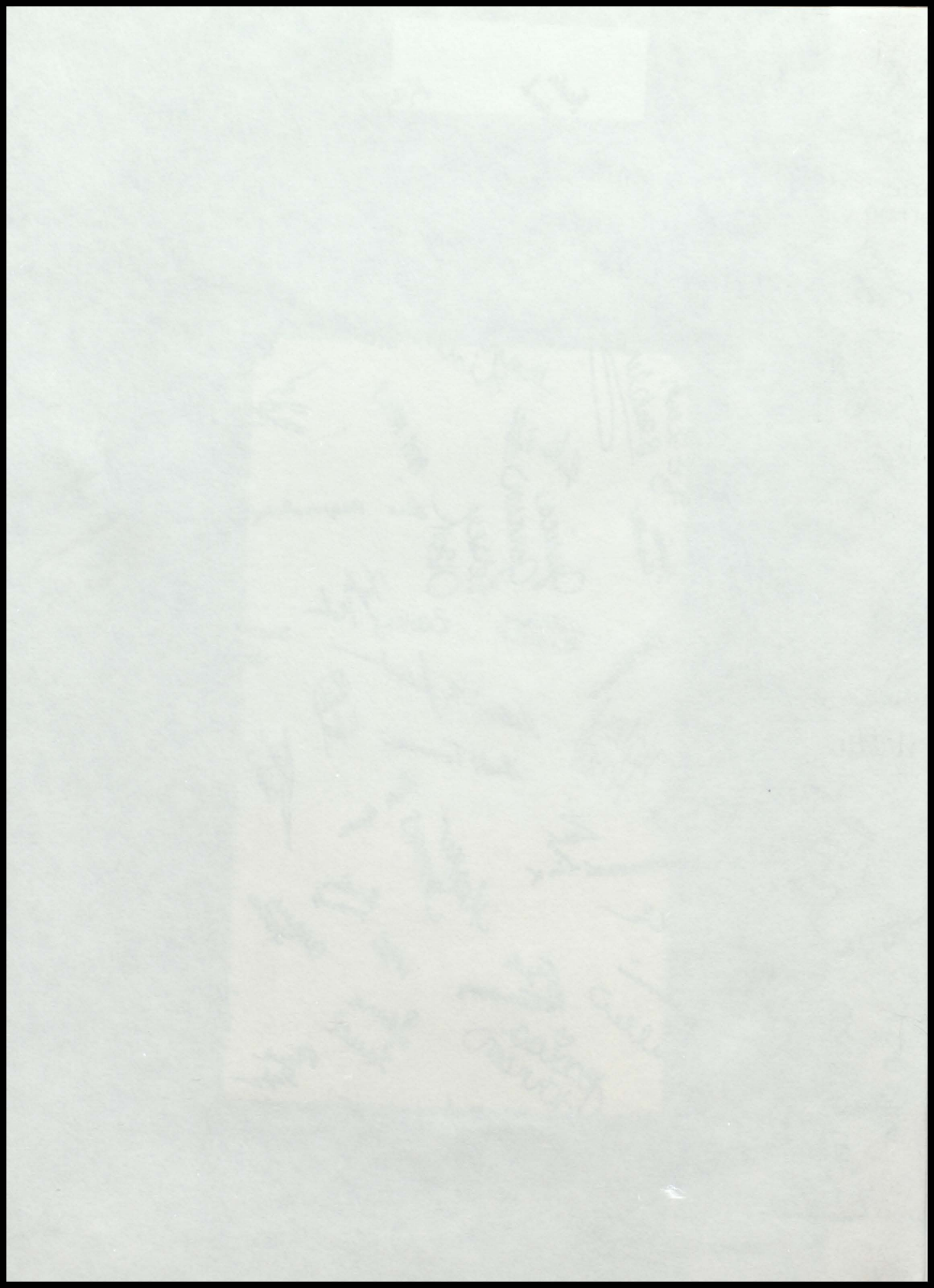


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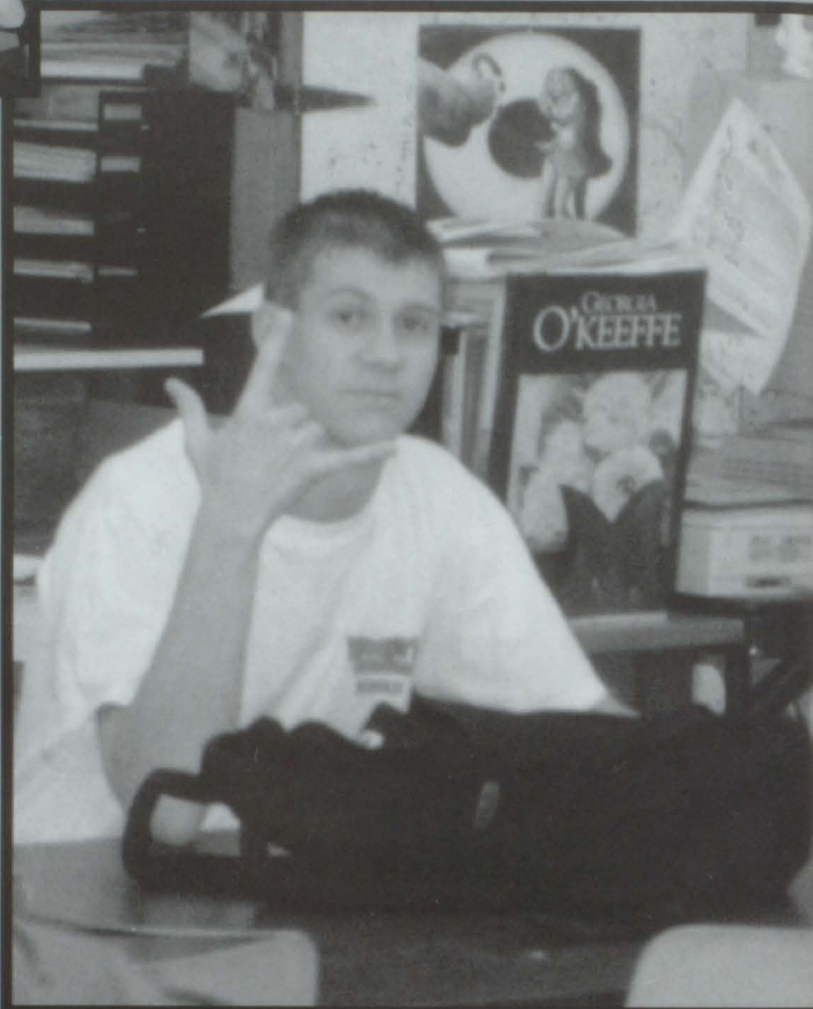
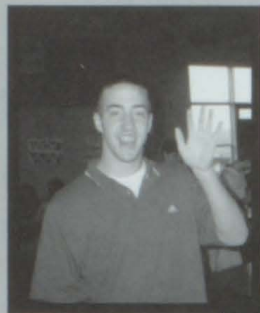
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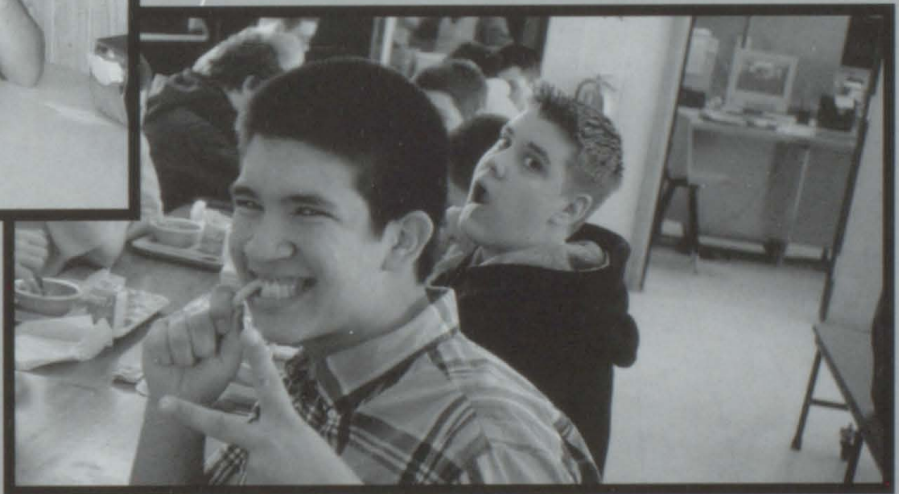




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Portraits





Class of 2006

“A Hard Beginning



We entered high school with many emotions running through the back of our minds. While some had fears of being hated, others were eager for the new experiences. Our class has had many things said about us, and some were not always good. But overall I think we're a pretty good class. We all are very close, and we really don't have cliques or outsiders, which is rare. Personally, I wouldn't change anything... well besides the whole stupid freshman thing.

~ Brandie Lindo ~

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Michael Bradshaw. Back Row: Emily Good,
Britney Ryffel, Brandie Lindo.



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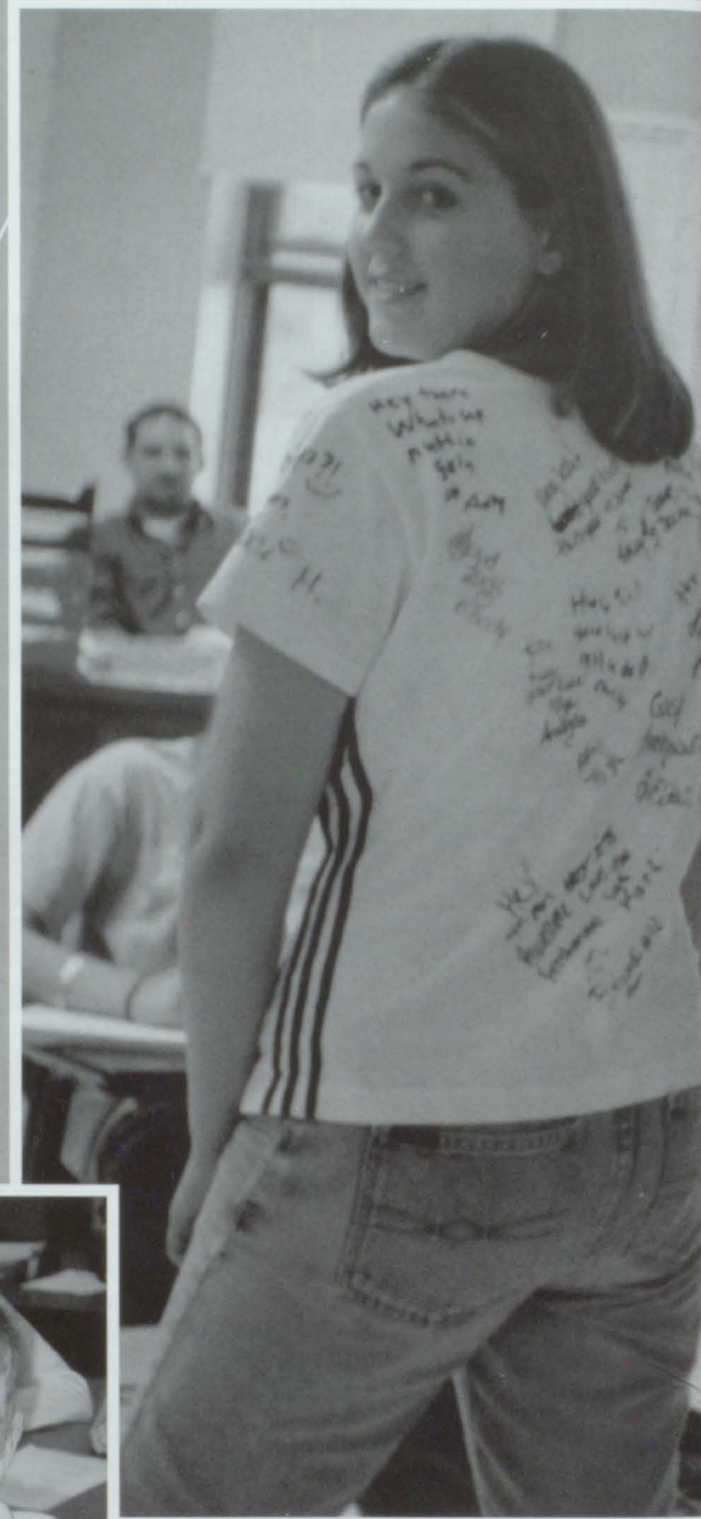
- John Heywood



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Geoff Torrance
Amber Utteridge
Evan Walters
Kevin Ward
Brandon White



Class of 2006





Class of 2005

**“Every Individual Has A Place To Fill
Whether He**



Front Row: Joann Lenoci, Megan Clark. Back Row:
Amanda Peterson, Kristin Whiteman, Audra Adolph.
Not Pictured: Brandi Gaddis

The class of 2005 is very unique in their own ways. Most of the people march to their own drum. Everyone in my class basically gets along. Some of us have our ups and downs, but mostly everyone does. We got through grade school and junior high together, and together we will conquer high school. We aren't like other classes. Most classes have big cliques, and we don't. We have some, but we are mostly all together. ~ Joann Lenoci ~



In The World, And Is Important In Some Respect,
Chooses To Be Or Not.”

- Nathaniel Hawthorne



Kendrah Adams
Audra Adolph
Chase Bailey
Beth Blakley
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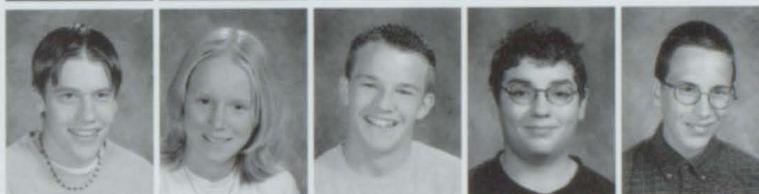
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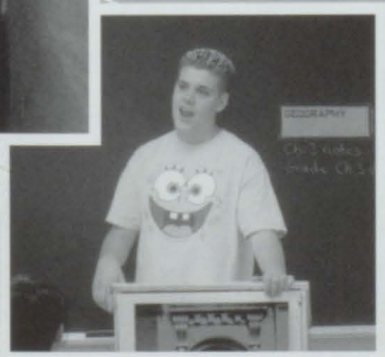


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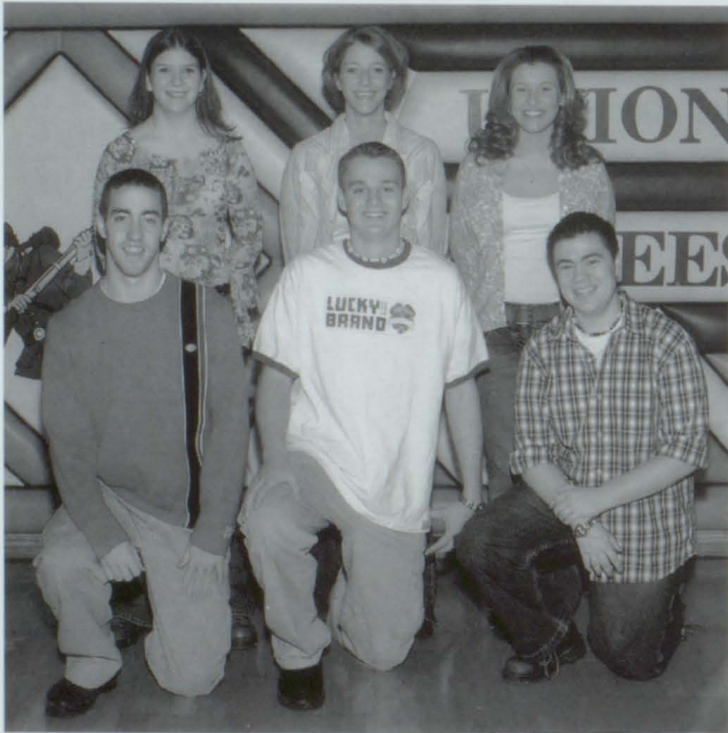
Class of 2005





Class
of
2004

“You Do What You’re Doing And If
You



Front Row: John Weber, Josh Higgins, Nate Lutz.
Back Row: Amy Bigger, Melissa Kane, Ashley Jones.

Our class is full of many different personalities that have many different interests, but we do support each other and plan to be the best senior class Union has ever seen!

~ Josh Higgins ~



It's Going To Happen It Will, And There's Nothing Can Do About It."

- Van Morrison



Austin Adolph
Amy Bigger
D.J. Bothwell
Ashley Brown
Eric Bundy
Bobby Burns
Jim Carlson
Mark Collinson
Cody Eaton
Tara Eaton
Kaila Gopen
Lynett Gohn
Haley Hass
Doug Hawkins
Daniel Hayburn
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Colby Miller
Jessica Miller
Kelsey Olson
Katie Petermann



Jackie Price
Ashley Reaves
Sean Robbins
Jessica Sanning
Heather Simmons



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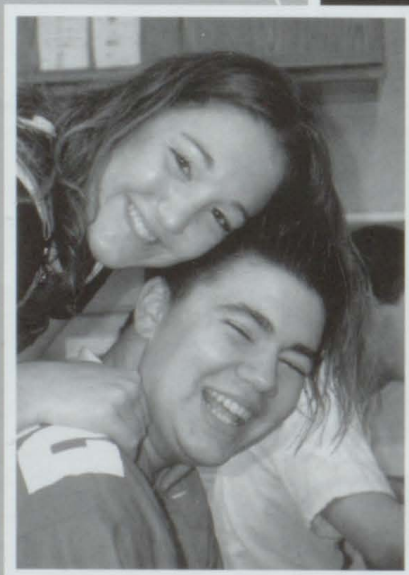
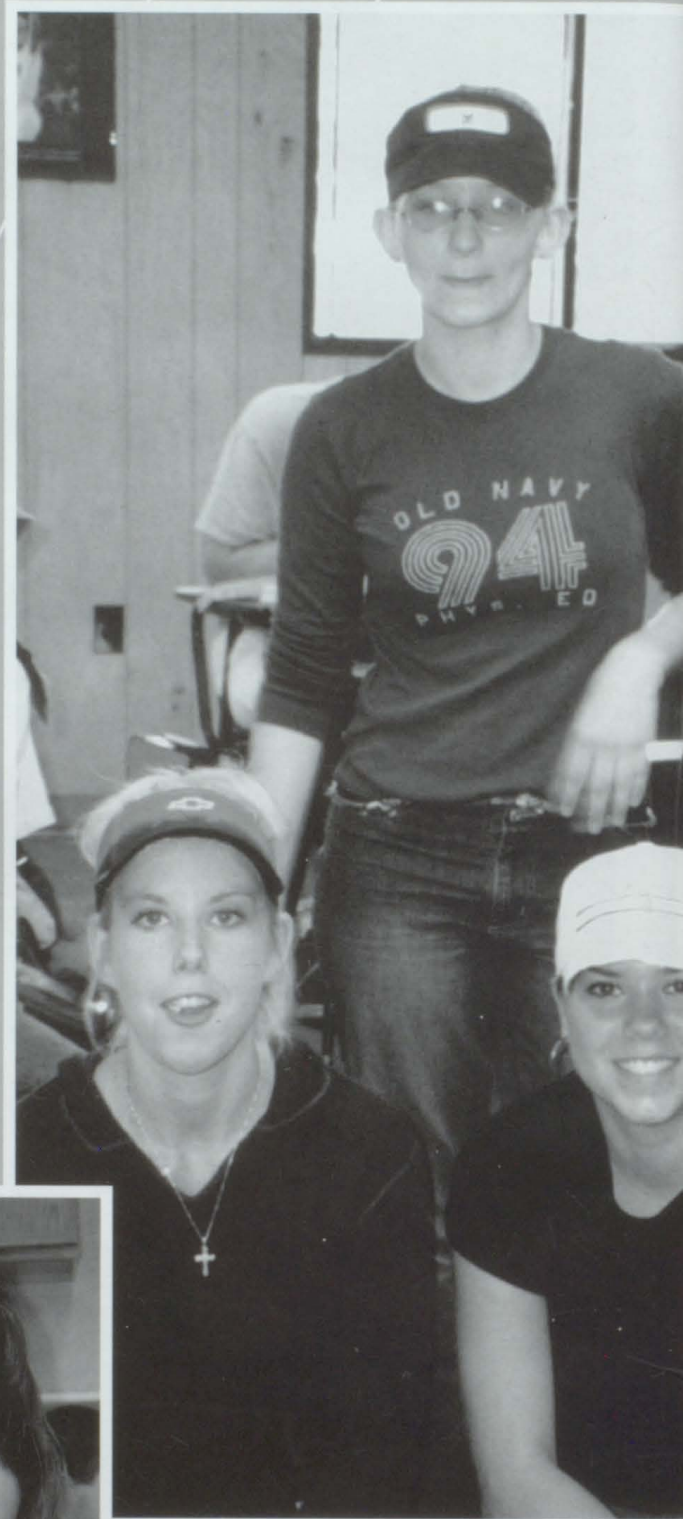


John Weber
J.W. Wetterling
Nick White
Shasta Williams
Alex Work

Not Pictured:
Amanda Bruner
Amanda Klett



Class of 2004







Amy Suzanne Chandler
who drives a green Dodge



Jessica Elizabeth Johnson
who has horses



Jodi Jane Mueller
who is involved with
National Guard

JUST
LIKE

Christopher Paul Ator
who plays basketball

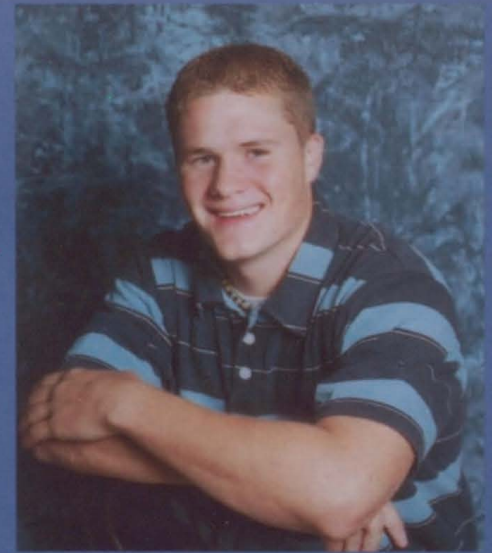
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Bryan Lee Dunn
who lives outside of Oquawka

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Aaron Ray Ferch
who plays football



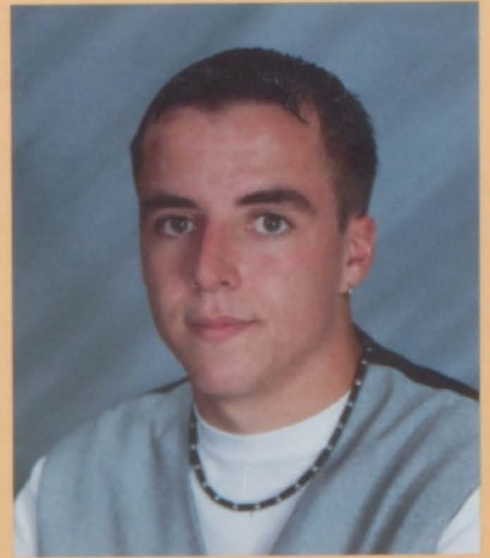
When we were young we found each other,
And grew to be pictures in history.
Now that the days are limited, and it is
Almost time to go, we look back at all the memories:
The fun recesses, and the not-so-tasty lunches,
Or the friendly fights that we all know about.
So as you move on take these memories with you,
Because chances are you'll never know a better bunch.
-Jodi Jane Mueller



Sara Kayleen Smith
who is a lifeguard



JUST LIKE Tray Shewbirt
who has a brother in the same
grade



JUST LIKE Terrance Emmett Shrader
who is shorter than average

JUST
LIKE

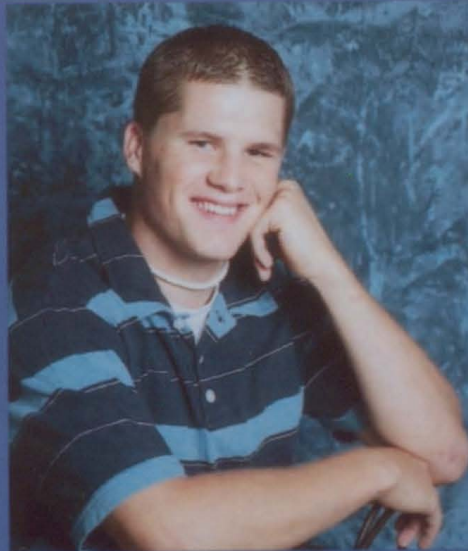
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LIKE Tanner Richard Bigger
who is in FFA

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Austin Ray Ferch
who is a mentor

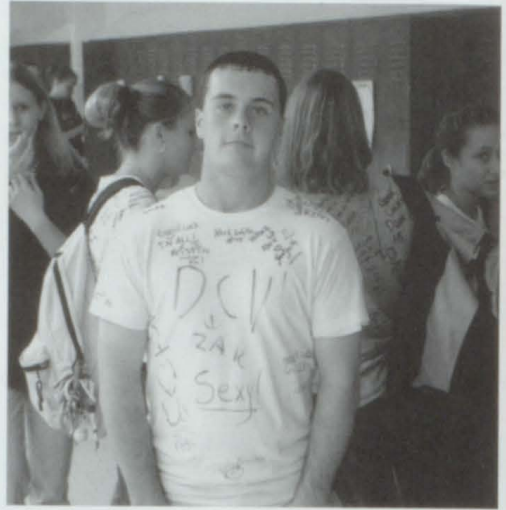
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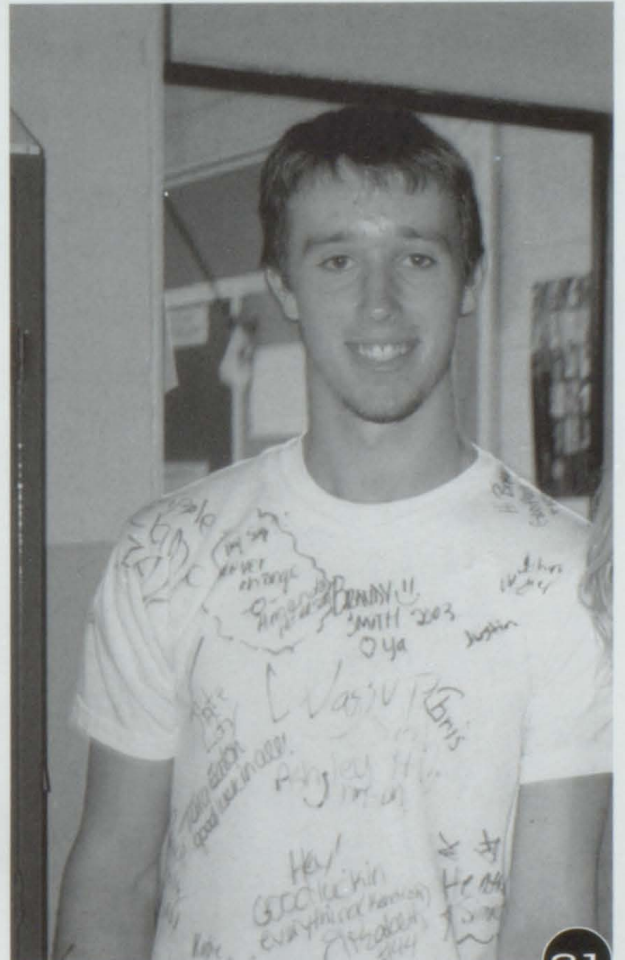
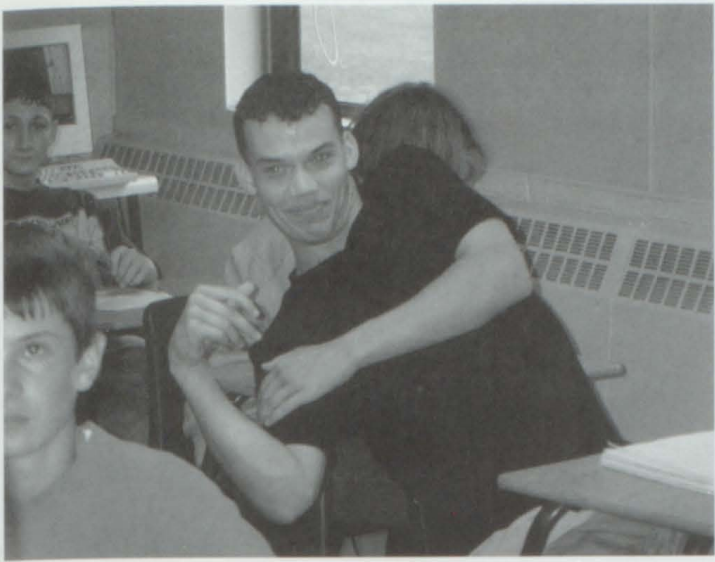
JUST
LIKE Shawn Christopher Lain
who cruises the strip



Time gone by, memories gone
We've grown old, time to move on;
Tears wept, sadness drawn
Time to wake up to a different dawn;
Hearts broken, secrets kept
Time to keep on climbing, only one more step;
Years fly by, so many more are ahead
Time to keep on living, till the moment you're dead.
- Sara Kayleen Smith

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Michael Lawrence Bennett
—who has gone to a different school

JUST
LIKE

Branden Scott Buchanan
who is an only child

JUST
LIKE

Tyler Scott Nelson
who is in NHS

JUST
LIKE

Zachary Garrett Ohler
who played dinosaurs as a kid



Brandy Lea Smith
JUST LIKE who has a younger brother

JUST
LIKE

Justin Lee Waterman
who likes computers



To my entire class I leave this message:
You were the best class anyone could have
hoped to have had. I've been with this class
since I was five years old, and now I'm in
Denmark for our senior year. I miss you all
so much. Take care and be happy.

~Terri





Hollie Nichole Hedden
who has a job

JUST
LIKE



Nicole Diane Lenoci
who has a younger sister in
high school

JUST
LIKE



Mark Alan DeJaynes
who lives in Bluffdale

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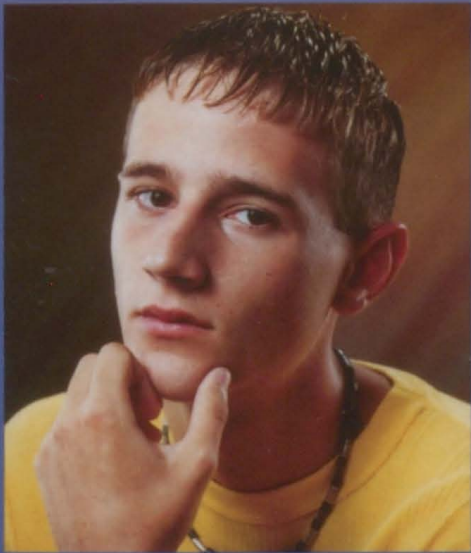
Cole Andrew Nichols
who tans

JUST
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Mindy Michele Petermann
who hangs out downtown

JUST
LIKE

Jenna Rae Cummings
whose parents own a
business



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I, Jessica Johnson, do will and bequeath to Kelsey Olson a "cheese", all the jokes that we laughed at and nobody else did, and all the roadtrips to the Boys Basketball games. To Brandon Freeman a Spice Girls CD, because we all know how much he likes them. To Codianne Thompson a P.B., some slick grass, and a doll. To Evan Walters a net, a baby pool and whatever else he wants. To Jodi Mueller i give her a friend, some ducttape so she doesn't fall off her horse, and all the bug juice she wants. To Cody Theleman i leave a rubber ducky. To Amy Chandler i leave all of our childhood memories. To the class of 2003 i wish you the best of luck in the future.

I, Shawn Lain, do will and bequeath to Kelsey Olson the name Kelly and the Rod memories. To Mark Delaynes all of our weight training talks and may they live on. I leave my truck (the Nissan) and the nickname S. Lain to whoever wants it. To Amanda Knottnerus I leave a bar of soap. To Zack, Terry and Tray I leave The Hun. To Abby Short I leave my love and anything else she wants of mine.

I, Sarah Sells, do will and bequeath a toad to Josh Stokes. I also leave the ability to love the "four people" to Rebecca Van Tine. To Nick White I leave the ability to be scared very easily. I leave to Rachel Edwards "The Mullet Song" and my water supply, just in case. To Jacob Cole I leave the ability to love Japan and Anime no matter how many people say it is dumb. I also leave to Jacob the nickname "Farty McFlatfoot." To Nick White I leave the ability to ride in a car without screaming like a woman. To Kaci Hurka I leave my insane mental state. I leave to Nick and Josh the deleted Napster files. And last but not least I leave to Darren Steele \$5 not \$15, which I never owed you because it kinda worked. And storytelling Jacob, storytelling. To Deana Miller my security position. And no Jacob strawberries really are red, they do not dye them that color. Josh Rachel, I get it now.

I, Katie Wood, do will and bequeath to the Stat Girls the ability to get to football games on time with the stats. I leave Jayme McKeown a golf bag with a green marker. To Hollie Hedden, Sara Smith, Brandy Smith, Jackie Price, Katie Petermann, and Dana Hetrick a picnic table. I leave to Jessica Sanning a blue marker to color with and the ability to get away with yelling at the under classmen in basketball. I leave to Jay Wetterling a red "water balloon" for surprise attacks. To Ashley Brown and Dana Hetrick ghetto cruising on the weekends. I leave to Kelsey Olson the #14 and a paper plate to hide things under. I leave Jim Carlson a new car. I leave my graphing calculator to John Weber. To Ashley Johnson the nickname Nub. I leave to my senior class all the fun times we have had.

I, Mindy Petermann, do will and bequeath to Shannon S. a cowboy hat and a new tire for Jessie's car. To Sarah Sells some buttered toast, to Amy C. the ability to stay on the road (even though she has an awesome truck!), to Lynette and Shasta some munchies, to Tyler N. the ability to kick butt at the Town and Country Art Show, someday. To my sisters I leave clothes cuz they "borrow" mine, my ditziness to Jackie Price-cuz she is a dork, and some blue sky for her too. To Brian Manes I leave your name in the yearbook, a brand new tape for your truck, some Pizza Hut, and my love. To the class of 2003, good luck in all you do and I might miss you guys'...c-ya!

I, Jennifer Nicole Hand, do will and bequeath to Nicole Lenoci the ability to have good luck with Josh. To Mrs. Alexander the ability to have fun while teaching even though you still may have a bad day. To Terri John the ability to have fun in Denmark, even though I am not there. To Rachel Edwards, Sarah Sells and Rachel Ellerbroek the ability to succeed after high school. Finally to Chris Drostle my love and ability to take care of me after we get married. To the rest of the senior class... Good Luck!

I, Bryan Dunn, do will and bequeath my right knee to Josh Higgins, a maroon slingshot to Nate, an A&W can to Kelsey and Amy, the ability to render yourself unconscious to Weber, the last three steps and two bags of ice to Rupe. A twister game to Amanda P, a piece of celery to Freeman, a triple to Geoff, golf skills to Kyle, an obstacle course to Amber U. I leave a hair tie to Tara, fireworks on the fourth to Kendrah and August 19th to Mark and Zak.

I, Jodi Muller, do will and bequeath one Bug Juice to everyone in this school, to my cousin Lindley, the ability to be BOLD and have a higher standard. To the 2002-03 dance squad a huge smile and twisted up Pom Poms. The Jessica Johnson and Jackie Price my friendship forever. Also to Jackie Price all of the memories from the horseshoes, and a new Reno. To Nick Shafer I leave \$1.00 and a bill for all of the other times I gave him money. To Codianne I leave a new pair of bowling shoes and some cookies. To J.W. and Shane G. I leave a smelly bowl. To Shannon Spiker I leave the ability to ride like me! To the rest of you good luck and have fun!!!

I, Amy Chandler, do will and bequeath my hair to Jessica M. and Kelsey Olson, fudge rounds to Tyler N., my muddin truck to Chris A., gum and a louder mouth to Justine B., my undying friendship to both Rachels, Lindsey and Jen. To Rachel Edwards I leave Chinese food and film (Crapo Park), Amanda, my cuz, gets party peanuts, Codianne gets my worry free attitude. To Tanner and the Ferch twins I leave a big hug, the Ware brothers get good luck at Long Branch Pool, Ferg can have my camo pants and hunting equipment. Jodi, Jess, and Jackie get hay, Nick J. and Dustin M. can have my rebellious weekends. To Kelsey I leave my painting skills, Amy F. and Stacie H. my best behavior, Brandy S. gets the best raisins, and sorry I forgot some of you, but you special people know who you are. To the class of 2003, this is it... Congrats! To my brother George I leave the power of a Dodge and the best of luck... never give up!

I, Rachel Edwards, do will and bequeath the following things to these people: To Amy Chandler, I leave a bowl of Reese's Puffs cereal, a bag of popcorn, and good times (especially at the Great Wall!). To Chris, Bryan, Tyler, Amy, Chelsea, Hollie, Katie, Sara, Zak, Jodi, and Brandy I leave a Cherry Coke. To Jacob Cole I leave some tact and a glass bottle. To Sarah Sells and Rachel Ellerbroek, I leave "Mullet Man" and "Drunk Tramp." To Terri John, I leave disgruntled pygmies, penguins, the land of parking lots, and all our other inside jokes, as well as all our good times. To Kaci Hurka, my singing voice and an apology from Sarah. And to the class of 2003 I leave our memories and our "reputation."

I, Mark Delaynes, do will and bequeath to Bryan and Zack a "Triple Run" and a Dave concert, to Tyler a bottle of Ranch Dressing, to Chris a tent to sit up all night in and wait for "someone". To Geoff I leave a Triple cheeseburger. To Stokes my place on the bench. To Weber a donut run and all my Dave Matthews CD's. I leave to Megan Clark a "CRASH" out and a big hug. To Weber again, I leave a flashlight to break into my house with. To Pood, the "D.J." voice. To Rupe a frosty, a bench from Hend Co., and

the last three steps. To Amy Bigger all my thanks, I owe you for life I will miss you so much. I love ya. To Dana and Tara "the summer that was." To Kelsey a permanent backstage pass to any LFO show and the leadership of the drummer's corner, to Elizabeth a limo ride and a black light, to Higgins some headlights. I leave to Tia an office assistant and "I gotta tell you somethin'." To all band students to not be able to read music at all but still manage to play it good enough to keep Hex happy. Also to Pood I leave my "paint" skills, a picture of Sponge Bob, and the ability to know "whats going on" and Weber's shot glass that he got in Chicago.

I, Nicole Diane Lenoci, do will and bequeath the following to my sister, Joann Lenoci, the ability to do good in school so that you can get into a good college and the ability to stand up for yourself and be your own person. To all of my friends, I leave you with all of our memories, good and bad. I hope we can all keep in touch. Last, but not least, to all of my teachers, thank you for being so wonderful and I will come back to visit you all. To Mrs. Alexander, I leave you with all of the fun we had with FCCLA, and good luck in the future.

I, Chelsea Rippenkroeger, do will and bequeath Karli Hedden long talks during lunch, Alex Pullen a new weight lifting partner. Tina Miller and Brittany Ryffel the ability to get up in the morning and put some more clothes on. Justin Chandler the Oquawka Pool. Ashley Reaves I leave all our fun times and more to come. Tara, Amy, Jessica Sanning, Kelsey, Ashley Jones I leave you the lounge. Hollie Hedden I leave all my friendship, and late nights. Sara, Brandy, Jodi, Jessica, Katie, I leave you rest of my friendship. Chris Ator I leave you my love, and to Ms. Doyle I leave you a new assistant.

I, Justin Waterman, do will and bequeath to Shrader Kid, my height, my mad basketball skills, a box of zingers, and money to buy me a new beach chair. To Tony Wright and Josh Goff a jar of Vaseline for your "alone time". To John Allen a place to hide and a get out of jail free card. To Sean and John my football field. Shaffer, you get the "pop locker," (try to beat me and Shrader's record of 98) Hollie H. a never ending supply of gum. And finally, Dana gets my necklace, since you like it so much; some make-up to cover stuff up, some hugs and kisses, and something else. To Zak water balloons, not to be used in Oquawka while in a car, (and don't drop it on the cop's foot). To everyone else, take what you want.

I, Zak Ohler, do will and bequeath all my pics to Kaila. Jessica Miller gets a lot of Duct Tape. Kendrah gets a firm grip on Bryan. Bryan gets the "Folder of Filth." Leslie gets my leg. The rest of you get nothing, but Tyler's giving out free ice cream. Oh yeah, Tony gets Vaseline.

I, Sara Smith, do will and bequeath the ability to rub bellies for good luck to Justin Chandler. The ability to be goofy and the best in FFA to J.W. I leave the ability to party hard and make high school all it can be to all the underclassmen; sorry I never got to know you all better. Just remember the good girls are bad girls who don't get caught. To all my close senior pals, good luck in the future. I love you and will miss seeing you in the smelly halls of Union High School. Oh yeah, and be careful what you wish for, you just might get it! And to You, yeah you know who you are, always remember the steel spanky!

I, Tanner Bigger, do will and bequeath to Mick Foley the power to intimidate anyone during football practice. To the football team next year I wish you guys luck. I leave Jessica Miller my ability to get out of class, and to my classmates wherever you guys go in life I want to wish you guys the best of luck. I will never forget you guys.

I, Tyler Nelson, do and will bequeath to Cody Eaton the Nelson Basketball Association, to Stokes, Freeman, and Robbins the courts. To Shrader-kid a cup and napkin, to Shawn Wain the middle finger. To Evan Walters a small sausage pizza. To Kelsey Olson a sombrero and to Josh Higgins saving Silverman and Holla Back Yougn'.

I, Austin Ferch, do and will bequeath to John Weber the phone number 1-800-94-JENNY. To Jenni Link all my friendship and ability to calm Amber down. To Amber Renee I leave a pair of boxing gloves and my promising heart. To chief Tan I leave some diesel. To my best friend and bro, Aaron Ferch an attitude adjustment and best of luck. To Hurley I leave the "whatever" way of keeping myself out of trouble. To class of 2003 good luck and I hope all your dreams come true.

I, Lindsey Heyl, do will and bequeath to Jessica Miller to run as slow as you want to in P.E. To Tia the coolest assistance as myself. To all my fellow classmates good luck in all you do and congrats.

I, Tray Shewbirt, do will and bequeath my football skills to Doug Hawkins. I leave football stations to John Webber. I leave Tony Wright and Josh Goff my 2 slashed tires. I leave my exhaust pipe to J.W. I leave my love to whoever wants it. The trip to the school kickoff that only took 8 minutes to Nick White and Mike Siens.

I, Brandy Smith, do will and bequeath to the senior class all my love and I don't know what I'm going to do with out them. To the FFA officers next year do a good job and have fun. To the rest of the school have fun, be yourself, and party hardy.

I, Rachel Ellerbroek, do will and bequeath to Rebecca Van Tine, Josh Stokes, and Nick White "jazz hands!" To Nick White I also leave The Gatorade Incident. May it and the death stare that followed live with you forever.

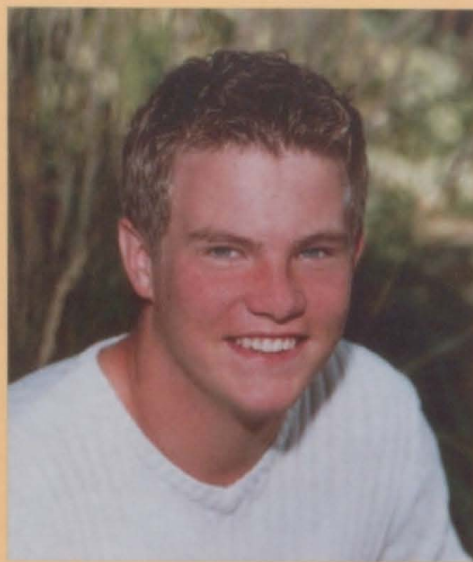
I, Terry Shrader, do will and bequeath to Dana my stunning good looks. To Justin I leave all of our hunting expeditions and all the fun times on the river. I leave to Mr. VanNess the ability to build a shed as good as we can. To Ms. Collins my huge streak of detention slips. To Tina Miller I leave my house and our good times.

I, Chris Ator, do will and bequeath to Chelsea a big truck bed, all my family's vehicles, and all of my love. To Amy a tow rope. To Mr. VanNess my ability to build a shed. To John Allen a place to run to. I leave to Mark DeJaynes a tent until Stephanie Dial comes home.

I, Hollie Hedden, do will and bequeath to Amy Beth, my ability to drive a clutch, "that one summer," our talks at camp, and a BIG thank you for always being there. I'll miss you! Kelsey Olson, I leave a bag of STARS, a cracker, and a pair of sunglasses for when we go mudding in the "wagon." To Josh H. a bag of kisses. To Karli I leave the ability to be happy for once, good luck your next three years, they'll fly by. I love you. To Shane Grafton, Dustin Mattson, and Nick Shafer I leave you guys a kick in the butt. To my fellow classmates of 2003, I leave you all the best of luck. Thank you for everything. I love you and will miss you.



Rachel Elizabeth Ellerbroek
who is in Spanish 4



Emil P. Hanson
who plays video games



Matthew Joseph Allen
who is in Mrs.
Alexander's homeroom

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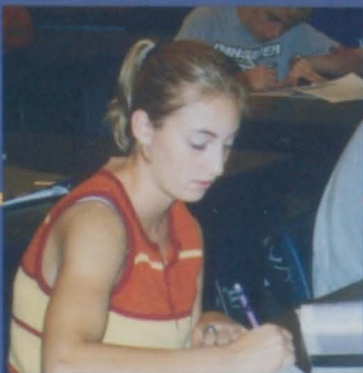
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who likes to draw

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Terri Elaine John
who is the final link in our
great class of 2003.

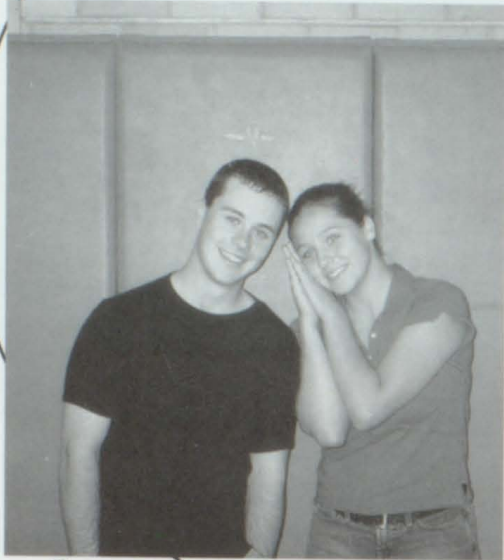
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Chelsea Rochelle
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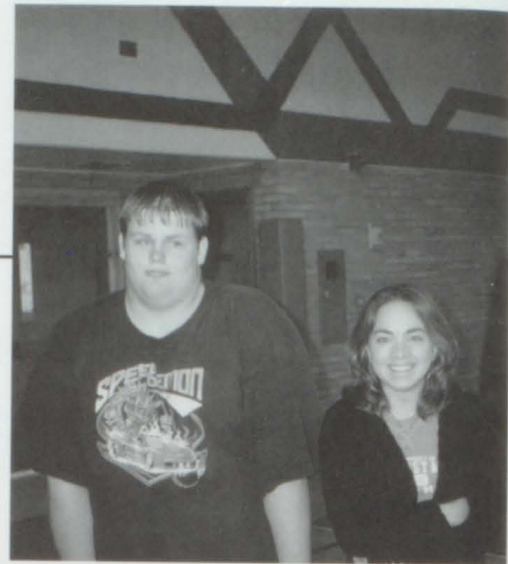
Senior Polls



Best to take home to Mom and Dad
Mark DeJaynes & Jessisa Johnson



Loudest Mouth
Terry Shrader & Chelsea Rippenkroeger



Most Shy
Matt Allen & Nicole Lenoci



Biggest Flirt
Chris Ator & Chelsea Rippenkroeger



Most School Spirit
Aaron Ferch & Brandy Smith



Class Clowns
Terry Shrader & Jodi Mueller



Best Car
Bryan Dunn & Amy Chandler



Best Dancer
Austin Ferch & Chelsea Rippenkroeger

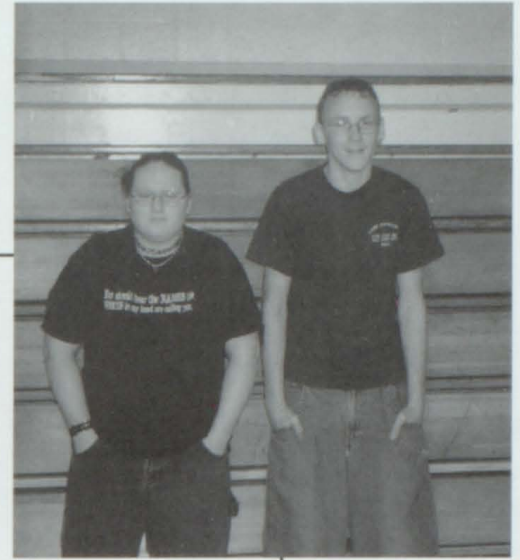
Senior Polls



Most Athletic
Justin Waterman & Katie Wood



Biggest Mood
Tray Shewbirt & Jodi Mueller



Most Unique
Rob Hendrickson & Jenna Cummings



Best Personality
Mark DeJaynes & Brandy Smith



Best Smile
Tanner Bigger & Sara Smith



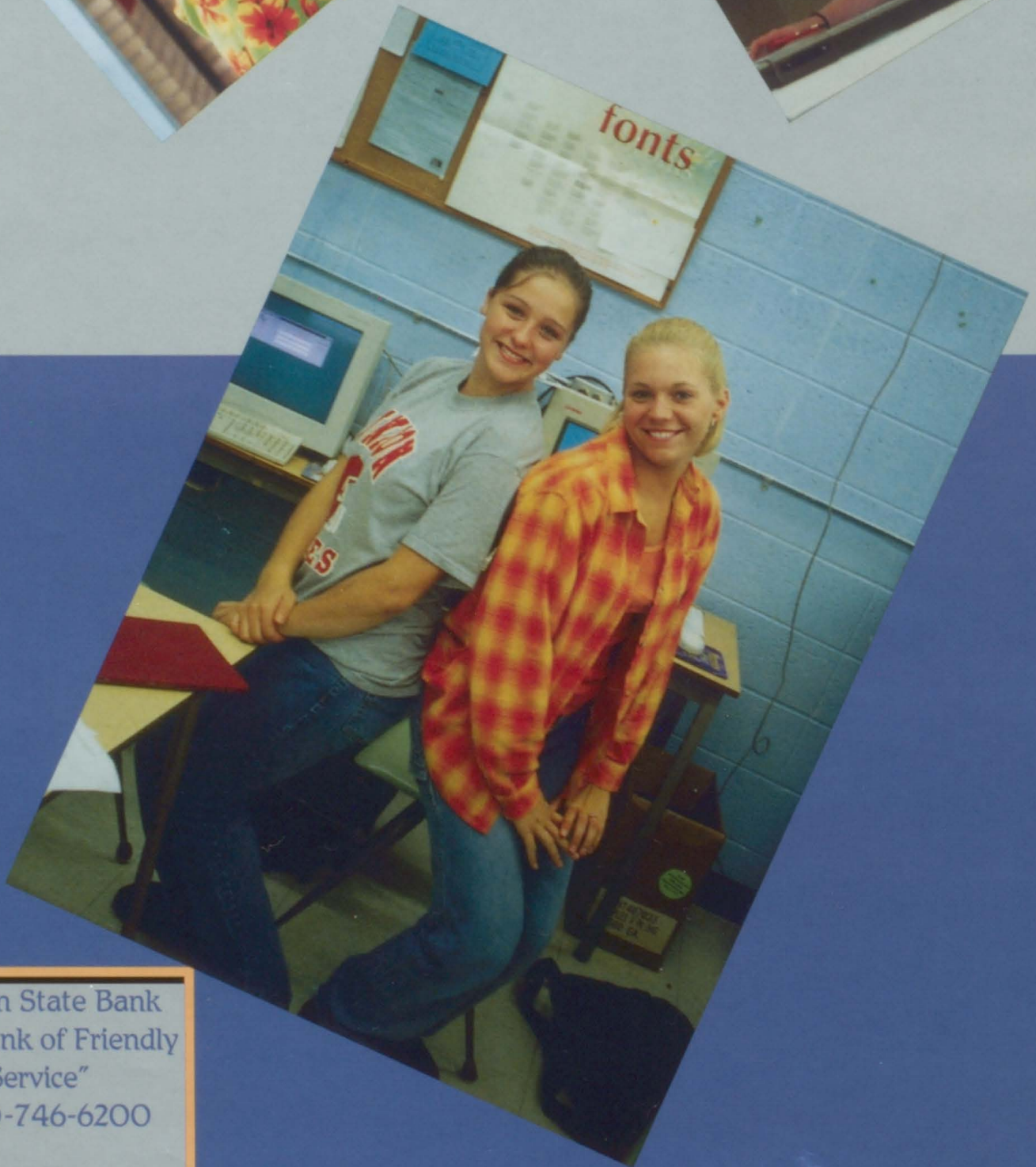
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Cole Nichols & Rachel Ellerbroek



Most likely to hook up after High School
Bryan Dunn & Hollie Hedden

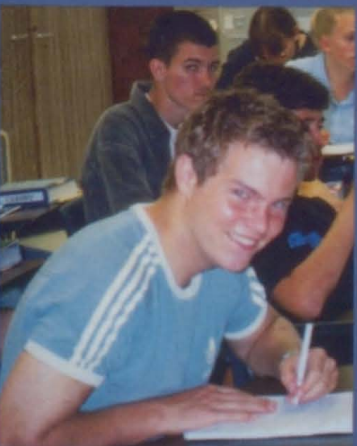
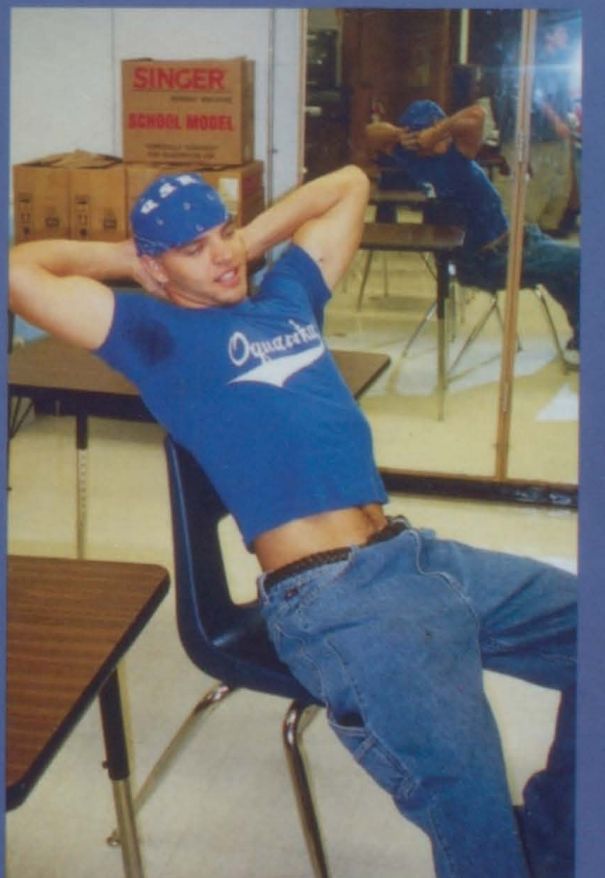
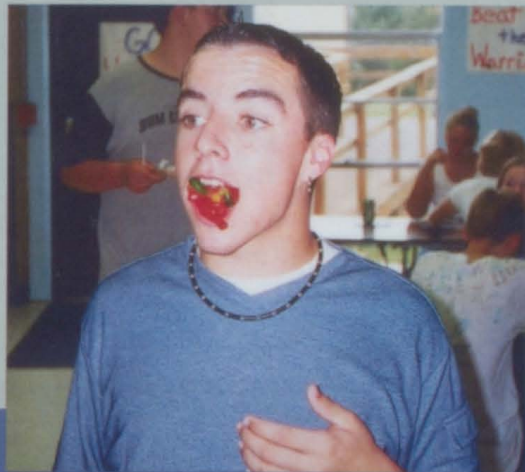


Worst Car
Cole Nichols & Hollie Hedden



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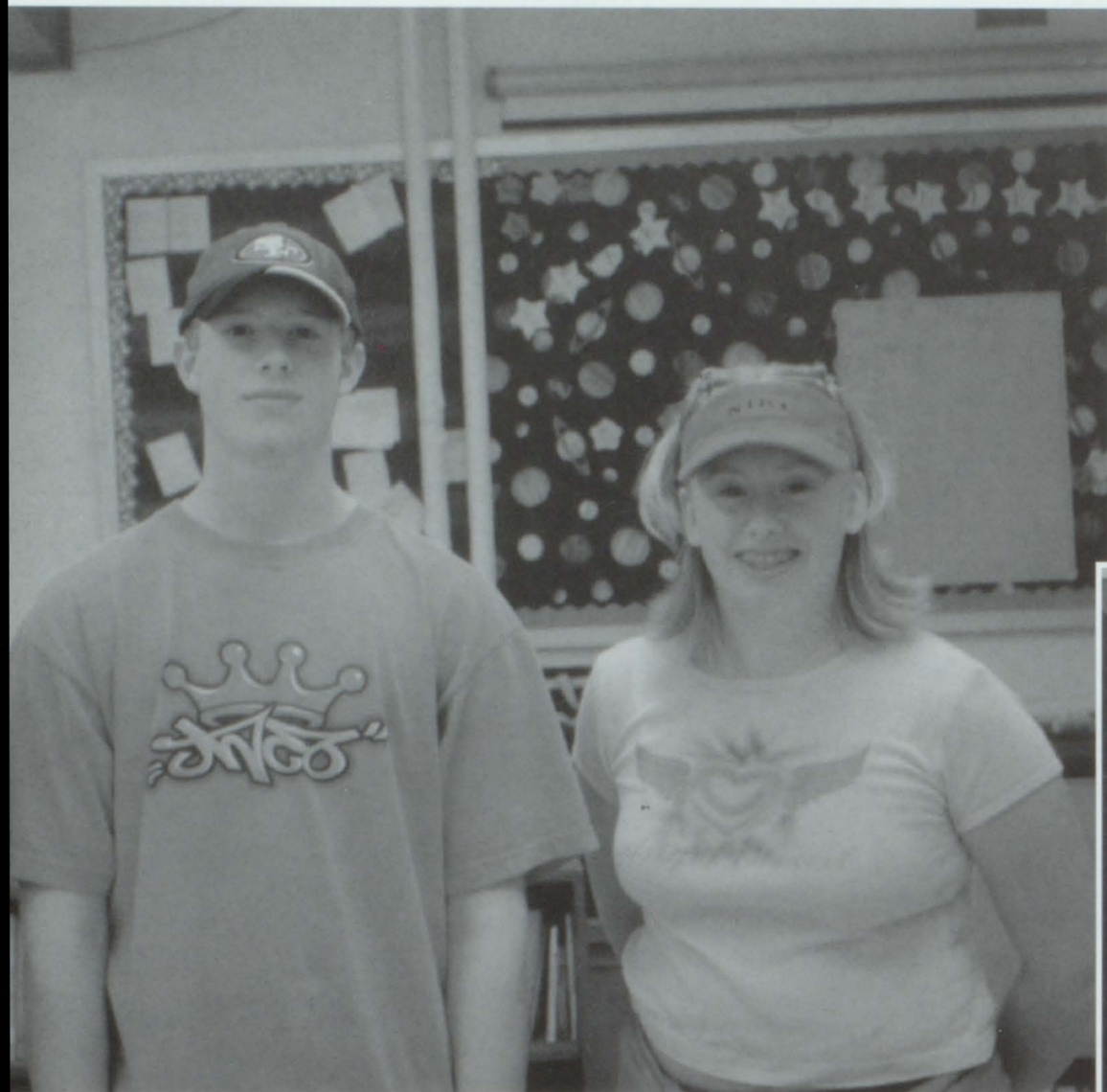
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Student Life







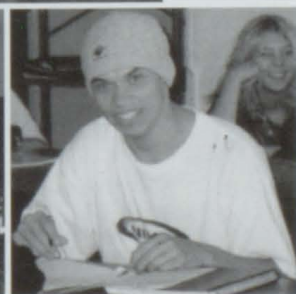
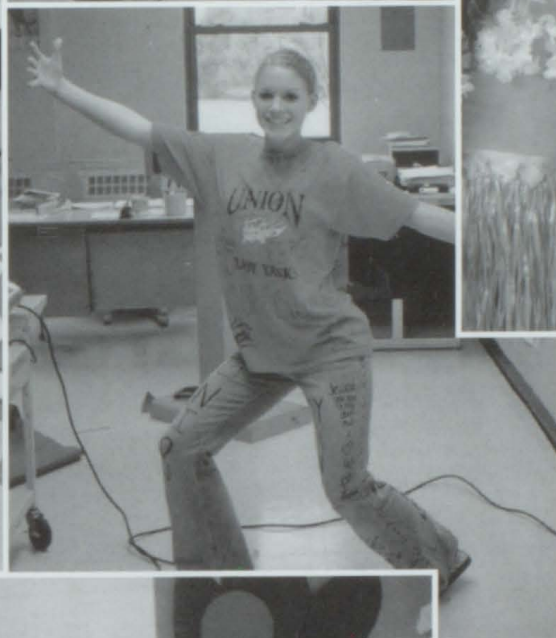
Walking through the Jungle

Homecoming Week 2002 was nothing short of awesome. The week started out with Hat Day on Monday. Superhero Day followed on Tuesday. Wednesday's turnout was also a success with Signature Day. Thursday's activity was Hawaiian Day, which went along ever so well with the Homecoming theme. And Friday, as so many years before, was Spirit Day. Once again Student Council put on a great assembly. There was freshmen initiation, the obstacle course, exquisite performances by the Dance Squad and Cheerleaders, and an awesome game called "Senior Says" put on for the Freshmen. This week was full of fun.

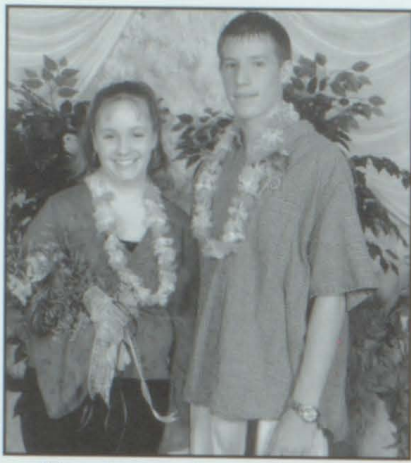
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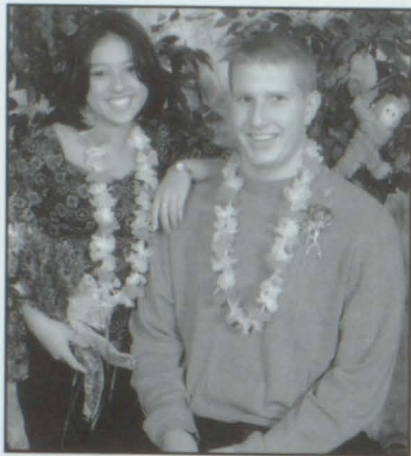


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Freshman Attendants:

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Karli Hedden



Sophomore Attendants:

Loren Reed
Kasey Cavanaugh



Junior Attendants:

Nathan Lutz
Heather Simmons



Homecoming Court:

Mark DeJaynes, Tanner Bigger, Justin Waterman, Bryan Dunn,
Jessica Johnson, Amy Chandler, Sara Smith, Brandy Smith



Senior Candidates:

Tanner Bigger
Amy Chandler



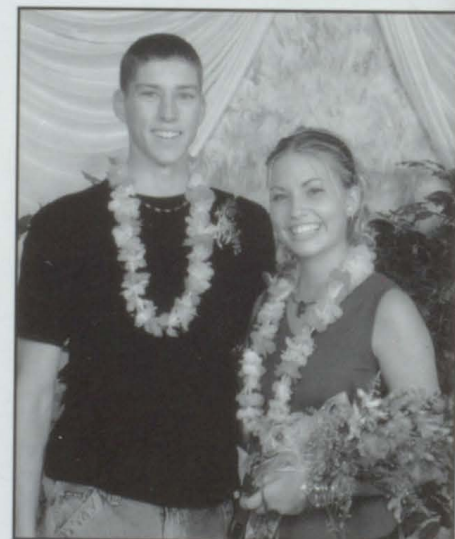
Senior Candidates:

Mark DeJaynes
Jessica Johnson



Senior Candidates:

Brandy Smith
Bryan Dunn



Senior Candidates:

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Welcome to the Jungle

Aloha was the word of the night of September 21. It was Homecoming 2002 with spectacular decorations and a theme of "Welcome To The Jungle." The pictures were taken by Cole's Photography. Everyone had a blast dancing to the music of the DJ company of Entertainment Extraordinaire. As the night wound down it was time for coronation. The votes



King Tanner Bigger &
Queen Amy Chandler

were tallied and the decision was made; the king and queen of homecoming 2002 are Tanner Bigger and Amy Chandler. This was really a tropical paradise. The King and Queen danced to the song "A Moment Like This" by American Idol Kelly Clarkson. The Student Council was responsible for the amazing decorations and supplying the great refreshments. Everyone worked hard to make the night one to remember.



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homecoming dance

AFS Play 'Rumbo'

The theme of this years play went along well with the fighting overseas and the chaos in our country. The title of the 2002 AFS play was Rumbo, and it brought in many laughs with its audiene. It starts off with nutty, but rich Cassandra wembly firing the Hollywood StarRocky Schwartzenburg becuse she decides she needs a new "leading tough man." She finds her man, but she gets more than she expected. Albert Nerval played spectacularly by Cole Nichols, is a nerdy scientist whom Cassandra chooses o be in the com-

mercial. He turns into rough and tough Rumbo, defending the cast and the enemy

- Cobra, played by Katie Wood, and Dragon, played by Mr. Hurley. He also "recued the Pow's

and sacrificed himself" to save everyone. He was assisted by the very talented Colonel Zelda Armstrong,

played by Rachel Ellerbroek. The play had a great turnout and the student did a great job with all their parts. Cathy

Good once again was the director and she did a great job!

by Cynthia Meracati

Cast

Albert Nerval/Rumbo - Cole Nichols
Eugene Fowler - Sean Robbins
Cassandra Wembly - Amber Stewart
Colonel Zelda Armstrong - Rachel
Ellerbroek
Rocky Schwartzenburg - Josh Higgins
Lucinda Clump - Rachel Edwards
Blanche Fleegle - Ashley Reaves
Don Daruthers - Aaron Landers
Cobra - Katie Wood
China Sable - Haley Hass
Dragon - Mr. Hurley
Charlene - Jenny Hand
Charlene - Julia Lienhart
Bubba - Kris Judd
Miss Iowa - Melissa Kane
Miss Texas - Kelsey Olson
Miss Mississippi - Amy Bigger
Miss California - Emily Good
The Voice - Nathan Lutz



The cast of "Rumbo" takes a minutes to pose before the start of opening night.



The terrifying Katie Wood aims her gun and prepares to injure her enemy.



Amy and Josh show their patriotic sides as they sing "God Bless America" for everyone to enjoy.



The outstanding Ashley Reaves attempts to flirt her way out danger once again.



Mr. Hurley informs his master, Katie Wood, of the incoming attack of the enemies.



The gorgeous POWs are the definition of poise and perfection as they pose extravagantly for the audience.

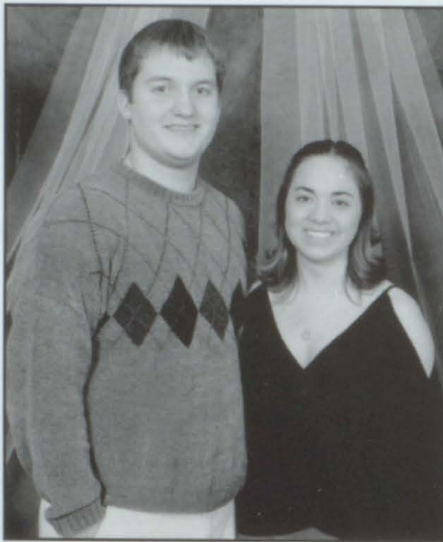
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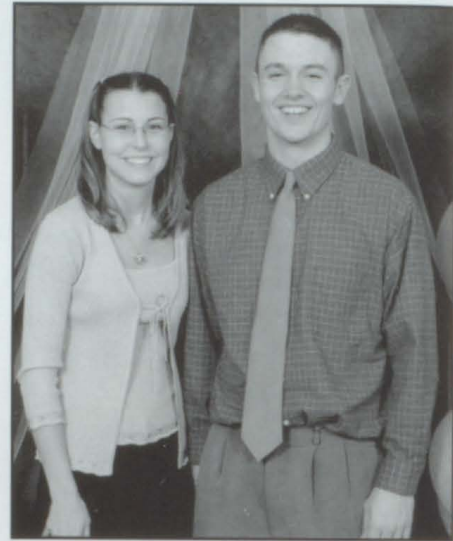


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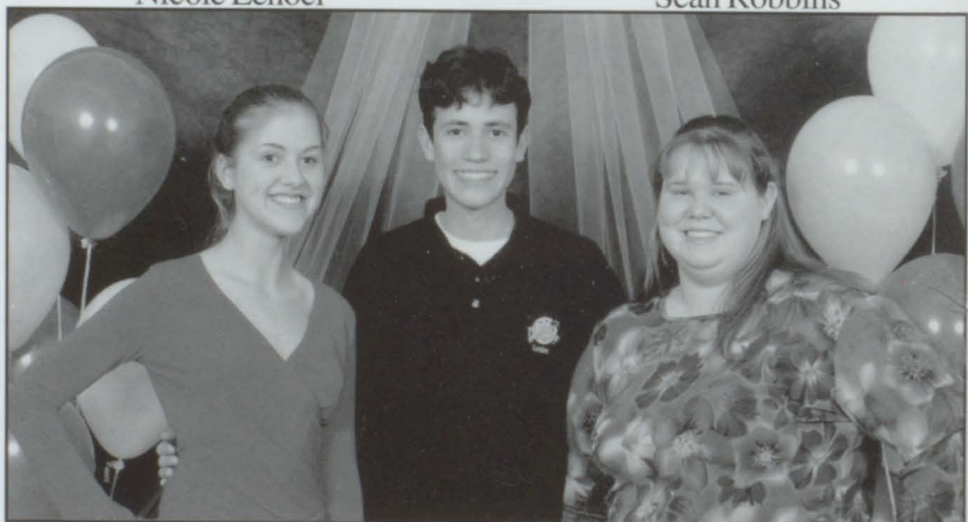
Nicole Lenoci, Rachel Edwards, Rachel Ellerbroek, Jenny Hand,
Luis Lima, Sean Robbins, Nick White



Candidates:
Nick White
Nicole Lenoci



Candidates:
Jenny Hand
Sean Robbins



Candidates:
Rachel Ellerbroek, Luis Lima, Rachel Edwards

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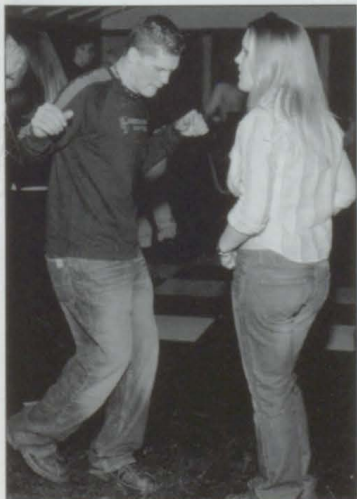
Sno-Ball 2003

Sno-ball 2003 for Union High School was a huge success. Dancing, food, and pictures contributed to the fun. The theme for the evening was "Here's to the Night." Mike Hurley of Burlington, IA provided the music for the dance with his DJ company, Hurley Productions. The AFS chapter of Union High School provided sandwiches, chips, and an array of desserts. Hend-Co Hills was decorated in pink, white and red stream-



ers along with chili piñatas, sombreros, and white lights to spice things up a bit. The evening ended with the presentation of the candidates and the crowning of Rachel Ellerbroek and Luis Lima as Queen and King. The elected royalty danced together to the theme song, "Here's to the Night" by Eve 6. Spanish Club will be giving a donation to AFS to help continue the Exchange program.

Queen Rachel Ellerbroek &
King Luis Lima



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sno-ball

Madrigal Dinner

Want a scholarship? Then strut your stuff in the Miss Lake Mary Pageant.

The girls, each one sponsored by a club, vied for scholarship money in Miss Lake Mary. Taking place in the auditorium, the contestants were judged in four categories: school involvement, poise, beauty, and presentation. Once the 31 contestants were narrowed down to 10, contestants answered a question. Their responses helped determine the winner.

Before the actual pageant, the girls put in hours of rehearsal. They worked on the non-judged dance number, the proper walk and the very important speeches.

Clubs paid a \$40 to sponsor a girl. "This is my second year in the pageant, and it has been a lot of fun. It's such an honor for me to be chosen to represent the choir," said Constance Katsafanas.

Cast

Head Table:

King.....Rob Hendrickson

Queen.....Rachel Edwards

Royalty:

Darren Steele Rachel Edwards

Jacob Cole Kaci Hurka

Josh Stokes Sarah Sells

Bradley Murphy Devon Blackburn

Nick White

Peasants:

Deanna Miller Leslie Brown

Tasha Inman Amanda Edlemon

Alicia Edlemon Ashley McGann

Knights:

Tanner Bigger Brenton Collins

Aaron Ferch Austin Ferch



The top ten finalists step in front of the other contestants. The finalists then answered a pop-question about what advice they would give their teenage daughter entering high school.

Musical

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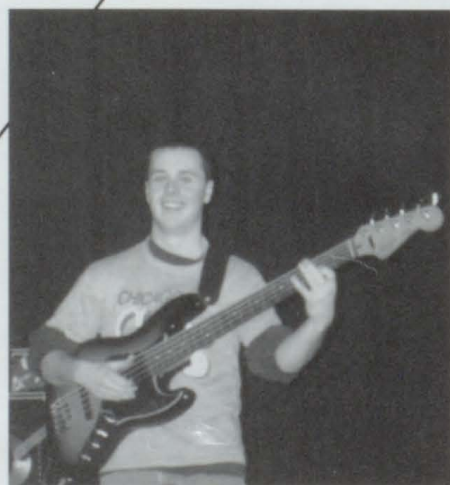
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King Nathan Lutz & Queen Melissa Kane



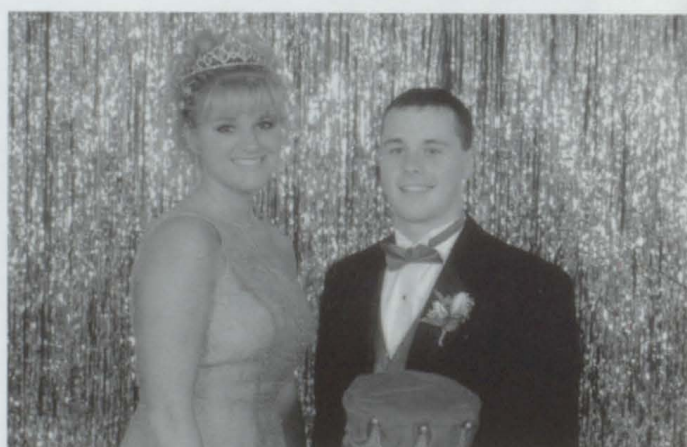
"A Night to Remember"



Caught up in the excitement of the night Josh Higgins howls at the moon!!



Jessica having a swinging good time.



*2001-2002
King Mark DeJaynes
&
Queen Amy Chandler*

Prom

"A Night to Remember." Prom definitely held true to its theme. May 3, 2003, was filled with excitement and many memories as Union High School held their annual Prom at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. The day began bright and early with the decorating committee arriving to transform the Lincoln Room into a magical garden. The decorations were spectacular including the magnificent lattice covered in flowers, the fountain as you entered, and then to top it all off we had a beautiful waterfall and pond to accentuate the coronation area. The night began with the delicious meal, and then things really picked up when everyone started dancing. The night ended with the crowning of Nate Lutz as King and Melissa Kane as Queen. This was a fantastic night that was spent with friends and classmates. Everyone had a wonderful time, and it really was "A Night to Remember!"



Terry Shrader eating that lipmaking good meal.



Justin excitedly shows us the beautiful prom gifts.

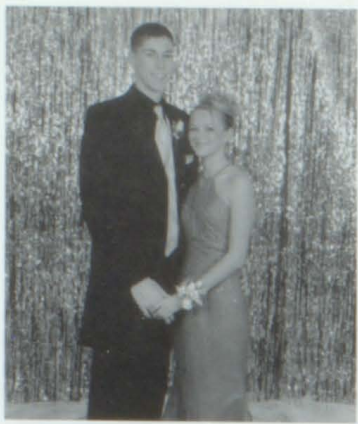


Sarah takes time to pause and smile for our camera.



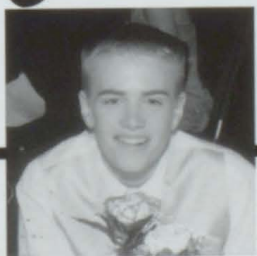
Hettie you can't hide from the camera behind a spoon!





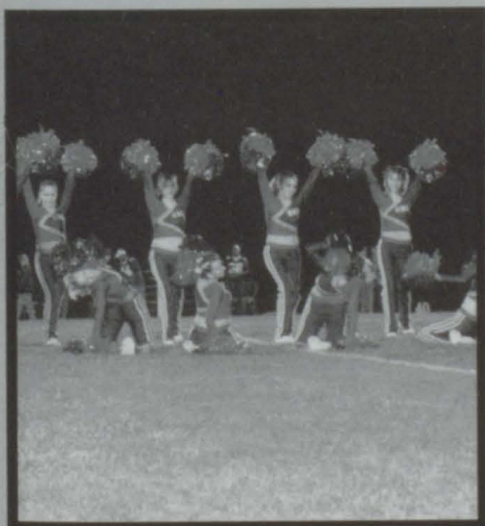


Prom 2003 "A Night to Remember"



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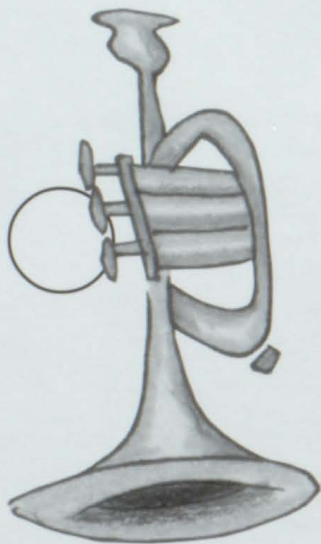
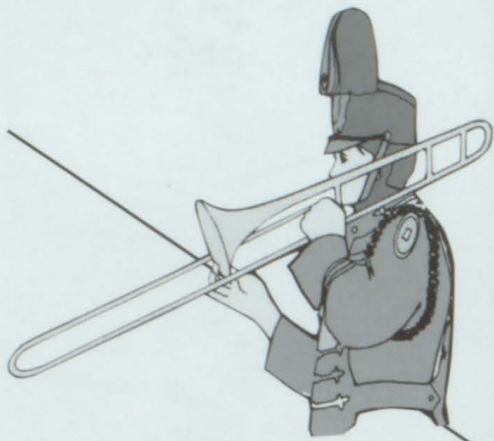
Band



Senior Mark DeJaynes plays the drums during halftime at a football game.



Bryan Dunn directs the band during their performance.



Tara, Haley, and Elizabeth play during halftime at a football game.



Bailey, Kendrah, and Kaila play the "Star Spangled Banner" before the game.



Kristin Whiteman plays "If I Only Had a Brain" - during the game.

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band

Dance Squad



Jessica Kelley busts out her moves during a pep assembly.



As captains, Jodi and Jenny led the rest of the girls through an interesting football season.



Melissa Moyers shows her moves at the first football game.



Front Row: Lindley Mueller, Jessica Kelley, Jodi Mueller, Jenny Hand, Melissa Moyers. **Back Row:** Amanda Edlemon, Alicia Edlemon, Amanda Peterson, Shannon Van Tine, Amber Utteridge, Leslie Brown.



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Senior Bryan Dunn sinks another easy putt.



Senior Mark DeJaynes with another great approach.



Rupe Curtiss was a solid player for the Yankees this year.



Mark makes a splash after his last home meet.



This years seniors kept the tradition alive by taking a dip in the pond.

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Golf

Mark, Bryan, and Katie were the three senior captains on the golf team.



Freshman, Kyle Koopmans provided a fresh spark for the Union golf team.

Katie Wood and Jayme McKeown were the only girls on the golf team this year.

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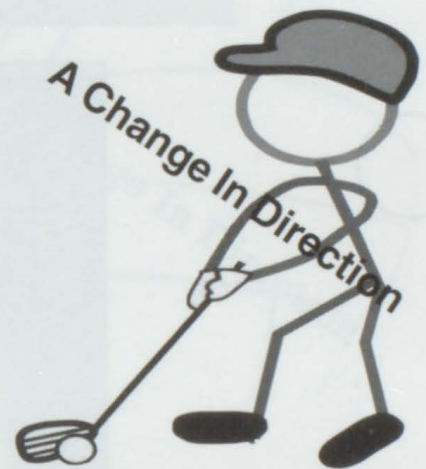
■ Bryan Dunn led the team in scoring: 43 average.

■ Jayme McKeown won the LTC marking the 4th year in a row a Lady Yankee has won the LTC.

■ Boys team finished 3rd at the Yankee Invite.

■ Varsity ended the season at 4-14.

■ JV finished off the season 5-7.



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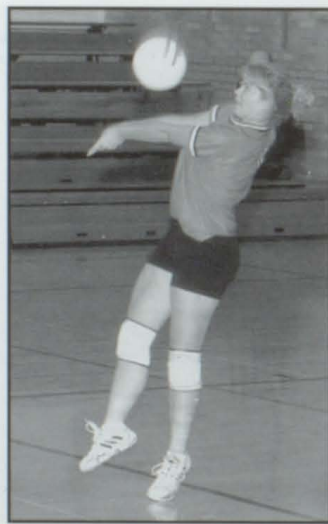


Front Row: Jayme McKeown, Katie Wood.
Middle Row: Alex Work, Kyle Koopmans, Rupe Curtiss, Darren Anderson, Mark DeJaynes. Back Row: Mr. Hurley, Chase Torrance, Bryan Dunn, Austin Adolph, Chase Bailey, Josh Lox, Geoff Torrance.

Junior outside hitter Dana Hetrick sends the ball over the blockers' hands for yet another kill.



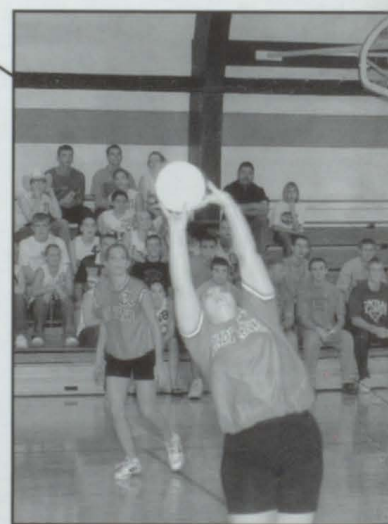
Haley Hass sets a great assist for the Yanks.



Ashley Johnson successfully makes a difficult pass to her setter.



Amber Stewart looks to make an excellent pass in hopes of a Lady Yankees' side out.



The other half to the fantastic setting combo, Ashley Reaves, sets to hitter Haley Hass.

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volleyball

Varsity Volleyball

Coach Yerkey gives the Lady Yankees a pep talk between games hoping for another win!



Junior Amber Stewart spikes over the net for a kill!



Melissa Kane digs a hard driven spike to her setter, as sophomore Ashley Johnson looks on.



Front Row: Julia Lienhart, Kasey Cavanaugh. **Middle Row:** Haley Hass, Amber Stewart, Ashley Reaves, Melissa Kane, Dana Hetrick. **Back Row:** Megan Clark, Ashley Johnson, Coach Carrie Yerkey, Jessica Johnson, Jena Dennison.

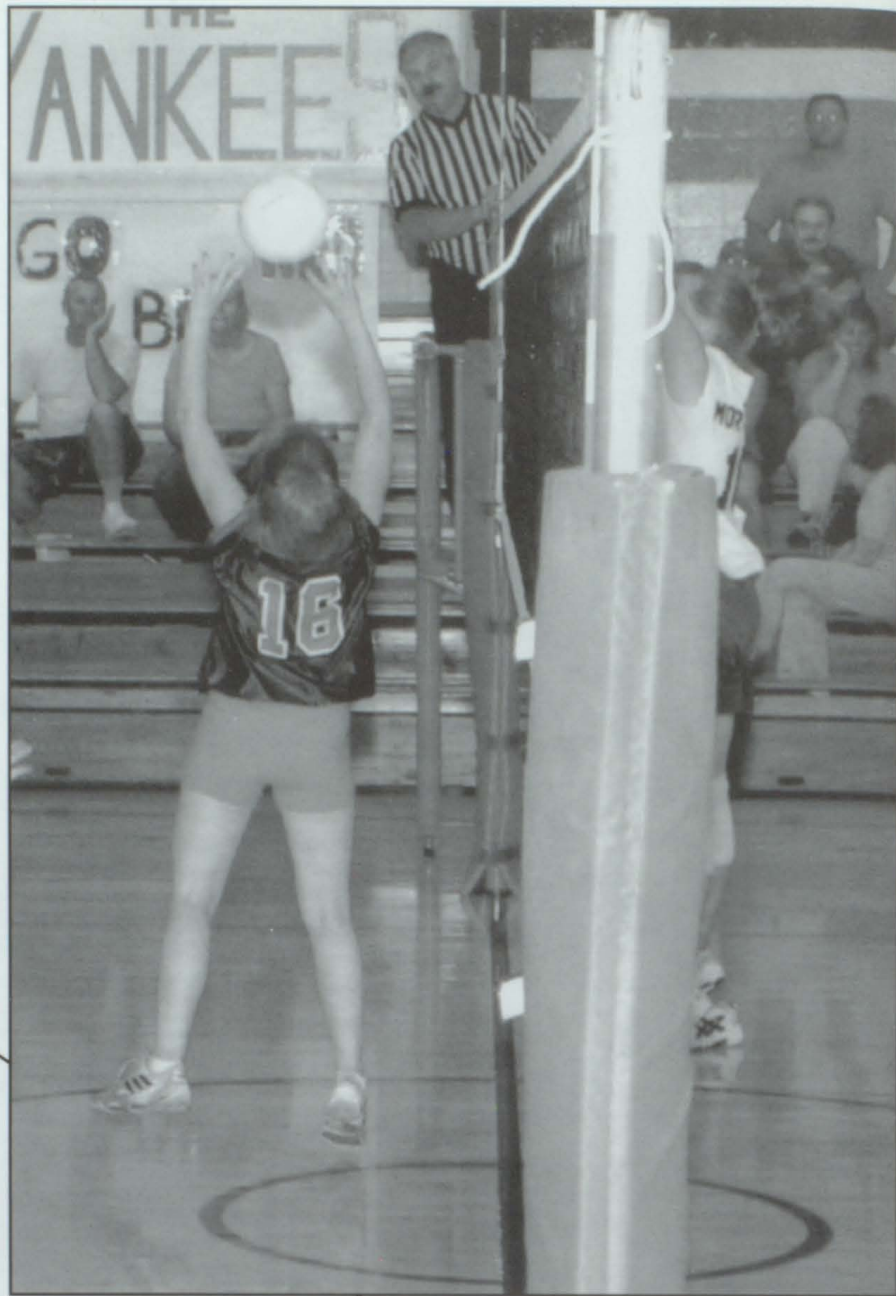
H I G H L I G H T S

- Beating top ranked Stark Co.
- Melissa Kane receiving the Tammy Mackey Volleyball Award, and First Team honors for the LTC.
- Taking the top three teams in the conference to three games.
- Beating Northwestern in the first round of regionals.
- Amber Stewart receiving the defensive award and Second Team All Conference honors.
- The entire Lady Yankees team will be returning next season.

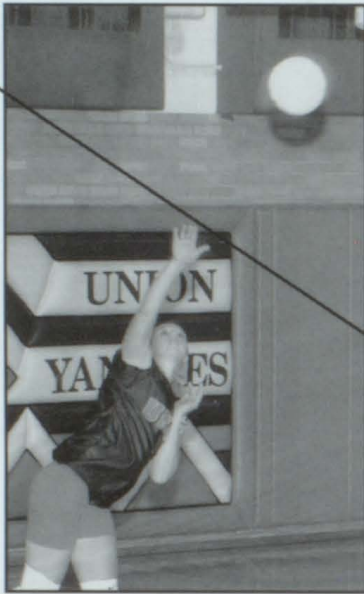


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volleyball

Bailey Nelson puts up a beautiful set to one of her many power hitters for a kill.



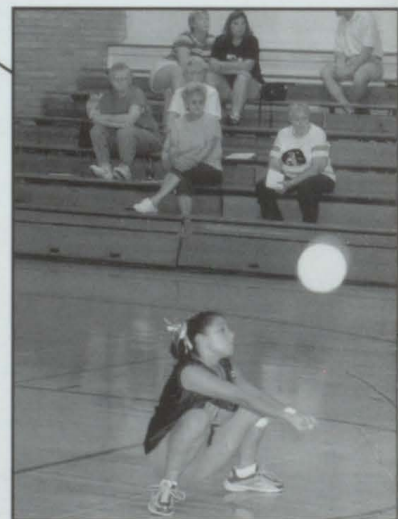
Ashley Hale makes a great serve in hopes of getting another ace for her team.



The team did great with their passing this year and Tianna Lox shows her part in the success!



Lene Lox, team leader in blocks and kills, shows her skills in a hard fought game against Southern.



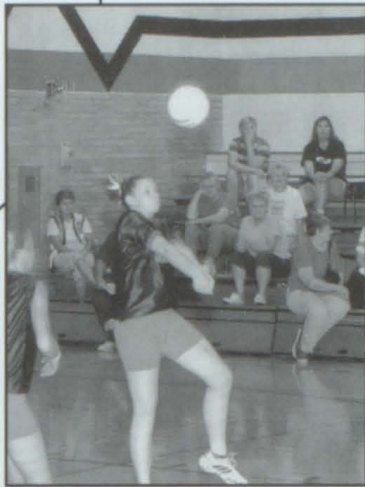
Kasey Cavanaugh gets low to dig up a perfect pass to the setter!

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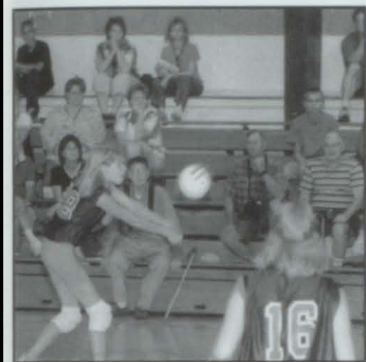
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J.V. Volleyball

Coach Lusher gives her girls a pep talk in hopes of another win for the Yanks.



Jessica Johnson works hard to get a perfect pass to her setter while Tianna Lox looks on.



Freshman middle hitter Lene Lox makes a beautiful pass to her setter.



Front Row: Ashley Hale, Kasey Cavanaugh, Kendra Adams, Elizabeth Ackermann. **Second Row:** Emily Good, Jessica Johnson, Bailey Nelson. **Third Row:** Tianna Lox, Brandi Gaddis, Deanna Miller. **Back Row:** Lene Lox, Coach Jill Lusher, Jessica Smith.

H I G H L I G H T S

■ **Beating Galva 15-0 with Bailey Nelson serving 15 straight points.**

■ **Emily Good received the Most Improved Award.**

■ **Beating Galva, Rowva, and Westmer.**

■ **Lene Lox ended the season with the teams most kills and blocks.**

■ **Kasey Cavanaugh racked up the most service points for the team.**



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jv volleyball

Austin Ferch grabs a pass out of the air as he looks forward for a big gain.



Senior, Tray Shewbirt receives a kick-off and gets ready to head up the field.



This Wethersfield running back was no match for Union's solid defense.



The Union Yankees are listening to Coach Lynch as he tells them the game plan.



The Union offensive line prepares to do battle with an awaiting opponent.

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football

Football

The Union Yankees charge onto the field with victory in their sights.



John Weber looks for an open receiver as he sets up to pass downfield.



John Weber and Austin Ferch work the run game to near perfection.

H I G H L I G H T S

■ John Weber had 556 passing yards.

■ Justin Waterman led the team with 221 receiving yards.

■ Sean Robbins had 235 rushing yards on 45 carries.

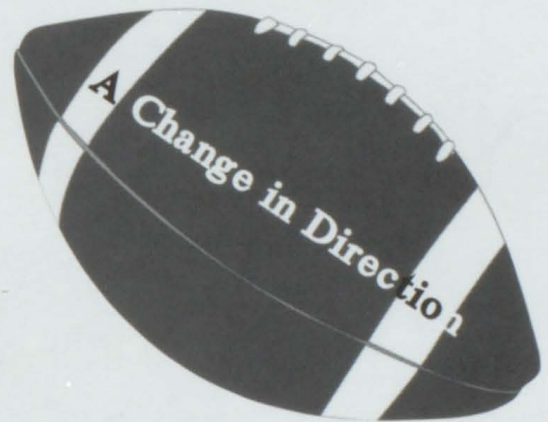
■ John Weber led the team with 82 tackles.

■ The team stayed positive and were eager to get better.

■ Justin Waterman led a strong class of seniors.



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Football Cheerleading



Front Row: Amy Bigger, Jessica Koch, Hollie Hedden, Tara Eaton, Kelsey Olson. **Middle Row:** Jessica Sanning, Brandie Lindo, Heather Simmons. **Back Row:** Ashley Jones, Audra Adolph, Krister Whiteman.



Hollie Hedden shows her school spirit, as she plants one on the Yankee mascot during a football game.



The cheerleaders lift Kristina Anderson during a pep assembly.



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Aren't these two supposed to be cheering?



The J.V. cheerleaders use their spirit fingers to help inspire the players.



The Union cheerleaders fire up the crowd once again at another home game.



Front Row: Bailey Nelson, Kelsey Olson. **Middle Row:** Amy Bigger, Hollie Hedden, Chelsea Rippenkroeger, Kristin Whiteman. **Back Row:** Jessica Koch, Heather Simmons, Tara Eaton, Kristina Anderson.



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Bryan sinks his signature pull-up jumper.

Josh drills another deep three.



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Being a great playmaker, Tyler can even hit the tough shots.

Sean slices to the basket for two more points.

The unstoppable Chris Ator takes it hard to the basket.

boy's basketball

Varsity Boy's Basketball

Sean Robbins blazes past the Westmer defender.



Justin throws one down on the Westmer defense.



Bryan concentrates on this free throw.

H I G H L I G H T S

■ Beating Westmer twice

■ Upsetting Avon at home

■ Josh Higgins was the leader in scoring

■ Chris Ator led in steals and assists

■ Justin Waterman was the team's leader in blocks and rebounds

■ Josh Higgins was the leading three point shooter for the Yankees



Front Row: Mark DeJaynes, Chis Ator, Austin Ferch, Cody Eaton, Bryan Dunn, Sean Robbins, Terry Shrader. **Back Row:** Tyler Nelson, Josh Stokes, John Weber, Josh Higgins, Justin Waterman, Daniel Hopkins, Daniel Hayburn, Darren Steele.



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boy's basketball

J.V. Boy's Basketball

H I G H L I G H T S

■ **Beating West Burlington by 58 points.**

■ **Record of 5-13.**

■ **Small Team.**

■ **Beating Avon by 22.**

■ **Playing Alexis the last seconds of the game with only 4 players, because the others fouled out.**

■ **Brendon made 19 points in a single game of this season.**



Kevin Ward uses his great vertical jump to soar over his opponents.

Sophomore Brendon Freeman attempts one of his many layups. Will he make this one?



Freshman Aaron Landers uses his good ball handling skills to bring the ball down the court.



Front Row: Aaron Landers, Brock Miller, Jacob Sanning. **Back Row:** Geoff Torrance, Chase Bailey, Kevin Ward, Evan Walters.

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boy's basketball

J.V. Girl's Basketball

Freshman Tina Miller puts up another shot with no doubt of missing it.



Deanna Miller looks to pass the ball to a teammate.

Lene Lox, focused on scoring, looks to find the easiest path to the basket. We look for big things to come from Lene later on.

H I G H L I G H T S

■ Gaining good experience this year.

■ Very young team with a lot of talent.

■ Beating Warren by 20 points.

■ Coach's outfit on pack the place night.

■ Learned teamwork.

■ Subway party after school.



Front Row: Jessica Minard, Ashley Hale. **Second Row:** Melissa Moyers, Deanna Miller, Coach Henshaw, Jena Dennison, Tina Miller. **Third Row:** Brandy Aden, Ashley Steele, Brandi Lindo, Shannon VanTine. **Back Row:** Jessica Chandler, Lene Lox, Amy Hull.



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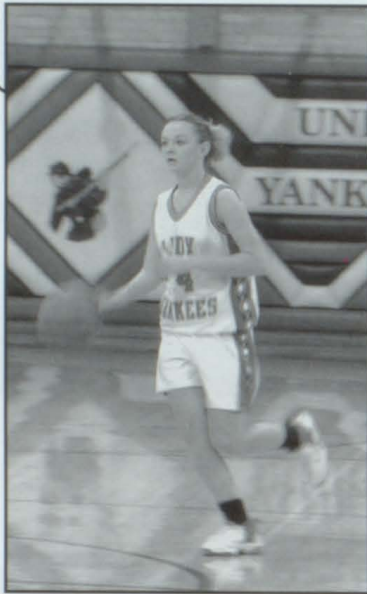
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girl's basketball

Senior Katie Wood focuses all of her attention on the upcoming free throw.



Dana Hetrick brings the ball up the floor poised to set the Yankees offense.



Jena Dennison struggles to find an open teammate.



Jessica Sanning pulls up for a jump shot in a home game.



Always a three-point threat, Dana looks to score.

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girl's basketball

Varsity Girl's Basketball

The ladies showed great team unity this year throughout the season.



Amber lets a three-point shot go hoping to build on the Yankees' lead.



The Lady Yanks were a team that, no matter what, would always scrap for a loose ball.



Front Row: Dana Hetrick, Katie Wood, Jessica Sanning. **Middle Row:** Brandie Lindo, Ashley Reaves, Jena Dennison, Jennifer Link, Amber Stewart. **Back Row:** Coach Roemer, Ashley Johnson, Brandy Aden, Lene Lox, Shannon VanTine, Coach Hinshaw.

H I G H L I G H T S

■Beating Aledo for the first win of the season.

■Playing the best game of the season against South Fulton.

■Finishing strong against Alexis.

■Jena, Dana, and Katie all made it to the second round of the 3 point shoot-out at regionals.

■Katie won regionals and advanced to sectionals in the 3 point shoot-out.



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girl's basketball

Foreign exchange student
Julia Leinhart waits
anxiously in center field for
a ball to come her way.



Brandy reaches on her tip
toes to make an out for the
Yankees.



All-Star batter Katie
Wood swings for the
fence once again in
hopes of success.



Lene Lox makes a
stunning catch as her team
mates stand by to help her
out.



Senior first baseman
Brandy Smith plays her
position well for the Lady
Yanks.

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Softball

Varsity Softball

The awesome Union infield gathers to discuss their plan for attack on the opposing team.



The three fantastic outfielders for the Lady Yanks talk strategy before the game.



Amy, Ashley, and Jessica take a break in the game to pose for the camera.



Front Row: Katie Petermann, Shasta Williams, Jessica Chandler, Amy Bigger, Samantha McClanahan. Middle Row: Rachel Earp, Amy Hull, Katie Wood, Jessica Johnson, Ashley Hale, Brandy Smith, Lene Lox, Emily Good, Julia Leinhart, Jessica Smith, Deanna Miller. Back Row: Coach Hale, Coach Clayton

H I G H L I G H T S

■ **Best FG% - Josh Stokes - 42.6%**

■ **Best FT% - Darren Steele - 76.9%**

■ **Most Rebounds - Daniel Hayburn - 133**

■ **Most Points - Sean Robbins - 189**

■ **Most Improved - Chase Bailey**

■ **Most Promising Freshman - Brendon Freeman**



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Softball

J.V. Girl's Softball

H I G H L I G H T S



■ Eight freshmen provided the team with a new and exciting enthusiasm

■ Emily Good did a fantastic job with her pitching

■ The team looks forward to their upcoming years playing together and hopes to grow into a stronger and better team



Rachel hustles down the first base line.

Lene Lox awaits the chance to spring into action and make the play.



Amy Hull takes time out of the game to flash the camera a smile.



Front row: Coach Clayton, Rachel Earp, Coach Hale. Middle Row: Deanna Miller, Jessica Chandler, Samantha McClanahan, Shasta Williams, Jessica Smith, Ashley Hale, Amy Hull. Back Row: Lene Lox and Emily Good.

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JV Softball

J.V. Boy's Baseball

Run Aaron, run!



Chase Torrance hurries down the baseline



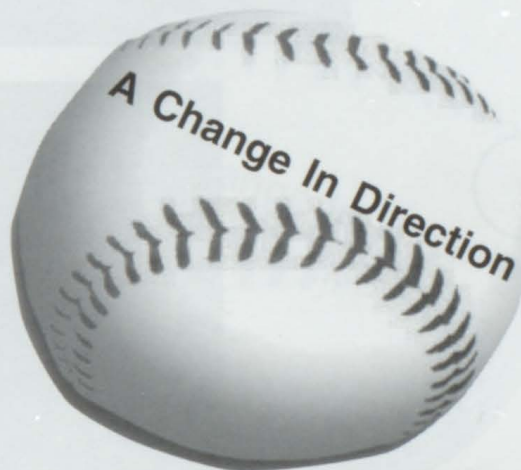
Smile for the camera Kris!



Front Row: Zach Link, Ryan Miller, Aaron Landers, Shane Grafton, Jerimy Link. Back Row: Coach Miller, Jacob Sanning, Kyle Koopmans, Loren Reed, Geoff Torrance, Kris Judd, Chase Torrance, Coach Lynch.

H I G H L I G H T S

- Kept focused
- They only got to play five games
- Everyone played evenly
- They got frustrated with some games but never gave up hope
- They played competitively in every game
- Everyone got along which reflected their playing style



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JV Baseball

The form of a champion,
Sean prepares for another
strikeout.



Cody celebrates with his
team after blasting a long
homerun in a home game
this year.



Terry makes the
acrobatic play and gets
ready to throw the
runner out.



Josh and Cody use
teamwork to corral this
pop-fly.



Geoff executes a perfect
throw to first base just in
time to send the runner
back to the dugout with an
out.

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Baseball

Varsity Baseball

Higgins prepares to unleash the heater on the batter.



Josh gets a hold of this one and puts it in another zip code.



Terry skies to snatch the line drive out of the air.



Front Row: Nick White, Aaron Landers, Terry Shrader, Nick Johnson, Jacob Sanning, Chase Torrance. Middle Row: J.W. Wetterling, Luis Lima, Cody Eaton, Kyle Koopmans, Sean Robbins, Doug Hawkins. Back Row: Coach Lynch, Emil Hansen, Daniel Hopkins, Josh Higgins, Darren Steele, Geoff Torrance, Coach Miller.

H I G H L I G H T S

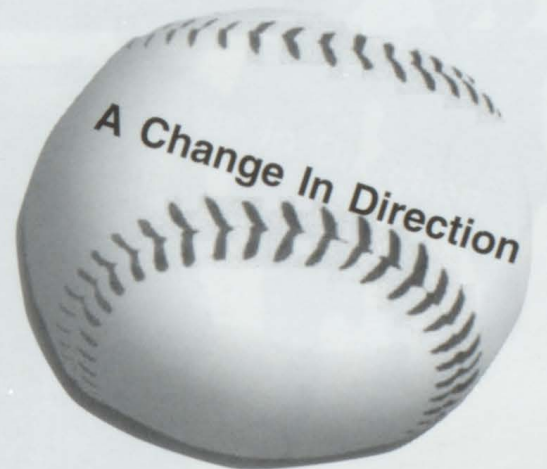
■ Josh Higgins' 16 strikeouts against Abingdon.

■ Sean Robbins' pitching and hitting performance against Warren (6 K's & 2 HR's).

■ Luis sliding into 1st base against Hamilton.

■ Watching Hops trip over the wire in LaHarpe.

■ The Monmouth Player's 450 foot foul ball off the arm of Nick Johnson that landed in J.W.'s grandparent's yard.



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Baseball

A.J. leads the pack into the home stretch.



Tray gets ready for take-off in this attempt at high jump.



As Justin takes off he has his eye on his goal.



In mid-jump Justin realizes he has reached his goal.



Justin floats over the bar with ease.

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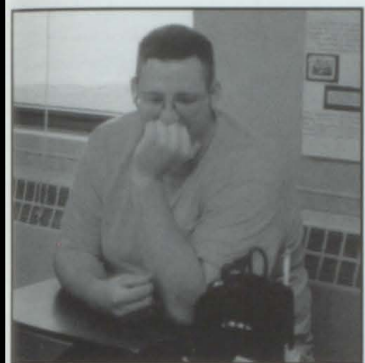
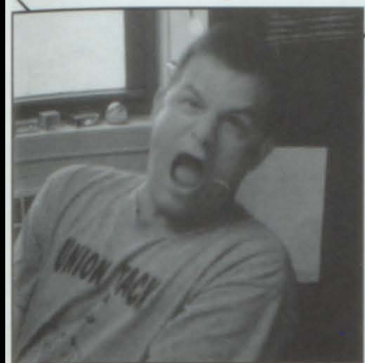
Boys Track

Boys Track

Coach Hurley is very excited about this year's results



Alex leaves the competition in the dust.



Coach Parsons stops and ponders new ways to help the team.



Front Row: Justin Waterman, Tray Shewbirt. Back Row: Alex Work, A.J. Cox.

H I G H L I G H T S

■ Justin was 4th at sectionals in high jump

■ Tray jumped 20 ft. at Fort Madison

■ A.J. Cox was declared most dedicated to the team

■ Alex Work was junior of the year

■ Tray and Justin both won at Fort Madison

■ Justin Waterman won MVP



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Boys Track

Beth Blakley strides quickly towards the finish line.



Haley Hass lunges forward to win the long jump event.



Brandie Lindo gives it her all to pass the competitors in the hurdles.



Kelsey Olson limbers up before her next event.



Brandie Lindo prepares for her race that is about to begin.

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girl's track

Girls Track

Kelsey accelerates over the hurdle and past the competition.



Haley Hass gets her practice steps in for her attempt in long jump.



Kristin Whiteman makes a successful jump to finish the day off.

H I G H L I G H T S

■ Brandie Lindo placed 3rd in high jump at sectionals

■ Beth Blakely was most dedicated teammate

■ 4 by 100 team of Hass, Olson, Hetrick, and Whiteman had a great season

■ Kacey received the sophomore of the year award

■ Great group of girls to work with it was hard to pick a MVP award so I gave it to the 4 by 100 team



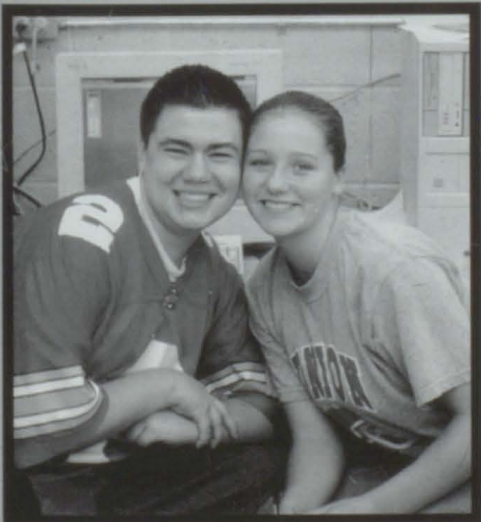
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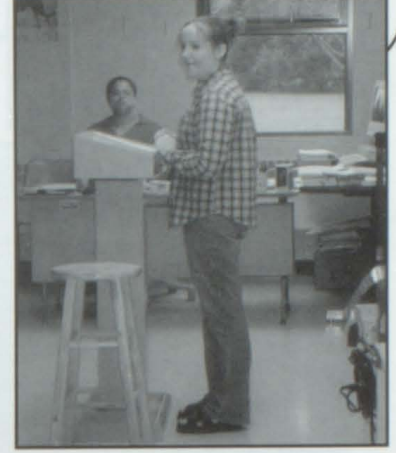
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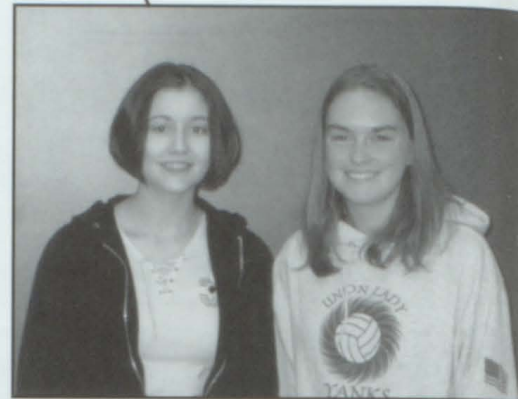
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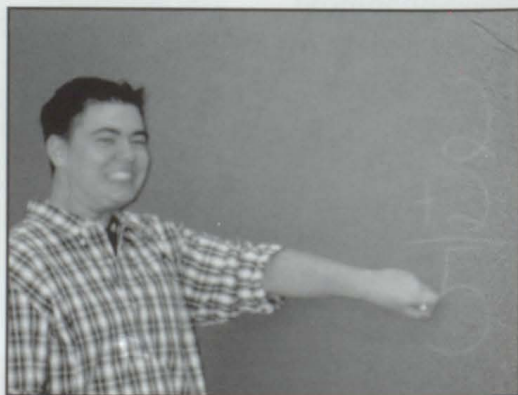
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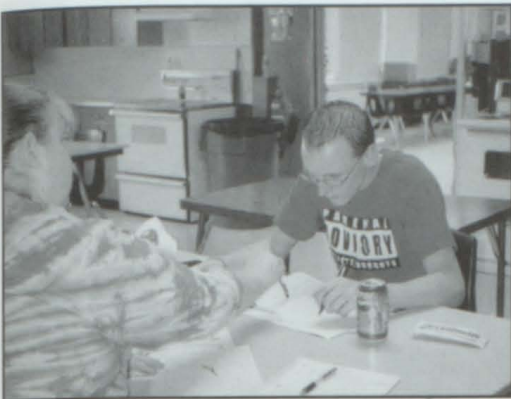
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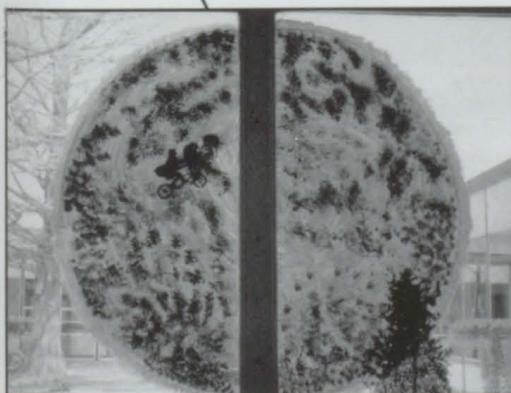
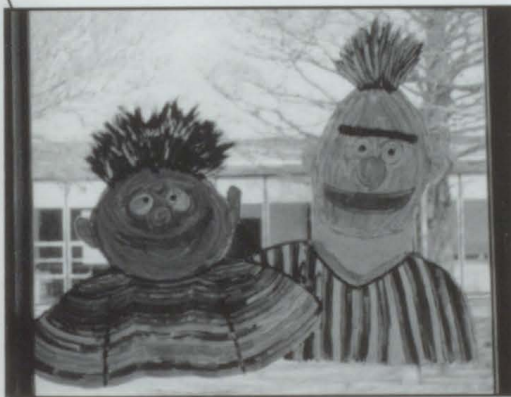


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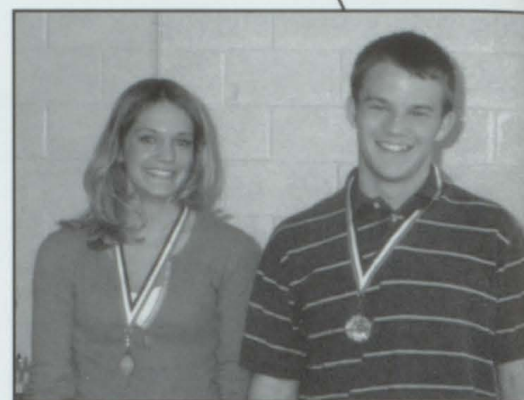
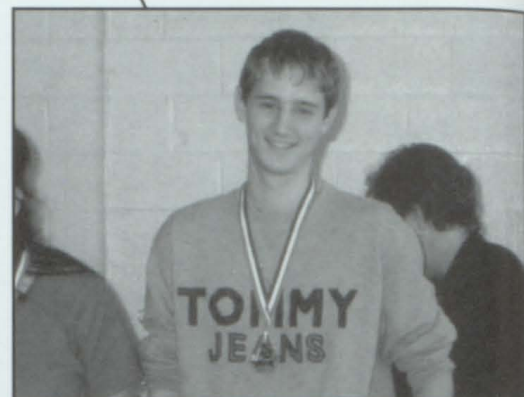
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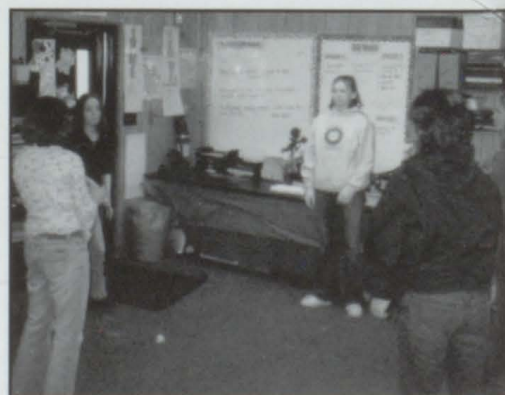
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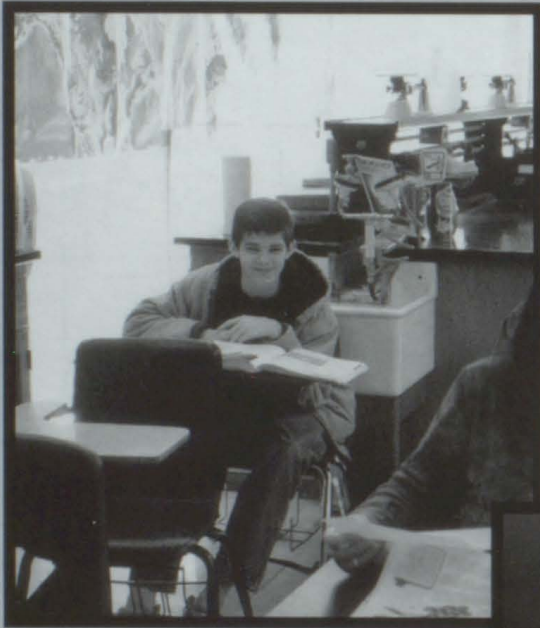
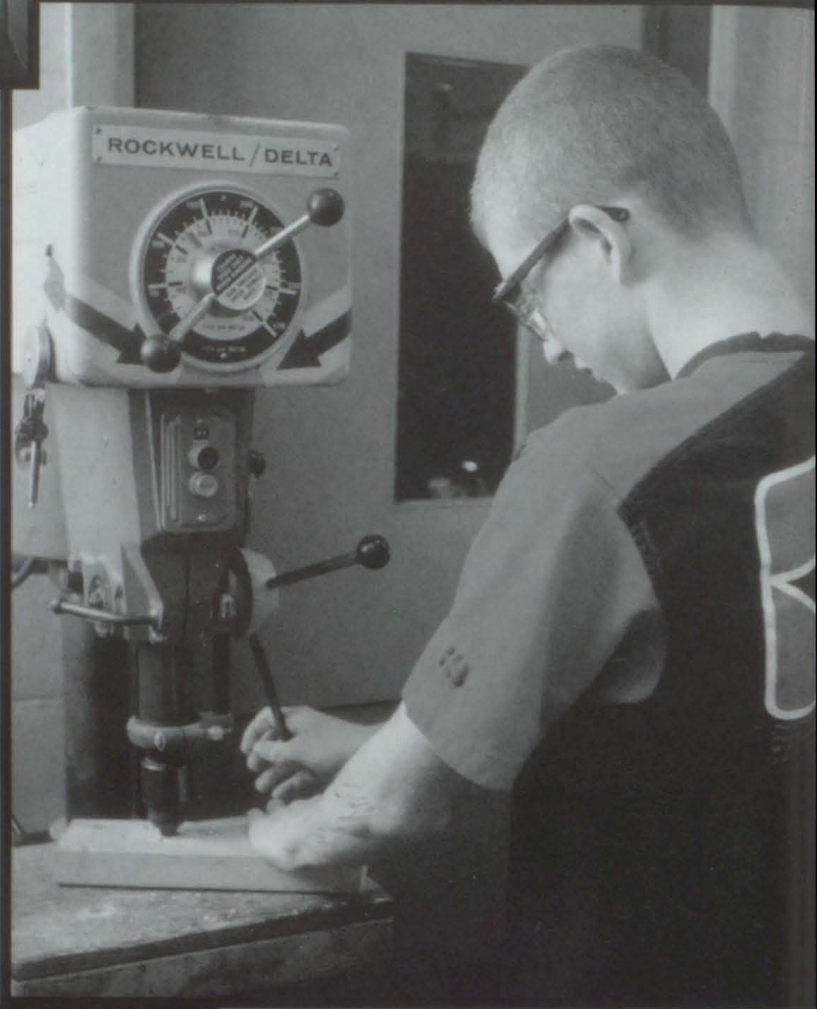
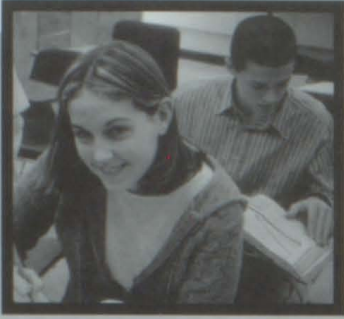
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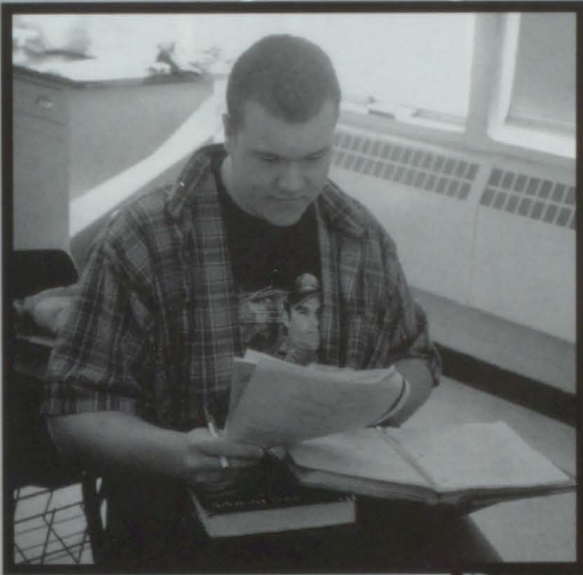
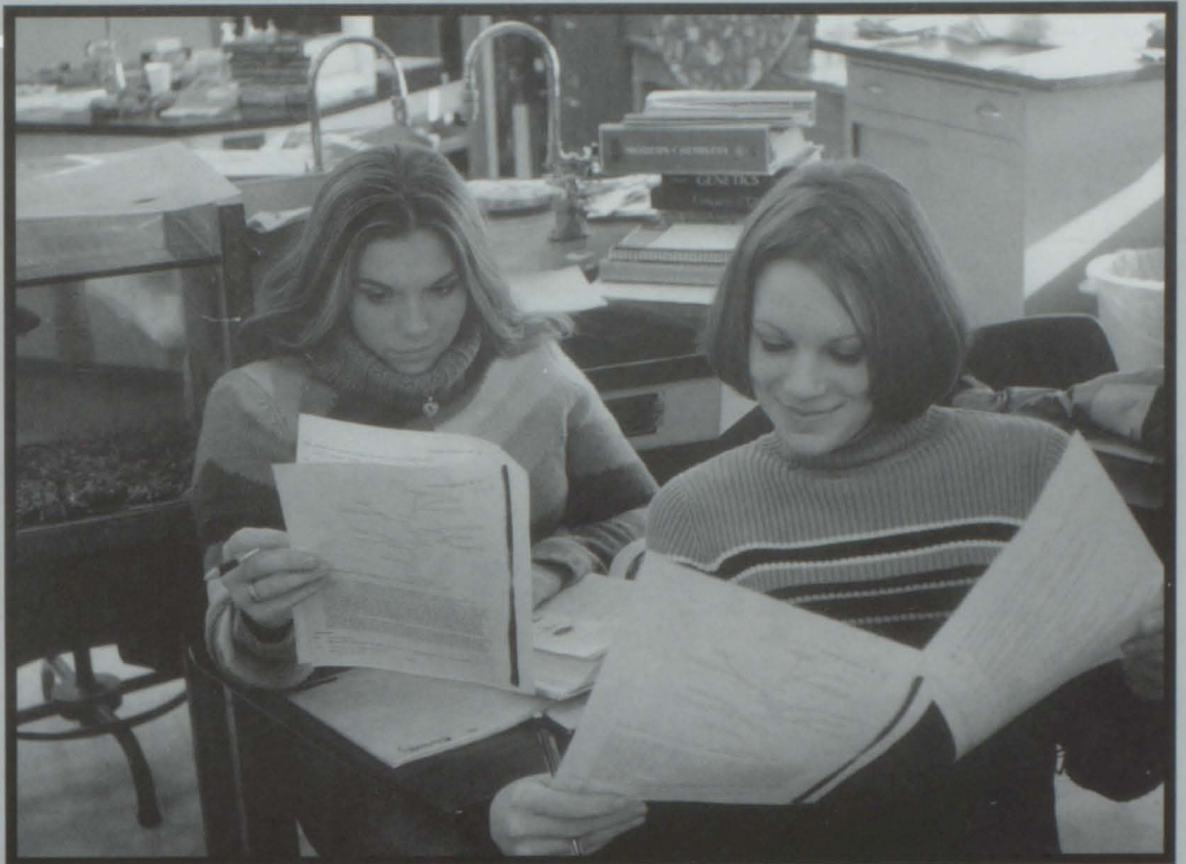
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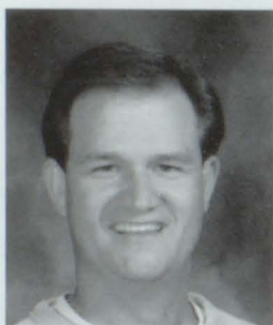
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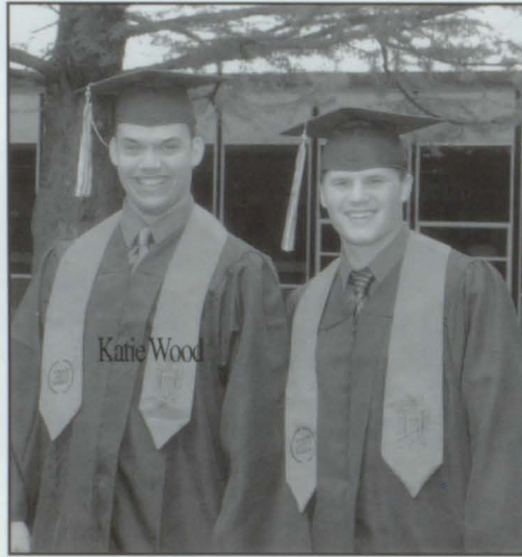
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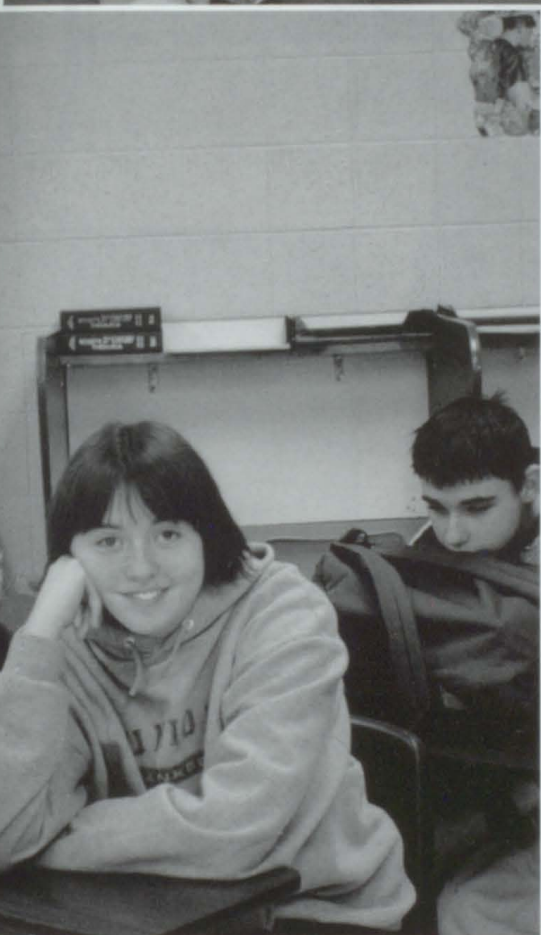
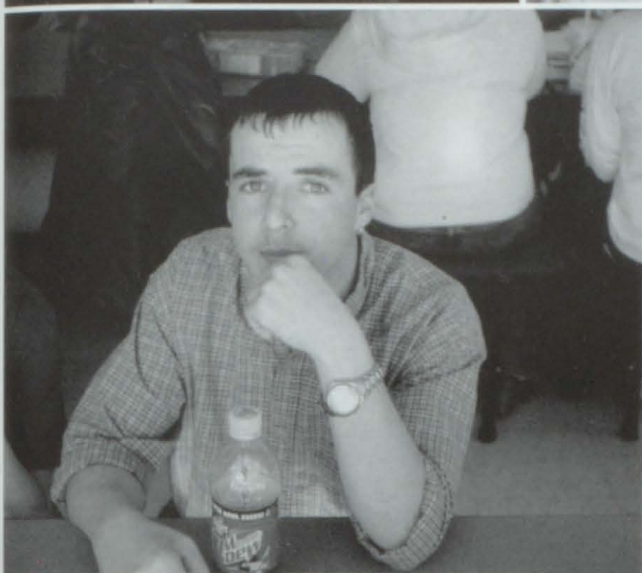
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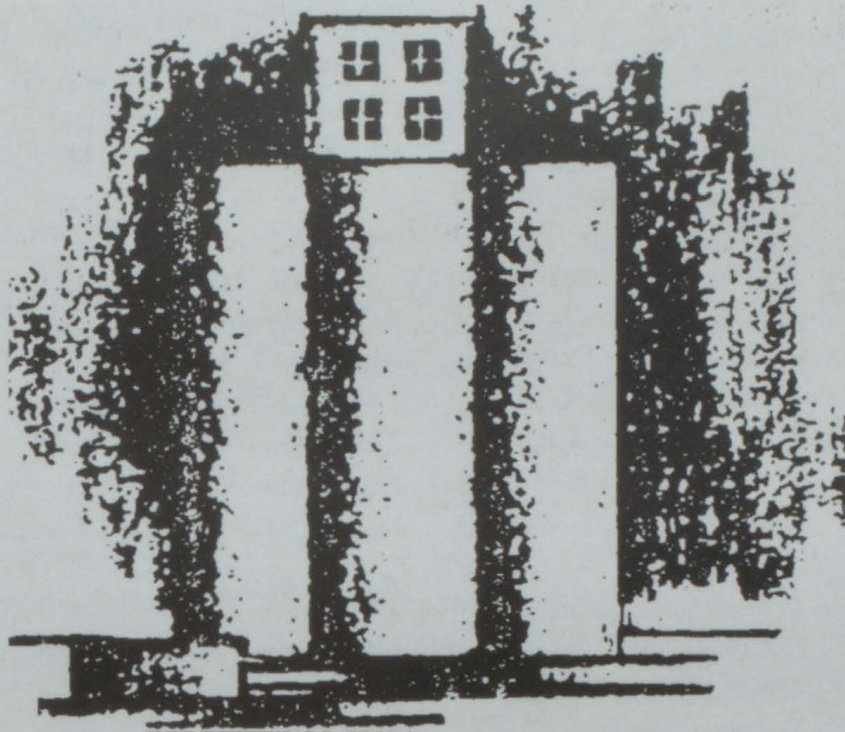
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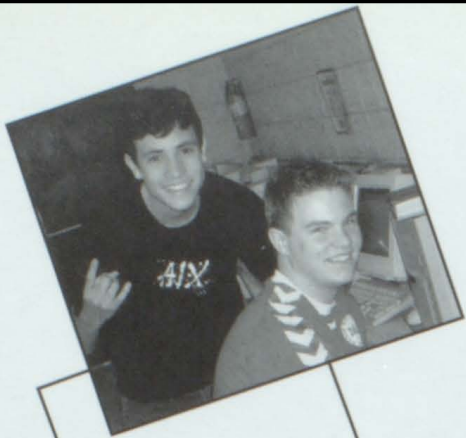
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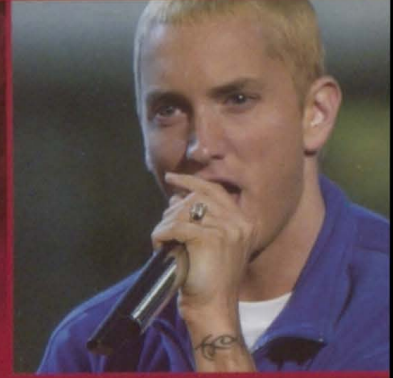
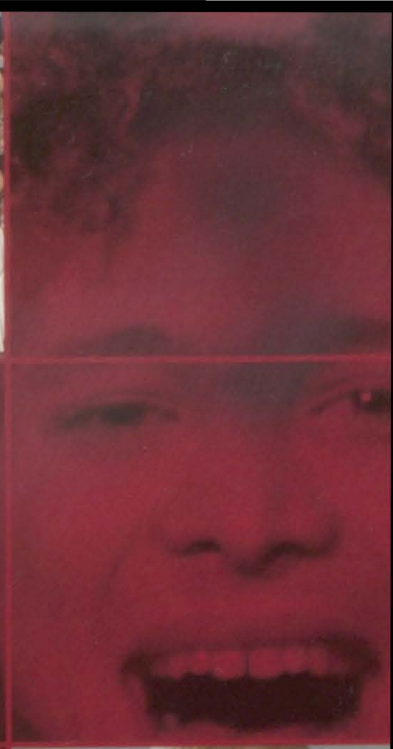
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A Change In Direction



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YEAR IN REVIEW

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Thai Motorists Get Massages

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

Death Not An Option

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



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Trans-Atlantic Jet Setter

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

Nation Loses Time

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

WOR

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

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



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



AP Photo

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

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

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



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

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

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hot off the wire

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



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

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

LD NEWS



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

NO WAR ON IRAQ



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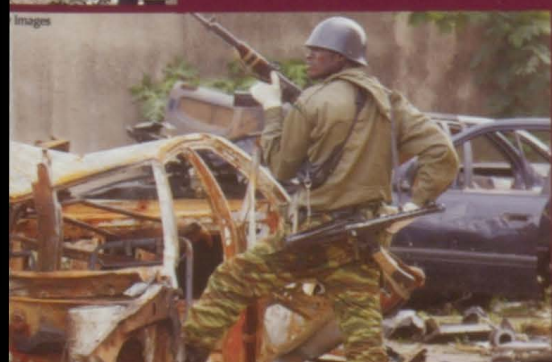
A raid on a theater in Moscow proved deadly for more than 100 people after the Russian government pumped gas into the building to end the three-day hostage situation. The gas was intended to subdue the Chechen hostage-takers, who were holding 800 people; however, some of the hostages died because they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

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

Questions remained about how long the weapon inspections

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

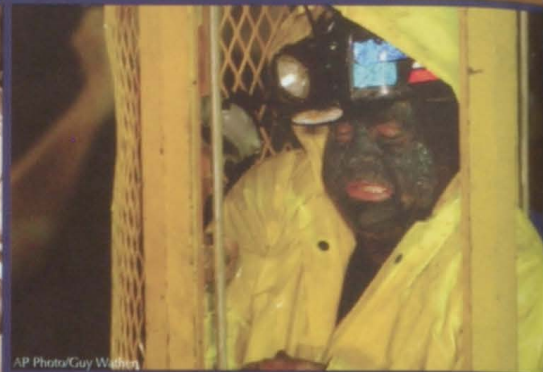
Meanwhile, the U.S. sent almost as many aircraft carriers and troops into the Persian Gulf as were there during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.



SPECIAL ON IRAQ

THE WAR ON TERRORISM

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



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



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

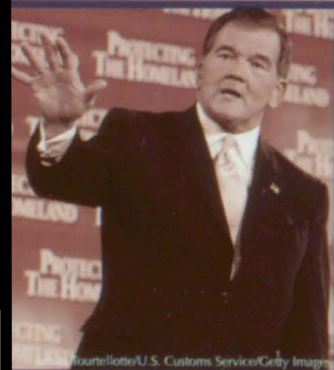
site, and colleges were asked to turn over personal information about their foreign students and teachers to the FBI.

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

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

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

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



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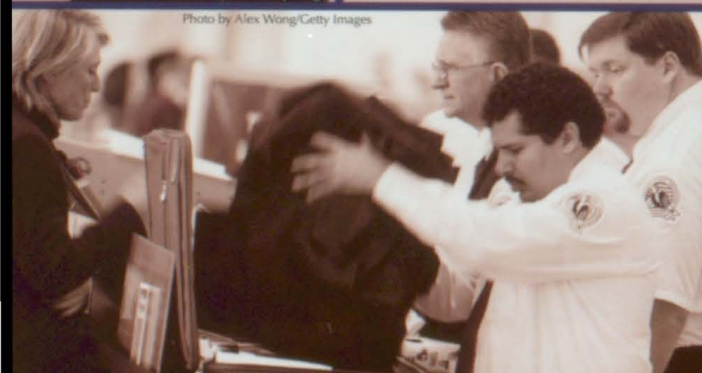


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The West Nile virus captured the nation's attention during the summer as it spread from coast to coast. The mosquito-transmitted virus, which leads to fever, head and body aches, and sometimes encephalitis or meningitis, killed approximately 250 citizens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



SNIPER CAUGHT

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

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Not What We Had In Mind

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

There's A Monkey In My Pants!

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



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



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



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



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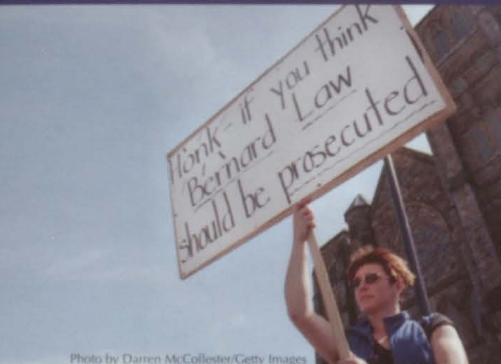


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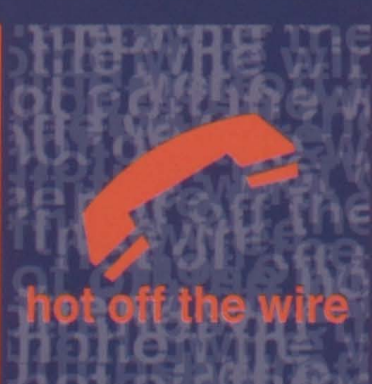
A man who had been adrift at sea for four months was rescued by the crew of a U.S. Navy ship after he was spotted near Costa Rica by a military aircraft. Richard Van Pham, the 62-year-old man, said he survived by drinking rainwater he collected in a bucket and eating fish and seagulls. He had only intended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

ALL NEWS



AP Photo/Danny Gardner

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



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

Did you watch the first season of American Idol?

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



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



AP Photo/Lucy Nicholson

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

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



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ENTERTAIN

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



New Line Cinema



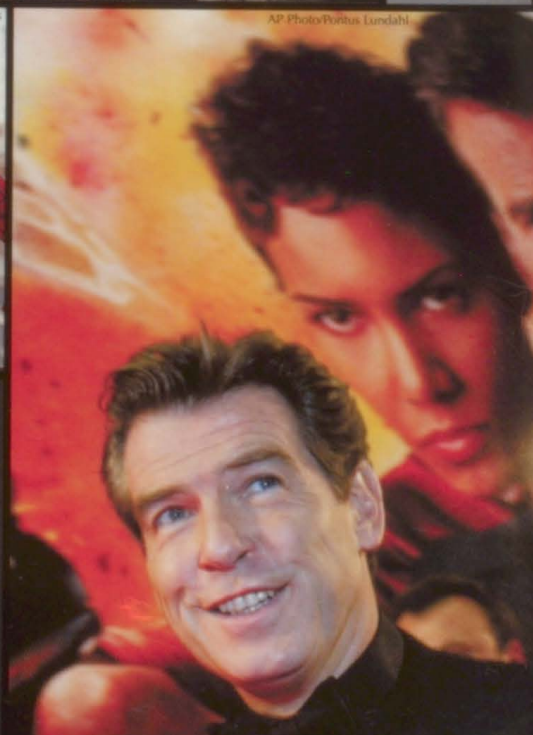
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AP Photo/Patrick Lundahl

What was your favorite movie this school year?

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

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

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

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



AP Photo/Reed Saxon

Celebrity Stalker For President

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

Photo by Sebastian Artz/Getty Images



What was your favorite TV show this school year?

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

Don't Blame The Winston Man

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

N I M E N T

Nature In Swimsuits

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

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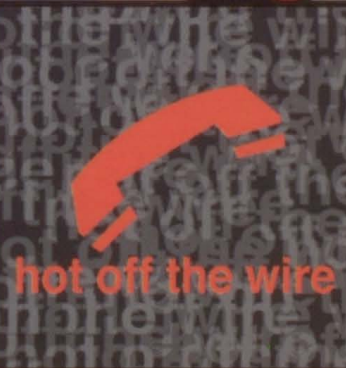
The Osbourne family, with a smash reality TV hit after its first season on MTV, seemed to be everywhere in 2002 with merchandising and book deals totaling in excess of \$20 million. Along the way, *The Osbournes* won an Emmy, the family hosted the 30th Annual American Music Awards, Ozzy was honored with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



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

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



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

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

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

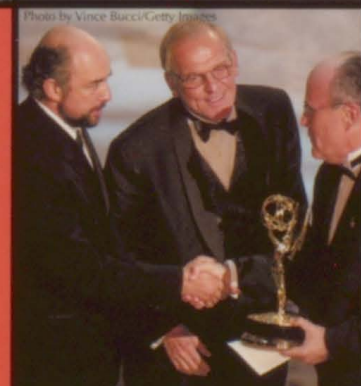
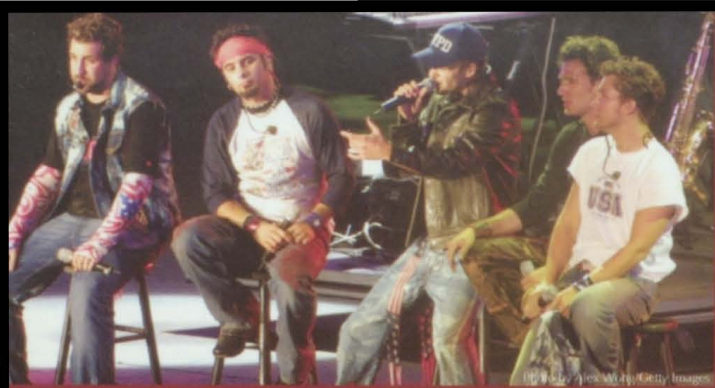


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Each member of 'NSync tried a project on his own. Justin Timberlake released a solo album, Joey Fatone performed in a Broadway musical, Chris Kirkpatrick designed clothes, Lance Bass trained for a Russian space mission, and JC Chasez began recording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



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



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What was your favorite album this school year?

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



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It Kind Of Sounds The Same

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Elvis' Hair Has Left The Building

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

Christmas Carol Court

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

George & John Philip To The Rescue

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

MUSIC

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

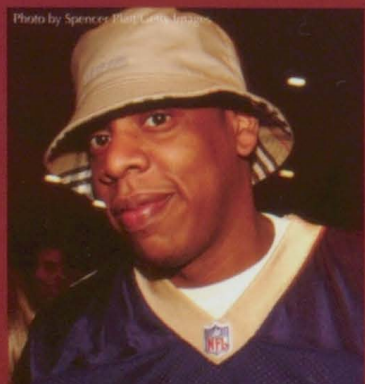


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John Entwistle, bass player for The Who, died of a heart attack at age 57 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. Also known as Thunderfingers, he died just one day before the group was to begin a North American tour. ▶

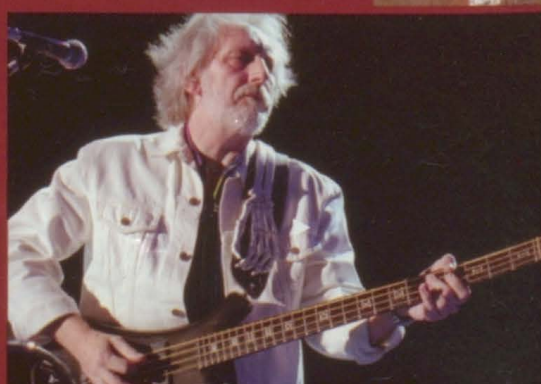


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Bruce Springsteen's *The Rising* climbed the charts with stirring songs that focused on the people affected by the Sept. 11 attacks. The tribute album, which was his first studio release of all-new material since 1995, struck a chord with a grieving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



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



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

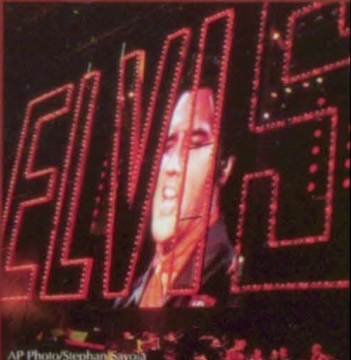
Michael Jackson caused an uproar by dangling his 9-month-old baby off a four-story balcony in Berlin as he greeted fans. The pop star later offered an apology, saying he got caught up in the moment and would never intentionally endanger the lives of his children.

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



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



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



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Who was your favorite musical artist or group this school year?
1. Eminem
2. Avril Lavigne
3. Nelly



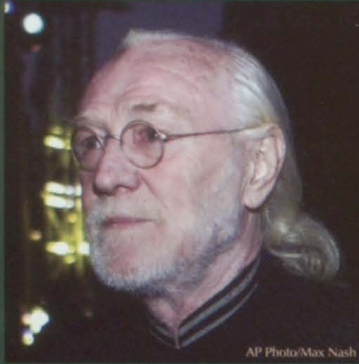
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▲ Vanessa Carlton, Avril Lavigne ▶ and Michelle Branch were the new kind of pop sensations this year as teens turned away from the music popularized by Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Lavigne's debut album *Let Go* was the third biggest-selling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

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



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



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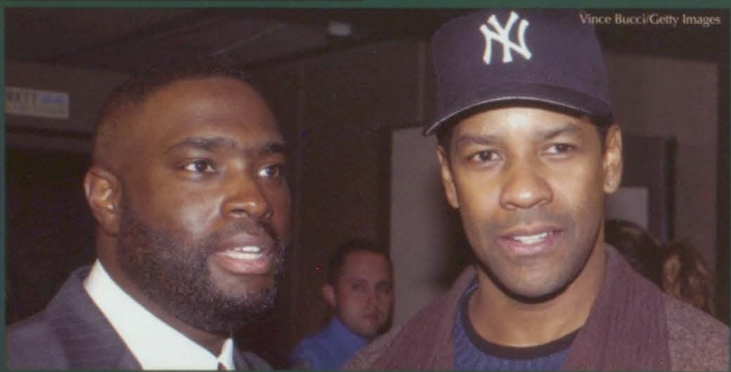
Sen. Trent Lott made national headlines after he made comments favoring a presidential candidate who had run his campaign on a platform of segregation. Lott stepped down from serving as the Republican Party's majority leader, and Sen. Bill Frist was voted the new Senate majority leader. ▶



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Who was this year's best actor?

1. Vin Diesel
2. Mel Gibson
3. Eminem



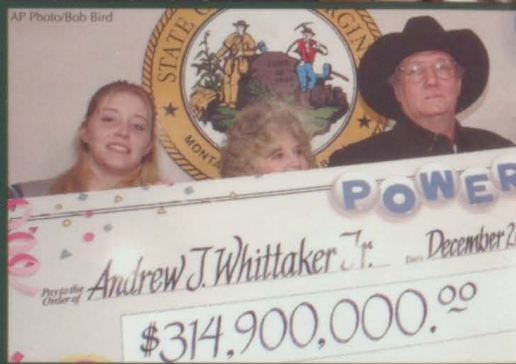
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It was a successful year for actor Denzel Washington, who made his debut as a director with *Antwone Fisher*, a film about a foster child confronting his past. Washington was also named *Entertainment Weekly's* Entertainer of the Year. ▲

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



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STRANGE BUT TRUE

Great-Grandpa Turns In Badge

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

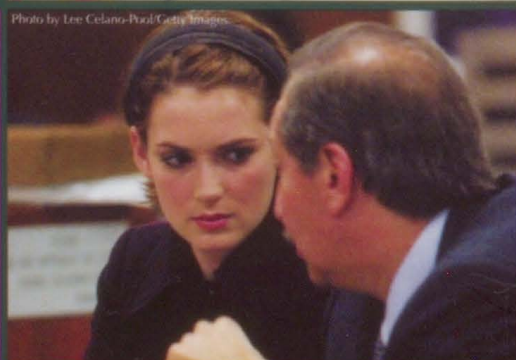


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Rap artist Eminem was the year's top-selling musical artist. *The Eminem Show* sold more copies than any other album, and the soundtrack to *8 Mile*, a movie that starred Eminem, came in at number five. *The Eminem Show* won a Grammy as the top Rap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

You Ate How Many?

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

Consider That Coaster Conquered

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

Some Like It Hot

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

Who was this year's best actress?

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

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



AP Photo/Chris Pizzello



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

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

PEOPLE

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



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

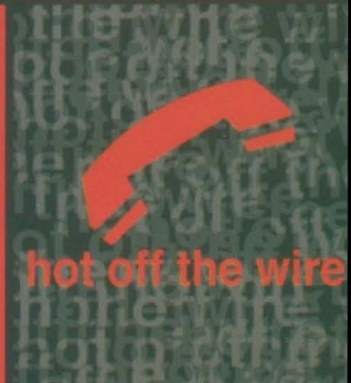
Lance Bass of 'NSync lobbied to be the first celebrity in space and even began training at the Johnson Space Center. Plans to join a future mission to the International Space Station were derailed when his sponsors were unable to raise the \$20 million fare.

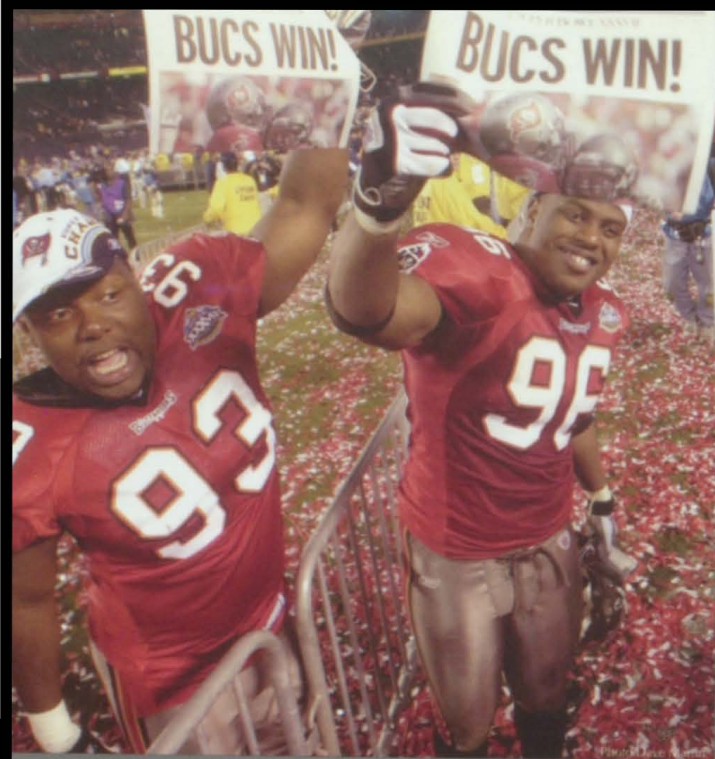


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Questions arose about whether Martha Stewart sold ImClone Systems stock based on illegal inside knowledge. Stewart claimed she had no idea the stock's price was soon to fall when she sold it, but a congressional panel continued to investigate Stewart's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

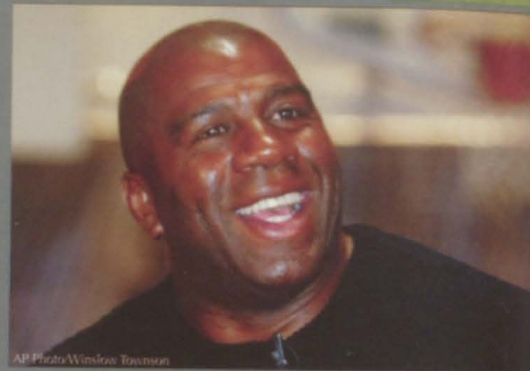
Esther Eppie Lederer, otherwise known as advice columnist Ann Landers, died at age 83. A flagship of the Chicago Tribune, the Ann Landers feature was one of the most widely syndicated newspaper columns in the world, appearing in 1,200 papers and reaching nearly 90 million readers daily.





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

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

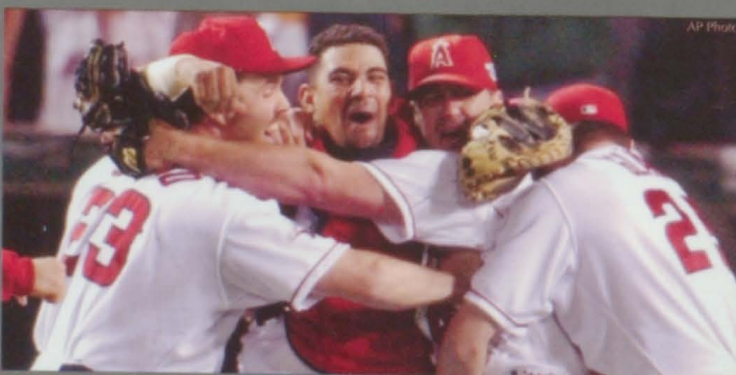


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SPORTS



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



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

What is your favorite sport to watch?

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

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

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



AP Photo/George

A Devoted Fan, Even In Death

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

Let Go Of My Lego!

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

Ouch, That Stings!

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

Who was this year's most noteworthy athlete

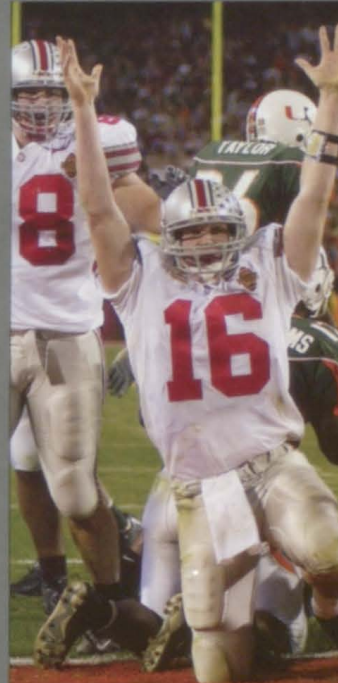
1. Kobe Bryant
2. Alan Iverson
3. Lebron James

That Kid's Got Guts

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

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



AP Photo/Mark I. Terrill

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

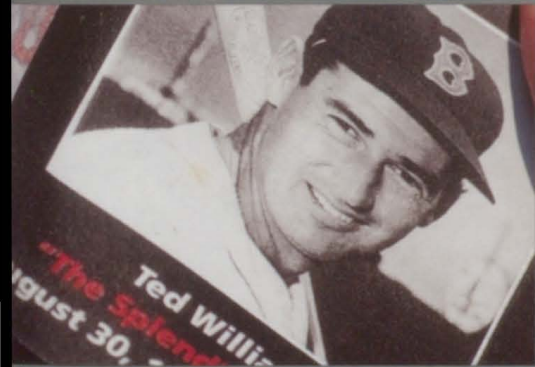


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Ted Williams, baseball's last major league player to bat over .400 in a season, died at 83 of cardiac arrest. News of his death was soon overshadowed by a legal battle between his children, who disagreed about whether his body should be cremated or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

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

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



AP Photo/Ron Fehrm

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

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



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

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

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



FUN FACTS

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



Photo by Bryan Mitchell/Getty Images

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

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

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



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TECHNOLOGY

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

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

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



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



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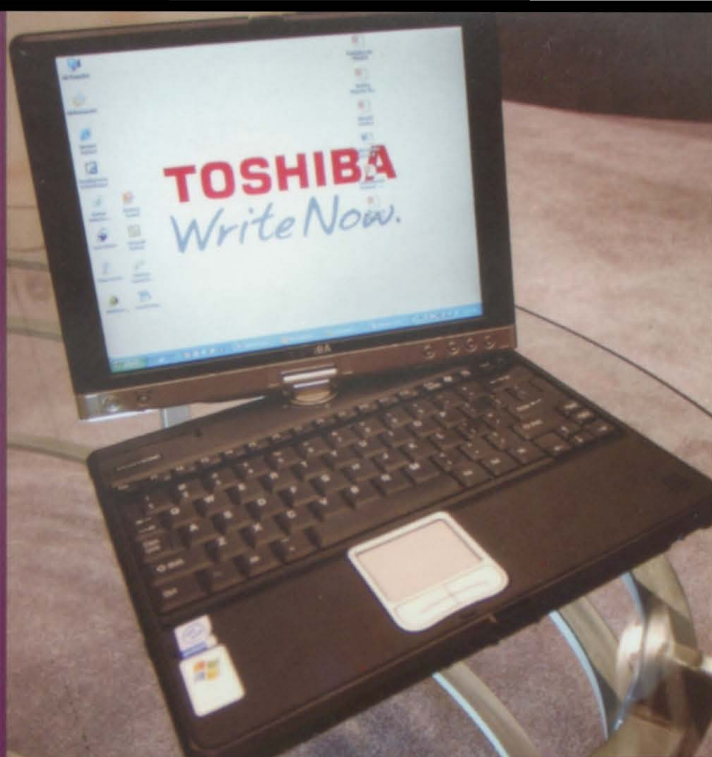


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Environmentally friendly cars powered by hydrogen made their debut in Los Angeles when the city's mayor signed a lease for city employees to try five of the cars. Automakers said this was an important first step, but the cars probably will not be sold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

So That's How It Works

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



Coloring The Cosmos

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

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Just What The Vet Prescribed

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

No Prey? Then You May Pass

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

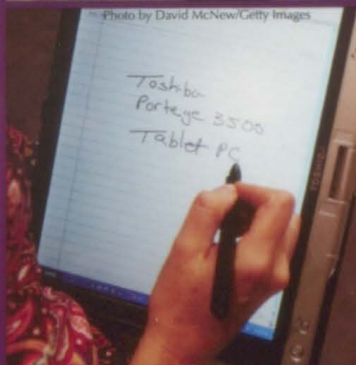


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Tablet PCs hit store shelves this year. These new laptops allow users to handwrite their messages directly on the screen instead of typing them, making them a popular choice for taking notes in classes and meetings. The average price: about \$2,200.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

OGGY

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



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

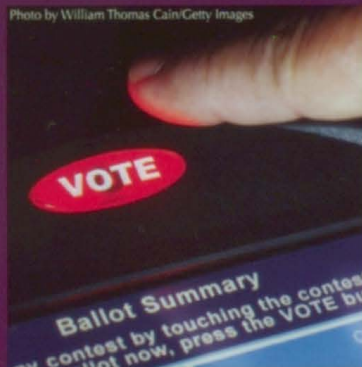


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Almost one fifth of U.S. counties used electronic voting machines in November, the highest percentage to date. The change was prompted by lawmakers' concern about Florida's ballot controversy in the 2000 presidential election. ◀▶▶

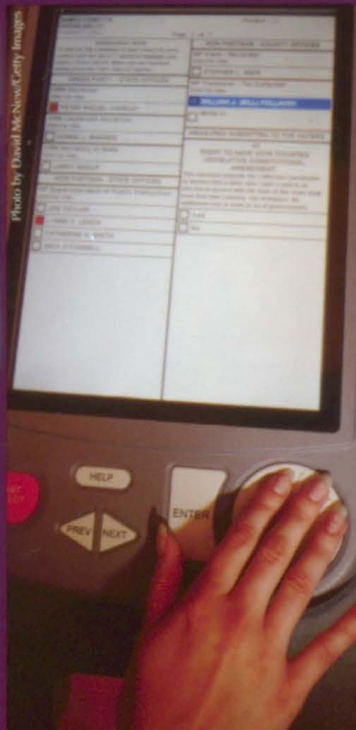


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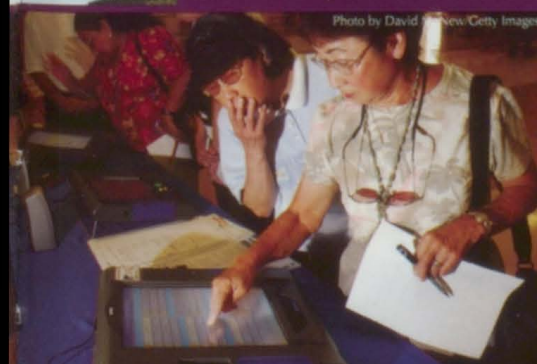


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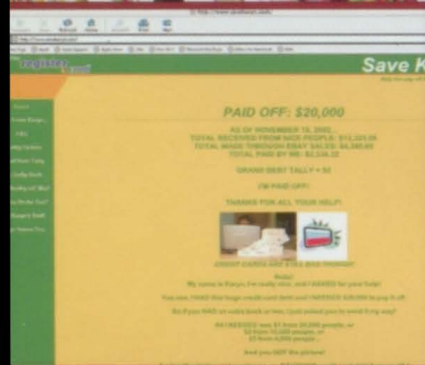
Bratz dolls outsold Barbie as America's best-selling fashion doll for six months in a row. In response, Mattel created My Scene Barbie, a newer doll who wears platform shoes, low-rise jeans, more makeup, and midriff-baring shirts. ◀▶



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

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



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



TRENDS



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

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

The coolest trend at my school this year was _____

My favorite fashion trend was _____

Survey results compiled from the responses of more than 2000 students across the nation. © 2003 Walsworth Publishing Company, Inc.

