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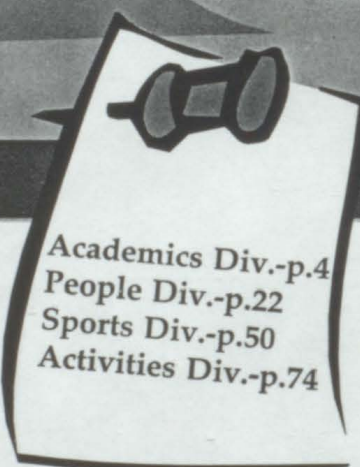
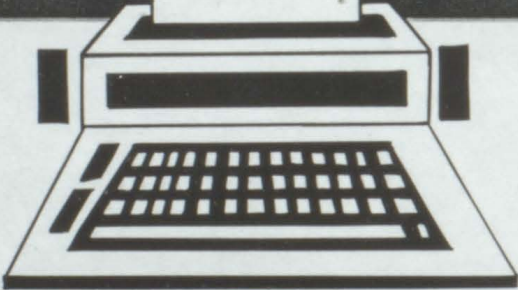
Ellis
Exposure



MEMO:

Detective Dudley,
I have heard that Ellis High School is having quite an interesting year, and I feel like some undercover work needs to be done. I need you to travel to 1706 Monroe in Ellis, Kan., and see what the talk is all about. There are 64 2A schools across the state of Kansas. Many people believe that because they are all 2A, they are all the same. I want you to get your hands dirty and find out what makes EHS stand out. I feel that too much is going down to let this remarkable news go undetected. Make sure to take pictures and jot down notes. Get to every scene to ensure that no top secret info is being withheld. I expect you to do your best. The memories of too many students are on the line. I know you won't let me down. The only way that people will know the truth about the little school that sits on Monroe street is when they see **EHS exposed**.

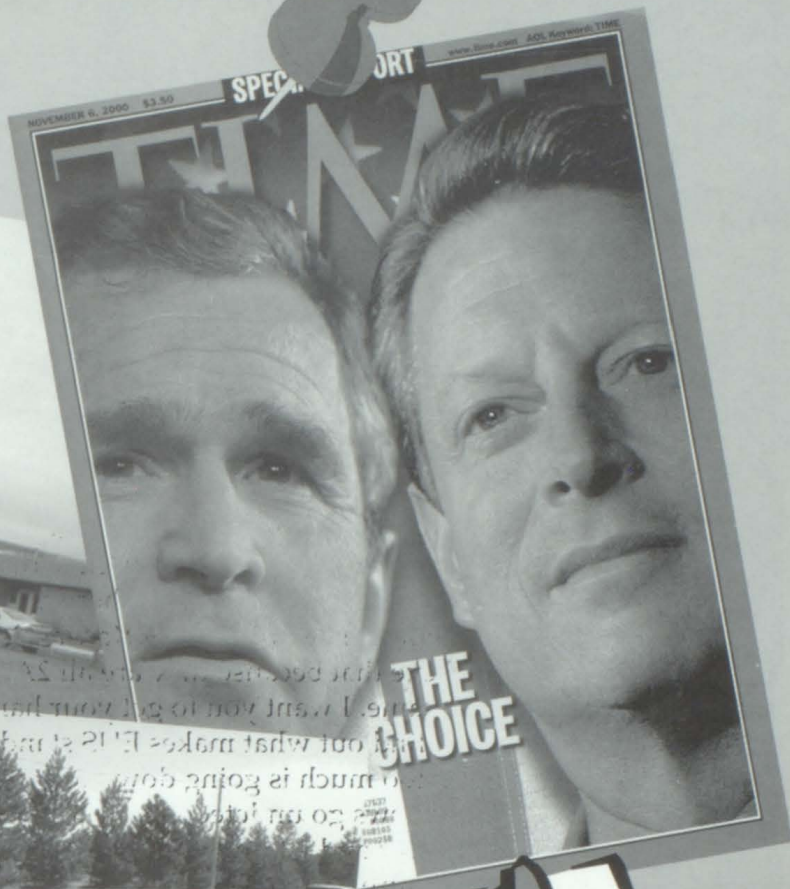
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Please search throughout this book for the one picture of the detective that is different.

Drawn by Krista Kohl



ATTENTION!
The answers to all of the trivia and games throughout the following pages can be found in the groups on page 119.

Note: Gore and Bush election stirred great controversy across the U.S.A.
Note: High school parking lot was resurfaced in August.

Detective



Only The Facts



08:00 hours- Spotted students racing to class to beat the bell. (Note: some students sat in the hall till bell rang. Seniors appeared reluctant to move.)

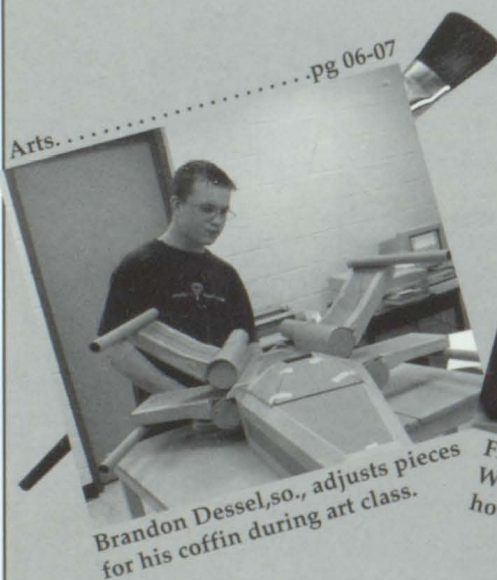
09:00 hours- Came upon eighth graders in the hall for the first time. Surprised but then remembered this was the first year eighth graders were allowed to enroll in algebra.

10:00 hours- Found academic achievement and improvement in technology systems. Observed students incorporating computers into their curriculum more than ever before.

11:00 hours- Gathered items and ventured to computer lab. Explored everything from webpages to Microsoft works. While viewing webpages, found Jenna Smith's award-winning webpage design. Trend looks to be continuing.

13:00 hours- Bonjour! Heard an unfamiliar voice. Came to discover that it was the voice of a new teacher, Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan. (Note: Mrs. Grogan, who previously taught at TMP, was now teaching foreign language and psychology at EHS.)

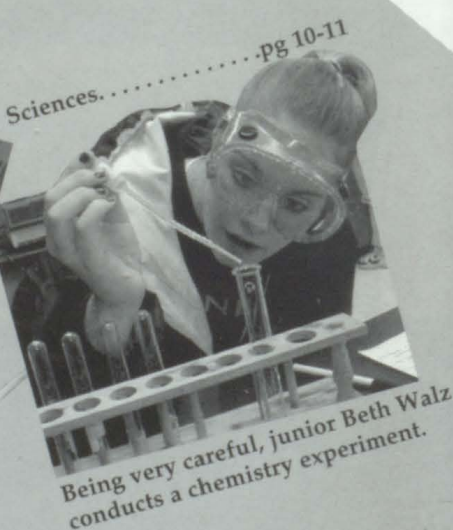
14:00 hours- Ventured to the English rooms and observed students writing poems and short stories. Five underclassmen and seven upperclassmen placed in Ellis County Writing Contest.



Brandon Dessel, so., adjusts pieces for his coffin during art class.



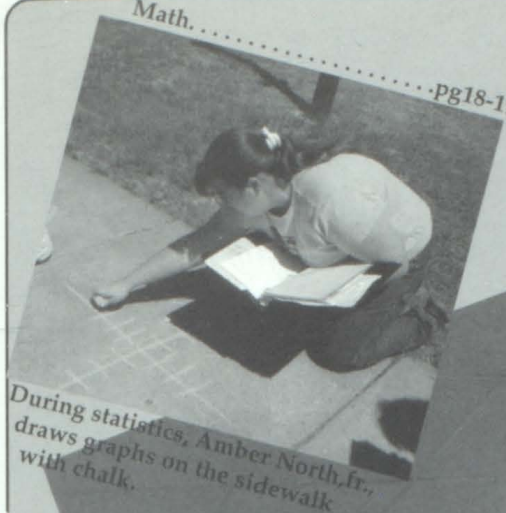
French class performed a play at Washington Grade School during first hour.



Being very careful, junior Beth Walz conducts a chemistry experiment.

Academics

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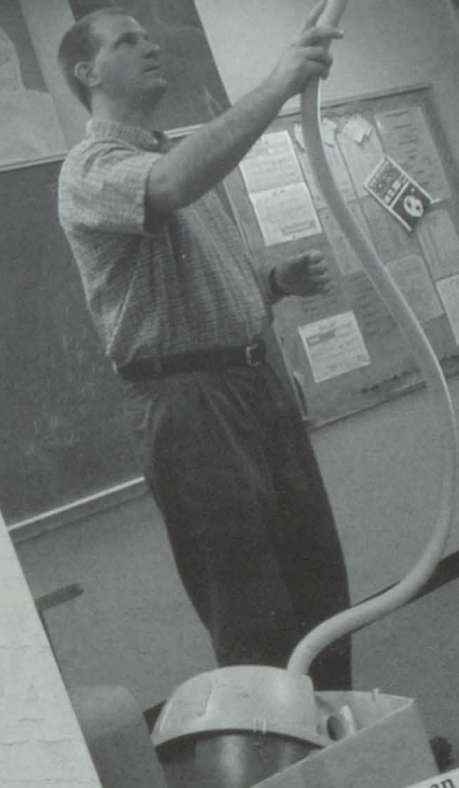
During statistics, Amber North, fr.,
draws graphs on the sidewalk
with chalk.



Sophomore Megan Wickham cleans up after her lab project.

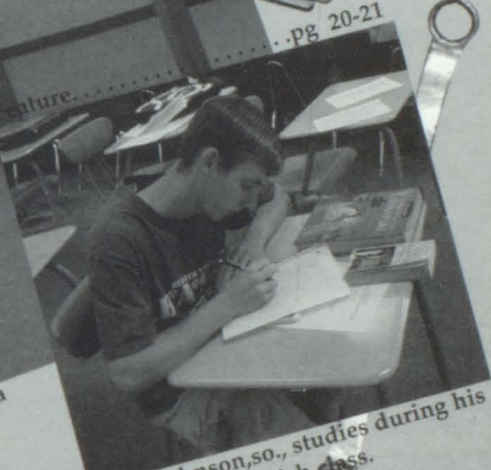


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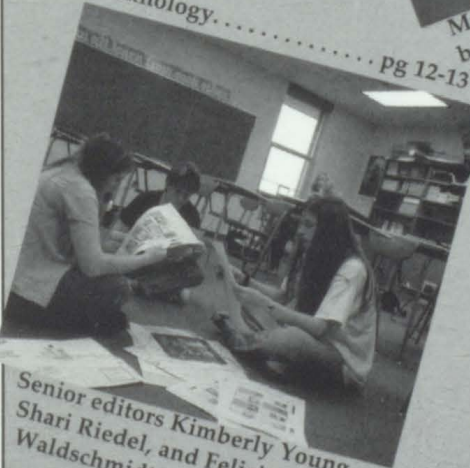
Mr. Perry Mick performs an experiment with a beach ball and vacuum cleaner.

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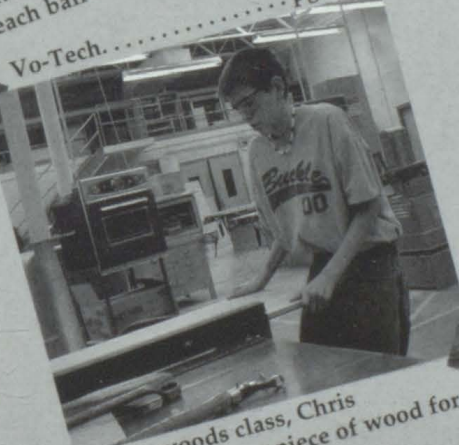
Jarret Johnson, so., studies during his free time in English class.

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Senior editors Kimberly Young,
Shari Riedel, and Felicity
Waldschmidt edit yearbook proofs.

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During woods class, Chris Jeruald, so., cuts a piece of wood for his project.

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Sophomore Erin Kitzman sews during Mrs. Duell's intro for clothing class.

"I feel that singing is just a way to express myself."

Steven Shannon, sr.

Student pursues Shared gifts artistic talent

By Maria Pardo

Some artists are great painters, others great poets, and some others, like Steven Shannon, sr., have the gift of musical talent.

"I feel that singing is just a way to express myself," Shannon said.

The first steps were solos for grade school concerts, but that wasn't enough. He took voice lessons for more than four years to compete in state

contests, and he also sang at the MCL championship, at regional wrestling, and in several weddings.

"I enjoy singing for people because I think that music should be used for the benefit of everyone, not just for mine," Shannon said.

One more time, Steven Shannon, sr., and Krista Kohl, sr., practice for the Railairre dinner theatre. The theme was "Hats off to Broadway."

Maria Pardo



"You need more water for the mountains in the distance," explains Mr. Stan Faulkender while he shows his art students the technique of painting with watercolors. "It's clean, fast to do, and dries fast," Mr. Faulkender said. The class practiced the technique of watercolors for the rest of the second semester.



Maria Pardo

To make a coffin, Seth Dinkel, sr., traces a piece of cardboard. "Art is a fun class. I have had it three years in a row," Dinkel said.

Finding the right tone to get started, Justin VanAusdale, sr., paints with watercolors. "Painting clears my mind," he said.

Samantha Wolf



Maria Pardo

Three months before the State Music Festival, seniors Krista Kohl and Natalie Waldschmidt practice a song with the choir.

Maria Pardo



Playing her piccolo, Courtney Poland, jr., practices the song "Born to be Wild." The band was preparing for a basketball game.

Freshmen Brett Suter and Jordan Kroeger play the bass and the snare drums. They were getting ready for the Christmas concert.

Kim Young

Maria Pardo



For Your Information



How will you use your artistic potential after high school?



Miranda Zorn, sr.

"After high school I want to go to college to major in music education. I hope to be able to help other people to sing, also."



Amber North, fr.

"I plan on going to college and studying architecture, band and choir. I might become an architect or a music teacher."

Erin Jones, so., listens to Mrs. Madorin discuss the book, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," during English II. "I am glad that Mrs. Madorin had us read it because I never would have and it is a pretty good book," Jones said.

Kelli Madorin



"At first I was disappointed, but now that I am in French, I really like it a lot."

Jodi Hill, jr.

students learn C'est la vie new culture

By Kelli Madorin

C'est la vie: That's life. The last time these words were spoken in French by EHS students was in 1987 when Mrs. Norma Richert was the teacher.

Il est revenue: It's back. Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan replaced Mrs. Marla Deines as the foreign language instructor, and so French returned to the curriculum.

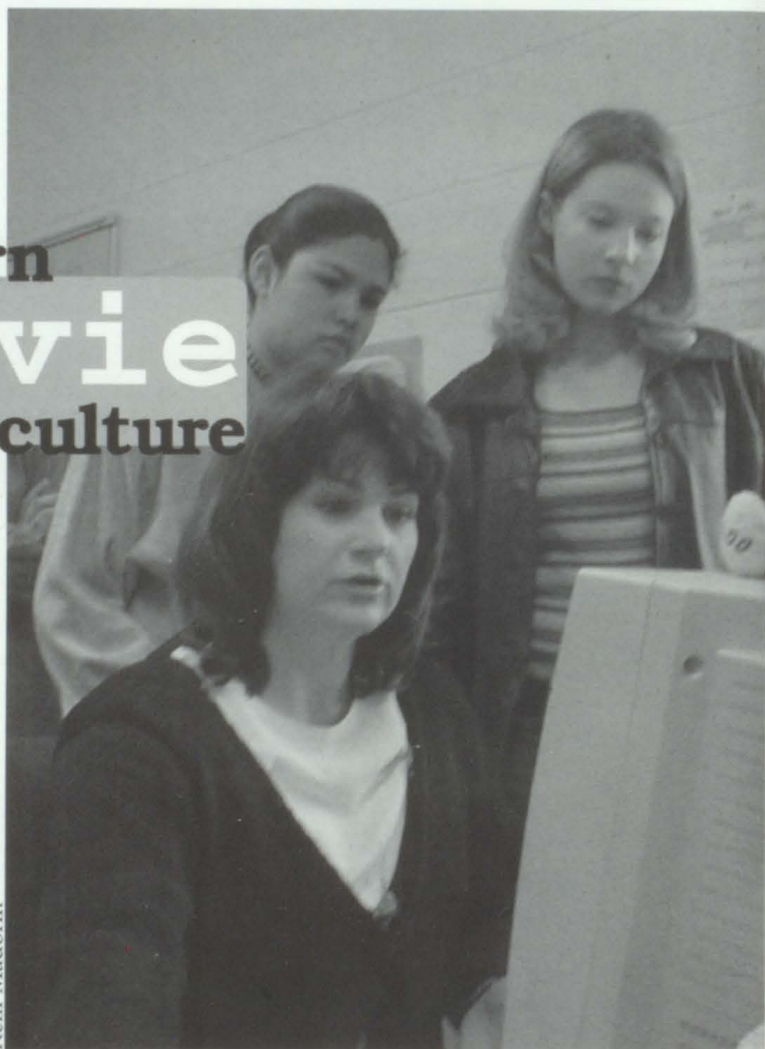
Mrs. Grogan taught Spanish I and II while build-

ing the French program. All students enrolled in French were the students who had intended to enroll in upper-level Spanish or German classes.

"At first I was disappointed, but now that I am in French, I really like it," Jodi Hill, jr., said.

Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan shows juniors Maria Pardo and Danielle Brown how to study for their tests on the internet.

Kelli Madorin





What do you think is the most important thing about learning a foreign language and why?



Courtney Poland, jr.

Being able to help other people. Lots of my mission trips involve working with people who speak Spanish, and it is really helpful not to need a translator.



Megan M. Weber, fr.

As you are learning other languages, you understand your own language better than you would have if you didn't take a foreign language.

For Your Information

Sophomores Devin Schoenthaler and Diane Henderson work together on a communication activity in English II. They had to make a shape out of paper pieces.

Mandy Zerfas, sr., hands in her research paper for adv. comp. The paper took seven weeks to complete.



Krista Kohl

Kelli Madorin

During some free time in Spanish II, Natalie Waldschmidt, sr., and Ashley Taylor, so., have a class nose blowing contest.

Kelli Madorin



Mmm mmm good. Joan Dreiling, so., enjoys the food on culture day. Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan continued the tradition begun by Mrs. Marla Deines.

Mrs. Karen Madorin gives directions on how to do an activity during a freshman English class.

Kelli Madorin

Kelli Madorin





Should every student be required to dissect during biology class? Why or why not?



Tim Robins, jr.

Yes. Students have to run the mile in P.E. and diagram sentences in English. It's part of the class. Students who rebel against dissecting should fail the class.



Kelli Madorin, so.

No. I think if the student doesn't like looking at that kind of thing they shouldn't have to. There are other methods like computers to show where frog guts are.

For Your Information

Sophomores Christy Walker and Cody Fisher work together to identify the parts of their worm after studying Annelids.

Physics teacher Mr. Perry Mick helps André Pinto, jr., measure the angle of launch to predict the horizontal distance his rocket will travel.

Courtney Poland



In a psychology lab, Randy Armbrister, jr., and Lyndsay Dorzweiler, sr., demonstrate how water diffracts light.

Joan Dreiling, so., identifies organs for her oral biology quiz. "Hands-on experience is great, so long as I'm not touching it," Dreiling said.

Shari Riedel

Courtney Poland



Samantha Wolf

Studying the solution in her test tube, Molly Kinderknecht, jr., waits for a precipitate to form. The class had to form 5 precipitates.

Mary Dinkel



"Psychology helps students understand..."
Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan

Old class Breaking Out rediscovered

By Courtney Poland

ESP, heredity vs. environment, subliminal messages—these are all part of psychology, a subject that intrigues many people.

"Understanding motivations is one of the best parts of psychology," Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan, psychology teacher, said.

Using her paper to make a straight line, Brandi Lang, sr., begins drawing an optical illusion for psychology class. The illusions demonstrated how the brain can be tricked.

Shari Riedel

More students took psychology this year than for the past 12 years, ever since the Regent's requirements changed.

At the end of the chapter, students visited web sites recommended in the book to learn more about the topic. Group discussions also helped them understand better.

"Psychology helps students understand who they are," Grogan said.

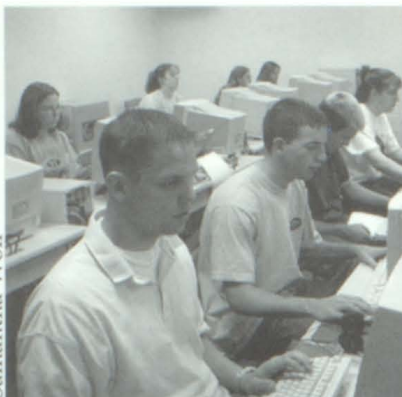
Jake Dreiling, jr., lights a wood splint while Randy Armbrister, jr., prepares to uncork the test tube of hydrogen that the group had prepared by trapping the gas formed in a chemical reaction. The objective of the chemistry lab was to help students understand how different gases affect flames. Putting a flaming splint into a test tube of hydrogen resulted in a loud pop; then the splint went out. "The explosions were pretty cool, but I wish they would have been bigger. That would have made the experiment way more awesome," group member Bryan Saindon, jr., said.

Courtney Poland

Students in webpage design work on their pages. Much of the class was taught in the lab since there were more computers than in the classroom.

After printing on his shirt, Daniel Hook, so., begins cleaning up. Students also printed on other items in Mechanical Drawing I.

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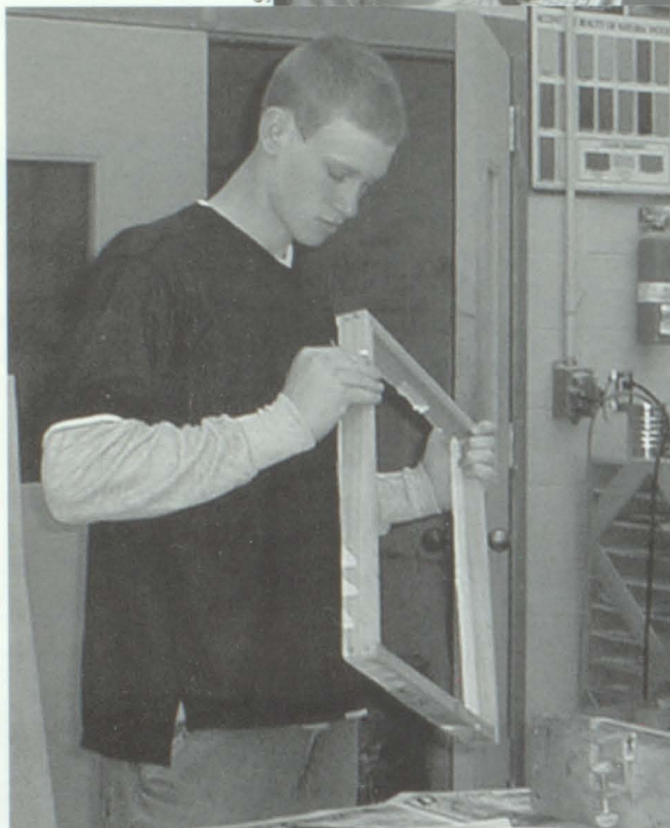


Senior editors Felicity Waldschmidt and Shari Riedel take time to look over yearbook proofs to check for possible errors.

John Kroeger, fr., cuts out his license plate design in Mechanical Drawing I. The design was used to burn an image into his screen.

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Shari Riedel

Before screen printing on fabric, seniors Nick Keller and David McClelland and Ryan Day, so., test their multi-color project on paper.

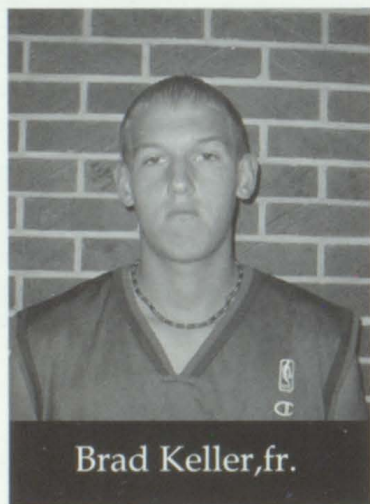
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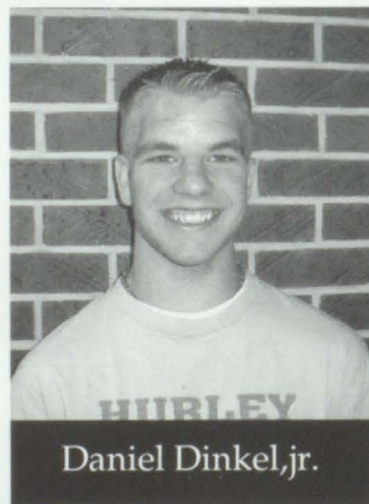


How will technology at EHS change in the next twenty years?



Brad Keller, fr.

"In twenty years I think we will all have small computers in our desktops in every class."



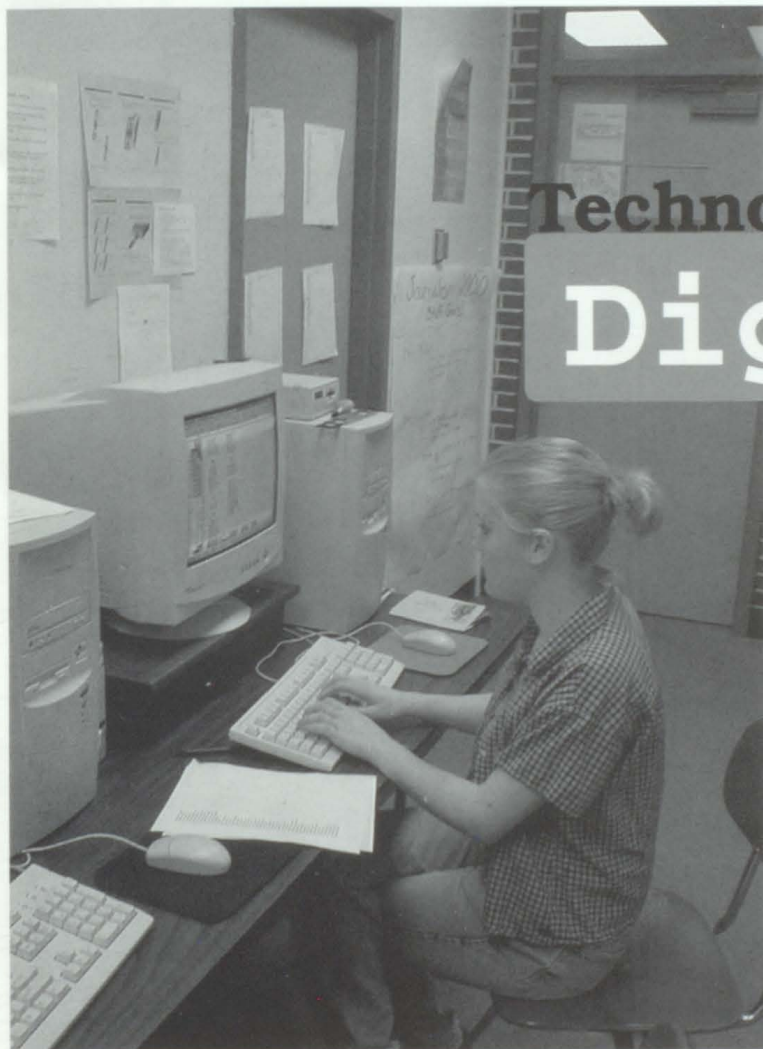
Daniel Dinkel, jr.

"I think everything will become faster and smaller. We will be able to carry everything in our pockets."



After taking a tour of the technology department at Fort Hays State University, seniors Clint Amrein, Todd Walker, and Mr. Terry Zerfas take advantage of the free hamburgers that were provided. Any senior that took one of Zerfas's classes could attend the day long tour. The day consisted of different groups walking around the department and doing small hands-on projects so they could see what the Fort Hays technology department had to offer. The day concluded with a drawing for prizes and scholarships.

Samantha Wolf



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Technology

Digital EHS enhances yearbook

"The digital camera is helpful because I can look at my picture right after I take it..."
Nickole Henderson, jr.

By Samantha Wolf

At EHS, technology could be found just about anywhere. There was one place, though, where technology was used but only few realized it, and that was in journalism. Journalism used technology to compose the yearbook along with a variety of other tasks. The digital

camera helped the staff to get any picture they needed, which could then be downloaded to the computers and placed on the page instantly.

"The digital camera is helpful because I can look at my picture right after I take it and see if it will work," Nickole Henderson, jr., said.

It was not just journalism that used such technology. Finding a classroom that did not have any at EHS was nearly impossible.

The miracle of technology. Senior Lyndsay Dorzweiler uses the computer to compose the index of the yearbook.

"It has been a long,
hard process..."
Clint Amrein, sr.

Students learn Tool Time valuable skills

By Lyndsay Dorzweiler

In an attempt to get everything done on time, loud sounds were heard from the ag and woods classrooms.

"It has been a long, hard process, but eventually it will be done, and I can say I made it myself," Clint Amrein, sr., commented about the gooseneck bale trailer he made in ag class.

Each of the students made an individual project throughout the year. The students were required in

both the ag and woods classes to complete their project by the end of the school year.

"I enjoyed making the feed bunks for my dad because it was the first project I made on my own," Devin Schoenthaler, so., said

Sean Murphy, so., works on the gun cabinet he made for his project. "I have many guns and I needed a place to store them," Murphy said.

Lyndsay Dorzweiler



A helping hand. Mr. Terry Zerfas helps Randy Kohl, so., on his woods project by holding the pieces of wood together as Kohl hammers away. Kohl made an entertainment center as his year project. "It was hard at first because the pieces didn't go together well, and I had to start all over," Kohl said. "But now that I have everything fitting together, the entertainment center will be an easy process."



Lyndsay Dorzweiler

Danny Haas, jr., welds pieces for the 3 point hitch he made for a tractor. "When I'm in ag class, my favorite thing to do is weld," Haas said.

Time to play. Justin VanAusdale, sr., works on bending a piece of iron for his project, a moving trailer.

Lyndsay Dorzweiler



Lyndsay Dorzweiler

Watching while he works. Mr. Eldon Pfeifer, instructor, supervises Dean Yanda, sr., as he works on a project.

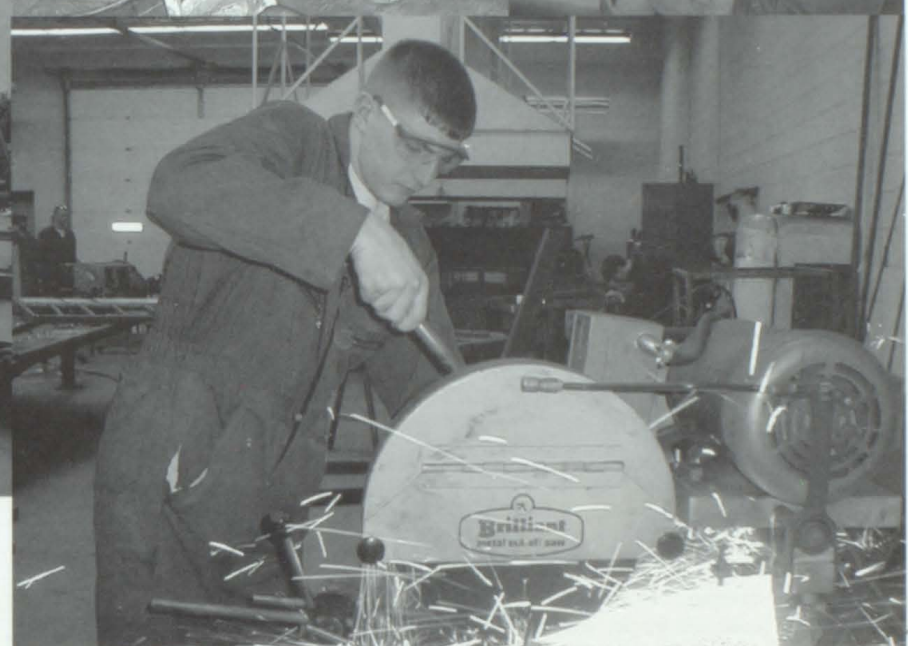
Clint Amrein, sr., works on his bale trailer. "I like to work on projects because I've learned a lot of skills," Amrein said.

Lyndsay Dorzweiler



Lyndsay Dorzweiler

Hard at work. Devin Schoenthaler, so., cuts pieces of pipes for the feed bunks he made as his ag project.

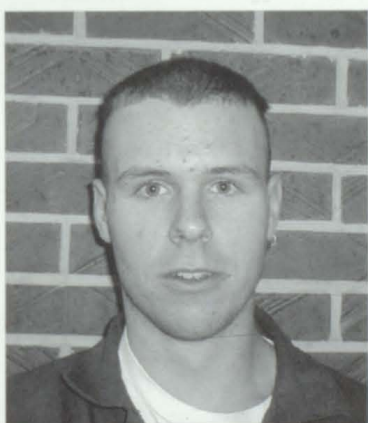


Lyndsay Dorzweiler

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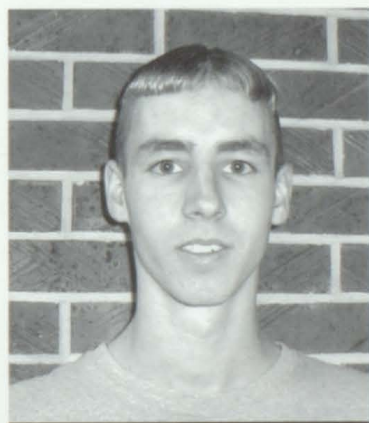


If you could make a project that was out of the ordinary, what would it be and why?



Jake Dreiling, jr.

If I could build anything in ag class, I would choose to build a catapult. The reason why I would build a catapult is because I could launch myself into Big Creek.



Jarret Johnson, so.

If I could build anything in woods class, I would choose to build a pool table. It would be fun to have a pool table that I made in a woods class.

Toning his body, Justin VanAusdale, sr., does push-ups during GPD class. "GPD is not all fun and games," Mr. Don Long, instructor, said.

Laycie Keller, so., melts butter as she prepares to make a chicken meal during intro to foods/clothing class.

Denise Augustine



Denise Augustine

During GPD, Adam Taylor, sr., does lat pulls. Taylor benched 260 lbs, but he could only lift certain weights because of his knee injury that occurred during basketball season.

In the swing of things, Skyy Westbrook, fr., just misses the birdie during p.e. while playing racquetball.

Krista Kohl



Shari Riedel

Cooking chicken fried steaks, sophomore Marsha Weber starts the fire during children parenting/teaching/advanced foods class.



Lyndsay Dorzweiler

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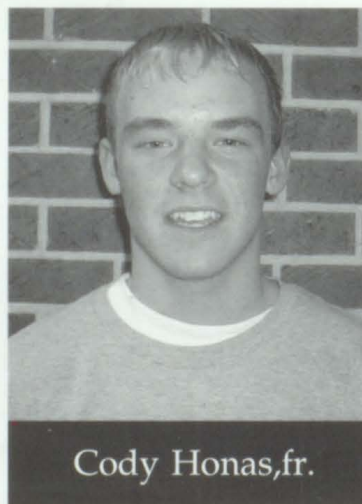


If you could change one thing about the p.e./health class what would it be and why?



Jessi Riedel, so.

If I could change one thing about my p.e./health class it would be that we should get to decide what we want to play during class.



Cody Honas, fr.

If there was one thing I could change about my p.e./health class it would be that we would have the opportunity to play football everyday.

"I felt the assignment
was a success."
Virginia Duell, instructor

Students learn Growing Up adult responsibilities

By Shari Riedel

Would you like to have to take care of a baby for 36 hours? Three seniors and three juniors in Mrs. Virginia Duell's children and parenting class participated in a very unusual assignment.

Each student took a computerized baby for 36 hours, and when the students

were not able to take care of the babies, they had to find a sitter to take care of it for them.

"It gave me a perspective on what it would be like to have a baby," Denise Augustine, sr., said.

The students who did not participate had two choices. They either could read a book about children or do 3 volunteer hours in order to get their points for the class.

"I felt the assignment was a success," Duell said.

Denise Augustine, sr., puts together a baby carrier so that she can take her baby home. "The greatest part was taking the baby to Wal-Mart," Jennifer Tway, sr., said.

Shari Riedel

Yum Yum good! Chris Jerauld, so., holds his bowl as he waits for Tracey Kroeger, so., to dish ice cream up for him. The health class, which was taught by Mr. Don Long, had a nutritious food day for which all of the students brought some kind of nutritious snack. Some of the foods that students brought were ice cream, chili, cereal, and yogurt. Freshmen and sophomores were required to take two years of p.e. to graduate.

Kelli Madorin



If you could design a calculator to use for your math class, what special features would it have?



Jordan Kroeger, Jr.

One so when you are stumped you can talk into it and it will show you how to work it out. Having e-mail on it wouldn't hurt either.

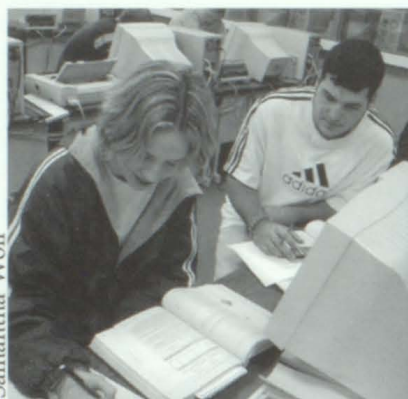


Adrienne Heroneme, Sr.

It would have a button that would automatically factor equations and do things like standard deviation.

For Your Information

During first hour business arithmetic, sophomores Matt Hall and Chasity Waldschmidt work as a group on their assignments.



Samantha Wolf

Bryan Saindon, Jr., works on problems at the board with classmate Ashley Taylor, Sr., during Algebra II.



Felicity Waldschmidt



Hole in one! Derek Fox, Sr., takes his first shot at the mini golf course. The geometry class built the course as a class project.

Working it out, Joe Kreutzer, Sr., and Kevin Grogan, Sr., solve algebra problems at the board.

Kim Young

Felicity Waldschmidt



Using the computer as a calculator, Randy Kohl, Sr., works on his math assignment in first hour business arithmetic.

Samantha Wolf



Samantha Wolf

Seniors Suzie Shepherd, Steven Shannon, Derric Fuchs and Emily Fischer work in groups in calculus class. For the first time in three years calculus was offered to seniors. During the '97-'98 school year three students took the class. This year nine seniors elected to take it. "I wanted to take calculus this year in order to understand it before I started college," Steven Shannon said. In order to take the class, which was an elective class, students had to first take advanced math.

"Ms. Miller makes it easier to understand. . ."
Carlie Bittel eighth grade student

Eighth Graders Adding on Join Algebra I

By **Samantha Wolf**

The beginning of the new school year brought with it many changes. With new teachers, new students and new classes, most students had something different in front of them. These changes weren't just for high school students, but also for some of the eighth grade math students at Washington Grade School. Since many of the eighth graders were ready

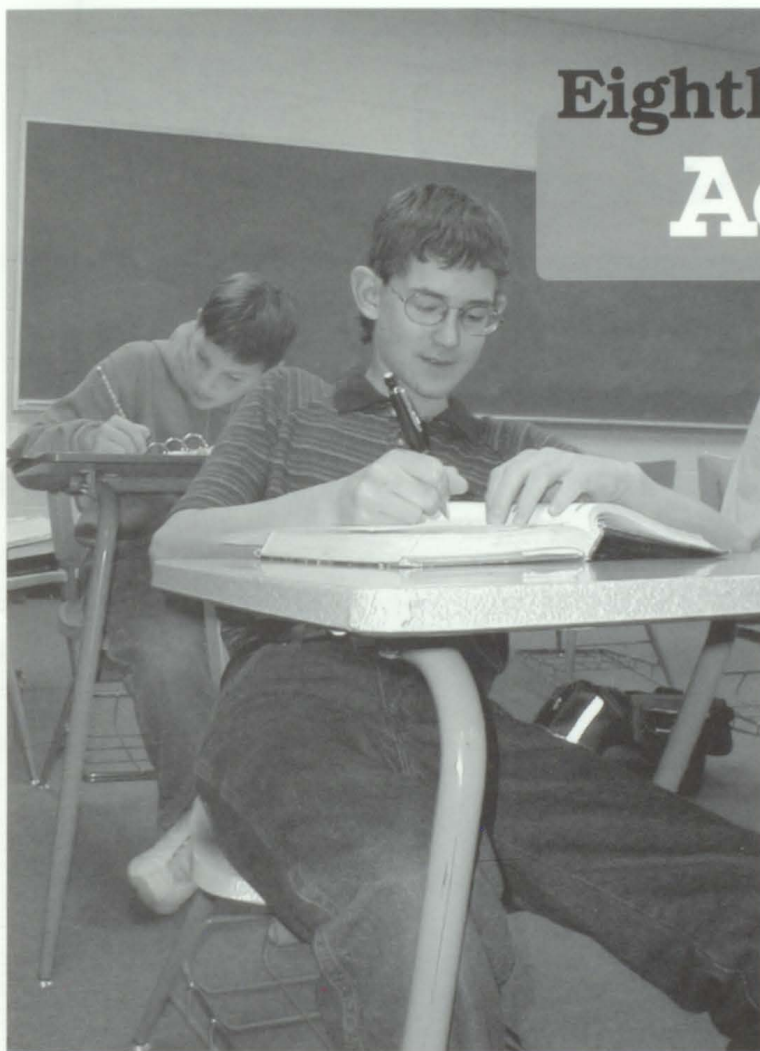
for a more advanced math class, they joined Ms. Miller's Algebra I class at the high school during first hour.

"Ms. Miller makes it easier to understand with her notes on the board and her way of explaining things," said Carlie Bittel.

After their class was over, they were bused back to Washington Grade School.

Several eighth graders like Kevin Keller joined the first hour Algebra I class. After class they are bused back to the grade school.

Samantha Wolf



CAUGHT IN THE ACT

the five most common study places of EHS students

Megan D. Weber, fr., works on her Algebra homework on her bedroom floor. Most students preferred to study in their bedrooms.



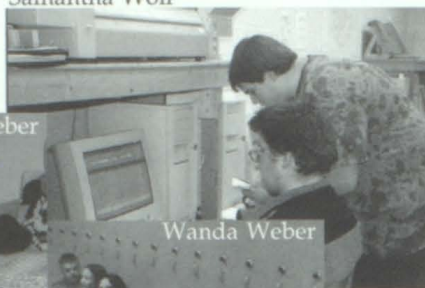
Wanda Weber

Ben Zorn, fr., attempts to solve another algebra problem in his living room, which is the second most common place to study.



Wanda Weber

Samantha Wolf



James Bieker, jr., and **Jared Keeler, fr.,** work at a computer in mechanical drawing. At the television or computer was the fifth most common place for EHS students to study.

Wanda Weber

"I don't study!" was listed fourth on the survey. Instead, students chat in the halls.



Wanda Weber

Finishing his book report, **Dustin Cross, fr.,** reads in his study hall, the place students said was their third favorite spot to study.

148 students in the school

1.6 students per computer

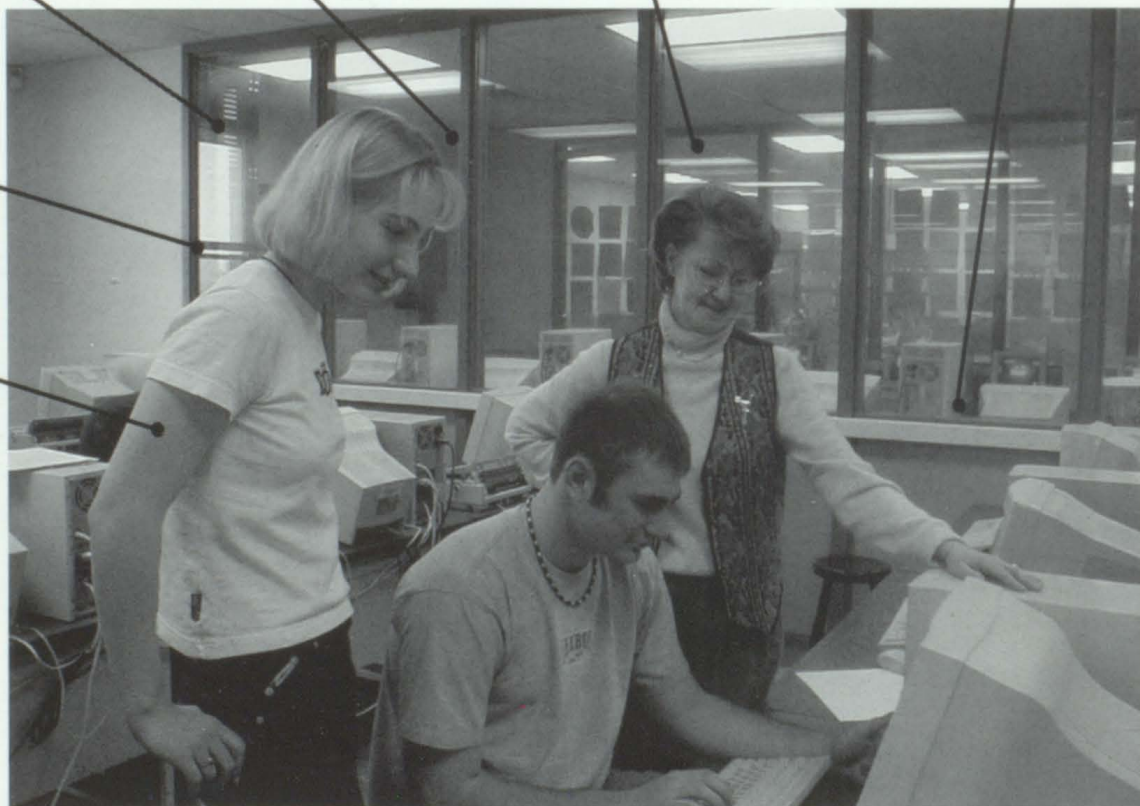
37:5 student to teacher ratio

118 student computers in the school

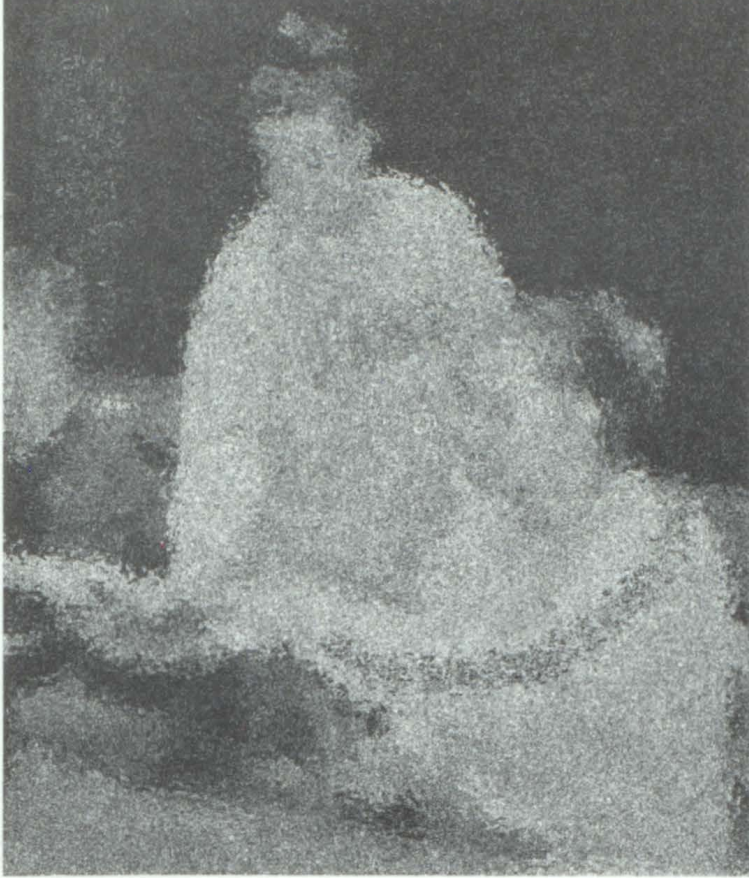
72 female students
76 male students

36 computers in the student labs

Mrs. June Howard assists senior **Jill Homewood** and **Randy Armbrister, jr.,** during study hall. Howard taught desktop publishing, computer applications, accounting, and business arithmetic.



Guess Who?



Suspect A

Junior
17 years old
Female
Volleyball player
Wrestling manager
2 brothers

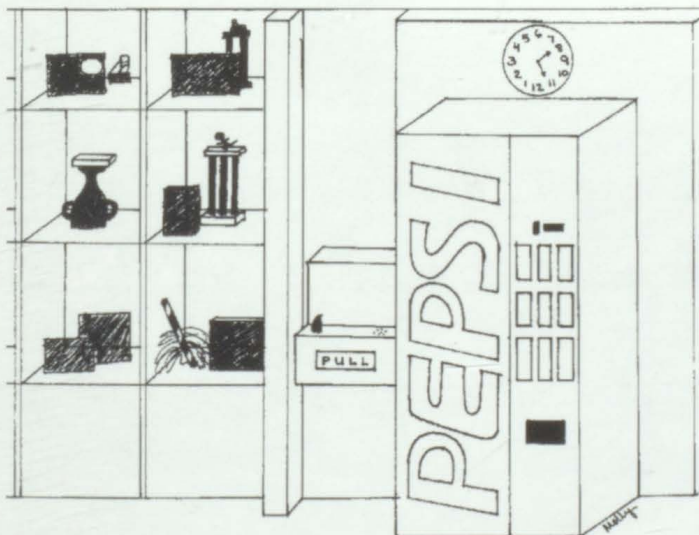
Suspect B

Junior
17 years old
Female
Track participant
Basketball manager
1 sister

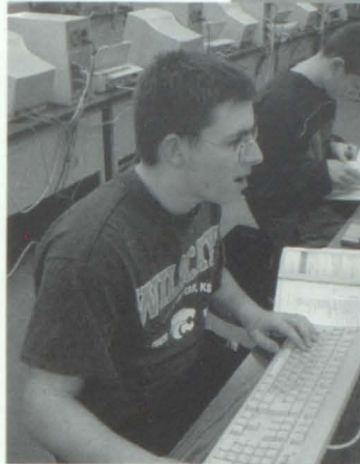


GAME!

What can you find wrong with this picture?



Investigation



"I agree with Dilbert... Technology is not for wimps!"

Jason
Henrickson,so.

"Math is fun...
when I actually
understand it!"

Erin Jones,so.



"Eldon's class
is great! We
get to learn
and have fun at
the same time."

Scott
Amrein,fr.



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Sugar and Sp
07:00 PM 01/27/2001



12:30 hours- Saw students race to class after their lunch break. (Note: At first classes sat with each other; by the end of the year, everyone had meshed with each other.)

15:10 hours- Caught students racing out of the school and into their cars. Seemed suspicious so I followed.

15:30 hours- Found a large group of the freed students at the local gas station getting a snoball. (Note: they were half price at this time.)

15:45 hours- Noticed that the streets were pretty quiet. Most people were at practices, after-school jobs, or at home relaxing.

18:00 hours- Discovered a number of students emerging from their homes to begin a night of fun. Large crowds were found at the gas station, the bowling alley, and at Memorial Park.

20:00 hours- Seemed odd that so many students were downtown, so I caught one to find out the scoop.

"I like to go out on the weekends to talk with my friends, and it is more fun than staying home all night. I like to stop at Memorial and see what is going on," Amanda Hernandez, jr.

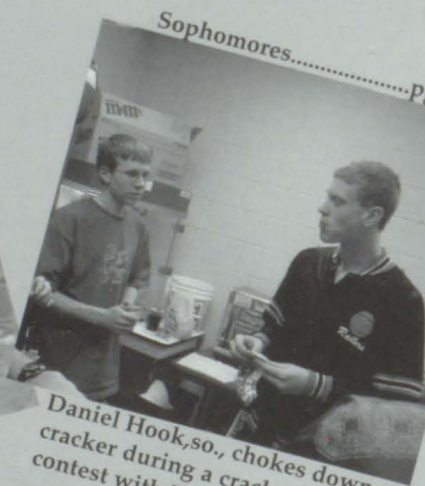
24:00 hours- Got the impression that things were winding down and students were going home. Seemed that their night of fun ended at this time.

Freshmen.....pg 24-25



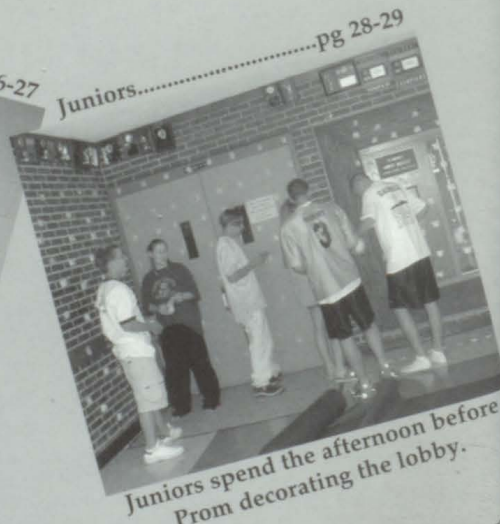
Freshmen girls chat at the Ellis Invitational track meet.

Sophomores.....pg 26-27



Daniel Hook, so., chokes down a cracker during a cracker-eating contest with Ernie Pfeifer, so.

Juniors.....pg 28-29



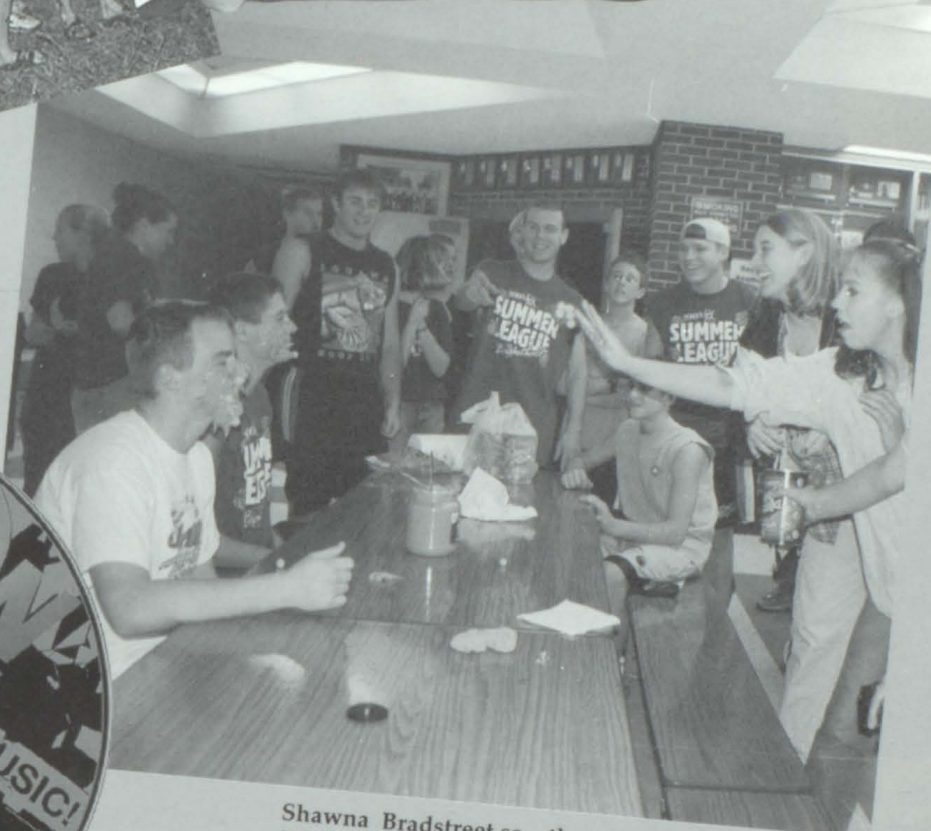
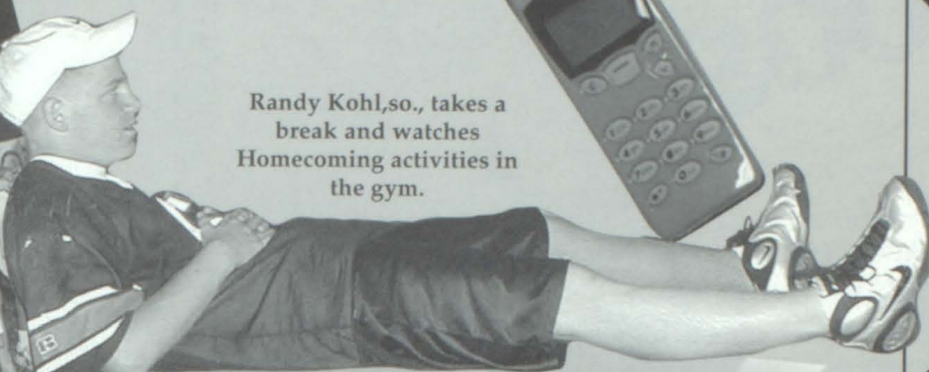
Juniors spend the afternoon before Prom decorating the lobby.



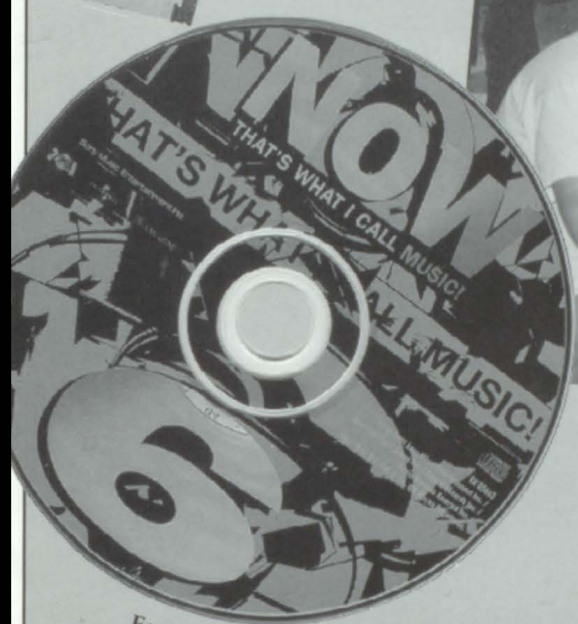
Sophomores rally together at the bonfire in hopes of being the loudest.



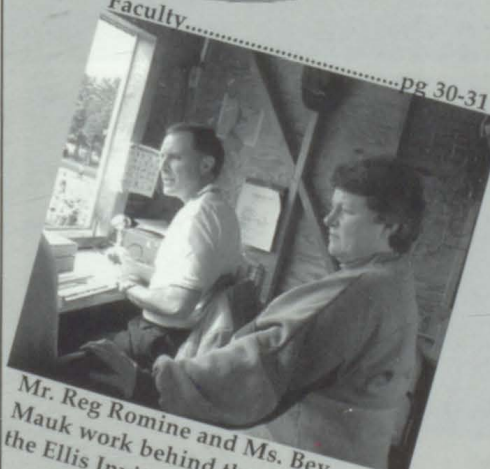
Randy Kohl, so., takes a break and watches Homecoming activities in the gym.



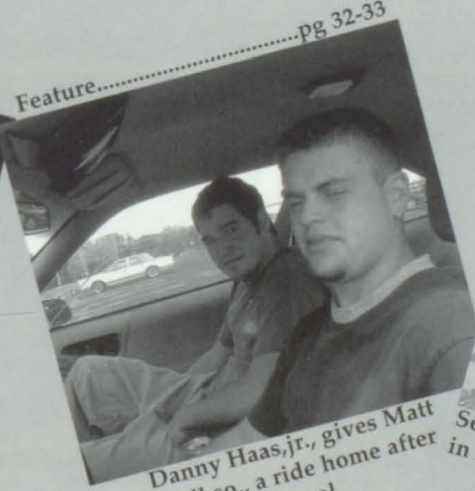
Shawna Bradstreet, so., throws cheeseballs at Cody Honas, fr., during a competition to see who could stick the most cheeseballs on their face. The activity was part of the SADD lock-in.



Faculty.....pg 30-31 Feature.....pg 32-33

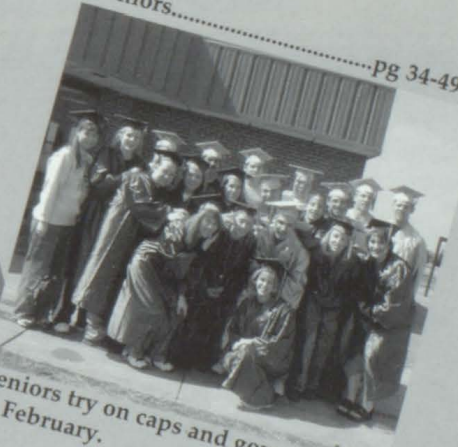


Mr. Reg Romine and Ms. Bev Mauk work behind the scenes at the Ellis Invitational.



Danny Haas, jr., gives Matt Hall, so., a ride home after school.

Seniors.....pg 34-49



Seniors try on caps and gowns in February.



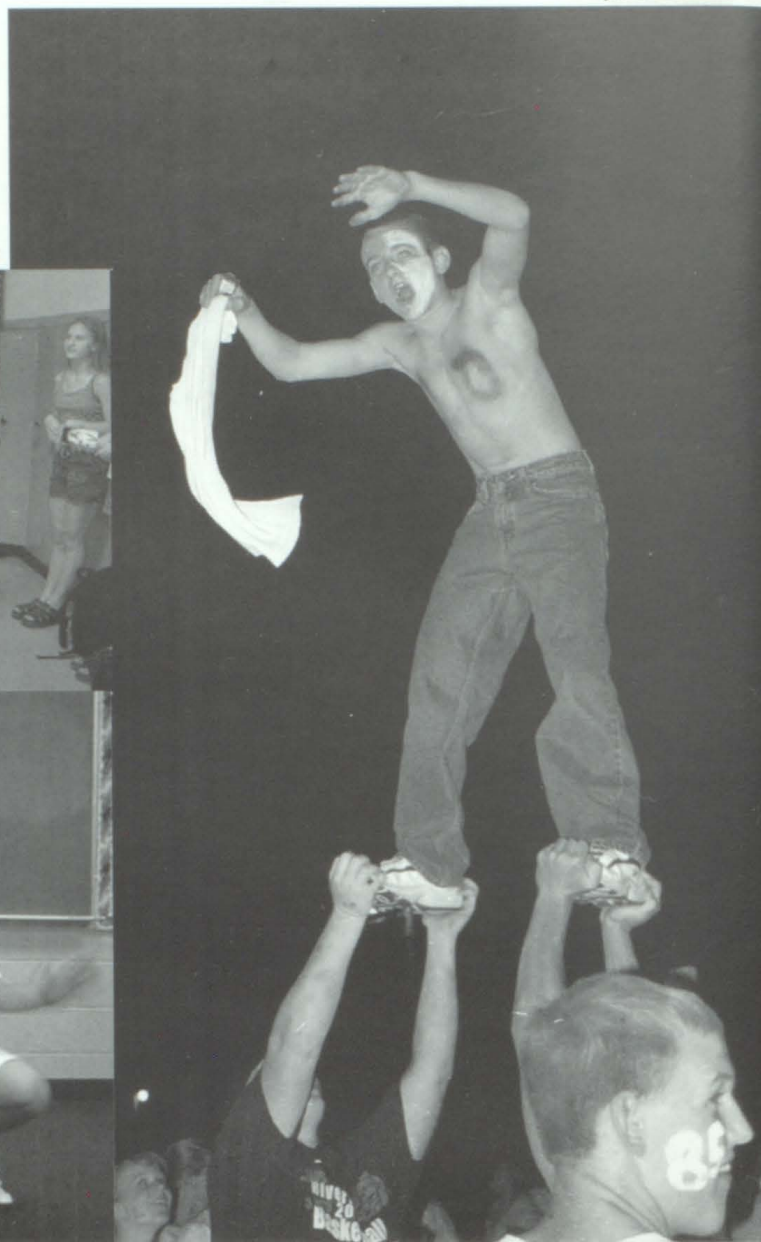
On the way to the next hour, freshmen Jessica Dorzweiler, Abby Wickham, Lindsay Gaschler, Heather Wolf, and Lacy Van Ausdale walk down the school hallways.

While raising John Kroeger, fr., freshmen scream for a victory at the homecoming bonfire. Their excitement helped them get the most points to be the winners of the night.

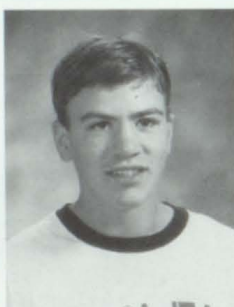
Felicity Waldschmidt

Two kidnapped freshmen, Lacy Van Ausdale and Cody Honas, have fun during an unusual night. They were finalists of the dancing contest, one of the activities planned for the Freshmen Kidnap.

Beth Walz



Scott Amrein
Dustin Cross
Jeremy Dorzweiler
Jessica Dorzweiler
treasurer
Matthew Ehrlich



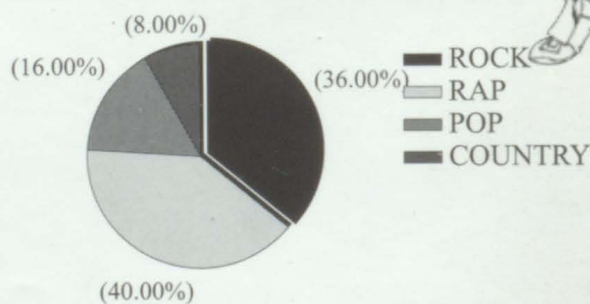
Felicity Waldschmidt



Listening to music, Danielle Erbert, fr., goes over her CD covers after school.

Interrogations

What is your favorite type of music?



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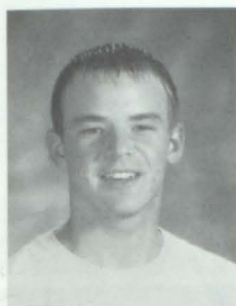
Get a Clue

Freshmen find their niche at EHS

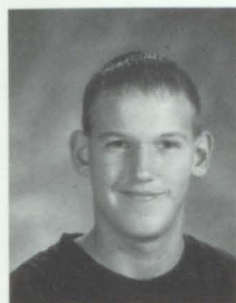
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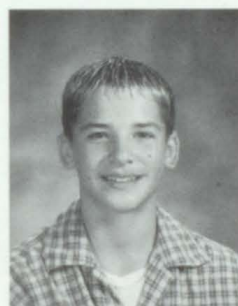
Danielle Erbert
Lindsay Gaschler
Renee Gronniger
Alicia Hernandez
Aaron Honas
stuco representative



Cody Honas
Ryan Honas
Sherri Johnson
Jared Keeler
Ashley Keller



Bradley Keller
John Kroeger
stuco representative
Jordan Kroeger
Jennifer LaBarge
president
Amber North



Lynn Pfeifer
Brett Suter
Lacy Van Ausdale
Adam Walz
Megan D. Weber



Megan M. Weber
Skyy Westbrook
Abby Wickham
secretary
Heather Wolf
vice president
Ben Zorn

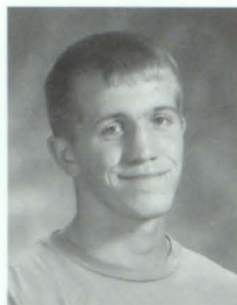


2003

Discovering Status

Sophomores move up a step

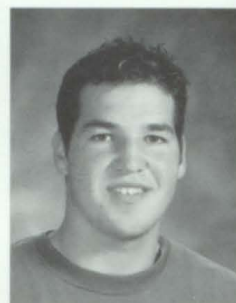
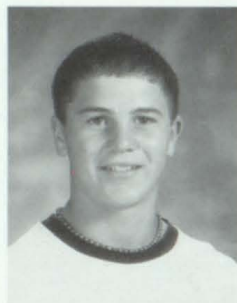
Ryan Augustine
Amanda Ball
president
David Bieker
Shawna Bradstreet



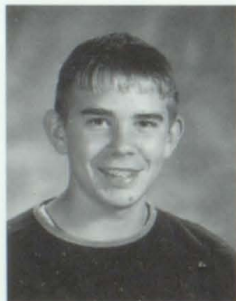
Alan Buster
Anthony Cross
Ryan Day
Jacqui DeMars
Brandon Dessel



Joan Dreiling
treasurer
Cody Fisher
vice president
Derek Fox
Kevin Grogan
Matthew Hall



Jordan Helget
stuco representative
Diane Henderson
Jason Henrickson
Adrienne Heroneme
Daniel Hook



Chris Jerauld
Jarret Johnson
Erin Jones
Laycie Keller
Erin Kitzman

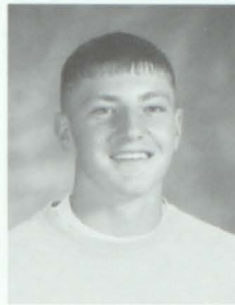




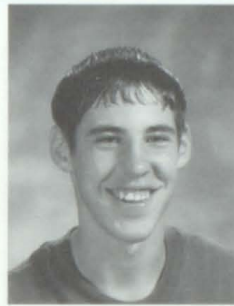
Randy Kohl
Tracey Kroeger
Sondra LaBarge
Kelli Madorin
Katrin Meyer-Teschendorf



Sam Mickelson
Cheyenne Moses
Sean Murphy
Ernie Pfeifer, III
Michael Rice



Jessi Riedel
Jake Schartz
Devin Schoenthaler
Kelsie Schuster
Benjamin Shubert



Jenna Smith
Anthony Taylor
Ashley Taylor
Clint Urban
Chasity Waldschmidt



Christy Walker
Marsha Weber
secretary
Megan Wickham
Christopher Young



Interrogations

How do you spend most of your spare time?

WHAT spare time?

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????
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Hanging out



Online/games



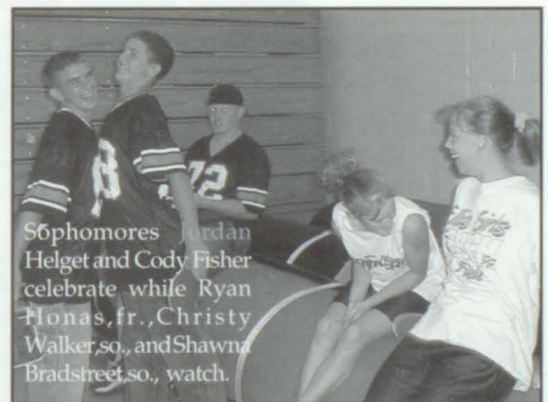
Driving around



TV/Movies



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Sophomores Jordan Helget and Cody Fisher celebrate while Ryan Honas, Jr., Christy Walker, Sr., and Shawn Bradstreet, Sr. watch.

Felicity Waldschmidt

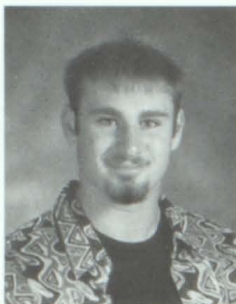


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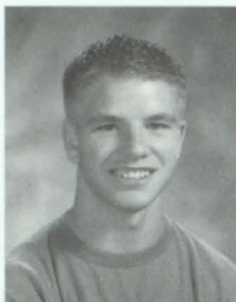
Crossing the Line

Juniors become upperclassmen

Randy Armbrister
James Bieker
Danielle Brown
Ashly Cross



Carissa Deutscher
stuco representative
Daniel Dinkel
treasurer
Mary Dinkel
Jake Dreiling
stuco representative
Mimi Fox



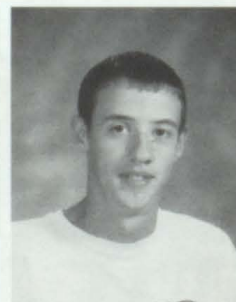
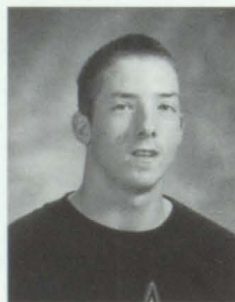
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Nickole Henderson
Amanda Hernandez
Jodi Hill
vice president
Angela Keller

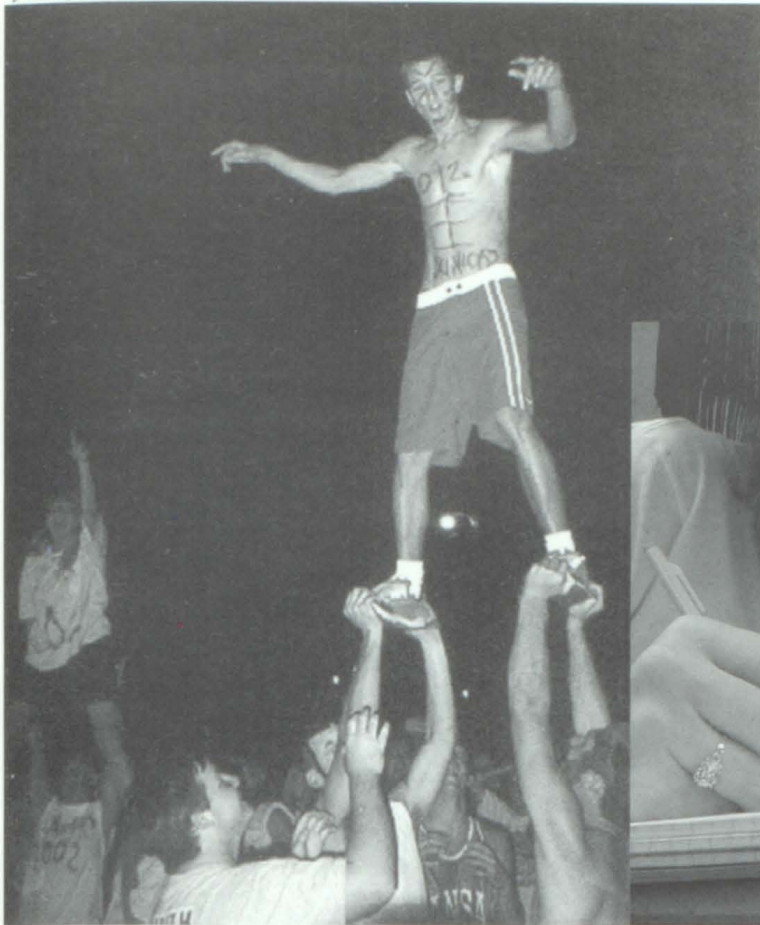


Molly Kinderknecht
secretary
Matt Kinderknecht
Jamie Kitzman
Jessica Kreutzer
André Pinto



Courtney Poland
Seth Reed
Tim Robins
Bryan Saindon
Kirstin Unrein





Exchange student André Pinto, Jr., is held high above the crowd during the Bonfire. "The Bonfire was fun. We never do stuff like that in my country," Pinto said. Pinto was one of the three exchange students.

Wanda Weber, Jr., shows off her school spirit during Spirit Week. Weber wore a huge sombrero for hat day. Points weren't counted for hat day because Band was away at Hutchinson Band Day.

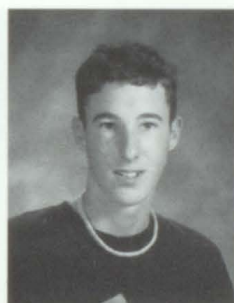
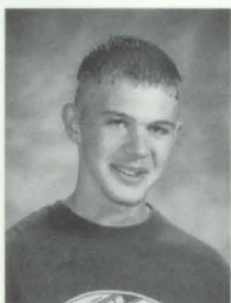
Cindy Hertel

Juniors Jodi Hill and Seth Reed practice for the junior play. Hill played the role of Detective Vi Digger and Reed played the role of madman Hector Bobector in the play. "It was a blast," Hill said.

Kelli Madorin



Katie Wagner
Kelli Wagoner
Valerie Waldschmidt
president
Beth Walz
Wanda Weber

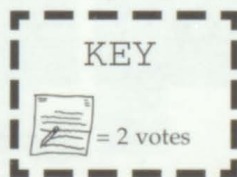
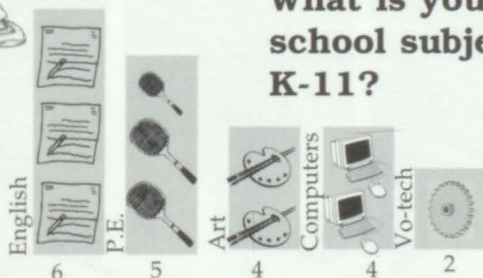


D.J. Wolf
Amanda Zachman
Max Zahn
Maria Pardo
Not Pictured:
Brian Nowell

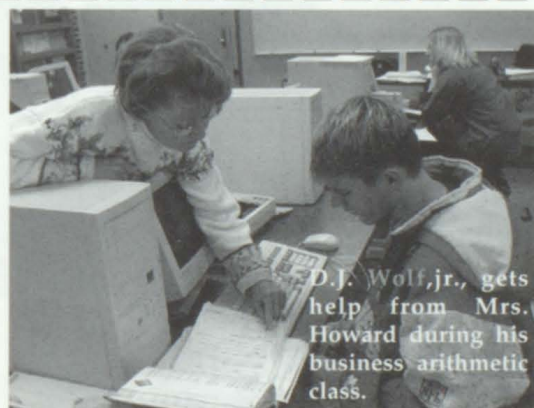


Interrogations

What is your favorite school subject from grades K-11?



The information was attained from 21 voters.



D.J. Wolf, Jr., gets help from Mrs. Howard during his business arithmetic class.

Samantha Wolf



Come and get it! Pat Bieker, cook, serves the traditional Thanksgiving meal. It consisted of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, a roll, and cranberry jello. The meal took about ten hours to prepare and was eaten in 28 min.

"I really enjoy visiting the building during the day. I miss being near the students and staff as I did as a principal," Supt. Brad Neuenswander said. Neuenswander was a principal at Kingman before moving to Ellis.

Kimberly Young

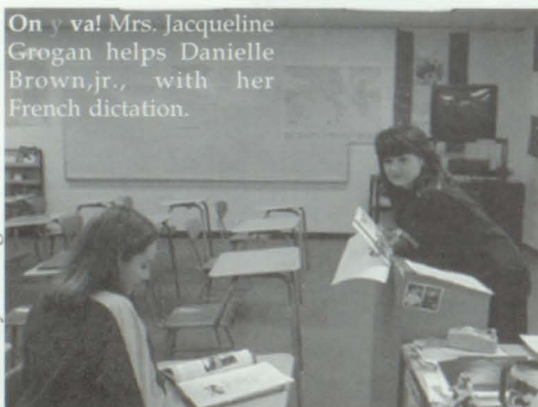


Not pictured: Casey Dinkel, *wrestling*; Sandy Harwick, *resource room*; Shyrl Luea, *librarian*; Mary Parke, *nurse*

Pat Bieker
cook
Kerry Bittel
volleyball
Renetta Dawson
band
Kathy Dreiling
choir
Virginia Duell
home economics



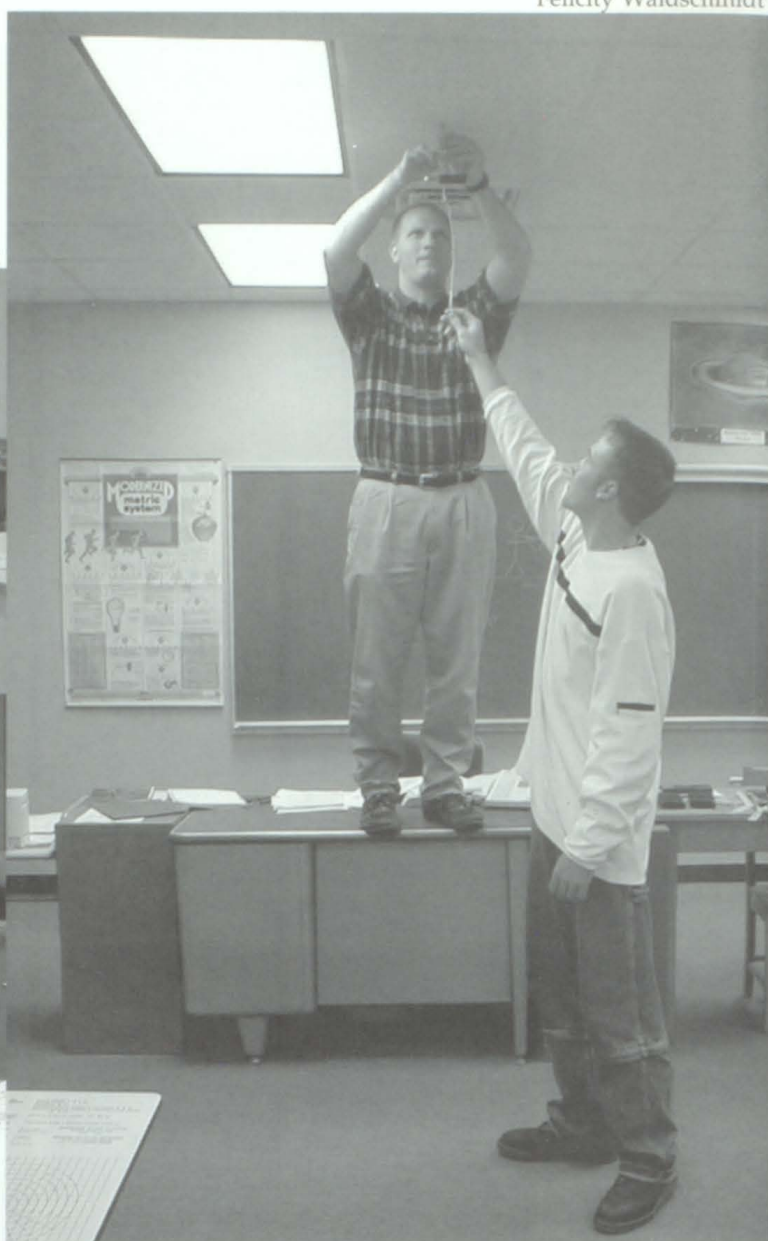
On y va! Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan helps Danielle Brown, jr., with her French dictation.



Kimberly Young

Ready aim fire! Mr. Perry Mick demonstrates two dimensional motion while Sam Shubert, sr., assists him. "The labs provide real-world, hands-on demonstrations of the concepts we are learning about in class. The labs reinforce these concepts and provide a fun, interesting change of pace for the students," Mick said.

Kimberly Young



Interrogations

Where did you receive your bachelor's degree?



KSU

1

KU

2

Other

4

FHSU

15

The information was attained from 22 voters.



Uncovering secrets

Faculty prepare students for life

Staff



Sherri Faulkender
librarian
Stan Faulkender
art
Jacqueline Grogan
foreign languages, psychology
Cindy Hertel
English, journalism
Julie Honas
cook



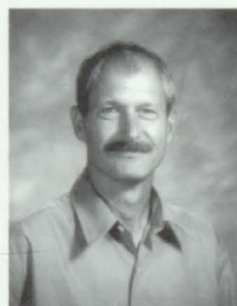
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computer technology
Pam Irwin
cross country
John Kolacny
social studies
David Lohrmeyer
custodian
Don Long
health, physical education



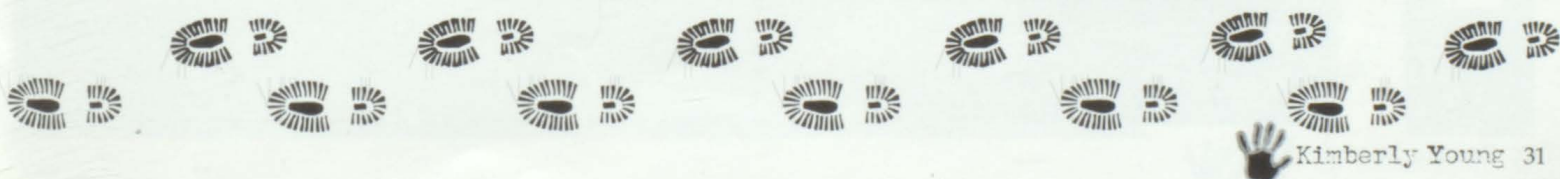
Karen Madorin
English
Bev Mauk
counselor
Perry Mick
math, physics, girls' basketball
Jodi Miller
math
Eldon Pfeifer
vocational agriculture



Linda Riedel
web page, speech, English, photography, psychology, forensics
Reg Romine
principal
Chris Rorabaugh
boys' basketball, girls' track
Art Schoenthaler
football
Charlie Waldschmidt
custodian



Dorothy Waldschmidt
secretary
David Wildeman
science
Jack Wolf
boys' track
Bob Young
technology coordinator
Terry Zervas
industrial arts



inVeSt iGaTiOn

"When I was little, I wanted to be a professional football player because I thought it would be cool to be a female football star," Heather Wolf, fr., said.

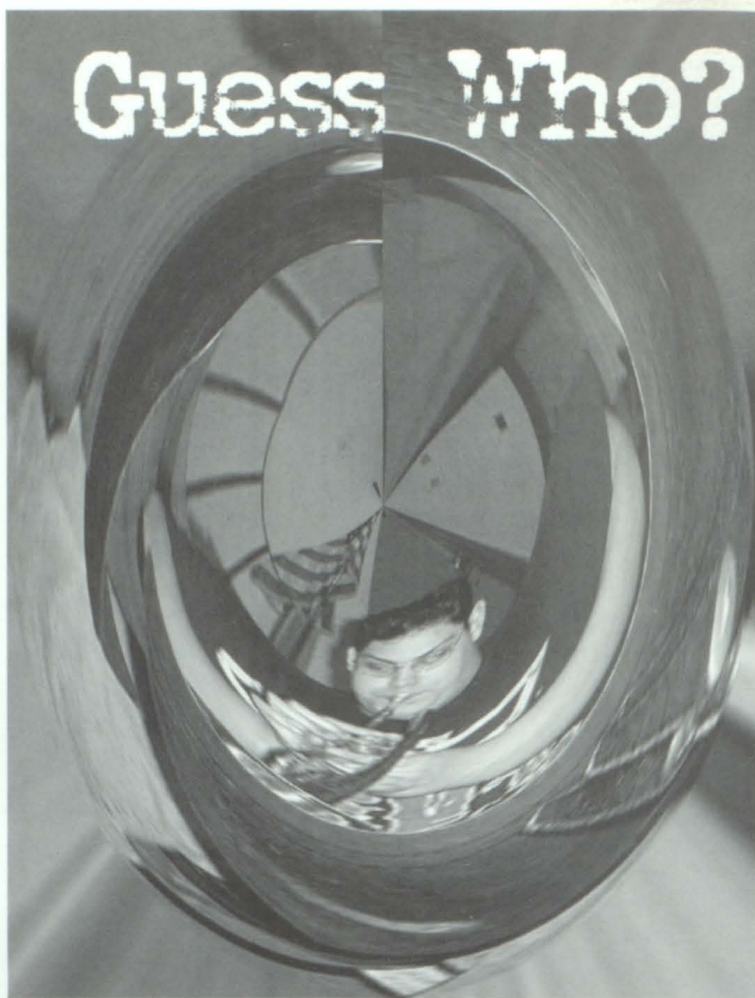


"When I was little, I wanted to be a paleontologist because I loved dinosaurs since I was old enough to say 'dinosaurs,'" Kirsten Unrein, Jr., said.

"When I was little, I wanted to be a drag racer because it looked like a lot of fun and the drivers got to be on T.V.," Jordan Helget, so., said.



Guess Who?



Suspect 1

Freshman
Male
One brother
Owns one dog
Favorite color is blue
Favorite band is Creed
Plays the trumpet



GAME!

Match the handwriting samples to the person to whom they belong

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. Mrs. Karen Madorin | 1. <i>Ellis High School</i> |
| B. Mr. Perry Mick | 2. <i>Ellis High School</i> |
| C. Mrs. Linda Riedel | 3. <i>Ellis High School</i> |
| D. Mr. John Kolacny | 4. <i>Ellis High School</i> |
| E. Mr. David Wildeman | 5. <i>Ellis High School</i> |
| F. Mrs. Dorothy Waldschmidt | 6. <i>Ellis High School</i> |



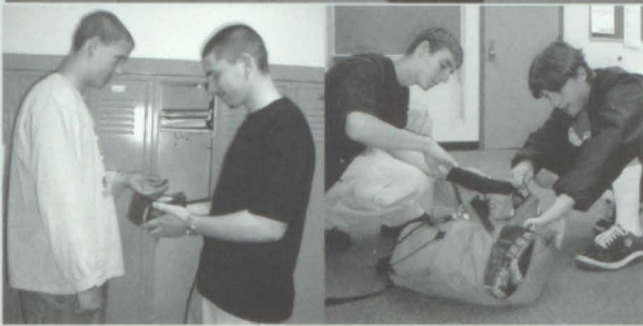
WITNESS PROTECTION

the five most common things EHS students mooch from one another

PEOPLE: EXPOSING DREAMS & THINGS



Jodi Hill, jr., begs Jamie Kitzman, jr., for a piece of gum in between classes.



Brad Keller, fr., asks Joe Kreutzer, sr., for some money for a pop after lunch, only to find that Kreutzer had none.

David Bieker, so., and Jarret Johnson, fr., dig through a school bag looking for paper and pens.

1. FOOD

2. MONEY

3. CANDY

4. GUM

**5. PENS/
PENCILS**

a Powerade to drink between classes

a list of people who hadn't paid their class dues

a mirror to check make-up and hair

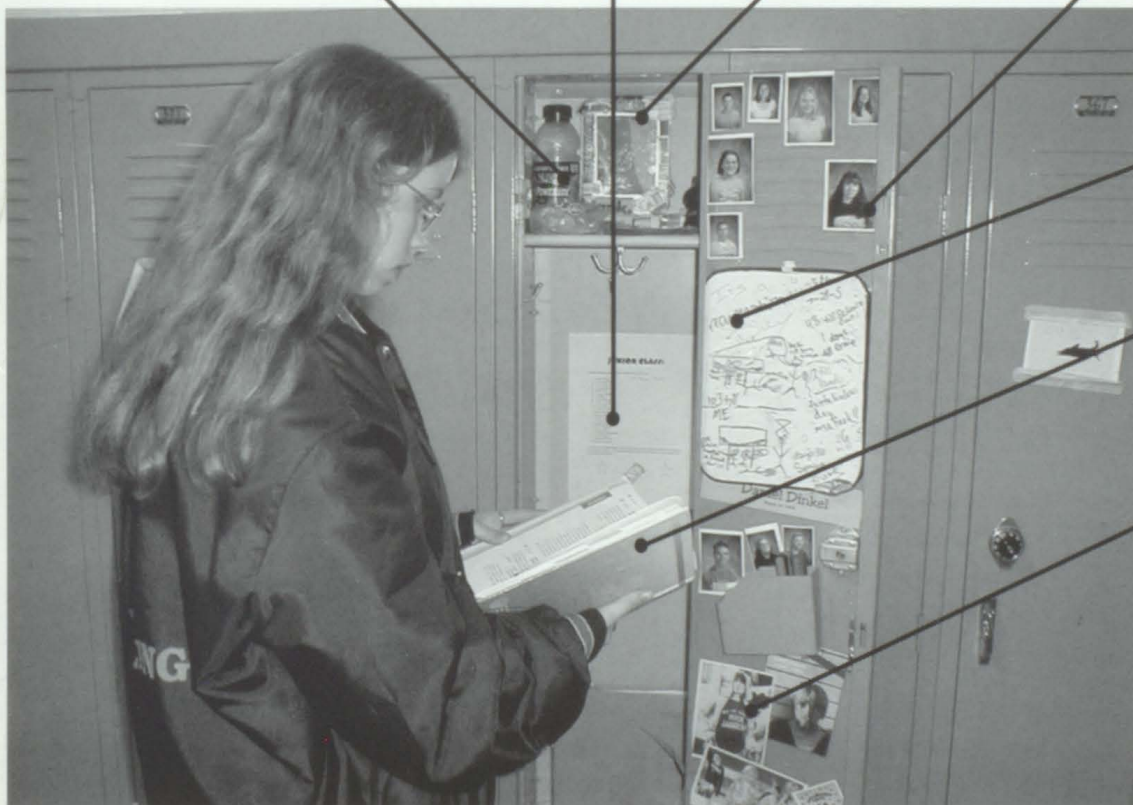
pictures of old and new friends

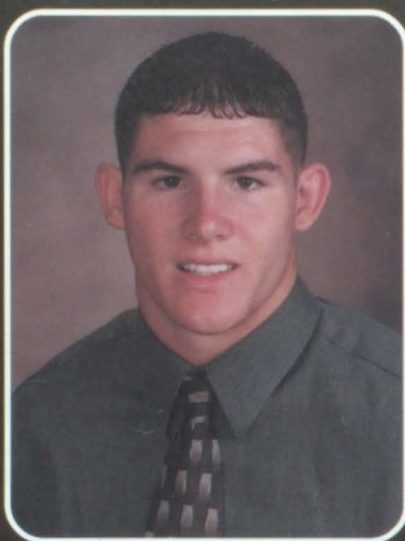
a dry-erase board for listing important dates and events

books for every class

pictures of a favorite band (for obvious reasons)

Molly Kinderknecht, jr., gets a grammar book out of her locker for English III.





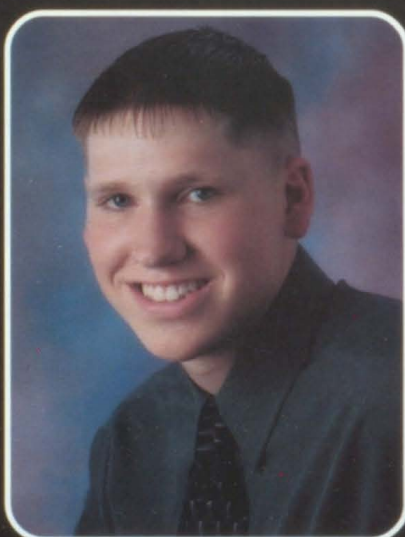
Clint Adam Amrein



Geoffrey D. Andrews



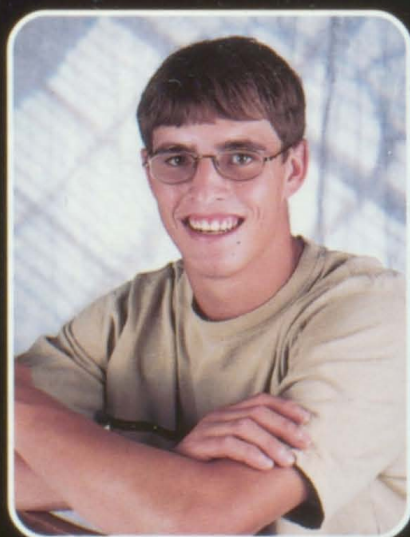
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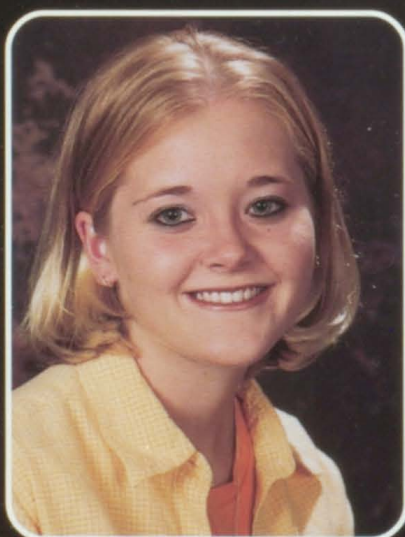
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Josh DeBolt



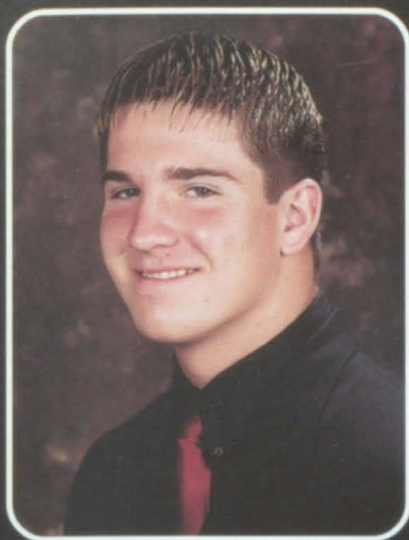
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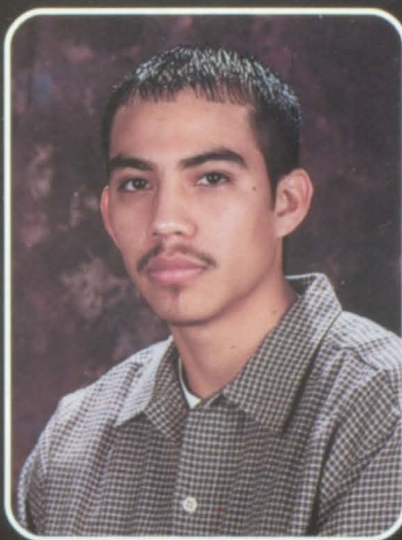
Lyndsay R. Dorzweiler



Emily Dawn Fischer



Derric John Fuchs



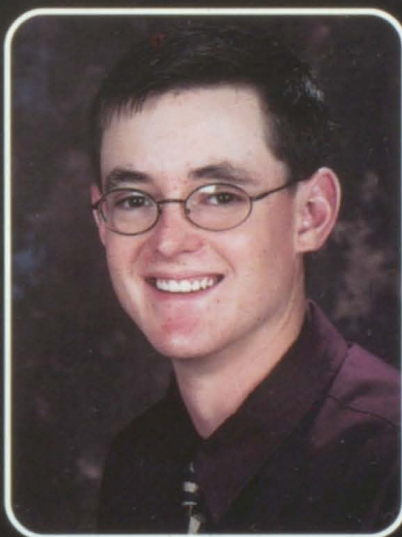
Hector M. Hernandez



Jill Marie Homewood



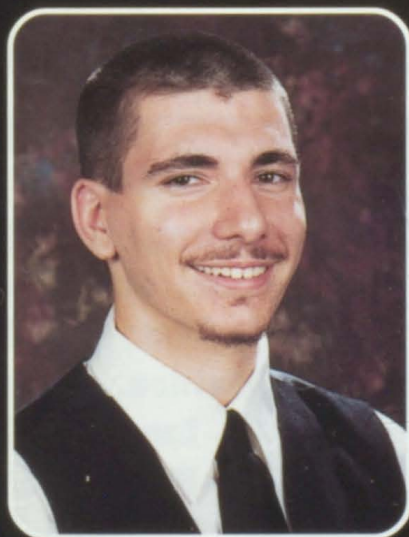
Danielle Rae Honas



Nicholas F. Keller



Krista Lynn Kohl



Joseph Daniel Krentzer



Brandi Marie Lang



David M. McClelland



Clint,
Our children are our
most precious gifts.
Thank you for being
one of the best gifts
ever! We're proud of
you!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Geoff,
You chose to make the best
of our move to Ellis, just
as we knew you would.
You have made your entire
family very proud of you.
Continue to be yourself.
Strive to do the best you
can in all you undertake.
We love you!
Mom and Suede



Denise,
You will always have a
special place in our
hearts and lives. Keep
focused on your dreams,
and you will reach them.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Rebecca



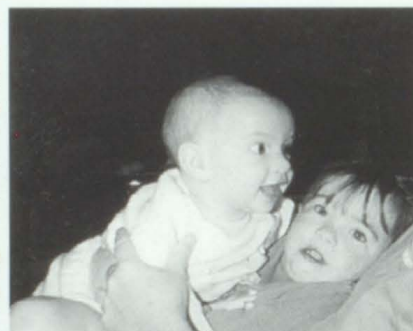
Scott,
Shoot for the stars
Continue to follow your dream
On to a brighter future
Thanks for the memories
To a special son and brother

Love,
Mom, Dad, Shaun, and
Shannon



Joshua,
Always know that
we are behind
you wishing you
the best!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and
Zach



Matthew,
Good luck in
the future and
in all you
choose to do.

Love,
Your family



Seth,
Good luck
always!
Love,
Mom and
Dad



Lyndsay,
Congratulations,
you did it! Best
wishes for the
future.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Jessie

**Emily,
We hope all your
dreams come true.**

Love You!

**Mom, Dad, D.J., Julie,
Jessie, and Shelby**



**Derric,
Dare to dream, follow
your dreams. You make
us very proud.**

We love you!

**Mom, Dad, Trista,
Gideon, and Logan**

**Hector,
We're proud of
you!**

**Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Alicia**



**Jill,
We're proud
of you. Good
luck in the
future!**

**Love,
Your family**



**Danielle,
Your hard work and
dedication has paid off.
Keep it up! Congratulations
and good luck in your future
endeavors.**

**Love,
Larry, Mom,
Ryan, and Braden**



**Nicholas,
Congratulations, you made it,
and you finally grew into your
coveralls. We are so very proud of
you. As the first born, we
experienced so much together. We
will always be here for you. Call
home!**

**Love,
Mom, Dad, Kevin, and Brian**



**Krista,
From the first moment we
laid eyes on you, you have
been our little princess.**

**Love,
Dad, Mom, Jamie,
Randy, and Snickers**



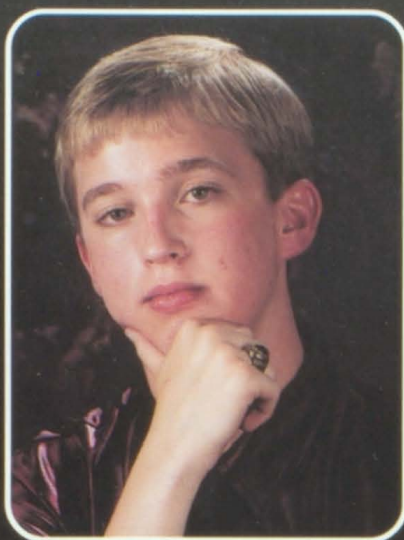
**Joseph,
Congratulations on
your high school
graduation, "Tigger."**

**Dad, Mom, and
Jess**





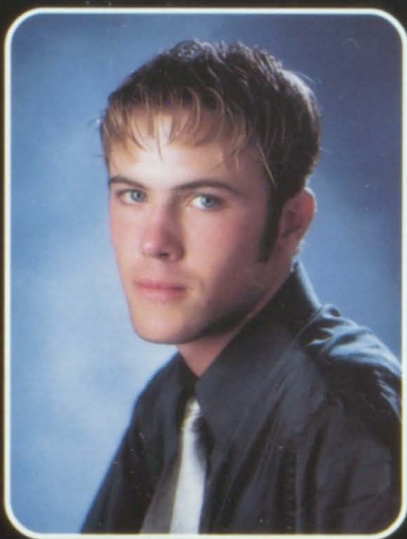
Shari Marie Riedel



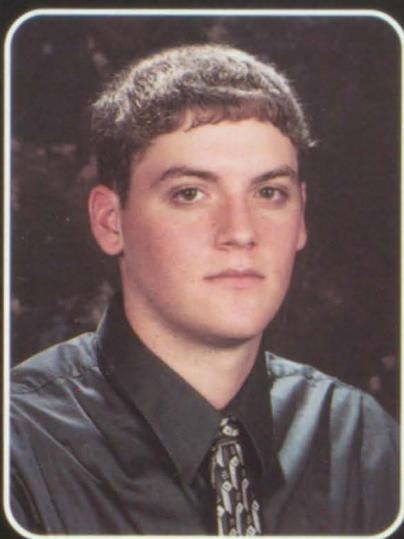
Steven Warren Shannon



Suzanne Lea Shepherd



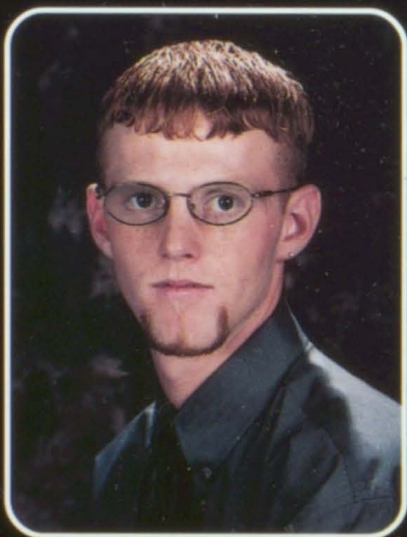
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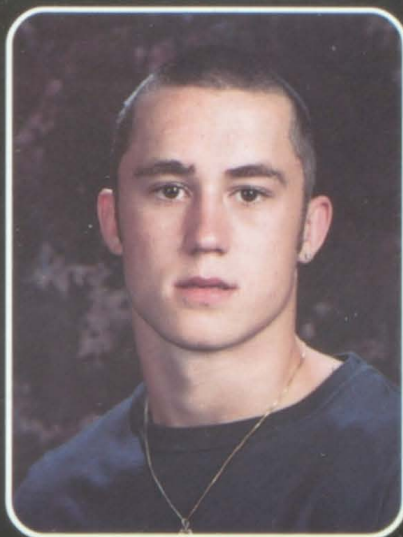
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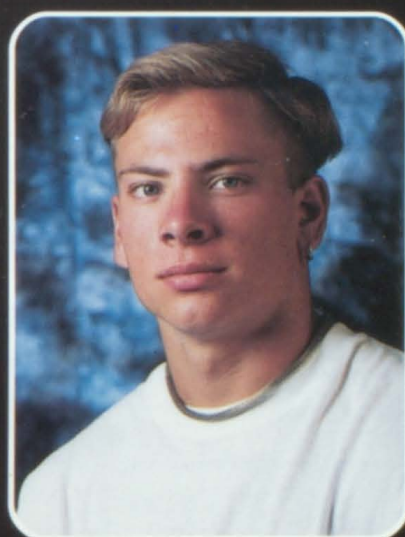
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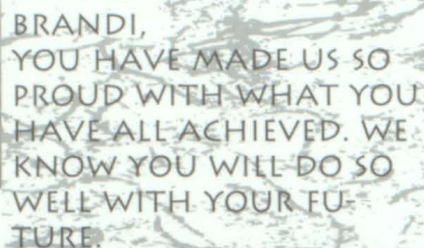
Mandy Jo Zerfas



Miranda Fawn Zorn

Kimberly Young

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WE LOVE YOU,
MOM, DAD,
DYLAN, AND WHITNEY



*Shari,
Good luck in whatever
you do in the future.
We are proud of you,
and we love you
always.*

Love,
Dad, Mom,
and Brian



Steven,
Keep on smiling!
Life will have
great rewards
for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Eric, Sharnelle,
Stacy, and
Katrin



Good luck,
Suzie!

Dad, Holly, Joe,
Mike, and Rocky



Sam,
Persistence and
determination
are omnipotent.
"Press On."

Love,
Mom, Dad, and
Ben



Adam,
Congratulations!
Good luck next
year!

Mom, Dad,
Anthony, Ashley,
and Whitney



Justin,

It seems just like yesterday you were tagging along behind me. The past 18 years have gone by way too fast. We still remember the look on your face the day your Dad carried you into the house wrapped in a blanket after you had fallen out of the boat. Your older sister always made sure you and your friends were towing the line. You very seldom tattled on her. We're not sure if it was because of your tender heart or that she threatened you. We know our shy little boy is gone, but we will cherish the memories forever. You will always hold a special place in our hearts and we are behind you in anything you decide to pursue. Well, almost anything. We are very proud of you for succeeding the last four years. You will thank us some day for seeing you through. May all your dreams come true. We love you,

Mom and Dad



*Jennifer,
May your life be bright
and full of happiness.
Believe in yourself. You
have so much to give.
Good luck at whatever
it is you choose.*

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, and
Joshua

Felicity,
It has been a pure joy to raise you and watch you grow into a beautiful young woman. The years have flown by so quickly, and the years ahead for you will be filled with adventure. You have shown us that you can accomplish anything. We will always be there for you, Sweet-heart, and we are very proud to call you our daughter and sister.

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Chasity, and Kylie
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Todd,
You have grown up a lot over the years and have seen your share of good and bad. You were a "good little boy." Now we're sure you'll be a "great young man." We have given you "roots," and now you also have your wings. We couldn't be prouder of you.

Love
Mom, Mark, Sarah, and Christy



Tyler,
May your life be as great as you've made our lives the last four years.

Greg and Gayle



Kristi,
Congratulations and good luck in the future. We hope all your dreams come true

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Anita



Kayci,
Your courage and determination will take you to new heights. "Shoot for the moon and you'll always be among the stars."

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Anna



Samantha,
Wherever you may go...Whatever you choose to do...We'll always be here. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Heather



DEAN,
CONGRATS AND GOOD LUCK!
LOVE,
MOM, DAD,
JESS, AMANDA,
GRANDMA, AND
UNCLE BURN



Kimberly,
Hold fast to your dreams. We know you can accomplish what you set out to do.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Chris, Michael, and Stephanie



Do not open until 2001

Derric Fuchs takes a water break from the football game against Claflin. Senior football players included Clint Amrein, Geoff Andrews, Matt Dinkel, Derric Fuchs, Tyler Watson and Dean Yanda.

Seniors take a lap around the bonfire. "It was kind of sad thinking this is going to be our last bonfire, but it was by far the best one yet," Samantha Wolf said.

Lyndsay Dorzweiler



Rarely seen without a smile on her face, Samantha Wolf dresses as a punk rocker for twin day. Wolf and her twin, Emily Fischer, got up early and fixed each other's hair.

"Feel free to donate," Todd Walker yells as he walks through the crowd during the Homecoming parade. He was raising money for the senior trip to Padre.

Emily Fischer



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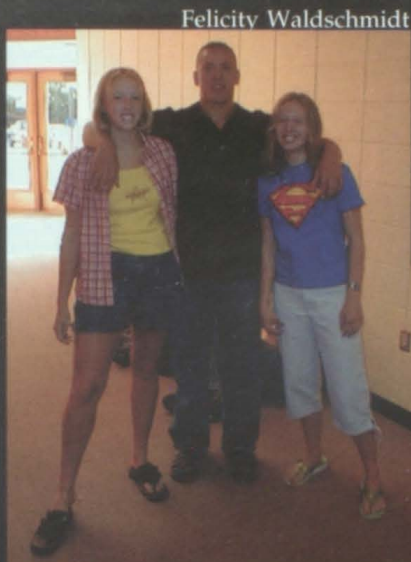
Denise Augustine



Kayci Weimer helps Joe Kreutzer dress up for Halloween. Kreutzer decided to dress as a woman for work at IGA. "It was a lot of fun dressing up like I did for work on Halloween," Kreutzer said. "I got a lot of attention and second looks plus I also had a lot of laughs."



"We are finally seniors!" Danielle Honas, Dean Yanda and Suzie Shepherd smile for the camera on the first day of school, Aug. 23. Even though students were back in school, most of the seniors had a smile on their face knowing it was their last year.



Felicity Waldschmidt

Shari Riedel and Lyndsay Dorzweiler pose for the camera during the Homecoming dance. "I'll remember this Homecoming forever because it was my last one and I got to share it with my friends," Dorzweiler said.



Sondra LaBarge

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Krista Kohl, Natalie Waldschmidt, Suzie Shepherd and Denise Augustine show off the spirit stick at cheerleading camp in Manhattan. Waldschmidt and Kohl were elected All American Cheerleaders their senior year. Waldschmidt was elected her freshman year also.

Chandra Pfeifer

Happy Ho Ho Homecoming! Seniors ride their float in the Homecoming parade. "Since we were playing Wakeeney—you know, the ChristmasCity of the High Plains—their theme just sort of evolved. I thought it was one of the more creative ideas I've seen in my 16 years here," Mrs. Cindy Hertel said.

Mud is cool! Natalie Waldschmidt gives a big thumbs up after falling in the mud. Mud volleyball was a popular event for the high schoolers and the whole community. The seniors set bleachers in front of the pit so community members could watch and laugh at the entertainment.

Who or what is that? It is Geoff Andrews dressed up like a pig. Andrews got the mask from Mrs. Linda Riedel's costume closet and put it on during advanced composition class to act like Napoleon, a character in the novel Animal Farm. "Some advice for underclassmen: tackle your novels like an animal," Andrews said.

Felicity Waldschmidt



Encouraging their class, senior cheerleaders demonstrate class spirit and try to get the rest of the class involved. The seniors won the Homecoming bonfire event and finished second in the overall competition.

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Krista Kohl



Mandy,
We wish you all the best of
luck and happiness in the
future. Dream big, Girl, and
hold onto those dreams. We
are very proud of you and love
you very much.

Love ya always,
Mom and Chad

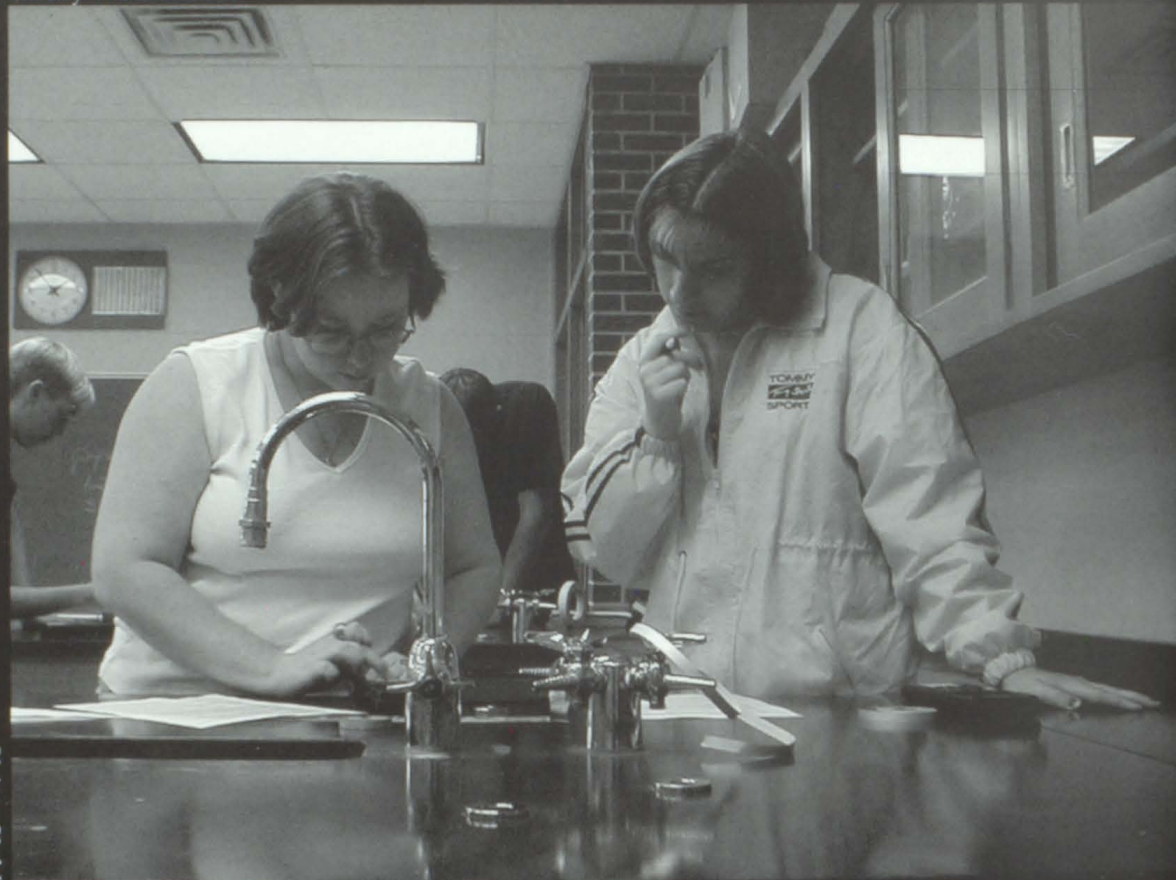
Spending a lot of
time in the wood
shop, Nick Keller
saws a board which
was used for a gun
cabinet. Keller took
mechanical drawing
and ag class all
four years and
woods class his se-
nior year. "Me-
chanical drawing
helps me with my
engineering for next
year," Keller said.

Lyndsay Dorzweiler



Miranda Zorn and Kayci
Weimer calculate figures for
a physics lab focusing on
Newton's Second Law. The
two physics classes occasion-
ally competed against each
other when building small ma-
chines. Such machines in-
cluded bottle rockets and
mouse-trap cars.

Felicity Waldschmidt



Krista Kohl



Concentrating hard on the ball,
Todd Walker plays in the pool
tournament held on superbowl
Sunday at the Kohl's house. Geoff
Andrews and Suzie Shepherd
organized a party at the Kohl's to
raise money for their trip to South
Padre.



Cindy Hertel

"Look what I got," Lyndsay
Dorzweiler says as she opens
her Christmas gift. Kim Young
and Shari Riedel watch
Dorzweiler open her present
at the journalism class gift ex-
change. The two journalism
classes joined as one and had a
Chinese gift exchange for
Christmas.

Grooving to the music! Natalie
Waldschmidt and Seth Dinkel
enjoy the Snoball dance held on
Feb. 10. The dance began an
hour and a half earlier due to
the icy weather.

Kimberly Young



Denise Augustine



Wassssup? Josh DeBolt and Jennifer Tway party the night away at the Kayette's Snoball. Because it was their last one, the seniors gathered together and danced to "Swear It Again" by Westlife.



Smoky Hill Photography

A narrow miss! Kristi Weber dodges splattering mud during the mud volleyball tournament organized by the seniors. The tournament was a fundraiser for the Padre trip.

Food, pool, and darts leave Scott Befort exhausted in a chair by the end of the Superbowl party. Whitey Kohl allowed the seniors to throw a non-alcoholic party in his basement to aid the Padre fund.

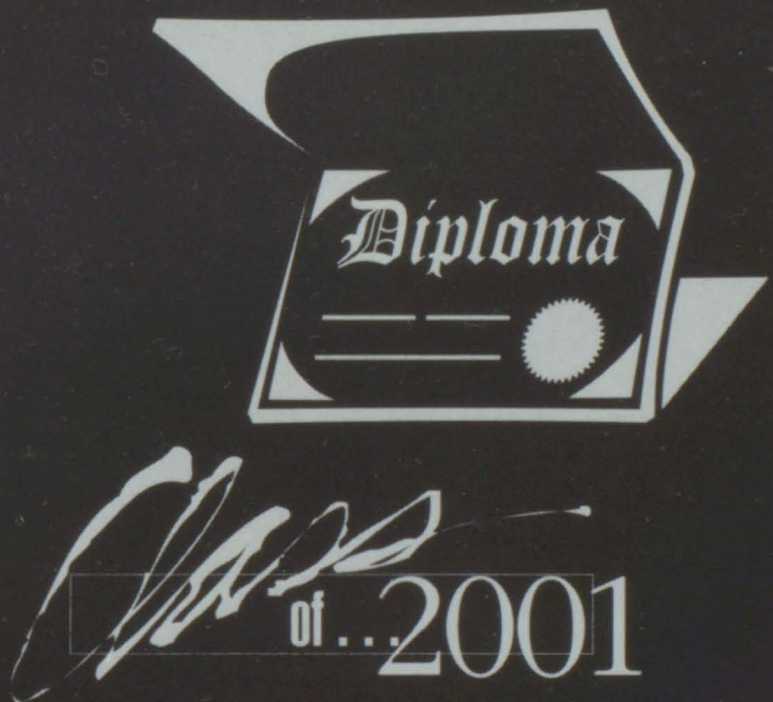


Krista Kohl



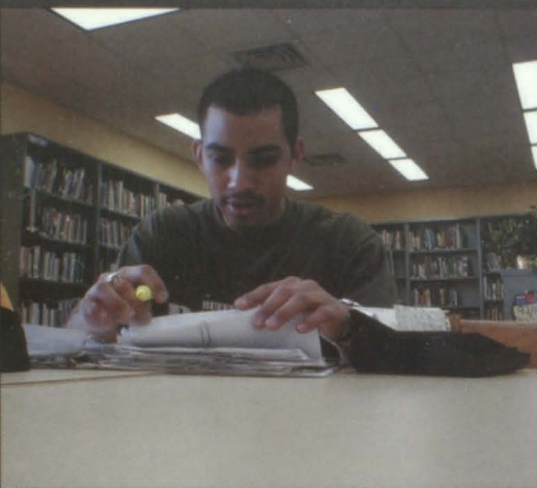
Samantha Wolf

Loading their plates, David McClelland and Sam Shubert take advantage of the free lunch provided at the Fort Hays Technology Tour. Their day was spent touring FHSU's technology department, seeing what was offered. The tour was open to seniors only.



Taking notes Hector Hernandez sits in the library during advanced composition class. The senior class was required to write a 10 to 12 page term paper. Seniors took a trip to Forsyth Library to find research on their topic.

Krista Kohl



Sitting calmly while riding through the Homecoming parade, Tyler Watson and Felicity Waldschmidt were two of the chosen candidates for royalty. A dance followed the Homecoming game hosted by Stuco. Homecoming was held Sept. 15.

Smoky Hill Photography



With a flip of the tie, Geoff Andrews and Brandi Lang ride in the homecoming parade. They were two of the elected Homecoming candidates that were chosen by the entire student body. The student body chose three male and female candidates for royalty.

Smoky Hill Photography



Throwing candy to the little kids, Matt Dinkel and Danielle Honas ride down main street in their convertible during the Homecoming parade. Dinkel was crowned Homecoming king while Felicity Waldschmidt was crowned Homecoming queen.

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Dancing the night away, Derric Fuchs and Kayci Weimer enjoy their last Snoball dance. Weimer was on the Kayette board her junior and senior year and also served as the Kayette treasurer her senior year.

Kim Young

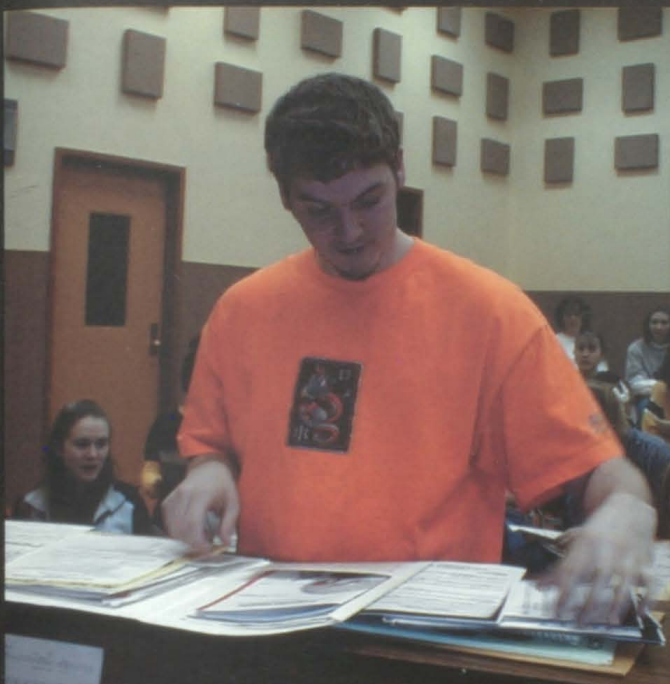


Mandy Zerfas and Jennifer Tway concentrate hard while putting together their baby carriers in child and parenting class. Students were required to carry a baby for a total of three days.

Shari Riedel



Adam Taylor looks through the stack of music on Mrs. Kathy Dreiling's piano. Taylor participated in choir his freshman, junior and senior years. He was also in band all four years.



Krista Kohl

Listening carefully to Mrs. Kathy Dreiling's instructions Steven Shannon prepares with the rest of the class for state contest. Shannon was chosen for KMEA District choir his sophomore, junior and senior year and also KMEA State choir his last two years during high school. Shannon was also a Railairre all four years.



Krista Kohl



Cindy Hertel

Clint Amrein talks to Mr. Eldon Pfeifer during his project construction class. Amrein was constructing a bail trailer to use on his family's farm. Amrein took ag classes for two years.



Krista Kohl

Emily Fischer and Justin Van Ausdale take a break from decorating for their junior prom. Decorations included peace signs, flowers and smiley faces. Juniors finished off the decorating the morning of prom.

The senior class joins together for a picture. Every year the seniors decorate the school's front windows and take a class picture in front of their artistic designs. The senior class consisted of 18 boys and 18 girls, with a total of 36.

Denise Augustine

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Krista Kohl

Senior Activities

Clint Amrein- honor roll 3,4; football 1,2,3,4; basketball 1; track 2,3,4; state track 3; wrestling 2,3; MCL HM running back, linebacker 3,4; HM cornerback 2; FFA 1,2,3,4; class sec. 4; choir 2; webpage 4

Geoffry Andrews- honor roll 1,2,3,4; photography 4; football 1,2,3,4; basketball 1,2,3,4; track 2,3,4; All Area 1st team 2-1A FB 4; MCL HM offensive tackle 4; MCL 2nd team defense 4; FFA 4; junior play; STUCO 4; choir 3; prom server 2; Homecoming candidate 4; snoball candidate 1

Denise Augustine- journalism 4; photography 3; track 1; FCCLA 1; junior play; cheerleader 1,2,3,4; co-captain 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; choir 1

Scott Befort- perfect attendance 1; basketball 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FCCLA 1,2; SADD 2,3; webpage 4

Josh DeBolt- football 1; track 1; wrestling 1; FFA 1,2,3; FCCLA 2; junior play; choir 1; band 1; webpage 4

Matthew Dinkel- football 1,2,3,4; wrestling 1,2,3,4; MCL HM guard 3; MCL 2nd team guard 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; treasurer 4; FCCLA 2; forensics 4; junior play; choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 2,4; prom server 2; Homecoming king; snoball candidate 1; webpage 4

Seth Dinkel- FFA 1,2,3,4; junior play; snoball candidate 2

Lyndsay Dorzweiler- perfect attendance 1,3,4; journalism 3,4; volleyball 1,3; manager 4; track 3; FCCLA 1; junior play; forensics 1; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; board member 4; choir 1,2; band 1,2; snoball candidate 3

Emily Fischer- journalism 3; state journalism 3; photography 4; volleyball 1,2,3,4; basketball 1,2,3,4; FFA 3,4; junior play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; choir 1,2; band 1

Derric Fuchs- National Honor Society 3,4; All A honor roll 1; honor roll 1,2,3,4; Boy's State 3; Who's Who Among High School Students 4; football 1,2,3,4; track 3,4; wrestling 1,2,3,4; All-league HM center 3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; sentinel 2; treasurer 3; vice-president 4; forensics 3,4; junior play; STUCO 3,4; president 4; class treasurer 2; vice-president 3; SADD 1,2,3,4; webpage 2,3,4; National Leadership Camp 4; Nextech National Summit 4

Hector Hernandez- honor roll 2,3; basketball 1,2; track 2; junior play; snoball candidate 3

Jill Homewood- volleyball 1; track 1,2,3,4; state track 2; junior play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; choir 1; band 1,2

Danielle Honas- National Honor Society 3,4; honor roll 1,2,3,4; perfect attendance 1; volleyball 1,2,3,4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; historian 4; forensics 3; STUCO 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; vice-president 4; board member 2,3,4; class treasurer 1; choir 1,2,3,4; band 1,2,3,4; prom server 3; math relays 1; Homecoming candidate 4; snoball candidate 1,2,4

Nicholas Keller- perfect attendance 1,2,3,4; golf 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; reporter 2; vice-president 3; president 4; forensics 1,2; junior play; choir 1; band 1,2,3,4; state band 1,2,3,4

Krista Kohl- Who's Who Among High School Students 3,4; journalism 2,3,4; ad manager 3; co-editor 4; state journalism 2; volleyball 1,2,3,4; basketball 1,2,3; track 1,2,3,4; FFA 3,4; secretary 4; FCCLA 1,2; junior play; cheerleader 1,2,3,4; flagteam 1,2; All-American cheerleader 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; board member 2,3,4; class secretary 1,2,3; STUCO 4; Railairres 1,2,3,4; choir 1,2,3,4; band 1,2

Joe Kreutzer- perfect attendance 3; photography 4; junior play; class vice-president 4; snoball candidate 3; webpage 4

Brandi Lang- honor roll 1,2; volleyball 1,2,3,4; All-Area HM 2nd team 3,4; MCL HM 1st team 3,4; basketball 1,2,3,4; FCCLA 1,4; junior play; STUCO 1,2,3,4; treasurer 3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; president 4; board member 3,4; class president 2; choir 1,2; prom server 2; Homecoming candidate 4; snoball candidate 1,4; SADD 1,4; webpage 4

Dave McClelland- football 1,2; FFA 1,2,3,4; secretary 3

Shari Riedel- honor roll 3,4; journalism 3,4; co-editor 4; state journalism 3; volleyball 1,2; FCCLA 1; junior play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; board member 4; choir 1,2; band 1,2

Steven Shannon- National Honor Society 3,4; A honor roll 1,2,3,4; perfect attendance 2,3; choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 1,2,3,4; KMEA District choir 2,3,4; KMEA state choir 3; band 4; FCCLA 4; junior play; forensics 1,2,3,4; semifinalist 3; state qualifier 2,3; math relays 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,4; snoball candidate 4

Suzanne Shepherd- National Honor Society 3,4; All A honor roll 1,4; honor roll 2,3; Girl's State 3; Who's Who Among High School Students 2,3,4; photography 4; volleyball 1,2,3,4; cross country 1,2; basketball 1,3; track 1,2,3,4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; vice-president 4; forensics 1,2,3,4; state qualifier 2,3; junior play; cheerleader 1,2,3,4; captain 4; flag team 1,2,3,4; All-American cheerleader nominee 4; STUCO 1,3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; points chairman 4; board member 2,4; class president 1,3; choir 1,2,3,4; band 1,2,3,4; KMEA District Band 3; state band 3; prom server ; math relays 1,2,3; SADD 1,4; vice president 4; snoball candidate 2; HOBY ambassador 2; NYLC leadership conference 3; Nextech National Summit 4

Samuel Shubert- honor roll 1,2; basketball 1,2; golf 1,2,3,4; state golf 3; FFA 3,4; chapter officer 4; forensics 1; junior play; STUCO 4; math relays 1; webpage 3

Adam Taylor- National Honor Society 4; All A honor roll 2,3; honor roll 1; perfect attendance 3; basketball 1,2,3; forensics 3; state festival 3; junior play; choir 1,3,4; band 1,2,3,4; vice president 4; math relays 1,2,3,4; snoball candidate 4

Jennifer Tway- volleyball 1,2,3,4; basketball 1,2,3,4; FCCLA 3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; choir 3,4; band 1,2,3,4; webpage 4

Justin Van Ausdale- FFA 1,2,3,4

Felicity Waldschmidt- National Honor Society 3,4; honor roll 1,2,3,4; volleyball 1,2,3,4; All-Area HM 3-2-1A 4; MCL 2nd team 4; journalism 3,4; co-editor 4; track 2; FCCLA 1; forensics 1,2,3,4; state qualifier 1,2,3; semi-finalist 2,3; junior play; STUCO 2,3,4; vice-president 4; choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 1,2,3,4; band 1,2; prom server; Homecoming queen; snoball candidate 3; SADD 1,4

Natalie Waldschmidt- honor roll 4; volleyball 1,2,3,4; All-league HM 3,4; basketball 1,2,3; track 1,2,3,4; FFA 4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; secretary 4; forensics 1,2,3,4; junior play; cheerleader 1,2,3,4; flag team 1,2,3,4; All-American cheerleader 1,4; STUCO 3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; board member 1,4; class vice-president 1,2; choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 4; band 1,2,3,4; prom server

Todd Walker- football 1,2; basketball 1,2,3,4; track 4; FCCLA 4; junior play; prom server; webpage 4

Tyler Watson- football 1,2,3,4; All-league HM runningback 4; MCL 2nd team RB 4; 1st team return specialist 4; 1st team DB 4; track 1,2,3,4; state track 3; wrestling 1,2; junior play; prom server; Homecoming candidate 4; snoball candidate 1,4; webpage 4;

Kristi Weber- volleyball manager 1,2,3,4; basketball manager 1,2,3,4; track manager 2,3; FCCLA 1,2; forensics 1; junior play; STUCO 4; treasurer 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; band 1,2,3; SADD 1,2; snoball candidate 4

Kayci Weimer- honor roll 1,2,3,4; volleyball 1,2,3,4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; forensics 1,2,3,4; state forensics 1,2,3; semi-finalist 3; junior play; STUCO 1,2; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; treasurer 4; board member 3,4; choir 1,2,3,4; band 1,2,3,4; prom server; snoball candidate 1; webpage 4

Samantha Wolf- honor roll 1,2,3,4; journalism 4; FCCLA 1,2; forensics 1,2,4; junior play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; choir 1; band 1; snoball candidate 2

Dean Yanda- football 1,2,3,4; wrestling 1,2,3,4; MCL HM tackle 4; FFA 2,3,4; junior play; prom server

Kimberly Young- National Honor Society 3,4; All A honor roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among High School Students 1,2; journalism 3,4; co-editor 4; state journalism 3; volleyball 1,2,3,4; basketball 1,2,3,4; golf 4; track 1; FCCLA 1; forensics 1,2,3,4; junior play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; treasurer 3; board member 2,4; class treasurer 4; choir 1,2,3,4; state choir 2; Railairres 3,4; band 1,2,3,4; KMEA 1; state band 2,3; math relays 1,2,3,4; snoball candidate 3; SADD 1,4

Mandy Zerfas- track 1; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; forensics 1,2,3; junior play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; choir 2,3,4

Miranda Zorn- honor roll 1,2; forensics 3,4; junior play; Kayettes 2,3,4; choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 2,3,4; math relays 1; SADD 1; webpage 4

class of 2001

In Their Own Defense



15:00 hours- Found students being released from classes. Students were in a frenzy to get out of building. Observed subjects giving up their time for aggressive sports such as basketball and volleyball. Most practices were held at the old high school.

16:00 hours- Caught students perfecting athletic skills. (Note: some were more physical than others.) Resulted in some injuries throughout the season. Seniors tried to catch attention of scouts.

17:00 hours- Noticed full parking lot of fans. Volleyball parents carried potatoes. Dressed to play, students took court. Met staring eyes of opponents. Goal was to win. Year resulted in new volleyball records and MCL medals.

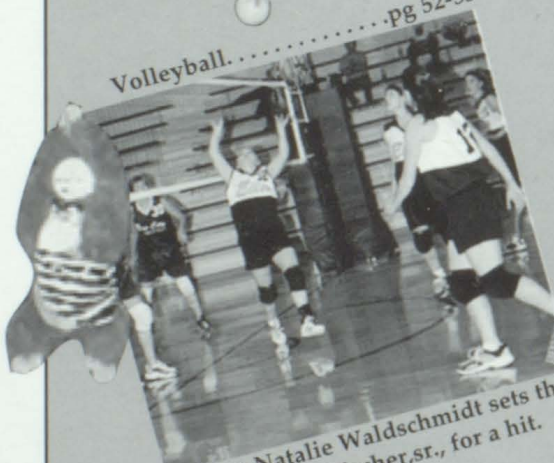
17:30 hours- Games began. Abundant physical contact. Echoed screams filled area. Increased competitiveness as game progressed.

19:00 hours- Intense last minutes. Winning was in grasp. Home team snuck ahead. Time ran out. Loud screams of victory escaped from fans. Victory was ours.

19:30 hours- Cars piled up at downtown building. (Note: called fifth quarter.) Students engaged in games to release energy. Not near as physical as previous.

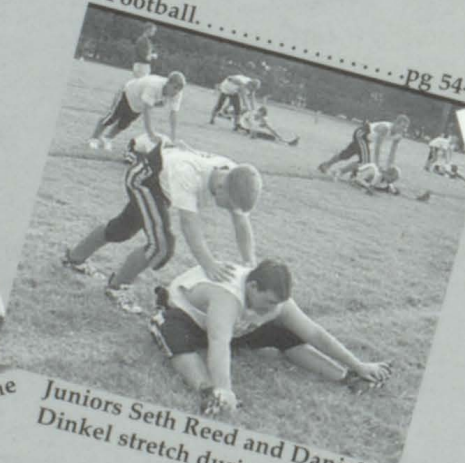
20:30 hours- Fun diminished as students disappeared into cars. (Note: high school sports result in competitiveness, let downs, and victories.) Will definitely watch again.

Volleyball.....pg 52-53



Senior Natalie Waldschmidt sets the ball to Emily Fischer, sr., for a hit.

Football.....pg 54-55



Juniors Seth Reed and Daniel Dinkel stretch during practice.

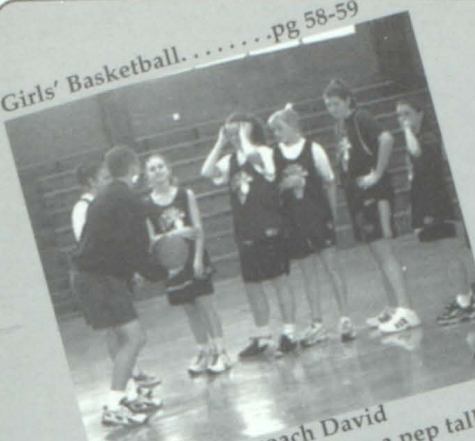
Cross Country.....pg 56-57



Juniors Courtney Poland and Mary Dinkel push to get ahead.

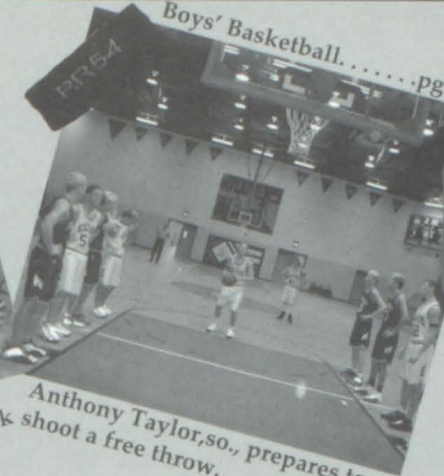


Girls' Basketball.....pg 58-59



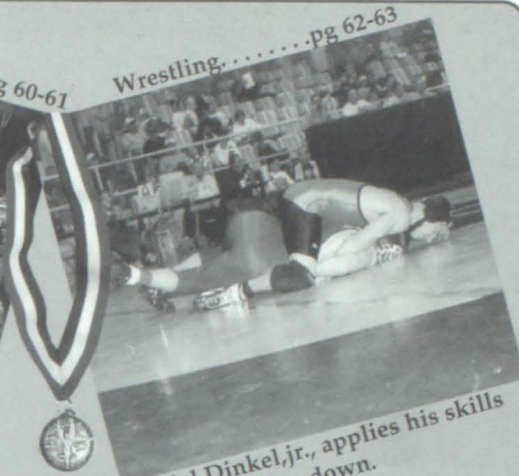
Junior Varsity coach David Wildeman gives his team a pep talk shoot a free throw.

Boys' Basketball.....pg 60-61



Anthony Taylor,so., prepares to shoot a free throw.

Wrestling.....pg 62-63



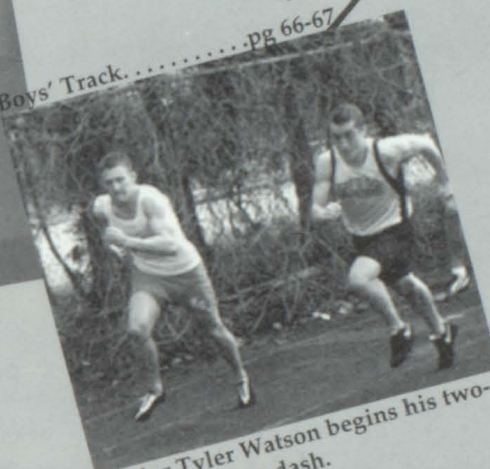
Daniel Dinkel,jr., applies his skills to keep his man down.

Girls' Track.....pg 64-65



Lindsay Gaschler,fr., takes her place in the starting blocks.

Boys' Track.....pg 66-67



Senior Tyler Watson begins his two-hundred meter dash.

Cheerleading sponsor Chandra Pfeifer assists Natalie Waldschmidt,sr., in doing a back flip before a home basketball game.

Golf.....pg 68-69



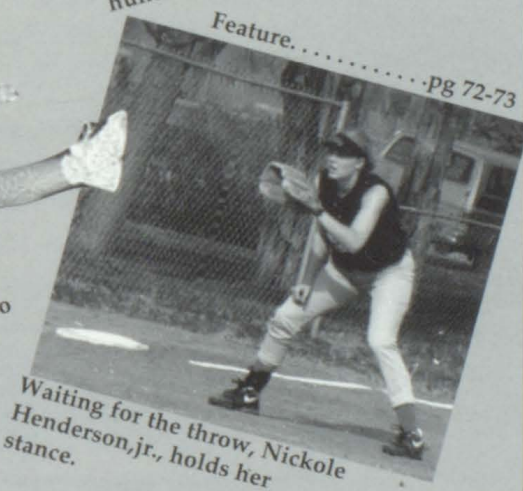
Dustin Cross,fr., cleans his golf balls during practice.

Cheerleading.....pg 70-71



Krista Kohl,sr., does a toe touch to show some team spirit.

Feature.....pg 72-73



Waiting for the throw, Nickole Henderson,jr., holds her stance.





Lifetouch



Info: Mrs. Bittel coached junior varsity volleyball at Ellis High School for one year.

Info: She was the Ellis Junior High assistant coach in volleyball for one year.

Info: This was Mrs. Bittel's fifteenth year teaching at the elementary level.

Info: Mrs. Bittel attended EHS.

Info: Mrs. Bittel graduated from EHS in 1970.



Junior varsity coach Dustin Rorabaugh relays the plan of action to the junior varsity team. They took first in the Plainville tournament Sept. 23.

16-14,15-0	Hill City	15-10,15-13	Ransom
13-15,15-12,15-5	Palco	8-15,15-8,16-14	Tri-Plains
15-7,15-12	Dighton	15-11,6-15,15-6	Quinter
15-5,15-2	Plainville	15-17,9-15	Ransom
15-9,15-5	Otis-Bison	15-6,15-3	Lacrosse
15-11,15-6	Hoisington	8-15,5-15	Ness City
15-2,15-9	Trego	15-13,15-5	Plainville
10-15,5-15	Ellinwood	15-5,15-8	Stockton
15-9,12-15,15-9	Victoria	15-2,15-5	Hill City
15-4,15-5	Trego	12-15,15-6	Smith Center
15-10,15-12	Osborne	15-11,15-9	Norton
17-15,15-8	Phillipsburg	10-15,2-15	Smith Center
16-14,15-1	Palco	15-4,15-9	Ness City
14-16,15-6,17-19	Plainville	15-12,14-16,15-6	Osborne
15-7,7-15,15-6	Tri-Plains	4-15,11-15	St. John

Spiking the ball, Brandi Lang,sr., leads Ellis to a victory over Trego. They won the game in two matches: 15-4 and 15-5. Lang made MCL all-league first team. Felicity Waldschmidt,sr., made second team, and Natalie Waldschmidt,sr., made honorable mention. "Receiving all-league honors this year meant a lot since it was my last year," Felicity Waldschmidt,sr.,said.



Kelli Madorin

FINAL VERDICT



Varsity players pose for pictures after placing second at sub-state. All the players put braids in their hair to get pumped up for the games.

Coach Bittel shows the varsity girls how it's done. "The girls worked well together," Bittel said. "They had a lot of team unity."



Warming up before a junior varsity game, Jodi Hill, jr., goes for the block. With a total of eleven girls suiting up, the junior varsity ended the season with a 14-3 record.

In the huddle, varsity girls prepare themselves to take on their opponent. As a team ritual before each game, the varsity players listened to New Kids on the Block.

Kelli Madorin

Cindy Hertel

UNITED WE PLAY

By
Jenna
Smith

Together team places second

The volleyball team was a tight-knit family. They went out to eat, saw movies, had a potluck, and even went swimming and hot-tubbing together. This special team bond helped them to be successful in their efforts throughout the season.

The only time the EHS volleyball team won a plaque at sub-state was in 1992, but the girls did it again. The volleyball team, led by Coach Kerry Bittel, placed second at sub-state, ending the season with a record of 20-10, the best record ever.

"They've improved a lot from last year," Bittel said. "They depended on each other a lot more this year."

The girls practiced hard in preparation, set high goals -- such as placing at sub-state -- and worked to reach them.

Ellis succeeded at reaching this goal and went into sub-state with a 17-9 record.

Starting off well, the girls defeated Ness City

in two matches: 15-4 and 15-9.

"Going into sub-state they were pretty confident," Bittel said.

"They knew what they were doing and what they wanted."

Osborne, the next team the girls played, won the first match 15-12. However, Ellis came back and won the next two matches, 16-14 and 15-6, which took them to the championship game.

Without a break between games, they played St. John, whose record was 24-5. St. John won in two matches: 4-15 and 11-15.

"Playing in the championship game my senior year meant that the team worked hard for three years to get where we did," Senior Emily Fischer said.



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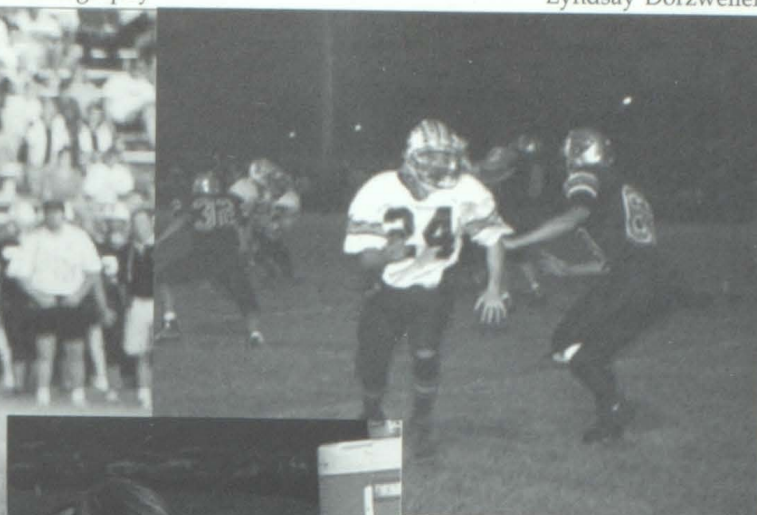
Tyler Watson, sr., attempts to get past a LaCrosse opponent. Watson and nine other team members received 2000 MCL all-league in football.

First things first. Sam Mickelson, so., and his teammates stretch out before they begin their conditioning part of practice.



Devin Schoenthaler, so., runs the ball for the Railers at the Ellis vs. Osborne game here in Ellis. "It was an accomplishment for me to start as quarterback as a sophomore," Schoenthaler said.

Ryan Day, so., fills water bottles between time-outs during the game. Day, a manager for two years, also took the water bottles to the players during time-outs.



Lyndsay Dorzweiler



Lyndsay Dorzweiler

INTENSITY RISES

By
Lyndsay
Dorzweiler

Railers work hard to compete

As the Railer season came down to the last three games, they had to work harder to compete against three of the top ranked teams in the state.

The Railers' head coach, Artie Schoenthaler and his assistants Don Long and David Wildeman had to prepare the Railers to compete against Smith Center, Claflin, and LaCrosse.

The team needed extra preparation for those games. Coach Schoenthaler prepared them by working them harder at practice.

Clint Amrein, sr., runs to make a touchdown for the Railers against the Osborne Bulldogs. Amrein received honorable mention in linebacker and running back.

To get the team ready before and during a game, Coach Schoenthaler would keep them mentally prepared and focused on the game.

Coach Schoenthaler would like his next football team to be bigger, stronger, and faster. Hopefully this will be attained by getting everyone into the weight room as a team.

"I was real disappointed by the way the football season ended. They did well and I know they played their best. I'm going to miss the six seniors, and I was pleased how they played during their last year. Hopefully next year we will have more numbers and be physically prepared," Coach Schoenthaler said.

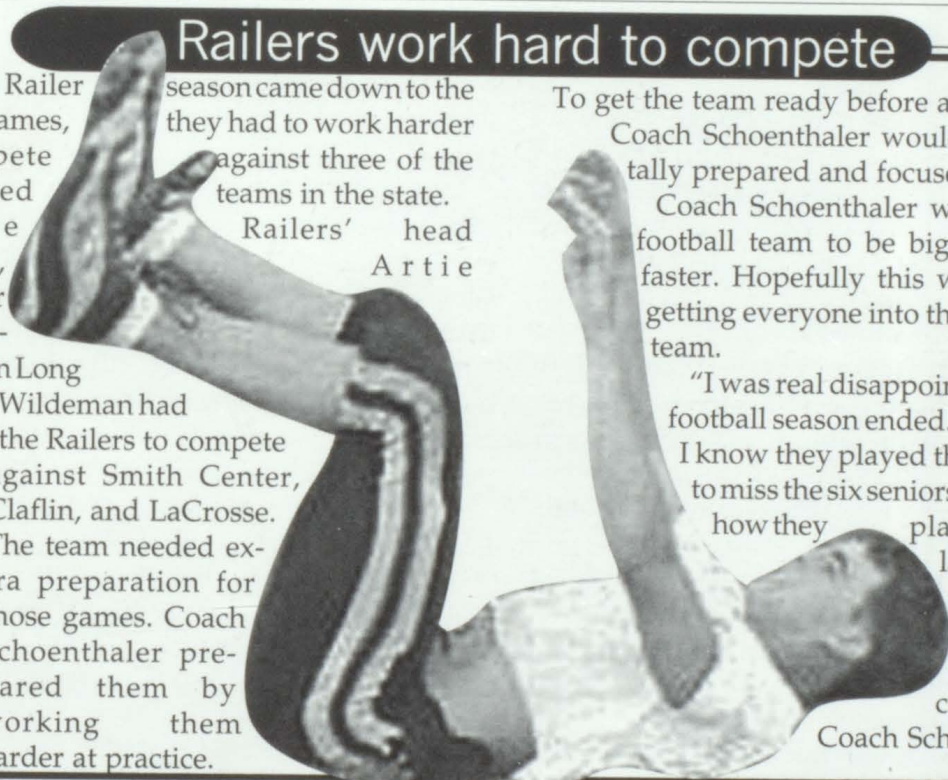


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Bryan Saindon, jr., begins the race with a long stride at the Ellis Invitational. His best time for the year in a 3 mile race was 20:53 at the Oakley Invitational.

Matt Kinderknecht, jr., stretches out before a five mile run during practice. Kinderknecht was a first year participant.

Shari Riedel



Denise Augustine



Beth Walz



Shari Riedel

Coach Pam Irwin, talks to Bryan Saindon, jr., and Ernie Pfeifer, III, so., at the Ellis Invitational, the first meet of the season. Saindon placed 4th.

Running for a 2nd place medal, Ernie Pfeifer, III, so., runs the final stretch at the Ellis Invitational. His time was 12:12 in a 2 mile race, and he received a silver medal.

JUST BETWEEN US

By
Beth
Walz

There is an I in this team

In most sports, athletes work as a team to win, but cross country is somewhat different. Instead, athletes are competing not only with their teammates, but also against their teammates.

"Oh gosh! I feel my teammate gaining on me, so I better pick it up," is a thought that crossed Ernie Pfeifer's, III, so., mind when one of his teammates was gaining on him.

Phrases like these occurred many times in the minds of the Ellis cross country team, but some were just happy with pushing everyone to gain better times. Juniors Courtney Poland and Mary Dinkel enjoyed encouraging each other and were glad when one of them did well.

"In order for us to gain a better

time, we needed to keep pushing ourselves harder," Poland said.

One goal they set was to beat a former Ellis High School student who ran cross country with them but had to move to a different town. So when their chance came to run against that person, they pushed themselves even harder than usual and succeeded in the challenge.

Matt Kinderknecht, jr., a first-time cross country team member, also set a goal for himself.

"My goal was to never come in dead last at any of the meets," Kinderknecht said.

Bryan Saindon, jr., also had a goal to keep him going.

"My goal isn't for beating my teammates as much as it is for beating the guy that beat me last week, even if he only beat me by a second," Saindon said.

During the race Junior Mary Dinkel takes water from the Ellis High School cheerleaders. EHS cheerleaders hand out water every year at the Ellis Invitational.

Photo Illustration by Denise Augustine



Beth Walz



Juniors Mary Dinkel and Courtney Poland begin stretching before practice. Dinkel and Poland's best performances were at Plainville. Dinkel ran 2 miles in 14:30, and Poland ran it in 14:54. At Oakley, Dinkel received a medal for first, and Poland got third. "Our favorite meet would have to be the regionals in Lincoln," Dinkel and Poland agreed. "It was a new and exciting course that we had never run on."

FINAL VERDICT

	Best Time
Mary Dinkel	14:30 2 mile
Courtney Poland	14:54 2 mile
Matt Kinderknecht	22:18 3 mile
Bryan Saindon	20:53 3 mile
Ernie Pfeifer, III	18:32 3 mile



Suspect:
Pam Irwin

Cross Country Coach
Known for
spraining her ankle

Info: "She was unable to supervise practice and couldn't drive us to the hills, so we had to run in town or drive ourselves," Courtney Poland, jr., said.

Info: "It was a challenge to take them to the hills in the country because I wasn't able to drive. Also, at the meets, especially while on crutches, I couldn't get to different places on the course to tell them their times and give them advice," Coach Irwin said.

Info: She was on crutches for three weeks and had a walking-cast for over eight weeks.

Denise Augustine



When you think of a girls' basketball team, what description comes to mind? Perhaps tall, athletic girls who can dribble, run down the court, and make lay ups? But what happens when you throw in approximately six sprained ankles? You get a basketball team that

uses a bunch of tape.

The basketball team started the season with 11 injuries that had occurred during previous involvement of players in other sports. The injuries consisted of one wrist injury, eight ankles, and two jammed fingers. Each injury occurred in various ways, but most of them occurred in collisions with another player.

Kimberly Young, sr., was the player responsible for taping each player before a game began. Young attended Cramer Camp at Emporia, Kan., before her sophomore year and learned how to tape various injuries.

"Kim's knowledge of treatment and prevention of sports injuries was a great asset to the team this year," Coach Perry Mick said. "She's probably one of the reasons we had no serious injuries."

Reach for it. Valerie Waldschmidt, jr., stretches out to catch a pass as Shawna Bradstreet, so., takes a fall. Waldschmidt led the team in rebounds with a total of 162.

By
Felicity
Waldschmidt

Season rolls on despite injuries

UNDER WRAPS

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Defense Railers defense. Junior Beth Walz and sophomore Christy Walker corner their opponent in the Railer's home game against the Plainville Cardinals.

Stretching it out. Freshmen Lindsay Gaschler and Lynn Pfeifer stretch before practice. Pfeifer played freshmen and JV, and Gaschler started on varsity.

Brandi Lang, sr., soars with a vertical of 21 inches at the beginning of the home game against the Plainville Cardinals. Lang played basketball for four years.

Railers show attitude. Lady Railers huddle up before a game to get ready to defend their home court. They played seven games at home.

Linda Riedel

Felicity Waldschmidt





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Suspect:
Lindsay
Gaschler

Known for being
a freshman starter
on the girls'
basketball team

Info: Gaschler's favorite
thing about basketball
was stealing the ball
and making a lay-up.

Info: Being on the varsity
team made her
nervous and put more
pressure on her.

Info: Next year, Gaschler
will miss the seniors
because she relies on
them and talks to so
many of them.

Info: After Gaschler
graduates, she plans
on playing basketball
in college.

Info: Gaschler felt that her
best asset was her
ability to dribble the
ball down the court.

Info: If Gaschler could
change one thing about
the sport, she would
change the fact that
you only have five
fouls before you foul
out.

Info: Gaschler led the team
in steals with 43 at the
end of the season.

Info: To Gaschler, the game
was the most intense
when the team was
down by a couple and
it was the last quarter
of the game.

Rest and relaxation. Seniors Emily Fischer, Brandi Lang, and junior Valerie Waldschmidt discuss the game they just played against the Victoria Knights. The Railers met up with the Knights two times throughout the season. The Railer girls ended up losing both games. As a result, the Railer girls ended their season with a record of 5-16.



Felicity Waldschmidt

41-51 Phillipsburg	38-62 Victoria
32-47 Wheatland	48-64 Smith Center
45-37 Stockton	40-53 Sacred Heart
41-31 Phillipsburg	42-49 Ransom
38-93 Osborne	53-27 Stockton
37-51 Quinter	36-44 Hill City
27-59 Norton	43-50 Hill City
28-42 Trego	45-39 Plainville
51-43 Palco	38-64 Ness City
33-57 Victoria	43-45 Spearville
32-55 Trego	

FINAL VERDICT





Suspect:
Kristi Weber

Known for
being
Boys' Basketball Manager

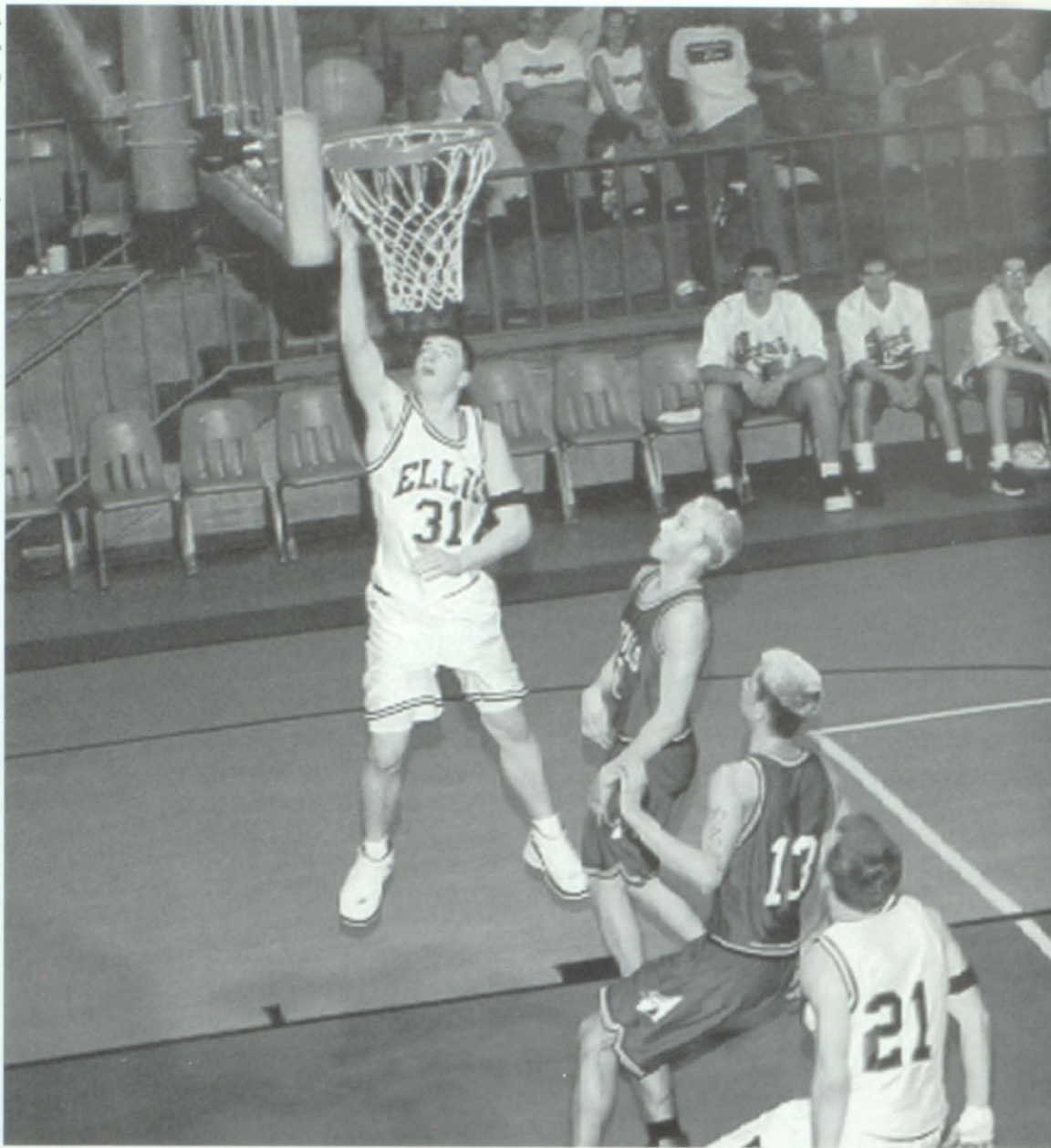
Info: Weber was the boys' basketball manager for four years in high school.

Info: Her favorite part about managing was that she got to be involved with sports without having to be athletically inclined.

Info: "I wanted to manage basketball and managing the guys' team sounded like fun," Weber said.

Info: Weber plans to attend Barton County Community College and study to be an athletic trainer.

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Senior Geoff Andrews takes a dive between his opponent's legs in a scramble to keep the ball from going out of bounds as the rest of the team watches. "I believe that we as a team exceeded a lot of people's expectations this year," Andrews said. Andrews moved to Ellis his freshman year and participated in basketball all four years.

54-69	Phillipsburg	60-65	Smith Center
81-53	Ransom	52-40	Ness City
46-74	Hoxie	62-59	Norton
83-74	Wheatland	47-61	Sacred Heart
91-37	Palco	53-43	St. John
80-55	Stockton	64-44	Otis-Bison
67-72	Victoria	57-64	Ness City
70-38	Plainville	75-54	Osborne
47-53	Smith Center	71-48	Victoria
61-54	Trego	73-53	Plainville
41-44	Hill City	56-70	Quinter

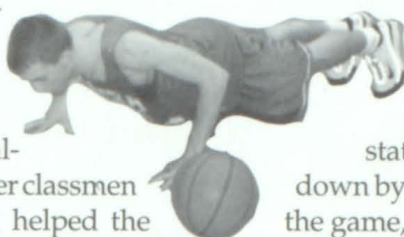


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FINAL VERDICT



With a new season in front of them, the boys' basketball team had to look to their underclassmen to take a little of the leadership for the upcoming year. Only two seniors, Geoff Andrews and Scott Befort, and three juniors, Tim Robins, Jake Dreiling and Bryan Saindon, were returning to play in the 2000-2001 season. This left a few key varsity positions for some of the underclassmen, if they could meet the chal-



Down the court and up for a lay-up, Devin Schoenthaler, so., scores a basket and adds two points to the scoreboard against Plainville.

lenge. A few of these upper classmen players stepped up and helped the freshmen and sophomores be more aggressive on the court. Andrews tried to help his fellow teammates by taking leadership.

"I go all out and encourage others to follow my lead," Andrews said.

As the year moved on, the team became closer than ever before. Unlike past years, team members argued less and worked together better as a team. With all of their hard work, the team was able to defeat Norton early in the season. By the end of the season the team was looking at another chance at going to state finals. The team fought Ness City the entire game during the sub-state championship game. After being down by eight with about three minutes left in the game, the team was able to come back and put the game into overtime. Unfortunately they were defeated by Ness City 57-64. "We had a great season, considering the fact that we only had one true returning starter from a year ago. I like the fact that several underclassmen got lots of positive valuable experience from this past year," Coach Chris Rorabaugh said.

Photo Illustration by Samantha Wolf

By
Samantha
Wolf

Underclassmen step up to varsity

FRESH IMPRINTS

"Not on my court!" Anthony Taylor, so., tries to keep his opponent from returning the ball into play. Taylor's work paid off and the team defeated Trego 61-54.

Trying for two more points, senior Scott Befort attempts to shoot over his Trego County opponent. Befort participated in basketball all four years of high school.

Denise Augustine



Samantha Wolf



"Two shots boys." Seniors Geoff Andrews and Scott Befort wait as their teammate takes his first of two free throws during the game against Palco.

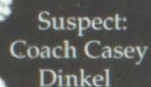
Let the games begin! Jake Dreiling, jr., gets a high five from each of his teammates as his name is called for the starting lineup.

Samantha Wolf

Samantha Wolf



Samantha Wolf 61



Info: Coach Dinkel began coaching wrestling at Ellis High School in 1997.

Info: "The first year was difficult coaching my brother. I had to have the same standards for the rest of the team as well as for him," Coach Dinkel said.

Info: The advantage for Coach Dinkel was extra hours to coach Matt at their parents' house.

Info: "I feel that we are closer now because we spent more time together," Coach Dinkel said.

FINAL
VERDICT

103 lb.	Adam Walz
112 lb.	John Kroeger
119 lb.	David Bieker
125 lb.	Derek Fox
135 lb.	Daniel Dinkel
145 lb.	Matt Dinkel
152 lb.	Aaron Honas
160 lb.	Dean Yanda
160 lb.	Brandon Dessel
171 lb.	Ryan Augustine
189 lb.	Derric Fuchs
215 lb.	Randy Armbrister
275 lb.	Ryan Honas



Beth Walz

Dean Yanda, sr., turns the garage into a barber shop as he prepares Daniel Dinkel, jr., and Ryan Honas, fr., for their state appearances. "I shaved my head because my teammate Dinkel thought the effect would surprise everyone in the state tournament. Now I am embarrassed of my baldness, so I usually wear a stocking hat whenever I can," Honas said.



Krista Kohl



Wrestling for his first year, sophomore Brandon Dessel does push-ups to warm-up for practice. The team also did hand stands.

Freshmen Adam Walz and John Kroeger practice their wrestling moves. "Although I struggled, I became a better wrestler," Walz said.

Ryan Augustine, so., works on placing 2nd at the Osborne Inv. State wrestlers were Augustine, Daniel Dinkel, jr., and Ryan Honas, fr. Dinkel placed 4th at state.

Riding the exercise bike during practice helps Aaron Honas, fr., get into shape for his future matches. Honas wrestled at both 152 and 160 lbs. during the season.

Krista Kohl

Krista Kohl

EXPUNGING THE PAST

By
Beth
Walz

Yanda overcomes losing streak

"Working harder and pushing yourself pays off," senior Dean Yanda said.

And he should know.

From Yanda's freshman to his junior year he had a losing season. His freshman year he had a 5-14 record, his sophomore year a 3-21 record, and his junior year a 8-16 record. Although Yanda had a run of bad luck, he never gave up.

"Even though I was always losing, I never lost heart for the sport," Yanda said.

In previous years he would just go through the motions because he felt he couldn't achieve his goals.

"I thought that I was not as good as my opponents, so I didn't try as hard as I could have," Yanda said.

During his senior year, however, he had more confidence, so he decided to take action

and win. Coach Casey Dinkel and assistant coach Bob Mickelson, along with his teammates, pushed him hard in practice to make him become a better wrestler.

"This year has been more exciting, different, and better knowing that I could actually win,"

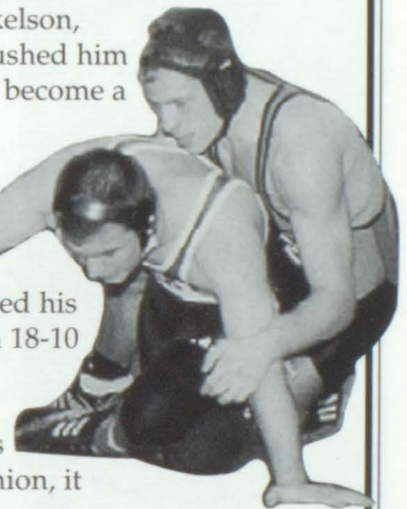
Yanda said, who ended his senior season with an 18-10 record.

Although Yanda did not experience success during his first three seasons, in his opinion, it was worth it.

"To all the kids that struggle to win, don't worry about losing or winning. Just go out there and have fun no matter what happens," Yanda said.

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At practice, Daniel Dinkel, jr., and Matt Dinkel, sr., work on different wrestling moves. "The hardest move is the lateral drop because the other guy knows the move is coming and will resist it," Dinkel said.



Freshman Danielle Erbert throws the shot put at the Ellis Classic Track meet. Eight teams participated in the meet.

Kelli Madorin

Felicity Waldschmidt

Jill Homewood, sr., marks her steps as she prepares for the triple jump. Homewood went to state after she jumped 24" at regionals, placing second.



Courtney Poland



Kimberly Young



Sophomore Shawna Bradstreet attempts triple jump at the first meet of the season. Bradstreet's best jump was 29.8 at the Trego Fr-So meet.

Suzie Shepherd, sr., Valerie Waldschmidt, jr., Joan Dreiling, so., and Amanda Zachman, jr., give support to the team during running events at the Ellis Classic.

SMALL BUT MIGHTY

By
Kelli
Madorin

Waldschmidt qualifies for state

This year many improvements were made on the track and on the field in all events including the pole vault. Yes, you read right, the pole vault. Last track season was senior Natalie Waldschmidt's third year in track and her first year to try the pole vault. Even in her first attempts, she broke the old record and shared the new record with Valerie Waldschmidt, jr. The old record was six feet and it was made by Emily Edmonds two years prior to Waldschmidt's record.

Since girls' pole vaulting was new, Edmonds had been the only other girl before Natalie to try vaulting at a meet.

Natalie continued to pole vault during her last season, and with the help of the others vaulters, she improved her heights.

At the LaCrosse track meet, she tied her record. Then at Victoria, Natalie broke her own record with a seven foot vault and placed third. After she did so

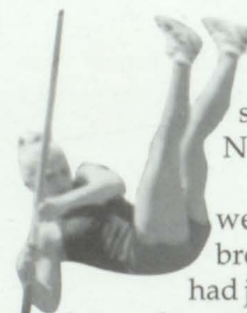
well throughout the season, coach Chris Rorabaugh wanted to see how she would do at regionals in Oberlin.

"I was a little nervous, but still pumped. I was very excited," Natalie said.

Nervous or not, she still did well. She jumped eight feet and broke the record that she had just put up, and earned her ticket to state, with everyone cheering her on.

Natalie was unable to participate at the state meet due to an injured knee but she still had an enjoyable season.

"I love pole vaulting. I almost wish that I could come back next year and try and break my record again. That would be great," Natalie said.



Striding out, Lindsay Gaschler, fr., finishes the 100 meter dash. "High school track is a ton of fun. I got to try lots of new things this year," Gaschler said.



New warm ups, running hills, the weight room. To some, those things mean torture, but to 1/3 of the boys' track team, they meant a way to state.

Coach Jack Wolf felt that a new warm-up program contributed to the athletes' improvement. After talking to the track coach at FHSU, Wolf decided to try a program that emphasized calisthenics instead of stretching.

"I believe the new warm-up has led to improvements," Wolf said.

Another new idea Wolf implemented at practice was having runners go out of town and run hills.

"I like running hills better, going around the track gets boring. I think the hills really helped improve my times," Tyler Watson, sr., said.

Watson went to state in four events, the long-jump, the 100, the 200, and he also was part of

the 4x1 with Randy Kohl, so., Randy Armbrister, jr., and Clint Amrein, sr.

Assistant coach Perry Mick did most of the coaching for throwers. Though he had never coached track before, he threw shot, discus and javelin during high school.

The thrower who showed the most improvement during the season was Jake Dreiling, jr., who threw the javelin. At the beginning of the season, he threw only 115 feet. By the end of the season, he threw 169 feet.

"Jake's work ethic and being in the weight room helped him tremendously," Wolf said.

Though the whole team couldn't qualify for state, everyone did well throughout the entire season.

"Winning regionals, having 17 athletes letter, finishing 5th in league and taking 7 athletes to state made this a memorable season for me and the boys," Wolf said.

Practice with starting blocks helps sprinters Tyler Watson, sr.; Randy Armbrister, jr.; and Anthony Taylor, so., avoid false starts during meets.

Hard work reaps good results

By
Courtney
Poland

PRACTICE PAYS

Denise Augustine

Derric Fuchs, sr., prepares to throw the shot at the Ellis Invitational meet. Fuchs also tried hurdles at some meets as a way to earn extra lettering points.

Members of the boys' track team do ankle hops as part of their warm ups. "The different warm-ups helped cut seconds off of my times," Ryan Augustine, so., said.

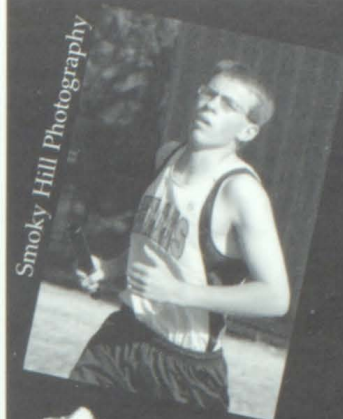
Daily practice helps John Kroeger, fr., reach his highest pole vault height of 9 feet. He pole vaulted at every meet until he hurt his back at Victoria.

Part of each day's practice included running hensleys which consisted of jogging 200 yds, walking 50 yds, and sprinting 100 yds on the football field.

Courtney Poland

Courtney Poland





Suspect:
Ernie Pfeifer

Known for
running the 2
mile in track

Info: Pfeifer's best time was 11:03, which he ran at regionals.

Info: Pfeifer thought about anything but the race while running. "It gets boring after the first two laps because everyone quits cheering," he said.

Info: The hardest part of running distance was the mental preparation.

Info: Pfeifer preferred cross country to track because it was less serious.

Info: In addition to the two mile, Pfeifer also ran the 4X8 relay, and once he ran the 4X4 relay.

Info: At regionals, Pfeifer placed 3rd in the 2 mile and 5th in the 4X8 relay.

Info: Pfeifer's favorite part of running was at the end of a race when he was almost finished.

Info: Pfeifer hadn't decided whether or not he would run in college. "It depends on if I get a scholarship and where it's to," he said.

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Brad Keller, fr., prepares to start the 4X1 relay at the Ellis Invitational meet while Adam Walz, fr., holds his blocks. Also running on the relay were André Pinto, jr.; Randy Armbrister, jr.; and Cody Honas, fr. Two 4X1 relays were run at the meet. On the other team were seniors Tyler Watson and Clint Amrein and sophomores Randy Kohl and Anthony Taylor.



Kelli Madorin

Ellis Invitational
116.5 points; 2nd place out of 8 teams

LaCrosse
77 points; 4th place out of 10 teams

Trego Fr-So
61 points; no team places kept

Ellis Classic
100.5 points; 1st place out of 8 teams (shortened due to weather)

Trego
32 points; 8th place out of 14 teams

Victoria
95 points; 3rd place out of 6

MCL @ Phillipsburg
55 points; 5th place out of 10

Regionals @ Oberlin
66 points; 1st place out of 14

State @ Wichita

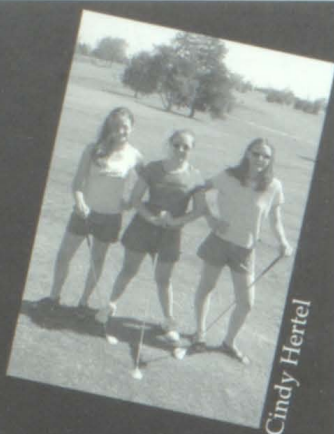
Tyler Watson:
1st in 100: 11.2 sec.
3rd in Long Jump: 20 feet 10 inches

Other state Qualifiers:

Ernie Pfeifer
Clint Amrein
Anthony Taylor
Randy Kohl
Randy Armbrister
Jake Dreiling

FINAL VERDICT





Cindy Hertel



Suspects:
Kelli Wagoner,
Kimberly Young,
& Valerie
Waldschmidt

(a.k.a. John's Angels)
Known for being among
the few girls on the golf
team

Info: Young began golf
when she was 14, but
didn't take it seriously
until she was 18.

Info: Waldschmidt had
played for 6 years.

Info: This was Wagner's
first year golfing.

Info: The Angels were
never able to play in a
tournament, but they did
complete four holes
successfully.

Info: Waldschmidt and
Wagner both planned to
continue golf throughout
high school.

Info: The biggest goal for
the angels was to get
through a whole round.

Info: John's Angels'
favorite part of the season
was playing with each
other and bugging Mr.
Kolacny.

Kimberly Young

FINAL VERDICT

Varsity

3rd	Ellis Invitational
4th	Hays High
4th	Phillipsburg
8th	Trego
5th	TMP
8th	Hill City
6th	MCL @ Ellis
4th	Regionals @ Osborne

Junior Varsity

DNP	Plainville
DNP	Trego

Kimberly Young



Approaching the green, Dustin Cross, fr., prepares to begin his putting game on hole 3. The varsity golf team participated in eight tournaments, placing in the top ten in all of them. The junior varsity played in two. The team consisted of 11 underclassmen and six upperclassmen. "The boys played well as a team considering the team was mainly underclassmen," Coach John Kolacny said.



Kimberly Young

Kimberly Young

Spring cleaning! Sam Mickelson, so., gets ready to tee off during a practice round. Mickelson placed first at the league tournament.

1, 2, 3 stretch. Junior Sean Murphy stretches before he begins a round. Golf like other sports can cause severe injuries.

Perfecting the shot. Sam Shubert, sr., eyes the hole as his ball rolls near it. Shubert was the only member who made it to the state golf tournament in Garden City.

Words of wisdom from Coach John Kolacny help Christopher Young improve his game. This was Coach Kolacny's 19th year as head coach.



Kimberly Young



Kimberly Young

INITIAL TEE OFF

By
Kimberly
Young

Golfers begin game in childhood

Many people learn sports when they enter high school; at least that is when they begin taking them seriously. For the EHS golfers, many of them truly began playing when they were kids.

Gaining interest from their siblings, peers, and most commonly from their fathers, the golfers began to play when they were in grade school.

"My dad got me interested by dragging me up there," Sam Shubert, sr., said.

Through the years, the golfers improved their skills and their scores. The boys said their scores did not even compare to their first ones.

"My best score that I kept track is about half of what I shot my very first round as a kid," Sam Mickelson, so., said.

Many of the golfers had ambitions of playing the game later in life. Some hoped to pass their knowledge on to their children, whether from them or someone else.

"I would like my children to learn to play, but hopefully not from me," Nick Keller, sr., said.

During all of the times that the golfers played, they gained many memories that will stick with them forever. From hitting cars to eagling holes from 80 yards away, the golfers experienced the ups and downs each time they played. They even remembered down time at practice.

"My most memorable moment from golf was when we picked up Valerie Waldschmidt's car and turned it around," Nick Keller, sr., said.



Cody Fisher, so., pitches the ball onto hole 2. Pitching is a skill that is used to get the ball onto the green when it is too close to hit with a long distance iron.



Lifting Tracey Kroeger, so., into a prep, juniors Valerie Waldschmidt and Beth Walz prepare to throw Kroeger into a toetouch.

Responding to a referee's call, Valerie Waldschmidt, jr., Beth Walz, jr., Natalie Waldschmidt, sr., and Denise Augustine, sr., wait to see what the final call will be.

Denise Augustine



Nickole Henderson

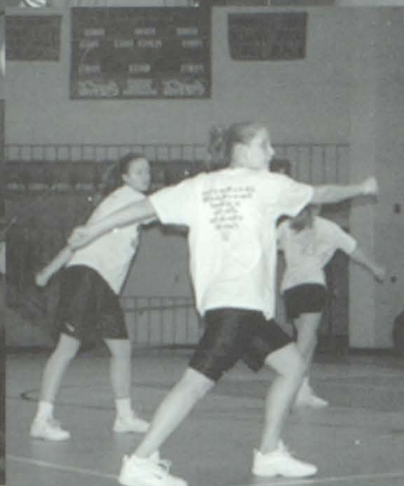


Getting ready for Pack the Place, Valerie Waldschmidt, jr., practices a dance sequence. The cheerleaders provided the halftime entertainment for that night.

Spotting Jessica Dorzweiler, fr., Lacy VanAusdale, fr., and Megan M. Weber, fr., juniors Valerie Waldschmidt and Beth Walz watch as they practice their stunt.



Jenna Smith



Nickole Henderson

OUR TRUE SELVES

By
Nickole
Henderson

Squad dispels cheerleading myths

When most people think about cheerleading, they think of the girls in little skirts standing on the sidelines giggling. The Ellis High School cheer squad contradicted these ideas and showed hard work, determination, and true spirit in their own way.

Once at the cheer camp gym, the instructors broke down both the morning and afternoon sessions into one-hour lessons. Later, the instructors evaluated each squad and handed out spirit sticks to the 10 squads who had the most pep and energy. The Ellis cheerleaders took spirit sticks every night.

After camp, the cheerleaders returned home and started perfecting what they had learned. Most practices lasted from two to two and a

half hours.

At games, the cheerleaders got to show what they had learned. Cheerleaders were required to be at games 30 min. before they started. At home games, most of that time was spent stretching and setting up bleacher beats. At away games, the cheerleaders used the time to stretch and take bathroom breaks.

Being a cheerleader meant learning how to balance school, other sports, jobs, and home life. It also took hard work, dedication, and true spirit.

"We didn't think it would be as hard as it was when we first started, but as the year went on and we got used to it, it got to be easier and actually paid off in the end," Megan M. Weber, fr., said.

Suzie Shepherd, sr., warms up for a kick after a cheer. Shepherd was supporting the Railers at the LaCrosse vs. Ellis football game.





Juniors

Sophomores

Freshman

Jessica Dorzweiler
Jennifer LaBarge
Lacy VanAusdale
Megan M. Weber

Cindy Hertel



Known for being
Ellis High School
cheerleading
sponsor

Info: She played volleyball, basketball, weight lifted, cheered, and participated in track in high school.

Info: Chandra graduated from college at Fort Hays State University in May 2000.

Info: Her most memorable moment while sponsoring was getting the girls alone and going one-on-one with them at camp.

Info: Her favorite thing about being the cheerleading sponsor was meeting the new people.

Info: "The most stressful thing about being the cheerleading sponsor was not being at home. It is very time consuming," Pfeifer said.

Info: A quote she told her squad was this: "Live each day to the fullest and always try your best."

Nickole Henderson

CROSSING THE LINE

the top five activities that remind people of summer

1. SWIMMING
2. SOFTBALL
3. BASEBALL
4. LAKE
5. ROLLER-BLADING

Jamie Kitzman



Nickole Henderson, jr., attempts a jump on her rollerblades.



Kelli Madorin



Molly Kinderknecht

While singing to the rain god's, Daniel Dinkel, jr., waves his hands in the air. Dinkel was singing for rain on a recent trip to the lake.

Sondra LaBarge, so., looks at her hit in a home softball game. The softball team had a tough time this year because seven of their games were cancelled.

the cost of good bowling form: priceless.

the average bowling ball cost \$80

a bag for your bowling ball cost an average of \$30

the bowling alley was built in 1965

the average bowling shoes cost \$40

the floors were refinished when reopened

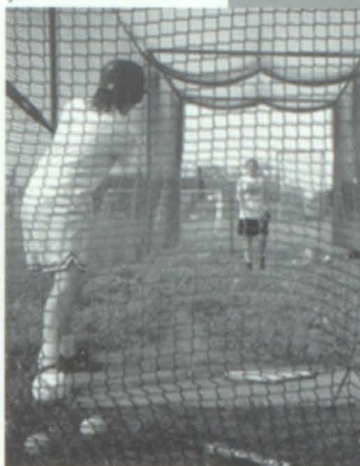


Todd Walker, sr., practices his bowling form. High school students participated in bowling leagues on Monday and Thursday nights.

Guess Who

inveSt iGaTion

Jamie Kitzman



"I play softball because we have to work to be able to play. We have to raise all of the money we spend," Erin Kitzman, so., said.

Beth Walz



Since I had always been fascinated by the Martial Arts I started taking the classes for self-defense. Now it's a hobby of mine," Chris Young, so, said.



Kelli Madorin

"I enjoy playing because it's my favorite sport and it gives me a chance to be with my friends," Aaron Honas, fr., said.

Suspect 1

Sophomore
Residence in Ellis 8 months
One brother
Able to speak 3 languages



GAME!

Find the words that are hidden in the puzzle.

ASKESOFTBALLEIALIE
EIALKEILIAEIAKD
AEKLJTAKSEILEIP
AKSIEAALEALKDIEPJOG
ALKDIELDTAEKWANDO
DKEIKDBASEBALLEIL
FRISBIEGOLFALKDI
SIELOSKATEBOARDING
OPDKROLLERBLADING
LAKDIEKDIEODKDIE
IZVNBKDIEQIELAKDI
QPEIAKNBMANZIQPE
ALKDAKDIELEIAKH
ERLEAILDAKDFAKE
ALDIELKFJOGGINGIND

Softball
Baseball
Skateboarding
Rollerblading
Tae kwan do
Frisbie Golf
Jogging



On the Scene



14:00 hours- Recognized students hanging smiley faces on the lockers. Some organization, maybe forensics? Checked into it and saw forensic students acting goofy. In one IDA they jumped on tables and pretended to be pirates.

15:10 hours- Bell rang to end school. Students rushed to work or to meetings. Student's work places included IGA, Alloways restaurant, Ellis Dining Car, and Arthur's Pizza. A few students drove to Hays to work at hotels and restaurants.

16:00 hours- Juniors took the stage for play practice. They wore dresses, suits and had their hair done for dress rehearsal.

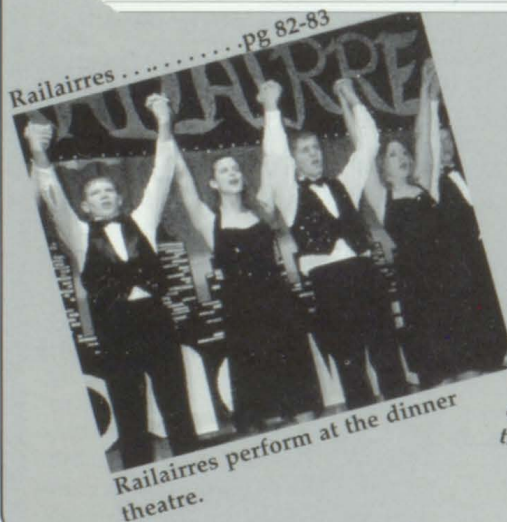
17:00 hours- Caught students getting hands dirty during crops judging. FFA and FCCLA are two different clubs for students. FFA also played softball in jeans and boots.

18:00 hours- Found students "shaking their groove thang" on the dance floor. Established weird dance moves never before seen. (Note: girl students, otherwise known as Kayettes, created decorations.)

19:00 hours- Observed students "cruising main." Perceived this as strange. Why would anyone waste so much gas? Checked into nightly hangouts like Stop 2 Shop and the garage. (Note: some students stayed out till dawn.)

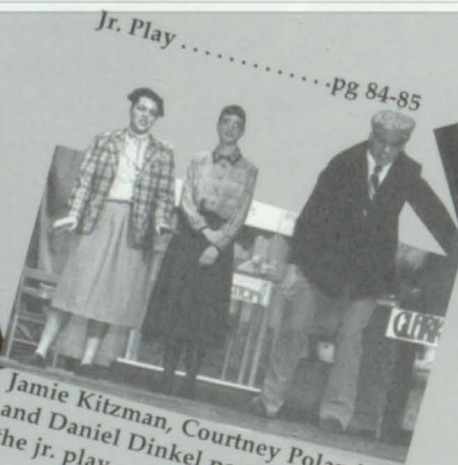
20:00 hours- Noticed seniors were wearing funny looking gowns earlier in the day. Found out later they graduated and were leaving for good. Investigation concluded that some were going farther away than others. Seniors and parents now meet in lobby for late night get together.

Railairrespg 82-83



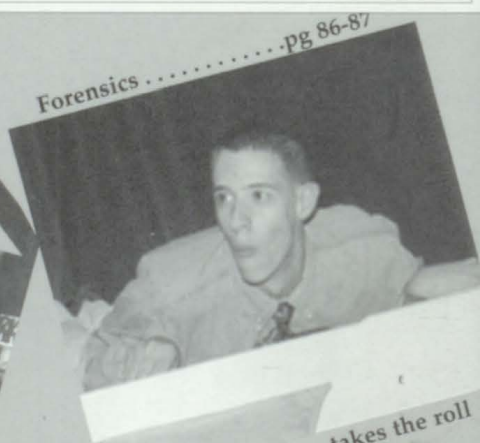
Railairres perform at the dinner theatre.

Jr. Playpg 84-85



Jamie Kitman, Courtney Poland, and Daniel Dinkel participate in the jr. play.

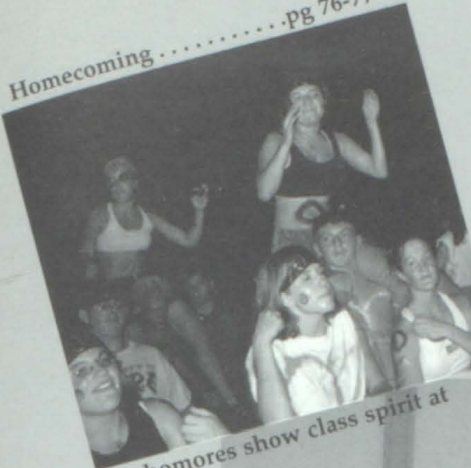
Forensicspg 86-87



Bryan Saindon, Jr., takes the roll of a fish at forensics night.

Activities

Homecomingpg 76-77



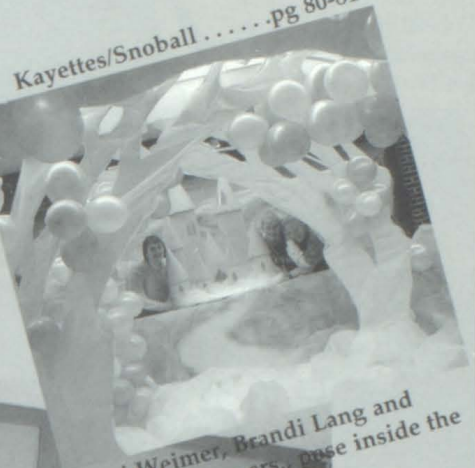
Sophomores show class spirit at the bonfire.

FFA/FCCLApg 78-79



Jodi Hill, Jr., serves at the FFA breakfast held once a year.

Kayettes/Snoballpg 80-81

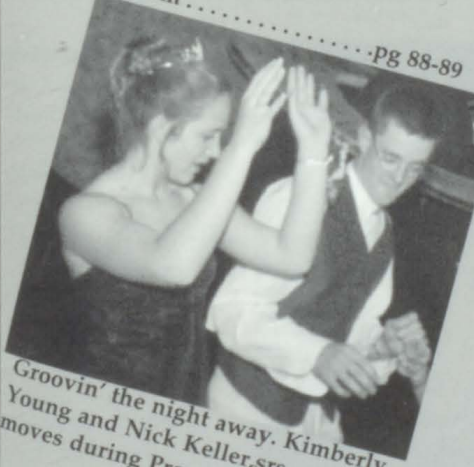


Kayci Weimer, Brandi Lang and Danielle Honas, Sr., pose inside the Snoball backdrop.



Escorted in style, senior Kristi Weber walks arm in arm with seniors Tyler Watson and Steven Shannon at Snoball.

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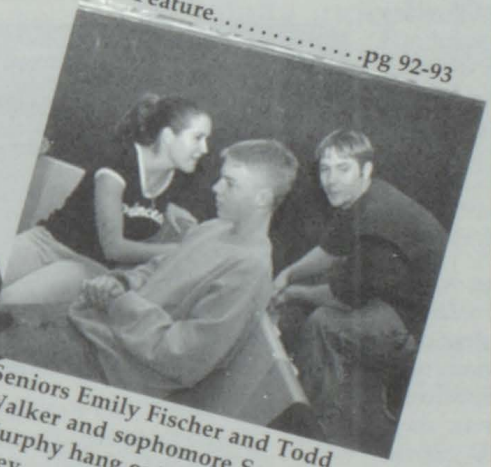
Groovin' the night away. Kimberly Young and Nick Keller, Sr., show their moves during Prom.

Graduationpg 90-91



Seniors wait in expectation for their upcoming graduation.

Feature.....pg 92-93



Seniors Emily Fischer and Todd Walker and sophomore Sean Murphy hang out at the bowling alley.

"Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree!" Suzie Shepherd, sr., sings as she plugs herself in during Calculus. Shepherd dressed as a Christmas tree for twin day during spirit week. Her twin was senior Natalie Waldschmidt.



Krista Kohl



Felicity Waldschmidt

Cody Fisher, so., listens to the game rules as Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan explains them. Ping-pong was one of several games played on game day.

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"Go juniors!" Jake Dreiling, jr., yells and poses for the camera. Dreiling painted his whole face for the bonfire to support his class. The bonfire was held the night before the game to get everyone pumped up for the game.



Kelli Madorin



Sophomores yell to show class spirit and earn points for their class. For the bonfire most people painted their whole bodies to earn extra points in the class competitions.

Sophomores Kelsie Schuster, Laycie Keller and Jenna Smith show off their twin day outfits. Spirit days included: twin day, dress-up day, orange and black day, hat day and pajama day.

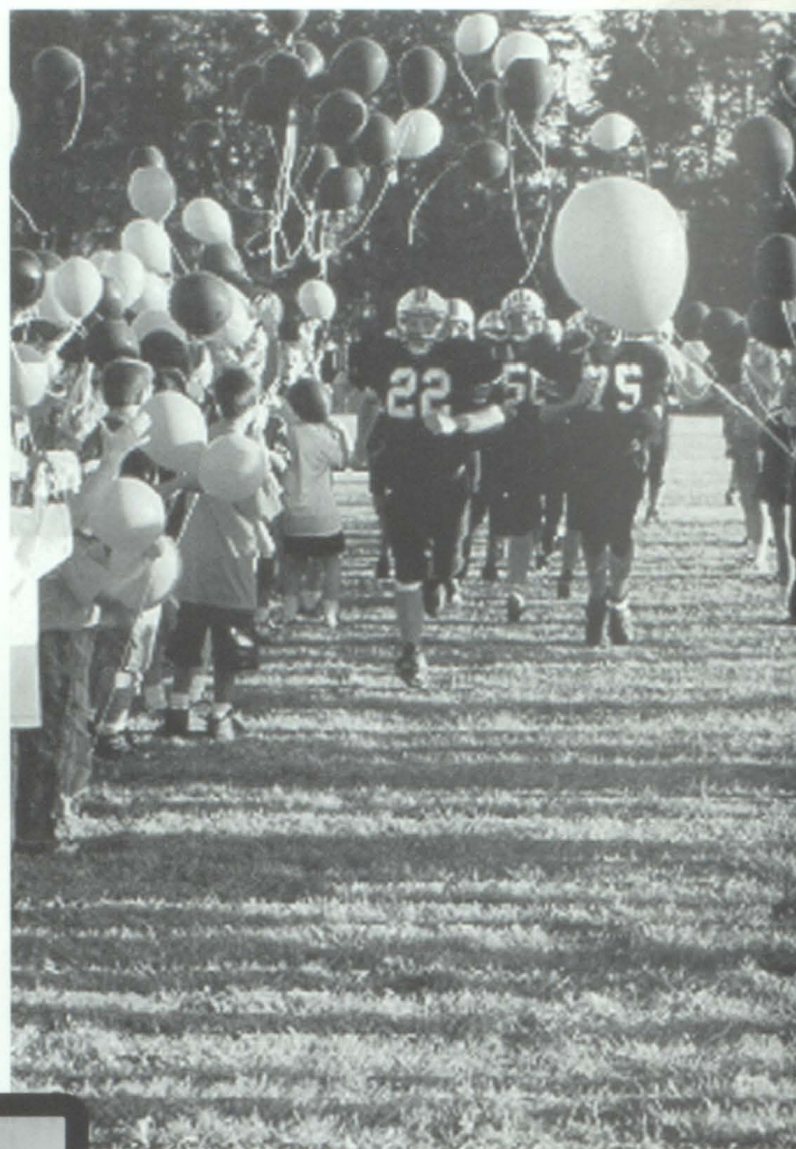


Kelli Madorin



Kim Young

Seniors Krista Kohl, Denise Augustine, Shari Riedel and Lyndsay Dorzweiler dress as quads on twin day. Augustine and Riedel bought the shirts for all four of them.



THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

1.

"Bring back the airbands and give the students more time to play games on game day."

Laycie Keller, so.

2.

"Let everyone off school Friday to work on floats and to get ready for the game."

Tim Robins, jr.

3.

"We need more creative spirit days. Pajama day and hat day are so unoriginal."

Jenna Smith, so.

4.

"We should have the dance on Saturday, so it could be longer."

Mandy Zerfas, sr.

5.

"I would encourage more students to participate and be more involved."

Maria Pardo, jr.

TOP 5 CHANGES FOR SPIRIT WEEK

Denise Augustine



Getting fired up for the game, the Railer football team runs through the crowd before the game. The cheerleaders handed out over 200 balloons to the crowd. "It took forever to blow up and tie all of those balloons, but once the game began, it was well worth it," Denise Augustine, sr., cheerleading co-captain, said.

Denise Augustine



BEHIND THE SCENES

Cheerleaders make bonfire a success

Every high school student knows about the Homecoming bonfire that happens each year. What they don't know is who really sponsors and creates the bonfire. STUCO makes the plans and tells everyone what's going on, but what is less noticed is how much the cheerleaders do during Homecoming week. The cheerleading squad not only cheers for the game at the end of the week, but they also lead the students through the bonfire on Thursday night. The senior cheerleaders get together one week before the bonfire to determine what the bonfire requires.

Many things must be considered when deciding what to do at the bonfire. First, the cheerleaders evaluate previous bonfires and decide what students liked and disliked about them.

"In the past students have liked more of the pump up songs like "Eye of the Tiger" or "The Final Countdown." They also like the class competition cheers and were less likely to participate when the cheerleaders did dances and group cheers," Denise Augustine, sr., said.

Most of the students were full of spirit for the bonfire, and some even went to extreme lengths, using their bodies as human canvases to paint themselves and throwing each other from stunts.

"I thought the bonfire was cool because of how all the classes interacted. It's never happened like that; usually all the classes are totally independent," Tracey Kroeger, so., said.

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-Tracey Kroeger, so.

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Felicity Waldschmidt



Senior Josh DeBolt picks up a hamburger at the FFA "Bring Your Own Cheese" Barbecue held in September. All members were invited to have fun and enjoy the food cooked by FFA sponsor, Eldon Pfeifer.

At the FFA breakfast in February, Jake Dreiling, jr., pours himself a cup of juice before he starts on his oversized pancake, which he made himself.

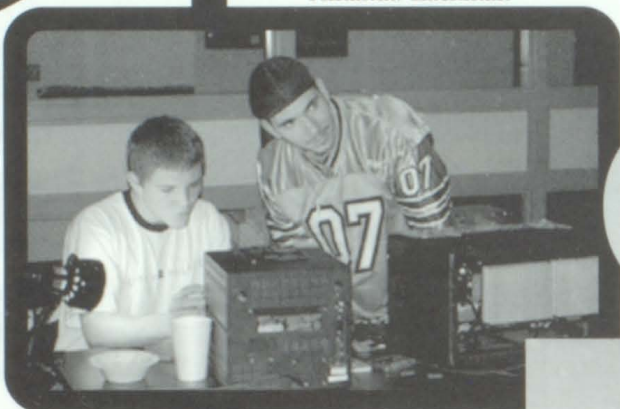


Krista Kohl



Amanda Zachman

Behind the music: Aaron Honas, fr., and Joe Kreutzer, sr., are in charge of playing the songs for the FFA Hoe-Down dance in December. They played a mixture of country, rap and rock to satisfy everyone's musical tastes.



Senior Nick Keller, FFA president, prepares the eggs for the FFA breakfast. Most of the food was prepared by the members. Bacon, donuts, and sausage were also served at the breakfast, which was held to kick off FFA week.



Cindy Hertel

Amanda Zachman



Kevin Grogan, so., and Jake Dreiling, jr., strike identical poses at the FFA Hoe-Down dance. They were among the few students who chose to wear cowboy outfits to the dance.

Amanda Zachman

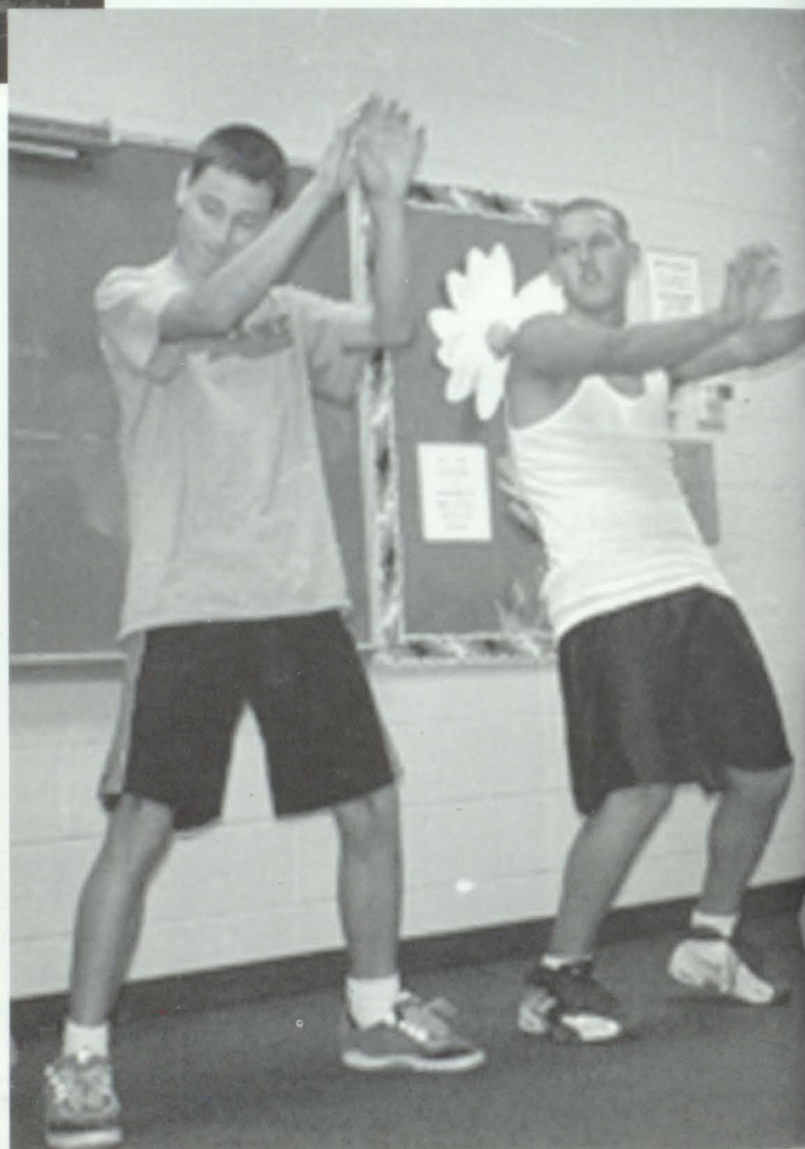
Draw! Facing off at the FFA Hoe-Down dance, Valerie Waldschmidt, jr., and Geoff Andrews, sr., arrived decked out in cowboy garb. The person who wore the best outfit won a CD at the end of the night.



TOP 5 FAVORITE FFA ACTIVITIES

1. The Ag Mechanics contest. There's no school, and there's free food.
Jordan Helget, so.
2. The Hoe-Down dance. It was more laid-back, and we got to pick our choice of music.
Derric Fuchs, sr.
3. The FFA breakfast, because breakfast is my favorite meal, and there is so much good food.
Natalie Waldschmidt, sr.
4. The Hoe-Down dance, because it was lots of fun, and there were little smokies.
John Kroeger, fr.
5. I like wearing the official FFA jacket. It makes me feel special.
Jodi Hill, jr.

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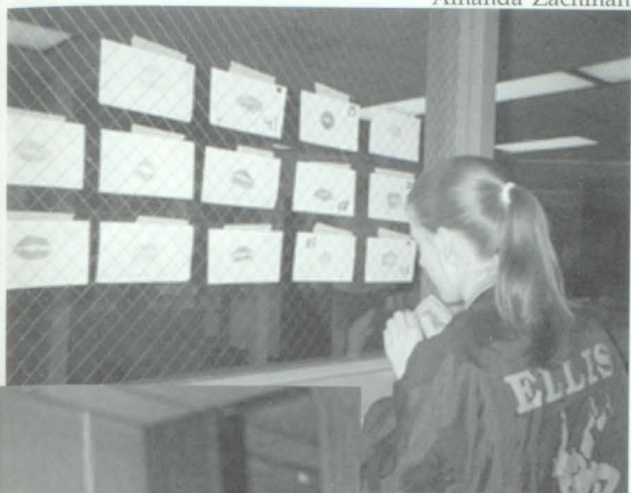
Sophomore Amanda Ball helps to pour the hot chocolate for the FCCLA Christmas party. Cookies were also served, and a gift exchange was held. The party provided members with a good chance to have fun.

Lacy VanAusdale, fr., places her vote for the best kiss. To enter the contest, which was one of the FCCLA week activities, members had to put on lipstick and kiss an index card.



Amanda Zachman

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As an advisor, I just give direction to the energy that the youth has.

--Virginia Duell

The past 27 years in Virginia Duell's life have been a significant chapter, which has turned its final page. This was Duell's last year teaching at EHS, after she resigned her position as FCCLA sponsor and instructor of Family and Consumer Sciences.

After so many years, Duell has certainly had time to discover her favorite aspects of FCCLA, which are also the things she will miss most.

"I like seeing the maturity of the members as they take on new responsibilities, and seeing the projects that students have selected and completed," Duell said. "As an advisor, I just give direction to the energy the youth has."

An example of that direction is how she helped FCCLA president Ashley Taylor, so., throughout the year.

"Mrs. Duell has given me a lot of guidance and support. Without her, my job would have been a lot more stressful," Taylor said.

Duell says her final year has been a successful one.

"There is always a renewing of the energy level, and I feel that the members are better comprehending our mission," she said.

"We're emphasizing 'family' now, while 'homemaker' spoke to a limited career. The name of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America allows for more imagination," she said.

So what can FCCLA now expect for the future?

"I think that it will take a lot of adjusting to have a new sponsor," Taylor said. "I'm sure the club will continue to be a success, although it won't be the same without Mrs. Duell."

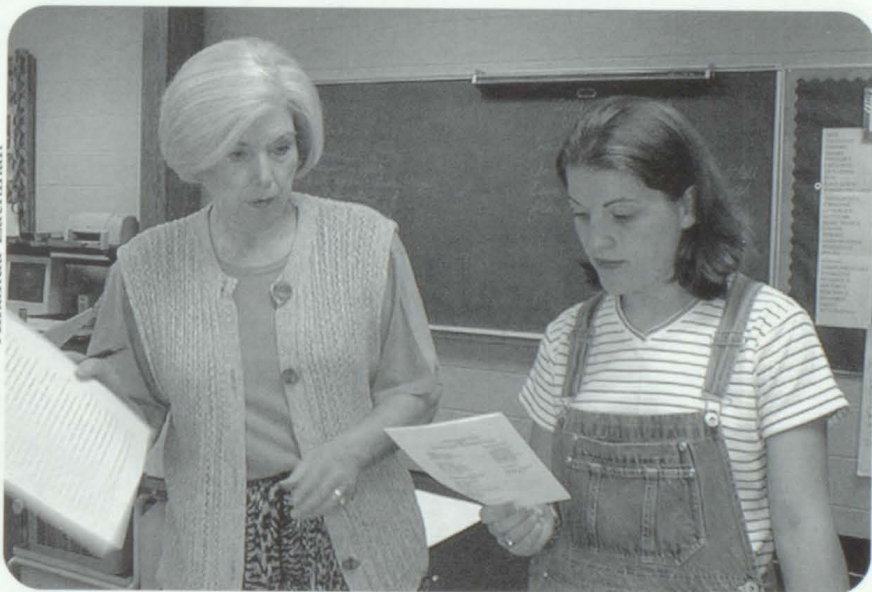
THE VERDICT IS IN

Mrs. Duell retires after 27 years of teaching

Performing a dance during the Freshman Kidnap, André Pinto, jr., Brad Keller, fr., and Aaron Honas, fr., try and remember the correct choreography in order to win the contest. The freshmen also participated in an obstacle course, scavenger hunt and other activities at the kidnap, which was held from 2 a.m. to 5 a.m.



Krista Kohl



Amanda Zachman

Mrs. Duell discusses the FCCLA Spring Appreciation Banquet with president Ashley Taylor, so. Members were assigned to plan many parts of the banquet, such as the meal, decorations and invitations. The purpose of the spring banquet was to review the year and induct new officers, as well as allow the FCCLA members and their guests to relax and enjoy the meal.

Give it your best; give it 100%. Everybody has heard those phrases before. While it might seem difficult to live up to them, it's not impossible. Kayettes proved that by having 100% participation among girls who were enrolled since the beginning of the year.

Due to the high participation level, it was a very successful year for the club. Along with the traditional fund-raisers like the food box auction and Cherrydale Farms catalog sales, new projects were also implemented.

"It's a lot of fun being involved in choosing what we do and when we do it."

- Brandi Lang, sr.

For Angel Boxes, Kayette members brought items that went to help underprivileged children. For the Buddy Cleanup, members took younger children to help clean up the local parks and the football field.

"Even though sometimes it's a lot of work, it's also a lot of fun being involved in choosing what we do and

when we do it," senior Brandi Lang, president of Kayettes, said.

Why is Kayettes such a popular club? "When kids get together and do service projects, they don't realize how much they help out and get done. I feel that it is just a very fun, active club," said Sherri Faulkender, who has sponsored Kayettes for six years.

Faulkender took notice that members were more active than usual. As far as future fund-raisers are concerned, "I like to wait for the club and board members to get together and see what they come up with. I think it should be a student-driven organization," she said.

It's safe to say that the 74 Kayette members helped to make it just that.

BODY COUNT

Kayettes discover the power of participation



This snowman box, made by Jodi Hill, jr., was one of the many creative boxes at the food box auction. It was purchased by Randy Kohl, so., and Ryan Honas, fr., for \$35. Many student bidders at the auction pooled their money to increase their chances of getting a bigger, more elaborate box.

Kim Young

Juniors Jessie Kreutzer and Valerie Waldschmidt sort out the Snoball pictures taken by the photography staff. A total of 126 sets of portraits were taken for students and royalty.



Amanda Zachman

Brandi Lang, sr., spots a bid in the audience for the current item displayed by Suzie Shepherd, sr., during the food box auction.

Kim Young



Snoball Royalty included Jordan Kroeger, fr., Jennifer LaBarge, fr., Nickole Henderson, jr., André Pinto, jr., Erin Jones, so., and Ernie Pfeifer, III, so. Queen and King were Kristi Weber, sr., and Tyler Watson, sr.



Linda Riedel



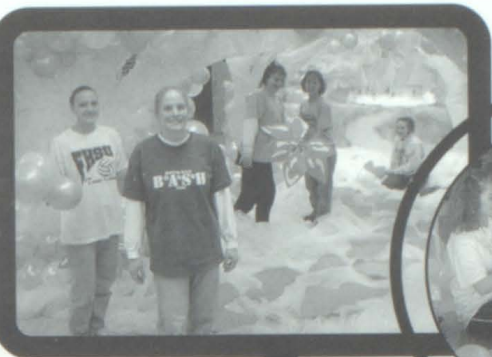
1. *Bed of Roses. It would be pretty to have rose petals all over the floor and walls.*
Erin Kitzman,so.
2. *Something with bubbles. You could have a bubble machine blowing them everywhere.*
Danielle Brown,jr.
3. *Shipwrecked. I think it would be an awesome background for our pictures.*
Ashley Taylor,so.
4. *Mardi Gras, because then we could all wear Mardi Gras beads.*
Natalie Waldschmidt,sr.
5. *Something with stars, like glow-in-the-dark. I think that would be pretty cool.*
Sherri Johnson,fr.

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TOP 5 SNOBALL THEME IDEAS



Linda Riedel



Amanda Zachman



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After all the waiting and preparation for the dance, it's time to let loose and have fun for C h a s i t y Waldschmidt,so, Jamie Kitzman,jr., and sophomore Jacqui DeMars.

Cindy Hertel



Taking a short break, Carissa Deutscher,jr., and Natalie Waldschmidt,sr., share a hug at Snoball. The dance was moved up one hour due to weather conditions.

Sophomores Christy Walker and Shawna Bradstreet help decorate by blowing up balloons and tying them together. Hundreds of balloons were used for the picture backdrop.



Kayci Weimer

Katie Wagner,jr., gets her hair styled by Patti Kitzman at Creative Cuts in Ellis. Seventy-three percent of the Kayettes got their hair done professionally for Snoball, while the rest opted to do their own hairstyles.

Megan Wickham,so., applies her makeup, her final step of preparing for the Snoball dance. Eighty-nine percent of the girls did their own makeup, as opposed to having it done professionally.

Cindy Hertel



Trying to shake their jitters, seniors Natalie Waldschmidt and Kim Young, and sophomore Jessi Riedel pose before performing at the dinner theatre Thursday night. "Once I got on stage I had a lot of fun," Riedel said.



Kelli Madorin

Sophomore Chasity Waldschmidt sings her solo, "What I Did For Love" from "A Chorus Line." At the dinner theatre, there were 13 solos performed.



Molly Kinderknecht

Ryan Augustine, so., enjoys food left over after the dinner on Thursday. The menu included barbecue ribs, baked potatoes, mandarin orange jello salad, corn, bun, and hot fudge brownie sundaes.



Cindy Hertel

Cindy Hertel



Carefully balancing the tray, junior Jake Dreiling carries hot fudge brownie sundaes out to the cafeteria. Diners were treated to two songs as they enjoyed their food.

Sophomores Jason Henrickson and Chris Young enjoy some downtime during practice. Hats and canes were used as props to fit the Broadway theme, and they were also part of the entertainment for the singers.



Molly Kinderknecht



Mrs. Kathy Dreiling receives her traditional gift and a rose from senior sopranos Miranda Zorn and Krista Kohl. Student teacher Kristen Urban was also given a rose for her efforts.

Molly Kinderknecht

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TOP 5 REASONS TO BE A RAILAIRRE

1. The feeling when everyone is clapping and you know you hit every single note perfectly.
Krista Kohl, sr.
2. The dinner theatre because it's exciting to sing in front of all those people.
Steven Shannon, sr.
3. Getting to spend time with everyone (so they can laugh at my dancing), and Mrs. Dreiling is so nice to us (food)!
Ashley Taylor, so.
4. Free food.
Jake Dreiling, jr.
5. I like to dance with Jake [Dreiling].
Matt Dinkel, sr.



"I love you, tomorrow!" Sophomore Ashley Taylor blows a kiss to the crowd as she performs a song from "Annie." "My mom and I decided it would be cute if I dressed up as Annie," Taylor said. "It was fun to see the looks on people's faces, and I found it easier to perform when I was someone else."

■ Performing the song "If I Were a Rich Man" from the Broadway show "Fiddler on the Roof," senior Matt Dinkel points to the audience, explaining and illustrating his plans for the future. "I love doing solos. I wasn't nervous at all, and I'm getting used to the stage," Dinkel said.



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NO GUMSHOES HERE

New dances present new opportunities



Molly Kinderknecht

Jake Dreiling, Jr., proudly displays the dinner theatre tickets he must sell. Tickets to the Thursday dinner and show cost \$8, while tickets to the Friday show only cost \$4.

Waiting for the next step, senior Natalie Waldschmidt practices a new dance for the dinner theatre. This year was Waldschmidt's first as a Railairre.



Mary Dinkel

Practicing for the dinner theater, the Railairres' most public performance, is always a challenge: singers' busy schedules conflict with practices, and standing on stage for sometimes as long as two hours can be trying. Those challenges were enough in themselves, but then even another was added. The singers chose an interesting theme and songs they enjoyed, but when new, more difficult dances were selected for the big night, everyone found that practice was more difficult.

"It's hard to work around sports, and we wait until basketball is over to get in most of our practicing," Kathy Dreiling, Railairre director, said.

The dinner theater is always a lot of work, but it's worth it.

- Ashley Taylor, so.

For the first time a new choreographer, Becky Shaffer of Becky's School of Dance in Hays, organized the major Railairre dances for the Broadway-themed dinner theater. There were also six new people in the group who had never danced with the Railairres before, so the dances were harder than usual.

"They seemed a little harder than some in the past, but the new people did a very good job learning them," Miranda Zorn, sr., said.

Another new addition to the group was student teacher Kristen Urban, who is a singer herself. She attended practices and also performed "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man" from "Showboat" at the dinner theater.

"The dinner theater is always a lot of work, but it's worth it," Ashley Taylor, so., said.

Wanda Weber, Kelli Wagoner, and Beth Walz, three admirers of Clark Brent, watch as he tells about swimming in Brisbane. "I really had a good time making the play because it brought our class closer together," Kelli Wagoner said.



Kelli Madorin



Kelli Madorin

Nerdman (Daniel Dinkel) points out the killer just before he pulls off her mask.

Perfecting the play took tons of practice, concentration, and a lot of excitement. But sometimes it was too much excitement and things got broke like Mrs. Riedel's favorite yellow smiley face coffee cup.

"It really wasn't that big of a deal. I wasn't too upset, but I thought Daniel was going to cry," Mrs. Linda Riedel said.

NERDMAN FOILS EVIL

When things go wrong, the play can still go on

Extra, extra, read all about it! A wave of misfortune swept over the stage, but don't worry; Nerdman was there.

One misfortune that cast member Courtney Poland faced was playing the part of two characters. There were 22 parts to the play but only 21 junior play cast members to fill the parts. Poland took the part as victim number two in addition to her main character, Kiley Lindstrom, who was killed in the first act.

"It was really hard because I found out only two days before the play, and I had a really bad cold so I couldn't talk very well," Poland said.

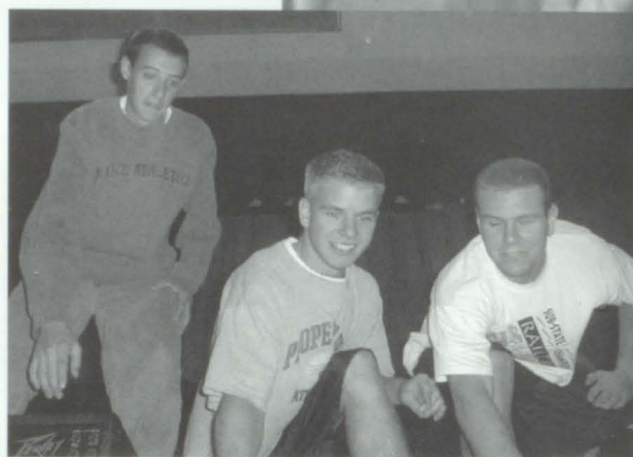
Another misfortune was that the MCL music festival was held in Ellis on Nov. 2, just eight days before the junior play, which didn't leave much time to make the elaborate set that had been planned. The cast members were disappointed, but they improvised with just a door, a couple of stage curtains, and some desks.

"I didn't think it looked too bad. This cast was very creative, and they made the most of what they had. After the first few minutes of the play, the audience was so involved with the people that they forgot what the set looked like," Mrs. Linda Riedel said.

Although many misfortunes plagued this event, the cast members pulled things together, and the play went on.

"I was really glad that I had such a willing cast and that they were able to work together to pull it off. I had a really good time working on the play this year," Mrs. Riedel said.

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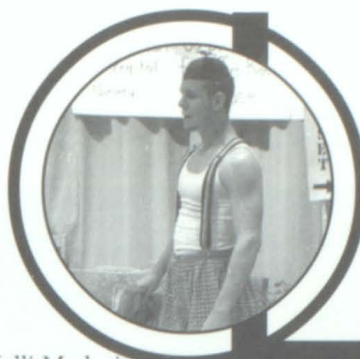
Kelli Madorin



Kelli Madorin

Daniel Dinkel reaches over the stage with gum in hand to retrieve a quarter that fell under the 'gutter' during play practice. "It was kind of gross touching the chewed up gum, but it wasn't too bad," Daniel Dinkel said.

Bryan Saindon puts his two cents in about the crimes happening in Petropolis. It took seven weeks for the cast to get ready for the play.



"But what will I do if I don't make coffee?" Timmy Wholesum (Jake Dreiling) plays a young boy that makes coffee at the Daily Astroid. He ended up writing an article for the paper.

Kelli Madorin

Seth Reed plays the part of an escaped convict as he holds Valerie Waldschmidt at pencil point. "Dress rehearsal was probably the worst thing for me because I felt like I should have been telling them what to do," Mrs. Riedel said.



Kelli Madorin



Kelli Madorin

The trusting mayor? Maybe not. Jamie Kitzman pleads her case as being the trusting mayor. At the end of the play it was, revealed that she was in fact, the killer of the worker at the Daily Astroid.

Kelli Madorin

THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

1. "What's your beef, Bobector?"
Jodi Hill, "Detective Digger"
2. "The world is just a hive of greed infested drones living out lives of quiet desperation."
Jake Dreiling, "Timmy"
3. "Egotist, I'm no egotist. I was born in Indiana."
Daniel Dinkel, "Nerdman" and "Clark Brent"
4. "We sue for ten millions of dollars."
Andre Pinto, "Professor Hegglesstopper"
5. "Really Miss Drane, he does have a banana."
Bryan Saindon, "Harry White"

TOP 5 PLAY LINES



Kelli Madorin



Kelli Madorin

"It was really fun picking out all of the clothes we got to wear. I got to wear Wanda Weber's grandpa's suspenders," Daniel Dinkel said.

Detective Mulrone (Jessi Kreutzer) hides from Hector Bobector under Clark Brent's desk during dress rehearsal the night before the play. Dress rehearsal was just like the real thing, only without an audience.

Hector Bobector (Seth Reed) struts his stuff to the song "Man in a Box." The jr. class made up many of the funny parts of the play including the commercials.

Smiley faces were seen everywhere during forensics season, but they weren't only on balloons and posters sporting yellow happy faces. The most common smiley faces were seen on forensics members during school and even when boarding a school bus at sometimes 5:30 in the morning.

Motivation played a huge role in helping members wake up early as well as qualify for State Festival and State Championships.

"People prepared and selected material much earlier than ever before," coach Linda Riedel said. "The seniors were excited to perform, and I think that carried on throughout the team."

"The best part is watching someone become outstanding their senior year."

-Linda Riedel, coach

The senior members also helped choose the smiley face theme. Collecting smiley faces became a new mission for the team, finding an assortment of everything from night lights to sippy cups.

"Smileys are easy to find, and it brings out the happiness of the team," Riedel said.

The team showed a lot of happiness after taking first place at MCL at Victoria, winning by only seven team points. The

dedicated team was rewarded with many state qualifiers: throughout the season, 16 events were qualified for State Championships, and five were qualified for State Festival. A total of 99 medals were won overall.

"Making it to State Champs was great. I got to perform more than at Festival, and playing laser tag was awesome," Adam Taylor, sr., said.

By far, Riedel said, the most rewarding thing about coaching forensics was seeing the team grow.

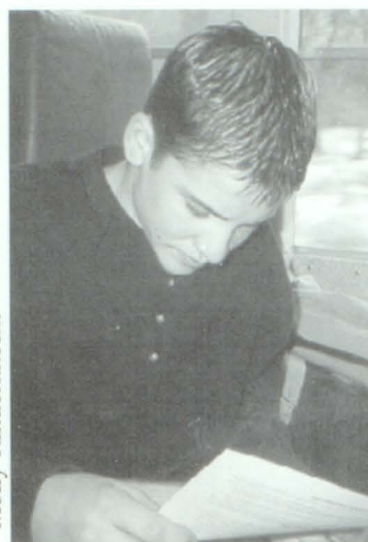
"The best part is watching someone start as a freshman, work hard, and then become outstanding their senior year," she said.

READY FOR ACTION

Performers prepare for state with smiles



Scouring magazines for information, junior Jodi Hill and sophomore Ryan Augustine prepare practice extemp speeches. Coach Linda Riedel encouraged all members to prepare ahead of time and practice their events.



Freshman Brett Suter studies his ballots on the bus ride home from a tournament. Forensics members were always anxious to read judges' comments and see their ratings.

During Forensics Night, sophomore Chasity Waldschmidt introduces her character as senior Felicity Waldschmidt waits to perform. They qualified for state championships in duet.

Molly Kinderknecht



Senior emcees Steven Shannon, Felicity Waldschmidt, Adam Taylor, and Kayci Weimer surround sophomore Ashley Taylor as she portrays a victim of extreme stress at Forensics Night. She qualified for state championships in extemp.



Molly Kinderknecht

1. *Breaking finals. It was a surprise, and it was a learning experience.*
James Bieker, jr.
2. *Getting a smiley-face tambourine. The season was filled with lots of smiles!*
Jenna Smith, so.
3. *NASA space stickers from Dairy Queen. I put them on my notebook.*
Jodi Hill, jr.
4. *Qualifying for state champs and buying big, soft, cheesy pretzels!*
Joan Dreiling, so.
5. *The Ness City Frigid Creme. They have the BEST service, it's unbelievable.*
Bryan Saindon, jr.

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TOP 5

FORENSICS MEMORIES

Molly Kinderknecht

Catching a nap on the bus, sophomore Ernie Pfeifer rests after receiving a fifth place medal at Ransom. Pfeifer attended state festival and received a II rating.



Seniors Natalie Waldschmidt and Kayci Weimer walk across the stage to accept their medals at state championships. They received fifth in duet acting, and Ellis received ninth place as a team overall.

First time state championship performer Adrienne Heroneme, so., reads her poetry piece at Forensics Night. Heroneme also performed IDAs and has been in forensics for two years.

Felicity Waldschmidt



Molly Kinderknecht

Molly Kinderknecht



Looking into a dark "cave," senior Matt Dinkel prepares to attack the scary animal that lurks there as junior Daniel Dinkel looks on. "I was nervous because I'd gone to only two tournaments," D. Dinkel said.

Junior James Bieker proudly displays his sixth-place medal. He performed IDA with junior Seth Reed. "We were a little disappointed about not qualifying, but that's OK," Bieker said.

Molly Kinderknecht



Molly Kinderknecht

Peeking out into the aisle of the bus, junior Bryan Saindon shows off his smiley face pencil. Saindon attended state championships every year of his first three years in forensics.



All dressed up with some place to go. Seniors Kayci Weimer, Danielle Honas, Mandy Zervas, and Jennifer Tway smile for one last dance at EHS.

Twist and Twirl. Samantha Wolf, sr., line danced to the electric slide. "It was fun because we learned a new way to line dance," Wolf said.

Grinning from ear to ear. Adam Taylor, sr., and Adrienne Heroneme, so., wait for dinner to be served. The meal for Galactic Getaway Prom 2001 was chicken kiev, pasta alfredo, green beans, dinner roll, and cherry cheesecake.



Cindy Hertel

Lyndsay Dorzweiler

TOP 5 PROM PLACES

1.
The Beverly Hills Hotel.

Natalie Waldschmidt, sr.

2.
On a 125" yacht.

Seth Reed, jr.

3.
In a park.

Kayci Weimer, sr.

4.
In a bubble at the bottom of the ocean.

Jodi Hill, jr.

5.
On top of one of the big buildings on mainstreet.

Bryan Saindon, jr.

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Cindy Hertel

Ready to go. Daniel Dinkel, jr., and Sondra LaBarge, so., dance among the rest of the the high school students. LaBarge was chosen as one of the Prom servers.



Cindy Hertel



Courtney Poland

Junior Katie Wagner helps her classmates prepare for Prom by drawing stars on a sheet of paper. The stars were then cut out and displayed on the pillars.

Cindy Hertel



Seniors Matt Dinkel and Brandi Lang two-step together. "I learned how to two-step one night at the Wild Rose. Matt and I showed our moves to the rest of the students," Lang said.



Hand in hand. Seniors Mandy Zerfas and Nick Keller dance together while they enjoy their last Prom at EHS.



Cindy Hertel

Just dancing to the music. Anthony Taylor, so., and senior Jill Homewood dance together during one of the fast songs. Taylor was chosen as one of the six boys for Prom server.



Cindy Hertel

"Have you been drinking?" This was a possible question asked at Prom due to new policies trying to prevent alcohol consumption. Before the dance, an off duty police officer, Leonard DeBolt, attended Prom 2001, Galactic Getaway.

Principal Reg Romine met with the members of Stuco to discuss ways they could prevent students from drinking prior to the dances. A few of the Stuco members suggested having a police officer with a breathalyzer attend prom.

The cost of having a police officer at prom was \$10 per hour. The breathalyzer was free.

"Having an officer at prom wasn't as bad as I thought it would have been," Jennifer Tway, sr., said. "I think that it was a helpful way to prevent students from drinking before they attended the dinner and dance."

"I think it was a harmless deterrent. We should continue to have a cop and a breathalyzer at the dances," - Don Long, Stuco adviser.

Another change that occurred was that students were not allowed to take their glasses and other prom souvenirs out to their vehicles after the dinner like they had done in the past. The students put their items in the office until the end of the dance or until they chose to leave.

The new atmosphere controlled the consumption of alcohol before the dance, but it didn't control how much fun the students had. The students still showed the same enthusiasm as they had in the past years.

"I think it was a harmless deterrent. We should continue to have a cop and a breathalyzer at the dances," Don Long said.

SECURITY POLICY

Stuco implements new procedure at EHS

Tying up the ends. Juniors Beth Walz and Nickole Henderson put together one of the many stars that was used at prom. The juniors had around ten stars to put together. The stars were hung on top of the pillars. "I enjoyed getting everything ready for Prom. It was an experience that I won't forget," Henderson said.



Courtney Poland



Cindy Hertel

As seniors Denise Augustine and Shari Riedel finish their salads, they take time to get their picture taken. "I enjoyed this Prom because I thought they did a wonderful job preparing for it. The best part was walking through the tunnel entrance. It was dark walking through the tunnel and it was a big surprise to find out what was at the end," Augustine said.

Most of the graduating class participated in singing "The Graduation Song" from the television show "Saved by the Bell". The class altered the words to make it fit their high school experience. Mrs. Kathy Dreiling, choir director, had her father write the chords so she could accompany the class, and Kevin Grogan, so, also accompanied them on the drums.



Kelli Madorin



Carolyn Young

Giving an overview of the class's history together, Kimberly Young, co-valedictorian with Steven Shannon, practices her speech 45 minutes prior to graduation. The seniors began finals on Monday, and therefore they didn't have to take finals on Wednesday with the underclassmen.

CAUGHT' ON CAMERA

Senior makes video for graduation exercises

In a class of their own, the seniors did something different this year: classmate Denise Augustine made a slide show to present at graduation, instead of having a speaker.

Over the year, Augustine collected pictures and video clips of class activities.

Augustine started creating the slide show using Avid Cinema. Since she was making the production in journalism class, she had to rely on the manual for help if a problem arose.

The process of "making the video" was fairly simple. First, Augustine gathered the photos and video clips and put them in a file on the computer. Then came the planning of the sequence in which the pictures would appear and choosing of sound clips. Finally, she put the pieces together.

Eight weeks before graduation, however, the entire slide show was lost, and Augustine had to restart the project. She still had all the pictures, but she had to re-place all the elements to the show, this time using a program called Premier, which Augustine said she liked better.

"I would never go back to Avid Cinema. Premier has so many more different transitions I could use. It made a better show."

With assistance from Mr. Robert Young, the school's technical coordinator, Augustine had a new, better slide show by the Friday before graduation, though it was still a close call: the production was put to videocassette the day of graduation.

"It was difficult toward the end because I was worried about losing my information again, but it was fun. It took a lot of time and patience, but the end result was well worth it," Augustine said.

"It took a lot of time and patience, but the end result was well worth it."
- Denise Augustine



Kimberly Young



Krista Kohl

Signed, sealed and delivered. Mr. Robert Young helped Denise Augustine with the technical aspect in the preparation of the slide show presented at the commencement exercises.

Suzie Shepherd and Jill Homewood clean out their lockers on the last day of school. All students had to check out with the administration before they could leave for the year.



Kelli Madorin

"I hope you dance,"
Miranda Zorn sings with
the Railairres during the
graduation ceremony.



Cindy Hertel

Just about right. Class sponsor Mrs. June Howard helps Justin VanAusdale straighten his tie, preparing to get his graduation photo taken. The graduation ceremony began at 7:30 p.m., but the seniors meet for pictures at 6:10 p.m.



Wanda Weber

Todd Walker stands patiently as Leon Staab, owner of Pioneer Photography, straightens his tassel in preparation of taking his picture.

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Livin' La Vida Local!

My favorite part was when Mr. Neuenswander was 'shaking his bon-bon'.
Felicity Waldschmidt

Yakati-Yak

Bowling was the most fun. In between turns we could just sit and talk to everyone.
Sam Shubert

Who Feels Like Pie?

Throwing cool-whip at everyone was really fun, and it gave us all a chance to wake up.
Emily Fischer

Rock On!

I liked the dancing and laughter. It's something I'll always remember.
Matt Dinkel

Ready? Set? Bowl!

I couldn't stop laughing at everyone doing all the crazy things during bowling.
Kristi Weber



Julie Kohl



Krista Kohl

TOP 5 PROJECT GRADUATION ACTIVITIES



Cindy Hertel

Waiting for the ceremony to begin, Hector Hernandez and Denise Augustine stand with the rest of their class.

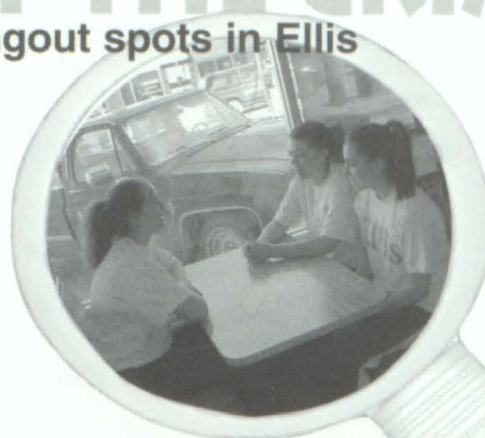
Receiving their caps and gowns in February excited many seniors. Natalie Waldschmidt put hers on in class the day they were handed out, along with most of her classmates.

Parents and graduates signed in at project graduation, getting ready for the festivities. The activities began at 11p.m. and ended at 5 a.m.

SCENE OF THE CRIME

the most popular hangout spots in Ellis

1. STOP 2
2. THE GARAGE
3. MEMORIAL
4. FRIEND'S HOUSE
5. BOWLING ALLEY



Today's gossip. Kelsie Schuster, so., Jamie Kitzman, jr., and Erin Kitzman, so., get in on the latest news. Students spent a good portion of time hanging out with friends at Total, also known as Stop 2. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Jenna Smith

It's a strike! Daniel Hook, so., takes his pre-bowling stance. Many students were involved in bowling leagues at Railroader Lanes. Hook's team bowled Wednesdays.



Jenna Smith

Just wasting time. Taking a break from cruising main, two students park their cars at Memorial and visit. Parking at Memorial was a good way to save money on gas.



Joe Kreutzer

The beat goes on. At the garage, Kevin Grogan, so., practices with the band, Sloe Moses. The garage was located at Dean Yanda's grandparents' house.

Photo Illustration by Jenna Smith

On average, students spent \$5.50 on snacks at Stop 2.

Stop 2 has changed its name three times in the past 14 years.

Stop 2 spent an average of \$950 on electric bills per month.

On average, students spent \$15.72 per week on gas.

Employees emptied trash cans at least 2 times a day on weekends.

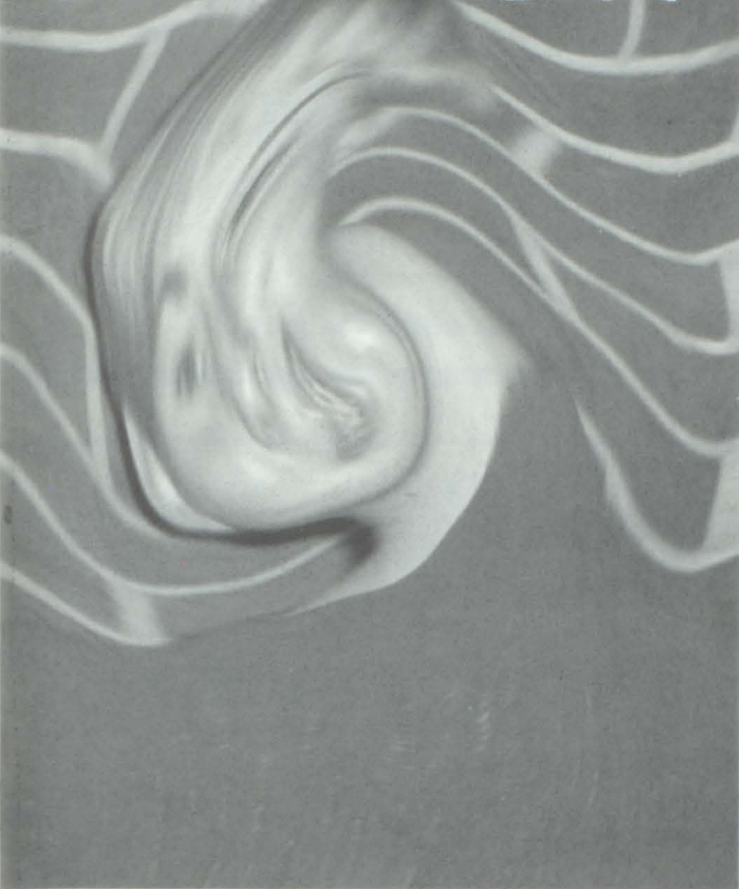
Students spent an average of 7.8 hours per week cruising around town.

The average cost of an EHS student's car was \$5,639.



Jenna Smith

Guess Who?



Courtney Poland

Suspect 1

Sophomore

Female

Height is 5'10"

Basketball manager

Hobbies include horseback riding, swimming, running, and playing softball



Get-away Car

Photo illustration by Jenna Smith

Match the high school student to the vehicle he or she drives.

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Marsha Weber | A. Ford Probe |
| 2. Seth Reed | B. Lincoln Towncar |
| 3. Justin VanAusdale | C. Buick Century |
| 4. Jamie Kitzman | D. Ford Ranger |
| 5. Mandy Zerfas | E. Toyota pickup |
| 6. Ben Shubert | F. Pontiac Grand Prix |

Investigation

Sam Mickelson



Jenna Smith



Jenna Smith

Beth Walz

What guy's and girl's hairstyle was most popular?

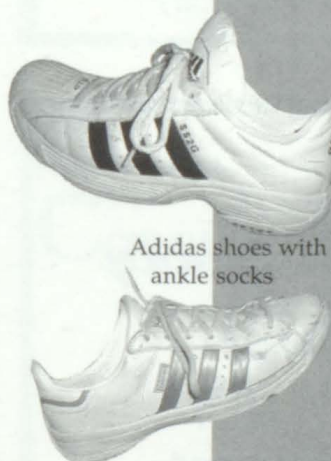
Whassup?

What word or phrase was the most popular to say?



Jenna Smith

Geoff Andrews



Adidas shoes with ankle socks

Jenna Smith

What fashion trend was most popular throughout the year?



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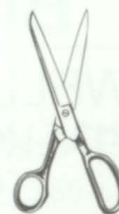
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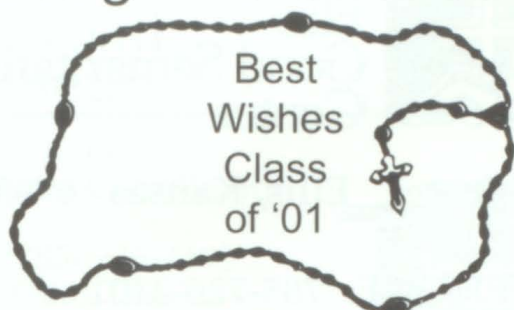
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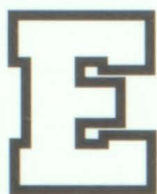
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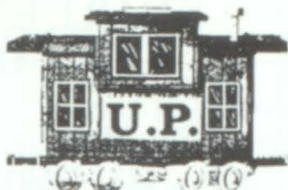


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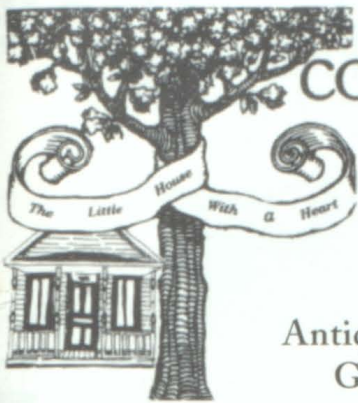


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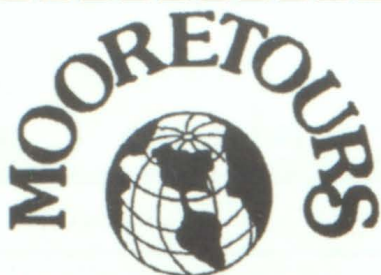
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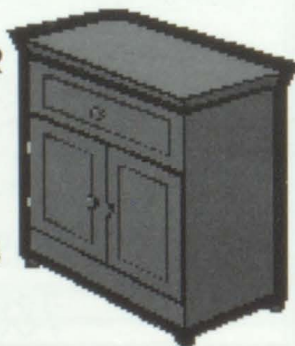
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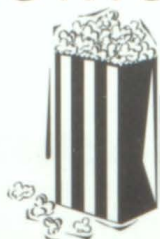
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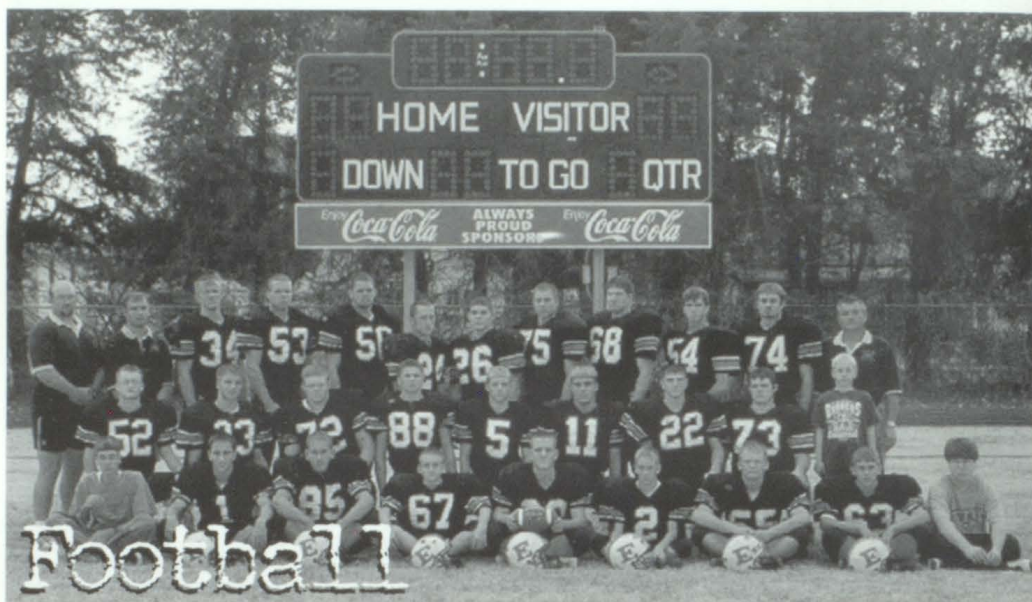


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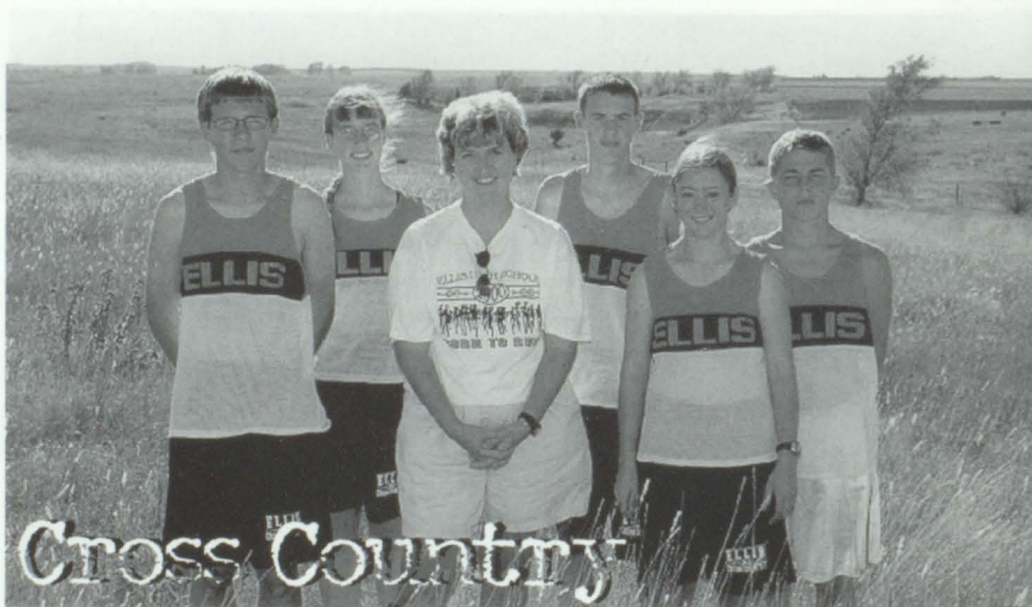
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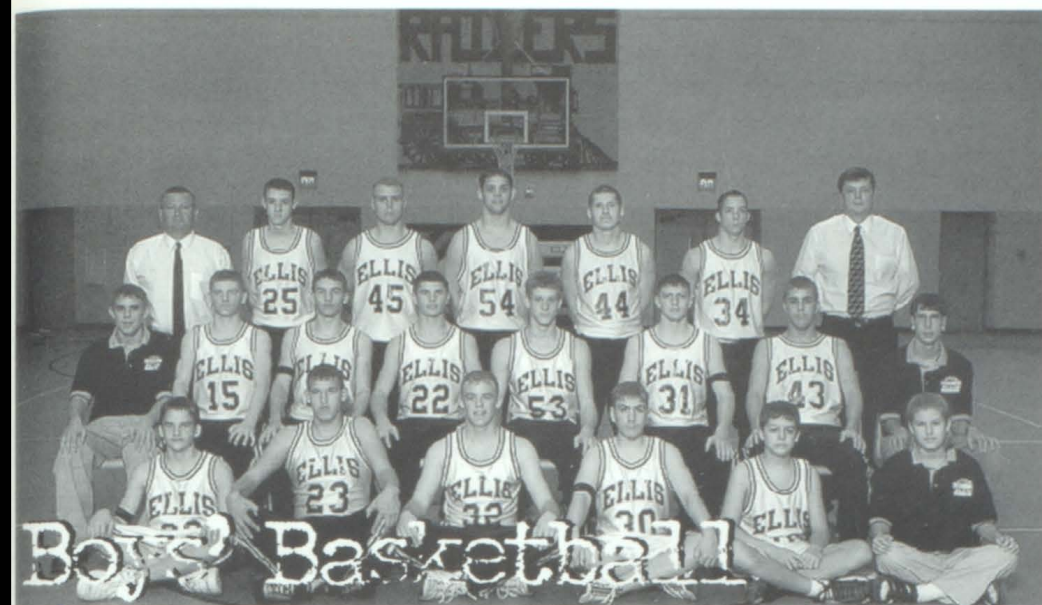


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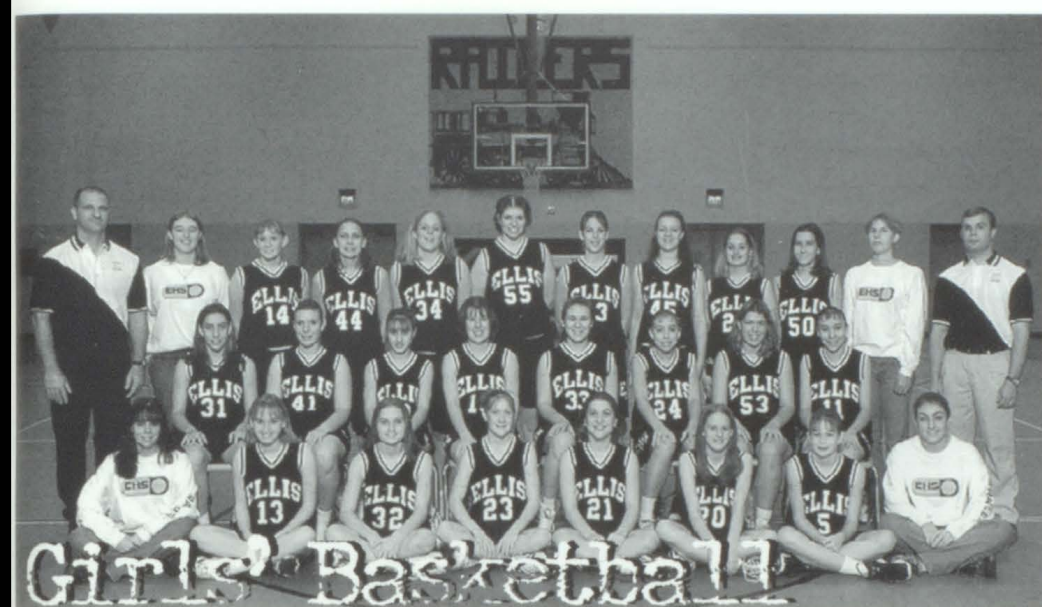


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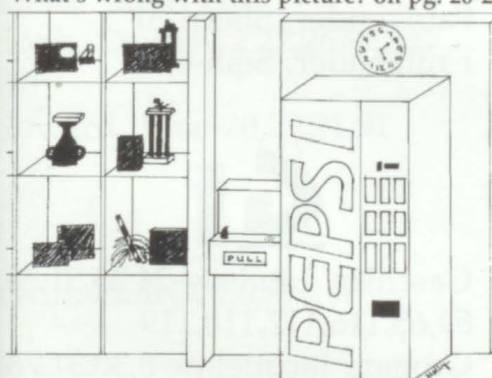


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What's wrong with this picture? on pg. 20-21



Pepsi machine should be a Coke machine; upside-down trophy; water fountain should say push; numbers on clock are wrong; spout on fountain is on the wrong side.

Answers

Crossword Puzzle answers on pg. 72-73.

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Guess Who on pg. 20-21- Jodi Hill and Katie Wagner.

Guess Who on pg. 32-33- Skyy Westbrook.

Handwriting game answers on pg. 32-33- A:2, B:5, C:4, D:3, E:6, F:1.

Guess Who on pg. 72-73- Katrin Meyer-Teschendorf.

Guess Who on pg. 92-93- Kelli Madorin.

Get Away Car answers on pg. 92-93- 1:C, 2:D, 3:E, 4:A, 5:F, 6:B.

Pg. 78-79 detective cartoon is different. He doesn't have a tie.

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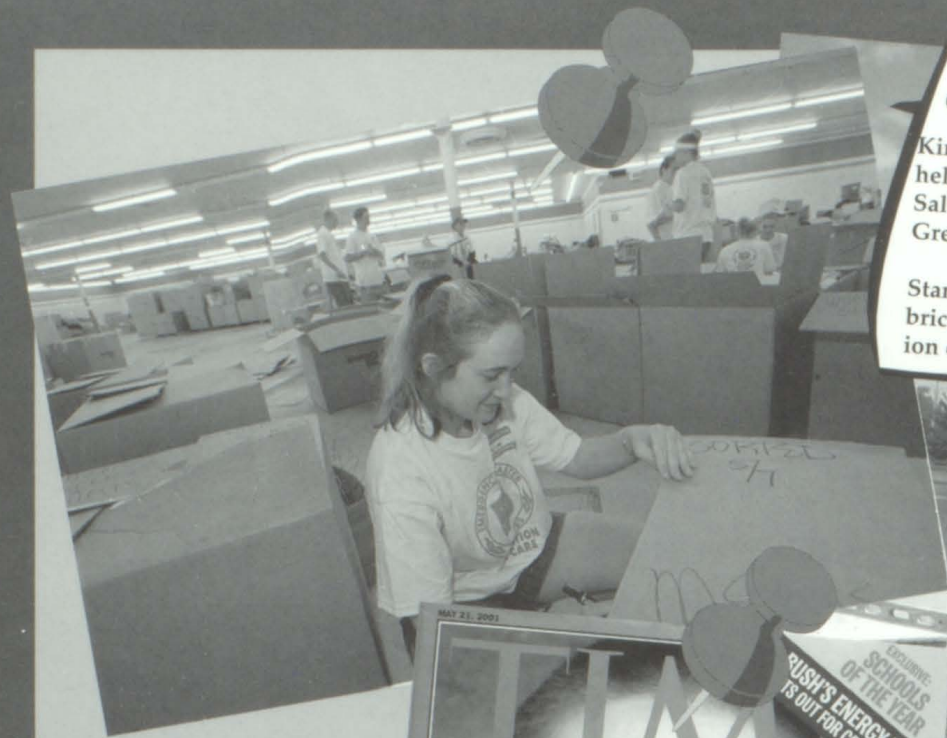
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Congrats to the Class of 2001..... You have
left your mark here at EHS and you will
never be forgotten..... Good Luck!



I need your
John Hancock

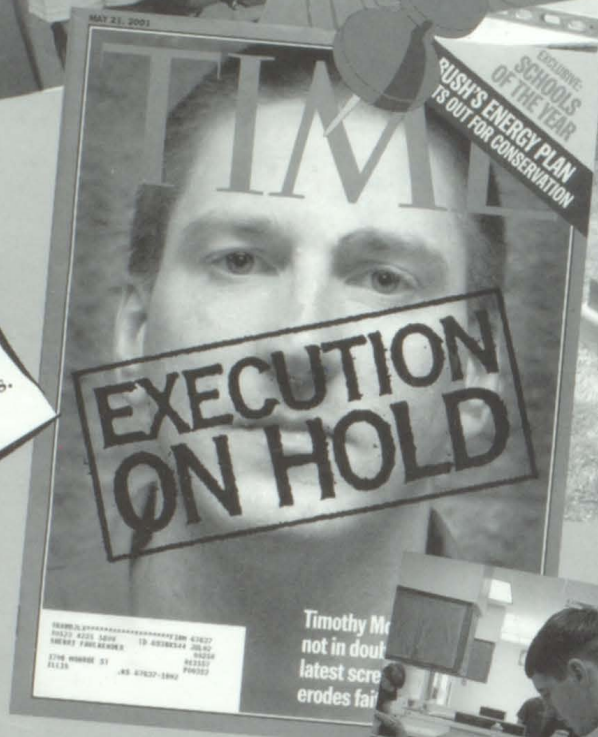


Kimberly Young helped group with Salvation Army with Great Bend.

Stan Honas laid brick for rededication of sundial.



Timothy McVeigh's execution was put on hold after discovery of withheld FBI files.



Denise Augustine put together a slide show for graduation. Seniors cleaned out lockers after finals. Seniors form 01.





MEMO:

Chief

You were right. So much happened at EHS this year that it was definitely worth my trip. I took pictures of some of the things that stood out the most. A lot of events took place that never happened before. For example, some of the students traveled to Great Bend to help the Salvation Army sort donations for the Hoisington tornado victims. Denise Augustine put together an avid cinema slide show for graduation. EHS Alumni also celebrated their 100 year reunion and held a two day celebration in the Ellis parks. The senior class voted to rededicate the sundial that was saved when the Old High School was torn down. Thanks to this assignment, Chief, everyone knows that EHS is no longer just another little school that sits on Monroe Street. Instead, it is

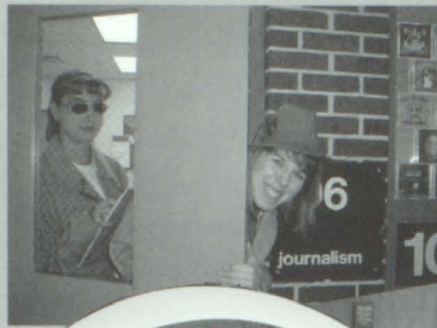
now **EHS Exposed.**

Detective Dudley

Chief

ANY *last* Wor**D**s?

Investigators
Samantha
Wolf, sr., and
Denise
Augustine, sr.,
check out the
action in the
hallway.



Undercover,
juniors Jamie
Kitzman and
Amanda
Zachman and
sophomore Kelli
Madorin are
caught in a
snapshot.



Seniors
Lyndsay
Dorzweiler,
Felicity
Waldschmidt,
Kimberly
Young, Krista
Kohl, and
Shari Riedel
do some
undercover
work as the
leaders of the
year's
investigation.



Other staff members
were juniors Wanda
Weber, Courtney
Poland, MariaPardo,
Molly Kinderknecht,
Nickole Henderson,
Beth Walz, Mary
Dinkel, and
sophomore Jenna
Smith.



Through our year of investigation, we have had a lot of help and can't take all of the credit, so we would like to send out a big thanks to a few people who made this yearbook possible:

Mrs. Cindy Hertel, thanks for pushing us and putting up with the stress and the laughter.

To the school board and administration, thanks for your support.

John Begler (Smoky Hill Photography), thanks for your photography advice. Who would have known that our little camera wouldn't work in such a dark gym?

Derius Mammen, our Jostens representative, for listening to our thoughts.

To all of the students who were willing to say cheese and give us some input, thanks a million.

To all of the teachers, we would just like to say thanks for letting us sneak a pic now and then and thanks for your cooperation. To Mr. Young, thanks for your technological expertise. We would not have been able to put this yearbook together if it weren't for all of you.

We would also like to take this time to say good-bye to Mr. Brad Neuenswander, Mrs. Kathy Dreiling, and Mrs. Virginia Duell. You have made your mark here at EHS, and you will never be forgotten.

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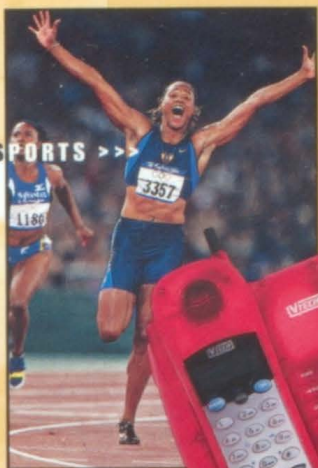
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▲ Gas prices soar across Europe. Heavy taxation policies in France and England cause massive protests and transportation blockades. Both governments eventually promise relief.

✓ The Millennium Bridge, a footbridge across the River Thames connecting London's St. Paul Cathedral with the Tate Modern Art Gallery, opens in June. It is the first bridge to be built over the Thames in 100 years.



▲ Former KGB agent Vladimir Putin is sworn into office as Russia's new president in May 2000, succeeding long-time leader Boris Yeltsin. Despite fears of an authoritarian style, Putin's public approval ratings remain high.



Reuters/Jayanta Shaw/Archive Photos

▲ Floods in Southeast Asia are caused by days of pounding rain. Millions are forced to leave their homes and more than a thousand people die in the region's worst flooding in decades.



David Hume Kennedy/Corbis Sygma

▲ President Clinton travels to Southeast Asia in November to help mend relations between the United States and Vietnam. He is the first U.S. president to visit Vietnam since the end of the war in 1975.



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▲ A cable car carrying skiers and snowboarders in Austria catches fire inside a tunnel, killing more than 150 people on board. It is the worst Alpine disaster in the country's history.



Peter Vujanovic/Newsphoto/Corbis

▲ Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is ousted from office in October, ending 13 years of violent rule. Vojislav Kostunica becomes Yugoslavia's first democratically elected president.



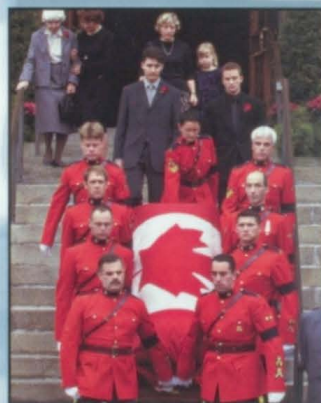
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◀ Australian street artists called "Strange Fruit" perform gravity-defying feats around the world. The performers float above the audience on 15-foot fiberglass poles.

President Clinton makes a last-ditch effort to broker a Middle East peace deal before his term ends in January 2001 by drafting a plan for leaders of both Israel and Palestine to review. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Yasser Arafat agree to review Clinton's proposal, but no deal is signed before month's end.

A Singapore Airlines jumbo jet crashes during takeoff in Taiwan, killing 81 of the 179 people on board. In a blinding rainstorm the pilot uses the wrong runway and collides with construction equipment.



AP/Corbis

▲ Canada mourns the death of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who served the country for nearly 16 years. Trudeau, who was 80, is remembered for his flamboyant style and his commitment to keeping Canada a single nation.



AFP/Corbis

▲ Two hundred North and South Koreans separated from family members since the 1950-1953 Korean war reunite in August. The four-day visits are a goodwill gesture by both countries' leaders, who met for the first time in June.

✓ In August, the Russian nuclear submarine *Kursk* sinks to the bottom of the Barents Sea after an unexplained explosion. All 118 crew members are killed.



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AIDS reaches epidemic proportions in southern Africa. Leaders and citizens throughout the world conduct a massive educational campaign on World AIDS Day December 1 to teach people about the disease that is killing 6,000 sub-Saharan Africans each day.

Uganda is struck by an occurrence of the deadly Ebola virus that is linked to more than 100 deaths. The outbreak is traced to a Gulu woman who died in September and whose body infected other people during the ritual cleansing of the dead.



AP/Wide World Photos

▲ In January 2001, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake devastates Gujarat in western India. The huge quake causes an estimated \$5.5 billion in damages and kills more than 20,000 people.



Tyler Hicks/Liaison

▲ In August, Somalia elects its first president in nine years. President Abdiqasim Salad Hassan promises to bring peace and economic recovery to the African nation.



▲ Former Coca-Cola executive Vicente Fox, of the National Action Party, is elected president of Mexico in July, ending the Institutional Revolutionary Party's 71-year reign.



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▲ More than 150 world leaders meet at the U.N. Millennium Summit in September to discuss war, poverty, disease and other global problems. The meeting is the largest gathering of world leaders in history.



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▲ In July, an Air France Concorde supersonic jet catches fire and crashes outside Paris, killing 113 people. The crash is blamed on metal debris which punctured the tires and damaged the fuel tanks.

✓ The worst wave of Middle Eastern violence in years erupts between Israelis and Palestinians, leaving more than 350 dead. A visit by Israeli opposition leader Ariel Sharon to a Jerusalem holy site on September 28 is claimed to have sparked the fighting.



Reuters/STV/Active Photos



Missoulain, Michael Gallacher/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ In the worst forest fire season in 50 years, more than 20,000 firefighters battle blazes in the western United States. More than 80 major wildfires burn across 13 states, forcing hundreds of people to leave their homes.

✓ The U.S. Senate passes the Permanent Normal Trade Relations bill in September to open up trade between the United States and China. The bill is expected to increase U.S. exports by \$13 billion annually.



▲ Firestone initiates the largest tire recall in history after dozens of rollover accidents appear to be caused by faulty treads. At least 148 deaths in the United States are linked to the defective tires, although other problems with sport utility vehicles also are under investigation.



David Young-Welch/PhotoEdit

▲ Summer air travelers wait out some of the worst flight delays on record. Bad weather and heavy air traffic cause delays that reach a peak in June, when only 66% of the flights arrive on time.



Joe Randle/Newsmakers/Liaison

▲ Illegal downloading and missing computer tapes threaten the security of the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab in New Mexico. Several workers at the lab are penalized for mishandling nuclear secrets.



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▲ The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future opens in September in Dallas. The museum profiles 3,000 remarkable American women and features more than 20 interactive exhibits.



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▲ Many brands of taco shells and corn chips are pulled from store shelves and restaurants after a consumer group detects traces of genetically modified corn not approved for human consumption.

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A wave of Internet startup companies, once the darlings of the online economy, file for bankruptcy after falling short of stockholders' earnings expectations. The NASDAQ stock exchange, where most dot-coms are traded, loses 39% of its value for the year.

Millions of Californians go for hours without power in January 2001 as utility companies cut off electrical supply due to low reserves. The crisis, blamed on aging generating plants, deregulation, soaring wholesale prices and debt-ridden utilities, spurs other states to begin devising prevention plans.

◀ Convicted of monopoly practices in the software industry, Microsoft Corporation is ordered by a federal district judge in June to break into two separate companies. Company chairman Bill Gates files for an appeal.



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Cynthia Johnson/Liaison

▲ The Oklahoma City National Memorial is unveiled in April 2000. The memorial is built to honor the 168 people who died in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.



Amy Sancetta/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ In the closest presidential election in more than 100 years, Republican George W. Bush of Texas beats Democrat Al Gore from Tennessee. The race isn't decided until 36 days after the popular election, when Florida's hotly contested 25 electoral votes are awarded to Bush.

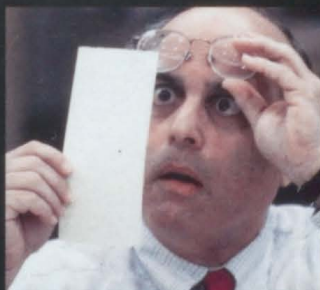
✓ On December 4, 2000, the U.S. presidency remains in limbo as both Florida and New Mexico officials recount ballots to determine who will win their state's electoral votes. New Mexico goes to Gore. Ultimately, Bush wins Florida which gives him a narrow victory.



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On election night, several TV networks prematurely declare Al Gore the winner in Florida, only later to reverse themselves, twice. The fiasco confirms many Americans' distrust of polling and early "calling" of elections.

In one of his first duties as President-elect, George W. Bush nominates Colin Powell to be Secretary of State. The four-star Army General becomes the first African-American in history to serve in this role.



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▲ Chads, dimpled chads and butterfly ballots become common terms during the election as Florida officials assess voter intent. The confusion generates national discussion for uniform methods of voting.



Mark Wilson/Newsweek/Photo Agency

▲ The U.S. Supreme Court casts the deciding vote in the nation's election. The court ends the Gore-Bush legal battles in Florida by stopping all recounting, an action that effectively gives Bush victory.



AFP/Corbis

▲ In a fiery and highly publicized political battle, Hillary Rodham Clinton beats Republican Rick Lazio decisively to become senator from New York. She is the first first lady to be elected to public office.



Dean Curtis/Liaison Agency

▲ Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan is elected to the Senate days after he dies in a November plane crash. His widow, Jean Carnahan, agrees to serve as senator in his place.



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▲ In October, the USS Cole is bombed while refueling in Yemen. A number of terrorist groups are suspected of the blast that kills 17 sailors and injures 39.

✓ The Federal Trade Commission charges the film, recording and video-game industries with marketing violent and adult-rated materials to teens. The entertainment giants are requested to stop the practice or face legal intervention.

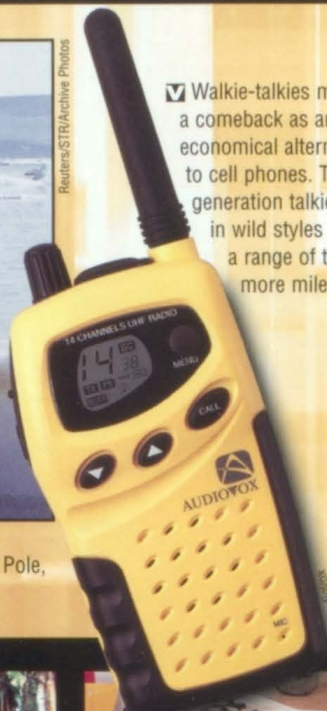


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▲ In August, a mile-wide patch of open water is spotted at the North Pole, dramatizing concerns about global warming.



✓ Walkie-talkies make a comeback as an economical alternative to cell phones. The new generation talkies come in wild styles and have a range of two or more miles.



NASA/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ New photos of fiery streams of gas that can reach 300,000 miles high may explain why the sun's atmosphere is hotter than its surface.



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▲ In July, Stephen King shakes up the publishing world by releasing one of the first online books, *The Plant*. More than 150,000 copies are downloaded the first week at \$1 per chapter.



NYT Pictures

▲ In a Guatemalan jungle, archeologists uncover remains of an ancient Mayan palace. Bigger than two football fields, the palace is one of the largest ever discovered.



Mark Lemmon/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Internet appliances that provide surfing and e-mailing capabilities make their way to homes and schools. The devices offer less expensive Internet access to consumers without home computers.



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▲ In 2000, more than 200 animal species join the Iberian Lynx on the World Conservation Union's List of Threatened Species. Their addition brings the world total to 11,046 plants and animals having threatened status.



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☑ Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) capable of calendar scheduling, note taking, e-mailing, phoning and Web browsing go mainstream in 2000. Competition among manufacturers heats up with Microsoft, BlackBerry, Palm and other brands vying for shares of the teen and business markets.

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Paleontologists identify a new species of dinosaur from fossils found in northern Italy. The 26-foot-long, meat-eating *Saltriosaur* is one of the world's oldest dinosaurs, dating back 200 million years.

Scientists are forced to rethink the traditional definitions of a star and planet when 18 massive planet-like bodies that don't revolve around a sun are discovered in the Sigma Orionis cluster.



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▲ Final touches are made to the International Space Station for its first residents. American astronaut Bill Shepherd and two Russian cosmonauts live on the space station for four months starting in November.



✓ Wireless devices that send real-time personal messages between users become the latest communication craze. The "instant messages" can be typed, written or spoken, depending on the brand, and devices cost less than \$100.



✓ In 2000, both Honda and Toyota launch gas-electric hybrid cars. Operated by a battery-powered electric motor and a gas-run engine, the hybrids get up to 70 miles per gallon on the highway and release minimal emissions.



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New Internet domain names are created to lessen the load on the old .com standard. The new names, slated for use in mid-2001, include .info for general use, .biz for businesses, .name for individuals and .pro for professionals.

Scientists complete a rough "map" of the genetic code that makes a person human. The map will aid in the detection and prevention of cancer and other illnesses.

Carolee O'Brien/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ PlanetPortal unveils the WebRemote, a remote built for use with the Internet. Users can surf their favorite sites at the touch of a button instead of keying addresses or scrolling a list of bookmarked pages.



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▲ Scientists discover an ancient standing lizard fossil in a German quarry, suggesting that dinosaurs may not have been the first creatures to walk upright.



NASA

▲ The Hubble Space Telescope shows never-before-seen details of a "cosmic butterfly," material ejected by a star in the later stages of its life.



Brandeis University

▲ Computer scientists at Brandeis University make a robot that can design and build other robots with minimal help from humans.

Stephen J. Boitano/AP/Wide World Photos



▲ Amtrak introduces the nation's first high-speed train in November. The "Acela Express" travels up to 150 miles per hour and runs between Washington, D.C., New York and Boston, with other routes planned for coming years.

✓ Apple Computer unveils its new G4 Cube computer in July. The 8-inch crystalline cube is commended for its small size, high speed, low noise level, touch-sensitive power activation and padless optical mouse.

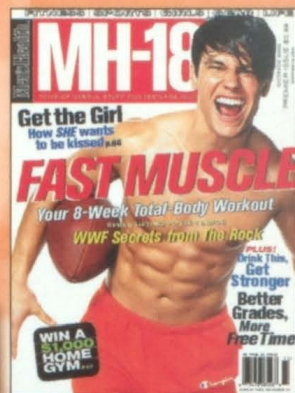


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▲ A new Web site, Customatix.com, lets users design their own sneakers. Starting from scratch or selecting a prefab model, users can pick everything from the colors and styling to the fabric and personalized logo at a cost of \$80 to \$95 a pair.

✓ New prepaid credit cards and online credit lines are the latest high-tech means for parents to control their teens' spending. Depending on the account, parents determine the spending limit or the online stores where the money can be spent and receive monthly statements of purchases made.



▲ MH-18, billed as the first national lifestyle magazine for guys 13 to 18, hits newsstands in August. The *Men's Health* offshoot covers sports, fitness, school, relationships and issues teenage boys face growing up.



▲ American Heritage, among other publishers, releases new dictionaries, capturing the language of our computer-savvy culture. "Dot-com," "netiquette" and "cybersurfing" are among the new entries.



▲ Pleather, a synthetic fabric that looks like leather, comes in an array of colors and prints and is popularized by celebrities like singer Christina Aguilera.

✓ Techno pants, as functional as last year's cargoes but with cleaner lines and nylon fabric, are popular with teens. They come in a variety of colors and feature zippered legs and pockets, toggles and nylon drawstrings.



▲ Laser eye surgery becomes an increasingly accepted alternative to eyeglasses and contact lenses as the technology continues to improve.

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For the first time, females outnumber males in Internet use in the United States, representing 50.4% of the online population in 2000. Teenage girls are the fastest growing user segment.

Designer faceplates become a popular way to personalize cell phones. The decorative attachments come in a variety of designs and colors to match the user's mood or outfit.

✓ The popularity of Apple Computer's translucent berry-colored iMac sparks a wave of similarly colored cell phones, CD players, cameras, irons and other household appliances.



▲ Wordstretch bracelets become a trendy accessory in Hollywood and around the nation. The multi-colored elastic bands come inscribed with "Call me," "Money is overrated," "Snap out of it" and other simple messages designed to spark conversation.





David Young-Wolff/PhotoEdit



▲ High-tech, fold-up metal versions of the old scooter are one of the year's hottest modes of transportation but also a leading cause of injury.

✓ Message T-shirts become fashion statements among teen girls. "Foxy Lady," "Princess" and "Monkey Around" are just a few of the tongue-in-cheek logos that appear on the popular shirts.



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By the end of 2000, an estimated 75% of U.S. universities offer courses online and more than 5.8 million students have logged on.

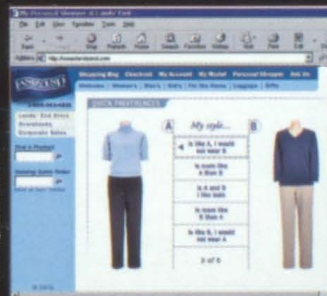
With the 2000 unemployment rate at a low of 4%, college students working as summer interns command wages up to \$20 an hour, along with compensation packages, from high-tech and Internet companies.



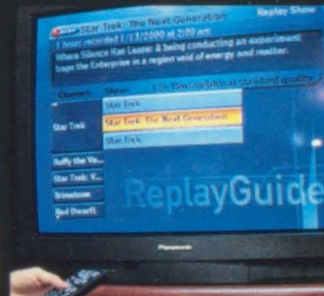
▲ Companies like Estee Lauder, Origins, Hermes and Blistex begin to market products in portable single-use packets. Products include nail polish remover, scented wipes, hair conditioners and moisturizers.



▲ Stick-on crystals and gems become popular fashion accessories for teen girls, accenting the face, neck and shoulders.



▲ Mail-order clothing pioneer Lands' End introduces "scan wear." The technology captures customers' body measurements, and allows users to virtually "try on" clothing when ordering via the Internet.



▲ "Personal TVs" by TiVo and ReplayTV allow users to control live TV by pausing or rewinding and to record their favorite shows without having to set a VCR timer or purchase videotapes.



▲ Chrysler rolls out its 1930s retro car, the PT Cruiser, in spring 2000. The five-door "personal transportation" wagon is a hot seller, beating the popular Volkswagen New Beetle by two to one in the first month. It also wins *Motor Trend* magazine's 2001 Car of the Year.

✓ Teens involved in anti-smoking organizations such as The Truth and Target Market strike back at Big Tobacco for marketing to youth, by launching their own in-your-face advertising campaigns targeting cigarette makers. The print and broadcast ads are sponsored by funds won from tobacco suit settlements.



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Chris Hondros/Newsweek/Liaison

Target Market



▲ The Millennium Force, the world's tallest and fastest roller coaster, opens in May 2000 at the Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio. The ride has a 300-foot drop and travels up to 92 miles per hour.

✓ A new computer video game called "The Sims," which simulates the life of a suburban family, develops a fanatical following with teens. Players create the characters and guide them through building a house, furnishing it, finding a career and running a family in their pursuit of happiness.

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Maxis/Electronic Arts



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▲ Jim Carrey stirs up trouble in the town of Whoville in an adaptation of the Dr. Seuss classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. *The Grinch*, which opens in November, is the highest grossing film of 2000.



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▲ *Meet the Parents*, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller, opens in October. The movie wins Favorite Comedy Motion Picture at the People's Choice Awards, and De Niro earns a Golden Globe nomination.

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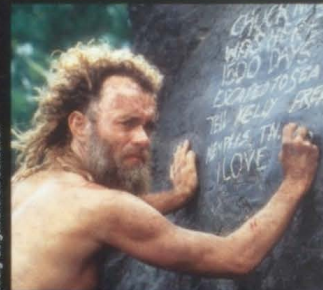
▲ In July, CBS launches "Big Brother," a reality-based show in which 10 people share living quarters for three months until all but one are voted out. Viewers can monitor contestants 24/7 on the show's Web site.

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▲ UPN's weekly series "WWF Smackdown!" starring professional wrestler The Rock is the network's most-watched show in 2000, with 7.3 million viewers.



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▲ In December, *Cast Away* is released, starring Tom Hanks as a crash victim stranded on a desert island for four years. For his nearly one-man performance Hanks wins Best Actor at the Golden Globes.

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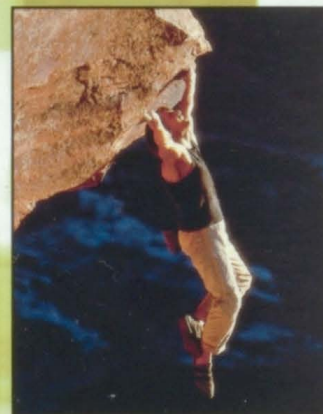
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The first big hit in 2001 is *Save the Last Dance*, which opens in January. The teen romance, starring Julia Stiles and Sean Patrick Thomas, earns close to \$50 million in its first two weeks.

Pay It Forward, a movie based on the idea of performing random acts of kindness, opens in October starring Haley Joel Osment, Kevin Spacey and Helen Hunt.

✓ Gamers camp outside electronics stores to secure the long-awaited Sony PlayStation 2, which goes on sale in October in limited quantities. The new version allows users to listen to CDs and watch DVD movies in addition to playing games.

Courtesy Electronic Arts



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▲ Tom Cruise reprises his role as Ethan Hunt in the action sequel *Mission: Impossible 2*. The May release is summer's biggest box-office draw and 2000's second-highest grossing film, earning more than \$215 million.



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▲ NBC's White House drama "The West Wing," starring Martin Sheen, Allison Janney and Richard Schiff, sets a record for receiving the most Emmys in a single season with nine wins, including Outstanding Drama Series.

✓ Popular television series prompt the introduction of board game versions. "Survivor" and "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire" lead the list of new releases.



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In November, illusionist David Blaine is encased in ice for 62 hours in New York's Times Square, assisted only with air and water tubes and a catheter. Blaine, who was seeking notoriety over national TV, survives the stunt but requires hospitalization.

Russell Crowe becomes a household name with the release of *Gladiator*. The epic film wins a Golden Globe Award for Best Drama as well as an acting nod for Crowe.



Bill Rietz/NBC/Liaison

▲ NBC's "Will & Grace" is one of television's 10 most watched shows in 2000. Actors Sean Hayes and Megan Mullally win Emmys for their roles as Jack and Karen.



Dimension Films/Everett Collection

▲ *Scary Movie*, the Wayans brothers' spoof on horror movies, is among the year's 10 highest grossing films. The July release earns more than \$157 million and is voted the Teen Choice Awards Movie of the Summer.



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▲ Fox's "Dark Angel" is voted Favorite New Television Dramatic Series at the 2001 People's Choice Awards. The series, set in the year 2019, explores the life of a genetically enhanced heroine named Max.

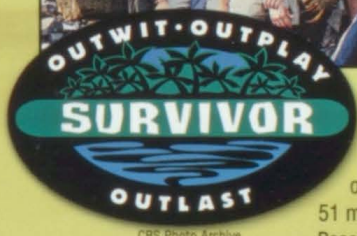


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▲ In July, *Wolverine*, Cyclops, Storm and other super-powerful comic book characters are brought to life in *X-Men*. The movie grosses over \$157 million, one of the year's 10 biggest box-office draws.



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▲ The year's hottest TV show is CBS's "Survivor," in which 16 contestants compete for a million dollars by surviving on a tropical island for 39 days. More than 51 million viewers tune in for the final episode. Based on its success, CBS launches a second "Survivor" series in January 2001 set in the Australian Outback.

✓ *Charlie's Angels*, based on the popular '70s TV series, is one of the top 20 box-office draws in 2000. The movie, starring director Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu, earns \$40 million its opening week in November and grosses more than \$123 million during its run.



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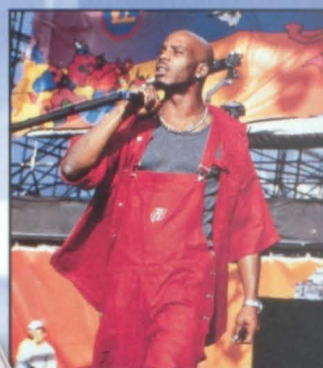


▲ In response to the growing interest in Latin music, CBS airs the "1st Annual Latin Grammy Awards" in September. The show is the first primetime network Spanish language telecast on American TV and draws 7.5 million viewers.

▼ A new board game called "Hip-Hop Hall of Fame" capitalizes on the popularity of the music genre. Players make their way around an album-like board by answering questions about Hip-Hop performers, songs, culture and history.



Alex Cao/AP/Wide World Photos



Tara Canova/Henry Limited, USA

▲ Hip-Hop remains one of the year's dominant sounds, with acts such as DMX, Jay-Z and Ludacris all making *Billboard's* Top 40 with new songs and selling more than a million copies of their latest CDs.



▲ 'N Sync's *No Strings Attached* becomes the top-selling album of 2000 with 10 million units sold. The lead single "Bye Bye Bye" wins three MTV awards and receives a Grammy nomination for Record of the Year.



Mark Allen/Globe Photos

▲ Pop star Björk wins MTV's Breakthrough Video Award for "All Is Full of Love." The Icelandic newcomer is also nominated for a Golden Globe and a Grammy for her music in *Dancer in the Dark*.



Mark Lemmihan/AP/Wide World Photos

▲ Macy Gray wins MTV's Best New Artist in a Video award for her hit single "I Try." Gray is also nominated for three Grammys.



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▲ Lee Ann Womack wins the Country Music Association's award for Best Single with "I Hope You Dance." Womack also receives several Grammy nominations.

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Dan Krauss/AP/Wide World Photos

◀ New brands and styles of portable MP3 players inundate the market in 2000. The new-generation devices store and play digital music from the Internet and feature more playing time than their predecessors.

Madonna scores a record-setting 12th No. 1 single with the release of "Music." In December, she weds director Guy Ritchie in a Scottish castle.

Irish artist Samantha Mumba makes the music charts in 2001 with her hit song "Gotta Tell You." The 17-year-old joins fellow countrymen U2 and The Corrs on the American airwaves.



Christopher Lee/Hulton/Henry Ltd, USA

▲ Creed, with lead singer Scott Stapp, proves to be one of 2000's hottest rock bands, with their singles "Higher" and "With Arms Wide Open" hitting the top 5 on *Billboard's* Hot 100 singles list. The group wins American Music Association's Favorite Alternative Artist and Favorite Pop/Rock Album.



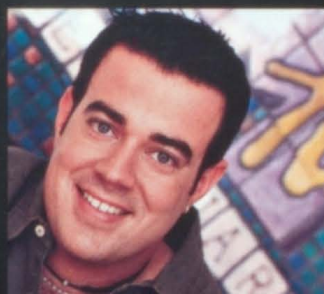
Opening week sales records are shattered in 2000 with benchmarks set for the number of albums sold. Britney Spears' *Oops...I Did It Again*, Eminem's *The Marshall Mathers LP*, Limp Bizkit's *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water* and Backstreet Boys' *Black & Blue* all break the million-unit mark.

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The Beatles begin 2001 atop the *Billboard* album chart with the album *1*. The CD sells more than 5 million copies over the holiday season.

Sisqo, a member of the R&B band Dru Hill, goes solo in 2000. The singer tops the singles chart with "Incomplete" and "Thong Song" and takes home awards from *Billboard* and the American Music Association.

Napster loses several court battles with the recording industry over copyright infringement. The popular online music sharing service, with over 60 million users, faces shut-down unless it can create a new business formula that satisfies the major recording labels.



MTV's "Total Request Live," which allows viewers to vote for their favorite music videos, continues to gain popularity. Host Carson Daly becomes one of the year's best-known faces.



Destiny's Child achieves three back-to-back No. 1 singles in 2000, making the band *Billboard*'s Top Pop Artist of 2000. The group is nominated for five Grammys, four for the single "Say My Name."

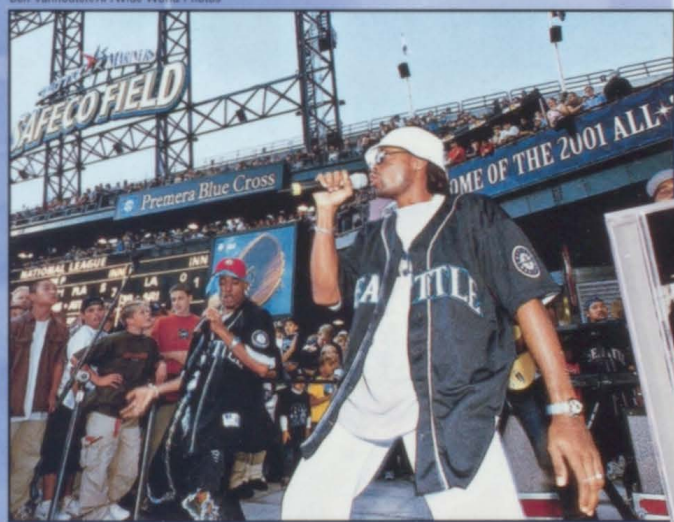


Faith Hill and Tim McGraw perform to sellout crowds on their *Soul 2 Soul* tour. Hill and McGraw win the Country Music Association's Female and Male Vocalist of the Year, making them the first couple to win in the same year.



Pink is one of the year's top new artists. Her debut album, *Can't Take Me Home*, sells 2 million copies, and two of her songs are Top 10 hits.

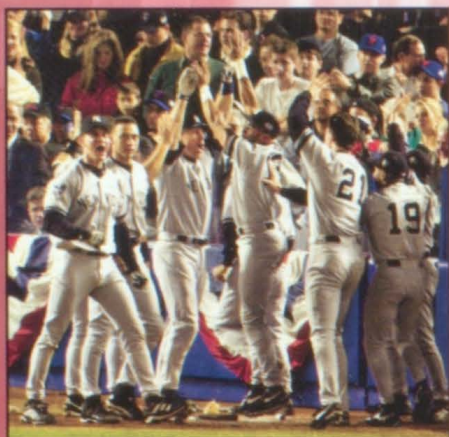
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Baha Men's hit song "Who Let the Dogs Out" reaches anthem status at sports stadiums across the country. The song also wins a Grammy nomination for Best Dance Recording.

Rock music dominates the music charts and award shows in 2000. Groups including matchbox twenty, Vertical Horizon and 3 Doors Down top both the rock and pop singles charts with their respective singles "Bent," "Everything You Want," and "Kryptonite."





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▲ The New York Yankees defeat the New York Mets four games to one in the first "Subway Series" since 1956. It is the Yankees' third straight World Series win and their 26th overall.

✓ American Marion Jones, 24, becomes the first woman to win five track and field medals in a single Olympic Games at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Jones wins the 100- and 200-meter sprints and the 4x400 relay, and finishes third in both the 4x100 relay and long jump.



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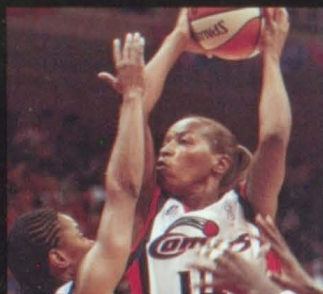
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▲ Tiger Woods, 24, wins three of golf's four major tournaments to become the youngest player to win a career grand slam. Woods also breaks the earnings record for a single year with winnings of more than \$9 million.



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▲ Bobby Labonte wins the 2000 NASCAR Winston Cup, his first after eight years on the circuit. Labonte and his brother Terry, winner of two previous Winston Cups, are the first brothers to win titles.



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▲ The Houston Comets beat the New York Liberty to win the 2000 WNBA championship. The win is Houston's fourth in a row, and star Cynthia Cooper is named the finals MVP.



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▲ In the 2001 Orange Bowl, the underdog Oklahoma Sooners defeat the Florida State Seminoles 13-2 to win the National Championship. It is Oklahoma's first title in 15 years.



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▲ Australian Karrie Webb is named the LPGA's Player of the Year for the second time in a row. Webb wins seven titles in 2000, including the U.S. Women's Open in July, and sets an earnings record of \$1.8 million.

✓ Venus Williams dominates women's tennis. The 20-year-old has a 35-match winning streak, which includes the titles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open as well as an Olympic gold medal.



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With a win against the University of Dayton in September, Yale becomes the first college team to win 800 football games.

In January 2001, after a three-year hiatus, legendary Mario Lemieux returns to play for the Pittsburgh Penguins, the hockey team he now part-owns. Lemieux becomes the first owner/player in the history of the NHL.

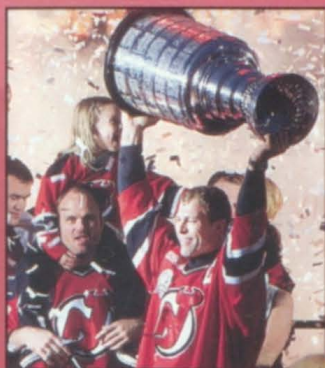


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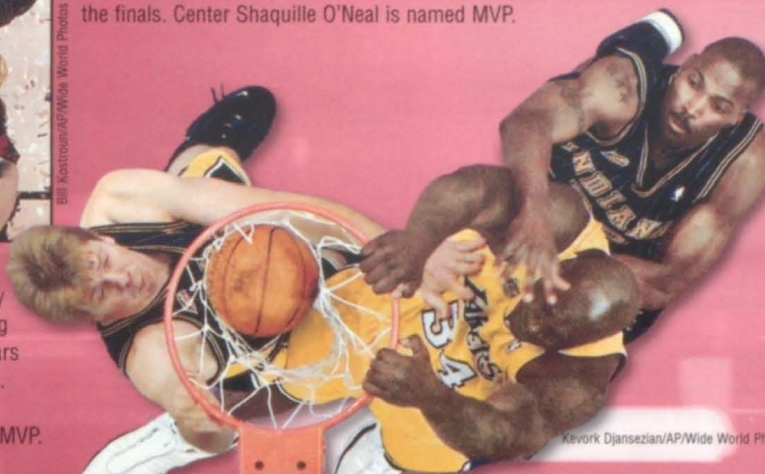
▲ Cyclist Lance Armstrong wins his second consecutive Tour de France in July. Armstrong, a cancer survivor, also writes his autobiography *It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life*.



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✓ The Los Angeles Lakers win the NBA championship, the franchise's first in 12 years. The Lakers beat the Indiana Pacers in game six of the finals. Center Shaquille O'Neal is named MVP.



The racing world is stunned when NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt Sr., a seven-time Winston Cup champion, is killed on the last lap of the Daytona 500 in February 2001. NASCAR does not retire numbers, but car owner Richard Childress said he will never again race Earnhardt's black No. 3 car.

Xtreme Football debuts in February 2001. The game combines conventional football rules with some of the mayhem of professional wrestling. Eight teams play in the league's first season.

▲ In June, the New Jersey Devils win their second Stanley Cup in six seasons by defeating defending champion Dallas Stars four games to two in the finals. Scott Stevens wins the Conn Smythe Trophy for postseason MVP.



▲ Laura Wilkinson overcomes three broken toes to win the women's 10-meter platform diving competition. Wilkinson is the first American woman to earn the gold in this Olympic event since 1964.



▲ In a huge upset, American Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner defeats Russian legend Alexander Karelin for the gold in the super heavyweight class. The loss is Karelin's first in 13 years.



▲ American swimmer Misty Hyman beats out heavily favored Susie O'Neill of Australia to win the 200-meter butterfly. Hyman's winning time of 2:05.88 is an Olympic record.

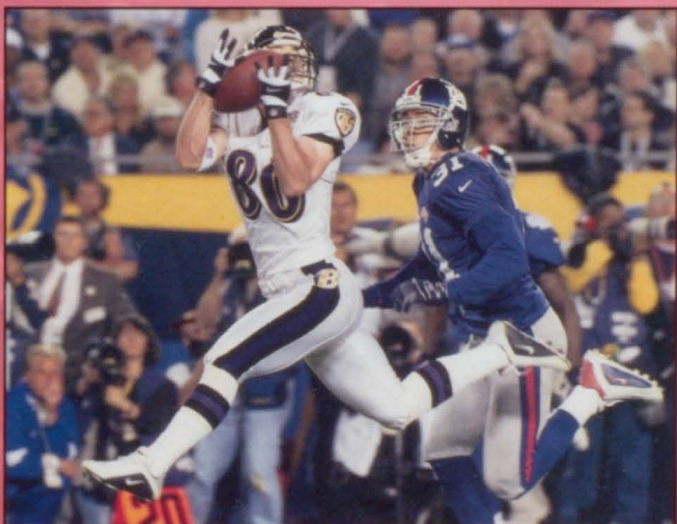


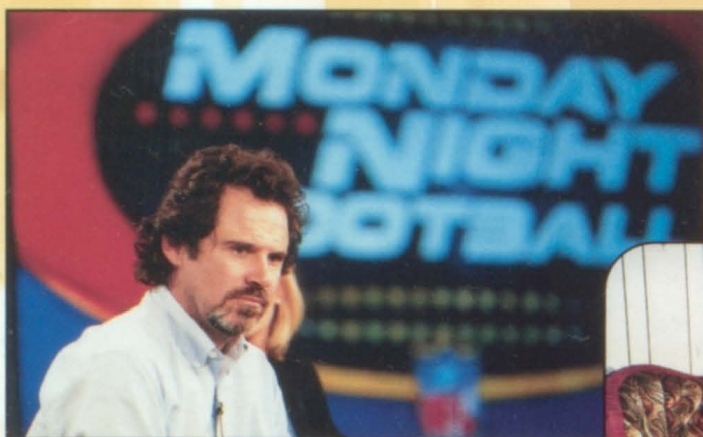
▲ American runner Michael Johnson makes history by winning the 400-meter run for an unprecedented second time in a row at the Olympics. Alvin Harrison, also from the United States, wins the silver medal.



▲ Cathy Freeman carries the Olympic torch at the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney. Freeman goes on to win the 400-meter dash, becoming the first Aboriginal Australian to earn an individual Olympic gold medal.

✓ The Baltimore Ravens beat the New York Giants 34-7 in Super Bowl XXXV for their first NFL title. Ray Lewis of Baltimore's highly touted defense is named MVP of the game.



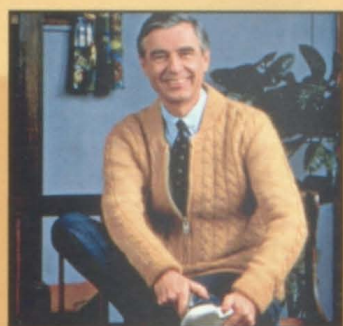


▲ Comedian Dennis Miller debuts as co-announcer on ABC's "Monday Night Football." Miller's offbeat humor gets a mixed reaction from fans, and the series earns some of the lowest ratings in its 31-year history.

✓ Paula Prince of Port Richey, Florida, wins the sixth annual Ugly Couch Contest, sponsored by a slipcover manufacturer, with her vintage '70s entry. Prince and two other contest finalists appear on ABC's "Live! With Regis" in October.



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▲ Fred Rogers, host of the children's PBS show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," announces he will tie his tennis shoes for the last time, when his final new episode airs in August 2001. Rogers will continue to work on Web sites, books and special museum projects.



▲ To observe society and learn about himself, New Jersey native Brett Banfe, 18, takes a one-year vow of silence. He communicates by e-mail, facial expressions and business cards.



▲ Runner Marla Runyan, who is legally blind, becomes the first U.S. Paralympian to compete in the Olympics. Runyan places 8th in the 1,500-meter run at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia.



▲ England celebrates the 100th birthday of the Queen Mum, mother of Queen Elizabeth, in August. The beloved Mum becomes the oldest living royal in the history of the British Monarchy.



▲ In October, Slovenian climber Davo Karnicar becomes the first person to ski down Mount Everest. Karnicar's two-mile descent down the world's highest mountain takes five hours.

➤ In honor of the late cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, 101 fiberglass Snoopy statues — each in a theme wardrobe — are displayed in Schulz's hometown of St. Paul. Several are auctioned off in October to raise money for aspiring cartoonists.

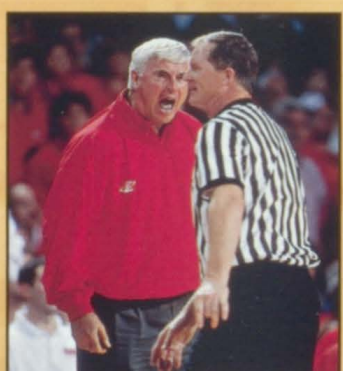


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Video gamer Josh Griffith, 17, starts a business filling in for other gamers involved in an online roleplaying game called "Asheron's Call." Players are required to put in hours of game time to keep their online characters powerful. Busy executives pay Griffith up to \$40 an hour to play for them.

After a record 3,545 wins and \$81 million in earnings during her 19-year career, jockey Julie Krone becomes the first woman inducted into the National Racing Hall of Fame.

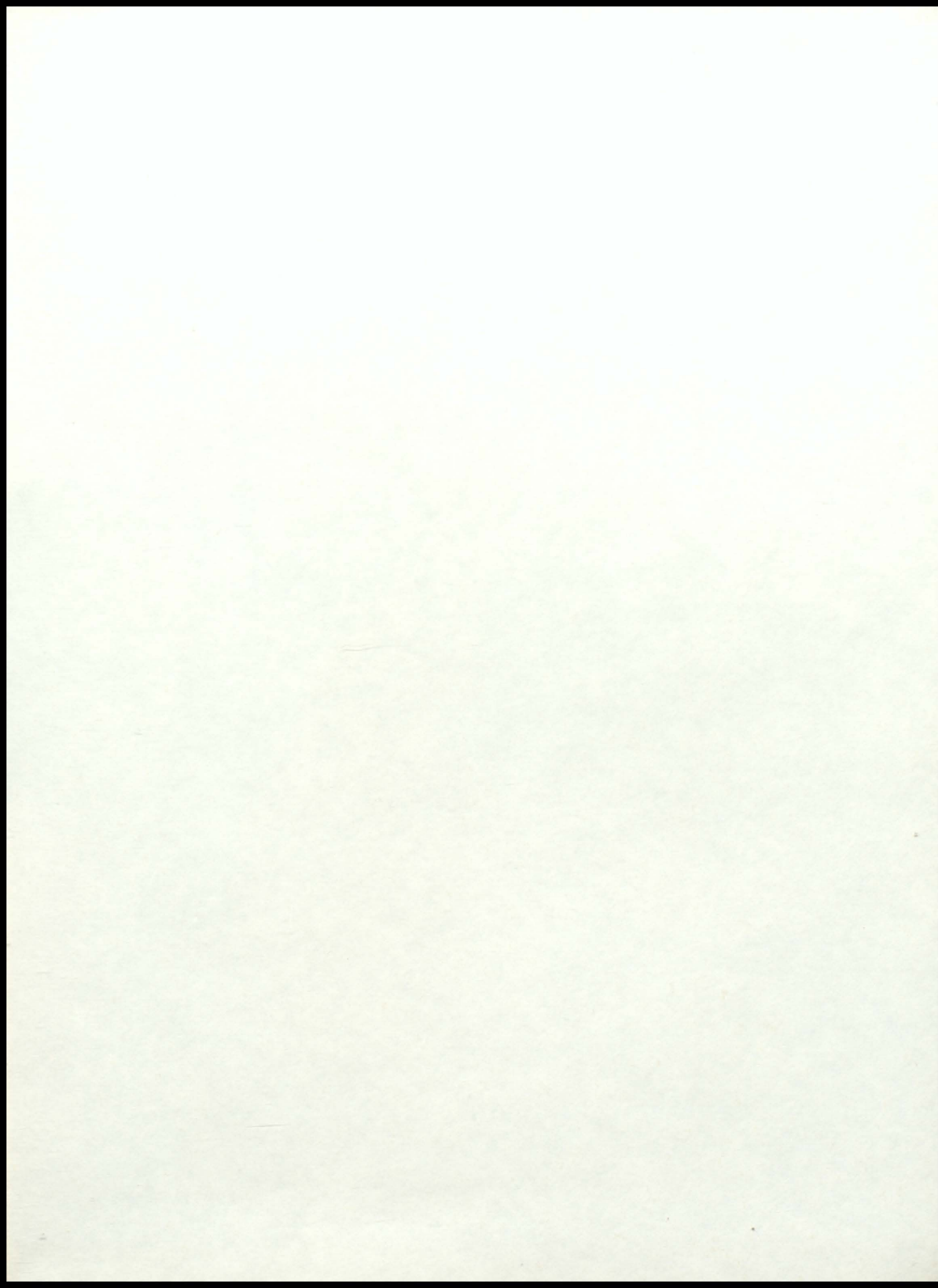


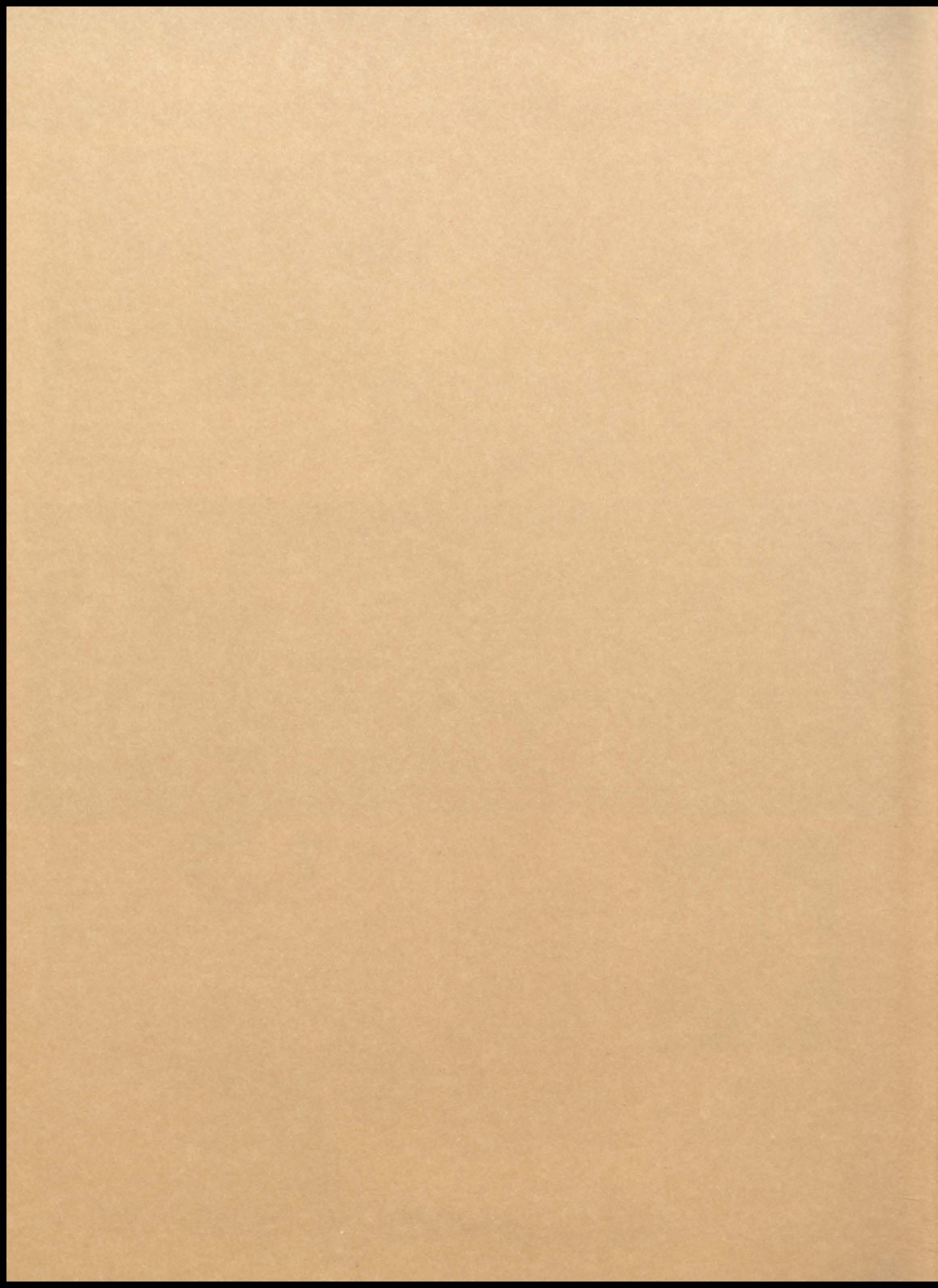
▲ Controversial Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight is fired in September after allegedly violating a University-imposed code of conduct. During his 29 years at Indiana, Knight was often criticized for temper outbursts. His dismissal provokes student protest demonstrations.

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