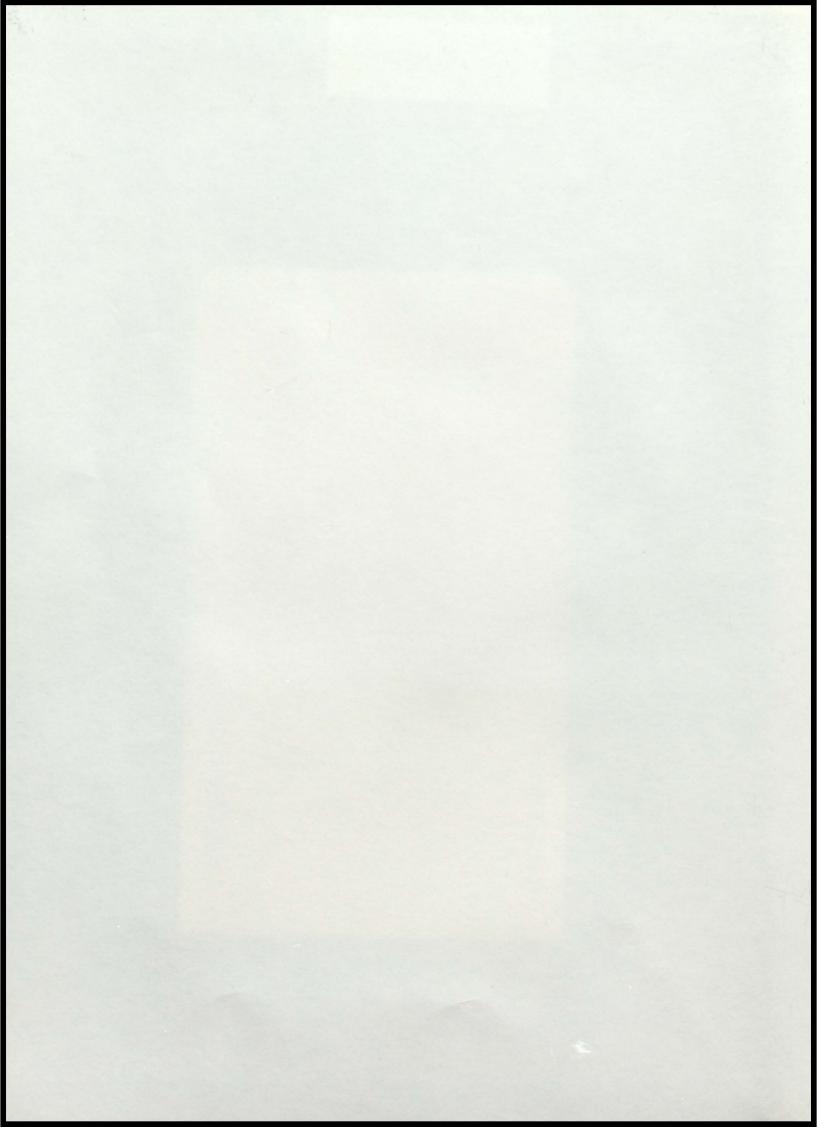


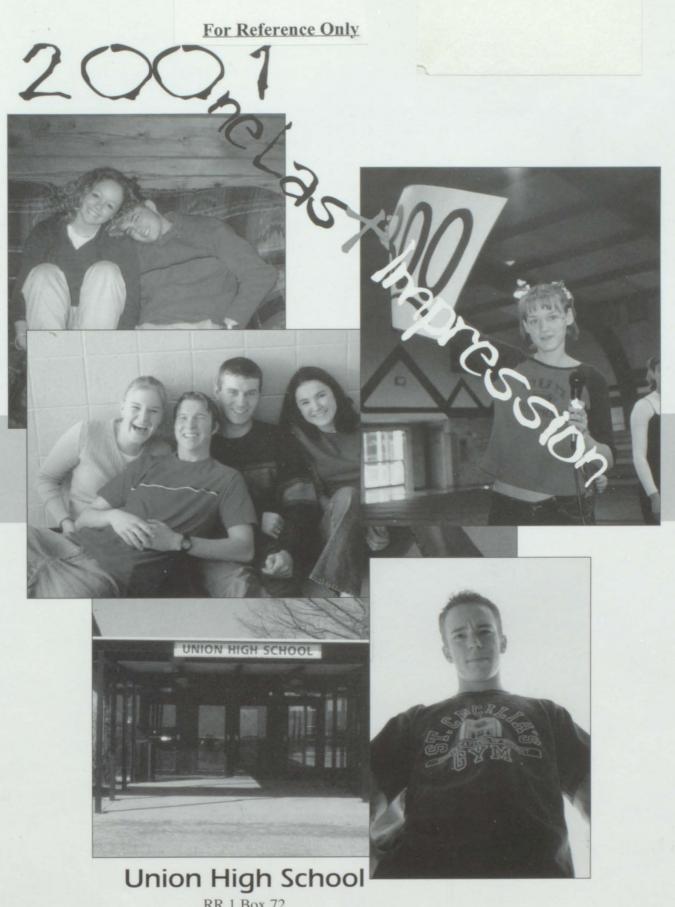


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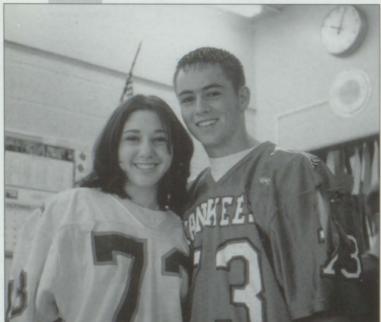


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August, 2000...The year is just beginning at eral outstanding scholars: athletes. Megan Shutwell has Union High School and everyone is extremely Chris Clark spent a semester in obliterated countless oppoexcited, especially the Senior Class of 2001. Washington D.C. serving as a nents on the track, and is a This class, like any other, has waited four Congressional Page. Chris shoe-in for the state competilong years to be able to taste the thrill Droste is a three time state partion. In Football our Yankee of Graduation ... of moving on. But it ticipant in the WYSE competi-Defensive unit was named Reis different this year, for this is the tion. Several Seniors received view Atlas Athlete of the Week first class of the twenty-first century, National Merit Scholarships. for it's domination over the first class of the new millennium. In addition to this class' bril-Westmer. Heather Randall was In this remarkable class we have sevliance, they have many stellar awarded the honor of Prep Athpression ne last

















lete of the Week from the Burlington Hawkeye for her magnificent performance on the volleyball court.

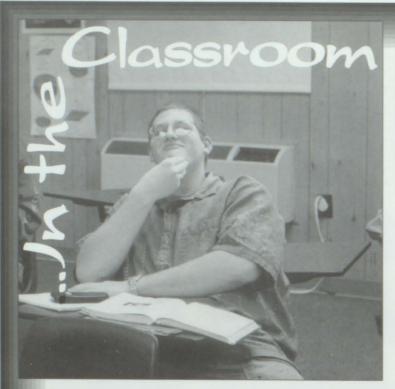
Over the last four years, the Class of 2001 has made many. lifelong memories. Who can forget The Pit, Crazy Dusty's 10 footer, the High on Life Club, Bucky's ride on the Ti-

tanic, blueberries on the volleyball bus or Beano's surprise in the shower? And roadtrips everywhere from Galva to BHS. Even with all these outstanding memories, the Seniors know that more are to come this year as they leave their "One Last Impression". By: Noah Blindt & Tyler Lutz



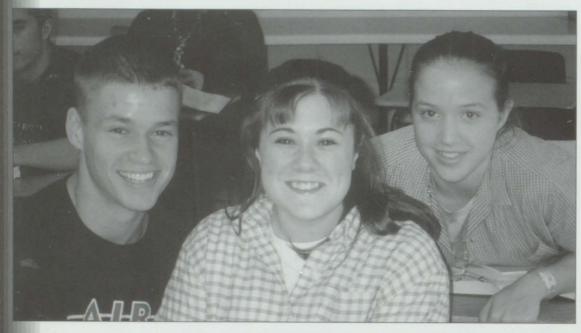


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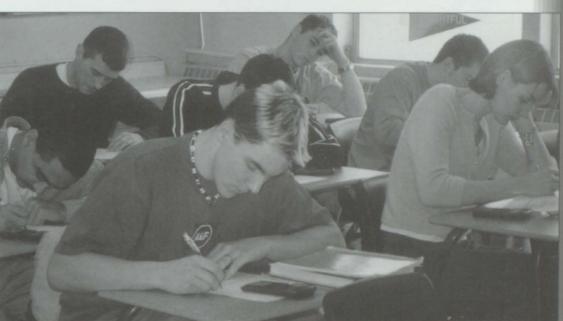




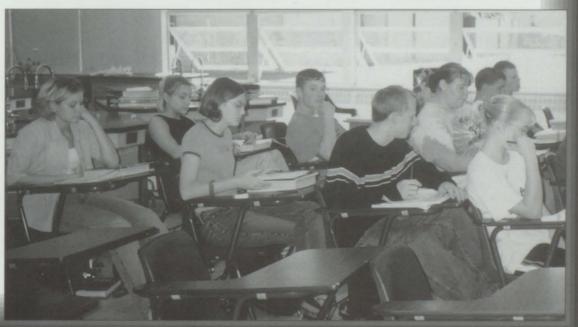


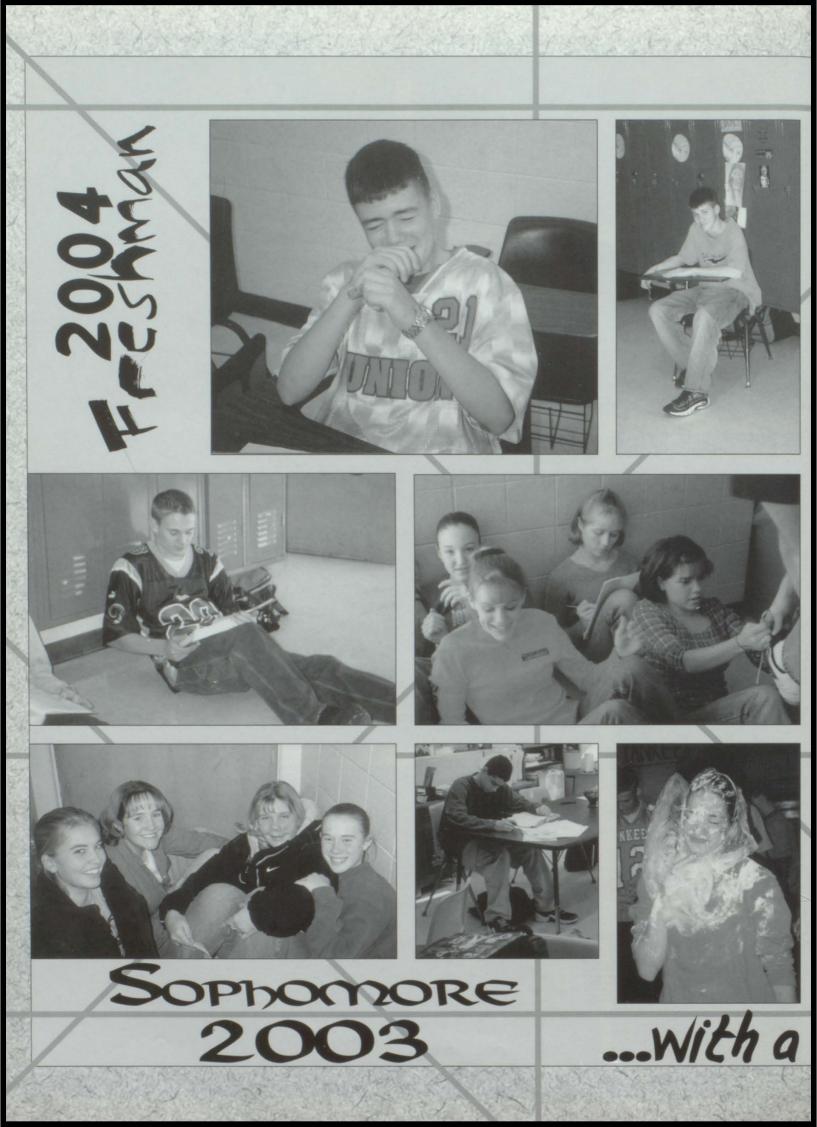


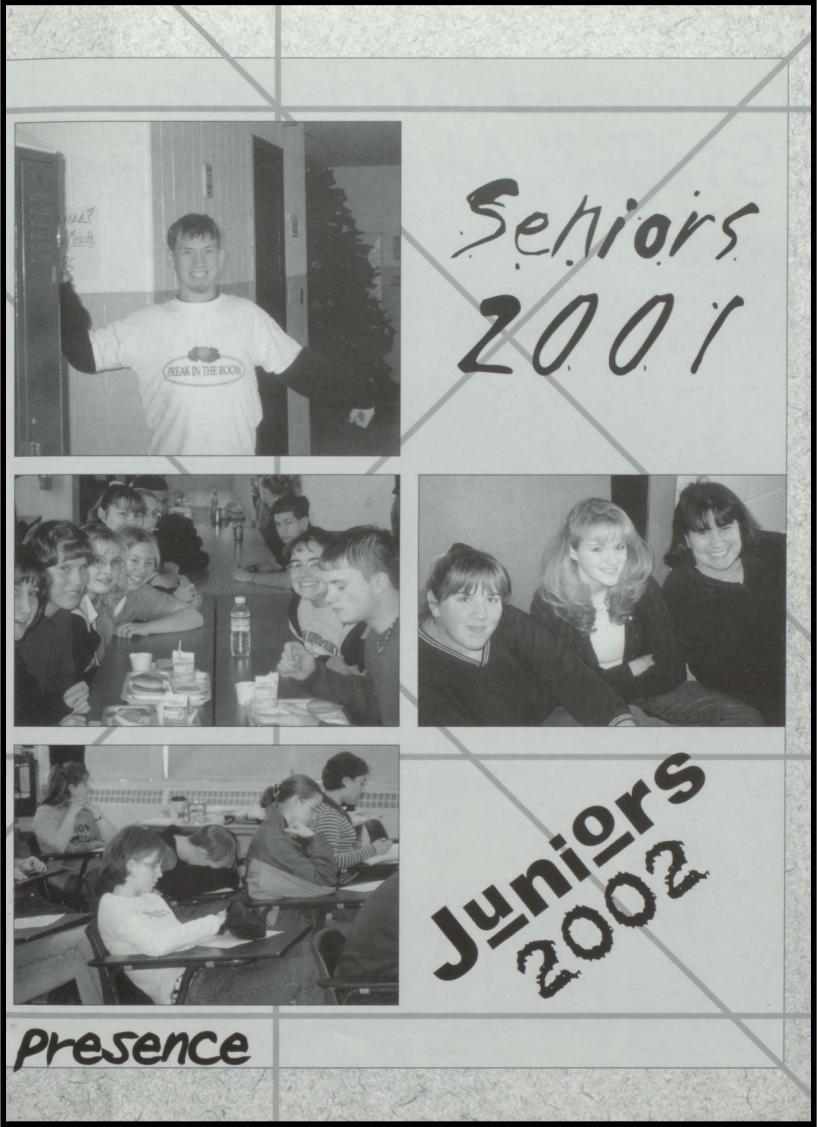




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Staff & Administration

The 2000 - 2001 school year has certainly been one for the ages. It has been one of great success for everyone here at Union High School. But without the continued support from Union's teachers, Staff, and Administration all of our questions would go unanswered, and all of our futures wouldn't be quite as bright.

These special people deserve far more credit and praise than they receive, and the Publications Class would like to take this opportunity to send out a big thank you to all the staff of Union High School.



"All of us, at certain moments of our lives, need to take advice and to receive help from other people."

> Alexis Carrel



Front Row: Donna Albin, Diana Johnson, Betsy Eaton, Brenda Stamper, Amy Lox, Nancy Gapen Back Row: Dixie Lox, Loretta Anders, Donna Mudd, Kerry McMahill, Patty Wood, Donna Adolph



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FRESHMAN CLASS OF 2004

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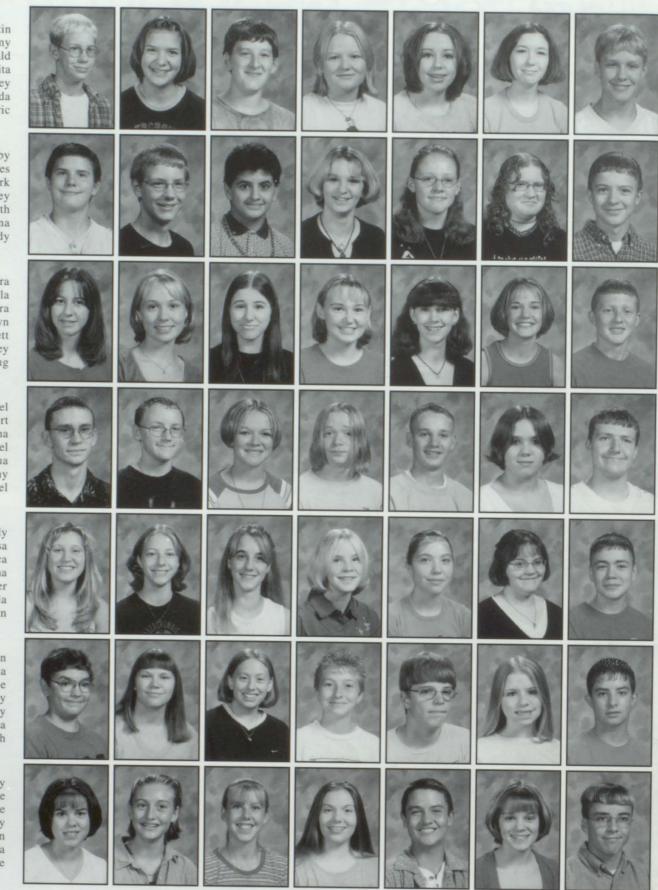
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> Jones, Ashely Kane, Melissa Kelley, Jessica Lewis, Christina Link, Jennifer Lox, Amanda Lutz, Nathan

May, Christian McClanahan, Samantha McKeown, Jayme Mettler, Whitney Miller, Colby Miller, Jessica Miller, Josh

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A Whole New World

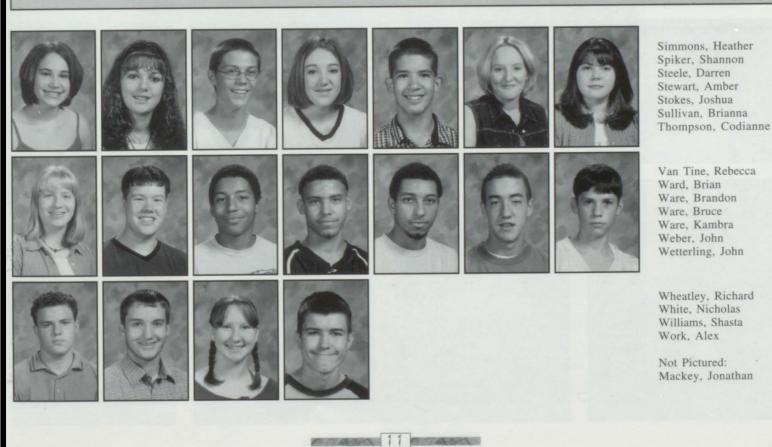
"The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do." John Holt



Our Freshman Class has changed in many ways over our summer vacation. In walking down a new hallway we have become more responsible and our attitudes have become more confident. I'm sure our Freshman year will be one of our best years in high school.

> Freshman Class President, Kaila Gapen

Front Row: Josh Higgins, Nathan Lutz, Amy Bigger, Kaila Gapen. Back Row: Melissa Kane, Amber Stewart.



Coming Into Their Own

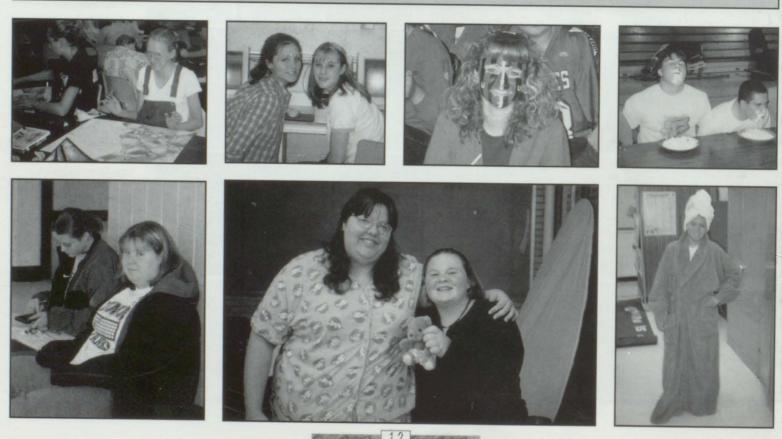
Another year of school has come and gone. We've found new friends and kept some of the old. We now have more stories to tell of our time here, and I'm sure we all look forward to gaining new ones in the following years.

> **Sophomore Class** President. **Bryan Dunn**

Front Row: Chelsea Rippenkroeger, Hollie Hedden, Sara Smith, Brandy Smith. Back Row: Mark DeJaynes, Bryan Dunn.



"Not all who wander are lost." J.R. Tolkien



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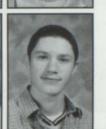
















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Mueller, Jodi Nelson, Tyler Nichols, Cole Ohler, Zach Petermann, Mindy Quam, Shane Rippenkroeger, Chelsea

Rolland, David Russell, Jonathon Sells, Sarah Shewbirt, Doyal Smith, Brandy Smith, Sara Thacker, Cody

Throckmorton, Jamie Waterman, Justin Wood, Katie Wright, Anthony

Not Pictured: Allen, John Buchanan, Branden Hass, Tyler Link, Nicholas

JUDIOR CLASS OF 2002

Bailey, Chad Bennett, April Billingsley, Donny Buster, Ranita Byers, Kevin Cole, Marissa Curtiss, Matthew

> Davis, Michael DeMoss, Eileen Eaton, Jamie Eldridge, Sonya Ferch, Tyler Forbes, Chad Ford, Danny

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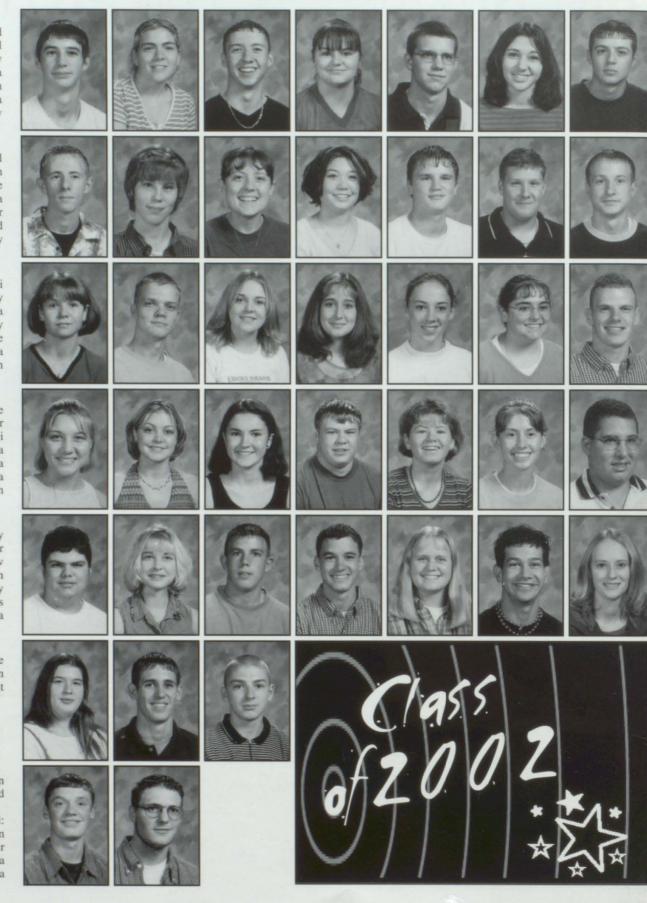
Kane, Michelle Koch, Amber Link, Traci Mahan, Joshua McKinney, Shawna Noard, Lisa Parsons, Adam

Peterson, Arley Peterson, Jennifer Price, Matthew Priesman, Brandon Pruett, Lindsey Shafer, Travis Smith, Alicia

Spangler, Nicole Thompson, Justin Van Tine, Grant

Walters, John Wheatley, Harold

Not Pictured: Bailey, William Hartman, Heather John, Karla May, Natasha



Looking to the Future

"Your future depends on many things, but mostly on you." Frank Tyger

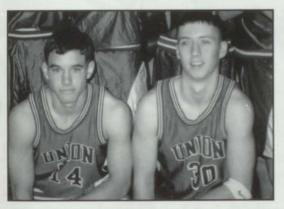


As one of our last years at Union High School passes, most of us look back and remember the good times we had in high school. But at the same time we are looking to the future to see what lies ahead of us.

As part of the unique and individual Junior Class, I know we look towards the brighter sides of things and make the best out of everything. We have fun in anything we do and are looking forward to our last year.

> Junior Class President, Donny Billingsley

Front Row: Traci Link, Stephanie Higgins. Back Row: Michelle Kane, Donny Billingsley, Marissa Cole, Jamie Eaton.





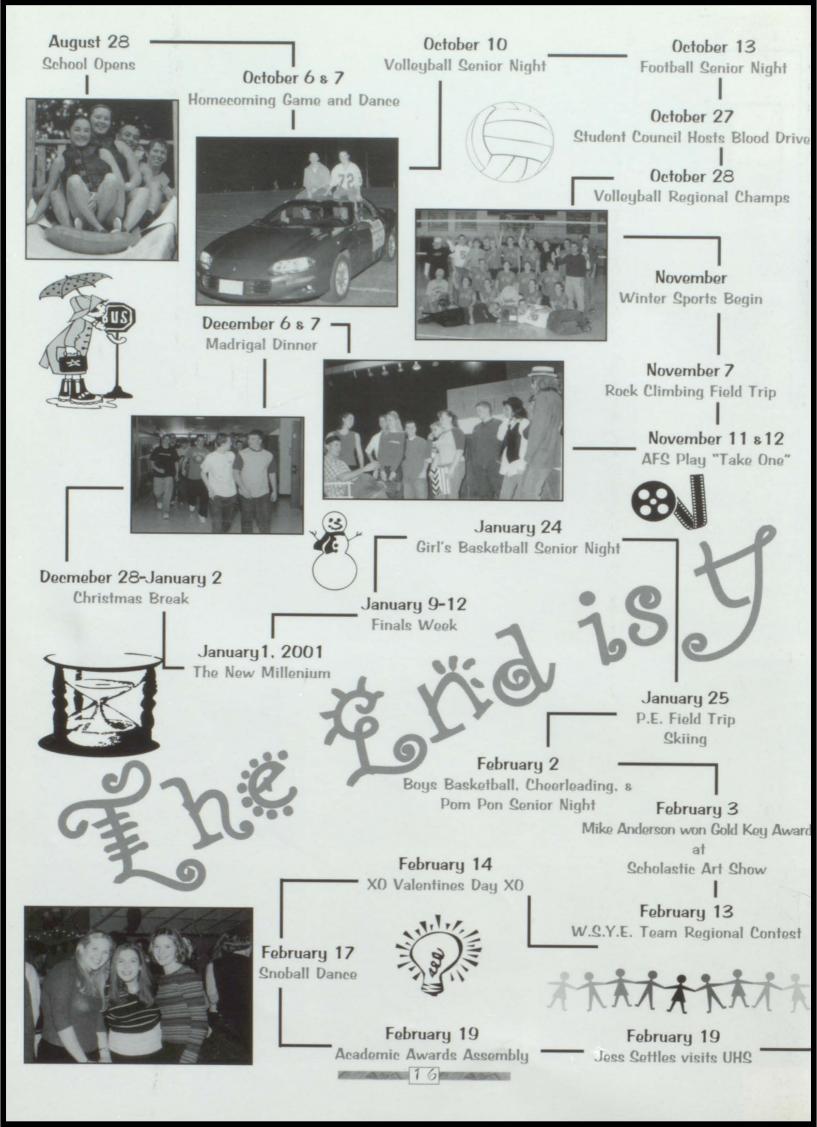




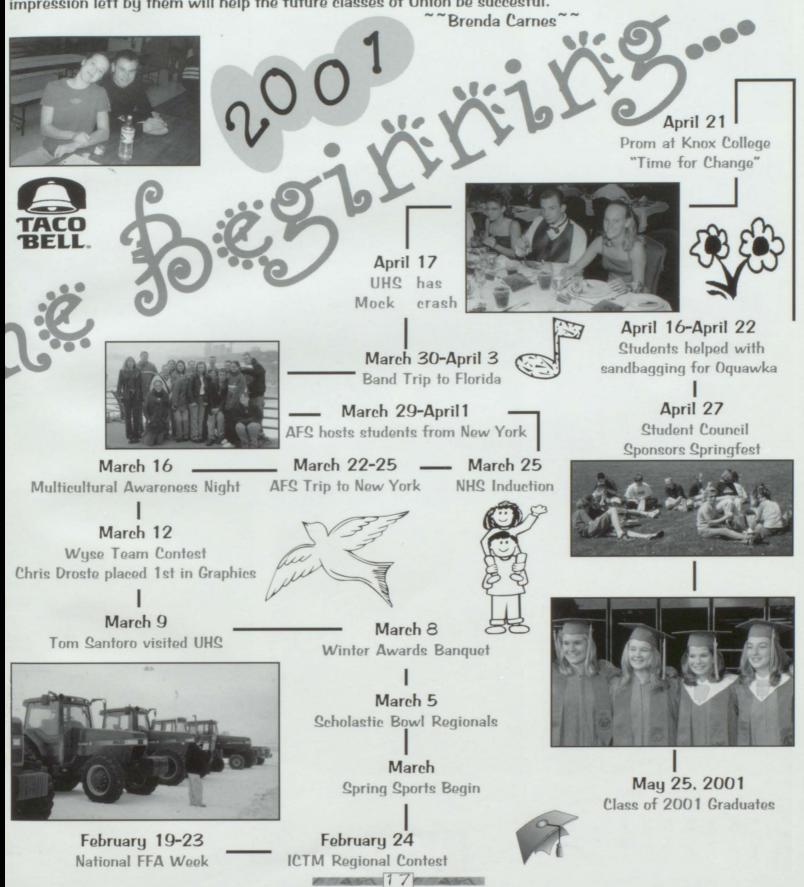
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As we sit and think back on all that has happened throughout this year, many things come to mind such as **STRESS**, FRENDS, #OMEWORK, and **FUN**. The 2000-2001 school year will be one that will not be forgotten. Jess Settles and Tom Santoro visited us with two great motivational speeches, the Ag Classes got a new greenhouse, sports and academic teams excelled, UHS hosted students from New York for the AFS exchange, and the Class of 2001 graduated on May 25, 2001. As students begin to make their schedules for the summer and the next year, memories from the past year are brought to mind. Not only will the Class of 2001 be missed but they will miss all that happened in the four years they attended UHS. We hope that the impression left by them will help the future classes of Union be succesful.





Michael Anderson



Tashika Arrington



Kristopher Bailey



April Bennett



Jacob Bielser



Bradley Bigger



Valerie Blake



Noah Blindt



Adam Boyle

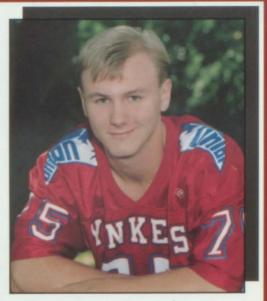
AHHH...The Memories....



Nichole Bresnahan



Kimberly Buster



Wayne Carlson



Brenda Carnes



Austin Chandler



Christopher Clark



Christopher Droste





Tara Grafton

Mike A.: Beano catching someone in the shower. Tashika: Having my daughter, Julia Claine Arrington. Jacob: My freshman year when Andy Melvin made me eat everything he just threw together on the lunch tray. Valerie: My fun times with Jodel when we lied to our parents. Noah: Road trip to Galva. Adam: Getting in trouble for inappropriate dancing. Nicole: The senior guys making Jacob eat rotten food my freshman year. Kim: "Bye, Bye, Birdie" my freshman year. Wayne: Bearcrawls I, Mike Anderson, leave to Tanner Bigger and Sean Robbins my football skills. To Pood, a flying knee, to Hollie Hedden some balls on a string, and all my love to Amber Stewart.

I, Tashika Arrington, leave to Chrissy my big mouth to tell how you feel, to Brianna, my experience to be a good mom. To Lynett Gohn, my ability to get what needs to be done, done. To Shasta my good driving skills. To Beth, the ability to get by with everything. To every girl that has a baby while still in high school, stay in school it will pay off in the end! I, Kris Bailey, leave to Matt my wisdom in mammoths, I leave the FFA kids and Mrs. Heavner "Keep on Truckin", and to Mark the "Hardcore 34" name.

I, April Bennett, leave to my brother my ability to convince mom that I have a doctors appointment every day. To Justin I leave the ability to get your girlfriend a rose-no don't get a rose, ditch weed will do. To Bri, my best friend, 1 leave the abiltiy to like only one boy and not screw it up. You'll find that someone!

I, Jacob Bielser, leave my hair styles to Tanner, my ability to make fun of anyone, anywhere and not get beat up to Michael, and anything of Mr. Ross' to Mrs. Heavner. Last but not least, all my love to Jamie Eaton.

I, Valerie Blake, leave my abilty to get over the toughest times to Samantha, to Eileen the ability to get her way.

I, Noah Blindt, leave to Traci Link all of our GREAT times at Gladstone Lake, to John "Frank" Weber I leave all of the memories to come

I, Adam Boyle, leave my Mustang to Michelle because that is the only way to repay her for all the dares. My ability to be as mean to girls as possible and still get them to like you in the end to Nick Link, and all my skills of flirting to Hector. To everyone else Good Luck!

I, Nichole Bresnahan, leave to Whitney my clothes, open-mindedness, party habits and wise decisions. To Bruce my ability to do homework and my love, to Kambra my ability to graduate and make it out of here and to be my best friend forever. To the freshman good luck. To Alicia, Sara and Mindy my ability to play P.E. yolleyball and quit making fun of people. To Brandon I leave the ability to beat up your brothers for me. Finally, to The Class of 2001 good luck and stay real.

I, Kim Buster, leave to Rachel Edwards my quick wit and sarcastic sarcasm, to Jenny my ability to tell people off, to Terry the ability to speak more than one sentence, to Tyler Ferch the ability to quit punching people before someone kicks his butt. Last but not least, to Ranita I leave the courage to fulfill her dreams and the ability to get right back up when people knock her down.

I, Brenda Carnes, leave to Donny Bilingsley all my love and friendship, I love you and will miss you so much. To Danny a piano bench and a DaBrat cd. To Ashley Brown I leave an exit, our dance, all of our good times and all my friendhip. To Nick Link a permanent parking spot at, well you know where, I will miss you! 'To Brandon Priesman I leave a big kiss. To Traci Link my great swimming ability in case you get stuck up stream. To Ashley Jones I leave some cold "plastic" french fries and some cheese. To Nathan I leave a Rasberry Muffin and a big wet kiss and to Sonya I leave a punch in the face because if I don't no one else will! To The Class of 2001 I will miss you and Good luck.

I, Austin Chandler, leave to Chad Ferguson my deer hunting ability, and to my sister the power of a chevy. I, Chris Clark, leave my ability to weasle my way out of anything to my sister, to Grant my ability to make teachers think I have fixed their computers when I really haven't, and my ability to function on less than four hours of sleep to whoever wants it.

I, Chris Droste, leave the best of luck to the golf team, to Bryan and Mark I leave you each a salt and pepper shaker, 3 knives, 2 forks, and a box of Teddy Grams but not Thy Golden Soup Spoon. To Lindsey, #9 pond and 4 helping hands, to Amy Bigger, my FFA office, leadership skills and an ear of corn. To Mrs. Heavner, a couple of water balloons and to Mr. Hurley some stories of Stupid Phil.

I, Tiffany Fisher, leave my bruises to Ashley Cook, to Eileen my small mouth to use it instead of yours. To Kim the memory of Jarod, to Josh Stokes my tire. To Becca my ability to look at guys, and to Jenny and Tash I leave my friendship and our memories. Jenny quack, quack, quack! To Kevin I leave my love. I, Tara Grafton, leave to Brandi Gall my ability have ex-boyfriends as good friends, to forgive people and bathtubs. To

Jamie Lynn, I leave the advice to never fall in love with someone who can't handle love, the bi-guys at Wendy's and thanks for being the good friend that you are, you know what I mean. To Jon all of the good times, who knows where I would be without loud friends and you to keep me going, also the permission to pick on my brother for me. Remember I love you.

I, Ian Hallt, I leave to Josh my kicking leg and to Noah my accent because he needs all the help he can get with women.

I leave all the students and teachers eternal gratitude for giving me a great year and making me one of your own! I, **Dusty Hass**, leave Doug my skills at D-Back, to Matt my number 23 in football. To Josh my baseball skills, to Kelsey Olson green underwear, to Traci Link my ability not to do anything stupid at parties, and to Sean, my ability to slack off and not get caught.

I, Mary Hawkins, leave to Brandy summer softball and all the SNL you can handle. To Doug-guy I leave a bottle of jelly and the ability to wipe on your own. To Lindsey I leave the ablinty to put on a good show. To Brandi I leave the ultimate b-day gift and a piece of string. To anyone who asks there is no such thing as the high on life club. To Nick White I leave the girl across the street. To Sonya I leave LC and to Traci Link TC.

I, Michael Hendrickson, leave to Travis Shafer the root of my car, a full moon, a wall of Mountain Dew cans, a kilt,

chicken in a biscuit, lots of spray paint, a bottle of Amasol, big packs of Kool-Aid, a long distance relationship, a huge stub, and a squirrel tribal because your the best friend someone could have. Thank you for being there. I, Amanda Henry, leave to Traci Link a package of hot dogs and bamboo. To Travis Shafer and Sara Hull I leave a Walmart shopping cart. To Sara Smith and Brandy Smith I leave my car with ABS. To Amy Chandler I leave the ability to not take Austin's crap. I leave to Hollie Hedden some wedding rings, and to Tyler Nelson I'll see yain 9 years.

I, Hidi Hume, leave to Shasta the ability to get out of running in P.E. To Tara Gerhardt a wet comb, to Gary Gutzman "If I don't eat I'll be skinny" and to Becky Gutzman my friendship.

I, Brian Ishmael, leave my ability to drive (even if it's parked) and my love to Alicia Smith, To Lacy my yellow hat and to everyone else the best of luck because you are still stuck here.

I, Katie Jones, leave my empire to Harold, who can take care of it. To Tyler I leave my old Biology assignments and anything he wants out of my locker (like maybe his bag). To Marky I leave pretty streamers and my love. Chris, Dave, Robbie, Josh, and Jamie can fight over my locker decorations. To my posse, Sara and Jenna, I leave them anything they want. To Harold I wish you the best of luck and friendship. To Samantha I leave the ability to dance. To Shasta and Lynett I leave them an extra seat at the lunch table, don't let the freshman take it!

I, Brad Judd, leave to G-Rant my big pimpin' skills. To Sean Robbins I leave my football skills, and to Melissa Kane my love.

I. Leah Klick, leave to John Allen my ability to always get caught, a pair of crutches, and an 8 oz. can of pork soda. To Becky Gutzman old Grandpa Elvis. To Tyler, Austin and Aaron Ferch I leave my undying friendship, never forget to always stick up for yourself and keep your head high. I will always be here for all of you! To Gary Gutzman I can always handle more than you. To the Senior Class I will never forget the time growing up with you. I wish you all the luck in the world. It's been fun, I will miss you.

I. Kari Kulp, leave to Brande Hartman my ability to laugh throughout the whole class period. I leave Mindy Peterman my ditziness, and to Lynett Gohn the ability to tell everyone "you're dumb." To everybody else to survive P.E.

I. Erica Lee, leave to Karla John my ability to have fun no matter who you are with or what the situation, to John Allen I leave many out houses, cantalopes, gas pumps, road trips, and a 30 pack of pork soda. To Michael Davis I leave the ablility to get Taco Bell what ever the hour may be, to Jessica Miller I leave the ability to stop lying and always admit you have a problem. To Sonya I need to ask one question, "Why are you ballin?" I leave a box of tissue and a shoulder to cry on to Becky and Gary Gutzman. To the Ferches I leave a never ending friendship, all my love, and the ablility to do great in all you do. Last to all my Senior Class, I leave a huge thank you for never forgetting me and treating me as if I never left.

I, Danny Link, leave my dent (car) to my sister, my ability to skip out on work and go to girls basketball games to Cody Thacker. My ability to pick up the ladies to Chad Ferguson. My collection of pez dispensers to Chelsea Rippenkroeger, to Amber Koch my brother's studded belt. To everyone else the ability to be better than Nick Olson.

I, Tyler Lutz, leave to Pood the deed to this school which I own and an access card, to Stephanie Higgins some skittles. To Frank some of my legendary speed, to Marissa my blistering butt slap, to Traci a new laugh and a cold metal screwdriver. To Eric Bundy, a higher tolerance for pain, and to Tanner I leave my "Practice Player of the Week" status. I, Sara Mackey, leave a can of air freshener to Amanda. To Mary I leave you the perfect cheer. Sarah I leave you the title of Art Queen. To Lindsey Pruett I leave you my ability to be dumb and not show it. To Jon I leave you the ability

to act normal and only take four years to graduate high school. I, **Tina McElhiney**, leave to Becky Gutzman my ability to listen to Mr. Shimmin. To Lacy Hastings the ability to staple her homework together when she hands it in so it doesn't get lost. I, **Mike McIntyre**, leave to Shane Quam my good driving skills, to Jessica Johnson my good looks, and more trips to Chicago. To Cody Thacker the Cavy, Chubs 14, and the 120's. To Karla John my Camaro and my personality. To John Russell I leave the gremlin and my way to avoid hitting things. To Danny Ford a kiss, to Ashley Brown a tractor, to Jenni a chin job and to everyone else nothing.

I. Brock Miller, leave to Donny Billingsley the Jerry Olson philsophy on women and in the history of many greedy seniors to the rest of you I leave nothing..haha.

I, L indy Miller, leave a tube of black lipstick to Tara Gerhardt, to Micheal Davis a million excuses to still be my friend,

to Sonya Eldridge some job papers. To no one under any circumstances the nickname Hippy. I, **Sheena Miller**, leave my ability to be loud and obnoxious to Becky Gutzman. My ability to party to Shannon Spiker and good luck in all you do. To the Senior Class I leave all the luck in the world and to have fun!

I, Nick Olson, leave my baseball skills to Nick Link, my linebacker skills to Ben Hunter. Hoorah Ben. To Traci Link an oven sheet big enough for frozen pizza. I, Seth Olson, leave to Kelsey my ability to get away with anything and my ability to BS your way out of things. To Traci

Link my ability to get over a "terrible cold", to Donny Billingsley I leave my homerun swing cause those 300 footers just aren't going to cut it and Amber Koch I leave my ablility to not get a ticket for illegal activities.

I, Justin Parsons, leave to Justin Thompson a box of dots, everyone else remember "Look at this."

I, Kathy Patlan, leave my ability to keep my mouth shut to Josh Miller. To the Junior Elite my ability to stay at home on the weekends.

I, Heather Randall, leave to Ashley Brown the ability to steal a sign and throw the metal rod out of the moving car window without poking a hole in the seat. To Lacy Hastings I leave the ability to make it home on time, and to Marissa I leave an ice cream scoop and some minutes on your cell phone.

I, Melanie Reynolds, leave to Beth Cook my ability to get what I want when I want it. To Lynett Gohn my attitude, to Shasta Williams my ability to have more than one friend at a time. To the freshman my ability to cheat and not get caught in Mr. Hurley's class.

I, Season Rippenkroeger, leave to Chelsea my big mouth and the ability to talk your way out of things. To Lisa Noard the song Big Deal and my ability to take football stats. To Steph the ability to choose who she flashes a little more careful. To Dana, Lisa and Katie our ugly football shirts.

I, Megan Shutwell, leave to Stephanie Higgins some gatorade and a vacuum to clean her room with, to Lisa some parking cones. To Traci Link half of a mocha smoothie. To Megan Clark my name and my speed. To Mr. Hurley a whole bunch of money for an all weather track.

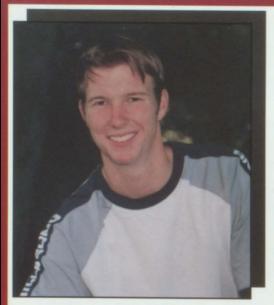
I, Holly Simmons, leave to Chad Ferguson all my friendship, the ability to get hit by a softball and the ability to have fun on weekends. To Heather I leave you the ability to do what you want and not care what others say! Make sure you carry on the Simmons name. To Marina I leave you the ability to have fun during volleyball and to be able to grab everyones balls. I also leave you the ability to sing the peaches song and have fun!

I, Kerry Spangler, leave to Shasta my ability to make people smile, to Lynett and Jenna the ablility to have fun, to Amber and Jodi the memories of working together at the Diner.

I, Jonathan Waterman, leave to Mikey Bennett some height, to my brother some common sense.

I, P.J. Weber, leave to Lisa Noard some chicken and all our great memories. To Steph I leave some happiness and some chicken. To Hollie, Traci and the rest of the pixie stick girls a lifetime supply of pixie sticks. To Johny the ability to put up with mom and dad without me, it will be tough but you know where to reach me, I will miss you! To Jessica Sanning some sense. To all my friends who will still be here at UHS, have fun and I will miss you. To The Class of 2001 good luck in the future.

I, Zach Wood, leave to Pood an access card and the ability to grow. To Josh Higgins my basketball and baseball skills, and to Frank the Wubby Voice.



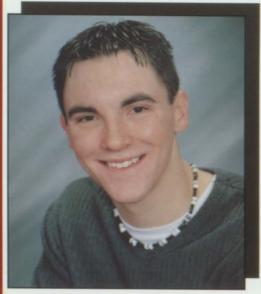
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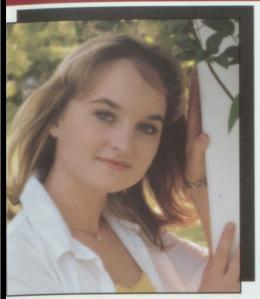


Katherine Jones



Bradley Judd

and Crazy Pusty. **Brenda:** Panny Ford dancing on the piano bench. **Chris:** Galva. **Tiffany:** My college day with Kim and Olivet. **Tara:** The car window my sophomore year. **Pusty:** Crazy Pusty and the 10 footer. **Mary:** The softball game when two people drove by and yelled what "TC" meant. **Michael H.:** When Travis and I walked home from school. **Amanda:** Prom



Leah Klick



Kari Kulp



Erica Lee



Daniel Link



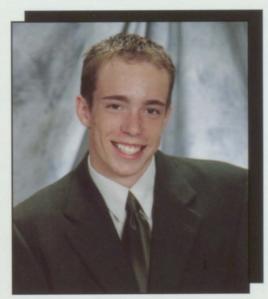
Tyler Lutz



Sara Mackey

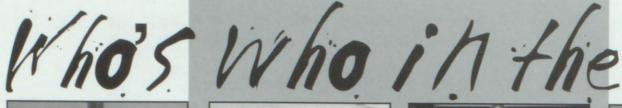


Tina McElhiney



Brock Miller

Night at Econo Foods. **Brian:** Winning chubby bunny. **Brad J.:** Getting an interception when playing Alexis. **Leah:** My whole summer before my senior year with Joey, Erica and John Allen, you can only imagine. **Tyler:** Water fights on the last day of school. **Sara M.:** After prom at Econo Foods and at PJ/s house. **Mike M.:** Orange Water on the bathroom floor and





Best Butt: Tyler Lutz & Holly Simmons



Best Dancer: Brock Miller & Brenda Carnes



Biggest Flirt: Nicole Bresnahan & Adam Boyle



Biggest Mooch: Hidi Hume & Noah Blindt



Best Body: Megan Shutwell & Seth Olson



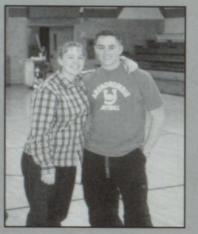
Party Animal: Seth Olson & Brenda Carnes



Spoiled Brat: Season Rippenkroeger & Adam Boyle



Most Athletic: Megan Shutwell & Zach Wood



Most likely to Hook up after High School: Brenda Carnes & Noah Blindt

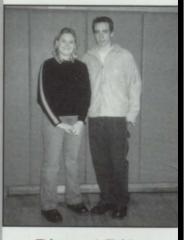


Best Smile:

Megan Shutwell &

Zach Wood

Best to Take Home to Mom and Dad: Chris Clark & Megan Shutwell



Biggest Ditz: Season Rippenkroeger & Brock Miller





Mr. & Mrs. Goody Two Shoes: Chris Clark & Sarah Sanning

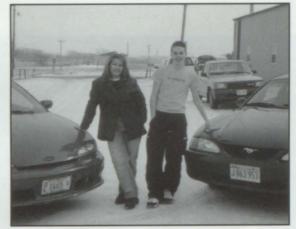
Crappiest Wheels: Sara Mackey & Noah Blindt



Best Personality: Megan Shutwell & Tyler Lutz



Biggest Mouth: Brenda Carnes & Noah Blindt



Hottest Ride: Brenda Carnes & Adam Boyle



Prettiest Hair: Leah Klick & Jacob Bielser

"Good-bye Everyone"

On the day I leave this tiny place, A tear of joy will stream down my face. A tear of sadness might be there, I'll wipe it off without a care. All of my friends are what I'll miss most of all, I've walked with them through every hall. I'll open my locker for one final year, The voices of friends are what I won't hear. We will all be scattered around the U.S., Without them I feel my life is a mess. I might see one but not with the rest, I'll feel at ease my life is at best. We will all have jobs and maybe a child, Our times will go from somber to wild. So as I go I'll tell you good-bye, While wiping a tear from my baby blue eye. Good-bye Class of 2001. By: Justin Earl Parsons

Class of 2001



Sheena Miller



Nicholas Olson



Seth Olson



Justin Parson



Kathleen Campos-Patlan



Heather Randall



Melanie Reynolds

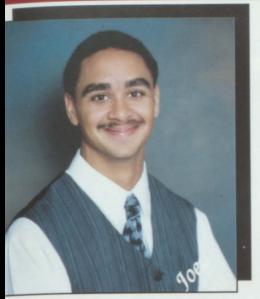


Season Rippenkroeger



Sarah Sanning

the girls. Brock: Leaving. Sheena: Nichole and I skipping school and going to Aladdin's Caslte, we said we were in the couselors office. Nick: My sophmore year being in Mr. Hurley's skit. Seth: Sophomore year of weight lifting with Becca Fisher and Jaime Meyer. Justin: Nick finding me a date for prom my junior year. Heather: Holly and I rollerblading down



Joseph Shrader



Megan Shutwell



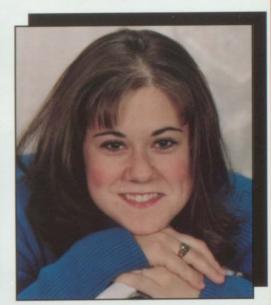
Holly Simmons



Kerry Spangler



Jonathon Waterman



Patricia Weber

Not Pictured: Lindy Miller Mike McIntyre

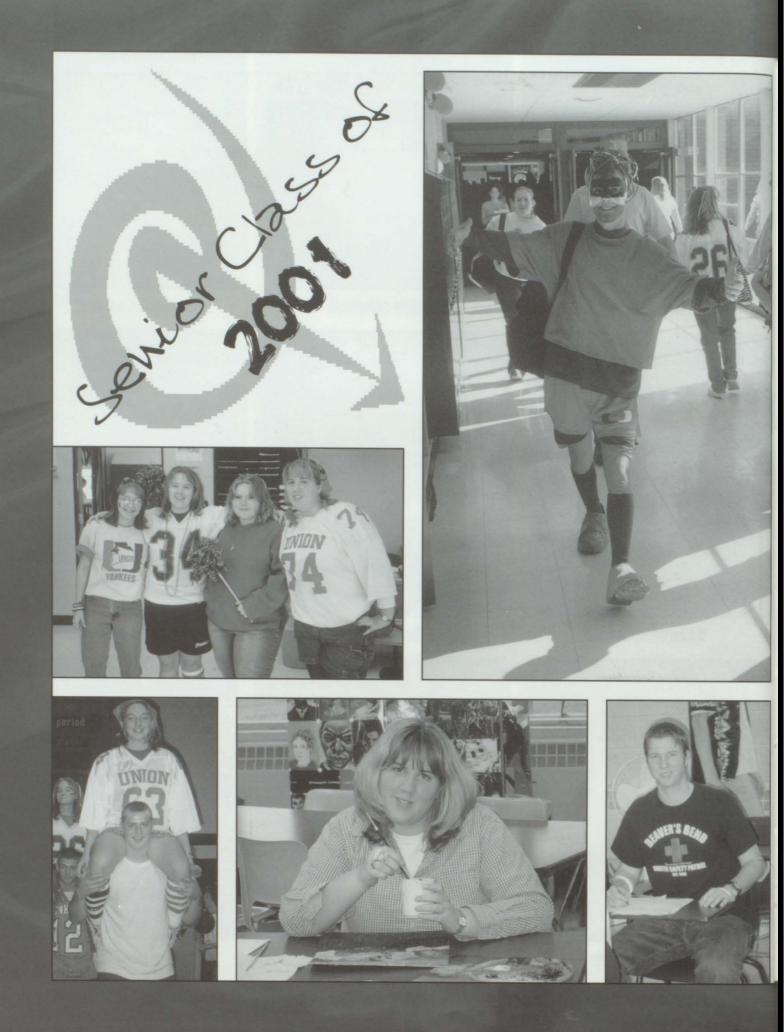




Jodel Wheatley

Zach Wood

Davenport Hill. Season: Flirting with the Mexican guys and inviting them to our volleyball game. Megan: Coming home from the Leadership Conference with Brandon, Zach, Stephanie, Tyler, and Traci. Holly: My fun times with Heather and Brenda, going to Arby's with Brenda and taking in our own drinks, and rollerblading. Kerry: Homecoming seeing Kari Kulp dance.

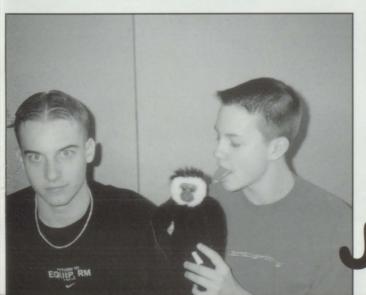




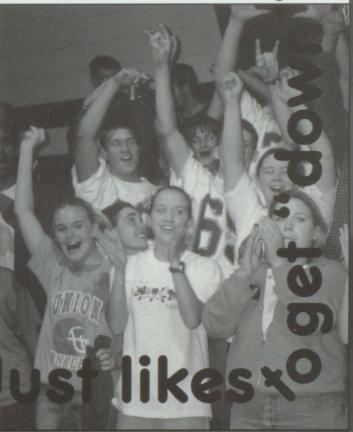










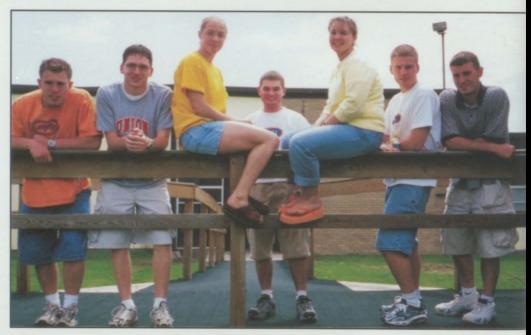


Gass of 2001



Class Motto "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." -Gandhi

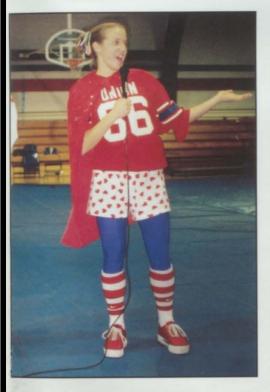


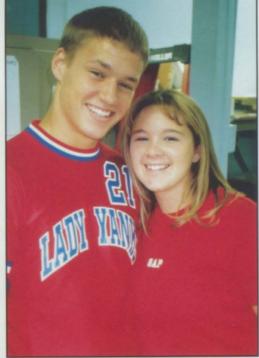


Student Body President: Chris Clark. President: Kris Bailey. Vice President: Tyler Lutz. Secretary/Tresurer: Chris Clark. Representatives: Brenda Carnee, Megan Shutwell, Mike Anderson, Brad Judd.

Jon: The Hamilton Dairy Queen. P.J.: Driving through the cemetary with Megan, Sarah, Stephanie on Friday the 13th. Zach: October 1998, Crazy Dusty, the Pub notebook, and my fun times with my friends.

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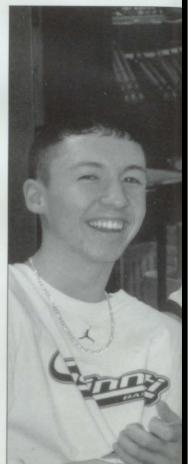










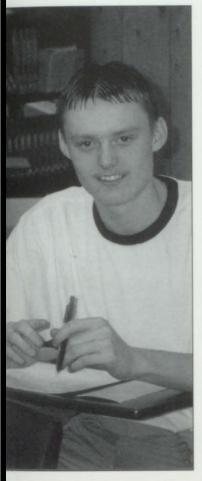




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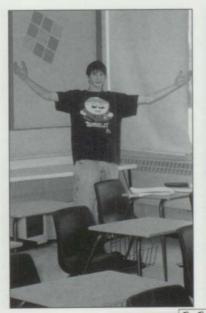






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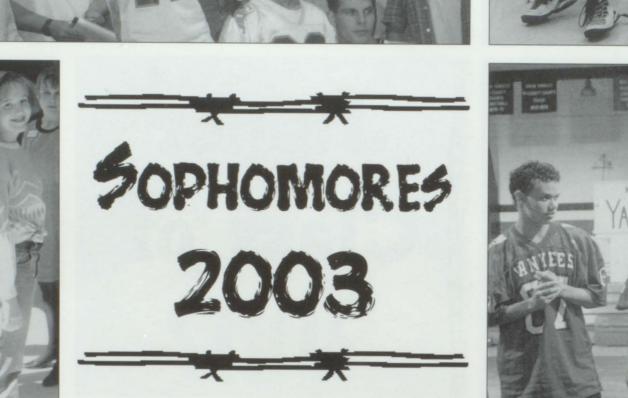






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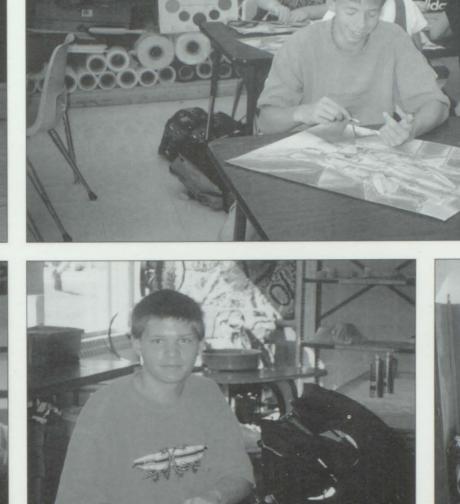








































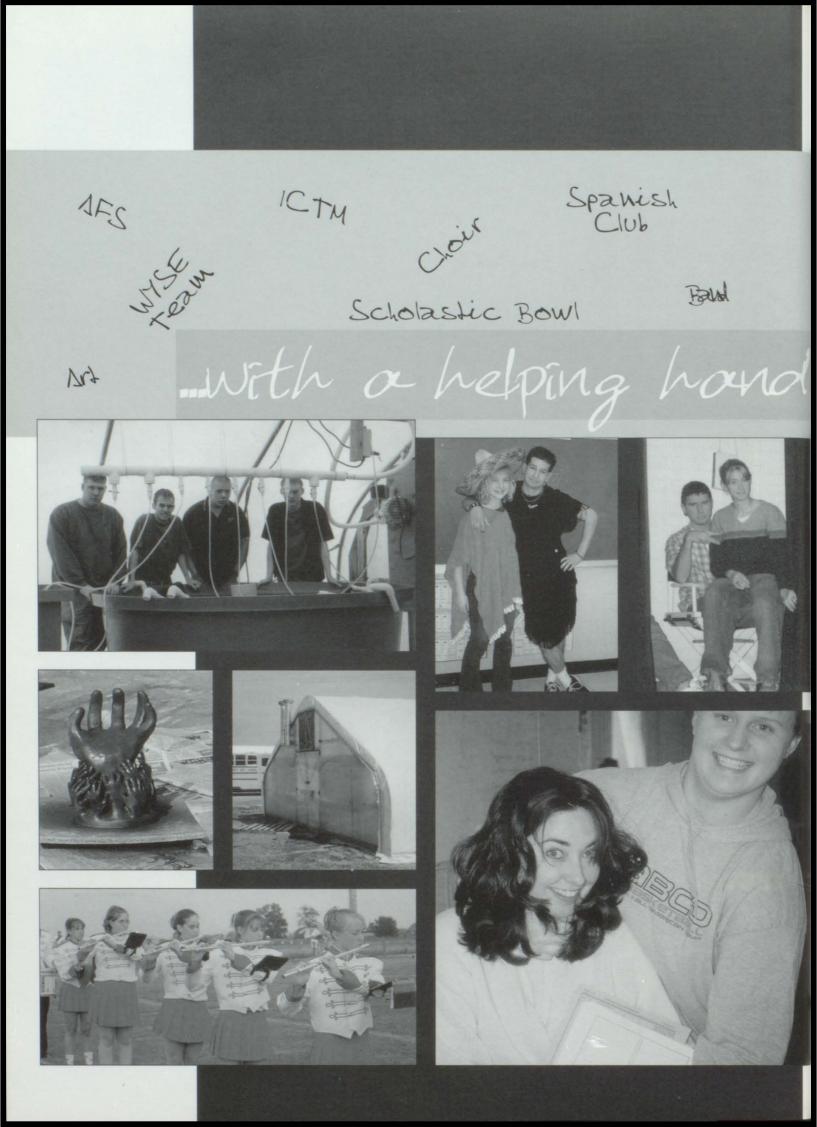


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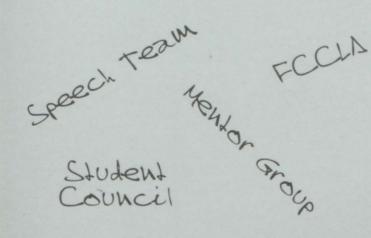


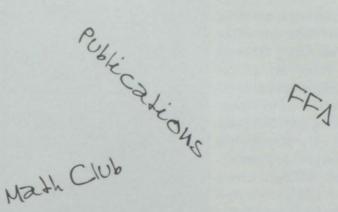




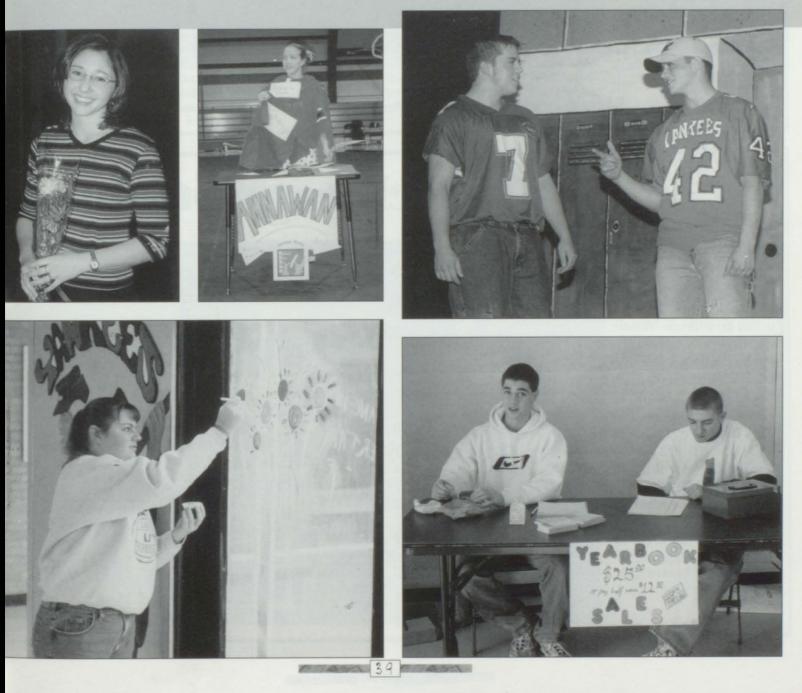


Organizations





National Honor Society



AFS Club

As in past years, Union's AFS presented another fine play early in the fall semester. "Take One", the name of this years play, continued the fine tradition of excellence we've come to expect for a Cathy Good production. The play brought about laughs, fun and excitement, whipped cream messes, and even a few "moon" sightings. Nine of the club's members participated in an exchange with a school in New York. Such endeavors were made possible through multiple fund raisers, including taco suppers and cake raffles.



Front Row: Brenda Carnes, Mike Anderson, Brad Judd, Marissa Cole, Ian Hallt, Jamie Eaton and Joey Shrader. Second Row: Chris Droste, Jenny Hand, Megan Shutwell, Traci Link, Brock Miller, Lisa Noard, Mark DeJaynes and Nick White. Third Row: Jenny Peterson, Tiffany Fisher, Noah Blindt, Stephanie Higgins, Tyler Lutz, Kris Bailey and Jacob Bielser. Back Row: Jenny Link, Kelsey Olson, Haley Hass, Melissa Kane, Amber Stewart, Nate Lutz and Joshua Stokes.

AFS Exchange Student

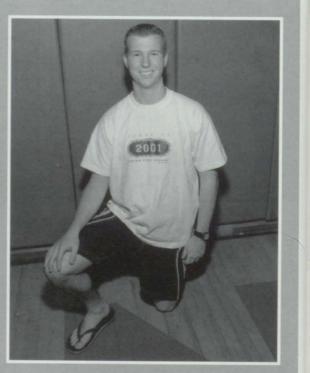
This year's exchange situation was a weird one. The year started out with two exchange students and we ended up with one Aussie, Ian. His host family was Kathy and Paul Good of Oquawka. Ian did many things during his stay, including: going to New York for a school AFS function. plus vacations with his host family. Ian will miss the good times with his friends at Union and his host family. Ian would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for all the great memories.

Ian Hallt 24 Leawarra Crescent Ferny Hills, Brisbane Queensland Australia 4055

"It's hard coming to a school which has had so many exchange students, in that you are always compared to the previous students on how good you were. I know there is no official list but I hope I rated high anyway because this has been the best year of my life and I hope it was for everybody else.

I will miss a lot when I leave here especially my great host family, my friends, and Taco Bell. If home is where the heart is than mine is definitely split in two; half in Australia and half in America."

-- Ian Hallt

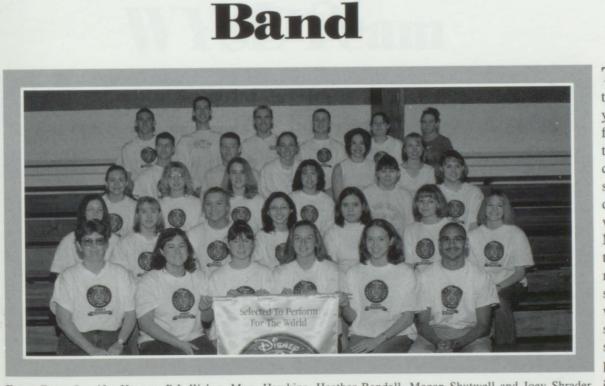


Spanish Club



The 2000 - 2001 school year was one high-octane, adrenaline pumping fiesta fest for Union's Spanish Club. During the homecoming assembly they produced and performed another stellar skit. They also participated in various fundraisers throughout the year including a food booth for the Multi-Cultural Awareness event, as well as raising money for an under funded Mexican kindergarten. The Spanish Club was sponsered by Erin Rakers and led by president P.J Weber. Their mascot for this year was Rattata, their favorite Pokemon.

Front Row: Sarah Sanning, Mary Hawkins, Megan Shutwell, P.J. Weber. Second Row: Rebecca Van Tine, Brande Hartman, Jenny Hand, Nicole Lenoci, Terri John and Lisa Noard. Third Row: Rachel Edwards, Jenny Link, Haley Hass, Stephanie Higgins and Kelsey Olson. Back Row: Amanda Lox, Codiannne Thompson, Josh Stokes, Nick White and Ashley Reaves.



Front Row: Jennifer Hexom, P.J. Weber, Mary Hawkins, Heather Randall, Megan Shutwell and Joey Shrader. Second Row: Tara Eaton, Amber Kay, Michelle Kane, Marissa Cole, Brittany Homer, Jessica Sanning and Haley Hass. Third Row: Katie Petermann, Jenny Peterson, Jessica Kelley, Kelsey Olson, Samantha McClanahan and Carolyn Gibson. Fourth Row: Zach Ohler, Bryan Dunn, Stephanie Higgins, Heather Simmons and Kaila Gapen. Back Row: Justin Thompson, Jon Waterman, Michael Hendrickson, Mark DeJaynes, Jamie Eaton and Brandi Gall.

This year was another hectic one in band land. The year began with many fundraisers to attain money to send 26 students and 10 chaperones to Florida. The students were there for four days. During that time they went to Cocoa Beach, MGM Studios, Epcot Center, Magic Kingdom and many other exciting places such as Downtown Disney where they performed. Besides the trip to Florida, the same band members took part in various honor bands at Bradley University, Augustana College and the LTC Honor Band.

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Choir

Chorus had a very special year. They were involved in many diverse activities. Under the instruction of Dawn Ferguson, the chorus participated in the L.T.C. Choral Festival and the I.M.E.A. District Festival. Miss Ferguson also directed jazz chorus, the Madrigal Dinner, and the annual spring musical. Besides their outstanding performances the Choir performed at many churches, nursing homes, and other community events. This was a terrific year for those who were involved and were able to enjoy the Choir's rich talent.



Front Row: Tyler Ferch, Lacy Hastings, Jodi Mueller, Tara Gearhardt, Brande Hartman, Kim Buster, and Samantha McClanahan. Second Row: Jayme McKeown, Christina Lewis, Sarah Sells, Jenny Hand, Nicole Lenoci, Tiffany Fisher, and Rebecca Van Tine. Third Row: Ms. Ferguson, Lindy Miller, April Bennett, Ashley Cook, Jessica Johnson, Nick White, Josh Stokes, and Rob Hendrickson.

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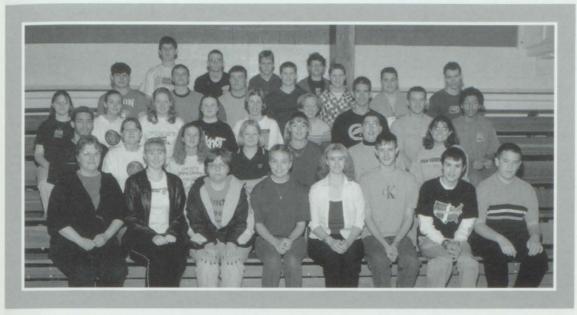
Union's mathematically inclined had their chance to shine at this years I.C.T.M. competition. One of the brightest stars was Jessica Kelley, who advanced to state in Algebra I. Other achievements include the team of Ranita Buster, Traci Link, Lisa Noard, Stephanie Higgins, and Justin Thompson who placed second in Algebra II. Also, the team of Chris Clark, Noah Blindt, Lisa Noard, Jessica Kelley, and Katie Petermann placed second in Calculating. This group of academic standouts proudly brought home the third place plaque.



Front Row: Justin Thompson, Noah Blindt, Traci Link, Lisa Noard, Stephanie Higgins, and Cole Nichols. Second Row: Daniel Hopkins, Joey Shrader, Amber Stewart, Kelsey Olson, Kaila Gapen, and Jessica Sanning. Third Row: Mr.Shimmin, Kim Buster, Jessica Johnson, Katie Petermann, Ranita Buster, and Rebecca Van Tine.

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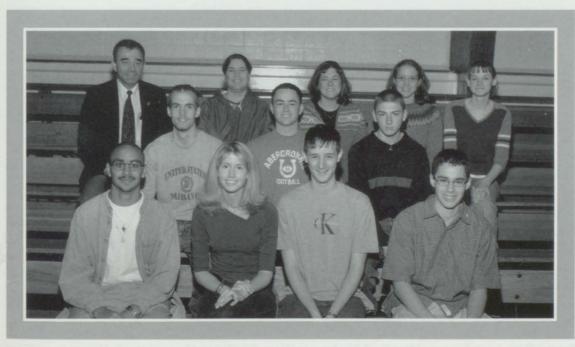
Mentor Group



Front Row: Karen Cole, Shasta Willams, Valerie Blake, Sara Smith, Lynett Gohn, Cole Nichols, Jason Link, and Jon Mackey. Second Row: Bruce Ware, Jamie Eaton, Heather Hartman, LaRita Boyd, Shannon Spiker, Adam Parson, and Sara Hull. Third Row: Amanda Lox, Katie Petermann, Beth Cook, Brande Hartman, Eileen DeMoss, Jamie McKeown, Josh Stokes, Nick White, and Brandon Ware. Fourth Row: Bobby Burns, Tyler Ferch, Shawn Lain, Aaron Ferch, Austin Ferch, Tony Wright, and Tanner Bigger. Back Row: D.J. Bothwell, Daniel Heyburn, Eric Bundy, and Chris May.

The Mentor Group is a drug prevention organization. Members are actively involved in the community and the school. This year they collected food for the Henderson County Health Department Food Pantry, sponsored a non-smoking poster contest, and collected 300 hats for the Great River Medical Center's Cancer Unit. When the group wasn't working hard they went to the I.D.E.A. Conference, a hot-air balloon festival at W.I.U., and the Illinois Teen Institute. This group's activities were very kind and appreciated by everyone.

WYSE Team



Front Row: Joey Shrader, Lisa Noard, Cole Nichols, and Tyler Nelson. Second Row: Chris Droste, Noah Blindt, and Grant Van Tine. Third Row: Mr. Shimmim, Amanda Henry, P.J.Weber, Megan Shutwell, and Sarah Sanning.

Led by Coach Steve Shimmin, the W.Y.S.E. Team had a strong showing at this year's competition. Thirteen Union students faced fierce competitors from neighboring schools in various events. Leading the pack, Chris Droste took first place in engineering graphics and advanced to the state competition. Other highlights include Rachel Ellerbroek's third place in English and Cole Nichols' second place in computer fundamentals. Team wide dedication made this another successful year for the Union Yankee W.Y.S.E. Team.

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Math Club

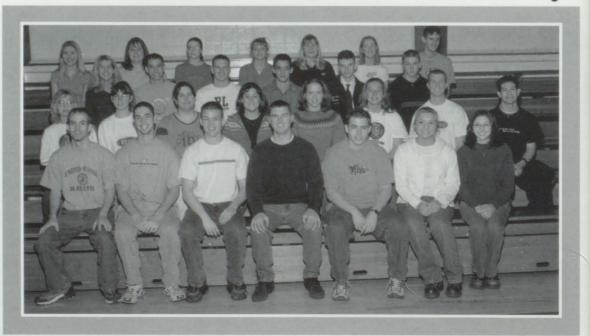
The outstanding performance of students participating in the 2000-2001 Math Club season just goes to show that Mr. Shimmin knows his logarithms. Members involved themselves in four different contests throughout the year. The contests included Advanced Math, Geometry, Algebra I, and Algebra II. Chris Droste placed first in Advanced Math with a score of 66. In Algebra II, Cole Nichols had a high score of 44. Geometry's high scorer was Jessica Sanning with a 54, and in lead with a 47.



Algebra I, Jessica Kelley lead with a 47. Ketley Jessica Kelley Iead with a 47. Ketley Jessica Kelley Ketley Jessica Kelley, J

This year's National Honor Society took part in many successful projects. Like previous years, the group spent their time helping the community. They participated in various community service projects and also tutoredthe Elementary and Jr. High school students. Along with visiting local senior citizen homes, the 2000-2001 members took part in cleaning up highways and roadsides. Chris Clark won the National Honor Society Scholarship. The dedicated group put in many long hours with the help of their sponsor, Mrs. Brokaw.

National Honor Society



Front Row: Chris Droste, Zach Wood, Tyler Lutz, Kris Bailey, Brad Judd, Michelle Kane, and Marissa Cole. Second Row: Jenny Peterson, Mary Hawkins, Amanda Henry, P.J. Weber, Megan Shutwell, Heather Randall, Ian Hallt, and Travis Shafer. Third Row: Lisa Noard, Brandon Priesman, Ben Hunter, Tyler Nelson, Austin Chandler, and Grant Van Tine. Back Row: Rachel Ellerbroek, Rachel Edwards, Terri John, Amy Chandler, Brandy Smith, Katie Wood, and Cole Nichols.

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Scholastic Bowl



The 2000-2001 Scholastic Bowl Team consisted of nineteen students. With the largest number of Seniors ever on the team, the group was filled with experience and intelligence. Twelve Seniors helped in the tournaments and conference matches that Union attended. The team competed in the Linconln Trail Conference Tournament and the Regional Tournament, as well as in a number of regular matches. Next year's team will be looking forward to a new group of leaders.

Front Row: Ian Hallt and Tyler Lutz. Second Row: Kim Buster, Amanda Henry, P.J. Weber, Megan Shutwell, and Sarah Sanning. Third Row: Adam Boyle, Chris Droste, Lisa Noard, Steph Higgins, and Cole Nichols. Back Row: Samantha McClanahan, Rachel Ellerbroek, Rachel Edwards, and Justin Parsons.





For the first time, FCCLA has been included in the many programs available to Union students. Previously, FCCLA was known as Future Homemakers of America. With the leadership of their sponsor, Mrs. Alexander, the members took on a new name and many fun tasks. They filled plastic eggs with candy for children of district faculty and staff to find in the school's courtyard. They also had activities and snacks for the kids. With attention and encouragement, a increase in members is expected for next year.

Front Row: Melanie Reynolds, Jamie Eaton, April Bennett, and Kim Buster. Back Row: Brande Hartman, Nicole Lenoci, Jenny Hand, and Tara Grafton.

Speech Team

The Union High School Speech Team, under the direction of Mrs. Mathews consisted of two Seniors and six Freshmen. The team had four competitions: Alexis, Spoon River Valley, regionals and sectionals at Heyworth. Joey placed second at Alexis and first at Spoon River Valley, both in Impromptu. Both Joey Shrader and Kim Buster particpated in regionals. Kim made it to the final round and Joey placed first, advancing on to sectionals where he finished sixth.



Front Row: Jessica Miller, Carolyn Gibson, and Amy Bigger. Middle Row: Kim Buster, Josh Stokes, Nick White, and Joey Shrader. Back Row: Sponser Ann Mathews.

Led by Student Body President Chris Clark there were twenty four students who took part in Student Council this year. They were all active in a lot of different things through out the school year. Some of the activities that they participated in were Springfest, Homecoming, 2 Blood Drives, Toys for Tots Penny Collection, and The Walka-Thon for Cystic Fibrosis. Making a change in the athlectic policy was one of their top priorities for the school year. The sponsors were Mrs. Kendell and Mrs. Frakes.

Student Council



Front Row: Tyler Lutz, Brenda Carnes, Mike Anderson, Brad Judd, Megan Shutwell, and Kris Bailey. Second Row: Jamie Eaton, Traci Link, Donny Billingsley, Stephanie Higgins, Michelle Kane, and Marissa Cole. Third Row: Brandy Smith, Sara Smith, Chelsea Rippenkroeger, Josh Higgins, and Mark DeJaynes. Back Row: Amy Bigger, Kaila Gapen, Amber Stewart, Melissa Kane, and Nathan Lutz. Not Pictured: Chris Clark and Hollie Hedden.



FFA Junior Officers

Front Row: Brandy Smith, and Sara Smith. Second Row: Amber Stewart, Melissa Kane, and Amy Bigger. Back Row: Doug Hawkins and Tanner Bigger.



FFA Officers Front Row: Kris Bailey, Austin Chandler, Sara Mackey, Lindsey Pruett, Wayne Carlson, and Chris Droste.



FFA Members

Front Row: Sponsor Jody Heavner, Lindsey Pruett, Sara Mackey, Austin Chandler, Wayne Carlson, Chris Droste, Kris Bailey. Second Row: Brad Bigger, Brandon Priesman, Chad Forbes, Chad Ferguson, Brad Judd, Joey Shrader, Jamie McKeown, Brain Ward. Third Row: Heather Randall, Adam Boyle, Brenda Carnes, Donny Billingsley, Jacob Bielser, LaRita Boyd, Katie Petermann, Austin Adolf. Fourth Row: Katie Jones, Kevin Byers, Mike Anderson, Bryan Dunn, Mark DeJaynes, Tyler Ferch, J.W. Wetterling, Doug Hawkins. Fifth Row: Terry Shrader, Beau Morris, Amy Bigger, Amber Stewart, Katie Wood, Brandy Smith, Sara Smith, Aaron Ferch, Eric Bundy, Alex Work. Sixth Row: Kathy Patlan, Karla John, Melissa Kane, Bruce Ware, Shane Quam, Shawn Lain, Tanner Bigger, Austin Ferch. Back Row: Chris Ator, Landon Walters, David Rolland, Justin Parsons.









These FFA students took on the obstacle course challenge at Westmer, involving area schools and breezed to the winner's circle.

FFA DOWN ON THE FARM

The Union FFA Chapter was the largest student organization for this school year. There were 19 Seniors this year in FFA. "FFA is bigger and better than ever!" says Mrs. Heavner. The group attended the State and National FFA Conventions. "Union was named a Gold Emblem Chapter in Illinois at the State FFA Convention. Some of the many other activities this year included Green Hand Workshop, Leadership Camp, Quiz Bowl, Weiner Roast, Halloween Party, FFA Week, and Land Use, Crops and Livestock Judging." At Section 4 and District 1, Joey Shrader placed 1st in Extemporancous Speaking and Amy Bigger got 2nd in Creed Speaking at Section 4. Union also placed 1st at the Section 4 Ag Olympics.

Tyler Lutz and Noah Blindt did an impressiv job as Publications members this year. A lot of things would not be done without these two

Senior Editor, Brenda Carnes, is hard at work trying to make this years book the best one yet.





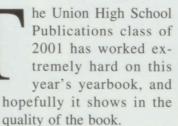
Outstanding Junior Traci Link, is a perfect replacement for next year's Editorial Positions.

by Noah Blindt

What you see is what we did... PUBLICACIODS 2001

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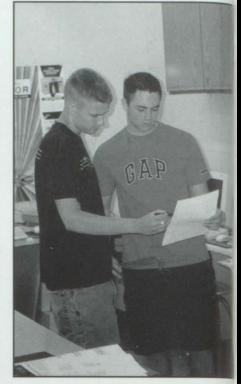


The class is supervised by Tom Fisher, and the editors are Noah Blindt (Book Editor) and Brenda Carnes (Senior Editor). This class like any class has a lot of talent in it, but one unique attribute of this class, is the fact that their design skills are just as strong as their computer skills

From all of us in the Publications class of 2001, we hope that you enjoy your yearbook.

Front Row: Brenda Carnes and Noah Blindt. Standing Row: Kerry Spangler, Harold Wheatley, and Grant Van Tine. Tree Row: Katie Jones, Tyler Lutz, Traci Link, Stephanie Higgins, Brock Miller, and Zach Wood.

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Town and Country Art Show

Left to Right: Danny Ford (2nd Place), Mark Collinson (1st Place), Mindy Peterman ("Best of Show"-1st Place-Sponsor's Award), and Tyler Nelson (1st Place).



Lincoln Trail Conference

Back Row: Leah Klick, Valerie Blake (2nd Place), Sara Mackey (1st Place), Gary Gutzman (1st Place), Kathy Campos-Patlan (2nd Place), Mike Anderson, and Sarah Sanning (3-1st Places). Front Row: Michael Davis and Brad Judd.



Art Club

Left to Right: Mike Anderson, Mary Hawkins, Amanda Henry, Sarah Sanning, Sara Mackey, and Amy Chandler.

Senior Mike Anderson works on painting his masterpiece while classmate Brad Judd makes a sketch of his own.



Art

The Art Department has worked extremely hard this year getting together all the things need to be competitive at all the competitions that they go to. That dedication and perseverance is shown in the outstanding performances that they accomplished.

At the Town and Country Art Show they received 4 first places including Sara Mackey 's sculpture winning the Buchanon Award and Mindy Petermann's pastels winning both "Best of Division" and the Sponsor's Award. Danny Ford, Sarah Sanning, and Kathy Campos-Patlan also earned 2nd place honors.

When the Art Group Traveled to the Lincoln Trail Conference Art Festival they received seven first places honors out a possible twenty categories: Sarah Sanning(3 honors), Tyler Nelson, Kim Buster, Sara Mackey, and Gary Gutzman. Valerie Blake and Kathy Campos-Patlan also received 2nd place finishes along with Mindy Petermann earning a third.

Another Organization that needs to be recognized is the Art Club. They have worked exceedingly hard to beautify our school, and raise school spirit. For Homecoming week they painted the courtyard. It was also painted when the Girl's Volleyball Team won the Regional Championship. In addition to raising school spirit they have also made calenders for local organizations to display in their business'.

Art is not only fun for everyone, but it allows them to use their "left" side of their brain. It also lets them express themselves in non-violent ways, and helps to ease stress when students become engrossed in their work.

> By: Noah Blindt and Grant Van Tine









STUDENT LIFE

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As the doors opened in August for another school year, a new set of "Little Freshmen" stepped in and a new class of "Almighty Seniors" stepped up. Just like any other school year, 2000-2001 was filled with friends, gossip, and the same old boring classes.

The Freshmen were picked on, the Sophomores were still considered underclassmen, the Juniors got a new taste of being upperclassmen, and the Seniors acknowledged that they would have to eventually say good-bye to Union High School.

On May 25 the Seniors graduated and on June 1 the school year ended for everyone else with a traditional water balloon fight. This year was a memorable year, with new classes and students leaving "One Last Impression."

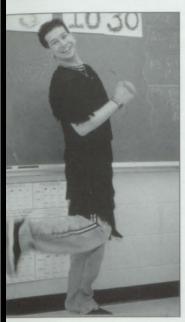


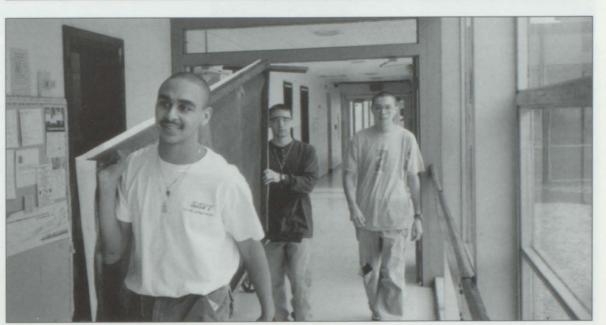










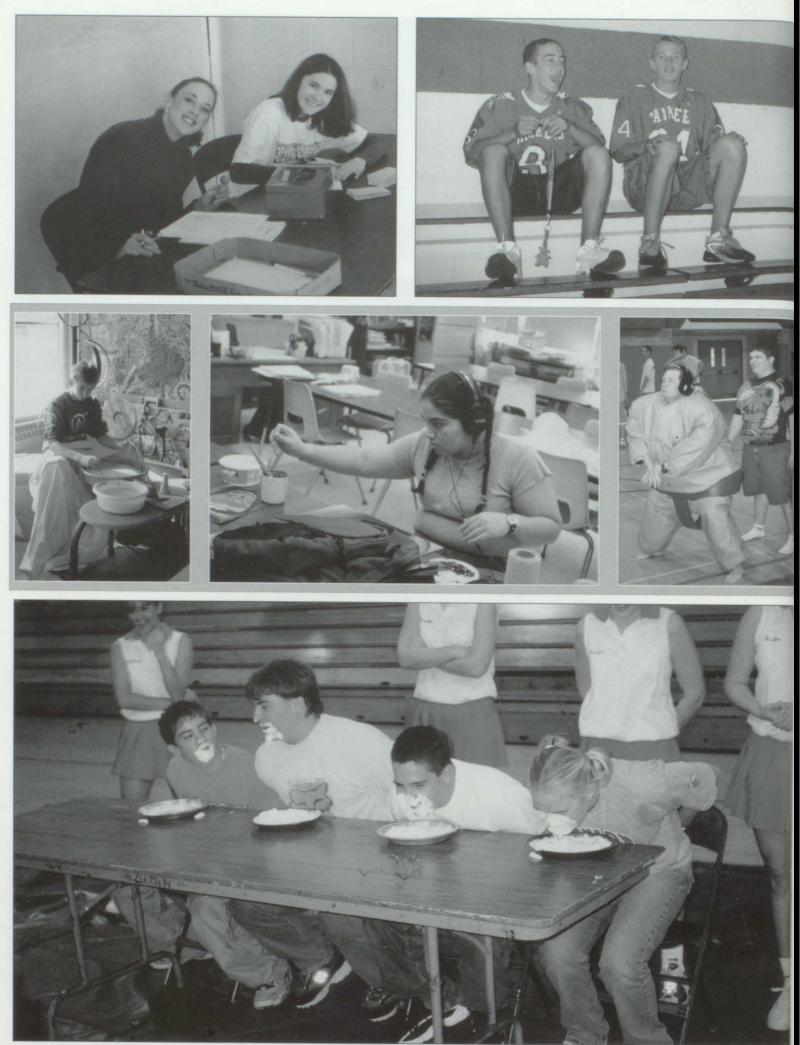




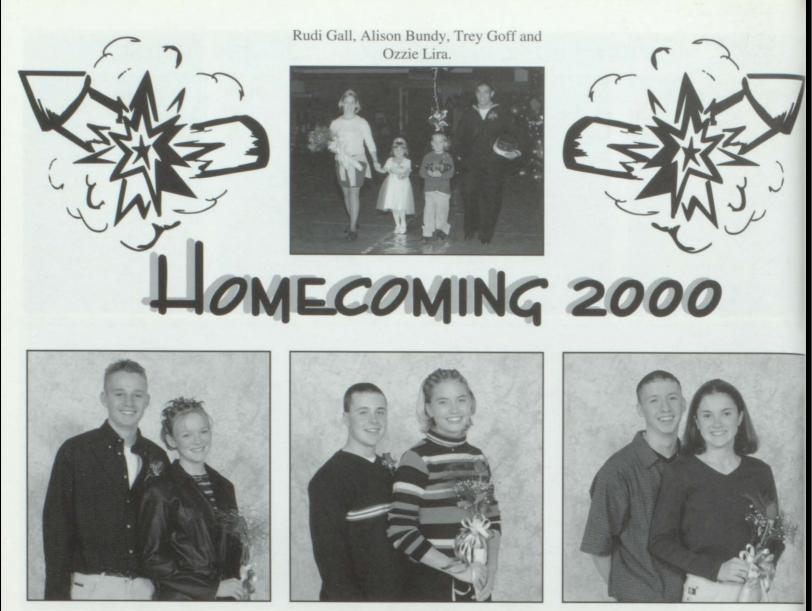




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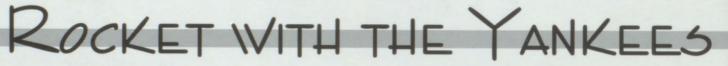




Freshman Attendants Josh Higgins and Dana Hetrick

Sophomore Attendants Mark DeJaynes and Sara Smith

Junior Attendants Donny Billingsly and Traci Link



The 2000 Homecoming was not like any other Homecoming Union has had in the past. The week was filled with students and faculty showing their school pride by dressing up for the spirit days wearing a variety of hats. 80's clothes, pajamas, clashing clothes and red, white and blue. The game was scheduled for October 6, but with no referees showing up, the game was postponed. Students and faculty decided to go ahead with the dance on Saturday, October 7. Many hours were spent working on the theme and decorating by Student Council. The gym was very bright and lit up. The theme was "Rocket with the Yankees". Tyler Lutz and Heather Randall were named King and Queen and led the court in a dance to Firehouse's "When I Look Into Your Eyes". Thank you to all students who participated; it was a great success. ~By: Brenda Carnes





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"WHEN I LOOK INTO YOUR EYES" - FIREHOUSE



Come on ride the train, whoo whoo! Steph leads the school in a train.



2000 Homecoming Court Mike McIntyre, Heather Randall, Zach Wood, P.J. Weber, Megan Shutwell, Brock Miller, Leah Klick, Tyler Lutz.



2000 Homecoming King and Queen Tyler Lutz and Heather Randall























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AFS PLAY "Take One"

Months of preparation and hard work made this years AFS play an exciting and hilarious success. "Take One" was a slapstick comedy about an under funded high school that hopes to make a course in film study a part of its repertoire.

This play is full of references to classic comedic films and historical movie characters. It even featured a guest appearence from Groucho Marx, played by Michael Bennet.



The students performed the play very well leaving the crowd in stiches. "Take One" is a play that will go down in the annals of Union High School performing arts.



Noah "Dumptruck" Blindt nails Mark "Chester" DeJaynes as creamy pa shrapnel splaters across the stage.

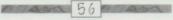


Following their block-busting opening night, the entire cast bows before a roaring audience.

Mark DeJaynes gets it again, this time at the hands of the wonder from down under, Ian Hallt.



Sassy Stephanie poses for the camer as her character, Mrs. Baker.





Leading Senior Kris Bailey relaxes as his make-up is applied before his opening night debut.



Just prior to the dropping of the curtain, Kris "C.B." Bailey gets blasted by Lisa "Avis" Noard.



With potent onstage chemistry, Brock and Marissa profess their undying love for each other.

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Mrs. Baker Dr. Twiddle Miss Harris C.B Avis Celeste Euphemia Bethulia Beef Jerky Dumptruck Mr. Gallagher Reporter Holly Noel	Chris Droste Marissa Cole Kris Bailey Lisa Noard Megan Shutwell Jamie Eaton Jamie Eaton Jraci Link Seth Olson Noah Blindt Brock Miller Kelsey Olson Rachel Ellerbroek Jenny Peterson
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Wally	lan Hallt
Chester Bryan Herbie	Michael Bennett
First Mother	Rachel Edwards
Mrs. Twiddle Mrs. Cunningham	Jenny Hand
Mrs. Brumpy Miss F-Stop U.S.A	Amber Stewart

STAGE CREW/EXTRAS

Brad Judd Brenda Carnes Jacob Bielser Brande Hartman Chris Clark Mike Anderson Nate Lutz

STUDENT DIRECTOR/CREW LEADER Tyler Lutz

> DIRECTOR Cathy Good

Madrigal Dinner

CAST MEMBERS

Soprano

Rebecca VanTine Sarah Sells Iodi Mueller Jester Brande Hartman Wizard Tyler Ferch Alto Rachel Ellerbroek Tiffany Fisher Kim Buster Knights Darren Steele Bobby Burns Wizard Page Cody Thacker Tenor Josh Stokes Dancers Ashley Cook Chrissy Lewis Nicole Lenoci April Bennett Tara Gerhardt Jessica Kelley Baritone Nick White Court Pages Lacy Hastings Jayme McKoewn Bass Rob Hendrickson Beggars Tashika Arrington



December 6th and 7th were successful nights of amusement and fun for Union High School. A select few of Union's choir put on two evenings of medieval entertainment. The gym was elaborately decorated with a castle theme. The band and the remainder of the choir also helped put on an effective and inspirational night.

Kim Buster and Rob

Hendrickson had the privledge of being the Queen and King of the royal table. The girls in the event put on a puppet show and Nick White and Josh Stokes competed throughou the night for the Jester's position. Some guests were even tricked into dancing and other humiliating activities. Overall, the performances were an astounding success.









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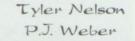
SNOBALL



This years Snoball was about like any of the others... free spirited. It was held at Hend Co. Hills resort on Saturday the Seventeenth of Febuary, 2001. It was a fitting evening for the King and Queen, the DJ was supurb, and the food was delicious. With the help of the light hearted dancing, this was a ball that the royalty shall never forget. By the end of the night everyone left disappointed, not because of it being a failure, but because they did not want to leave. The Spanish Club did a fine job in hosting Snoball. ~Noah Blindt

Adam Boyle Sarah Sanning



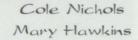






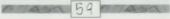


King and Queen Adam Boyle P.J. Weber











Cast and Crew

Stage Director: Mrs. Ferguson

> Dorthy: Kim Buster

Tin Man / Hickory: Rob Hendrickson

Cowardly Lion / Zeke: Josh Stokes

Scarecrow / Hunk: Nick White

Aunt Em / Gloria: Sarah Sells

> Uncle Henry: Justin Parsons

Wicked Witch / Mrs. Gulch: Rebecca Van Tine

Glinda: Rachel Ellerbroek

Oz / Professor Marvel: Robbie Hendrickson

> Osians: Jenny Peterson Tiffany Fisher Jenny Hand

Jitterbugs: Tiffany Fisher Jenny Peterson

Lights: Jon Waterman Sara Hull Lacy Hastings

Director's Assistant: Ranita Buster

Stage Crew: Ranita Buster Justin Parsons Nicole Lenoci Samantha McClanahan

The Wizard of Oz

This year many students took a trip down the Yellow Brick Road in the 2001 production of the Wizard of Oz.

Just as in the classic movie, Dorthy Gale gets swept up in a tornado and lands in the beautiful land of Oz. Sent by Glinda, the good witch, she takes a trip to see the Wizard of Oz. Along the way, she meets three very special friends- a stuffed scarecrow, a rusted tin man, and a cowardly lion. Much of the cast in Munchkin City was played by junior high and elementary students. In the end, over 50 students were involved in the production one way or another.

"We practiced every night after school," said Sarah Sells, who played Gloria and Aunt Em. "We had so much fun working on this. Ms. Ferguson is the best music director. I don't think we could have done a better job."



Josh Stokes shows how much of "dandy lion" he can be.



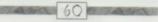
The main characters teak a break during intermission. Front Row: Rachel Ellerbroek, Josh Stokes, Nick White, and Rebecca Van Tine. Back Row: Rob Hendrickson, Kim Buster, Sarah Sells, and Justin Parsons.



The Lullaby League dance for Dorthy to show their appreciation.



Rachel Ellerbroek as Glinda, the witch of the North.





Playing the farm hands, Rob Hendrickson (Hickory), Nick White (Hunk) and Josh Stokes (Zeke) relax outside until it's time to go onstage.



Uncle Henry and Aunt Em, proud owners of a farm in Kansas.





"I don't think we're in Kansas anymore, Todo."



Mrs. Gulch takes the basket from Uncle Henry, with the little dog Todo inside. Dorthy cries to the farm hands Zeke, Hunk and Hickory for help.



The Scarecrow tells Dorthy which way she should travel.



Nick White takes a break in his stuffy Scarecrow costume.

Cast and Crew

Trees: Samantha McClanahan Tiffany Fisher

Special Thanks to:

Orchestra: Mrs. Jennifer Hexom Gerry Runyon Mary Hawkins P.J. Weber Justin Thompson Joey Shrader

> Accompanists: Wendy Allaman Barb Gray

Costumes: Roberta Ferguson Melissa Edwards Jo White Karen Cole

Masks: Dawn Ferguson Nick White Rebecca Van Tine Josh Stokes Rob Hendrickson





2000 King and Queen Tyler Lutz & Megan Shutwell



2001 King and Queen Donny Billingsley & Becky Gutzman

2001 Prom Court



Junior Class Candidates



Donny Billingley & Marissa Cole



Danny Ford & Becky Gutzman



Brandon Priesman & Amber Koch



Landon Walters & Traci Link



Prom 2001

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The 2000-2001 Prom was held on April 21, 2001 in the Lincoln Hall at Knox College in Galesburg Illinois. The evening started with groups of students and faculty slowly showing up and a welcome speech from Junior Class President, Donny Billingsley. The lines for food and pictures began to form and the music was jammin. Students gathered to watch the Senior video and take pictures with friends. The theme was "Time For Change" and the Junior Class did a great job with decoranons. Crowning of the king and queen took place at 10:30. Donny Billinglsey and Becky Gutzman took home the crowns and the court joined them in a dance to Motley Crue. Everyone looked really great and the evening will always be remembered. The Seniors would like to thank the Juniors for a special night and the memories that will stay with us forever!



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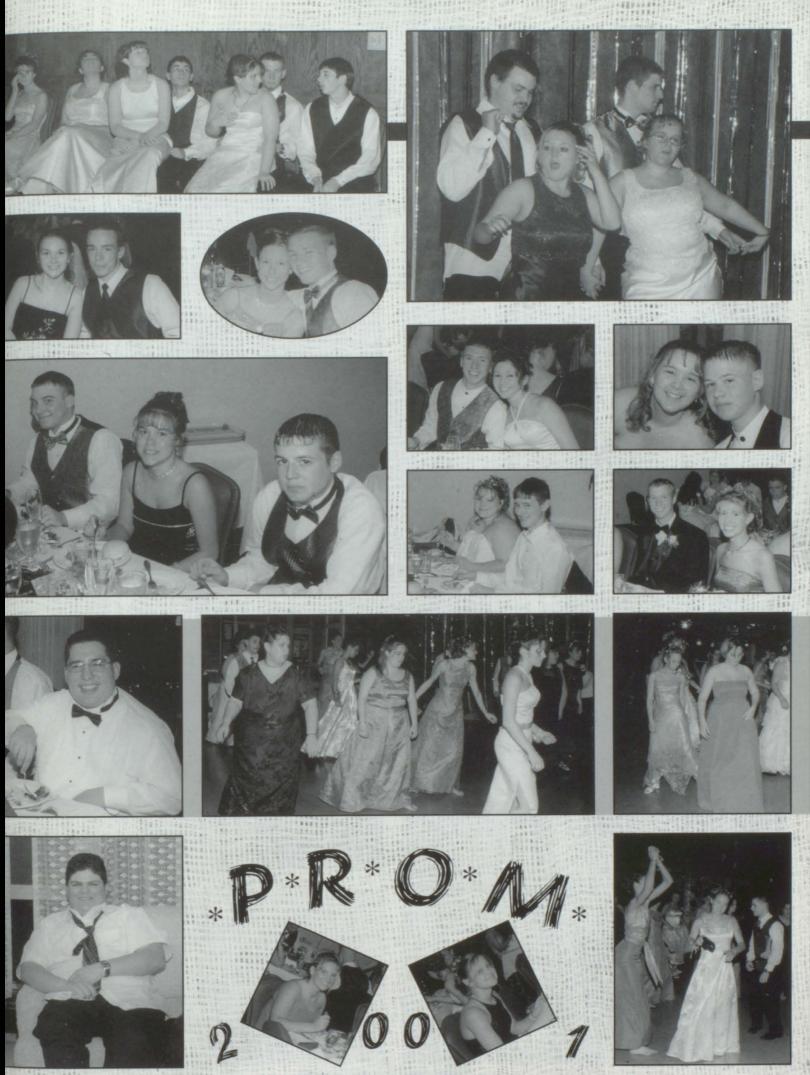
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By: Chris Clark

The sweat of perseverance runs down Chris Droste's face as he takes a practice shot in preparation for a home meet. As the lone Senior, his contributions were critical to the team's success.

Continuing the Tradition

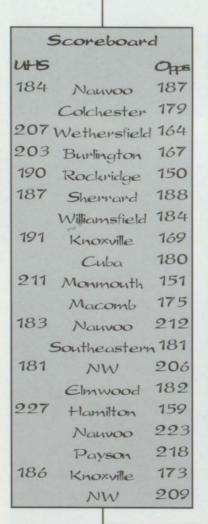
he 2000 Union Golf team successfully finished another year of excellence. It was comprised of new blood, veterans, and one senior, all of whom contributed to the season's 7-11 record.

Highlights included getting to play Hend-Co's new back nine, Chris Droste winning his Hamilton play-off, and finishing 6th at the conference meet. Watching Chris and Bryan play against a state champ who shot a 28 on a par 36 course was another memorable moment.

Chris began a new tradition this year as the lone senior on the team. He was rewarded for his success by being thrown into a pond after his last match.

The girls team of Lindsey Pruett and Jayme McKeowen also did a great job helping to achieve the 7-11 record.







Front Row: Alex Work, Michael Bennett, Jayme McKeown, Lindsey Pruett, Adam Parsons, Jim Carlson. Back Row: Mark DeJaynes, Cody Thacker, Bryan Dunn, Chris Droste, Matt Curtiss, Arley Peterson, Coach Mike Hurley

Boy's & Girl's Golf



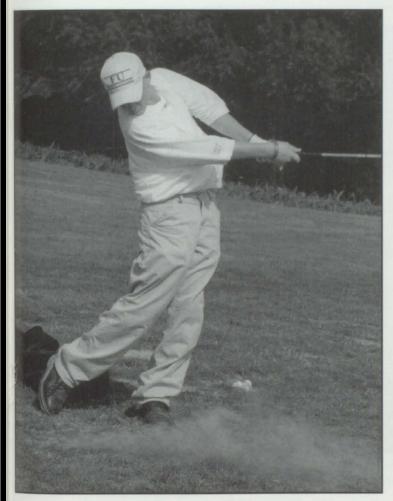
Lindsey Pruett evaluates her performance after a long drive. As one of only two girls on the team, her success often made the difference in close meets.



You'd never know Mark DeJaynes is a sophomore by observing him on the course. His determined expression during this drive says it all.

Coach Hurley, with perfect form, show us how a true professional swings the club.





Junior Cody Thacker attempts a practice shot before a meet. What everyone wants to know Cody, is whether or not you actually hit the ball or if you whiffed and the cloud of dust is covering up your mistake.



The golf team takes a few warm-up drives in anticipation of a win at Hend-Co. on a sultry afternoon.



Adam Parsons and Arley Peterson pose in front of the club house. These two juniors added new blood to the team this year and were both great assets.



Varsity Volleyball

During a game against Wethersfield, Junior Stephanie Higgins goes up for another kill. Steph was awarded the team's Best Offensive Player.

With Junior Michelle Kane backing her up, Senior Holly Simmons attempts another pass in a game at Roseville.



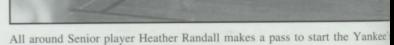




In a tough game against Roseville, Junior Michelle Kane makes a pass as Senior Brenda Carnes watches on.

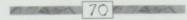
Making a nice pass to the setter, Senior Megan Shutwell gets under the ball.



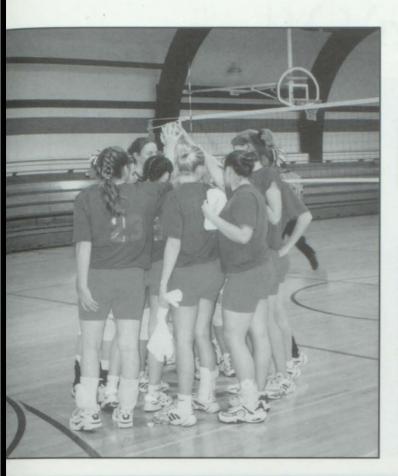




Coaches Chris Peterson and Erin Rakers take time out before a hectic practice for a quick picture. Both had great coaching seasons.



killer offense.



Before a home game, the team huddles up for a quick pep talk to get their adreneline pumping.

By: Traci Link & Zachary Wood

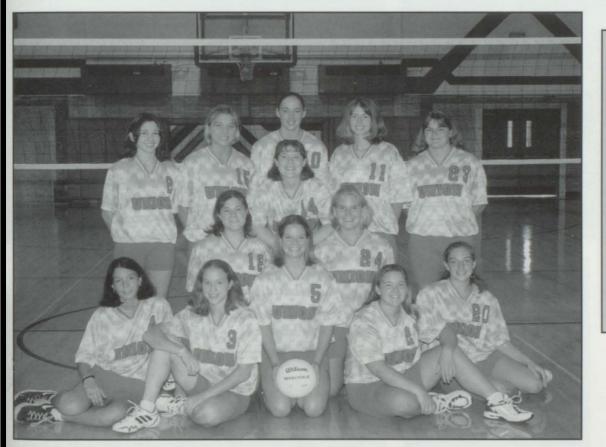
Can You Take The Heat?

⁴⁴If you can't take the heat get off our court" is the quote our Lady Yankees Varsity volleyball team chose to live by this year. This year's volleyball season can only be described in one word, "Awesome." Whether you were talking about the crowd, the team, the level of play, or their accoplishments, this season was outstanding.

The girls tied the school record for most wins in a single

season, won regionals, and came in second at sectionals. Five girls were named to the Lincoln Trail All-Conference Volleyball teams, four to the All-Hawkeye teams, two to the All-Area Review Atlas teams, and Steph Higgins was chosen by conference coaches as best all around conference player.

The Varsity girls had an extraordinary season, and they are expected to be just as tough next year.



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Wethersfield	W			
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Alexis	W			
Annawan	W			
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Front Row: Miriam Pucher, Megan Shutwell, Holly Simmons, Brenda Carnes, and Heather Randall. Middle Row: P.J. Weber, Jamie Eaton, and Season Rippenkroeger. Back Row: Marissa Cole, Michelle Kane, Stephanie Higgins, Lisa Noard, Ranita Buster.

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Freshman setter Ashley Reaves attempts to dump the ball over the net in a game against Wethersfield.

By: Stephanie Higgins & Traci Link

Together

The J.V. Lady Yanks did a great job of carrying on Union's volleyball tradition for the 2000 volleyball season. While overcoming many obstacles, they were still able to do an excellent job of placing fourth in both the Sherrard and Bushnell Tournaments. The team won many games, but unfortunately fell short of a match win. They were a young group of girls with only three

sophomores to lead the way. The lack of experience opened the doors for several freshmen to step up and take on leadership roles. Once the freshman were comfortable with their roles, the team was able to come together and improve.

Sophomore Chelsea Rippenkroeger misses a spike from teammate Hollie Hedden during warm-ups. Besides her passing skills, Chelsea led the team with most ace serves.





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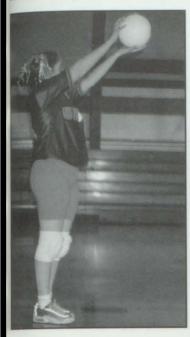


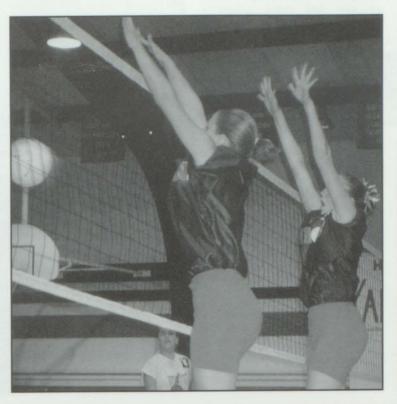
Front Row: Katie Wood, Hollie Hedden, and Chelsea Rippenkroeger. Middle Row: Dana Hetrick, Melissa Kane, Amber Stewart, and Haley Hass. Back Row: Ashley Reaves, Ashley Brown, Ashley Jones.

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J.V. Volleyball

With 113 points, Most Points Award winner and Sophomore Hollie Hedden attempts to add to her total.

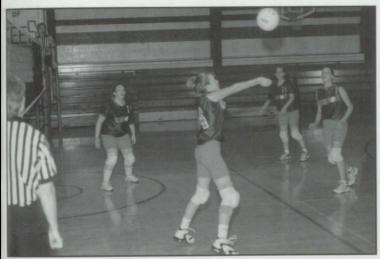


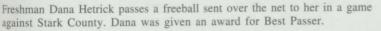


Freshmen Melissa Kane and Amber Stewart jump to block a right side hitter from Stark County.

Defensive specialist and setter Katie Wood prepares to receive a serve during the game against Westmer.











The starters motivate themselves by huddling together before one of their seven home matches.

Three Freshmen pose for a quick picture during a pep talk before game number two against Galva.

Freshman Haley Hass attempts another perfect set to sophomore Chelsea Rippenkroeger. Haley was later awarded the Tammy Mackey Award.

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Varsity Football

The swarming Yankee Defense gang tackles a Cambridge ball carrier.

Senior quarterback Tyler Lutz threw for over 600 yards and was an honorable mention All-Conference quarterback.

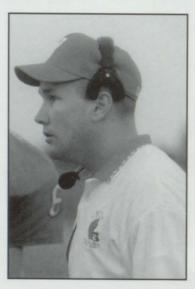






Senior running back Nick Olson takes the sweep to the outside against Westmer. Nick led the team in rushing with nearly 1,000 yards and was a first team All-Conference selection as a running back.

A puzzled Coach Crisco looks to the team for some sort of explanation. This was Coach Crisco's first year as the Yankees' head coach.



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The Yankees showed a variety of offensive formations, including an intense, high-energy run and shoot attack.



The Union Yankee Coaching Staff: Eric Smith, Jon Carruthers, Steve Arnold, and Brad Crisco.



Senior end Zach Wood makes a leaping catch against Cambridge. Zach finished the season with over 400 receiving yards and was an hororable mention All-Conference end.

By: Tyler Lutz Grant Van Tine

A New Coach. A New Outlook

he 2000 Union Yankee football season was an intriguing learning experience for all who were involved, especially for the Yankee's new head coach, Brad Crisco. Although this was Coach Crisco's first year as head coach, the transition was a smooth one as he had many returning Seniors from last year's team.

The season began with two very disappointing and demoralizing loses, one of which to a State Quarter-Finalist. The Yankees were able to bounce back, and beat Westmer and Alwood in two hard fought games at home. But after a spirit-crushing defeat at the hands of the Warren Warriors, the Yankees failed to recover and ended the season with a record of 2-7.

With Coach Crisco at the helm, hopefully both participation and desire will escalate and next year's team will have a very successful season.



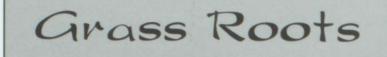
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Front Row: Bobby Burns, J.W. Wetterling, Nathan Lutz, Nick White, Sean Robbins, John Weber, Josh Higgins, Doug Hawkins. Second Row: Danny Crum, Darren Steele, Daniel Hopkins, Eric Bundy, Justin Waterman, Tony Wright, Tanner Bigger, Trey Shewbirt, David Rolland, Tyler Jones, Jamie Throckmorton, Jacob Waterman. Third Row: Brad Judd, Aaron Ferch, Landon Walters, Grant Van Tine, Tyler Ferch, Ben Hunter, Ian Hallt, Nick Olson, Dusty Hass, Seth Olson. Back Row: Coach Carruthers, Coach Smith, Wayne Carlson, Zach Wood, Tyler Lutz, Justin Parsons, Mike Anderson, Justin Thompson, Chad Forbes, Austin Ferch, Noah Blindt, Coach Arnold, Coach Crisco.

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The marching band supplied the halftime music never leaving a break in the action.

By: Harold Wheatley & Brock Miller



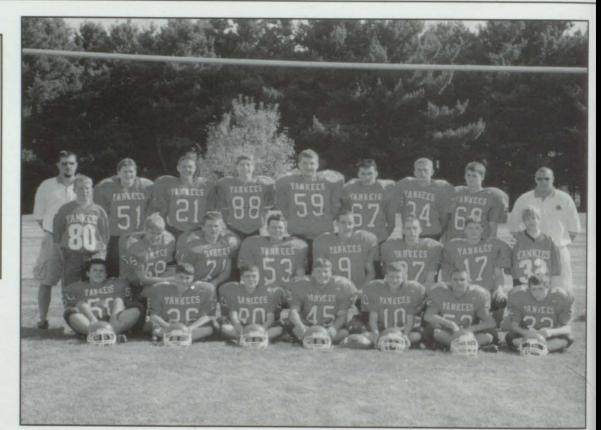
his year's J.V. Football team had another successful year. Success was not measured in wins and losses. More importantly it was measured in the team's progression.

Coach Eric Smith said, "The kids continued to play hard and they got better with each week." This is the most important part of any sport especially on the junior varsity level.

This year's stand-out players were quarterback Jon Weber show showed natural ability. Josh Higgins was excellent in all positions especially kicking, and Nick White will be a major offensive threat in the future.

By playing hard every game, the team improved by leaps and bounds throughout the year. Coach Smith also said "J.V. teams in the conference were tough, but we battled them every night." It is this work ethic which will make them a force to be reckoned with in years to come.





Front Row: Bobby Burns, J. W. Wetterling, Nathan Lutz, Nick White, Doug Hawkins, Sean Robbins and Tyler Jones. Middle Row: Daniel Crumb, Eric Bundy, David Rolland, Tony Wright, Jon Weber, Trey Shewbert, Austin Ferch and Jacob Waterman. Back Row: Coach Eric Smith, Aaron Ferch, Darren Steele, Justin Waterman, Daniel Hopkins, Tanner Bigger, Josh Higgins, Jamie Throckmorton and Coach Carruthers

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0	Alexis	1			
32	Annawan	0			
42	Stark Co.	14			
36	Princeville	22			

J.V. Football



Everyone scrambles for the loose ball on this fumble.

Starting defensive back, Jon Weber shreds any chances of a first down by tackling the Weathersfield ball carrier for a big loss.







Fundamentals, Fundamentals, Fundamentals. Coach Carruthers pounds into J.V. player's heads during the pre-game warm-up.



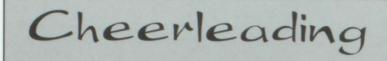
Sophomore Tyler Nelson makes an impressive catch over the opposing team.

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The kicker, Josh Higgins, crushes the ball deep into Flying Geese territory.

Showing their spirit on the field, Tara Eaton hopes not to get dropped!

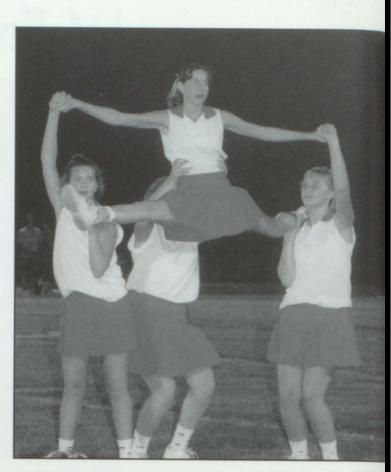
By: Kerry Spangler & Katie Jones



U nion High School Football team was cheered on this year by eight girls, all of them freshmen. They cheered at every varsity game, plus one of the junior varsity. They held pep assemblies for many games, which included fun contests and prizes for the participants.

"Although there was a lack of experience on the squad," said Kelsey Olson, "we brought spirit to the school. Things didn't always go as planned and we did make many mistakes, but all in all we had a great season. We learned to work together and help each other out."

Ms. Karen Doyle, their coach, was also very proud. "These are eight very enthusiastic, energetic freshmen girls. It's been a fantastic season!"





Coach Karen Doyle



Top Row: Kelsey Olson, Heather Simmons, Kaila Gapen, Carolyn Gibson, Jessica Sanning. Bottom Row: Tara Eaton, Jessica Miller, Amy Bigger.

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Jenny Peterson had a flipping good time out on the field.

By: Kerry Spangler & Katie Jones

Pom Pons

The Pom Pons preformed at almost all of the football games and at some of the pep assemblies. They made up all of their own dances. There was a spark of originality this year, and we were all surprised when we saw them walking out to a song by Korn.

"The cowboy hats and goth was our (Kim and I's) idea," said Tiffany, a 2-year veteran. "Then we had the music stopped and we danced to the 'Watermelon Crawl' by Tim McGraw."

"All of the girls worked hard this year, we even got them to practice over the summer," said Kim Buster, who's been on the squad for the past three years, "we had a bunch of fun."





Coach Rose Garner

Top Row: Rachel Ellerbroek, Tiffany Fisher, Kim Buster, Rachel Edwards. Middle Row: Jenny Hand, Terri John. Bottom Row: Chrissy Lewis, Ashley Cook, Brandi Hartman, Jenni Peterson, Katie Peterman, Jessica Kelly.

Varsity Girls Basketball



Junior Steph Higgins goes up for a shot against Annawan. Steph led the team in points, steals and rebounds. She will be an asset to next years team.





Heather Randall, a senior captain, shows her abilities with a missed shot puback during a hard fought game against Alexis.



Junior Lindsey Pruett tries for a bunny shot during this years game against Annawan. Lindsey was a center for the Lady Yanks this season.



This years Lady Yanks utilize their aggressive full court press to smothe the opposition's fast break.



Junior Traci Link looks to better her team leading three point percentage in a game against Annawan.



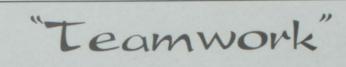
Lindsey Pruett-52, Stephanie Higgins-22, Traci link-12, Heather Randall-42 and Megan Shutwell-3 were the five starters for the Lady Yanks.

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Senior Megan Shutwell uses her quickness to play a difficult defense during the Annawan game.

By: Steph Higgins & Zach Wood



eamwork was the motto of this years varsity Lady Yanks girls basketball team. They played hard all year and even though the record might not have been as good as they wanted it to be, almost every fan still sees their season as a good one. Ending the season in the regional championship game was not something the girls basketball program at Union has seen in a while. The

girls' great defense showed itself in the several games against the state-ranked teams in the conference. They were only beaten by more than ten points three times throughout the entire season. There were two All-Conference selections on this years team. These include Stephanie Higgins with first team All-Conference and Heather Randall with honorable mention All-Conference.

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Front Row: Jenny Peterson, Brandi Gall, Katie Wood and Dana Hetrick. Middle Row: Megan Shutwell and Heather Randall. Back Row: Coach Jack Roemer, Stephanie Higgins, Kerry Spangler, Lindsey Pruett, Lisa Noard and Traci Link.

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As the only sophomore on the team, Katie Wood was always showing her leadership skills. She was a team leader in free throw % and assists.

By: Traci Link & Harold Wheatley

New Team, New Experience

his year's JV girls basketball season was a complete learning experience for everyone. Because the team had only one returning player, the incoming freshmen were forced to quickly learn leadership and patience. Fortunately, with the support of a new coach, the players were able to become a cooperating team.

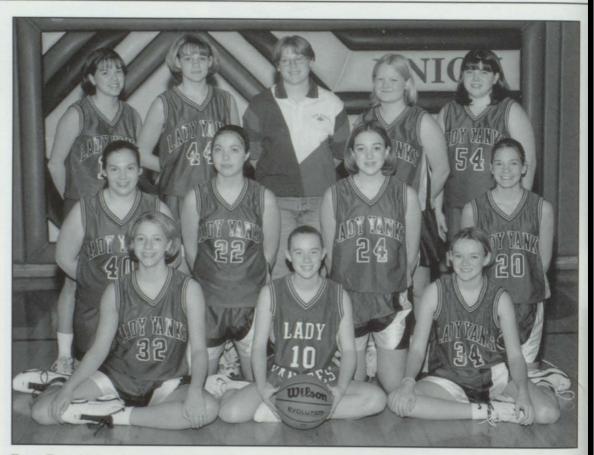
The girls were always will-

ing to play their hearts out and

each one brought their own fun to the season. The friendships among the team helped them become better players on and off of the court.

Because of the large amount of freshmen this year, next year's JV team will be full of leadership and experience. These two aspects will be a huge contribution to next year's success.





Front Row: Melissa Kane, Katie Wood, Dana Hetrick. Middle Row: Ashley Reaves, Jennifer Link, Amber Stewart, Haley Hass. Back Row: Kelsey Olson, Jessica Sanning, Coach Alyssa Hinshaw, LaRita Boyd, Codianne Thompson.

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J.V. Girls Basketball

In a game against Annawan, Amber Stewart takes a shot against a close defender and helps add to the scoreboard.

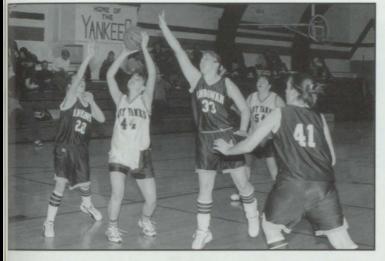




Two freshmen, Kelsey Olson and Haley Hass try to intimidate an Alexis player by showing their tough defensive skills.

Usually playing a forward position, Melissa Kane tries a three pointer against the Alexis JV team.







Putting up another bunny shot, Jessica Sanning tries to avoid being stuffed by an Annawan defender.



Freshman LaRita Boyd looks for help from a teamate as two Alexis girls come in for the trap.

Showing perfect dribbling technique, Codianne tries to impress an Annawan defender with her basketball moves.

Co-captain and all around excellent player Dana Hetrick prepares to take it inside in one of the home games.



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Varsity Basketball

You cannot stop Brock Miller, you can only hope to contain him. Here Brock soars past the Yorkwood defender for the easy bucket.

First year head coach Craig Rima contemplates his strategy moments before taking the court.







Senior Zach Wood puts the finishing touches on another blazing drive. Zach led the team in scoring this year with 392 points.



Defensive standout Donny Billingsley could shut down entire parts of the floor with his stellar D.

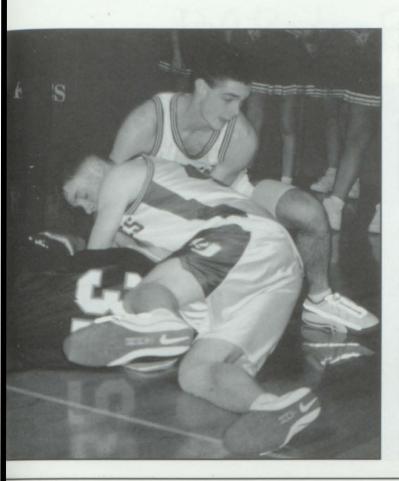


Junior Brandon "Sack-O" Priesman demonstrates perfect defensive form as he stares down his adversary.

In a rousing game, Kris Bailey thrusts the ball over the opposition, deep within Yorkwood's paint.

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In a fine display of the hustle that the Yankees are known for, Landon Walters and Zach Wood wrestle the ball away from Mendon Unity.

By: Brock Miller and Tyler Lutz

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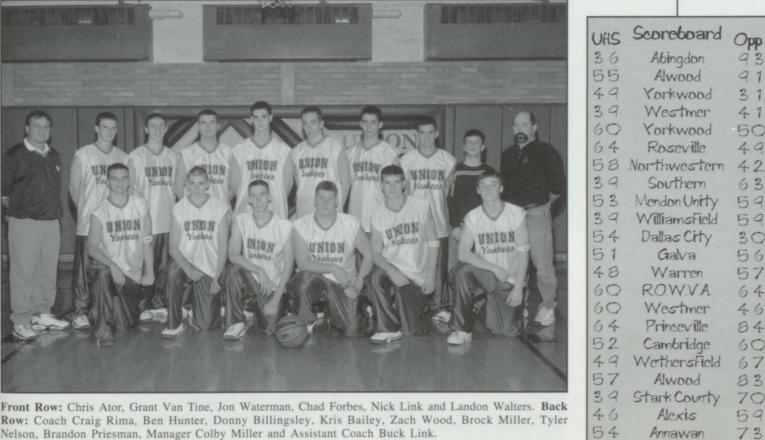
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The 2000 - 2001 Yankee basketball season was another successful one. This year's success wasn't measured in wins and losses, but rather in continual improvement and exceptional sportsmanship. Every member of the team displayed legendary amounts of heart, never giving up no matter what the odds.

While this season was undoubtedly a learning experience for all of the team members, no member of the Yankee's ball club learned more than first year head coach Craig Rima. While Coach Rima has coaching experience at the junior high level, this was his first season as a high school coach.

With many talented players returning for next year, and an outstanding sophomore class the Yankees look forward to another exceptional season.



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Nelson, Brandon Priesman, Manager Colby Miller and Assistant Coach Buck Link.

Chris Ator wins the foot race to the basket and makes the uncontested lay-up after stripping the basketball from a Yorkwood opponent.

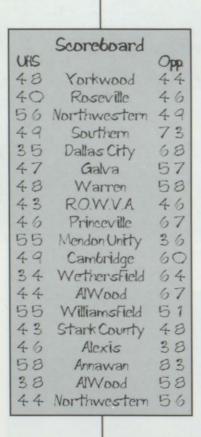
By: Grant Van Tine

Stepping Up

The Junior Varsity boys basketball team had their ups and downs this year. Still, anyone who saw them play all year could tell that they definitely improved. New coach Lonnie "Buck" Link asked many freshmen to step up and play important roles in their first year of high school basketball.

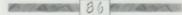
Josh Higgins was one of these freshmen. He led the Yankees in both scoring and rebounding. At the Winter Sports Banquet, Justin Waterman won the Most Improved Award and Cody Eaton earned Best Defensive Player honors. Chris Ator led the team in assists and free throw percentage. Hard work in the off season by this group of athletes will help make them a competitive ball club in future seasons.







Front Row: Tyler Nelson, Daniel Hayburn, Justin Waterman, Tyler Link, Nick Link, John Weber, Sean Robbins. Back Row: Cody Eaton, Chris Ator, Nick White, Josh Stokes, Darren Steele, Bryan Dunn, Austin Adolf, Mark DeJaynes, Coach Lonnie "Buck" Link.



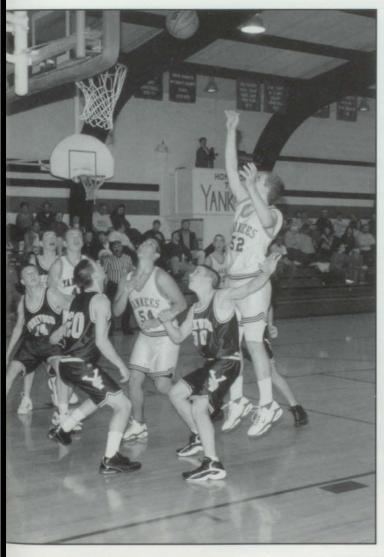
J.V. Boys Basketball



The key to winning is defense. Bryan Dunn applies the pressure to force this Southern scoring threat to give up the basketball.

Josh Stokes takes his time at the free throw line to ensure that he makes the crucial foul shots near the end of the game.









Height and great jumping ability make it easy for Daniel Heyburn to elevate over the defenders and score for the Yankees.

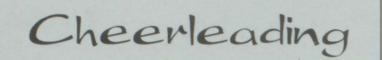
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Coach Link gives the players a few words of encouragement before a home game. Both Coach Link and Rima stressed playing hard all season to the players.

Yorkwood's double team pressure on the Yankee's leading scorer Josh Higgins does not affect him one bit. After coming to a jump stop, Josh takes the ball strong to the basket. Front Row: Tara Eaton, Jessica Miller, Kaila Gapen. Middle Row: Heather Simmons, Amy Bigger. Back Row: Carolyn Gibson.

By: Katie Jones & Kerry Spangler



This year the varsity basketball cheerleading squad consisted of only one senior, Holly Simmons, who was also the captain. Marissa Cole and Michelle Kane served as cocaptains, helping choreograph and perform outstanding dances and stunts for pep assemblies and games.

There were three boys (Tyler Ferch, Nick White and Dusty Hass) who really helped the squad, especially on Senior Night, offering tremendous support with great enthusiasm.

Besides the varsity, the junior varsity captain Tara Eaton, along with her co-captians Amy Bigger and Kaila Gapen, attended many home games to help cheer on the team. Thanks to the 2000/2001 cheerleaders for keeping up our Yankee spirit throughout this basketball season!





The girls lead the roaring student section in another fantastic cheer.



Holly Simmons shows her skills and takes charge as the squad captain.





Marissa Cole cheers on her team with spirit.

Front Row: Marissa Cole, Hollie Hedden. Middle Row:Michelle Kane, Holly Simmons, Chelsea Rippenkroeger. Back Row:Heather Simmons, Amy Bigger.

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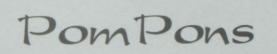
Sara Smith smiles as she performs in a half-time show against Yorkwood.



The girls stop to pose for the camera before senior night and show off.

Tiffany and Kim shine like they are stars and have some fun doing it too.

By: Katie Jones & Kerry Spangler

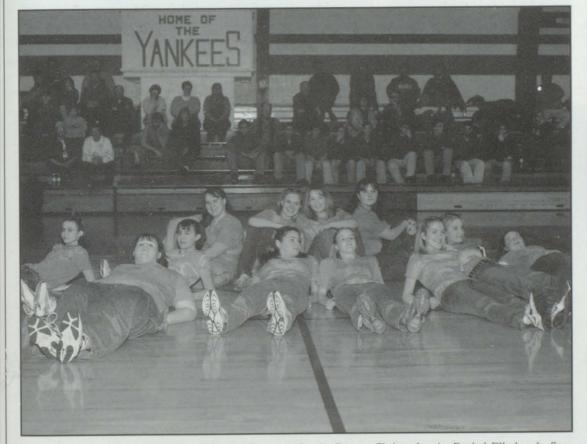


This year the Pom Pon Squad did a great job getting new routines to support the basketball teams.

"It was hard preparing for the games with all the snow and cancellations, but overall the girls did a good job," said Rose Garner, the squad coach. "They worked really hard and made up some great routines."

Besides dancing to the song "Can't Get No Satisfaction," by Britney Spears and "Kryptonite" by Three Doors Down, there were many other memorable dances.

"Being my first year it was hard because no one ever came to practice," said senior dancer Brenda Carnes. "But once we got the moves ready it was easier. It was fun making up moves and doing the 'Jumpin', Jumpin'' dance for Senior Night!"



Brenda Carnes shows her sprit and the love for dance with her serious attitude.

Front Row: Terri John, Jenny Hand, Rachel Edwards, Ranita Buster, Chrissy Lewis, Rachel Ellerbroek, Sara Smith, Brande Hartman. Back Row: Tiffany Fisher, Season Rippenkroeger, Brenda Carnes, Kim Buster.

PRAST 89 MADE



During her four years in high school, senior Megan Shutwell competed in 15 of a possible 16 events at the IHSA State Track and Field meet.



The freshman girls were some of the most talented young athletes coach Hurley has ever seen.



Brock Miller leaped a personal best triple jump this year.



Rhythmic hand-offs are the key to a record breaking relay team.



The Varsity boys 4x100 and 4x200 team took home a medal at every single meet and also succeeded at individual events

Record Breakers

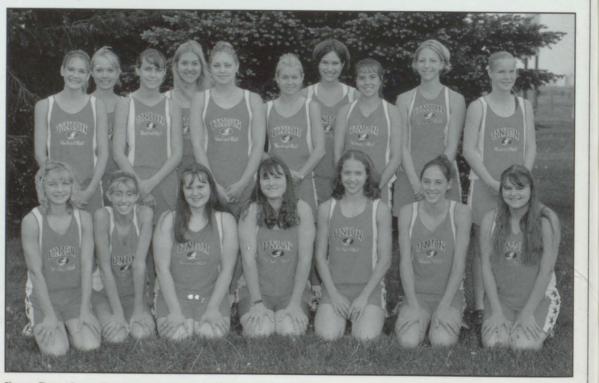
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Lisa Noard, Brandi Gall, Kaila Gapen, and Stephanie Higgins

Triple Jump, High Jump Stephanie Higgins

> Sprint Medley Megan, Shutwell, Kelsey Olson, Haley Hass, and Stephanie Higgins

400 Dash Megan Shutwell



Front Row: Jenny Peterson, Lisa Noard, Tiffany Fisher, Kim Buster, Megan Shutwell, Stephanie Higgins, Ranita Buster. Back Row: Haley Hass, Kaila Gapen, Jenny Hand, Rachel Ellerbroek, Amber Koch, Brandi Gall, Heather Simmons, Kelsey Olson, Melissa Kane, and Chrissy Lewis.

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The Girls' Record Breaker of the Year, Stephanie Higgins, broke records in the high jump, triple jump, 4x800 and the sprint medely.



Freshman Kelsey Olson shows the perfect form for 100 meter hurdles.



Hector loved to throw his weight around.

By: Grant Van Tine & Brock Miller

Tradition

Track at Union has never been better. The Yankee boys' and girls' teams broke long standing records and led the conference in sprinting and jumping events.

The girls team was led by senior Megan Shutwell who was never beaten in the open 100, 400 or long jump until very late in the season. Megan also advanced to Charleston in all four of her events and received a 4th in the 400m dash, 7th in the 100m dash, 7th in the long jump and 9th in the 200m dash. She also advanced to state along with her close teammate, Stephanie Higgins. Steph proved to be one of the best all-around athletes Union has ever seen while advancing in the high jump (4th place) and triple jump (3rd place).

The Yankee's boys' team had a very good team also. The point-scoring workhorse for the Yankees boys were the varsity boys 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams. These dedicated junior and senior athletes were the basis for the boys success.

This is a really strong group of varsity and J.V. athletes. Hard work and dedication will help Union's tradition of track and field excellence to continue.



Front Row: Danny Link, Joey Shrader, Ian Hallt, Brock Miller, Justin Parsons. Back Row: Ben Hunter, Grant Van Tine, Justin Waterman, Trey Shewbirt, and Alex Work.

Record Breakers 4x200 Brock Miller, Grant Van Tine, Jan Hallt, and Ben Hunter

> State Competators

Megan - 4th in the 400 7th in the long jump 7th in the 100m dash 9th in the 200m

Stephanie – 3rd in the triple jump and 4th in the highJump

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After a quick top of the inning against Warren, the team prepares to score some runs with a pep talk from head coach Jeanette Randall.

By: Traci Link

Heartbreaking Season

With Seniors covering the infield for the 2000-2001 softball season, few teams were able to rely on grounders for hits. A tough defense and quick outfield helped make the team a defensively sound group of athletes. Losing four Seniors will be tough to make up, but a large portion of capable underclassmen will be able to fill in the holes.

Carthage in the first round of Regional play, the Lady Yankees went on to play the Southern Belles. Losing a heartbreaker to the Belles, the Yankees left the field with hopes of seeing them again next year.

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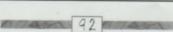
Senior Sheena Miller cracks the ball into the outfield for another hit and RBI.







Front Row: Heather Randall and Sheena Miller. Second Row: Amy Bigger, Katie Wood, Hollie Hedden, Amanda Henry, Mary Hawkins, Jodi Mueller, Jessica Johnson, Dana Hetrick, and Traci Link. Third Row: Codianne Thompson, Jamie McKeown, Katie Petermann, Jennifer Link, Carolyn Gibson, Lindsey Pruett, Amber Stewart, Brandy Smith, Rachel Edwards, Lacy Hastings, and Ashley Reaves. Back Row: Coach Jeanette Randall and Coach Louie Johnson.



Varsity Softball

trikes were all Lindsey Pruett pitched in a game against Warren. As a first rear player for the softball team, Pruett brought home a win in this game.





Amanda Henry shows her leadership and defensive skills as she races a player to first base for another out.

With great speed, Sophomore Jodi Mueller prepares to round first base after a hit into left field.







Batting in the number one spot, Traci Link hopes to get on base and await a teammate to hit her home.





Making sure to touch home plate, Mary Hawkins scores a run for the Lady Yankees.

Showing her ballet skills on the softball diamond, Heather Randall makes an extraordinary catch to keep the ball out of the outfield.

Center fielder, Katie Wood makes a great catch and then keeps the runners from advancing by showing her throwing abilities.

Varsity Baseball

Too close to call. Freshman Josh Higgins kicks up a cloud of dust with this picture perfect slide.

Recipe for a strikeout: A good portion of Zach Wood pitching, add batter, and he is as good as gone!





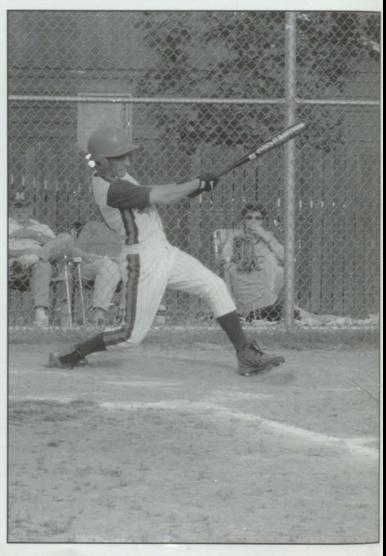


Junior Brandon "Sack-O" Priesman leads off and prepares to unleash his wheels of steel to move into scoring position.

Donny Billingsley has a pitch put directly into his wheel house, and he makes his opponent pay for it.



Home run Hass blasts yet another ball into the stratosphere with this crushing blow.





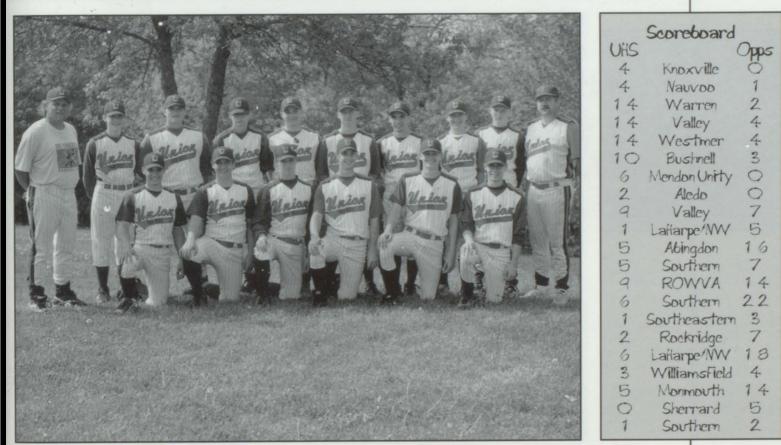
This Yankee ball club was all about hustle. Nick Olson is seen here scrambling to beat the runner to the bag so he can receive second baseman Brandon Priesman's throw in time.

By: Zach Wood & Kerry Spangler

Always in action, Never Relaxin

he Varsity boys baseball team had alot of baseball bashin' fun this year. Whether you talk about their memorable bus rides to their win in the first round of regionals the guys were always having fun. A sub group of the baseball team called themselves "the revolution". The revolution consisted of Dusty Hass, Nick Olson, Donny Billingsley, Matt Curtiss and Josh Higgins.

This group was formed of anyone who hit a homerun (out of the park) in a game. Coach Craig Rima stated that "Some highlights for the year include Josh Higgins' no hitters and Zach Wood's two homeruns against Southern." The baseball program will be just as exciting next year. Only losing three seniors, they should be strong again in the coming seasons.



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Front Row: Brandon Priesman, Sean Robbins, Bryan Dunn, Zach Wood, Josh Higgins, and Tyler Nelson. Back Row: Coach Rima, J.W. Wetterling, Tyler Ferch, Matt Curtiss, Nick Olson, Donny Billingsley, Dusty Hass, Cody Eaton, Doug Hawkins, and Coach Lox. By: Stephanie Higgins

J.V. Softball

This season was one doosie of a season for the J.V Lady Yankees softball team. Aside from having fun on and off the field their friendship helped them come together as a team. Since there weren't a lot of sophomores to assume leadership positions there were a lot of freshmen that had to step up into those roles. Even though their team may not

have been extremely sucessful, all the girls did a great job. The record board shows a losing season but looking at the effort that they all put into the season you would see a different outcome. The girls were coached by Louie Johnson, a first time high school coach. Great job this year girls and good luck next season!



Team unity is a beautiful thing. Here Jessica Johnson and Brandy Smith show their friendship.

Poise, precision, perfection. Dana Hetrick is the epitome of what a catcher should be.







Front Row: Katie Wood, Ashley Reaves, Amber Stewart, Jamie McKeown, and Katie Petermann. Back Row: Brandy Smith, Dana Hetrick, and Rachel Edwards. Not Pictured: Amy Bigger, Hollie Hedden, Jodi Mueller, Jessica Johnson, Codianne Thompson, Jennifer Link, and Carolyn Gibson.

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By: Tyler Lutz





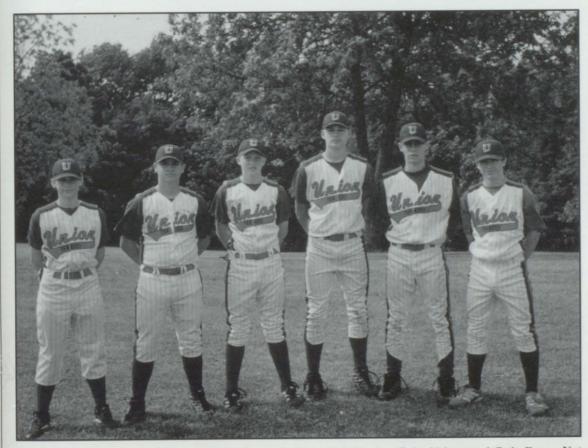
Coach Rima has a conference on the mound with Freshmen Josh Higgins, Sean Robbins, and Cody Eaton.

Freshman slugger Doug Hawkins tears the cover off of the ball with this thunderous blast.

J.V. Baseball

The 2000 - 2001 season was a hum-dinger. It was a nonstop slam-bang excitement filled series of thrilling baseball action.

Coach Rima was extremely pleased with the fantastic progress that the team made over the course of this brief season. The team's abilities grew by leaps and bounds, even during the most difficult parts of the season. With the minimal amount of J.V. games, many younger players were asked to step up to the Varsity level. While the number of J.V. games this season didn't even crack double figures, the amount of invaluable experience attained by each of the team's members will insure continued success in the Yankee baseball program.



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Front Row: J.W. Wetterling, Sean Robbins, Doug Hawkins, Josh Higgins, Tyler Nelson, and Cody Eaton. Not Pictured: Bryan Dunn.

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Senior inside 2001 Sport SUnion High School By: Brenda Carnes



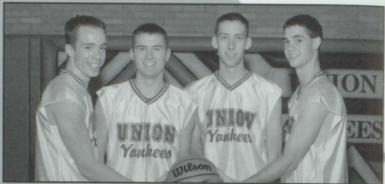
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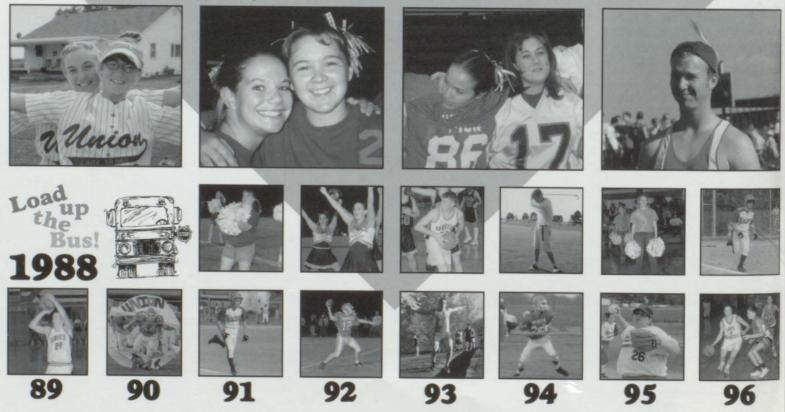
Football Front Row: Nick Olson, Seth Olson, Noah Blindt, Brad Judd, and Dusty Hass. Back Row: Zach Wood, Mike Anderson, Justin Parsons, Tyler Lutz, Ian Hallt, and Wayne Carlson.



Volleyball Megan Shutwell, Heather Randall, Brenda Carnes, Holly Simmons, P.J. Weber, Season Rippenkroeger, and Miram Pucher



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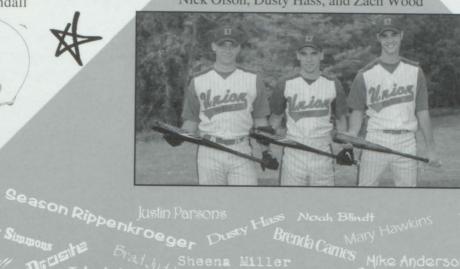


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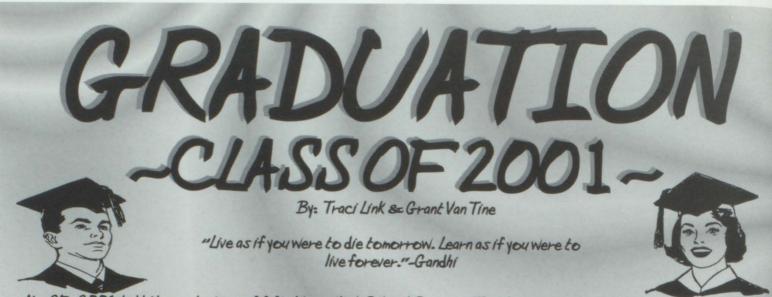


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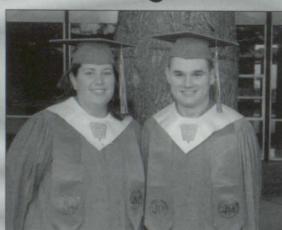




May 25, 2001 held the graduation of fifty Union High School Seniors. The class made a final appearance at the school in which they have made so many great memories. With speeches given by the Valedictorians, Chris Clark and Amanda Henry and the Salutatorians, Chris Droste and Tyler Lutz, the evening was filled with laughter, tears, and good-byes. As all of us at Union say our last good-byes to the Class of 2001, we feel mixed emotions. Part of us rejoices as we watch these young men and women enter their futures...but at the same time this place in which we live is that more drab and empty that they are gone, and our hearts ache because of it. We will miss you, Class of 2001.

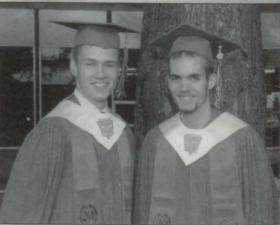


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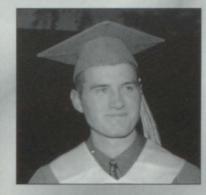
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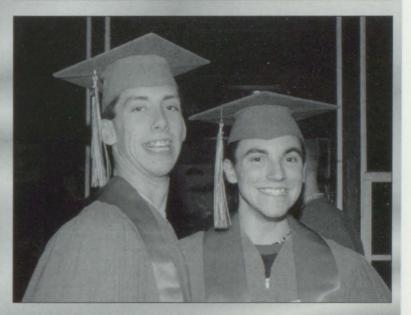






















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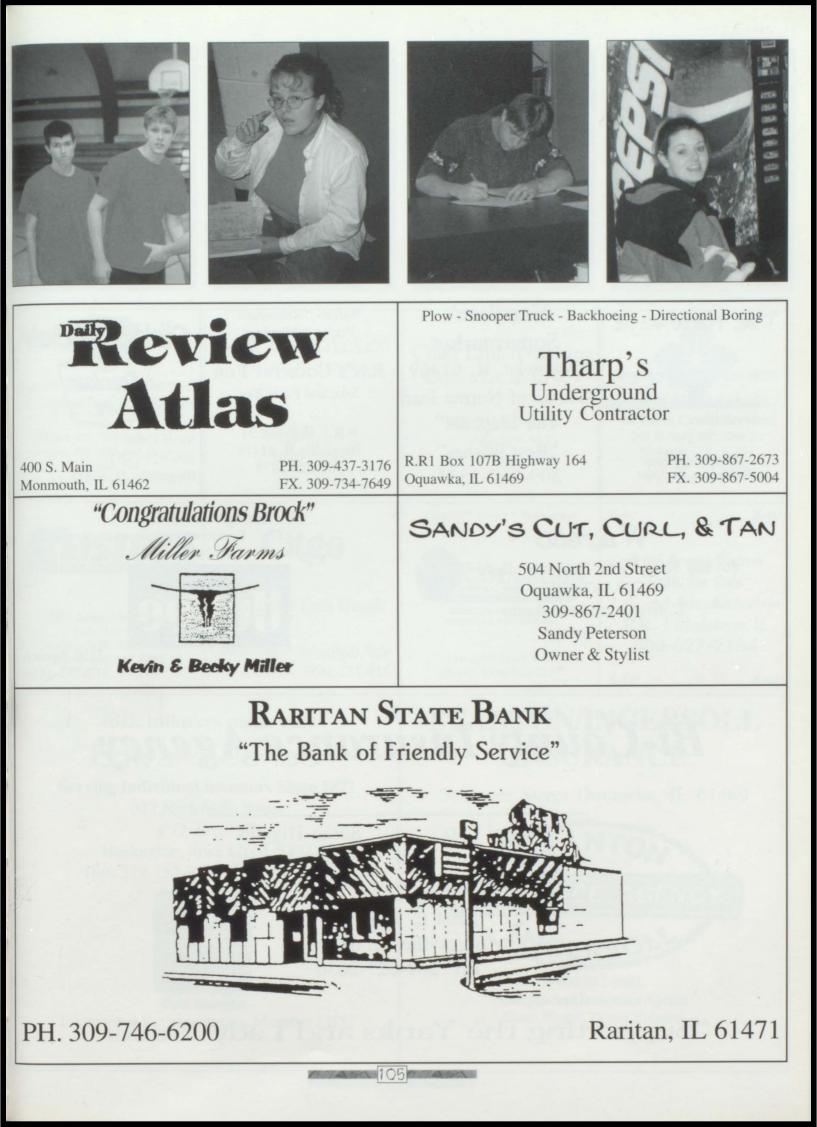


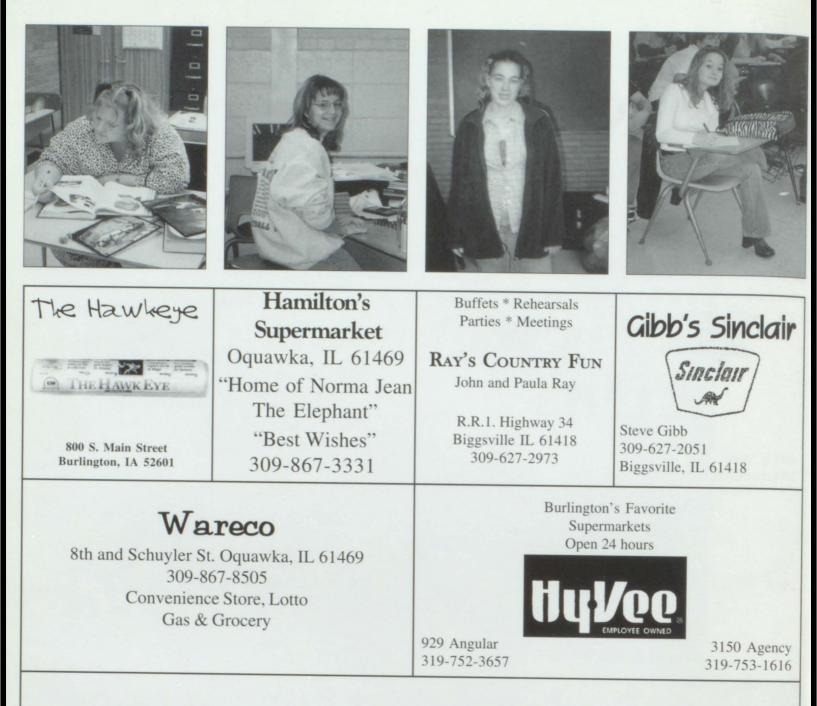


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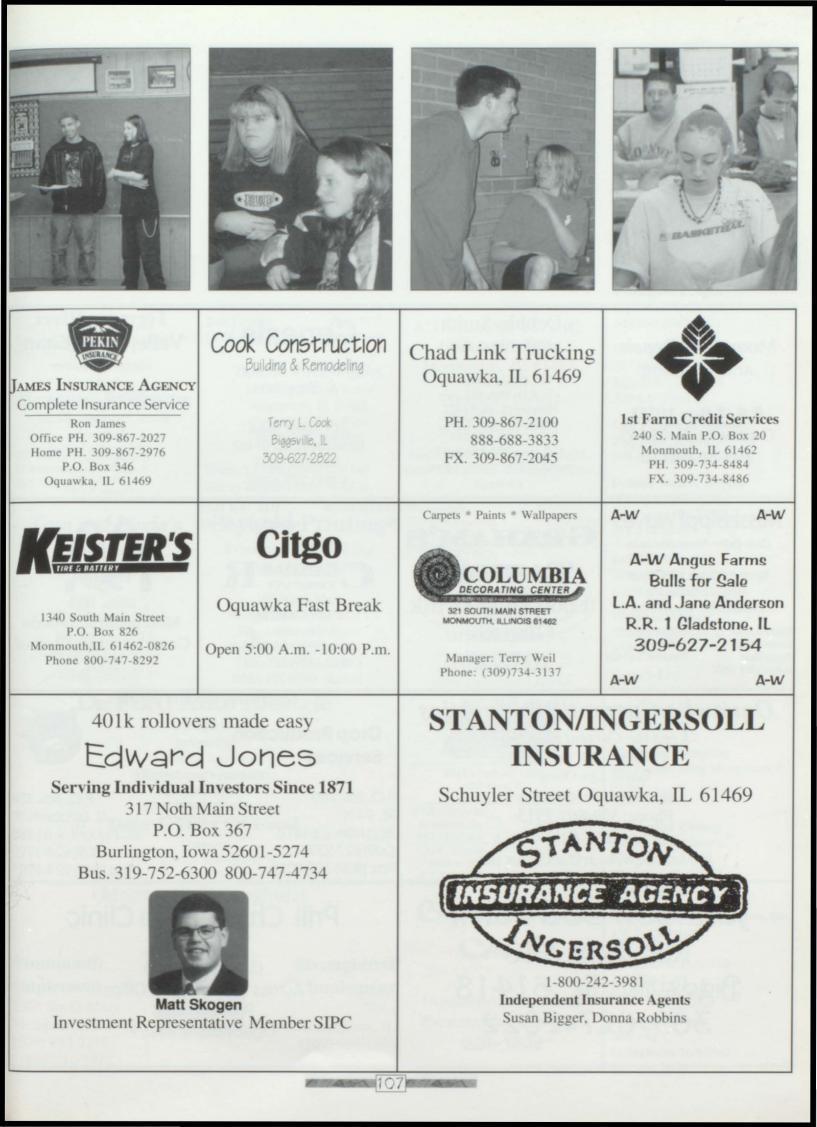
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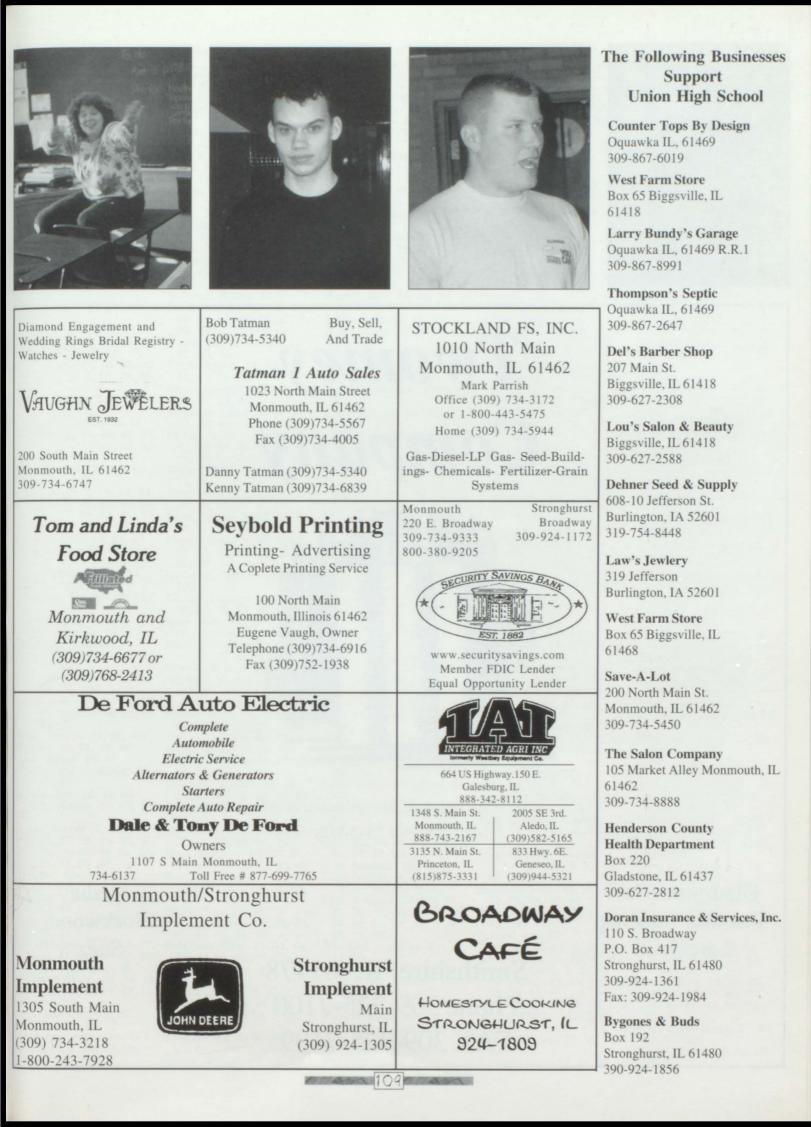
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stricken because many of their fellow students will never been seen again, and even more of them will never have the enjoyment of one last memory together.

But aside for the seniors, the rest of the student body

has taken part in many great activities this year: Homecoming, Volleyball Regional Championship. AFS Play, and Prom. These engagements have been extrememly enjoyable to attend for one main reason: the students make





The Seniors have tried to make this school year a very memorable one for everyone, but espescially themselves. All they want to say is that they hope their "One Last Impression" was an enjoyable one. ~Noah Blindt

them fun.













