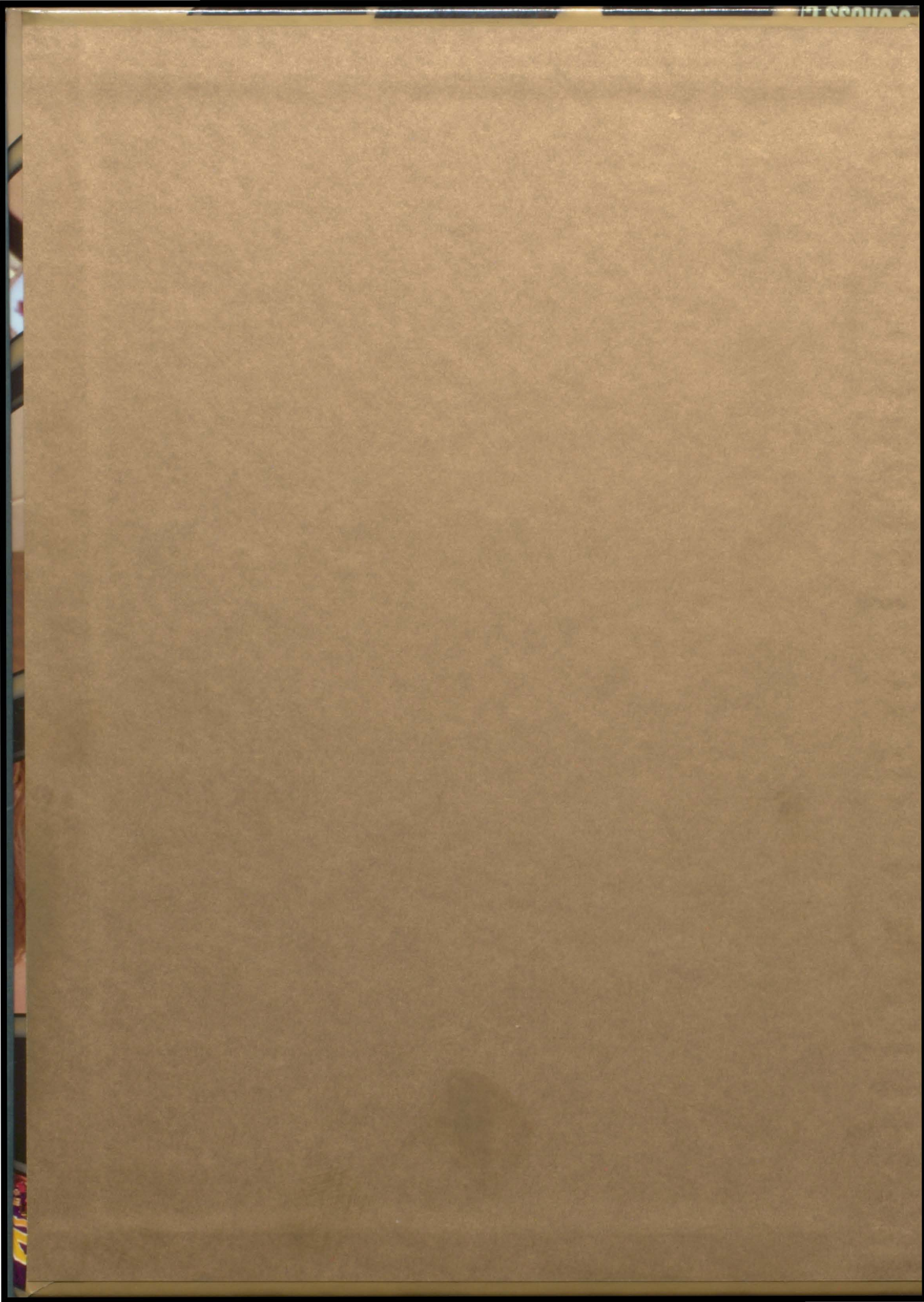


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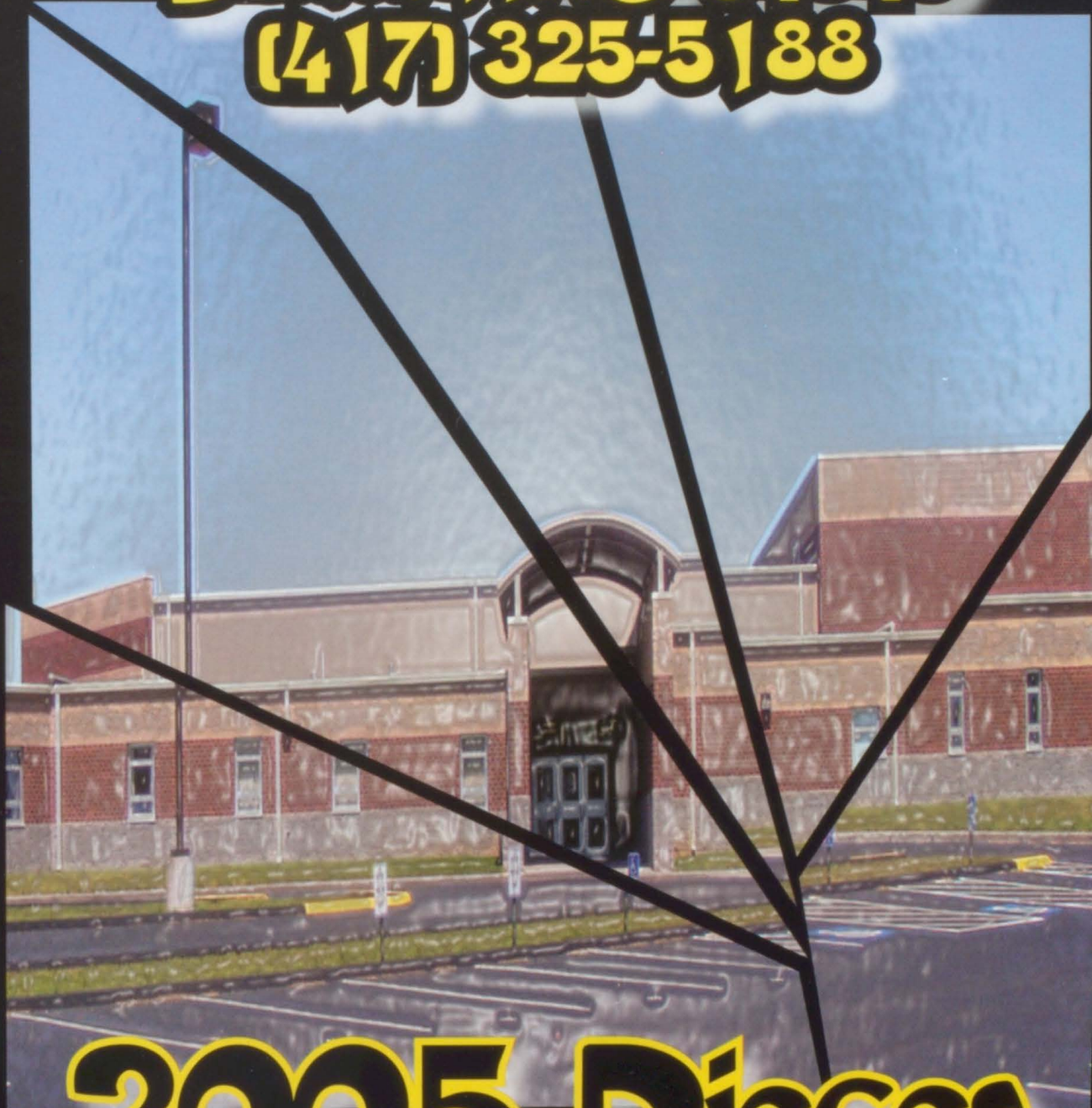






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Midnight In Paris

One cool night, deep in the cold, lonely heart of Paris, the moon shone bright, and there was a feeling of bliss hovering in the air.

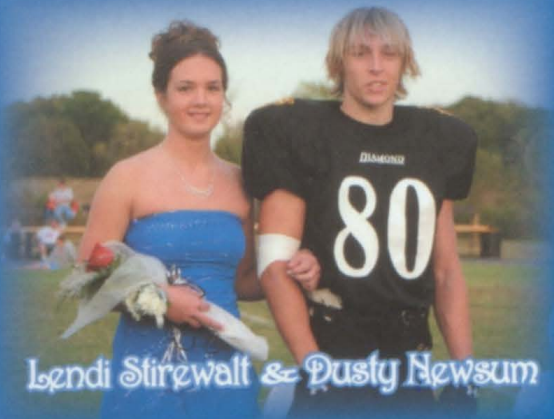
Evening was setting and the candidates were waiting. "Climb in the limo, we're ready to go!" said Kristi Harp. One-by-one the princesses climbed in. Once around the track, they came to a halt. The princes were there to serve as escorts. A moment of silence. The crowd was all still. The announcer spoke clearly. Anthony Shipman was pronounced King and Kristen Hicks was crowned Queen.

Together they walked forward arm in arm, and pictures were taken to

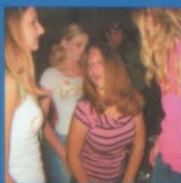
capture their charm. The princes and princesses and King and Queen strode back to their limo to let go of their dream. Then the Wildcats marched onto the field to defeat the Miller Cardinals 37-13. The cool September evening, a win in hand, the

night was just right filled with elegance and romance.

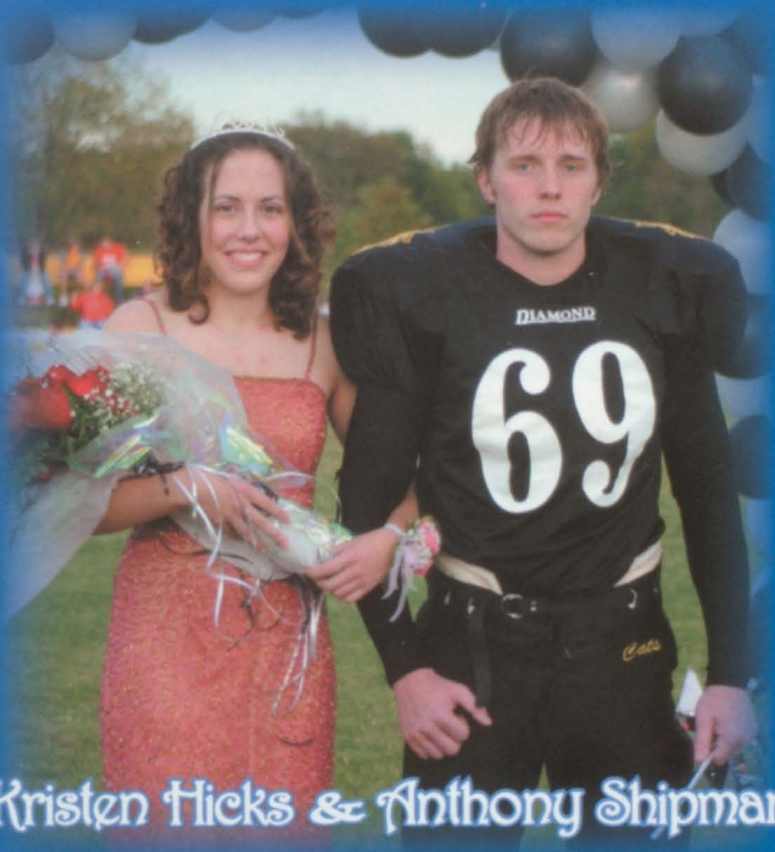
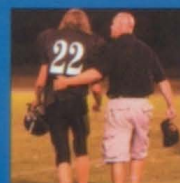




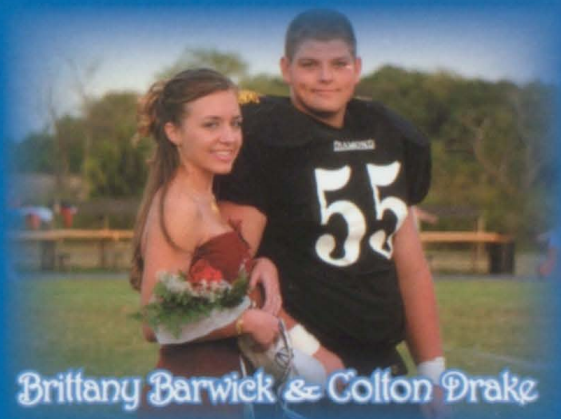
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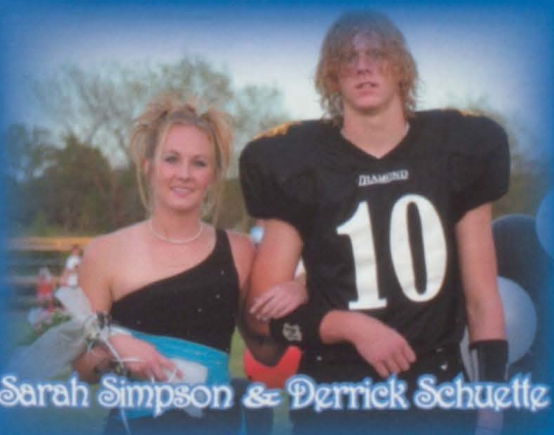
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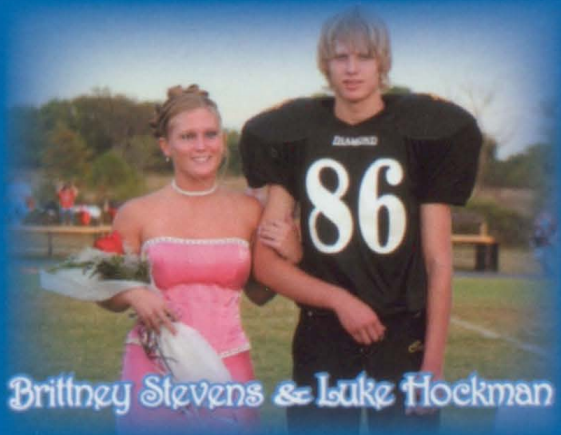
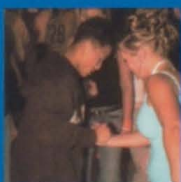
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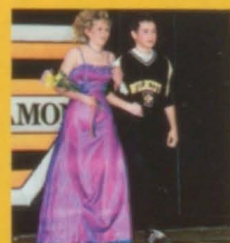
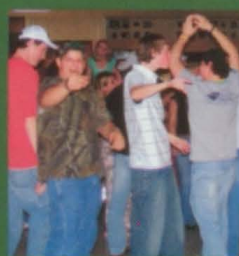
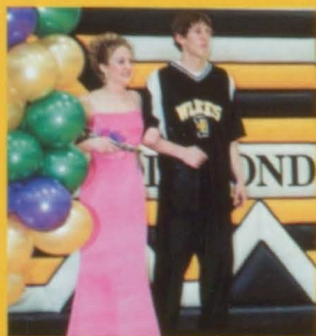
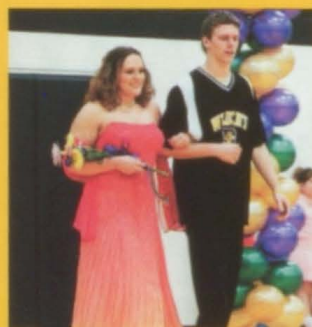
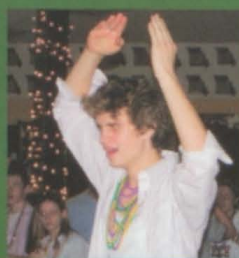
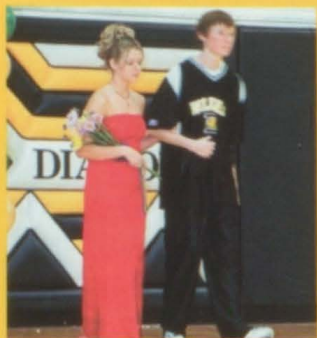
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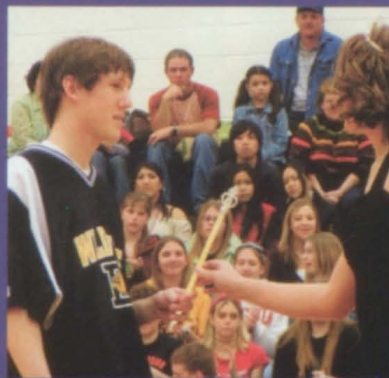
Beads were tossed into the crowd by the cheerleaders, and many masks were worn as disguises. Purple, green, and gold decor filled the gym and transformed the usual basketball game into a magical night in New Orleans. The Mardi Gras theme filled the school and prepared the students and fans for an extravagant night.

The night began with a competitive junior game, followed by the crowning ceremony. As students and candidates waited with anticipation, the announcer began. "The Homecoming Queen is..."

paused for a moment. "The Homecoming King is..." The crowd erupted in cheers and applause. The varsity team then went on to have an outstanding win, and the magical night ended with a dance filled with masked faces, joyous laughs, and elaborate dances.



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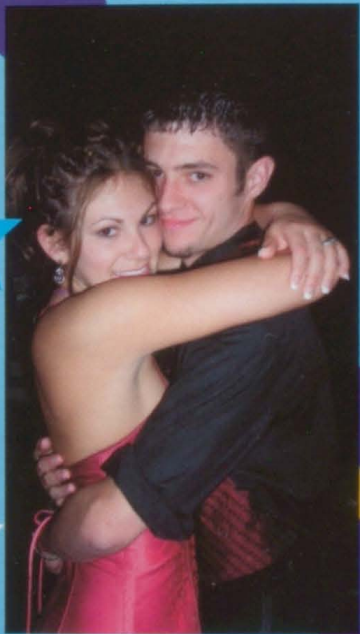
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Mardi Gras



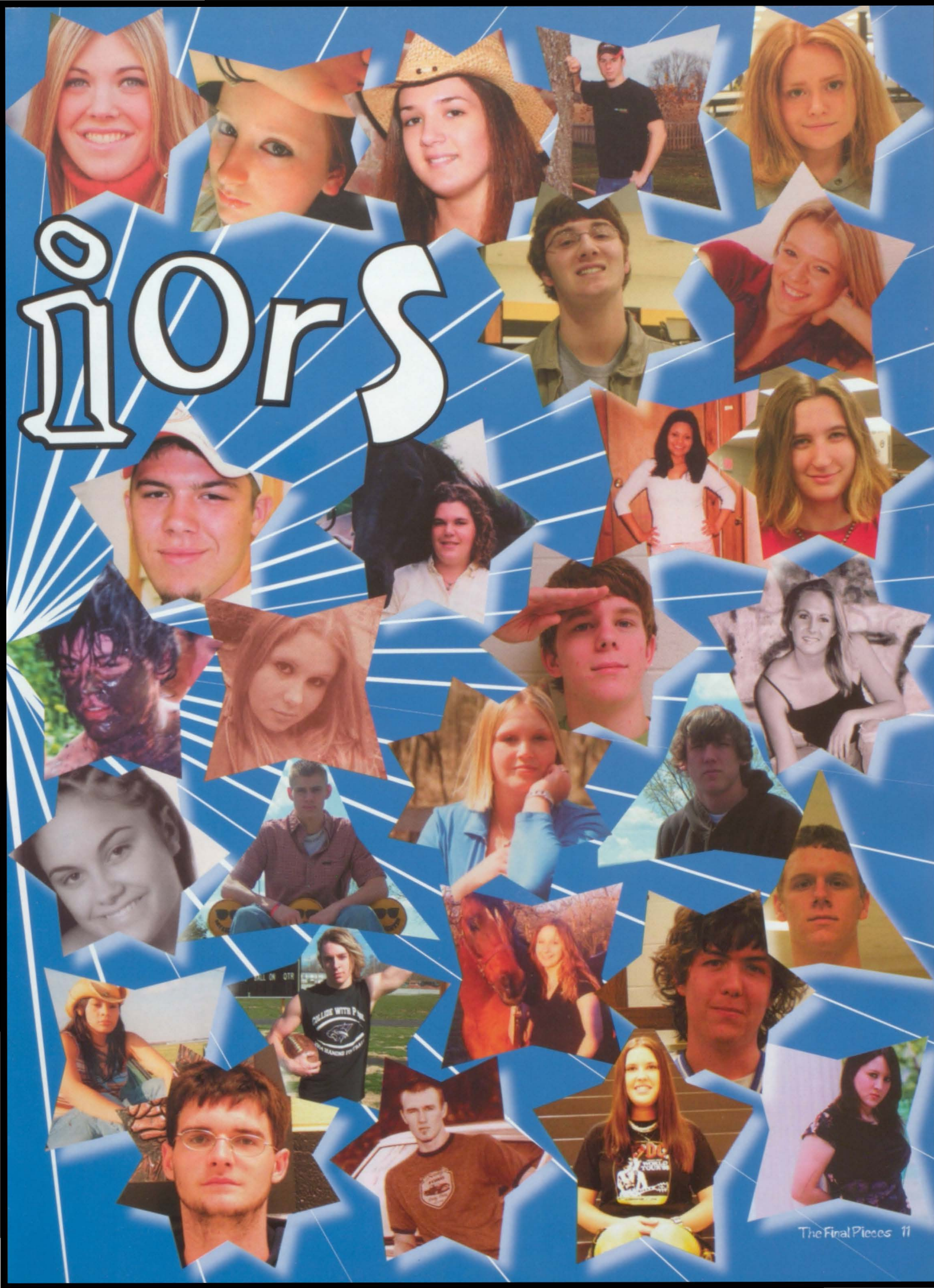
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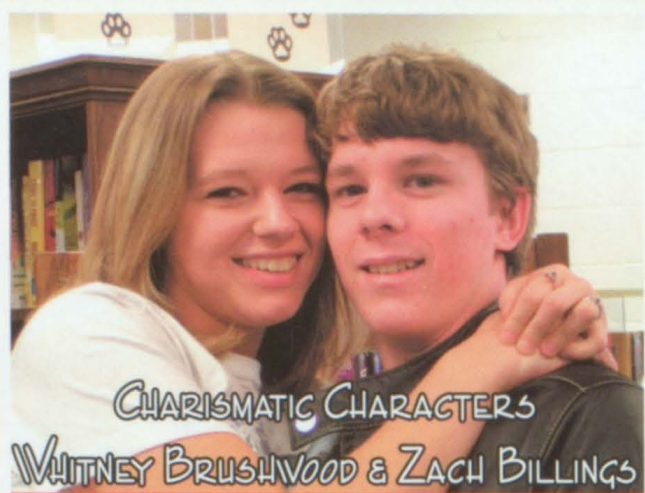


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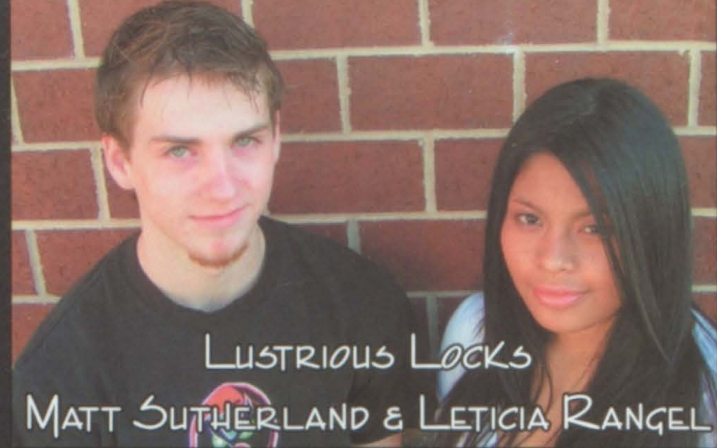


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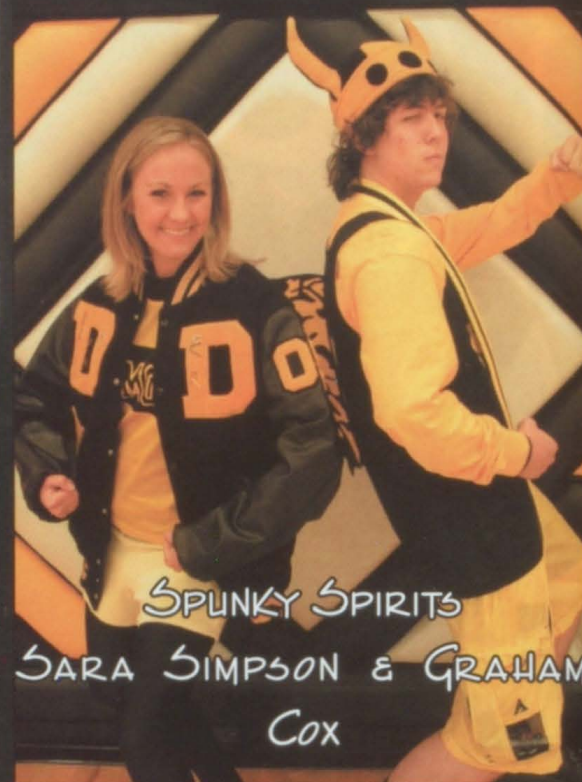
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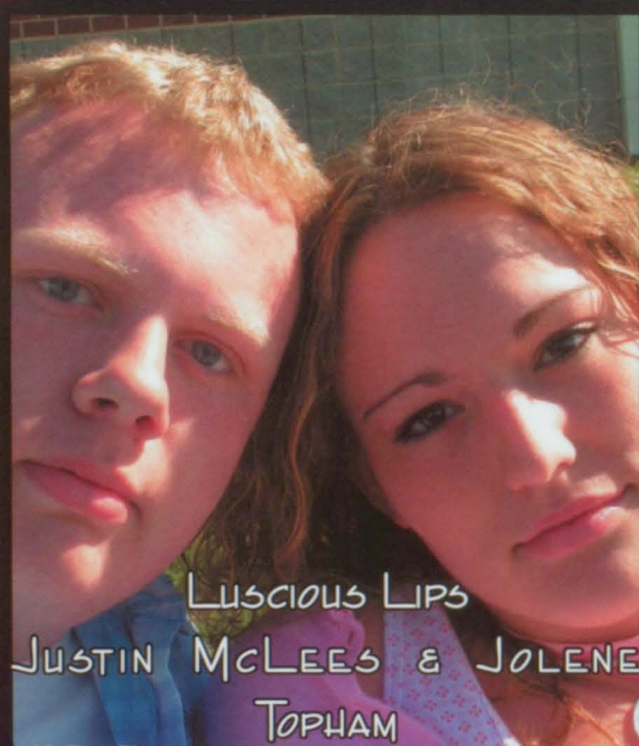
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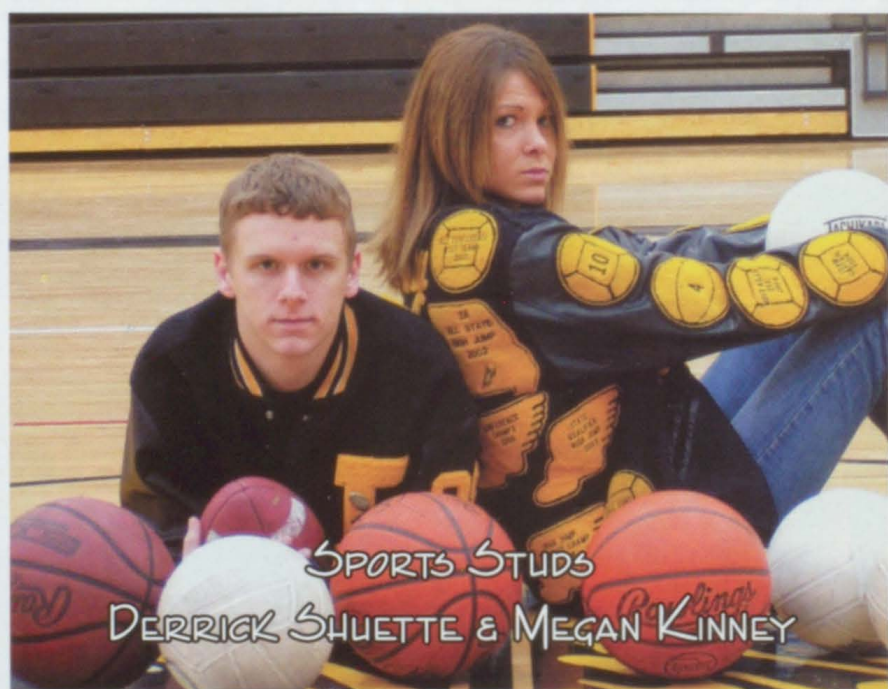
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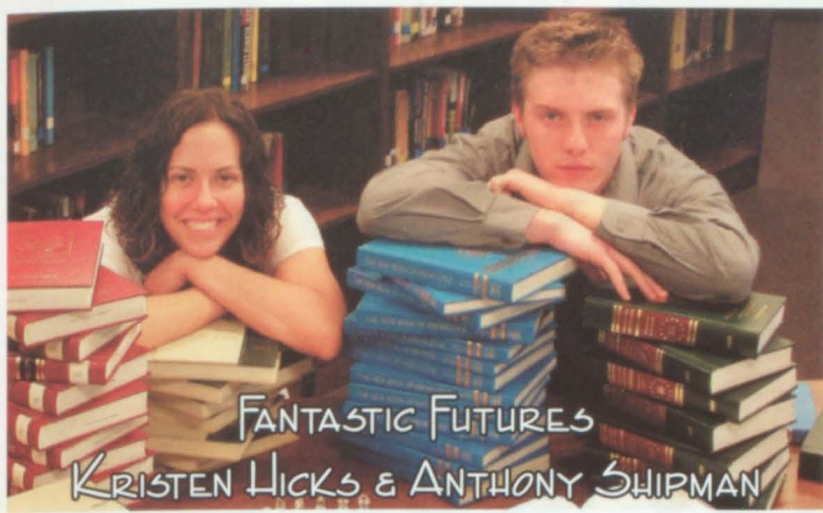
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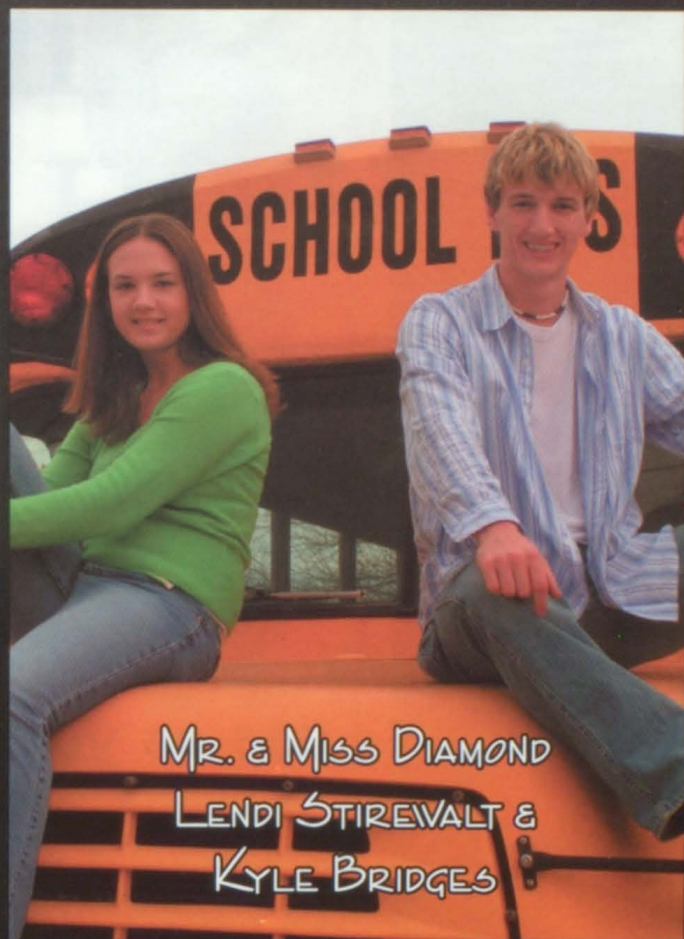
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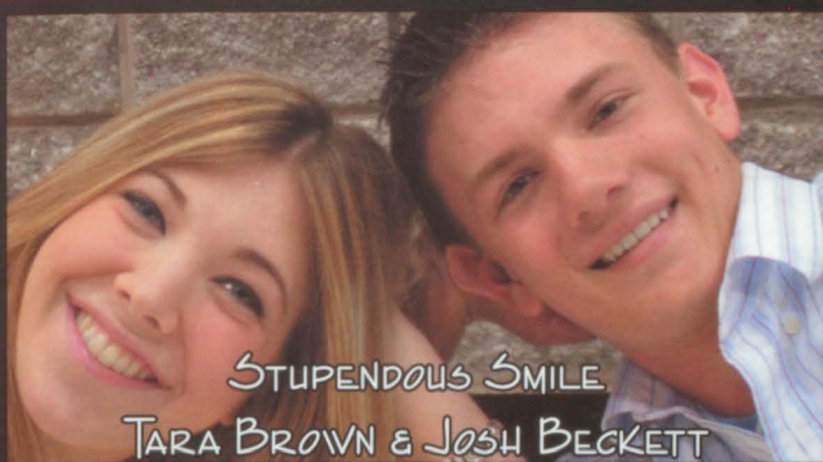
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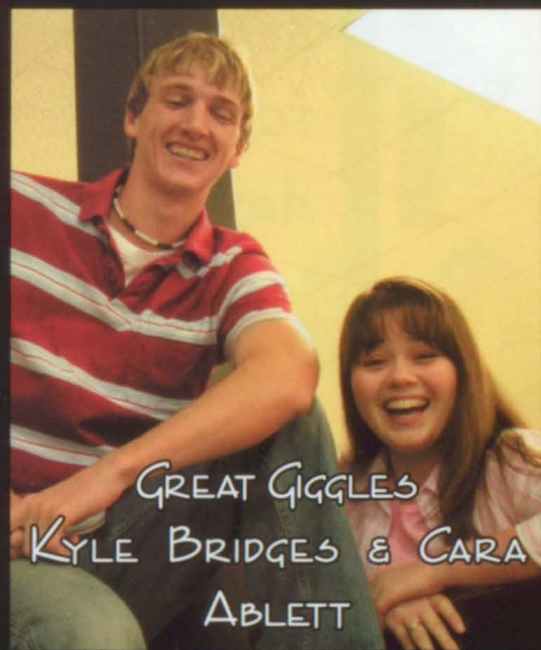
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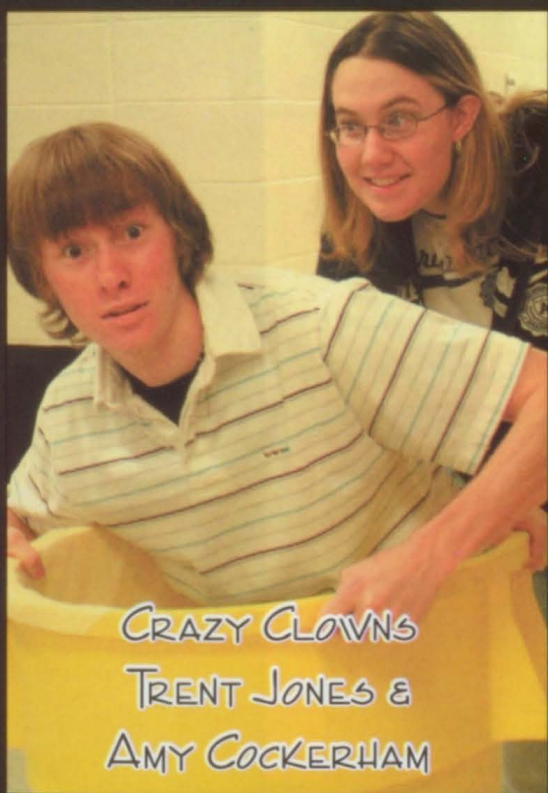
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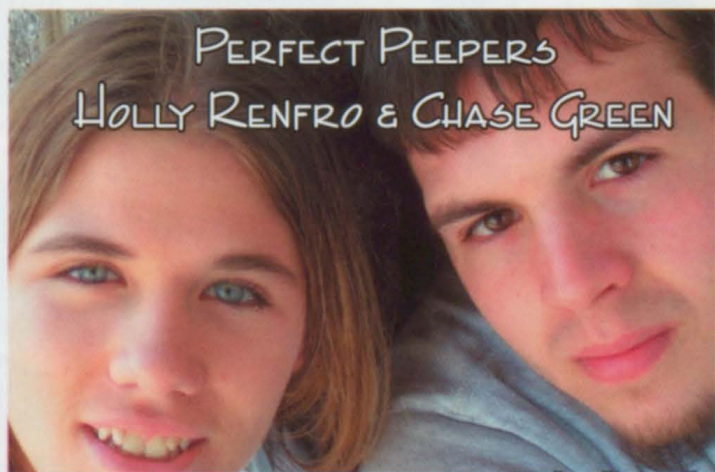
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PERFECT PEEPERS
HOLLY RENFRO & CHASE GREEN

LIFE IN HIGH SCHOOL IS ONLY THE BEGINNING...

"This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind...let it be something good."

- Unknown Author

(
* LIFE AND ITS MANY
LITTLE PIECES
*)

THERE WILL NEVER be days ahead like those that we experience in high school. Day in and day out some of us stress, fret, and worry about school and what lies ahead. Others don't care either way. They spend their days just trying to make it to the day when they will prove to the world that they have made it. Until that day we just live our lives not the way we have to, but the way we want to. We experience so many new things in high school and we don't even realize the journey we've made. For many of us, high school is a pioneering stage. Many of us find first jobs, first cars, first dates, first responsibilities, first loves, first college acceptances, and our first tastes of life. Many people think that high school is just high school, but it's not--it's LIFE.

THE → LOVE

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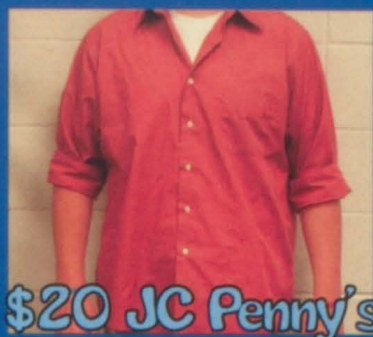
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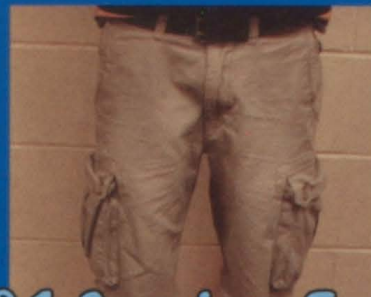
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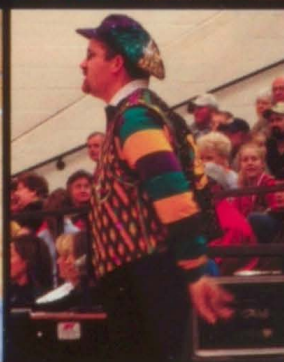
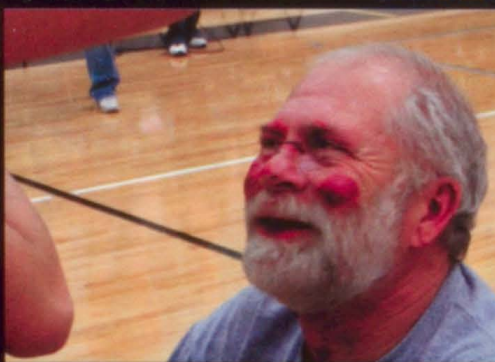
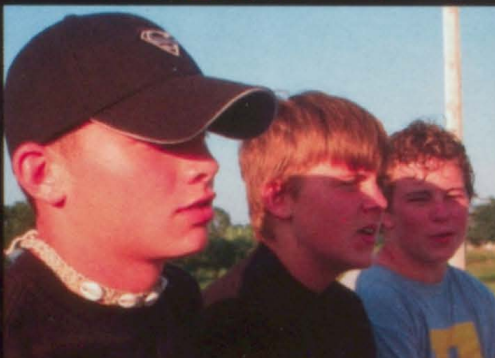
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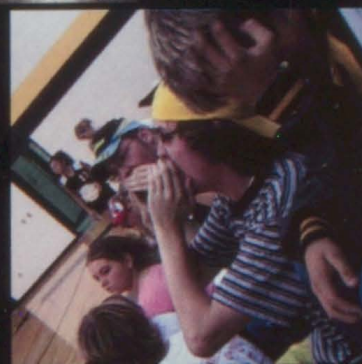
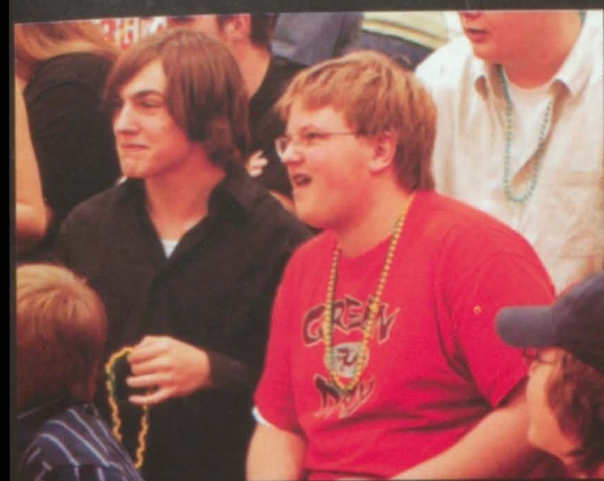


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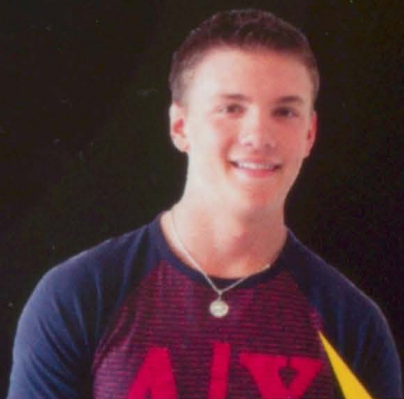
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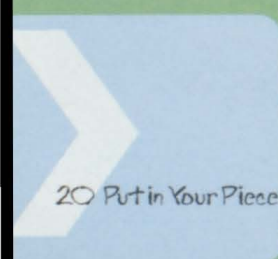
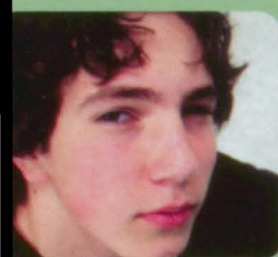
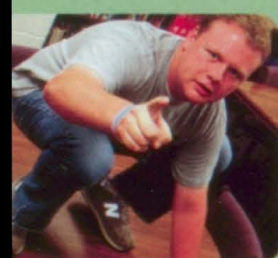
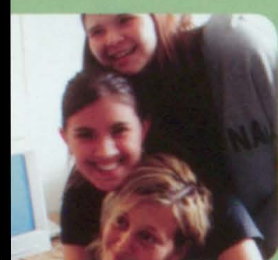
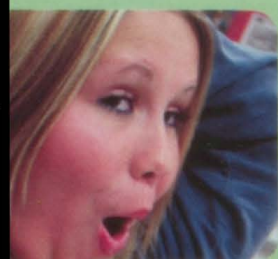
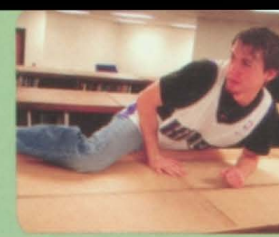
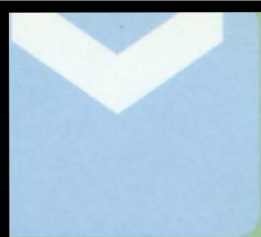
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-Krystal Morgan-

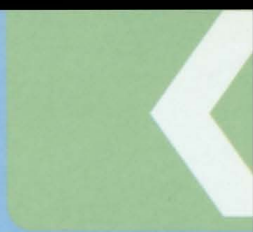


"I'm an athlete, so automati-
cally I am entitled to show
school spirit."
-Josh Beckett-

"You might as well live it
up now while you are in
highschool!"
-Darci Price-







YOU MUST BE A TEAM PLAYER OR YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE TEAM...

"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it."

- Lou Holtz

"Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should accomplish with your ability."

- John Wooden

(
* ALL THE PIECES OF
THE GAME...
*)

AMBITION, motivation, determination, and desire, these are just a few of the ingredients necessary to be a successful competitor. Sports can be an essential part in the molding of a person's personality and perspective. Sports not only teaches one how to be a part of a team, but it also teaches one how to strive for something one believes in. Whether a player is sitting on the bench or out on the field or court making the fans roar, he/she is still part of the team. That person is still that one small part of a very well built machine, that is essential for it to work and work properly. With all of those essential parts working together there is nothing that a team cannot accomplish, and the feeling that comes with that accomplishment is priceless.

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ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!

by Kyle Bridges

IN YOUR FACE!

With a new face on the coaching staff spawning fresh ideas, the best facilities anyone could ask for, the support of loyal fans, and the powerful spirit of talented young women, anything is possible.

The scoreboard doesn't lie; the lady wildcats pulled off an amazing season. Having only Darci Price with a sprained ankle, the team still had enough strength to hold out til the semi-finals at districts. New coach Stephanie Gilpin showed a genuine concern for her girls and always understood

that there was always room for improvement. "There are only three seniors leaving the team and there are some up and coming players who

couple girls that stick out in my mind as a real threat." A quote by P.G. Wodehouse seems to sum up how the girls felt about the game: "At

the age of eleven or thereabouts women acquire a poise and an ability to handle difficult situations which a man, if he is lucky, manages to achieve somewhere in the later seventies." With this attitude the

girls had few bumps in the road on the way to victory. That didn't always show on the scoreboard, but did in their hearts.

STEPHANIE GILPIN



"We had a pretty good regular season, but the girls tournament play impressed me."

will be making quite a statement on the volleyball floor," said Gilpin. She went on to say, "With a little more practice, LeAnn Dardenne and Kim Spencer are a

SCORE CARD

McAuley	win
Wheaton	lost
Nevada	lost
Willard Trny	0,2,2
East Newton	lost
Everton	win
McDonald County	lost
Liberal	win
Diamond Inv't'l	3,1,0
Sarcoxie	win
Neosho	lost
Pierce City	win
Greenfield	win
Golden City	win
Jasper	win
Neosho Trny	0,2,2
Miller	lost
Lockwood	lost





BROWN SMACK DOWN

Casey Brown, Junior, swats one back to Mt. Vernon in the final district game. Brown's efforts were not enough to pull off the win. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.



Comin' At Ya!

(left) Darci Price, junior, concentrates on her set while warming up before the game against McAuley. Photo by Brittany Busse.

I GOT IT!

(below) Ricki Fountain, junior, is passing something fierce in the game against Golden City. The girls fought hard the rest of the night and pulled off a victory. Photo by Kyle Bridges.



Front: Brittney Stevens, Ricki Fountain, Katie Patrick, LeAnn Dardenne, Jessica Webb; second: Coach Stephanie Gilpin, Darci Price, Casey Brown, Kristen Hicks, Lauren Feters, Amanda McKee, Coach Allen Woods; back: Jolene Topham, Megan Kinney.



Front: Brittany Barwick, Katie Patrick, Amanda Morris; second: LeAnn Dardenne, Jessica Webb, Katelyn Long, Thia Wiggins; third: Coach Stephanie Gilpin, Katie Dodson, Krystal Morgan, Amanda Cupp, Dana Bridges, Cassie Cullum, Coach Allen Woods; back: Kim Spencer, Crystal Harrall.

WE WILL BE HEARD

SHUT UP AND PLAY!

by Brittany Busse

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better.

The credit belongs to the man that is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust, sweat, and blood...who at worst if he fails at least fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

-Theodore Roosevelt

The Diamond Wildcats positioned themselves for the kickoff, on the sideline stood Blake Broadus, he threw up his hands... and the crowd went wild. The crowd then turned into a dull roar and the

doubts and insults of the critics had been drowned out. All the players focused on the ball, and everything else went to a blur. The whistle blew.

CURTIS RUSSELL



"This season was a great learning experience, because I learned a lot from the upper classmen and next year will be even better."

The Wildcats were a very strong team this year in spite of losing six starters. What made the team so strong was that they lived to play and played hard whether they were injured or not. They also had a great coaching staff.

When asked about his players, head coach Brad Hocker, stated, "On Friday nights you can guarantee on our players giving 100 percent each and every play." That is just what they did.

When asked about what he expects for next season Levi Dees stated "I am looking forward to the next season because our sophomores are going to step it up and we have a lot of good strong juniors coming

back."

As the crowd anxiously anticipated the start of the game, the locker room door swung open and a herd of black and gold football players ran onto the field and the game began.

SCORE CARD

	Us	Them
Ash Grove	20	21
Greenfield	0	52
Jasper	18	0
Miller	37	13
Lockwood	7	44
Strafford	0	60
Liberal	20	7
Sarcoxie	0	26
McAuley	26	6
Pierce City	21	56





BRING 'EM DOWN!
Kevin Ortega, sophomore, assists team-mate in pulling one of the Miller Cardinals to the dirt.



LEFT IN THE DUST.

(left) Josh Matthews, sophomore, carries the ball down the field as John Fountain, freshman, clears him a path. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.

PUT ME IN COACH!

(below) Chase Green senior, looks on at his team mates as he is waiting to get in. Green said, "Next year the team needs to learn to play with heart." The team dominated at the Jamboree held at Sarcoxie on August 27th. Photo by Brittney Stevens.



DOWN, SET, HIKE

(above) The JV offensive line gets ready for the ball to be put into play. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.



Front: Clint Myers; second: Kevin Ortega, Anthony Shipman, Blake Broadus, Dusty Newsum; third: Derrick Schuette, Coach Ben Withers, Coach Brad Hocker, Coach Joe Eckhoff, Luke Hockman; fourth: Levi Dees, Michael Weaver, Colton Drake, Joe Carpenter, Cole Shipman, Bryce Dailey; fifth: Ryan Clouse, Curtis Russell, Tyler Pruitt, Lee Hollars, David Dodson; back: John Fountain, Josh Dresslaer, Fernando Lozano, Casey Youngblood, Josh Matthews, Chase Green.

ROUGH & READY

The scrapiest bunch this side of Spring River

By Kyle Bridges

When the Diamond High School basketball team is grown and they leave their hometown they may not remember the 2004-2005 season as one of those winning seasons for the record books. But the teams win and loss record does not attest to the heart and sweat that the girls put into each and every game.

The young ladies who were injured fighting to get better is one way to see the heart and determination with which they played. The words "quit" and "give up" were not known to this scrappy band of wildcats. At the

beginning of every game it could be seen in each of the players eyes the burning desire to give their all. They left it all on the court, though

might say that it would be more magical to know that they put all they had, physically and mentally, into every game and fell

short of the win, rather than to have breezed through the season without a fight. Sure it feels good to win, but that's not what basketball and life is all about. Win or lose the team had fun along the way and wouldn't trade their laughs

and good times for anything. Hopefully the girls not only gained useful knowledge of basketball techniques but also came away with a few life lessons as well.

LYDIA O'DONNELL



"I wish we would have had a better season. The seniors did a really good job though. We should have a good team next year."

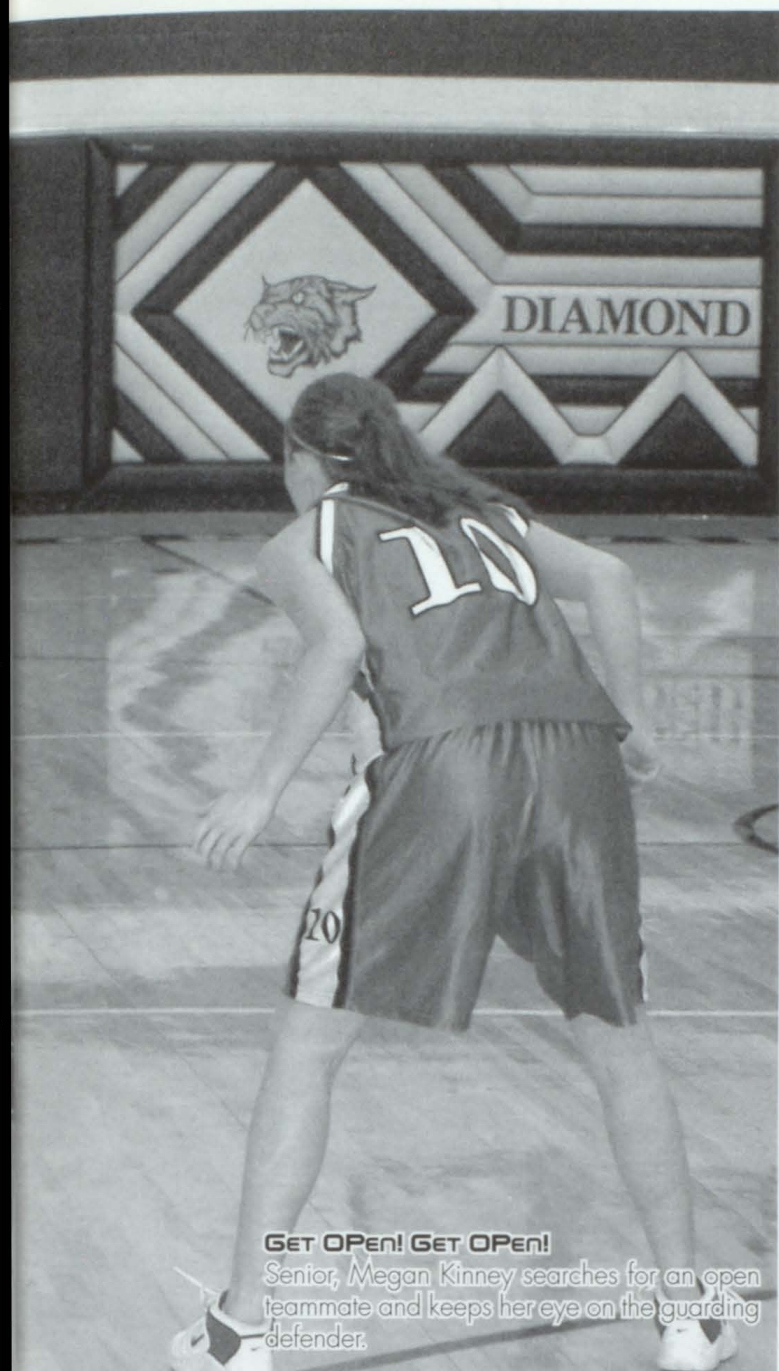
with all their intensity, the team "pressed" on through in search of a groove. With all the lessons learned during the season how can anyone define success by the number of games won or lost. Some



SCORE CARD

T. J. Tournament	2,3
Purdy	loss
College Heights	loss
Peirce City	loss
Weaton	loss
Exeter	loss
Greenfield	loss
Sarcoxi	loss
East Newton	loss
T. J.	loss
Liberal	loss
Miller	loss
Golden City	loss
Lockwood	loss
Verona	win
Sarcoxi Trny.	3,2
Southwest	win
Jasper	loss
McAuley	loss
Billings	loss





GET OPEN! GET OPEN!

Senior, Megan Kinney searches for an open teammate and keeps her eye on the guarding defender.



COME AND GET IT!

Sophomore, Whitney Booyer, picks up her dribble during the defender to try and get her hands on it. Photos by Kyle Bridges.

LET'S RUMBLE!

Freshman, Kim Spencer, keeps it clean while trying to distract a Miller player.



Front: Jessica Webb, Shala Bass, Kelsey Henson, Amanda Morris; back: Coach Devon Zimmerman, Kimber Sargent, Kim Spencer, Cassie Cullum, Kasey Hockman, Crystal Foersch, Coach Brian Brimacombe.



Front: Brittney Stevens, Dana Bridges, Jessica Webb, Amanda Cupp; second: Lydia O'Donnell, Kim Spencer, Crystal Harrall; back: Coach Brian Brimacombe, Megan Kinney, Jolene Topham, Whitney Booyer, Coach Devon Zimmerman.

PLAYING WITH THE BIG DOGS

... and likin' it!

By Lauren Fetters

Sweat, crazy fouls, support, injury, love, leadership, four months, these are a few words that describe the 2004-2005 boys basketball team. Whether the Diamond boys were winning or losing, they did it as a team and supported one another. The four month season for boys basketball wasn't necessarily a "rebuilding" year, but more a testing-out-the-talent and getting

experience year. With four seniors and seven juniors, the Wildcats had a regular season record of 10-6. "This season has sure had it's ups and

team. Although a lot has gone on along the way, this year has taught me a lot. The seniors played a big part in that. They

showed us leadership and gave us that extra push we needed. As far as people saying "rebuilding" year, that isn't it at all. This year showed me the meaning of love, leadership, and how to play on a

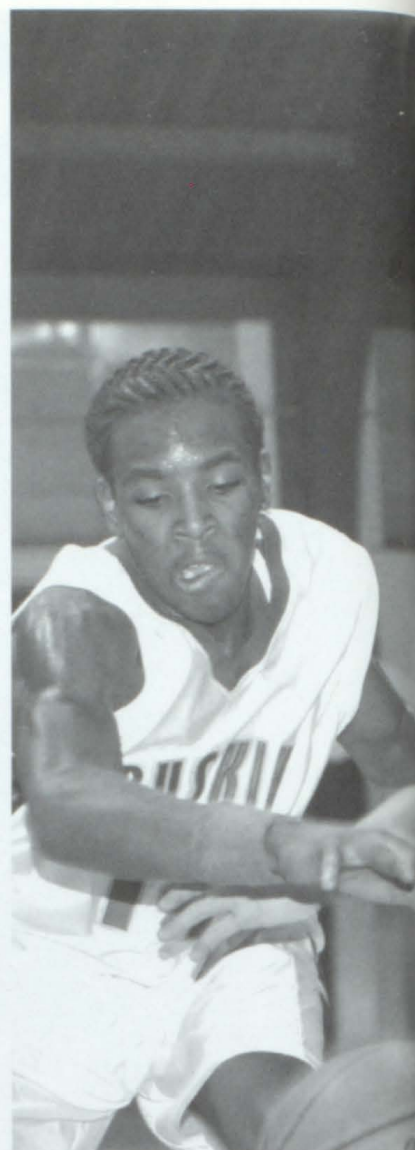
team," said Junior, Blake Broadus. Overall, the season was a success.

ALLEN WOODS, HEAD COACH



"As with any year we had our ups and downs, but this group really stayed together and allowed us to play our best basketball at the end of the year."

downs... To start off the year 0-1, it drove us to get better, work harder, and to become a



FAST PACE!

Jordan Macy handles the ball against K.C. Ruskin. Photo by Lauren Fetters.



NATURAL TALENT.

Junior, Austin Hoyer, easily scores two points in the paint. The Wildcats participated in the Neosho Tournament. "I love basketball more than anything," says Hoyer. Photo by Lauren Fetters.



HURRY UP!

Sophomores, Paul Holland and Jake Edge, scramble as the opponent takes the ball away. Photo by Susan VanLue.





FIGHT FOR IT!
Junior, Luke Hockman, lunges for a loose ball at the Neosho Tournament.
Photo by Lauren Fetters.



Front: Dakota Vincent; back: Casey Youngblood, Cody Palmer, Devin Greenwood, Eli Hicks, Tim Enayati, Lee Hollars.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Purdy	W
Cassville	L
Wheaton	W
Everton	W
Seneca	L
Miller	W
McAuley	L
East Newton	W
Jasper	W
Golden City	W
Liberal	W
Sarcoxie	L
Greenfield	W
Pierce City	L
Lockwood	W



Front: Dakota Vincent; second: Clint Myers, Michael Lane, Greg Dodson, Paul Holland, Ryan Clouse, Jake Edge; back: Chase Sexton, Colt Griffin, Cory Bass, Zach Towers.

VARSITY

Purdy	W
Cassville	W
Wheaton	W
Everton	W
Seneca	L
Miller	L
McAuley	L
East Newton	W
Jasper	W
Golden City	L
Liberal	W
Sarcoxie	W
Greenfield	W
Pierce City	L
Lockwood	W

Conference 6-3

JUMP BALL

Senior, Josh Beckett, attempts to pry the ball from his opponent during a varsity game. Photo by Susan VanLue.



TAKIN' A BREATHER!

The freshmen wildcats huddle up during a time-out. Photo by Lauren Fetters.



Front: Josh Beckett, Dakota Vincent, Josh Dresslaer; second: Jordan Macy, Kevin Ortega, Luke Hockman, Michael Lane; back: Tyler Youngblood, Derek Schuette, Austin Hoyer, Dustin Glessner, Blake Broadus.



In Awe....

The varsity bench watches the ref. intently as he calls a foul against the Wildcats. Photo by Lauren Fetters.



BREAKIN THROUGH!

Junior, Blake Broadus, tears through the spirit ring homecoming night. Photo by Lauren Fetters.

IT'S A CHEER THING...

By Brittany Busse

"Go, Fight, Win Wildcats, Win!" If sports are defined by having practice, a coach, injuries, and team work, then by definition, contrary to popular belief, cheer leading is a sport. No, there may not be any physical interaction with the other squad, but the cheerleaders do hold up their own!

The cheerleaders had many responsibilities. Just to name a few; they decorate for football and basketball homecoming, made the spirit rings, set up the KSN Hometown Today pep rally, cheered at the games, pumped up the crowd, learned dance routines, practiced, and at the end of the day sold candles to raise money for decorations. That's a lot for

a squad of seven and head coach Kristi Harp to do in a few months.

With no seniors on the squad the decision making

you wouldn't understand!

asked about what they hope for next year, juniors, Megan Frazier and Carra Shaffer, stated, "We hope that we have more stunts next year to

pump up the crowd, but whatever happens we know we'll have a lot of fun."

When asked about what her favorite memory was of this season, sophomore Sam McCallum said, "Basketball homecoming game because we all came together as a

team and got things done, and the crowd was really pumped up." So whether the score was up or down the cheerleaders did what they did best—"Go, Fight, Win Wildcats..!"

KACEE BALDWIN



"Our stunting got better through the season and I hope that the girls next year will be just as much into cheering as we are this year."

position that many sports call a captain went to Nicki Dame and co-captain Carra Shaffer. The squad will be as strong or even stronger next year with all the girls planning to come back with the addition of a few freshman. When

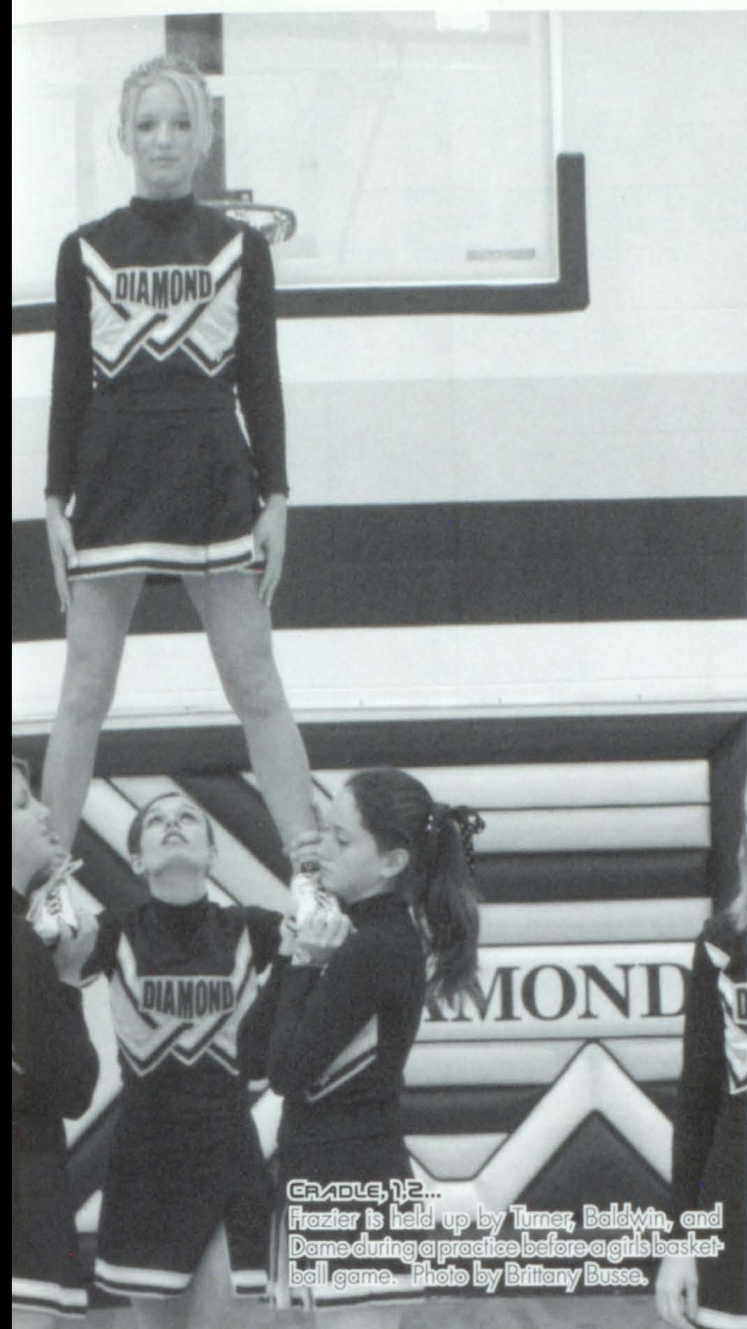


Front: Megan Frazier, Nicki Dame; second: Kacee Baldwin, Stephanie Sprenger, Lacey Carneal; back: Sam McCallum, Rachel Turner, Carra Shaffer.

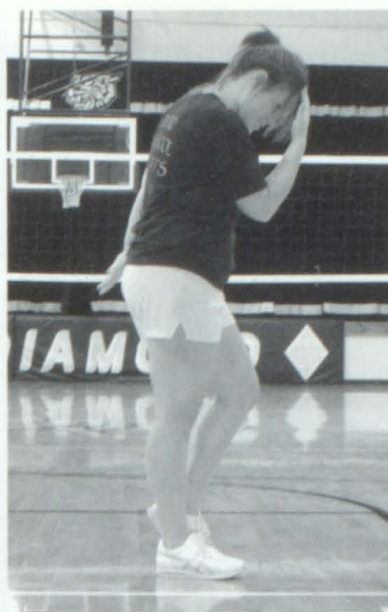


5,6,7,8...

Turner, Shaffer, Sprenger, Dame, and Frazier perform a half-time dance at the varsity boy's basketball homecoming game. Photo by Brittany Busse



CRADLE, 12...
Frazier is held up by Turner, Baldwin, and Dame during a practice before a girls basketball game. Photo by Brittany Busse.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!
(left) Carra Shaffer, Junior, gets her groove on after school during cheer practice to prepare for an upcoming dance routine performance. Photo by Brittany Busse.



Let's Go!
(below) Spranger at a varsity boys basketball game does a cheer to encourage the boys in the fourth quarter. Photo by Brittany Busse.



A GAME TAUGHT BY THE PROS...

By Nicki Dame

The 2005 Diamond High School baseball team is exceptionally good compared to recent years. "We did better because we had returning starters and experienced players who allow us to play better in the field and at bat," said junior Luke Hockman. A lot of their success is due to hard work, dedication, and good coaching. Coach Danny Dewitt said, "We went through a spell where we couldn't beat any good teams and we had a lot of close games. We had to work on our offense. They were leaving runners on base and they had not been getting any hits. Defensively, however, we were playing a

lot better."

They were also doing very well considering their small amount of players. They lost a lot of their players that were

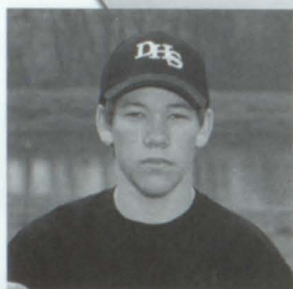
trust within the team. They are also close friends who have been playing together for awhile so they know what to expect out of each other.

Being friends out on the field could help any team a great deal. If there is conflict there is no understanding and more rivalry with each other instead of with the other teams. These boys seem to understand that so they end up playing very well,

and winning more games as a result.

This year was really great for the team and we can only expect greater things to come.

CLINT MYERS

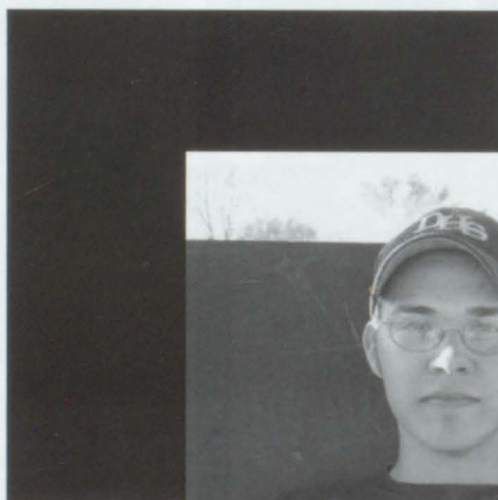


"This year we became closer and we had better chemistry which helps out on the field."

seniors last year so that hurt them quite a bit. They recovered from that very well. The team has become a lot closer this year compared to other years. This could have a lot to do with the way that they are playing. They have more

SCORE CARD

	Us	Them
Sarcoxe	11	1
Golden City	16	6
Greenfield	5	10
Monett	1	6
Miller	7	20
Purdy	15	0
Liberal	7	6
East Newton	3	5
Greenfield	6	7
Everton	10	0
Sarcoxe	10	5
Lockwood	9	5
Aurora	2	8
Jasper	2	6
Golden City	9	0





WARM UP

Casey Youngblood, freshman, practices his swing before his turn at bat. Photos by Nicki Dame.



WARM UP

(left) Luke Hockman, junior, throws a baseball to a teammate before a game.

ANTICIPATION

(below) Junior, Jeff Morris, waits for action on first base.



Front: Shane Gallagher, Greg Dodson, Jeff Morris, David Dodson; second: Coach Eckhoff, Kevin Harrall, Aaron Garbet, Luke Hockman, Coach Dewitt; third: Jake Edge, Casey Youngblood, Michael Lane, Blake Broaddus; back: Brice Reavis, Josh Dresslaer, Clint Myers.



ON THE BUS

Sophomore, Jake Edge, anxiously awaits the arrival to their game in Mt. Vernon.



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IT'S JUST HARD WORK & DEDICATION

by Whitney Brushwood

The sound of feet thumping against the track and the smell of sweat lingering in the same area, is nothing shy of normal for the track team. The Diamond High School track team never ceases to amaze. They are having another fun and eventful year and their stamina is as high as it's ever been.

These athletes have ran their hardest, threw their farthest, and jumped their highest, and all the thanks goes to just themselves, their teammates, and of course their coaches, Larry Cunningham and Brent Jordan.

Nothing this pack can't handle!

The team this year was more on the young side, but that made no difference to the great outcome of the season. All did well when the

second in their event at districts. This year, senior Kyle Bridges was the one to go. Throughout the season his goal was to break the school pole vaulting record of 13 feet previously held by Andrew Whitehead. He tried his hardest but never actually reached his goal. At state he pole vaulted 11 feet 6 inches.

The remaining team members look forward to next season and are anxious to see what

Coach Jordan has in store for them. Cunningham's final year as head coach was memorable and fun for everyone involved.

SENIOR, KYLE BRIDGES



"This was my best year ever. It was cool being a senior because I did well in districts and went to state."

team showed their talents at districts; however, only one of the team members made it to state. In order to qualify for state, one must finish first or



TRACK & FIELD



TRACH BUMS!

The track team takes a break while waiting for the events to come. Photos by Zach Billings.



GO THE DISTANCE!

(left) Sophomore, Kevin Ortega, watches as the shotput flies to its final distance.

GET 'EM READY!

(below) Coach Cunningham and Coach Jordan set up the hurdles for the next event.



Front: Dana Bridges, Krystal Morgan, Kim Spencer, Jessica Harrison; second: Cory Bass, Casey Welch (manager), Stephanie Sprenger, Andrea Chaney, Sarah Simpson, Brittany Barwick (manager), Kevin Ortega; third: Coach Larry Cunningham, Zach Towers, Michael Weaver, Levi Dees, Bryce Daily, Coach Brent Jordan; fourth: Kyle Bridges, Tristian Bennet, Zach Manley, Jake Newsum, Paul Holland; back: Michael Turner, Bradley Buzzard, Devin Hartman, Matt Sutherland.



UP & OVER!

Senior, Kyle Bridges pole vaults his way over the bar while trying to break the school record.

Running Along

by Jacob Nelson

WORKING HARD PAYS OFF!

As the burning sensation in your lungs rises higher, you feel like giving up, but when you pass the finish line a weight is lifted off your shoulders. The cross country team ran strong all year resulting in both the boy's and the girl's teams going to state. Coach Larry Cunningham was very happy with this year's results.

The practices consisted of running on back roads and around the school

for approximately three miles. On Wednesdays they liked to practice at the school sometimes

be sure they were in tip-top shape. "The team has really done great this year. All of our new runners have

KEVIN HARRALL



"I like running, because if you work hard it really pays off."

really stepped it up and our veteran runners have all gotten better," said Zach Towers, sophomore. The new runners who "stepped it up" were freshmen like Mike Waddall who had ran cross

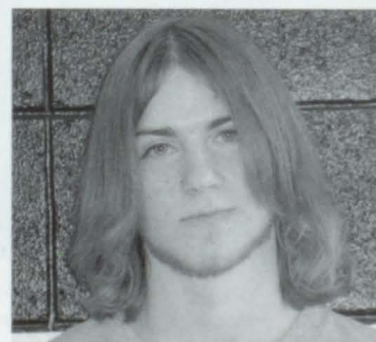
playing tag instead of running.

With two invitations at home, the cross country team ran hard placing from 1st to 16th. When preparing for big meets, the team ran a lot just to

country in middle school, so he'd been preparing for awhile. The team was pleased with their accomplishments, but hope to see even better results next year.

SCORE CARD

	Girls	Boys
Monett	D/p	D/p
Nixa	D/p	D/p
E. Newton	D/p	D/p
Ash Grove	2	2
Diamond	1	1
C.J.	D/p	D/p
Southwest	2	2
Diamond	D/p	2
Ash Grove	1	1
Districts	1	1





STRETCHING OUT THOSE MUSCLES:

Devin Hartman, freshman, stretches out his legs at one of the Diamond high school cross country meets. By stretching before every meet, the team reduced their risk of injury. "Stretching out my muscles really helps me out a lot," said Hartman. Photo by Jacob Nelson.



AND THEY'RE OFF!

(left) Coach Cunningham raises the gun and fires at the Diamond high school meet to begin the race. Photo by Jacob Nelson.

THERE'S ONE LAP DOWN!

(below) Matt Sutherland, senior, finishes one lap and goes on to the second to complete a six mile race. Photo by Jacob Nelson.



GIVING IT YOUR ALL

Jake Edge, sophomore, runs in his first Diamond Invitational as this is his first year on the team. Photo by Jacob Nelson.



Front: Stephanie Sprenger; second: Lydia O'Donnell, Devin Hartman, Sarah Simpson; third: Michael Lane, Samantha Vincent, Jessica Harrison, Matt Sutherland; back: Jake Edge, Zach Towers, Coach Larry Cunningham, Kevin Harrell, Michael Waddell.

FUELED BY SWEAT...

By Nicki Dame

Four and twelve, that is the dual match record of the wrestling team this year. Head coach Joe Eckhoff says that they would have won more if they didn't have such a small number of wrestlers.

There are 14 weight classes; however, there were only 7 wrestlers. To win, for example, they had to pin all their opponents to tie, then win the tie breaker. Unfortunately things didn't exactly turn out that way.

The team used all the standard moves such as, half nelsons, banana splits, and cradles to attempt to pin their opponent to the mat to win a match. Points could also be earned for take downs, and

reversing moves used against them.

Seniors, Tim Matthews and Justin Bessman had a very successful season. Matthews

Driven by Desire

Nationals.

Jeff Morris also did very well with over 20 wins. "This year was fun, but difficult. Only having seven wrestlers really put a lot of pressure on everyone. Not only was there a lot on us but also on Coach Eckhoff and I am pleased with how he came in and took charge. There was a vast improvement from last year to this year. All of us had to take a lot of responsibility

which has brought us to be the young men we are today. I'm also going to miss getting to wrestle with the seniors that are leaving," said Morris. Even without the seniors, the underclassmen look forward to their next season.

CALEB LUCAS



"The season was great. I learned a lot from it."

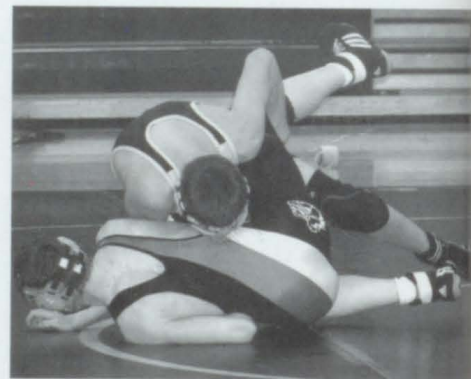
won 40 matches and Bessman won 33 matches. They both qualified for state. There, Matthews placed 3rd. He was the first person from Diamond ever to win a medal at the state level, and the first person from Diamond to go to Senior

SCORE CARD

Mac County	L
Poplar Bluff	L
Carl Junction JV	W
Carthage JV	L
Labette Tourn	4th
Reed Springs	W
Reed Springs	W
Monett Tourn.	7th
Pitt. Tourn.	5th
Carl Junction	L
Seneca Tourn	8th
Seneca	L
Butler	L
Buffalo Tourn	5th
Districts	7th



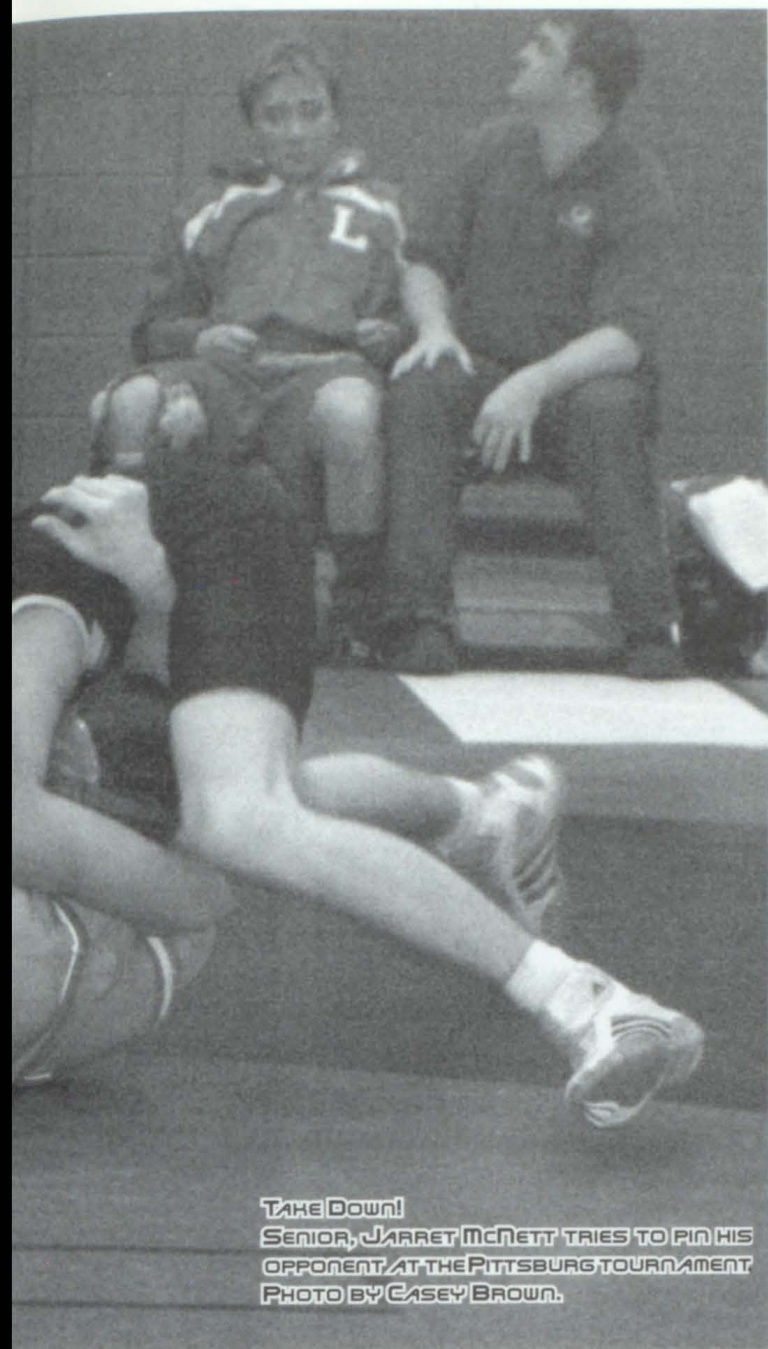
Front: Zach Billings, Tim Matthews, Justin Bessman, Curtis Russell; back: Coach Tim Matthews, Caleb Lucas, Jeff Morris, Jarret McNett, Coach Joe Eckhoff



GET 'EM DOWN!

Freshman, Curtis Russell struggles to turn his opponent over and pin him to the mat.

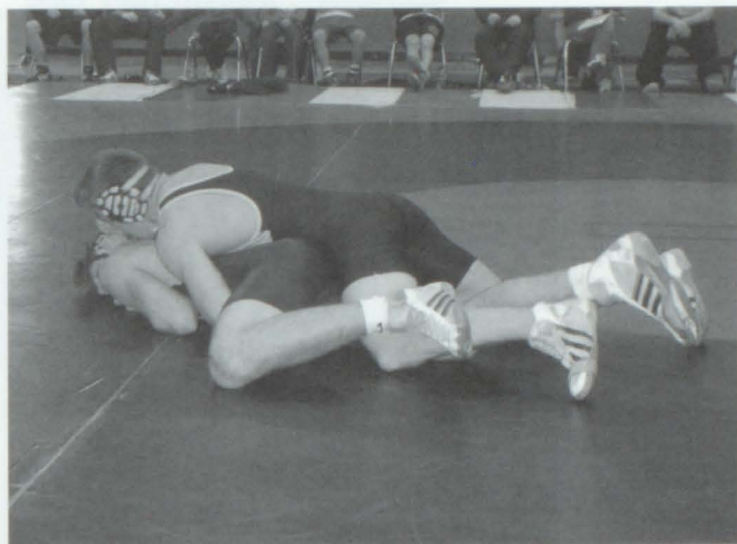




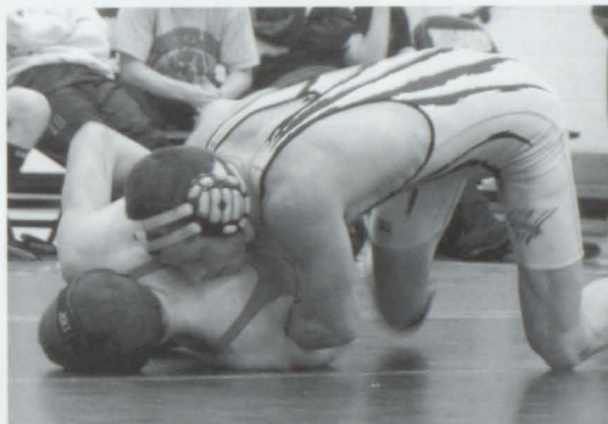
TAKE DOWN!
 SENIOR, JARRET MCNETT TRIES TO PIN HIS
 OPPONENT AT THE PITTSBURG TOURNAMENT
 PHOTO BY CASEY BROWN.



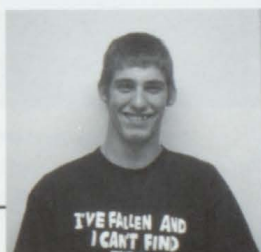
GET A GRIP!
 (left) Senior, Zach Billings clasps
 his hands together during a match
 to in order to gain control over
 his opponent. Photo by Whitney



HOLD 'EM!
 (below) Senior, Tim Matthews tries
 to recieve more points by holding
 his opponent down. Photo by
 Casey Brown.



TILT 'EM!
 Senior, Justin Bessman tries to tilt his opponet over and win the
 match. Photo by Casey Brown.



SWINGING FOR THE GREEN

Golfers still swinging for perfection.

By Jolene Topham

Most people may think that golf is a boring sport for old men, but many students here at Diamond High School know differently. The 12 golf members, under the direction of Coach Allan Woods, not only worked hard but also had a lot of fun while doing so.

The team practiced at two different locations. They went to Gary's Golf to use the driving range and putting greens. To get actual playing experience they had to drive to Sarcoxie to use their lovely golf course.

The golf team grew immensely. They went from

5 members last year, to 12 members this year. And while being a guy dominated team, they acquired two girls this past year.

SENIOR, JUSTIN MCLEES



"Golf was very relaxing and leaving school early for matches was a plus."

pretty intimidating because you were all by yourself with weird guys. But golf was still a lot of fun."

The team performed well in districts which was one of the things that all of the players and coach always hope for.

While the team took their competitions seriously, their biggest goal was just to win a few matches and work hard to improve for the coming year.

No matter the outcome of their matches the golf team always had fun while enjoying one of America's greatest past times.

COACH ALLEN WOODS



"This year I was pleased with not only the progress we've made from last year, but also the number of kids that participated on the golf team."





SWINGING FOR SUCCESS

Senior, Josh Beckett watches his ball soar to the fairway at Loma Linda hoping for a good score. Photos by Jolene Topham.



DRIVING AWAY!

(counter clockwise) Cody Palmer, Tim Enayati, and Jessica Webb all try to perfect their golf swings.



Front: Devin Greenwood, Tim Enayati, Colton Drake, John Fountain; second: Brandon Webb, Justin McClees, Graham Cox, Josh Beckett, Coach Allen Woods; third: Issac McClees, Cody Palmer, Charles Forest; back: Jessica Webb, Michelle Darr.



PICTURE TIME!

The Diamond golfers wait patiently for the photographer to call their name next.

WHAT YOU LEARN IN HIGH SCHOOL IS ONLY THE BASICS...

**"Teachers open the door. You enter
yourself."**

- Chinese Proverb

**"The three-legged stool of understanding
is held up by history, languages, and
mathematics. Equipped with these
three you can learn anything you want
to learn. But if you lack any one of
them you are just another ignorant
peasant with dung on your boots."**

- Robert Heinlein

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WHEN ONE THINKS of academics, words such as work, teachers, books, reading, and homework come to mind, but it's so much more than that. Academics are the basis of what is to come in the future. The things we learn, hear, see, and experience during our days at school just prepare us for what lies ahead, for the things in life we can't see yet, and for reaching the goals that we so desperately desire to achieve. Each subject that we study, lesson that we learn, and paper that we turn in, even though it may seem pointless at the time, has a purpose of its own and is one of the many things that prepares us for life. It prepares us for that life outside of the safe walls of the school, the life that we will lead for the rest of our lives.

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Putting It All To Use

by Jolene Topham

Most students think of language class as a time to read boring stories or grammar materials and do busy work over them. The four language teachers, Jill Campbell, Joe Eckhoff, Brent Jordan, and Karin Miller are trying to make language class more interesting by having students begin to apply what they have learned.

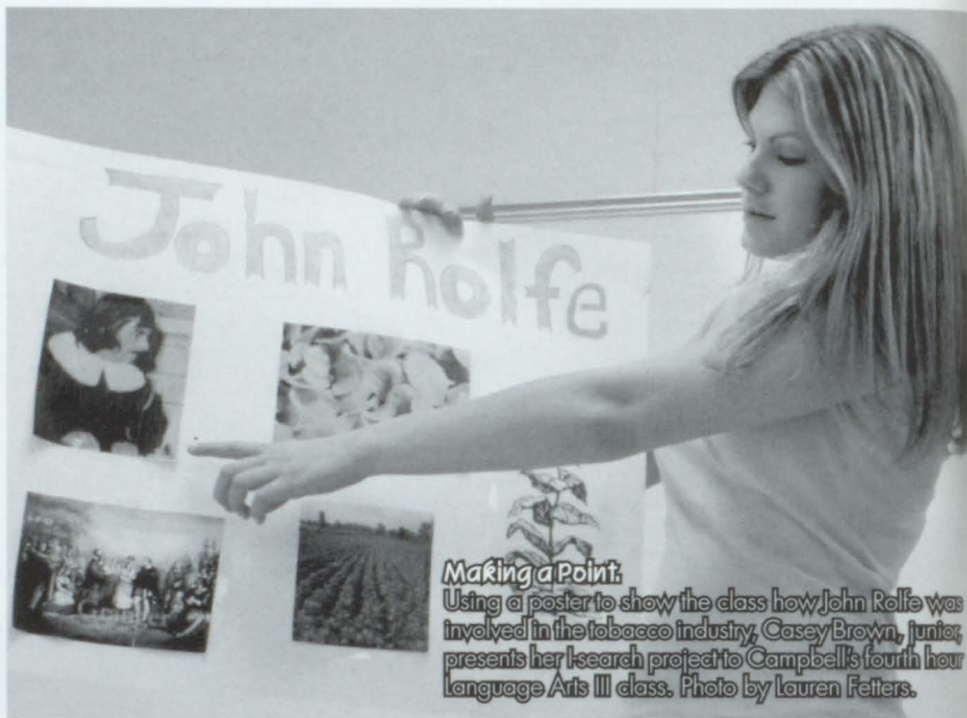
For instance, in Campbell's class students had to do I-search projects every quarter. They had to coincide with the time period they were studying in literature and had to cover a famous author, person, event, concept, or philosophy. These projects were no easy task. Each student had to write a five page paper, create a project, and then present them to

the class in a five minute presentation. Campbell had her students do that because it, "gives them the opportunity to see that history, literature, and music are all interconnected and show the change of society," she said.

Miller's Language Arts IV classes did research papers similar to ones that must be completed in college to help prepare students for the future. "I hope that my LA IV students will see that communicating clearly and effectively and thinking for themselves will be essential skills in their near futures in the 'real' world," stated Miller. Students may not have thought that language class was the most fun but it was a necessary part of their education that will be used for the rest of their lives.

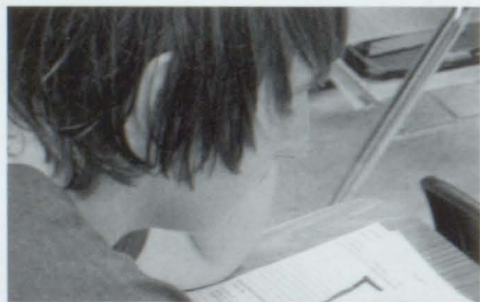
Clue Cube.

Brittany Busse, junior, presents her I-search project cube, to show her class some of the exciting events of John Smith's life, during Campbell's Language Arts III class. Busse comments, "The projects take a lot of time and work but you learn a lot." Photo by Lauren Feters.



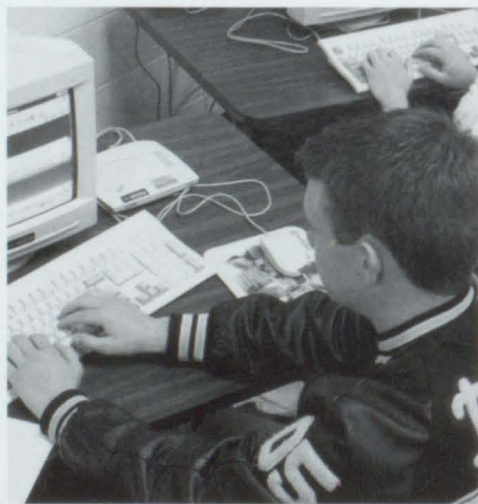
Making a Point.

Using a poster to show the class how John Rolfe was involved in the tobacco industry, Casey Brown, junior, presents her I-search project to Campbell's fourth hour Language Arts III class. Photo by Lauren Feters.



Working hard...

(above) Levi Ellison, freshman, appears to work in Mrs. Miller's Language Arts I class. Photo by Whitney Brushwood. (right) Josh Beckett, senior, concentrates on getting his English 101 paper finished by the end of fourth hour. Photo by Jolene Topham.



...Or hardly working?

Completely absorbed in her book on reading day in Miller's Language Arts I class, Jessica Pettinger, freshman, explores another world in her book. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.

Pillow Talk.

(below) Zach Billings, senior, gets comfortable for grueling work in Spanish II. Photo by Whitney Brushwood. (right) Sarah Hoffman, senior, writes a response to her pen pal in Ecuador. Photo by Jolene Topham.



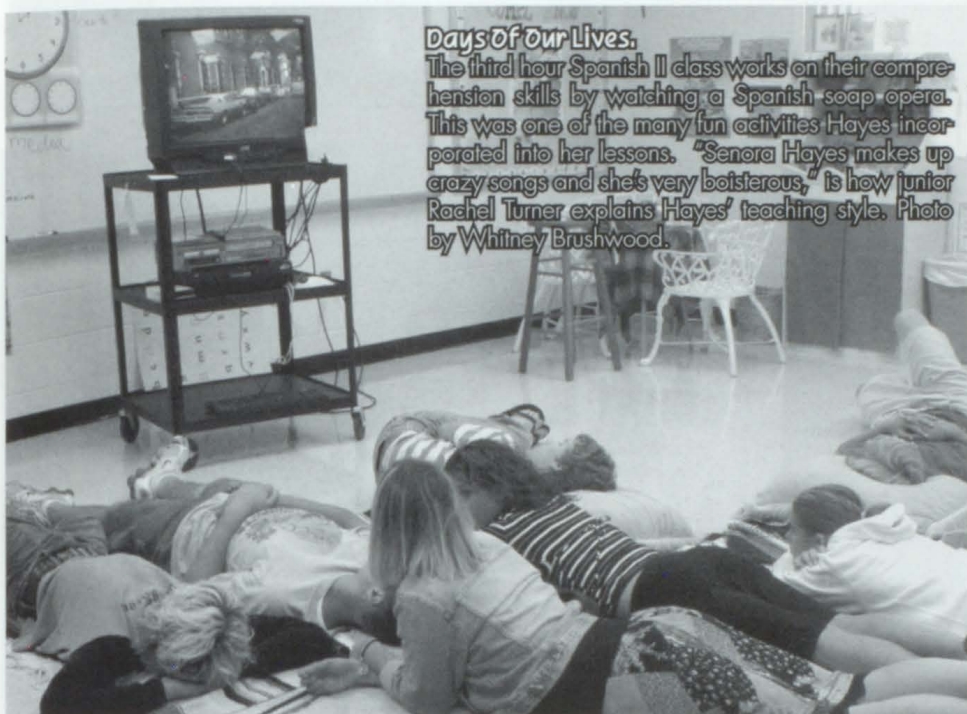
Día de Los Muertos.

Colton Griffin, sophomore, works on his project for the Day of the Dead celebration in which the Spanish classes participated. Photo by Zach Billings.



Days Of Our Lives.

The third hour Spanish II class works on their comprehension skills by watching a Spanish soap opera. This was one of the many fun activities Hayes incorporated into her lessons. "Senora Hayes makes up crazy songs and she's very boisterous," is how junior Rachel Turner explains Hayes' teaching style. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.



No, No, Clasel

Senora Hayes kindly, yet firmly informs a student of their error during verb conjugation practice. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.

Muy Divertido!

by Jolene Topham

The word is out on how engaging and fun Senora Karen Hayes' Spanish classes are. The demand for her classes has caused the school to add another hour of class to the schedule. This high demand is most likely due to the way Hayes turned learning a new language into a new exciting adventure for each student.

This year students learned their numbers by playing BINGO in Spanish. They also immersed themselves in the language by watching Spanish soap operas. By cooking a traditional dessert, they got a taste of Mexican tradition. The Spanish II class learned about Mexican culture when they took a trip to Tulsa to watch a ballet based on Mexican

folklore. Communication skills were also improved by corresponding with pen pals in Ecuador.

Hayes made sure students not only learned new words and phrases and how to use them but also helped them understand where those words and phrases came from. She also taught about the people that spoke the language and how, even though they talked differently, they still had lives similar to her students. "As in most language classes, we learn about other cultures while we learn their language. Culture often affects a language and can change a language. Culture is what makes a people; language is only a way to express it," stated Hayes on her teaching approach.

From the Beginning

By Brittney Stevens and Kyle Jones

History and Psychology are a very important part of our country. From learning about the 43 Presidents in Ben Withers American History class, to concentrating on the basic regions of the brain in Brian Brimacombe's Psychology class, students learn that history is what makes them what they are today. Mr. Allen Woods, Mr. Brimacombe, and Mr. Withers, history teachers, all encourage students to know and understand how their country and their world has been developed and is still developing.

In Brimacombe's Psychology class, he sought to motivate students. One of the projects he

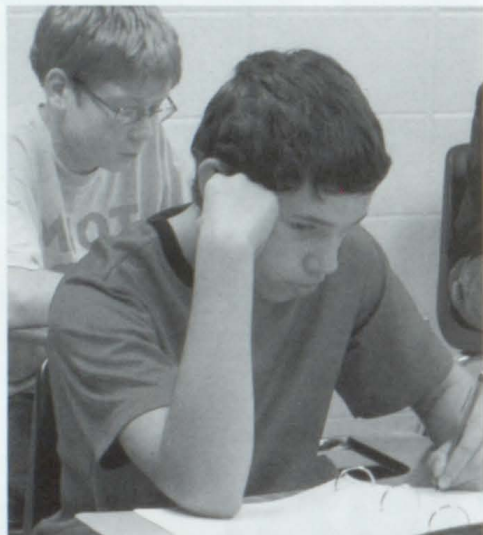
assigned were making commercials to show the human needs. The students also had to write an abstract, relating events in the world to psychology, each quarter to help them better understand psychology in the world.

Jacob Nelson, sophomore, took a liking to Withers and said, "Withers is a serious teacher, but he also has a good sense of humor, which makes learning more fun."

Woods had his World History class teach each other lessons about the Romans. "This was a good way to beat the topic into us; we seemed to pay more attention," said Jerry Stewart, junior.

Ugh, More Notes!

Chris Gomez, freshman, takes notes from the current chapter in Mr. Brimacombe's American History class. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.



You See Here...

Patrick Beckett, senior, explains to Anthony Shipman, a fellow senior, how monkeys communicate to each other with sign language. Patrick studied this subject in his online Psychology class. "I thought the language development section was very interesting. The language of apes and their grasp of sign language was fascinating," said Beckett.



Concentrating Hard.

(above) Zach Billings, senior, works hard on finishing up a test in Sociology. Photo by Lauren Feters. (right) Bryce Dailey, sophomore, and the rest of his World History class learn about Greek Gods. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.

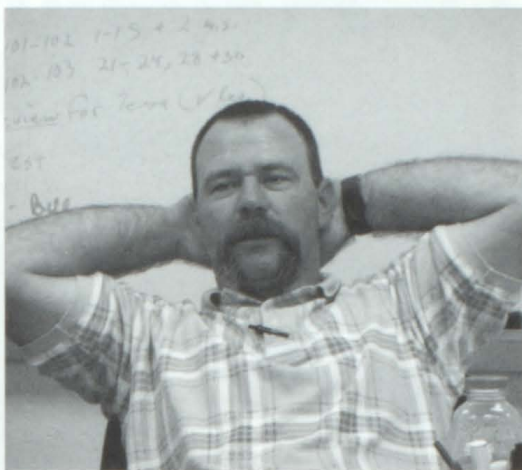


Getting Extra Help.

Courtney Payton, senior, gets some extra help Psychology from Mr. Woods. Photo by Lauren Feters.

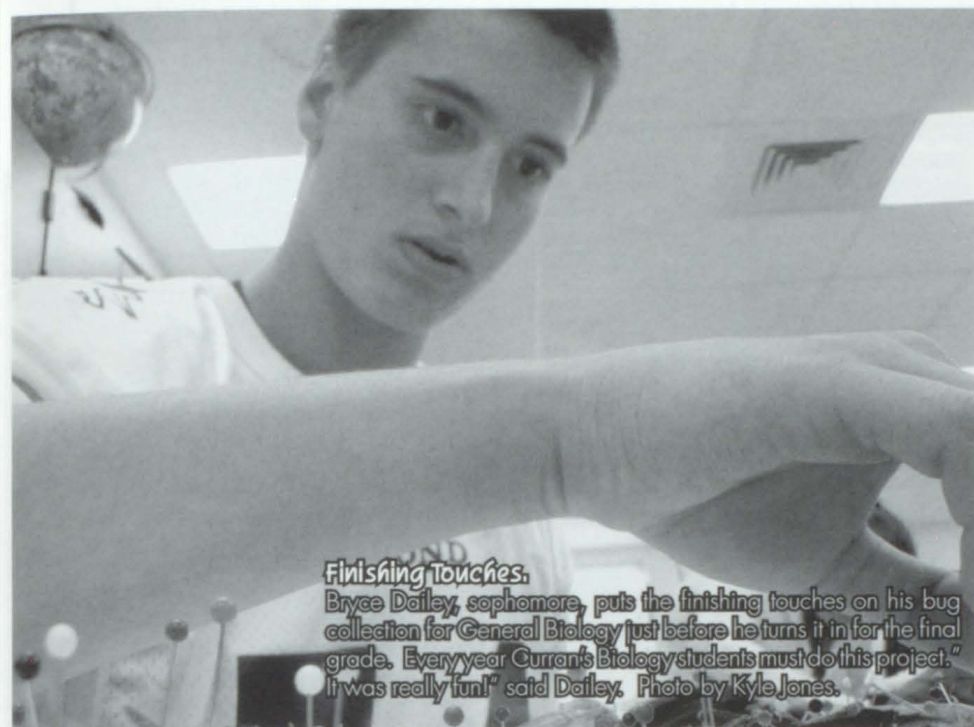
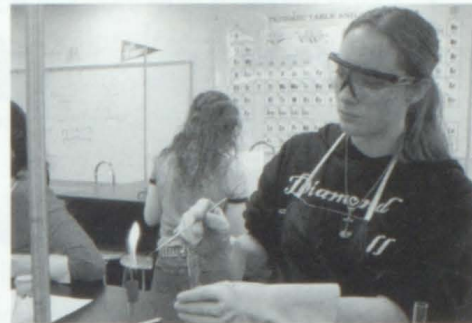
Up In Flames!

Selly Vang, junior, looks through a fire plate at a inoculation loop coated in a chemical, then lit on fire in Mrs. Kirk's Chemistry class. The fire plate shows the chemical in an array of colors. Photo by Kyle Bridges



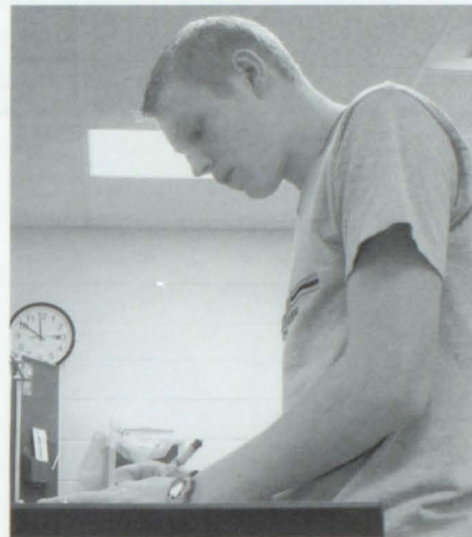
Taking It Easy And Burning Up!

(left) Mr. Curran sits back as his Advanced Biology class is hard at work on their leaf projects. Photo by Kyle Jones. (below) Amanda McKee, junior, tests chemicals on a burner in her chemistry class. Photo by Kyle Bridges.



Finishing Touches.

Bryce Dailey, sophomore, puts the finishing touches on his bug collection for General Biology just before he turns it in for the final grade. Every year Curran's Biology students must do this project. "It was really fun!" said Dailey. Photo by Kyle Jones.



Just Another Lab Rat.

Kevin Harrall, sophomore, finishes up on a lab sheet for General Biology. "If you want to pass Curran's class you have to do good on all of your daily assignments," said Harrall. Photo by Kyle Jones

Pinning The Grade

By Brittney Stevens and Kyle Jones

You hear a crunching sound of a dead bug as a pin slides through it's thorax. The pin pokes smoothly into the styrofoam board of your bug project, and you breathe a sigh of relief.

The students in General Biology started off with a bug collection. Many people were not happy with it, but others thought the bug collection would be fun and challenging. When Curran was asked what the purpose of the insect collection was, he replied, "The study of insects allows students to learn various aspects of Biology including binomial, nomenclature and ecological."

The students in General Biology have also dissected a variety of different species including worms, clams, sea cucumbers, starfish, and squid throughout the year. Curran also continued the tradition of going on the hike at Roaring River.

Janet Kirk's science classes consisted of Integrate Science, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, and Physics. She hoped to send her students off to college ready to pass their College Chemistry class with ease. Mrs. Kirk said, "The big event for the year would of had to of been the Science Fair. It was good to have it in our new conference."

Take It And Use It

by Tia Finley

Whether students think they will use math in the future or not, they still have to attend the classes during high school. And it's the job of Julia Price-Allison and Jerry Albin to try to get students to understand the many aspects of math.

When it seemed like there were too many things to memorize and it took almost an hour just to complete one problem, there was always a teacher to help. Price-Allison almost always came to school early and often stayed late so that students could ask questions about their assignments or if they needed to retake a test

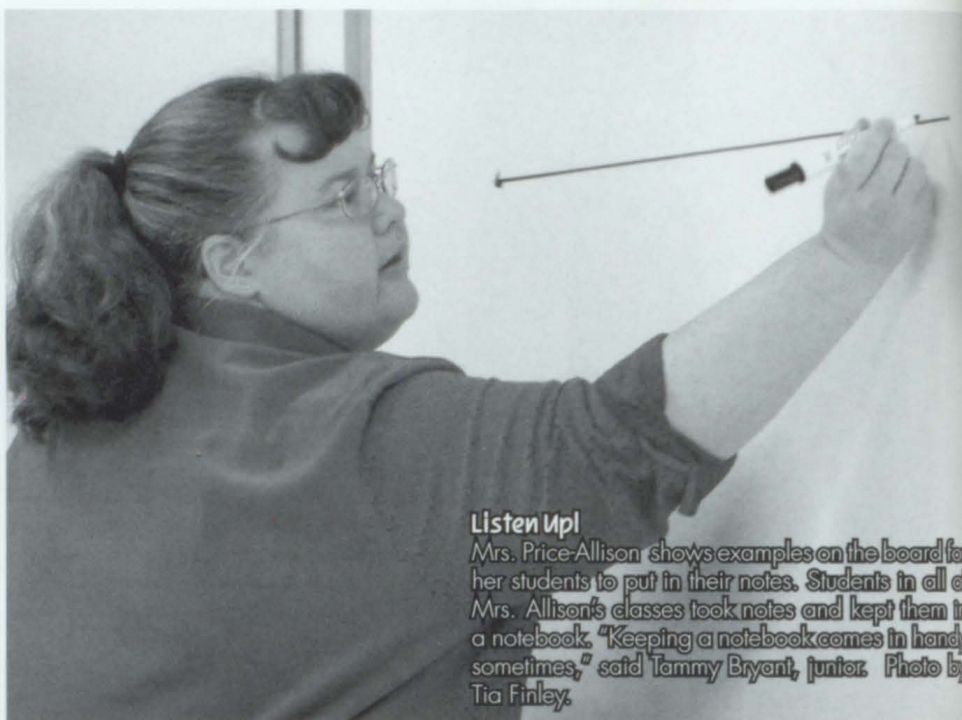
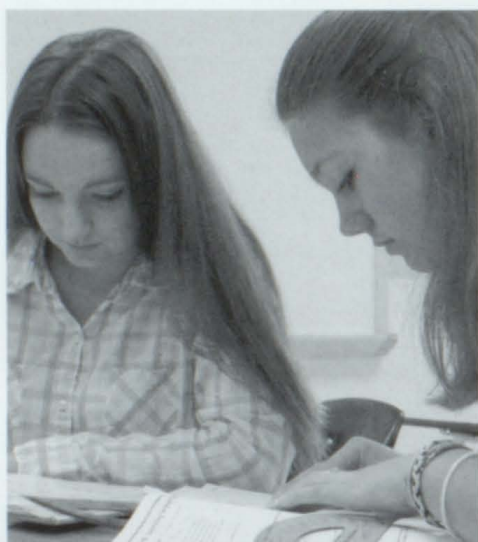
to improve their grade.

Most students thought that math was useless and that some of it couldn't be used later on in the future, but Price-Allison and Albin disagreed. "It's their decision whether to take math or not, but if you go to college, it's better to take math from me rather than get there and hear it for the first time," said Allison.

Math was hardly ever fun, it seemed like to some, but Allison and Albin tried their hardest to make it fun and made sure that the students understood all of those detailed and time consuming problems.

Teaming Up.

Amanda Brashear and Casey Welch, sophomores, work as a team to finish their example questions. Photo by Tia Finley.



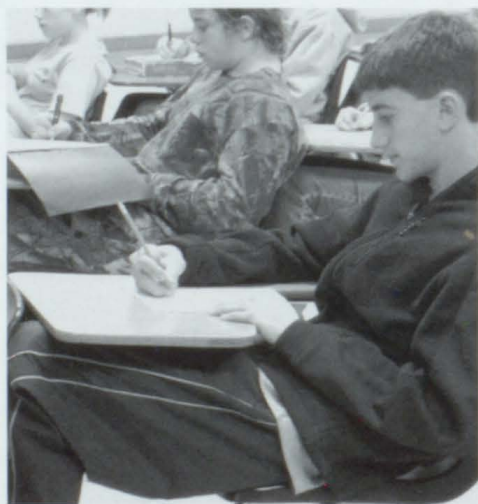
Listen Up!

Mrs. Price-Allison shows examples on the board for her students to put in their notes. Students in all of Mrs. Allison's classes took notes and kept them in a notebook. "Keeping a notebook comes in handy sometimes," said Tammy Bryant, junior. Photo by Tia Finley.



What Do I Do Next?

(above) Kacee Baldwin, sophomore, figures out the next step to finding the answer while working on a few examples. Photo by Tia Finley. (right) Lauri Kuri, freshman, writes down a few more notes before starting his assignment. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.



Plus or Minus?

Lindsey Patterson, freshman, works on a problem during a lesson on inequalities. Photo by Tia Finley.

Lil Help?

Miller works with Nalee Thao, senior, to improve her scratch board project. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.



This Is What I See.

(left) Nate Jones and Kelton Leedy, juniors, work on shading their drawings. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.

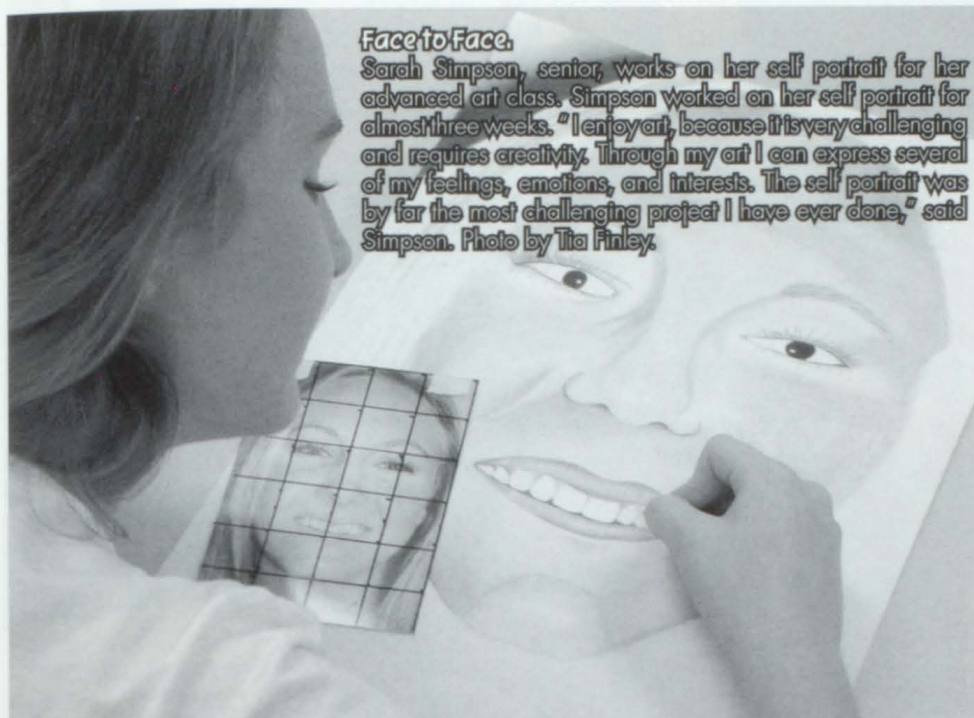
On Display.

(below) Miller hangs his student's art in the hallway for viewing. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.



Face to Face.

Sarah Simpson, senior, works on her self portrait for her advanced art class. Simpson worked on her self portrait for almost three weeks. "I enjoy art, because it is very challenging and requires creativity. Through my art I can express several of my feelings, emotions, and interests. The self portrait was by far the most challenging project I have ever done," said Simpson. Photo by Tia Finley.



In the Dark.

Casey Brown, junior, draws her silhouette before cutting it out during Art I. Photo by Tia Finley

Show Your Face

by Tia Finley

What is art? It is anything and everything imaginable. It is a way to pass the time. It is something to get improve and succeed at. It is "an outlet" as art teacher Dustin Miller says. Art is a way to show true emotions and it doesn't matter if it's good or not.

For those who wanted to get better at art, Miller was able help them out. He tried to teach students to draw what they saw in front of them rather than drawing what they thought. That was good because it gave the brain a little time off from the usual homework.

Each art project took anywhere from a few

days, to a few weeks if the project had a lot of details. Advanced art students usually got to create their own art instead of being assigned a project. "Art is something you do just to have fun and to be creative. You can think of a bunch of ideas and put them all together," said advanced art student Josh Gill.

Several works of art by various students were entered into art contests and also took one or two field trips throughout the year. The art II and advanced art students went to an art museum in Tulsa, OK. Simply put, art was just a way to be creative, feelings or no feelings.

Working Hard

by Lauren Feters

It's always good to have that class, the one that helps the day go faster, that class where you can just relax and take out all your frustrations. Weights and PE is that class for most students...

"Weights is a good class, and it's a good opportunity to build strength," said Bryce Dailey, sophomore.

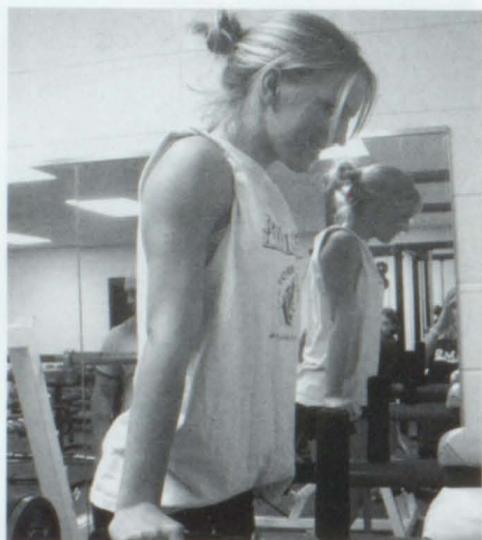
Kevin Ortega, sophomore, enjoyed weights because, "I like to get bigger in the weight room. Hopefully, it will help me in all my sports, and keep me healthy and

hot for all the ladies," he said. The weight classes had a new workout schedule every two weeks, and played elimination on Fridays. Lifetime sports classes were allowed to play any activity chosen for the day.

In a different perspective, some students suffered through weights and PE. As Mike Turner, freshman, referred to the daily five minute jog, he said, "We run way too much in Coach Wood's PE class!" Also Senior, Tosha Loyd, declared, "The hot, sweaty guys (in weights) don't really make me happy..."

Grrrrr...

Megan Frazier, junior, struggles to complete her set of dips in the fifth hour weights class. Photo by Lauren Feters.



Lifting Hard

Jeff Morris, junior, pumps iron in the weight room. Jeff keeps his arms toned for all his sports. "Weights class helps me look sexy," says Morris. Photo by Brittney Stevens.



Push!

(above) Daniel Callus, sophomore, does his daily pushups in lifetime sports. Photo by Lauren Feters.

Staying Fit

(right) Genaro Rangel, sophomore, works his triceps in first hour weights with Coach Brad Hocker. Photo by Lauren Feters.



Let's Play Ball!

Whitney Brushwood, senior, plays volleyball lifetime sports. Photo by Randy Callis.



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Breaking Out...

The 2005 graduating class had memories to last. They graduated with a whopping 55 students. "Our class is so small, so we are all pretty close and know each other really well," said Trent Jones, a graduate of the 2005 class.

On graduation day many smiles, insights to life after high school, and encouraging words from classmates, teachers, and family could be found. Normal routines were over and it was time to do what the graduates had been thinking about all year.

Kristen Hicks, valedictorian, spoke on the many years she had attended the school and how well her class knew each other. She also mentioned those who had helped her through the years and how important her faith was in getting her through the school years. Salutatorian,

Lendi Stirewalt, touched on who encouraged her and allowed her to accomplish all that she had. She also encouraged her fellow classmates to do their best and look forward to the lives they have ahead of them.

The speeches were followed by a slide show that displayed many memorable pictures that brought smiles to everyone's faces and even a few tears to their eyes.

At last, the time came that each student was looking forward to, their name was called, they received their diploma, shook some hands, and watched as those they had spent so many years with took that same walk across the stage. As the Class of 2005 was introduced, the graduates threw their hats and knew that they're new path on they're journey of life had just begun.

Almost time!

David Haddock waits patiently to take the first of his last steps to his senior year.



Listening Skills...

(left) The Senior Class of 2005 attentively at Graduation. They were ready to throw their hats and break down the double doors. by Brittany Busse.

All in A Row

(below) John Barnett, Josh Barnett, Patrick Beckett, Justin Bessman, Zach Billings stand in the library waiting to be instructed before graduation. Photo by Brittney Stevens.



Gotta get this right

(left) Kyle Bridges, Justin McLees, and Jarrett McLees listen to Mrs. Donna Dorsey for instructions. by Brittney Stevens.



Final Words

(left) Valedictorian, Kristen Hicks, speaks to her classmates as a group for the last time, giving them advice and guidance on their journey ahead. (above) Salutatorian, Lendi Stirewalt, gives her speech reminding her class of the good time and the bad, and all of those that lie ahead. Photos by Brittany Busse.



BEING PART OF A GROUP MEANS YOU HAVE TO DO YOUR PART.

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual."

- Vince Lombardi

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision.

The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

- Andrew Carnegie

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PUTTING IT TOGETHER
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T O BE A PART OF A CLUB is to be part of something bigger than yourself and being a better person for it. Members of a club are those people that are willing to devote their time and effort for the betterment of others or just to better themselves.

There are many different kinds of clubs that serve different purposes. Some are devoted entirely to cooking, special events, learning, or just helping others. In a way, clubs are like sports teams. In order to be part of a club, you must do your part and try to reach a goal, not only for yourself but for the group as well. Cohesiveness, camaraderie, togetherness, and having a good worth ethic are

just a few of the traits that a club must obtain in order to be successful and achieve their goals.

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Michelle Nickolaisen
Sophomore

"A guy buzzed in and answered Britney Spears then started to sing 'Toxic'."

There is a saying that knowledge is power and the Academic Quiz Team proves that statement to be true.

The Academic Quiz Team met every Wednesday morning for practice and usually had at least two meets a month. The team also attended conferences that were held by area schools. Diamond placed third in the Pierce City conference and first in the Golden City conference. Participants were quizzed on every crazy fact that could be thought of about trigonometry, chemistry, literature, grammar, and mythology.

Besides crazy questions, the team also had to endure crazy memories. Their most memorable and most funny memories were those from the trip back from their first confer-

ence. The van ran out of gas not long after the team put 75 cents worth in its tank and died just before reaching the Diamond city limit. They coasted a little bit more before the team decided to get out and push the van. They gave up after 200 feet of very strenuous pushing. They managed to get the van to restart and were able to half drive and half coast to Barb's for more gas.

There will never be a time when the questions and memories end. Even after this generation moves on in the world the quiz team will remain, with it's new members answering maybe even crazier questions; however, they might have just a little bit of trouble making crazier memories.

Academic Quiz Team

Stupid Van!

(below) The team stops to take a group picture with the Diamond city limit sign after the van ran out of gas on their way home.

Remember to...

(right) Julia Price-Allison and Janet Kirk give the team some last minute advice before starting the match. Photo by Alicia Bradley.



Shane Gallagher
Sophomore

"For every weird question there is, the answer will be 42 or fluffy muffins."



Casey Patterson
Junior

"AQT was cool. The people in it don't suck."



This isn't hard.

(left) Anthony Shipman, senior, studies some notes before the next round begins. Photo by Alicia Bradley.

The answer is...

(above) The team works on the answer to a problem in a meet. Photo by Alicia Bradley.

Stick It On!

(left) Seniors, Kyle Bridges and Kristen Hicks, wallpaper a wall to give the kids a country theme in one of the rooms at Children's Haven. Photo by Jill Campbell.

Ya Mon!

(below) Senior, Susan Johnson, sticks yet another dreadlock with a blood donor's name on it to the smiley face in the gym. Photo by Tia Finley.



**NHS President
Kristen Hicks
Senior**

"This year was challenging at first, but we pulled it off and actually got a lot of service projects done."



**Whitney Brushwood
Senior**

"I like being a part of NHS. I feel like I'm giving something back to the community."



Watch the tree!

(right) Seniors Kristen Hicks and Brandon Webb work on decorating around a tree on a wall at Children's Haven. Photo by Jill Campbell.

It's right over there.

Lendi Stirewalt gives directions on where to go next during the spring blood drive. Photo by Tia Finley.

National Honor Society

Every year each club goes through certain changes. Growing, coming up with new ideas and projects, or redoing the whole design of that club. This year National Honor Society's change was the coming of their new sponsor, Language Arts and Speech teacher, Jill Campbell.

Since Campbell didn't know what her expectations were, she just took things one day at a time. "My expectations this year were unclear because I didn't have complete info on last year," said Campbell, "my expectations will be higher next year because I know what to do and when to do it. That will be very helpful."

Last year NHS consisted of nine seniors who "did very well this last year at providing ser-

vices to their community," said Campbell. NHS painted and decorated a room at Children's Haven in Joplin. "We had stuff donated and did the room in one day," said Sarah Simpson, "We brought a little bit of Diamond to Joplin with the cowboy patriotic theme." After they helped out with the fall blood drive that was sponsored by STUCO, NHS started to plan the spring blood drive held in March. With a blood drive in the spring more juniors were able to give blood. Also, in April, NHS sponsored a children's toys, games, and books drive to donate to area children's facilities.

Next year there will an addition of eight students who were inducted into NHS. "It will be interesting next year with the new crew," said Susan Johnson.



**Amanda McKee
Junior**

"After seeing what NHS has done this year, it makes me really excited about what we can achieve next year."

What was the most memorable part of band this year?



"I really liked playing cards at band contests."
Senior, Graham Cox



"State contest."
Senior, Lendi Stirewalt



"Yeah, uh, definately the Maple Leaf Parade."
Senior, Davy Spry

By Kyle Bridges

Every day throughout the halls of Diamond High School the sound of drums, horns, whistles, flutes, bellows, and gongs can be heard. Its a sign that yet another day has begun in the quest for perfection among the talented souls of the DHS band. The culmination of years of practice and the passion for music and the performing arts come together to make a sweet sounding group. Not only does the band come together and make beautiful music but there are other parts of the class and the activities there-in that get the students

and outsiders excited.

There are parades where the students can show the community what they have been practicing and have fun showing off those dazzling band uniforms. There are other times when the students attend band contests where they can show off their skills in front of judges and receive awards for their hard work. This is also a favorite time for students because it is a time of camaraderie and also a little relaxation. The DHS band covered a lot of ground, even if it was by marching!

If we just band together...

Game night!

(below) The DHS band keeps the spirit alive while entertaining the crowd at a football game. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.



Burnin' it up!

(right) The band starts one of its first marching activities when they fire up a song for the bonfire. Photo by Lauren Felters.



Hear that beat?

(left) Junior, Luke Hockman, walks with his fellow band members while they march outside. Photo by Kyle Bridges.

Practice makes...

(above) The DHS band members practice as a whole to perfect their music. Photo by Kyle Bridges.



Get Serious

The choir concentrates and practices on singing beautifully for another great performance. Photo by Kyle Bridges.

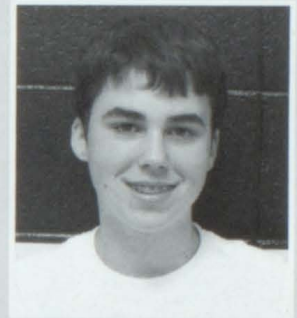
What was the biggest lesson you learned this year in choir?



"Give everything a chance." Freshman, Kayla Webb

Patriotic voices.

The choir honors past military men at the Veterans Day assembly. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.



"Respect Teachers." Freshman, Tanner Seward

We're singing up a storm!

By Kyle Bridges

The 2004-2005 DHS choir is not only singing songs and learning notes but they are also learning life lessons. Lessons about respect and discipline that will be crucial later on in life. Tanner Seward is learning early that it pays to respect your boss or authority figure. The relationship between the students and the teacher is much more pleasant when the students are willing to cooperate and happily go along with the game plan.

The choir is teaching young people to try new things and be adventurous, instead of being lazy and staying in

their comfort zones. Life is much more exciting when one takes risks and explores new possibilities. One can't understand these things unless he/she makes the effort. The choir students are taking a step outside of their comfortable box and performing in front of many people. That in itself is a tremendous achievement and builds the hearts, the minds, and the characters of these young students.

Hopefully the program stays around for a while so more generations of students can enjoy the great learning experience.



"Not everything is as bad as you first think." Freshman, Jennifer Beuning



Courtney Payton
Senior

"FTA gives us a chance to learn firsthand what teaching is like and gives students a sense of responsibility."

by Jolene Topham

Herding excited rambunctious kids into small rooms and small desks, to some this may sound like a nightmare, but to those in Future Teachers of America it is their dream. Janet Kirk, sponsor of the FTA, says, "FTA is to prepare students to become teachers in the future."

Even though they were a small group they were very involved. They sponsored American Education week, where the high school got to have dress up days such as, favorite college attire, funky socks, and future career attire day. They also had the annual quiz bowl between the classes and the staff, where the staff

enjoyed a shifty win.

FTA members also stayed busy by job shadowing various teachers and, cadet teaching. Cadet teaching was done for high school credit. To get credit, members had to assist a teacher in their classroom and teach occasional lessons. They kept a journal of their experiences and were evaluated for a grade by that teacher.

All around FTA is a wonderful program to help students get a head start on their future. Not only do those involved help themselves, they are great assets to the teachers and students they work with.

Future Teachers of America



Amanda Brashear
Sophomore

"I love being in FTA because its an awesome experience working with and helping children."

Finding Fun.

Crystal Foersch, freshman, enjoys a fun word find with new friends made in the elementary. Photo by Jolene Topham.



Deck the halle!

Senior, Courtney Payton helps the elementary teachers out by hanging the students Christmas art projects in the hall. Photo by Kelsey Henson.



Crystal Foersch
Freshman

"Being in FTA is the best. It teaches me how to reach my goal of being a teacher. This is a very extraordinary opportunity for me."



Getting it all together.

Casey Welch, sophomore member of FTA, helps organize an elementary class' latest art project. Photo by Courtney Payton.



Front: Benny Taylor; back: Kelsey Henson, Crystal Foersch, Amanda Brashear, Casey Welch, Courtney Payton.



"Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a new club we are using to bring Christ into our school. Its a great tool for showing Christ and bringing together Christians throughout the area," is how senior Aaron Garbet, co-president along with Jolene Topham, of the FCA describe this welcome new addition to Diamond High School. It was started up by Jerry Skinner, Jerry Albin and three seniors, Aaron Garbet, Kristen Hicks, and Jolene Topham. FCA had meetings the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. They played games and had devotions in each meeting. Hopefully FCA will continue to grow and stay strong, so it can be a positive force in the student life at Diamond High School.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes



Future Business Leaders of America

by Jolene Topham

The Future Business Leaders of America is designed to help high school students make a successful school-to-career transition by promoting character, leadership, good citizenship, and financial management skills. Between meetings once a month and business competitions like the District Leadership Conference and the State Leadership Conference the DHS FBIA kept themselves very busy this year.

Donna Dorsey, co-sponsor with Preston Wright, commented that, "the members this year are excited about FBIA and that it itself makes sponsoring an organization more enjoyable." FBIA raised money by doing Data Match, a computer matching service that used questionnaires to match up compatible people in the high school. Not only did it raise money but it was very enjoyable for the whole student body.

Most students not involved may think FBIA didn't do much, but they do. They were one of the busiest clubs. They worked hard and studied hard for all of their competitions, and created some good fun with Data Match for the entire school, all while having fun themselves and preparing for the future.



Front: Cara Shaffer, Nicki Dame, Brittany Busse, Thia Wiggins; second: Preston Wright, Kyle Bridges, Tammy Bryant, Donna Dorsey. Not pictured Maggie Bowman, Taunie Brewer, and Benny Taylor.



"Ag class is very ag related."

~Nate Jones
Junior

by Zach Billings

FFA classes make hard work show physical results and allow students to have tons of fun as well. These classes are also a wonderful way to save money.

In Agricultural Construction, students spent the year working on projects involving steel, where they were allowed to master their welding skills. In the process students were required to buy their own materials. This is where saving money was involved.

Building something is often quite a bit cheaper than buying something already put together. For example, senior, Kyle Bridges spent approximately \$2000 constructing his hydraulic, dump trailer. "It would have been at least twice that much or more if you went

to buy it in the real world," Kyle claimed. As Kyle worked on his project, he could see the wonderful results of his hard labor.

Also, each year Diamond FFA offers a trip to Kansas City for those who are students of agricultural classes. Also, many students attended the annual school-wide Barnwarming dance which was a big hit. "Barnwarming was really fun this year. Being able to shove a hand full of whipped creme in to Mrs. Epperly's face both satisfied and quenched the thirst in my soul," claimed senior, Aaron Garbet.

Future Farmers of America



"Greenhouse has taught me a lot about plants and life."

~Jeff Morris
Junior

This little light of mine.

Kyle Bridges adds a spark to the hydraulic trailer he built as a project in Ag Construction class. Photos by Zach Billings.



A little push.

Justin Bessman bends a piece of pipe with the hydraulic pipe bender.



"FFA is a very involving organization."

~Susan Johnson
Senior



Eagle Eyes.

(left) Josh Beckett stares towards his fellow shop-workers while wearing his shoulder chaps to protect him from flying sparks.

Fire it up.

(above) Kyle Lowry touches up a cow-feeder while "practicing shop safety."

What to write?

(left) Andrea Chaney completes a story during journalism class. Photos by Zach Billings.

Hard at work.

(below) Journalism editor, Lendi Stirewalt, concentrates as she types a story.



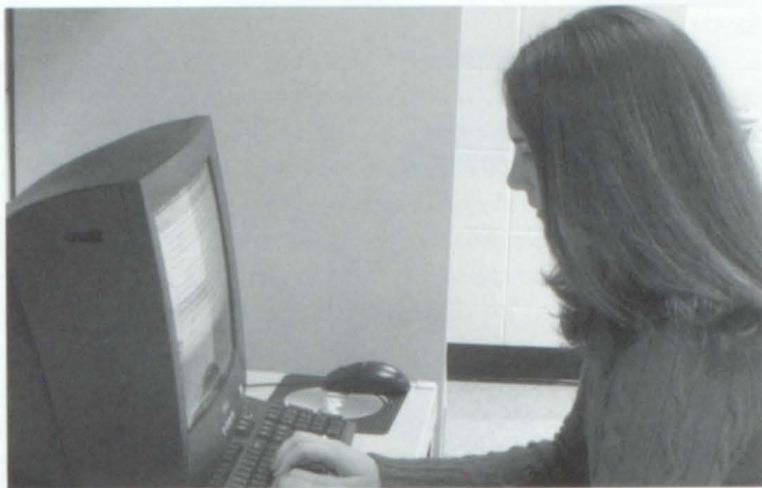
"Journalism is interesting because there are five people in there."

~Thia Wiggins
Sophomore



"Journalism rocks! It helps me understand the value of the written word."

~Andrea Chaney
Senior



Words of wisdom.

Trying to meet the deadline, Zach Towers lays down some lines for a story.



The Prowl

by Zach Billings

With the numbers being low on the newspaper staff, getting things up and running can be difficult.

That was the situation for The Prowl during the 2004-2005 school year when their numbers shrank to five, but they finished the year strong. "We had 14 students in the first semester and deadlines were never met, second semester we had five and the deadlines were met. Lendi Stirewalt, did a great job with the layouts," said Journalism instructor, Joe Eckhoff.

The first paper of the year was published during the month of March and by that time had many hours of hard work behind it. When asked about her experience as year-

book editor, Lendi Stirewalt replied, "During the second semester we had to work extra hard to get the stories written with only five people. Being the editor, I had to proof read all the stories and make corrections, and after that was done I also had to do layout. It was difficult for one person to do four pages of a layout and still get the paper out on time. The staff was great to work with and a big part of the second semester was spent preparing the members for the upcoming year when they will have to do it all themselves." With all of the hard work the staff stayed on track and completed tasks throughout the year.



"It's a fun class to be in, I really enjoy writing."

~Zach Towers
Junior

Marie Judd, Sponsor



"The Student Council has made some major purchases this year & have done community service projects."

by Nicki Dame

Student Council is a huge part of the high school experience. Mrs. Bobbi Sweet said "The student council gives a voice to the student body."

StuCo organized a lot of activities this past year. Such as, the blood drive and the canned food drive. At the blood drive people from all over the community came to donate. As did the student body and faculty from all three schools. After collecting hundreds of food items StuCo delivered the food to an area food bank to be distributed during the holidays to those families in need.

StuCo also helped honor our veterans at the annual Veterans day assembly that they hosted. "It's nice that our school does something to honor our local veterans," said senior Justin

McLees.

Stuco also helps out the student body. With money raised mainly from the snack machines in the commons area They helped other clubs get started such as, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and National Honor Society (NHS). Each club received 250 dollars, which was the limit set on donations by StuCo, to help get their own fund raising going.

Stuco also recognized a faculty or staff member each month for their outstanding contributions to the school and students. The winner each month received a certificate and two free meals at Golden Corral.

Student Council is not only a big part of our school it is also a big part of our community.

Helpin' Out!

All Smiles

(below) Amanda McKee gives blood at the October blood drive. This particular was the first of two blood drives this year. Photo by Lauren Felters.



Jolene Topham gives blood at the October blood drive. Photo By: Nicki Dame



Goofin Off!

(right) Jeff Morris junior dressed up as a drop of blood at the annual blood drive held by the Student Council. Photo By: Nicki Dame



Bobbi Sweet, Sponsor



"StuCo was able to get the school a sign board, plotter printer and various community projects."



Come on!

(left) Micheal Lane, sophomore, hands out snacks at the blood drive. The theme was Drain the Vein.



Getting Ready

(above) Junior Rachel Turner puts lights on the backdrop for Football Homecoming. The theme was a night in Paris. Photo By: Nicki Dame





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Lauren Fotters

~Girl Rep

Jeff Morris

~Boy Rep

SOPHOMORES

Clint Myers

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Jake Edge

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Alicia Bradley

~Girl Rep

Michael Lane

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FRESHMEN

Kelsey Hanson

~President

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~Girl Rep

Ben Taylor

~Boy Rep

"We tried to involve the student body as a whole instead of just athletes and scholars. I think we were somewhat successful with that."

-Anthony Shipman, President

"Stuco had a very productive year. We held several community projects and purchased several expensive items such as a sign and a plotter printer."

-Sarah Simpson, Vice President

"Stuco has been a great experience. We accomplish so much, not only for our student body but also for our community and we have fun doing it."

-Jolene Topham, Treasurer

"We've greatly improved from past years. We financially supported several groups, but we still need to continue our efforts."

-Amanda McKee, Secretary



Joe Eckhoff, Advisor



"It's been an interesting year. I think we finally realized we can't meet deadlines in three days. Our editors did an excellent job, and the staff really took charge."

By Lauren Feters

Publications: n. Yearbook; pub; free hour until 3 days before deadline. That's the definition of the 2004-2005 first hour publications crew. The 11 person staff created the whole schools' yearbook activity-by-activity throughout the entire school year. To create the yearbook many things had to first happen. The publications crew sold ads all summer to raise money for colored pages and to get support from the community. Then, the editors laid out the page designs and assigned pages to the staff. Then, it was up to the staff members to take and place pictures and to write the stories. That was kind of a scary thing when almost all nine members were first year staff. "At the beginning of the year, we all knew this (publications class) would be very

time consuming. At times Kristen and Whitney would get annoyed at our stupidity, but they really showed us how things are supposed to get finished," said Junior Photo Editor, Brittney Stevens. All in all, everything always came together, frantic, but yet still quality work, just in time for deadline. Then, it was free hour once again.

The staff also took a field trip to PSU for a yearbook workshop. There they competed against many schools and won \$300 in a caption contest.

The publications crew made a wonderful and memorable yearbook, class, and many friends!

Pub. Time = Fun Time!

Whitney Brushwood, Photo Editor



"This year has been crazy, but somehow or another, we've pulled it together. All I have to say is good luck next year!"

Kristen Hloke, Editor



"Pub this year got off to an interesting start, but everyone has learned a lot, and worked together to make a memorable yearbook."

Stare Down....

(below) Senior, Zach Billings, is caught on camera in an all serious moment. Photo by Lauren Feters.



Typin' Business!

(right) Junior, Brittany Busse, works on one of her many pages. Photo by Lauren Feters.



Edna

(left) Rachel, Tia, Jolene, Lauren, Brittney, and Kyle shared the old computer, "Edna". Photo by Dustin Miller.

Ed

(above) Nicki, Brittney, Whitney, Kristen, Kyle, and Zach shared the new computer "Ed". Photo by Dustin Miller.



So Hungry!

(left) The staff huddles together and attempts to eat some snowflakes. The snow day was a perfect photo opportunity. "I caught ten snowflakes," said Brittney Stevens. Photo by Dustin Miller.

Zooming In!

(below) Senior editor, Kristen Hicks, zooms in on taking pictures at homecoming. Photo by Lauren Feters.



Way In Around!

(above) Part of the pub staff gets comfortable on PJ day.

(right) Junior, Lauren Feters, talks with Dusty Newsum while waiting for homecoming pictures. Photo by Kristen Hicks.

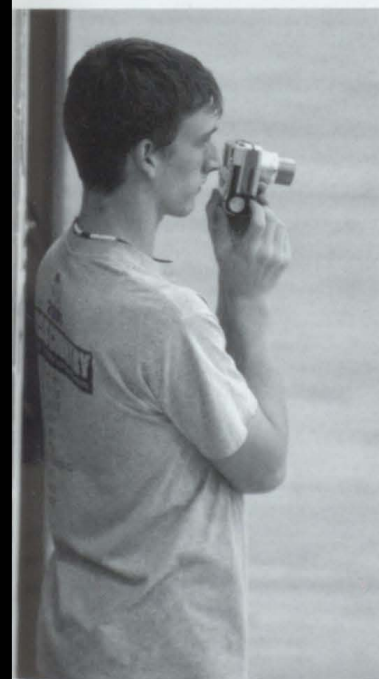


B-E-A-UTIFUL!

(above) Senior, Jolene Topham, takes advantage of the free time between deadlines. Photo by Lauren Feters.

Wait for it....

(below) Junior, Lauren Feters, patiently anticipates a photo opportunity. Photo by Kristen Hicks.



Advisor:

Joe Eckhoff

Editors:

Whitney Brushwood
Kristen Hicks

Junior Editors:

Brittney Stevens
Rachel Turner

Staff:

Zach Billings
Kyle Bridges
Brittany Busse
Nicki Dame
Lauren Feters
Tia Finley
Jolene Topham



PICTURES CAPTURE MOMENTS AND TURN THEM INTO MEMORIES.

"Photography, alone of the arts, seems perfected to serve the desire humans have for a moment - this very moment - to stay."

- Sam Abell

"To take a photograph is to participate in another person's mortality, vulnerability, mutability. Precisely by slicing out this moment and freezing it, all photographs testify to time's relentless melt."

- Susan Sontag

(
* JUST A FEW PIECES
OF ME
) *

SIT, SHOULDERS BACK, tilt your head, and smile. The flash bursts and you stand distraught as you try to make your way back to class. You may have dreaded the picture you just posed for, prepped for it for a good 30 minutes, or just shown up because you had to, but either way, that picture will last a life time. No matter what direction life takes you, or what happens in your life, you will always have that picture to look back on and reminisce about those days. Pictures help us remember and reflect on those times when we need it the most, whether it is to laugh, cry, smile, or just enjoy the emotions and memories that flood through our mind. Pictures may seem useless or just dumb at the time, but in reality those are what store our priceless memories.

SMILE → *

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Seniors



Cara Ablett



Sara Atwell



John Barnett



Josh Beckett



Patrick Beckett



Justin Bessman



Zach Billings



Melissa Bishop



Morgan Black



Kyle Bridges



Tara Brown



Whitney
Brushwood



Randy Callis



Andrea Chaney



Amy Cokerham



Jonathon Cook



Graham Cox



Aaron Garbet



Josh Gill



Chase Green



David Haddock



Natalia Herrera



Kristen Hicks



Sarah Hoffman



Andi Ingersoll



Brent Jackson



Mike'l Jackson



Susan Johnson



Trent Jones



Megan Kinney



Crissy Kirk



Tosha Lloyd



Jordan Macy



Timmy Matthews



Brittany McBride



Justin McLees



Jerret McNett



Justin Mosley



Haley Murphy



Dusty Newsum



Courtney Payton



Jeremy Potter



Isabel Rangel



Leticia Rangel



Frank Rawlings



Holly Renfro



Derrick Shuette



Korey Scribner



Kendra Sharon



Anthony Shipman



Sarah Simpson



Davy Spry



Lendi Stirewalt



Matt Sutherland



Nalee Thoa



Jolene Topham



Brandon Webb



Krista White



Juniors



Ryan Baker



Kevin Barker



Cory Bass



Josh Bass



Kayla Bass



Michael Bennett



Maggie Bowman



Tounie Brewer



Blake Broadus



Alyson Brown



Casey Brown



Tammy Bryant



Brittany Busse



Porsha Butts



Shantelle Butts



Nicki Dame



Michelle Darr



Levi Dees



Caleb Devillier



Greg Dodson



Josh Dresslaer



Sandra Edwards



Zack Emery



Lauren Fellers



Tia Finley



Ricki Fountain



Megan Frazier



Joey Garrison



Dustin Glessner



Chris Haddock



Katy Hext



Luke Hockman



Austin Hoyer



Nathan Jones



Wendy Lacy



Kelton Leedy



Chad Levellen



Amanda McKee



Mechelle McNett



Jeff Morris



Brittany Musial



Amanda Nally



Katie Patrick



Casey Patterson



Daniel Price



Darci Price



Kimber Sargent



Carra Shaffer



Cole Shipman



Brittney Stevens



Jerry Stewart



Betty Thorp



Rachel Turner



Cheng Vang



Selly Vang



Michael Weaver



Chee Xiong



Jake Youngblood



Tyler Youngblood

What are you most looking forward to about being a Senior?



TAMMY BRYANT

"Having seniority over all the underclassmen and especially graduation."

GREG DODSON

"Not having to do anything and all the new freshman."

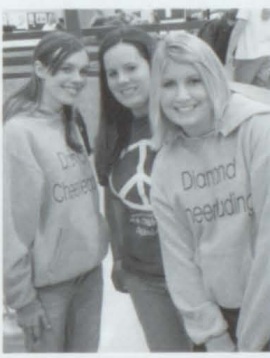


MECHELLE MCNETT

"Getting out of school and leaving Diamond."

KATY HEXT

"I'm most looking forward to the day that I can walk across the stage and get out of here forever."



Sophomores



Chelsie Baker



Kacee Baldwin



Brittany Barwick



Clint Blizzard



Whitney Booyer



Alicia Bradley



Amanda Brashear



Dana Bridges



Joseph Carpenter



Carrie Castor



Ryan Clouse



Bryce Daily



LeAnn Dardenne



Katie Dodson



Colton Drake



Jake Edge



Charles Forest



Shane Gallagher



Scott Gill



Colton Griffin



Kevin Harrall



Cameron Harrington



Jessica Harrison



Paul Holland



Layton Hoyer



Kyle Jones



Michael Lane



Nick Long



Kyle Lowry



Fernando Lozano



Caleb Lucas



Jenae Madison



Josh Matthews



Samantha McCallum



Clint Myers



Jacob Nelson



Jake Newsum



Michelle Nickolaisen



Lydia O'Donnell



Kevin Ortega



Genaro Rangel



Jessi Rawlings



Leanne Ross



Chase Sexton



Alyssa Simpson



Spencer Snow



Stephanie Sprenger



Daniel Stone



Andy Strewing



Raymond Tapp



Daniel Testerman



Zach Towers



Kia Vang



Samantha Vincent



Casey Welch



Thia Wiggins

When you enter a theme park, what is the first thing you go to?



"I like the merry-go-round. I also enjoy watching little children ride the ponies."

~Fernando Lozano

"The biggest hugest roller coaster ever."

~Casey Welch

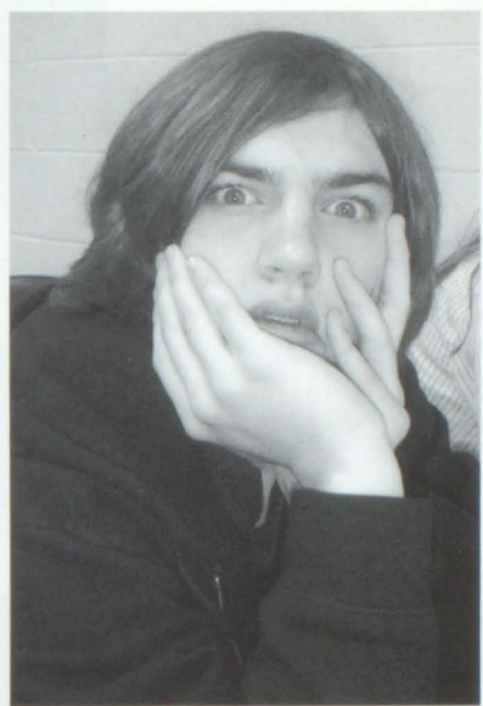
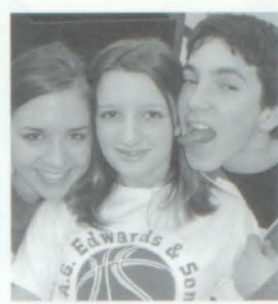


"Casey and I go straight to wherever the hot guys are."

~Leanne Dardenne

"You got to love a great coaster, but don't forget the food."

~Charles Forest



Freshmen



Aaron Bailey

Shala Bass

Tristan Bennett

Josh Bentley

Derek Blankenship

Gram Boman

Toby Brown

Jennifer Buening

Bradley Buzzard



Daniel Callis

Lacey Carneal

Caitlin Carter

Tim Carver

Clay Cole-Grundy

Misty Conner

Cassie Cullum

Amanda Cupp

Chad Dalglish



David Dodson

Michael Ellison

Tim Enayati

Morgan Fickle

Crystal Foersch

Levi Forest

John Fountain

Harrison George

Christopher Gomez



Jason Gourley

Devin Greenwood

Crystal Harrell

Cody Harris

Devin Hartman

Kelsey Henson

Eli Hicks

Ashton Higgins

Kasey Hockman



Justin Holden

Lee Hollars

Kimberly Hylton

Daniel Jones

Jayma King

Lauri Kuri

David Kyger

Katelyn Long

Tonya Loyd



Joe Madison

Zach Manley

Angelique McElvey

Isaac McLees

Krystal Morgan

Amanda Morris

Bradley Morris

Kayla Mullens

Cody Palmer



Castle Paxson

Tyler Pruitt

Brice Reavis

Lance Rogers

Curtis Russell

Cody Sales

Kaci Scribner

Tanner Seward

Kim Spencer

How do you feel about upperclassmen and how they treat you?



CURTIS RUSSELL

"They don't treat me very nice."

NICOLE WATSON

"They don't really bother me. They go their way and we go ours."



KIMBERLY HYLTON

"They're really nice. They don't try to walk all over you."



Tiffany Stewart

Courtney Sweet



Sarah Sweet



Benny Taylor



Josh Todd



Mike Turner



Posee Vang



Yia Vang



Dakota Vincent



Michael Waddell



Courtney Wall



Rebecca Warthen



Kaycee Watts



Jessica Webb



Kayla Webb



Casey Youngblood



Megan,

We are so proud of you. We have enjoyed watching you grow up and become a beautiful, energetic young lady. You are so full of enthusiasm and that makes you who you are. We wish you much success in the future and May God Bless You.

We Love You--
Mom, Dad, & Wade



Tara,

It seems like yesterday I put you on the school bus for Kindergarten, and now you're graduating from High School! There has never been or ever will be a time in your life that we aren't proud that you are our daughter. We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, & Jonathan



Korey,

We hope you will view the past few years as qualifying for life's "Daytona" which begins now. You have definitely earned the pole position and are ready to race into your exciting future. We will always be your pit crew, that believes in you and supports you in whatever you do. We'll see YOU in the winner's circle! Boogity! Boogity! Boogity!

We Love You,
Mom, Dad, and Kaci



Kristen,

You have been such a joy and blessing from the moment you arrived. We pray for a life of love, good health, happiness, and continued learning as you embark on the next exciting part of life's journey. Always remember we are here for you! May the Lord bless and keep you and his face shine upon you!

With Our Love Always,
Mom, Dad, & Eli



Susan,

Congratulations on a job well done! We wish you all the best on your future goals. We are very proud of You!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Morgan Kathleen,

Congratulations! We knew you could do it and we're proud of you! Stay focused on the important things in life and you will succeed with your life's goals.

God loves you, and we do too!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Trent,

In the midst of your busy life, take a moment to sit back and relax.

To reflect on the past and all you've accomplished and to look forward to all the things waiting on you.

But mostly in that moment, please realize what a gift your life is--not just to you but to everyone who knows you and how wonderful it is to have you for a son.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Amy,

This Sr. year has been a rough one for you. We're so proud of you for wanting to help others through some area of the medical field, and we know Charlie is smiling down at you too.

Always follow your dreams and achieve those goals you have set.

May God bless you!

We Love You,
Mom, Sis, and Jeff



Dusty,
You are an amazing young man and we
are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Tim, & Jake



JUSTIN,
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE PROUD OF YOU. WE
HAVE BEEN BLESSED. KEEP GOD IN YOUR HEART AND
LET HIM GUIDE YOUR PATH.

MOM, ISAAC, & JACOB



Jolene,

From a bright eyed baby to a beautiful young lady. How the
years have flown as you've grown and spread your wings. Now
as you end one phase of your life and begin another, remember
one thing: "The Love of God will not lead you where the Grace
of God cannot keep you."

Love you,
Dad and Mom



Johnathon,

As you start yet another step in life's journey remember
that if it is humanly possible, consider it to be within your
reach. You have truly been blessed with many outstanding
qualities and words cannot begin to express how proud of you
we are. What an honor it has been to be your parents and
part of your life.

All our love and support,
Dad, Mom,
Jennifer, Jeffery, James, Justin, Jamie, and Jenae



Josh,

By the time you were one year old we thought we would be raising a tasmanian devil, but it has been a pleasant surprise to see you grow into a mature, respectful and trustworthy young man. Our hearts prayers are with you always and may God continue to bless you richly. Your willingness to work hard will take you far.

Congratulations on Your Graduation!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Deke



Xendia,

20 years ago I was blessed when I met a young lady who enchanted me. Life couldn't get any better. How wrong I was. Another young lady came into our life 18 years ago that filled our life with love. You've come a long way in those 18 years, from infant to mother. You stayed the course and graduated when others failed. Daddy and Momma are very proud of you.

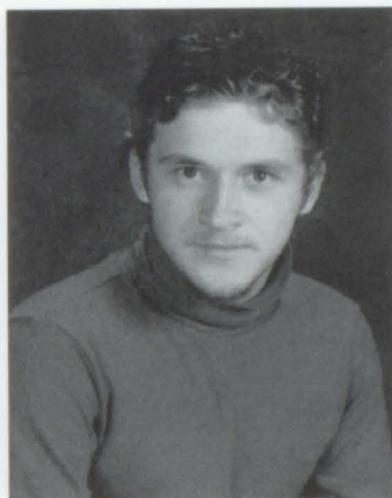
Love,
Daddy, Momma, Cassie, and Jason



Cara,

I was in awe the first time I held you, I am still in awe of you now. You are beautiful, kind, caring, and loving. We are thrilled for you. You are an amazing daughter and a wonderful big sister. You are loved more than you can imagine. May God continue to guide your path as you follow His plans for your life.

We love you very much,
Dad, Mom, Kaci, Kaleigh and Matthew



Jeremy,

You are a dynamite son and grandson. You gave a whole to meaning to our lives. Over the years as we watched you grow and learn we thanked God for you. Someday you may learn the depth of our love and know how special you are. It took courage to finish school, we're very proud of you. God gave you to us as a gift of His love.

Love always,
Mom, Grandma, Grandpa, and All

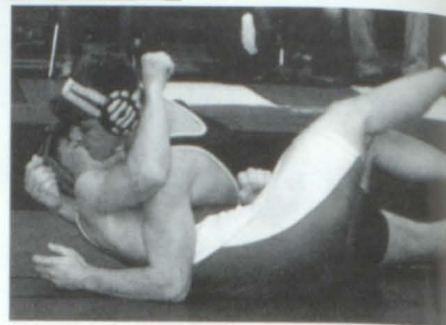


Matt,

We love you. Congratulations. This is one step on the road to realizing your dreams. Remember to keep God first. He will lead you down the right path. Watch for His blessings as you continue on your journey.

Psalm 16:11
Proverbs 3:13

Love,
Mom & Dad



Timmy,

Well, it's hard to believe that we made it this far. We are very proud of you and the example that you have always been. Thank you for not giving us any problems (except the driving record) really besides that you did everything that we ever asked you to do and we are glad to have you for our son. We love and appreciate you more than you will ever know and you really put some good ground work for your brother and sister to follow and live up to. Your wrestling went a lot further than we expected. Your hard work and dedication paid off and hopefully gave you a lifetime of memories that you won't soon forget.

Love you very much.
Mom and Dad



Tosha,

Congratulations! You have completed one large step in your life. Your whole future lies ahead. We are all proud of you and love you very much. With your determination and stubbornness, you will be able to accomplish all you set out to do. Just remember you are special and don't settle for anything less than the best.

Love,
Dad, Nani, Papa, Tonya, & Jarren
P.S. Give your Guardian Angel a rest.



Crissy,

Less than 7,000 days have passed since you were born. We've watched you grow and learn from life's lessons; and you will grow and learn till you are old.

We are proud of who you have become! Enjoy life, make the wisest decisions you can, and don't second guess yourself; even when you're wrong!

Love,
Dad, Janet, Megan, and Savannah



Some Friends Are Forever

Sometimes in life you find a forever friend.

As you were growing up a friend was someone to talk to at recess and someone to hang out with on the weekends.

As you get older you will realize a forever friend is someone who will always be there, even if you take different paths.

Because forever has no end.



Kyle,

Words can't describe how proud we are of the person you've become. It's still hard to believe our little boy is all grown up. As you enter the next chapter of your life we wish you all the love, happiness, and success there is to wish for. Just keep being you and you'll do great!

We love you always,
Dad, Mom, and Dana



Sarah,

We are very proud of your accomplishments in school. We know you will not stop here. This is a stepping stone to all the goals you will meet and the world will conquer.

More impressive is the young woman you have become. Your integrity speaks for itself. Your character, persistence, honesty, hard work, and positive attitude will take you far.

We have no doubt you will be successful.

We Love You,
Mom & Dad



Dear Lendi,

We are so very proud of you for all you have accomplished, but most of all for the unique individual you have become. We shall watch as you set out on this new phase of your life, knowing that as you walk with God, all will be well.

God Bless You!

We Love You,
Dad & Mom



Bubba,

We are so proud of you--our baby girl. You have grown up to be a classic young lady...but you will always be our baby. Always remember to look up to heaven and pray to God and your troubles will be few. If you are ever feeling down...just remember the words to our song-- "Baby, baby."

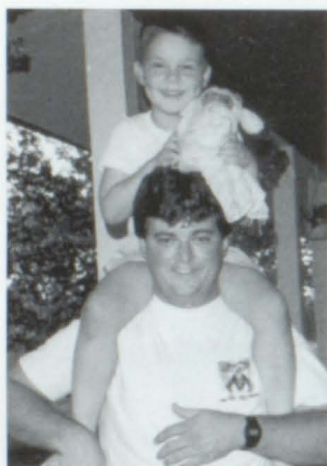
Love Always,
Daddy, Mommie, Amy, Kristen,
James, Andy, Elizabeth and Sally



Zachary,

This time has come all too quickly. You've made us laugh. You've made us cry. You've made us proud. We've been so blessed to have you for our son. Hold on to the good things you've learned and throw out the bad. Stay the fine young man you are now and you'll go far.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, & Nate



Aaron,

Thank you for all the good, bad, fun, and sad times. You have given me more than I ever wanted in life. Thank you for bringing me to Christ. Without you I would not be where I am in my walk with him.

Love,
Dad

Son,

Thank you for being the best son in the world. I love you with all my heart.

Love,
Mom



Whitney,

We are so very proud of you. I can't believe this day is here. We have watched you turn into this beautiful talented woman. I would say good luck in all you do, but we know luck isn't what you need because talent, ambition, skills, and common sense that are what you possess. You'll go far!

Love you with all our heart!
Mom & Dad

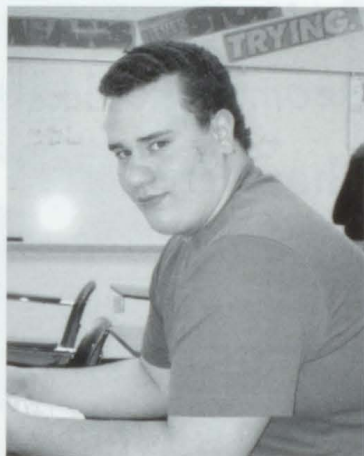
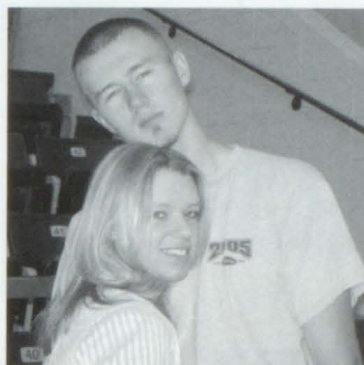


Brandon.

WOW! Thank you for sharing your life, love, and dreams with us.

You have truly been a blessing to us. We are so very proud of you.

**May God Bless You Always,
Love you!
Mom, Dad & Jess**



MIDDLE SCHOOL IS THE TIME FOR MOLDING, SHAPING, AND DISCOVERING.

*"The real voyage of discovery
consists of not in seeking new
landscapes but in having new eyes."*

- Marcel Proust

*"It's not that some people have willpower
and some don't. It's that some people are
ready to change and others are not."*

- James Gordon

*) THERE ARE MANY PIECES
IN THE MIDDLE *)

NEW BEGINNINGS AND OLD FRIENDS are the things that a middle school students' lives consist of. The early teen years all the way until the high school years, are learning experiences. There are so many changes, both good and bad, that occur in this time of life and there is nothing that anyone can do about it. Not only are students' bodies changing, but also their attitudes, the way they look at life, there likes and dislikes, and almost everything about them. This is a time when students really begin to find themselves and seem to figure out who they are or at least who they want to be. Middle school students are definitely in the middle--in more ways than one.

GET OUT GET ACTIVE

By Jolene Topham

They don't have to work and the homework is light, so there's a lot of free time. The Diamond Middle School students do their best to take advantage of this luxury by participating in other activities that they find they enjoy and have fun doing.

Several students were involved in a variety of sports offered at Diamond, while others went out and found new leagues to join and different sports to play in the area.

For those who didn't play sports, they found their own little niche. Some rode around on their dirt bikes or four wheelers, and others on their horses. There was the also occasional race

car driver, and kung fu fighter.

Others found their joy in kicking around a hacky sack or flying down the sidewalk on their skateboard or bike like Travis Goodwin who enjoyed skateboarding because, "its the only thing to do, and its that or drugs." Some preferred to hunt whenever they could. There were also the few that knew the true joy of just relaxing on the couch and watching television. From sports, to hunting, to just laying around, everyone was having fun and was invovled in something to occupy their much wanted and needed free time.



Kicking up some dust!

Running tight around a barrel, Amber Moss, sixth grader, and her horse race hard to get a good time.



Lapping the Competition.

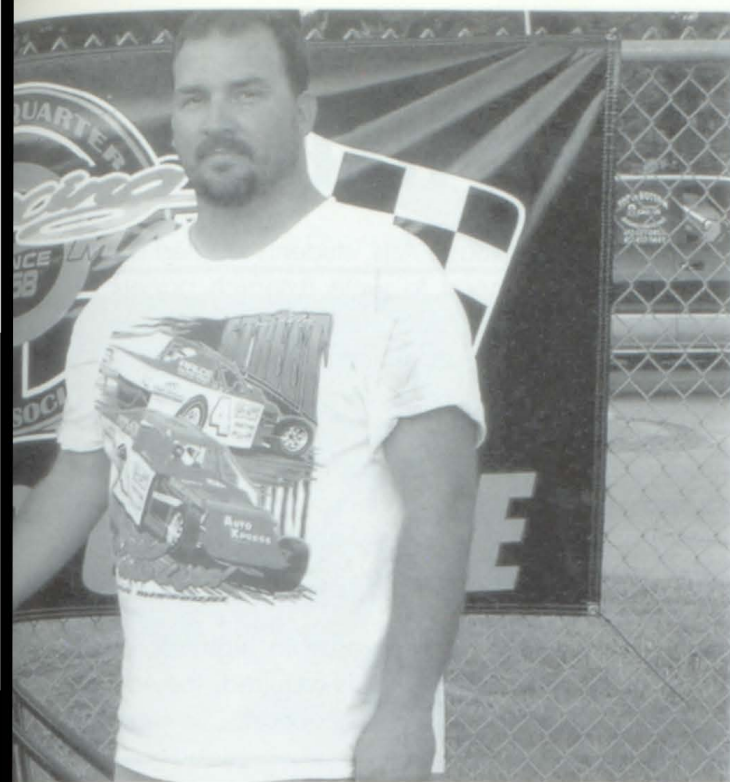
(above) Smiling proudly next to her dad, Erin Gilbert, sixth grader, poses to show off her trophy, won in her number 22 race car.

High-Yah!

(right) With flying kicks, and hard hits, Mic Harp, sixth grader, shows off his killer kwon doe skills.

Dribbling, Soccer-Style.

(left) Taryn Stevens, 6th grader, practices a mean kick for her Joplin Eagles soccer team sponsored through the Joplin Soccer Club. Taryn practiced with her team two or three times a week, and played tournaments every weekend in Saginaw. Taryn stated, "It is fun but you have to run alot, and its exciting when you score a goal and everyone cheers for you. It would be cool if Diamond had a soccer team."



WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH ONE MILLION DOLLARS?



KRSTIE MILLER

"I would go on a shopping spree, buy another four wheeler, and make myself beautiful."
~ 6th grade



CHAD LEPPER

"I would buy my own circus and every kind of animal that talks."
~ 5th grade



JORDAN WELCH

"I would like to buy a house for me and one for my mom. I would also get a ranch."
~ 6th grade



TAYLOR TUTER

"I'd give some to my family. I would buy a big house and a lot of clothes and go on a huge shopping spree. I'd also buy alot of animals."
~ 7th grade

A New Beginning

by Nicki Dame

"You can't go somewhere you've never been without doing something you've never done."

~Unknown Author

From Math to Social Studies, and Language Arts to Science, a lot of hard work goes into being a middle school student. Students start the late night study sessions and keep their grades up while trying to focus on their busy, newfound social life.

Middle school is a large part of the learning experience. Those are the years students learn the basic knowledge that sticks with them all through out their high school and college careers. "In middle school we teach them life skills that they will need in the future," agreed Nancy Berry, math teacher.

For example, in Language Arts, students learned the grammar they will need to write research papers in high school. Math students learned the basic knowledge that will help them on those tough slope-intercept equations or those long agonizing proofs.

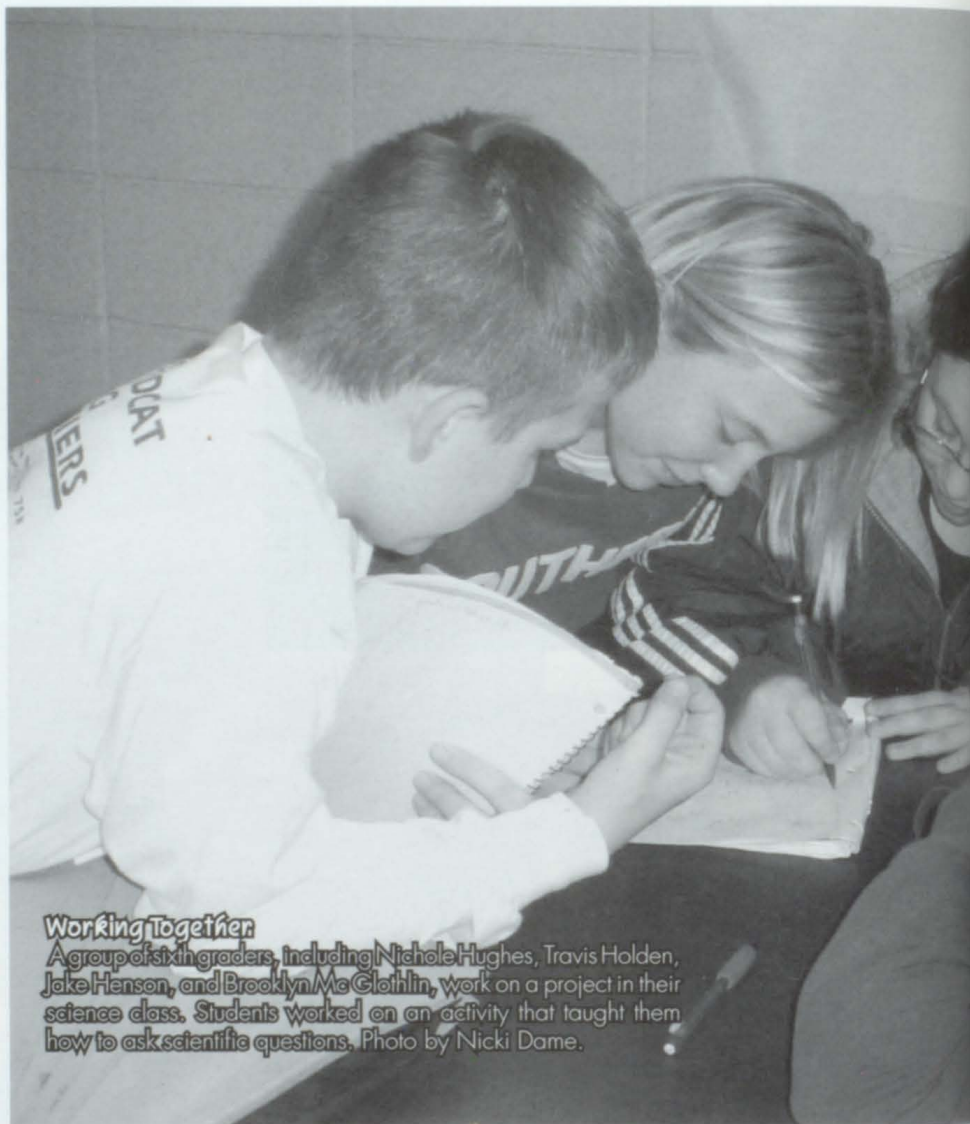
Without acquiring this knowledge they struggle with the responsibilities of being a high school student. Teachers helped them out with this by staying after for tutoring and making learning fun. For instance, in social studies classes, kids made their own colonies and held mock elections.

Although they couldn't move on to high school without doing all the work that is required, they do their best to prepare for what lies ahead.



The Curve of Things.

Falicia Vance, seventh grader, writes in cursive while working on her assignment during Mrs. Jones' first hour Language Arts class. Photo by Nicki Dame.



Working Together

A group of sixth graders, including Nichole Hughes, Travis Holden, Jake Henson, and Brooklyn McClothlin, work on a project in their science class. Students worked on an activity that taught them how to ask scientific questions. Photo by Nicki Dame.

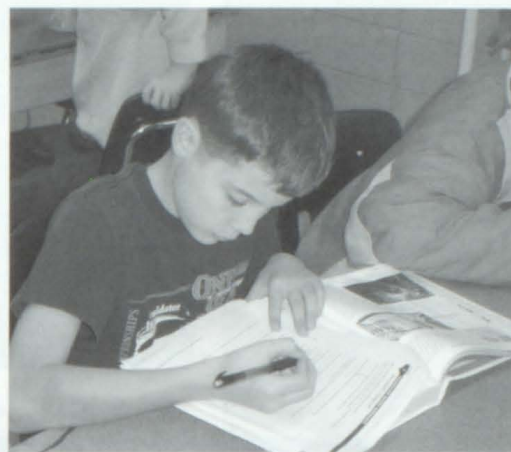


A Closer Look.

(left) Rita Waggoner, sixth grader, works on a science assignment that was given to her by Mr. Douglas during his sixth hour class. Photo by Nicki Dame

Lookin' it Up!

(right) Wesly Woods works on his worksheet in Mr. Douglas' sixth grade science class. Photo by Brittany Busse.



Makin' the Gradel

(above) Samantha Enayati, seventh grader, diligently works on her science assignments. Students learned about cloning and DNA. "Science is better than last year because Mr. Landers explains better," said eighth graders Karie Baldwin and Hannah Hoyer. (below) Samantha Hare works on book work that was assigned in Mr. Reeds first hour, seventh grade social studies class. Photos by Nicki Dame.



Who is your favorite teacher and why?



"Mrs. Davis because I've had her for two years and she's a very nice teacher."

~Cody Ball-Anderson
7th Grade



"Mr. Douglas because he's really nice."

~Shianne Hale
5th Grade



"Mr. Withers because he's fun and makes learning fun."

~Liz Finnestead
8th Grade



"Mrs. Bauchman because she's really nice and she encouraged me to read."

~Jinger Thomas
7th Grade



Nathan Cantu
6th grade
"I love to play Furioso on my trombone."

By Rachel Turner

As the end of fourth hour nears, the high school is filled with the sound of the sixth graders practicing their musical pieces.

This year was a fresh start for the Diamond Middle School Band. Cathy Little, was the new band/choir instructor, "She is very kind to us," stated Keifer Drake, sixth grade. "The sixth graders have responded nicely to a new teacher and take direction very well," Ms. Little said.

They play through the high school lunch hour and are dismissed as the bell rings for the students to go to their fifth hour class. The seventh graders play during seventh period.

The band participated in various band contests, played in honor band, and took

part in solo and ensemble competitions. They held concerts throughout the year for others to hear their success. "I liked playing in the Christmas concert. It was a lot of fun," said Lauren Herron, sixth grade. "I loved the band concert. We all had a really good time," said Keysha Danner, seventh grade. They also raised funds by selling jar candles. The funds were raised to go toward competition fees and trips to Silver Dollar City and Six Flags.

The sixth and seventh graders did a wonderful job collaborating with each other this year. The sixth graders get to have the advantage of being the eldest next year and the seventh graders are looking forward to getting the play in the high school band.

On A Lighter Note...

Taking a Break.

(below) Colton Harrington, 7th grade, takes a quick break from practicing on his drum.

Surprise!

(right) Bellamy Moss, 7th grade, is caught off guard while playing his trumpet.



Hunter Greenwood
6th grade
"I play the flute and my favorite song to play is Hard Rock Blues."



Taryn Stevens
6th grade
"I play the trumpet and I have a lot of favorite songs to play."



Music Makers.

(left) Sixth grader, Robin Summers, plays her clarinet in harmony with the rest of the students.

Practice Makes Perfect.

(above) Jordan Welch, sixth grade, plays her trumpet while Ms. Little conducts the class.

Play Along.

(left) Jake Henson, sixth grade, plays on the ringing bells during 7th hour band. Photos by Rachel Turner.

Private Lessons.

(below) A few girls get a one-on-one lesson with a flute instructor during their class time.



Nick McElyea
7th grade

"I am nervous about not getting 1st chair next year when I join the high schoolers".



Tooting Her Own Horn.

(left) Ms. Little plays her trumpet along with her 7th grade students.

Keeping the Tempo.

(far left) Ms. Little instructs the middle schoolers as they are keeping with the beat.



Kim Elder
7th grade

"I play the flute, and I am excited that I get to play with the high school band next year".



Tuba Trio.

(above) One of the three tuba players in the seventh grade, Chase Starr-Kercheval, follows along with Ms. Little.



Ashley Payton
7th grade

"I am going to be proud of myself next year when I get to play with all of the older students".



Play that Sax!

(below) Megan Blakely plays along with the band. (above) Brianna Carneal plays the sax with her classmates.

Gettin' Together



Fellowship of Christian Athletes



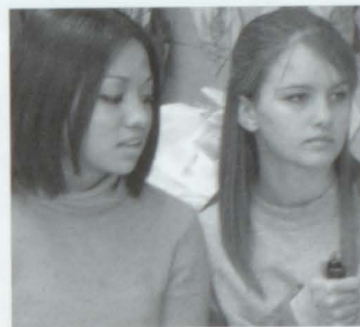
Art Club



Student Council



Academic Quiz Team



Eighth Grade



Tim Adamson

Eris Baker

Karie Baldwin

James Bassinger

Karen Bass

Jason Beckett

Jessica Brown

Skylar Callis

Derrick Cameron



Lindsey Cameron

Hannah Carr

Jessica Carver

Sheena Chung

George Connors

Paul Connors

James Cook

Austin Cooper

Garrett Cox



Seth Cronister

Christopher Cupp

Lucas Dees

Trevor Devins

Johnathan Eaves

Emily Edge

Liz Finnestead

Sabra Gaskill

Lindsey Gilbert



Travis Goodwin

Cierra Gravett

Macy Harp

Natasha Holly

Samantha Holmes

Hannah Hoyer

Emil Iceberg-Sewell

Bradly James

Garrett James



Jessica Jordan

Rikki Jump

Zack Kettner

Jaaron Lambing

Crystal Lane

Clinton Leedy

Houston Lietzke

Ethan Lucas

Stephanie Meehl



Samantha Morgan

Billy Morrow

Ashley Nickolaisen

Samantha Olson

Derek Paradeis

Trevor Pullon

Cameron Scribner

Cassie Sharon

Shaela Smith



Christopher Springer

Brett Starr-Kercheval

Zachary Struewing

Greg Summers

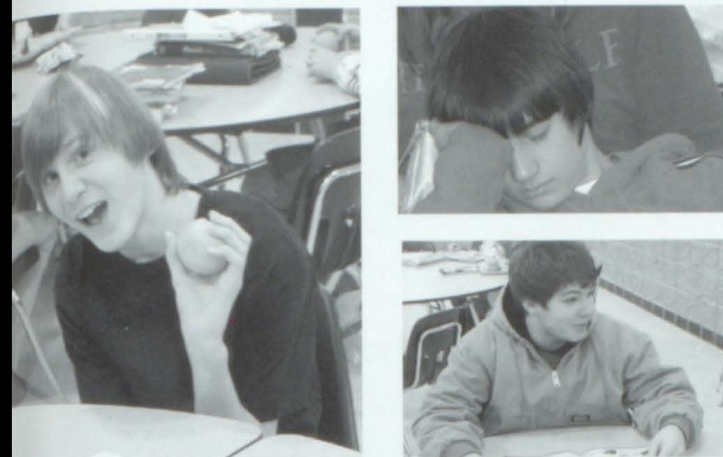
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Dylan Wallace

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What's your best Middle School memory?



Austin Cooper

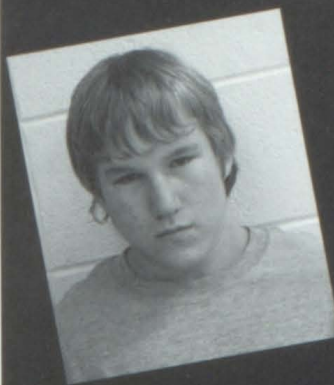
"Moving to Diamond."



Rikki Jump

"The bus ride to basketball games, because we had a lot of fun."

What's your best Middle School memory?



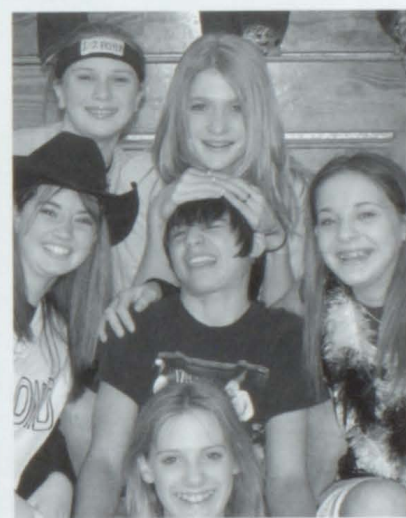
Paul Connors

"The first year I wrestled."



Jessica Brown

"The first middle school football game."



Seventh Grade



Justin Akin



Cameron Baker



Cody Ball-Anderson



Zackary Bass



Megan Blakely



Tyler Bradley



Amanda Brand



Emalee Brewer



Christopher Brown



Richie Bryant



Veronica Buening



Kaitlyn Burns



Clyton-Paul Bycroft



Brianna Carneal



Samantha Chaney



Andrew Cheek



Casey Chung



Carl Conner



Kendall Crosswhite



Emilee Dailey



Kelsie Daniels



Keysha Danner



William Dardenne



Hayden Edwards



Kimberly Elder



Jeffrey Ellis



Samantha Enayati



Nychelle Goad



Tridel Green



Korey Griffin



Samantha Hare



Colton Harrington



Matthew Holland



Harold Jansen



Justin Jinks



Caleb Jones



Krisana Jones



Seaira Kyger



Katherine Long



Nicholas McElyea



Tyler Miller



Bellamy Moss



Kevin Nally



Terrell Oatts



Jonathan Paul



Ashley Payton



Andrew Pittman



Miranda Rand



Rebekah Reed



Tyler Reeves



Cayla Rogers



Stephen Saulen



Audra Shelton



Cody Smith



Jeremy Sprenger



Chase Starr-Kercheval



Jacob Stockton



Cody Studyvin



Terresa Summers



Phillip Szulakiewicz



Peyton Tennyson



Jinger Thomas



Taylor Tuter

If you were a cartoon character who would you be?



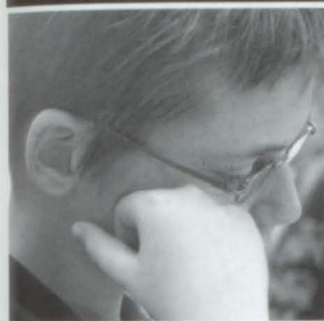
Colton Harrington

"Lucky off of the Lucky Charms box because he has a lot of lucky charms and a cool green hat."



Nick Mcelyea

"If I could be any cartoon character, I would be Bugs Bunny. He got to play basketball with Michael Jordan. How cool is that?"



Where would you go on your dream vacation?



Amanda Brand

"I would go to Tennessee because it is all about Country Music Stars. I would go to all of the awesome Country Music Museums."



Rebekah Reed

"Hawaii sounds delightful. It's nice and warm there. I would swim or surf because it is something to do and it seems like it would be so much fun."



Falicia Vance



Pada Vang



Craig Vanlue



Matthew Warford



Dalton Welch



Morgan Wirth



Justin Adams

Sixth Grade



Victoria Albrecht



John Atwell



Lacey Beard



Shannon Bearden



Caitlin Blizzard



Codey Bowman



Jonathan Brown



Jonathan Brown



Turner Brown



Pagent Burris



Nathan Cantu



Kaci Clark



Jordan Comer



Lynsey Copley



Jaydn Cranister



Derick Devins



Toyna Drake



Tyler Drake



Christopher Epperson



Hayley Etter



Justin Fields



Chelsea Flint



Kylie Gates



Emily Gilbert



Amber Gomez



Hunter Greenwood



Micah Harp



Jacob Henson



Lauren Herrin



Carrie Hobbs



Travis Holden



Katherine Hughes



Amy Jeffries



Jaycee King



Jayde King



Sara Koortz



Jodi Lawson



Justin Madison



Brooklyn McGlothlin



Jacob McLees



Kirstie Miller



Mercedes Moon



Amber Moss



James Pace



Gabrielle Palmer



Tyler Palmer



Tanner Pruitt



Sara Schmitt



Brent Skinner



Shelby Sloan



Hannah Snow



Sam Spencer



Kasi Stephens



Taryn Stevens



Robin Summers



Miranda Thomas



Shelbi Thurman



Orin Trentham



Rita Waggoner



Jordan Welch



Wesley Wood

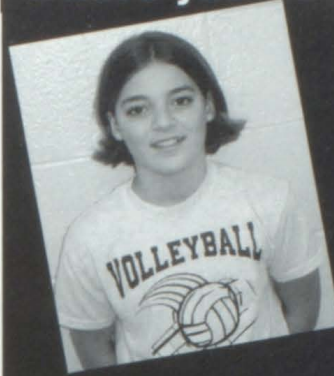


Kasyoua Xiong



Dylan Youngblood

What's your favorite school lunch?



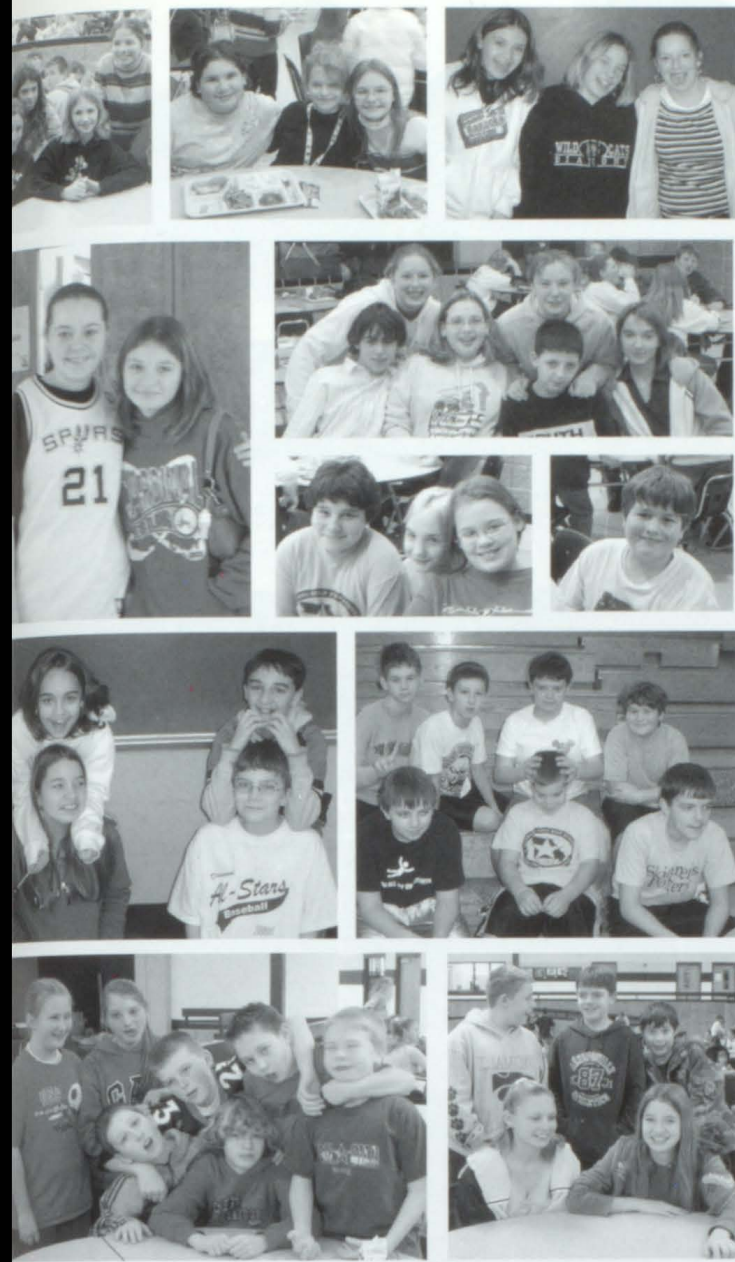
Emily Gilbert

"Mashed potatoes and gravy, and chicken nuggets. Because I really like chicken."



Travis Holden

"Pizza, because its my favorite food. And the Chinese food, because Chinese is my second favorite food."



What's your favorite school lunch?



Jordan Welch

"Shrimp poppers are my favorite because everything else is nasty!"



Nicole Hughes

"Chicken fingers, because its chicken and I like chicken."

Fifth Grade



Austin Adamson



Micah Allford



Corey Allen



Madison Baker



Ryan Bateman



Candace Beard



Michayla Bellin



Tyler Bower



Trenton Brenham



Clayton Brewer



Bryce Briscoe



Noah Brown



Aaron Callis



Leah Carneal



Brandon Carver



Brandon Cheek



Justin Cook



Darrel Corbett



Ronnie Crosswhite



Chelsea Crompton



Jennifer Dunlap



Caleb Elder



Larry Fulcher



Brice Good



Jeffery Haas



Shianne Hale



Chance Hardy



Tyler Harris



Catherine Harrin



Dannielle Hext



Code Higginbotham



Jake Hockman



Tyler Horton



Jared Huffman



Jacob Jansen



Martin Jansen



Matt Jansen



Jessica Johnson



Jacob Kimbrough



Angela Kuri



Samantha La Fleur



Nicholas Lane



Franklin Lawson



Chad Leeper



John Littlefield



Ashleigh Long



Spencer Lowden



Ronald McDermott



Taylah McDermott



Shae Miksell



Kourtney Moreland



Emily Morris



Jesse Nally



Brenton Olson



Nathan Olson



Christopher Pittman



Mandi Poulton



Dakota Prier



Brittany Putman



Laken Rawlins



Tyler Reardon



Seth Reavis



Jarren Reinhart



If you were famous who would you be?



Seth Reavis

"Priest Holmes, he's a famous football player and he's running back for the Chiefs."



Jake Hockman

"Jerry Rice, he's a professional football player and wide receiver and that's my favorite position."

If you were famous who would you be?



Jessica Johnson

"Shania Twain because she's a good singer."



Dakota Prier

"Joe Montana because I love football."



Jeremy Robbins



Joshua Robbins



Heather Simpson



Shelby Smallwood



Damion Spillman



Mychal Strausbaugh



Kaleb Szulakiewicz



Michael Trentham



Jake Tutor



Destiny Vang



Kong Vang



Aaris Vogt



Keasha Webb



Arden White

FOOTBALL = FAMILY

by Lauren Feters

TEAM UNITES AND PLAYS AS ONE!

Even with a new head coach and fewer players than expected, this year Diamond's middle school football team became one big family.

"In the beginning a few people quit, but then coach pulled us all together. That's really when we became a team," said Cameron Scribner, eighth grader. From then on out, the middle school wildcats really became dependant on each other, and knew that's what they had to do to have a successful

season. Although there were just 19 guys on the team, every one of them worked extremely hard

because all of the other boys on the field. They want to perform well for each other."

BRETT STARR-KERCHEVAL



"The highlight of this season was when we were down 14-0 to Lockwood, and we battled back a victory of 30-22."

After all, anyone who watched the team in action could easily see how supportive and excited they got for each other, whether they were on the field or the sidelines. They all shared the same

desire to succeed.

All of the Wildcat's success wasn't only from talent, but from dedication to each other, and genuine hard work.

"What are your expectations for high school football?"



"I think in high school the upperclassmen will pick on us freshmen, but I think I will learn more about the game. It will definitely be a challenge."

~Ethan Lucas
Eighth Grade



"I know I will have to work a lot harder in high school to get the position I want. And I know the older guys will be tough on us freshmen, but it's all motivation to me."

~Cameron Scribner
Eighth Grade



DOWN, SET, HIKE!
The offensive line gets down and ready against the Jasper Eagles. Photo by Lauren Feters.



Run Baby Run!

Cameron Scribner, eighth grader, pushes through an attack of defenders, while teammate Josh Bentley, freshman, looks ahead for a block. Photo by Kyle Bridges.



LISTEN UP!

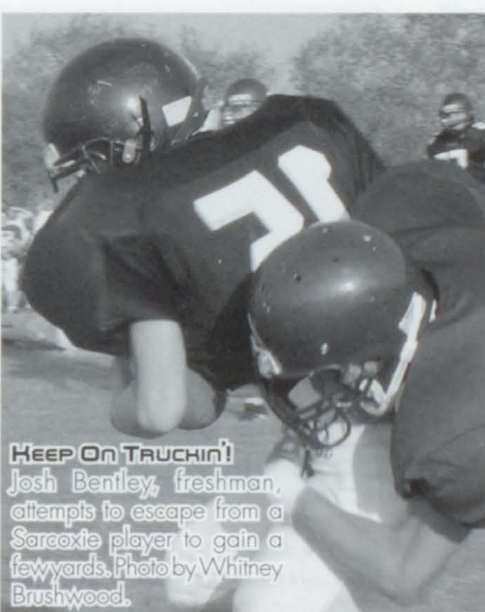
(left) Head Coach Ben Withers shows the next play to the pack of wildcats. Photo by Lauren Fetter.

ARE YOU READY?

(below) The Wildcats huddle at the start of a game. They prepared to play their best and shutout Jasper. "The whole team was so pumped up, it was crazy," said T.J. Deavons, eighth grader. Photo by Lauren Fetter.



Front: Craig Van Lue, Andrew Pittman, Tyler Reeves, Casey Chung; second: Coach Joe Eckhoff, Ethan Lucas, Carl Conners, Chase Starr-Kercheval, Trevor Deavons, Coach Ben Withers; third: Nickolas McElyea, Justin Jinks, Cameron Scribner, Clifton Bycroft, Jeremy Sprenger; back: John Eaves, Josh Bentley, John Paul, Wes Jansen, Brett Starr-Kercheval, Dalton Welch.



KEEP ON TRUCKIN'!

Josh Bentley, freshman, attempts to escape from a Sarcoxie player to gain a few yards. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.

SCORE CARD

Sarcoxie	W
Pierce City	L
Miller	L
Lockwood	W
Liberal	W
Jasper	W

BECOMING One

by Tia Finley

INDIVIDUALITY ENDS AND TEAMWORK BEGINS.

Sweat, long practices, and laps that seem to be a mile long...it all pays off on game night. Whether it's blocking or making a kill, these girls give everything they've got when it comes to volleyball.

As thoughts raced through each of the girls' minds they had to remember one thing, teamwork. "Teamwork means no individual playing. Teamwork creates success," said Coach Charli Jo Epperly.

When it came to sports

in general, the players had to communicate and cooperate with each other to achieve teamwork and

game, it did, however, teach the players good values that could always come in handy. "They haven't learned it all yet," Epperly said. They learned the basic fundamentals of the game, that are built upon in the coming years. The girls, looked forward to those next few years

of playing and learning in high school. But this season, their hard work as a team allowed them to be successful regardless of the scores.

CRYSTAL LANE



"My most memorable moment in volleyball was when Liz [Finnestad] took a hard serve right in the face and got up and started laughing."

possibly win the game. "The girls showed good teamwork in most cases," said Epperly, "they cooperated with each other."

Although teamwork didn't always win the

SEVENTH GRADE

Greenfield	win
Miller	lost
Golden City	lost
Lockwood	lost
Sarcoxie	lost
Jasper	win
Liberal	lost
Granby	win
Everton	lost
Pierce City	win



Front: Kelsie Daniels, Taylor Tutor, Samantha Hare; second: Audra Shelton, Sam Enayati; third: Coach Charli Jo Epperly, Keysha Danner, Amanda Brand, Katie Long, Coach Larry Landers; back: Emilee Dailey, Jinger Thomas.





DIAMOND WILDCATS!

Coach Landers boosts the girls' spirits during a time out in the second match against Granby. Photo by Tia Finley.

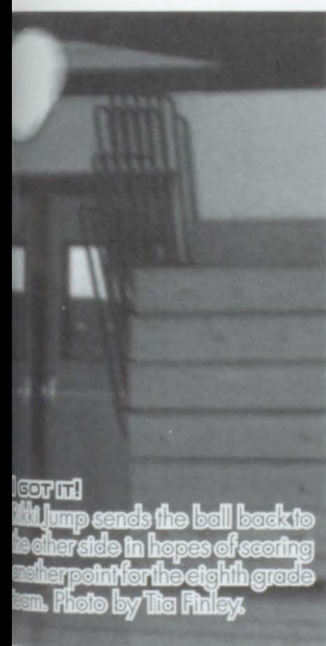


RETURN THIS!

(right) Taylor Tutor, seventh grader, serves the ball to earn another point for the team. Photo by Tia Finley.

SET IT UP!

(below) Macy Harp, eighth grader, sets up the ball so her teammates can put another point on the scoreboard for the team. Photo by Tia Finley.



GOT IT!
Rikki Jump sends the ball back to the other side in hopes of scoring another point for the eighth grade team. Photo by Tia Finley.



Front: Lindsey Gilbert, Cassie Sharon; second: Ashley Nickolaissen, Crystal Lane, Cierra Gravett, Rikki Jump; third: Coach Charli Jo Epperly, Emily Edge, Liz Finnestead, Macy Harp, Katie VanLue, Karen Bass, Coach Larry Landers; back: Sam Morgan, Jessica Jordan.

EIGHTH GRADE

Greenfield	lost
Miller	lost
Golden City	lost
SRV Conf. Trny	lost
Lockwood	lost
Sarcoxie	win
Jasper	lost
Seneca Trny	1,3,3
Liberal	lost
Granby	lost
Everton	lost
Pierce City	lost

TWO POINTS MORE!

Score, Score, Score!

by Brittney Stevens

Hustle, pride, and heart, it's all one has got to give when their season is not successful. The seventh grade boys basketball team went three and ten and the eighth grade team went two and ten this year. Coach Larry Landers is pumped for next year and hopes that the players improve as much next year as they have this year. "The season got off to a slow start, we played some very good teams in the beginning. As season went on our defense improved dramatically and we started scoring more on offense which also got better. Free throw percentage also increased greatly," commented Coach Landers about the season.

Landers also gave recognition to how much the seventh graders improved. "Some of the younger players had never played basketball before and

assisted by Coach Ben Withers, who was proud of how well the two teams gelled and worked as a team.

Both coaches, Withers and Landers, advised, "You can get better in the 10 months off season than you can in the two months during season, so get out there and shoot, lift weights, and run so that you may achieve your own personal goals next season."

The highlight of the season for both coaches and players was the match-up against Golden City. Both Seventh and Eighth grade teams came out with wins in the same night. "That night really changed the way we had been playing," said Landers.

J.J. BASINGER



"I'm excited to listen and to learn from the seniors next year. I'm really just expecting to play on the freshman team and hopefully grab a winning season."

by the end of the season they were making free throw's and putting in lay-ups. They also learned to utilize each of there own strengths and contributed each persons individual strength phenomenally."

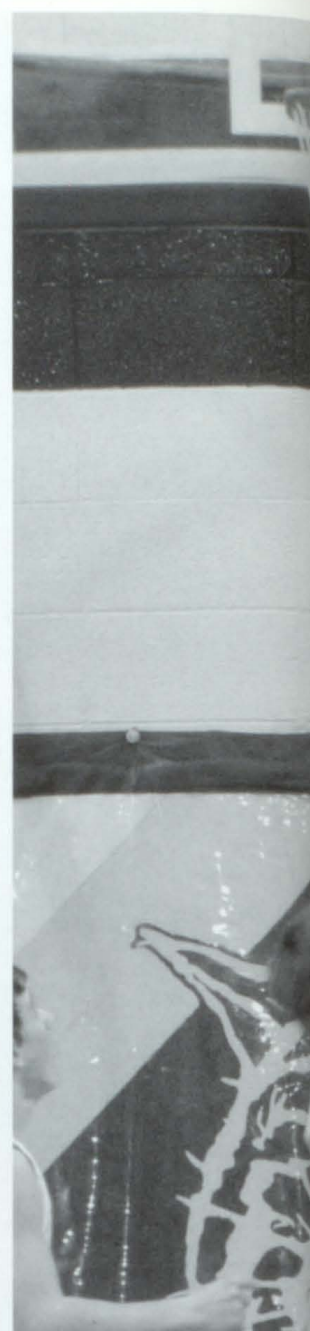
Coach Landers was

8TH SCORE CARD

Sarcoxie Trny	0-3
Everton	loss
Pierce City	loss
Lockwood	loss
Jasper	loss
Cassville	loss
Miller	loss
Golden City	win
SRV Trny	1-1
Sarcoxie	win



Front: Bradley James; Second: Manager Sabra Gaskill, Clint Leedy, Garrett Cox, Manager Ashley Nickolaisen; Back: Coach Larry Landers, James Cook, Cameron Scribner, J.J. Basinger, Coach Ben Withers.



Set It Up!

Eighth grader, Bradley James, rockets the basketball ball to teammate, Clint Leedy, so they may set up the offense.





WE WANT A BASKET!

Eighth grader, Cameron Scribner, springs up off of the floor for a shot against two defenders down in the paint. Scribner quotes, "Basketball was really fun this year, I really enjoyed playing with the boys!" Photos by Brittney Stevens.



SWOOSH!

(left) Seventh grader, Jeremy Springer, takes a shot as the referee calls a jump ball. Defenders do not move to box him out.

CONTROLLING THE FLOOR.

(below) Eighth grader, Clint Leedy, dribbles the ball up the court to his teammates to set up of the offense and score a few points against the opposing team.



Front: Chris Brown, Zack Bass; second: Manager Sabra Gaskill, Craig VanLue, Matt Holland, Colton Harrington, Andrew Pittman, Manager Ashley Nickolaissen; back: Coach Larry Landers, Clifton Bycroft, Matt Warford, Justin Jinks, Jeremy Springer, Coach Ben Withers.

7TH SCORE CARD

Sarcoxie Trny	0-3
Pierce City	loss
Lockwood	win
Jasper	loss
Cassville	loss
Miller	loss
Golden City	win
Liberal	loss
Greenfield	loss
Sarcoxie	loss

I n THE ZONE

Great Accomplishments

by Zach Billings

The seventh and eighth grade girls basketball teams had a strong season. Several members of both teams were first year players; although, their record shows they reached high levels of improvement as time went on throughout the season. Many of the seasons games could be considered quite intense with several ending in overtime.

Head coach, Brad Hocker seemed very pleased with the way the girls played. When asked for a comment about what he enjoyed most with the 2004-2005 basketball season he said, "The thing I was most pleased with is that both seventh and eighth grade girls improved throughout the

entire season. The eighth grade girls winning the opening round of the conference tournament against Miller was the highlight of the season."

EMILY EDGE



"This was my first year to play basketball, and my favorite year, because Coach Hocker made it fun."

During that game, Lindsey Gilbert had the game winning shot with just seconds left on the clock.

Practice for the girls normally involved a lot of running, shooting drills, and conditioning. Also, quite a bit of time

was spent covering the basic fundamentals of basketball and the mental requirements of any sport. For example, defense strategies like man-to-man and zone defense were covered frequently.

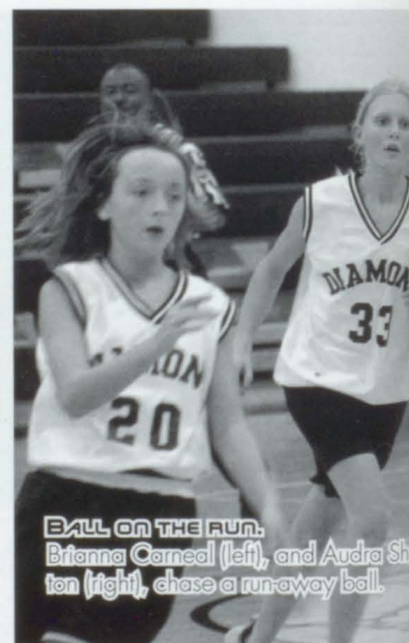
In addition, the players were taught the importance of good sportsmanship during competition. With a strong mental understanding of the game, the physical parts become easier to grasp. Learning that will give the girls a good foundation for their years to come involving this sport. It is those important aspects of athletics that helped the seventh and eighth grade girls throughout their basketball season.

SEVENTH GRADE

Granby	W
Triway	L
Monett	L
Jasper	W
Golden City	L
Granby	W
Greenfield	W
Liberal	L
Sarcoxi	W
Lockwood	W
Miller	W
Pierce City	L



Front: Emily Dailey; second: Taylor Tuter, Samantha Hare, Brianna Carneal; back: Nychelle Goad, Audra Shelton, Keysha Danner, Samantha Enyati, Amanda Brand.



BALL ON THE RUN. Brianna Carneal (left), and Audra Shelton (right), chase a runaway ball.



JUMP SHOT.
(right) Cassie Sharron shoots for two just outside the free throw line.
Photos by Whitney Brushwood.



PASS IT ON.

(left) Emily Dailey looks for an open teammate to pass the ball.

ON GUARD.

(below) Lindsey Gilbert puts pressure on her opponent by playing tough defense.



Front: Rikki Jump, Sabra Gaskill; second: Ashley Nickolaisen, Shaela Smith, Macy Harp, Crystal Lane, Eris Baker; back: Karin Bass, Cassie Sharron, Lindsey Gilbert, Katie Vanlue, Emily Sewell, Emily Edge.

EIGHTH GRADE

Granby	L
Seneca	L
Jasper	L
Everton	W
Golden City	W
Granby	L
Greenfield	L
Liberal	L
Sarcoxie	W
Lockwood	L
Miller	L
Pierce City	L
Liberal	W

CLIMBING THE TOTEM POLE

By Tia Finley

These girls prove that cheer leading is a sport.

Every year it's the same, the eight graders move on to high school and the seventh graders take over hoping to do as well as their predecessors. It's like a huge totem pole that all athletes have to climb. With the passing of the year and the graduation of the eighth graders, the seventh graders will have, for lack of a better phrase, rather large shoes to fill.

Last year the cheerleaders supported spirit week that was sponsored by STUCO, and they created their own chants and stunts after deciding to start fresh. The eighth graders coached and taught the seventh graders the new cheers.

It isn't easy taking on a new coach and at Diamond it seems like athletes do that quite often. The squad was supportive of Coach Sarah Deines

to take what they learned from their predecessors and teach the new underclassmen how to have pride and show the rest of the people in this small

town how to truly support Diamond's teams. As the eighth graders go to the bottom of the totem pole and the seventh graders climb to the top they don't forget how hard it they had to work, both individually and as a team, to get where they are, and how hard they will have to work in the future.

All of these girls climbed the totem pole and will still have to climb it for the next few years, but what matters is what they do at each stage of the totem pole. That's what people will remember and that's what they will be proud of.

HANNAH HOYER



"When things aren't going well in the game we pump up the crowd by doing their favorite cheers."

last year though, and showed their support by attending her wedding.

Now the eighth graders must move on to become freshmen and the seventh to become eighth graders. The new eighth graders will have



What was the most important thing you accomplished this year?



>> SAMANTHA OLSEN

"We had a really good year. We all got along really well and I think the 7th graders will be awesome next year."



>> HANNAH CARR

"Last year was really fun! The 7th graders will need to get a lot more serious about it [cheering], but they were pretty dedicated."



>> COACH SARAH DEINES

"They learned how to work together as a team."



Go! Wildcats Go!
The whole squad is in sync as they cheer their football players on. Photo by Whitney Brushwood.



REBOUND! REBOUND!

Sam Olsen (right) pumps up the players and the crowd while Diamond tries to steal the ball. Photo by Brittney Stevens.

Go! Fight! Win!

(below) Sam Olsen and Hannah Carr cheer on the team during a basketball game. Photo by Brittney Stevens.



Front: Kimberly Elder, Samantha Olson, Veronica Beuning, Sheena Chung;
Back: Coach Sarah Deines, Hannah Carr, Hannah Hoyer, Falacia Vance.



TIME OUT.

(below) Falacia Vance helps with a cheer during a time out at a home basketball game. Photo by Brittney Stevens.


STAND UP!

(above) Sheena Chung stands up and cheers the team on during a home game. Photo by Brittney Stevens





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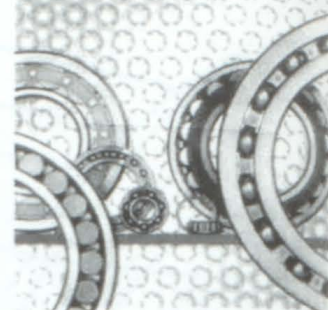
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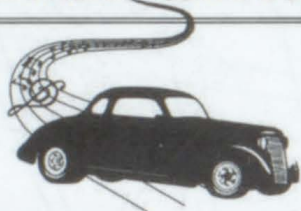
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- Garrison Keillor

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation."

- Plato

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THE BEGINNING
AND ITS START-
ING PIECES
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FIRST FRIENDS, nap time, recess, learning to count, multiply, write in cursive, these are just a few of the things that our elementary days entail. These are the days when students are carefree. They have no bills, no worries, and have no idea of the world outside their home and school. The only thing they have to worry about is how they are going to entertain themselves next. However, elementary is not all fun and games. These years are crucial to learning and growing not only academically, but also socially. New friends are being made, first sleep overs and first parties are taking place, and the first developing of a young person. These years are precious and should be remembered as one of the best times of a person's life.

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One Step At a Time

by Brittany Busse

I learned to tie my shoes and count by twos.
I have learned to tell time and color in the lines.
I learned math like $2+2=4$ and to spell m-o-r-e.
Recess is fun out in the sun.
I love story time and snack time.
I have P.E. on Tuesdays and music on Thursdays.
I can spell in the dark and read in the park.
I know division and write cursive with precision.
I have learned to add,
And what can I say, I'm not too bad.
When the teacher gives a shout,
We know it's time to get our mats out.

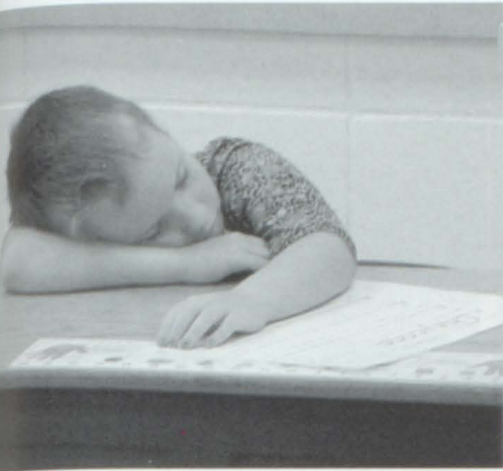
The elementary students learned a lot last year and they also had fun doing it. When asked about how much fun she had in kindergarten last year, Laney Haskins said, "I learned my ABC's and it was fun because [Mrs. Ogle] made it fun." Kelsie Woodward who was in Ms. Bressie's third grade class stated, "I learned cursive and it was fun because I like it a lot better than regular writing."

Whether students tip-toed through learning or took giant leaps and bounds they did it with a smile and a laugh.

Which One, Which One?

(below) Cooper Cianci plays a group activity in his first grade class that involves M&M's. It helps the students with their reading skills.





Roll out the mat!

(left) Cheyenne Gomez takes a break from learning how to write her ABC's in Mrs. McCallums' first grade class. (right) Elora Swenson, fourth grader, reads from her science book, in Mrs. Devon Zimmerman's class.



BINGO!

(below) Hannah Martin covers a space on her Bingo card with a M&M in Mrs. Annette Elam's first grade class. She along with the rest of the class participated in this activity to help build their word recognition skills. "It was fun," said Martin.



Workin' Together
Caitlin James and Karl Ching work on a group reading assignment in Mrs. Tresha Thompson's third grade class. Photos by Brittany Busse.



Sssssssss, Quiet Please!

(above) Jack Hardy reads a library book entitled "Houdini: Master of Escape" in Mrs. Thompson's third grade class.

What is something that you're good at that makes you unique?



Zoe Renfro • Kindergarten

"I can jump on a trampoline and do a flip."



Shelby Youngblood • 1st grade

"I know how to spell more words than other people do like, horse, cowboy, and cowgirl."



Alaina Goad • 2nd grade

"I play outfield in softball and I am a really fast runner."



Eric Bower • 3rd grade

"Last year my baseball team won second place for the season."

Fourth Grade



Joey Adkins Blake Alford Nicole Allen Kirsten Barnett Josie Bass Kaden Bennett Amy Bradley Lauren Bradley Tyler Burton



Skyler Burton Kayleigh Cameron Jesse Carter Brittany Cheek Kayleigh Clark Megan Cole Jamie Cook Acey Cooper Helena Cooper



Kyleigh Copley Christy Danner Lamon Latia Davis Jeremiah Divine Jordan Douglas Caitlyn Drake Chase Drake Katelyn Dunn Faith Eaves



Ashleigh Fields Debra Finley Dylan Flint Morgan Frossard Alex Goad Austin Goodman Alex Guebara Sasha Hall Brian Hanna



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Benjamin Mikesell Brooke Morgan Jerney Morris Jordan Musser Logan Myers Ian Noland Logan Nicholaisen Rachel Palmer Giovanni Prado



Alyssa Rand Patricia Rangel Mercedes Richardson Jonny Ruddick Austin Russel Cassandra Saulen Austin Singleton Derek Smith Curtis Sneed



What is the best part of fourth grade?



Lauren Bradley and Rachel Palmer

"Recess!"



Stacy Xiong



"P.E. is the best part of 4th grade."

Brian Hanna

"Math is the best part because I like it the best."



Meggan Stewart

Shelby Struewing



Elora Swenson

Justin Tandy

Stefani Thomas

Bunky Thomlinson

Julia Tucker

Lacey Underwood

Daniel Vang

Stephanie Vang

Mackia Wagner



Colton Walstead

Nate Warthen

Dillon Welch

Triston Williams

Chance Wooley

Kelly Xiong

Leen Xiong

Stacy Xiong

Yue Pheng Xiong

Third Grade



Mack Barton



Haley Benner



Andrew Bentley



Brodie Bien



Eric Bower



Hayden Brewer



Amber Bryant



Hannah Burdic



Natasha Compton



David Ching



Karli Ching



Chandler Cianci



Bailey Cowherd



Anna Crider



Heather Danner



Lamont Davis



Larissa Deweese



Tia Elkins



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Jack Hardy



Megan Harjo



Makenzie Harrington



Anthony Harris



Kolton Harville



Katie Henson



Alyssa Hollars



Tessa Huffman



Joshua Hylton



Caitlin James



Caleb James



Jacob Johnson



Shayla Jones



Aaron Kimbrough



Megan Kirk



Aaron Lawson



Boe Lawson



Cady Littlefield



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Samantha Patrick



Jennifer Prado



Tyler Puttman



Ally Rawlins



Zach Renfro



Clayton Rolf



Darren Russow



Britany Scruelle



you could meet anyone who would it be?

Clayton Stevens

"Michael Jackson because he is famous."

Caleb James

Michael Jordan because he is really good at basketball."



Heather Danner

"My uncle Jim because I only got to meet him once before he died."



Ashlee Simon



Anthony Skelton



Clayton Stevens



Kata Studyvin

Cody Tapp

Cassey Tompkins

Johnny Vang

Niki Vang

Sidney Vogt

Alex Wilson

Kelsie Woodward

Lindsay York

Second Grade



Tyree Allen Rachelle Anderson Maranda Barton Bailey Bien Ashlyn Bradley Caitlin Brock Lane Brown Justus Cash Shyla Clairday



Dillian Crabb Brandon Crum Shea Lin Dalton Brooke Eaves Alyssa Fields Hailey Gilpin Alaina Good Tyler Harden Cort Hardy



Taylor Haskins Chase Herrin Autumn Hodge Logan Hopper Eric Jansen Dakota Jones Ian Krapp Meghan Lamar Joshua Lee



Alyssa Longman Ashlyn Longman Zach Lowden Lydia Lurger Jessica Manley Bethany Martin Kalyn Martin Austin Maturino Ashlee McDermott



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What is your favorite school lunch?



Janzen White

"Popcorn Shrimp"

Chase Herrin

"Bay Blade."



Tyree Allen

"Pizza."



Taylor Haskins

"Turkey Fries."



First Grade



Bethany Barnard Chase Bowman Shelby Bradley Michael Brown Susan Brown Rob Burton Kisaphia Chang Cooper Cianci Corey Cooper



Dalton Crabb Whitney Degania Kirsten Eden Alyssa Ellison Kimberly Estabrook Sabrina Estes Payton Frossard Cheyenne Gomez Sawyer Goodman



Tressia Green Kylie Hanna Spencer Harbaugh Jacob Hartman Kyle Hayes Dillon Hodge Austin Hunter Kelley Isbell Chanie James



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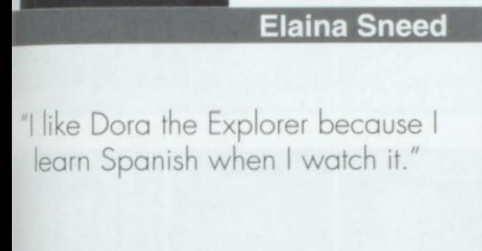


What is your favorite cartoon?



Dylan Myers

"I like Spongebob Squarepants because he is so funny."



Elaina Sneed

"I like Dora the Explorer because I learn Spanish when I watch it."



Megan Thomas

"I like Lizzie McGuire because she is very funny and cool."

Tressa Green



"I like Spongebob Squarepants because he works at the Krusty Krab."



Ashley York



Colt Youngblood



Shelby Youngblood



Megan Thomas



Zack Fowler

Kindergarten



Grace Adkins

Johnathan Allen

Jacie Allison

Kelsey Artherton

Ilex Barid

Bryson Baker

Caitlin Baker

Kelsey Ball

Morgan Baird



Destiny Bernard

Christopher Bilyeu

Luke Bower

Trey Bowman

Austin Box

Nicholas Brands

Celina Brown

Dakota Brown

Ethan Brown



Sarah Bryant

Jacob Burdick

Makenzie Burris

Brooke Cowherd

Connor Crocker-Johns

Tyler Degonia

Jarret Ebner

Kelsi Eden

Katy Estabrook



Sydney Evans

Tyra Felty

Samantha Grenniger

Jed Hardy

Layne Haskins

James Hobbs

Rheuben Hodge

Emily Hopper

Jacob Horton



Zachary Hughes

Dalton Hylton

Judd Kaden

Cheyenne Logan

Bethany Martin

Carmen Martinez

Brooklyn Matthews

Kylea Miksell

McKenzie Miller



Christopher Mitchell

Sophia Montez

Paige Morgan

Kaeden Morris

Angela Murphy

Cloe Neece

Lani Ogle

Carter Prewitt

Liseth Rangel



Hannah Reardon

Dawson Renfro

Zoe Renfro

Katie Saltkill

Bekka Saunders

Triston Shepherd

Donovan Summers

Kade Taylor

Drew Thompson



What is your favorite movie?



Sam Greninger

"Finding Nemo."

Carter Prewitt

"The Incredibles."



Kaden Judd



"Jurassic Park."

Carmen Martinez



"My Pony."



Keaton Trout

Jordan Tyler

Elizabeth Vang

Hunter Vanlue

Morgan Wilson

Demitra Woehl

Ashton Woodward

Brantley Wright

Nathan York

Faculty



Jerry Albin
Math



Carole Bachmann
Third Grade



Barbara Badley
Second Grade



Beth Baker
Library Aide



Debbie Baker
Nurse



Eliane Barton
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Joseph Barton
Special Ed 7th/8th



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MS Math



Carolynn Bressie
Third Grade



Harold Bridges
Maintenance



Tiny Bridges
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HS Social Studies



Merri Brunnett
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HS Language Arts



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Glenn Cole
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Second grade



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Fifth Grade



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Kindergarten



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MS Science



Joe Eckhoff
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Annette Elam
First Grade



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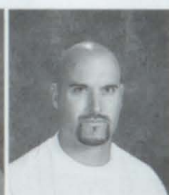
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MS Science



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Shelby Linahan
Fourth Grade



Julie McCallum
First Grade



Connie Martin
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Guess Who?

1. Still a cowboy
at heart.

2. $2 \times 3 = 6$

3. "You have 10 words
left."

4. "Go, Fight,
Win!"



1.



2.



3.



4.

Answers: 1: Richard Curran, 2: Nancy Berry, 3: Allen Woods, 4: Kristi Harp



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Superintendent



Dustin Miller
Art



Karin Miller
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Devon Zimmerman
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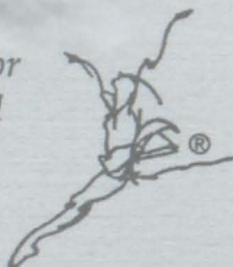
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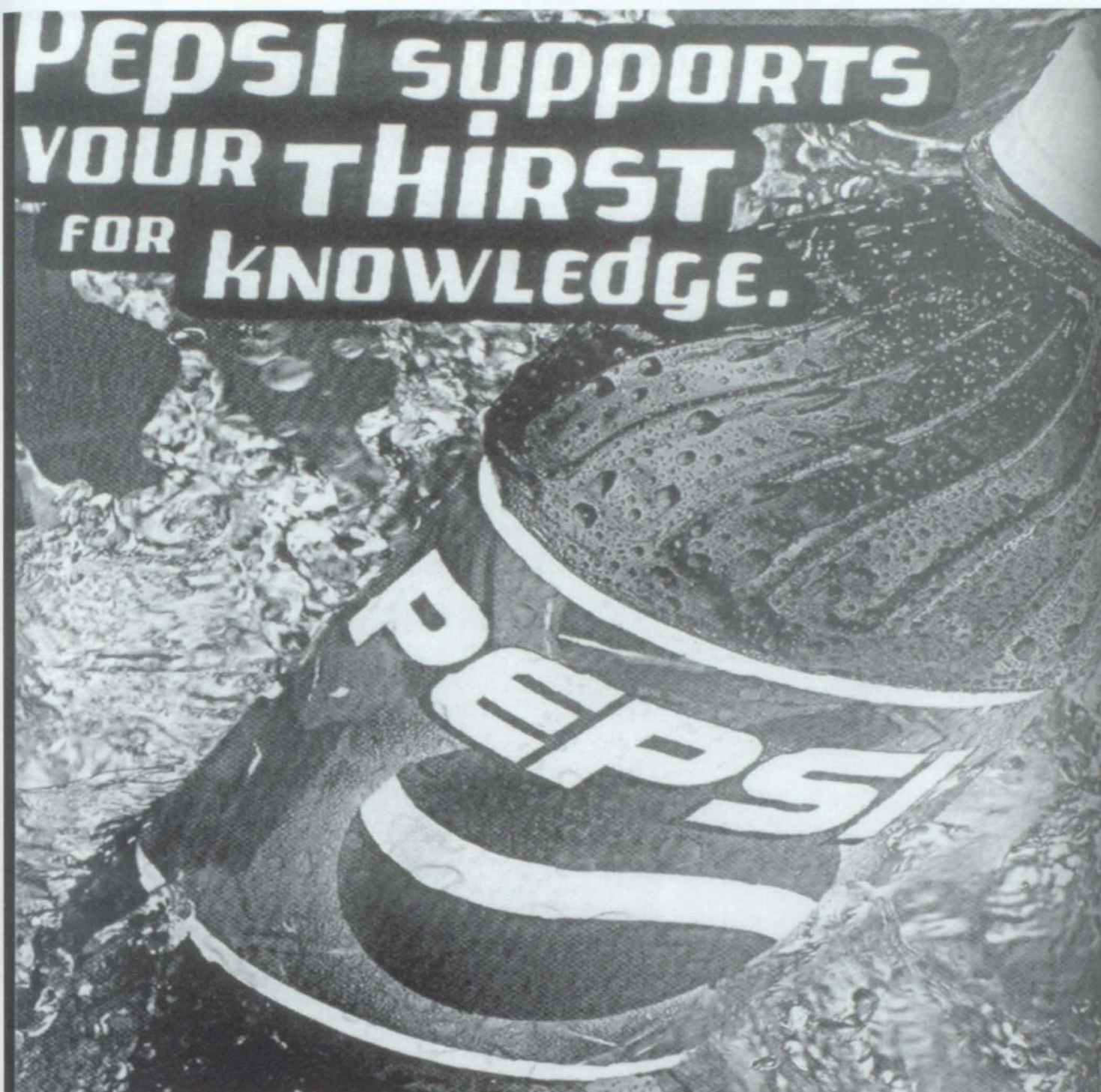




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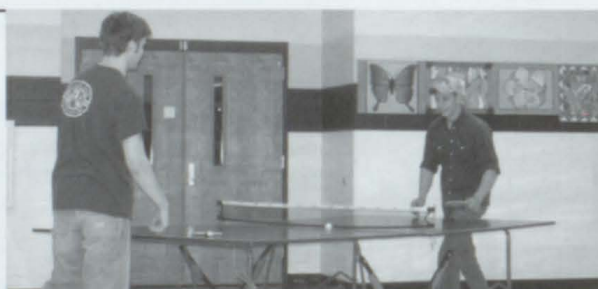


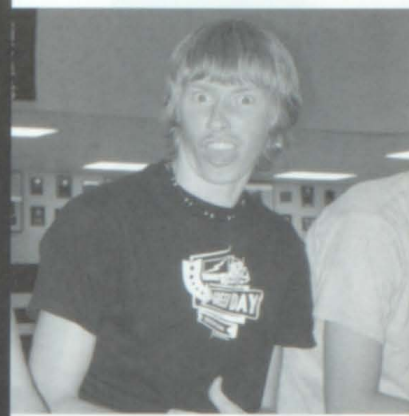
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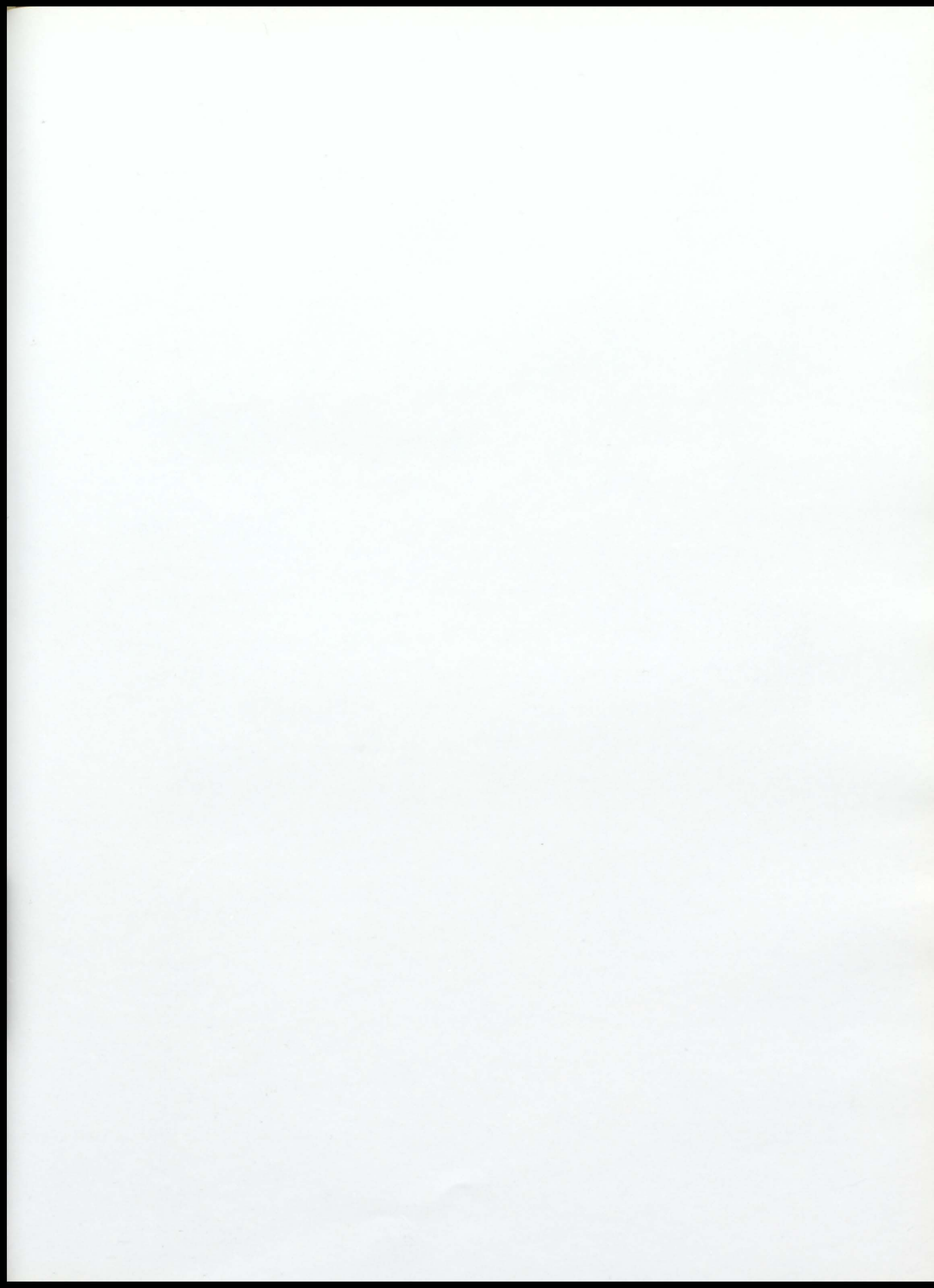
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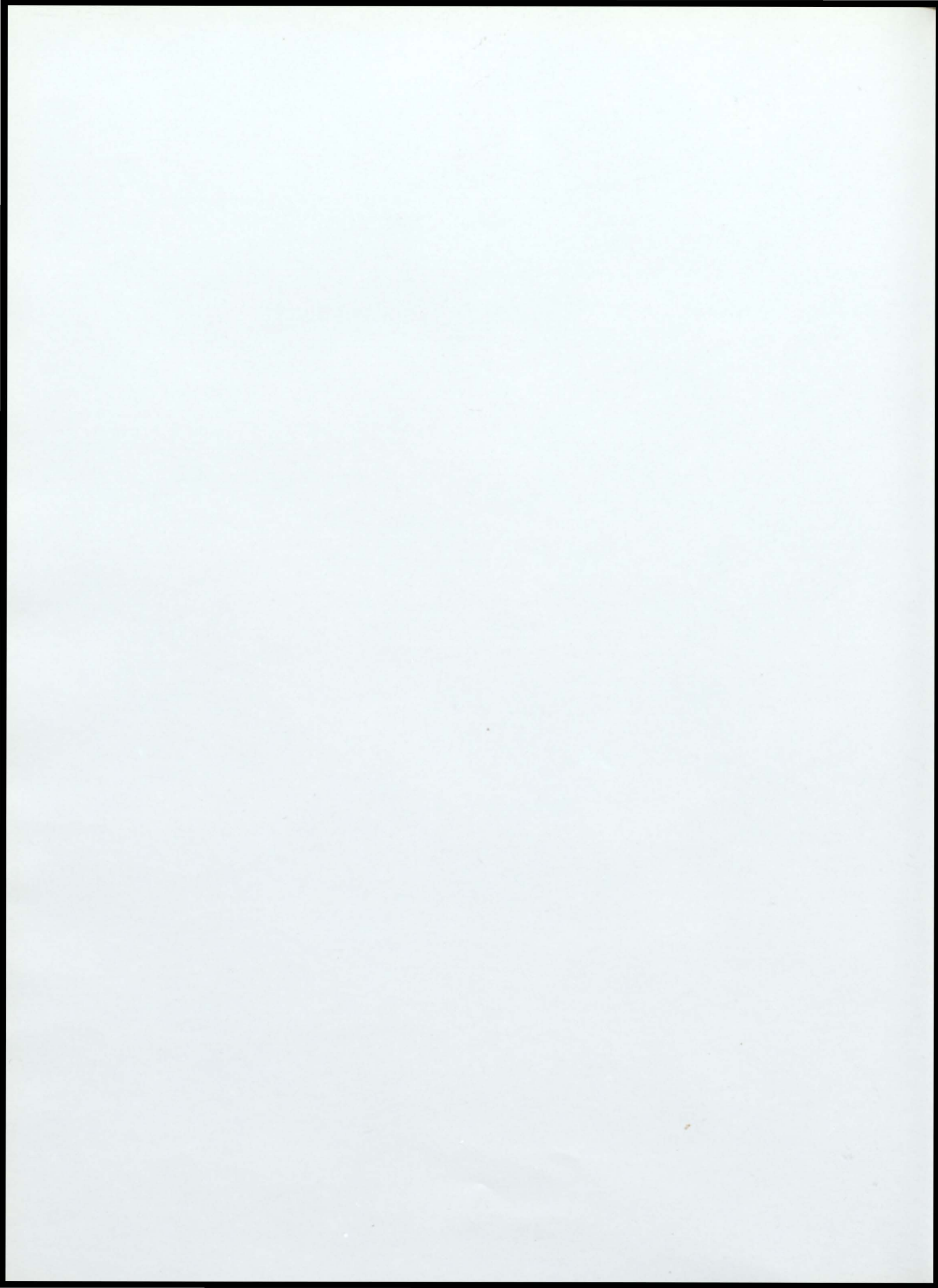




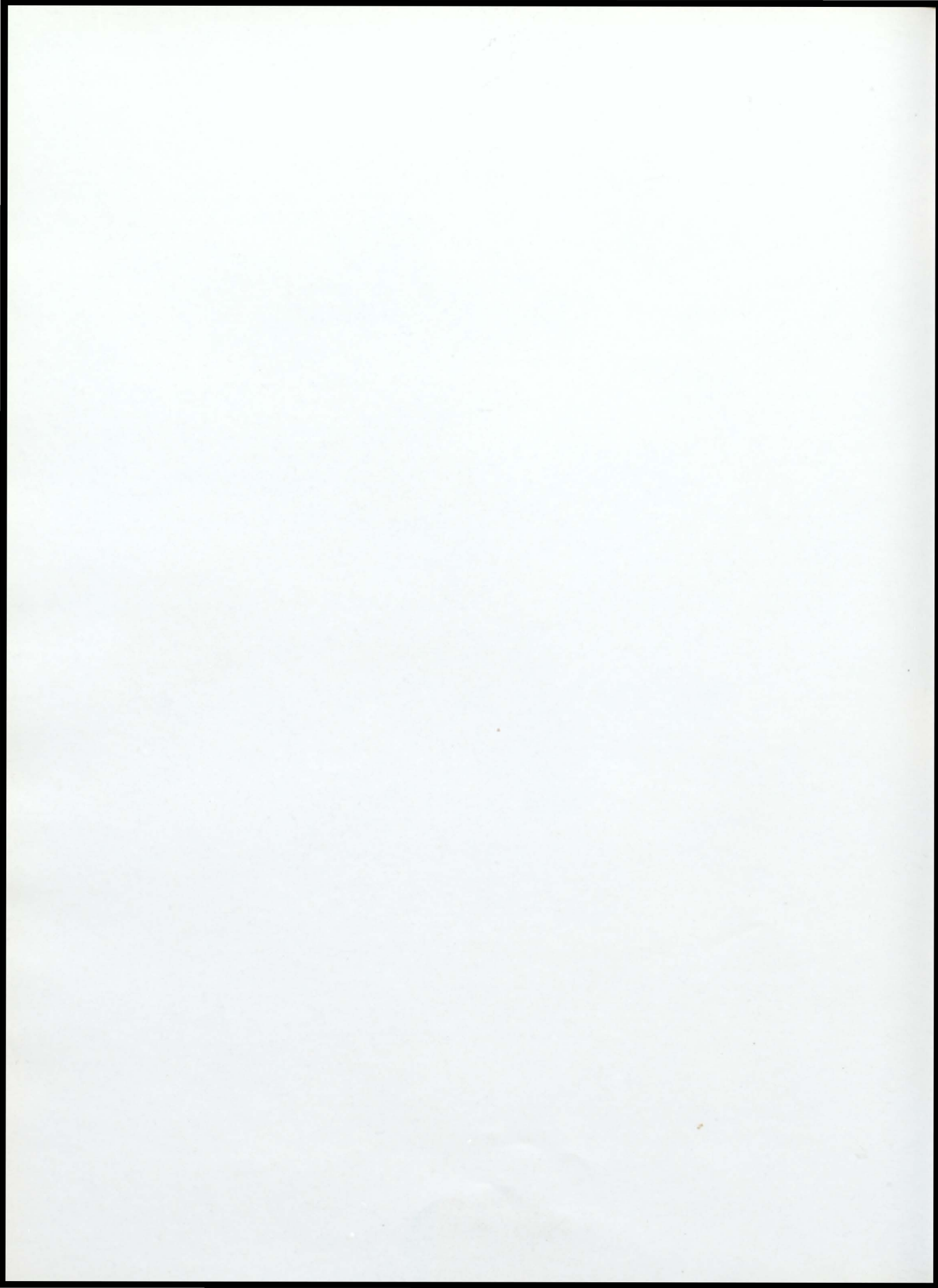
WHEN ALL THE PIECES FIT...

that is the perfect ending. Everything goes as planned and nothing goes wrong. Every little piece fits and nothing has to be forced into place. But things like that only happen in our dreams. We know that our lives aren't going to be perfect, and all of the pieces of our lives aren't going to fit together exactly like we want them to, but that shouldn't stop us from living our lives, learning from our mistakes, and being proud of our accomplishments. Everyone has different dreams and desires, different thoughts and plans, but everyone begins in the same place. We all begin our lives learning and experiencing things through our years of school. We will look back on every year and see how much it improved our life, how much we learned from it, and how it helped those aspects of our lives slip into place, one piece at a time, until finally, we have our very own life, each piece of it a different experience or memory that shaped us into who we are now and who we will be in the future.



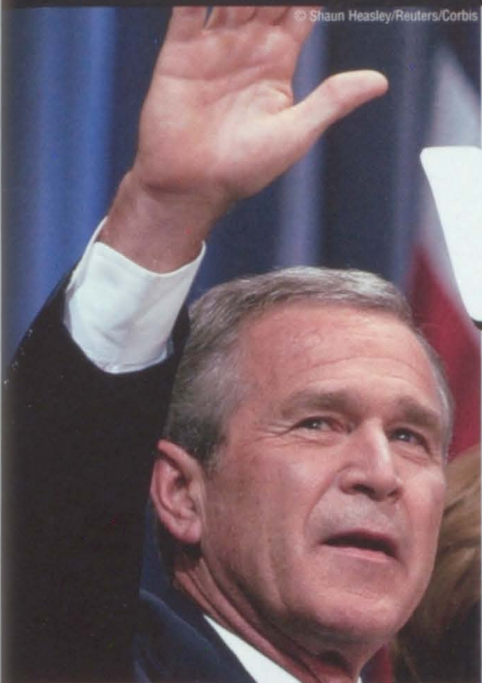


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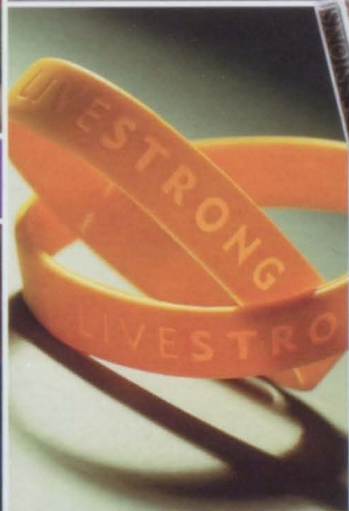


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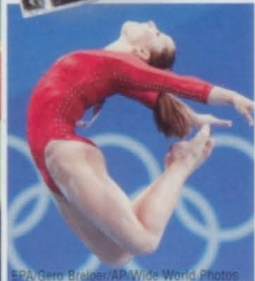
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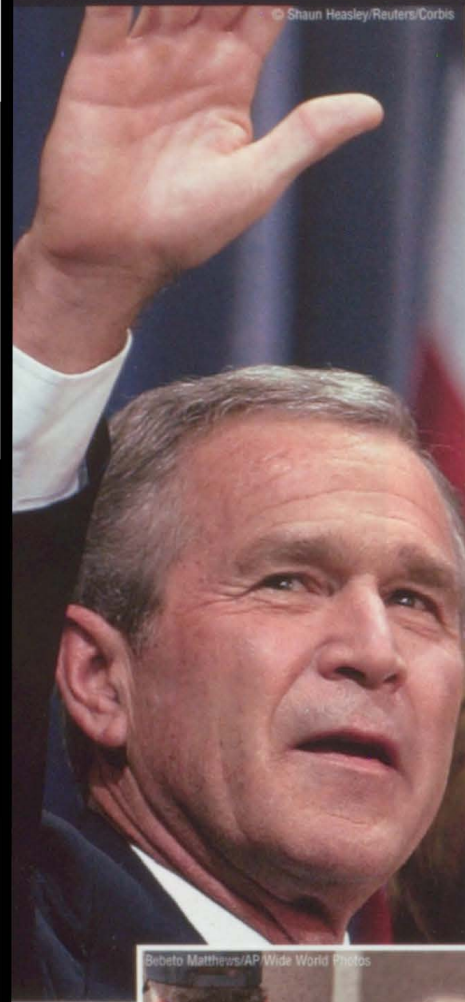


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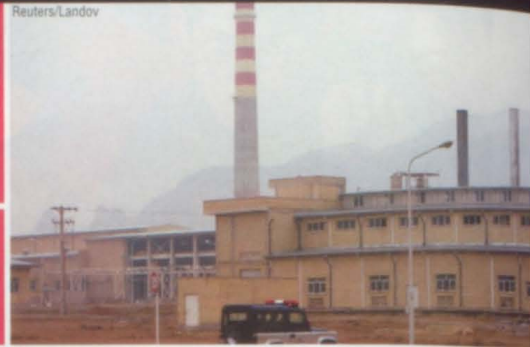
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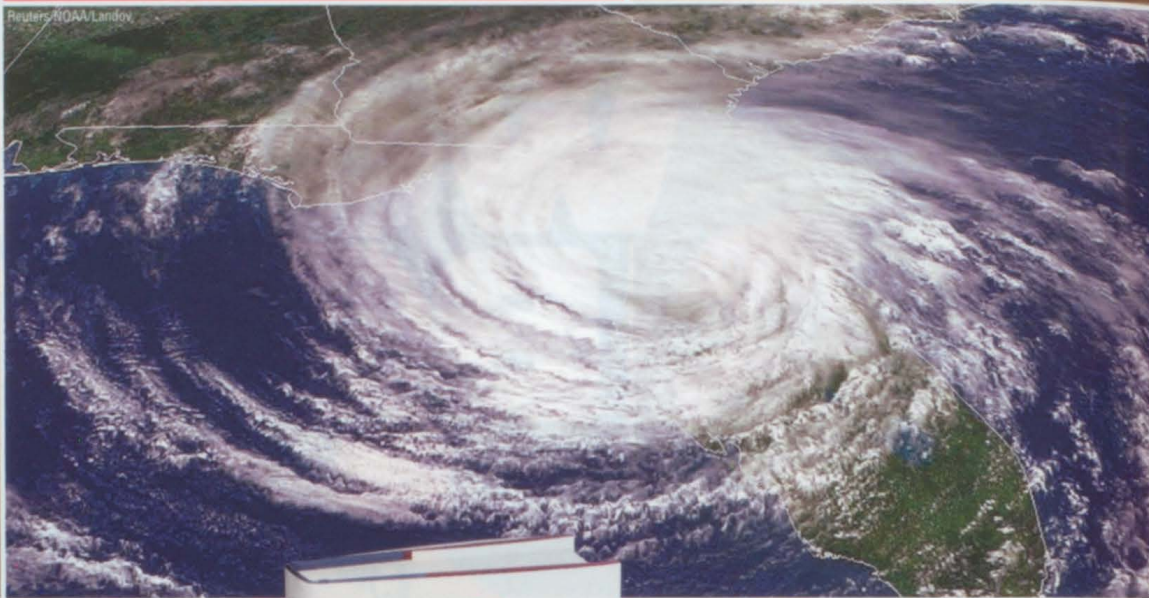
➤ Republican incumbent George W. Bush narrowly defeats Democratic challenger John Kerry in the hotly contested 2004 presidential election.

➤ Despite assurances that its nuclear program intentions are peaceful, Iran voluntarily suspends its uranium enrichment activities in the face of protests from NATO and the U.S.



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➤ Five hurricanes hit the Caribbean Sea, Florida and the southeastern U.S. coast in the fall of 2004, causing \$25 billion in damages.

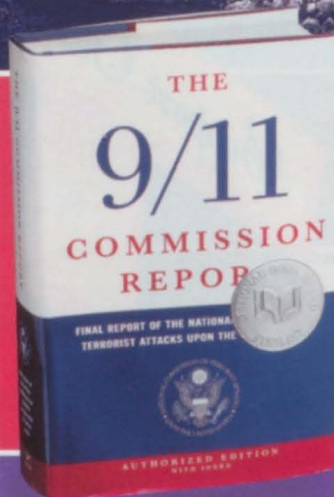


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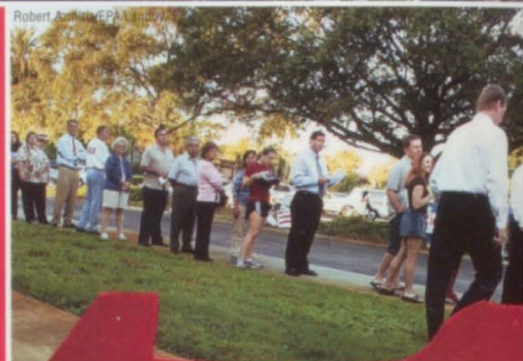


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➤ Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart begins serving a five-month jail sentence in West Virginia, after being found guilty of lying about a suspicious stock sale.



➤ In July, the Bipartisan 9/11 Commission releases its report of circumstances surrounding the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.



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VOTE



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➤ Ronald Wilson Reagan, 40th president of the United States, dies in June at the age of 93.

➤ Strong partisan division over issues at stake throughout the 2004 presidential campaign results in record turnout of voters under 21.

➤ In November, Minnesotan Chai Vang allegedly shoots and kills six hunters and wounds two others after he is caught trespassing on a hunting platform in Wisconsin.



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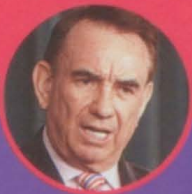
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Tom Ridge leaves his position as secretary of homeland security.



Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson resigns.

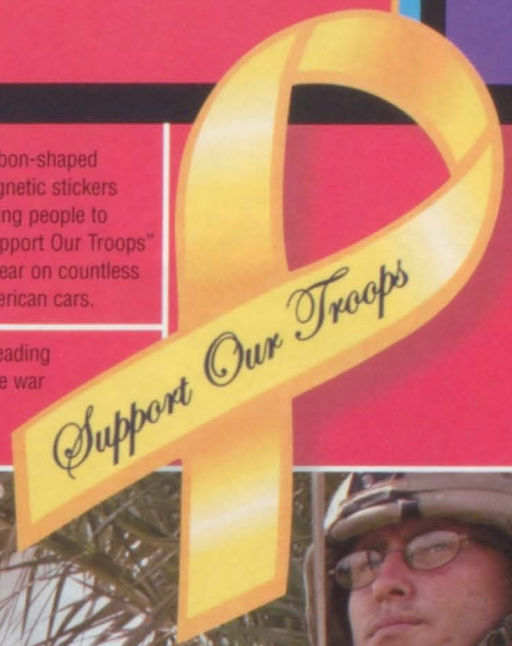


Secretary of State Colin Powell steps down.



Attorney General John Ashcroft relinquishes his cabinet post.

➔ Ribbon-shaped magnetic stickers urging people to "Support Our Troops" appear on countless American cars.



ⓘ National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice makes history as the first black female to become secretary of state when she succeeds Colin Powell.

ⓘ Coalition troops face a persistent terrorist insurgency leading up to the Iraq presidential election in January 2005. The war costs the lives of over 1,400 coalition troops, as well as over 14,000 Iraqi civilians.



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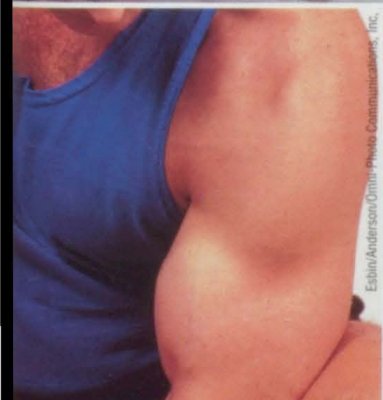
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ⓘ In the trial of the year, California jurors find Scott Peterson guilty of the first-degree murder of his pregnant wife, Laci, and second-degree murder of their unborn son.



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ⓘ More than 220,000 lives are lost after a massive earthquake in December off Indonesia's coast causes a tsunami that smashes coastlines in Southern Asia and as far away as Somalia.

ⓘ The Center for Disease Control's Youth Risk Behavior Survey finds 6.1 percent of teenagers surveyed have tried steroids as compared to 2.7 percent in 1991.



ⓘ In response to the investigation by the Bipartisan 9/11 Commission, the U.S. Senate passes the National Intelligence Reform Act.

global



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☛ PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, 75, dies in a Paris hospital. Palestinians view him as a leader who sought a homeland for his people, but many Israelis see Arafat as a ruthless terrorist.

☛ In October, more than 10 million Afghan men and women vote in the country's first presidential election — a milestone in the country's transformation after 25 years of war and Taliban control.

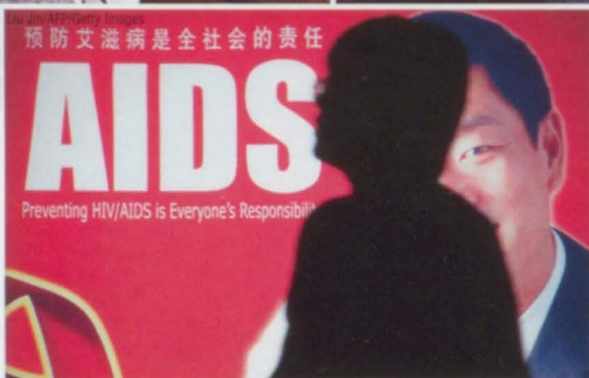


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☛ At 885 feet the new Millau bridge in southern France is the tallest bridge in the world.



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☛ The United Nations reports the AIDS epidemic is growing in Africa and worsening dramatically across eastern Europe and Asia.

☛ After more than a year of ceasefire, civil war re-ignites in the Ivory Coast as a result of President Gbagbo's ordering air strikes on rebel positions.



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☛ The Ukrainian Supreme Court invalidates that country's disputed presidential election because of vote tampering. In the revote, pro-West opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko claims victory.

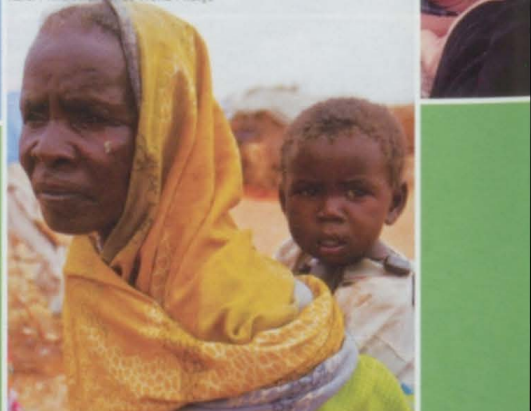
☛ In September, Chechen rebels kill more than 430 people in a series of terrorist attacks in Russia, including the bloody attack on an elementary schoolhouse.

☛ After 22 months, the conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan continues to grow, leaving more than 2.3 million Africans in need of humanitarian aid.



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human interest

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FLU CLINIC

Due to manufacturing errors, the United States faces a flu vaccine shortage. The U.S. Department of Health reserves vaccinations for those most at risk — people over 65 and infants six to 23 months of age.

In August, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center opens in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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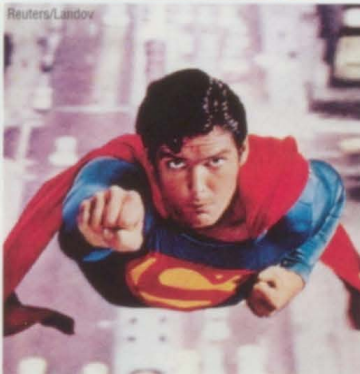


Countries and individuals around the world join together to pledge over \$4 billion in relief for those devastated by the December tsunami disaster.

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Christopher Reeve dies at age 52. Reeve is remembered for his movie role as Superman and as an advocate for spinal cord research after being paralyzed in an accident in 1995.

According to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, over 20 million people are wearing the yellow "Livestrong" wristbands that help fund and promote the organization's cancer research.

In September, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates announces a \$168 million donation to fund malaria research.

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The National World War II Memorial is unveiled in Washington, D.C., in honor of the millions of Americans who served during World War II in the military and on the home front.

A prolonged deployment of over 200,000 U.S. troops to Iraq leaves many families struggling at home.



science-techno

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Portable photo printers that do not require a computer are a hot item for digital camera owners.

Hong Kong-based toymaker Wow Wee Ltd. sells 1.5 million Robosapiens since the toy's introduction in April. Among other "talents," the \$100 robot can belch and pass gas on command.

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The Food and Drug Administration links the use of antidepressants such as Zoloft, Paxil and Prozac to suicidal behavior in teens.

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SpaceShipOne, the world's first privately developed spacecraft, is named "2004 Invention of the Year" by *Time* magazine.

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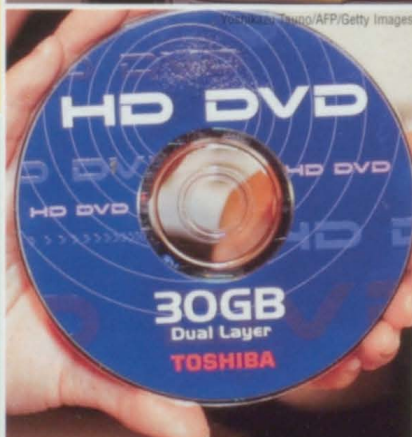
Apple's iPod is the year's hottest tech gadget, fashion accessory and advertising personality, all in one credit-card-size package.

After four years on the market and billions of dollars in revenue, pharmaceutical company Merck recalls the arthritis drug Vioxx due to increased risk for cardiovascular disease.

General Motors releases the industry's first full-size gas-electric hybrid pickup truck, the Chevrolet Silverado.

Toshiba's HD DVD and Sony's Blu-ray battle for supremacy over the next generation of DVD technology. Major movie studios are evenly divided in their backing of the two technologies.

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nature



Amy Lana

➤ Designer dog breeds like the "Goldendoodle," an allergy-friendly cross between a golden retriever and a poodle, are in high demand.

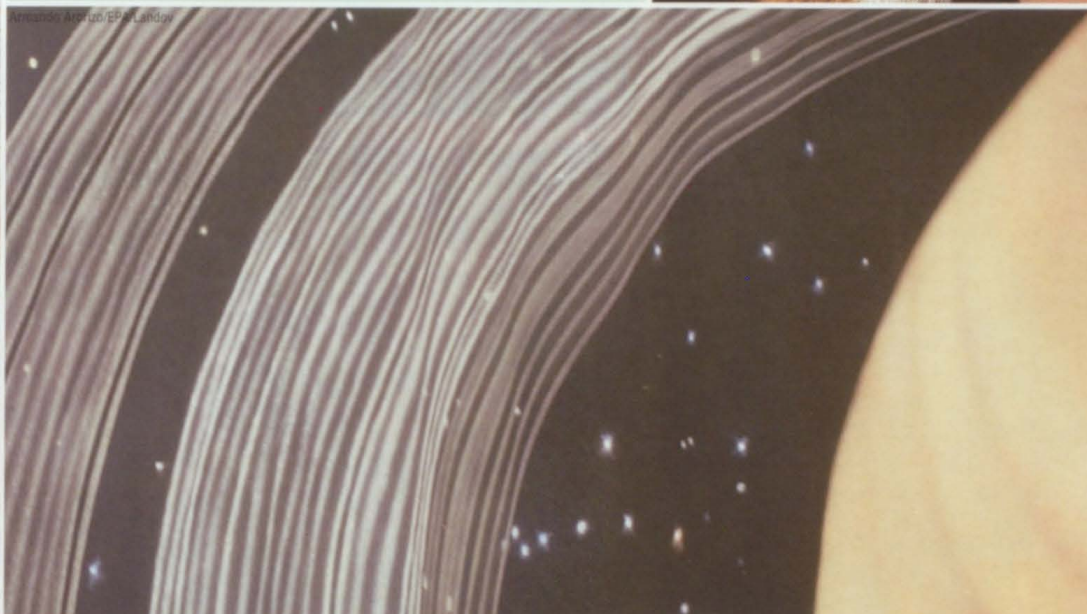
➤ African lions join the endangered species list because they are being killed to protect domestic livestock and their habitats are being destroyed.

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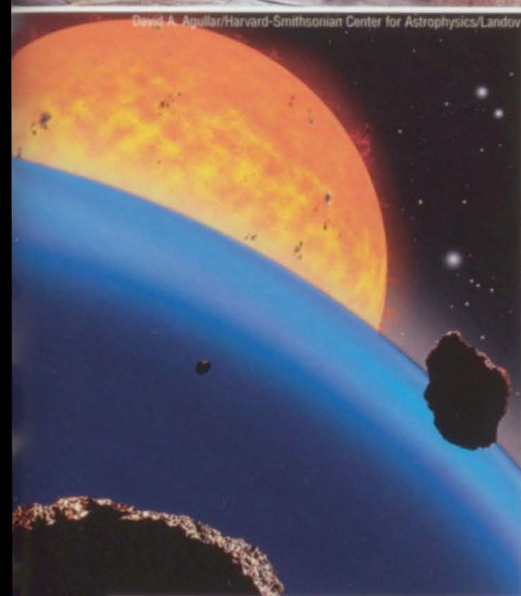


➤ Although Saturn's rings look solid from Earth, images taken by the international Cassini spacecraft show they are more like rivers of dust and ice, with particles ranging in size from specks to mountains.

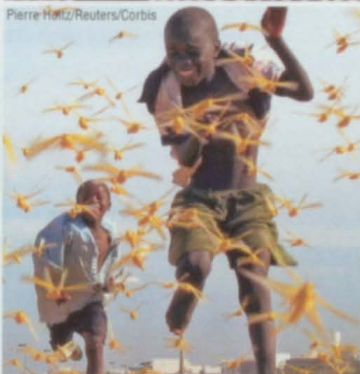
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➤ Swarms of locusts destroy millions of acres of crops in West Africa.

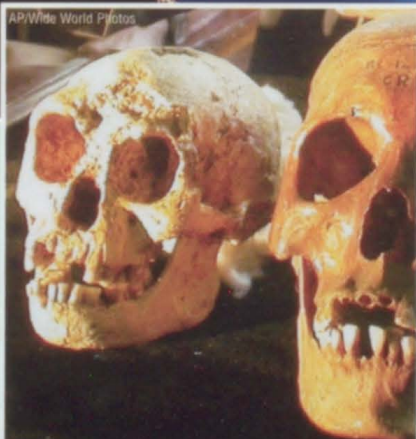
➤ In September, astronomers announce the discovery in the Milky Way galaxy of a new and possibly abundant class of planets.

➤ On a remote island in Indonesia, scientists find 18,000-year-old skeletons of a hobbit-like human species that grew no larger than today's average three-year-old child.

➤ In October, Mount St. Helens vents ash and steam for the first time since its major eruption in 1980.

➤ Threatened by the spread of hormone-disrupting chemicals and global warming, polar bears are added to the endangered species list.

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trends



Retro brooches are back



Ugg knockoffs are popular



Squish pillows are a "must-have"



Pink is the hot new color

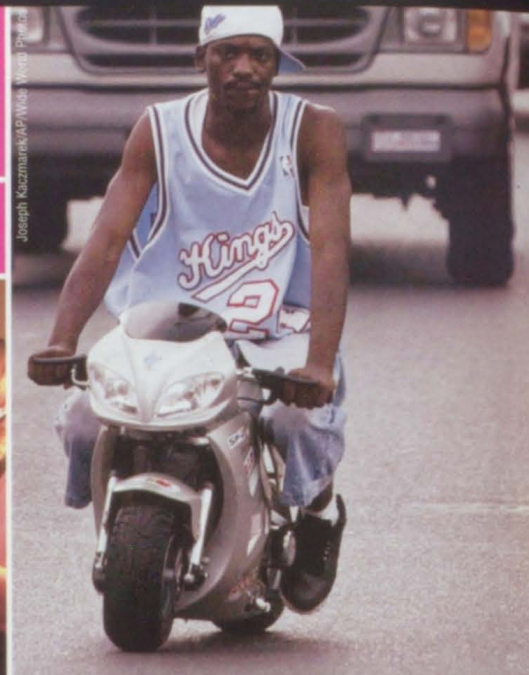


Knitted ponchos are fall's hottest new fashion trend, gracing the shoulders of your classmates and your favorite celebrities.

Pocket bikes top holiday wish lists despite safety warnings that they are not toys.

Airbrush tans, capable of lasting five to 14 days, provide a fashionable and safer alternative to harmful ultra-violet rays.

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Italian link charm bracelets become the biggest jewelry trend of the year.



Whether genuine or ordered new from a custom T-shirt store on the Web, vintage '80s iron-on T-shirts are a hot fashion commodity.

Catch phrases used to encourage people to get out and vote become a fashionable cause, appearing on everything from T-shirts to ties.

Thanks to the popular movie *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*, the high-flying, body-bashing sport makes its way back into gymnasiums across the country.



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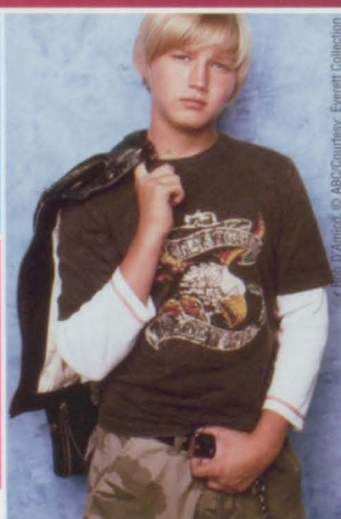
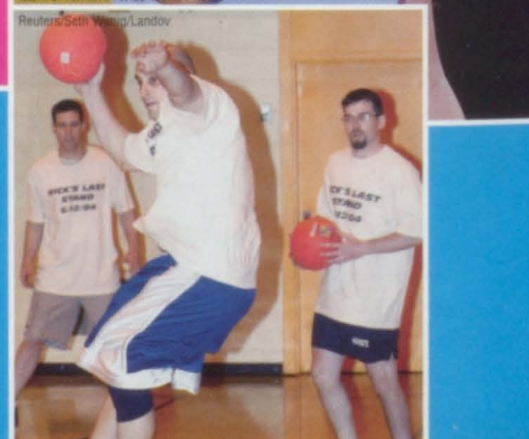


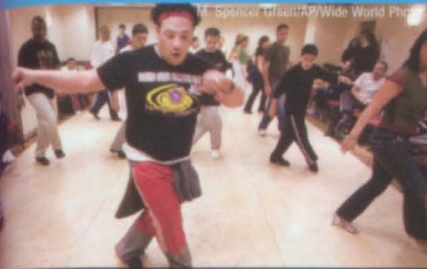
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The "grunge" style of the early '90s resurfaces with camouflage patterns and T-shirts with long-sleeve shirts underneath.



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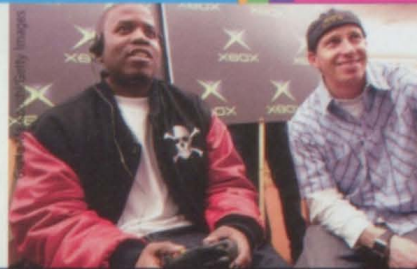
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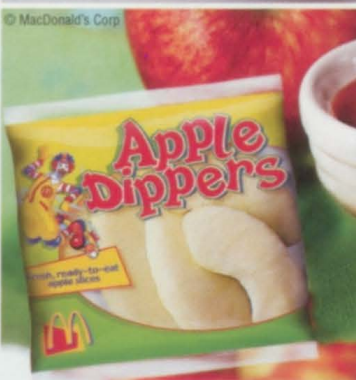
Online gaming



Soft-drink makers join the diet bandwagon with low-carb sodas like Coca-Cola C2 and Pepsi Edge. Sales of the new products, however, quickly go flat.

With more than 7 million participants, paintball is the third most popular extreme sport, behind in-line skating and skateboarding.

Muscle cars like the revamped Ford Mustang GT regain their presence on American roads.



Fast-food restaurants offer kids' meals with healthy alternatives to fries and soda, including apples and milk.

The scrapbooking craze reaches new heights with more people wanting to capture their memories in creative ways.

With DVDs delivered right to your door and no late fees, Netflix and Blockbuster Online become popular choices for movie rentals.

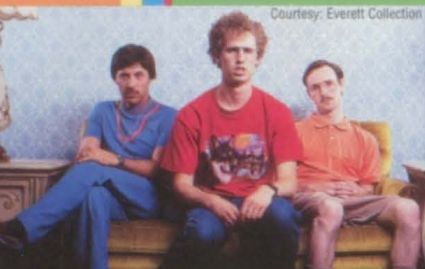


Bucking the health trend, Hardee's serves up a Monster Thickburger with 1,420 calories and 107 grams of fat.

Events like the All Girl Skate Jam, founded in 1997, bring skateboarding to peak popularity among young girls.



movies



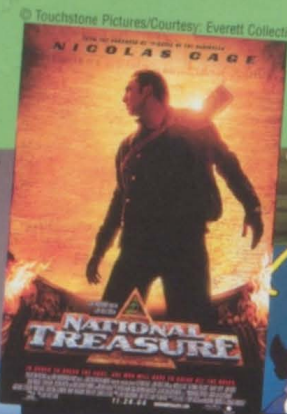
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Napoleon Dynamite



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Star Wars: Episode III—Revenge of the Sith



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National Treasure



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The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie



➤ Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet garner Golden Globe nominations for *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, which also earns a nod for Best Picture, Musical or Comedy.

➤ Johnny Depp scores his second straight Oscar nomination for Best Actor with his performance in *Finding Neverland*.

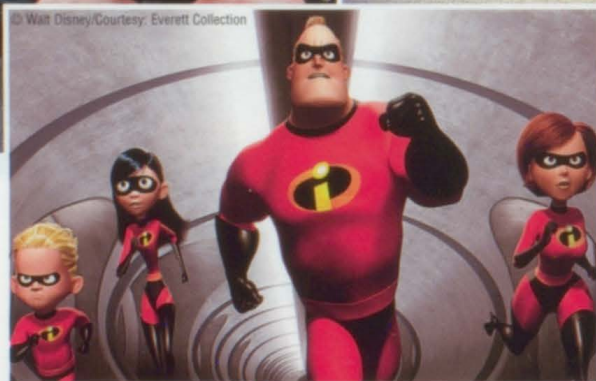
➤ *Shrek 2* ranks third on the list of the 100 top-grossing movies, with a total haul of just over \$436 million.



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➤ *The Incredibles*, Pixar and Disney's movie about a superhero family trying to live a normal life in the suburbs, is a box-office smash.



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➤ Clint Eastwood directs another hit with *Million Dollar Baby*, starring Hilary Swank as a 31-year-old boxer.



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➤ Jamie Foxx delivers an eerily convincing and Oscar-nominated performance as the late Ray Charles in *Ray*.

➤ Already named best picture by film critics from New York to Los Angeles, independent film *Sideways* finds even more celebrity with a leading seven Golden Globe nominations.

➤ *The Aviator*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio in the role of eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes, earns eleven Oscar nominations.

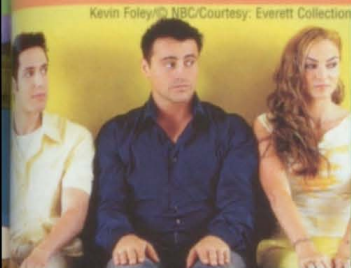


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television



NBC's "Joey"



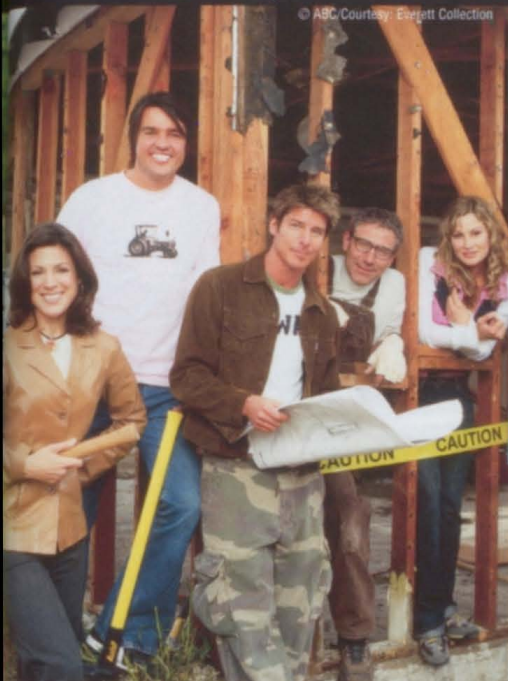
"Seinfeld" is released on DVD



The WB's "One Tree Hill"



ABC's "Wife Swap"

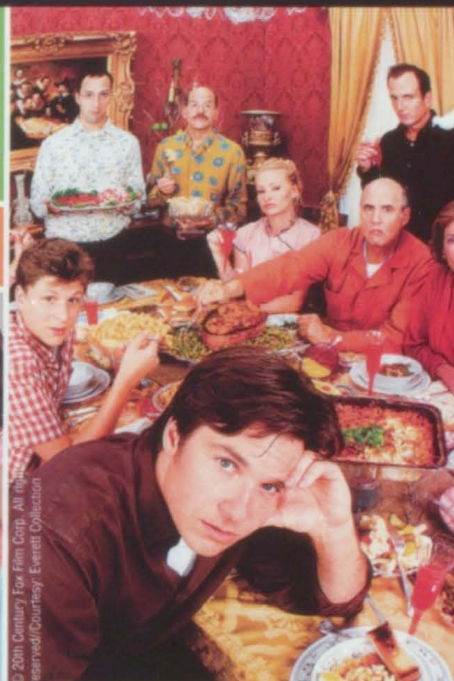


Ty Pennington and company improve lives while making homes better on the successful ABC home improvement show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Fox's "Arrested Development" wins the Emmy for Best Comedy Series after an inaugural year that is critically acclaimed but poorly rated.

Stephen, "Lo," Kristen and friends bring their real Orange County adventures to MTV in the hit reality show "Laguna Beach."

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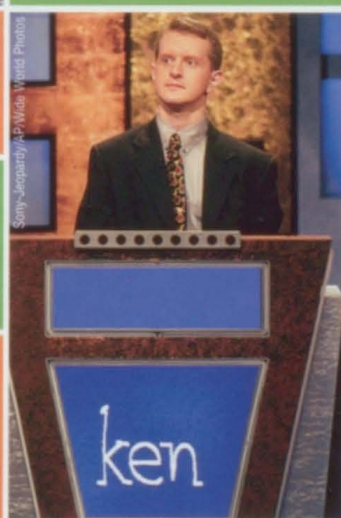
"You're fired!" becomes a household phrase as Donald Trump plows through executive wannabes on his hit NBC show, "The Apprentice."

ABC gets big ratings from its new hit drama "Lost," the intriguing story of 48 plane crash survivors stranded on an island.

To kick off her 19th season of CBS's "The Oprah Winfrey Show," Oprah and Pontiac join forces to give each of the 276 audience members a brand new Pontiac G6.



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Pausing and recording live television with DVR is rapidly replacing VCRs in households across America.

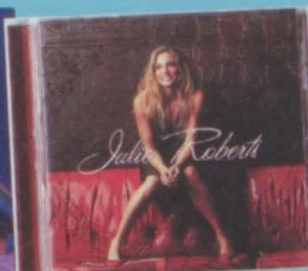
Before his unbelievable 74-game winning streak comes to an end, NBC's "Jeopardy!" contestant Ken Jennings wins \$2,520,700 — a TV game show record. He delivers over 2,700 correct responses.



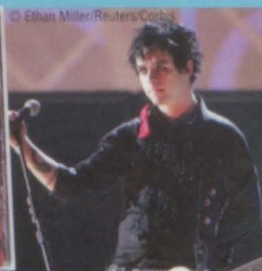
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Destiny's Child reunites



Julie Roberts



Green Day



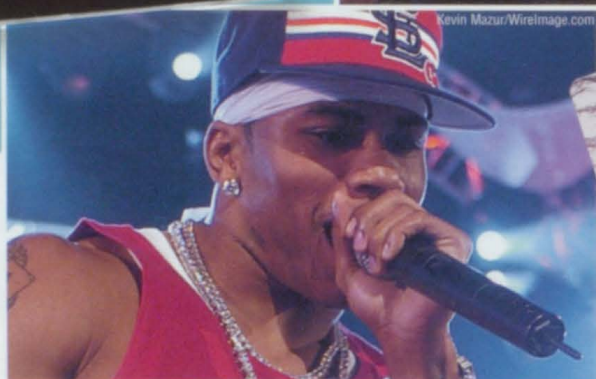
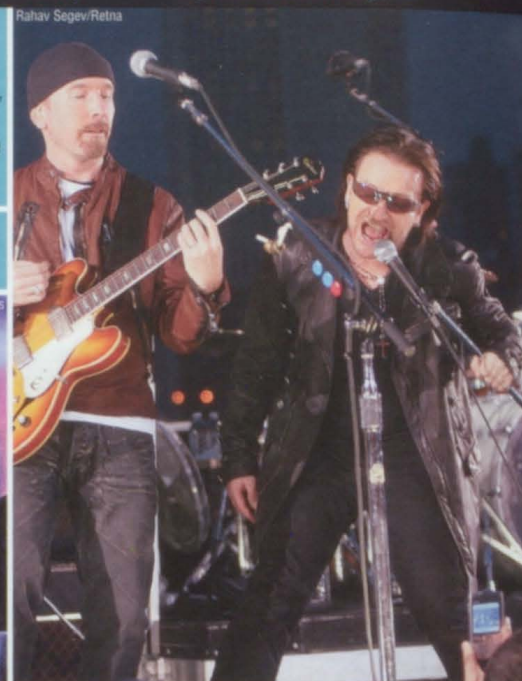
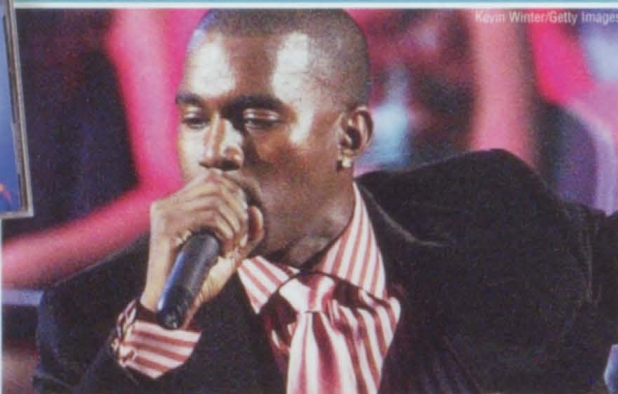
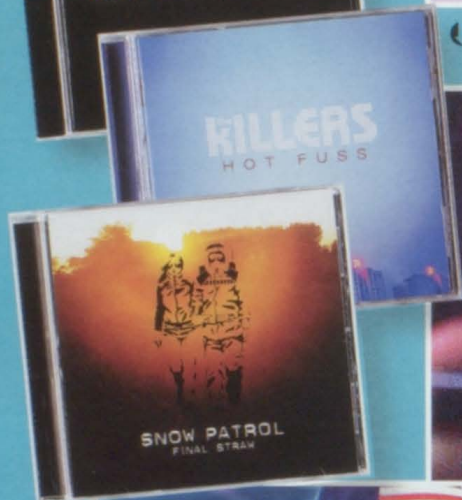
Ray Charles dies at age 73



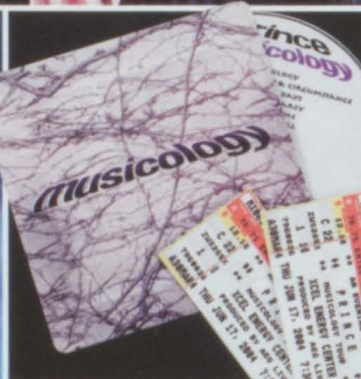
With bands like Interpol, The Killers and Snow Patrol, alternative rock returns to the mainstream music scene in a big way.

U2's new album *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb* hits No. 1 in *Billboard* magazine, and the band is inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in March 2005.

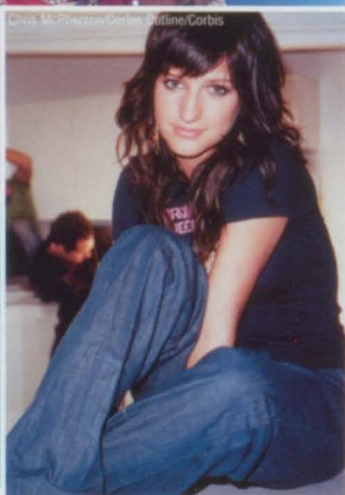
Rapper Kanye West collects a whopping 10 Grammy nominations, including Album of the Year, for his debut *The College Dropout*.



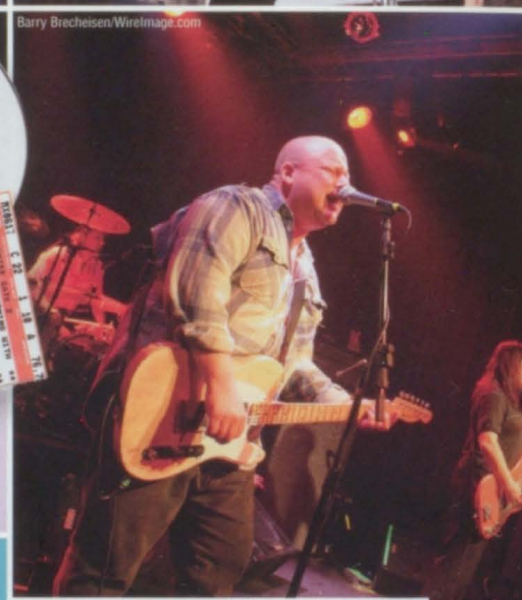
Nelly continues to wrap up big sales and hit songs with the simultaneous release of his two albums, *Sweat and Suit*.



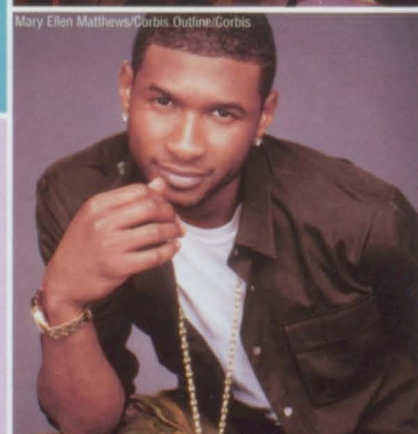
Pop superstar Prince gives his concert ticket-holders something to cheer about before the concerts start ... a free copy of his *Musicology* CD.



Ashlee Simpson, Jessica's younger sister, makes headlines with her triple-platinum debut album *Autobiography* and a lip-synching gaffe on NBC's "Saturday Night Live."



Legendary '80s alternative rock band The Pixies, known for inspiring "grunge" music, reunites after 13 years for a sold-out U.S. and European tour.



In December, Usher dominates the *Billboard* Music Awards, taking home 11 awards, including Album of the Year for *Confessions*.

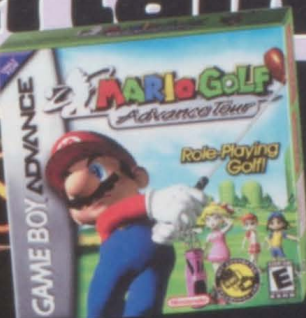
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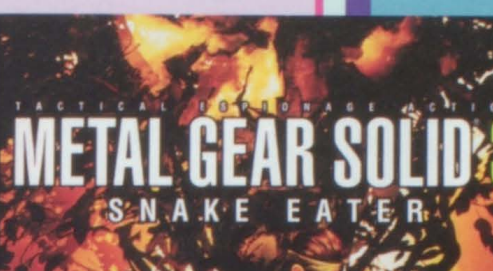
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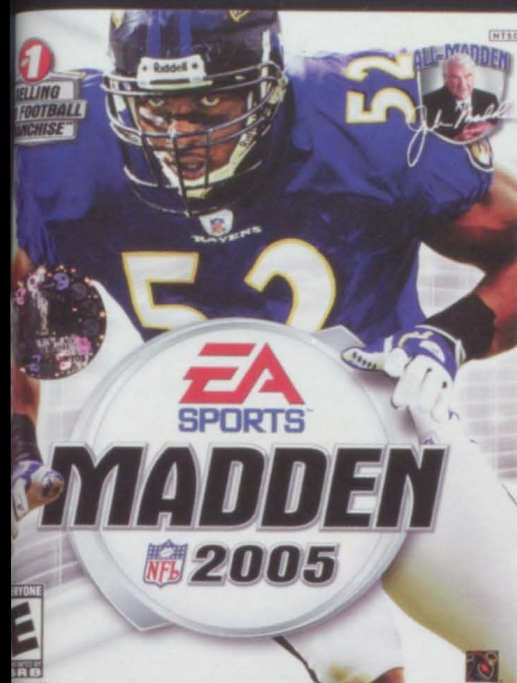
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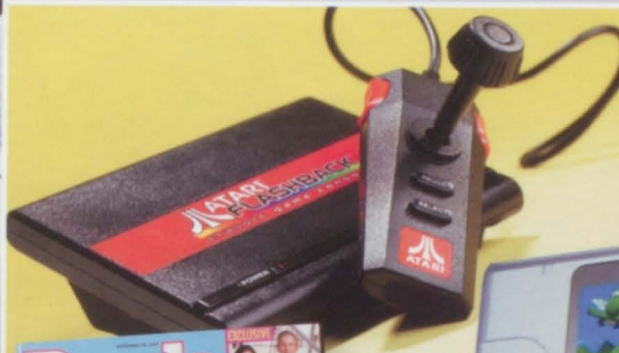
"Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater"



Video game giant Electronic Arts buys exclusive rights to the teams, players and stadiums of the NFL for its popular Madden video game franchise.

After three years, Microsoft and Bungie Studios release the most eagerly anticipated video game sequel, Halo 2. Over 5 million copies of the game sell in the first month.

The newest trend in video games is to go "old school," with plug-and-play systems featuring '80s games from the likes of Atari and Namco.



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2004 is the year of celebrities having babies, as Courtney Cox-Arquette, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kate Hudson, Julia Roberts, Liv Tyler and others all become first-time mothers.

Thousands of young people become avid poker players, a trend sparked by TV shows featuring tournaments for celebrities and professional poker players.

The challenging "Metroid Prime 2: Echoes" takes home the prize as IGN.com's Gamecube Game of the Year.



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The hottest "hard-to-get" toy for the holidays is the Nintendo DS handheld gaming system.

Even though it won't reach bookstores until July 16, 2005, preorders in December help J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* top several best-seller lists.



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Ironman Lance Armstrong wins his record-setting sixth straight Tour de France.

Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart leads the USC Trojans to a second consecutive NCAA National Championship by routing the Oklahoma Sooners in the FedEx Orange Bowl, 55-19.

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With a series sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals, the Boston Red Sox lift the "Curse of the Bambino" to win their first World Series title since 1918.

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The New England Patriots defeat the Philadelphia Eagles, 24-21, to repeat as Super Bowl Champions. They have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

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Following his win in September at the Deutsche Bank Championship, Vijay Singh unseats Tiger Woods as the world's No. 1 golfer.

In December, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws his record-setting 49th touchdown pass of the season.

In one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history, five Indiana Pacers players clash with Detroit Pistons fans on court and in the stands. The Pacers' Ron Artest is suspended for the year for his involvement.

Russian teenage tennis star Maria Sharapova defeats Serena Williams to claim the Wimbledon title. Thanks to lucrative sponsorship deals, Sharapova ends the year as the world's richest sportswoman.

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Carly Patterson joins Mary Lou Retton as the only American gymnasts to win the women's all-around Olympic gold medal.

Michael Phelps swims his way to eight individual Olympic medals, six gold and two bronze.

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ATHENS 2004

Together for the last time, the "Fab Five" of U.S. women's soccer — Julie Foudy, Joy Fawcett, Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly and Brandi Chastain — bring home an Olympic gold medal.

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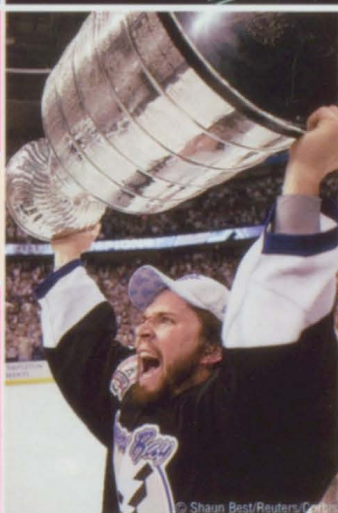
Kurt Busch wins the NASCAR Nextel Cup. It is his first career title and the closest battle in cup history.

The Detroit Pistons, led by Ben Wallace and finals MVP Chauncey Billups, win the 2004 NBA title.

Barry Bonds joins Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron as baseball's only 700+ home run hitters. However, his performance falls under scrutiny after it is revealed that Bonds and other major leaguers have been using illegal steroids.

The NHL takes the 2004-2005 season off as players and team owners fail to come to an agreement on players' salary limitations.

The Tampa Bay Lightning claim the 2004 NHL Stanley Cup by winning the seventh game of the Stanley Cup Finals, 2-1, over the Calgary Flames.



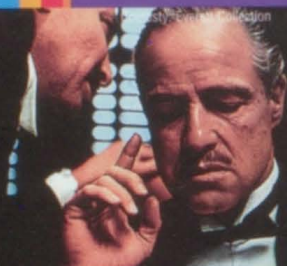
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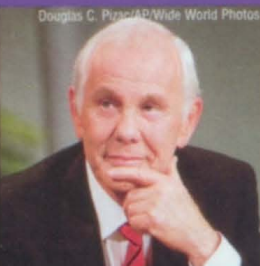
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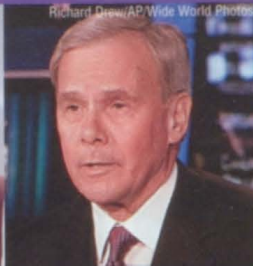
Marlon Brando dies at age 80



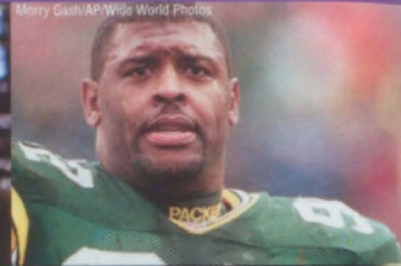
Johnny Carson dies at 79



Dan Rather retires



Tom Brokaw signs off



Reggie White dies at age 43



In a year of entertainment dominated by teen queens, Lindsay Lohan makes the biggest splash of the bunch with the hit movie *Mean Girls* and her debut CD *Speak*.

Mattie Stepanek dies from a form of muscular dystrophy at age 13. He was known as a best-selling poetry author and the Muscular Dystrophy Association's National Goodwill Ambassador from 2002 through 2004.

In remembrance of those who have died and those who continue to risk their lives in the war in Iraq.



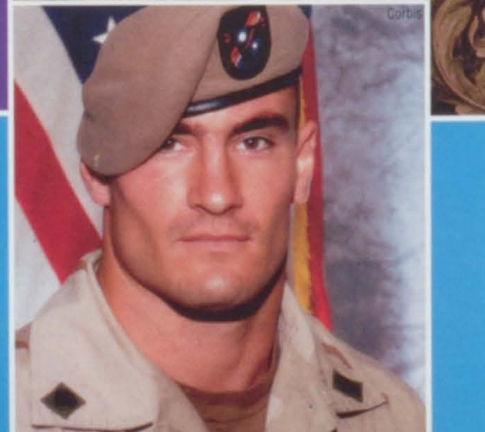
Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko suffers from debilitating illness and scarring caused by dioxin poisoning, allegedly at the hands of his opponents.



Democratic vice presidential and presidential nominees John Edwards and John Kerry make the 2004 election a very close race.

Actor Zach Braff from NBC's "Scrubs" makes his big screen acting, writing and directorial debut in the critically acclaimed *Garden State*.

Former NFL player Pat Tillman, who chose the Armed Forces over the NFL, is killed while on duty in Afghanistan.



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