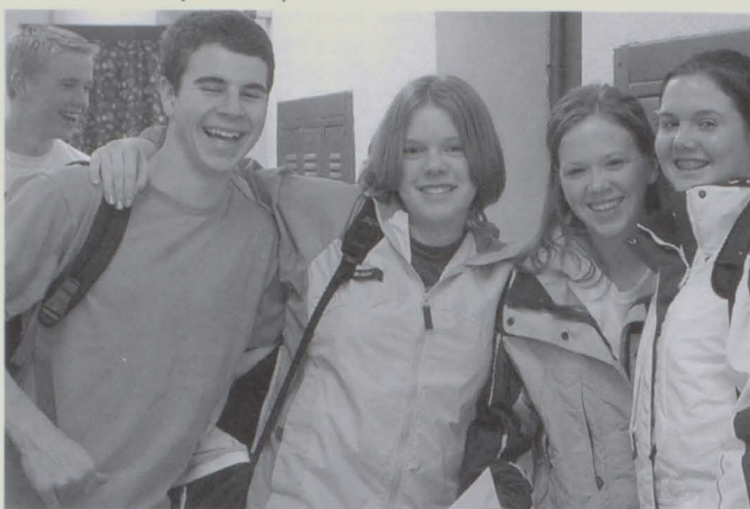
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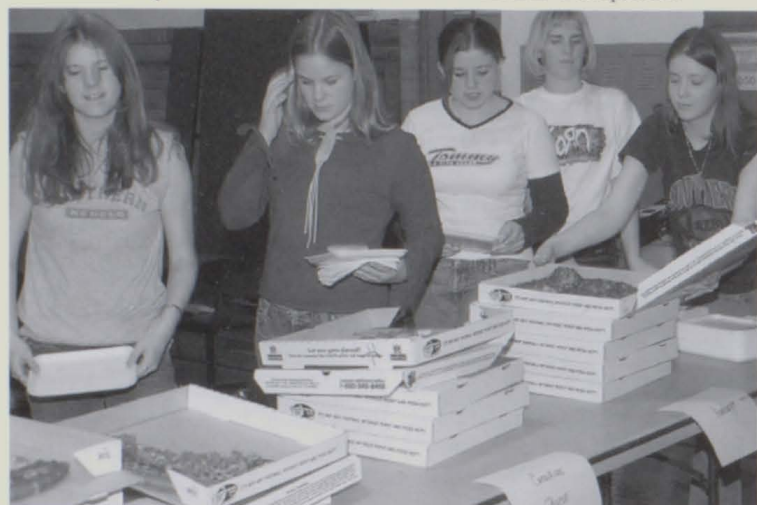
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Audrey Corey

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Amy Corzatt

S Club 10, 11, 12; Pom-Pon Squad 10, 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11; Class Officer 9 (President), 10 (Vice President); FHA 9, 10, 11 (President), 12; National Honor Society 11, 12 (Secretary); SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleader 9; High Honor Student 12; Ecology Club 12 (Vice President); Spanish Club 12

Crystal Corzatt

S Club 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 11, 12 (Treasurer); National Honor Society 10, 11, 12 (Vice President); SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Queen 12; Illinois State Scholar Award 12; High Honor Student 12; Ecology Club 10, 11, 12 (President); Spring Musical 12; Valedictorian 12; Scholastic Bowl 9, 10, 12; Spanish Club 12 (President)

Misty Crane

Chorus 9, 11; Student Council 10; Girls Basketball 9; Spring Musical 9

David Donlan

S Club 10; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 12; Football 9, 10; Boys Basketball 10; Music Contest 12; Spring Musical 12

James Dye

S Club 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 10 (President); National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; SAE 9, 10, 11, 12 (Treasurer); Student Council 11, 12 (Treasurer); Boys Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Prom King 11; High Honor Student 12; Ecology Club 11, 12; Spring Musical 12; Spanish Club 12 (Treasurer); Scholastic Bowl 12

Andy Gittings

S Club 11, 12; Drama Club 9, 10, 12; SAE 11, 12; Student Council 12; Yearbook Club 12 (Editor); Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Boys Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 12; Ecology Club 12

Corie Grafton

S Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 11, 12; SAE 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12 (Secretary); Volleyball Manager 9; High Honor Student 12

Lindsay Guy

Chorus 11; Yearbook Club 12

Sarah Jacob

S Club 9, 10, 11; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12; Music Contest 9, 10, 11, 12; High Honor Student 12; Ecology Club 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 10, 12; Spanish Club 12

Nichol Johnson

S Club 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 10, 11; SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook Club 12; Girls Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10; Ecology Club 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 12

Kourtney Kane

S Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 9 (Vice President); Drama Club 12; SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook Club 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Attendant 12; Music Contest 9; Graduation Marshal 11; Ecology Club 11, 12; Spring Musical 10, 11, 12

Quinn Leath

S Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 12; SAE 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10, 11, 12; Yearbook Club 12 (Editor); Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Boys Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 12; Spanish Club 12

Noel Lemaster

Pom-Pon Squad 9, 10, 11; Chorus 10, 11; FHA 10; Student Council 9, 10, 11; Yearbook Club 12; Girls Track 9, 10; Homecoming Attendant 11

Shannon Logan

SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook Club 12

Ryan McSparen

Yearbook Club 12

Nick Morris

S Club 9, 10, 11, 12; SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Boys Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Attendant 12; Ecology Club 12; Spring Musical 11, 12

Danny Morrison

S Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 12; SAE 10, 11, 12; Student Council 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Boys Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Boys Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Graduation Marshal 11; Spring Musical 12; WYSE Academic Challenge 12

Casey Nichols

S Club 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Pom-Pon Squad 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 9, 10, 11, 12 (Secretary); Drama Club 12; FHA 10, 11 (Secretary), 12; SAE 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9; Homecoming Attendant 12; Music Contest 9, 10, 11; Ecology Club 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 12

Valerie Postle

Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama Club 12; FHA 10 (Treasurer), 11, 12; SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball Manager 9, 11, 12; Homecoming Attendant 10; Music Contest 9, 10, 11; Ecology Club 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 12; Spanish Club 12

Serena Root

S Club 9; SAE 12; Yearbook Club 12 (Editor); Girls Basketball 9, 10

Patrick Rountree

Drama Club 11, 12; Yearbook Club 12; Football 9, 10, 11; Ecology Club 11; WYSE Academic Challenge 12

Samantha Shaner

S Club 10, 11, 12; Pom-Pon Squad 9, 10, 11; FHA 11; SAE 10, 11, 12; Student Council 11 (Treasurer); Girls Basketball 9, 10; Girls Track 10, 11; High Honor Student 12; Spanish Club 12; WYSE Academic Challenge 12

Cody Smith

Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Boys Track 9, 10, 11

Jacque Strange

Class Officer 10 (Treasurer); FHA 10, 11, 12 (President); SAE 12; Yearbook Club 12; Girls Basketball Manager 9; Homecoming Attendant 11; Prom Queen 11; Spanish Club 12

Darrell Stribling

S Club 10, 11, 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 9; Drama Club 9, 11, 12; Speech Club 9, 10, 11; SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 12; Yearbook Club 12; Football 9, 10, 11; Boys Basketball Manager 11; Music Contest 9, 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 9, 11, 12

Laura Symmonds

S Club 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12 (Treasurer); SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12; Girls Basketball 9, 10; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; High Honor Student 12; Ecology Club 10, 11, 12; Spring Musical 10, 12; WYSE Academic Challenge 12; Spanish Club 12

Paige Taylor

S Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 11, 12 (President); Drama Club 12; SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10; Yearbook Club 12 (Editor); Cheerleader 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Attendant 9, Spring Musical 10, 12; FFA 10, 11

Billy Waller

S Club 11, 12; Band 9; SAE 9, 10; Yearbook Club 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; WYSE Academic Challenge 12; FFA 10, 12

Jon Wasson

Class Officer 11, 12 (Vice President); SAE 9, 10; Student Council 9, 10; Yearbook Club 12 (Editor); Boys Basketball 11; Homecoming Attendant 12; FFA 12

Christopher Wisslead

S Club 9, 10, 11, 12; National Honor Society 10, 11, 12; SAE 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Boys Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; High Honor Student 12; Ecology Club 12; Spring Musical 12; WYSE Academic Challenge 12

Travis Zeh

Drama Club 12; Yearbook Club 12



Shannon Logan wins with first place in the coolest cars contest with her 1974 Pontiac Ventura. Her car is equipped with a classic straight six cylinder engine and original three speed automatic transmission. Almost always mistaken as being silver, the car is actually purple but seen as a shade or tint. Notice the new progressive mag wheels. Shannon is a Senior this year.

Nichol Johnson wins with second place in the coolest cars contest with her 1999 Chevy Cavalier Z24. The car is black in color and is equipped with a 4.0 liter V6, and a 5 speed manual for a more controlled shift. Nichol is a Senior this year.



Laura Symmonds wins with third place in the coolest cars contest. Her car is glimmering red in color and is equipped with a 2.0 liter four cylinder for killer gas mileage, and a four speed automatic transmission. Check out those wheels, because they are not hub caps! Laura is a Senior this year.

Kelsey Cargill wins with fourth place in the coolest car contest with her 1999 Mercury Cougar. The car is equipped with a 2.5 liter Dual OverHead Cam V6, four speed automatic transmission, and a nice set of rims. Kelsey is a Junior this year.



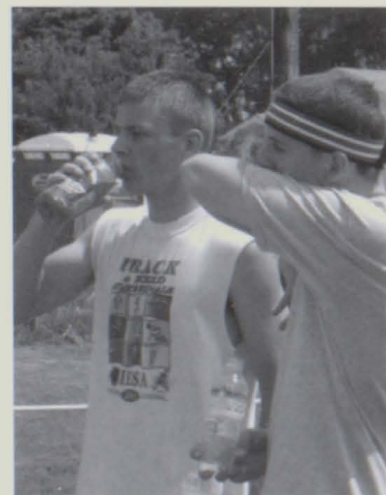
Billy Waller wins in 5th place for the coolest cars contest. His car is equipped with a 4.3 liter V6 engine, three speed automatic transmission, and dual exhaust. The car is a 1987 Chevy Elcamino, and is dark maroon in color. Billy is planning on restoring this car back to its original shape, someday... Billy is a Senior this year.

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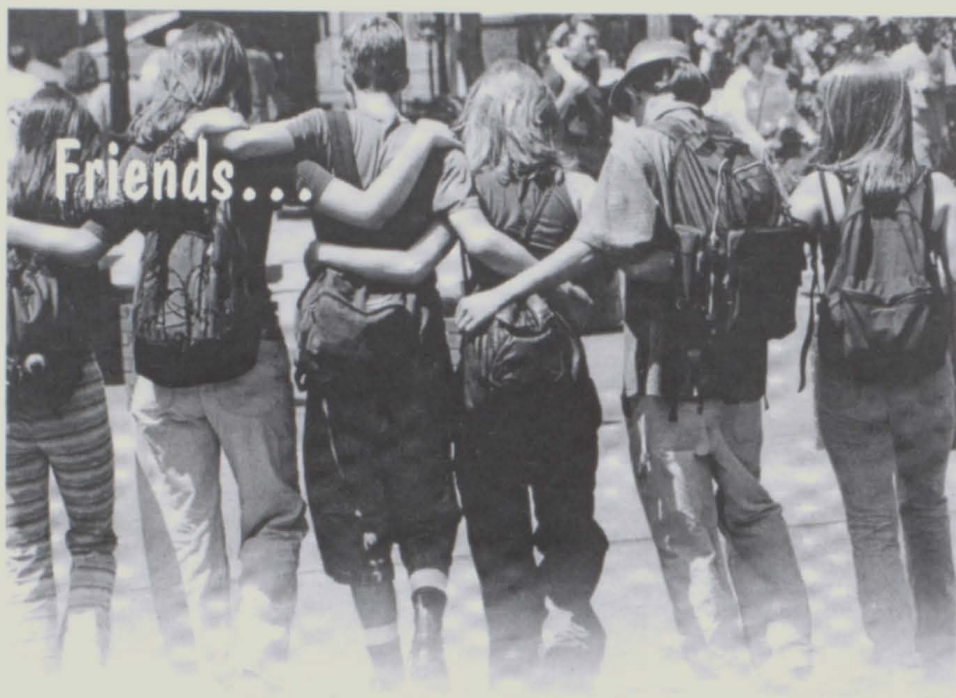
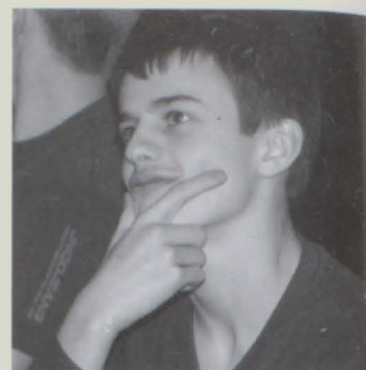
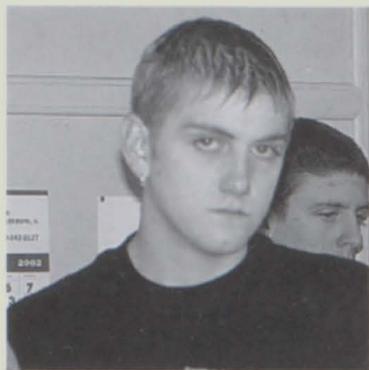
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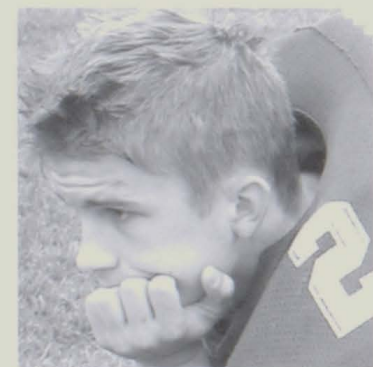
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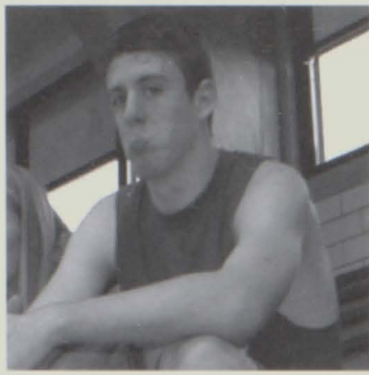
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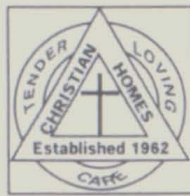
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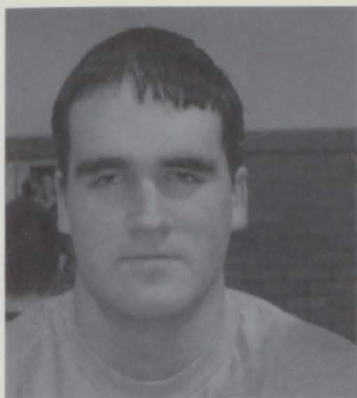
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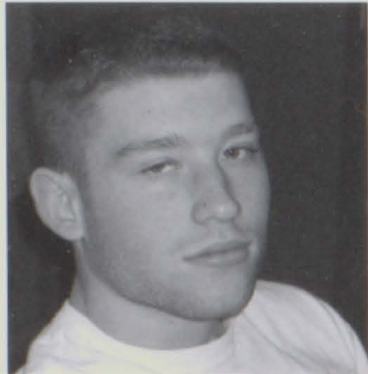
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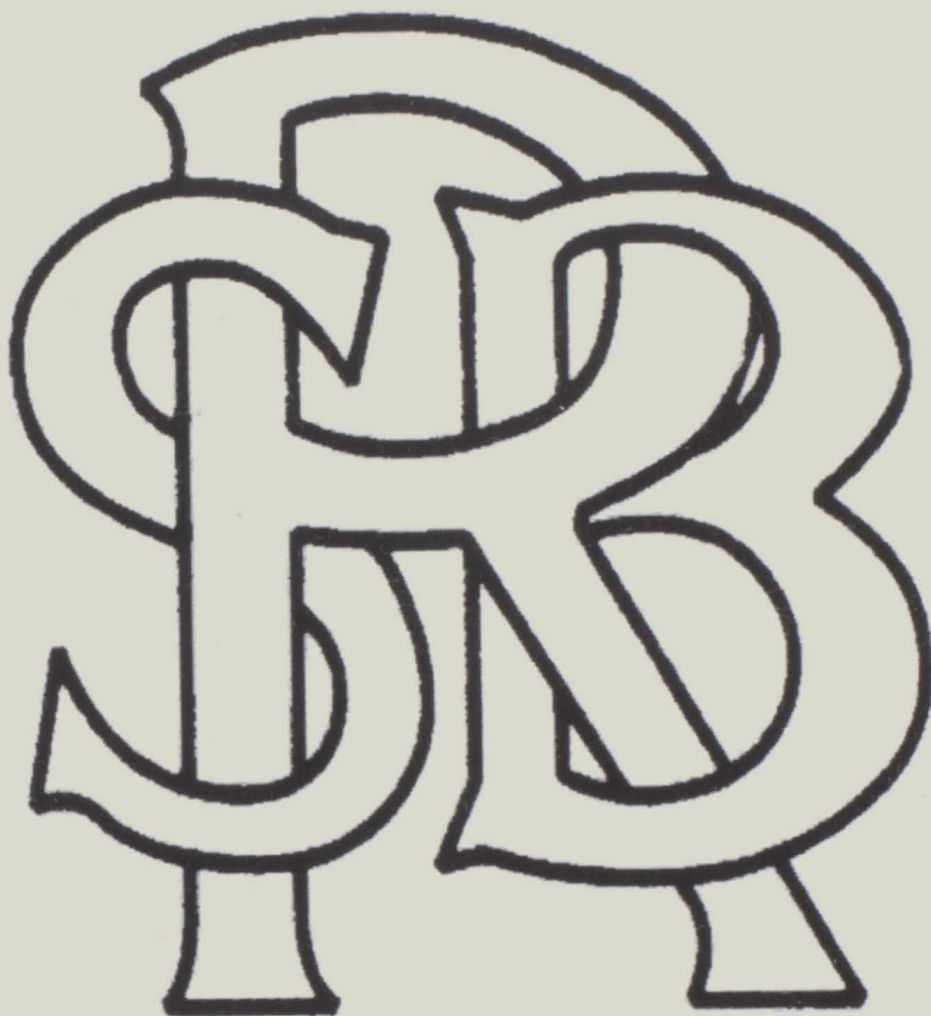
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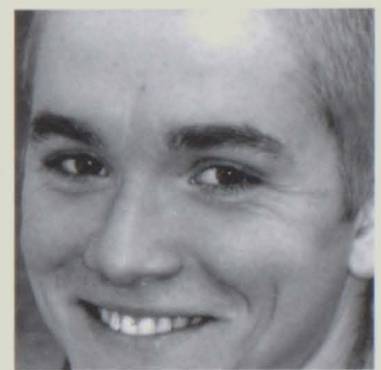


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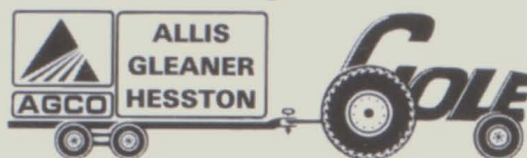
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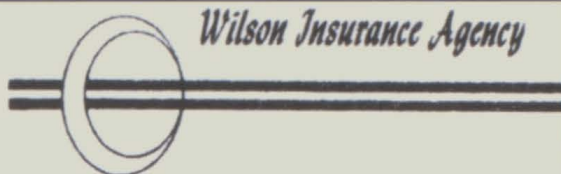
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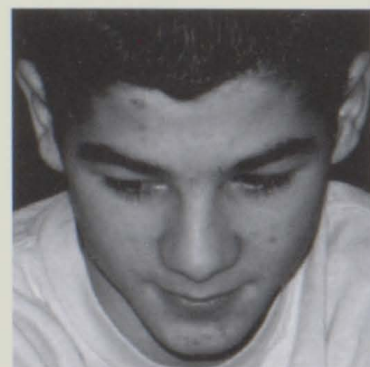
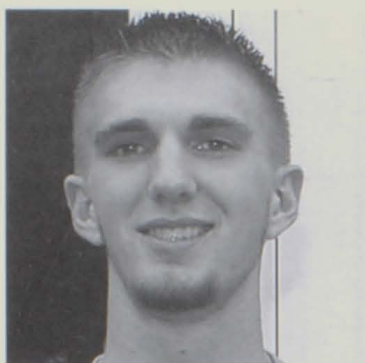


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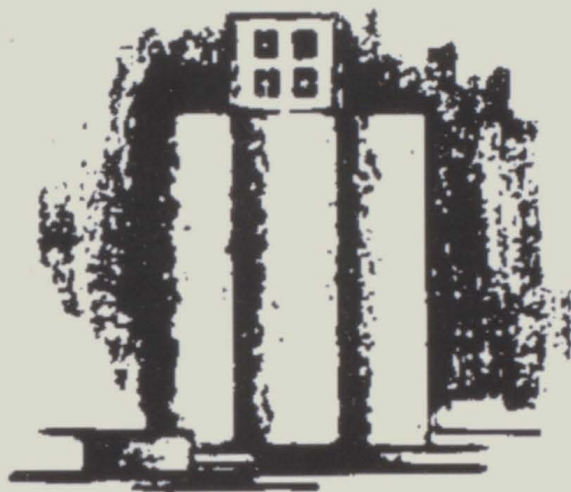


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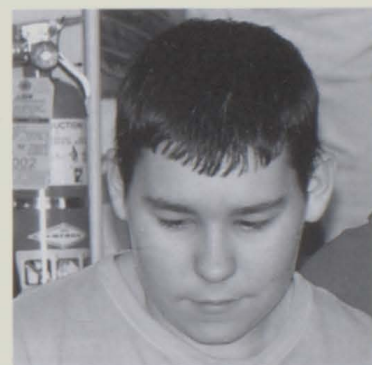
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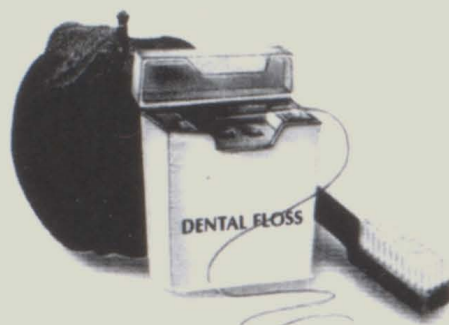


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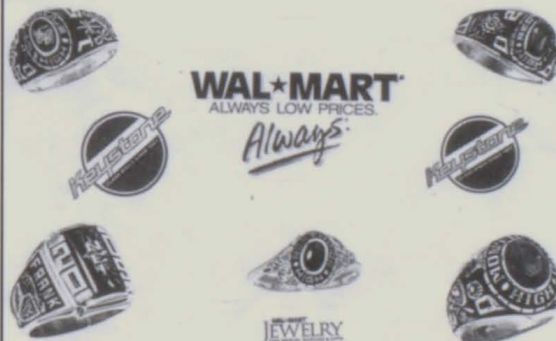
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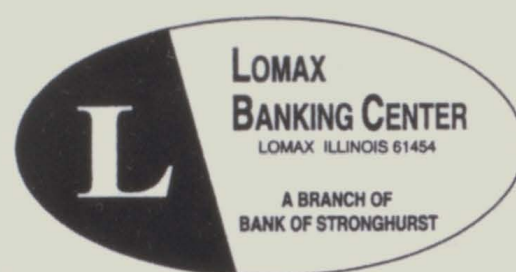




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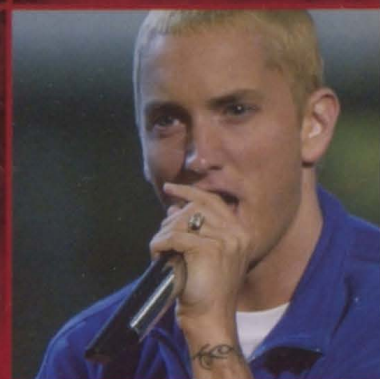
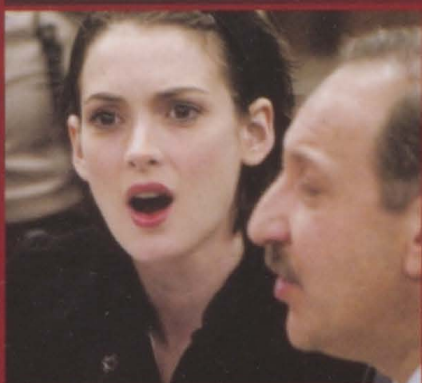
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YEAR IN REVIEW

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Thai Motorists Get Massages

Thailand's Health Ministry announced plans to provide free massage services at more than 20 gas stations on major inter-city highways and around the capital city of Bangkok. The initiative was meant to relieve motorists' stress and decrease the number of highway deaths.

Death Not An Option

Mayor Gil Bernardi, of the French Mediterranean town, Le Lavandou, banned local residents from dying after a court order rebuffed his plans to develop a new seaside cemetery. Bernardi found the edict to be "remarkably well followed," as he awaited a decision on his appeal.



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Trans-Atlantic Jet Setter

Spanish Count Alvaro de Marichalar set a world record by completing a 5,200-mile, four-month journey across the Atlantic on a jet ski. Marichalar trained for a year before setting out from Rome for Miami on a nine-foot watercraft with a support ship and crew of six bringing up the rear.

Nation Loses Time

It is a common complaint that there is not enough time in a day; however, for the people of Venezuela time is actually slipping away. Clocks in that country are ticking too slowly because a nationwide power shortage is weakening the electric current. Each day, electric clocks lose 150 seconds.

WOR

Former President Jimmy Carter was awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to further human rights and democracy, find peaceful solutions to world conflicts and encourage economic and social growth. After serving as president from 1977 to 1981, Carter founded the Carter Center, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the human condition.

The Miss World competition was moved from Nigeria's capital, Abuja, to London after violent protests broke out in Nigeria. The protests began after a Nigerian newspaper printed an article that questioned why Mohammed would not have approved of the Miss World competition and said he probably would have married one of the contestants.



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AP Photo Bjoern Sigurdson, Pool

Nearly 200 people died after a bomb was detonated in a popular tourist area in Bali. Terrorist network al Qaeda claimed responsibility on its website for the bombing. The act of terrorism severely hurt the Indonesian island's economy as tourists traveled to alternate destinations.



AP Photo

Two Guatemalan twins who had been joined together at the tops of their heads returned home five months after doctors separated them in a 22-hour operation. Healing the Children, a nonprofit organization, arranged for the girls and their parents to come to Los Angeles for the surgery, and the doctors donated their services.

Jury trials returned to most Russian courtrooms for the first time in 85 years as a result of legislation passed through parliament by supporters of President Vladimir Putin. The law amends the criminal code with 3,500 changes that emulate the Western model of a fair trial.

Nearly 1,000 people died when a Senegalese ferry traveling off the coast of Gambia capsized and sank. Investigators said overloading was the key cause of the disaster, which occurred when passengers moved to one side of the ship to take cover during a storm.

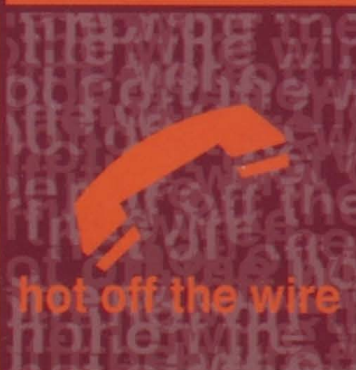


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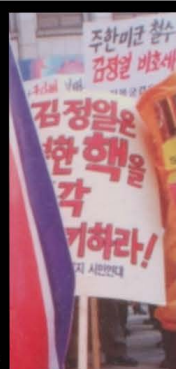
In a historic speech before the Italian parliament, Pope John Paul II strongly urged Italians to have more children to turn the tide against the nation's declining rate of birth. He also called on government officials to show prisoners leniency, when appropriate, by reducing their sentences.



Violence raged in the Ivory Coast after rebels failed in their coup attempt and took control of the northern part of the country. After the northern rebels signed a truce with the government, new rebels attempted to take control of the west. Hundreds of people died during the year, and more than 600,000 fled their homes.



Photo by Pascal Le Segretain



Tensions were high after North Korea began to use one of the nuclear reactors it had agreed to shut down in 1994. North Korea claimed it had to restart its nuclear program to provide power because the United States had stopped sending the country shipments of fuel oil. The U.S. said it only stopped shipping oil after North Korea started to work on its nuclear weapons program. ◀



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How do you think going to war with Iraq would affect your daily life?

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Some things, but not many | 66.3% |
| 2. Every part | 21.7% |
| 3. It wouldn't | 12% |

LD NEWS



Photo by Chung Sung-Jun/Getty Images



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Hu Jintao, who has plans to help China's poor, took over as China's Communist party chief from Jiang Zemin in the Communists' first orderly succession since 1949. China also allowed the United Nations unconditional access to investigate its treatment of human rights, a move the United States said meant China was sincere about improving its human rights record. ▲

NO WAR ON IRAQ



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A raid on a theater in Moscow proved deadly for more than 100 people after the Russian government pumped gas into the building to end the three-day hostage situation. The gas was intended to subdue the Chechen hostage-takers, who were holding 800 people; however, some of the hostages died because they were weakened by hunger and exhaustion. ◀



Concerned that Iraq could assemble nuclear weapons, the United Nations required Iraq to disclose and disarm its weapons of mass destruction. While the United Nations conducted weapon inspections in Iraq, the United States prepared to go to war.

Questions remained about how long the weapon inspections

would take and thousands of people protested the war in more than 220 cities around the country on a weekend in January.

Meanwhile, the U.S. sent almost as many aircraft carriers and troops into the Persian Gulf as were there during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.



SPECIAL ON IRAQ

THE WAR ON TERRORISM

John Allen Muhammed and John Lee Malvo were accused of carrying out a string of sniper shootings that killed 10 people and wounded three others during a three-week period in the Washington, D.C., area. Victims, who were selected at random during the killing spree, ranged in age from 13 to 72. ▶



AP Photo/Guy Warren

Nine Pennsylvania miners emerged one-by-one from a small, dark, flooded chamber 240 feet below the surface after being trapped for more than three days. The ordeal began when water from an adjacent abandoned mine burst through a breached wall and filled the shaft in which they were working. Rescuers worked around the clock to free the men, who surfaced relatively unscathed. ▲



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Memorial services were held around the country on the anniversary of Sept. 11, which President George W. Bush proclaimed Patriot Day. One year after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the sluggish American economy still felt the effects. News about Afghanistan diminished, but al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden were still in the news. Debate continued about what should be built at the Ground Zero

site, and colleges were asked to turn over personal information about their foreign students and teachers to the FBI.

The country continued to pursue Osama bin Laden and other threats to national security in its War on Terror. Sometimes the war was subtle, and sometimes it was very noticeable. The Immigration and Naturalization Service began to fingerprint and photograph men who entered the

United States from 18 Middle Eastern countries. Bush signed a Homeland Security bill into law that created a new federal department devoted to preventing future attacks and allowed commercial airline pilots to carry guns.

The director of the FBI announced that his organization had thwarted almost 100 terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, 2001. He said some of the attacks were intended for U.S. targets.

The Roman Catholic Church was immersed in a scandal involving forbidden sex and molestation, as well as widespread cover-ups at the hands of some of its most prominent officials. At the center of it all was the Boston Archdiocese, where Cardinal Bernard Law resigned under pressure from allegations that he withheld knowledge of priests sexually abusing children. ▶



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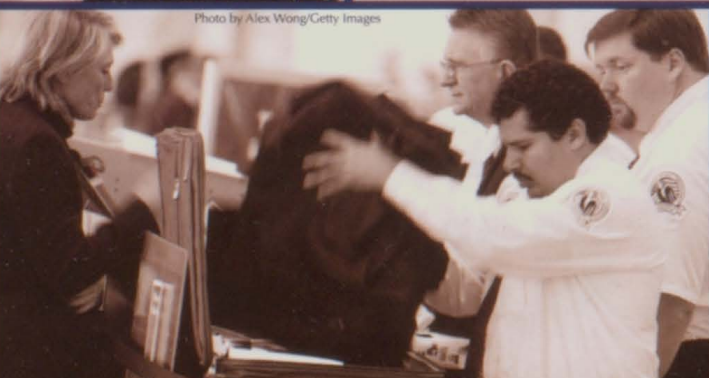


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The West Nile virus captured the nation's attention during the summer as it spread from coast to coast. The mosquito-transmitted virus, which leads to fever, head and body aches, and sometimes encephalitis or meningitis, killed approximately 250 citizens in 2002. ▶



SNIPER CAUGHT

Seven astronauts perished when the Space Shuttle Columbia broke apart over central Texas as it reentered the atmosphere. The tragedy occurred less than 20 minutes before the planned landing at the Kennedy Space Center. An investigation into the cause of the accident initially centered on possible damage to the craft's protective tiles from flying debris during takeoff. ▼

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Not What We Had In Mind

Jersey City, N.J., officials held an anniversary tribute to Sept. 11 victims, where they planned to release a flock of doves at a downtown ceremony. Since all dove suppliers were sold out, they decided to use pigeons instead. The solemn ceremony was interrupted when the birds, having been caged most of their lives, flew around erratically and careened into the crowd.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

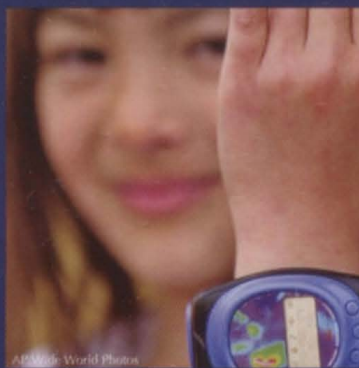
There's A Monkey In My Pants!

California environmentalist Robert Cusack was arrested on smuggling charges when customs officials found a pair of pygmy monkeys in his pants. Further inspection revealed that Cusack, who was returning from a trip to Thailand, also had four exotic birds and 50 rare orchids in his suitcase.

Highly publicized stories of missing children prompted talk of a nationwide Amber Alert system. The system, already in place in several states, is used to broadcast descriptions of missing children and their abductors over radio, TV and electronic highway signs. Some parents considered buying devices like the global positioning watch for their children as a precaution. ▼



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The economy, still trying to re-build itself after Sept. 11, continued to struggle. Millions of Americans were out of jobs as the national unemployment rate hit an eight-year high. Holiday shoppers spent less than economists expected, and a record number of people lost their homes when they could not make their mortgage payments. ◀

Accounting scandals continued this year as WorldCom replaced Enron as the nation's largest bankruptcy. Thousands of workers lost their jobs and retirement savings because of the scandals, and the SEC began requiring that CEOs verify financial statements for their publicly held companies to boost investor confidence. Officers whose statements were found incorrect could face criminal charges and possible jail time. ▶



AP Photo/Bettina Sotiri

A man who had been adrift at sea for four months was rescued by the crew of a U.S. Navy ship after he was spotted near Costa Rica by a military aircraft. Richard Van Pham, the 62-year-old man, said he survived by drinking rainwater he collected in a bucket and eating fish and seagulls. He had only intended to take a short sailing trip, but the wind broke his mast, and his radio quit working. ▲



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AL NEWS



AP Photo/Danny Giarber

Sixty of Chicago's public schools received \$10,000 as part of a new system of incentives that focuses on raising test scores. The program is part of the district's new system of accountability, which before had sanctioned schools that performed poorly on the tests.



hot off the wire

Wildfires wreaked havoc on the western United States, destroying double the number of acres than in the previous worst year. One of the largest of these fires was in Colorado, where a U.S. Forest Services worker admitted to starting an enormous blaze while burning a letter from her estranged husband.

Did you watch
the first season of
American Idol?

- a) Every week 19%
- b) Once in awhile 33.1%
- c) Never 48%



AP Photo/Lucy Nicholson

Kelly Clarkson was voted the first American Idol and won a \$1 million recording contract in the summer's most-watched TV show. The show's success spawned talent searches on other major TV networks, as well as a second season of *American Idol*, a book and a movie. ◀▶



AP Photo/Lucy Nicholson

Chicago danced its way to 13 Oscar nominations, more than any other film in the 2003 Academy Award race. The musical earned the coveted Best Picture nomination and acting nominations for four of its stars, including lead actress Renee Zellweger, supporting actresses Catherine Zeta-Jones and Queen Latifah, and supporting actor John C. Reilly. Director Rob Marshall was also nominated. ▶

Martin Scorsese's epic *Gangs of New York* grabbed a second highest 10 Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Director, in the 2003 Academy Award race. Lead actor Daniel Day-Lewis earned a nomination and the movie also earned Oscar nods for Best Original Screenplay, Best Cinematography and Best Original Song, U2's *The Hands That Built America*. ▶



Mario Tursi/Miramax Films

ENTERTAIN

It was a year of sequels as *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* hit theaters. *The Two Towers* outperformed its predecessor in its opening weekend, and later earned six Oscar nominations. *The Chamber of Secrets* was on target to match the success of the first Harry Potter movie. ▼▶



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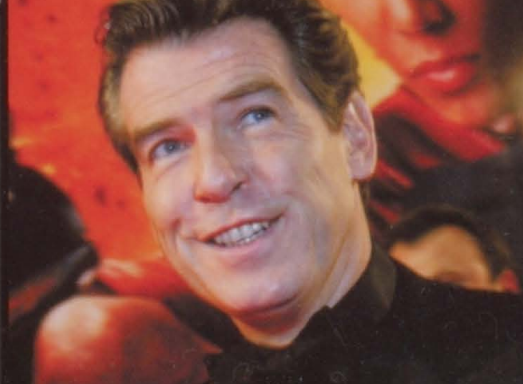
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Even more television airtime was devoted to the reality TV bandwagon this year. Reality series debuts this year included *Joe Millionaire*, which had the highest-scoring new series debut of the season, *The Bachelor*, *The Osbournes*, and *High School Reunion*. ▲

What was your favorite
movie this school year?

1. *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*
2. *8 Mile*
3. XXX

Spiderman sold a record number of DVDs the first weekend it was available in stores. The movie also broke the record for biggest opening weekend ever in theaters, a record previously held by *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. ▲



My Big Fat Greek Wedding, a romantic comedy about a Greek woman who falls for a non-Greek man, became the biggest independent film release ever in the U.S. The movie cost only \$5 million to make and grossed more than \$200 million at the box office. ▼▶



AP Photo/Reed Saxon

Celebrity Stalker For President

Nicole Kidman found herself facing a \$200-million defamation lawsuit filed by a man accused of stalking her. Matthew Hooker, who had been placed under a restraining order for his harassment of the actress, claimed the stalker label was detrimental to his 2004 presidential campaign.

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What was your favorite TV show this school year?

1. *Friends*
2. *The Simpsons*
3. *The Osbournes*

Don't Blame The Winston Man

Raymond Leopold, the *Winston Man* model who appeared in cigarette ads in the late 70s, filed a federal lawsuit, seeking \$65 million in punitive damages from the R.J. Reynolds Co. Leopold cited the remorse and stress he has suffered from the role he played in contributing to smoking-related illnesses in people influenced by the ads.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

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Nature In Swimsuits

National Geographic made headlines when it released its first swimsuit issue, albeit not as revealing as one competitor's annual look at the scantily clad. A special collector's edition sold only on newsstands, the issue chronicled the swimsuit over the last 100 years.

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The Osbourne family, with a smash reality TV hit after its first season on MTV, seemed to be everywhere in 2002 with merchandising and book deals totaling in excess of \$20 million. Along the way, *The Osbournes* won an Emmy, the family hosted the 30th Annual American Music Awards, Ozzy was honored with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star, and Kelly recorded her first album. ▲



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Spies and espionage were all the rage on TV with shows like FOX's *24* starring Kiefer Sutherland and ABC's *Alias* with Jennifer Garner. Both in their sophomore seasons, the shows captured a wide audience and consistently finished strong in the weekly Nielsen ratings.

hot off the wire

Die Another Day became the biggest-opening James Bond movie ever, earning an estimated \$47 million its first weekend to break the record previously held by *The World Is Not Enough*. The film starred Pierce Brosnan as James Bond and Oscar-winner Halle Berry as a female agent. ◀

After a 16-month hiatus, HBO's smash mob hit, *The Sopranos*, returned for its fourth season. The delay was attributed mainly to creator David Chase's meticulous crafting of every show, from script to music to final edit. Meanwhile, Chase hinted that the fifth season might be the show's last.

First-time novelist Alice Sebold conquered the New York Times best-seller list with *The Lovely Bones*, which hit number one and stayed on the list for more than 30 weeks. A tale of rape and murder, readers found the story to be less about tragedy and more about the resiliency of the human spirit.



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◀ A few surprises took place at the 54th Annual Emmy Awards as some old favorites and a newcomer won trophies for television excellence. *Friends* finally took home the prize for Best Comedy after eight years and four nominations, while star Jennifer Aniston won her first Emmy as Lead Actress in a Comedy. Michael Chiklis grabbed the Lead Actor in a Drama award for his role on FX's *The Shield*. Another big winner was NBC's *The West Wing* with four Emmys, including Best Drama. HBO and NBC received the most honors with each earning 24 awards. In addition, Oprah Winfrey was honored with the first Bob Hope Humanitarian Award which was established to recognize Hope's pioneering and humanitarian efforts. ▼



Each member of 'NSync tried a project on his own. Justin Timberlake released a solo album, Joey Fatone performed in a Broadway musical, Chris Kirkpatrick designed clothes, Lance Bass trained for a Russian space mission, and JC Chasez began recording his own album. ◀▶



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R&B vocalist Ashanti took home eight trophies from the Billboard Music Awards, winning each category for which she was nominated. She was also named the best new pop/rock and hip-hop/R&B artist at the American Music Awards and Choice Breakout Artist at the Teen Choice Awards. Ashanti also received five Grammy Award nominations. ▼▶



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What was your favorite album this school year?

1. *The Eminem Show*
2. *Nellyville*
3. *8 Mile*



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It Kind Of Sounds The Same

The British musical group The Planets introduced a 60-second piece of silence on its latest album, creating controversy with representatives of the late composer John Cage, who was credited with writing 433 (273 seconds of silence). Lawyers threatened to sue for violation of copyright, but failed when they could not specify which 60 of the 273 seconds had been copied.

STRANGE
BUT TRUE

Elvis' Hair Has Left The Building

An anonymous bidder paid more than \$115,000 for a large, vacuum-packed lock of Elvis Presley's hair in an online auction hosted by Illinois-based MastroNet Incorporated. The King of Rock's former barber, Homer Gilleland, had collected the hair. He gave it to friend Tom Morgan, who then put it on the auction block.

Christmas Carol Court

Fifty-five traffic violators in Columbia, Tenn., avoided paying fines by belting out their favorite Yuletide carol. Those lucky enough to draw the last court date before Christmas were given the choice of singing a carol and donating five canned goods to a local food bank in exchange for having their tickets dismissed.

George & John Philip To The Rescue

Legendary composers Gershwin and Sousa were enlisted to help the Boston transit police drive away delinquent teens loitering in one of the city's high-traffic subway stations. Authorities began piping in a mix of show tunes and marches to the dismay of area youth, who have since found other places to hang out.

MUSIC

Rapper Jay-Z went back to school as a principal during his 10-city Principal for a Day tour. Local radio contests determined which schools he visited to promote education and his *Blueprint 2* CD. At each of the schools, he performed the daily duties of the principal and spoke to the student body. ▶

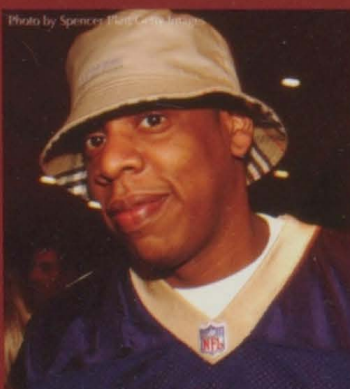


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John Entwistle, bass player for The Who, died of a heart attack at age 57 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Also known as Thunderfingers, he died just one day before the group was to begin a North American tour. ▶

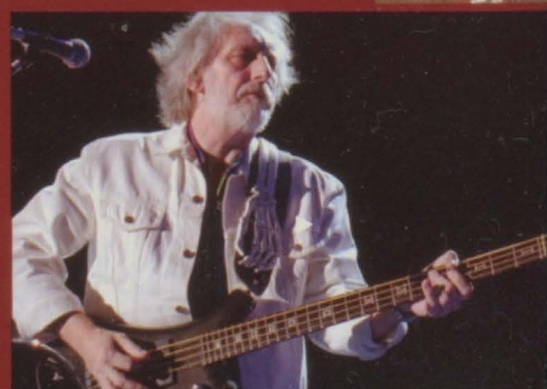




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Bruce Springsteen's *The Rising* climbed the charts with stirring songs that focused on the people affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. The tribute album, which was his first studio release of all-new material since 1995, struck a chord with a grieving public and served as a cathartic diversion.

hot off the wire

Columbian superstar Shakira won awards in every category for which she was nominated at the first Latin MTV Video Music Awards, including best female artist, best pop artist, artist of the year, video of the year, and best artist from the north region. The top male artist honors went to Juanes, a folk rock singer from Columbia. ▶▶▶



Published by Riverhead Books, *Kurt Cobain: The Journals* sparked a whole new debate on the life and death of the troubled, yet influential, musician. An 800-page volume, the book consists of 23 of Cobain's private diaries, written from 1987 up until his suicide in April 1994.

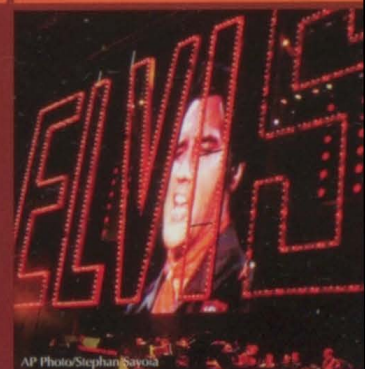
Michael Jackson caused an uproar by dangling his 9-month-old baby off a four-story balcony in Berlin as he greeted fans. The pop star later offered an apology, saying he got caught up in the moment and would never intentionally endanger the lives of his children.

Bee Gees' singer Maurice Gibb died at 53 from a heart attack. Gibb sang with his brothers in the Bee Gees for more than 40 years and also played bass and keyboards for the band. Their soundtrack to the 1977 movie, *Saturday Night Fever*, is often credited with launching the worldwide disco craze. ▶



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Elvis set a personal record this year, 25 years after his death: he had his first album to debut at number one on the Billboard chart. RCA records released *Elvis 30 #1 Hits* for the 25th anniversary of The King's death, which jumped immediately to number one in the U.S. and 17 other countries. ▶



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Who was your favorite musical artist or group this school year?

1. Eminem
2. Avril Lavigne
3. Nelly



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▲ Vanessa Carlton, Avril Lavigne ▶ and Michelle Branch were the new kind of pop sensations this year as teens turned away from the music popularized by Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Lavigne's debut album *Let Go* was the third biggest-selling album of the year, and Lavigne was nominated for five Grammy awards.



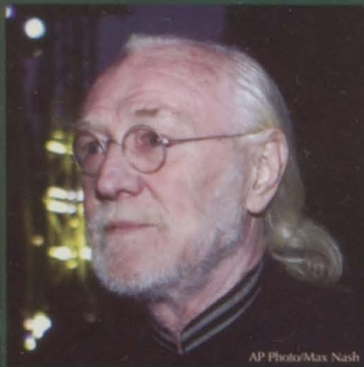
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Jam Master Jay died after a man entered his recording studio and shot him during a recording session. Jay, born Jason Mizell, was 37. Mizell was a founding member of pioneering rap group Run-DMC, which he helped form with Run, Joseph Simmons, and DMC, Darryl McDaniels. ▲



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Richard Harris, classically trained actor of stage and film, died at age 72. Already an accomplished performer, he became known to a new generation of moviegoers playing the headmaster Albus Dumbledore in the first two Harry Potter films. ◀▼



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Actor Christopher Reeve announced that he could move his wrist, feet and fingers seven years after he was paralyzed in a horseback riding accident. Reeve credited his improvement to years of physical therapy and never giving up. ▶



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Who was this year's best actor?

1. Vin Diesel
2. Mel Gibson
3. Eminem



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It was a successful year for actor Denzel Washington, who made his debut as a director with *Antwone Fisher*, a film about a foster child confronting his past. Washington was also named *Entertainment Weekly's* Entertainer of the Year. ▲

A 55-year-old West Virginia man won the biggest Powerball jackpot ever. Andrew "Jack" Whittaker opted to receive all his money up front - about \$112 million after taxes. Whittaker planned to donate 10 percent of the money to pastors and to rehire employees whom he was forced to layoff earlier in the year. ▶

STRANGE
BUT TRUE

Great-Grandpa Turns In Badge

Milwaukee, Wis., Police Lt. Andrew Anewenter, one of the country's oldest active police officers, retired at the age of 86. The great-grandfather earned a salutation from President George W. Bush for more than six decades of decorated service in law enforcement.



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Rap artist Eminem was the year's top-selling musical artist. *The Eminem Show* sold more copies than any other album, and the soundtrack to *8 Mile*, a movie that starred Eminem, came in at number five. *The Eminem Show* won a Grammy as the top Rap Album, as well as received four other nominations. He also won four American Music, two Billboard Music, and four MTV Music Video awards. ▲

You Ate How Many?

New York Subway conductor Eric Booker gobbled down 21 baseball-sized matzo balls to set a record and win the 6th Annual Matzo Ball Eating Contest sponsored by a local deli. Booker won a \$2,500 gift certificate in the charity event, which benefits metropolitan-area soup kitchens.

Consider That Coaster Conquered

After 104 days of riding one of the largest and fastest roller coasters ever built, Chicago University instructor Richard Rodriguez succeeded in breaking his 15th world record. During his 10-hour days aboard Germany's Expedition GeForce he read newspapers, listened to music and talked on his cell phone.

Some Like It Hot

Inga Kosak bested 80 other contestants from 10 countries to win the first World Extreme Ironing Championship. Participants were judged on their ability to iron under the highest degree of difficulty possible, such as ironing while bouncing on a trampoline, while surfing and while hanging upside down from a tree.

Who was this year's best actress?

1. Jennifer Lopez
2. Julia Roberts
3. Halle Berry

The national news media began calling Reese Witherspoon America's Sweetheart after the film *Sweet Home Alabama* broke the record for the biggest-opening for a romantic comedy. The record was previously held by *Runaway Bride*, which starred Julia Roberts. ▼



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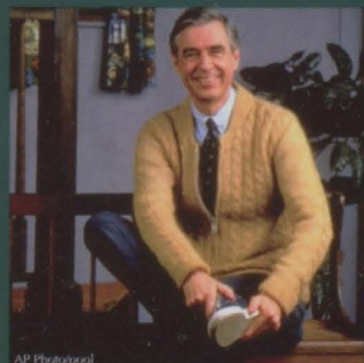


Time magazine named Cynthia Cooper, Coleen Rowley and Sherron Watkins its Persons of the Year. All three women chose to confront their superiors about cover-ups going on within their organizations, and their efforts were leaked to the media. Cooper let WorldCom know about its

phony bookkeeping practices, Rowley told the FBI that it had neglected to look into a potential terror suspect who was later involved in the Sept. 11 attacks, and Watkins informed Enron officials that some of the company's accounting methods were improper. ▲

PEOPLE

A jury found actress Winona Ryder guilty of shoplifting more than \$5,500 of clothes from a Beverly Hills' Saks Fifth Avenue store. Ryder's case received ongoing media attention for months. Ryder's sentence included performing 480 hours of community service, attending counseling and paying \$10,000 in fines and restitution. ◀



AP Photo/pool

Fred Rogers, better known as Mister Rogers of the PBS program, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, died at age 74 of stomach cancer. A cultural icon to generations of children, he viewed his shows as a way to reach young people and give them a foundation for a good life. ◀

Lance Bass of 'N Sync lobbied to be the first celebrity in space and even began training at the Johnson Space Center. Plans to join a future mission to the International Space Station were derailed when his sponsors were unable to raise the \$20 million fare.

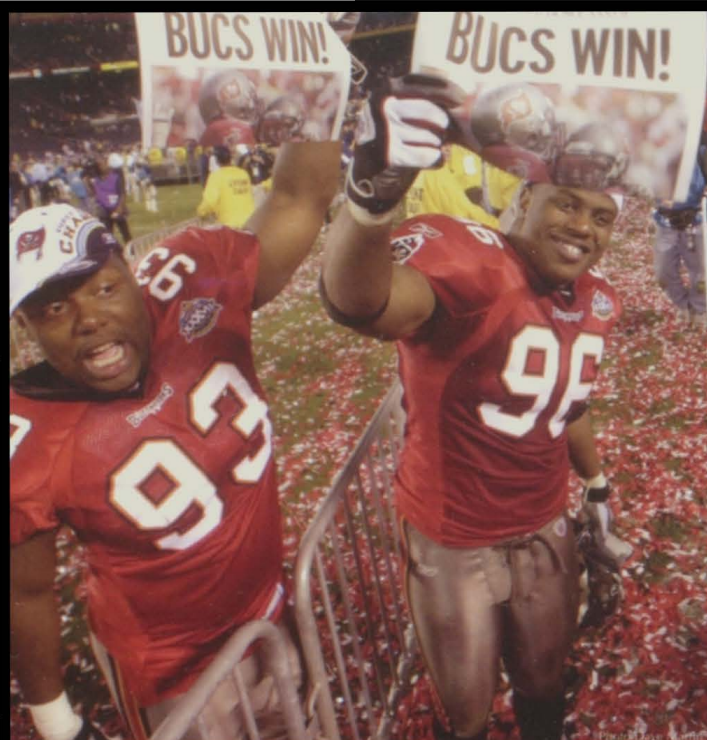


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Questions arose about whether Martha Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock based on illegal inside knowledge. Stewart claimed she had no idea the stock's price was soon to fall when she sold it, but a congressional panel continued to investigate Stewart's trades. ◀

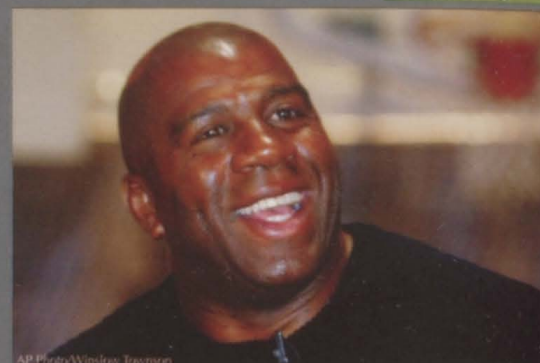
Esther Eppie Lederer, otherwise known as advice columnist Ann Landers, died at age 83. A flagship of the Chicago Tribune, the Ann Landers feature was one of the most widely syndicated newspaper columns in the world, appearing in 1,200 papers and reaching nearly 90 million readers daily.





In a single game, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers made up for nearly 20 years of being the NFL's bad joke by routing the favored Oakland Raiders, 48-21, in Super Bowl XXXVII. With the league's number one defense, a much-improved offense and riding the intensity of first-year coach Jon Gruden, the Bucs rolled through the regular season to win the NFC South. They won on the road against Philadelphia in the conference championship game to earn the franchise's first trip to the Super Bowl. In becoming World Champions, Tampa Bay buried the past and helped earn its defense a place as one of the best ever alongside the 2000 Ravens and Pittsburgh's "Steel Curtain" of the 1970s. ◀

Former NBA standout Magic Johnson was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Johnson, who scored more than 17,000 points in the NBA, and led the LA Lakers to five championships, first retired from basketball after he tested positive for HIV in 1991. After returning to play in a few games during the '95-'96 season, he retired again. ▼



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SPORTS



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The Anaheim Angels won games six and seven of the all-California World Series, edging out the San Francisco Giants. Threats of a late-season baseball strike had fans wondering whether there would be a series, but the strike was averted with a new labor contract that included a revenue-sharing plan and a drug prevention program. ◀▶



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Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas died of a heart attack at 69. Unitas was the first to throw for 40,000 yards, and broke nearly every NFL record for his position in his 18-year career. Unitas, who retired in 1973, still holds the record for completing at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games, a record set during the 1959-60 season. ◀

What is your favorite sport to watch?

- a. Football 39.9%
- b. Basketball 23.8%
- c. Baseball 8.4%
- d. Soccer 7.6%
- e. Wrestling 4.4%

Tennis star Serena Williams continued her extraordinary run with a win in the Australian Open, where she defeated older sister Venus in the finals. It was her fourth-straight Grand Slam victory following wins at the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. She was only the sixth woman ever to win four consecutive majors. ▶

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Baseball games around the country turned into memorial services on the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, with American flags flying at half-mast in every ballpark and the words "We Shall Not Forget" lighting up every electronic message board. At 9:11 p.m., all games were suspended for a moment of silence and a video presentation in memory of those who died in the attacks. ◀▶



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A Devoted Fan, Even In Death

Pittsburgh's Paul Wellener was a lifelong football fan and, thanks to his family, his unbridled passion for the game has followed him even in death. When Wellener, a Steelers season ticket holder for 42 years, died unexpectedly, his family found a fitting marker for his grave: two weathered seats from the Three Rivers Stadium auction.

Let Go Of My Lego!

Somebody has quite a conversation piece — or maybe just a big pile of Legos. Thieves at the annual sports equipment Super Show in Las Vegas made off with a replica Stanley Cup trophy, which was made entirely of 6,000 Lego bricks. The replica cup was on display to promote the company's new line of Lego NHL Hockey sets.

Ouch, That Stings!

Two competitive adult dodge ball leagues have formed in San Francisco during the past year. The first of their kind, the San Francisco Bombardment Society and the Bay Area Blood Warriors schedule matches with rules similar to the popular playground game.

Who was this year's most noteworthy athlete?

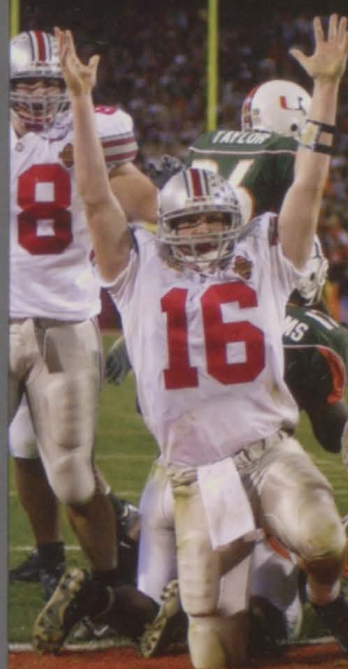
1. Kobe Bryant
2. Alan Iverson
3. Lebron James

That Kid's Got Guts

Rookie defensive end Dennis Johnson of the Arizona Cardinals revealed that he started dominating the gridiron at an early age, beginning his high school football career at age 6. As a 5-foot-7, 170-pound second-grader, Johnson came off the bench to play in several games for Harrodsburg (Ky.) High School going head-to-head with opponents three times older than him.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

The Ohio State Buckeyes won their first college football national championship since 1968 in a double-overtime game in the Fiesta Bowl. The Buckeyes defeated the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes, 31-24, in a game that many national publications touted as the best college football game of all time. The win ended Miami's 34-game winning streak. ▶



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After 13 seasons, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys holds the National Football League's all-time rushing record, surpassing the late Walter Payton's previous record of 16,726 yards. After the season ended, there was talk that Smith's salary and age would keep him from returning to the team. In February, team owner Jerry Jones released him. ◀

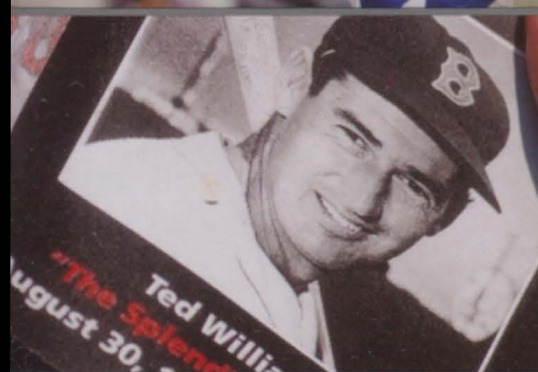


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Ted Williams, baseball's last major league player to bat over .400 in a season, died at 83 of cardiac arrest. News of his death was soon overshadowed by a legal battle between his children, who disagreed about whether his body should be cremated or cryogenically frozen. ◀

Notre Dame's first-year football coach Tyrone Willingham, the first black head coach in school history, led the Fighting Irish to a 10-2 record and a spot in the Gator Bowl. The season included an eight-game winning streak and an impressive turnaround from the previous year's 5-6 record.

Annika Sorenstam completed the most dominant season the LPGA Tour has seen in nearly four decades by winning 13 times around the world, including a major. En route to shattering her own scoring record, the 32-year-old Swede finished out of the top 10 only three times.



AP Photo/Ron Fehrm

Although her kick was blocked, Katie Hnida became the first woman ever to play in a Division 1-A football game when she attempted an extra point in the Las Vegas Bowl. Hnida's team, the New Mexico Lobos, lost the game to the UCLA Bruins, 27-13.

Augusta National Chairman Hootie Johnson started a maelstrom of controversy with his angry response to a letter requesting that the prestigious Georgia golf club, home of the Masters Tournament, admit women. Johnson stood firm in his opposition through the resulting media frenzy and criticism.



The :-D turned 20 this year. IBM researcher Scott Fahlman first typed the smiley face in an online message in 1982.

Wake up, Sleepyhead! A 16-year-old German student invented a bed with an electric motor that gradually raises the bed's mattress for five minutes after an alarm goes off. After five minutes, the sleepyhead has to get out of bed or be forced onto the floor.

Consumers began to wonder whether hybrid cars would become mainstream after General Motors Corp., the world's largest auto maker, announced it would offer hybrid cars, pickups and sport utility vehicles. Hybrids use a mixture of electricity and gas, making them more fuel-efficient. ▼



FUN FACTS

Researchers found out that duct tape removes warts just as well as freezing them with liquid nitrogen. Just apply, wait six days, remove the tape, soak the area in water, scrape the area with a pumice stone, and apply again. Experts say the tape irritates the warts and triggers the immune system to attack them, and they say this approach does not hurt.



Photo by Bryan Mitchell/Getty Images

This year, Mississippi became the first state ever to have an online computer in each public school classroom.

Reporters writing about the new James Bond movie *Die Another Day* received self-destructing DVDs to preview the movie's scenes. A letter from the movie's fictional character Q accompanied the discs, warning that the content would only be available for 36 hours. After that, Q wrote, the disc makes a nice coaster.

Companies continued to cram gadgets into cell phones, eliminating the need for people to carry PDAs or computers along with their phones. The new generation of phones can take digital pictures, access the internet, send and receive email and instant messages, and download video games and ring tones. ►



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TECHNOL

New studies revealed that ribonucleic acid (RNA) is capable of taking charge of the genetic process, commanding gene activity, or even deleting entire sections of DNA. Researchers hope that RNA will play a vital role in the war against cancer and other diseases.

A worm called Sapphire was unleashed on tens of thousands of internet servers, resulting in the shutdown of computer systems, a blackout of automatic teller machines and a bog down of web traffic. The author of the worm, if caught and convicted, could face harsh punishment under new U.S. anti-terror legislation.

The Kroger Company, the country's largest grocery chain, tested finger imaging at three of its Texas stores as a new way for customers to pay for their groceries. When customers signed up for the program, their credit or debit card information was linked to their fingerprint, so they no longer needed to take their wallets to the store. The Penn Cambria district in Pennsylvania allows its students to pay for their lunches in the same manner. It is one of about 35 districts trying the biometric program. Other schools across the nation used the system in their libraries. ►



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A fossil unearthed in Africa was dated at between 6 and 7 million years old, pushing the date of the earliest known human ancestor back more than 3 million years. The nearly complete skull, nicknamed Toumai, had some apelike features, but the shape of its teeth and lower face suggested human ancestry.



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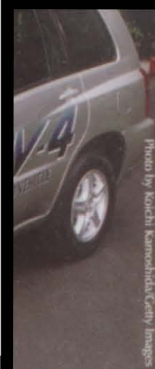
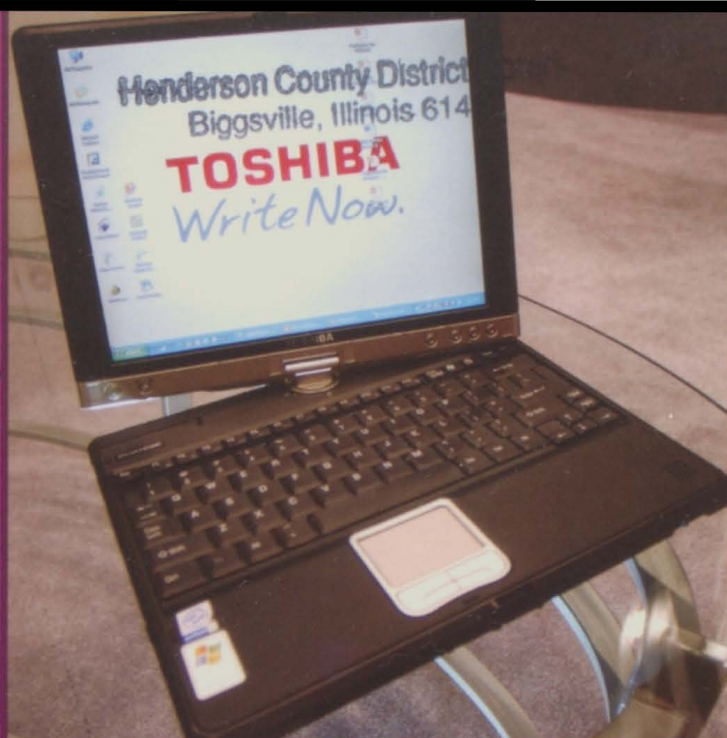


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Environmentally friendly cars powered by hydrogen made their debut in Los Angeles when the city's mayor signed a lease for city employees to try five of the cars. Automakers said this was an important first step, but the cars probably will not be sold to the general public for another 10 years. ◀

So That's How It Works

The dynamics of the stadium wave were calculated and published in a scientific journal by a University of Hungary professor. Tamas Vicsek used mathematical models written to study the spread of forest fires and applied them to the wave. His analysis shows it only takes a few dozen fans to trigger a wave. It will move clockwise at a rate of 20 seats per second and is usually about 15 seats wide.



Coloring The Cosmos

Astronomers Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry finally got that nagging "What color is the universe?" question answered. The color is Cosmic Latte. The color-naming contest evolved from the scientists' speculation of what color the universe would be if all its light were taken together. Their initial findings said light green before they finally settled on beige.

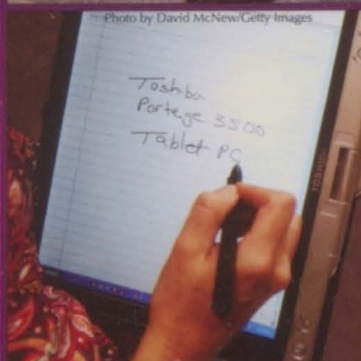
STRANGE BUT TRUE

Just What The Vet Prescribed

Kyoto University researchers discovered some primates, specifically certain varieties of lemurs, eat plants containing poisonous tannins prior to giving birth. Tannins in small doses naturally increase milk production and veterinarians use them to prevent failed pregnancies. Scientists say this makes the lemur the first known animal to self-medicate when pregnant.

No Prey? Then You May Pass

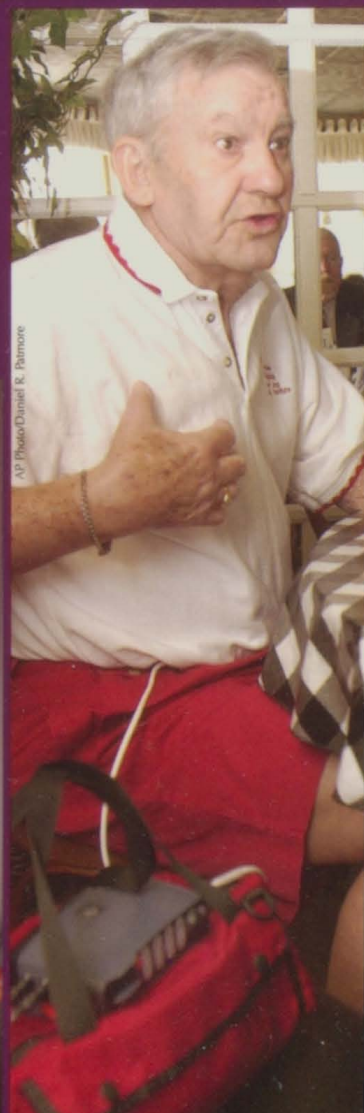
Computer programmer Boris Tsikanovsky developed software to stop his cat, Squirrel, from dragging prey into the house. Squirrel, whose special collar allows her to exit and enter through a magnetized door, often hides dead mice and birds in the furniture. So, he developed imaging software linked to a camera by the door that will not allow Squirrel to enter if her profile shows something in her mouth.



Tablet PCs hit store shelves this year. These new laptops allow users to handwrite their messages directly on the screen instead of typing them, making them a popular choice for taking notes in classes and meetings. The average price: about \$2,200. ◀▶

OGY

Tom Christerson celebrated the one-year anniversary of his artificial heart transplant in September. He died six months later. Christerson, 71, was the longest-living AbioCor recipient so far. The AbioCor heart, a softball-sized pump made of plastic and titanium, runs on batteries and fits within a patient's chest. ▶



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A Northern California town sold on eBay for almost \$1.8 million. The owners of Bridgeville, Calif. decided to auction the town on eBay after their conventional attempts to sell the town failed. The town includes a post office, a cemetery and more than a dozen houses and cabins. ◀

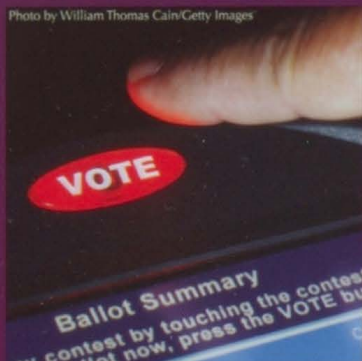


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Almost one fifth of U.S. counties used electronic voting machines in November, the highest percentage to date. The change was prompted by lawmakers' concern about Florida's ballot controversy in the 2000 presidential election. ◀▶▶

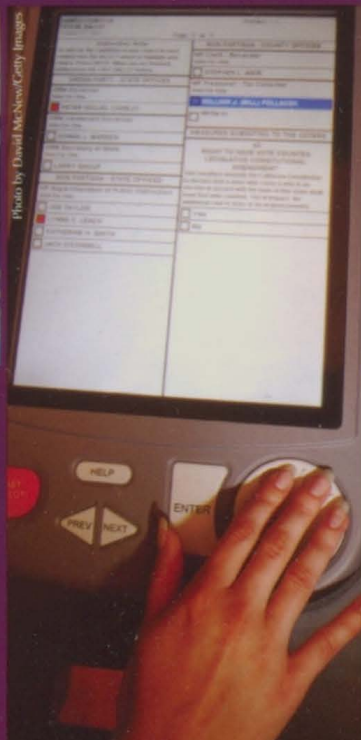


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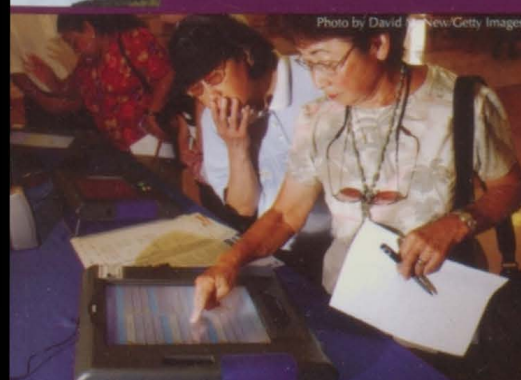


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Bratz dolls outsold Barbie as America's best-selling fashion doll for six months in a row. In response, Mattel created My Scene Barbie, a newer doll who wears platform shoes, low-rise jeans, more makeup, and midriff-baring shirts.

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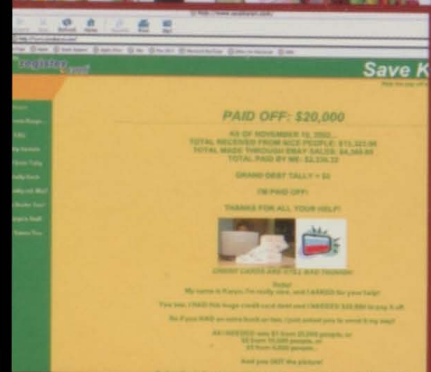


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People desperate for money turned to the internet to **cyberbeg**. One woman was able to pay off her \$20,000 credit card debt in just five months with the contributions she received from people who read her website and sent money.



The Institute of Medicine changed its recommendations for Americans' diets and exercise regimes. Under the new guidelines, everyone should participate in at least one hour of physical activity each day and should eat a recommended percentage of carbohydrates, fats and proteins. McDonald's cut the amount of bad fat in its fries, Chicken McNuggets and other products after a New York man sued McDonald's and three other major fast-food chains for allegedly making him fat.

A few weeks later, a lawyer sued McDonald's on behalf of obese children. The suits were later thrown out by a federal judge who said the law is not in place to protect people from their own excesses. The cases argued that the fast-food chains never gave a clear warning about the foods' danger.

TRENDS



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Several stars crossed over from one entertainment genre to another, the most common of which involved musicians making movies. Actress/pop star Jennifer Lopez was one example. She starred in two movies this year, released a top-selling CD, opened a restaurant and even launched a perfume. Other stars crossing over included Eminem and Kid Rock making their film debuts.

Hewlett Packard introduced a personal computer that works like a TV. The computer comes with a remote control and a TV tuner, and users can play and record TV shows and digital music.

The coolest trend at my school this year was

My favorite fashion trend was

Survey results compiled from the responses of more than 2000 students across the nation.
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