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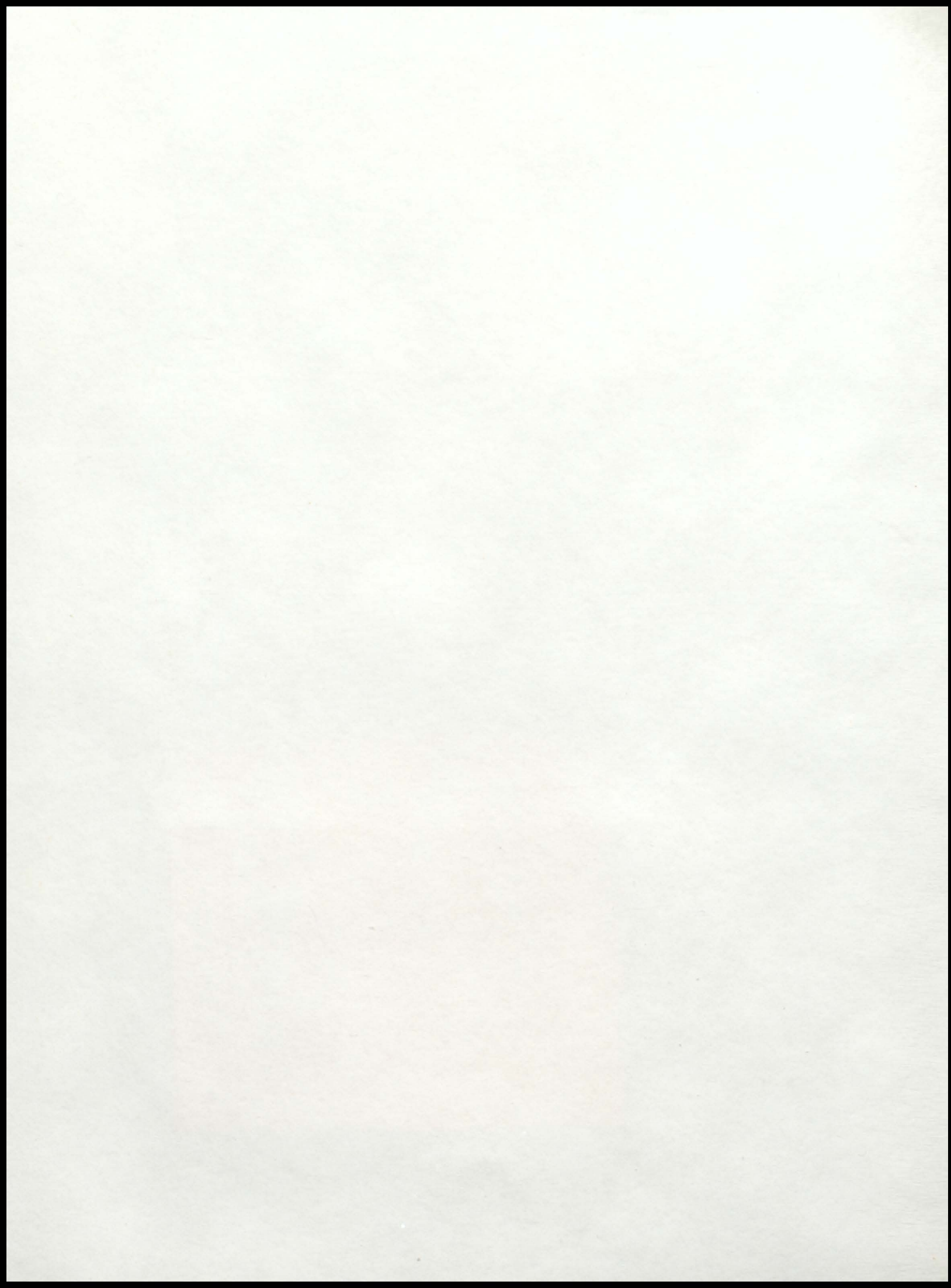
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Ellis High School

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EHS CENTRAL STATION

EHS Timetable

Destination Location

Sports	4-25
Activities	26-43
Academics	44-53
People	54-79
Groups	80-87
Ads	88-107

Born to be Orange

Many things were new or different than before, but students adjusted quickly to the many changes. Because the new gym floor wasn't finished as quickly as expected, the volleyball team had to practice and play their first games at the grade school. Teachers and students alike had to adjust to a new superintendent. Like everyone new, Mr. Lyndell Barton had different ideas and expectations than his predecessor, but everyone's cooperation made the transition a smooth one. After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, many students feared that life as they had known it was over. Life went on, though. The band went to Hutchinson Band Day, games were still held, and Homecoming went just like normal. Through all the changes and disturbances in their lives, students remained

ON THE RIGHT TRACK

and had a great year.

As we travel back through the year, you will remember details about the trip from August to May. Traveling with EHS will guarantee a safe, fun-filled trip. Please settle in and enjoy the ride.



For one of their projects, the Kayettes took children and went to the Good Samaritan nursing home, where they sang patriotic songs and gave the residents American flag pins. Jennifer LaBarge, so., fastens a pin to a resident. (photo by Cindy Hertel)

Rod Armbrister works on painting railroad tracks before Homecoming. The tracks were painted on the high school driveway and over the bridge to the football field. (photo by Wanda Weber)

Football players participate in a run-through organized by the cheerleaders before the Homecoming game. The booster club bought the sign, which Velcroed vertically and horizontally through the middle, allowing it to be reused. The sign cost about \$500. (photo by Smoky Hill Photography)



Courtney Poland, sr., Jennifer LaBarge, so., and juniors Randy Kohl and Diane Henderson struggle to keep their balance in a game of Twister during their combined Spanish II and III class. Students sometimes played Twister when they had free time. All the calls had to be made in Spanish, so the game allowed students to relax and have fun while still using their Spanish skills. (photo by Lynn Pfeifer)

Check out our exciting new trips!

Come see the new EHS gym floor!

The EHS gym floor was replaced before school started by a company from Kansas City. Completion took nearly eight weeks instead of the estimated four to five weeks. The gym floor, which had been rubber, was replaced with a more traditional wood floor. The total cost was \$63,000.



One of the workers from the contracting company cuts pieces of wood for the gym floor. (photo by Cindy Hertel)

John Kroeger, Jr., presses the wood floor into the glue. The floor had to be rolled over to make sure it was flat. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



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Meet the Head Engineer: Mr. Lyndell Barton



(photo by Wanda Weber)

Mr. Lyndell Barton was hired as the Ellis School Superintendent. He previously worked in Clay Center and has held various school-related positions. Barton enjoys working with youth and has found Ellis a nice place to live and work.

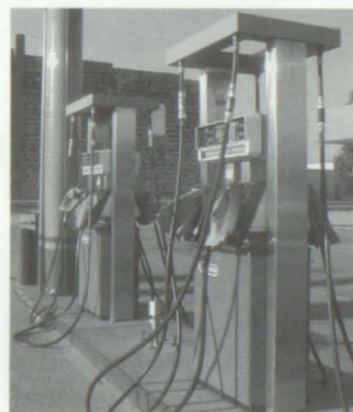
September 11

Flags throughout the nation flew at half-staff following the Sept. 11 attacks. They remained at half-staff for several weeks. (photo by Wanda Weber)



Since they planned to put on new siding, Wade and Leitha King painted an American flag on the side of their house to show their patriotism. The Kings' two oldest sons were both deployed to Germany following Sept. 11. (photo by Kelli Madorin)

A rush on gas following the attacks prompted many businesses to raise their prices. Several businesses in Hays were fined for raising them above acceptable levels, and two of those businesses closed. Conoco in Ellis sold all of the gas they had on hand, so paper bags were put over the gas pumps. (photo by Kelli Madorin)

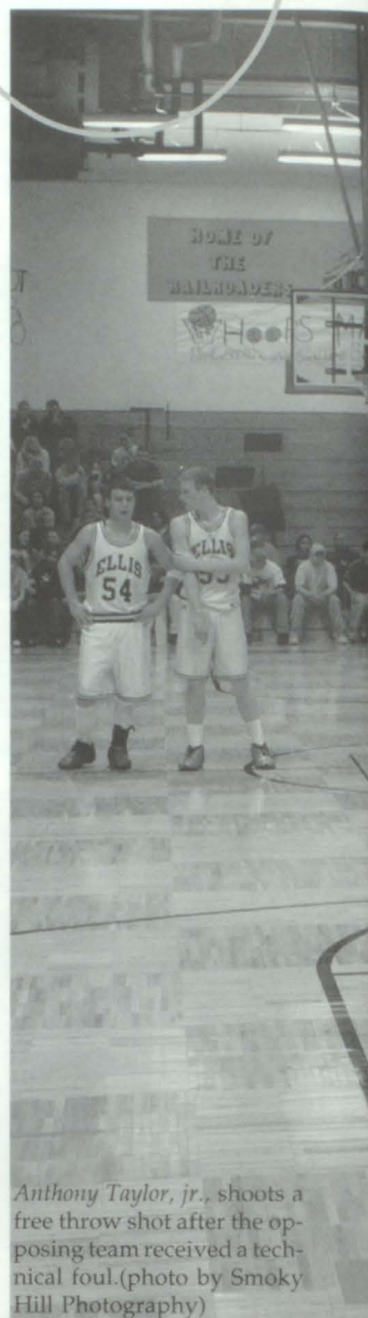


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Tickets Please boarding train EHS

The school year was a busy time for students, especially those who played sports. Practice lasted up to two hours almost every night. These students had a full load to try to carry. They kept chugging along like the little engine that could, trying to keep everything on the right track.



Anthony Taylor, jr., shoots a free throw shot after the opposing team received a technical foul.(photo by Smoky Hill Photography)



Cheerleading.....24-25



Golf.....22-23





Football.....6-7



Cross Country.....8-9



Volleyball.....10-11



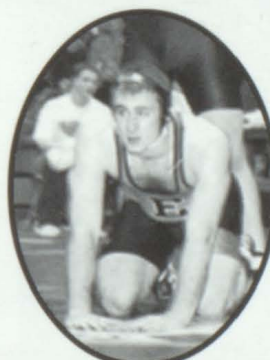
Girls' Basketball.....12-13



Boys' Track.....20-21



Girls' Track.....18-19



Wrestling.....16-17



Boys' Basketball.....14-15

Football

Hell On Cleats (H.O.C)

From mid-field to goal line, Railers take it all the way

by Jenna Smith

Weightlifting all summer, football camp, two-a-day practices. This requires hard work and dedication from each football player. It paid off.

The Railers not only won games, but they also had fun, on *and* off the field. To get pumped up, the guys used the phrase "hell on cleats" or "H.O.C." Ryan Honas, so., remembered H.O.C from his seventh grade football season. Together, he and Jake

Dreiling, sr., began using the phrase again.

"It (their enthusiasm) made practice easy, because they were excited all the time," Don Long, defensive coordinator, said.

Late in the home game against Plainville, Dreiling tackled an opponent. In response to the tackle, Randy Kohl, jr., hollered, "O'Doyle rules!" Dreiling and other Ellis players encouraged Kohl to have a "quote of the game." Kohl's quotes for

each game were even posted on the school's Internet website.

"My favorite quote came from the away game against Osborne," Kohl said. "After a penalty was called, the referee asked for a captain, and I replied, 'No, it's a cardigan, but thanks for asking.'"

The Railers' head coach, Art Schoenthaler, attributed the team's success to the "hard work and dedication of the guys." Schoenthaler

was most proud of the team at the home game against Claflin, the number one seeded team.

"It made me proud because they really played up to their (Claflin's) level and (played) as a team," Schoenthaler said, "but disappointed, too, because they were so close (to winning)."

The Railers ended their season with a record of 6-3.

Cody Fisher, jr., said, "This year can be summed up in one word: Fantastic."

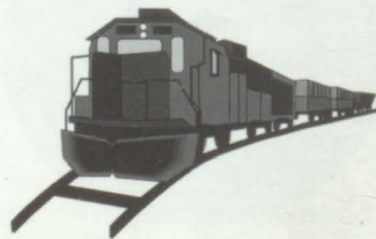


Seth Reed, sr., and Aaron Honas, so., take down the quarterback at Trego. Reed had five assisted tackles and A. Honas had one solo and two assisted tackles. Ellis lost the game for the first loss of the season. (photo by Smoky Hill)

Getting down and dirty, Jerome Gottschalk, fr., does push-ups during warm-ups at practice. At the beginning of practices, players worked on their passing and receiving, kicking, punting, and blocking. They then ran and stretched. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



Running the ball to the end zone, junior Sam Mickelson scores the first touchdown of the Homecoming game against Stockton. "Randy Kohl made a key block to set me free for the touchdown," Mickelson said. Mickelson scored three touchdowns that game. (photo by Jenna Smith)





Making the tackle, Jake Dreiling, sr., dives at a LaCrosse player during the last game of the season. "This year was fun," Dreiling said. "No one complained, and we came together as a team." (photo by Jenna Smith)

Devin Schoenthaler, jr., hands off the ball to Sam Mickelson, jr., at Trego. Randy Kohl led rushing at Trego with 5 carries for 79 yards. (photo by Smoky Hill)



Anthony Taylor, jr., runs the ball, gaining a few yards in the home game against Plainville. Taylor had nine total yards and one interception. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Fourth down, six yards to go. Randy Armbrister, sr., helps out at a J.V. game against Smith Center. Seth Reed, sr., and Ryan Honas, so., also helped. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Light on his feet, Randy Kohl, jr., evades a Plainville tackler, scoring a touchdown at home. Kohl rushed four times for 39 yards. Eleven players made MCL All-League, Kohl included. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Protecting the ball from a Claflin opponent, Devin Schoenthaler, jr., looks for an open receiver. "It was a good year," Schoenthaler said. "I wish we could have beaten Claflin." (photo by Smoky Hill)

Scoreboard

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Plainville(H)	W 28-6
Osborne(T)	W 30-6
Trego(T)	L 10-20
Stockton(H)	W 27-7
Hill City(H)	W 35-0
Smith Center(H)	L 6-51
Alma, Neb.(T)	W 35-7
Claflin(H)	L 7-14
LaCrosse(H)	W 28-7



Before the cross country team's first run of practice, Coach Casey Dinkel gives them pointers. "He was always telling us to set our own pace so we wouldn't get tired out as easy," Courtney Poland, sr, said. (photo by Amber North)

Adam Walz, so., runs the last leg of his two-mile run at the Ellis Invitational. Walz's best time was 25:23. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



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Regional Results

Lynn Pfeifer	15:40
Sherri Johnson	15:45
Courtney Poland	15:26
Ernie Pfeifer	20:29
Chuck Parks	23:07
Travis Elder	23:22
Blake Connelly	27:16
Bryan Saindon	20:01
Jeremy Dorzweiler	n/a
T.J Lee	n/a
Adam Walz	n/a



Travis Elder fr., passes the mile mark at the Plainville Invitational. Elder's best time was 23:18 at the Phillipsburg Invitational. (photo by Courtney Poland)



Passing the one mile mark at the Plainville Invitational, Bryan Saindon, sr., keeps a steady pace. Saindon's best time was 20:01 during the regional run in Phillipsburg. (photo by Courtney Poland)

Braiding sophomore Sherri Johnson's hair before the Wheatland Invitational, Adam Walz, so., tries to finish before the bus stops. (photo by Courtney Poland)



Chasing a squirrel up a tree during practice, the cross country boys try and catch it so they can end practice early. The boys spent the rest of practice chasing it, but they never caught it. (photo by Amber North)



Cross Country

Exceeding Every Expectation

For first time in four years, cross country team exceeds five members with total of eleven

by Nickole Henderson

Eleven athletes. That number may not seem like a lot to most teams, but for the cross country team, it meant a team double in size from the previous three years.

Practices began much the same: stretching and warm-ups in the lobby. Some of the regular practice routines changed due to the larger team.

"We had to show the routes to the newcomers, because we've done them for a couple of years, so

Ernie and I couldn't just take off on our own like usual," said Bryan Saindon, sr.

With more people on the team, practices changed, but a bigger team was a new experience for all of them. The older runners enjoyed having new people to run against, and the new runners were glad to have the older ones there to teach them.

"It was a new thing for me, and I was kind of lost at first, but I became more

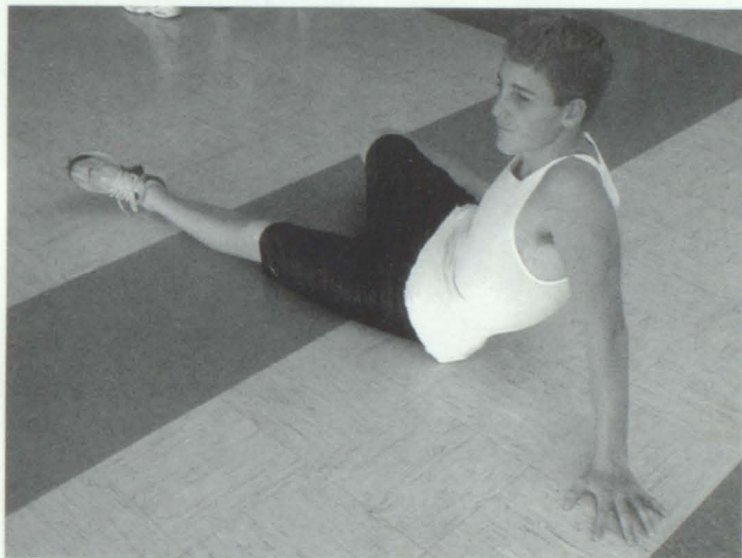
comfortable after Bryan and some of the older runners showed me the ropes," said Blake Connelly, fr.

Support for the cross country team was altered, also. Other teams started to realize that the Ellis cross country team's future looked promising because of the growing numbers. Carol Dinkel also helped out the team by bringing them drinks and snacks, among other things.

By doubling their num-

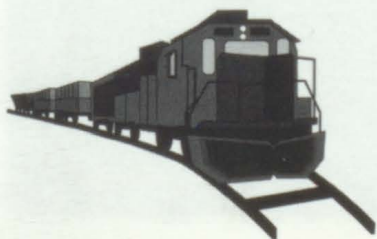
bers from the previous years, the cross country teams went through several changes. They also showed other teams that they weren't giving up, and just because they were small in numbers didn't mean they weren't mighty in power.

"We had a good season. Even though I will miss my seniors, I'm really looking forward to next year," said coach Casey Dinkel.



Warming up before practice, Chuck Parks, fr., stretches out his arms and legs. The most the boys had to run during practice was six miles. The most the girls had to run in practice was five miles. (photo by Amber North)

Stretching before his run at the Ellis Invitational, Jeremy Dorzweiler, so., listens to Coach Dinkel's pep talk. Dorzweiler's best time this season was 34:21 at the Plainville Invitational. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



Coach Dinkel gives a pep talk to Courtney Poland, sr., and Lynn Pfeifer, so., before they run at the Wheatland Invitational. Poland's best time was 13:42 at the Wheatland Invitational and Pfeifer's best was 13:59 at Plainville. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



Volleyball

Sweating Confidence

Winning Ellis Invitational gives Lady Railers confidence for state

by Kelli Madorin

Doing what no other EHS female has done before, the Railers made history by being the first team to get the first place trophy at the Ellis Invitational, and at sub-state. After beating the Panthers for the trophy at the Ellis Invitational, the Lady Railers continued on to be first seed, with a record of 22-8, at the substate match that was held in the Railer-Dome. The Railers set a new best-win record after beating Stockton, Atwood, and

Hoxie, winning sub-state.

With this win, the girls made history by being the first volleyball team in Ellis to advance to the state tournament, which was held in Hays, Kan. The Railer fans, parents, and coaches spent numerous hours making state week special and pumping the girls up.

The parents fed breakfast to the girls at Beth Walz's house on the morning of state volleyball. The parents also made signs to go in the

yards of the team members, bought dinner at Railroader Lanes Dining Car, and made signs to hang up at state. Coach Kerry Bittel even rented a limousine for the girls to ride around in the night before state.

"We were treated like royalty," Valerie Waldschmidt, sr., said.

The Railers went into state with confidence because of their winning record, even though they were last seed. They played against Salina

Sacred Heart, St. John-Hudson, and Moundridge, losing all matches.

"I was disappointed that we didn't do better, but I am glad for the opportunity to play with other girls that are that good, and that we made history by being the first team ever to go to state. Now next year's team will have a lot of confidence," Erin Kitzman, jr., said.

The Railers ended the season with a record of 22-11.

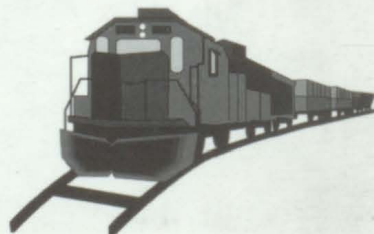


The very excited sub-state team poses for a picture with their trophy. "They helped make this season very memorable for me as well as themselves. They couldn't have made me any more proud," Coach Kerry Bittel said. (photo by Jenna Smith)

Cheering her team on to a victory in the last game of the sub-state match, Ashley Taylor, jr., shouts one of the cheers the team used to pump each other up. Anja Kempe, jr., brought the ideas of cheers with her from Germany, and the team added to them throughout the season. (photo by Jenna Smith)



"I have news!" Head coach Kerry Bittel announces to the girls that they have just broken the EHS win record after winning the sub-state tournament. This was Bittel's last season as volleyball coach. (photo by Jenna Smith)





With extreme excitement, Beth Walz, sr., cheers with Valerie Waldschmidt, sr., and Christy Walker, jr., after receiving a side out from the other team. "We had a ton of energy during sub-state," Walker said. (photo by Jenna Smith)

In the last game of the season, Erin Kitzman, jr., hustles to get a ball that was hit out. (photo by Jenna Smith)



J.V. players Jessie Dorzweiler, fr., and Sondra LaBarge, jr., go for the same play in the Plainville tournament. The team placed second out of eight teams. (Photo by Jenna Smith)



Kelli Madorin, jr., passes the ball to Christy Walker, jr., setter. The school purchased new uniforms for all members of the team. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Anja Kempe, jr., an exchange student from Germany, shows her talent on the court by making a kill. Kempe also added new passing drills to practices to improve the girls' game. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Helping the Ellis volleyball program win its first first place trophy at the Ellis Invitational, Valerie Waldschmidt, sr., digs the ball. (photo by Jenna Smith)

Scoreboard

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Hill City	7-15, 15-13, 15-0
Palco	15-12, 9, 15, 15-11
Plainville	15-12, 5-15, 13-15
Dighton	7-15, 12-15
Ellinwood	5-15, 10-15
LaCrosse	15-6, 15-5
Trego	15-8, 15-10
Victoria	1-15, 8-15
Victoria	12-15, 16-18
Victoria	15-5, 15-10
Trego	15-12, 15-1
Trego	15-8, 15-8
Phillipsburg	4-15, 15-11, 11-15
Osborne	15-1, 15-2
Ransom	12-15, 15-9, 15-11
Plainville	15-11, 15-7
Northern Valley	15-9, 15-8
Triplains	15-2, 15-8
Phillipsburg	15-7, 15-10
Quinter	8-15, 15-13, 15-11
Ransom	14-16, 15-10, 15-13
LaCrosse	13-15, 15-9, 15-4
Ness City	15-10, 13-15, 15-13
Smith Center	11-15, 11-15
Hill City	15-6, 15-3
Norton	8-15, 15-3
Stockton	15-10, 15-13
Stockton	SUBSTATE 15-1, 15-1
Atwood	15-13, 15-4
Hoxie	7-15, 15-12, 15-3
Salina Sacred Heart	16-14, 15-4
St. John-Hudson	15-11, 9-15, 15-1
Moundridge	8-15, 15-7, 15-10



Lindsay Gaschler, so., attempts to burn her opponent while bringing the ball down the court to start the play. Gaschler made 75 steals during the duration of the season. (photo by Smoky Hill Photography)

Coach Perry Mick explains a play at practice. The team split into two groups during practice to learn all the plays. (photo by Jenna Smith)



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Scoreboard

	EHS	OPP
Phillipsburg	51	31
Trego	34	49
Ransom	47	45
Quinter	56	65
Palco	56	60
Osborne	34	81
Stockton	37	43
Trego	37	55
Hill City	32	46
Victoria	45	59
Plainville	55	49
Quinter	56	65
Ness City	33	76
Victoria	44	86
Smith Center	36	74
Norton	26	59

MCL Tournament

Plainville	39	47
Stockton	44	39



Keeping her eyes open, Valerie Waldschmidt looks for a teammate to pass to. "I was sad that it ended so quickly since it is my last year to play with all of these girls, but it has been fun," Waldschmidt said. (photo by Linda Riedel)



Making the jump shot, Lynn Pfeifer, so., helps the JV team to a win against Palco. Pfeifer scored 63 points putting her in the top five highest scorers for the JV team. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



Beth Walz, sr., laces up prior to their game. "I did a mental preparation before ball games either while I was on the bus or in the locker room in order to get my mind set on the game," Walz said. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Dribbling past her opponent, Lindsay Gaschler, so., works her way down the court for a layup. Gaschler was honorable mention on the MCL team. (photo by Kelli Madorin.)



Girls' Basketball

GPA Becomes Part of Basketball

Team receives academic award

by Kelli Madorin

Because basketball is a school sponsored activity, students are required to excel in the classroom and not just on the basketball court. This year, the girls' basketball team set many goals for themselves unrelated to winning or losing. One goal included having a team GPA of 3.25 or above.

"When Mr. Mick brought up this goal I thought it was kind of odd considering that

we were playing basketball, but it really was a good idea," Erin Kitzman, jr., said.

When this goal was set the girls didn't know that there were awards given by the Kansas State High School Activity Association (KSHSAA) for teams or organizations that achieved high GPAs. The KSHSAA gave an "Award of Merit" for teams earning a 3.0 GPA and an "Award of Out-

standing Achievement" for teams earning a GPA of 3.25. The 20 girls on the basketball team accomplished a 3.3 GPA, more than qualifying them for the award. The team celebrated with root beer floats one night after practice.

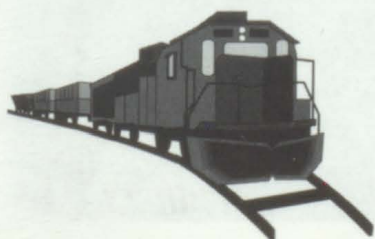
Although this was the first time that the girls' basketball team had participated in this event, it was not the first time an Ellis team has

received this award. In the past both the cross country team and the cheerleading squad had also received this award.

"I am very proud of our team for the fine academic performance and leadership they have displayed. Hopefully, in future years, our team will continue to strive to meet this high academic standard," Coach Perry Mick said.



Freshmen Trista Fuchs and Jessica Spinelli listen as Coach Wildeman explains a play. "High school basketball was a lot different than what we did in junior high just because of the number of plays and also the coaches," Fuchs said. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Jenna Smith, jr., struggles through Stockton girls to get a rebound. "Rebounding is definitely one of Jenna's strengths on the court since she is so tall," Coach Perry Mick said. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



While assessing the situation, Christy Walker, jr., looks for an open player on the court. Walker had the highest number of assists with a total of 35. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



Boys' Basketball

The Will To Succeed

With a team attitude, the Railers make it a winning season

by Jenna Smith

"Norton has only been beat by three teams!" Coach Rorabaugh said excitedly to his players in the locker room, following the Norton game. "Hays High, Great Bend, and little ol' Ellis, Kansas!"

A few weeks after a close loss to Norton in the first round of Mid-Continent League Tournament play, the Railers got another shot at Norton in a regularly scheduled game. With the score tied at 61-61 and 3.4

seconds to go, a Norton player took the ball out-of-bounds. As the ball was thrown in, EHS guard Anthony Taylor, jr., got a steal and cashed a 12-foot field goal, winning the game.

"I was hoping no one (on our team) would call a timeout," Taylor said. "After we had tied the game at 61-61, our plan was to get a steal and call a timeout. But when I got that steal, I knew I had an open shot."

The Railers entered the

sub-state tournament with nothing but confidence and the best record. Defeating Sterling and Hutchinson-Trinity in the first two games, the team made it to the championship game. The boys played hard against Saint John-Hudson and came close to a win, losing by only seven points.

The team played with plenty of energy throughout the season. After the team lost 6'3" post Geoff Andrews, a senior from

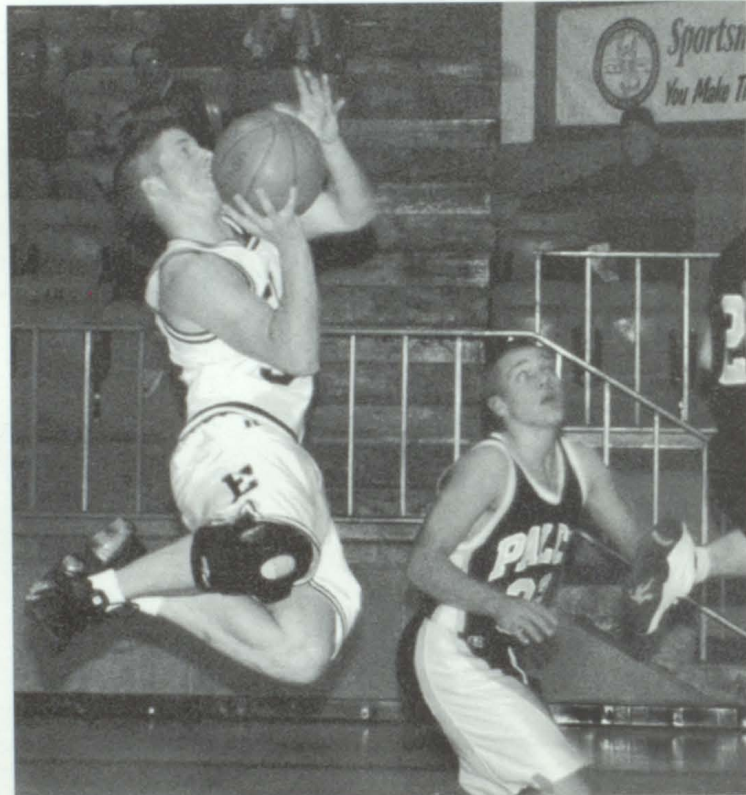
2000-2001, juniors Daniel Hook and Cody Fisher and senior Jake Dreiling stepped up to the challenge, taking control of the inside game. Dreiling and Fisher agreed that the team unity, depth, and an overall willingness to work hard made all the difference.

"We set goals individually and as a team," Fisher said, "and had confidence in our abilities." The Railers ended the season with a 17-6 record.



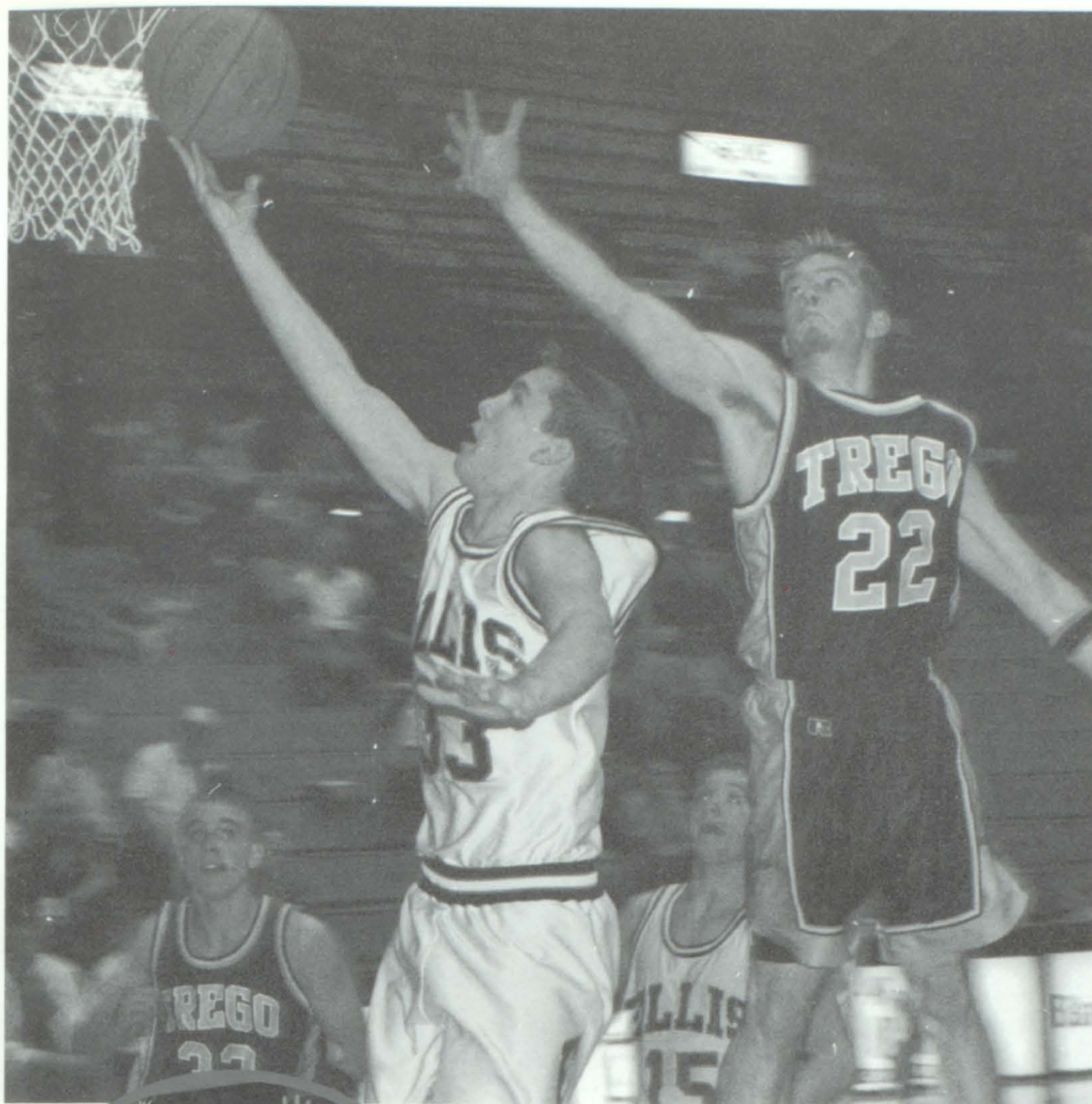
In search of an open player, Bryan Saindon, sr., makes a pass. "The school really got behind the team," Saindon said. "Because of that, the season was very positive." (photo by Smoky Hill Photography)

With a steady hand and a focused mind, Cody Fisher, jr., takes a shot in the first game against Quinter. The Railers lost both times they played Quinter, but the losses did not hold them back. With the best league record, 9-0, the team became MCL champs. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Taking flight, senior Tim Robins scores on a lay-up against players from Palco. Robins was second highest scorer and rebounder that game with 14 points and five rebounds. "Everyone worked hard," Robins said. "Next year the team will be very experienced." (photo by Jenna Smith)





Jerome Gottschalk, Jr., soars past a Trego opponent and shoots a layup. Gottschalk was the only freshman to see any varsity playing time. (photo by Jenna Smith)

Knocking his panther opponent out of the way, Jake Dreiling, Sr., shoots from the post position. "Jake was known for his famous 'baby hook shot,'" Cody Fisher, Jr., said. (photo by Jenna Smith)



With an easy shot, Cody Fisher, Jr., scores on a Trego defender. The Railers played for fifth place in the MCL Tournament and won. (photo by Jenna Smith)



During warm-ups prior to the Norton game, Daniel Hook, Jr., shoots the ball. Hook and Cody Fisher, Jr., were high rebounders that game with 6 each. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



The ball within his reach, Anthony Taylor, Jr., springs toward the rim for a rebound. Taylor, along with many of his team members, had impressive verticals, giving the team an edge. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Using his speed to his advantage, Randy Kohl, Jr., scores on a layup after stealing the ball from a Victoria point guard. (photo by Jenna Smith)

Scoreboard

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	EHS	Opp.
Phillipsburg	76	62
Ransom	81	50
Quinter	69	74
Wheatland	54	70
Palco	78	41
Osborne	75	61
Stockton	97	65
Trego	74	65
Hill City	53	46
Victoria	79	72
Plainville	68	55
Quinter	88	94
Ness City	65	63
Victoria (OT)	77	71
Smith Center	67	59
Norton	63	61
Sacred Heart	47	71

MCL Tournament

(5th Place)

Norton	62	71
Hill City	71	65
Trego	81	54

Sub-State

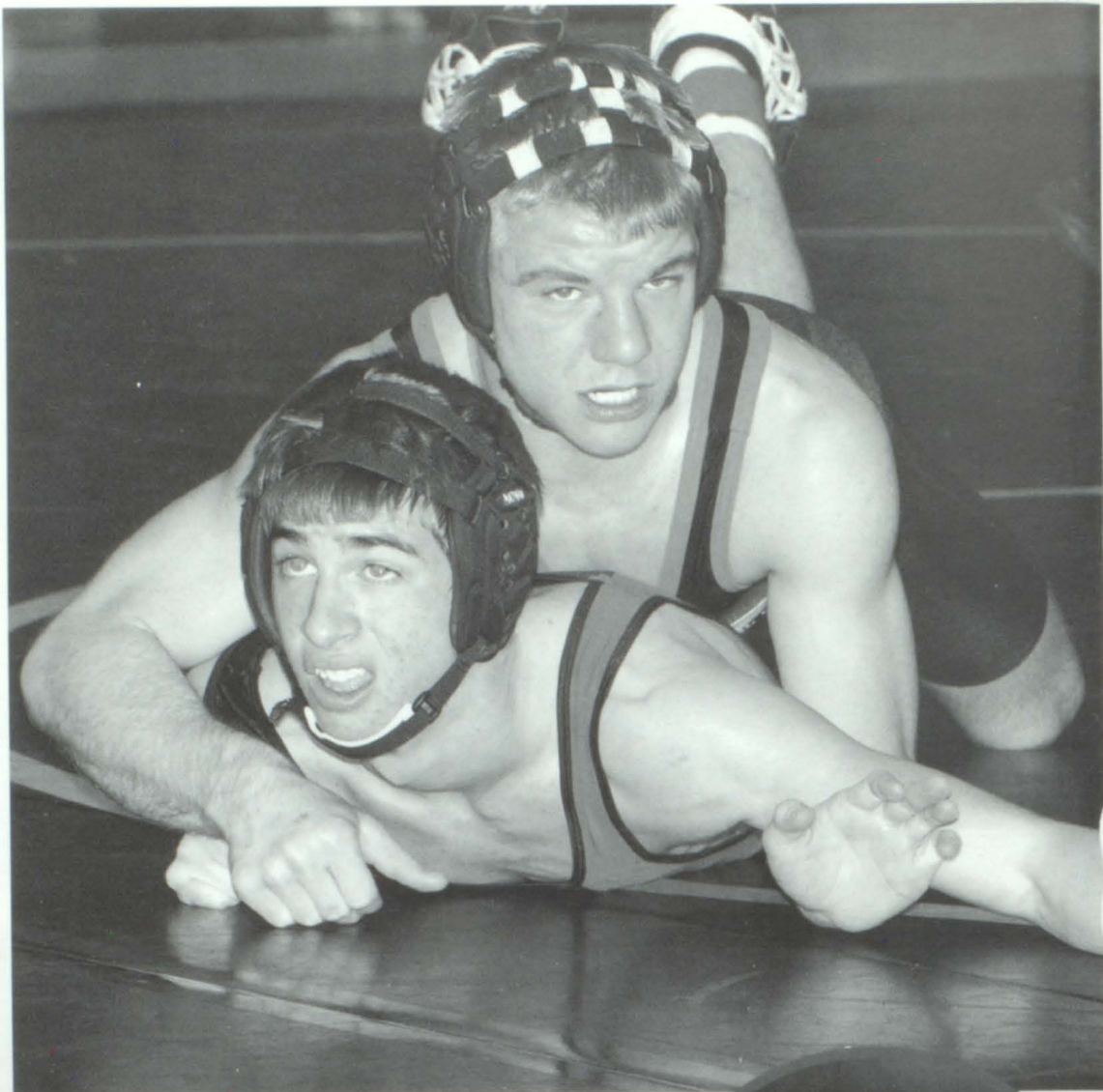
(Runner-Up)

Sterling	62	49
Hutch-Trinity	65	62
St. John	60	67



Daniel Dinkel, sr., looks up while keeping his opponent under control. Each time Dinkel won a match, he put a single white piece of tape on his headpiece to represent the win. (photo by Smoky Hill Photography)

Ryan Honas, so., fights for control during his final match at the state competition. (photo by Nickole Henderson)



Weight Classes

Adam Walz	112
John Kroeger	125
Clay King	130
Cole King	130
Derek Fox	135
Sean Murphy	135
Daniel Dinkel	140
Dustin Cross	145
Aaron Honas	160
Ryan Augustine	171
Brandon Dessel	189
Randy Armbrister	215
Ryan Honas	275



Riding the exercise machine, Cole King, fr., times himself. King had to sit out when he broke his arm. (photo by Jessi Riedel)



Coach Dinkel and Coach Thompson give Daniel Dinkel, sr., advice during a timeout. Dinkel placed sixth in the 145lb. class at state. (photo by Jessi Riedel)



Fooling around while warming up before practice, Aaron Honas, so., Derek Fox, jr., and Sean Murphy, jr., try wrestling with three rather than two. This year was Murphy's first for wrestling. (photo by Jessi Riedel)



Ryan Honas, so., Daniel Dinkel, sr., and Ryan Augustine, jr., all went to state. "I was disappointed with the way I wrestled, but placing sixth in the state isn't bad," Dinkel said. (photo by Nickole Henderson)





Wrestling

Placing at state

Three wrestlers go to state; three wrestlers place at state

by Jessi Riedel

For the first time in wrestling coach Casey Dinkel's career at Ellis High School, three wrestlers qualified for state competition at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays. Of those three, each one placed at state. Daniel Dinkel, sr., took sixth in the 145lb. class, Ryan Augustine, jr., took fifth in the 171lb. division, and Ryan Honas, so., took second in the 275lb. class.

Practices lasted anywhere

from 30 minutes to two hours each day. Coach Dinkel tried to vary the practices each day in order to keep the wrestling season from seeming so long. Each wrestler had different strategies during matches including making the opponent work for every point or just plain wrestling hard as always. For Coach Dinkel there were no particular coaching strategies.

"As a coach, I don't feel I can do anything different, it

is mostly just mental strategies I try to give the boys," Dinkel said.

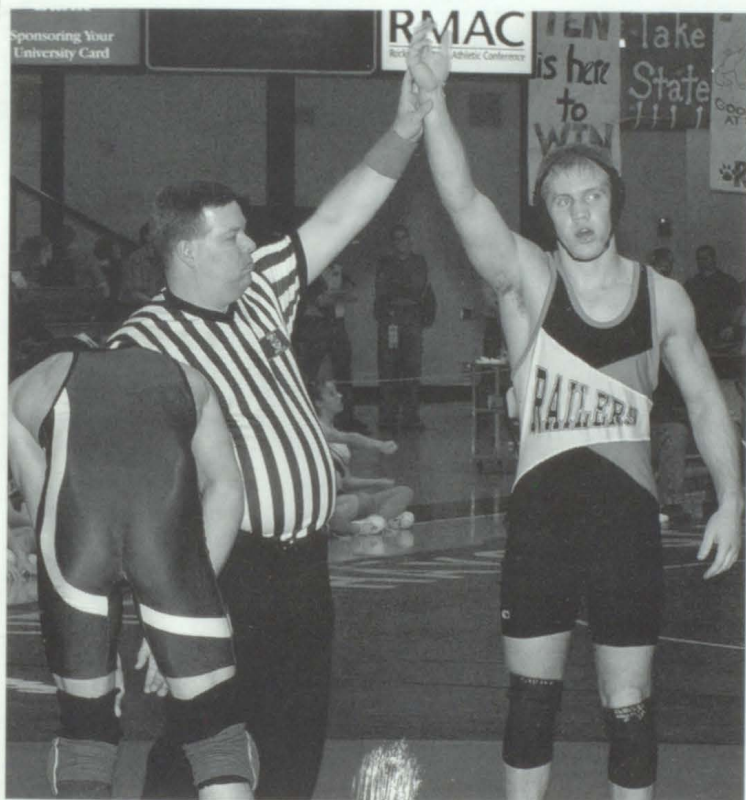
The season also engraved many distinct memories in the boys' minds. Memories such as watching each other wrestle, bus rides to and from the meets, and winning the regionals held at Oberlin will stay in the boys' minds for years to come.

"My most favorite memory of the season was when I took

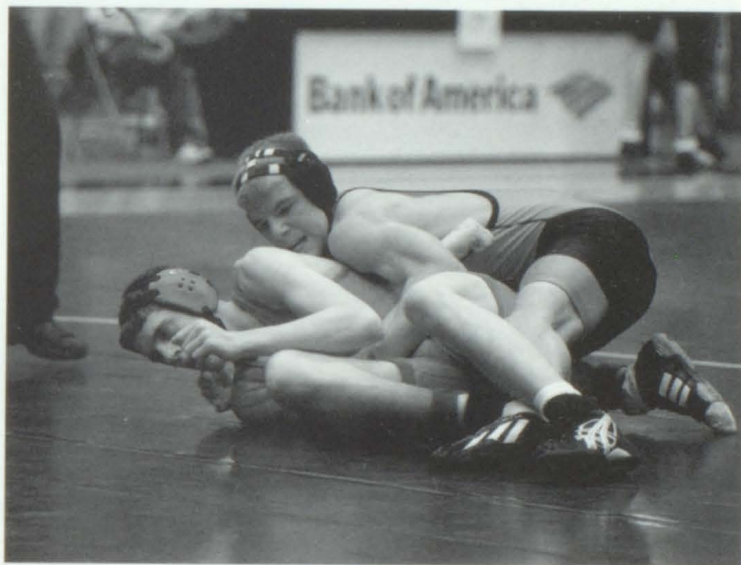
first at the MCL Tournament," Ryan Augustine, jr., said.

Next year holds many more opportunities. Only losing two seniors, Coach Dinkel predicts "new leaders, great followers, great kids and great results."

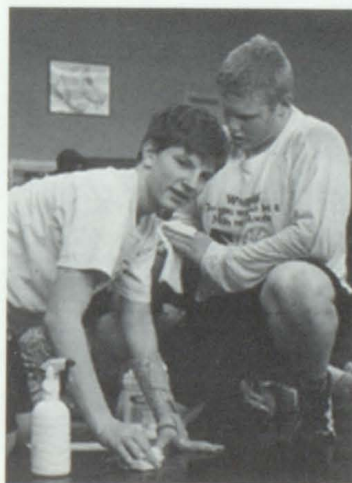
"I feel all of the eighth graders will help the team, but they will all have to make a huge change to adapt to high school," Coach Dinkel said.



Standing tall, Ryan Augustine, jr., claims the win over his opponent at state. After losing his second match at state, Augustine came back to take fifth in the 171lb. class. (photo by Smoky Hill Photography)



Fighting for the pin, Daniel Dinkel, sr., tries to flip his opponent. Dinkel ended his season with a 22-6 record. (photo by Smoky Hill Photography)



Cole King, fr., and Ryan Honas, so., clean up a mess off the mats. "Practices were pretty hard every day, but we had a lot of fun," Honas said. (photo by Jessi Riedel)



Girls' Track

Team Takes New Approach

Combining their efforts, the girls and boys create unified team

by Marsha Weber

The number of students in track and the new coaching staff allowed the track team to try something different. With 14 girls and 20 boys participating in track along with four coaches, the team combined its efforts and created a unified team. The girls and boys had the same routine workout at practice with guidance from the same coaches.

Although the team joined, the new coaching staff pro-

vided more individual attention to each participant. Head coach Jack Wolf worked with sprinters while Coach Casey Dinkel worked with long distance runners. Throwers had the help of coaches Perry Mick and John Befort.

"Having more coaches benefits the athletes, but I don't get to see all the kids every day," Wolf said.

With each coach focusing on specific events, he could

provide the athletes with more individual attention and motivation.

"I feel the new coaches have been beneficial because they work with you more on your specific event," Lynn Pfeifer, so., said.

The underclassmen had a lot to offer the EHS track team as well as the new coaching staff. They brought a lot of skill and talent to the team.

"The freshmen show a lot of potential for the future," Wolf said.

Out of the 19 underclassmen in track 12 were freshmen. And with only 15 upperclassmen participating in track, the freshmen almost outnumbered them.

"The underclassmen have really stepped up this season. I especially enjoyed running the 4x4 with the freshmen," Laycie Keller, jr., said.

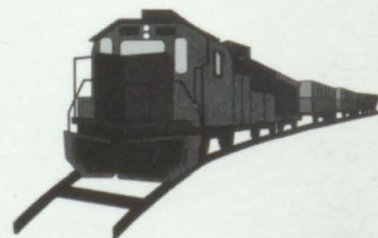


At the first meet Tracey Kroeger, jr., pushes herself to pull ahead of her opponent during the 100m hurdles. Kroeger placed third, scoring six points for the team. (photo by Cindy Hertel)

While talking to junior track participant Ryan Augustine, managers Ashley Taylor, jr., and Molly Kinderknecht, sr., watch the finish line. "I really like managing because I get to travel with the team to all the meets," Taylor said. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



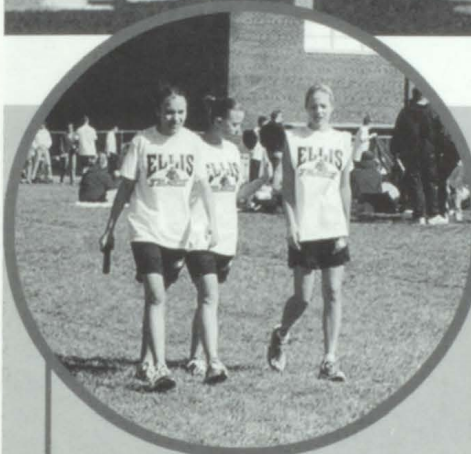
Head Coach Jack Wolf stands by as freshman Trista Fuchs attempts to clear the bar on the pole vault. Fuchs was the only girl to participate in pole vault. Fuchs went on to participate at state track in Wichita. (photo by Courtney Poland)





The fastest of the fast! Hundred meter sprinters Lindsay Gaschler,so., Lacie Bittel,fr., and Shawna Bradstreet,jr., race under 14 seconds.(photo by Cindy Hertel)

Vanessa Beilman,fr., clears the bar during the high jump. Beilman along with Megan D. Weber,so., participated in high jump for the girls.(photo by Kelli Madorin)



Between events Lynn Pfeifer,so., Shawna Bradstreet,jr., and Vanessa Beilman,fr., scope out the competition.(photo by Marsha Weber)



Sophomore Danielle Erbert throws the discus at the Victoria Invitational. Erbert threw 94 feet and 8 inches, scoring eight points for the team.(photo by Courtney Poland)



During the 4x4 freshman Jenna Henrickson hands off the baton to teammate Jessie Pfeifer,fr. Other 4x4 runners included Laycie Keller,jr., and Jenny Jones,fr.(photo by Courtney Poland)



Despite the chilly weather, freshmen Jenna Henrickson, Jessie Pfeifer, and Jenny Jones cheer on the 4x4 at the Ellis Invitational.(photo by Courtney Poland)

Scoreboard

score

Ellis Invitational
61.5 points; 4th place

LaCrosse Invitational
70 points; 4th place

Trego Fr-So Invitational
56 points; 2nd place

Ellis Classic
135 points; 1st place

Victoria Invitational
40 points; 4th place

MCL @ Victoria
4th place

Regionals @ Hill City
8 points; 9th place

State @ Wichita
Lindsay Gaschler; 10th place; Long Jump 15'6.25"
Other state qualifier:
Trista Fuchs; Pole Vault



Sky Westbrook, so., competitor in the 800 m dash, makes his way to the finish line. Westbrook was a first time track participant. (photo by Courtney Poland)

Striding over the hurdle, Bryan Saindon, sr., looks towards the finish line at the Ellis Invitational. Saindon participated in track all four years. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



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Scoreboard

Ellis Invitational
106 points; 2nd place
Lacross Invitational
58 points; 5th place
Trego Fr/So Invitational
42 points; 5 place
Ellis Classic
149 points; 1st place
Victoria Invitational
92 points; 4th place
MCL @ Victoria
4th place
Regionals @ Hill City
50.5 points; 6th place
State @ Wichita
Jake Dreiling; 6th place;
javeline 171 feet
Randy Kohl; 6th place;
300m hurdles 41.7s
Other state qualifiers:
Daniel Hook; high jump
Randy Kohl; 100m hurdles
Anthony Taylor; 100m, 200m



Matt Hall, jr., puts all of his strength into launching the shot put at the Ellis Invitational. This was Hall's first year as a track participant. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



Jumping over the bar, Daniel Hook jr., makes 5 foot 8 inches. Hook suffered a neck injury during the season because he missed the mat during one jump at the Ellis Classic. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



Jake Dreiling, sr., loses his balance while throwing the javelin. Dreiling threw his best throw at the state meet held in Wichita. He threw 171 feet. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



Beginning his spin, Ryan Honas, so., concentrates on his form before throwing the discus. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



Boys' Track

Contributing to the Team

Westbrook competes at new level

by Kelli Madorin

As the girls' and boys' track teams were combining, new members were also joining. One member, sophomore Skyy Westbrook, joined and showed members of the team that he could compete even though he was in a wheelchair.

When Westbrook came as a freshman, he didn't participate as much as he would have liked, so as basketball season approached this year he became the

manager to get involved. Although he could only make it to home games because of his wheelchair, Westbrook, really enjoyed being with other kids when he wasn't in school.

After basketball season ended he began preparing for track, and he wasn't just planning on being the manager.

In order to prepare for track Westbrook had to work out to a different routine, which was

something Coach Jack Wolf had to learn.

"It was completely new for me to have a member of the team in a wheelchair. I had to do research and talk to Skyy to work out a routine for him, and it was really great learning those things," Wolf said.

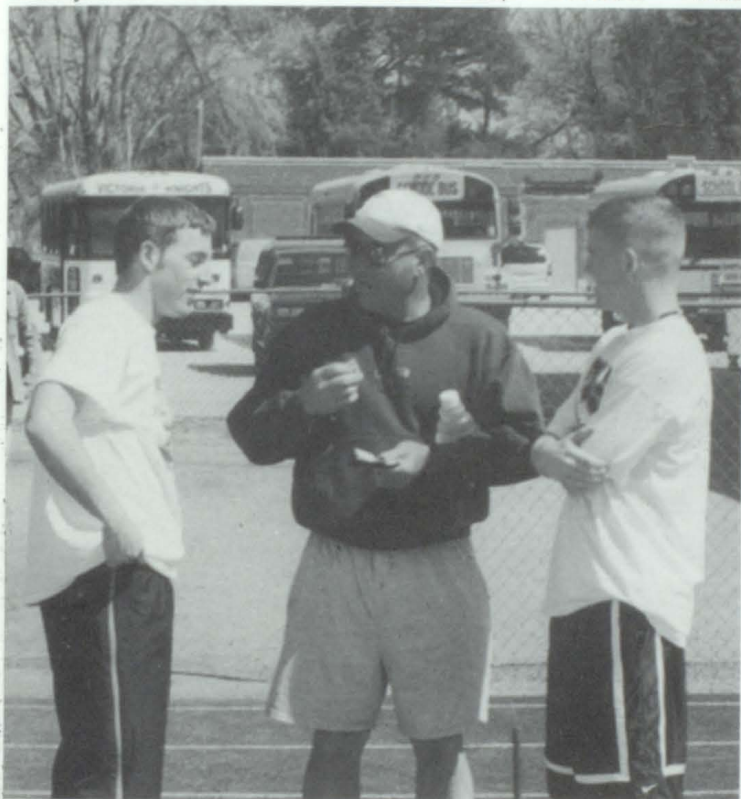
Although Westbrook didn't win at the meets, he continued to participate in the 800 m throughout the season as the team cheered him on.

"The Ellis meet was really

memorable because when I crossed the finish line, there were a bunch of my team members there to cheer me to the end even though I didn't win the race, and I plan on being back next year," Westbrook said.

Throughout the season the team was supportive of Westbrook.

"It was really great being on a team with a guy so strong willed, and he never complained," Anthony Taylor, jr., said.



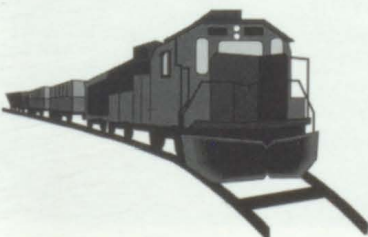
Juniors Randy Kohl and Anthony Taylor talk to football coach Art Schoenthaler before their events began. Both Taylor and Kohl participated in racing events such as the 100 m dash, 300 hurdles, and relays. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



Participating in a barbecue in the parking lot at the Ellis Classic, Matt Hall, jr., and John Kroeger, so, prepare hamburgers while sophomores Brett Suter and Brad Keller wait to eat. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



Striding out, Ernie Pfiefer, jr., gives it his all in his last lap of the two mile. Long distance runners ran up to four miles each day in practice. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



First Time For Everything

Ellis female golfers compete in a tournament

by Erin Kitzman

Being on the golf team for two years and going to almost every practice can wear you down, especially if you don't play in the tournaments. But for the first time, seniors Valerie Waldschmidt and Kelli Wagoner participated in a golf tournament.

Being the only two girls on a team of 16, Waldschmidt and Wagoner found it hard to play in an actual tournament and found it hard to

compete with the males on the golf team. But when the opportunity came to play in one, the two girls jumped at the chance.

"John asked me the day before, and I decided to at the last minute when I realized it was the only tournament I'd do in golf. I wanted the experience and to have fun," Wagoner said.

They competed in a junior varsity tournament, which consisted of nine holes. It

was played at the Fort Hays State golf course and four teams participated including Ellis, Victoria, TMP and Hays High. Ellis placed fourth with Waldschmidt golfing a 63 and Wagoner a 78.

"I was really nervous," Waldschmidt said. "The first hole I teed off, I hit three balls out of bounds. I was mad, but I got better as the tournament continued, and I made some friends."

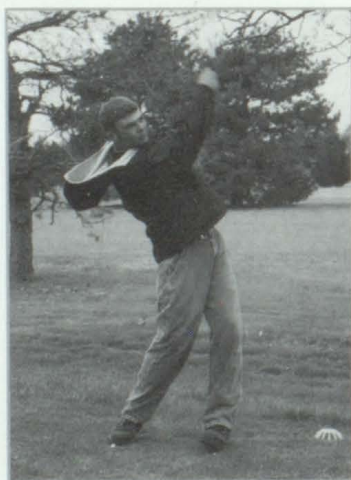
For Waldschmidt and Wagoner, the two years of practicing paid off by being able to play in at least one tournament during their high school career.

"I'm proud of the two girls. They played extremely well for it being their first time competing. I'm glad they got the opportunity to play in one tournament, and I think they had fun," Coach John Kolacny said.



Listening closely, Chris Young, jr., learns the correct way to drive a ball from Coach John Kolacny. "Mr. Kolacny has spent a lot of time with us. He helped me get a lot better. Hopefully we can get him to state next year," Young said. (photo by Cindy Hertel)

Kevin Grogan, jr., swings his golf club during practice. Grogan was a three-year golf participant and attended regionals. Grogan's final score at regionals was 88. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



Juniors Jason Henrickson and Chris Young practice their tee off on the driving range at the Ellis golf course. Henrickson and Young were two of the eight juniors out for golf. These eight juniors made up half of the team. (photo by Erin Kitzman)



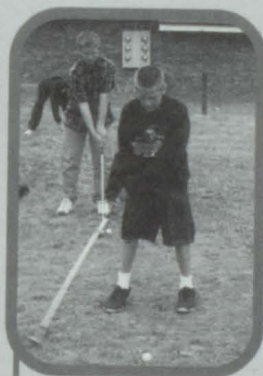


Holding the flag, Ryan Day, Jr., watches teammate Sean Murphy, Jr., aim his putt. "Golf is an easy sport as long as you apply yourself and work hard," Day said. (photo by Erin Kitzman)

Coach John Kolacny stands outside the country club watching his golfers. Kolacny took two golfers to state: Sam Mickelson, 3rd place; and Cody Fisher. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



With golf club in hand, Thomas McElroy, Jr., perfects his putting. The golf season lasted two months, starting in April and ending in May. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



Freshman Colton Barton prepares to swing his golf club on the driving range. The golf team consisted of four freshmen, including Barton. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



Using a device called the bag shag, Blake Connelly, Jr., picks up a golf ball hit during practice. "Even though some people bossed me around because I was a freshman, it was fun," Connelly said. (photo by Erin Kitzman)



Calculating the correct angle to putt, juniors Jordan Helget and Cody Fisher decide their next moves. (photo by Cindy Hertel)

Scoreboard

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Varsity

Ellis Invitational 1st
Phillipsburg

6-man 7th

4-man 7th

2-man 4th

Hays 4th

Hill City 6-man 7th

4-man 8th

2-man 4th

Trego 6-man 3rd

4-man 2nd

2-man 6th

TMP 8th

JV

Plainville 7th

MCL (in Hill City)

6-man 3rd

4-man 3rd

2-man 2nd

Regionals at Stockton
3rd



Nickole Henderson, sr., throws her arms up and cheers for the boys' basketball team at Stockton. "I tried to pump up the crowd in any way I could," Henderson said. (photo by Jenna Smith)

Tracey Kroeger, jr., and Becca Dinkel, fr., carry the run-through used at home football games. The girls all helped to hold it up at halftimes. (photo by Jenna Smith)



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Scoreboard

Cheer Camp 2001

*The team won three NCA Team Awards and two NCA Motion Awards.

*They were a Top Team Finalist, an award given to teams who exemplify superior technical and crowd involvements.

*Over half of the EHS girls were nominated to be All-American Cheerleaders.



At Gross Memorial Coliseum during state competition, the squad does a cheer for the volleyball team as they battle St. John during state competition. Nine members of the EHS cheer squad attended. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Taking a rest, Jennifer LaBarge, so., lies down at the sub-state wrestling tournament in Oberlin. The cheerleaders departed from Ellis at five in the morning and did not return for approximately 12 hours. (photo by Nickole Henderson)

After cheering for the volleyball team, Amanda Ball, jr., and sophomores Lacy VanAusdale, Megan M. Weber, and Jessie Dorzweiler, wait for the next match. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Grabbing a bite between cheers, freshmen Lacie Bittel and Paige Helget munch on some nachos at a home basketball game. Except for timeouts, the squad split up to cheer in groups. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Cheerleading

Tumbling Toward Teamwork

With a new approach to cheering, the squad builds confidence

by Jenna Smith

With a fresh outlook and great efforts as a team, the EHS cheerleading squad got off to an excellent start during the summer months.

In addition to summer practices and cheer camp, Coach Chandra Pfeifer made arrangements for the 13 girls to take a gymnastics class once a week for four weeks to prepare for fall and winter sporting events.

"They (the girls) wanted more experience with tumbling," Pfeifer said, "and I

wanted them to be able to give it a try."

The girls worked on the basics, focusing on their technique and learning the proper tumbling forms. Sophomore member Lacy VanAusdale, inspired by the lessons in gymnastics, chose to continue with the classes once a week throughout the school year.

"I wanted to get better at tumbling and advance my flexibility," VanAusdale said.

With a busy schedule to begin with, the cheer squad added yet another responsibility to their list of activities: cheering for the D.A.R.E.-sponsored Kansas City Chiefs basketball game, held in the Railer dome. Ten former EHS athletes, along with two current EHS students formed the "DARE-ing Dozen" and took on a team of former Kansas City Chief football players.

"They (the girls) worked well together as a team and

performed well, also," Pfeifer said.

With a tight bond as a team and a take-charge coach, the cheer squad garnered another successful cheer season and had nothing but positive comments on the performance of not only the team, but also their coach.

"Chandra really took charge this year and got things done," Beth Walz, sr., said. "She made it possible for us to have some neat experiences."



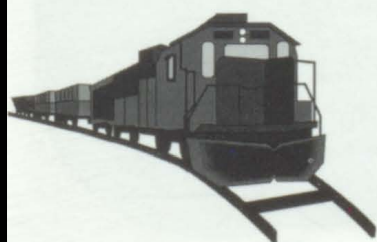
Becca Dinkel, Jr., does a jump at the end of a timeout during a home volleyball game against Ransom. "I really enjoyed cheering when the crowd got involved," Dinkel said. "If we were down by a few points, it got exciting." (photo by Jenna Smith)



At a home football game, juniors Amanda Ball and Tracey Kroeger do cartwheels during a timeout. "Amanda and I wanted to show off the tumbling that we learned at gymnastics," Kroeger said. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Holding the flag while the band plays the Star Spangled Banner, Lacy VanAusdale, so., stands in formation with the other cheerleaders chosen to hold flags. Members of the squad who were not in band were trained to perform with flags. (photo by Jenna Smith)





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Enjoy the Ride

memories that
last forever

Various activities were available for students to be involved in throughout the school year, but they weren't all just fun and games. Every activity required a time commitment, and though scheduling could be tough, students' hard work and dedication put them on the track for success. Memories were created that everyone involved will carry for life.



Members of the junior class ride their float during the Homecoming parade. They spent two days building the float.(photo by Smoky Hill)



Graduation.....42-43

READY, SET, GO!

Students enjoy variety of new games

by Courtney Poland

Though many activities took place during spirit week, one that many students looked forward to was game day on Friday.

Instead of playing football or volleyball to compete for class points, a Stuco committee decided to have a water balloon toss, gunny-sack and 3-legged races and a tug-of-war. No class points were given. Students who didn't want to participate could play cards.

"I liked the games because



Hoping to win the 3-legged race, juniors Jake Schartz and Matt Hall run in unison.
(photo by Cindy Hertel)

there were more options of things to do," Adrienne Heroneme, jr., said.

Another difference was that school spirit was higher among students than usual, with about 82% of students participating in spirit days.

"When the student body shows support, it gives the football team support and helps them do better," assistant football coach Don Long said.

The extra support helped the football team to a 27-7 win over Stockton.

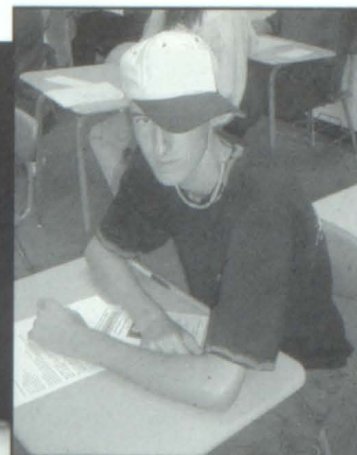


Homecoming candidates: Daniel Dinkel; Jake Dreiling, king; Bryan Saindon; Nickole Henderson; Valerie Waldschmidt, queen; and Beth Walz. Crownbearer was Braden Parke. Flower girl was Brittany Dinkel. (Photo by Jenna Smith)



Before the game, cheerleaders Lacy Van Ausdale, so., Tracey Kroeger, jr., and Megan Weber, so., hand out balloons, which were released during the football players' run-through. (Photo by Jenna Smith)

Grooving to the music, freshmen Renè Dreiling and Chuck Parks perform to the song "Bootylicious" by Destiny's Child in the airband competition. The freshmen won the competition, followed by the sophomores, then seniors, with juniors taking last place. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Dressed as a Trio Lumber worker, Max Zahn, sr., listens to counselor Beverly Mauk talk about scholarships. She visited civics classes monthly to inform seniors about available scholarships. (photo by Courtney Poland)

Seniors Danielle Brown and Daniel Dinkel cheer with their class at bonfire, an event many students anticipated. Cheerleaders led class cheers to promote school spirit. (photo by Wanda Weber)



For the final game, seniors Randy Armbrister, Kirstin Unrein, and Jessie Kreutzer pull to win the tug-of-war. Various combinations of students pulled against each other. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



Sophomores Ben Zorn and Jeremy Dorzweiler dress up as Wal-Mart workers for occupation day. Two other people also dressed as Wal-Mart workers. With 20 students dressing as doctors and nurses, the medical profession prevailed on occupation day. "I really enjoyed dressing up as a Wal-Mart employee, even though I don't want to work there," Dorzweiler said. "It was a lot of fun." (photo by Courtney Poland)

Homecoming: A Week Filled With Memories for Royalty



"The highlight of homecoming was riding in a Corvette, which is my favorite car, and throwing candy." - Nickole Henderson



"Mary Jo didn't buy individually wrapped candy for me to throw, so I threw the whole pound bag and almost hit a kid." - Beth Walz



"Royalty was icing on the cake for an awesome week since it was my senior homecoming and my 18th birthday." - Jake Dreiling

(L-R: photos by Darrell Smith, Jenna Smith, and Courtney Poland)



Putting her saxophone together before band practice, Danielle Erbert, so., gets ready to march. The band practiced in the parking lot on a space painted like a football field. (photo by Courtney Poland)

Bryan Saindon, sr., sings his solo at the dinner theater. Saindon sang "King of the Road" and dressed the part. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



"I will survive!" Ashley Taylor, jr., sings in her duet with Bryan Saindon, sr. "My duet with Bryan was very exciting, and it was a good song that everyone would know." (photo by Nickole Henderson)



Trista Fuchs, fr., and Mindy Beilman, so., practice their drum ensemble for the Ellis vs. Claflin game. The drums performed after the flag routine. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



Juniors Chris Young and Chasity Waldschmidt sing and dance to the song "Bill Bailey." Young and Waldschmidt were partners during this early 1900s song. (photo by Kelli Madorin)

What is your favorite part about being in a music class?

"I liked playing next to Kevin during routines on the football field and on the street." -Lindsay Gaschler, so.



"The trip is going to be the best part of it this year. The dinner theater is good, too." -Blake Connelly, fr.



"I like the new songs we are singing this year. Choir also gets me out of a study hall." -Danielle Erbert, so.



(L-R: photos by Courtney Poland and Nickole Henderson)

NEW DIRECTION

Recent grad takes on EHS

After Ellis High School's choral director accepted another position, USD 388 had to wait until second semester for a full time choir teacher for grades K-12.

Right after graduating from college, Annie Keesee accepted the position. She was faced with an immediate problem: she had to pick music for high school and junior high choir contests.

When she finally settled into a routine, Keesee realized her daily schedule was



"I had to pick music right away, instead of having awhile to see what voice combinations I had," Keesee said. (photo by Nickole Henderson)

going to be busy. She had 7th grade choir, 8th grade choir, high school choir, then 7th and 8th grade streamliners. For grades K-6, the days were divided.

In spite of her hectic schedule, Keesee's attitude remained positive and her goals, using a variety of new music and getting more male voices involved, still stood as first on her list.

"I think exposure to new, different music will make it a rewarding experience for everyone," Keesee said.



Trying to stay warm, Jennifer LaBarge, so., waits for the band conductor Renetta Dawson to give her instructions on where to stand in formation. The band marched at Hutchinson band day and received all ones. (photo by Courtney Poland)

For a Rotary meeting, the Railairres sing Christmas songs. On the bus ride down, Bryan Saindon, sr., started a song and everyone joined in to warm up their voices. (photo by Wanda Weber)

JUNIOR PLAY SUCCESS

Riedel makes additions to script

by Amber North

The Aliens are coming! The Aliens are coming! Not really, but that was the name of the Junior class play. With 37 actors and actresses and 11 crew, nearly twice as many juniors as normal participated in the play.

The play was originally written for only 34 people, so Mrs. Linda Riedel re-wrote some parts to create three new characters.

In the play siblings Peggy and Doug Albright (Ashley



Catching a few winks, Doug Albright (Ernie Pfeifer) takes a break from cooking marsburgers at the Meteorite Inn. (photo by Amber North)

Taylor and Ernie Pfeifer) own the Meteorite Inn, a motel and restaurant. Hyacinth Muggleworth (Adrienne Heroneme) sets up a UFO convention, and the inn is overtaken by the army, UFO conventioners, and even by aliens.

"It was extraordinary that so many people from the class came together for the play," Riedel said. "If they hadn't cooperated like they all did, the play wouldn't have been such a success."



At play practice, Jacqui DeMars (Carol), Natasha O'Dell (Alice), and Tracey Kroeger (Rosie) play cards in the lobby. In the play, the Meteorite Inn was over booked, so they had to sleep in the lobby. (photo by Amber North)

Tommy Penalver, jr., zaps the conventioners to freeze them in place while he moves objects around the room to confuse them. Penalver played an alien that was killed at the end of the play by three other aliens. (photo by Amber North)



Since she forgot to book two rooms, reporter Rita Armstrong (Amanda Ball) must sleep in the lobby of the Meteorite Inn while her boss Esther Hedburn (Kelsie Schuster) gets the hotel room. Throughout the play, Armstrong was looking for a good angle for her story on aliens. (photo by Amber North)



Trying to prove that the aliens are fake, Esther Hedburn (Kelsie Schuster) takes pictures of an alien autopsy. Hedburn wanted to prove that the "alien nonsense" was all a plot to get customers to the hotel. (photo by Amber North)

"Yes, Sir!" Private Crowley (Cody Fisher) salutes after securing the premises of the Meteorite Inn. Two dress rehearsals were held before the play was performed. (photo by Amber North)

Using his shoe as a radio to contact headquarters, Ryan Augstine, jr., plays the part of Commander Coburn, a crazy army officer on patrol for UFO's. Students tried out for the parts they wanted, and Mrs. Linda Riedel picked parts for cast members that she believed fit their true personalities. (photo by Amber North)



Erin Jones, jr., begins drawing a picture for the background of the set. When they weren't rehearsing lines the cast worked on set construction. (photo by Amber North)

Junior Class Play: What Was Most Memorable?



"Every practice Anthony, Sam and Devin came out wearing different crazy out-fits. They always surprised us." - Ashley Taylor

(photos by Amber North)



"We spent tons of time talking and bonding together while we worked on the set and waited to rehearse lines." - Christy Walker



"I really liked being able to spend so much time with everyone in our class. We had lots of fun and exciting times." - Anja Kempe





Jenna Henrickson, Jr., uses a glue gun to put together a tree used for decoration at the Kayette Snoball. The snoball theme was "Nearly Heaven." (photo by Wanda Weber)

Sitting on her toy tractor, Valerie Waldschmidt, Sr., listens carefully to what Jodi Hill, Sr., has to say during a Kayette meeting. The seniors put on a skit to explain to younger members what it meant to be a Kayette. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Doing the YMCA, Ernie Pfeifer, Jr., enjoys himself at the Snoball dance. In order to attend the dance, boys had to be asked by a girl or be nominated for royalty. "Snoball was tons of fun this year. The music was fun, and easy to dance to," Pfeifer said. (photo by Jenna Smith)



While laughing and screaming, juniors Laycie Keller and Erin Jones swing dance together during Snoball. The dance lasted three hours starting at 8 p.m. (photo by Erin Kitzman)



Amanda Zachman, Sr., and Jeremy Dorzweiler, So., dance to a slow song played during Snoball. Complete Music provided the DJ service for the night. "My senior Snoball was one of the best. I had a great time with all of my friends, and the decorations were gorgeous, especially the glitter," Zachman said. (photo by Erin Kitzman)

What Kayette activities were most enjoyable?

"I enjoyed the dance because I got to have fun and dance with my friends to music." - Lacy Van Ausdale, So.



"I enjoyed the food box auction the best. When I first moved here, I fell in love with it." - Brandon Dessel, Jr.



"I enjoyed setting up for the dance. I never realized how much work went into it, and I got community service points." - Jordan Helget, Jr.



Pure Imagination

Kayettes experiment with fresh ideas

by Erin Kitzman

Today could be your lucky day. You can donate to charity and be the lucky winner of a golden ticket!

To make the food box auction more exciting, members of the Kayette board dressed up as characters from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." President Jodi Hill was Willy Wonka while Ashley Taylor, Jamie Kitzman, Nickole Henderson, and Beth Walz were Oompa Loompa's.

"I've always wanted to be



Disguised as Willy Wonka and an Oompa Loompa, seniors Jodi Hill and Nickole Henderson auction off a box of home-baked goods.(photo by Kelli Madorin)

an Oompa Loompa since I was little, so I jumped at the chance." Taylor said.

Taped inside the boxes were numbered golden coins. The person with the right number attached to their box received a \$15 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. The winner was Mrs. June Howard.

The money made from the food box auction always goes to charity. Making \$500, the Kayettes donated it to a local resident suffering from cancer.



Jessie Pfeifer,fr., listens to instructions from Kayette sponsor Cindy Hertel. Kayettes spent approximately \$2,000 on the dance and donated the decorations to St. Mary's school after taking them down.(Photo by Wanda Weber)

Snoball Royalty: Skyy Westbrook,so., King Daniel Dinkel,sr., Queen Kelli Wagoner,sr., Lacy Van Ausdale,so., Jenna Henrickson,fr., Chris Jerauld,jr., Adrienne Heroneme,jr., and Colton Barton,fr.(Photoby Jenna Smith)

INSIDE FCCLA

Students Attend State Convention

by Laycie Keller

Seven: a small number of students sent out to represent Ellis High School at the State FCCLA Convention. But along with the responsibility, came two days filled with fun.

The trip began early on the morning of April 8 when the group and adviser, Sharla Albers, left EHS and made their way to Wichita.

After settling in, the group went to eat a late lunch at the Olive Garden, spent the rest of the afternoon shopping at Towne East, and then went back to the hotel to swim in



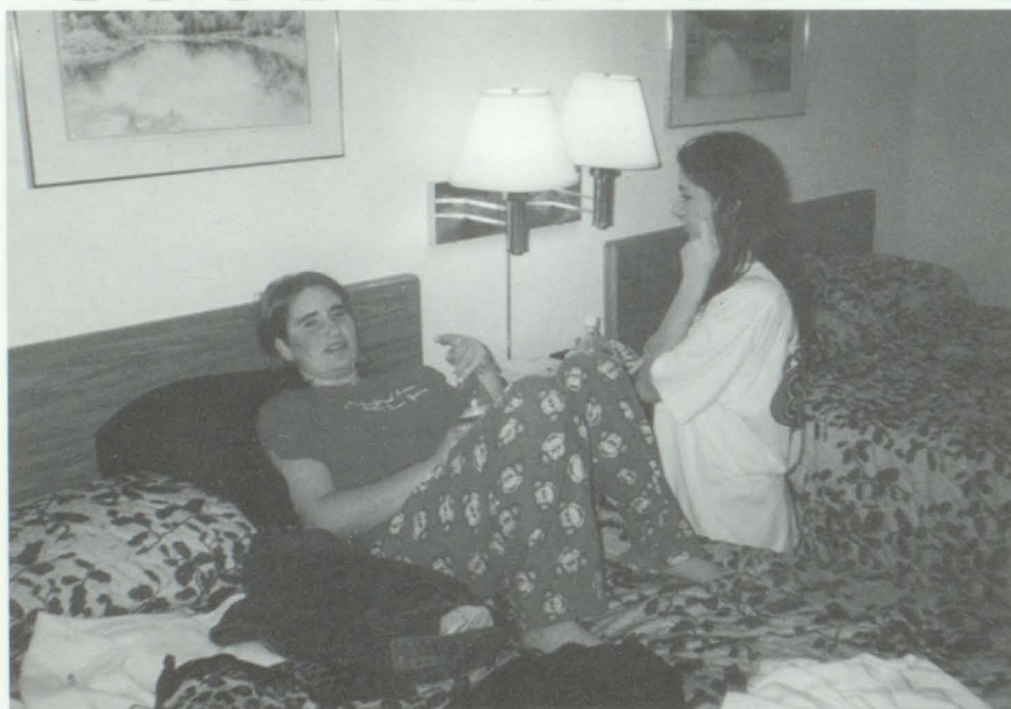
While swimming in the pool, Erin Kitzman, jr., and Valerie Waldschmidt, sr., lift Jenna Smith, jr., into the air.
(photo by Sharla Albers)

the pool.

"Swimming in the pool was lots of fun," Jenna Smith, jr., said. "Valerie taught us how to do cheerleading lifts."

The students attended the second day of the FCCLA Convention where they listened to adult speakers, participated in break-out sessions, and watched a program that dealt with everyday problems that teenagers faced presented by the group Kansas Kids.

"It was a fun learning experience for the whole group," Erin Kitzman, jr., said.



Laura Lacy, so., and Dana Armbrister, fr., relax in their hotel room after an eventful day at Wichita during their FCCLA trip.
(photo by Valerie Waldschmidt)

Dressed to kill. Freshman Chuck Parks shows off his colorful clothing ensemble after playing a challenging game at the annual FCCLA kidnap. Freshmen were kidnapped and taken to school to play games all night. (photo by Laycie Keller)



Dressed in the cowgirl spirit, Joan Dreiling, jr., takes a break from dancing to socialize with her classmates. Authentic country food such as cheese, apples, and crackers were served as refreshments along with lemonade to drink. (photo by Courtney Poland)



Rope 'em cowboy. Freshman Jessie Pfeifer worked on her roping skills before the first goat roping contest that took place during the FFA Hoedown. (photo by Courtney Poland)

Careful not to break the yolk, Jordan Helget, jr., flips an egg at the FFA breakfast. The breakfast was served to faculty and FFA members during National FFA Week. (photo by Laycie Keller)

Making room to cook more food, Kevin Keller, jr., clears the skillet and starts preparing more eggs to be served at that FFA breakfast. "I enjoyed cooking breakfast for everyone, and it's something that I plan on helping out with again next year," Keller said. (photo by Laycie Keller)



"How many pieces?" Devin Schoenthaler, jr., served Daniel Hook, jr., bacon while watched by Ernie Pfeifer, jr., at the annual FFA breakfast. (photo by Laycie Keller)

Why did you join FFA or FCCLA?



"To meet all the chicks and it gives me something to do with my time." - Jason Henrickson, jr.



"I wanted to get involved in many extracurricular activities during high school." - Jennifer LaBarge, so.



"FFA is a good organization to be in and I like going to all the contests throughout the year." - Kevin Grogan, jr.

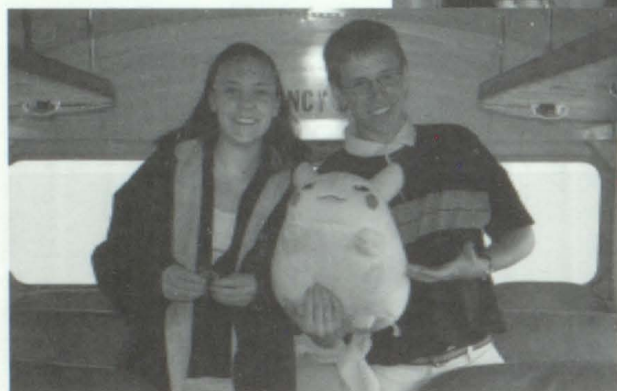
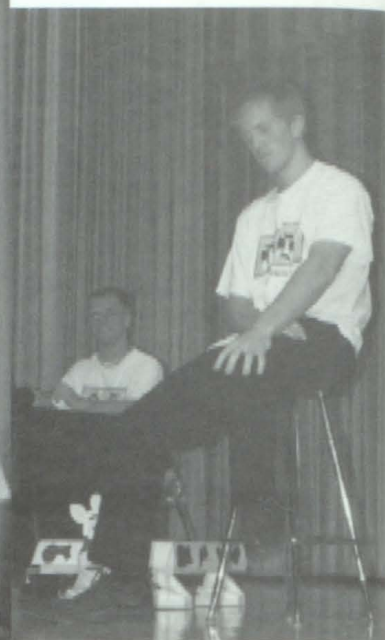


Playing her part Molly Kinderknecht, sr., acts out a game from a game show. Kinderknecht went to festival and received an I for an IDA with junior Ernie Pfeifer. (photo by Amber North)

Make like a tree. Bryan Saindon, sr., and Daniel Dinkel, sr., preform one of their IDAs at forensics night. The duet went to state champs and recieved second place. (photo by Amber North)



Ryan Augustine, jr., acts out a part for forensics night from a game show called "Who's line is it Anyway." This game show was popular among the forensics students. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Ernie Pfeifer, jr., and Lynn Pfeifer, so., show off Ernie's toy Pickachu. Ernie took the toy on bus rides to different destinations to ease the tension of the students on the bus. (photo by Molly Kinderknecht)



Adrienne Heronome, jr., shows off her second place medal from the forensics meet at Trego. Heronome went to state champs at Wichita with a humorous solo and also a dramatic solo. (photo by Molly Kinderknecht)

Forensics Meets: What was the best part about the meets?

"Meeting all the new people at the meets," -Jenna Henrickson, fr.



"The best part was meeting all the new people and the bus rides," -Blake Connelly, fr.



"The best part was the bus rides because they were a lot of fun," -Jessie Pfeifer, fr.



GOT FORENSICS?

Team uses cows as a theme to raise spirits

by Amber North

Many people have heard the slogan "Got milk". Well, this year's forensics theme was "Got forensics".

"In web page class Daniel Dinkel got on the internet and found a bunch of people with milk mustaches, and he said how about a 'got milk' type of thing," Coach Linda Riedel said.

To promote the theme, Dinkel, sr., Ernie Pfeifer, jr., and Molly Kinderknecht, sr., constructed two cows, Daisy and Henry, for team mascots.



Putting on the final touches to the set of forensics night Lynn Pfeifer, sr., and Daniel Dinkel, sr., set up Daisy on the stage. (photo by Amber North)

The team had a lot of spirit which is why five students qualified for state champs and three attended festival.

"We didn't qualify as many people for state champs this year," Riedel said. "We were small but mighty."

Even though not many students made it to state and festival, there were still a lot of memories.

"The most memorable part of this season was having a person who went out for forensics that thought they couldn't do it and they did," Riedel said.



Chasity Waldschmidt, jr., acts out her part in a duet with Ashley Taylor, jr., at the forensics night. Waldschmidt played the part of a bratty child and Taylor played the part of a teenage babysitter. (photo by Amber North)

Brian Saindon, sr., is getting squashed by Ashley Taylor, jr., and Jessica Spinelli, fr., before the forensics night begins. Saindon was chosen by Linda Riedel as forensics student of the year. (photo by Jenna Smith)

Fires Burn Eternal

Junior class uses creativity for prom

by Jamie Kitzman

Making memories is part of every prom, but this year over 75% of the memories were handmade instead of purchased from a catalog.

"We bought the plastic for the walls, the gossamer for the background and the supplies to make everything else," Kelli Madorin, jr., said.

Around every corner sat something that was handmade. There were trash cans painted black spraying out confetti in the corners, and



Trying to get crowd participation, a group of YMCA participants throw their arms in the air. (Photo by Erin Kitzman)

the fountain by the door was made out of a garden hose and a shower head. Every candle in the background was hand drawn, painted and then spray-painted. The centerpiece for every table was made out of toilet paper rolls. The junior class also made the tunnel that led to the lobby.

"Prom was a bonding experience for our class. Everyone offered ideas and everyone helped when we needed help," Jessi Riedel, jr., said.



Dancing to the music, Jodi Hill, sr., "gets down with her bad self." Hill was one of the seniors who helped the junior class help decorate. "I knew what it was like to have no one help," Hill said. (photo by Jamie Kitzman)

Before cutting out cardboard flames Kelsie Schuster, jr., walks outside to get some fresh air. The junior class did not purchase a decorating kit this year. Almost all of their decorations were hand made by them during their free time. (photo by Jamie Kitzman)



Posing after their dance, Megan M. Weber,so., jumps into the arms of classmate Aaron Honas. Weber and Honas were two of the 12 servers.(photo by Jamie Kitzman)



While cutting out a flame, Ryan Day,jr., kneels in the grass. The flames for the background were designed by junior Kelsie Schuster.(photo by Cindy Hertel)

Heather Wolf,so., leads the line of servers while they dance. Every year the prom servers learn and perform a dance. The community was invited to watch.(photo by Jamie Kitzman)



Waving their hands to the music, a group of prom attendees attempt to do the YMCA together.(photo by Erin Kitzman)

Twirling the hula-hoop, Kelli Madorin,jr., swings with the beat of the music. The dress Madorin is wearing was borrowed from Erin Kitzman,jr. Kitzman's dress had been to four formal dances, on a different girl each time.(photo by Jessi Riedel)



What is your ideal theme for prom?



"It would be cool if we had a Mardi Gras theme. We could throw beads, and wear masks."-Jason Henrickson,jr.



"I would like a theme that was on an island with little huts and a volcano."-Lynn Pfeifer,so.



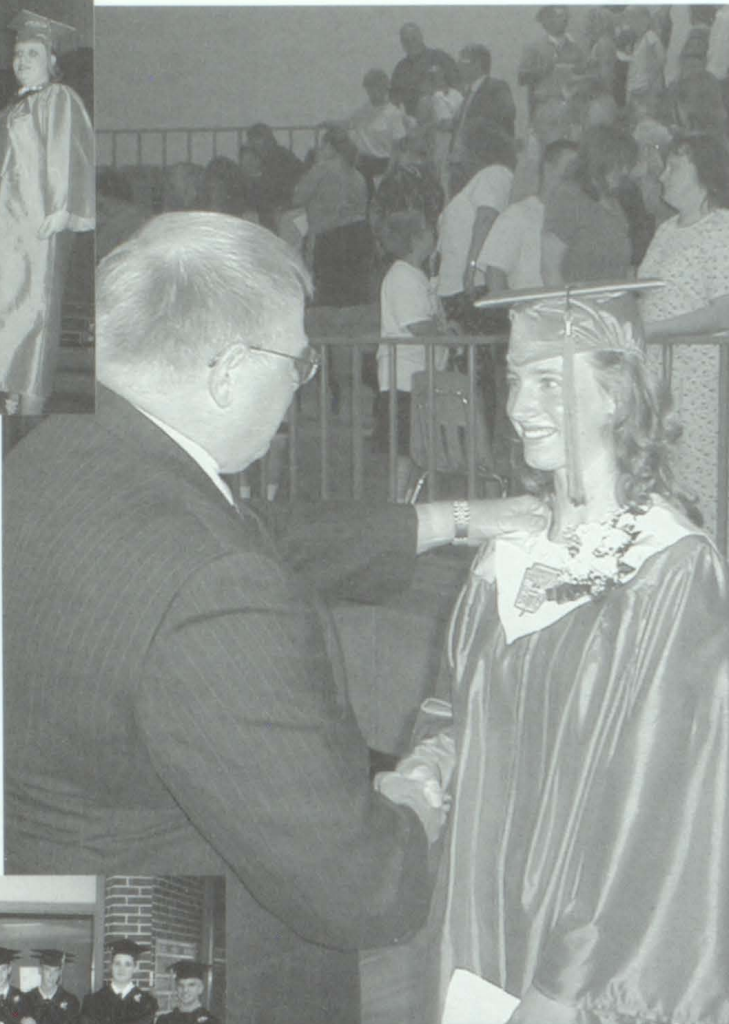
"A theme with a castle in it would be cool. There could be a dragon too."- Abby Wickham,so.

(L-R: photos by Jamie Kitzman and Jenna Smith)



Ann Staab from Pioneer Photography talks with Kirstin Unrein, sr. Staab helped prepare the seniors for their individual pictures.(photo by Cindy Hertel)

Swede Holmgren, school board member, shakes senior Courtney Poland's hand. Courtney Poland was one of the three girls receiving the Dane G. Hansen scholarship.(photo by Cindy Hertel)



Matt Kinderknecht, sr., shakes sponsor June Howard's hand after graduation. This was Howard's eighteenth year as the senior class sponsor.(photo by Cindy Hertel)



The senior boys look sharp in their black gowns before graduation. Caps and gowns cost the senior class approximately \$600. Not pictured: Danny Haas.(photo by Cindy Hertel)



Seniors Mary Dinkel, Wanda Weber, Kirstin Unrein and Courtney Poland decorate each other's hats while waiting for the graduation ceremonies to begin. Speaker at the commencement was 1994 EHS graduate Callie Kolacny.(photo by Cindy Hertel)

What's one thing you would change about your senior year?

"My relationship with underclassman. I'd be more involved with them." - Danielle Brown



"I would change not going to state in basketball." - Tim Robins



"I would learn not to procrastinate so much towards the end of the year." - Amanda Zachman



SMALL BUT MIGHTY

Small class, big impression

by Jessi Riedel

Small but mighty describes the class of 2002 perfectly. Although the class was comprised of only 26 students, the class made a great impact on Ellis High School.

Three of six senior girls taking the Dane G. Hansen test qualified for the scholarship, ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Courtney Poland, Amanda Zachman, and Molly Kinderknecht were tested in October and were notified in January to interview for the scholarship,



Mrs. June Howard pins Angela Keller's corsage on her robe. Howard's favorite part of being sponsor is watching the seniors graduate.(photo by Cindy Hertel)

and then a month later they learned they had received the scholarship.

Another unique side to the senior class is the number of salutatorians. This year's class had five salutatorians. Jodi Hill, Kinderknecht, Zachman, Valerie Waldschmidt, and Mary Dinkel all received salutatorian honors.

"Being valedictorian was a great honor for me because there were so many people in my class who were deserving," Poland said.



Max Zahn, sr., receives his diploma from Mr. Lyndell Barton. "High school was fun, but the only thing I'll miss are the lunches." Zahn said. (photo by Kelli Madorin)

The senior girls pose together for one last time before graduation. The class spent around \$300 on flowers for the graduation.(photo by Cindy Hertel)

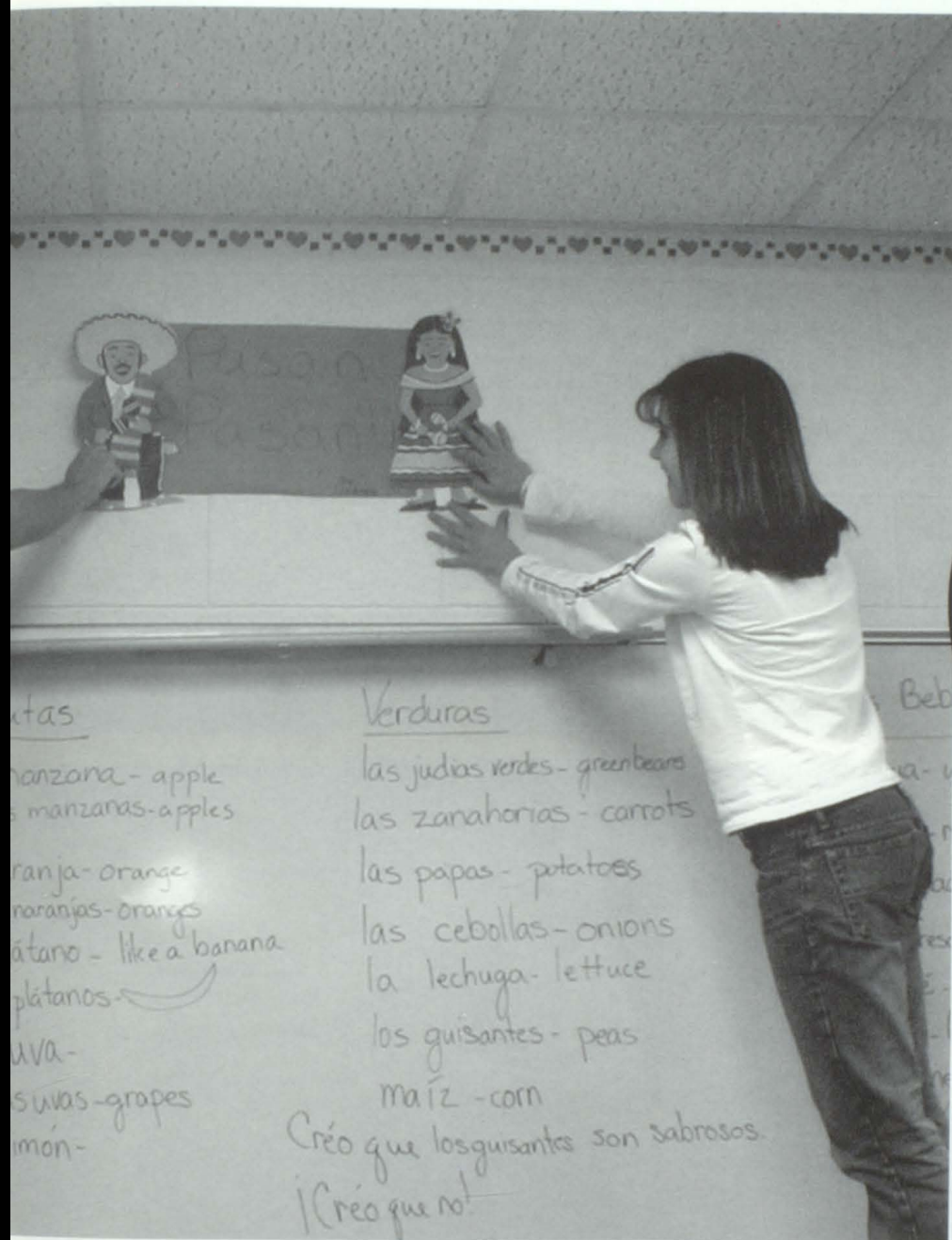
Full Steam Ahead

fueling the academic fire

At the end of every year returning students filled out their class schedules for the upcoming year. Students had many choices for their schedules, and this was a difficult decision. Ellis High School offered a variety of elective classes. Ms. Bev Mauk's counselors office was like the train station of EHS. Going to her helped students to find the right schedule for them.



Attempting to hang their poster in Spanish class, Jordan Helget, Jr., and Lindsay Gaschler, Sr., hold onto the wall for balance. (photo by Wanda Weber)



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CHANGING

new college admission requirements

CURRICULUM

by Marsha Weber

When students think of required classes, they typically think about English, math, social studies, and science, but the curriculum for these required courses has slowly changed at Ellis High School.

Over the years at EHS the same basic required courses have been offered, but with new admission requirements from regents universities, counselors are suggesting that students take more years of math and science.

"Students need to work closely with the counselor to ensure that they are meeting these requirements," Bev Mauk, counselor, said.

At EHS math is especially being encouraged. High school algebra is being presented at the junior high level, and college algebra is being offered to juniors and

seniors taking advanced math courses.

"There is more incentive now to take upper level classes, and more students are taking more challenging classes," Perry Mick, 12-year math teacher, said.

In the future, it is hard to say what the requirements will be at EHS, but it will, no doubt, depend on the college admission requirements. It may be expected that more computers and technology will be added to the curriculum also.

"Taking advanced classes looks really good on college applications," Courtney Poland, sr., said.

Sophomores John Kroeger, Dustin Cross, Sherri Johnson, Alicia Hernandez, and Ashley Keller work together to dissect a frog in biology class. Crayfish, earth worms, and perch were among some of the other dissections performed. (photo by Amber North)



(photo illustration by Marsha Weber)



If you could remove one required class, which would it be and why?

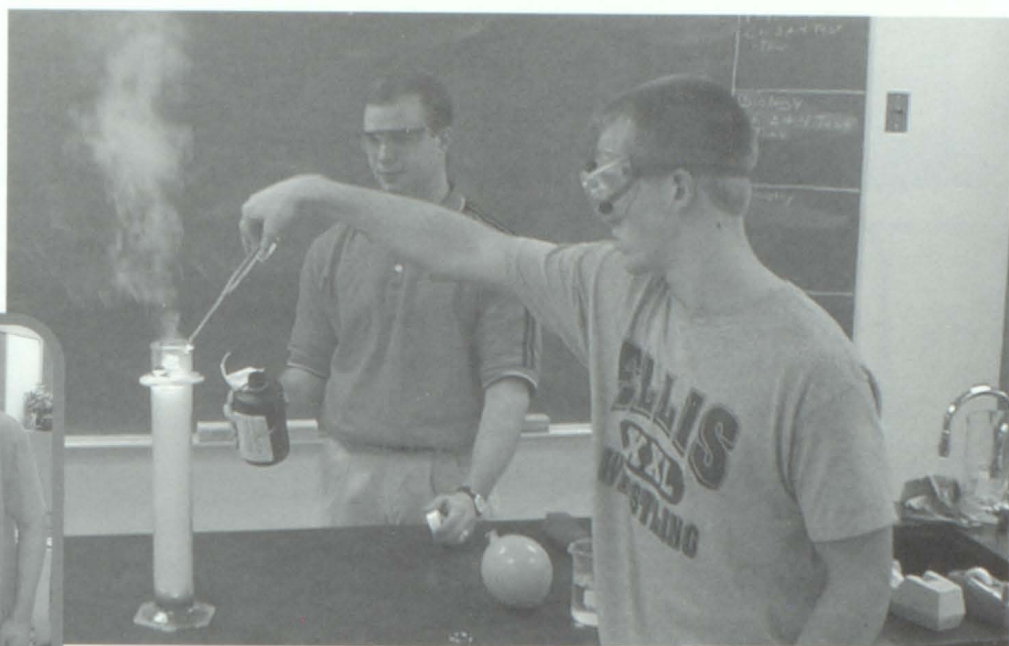
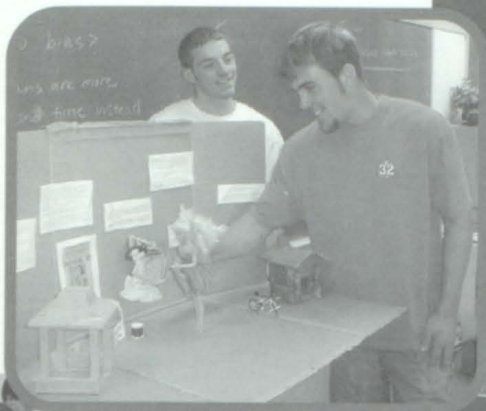


"I would take away math because it is so hard! We have a great teacher, but I just don't get it," freshman Kasi Wyatt said.

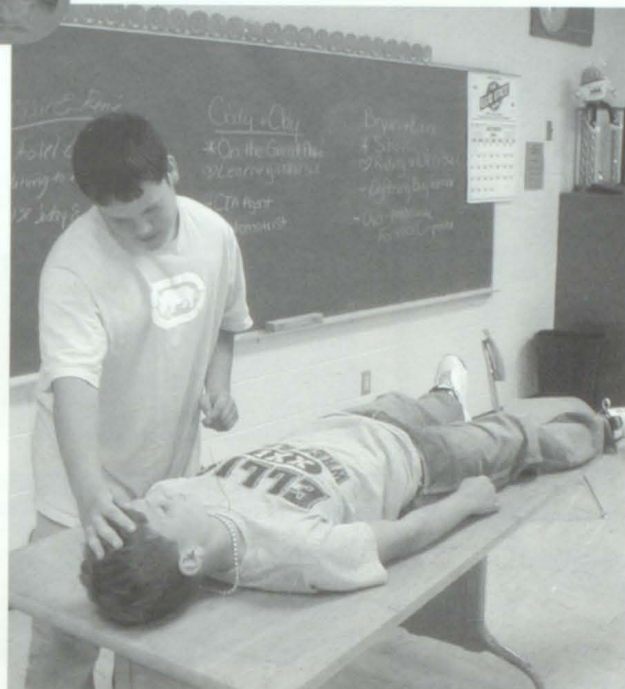


"I would get rid of science. It should be a choice since not everybody plans on going into something that deals with it in the future," sophomore Jessie Dorzweiler said.

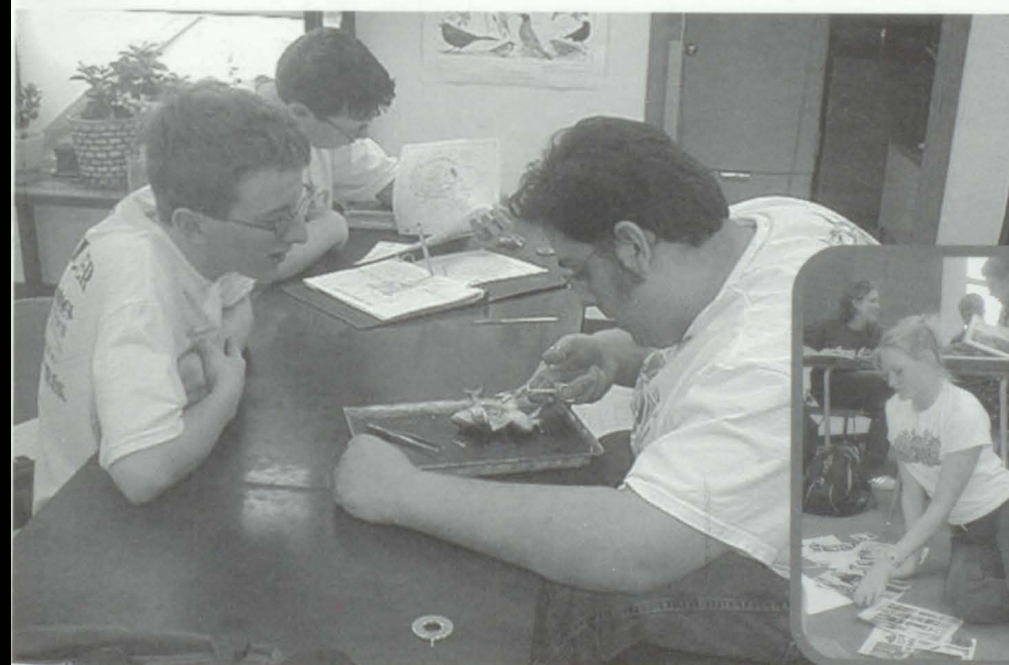
Expressing their creativity, Sam Mickelson, jr., and Anthony Taylor, jr., present an English project to the class. The project described the personality of a character from the novel "The Scarlet Letter." (photo by Marsha Weber)



Look out chemistry students! Science teacher David Wildeman observes as junior Ryan Augustine experiments with dry ice and steel wool in chemistry class. "Chemistry is an interesting subject because we get to work with different chemicals, and occasionally we get to watch them combust," Augustine said. (photo by Nickole Henderson)



Playing the roles of a CIA agent and an optometrist, freshmen Clay King and Cody Mickelson perform an IDA in speech class. The setting of their IDA was on the Great Plains where King and Mickelson had to learn a new skill. "The freshmen this year are willing to do anything; they are very creative and talkative," Linda Riedel, speech instructor, said. (photo by Courtney Poland)



Studying the anatomy of living organisms, Skyy Westbrook, so., and Jeremy Dorzweiler, so., carefully dissect the ventral portion of a frog. The biology classes did several different dissections throughout the year. (photo by Amber North)



Erin Jones, jr., looks through magazines for pictures for a project during English III. The English students prepared demonstrations related to the novel they were reading. (photo by Cindy Hertel)

What did you do to prepare for college?

"I took all my requireds first, so I could get them out of the way," Bryan Saindon, sr., said.



"I concentrated more on my civics and law classes for law enforcement," Randy Armbrister, sr., said.



"I used the list Miss Mauk hands out when you enroll for classes," Jodi Hill, sr., said.



◆ Twenty-four full credits were required to graduate from Ellis High School.

◆ Four years of English were required at Ellis High School. One half a year of speech was required.

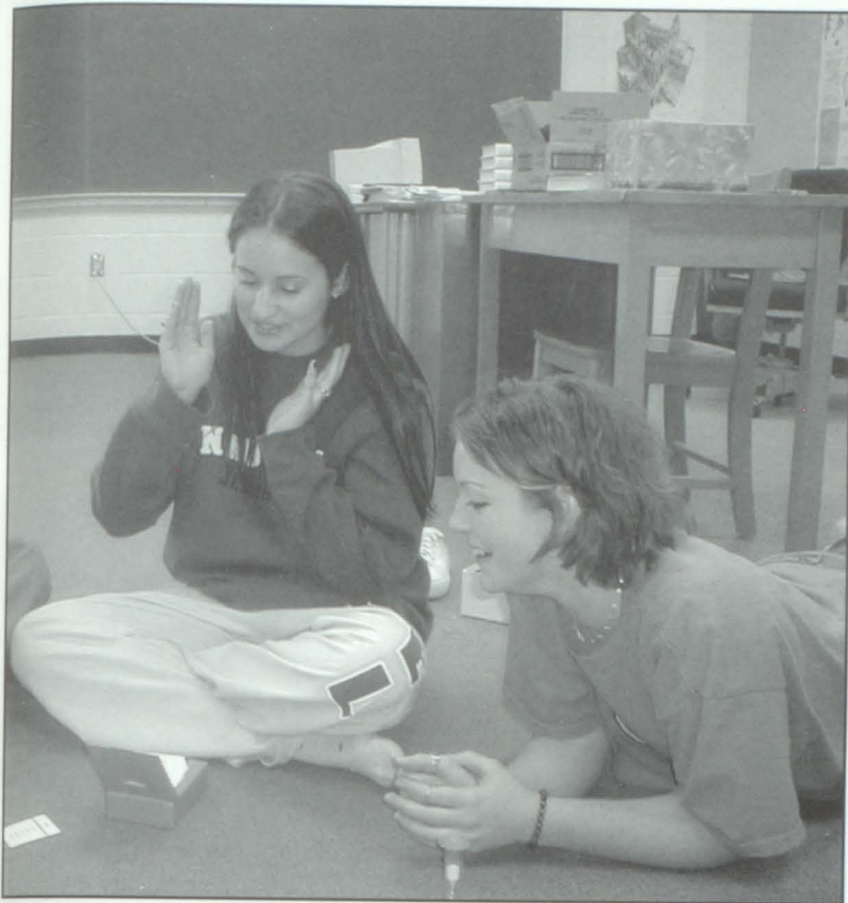
◆ EHS students needed to take three years of social studies including American history and civics/constitution. Two years of science were also required.

◆ Two years of math and one credit of health and physical education were required.

Valerie Waldschmidt, sr., checks over her mousetrap car. Waldschmidt and seniors Kelli Wagoner and Jodi Hill took first place with a distance of 189 ft. (photo by Courtney Poland)



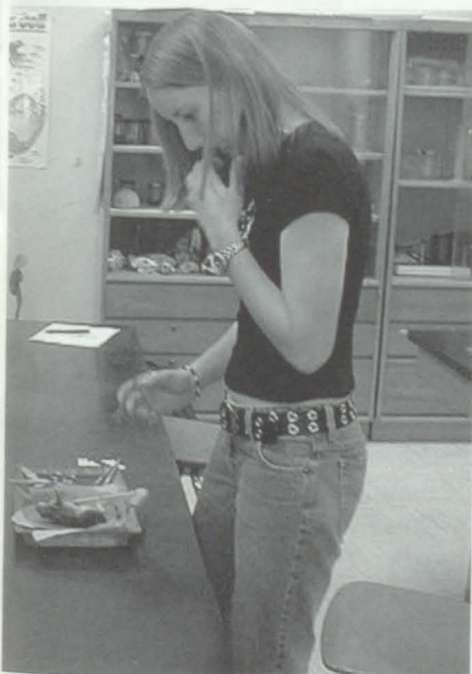
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Kelli Wagoner, sr., and Jessi Riedel, jr., play Taboo in Advanced Math with their class. The class had some spare time after getting an assignment done. All of Perry Mick's advanced math students class were taking college algebra through Fort Hays State University. The students had the option of taking the class for college credit.(photo by Marsha Weber)

The Top 5..... least believed excuses for not having homework done

5. I did my homework, but I left it at home.
4. I left it in my car.
3. I thought it was due tomorrow.
2. A Sasquatch took my homework.
1. My dog ate it.

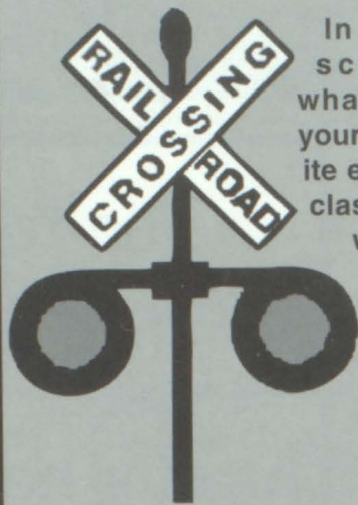


Freshmen Clay King and Cody Mickleson do an IDA for their speech class. Speech was required for freshmen.(photo by Courtney Poland)

Sherri Johnson, so., takes a biology quiz over a dissected fish. Some of the animals dissected were frogs, crayfish, earthworms, and many more.(photo by Amber North)

Brett Suter, so., and David Bieker, jr., prepare for a quiz on the parts of the frog. The biology classes had to take quizzes on the animals they dissected.(photo by Amber North)

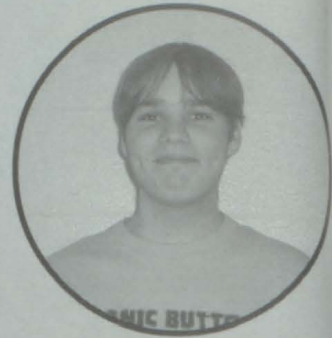




In high school, what was your favorite elective class and why?

"My favorite one is desktop publishing because I like the people in my class and I get to work on computers all hour," Katie Wagner, sr., said.

"My favorite would have to be Woods I because Mr. Zerfas is a cool dude," James Beiker, sr., said.



MAKING CHOICES

Students choose elective classes

by Laycie Keller

With 45 different elective classes offered at EHS, students had the opportunity to enroll in classes that they wanted to take in addition to taking classes that were required for graduation. Elective classes were offered so that students could learn about something that they were interested in and may help make life easier for them after high school.

Twelve teachers including Mrs. Grogan, Mr. Zerfas, Mr. Pfeifer and Mrs. Dawson taught these classes. Because of this, students had a variety of teachers throughout the day. Many of these classes gave students hands-on experience by working with materials such as engines, babies and computers.

"I get to work at my own

Careful not to ruin the omlette, Mrs. Albers teaches Chuck Parks, fr., how to correctly flip an omlette during Home Ec. class. In this class, students learned about nutrition, how to cook, and how to sew. (photo by Courtney Poland)

pace. I don't have to rush to get finished," Ryan Day, jr., said about his engines class.

All the teachers at EHS were serious about their work. One such teacher was Mrs. Sharla Albers. Since she lived in Ransom, Albers drove 50 miles to and from Ellis in order to teach at EHS. Students were happy Albers was so dedicated to her job.

"I'm glad she decided to work here in Ellis, even though she has to drive here every day. She is a very easy-going person and a great teacher," Jamie Kitzman, sr., said about Mrs. Albers.



(photo illustration by Laycie Keller)



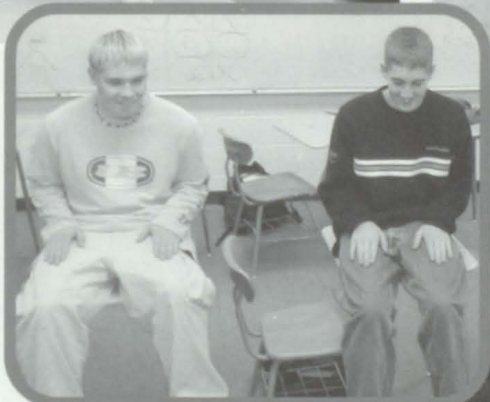
Before handing out the 2000-2001 yearbook, Kelli Madorin, Jr., puts the final touches on the endsheets of the yearbook by stamping them with a custom-made stamp. (photo by Cindy Hertel)

Bryan Saindon, Sr., enjoys himself by relaxing on the bus trip to WaKeeney before having to sing at the MCL vocal clinic. Students practiced songs all day and concluded the evening with a performance for the public to see. (photo by Jamie Kitzman)



Grating cheese for her home ec class, Kasi Wyatt, Jr., works intently on helping to prepare the meal that they would later enjoy in class. Students cooked food for the first semester and worked on sewing projects for the remainder of the year. (photo by Courtney Poland)

French I students Jodi Hill, Sr., Megan Wickham, Jr., Trista Fuchs, Jr., and Jessica Spinelli, Jr., pose in their decorative attire while celebrating Mardi Gras during their class. "We had beads, masks, and a lot of food, so it was great," Fuchs said. (photo by Jessi Riedel)



Practice makes perfect. Freshmen Chuck Parks and Zach DeBolt rehearse their actions for Christmas songs that they sang in their Spanish I class. Students learned about many Spanish traditions and holidays throughout the year. (photo by Marsha Weber)



Spotlight on..... Journalism

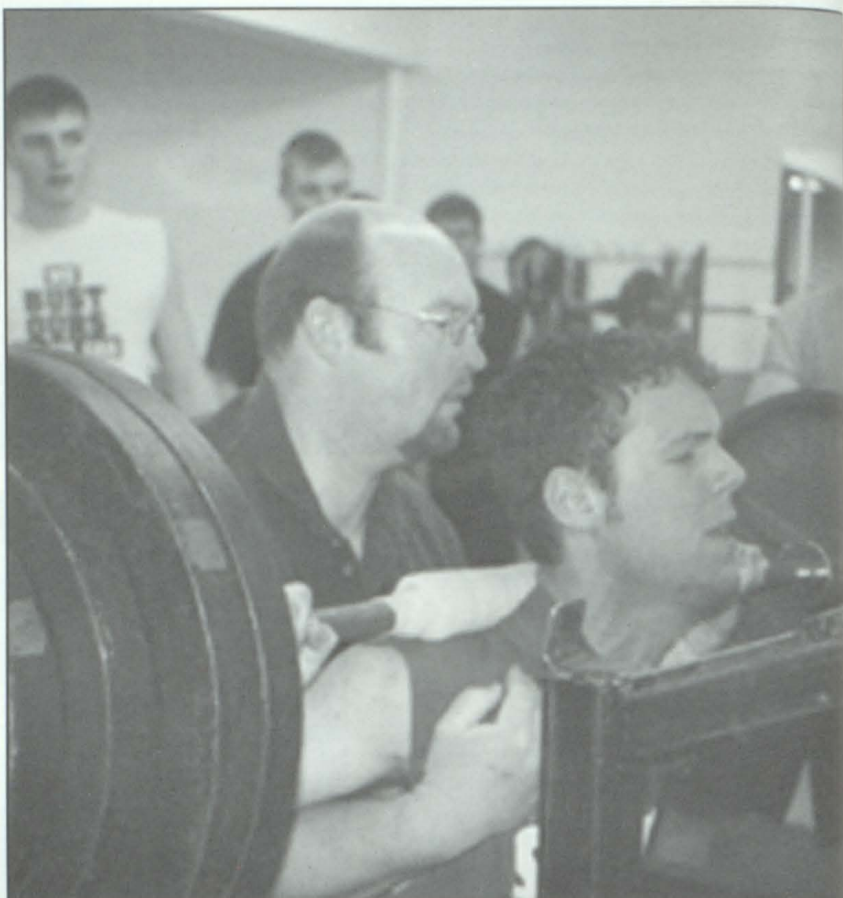
by Erin Kitzman

Although the number of members in the journalism class went down from the 2001-2002 school year, students still worked hard in order to finish the yearbook and hand out the school news magazine.

Fewer people meant writing more stories, selling more ads, and designing more pages. With only 11 students in class, journalism was hard but fun.

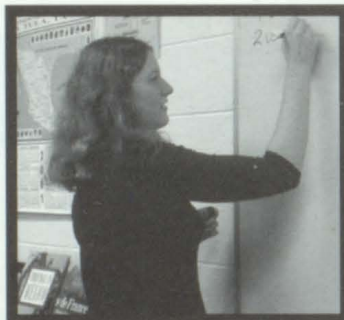
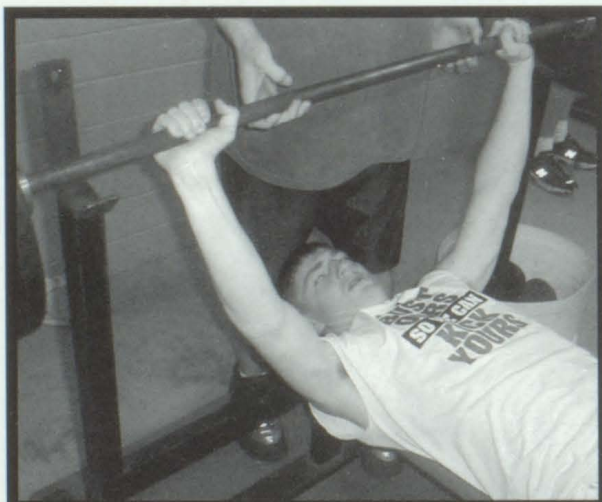
In the 2000-2001 school year, journalism consisted of two classes, each with 11 students, making it difficult to share ideas for the yearbook.

"Although it is disappointing to see the numbers decline, it's been much easier this year to meet deadlines with everyone in one class," Jenna Smith, jr., said.



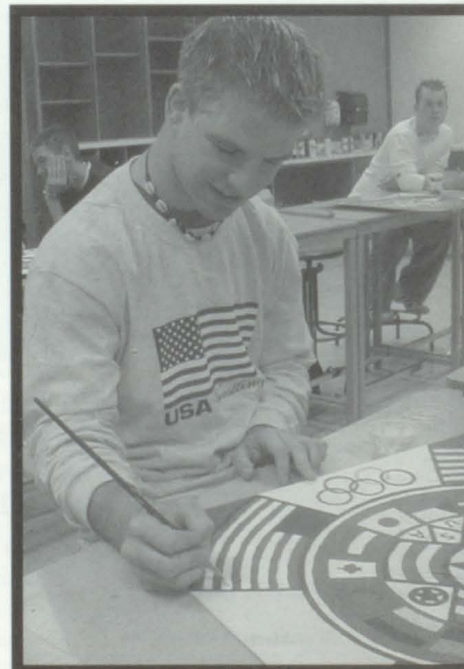
While maxing out in GPD class, Jake Dreiling, sr., is spotted by Mr. Long as he attempts to break his previous set weight in the squat exercise. Students were required to max out for a grade at the end of every nine weeks. "GPD has helped me a lot over the last two years. It made football, basketball and track all easier for me. Mr. Long does an awesome job of making weightlifting fun," Dreiling said. (photo by Laycie Keller)

With the help of a spotter, Devin Schoenthaler, jr., maxes out in GPD at the bench press area. GPD was offered to juniors and seniors. (photo by Erin Kitzman)



Kelsie Schuster, jr., writes her answers on the board during psychology class. (photo by Marsha Weber)

Putting the final touches on his art work, Daniel Dinkel, sr., finishes painting his tile in art class. (photo by Laycie Keller)



"We should have a class where you could have extra practice for the sport you are in at that time," Dustin Cross, so., said.

"I would add sign language because many students would find it fun and it would help you in the long run," Becca Dinkel, so., said.

"I think we should have a screen printing class because it would be a class that is fun and interesting," Brandon Dessel, jr., said.



What elective class should EHS add?

◆ Taking Desktop Publishing enables students to enter into college and not have to take an admittance test.

◆ There are three years of art class offered to EHS students, with the third year having to be approved by Mr. Faulkender.

◆ Band students were required to play pep band for every home football, basketball and wrestling match.

◆ Due to the events on Sept. 11, the Hutchinson band day was almost cancelled.

◆ Freshmen could only take up to three elective classes.

Practicing for their band performance at a home football game Kevin Grogan, jr., Lindsay Gaschler, so., and Jordan Kroeger, so., play their parts during study hall. (photo by Kelli Madorin)

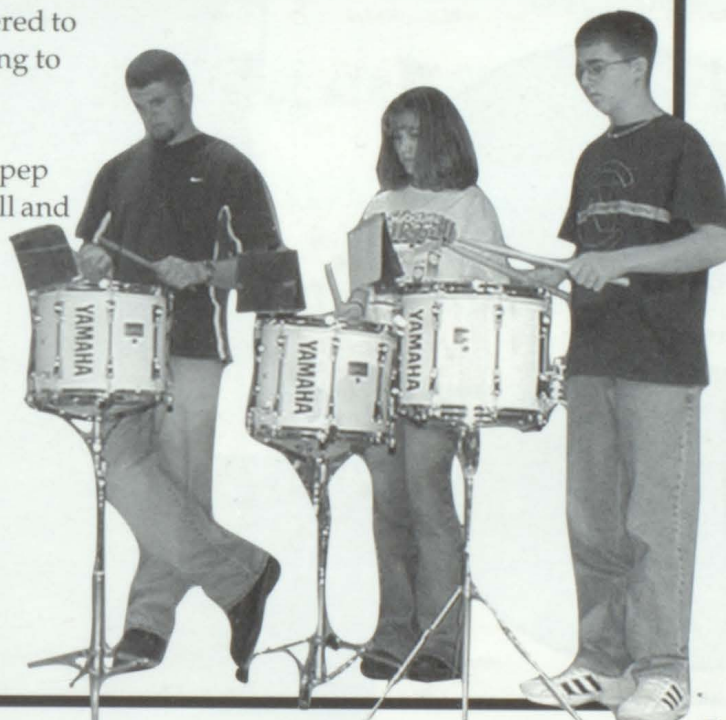
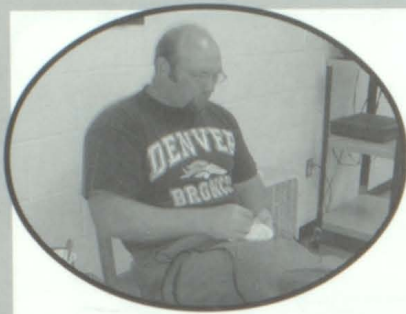
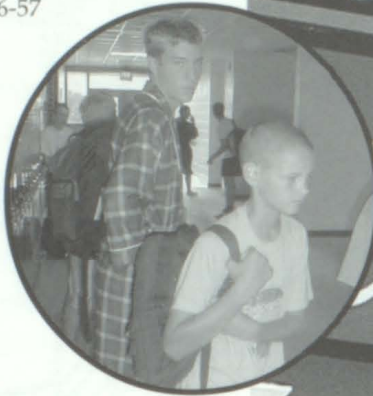


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End of the Line

searching for
familliar faces

Throughout the year new friendships were formed and old ones were strengthened. Classmates got to know one another better, and students from different classes interacted during extracurricular activities. Many of the friendships that were made will tie students together and last through high school and into college.



Jake Dreiling, sr., makes an "E" for "EHS" while Devin Schoenthaler, jr., watches a home volleyball game. Dreiling and Schoenthaler, along with Jake Schartz, jr., often did cheers to get the crowd excited. (photo by Jenna Smith)



Engineering Crew

Faculty get involved

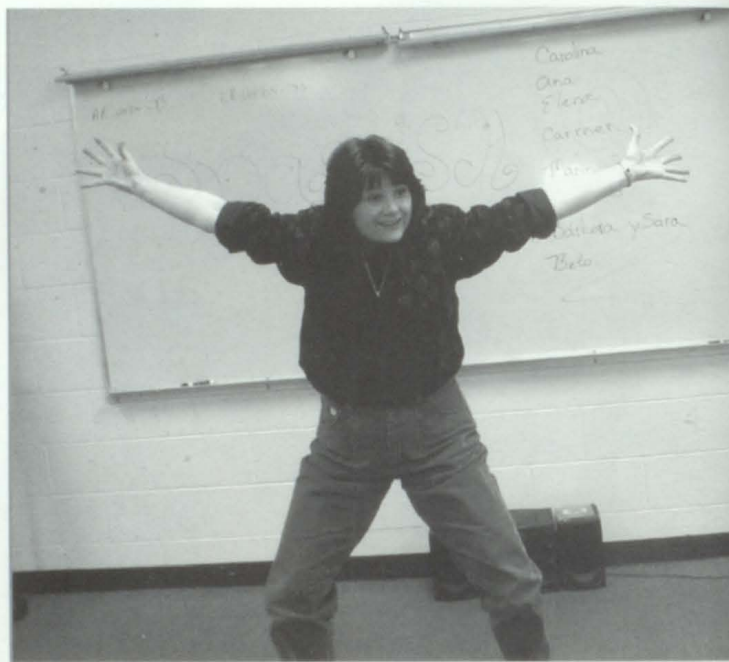
Sharla Albers
home economics
Kerry Bittel
volleyball
Renetta Dawson
band
Sherri Faulkender
librarian

Stan Faulkender
art
Jacqueline Grogan
foreign languages, psychology
Sandy Harwick
resource room
Cindy Hertel
English, journalism

Julie Honas
cook
June Howard
computer technology
John Kolacny
social studies
David Lohrmeyer
custodian



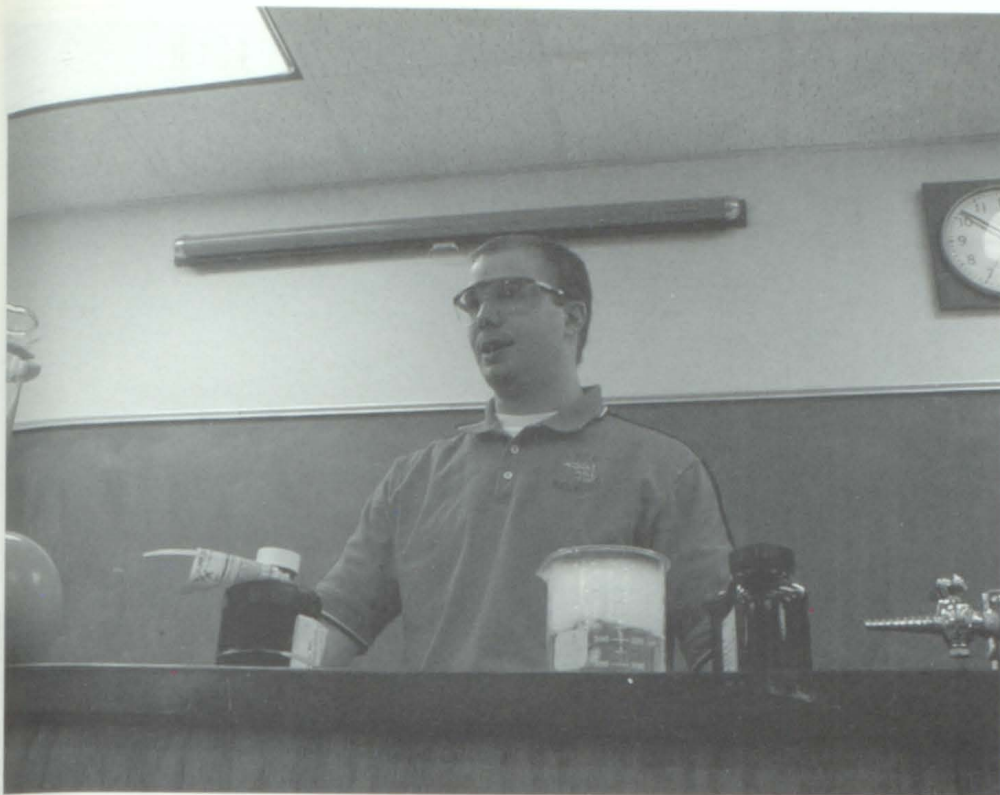
Be prepared. The aliens are coming! Mrs. Linda Riedel, junior play instructor, emphasizes the importance of speaking loud and enunciating words during the first dress rehearsal. (photo by Amber North)



Explaining the difference between manifest and latent content, Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan performs a demonstration for her psychology class. (photo by Nickole Henderson)

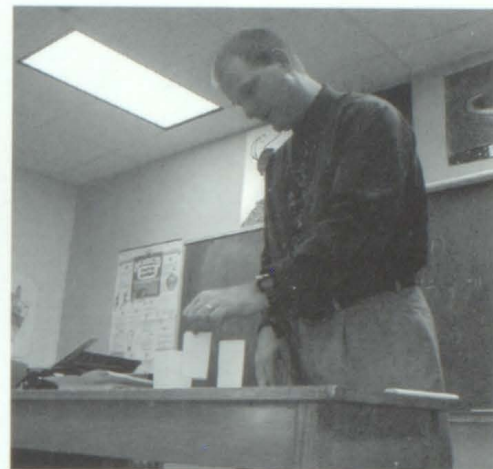
On your mark, get set, go! Reg Romine, principal, and Don Long, stucco, organize the Homecoming day festivities, which included sack races, water balloon toss, and tug of war. (photo by Marsha Weber)





Experimenting with dry ice, Mr. David Wildeman shows his chemistry class the effects of solid CO_2 when combined with other substances. (photo by Nickole Henderson)

Mr. Perry Mick sets up an experiment to demonstrate probability to his advanced math class. (photo by Nickole Henderson)



Don Long
health, pe
Karen Madorin
English
Beverly Mauk
counselor
Perry Mick
math, physics, girls' basketball
Jodi Miller
math

Eldon Pfeifer
vocational agriculture
Kay Poland
music
Linda Riedel
web page, speech, English,
photography, psychology,
forensics
Reg Romine
principal
Chris Rorabaugh
boys' basketball, girls' track

Barbara Rupp
cook
Art Schoenthaler
football
Charlie Waldschmidt
custodian
Dorothy Waldschmidt
secretary
David Wildeman
science

Jack Wolf
boys' track
Bob Young
technology coordinator
Terry Zerfas
industrial arts
Not pictured: Casey Dinkel, wrestling; Annie Keesee, choir;
Mary Parke, nurse



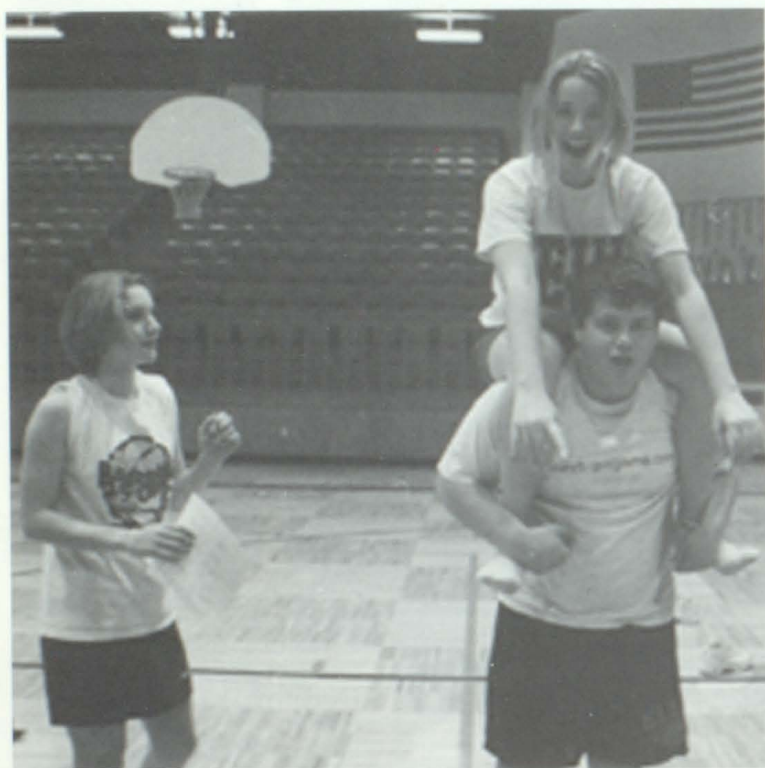
Dana Armbrister
Robert Ashman
Rebecca Augustine
Colton Barton



Vanessa Beilman
Lacie Bittel
Blake Connelly
Zach DeBolt
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Becca Dinkel



René Dreiling
Travis Elder
Amanda Erbert
Trista Fuchs
president
Jerome Gottschalk

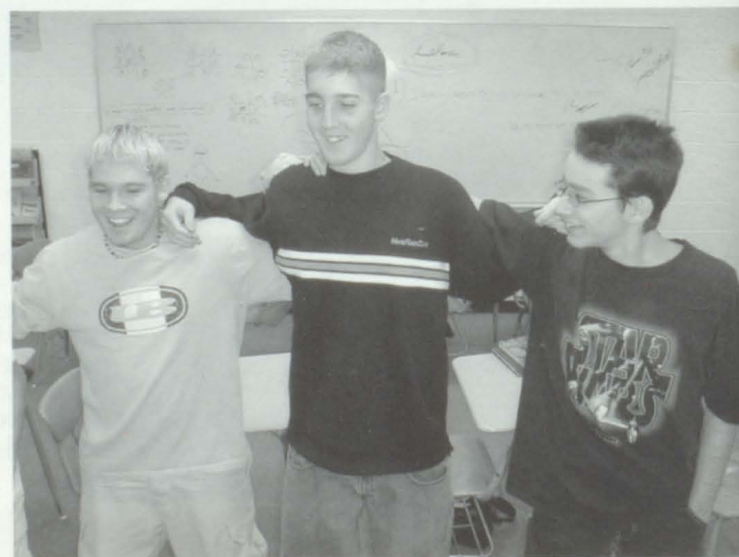


Practicing stunts in P.E., Cody Mickelson, fr., lifts Jessica Spinelli, fr., while Lacie Bittel, fr., spots for them. By performing stunts, the freshmen gained points to determine their grade for this activity. P.E. was a required class for all the freshmen. (photo by Laycie Keller)



Freshmen Ryan Gross, Cole King, and Jerome Gottschalk keep their spirits high while cheering with their classmates at the bonfire. (photo by Jenna Smith)

While dancing in Spanish class, freshmen Zach DeBolt, Chuck Parks, and T.J. Lee sing Spanish Christmas songs before Christmas break. (photo by Marsha Weber)



All Aboard

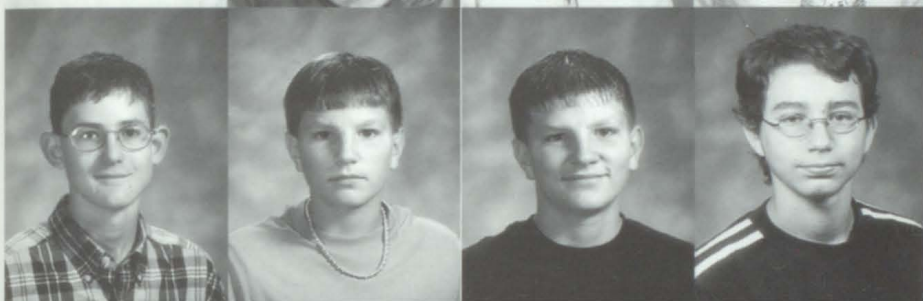
Freshmen experience changes

Dressed up for "Hick Day," a group of freshman girls smile for the camera during Homecoming week. (photo by Karen Madorin)

Show your muscles! Freshmen Clay King, Dana Armbrister, and Cole King work together to defeat their opponent during the tug-of-war on the Homecoming activity day. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



Ryan Gross
Paige Helget
Jenna Henrickson
treasurer
Jenny Jones



Kevin Keller
Clay King
Cole King
vice-president
T.J. Lee



Thomas McElroy
Cody Mickelson
Morgan Murphy
Chuck Parks



Jessie Pfeifer
secretary
Jessica Spinelli
Shawna Totten
Kasi Wyatt



Still On Track

Sophomores survive another year

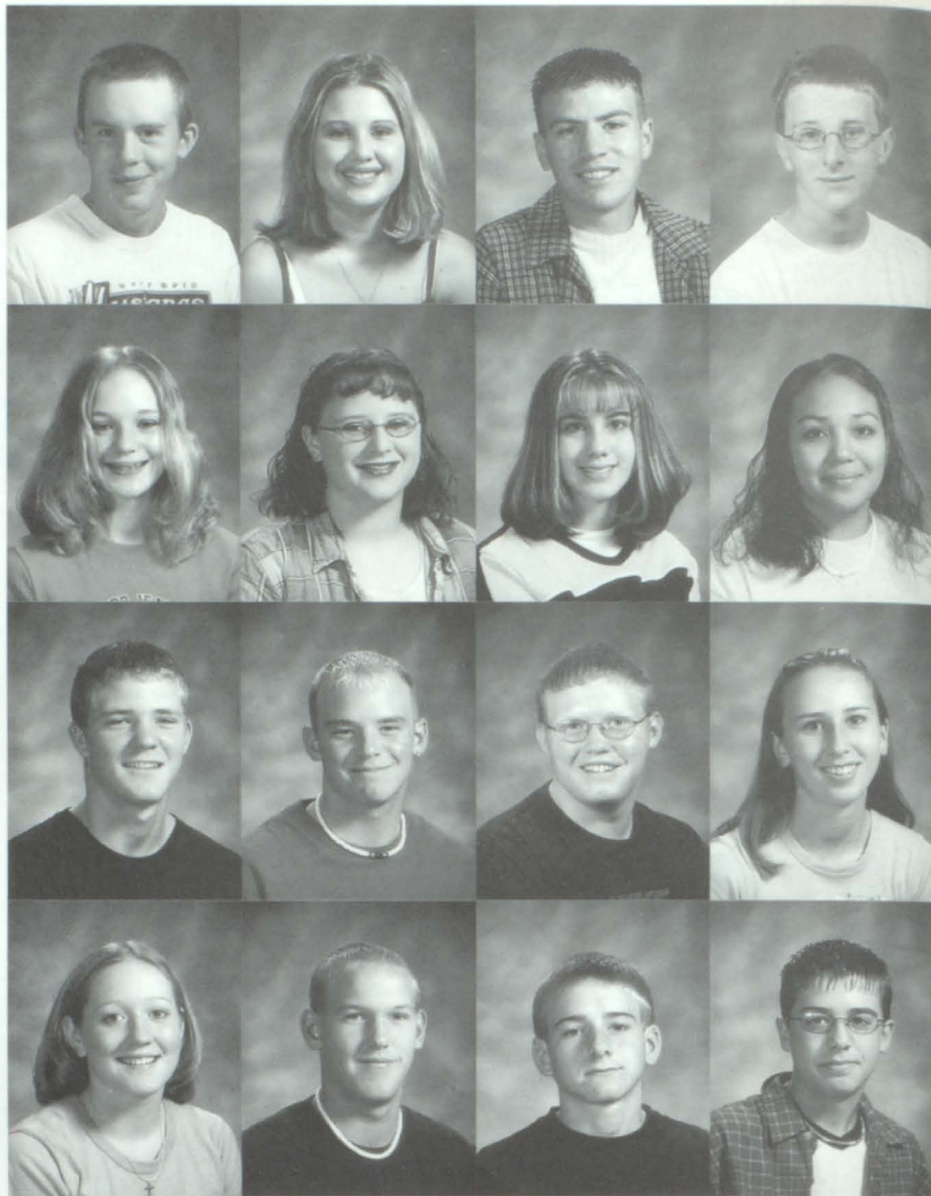
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Jeremy Dorzweiler

Jessie Dorzweiler
treasurer

Danielle Erbert
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Alicia Hernandez

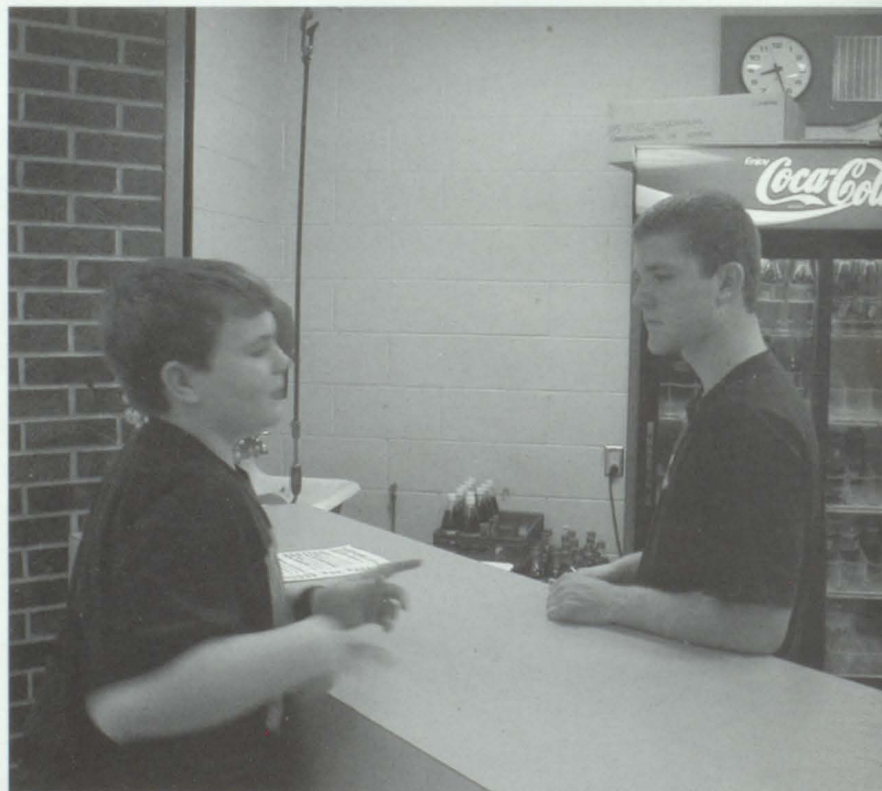
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Ryan Honas
Sherri Johnson

Ashley Keller
Brad Keller
John Kroeger
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Jordan Kroeger

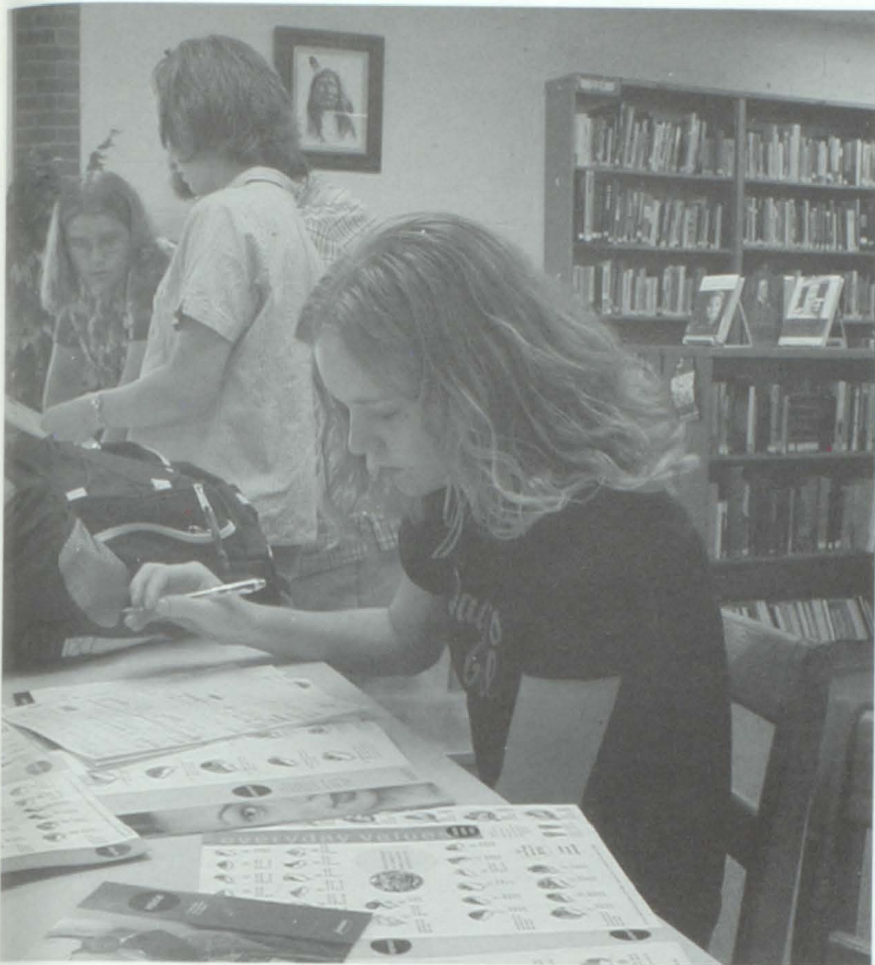


Twiddling his gum, Jordan Kroeger, so., works diligently on his computer project. Students did various projects such as a power point music videos. (photo by Laycie Keller)

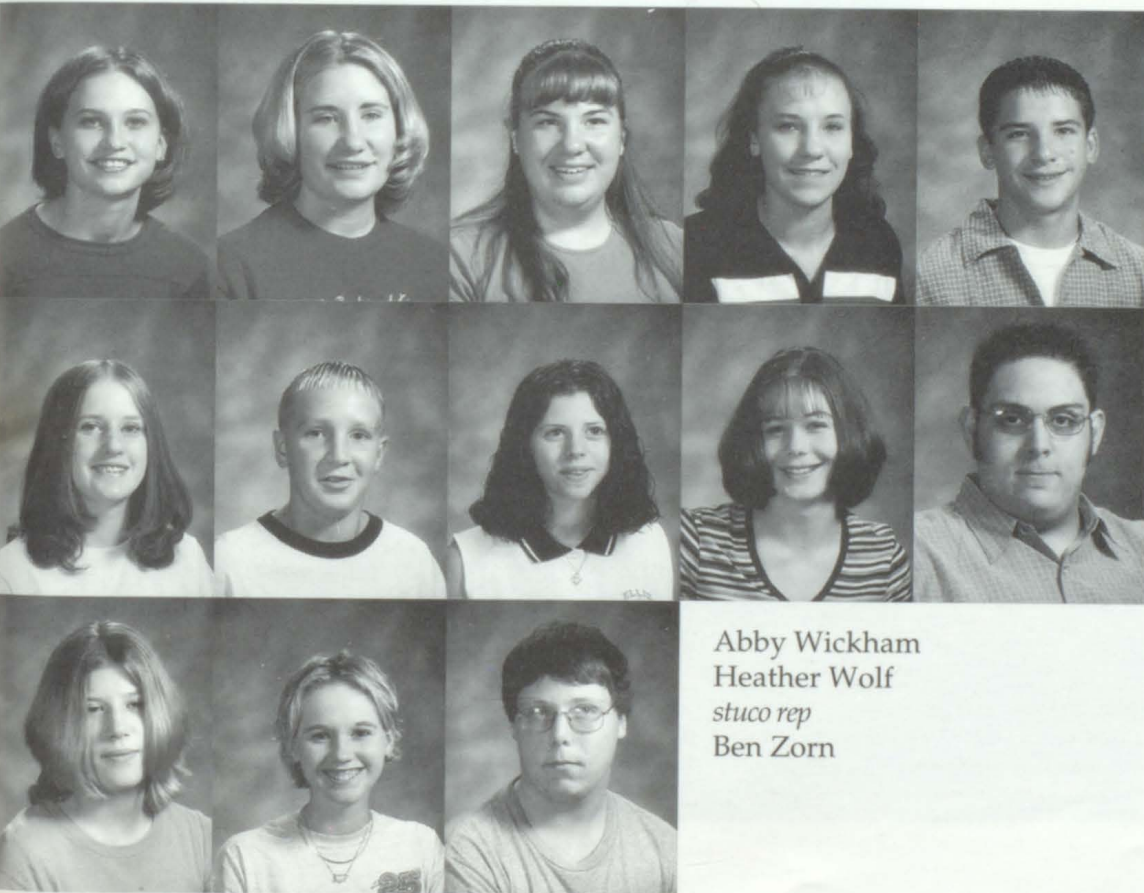
Working to earn money for his class, Aaron Honas, so., serves a customer at the concession stand. The sophomores raised around \$4,000 to help pay for Prom. (photo by Jessi Riedel)



Sophomore Jessie Dorzweiler concentrates on choosing a class ring. Each sophomore spent between \$100 and \$300 on his or her ring. (photo by Courtney Poland)



Enjoying her food, Lynn Pfeifer, so., eats the food brought on health day in Mr. Stet Long's class. "I learned the importance of eating healthy, and not eating Mr. Long's food," Pfeifer said. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



Jennifer LaBarge
president
stuco rep
Laura Lacy
Amber North
Lynn Pfeifer
Brett Suter

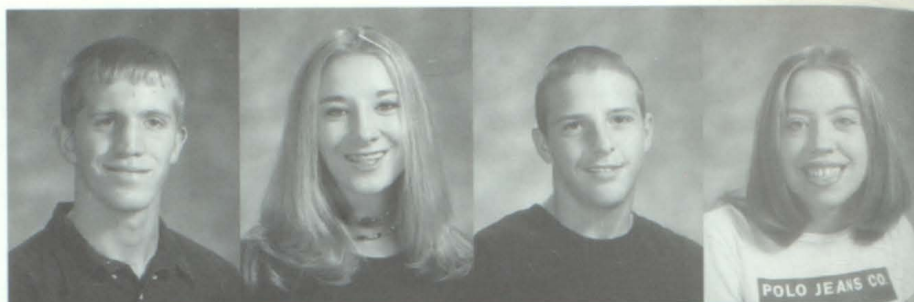
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Adam Walz
Megan D. Weber
Megan M. Weber
secretary
Skyy Westbrook

Abby Wickham
Heather Wolf
stuco rep
Ben Zorn

Crossing the Tracks

Juniors grow in numbers

Ryan Augustine
Amanda Ball
David Bieker
Shawna Bradstreet



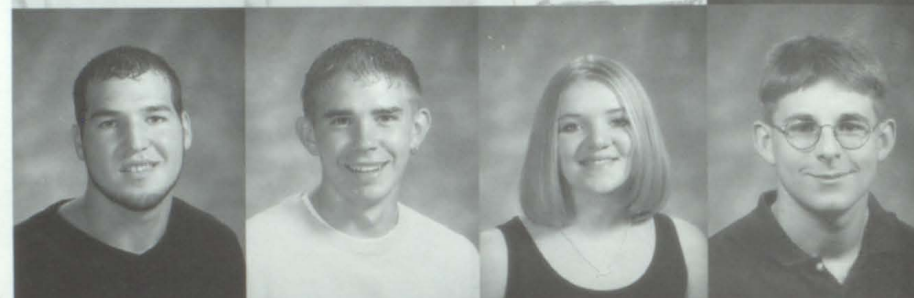
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treasurer



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vice-president
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Kevin Grogan



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Jordan Helget
Diane Henderson
Jason Henrickson



Adrienne Heroneme
president
Daniel Hook
Chris Jerauld
Jarret Johnson



Erin Jones
Laycie Keller
Anja Kempe
Erin Kitzman
Chris Young





Randy Kohl
Tracey Kroeger
Sondra LaBarge
Kelli Madorin
Victoria Magers



Daniel Mata
Sam Mickelson
Sean Murphy
Natasha O'Dell
Tommy Penalver



Ernie Pfeifer
Michael Rice
Jessi Riedel
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Devin Schoenthaler



Kelsie Schuster
Benjamin Shubert
Jenna Smith
Anthony Taylor
stuco rep.
Ashley Taylor



Clint Urban
Chasity Waldschmidt
Christy Walker
Marsha Weber
secretary
Megan Wickham



While braiding hair, juniors Amanda Ball and Diane Henderson prepare themselves for the Homecoming games. The new games students could participate in were the sack races, water balloon toss, three-legged race, the shoe race, and the tug-of-war. (photo by Courtney Poland)

Senior Activities

Randy Armbrister- Football 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; FFA member 1; Jr. class play; Webpage 4

James Bieker- Forensics 3,4; Jr. class play; Choir 1; Band 1

Danielle Brown- Photography 3; Volleyball 1; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; Jr. class play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Class vice-president 1; Prom server 2; SADD 1,2

Carissa Deutscher- Honor roll 4; Volleyball 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; Forensics 1,2; Jr. class play; STUCO 1,2,3; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Snoball royalty 2; SADD 1,2,3

Daniel Dinkel- Honor roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect attendance 3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Regional wrestling 3rd 2, 2nd 3, 1st 4; State wrestling 4th 3, 6th 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Forensics 3,4; Jr. class play; STUCO 4; Class secretary 1; Class treasurer 3, Class president 4; Choir 1,2; Prom server 2; Homecoming royalty 4; Snoball royalty 1, 2, 4; Webpage 3,4

Mary Dinkel- National Honor Society 3; A-honor roll 1,2,3; Honor roll 4; Journalism 3; Cross country 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2; Regional journalism honorable mention 3; State journalism 2nd 3; FCCLA member 3; Jr. class play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Class treasurer 2; Choir 3; Band 1,2,3; Math relays 1,3; NJROTC Cadet 4; Orienteering team 4; Community Action Service Team 4; MCL district honor band 1

Jake Dreiling- Honor roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect attendance 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Football all-league 1st team offensive guard 4; Football honorable mention defensive end 4; State track - third place javelin, 3; FFA 1,2,3,4; chapter sentinel 2,3,4; Jr. class play; Class STUCO rep 1,2,3; STUCO president 4; Choir 2,3; Railairres 3; Prom server 2; Math relays 2; Homecoming king; Snoball candidate 3,4; Webpage 4

Danny Haas- Football 1,2; Basketball 1,2; FFA member 1,2,3,4; Choir 3, Railairres 3, Prom server 2; Snoball royalty 1

Nickole Henderson- Honor roll 1,2,3,4; Journalism 3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Regional Journalism honorable mention 3, 1st 4; State Journalism 2nd 3; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; Jr. class play; Cheerleading 1,2,4; Co-captain 4; Flag team 1,2,4; Captain 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board member 2,3; Vice-president 4; Class secretary 1; Class vice-president 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Band librarian 3,4; Homecoming royalty 4; Snoball princess 3

Amanda Hernandez- Photography 4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4

Jodi Hill- National Honor Society 3,4; A-honor roll 1,2,3,4; Girls' state 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Photography 3; Volleyball 1,2,3; Basketball 1; Wrestling manager 2,3; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; Chapter reporter 2,3; Forensics 1,2,3; Jr. class play; STUCO 2,3,4; Vice-president 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board 2,3; President 4; Class treasurer 1; Class president 2; Class vice-president 3; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Math relays 1,3,4; SADD 1,2,3; President 3

Angela Keller- FCCLA 1,2,3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Prom server 2; Webpage, 4

Marleah Kinderknecht- A-honor roll 1,2; Honor roll 3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 2,3,4; Journalism 3; Track manager 3,4; FCCLA member 2,3,4; Forensics 2,3,4; Jr. class play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Class secretary 3; Math relays 1,4; Snoball royalty 3; SADD 1,3; Technology committee 4; Webpage 3,4

Matt Kinderknecht- Football 1; Cross country 3; Wrestling 1; FFA member 1; Jr. class play; Choir 4; Prom server 2; Webpage 4

Senior Activities

- Jamie Kitzman- Honor roll 2,3,4; Perfect attendance 2,3; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; Journalism 3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Regional band 3; State band 3; FCCLA member 1,2,3,4; Jr. class play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board member 4; Class treasurer 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Snoball candidate 2,3; SADD 1,3
- Jessica Kreutzer- Photography 3; Jr. class play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Choir 2; Student forum 4
- Courtney Poland- National Honor Society 3,4; A-honor roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Journalism 3,4; Editor 4; Journalism regional honorable mention 3; Cross country 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; Jr. class play; Kayettes 4; Board member 4; Choir 4; Railairres 4; Band 1,2,3,4; 1 rating at regional solo 1,2,3; 1 at state 2,3; Math relays 1
- Seth Reed- Football 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; All-league honorable mention offensive tackle and defensive tackle 4; MCL honorable mention offensive tackle and defensive tackle 4; Forensics 2,3,4; Jr. class play; Webpage 4
- Tim Robins- Honor roll 4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Golf 3; FFA member 1,2; Snoball candidate 2
- Bryan Saindon- Boys' State 3; photography 3; Cross country 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; FFA member 1,2,3,4; Forensics 1,2,3,4; Jr. class play; Choir 1,2,3,4; Railairres 3,4; Band 1,2,3; Prom server 2; Homecoming royalty 4; Snoball royalty 3,4; Webpage 4; Site base council 2
- Kirstin Unrein- Jr. class play; Kayettes 1,3,4; choir 2,3,4
- Kelli Wagoner- National Honor Society 4; A-honor roll 1,4; Honor roll 1,2,3; Photography 4; Golf 3,4; FCCLA member 1,2,3,4; Jr. class play; STUCO 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 4; Board member 3; Class vice-president 2; Prom server 2; Snoball royalty 1,4; SADD 1,2,3
- Katie Wagner- Basketball manager 2,3; Track 2; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4
- Valerie Waldschmidt- National Honor Society 4; A-honor roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3,4; Photography 3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Golf 3,4; Track 1; MCL 2nd team volleyball 4; FCCLA member 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 2; Jr. class play; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Captain 4; Flag team 1,2; STUCO 1,2,3,4; Secretary 3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Secretary 3,4; Board member 2; Class president 1,3; Choir 1,2,4; Band 1,2,4; Prom server 2; Math relays 1,3; Homecoming Queen 4; Snoball royalty 1; Webpage 4
- Elizabeth Walz- Honor roll 4; Journalism 3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; Forensics 1; Jr. class play; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; STUCO 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Points 4; Board member 2,3; Class STUCO rep 4; Choir 1; Prom server 2; Homecoming candidate 4; Snoball royalty 1; SADD 1,2,3; Webpage 4
- Wanda Weber- National Honor Society 3,4; Honor roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 1,2,3,4; Journalism 3,4; Journalism regionals 3,4; Journalism state 3,4; Volleyball manager 1,2,3,4; FFA 4; FCCLA 2,3,4; Jr. Class Play 3; Kayettes 2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3; Band 2,3; Math relays 1,2,3,4
- Amanda Zachman- A-honor roll 1,2,3,4; Journalism 3; Track 2; Regional Journalism 1st, 2nd 3; State Journalism honorable mention in two events 3; FCCLA member 1,2,3,4; Jr. class play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Board member 4; Class secretary 4; Prom server 2; Math relays 1,2,4; Snoball royalty 2; SADD 1,3; Treasurer 3; Webpage 2,3,4; Technology committee 2,3,4



Randall Lee Ambrister



James E. Bieker



Daniellé Marie Brown



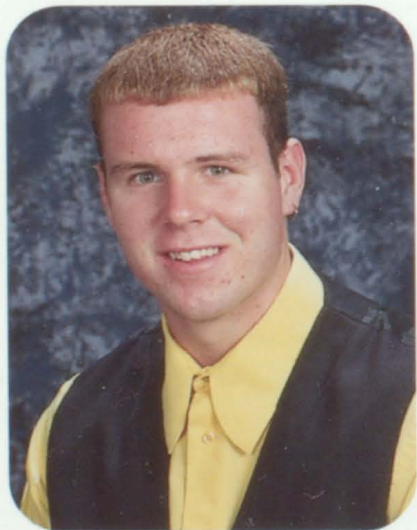
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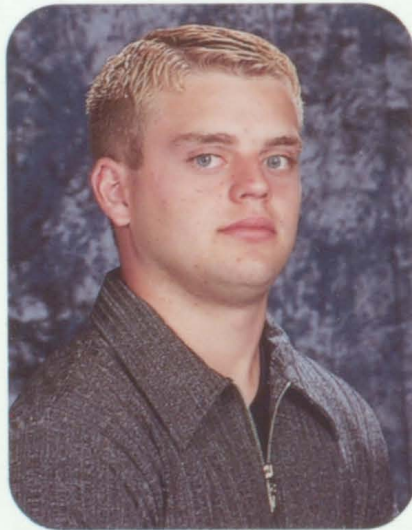
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Matthew Lee Kinderknecht



Jamie Marie Kitzman



Jessica Kreutzer



Courtney Zanée Poland



Seth Reed

Seniors



James,
Congratulations! We
wish you the best of luck
in your life. We are glad
to have found you as a
wonderful friend. God
Bless!
Love,
your "Arthur's Family"



Randy,
Your future is yours to make.
Set high goals and make it the
best.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dana, Grandma
and Grandpa Armbrister,
Grandpa Dice, and Lucille

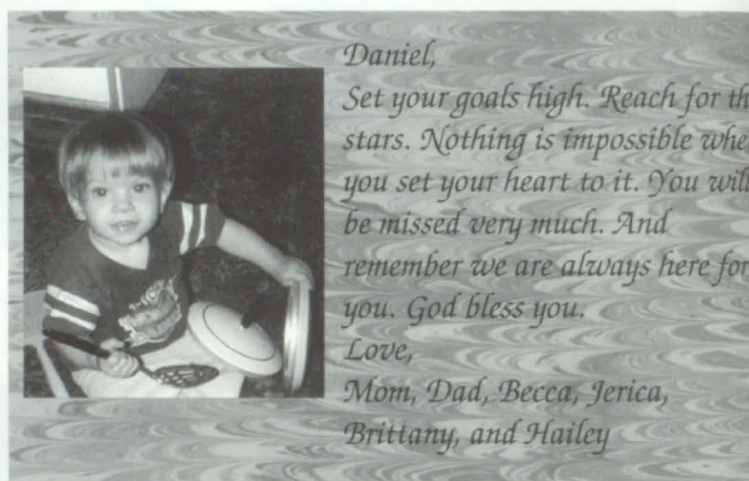


Danielle,
Now is the time to follow your
dreams. Reach out for the
stars.

We love you.
Keith, Mom, Kristy, and
Lacey

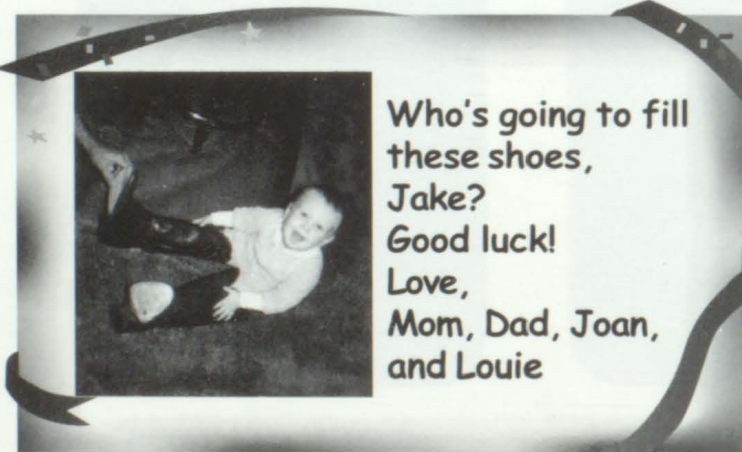


Carissa-
"Congratulations!" May your
life be BLESSED abundantly
and led by the Spirit of God.
Love always-
Dad, Mom, Craig, and Jeremy

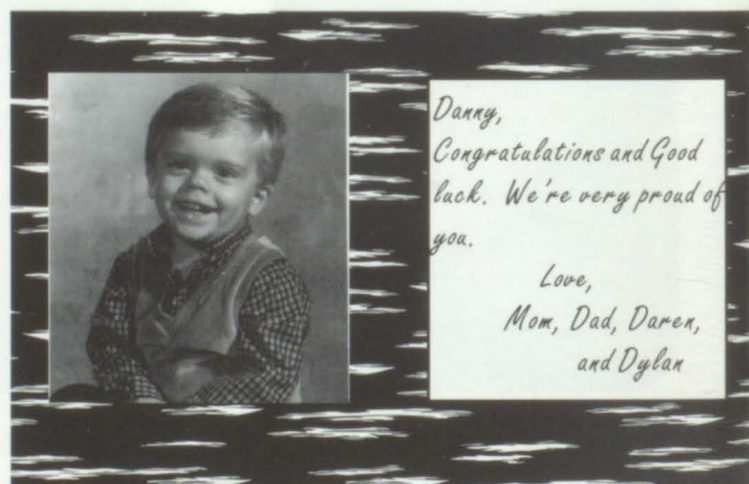


Daniel,
Set your goals high. Reach for the
stars. Nothing is impossible when
you set your heart to it. You will
be missed very much. And
remember we are always here for
you. God bless you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Becca, Jerica,
Brittany, and Hailey

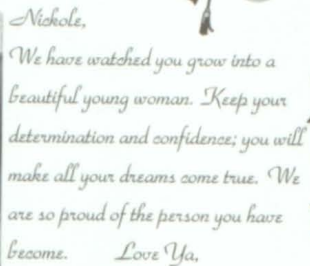


Who's going to fill
these shoes,
Jake?
Good luck!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Joan,
and Louie



Danny,
Congratulations and Good
luck. We're very proud of
you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Daren,
and Dylan



*Dad, Mom, Niner, Devin, and
Spunky*



Amanda-
 Congratulations
 To a special daughter.
 Good luck in the future.
 We love you.
 Mom and Dad



Search me, O god, and
know my heart;...PS 139:23
Jodi,
You are blessed.
Love,
Dad, Mom, B.J., and A.J.



AGGIE,
YOU'VE ALWAYS
MADE US LAUGH.
DON'T EVER LOSE
THAT!
LOVE,
MOM, DALE, AMBER,
AND ASHLEY



Molly,
Twenty years from now
you will be more
disappointed by the
things you didn't do than
by the ones you did do.
Explore, Dream, Discover.
We love you, Molly!
You make us very proud!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Kelsy, and
Cameryn



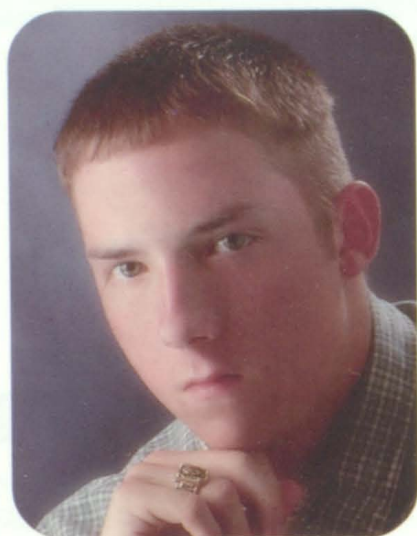
*Congratulations, Matt!
We are very proud of you
and know the world has
great things to offer you.
Take them and go!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Christy,
Adam, Dillon, and Jacob*



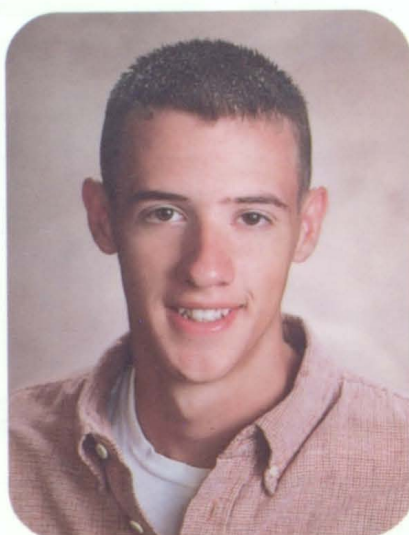
Jamie,
These last 18 years you have
brought such love, joy,
excitement and laughter to our
lives. We are so proud of you
and can't wait to see what the
future will bring for you.
Psalm 91:1-3

Love,
Dad, Mom, Erin, and Joey





Timothy Alan Robins



Bryan Saindon



Kirstin Renae Unrein



Katie Marie Wagner



Kelli Ann Wagoner



Valerie Waldschmidt



Elizabeth Anne Walz

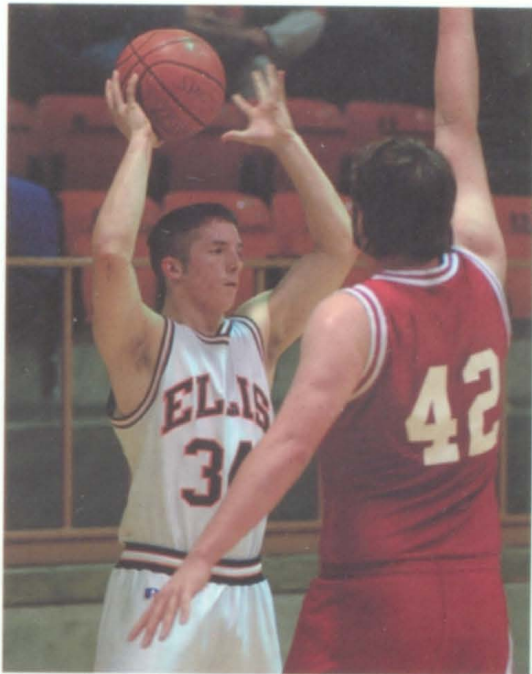


Wanda Marie Weber



Amanda Lynn Zachman

Not Pictured: Max Zahn



Looking to pass the ball, senior Tim Robins fakes out his opponent. Robins was one of three senior basketball players. The others were Jake Dreiling and Bryan Saindon.(photo by Smoky Hill Photography)

Seniors Jodi Hill, Nickole Henderson, and Jamie Kitzman show off their beauty queen outfits during Homecoming week.(photo by Linda Riedel)



Seniors Nickole Henderson and Beth Walz do a stunt from the movie "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory". The Kayettes had people dressed as Willy Wonka, Oompa Loompas, and Veruca Salt.(photo by Kelli Madorin)



Class of 2002

Helping out the Kayettes, James Bieker, sr., smooths out the piece of paper before placing it on the wall.(photo by Wanda Weber)

Members of the senior class gather together in front of the front windows. Each year the senior class decorates the front windows to display their school spirit. This year's senior class consisted of 28 people.(photo by Cindy Hertel)





Courtney,
If you get the chance to sit it out or
dance.....

Dance

Love,
Mom, Dad, and William



Jessi,
Congrats, Sissy!
We're proud of
you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Joe



Seth,
You're on your way now.
'Cause "you're a
cowboy baaaby."
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Kale



Tim,
Congratulations
and good luck over the
years. We love you!
Mom, Ray, Ashley,
and Heath



Bryan,
We're proud of you
and wish you all the
best in the future.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeff,
and Amy



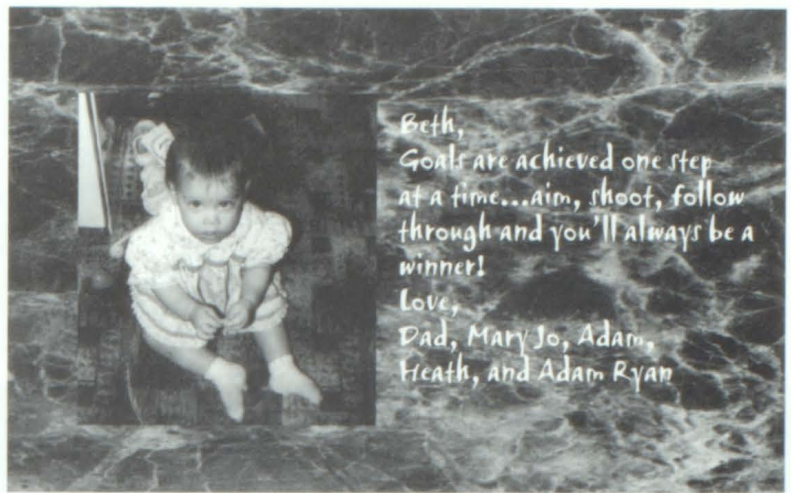
Kirstin,
May you enjoy life as
an adult as much as
you did as a child.
Remember we are
always here for you.
Love,
Mom, Wayne, and
Bryson



Kelli,
We are proud of you,
and all that you have
accomplished. We wish
you the very best!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Debbie
Squeak!!



*Valerie,
Set your standards high.
You deserve the best.
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Dad, Mom, Mindy, P.J.,
and Cassie Jo*



*Beth,
Goals are achieved one step
at a time...aim, shoot, follow
through and you'll always be a
winner!
Love,
Dad, Mary Jo, Adam,
Heath, and Adam Ryan*



*Wanda,
You have always faced the world
with energy, faith and
determination. We know that the
greatest of your dreams will
be the least that you achieve. We
are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Marsha*



*Amanda,
Give your best and the best
will come back to you. We
are blessed to have you in
our family. God bless you
and keep you also.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Micah*



*Max,
It's been a long ride.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Katie,
and Eric*

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Building up school spirit the night before the Homecoming game, senior cheerleaders Beth Walz and Valerie Waldschmidt lead a group cheer. Bonfire was one of students' favorite events during Homecoming week, and most of the student body participated. "Bonfire has to be the greatest thing imaginable," said Molly Kinderknecht, sr. "It's one of the best parts of Homecoming." (photo by Jenna Smith)

Before senior recognition begins, senior cheerleaders Valerie Waldschmidt, Nickole Henderson and Beth Walz share a group hug with cheer coach Chandra Pfeifer. "It's so hard to believe we're really seniors and this is our last year together," Waldschmidt said. Eleven seniors from band, football, cross country and volleyball were recognized for their participation. (photo by Jenna Smith)

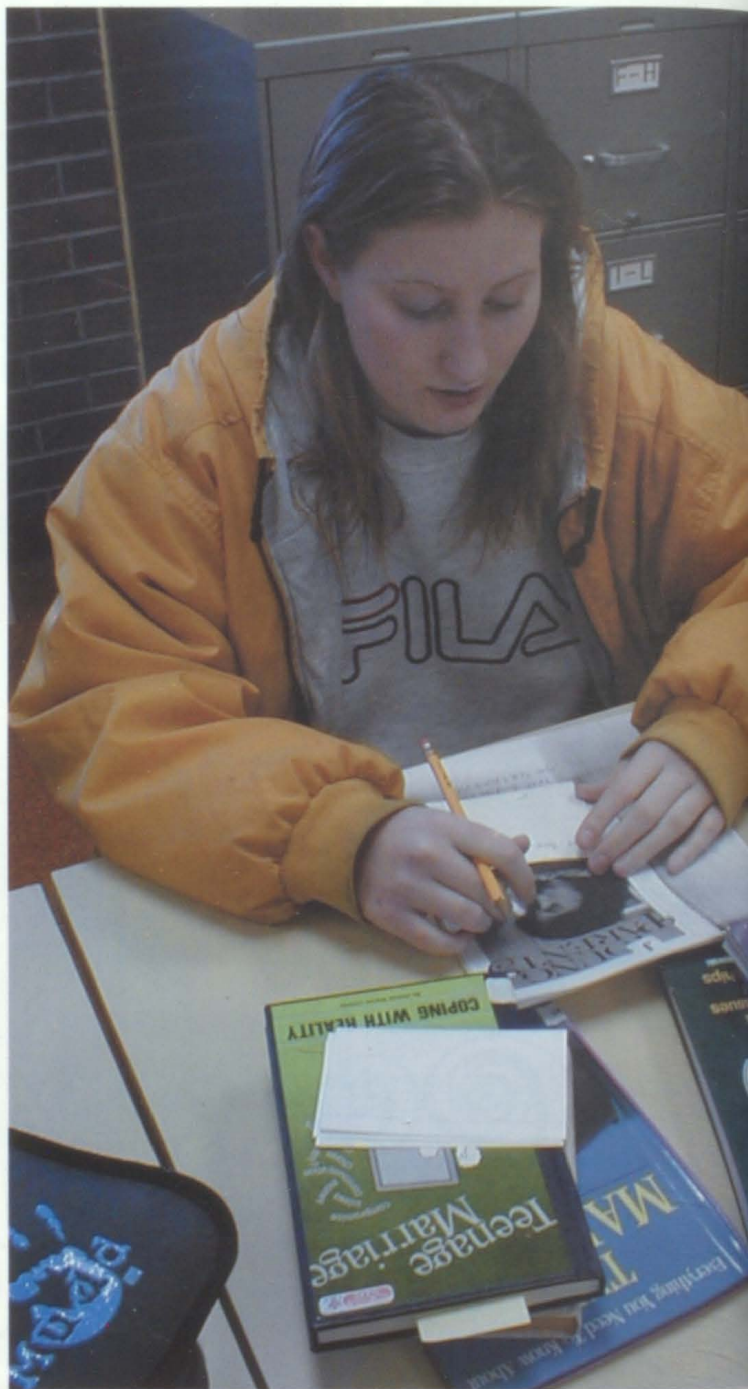
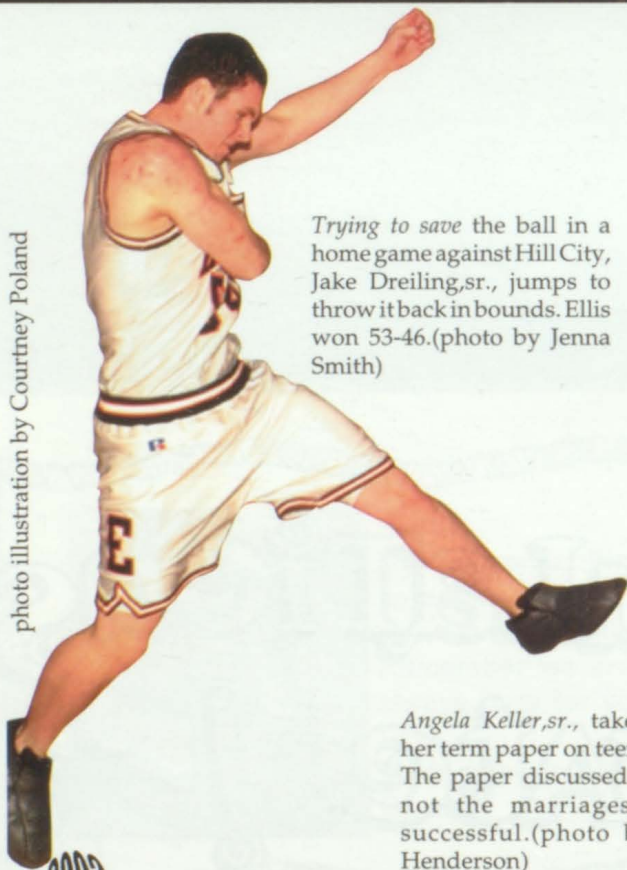


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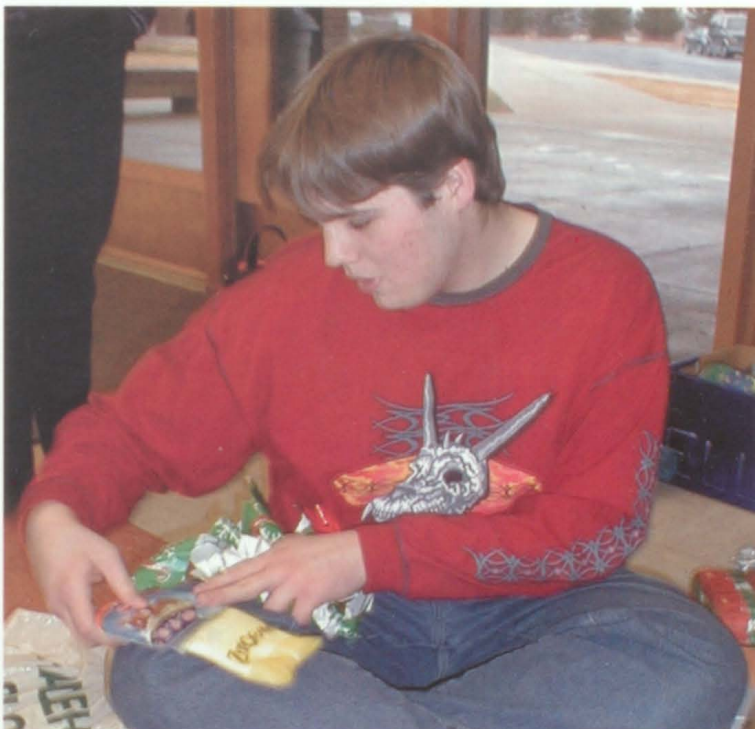
Trying to save the ball in a home game against Hill City, Jake Dreiling, sr., jumps to throw it back in bounds. Ellis won 53-46. (photo by Jenna Smith)

Angela Keller, sr., takes notes for her term paper on teen marriages. The paper discussed whether or not the marriages could be successful. (photo by Nickole Henderson)

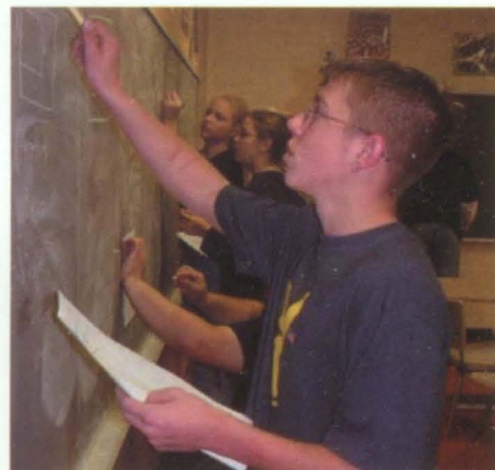


After the 2001 yearbooks arrived, the journalism staff glued individual pictures and stamped detective logos into each book. Seniors Jamie Kitzman and Courtney Poland make sure each book is ready. (photo by Cindy Hertel)

James Bieker, sr., opens his gift during a Chinese gift exchange held by several students on at-risk day. (photo by Courtney Poland)



Math students occasionally worked on the board to get a feel for their problems without being graded on them. The teachers can see if students are struggling with a concept. Matt Kinderknecht, sr., works a problem in Algebra I. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



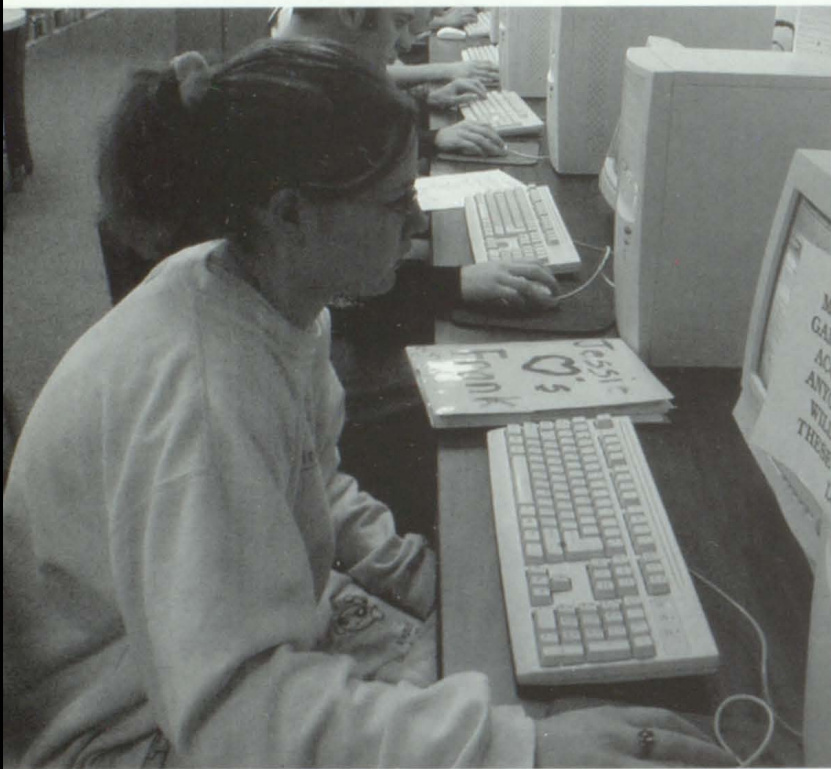
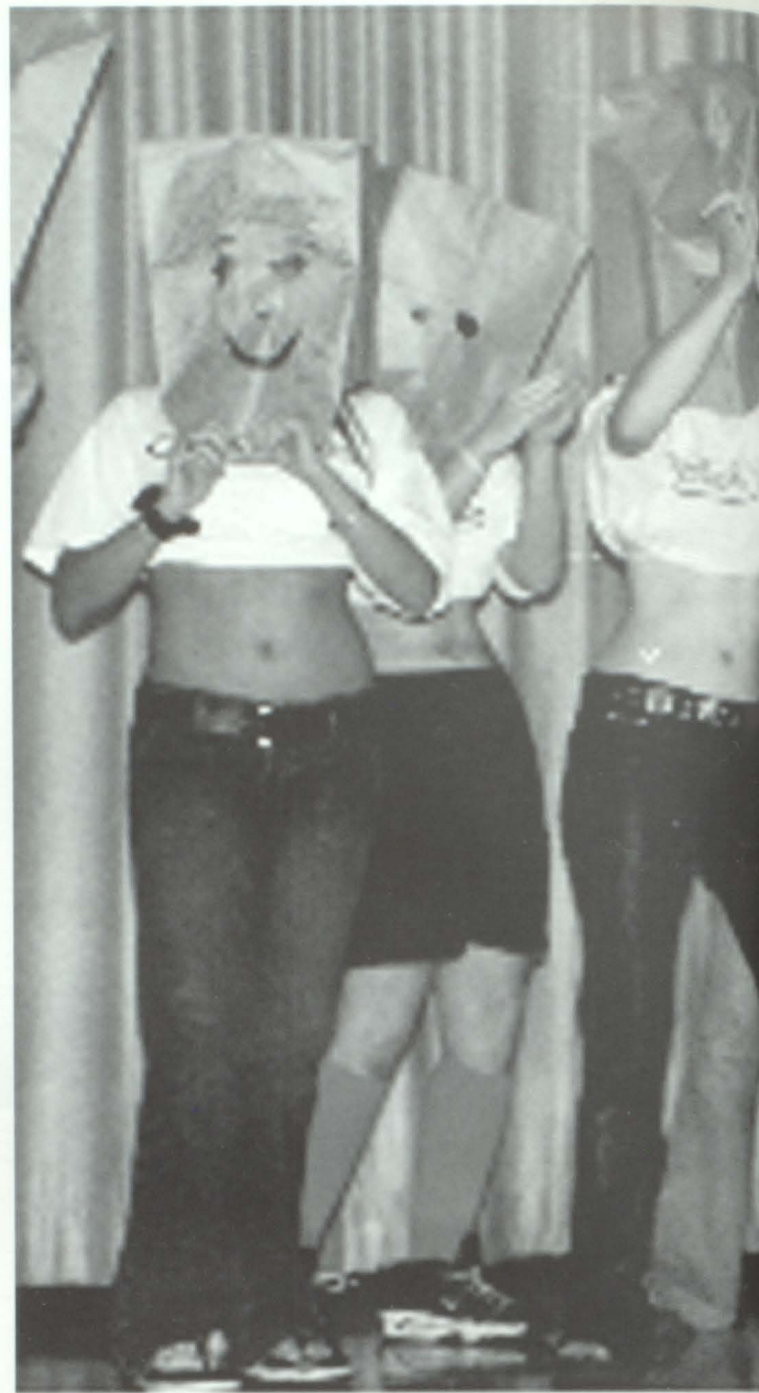
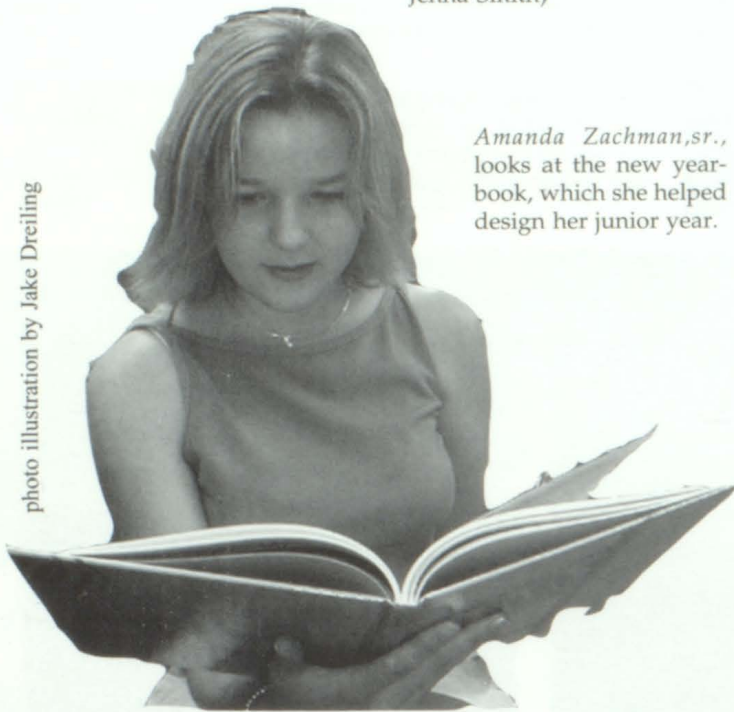
Max Zahn, sr., uses the radial-arm saw to cut pieces for the cedar chest he is making in woods class. It took him most of the year to make the chest. (photo by Kelli Madorin)

Carissa Deutscher, sr., prepares lettuce for salad while Danny Haas, sr., listens to instructions from teacher Sharla Albers. (photo by Jamie Kitzman)

Seniors Kelli Wagoner, Jamie Kitzman, Danielle Brown and Molly Kinderknecht perform in the airband competition. (photo by Jenna Smith)

photo illustration by Jake Dreiling

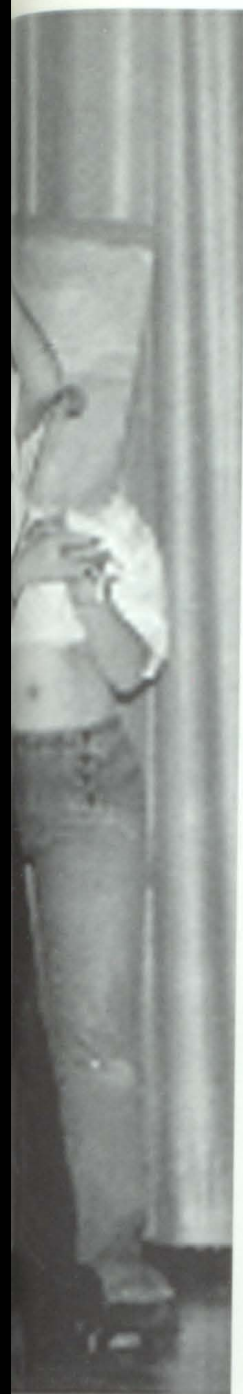
Amanda Zachman, sr., looks at the new yearbook, which she helped design her junior year.



English IV student Jessie Kreutzer, sr., works on her term paper. All the seniors, both in English IV and Advanced Composition, had to write term papers. The English IV students' papers had to be eight pages long, while the Advanced Composition students' papers had to be ten to twelve pages long. (photo by Nickole Henderson)

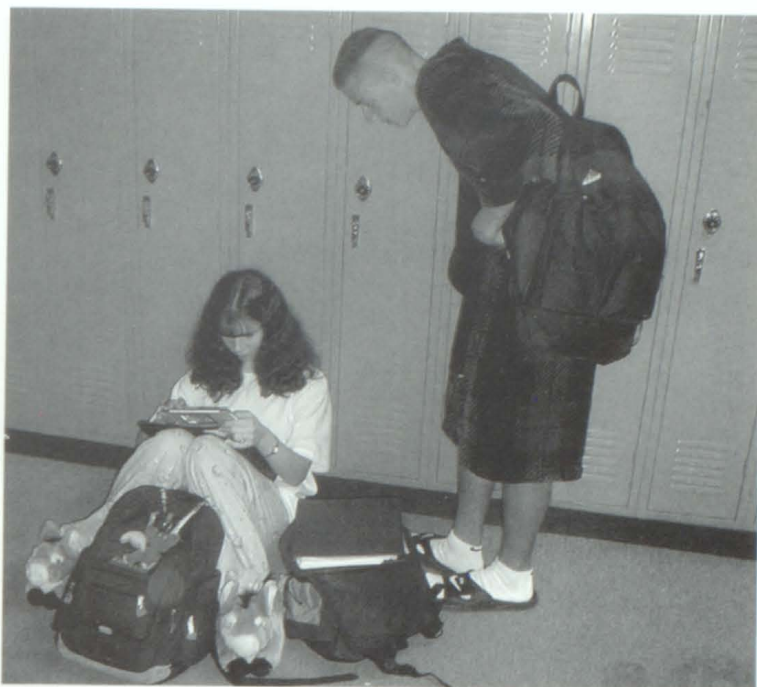
Sitting by sections, senior band members Katie Wagner and Jamie Kitzman watch a home football game with Molly Kinderknecht, sr. Band members had to sit in their sections in the stands so they could play whenever Ellis scored. Though they had to sit together, band director Renetta Dawson didn't require students to wear their uniform coats in the stands, though many wore them for warmth. (photo by Jenna Smith)





Kirstin Unrein, sr., works on her assignment for Desktop Publishing. Students learned advanced computer techniques, then made brochures as part of the class. (photo by Karen Madorin)

Dressed in his bathrobe for pajama day, Bryan Saindon, sr., helps Joan Dreiling, jr., with her chemistry homework. Many students wore robes to school. (photo by Courtney Poland)



After an instrument shelf in the band room collapsed, Jodi Hill, sr., stood under it to hold it in place while music teacher Kay Poland and several students helped resecure the pegs that held it in. No instruments were on it at the time. (photo by Courtney Poland)



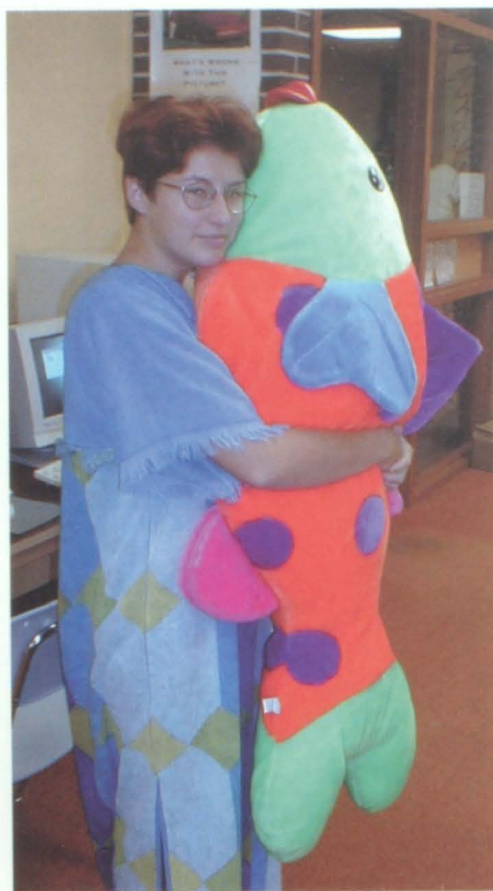
Members of the senior class clap and cheer during the bonfire, held at the Ellis fairgrounds. Many students painted their bodies, clothes or hair to show school spirit. (photo by Smoky Hill)

While waiting for Mrs. Hertel to return, seniors Jake Dreiling and Valerie Waldschmidt manage to put rubber gloves on their heads. They wore them for the entire class. (photo by Cindy Hertel)

With the bonfire blazing behind them, seniors prepare to show united school spirit. Amanda Hernandez, sr., practices screaming her loudest. (photo by Smoky Hill)



Wanda Weber, sr., brought her fish pillow to school for pajama day. Weber's pajamas were made from towels, and her mother wore them in college. (photo by Courtney Poland)



Preparing for journalism camp, Wanda Weber, sr., sets up her computer. Two journalism students, Weber and Courtney Poland, sr., attended the camp to learn new techniques, including page design using Pagemaker. (photo by Cindy Hertel)



Seniors Jake Dreiling and Randy Armbrister work together to tackle a Plainville opponent in the season's first game. Ellis won 28-6. (photo by Smoky Hill)

The journalism staff decided to give pictures taken for the 2001 yearbook to the people pictured. Nickole Henderson, sr., sorts the pictures before they are given to students. (photo by Kelli Madorin)



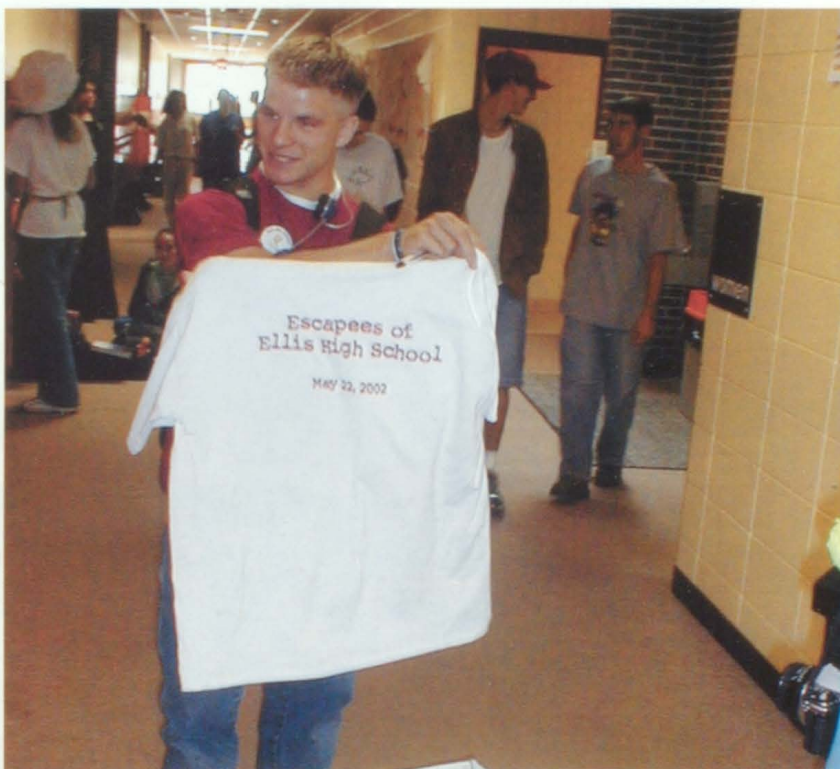


Dressed for the foodbox auction, Jodi Hill, sr., tries to hide her costume from the other students. She didn't want anyone to see her before the auction. (photo by Cindy Hertel)

Statebound and ready to play, seniors Nickole Henderson, Jamie Kitzman, and Beth Walz attend a pre-state pep rally. They were three of the four senior volleyball players. Senior player not pictured was Valerie Waldschmidt. (photo by Jenna Smith)



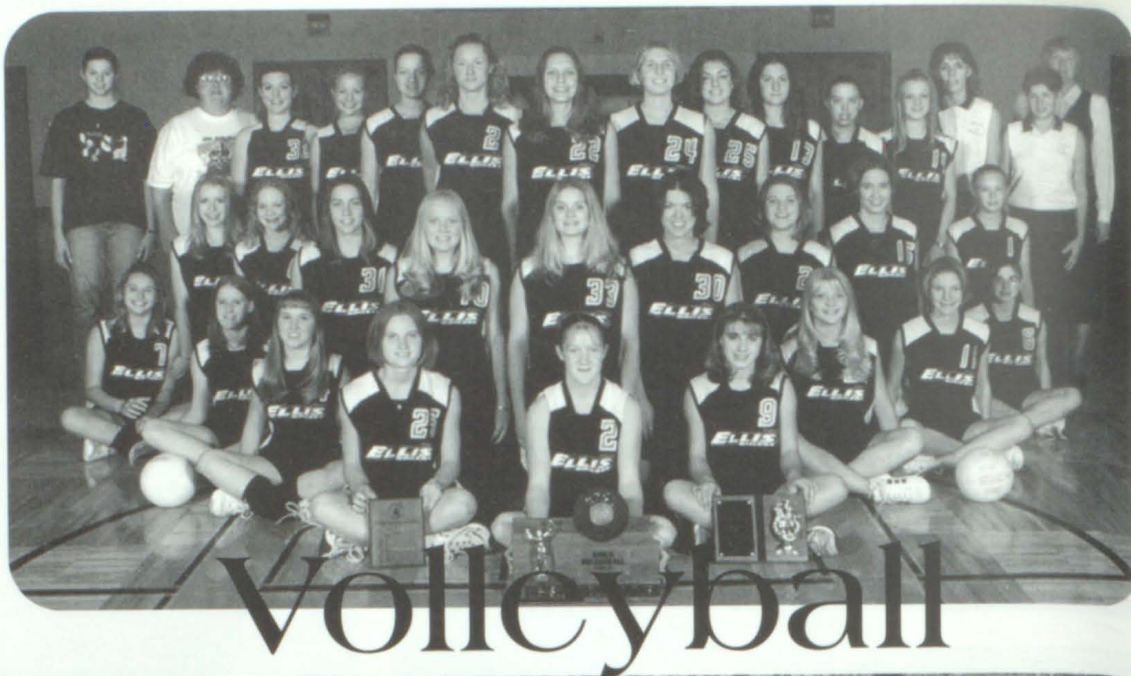
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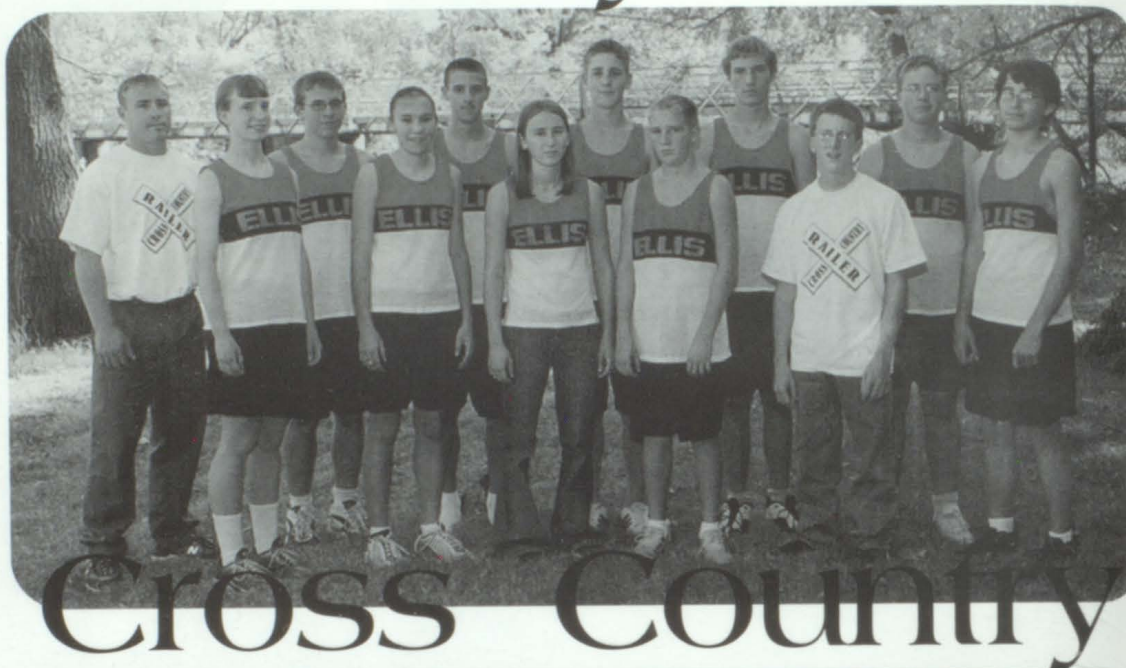
Because the girls' basketball team left early for an away game, many students had free time during their afternoon classes, which they used to help decorate for Snoball. Seniors Amanda Zachman, James Bieker, Daniel Dinkel, and Courtney Poland work together to put up the backdrop for pictures. The paper was difficult to put up because of its size, and it stuck to the tape before it was in place. (photo by Laycie Keller)

Senior class president Daniel Dinkel holds up one of the senior T-shirts for everyone to see. Molly Kinderknecht, sr., designed the shirts, and the rest of the class voted on the design. Most of the seniors ordered shirts, which they wore throughout the school year. The front of the shirts read "Class of 2002," and the back read "Escapes of Ellis High School, May 22, 2002." (photo by Courtney Poland)

Front row: Jessica Spinelli, Lacy VanAusdale, Trista Fuchs, Jenny LaBarge, Christy Walker, Lindsay Gaschler, Becca Dinkel, Lacie Bittel, and Jenna Henrickson. Middle row: Paige Helget, Jessie Dorzweiler, Erin Kitzman, Nickole Henderson, Beth Walz, Jamie Kitzman, Ashley Taylor, Chasity Waldschmidt, and Jessica Pfeifer. Back row: Mgr. Megan D. Weber, Coach Kerri Bittel, Jessi Riedel, Vanessa Beilman, Kelsie Schuster, Anja Kempe, Valerie Waldschmidt, Kelli Madorin, Marhsa Weber, Dana Armbrister, Shawna Bradstreet, Morgan Murphy, Coach Jodi Miller, Mgr. Wanda Weber, and Coach Karen Madorin.



Front row: Courtney Poland, Lynn Pfeifer, Sherri Johnson, Adam Walz, and Jeremy Dorzweiler. Back row: Coach Casey Dinkel, Ernie Pfeifer, Bryan Saindon, Chuck Parks, Travis Elder, Blake Connely, and T.J. Lee.



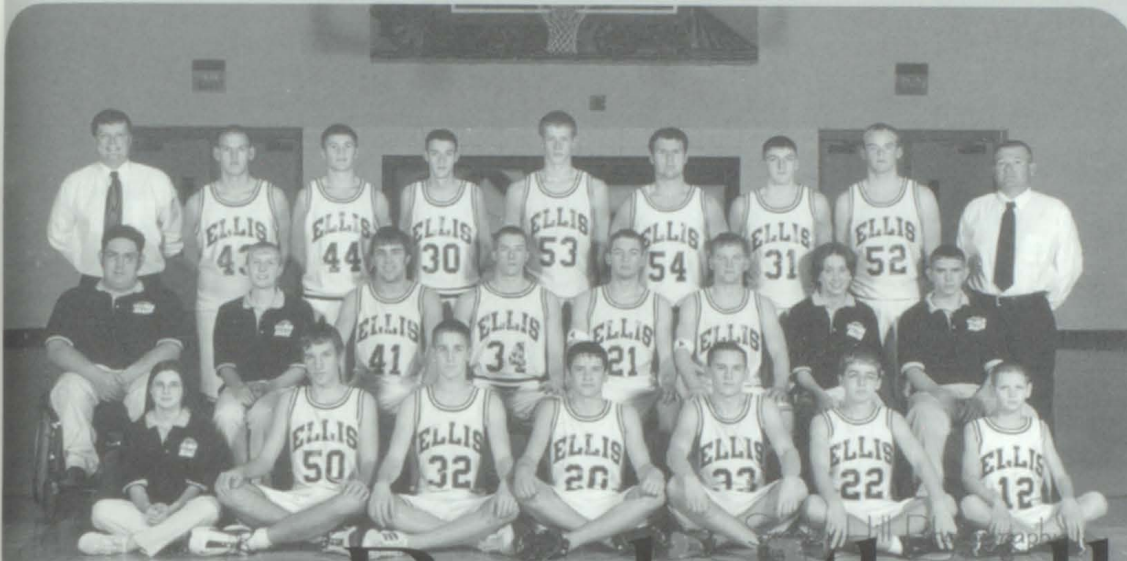
Front row: Ryan Gross, Chris Young, Cody Honas, Zach Debolt, Jerome Gottschalk, Cole King, Cody Mickelson, Colton Barton, and Clay King. Middle row: Mgr. Bradon Long, Danny Mata, Aaron Honas, Brandon Dessel, Jordan Helget, Randy Kohl, Daniel Dinkel, Anthony Taylor, and John Kroeger. Back row: Coach Don Long, Coach David Wildeman, Randy Armbrister, Ryan Augustine, Cody Fisher, Daniel Hook, Seth Reed, Jake Dreiling, Ryan Honas, Sam Mickelson, Devin Schoenthaler, and Coach Art Schoenthaler.





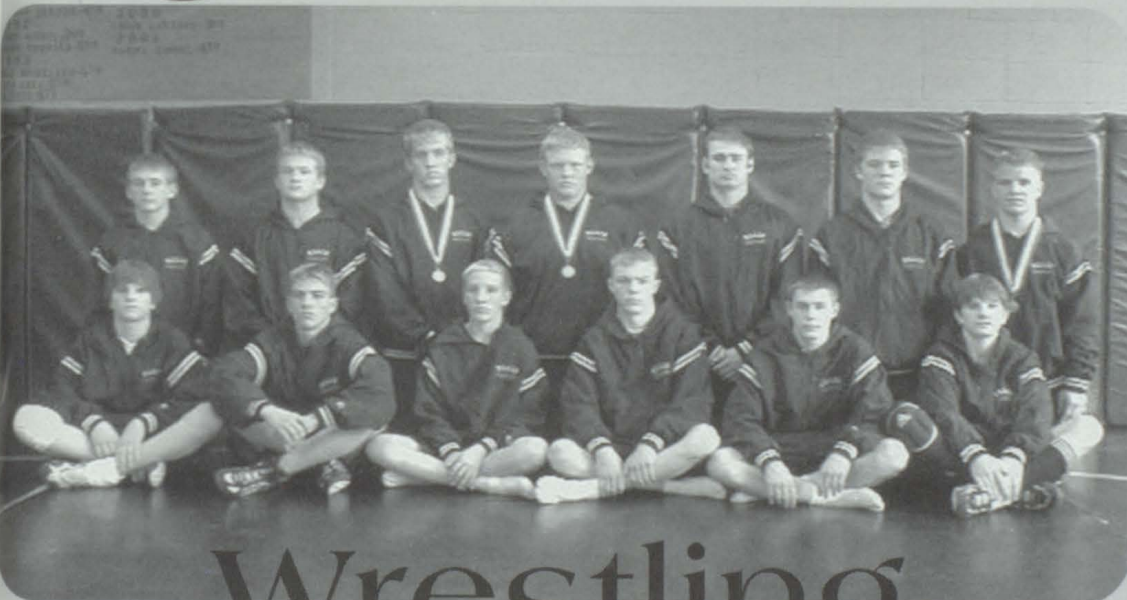
Row 1: Mgr. Joan Dreiling, Lindsay Gaschler, Kasi Wyatt, Trista Fuchs, Becca Dinkel, Lacie Bittel, Jenny Jones, and Mgr. Marsha Weber. Row 2: Coach Perry Mick, Jessica Spinelli, Vanessa Beilman, Erin Jones, Lynn Pfeifer, Christy Walker, Jennifer LaBarge, and Coach David Wildeman. Row 3: Shawna Bradstreet, Erin Kitzman, Beth Walz, Dana Armbrister, Jenna Smith, Kelsie Schuster, Valerie Waldschmidt, and Jamie Kitzman. (photo by Smoky Hill Photography)

Girls' Basketball



Row 1: Mgr. Jenna Henrickson, Travis Elder, Chuck Parks, Brett Suter, Jerome Gottschalk, Jordan Kroeger, and Colton Barton. Row 2: Mgr. Skyy Westbrook, Mgr. Kelli Madorin, Sam Mickelson, Tim Robins, Anthony Taylor, Randy Kohl, Mgr. Chasity Waldschmidt, and Mgr. Jordan Helget. Row 3: Coach Chris Rorabaugh, Brad Keller, Cody Fisher, Bryan Saindon, Daniel Hook, Jake Dreiling, Devin Schoenthaler, Cody Honas, and Coach Art Schoenthaler. (photo by Smoky Hill Photography)

Boys' Basketball



Row 1: Clay King, Dustin Cross, Adam Walz, Sean Murphy, Derek Fox, and Cole King. Row 2: John Kroeger, Brandon Dessel, Ryan Augustine, Ryan Honas, Randy Armbrister, Aaron Honas, and Daniel Dinkel.

Wrestling

Row 1: Jordan Kroeger, Blake Connelly, Thomas McElroy, Colton Barton, Travis Elder, Jerome Gottschalk, and Dustin Cross. Row 2: Sam Mickelson, Cody Fisher, Cecil Barnett, Valerie Waldschmidt, Coach John Kolacny, Kelli Wagoner, Ryan Day, Jason Henrickson, Kevin Grogan, and Jordan Helget.



Golf

Row 1: Shawna Bradstreet and Lynn Pfeifer. Row 2: Mgr. Kasi Wyatt, Jessie Pfeifer, Laycie Keller, Lindsay Gaschler, Lacie Bittel, Tracey Kroeger, and Mgr. Dana Armbrister. Row 3: Coach Perry Mick, Coach John Befort, Jenna Henrickson, Jenny Jones, Courtney Poland, Megan D. Weber, Vanessa Beilman, Danielle Erbert, Trista Fuchs, and Coach Jack Wolf.



Girls' Track

Row 1: Zach DeBolt, T.J. Lee, Chuck Parks, and Ryan Gross. Row 2: Mgr. Molly Kinderknecht, Cody Mickelson, Matt Hall, Skyy Westbrook, Anthony Taylor, Randy Kohl, Ernie Pfeifer, and Mgr. Jessica Spinnelli. Row 3: Coach Jack Wolf, Kevin Keller, John Kroeger, Coach John Befort, and Coach Perry Mick. Row 4: Jake Dreiling, Ryan Honas, Devin Schoenthaler, Bryan Saindon, Daniel Dinkel, Ryan Augustine, and Daniel Hook.



Boys' Track



Band

Row 1: Nickole Henderson, Rebecca Augustine, Jacqui DeMars, Mindy Beilman, Jessica Spinelli, Amanda Ball, Trista Fuchs, and Jordan Kroeger. Row 2: Conductor Renetta Dawson, Jessie Dorzweiler, Jennifer LaBarge, Megan M. Weber, Lacy VanAusdale, Lindsay Gaschler, Lacie Bittel, Laycie Keller, and Erin Kitzman. Row 3: Amber North, Jessie Pfeifer, Jenna Henrickson, Danielle Erbert, Valerie Waldschmidt, Jodi Hill, Blake Connelly, Lynn Pfeifer, and Jamie Kitzman. Row 4: Clay King, Kevin Grogan, Dana Armbrister, Katie Wagner, Kevin Keller, Courtney Poland, Jessi Riedel, and Kelsie Schuster.



Choir

Row 1: Dana Armbrister, Kelsie Schuster, Lynn Pfeifer, Jamie Kitzman, Erin Kitzman, Travis Elder, Jenna Henrickson, Jessie Pfeifer, Amber North, Courtney Poland, Joan Dreiling, and Abby Wickham. Row 2: Director Annie Keese, Trista Fuchs, Paige Helget, Diane Henderson, Shawna Bradstreet, Randy Kohl, Jerome Gottschalk, Ryan Gross, Vanessa Beilman, Lacie Bittel, Becca Dinkel, and Kasi Wyatt. Row 3: Jenny Jones, Shawna Totten, Danielle Erbert, Kirstin Unrein, Blake Connelly, Ben Zorn, Jodi Hill, Valerie Waldschmidt, Sondra LaBarge, Megan Wickham, Erin Jones, Jessi Riedel, and Nickole Henderson. Row 4: Jessie Dorzweiler, Megan M. Weber, Jennifer LaBarge, Chasity Waldschmidt, Katie Wagner, Angela Keller, Matt Kinderknecht, Clay King, Bryan Saindon, Ryan Augustine, Cole King, Chris Young, and Jason Henrickson. Not Pictured: Christy Walker.



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Row 1: John Kroeger, Jodi Hill, Kelli Wagoner, Trista Fuchs, Jennifer LaBarge, and Ashley Taylor. Row 2: Jordan Helget, Jake Dreiling, Anthony Taylor, Cody Fisher, Valerie Waldschmidt, Beth Walz, Adrienne Heroneme, and Daniel Dinkel.



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Kayette Board

Row 1: Reg Romine, Jenna Smith, Jodi Hill, Courtney Poland, Wanda Weber, and Chris Young. Row 2: Joan Dreiling, Marsha Weber, Jason Henrickson, Kelli Wagoner, Valerie Waldschmidt, Adrienne Heroneme, Sam Mickelson, and Chasity Waldschmidt. Row 3: Gail Dreiling, Charlene Weber, Susan Henrickson, Lori Wagoner, Sandy Waldschmidt, Janetta Heroneme, Margie Mickelson, Verlene Waldschmidt, and Carolyn Young. Row 4: David David, Darrell Smith, Linda Smith, Ed Weber, Lester Henrickson, Aaron Wagoner, Pete Waldschmidt, Alan Heroneme, Bob Mickelson, Charlie Waldschmidt, and Bob Young.



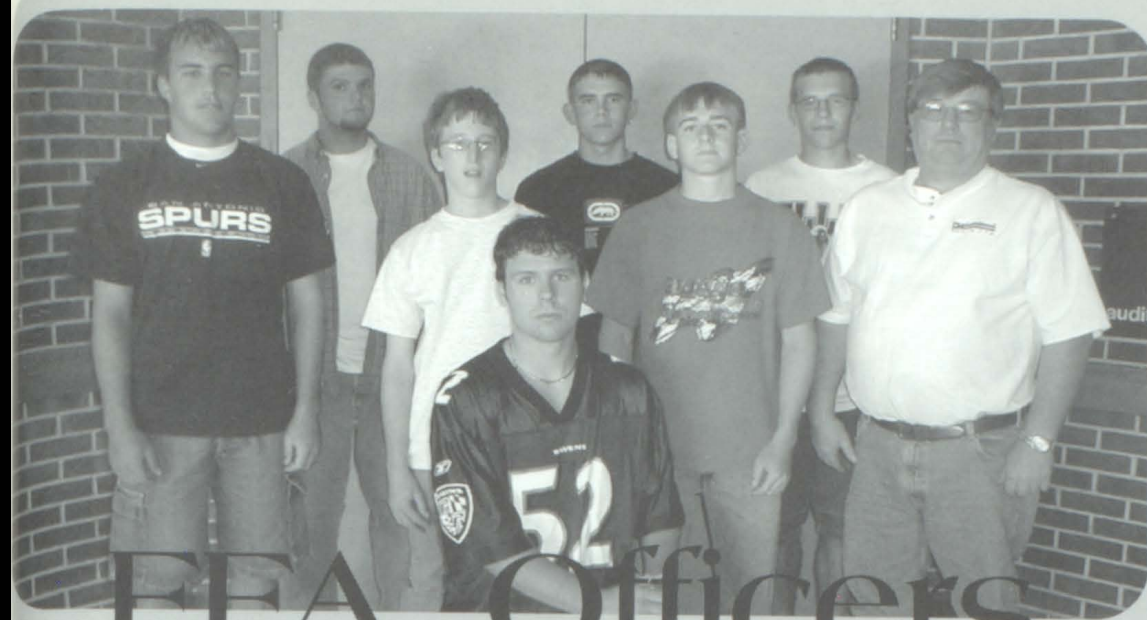
National Honor Society

Row 1: Ashley Taylor, Daniel Dinkel, Bryan Saindon, Lynn Pfeifer, and Jessica Spinelli. Row 2: Ryan Honas, Lacie Bittel, Ryan Augustine, Molly Kinderknecht, Ernie Pfeifer, Vanessa Beilman, Dana Armbrister, and T.J. Lee. Row 3: Jenny Jones, Jenna Henrickson, Adrienne Heroneme, Joan Dreiling, Kelli Madorin, Blake Connelly, Chasity Waldschmidt, Jason Henrickson, and Jessie Pfeifer. Not pictured: Seth Reed, James Bieker, Jessi Riedel, Jenna Smith, Ryan Day, Danielle Erbert, Brett Suter, René Dreiling, Trista Fuchs, Clay King, and Cole King.



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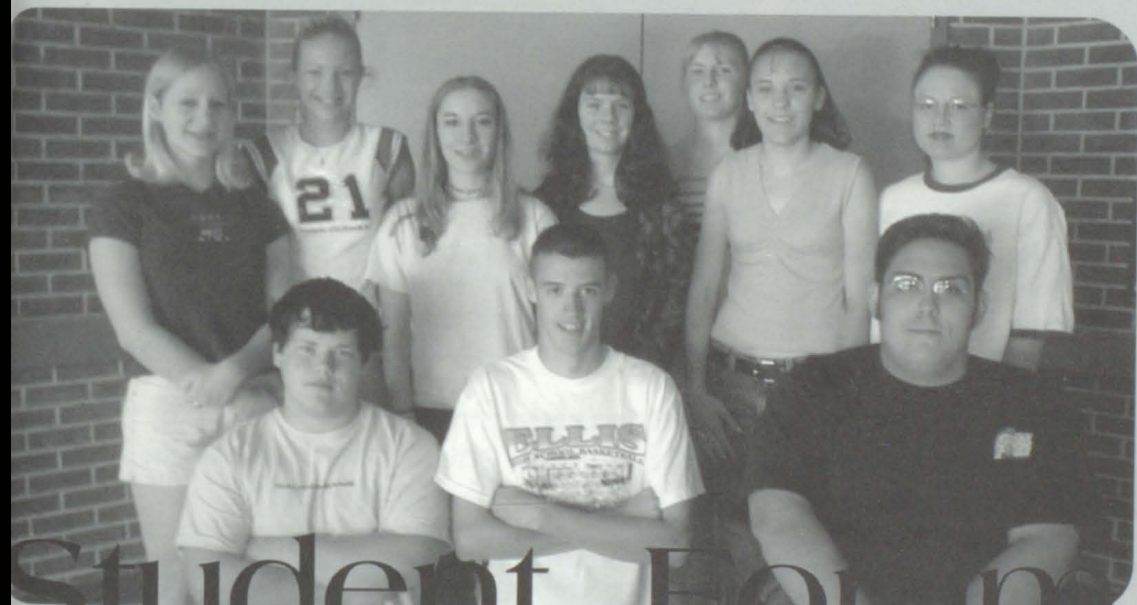
FFA Officers

Row 1: Jake Dreiling. Row 2: Sam Mickelson, Jeremy Dorzweiler, John Kroeger, and sponsor Eldon Pfeifer. Row 3: Kevin Grogan, Jordan Helget, and Ernie Pfeifer.



FCCLA Officers

Row 1: Jessi Riedel, Amanda Ball, Ashley Taylor, and Laura Lacy. Row 2: Jason Henrickson, Jenna Smith, Erin Kitzman, and Joan Dreiling.



Student Forum

Row 1: Cody Mickelson, Bryan Saindon, and Skyy Westbrook. Row 2: René Dreiling, Amanda Ball, Lynn Pfeifer, and Jessica Kreutzer. Row 3: Vanessa Beilman, Joan Dreiling, and Kelli Madorin. Not pictured: David Bieker, Jacqui DeMars, Tracey Kroeger, Jake Shartz, and Chasity Waldschmidt.



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The school board consisted of members Swede Holmgren, John Walz, Gary Luea, Art Honas (back row), Pres. Cheryl Helget, Gayla Wickman, and Vonda Keever (front row). The board met the first Monday of every month to discuss scholastic and educational issues.(photo by Wanda Weber)



Royce Morton, Jeff Kroeger, Paulette Kroeger, Mike Schuster, Dennis Wolf, Kenny Herman, and Marvin Riedel drove buses to and from school and other activities. Riedel also participated in the Bus Rodeos.(photo by Wanda Weber)



Judy Tway-Cross kept track of the monetary transactions and kept the employee records up to date at the USD office while Connie Waldschmidt did the other secretarial work. It was Lyndell Barton's first year as superintendent at this district.(photo by Wanda Weber)

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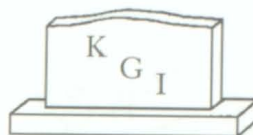
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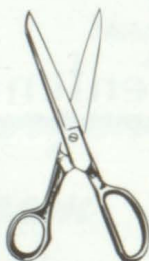
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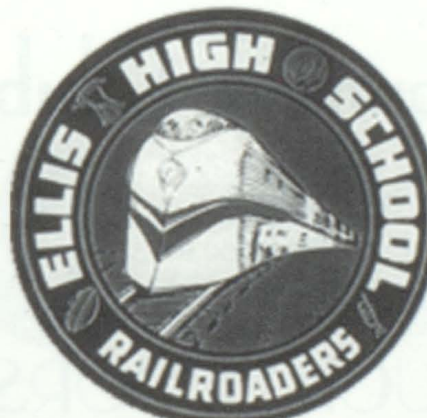
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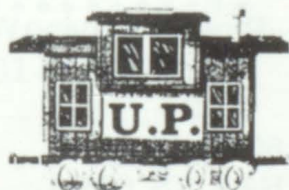
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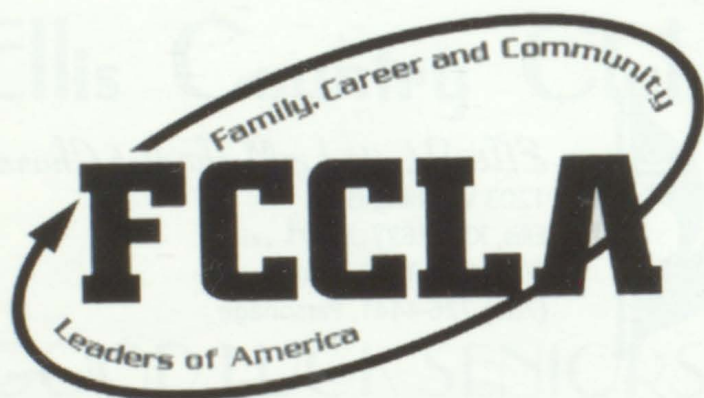
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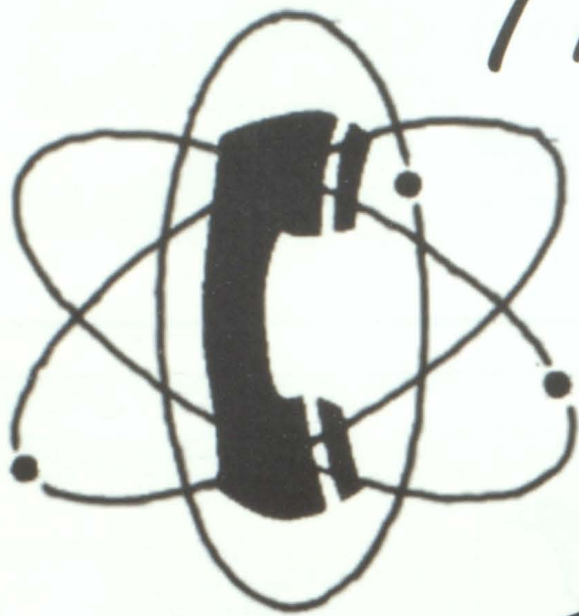


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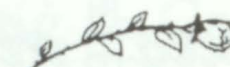
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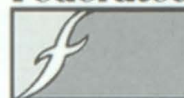
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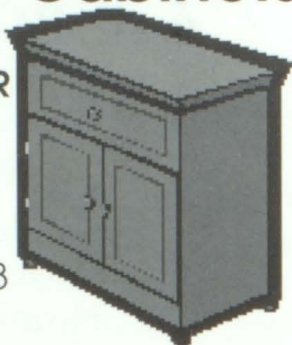
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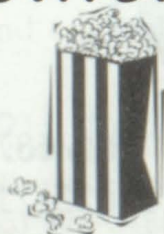
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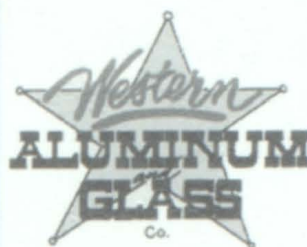
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Row 1: Jenna Smith and Nickole Henderson. Row 2: Amber North, Courtney Poland, Jamie Kitzman, Jessi Riedel, Marsha Weber, Wanda Weber, Laycie Keller, Kelli Madorin and Erin Kitzman. Not Pictured: Cindy Hertel, sponsor.(photo by Bev Mauk)

Colophon

The 2002 edition of the Ellis High School *Railroader* yearbook was published by the EHS journalism staff and printed by Jostens of Topeka, Kan. Sales representative was Derius Mammen, and in-plant representative was Lori Wishert. Press run was 130 copies with 112 pages. The *Railroader* was printed with a trim size of 7. Body copy in the book is Palatino, Helvetica, Americana and Americana ExBld.

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Portraits and group photographs were taken by the EHS journalism staff, the *Ellis Review*, Ellison Photography, Kim's Photography, Pioneer Photography and Smoky Hill Photography.

The *Railroader* was financed through book sales, \$30 business ads and \$20 booster ads.

Mr. Barton Gets Involved

Mr. Lyndell Barton puts the pole back up while helping with pole vault at the Ellis Invitational track meet. Barton helped with many activities throughout the year.(photo by Cindy Hertel)



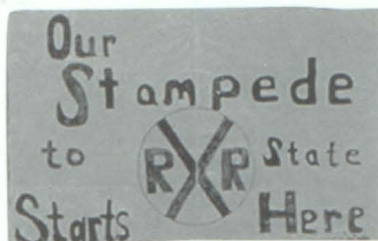
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EHS Boys' Basketball Close to State

Tim Robins, sr., prepares to make a shot during the Ellis vs. Norton game while Randy Kohl, jr., blocks the opponents. Robins made a three-point shot with less than ten seconds remaining in the game, which tied the game. Anthony Taylor, jr., then made the winning basket. Winning the game also made them the MCL regular season champions. The team went on to place second in sub-state.(photo by Smoky Hill)



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EHS students were definitely

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throughout the school year. Sept. 11 taught people that the United States isn't impenetrable, changing many people's attitudes about daily life. The volleyball team won the Ellis Invitational and the sub-state tournament for the first time ever. They advanced to state but didn't place. Since Snoball was in December instead of February, like it usually was, the Kayette officers decided to divide into small groups to continue doing service projects throughout the rest of the year. Each group of seven to ten girls did at least two projects second semester. A drug dog search was performed for the first time, although the Board of Education had considered it for several years previously without acting on it. Student council and student forum discussed it at the beginning of the year and chose to have the search. The boys' basketball team placed second in sub-state. Miss Annie Keesee took over the music position in January after graduating from York College.

Your trip through the year has now come to an end. Please remember to take all your memories with you.



photo illustration by Cindy Hertel

Freshmen Robert Ashman and T. J. Lee participate in gymnastics during P.E. class. All Freshmen were required to take P.E. to meet graduation requirements.



Juniors Erin Jones, Kelli Madorin and Marsha Weber watch anxiously during the last minutes of the boys' basketball game against Norton. Ellis won 63-61.(photo by Jenna Smith)

After receiving her diploma Kirstin Unrein,sr., talks with Mrs. June Howard, the senior class sponsor. "It was really neat how everyone supported and cheered for everyone else, even though they weren't their kids," Unrein said.(photo by Cindy Hertel)



Home Ec students Kasi Wyatt,fr., Megan Wickham,jr., and Morgan Murphy,fr., wash and dry dishes after cooking. The girls did the dishes assembly-line style to finish them faster. The Intro to Foods class cooked almost every week throughout first semester. They learned to make a variety of foods, and they also sampled exotic fruits like pomegranate and coconut. Second semester the students made quilts.(photo by Courtney Poland)



EHS students and faculty cheer on the volleyball team during the state tournament. Ellis lost against three teams in the first round. "The boys were awesome, and we really appreciated them coming to games and supporting us. They were the ones who kept us going," Coach Kerry Bittel said.(photo by Jenna Smith)

END OF THE LINE

Freshmen cheerleaders Becca Dinkel and Trista Fuchs lean over the landing to watch for good-looking males during the sub-state wrestling tournament. They also tickled people who walked under them with their hair ribbons.(photo by Nickole Henderson)



Sophomores Abby Wickham, Dusty Cross and Ashley Keller get the class rings from Greg Ice, the Jostens class ring representative. Students who paid in full when they ordered received their rings by mail approximately two weeks later. Students who paid in increments got their rings at school six to eight weeks after their orders were placed.(photo by Laycie Keller)

While cheering on the basketball team juniors Laycie Keller and Eric Kitzman try to out-yell each other during a screaming contest. "Even though I didn't participate in any winter sports I always had fun cheering on the Ellis teams. I especially enjoyed watching my friends and classmates," Keller said.(photo by Jenna Smith)



Rebecca Augustine, Jr., dries her dishes after cooking omelettes in Home Ec class. It was Mrs. Sharla Albers' first year teaching at Ellis, and she had a variety of new ideas for her classes.(photo by Courtney Poland)



Carefully cutting open his perch, David Bieker, Jr., begins dissecting in biology class. Students dissected a variety of organisms throughout the year. Students had to take oral quizzes to identify parts of the organisms.(photo by Amber North)



On our journey we have come across many people who helped us along the way. We would like to give a big thanks to the following people:

Mrs. Cindy Hertel, thanks for helping us meet every deadline, and the doughnuts were great. John Begler (Smoky Hill Photography) thanks for your photography advice and for the use of your pictures. To the school board and administration, thanks for your support.

Derius Mammen, our Jostens representative, thanks for the great deals on our deadlines and cover. Mr. Bob Young, thanks for making our computers so fast.

To all EHS students and faculty thanks so much for letting us come into class and take pictures and ask questions. This yearbook wouldn't have been possible without your cooperation.

We would also like to say good-bye to Mrs. Sandy Harwick and Ms. Jodi Miller. They have made our experience at EHS unforgettable, and in turn we will always remember them.



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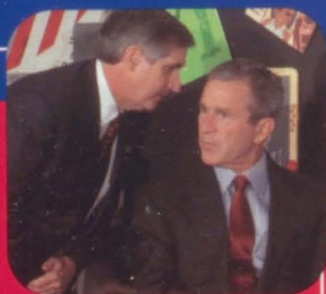
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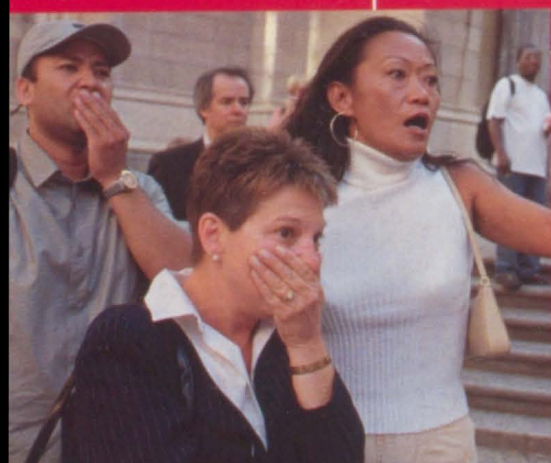
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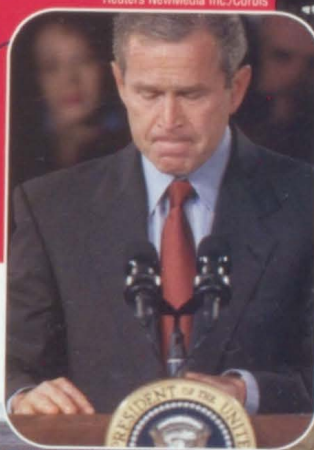


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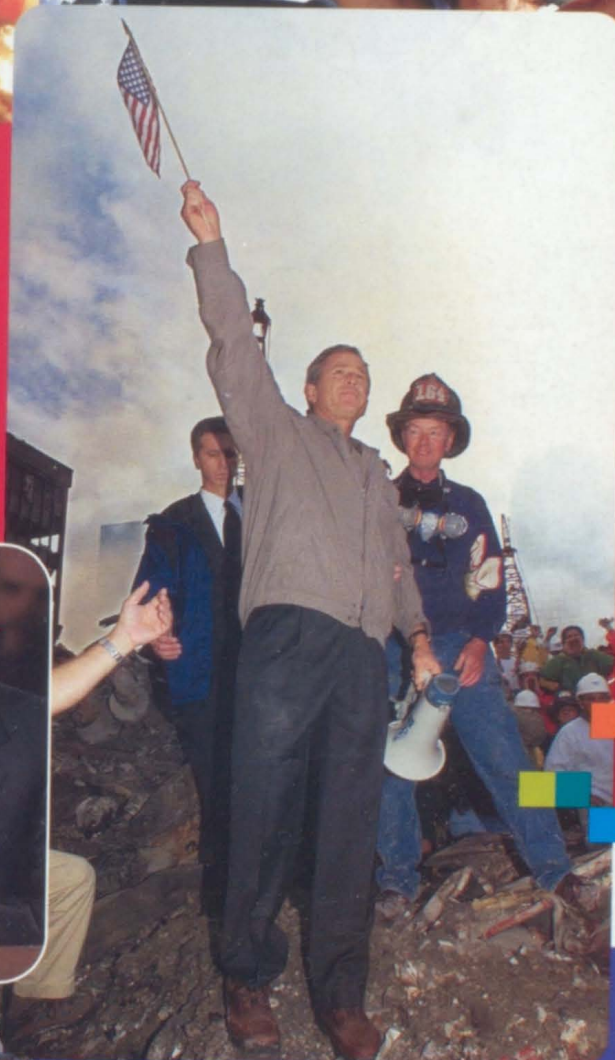
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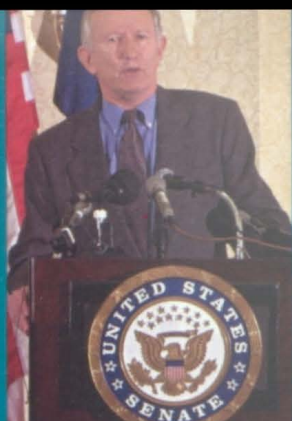
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← California residents endure drastic electricity shortages in the fall. To support energy conservation measures Jay Leno stages an "unplugged" episode of NBC's "The Tonight Show."

→ Democrats gain majority control of the Senate for the first time since 1994 when Vermont Senator James Jeffords leaves the Republican Party because of his opposition to President Bush's agenda.



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↘ Argentina's economy collapses, sparking deadly anti-government protests and looting as the country reaches an unemployment rate of 18% and a budget deficit of \$11 billion.

↓ During a year marked by economic recession, Americans open their hands, and wallets, to much-anticipated IRS rebate checks.



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World



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↑ Russian President Vladimir Putin and President Bush agree to cut nuclear missile arsenals by nearly two-thirds. Later, Bush unilaterally pulls out of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to pursue a missile defense system.

← Americans face armed guards and tighter check-in procedures as airport security restrictions are heightened following the terrorist attacks on September 11.



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↑ Japanese Crown Princess Masako gives birth to a baby girl in December. The birth generates fresh debate about male-only succession to Japan's throne.

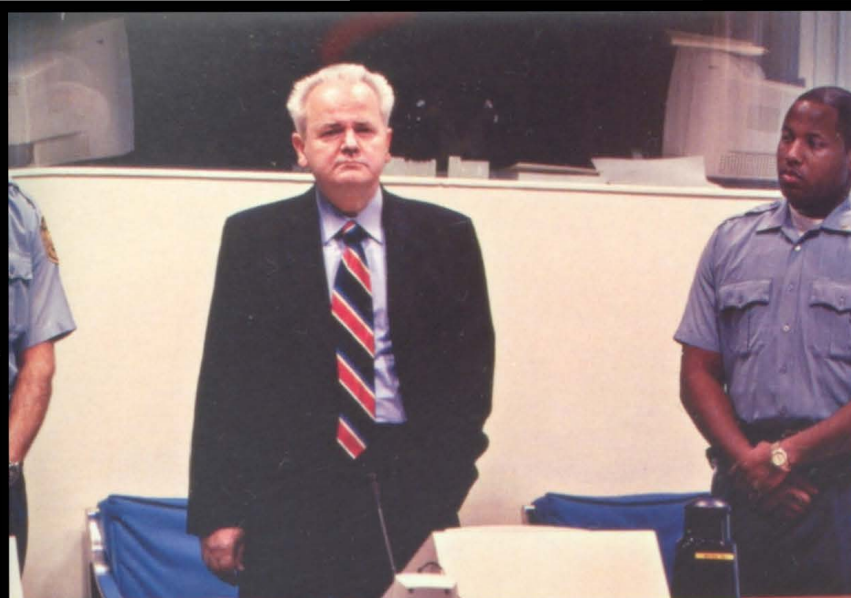
→ Americans face another form of terror when anthrax-laced letters are sent to members of Congress and the media. Five people are killed in the attacks, and clean-up of government buildings costs millions of dollars.



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↑ Former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic faces the International Tribunal in The Hague for U.N. war crimes, including the murder and persecution of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

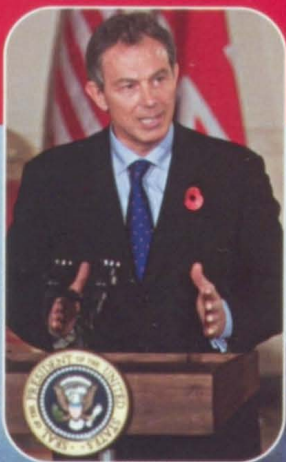
↓ American Airlines Flight 587 crashes into a Queens neighborhood in New York City on November 12, killing all 255 people on board. Structural failure of the plane's tail assembly apparently causes the tragedy.



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↑ Violent Israeli-Palestinian confrontations escalate as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and PLO Leader Yasser Arafat struggle to find an answer to their countries' ongoing hatred for one another.

↓ The U.S. welcomes overwhelming support and aid from dedicated allies in Operation Enduring Freedom, including Great Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair.



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↓ U.S. and allied forces mount Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, driving the repressive Taliban regime from power.

↓ President Bush establishes a new cabinet position, Director of Homeland Security, to coordinate the fight against domestic terrorism. Former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge becomes the first incumbent.



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↓ As Operation Enduring Freedom begins, the U.S. military airdrops food rations to the starving people of Afghanistan.



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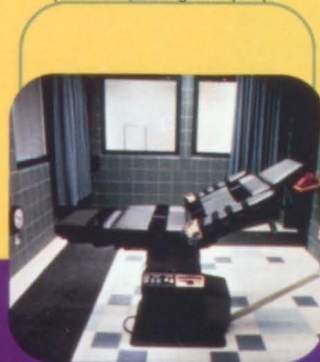
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↑ Twenty-eight youths are arrested for starting bush fires that destroy hundreds of thousands of acres of forest and farmland and kill thousand of koalas and kangaroos in southeast Australia.

↓ Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh is executed by lethal injection for destroying the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in April 1995, killing 168 people.

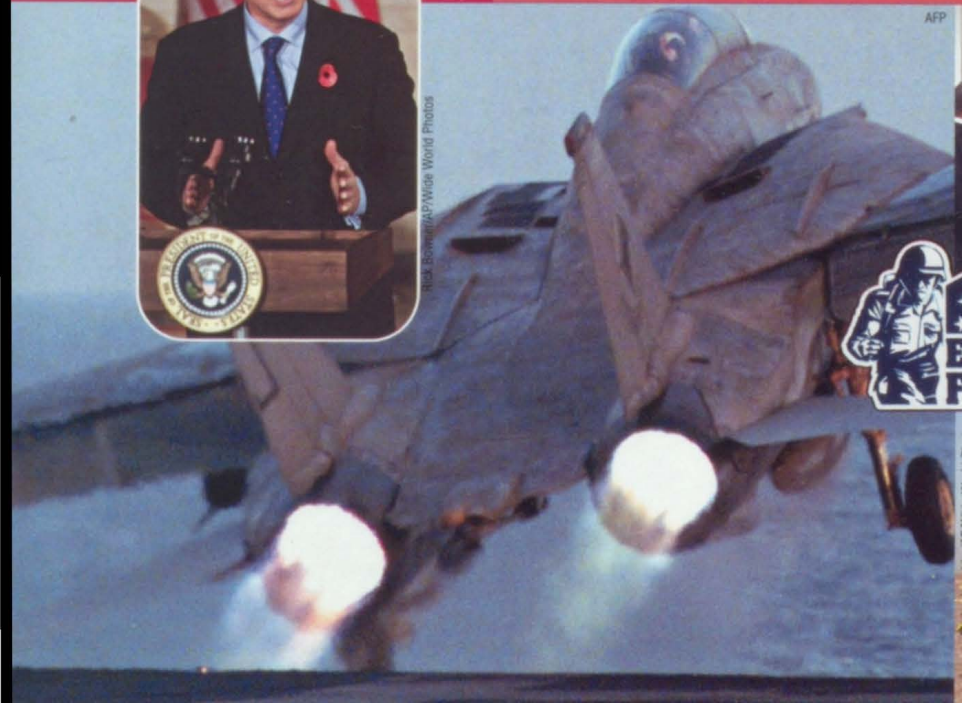


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↑ After Houston energy giant Enron collapses, thousands lose their life savings, accounting firm Arthur Andersen encounters accusations of unethical practices, and the General Accounting Office sues the Executive Branch for confidential transcripts in its investigation of the scandal.





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← In November, stargazers are treated to a spectacular shooting star display as the Leonid meteor shower returns after a 33-year absence.

→ Combination PDAs and cellular phones take portable communication to the next level of convenience.



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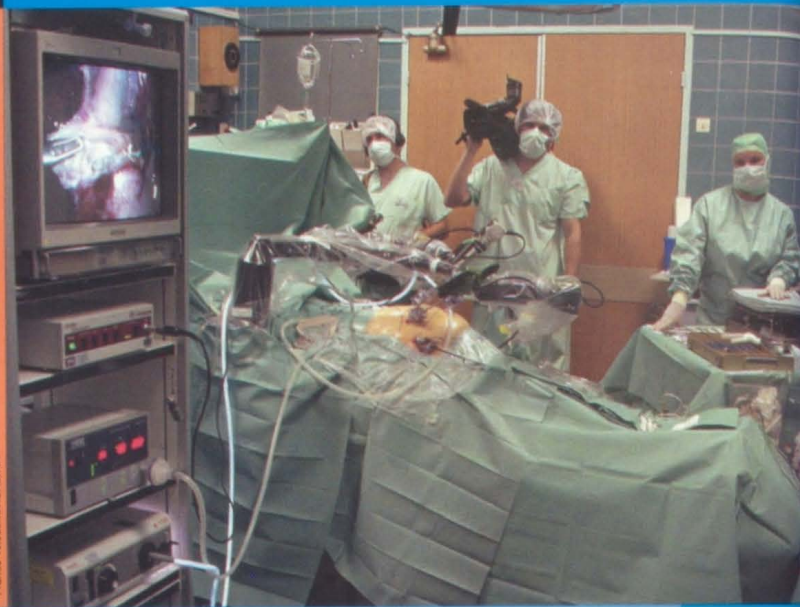
↓ American surgeons in New York perform the first remote control surgery. Signals sent through fiber-optic lines enable robotic surgical arms to operate on a gallbladder patient in France.



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← Researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, unveil a new technology that uses facial heat patterns to detect lying. Blood flows to the face when a person lies, causing dramatic changes in heat patterns.

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↑ Scientists at Massachusetts General Hospital discover that beauty triggers a brain response in men that is similar to reactions to cocaine and money.

← President Bush approves stem cell research, but only on cells already extracted. The research is highly controversial because extracting the cells kills human embryos.



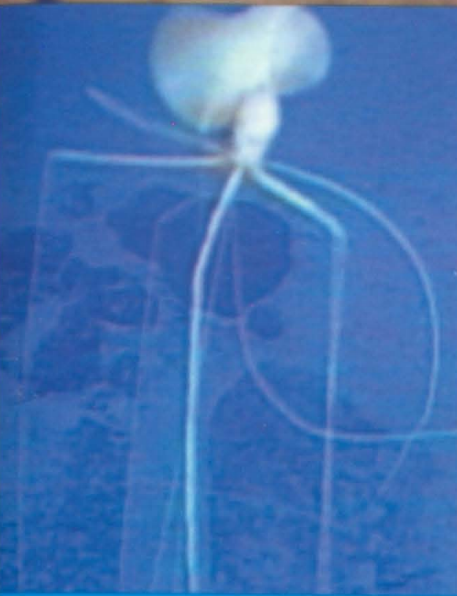
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↑ Winter weather buffs are left out in the heat as Americans experience record warm temperatures across the country in December and January.

→ Scientists report that vast fields of carbon dioxide ice are eroding from the poles of Mars. Over time, this could possibly prompt the return of water to the Red Planet.

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↑ On November 7, the supersonic Concorde airplane flies for the first time since the July 2000 crash that killed 113 people. Flight F002 travels from Paris to New York in just under four hours.

↑ Scientists in Argentina discover several 80-million-year-old unhatched dinosaur eggs with petrified dinosaur embryos inside.

↓ Dr. Judson Somerville donates his own DNA to researchers who produce the first cloned human embryo.

↓ Apple releases the sleek new iPod, allowing users to store up to 1,000 digital song files for on-the-go enjoyment.



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↑ The MR2 camera pill allows doctors to examine the inside of the human intestine without surgery. Patients swallow the "pill," which transmits digital images to a data recorder.



Japan Marine Science and Technology Center

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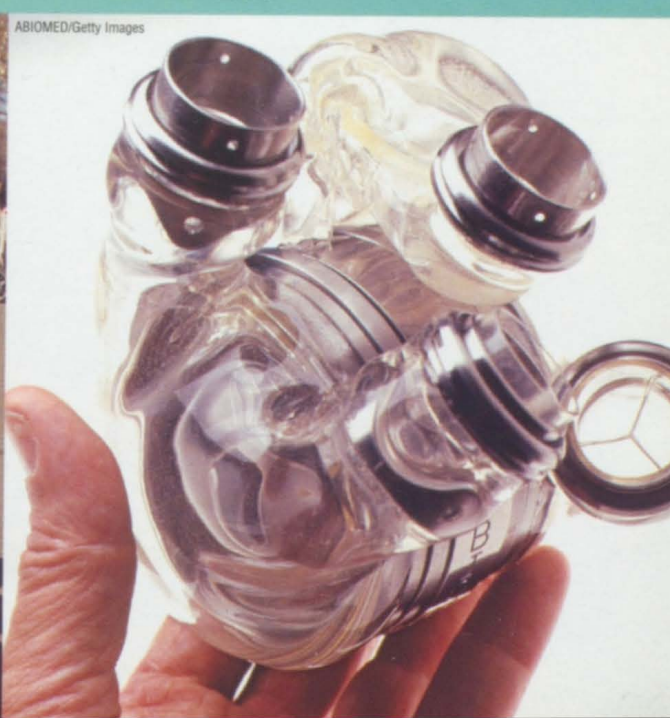
↑ A new class of giant squid is discovered. The new squid can grow to lengths of 25 feet, and has fins and 10 spidery arms with elbows.

↓ The Segway Human Transporter, a gyro-controlled scooter invented by Dean Kamen, is tested by police and postal workers in several states.

↓ The AbioCor, the world's first fully implantable artificial heart, is given to 59-year-old Robert Tools. Sadly, Tools passes away in December from unrelated causes.

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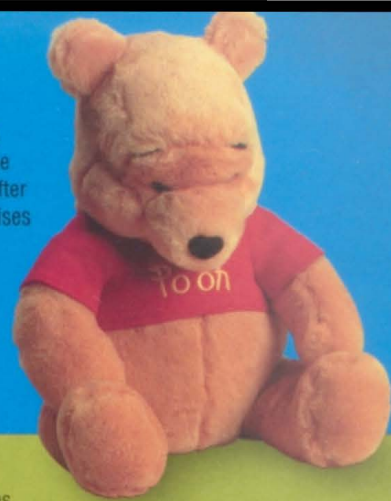


Marnie Crawford Samuelson



← The American economy enters a recession in March 2001, and the situation worsens significantly after September 11. Unemployment rises to its highest rate in six years.

→ Winnie the Pooh, fondly known by countless children and adults as "the tubby little cubby all stuffed with fluff," celebrates his 75th birthday.



↓ Popular shoemaker Vans releases a shoe of a different color—white shoes that turn yellow, pink or blue in the sunlight.



← Summer camps that teach skills to prepare children for the business world become popular with career-conscious kids and parents.



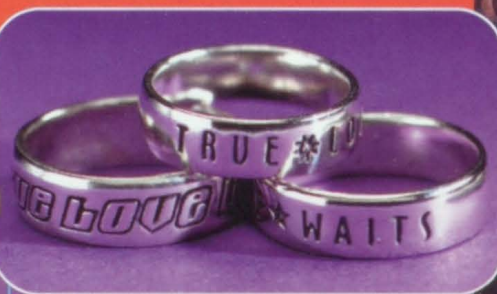
Lifestyle



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↑ M&M/MARS acknowledges the growing Hispanic American population with a new M&M's flavor "dulce de leche," the caramelized sweetened condensed milk mixture popular in Latin America.

↑ Reacting against sexuality in advertising, music and the arts, young men and women across America join the "true love waits" movement.

← Hollywood pledges support for New York after the September 11 terrorist attacks by making a variety of "I Love NY" fashion statements.

→ In the new arcade game Dance Dance Revolution, players watch a dance pattern onscreen and duplicate the moves on a corresponding dance floor.

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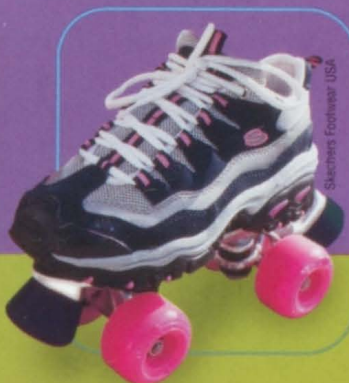
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↑ Hoping to perpetuate its mystique with motorcycle fans, Harley-Davidson unveils the V-Rod, its first new "hog" in a half-century.

↓ Teens across the country are on a roll with retro style roller skates and the newest fad: shoes with retractable wheels.



Spectrum Footwear USA

↑ The *Journal of the American Medical Association* reports that childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions thanks in part to larger fast food servings and in-school soda machines.

↓ Cover Girl turns lips into a work of art with LipArt. The new fad comes complete with stencils, a freestyle lip brush and 26 shades for creating unique lip designs.



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Physique

↑ Extreme soda drinkers receive another huge jolt of caffeine as Mountain Dew introduces its newest beverage—cherry flavored Code Red.

↑ Bobbleheads make a comeback, representing not only sports figures but also pop music superstars such as 'NSYNC.

← Topps releases an "Enduring Freedom" card set featuring portraits and bios of many leaders involved, including President Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

↓ At 10:45 a.m. September 11, Fox News Channel introduces the headline ticker. Other networks follow, creating a non-stop flood of headlines. Each "crawl" rotates nearly 80 headlines in a 7- to 15-minute loop.



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← The American flag shows up anywhere and everywhere as patriots across the country display their support for U.S. troops battling in Operation Enduring Freedom.



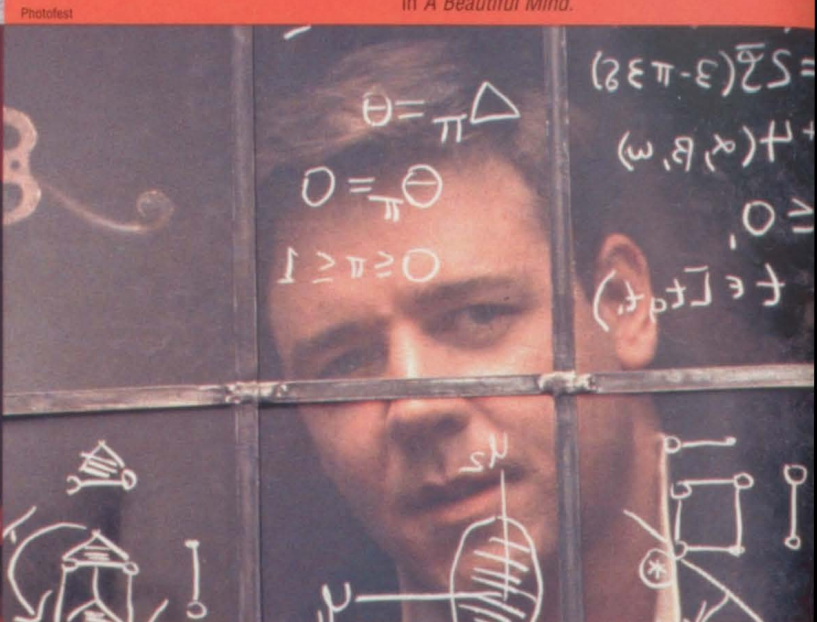
← Shrek and Donkey, voiced by Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy, hit the theaters to teach a valuable lesson about true love in *Shrek*.

→ MTV, the first television network devoted exclusively to popular music, celebrates its 20th anniversary.



↙ CBS's "Late Show with David Letterman" helps people cope with their emotions in the weeks after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

↓ Russell Crowe receives his third straight Oscar nomination for Best Actor with his challenging role as a paranoid-schizophrenic in *A Beautiful Mind*.

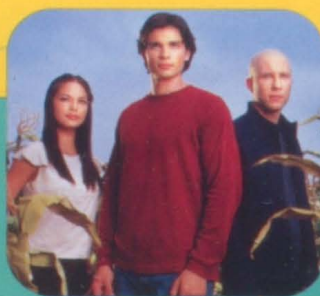


Entertainment



↑ 1970s Swedish band Abba enjoys revival in the Broadway smash hit *Mamma Mia!* The musical features three intertwined love stories and over 20 of Abba's greatest hits.

← The Emmy Awards for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy go to CBS's "Everybody Loves Raymond" stars Patricia Heaton and Doris Roberts.



↑ The WB scores a flyaway hit with "Smallville," the story of Superman's high school years. The show stars newcomer Tom Welling as the young Superman.

→ Actor Josh Hartnett solidifies his role as a leading man in Hollywood with a pair of blockbuster war movies: *Pearl Harbor* and *Black Hawk Down*.

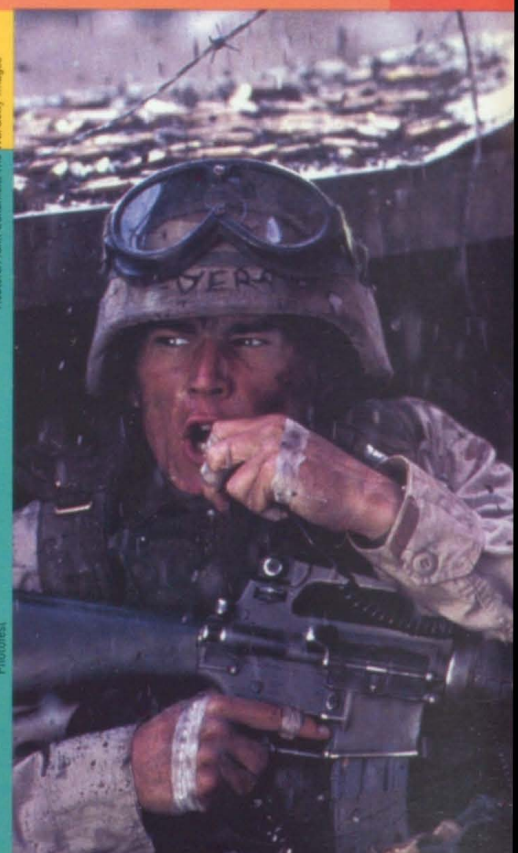




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↑ Entertainers and major TV networks come together in historic fashion for the "America: A Tribute to Heroes" telethon, raising over \$150 million for September 11 relief efforts.

↓ Nintendo's Gamecube and Microsoft's X-Box enter the video game market to compete with Sony's smash-hit PlayStation 2.



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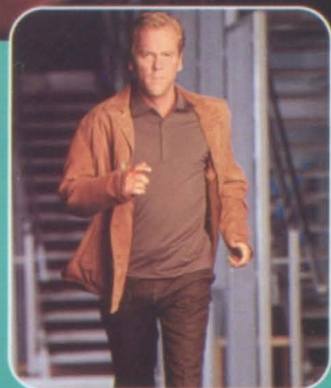
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↑ *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, the first movie of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy trilogy, receives 13 Oscar nominations including Best Picture.

↓ Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks collaborate to produce the 10-episode HBO World War II epic *Band of Brothers*, based on the best-selling book by Stephen Ambrose.

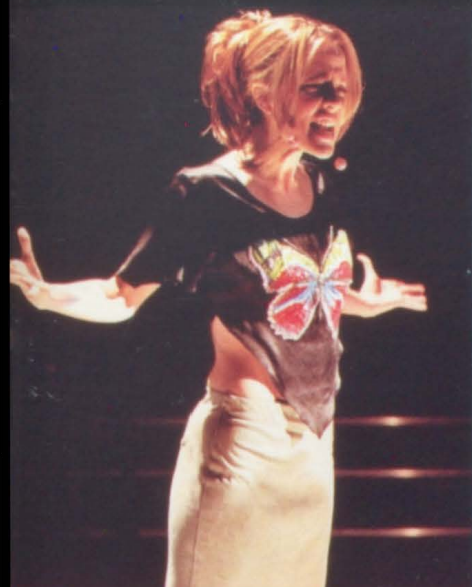


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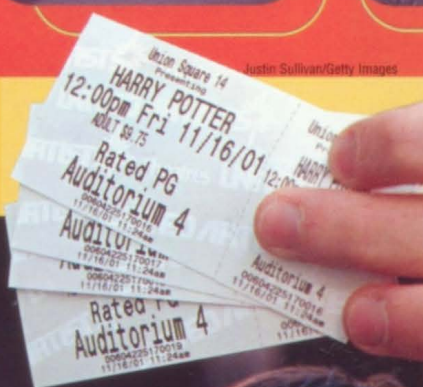
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↑ Kiefer Sutherland stars in Fox's Golden Globe winner "24." The show is delivered in two dozen real-time episodes based on one action-packed day in the life of fictional CIA agent Jack Bauer.



↑ Popular WB TV series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" receives rave reviews for presenting an entire episode as a musical.

↓ The highly anticipated movie *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* sets records for opening weekend, and first, second and third place single-day box-office totals.



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↑ Sony Pictures, Warner Bros., Universal, MGM and Paramount movie studios discuss the joint creation of Moviefly—the first Internet-based downloadable movie rental system.



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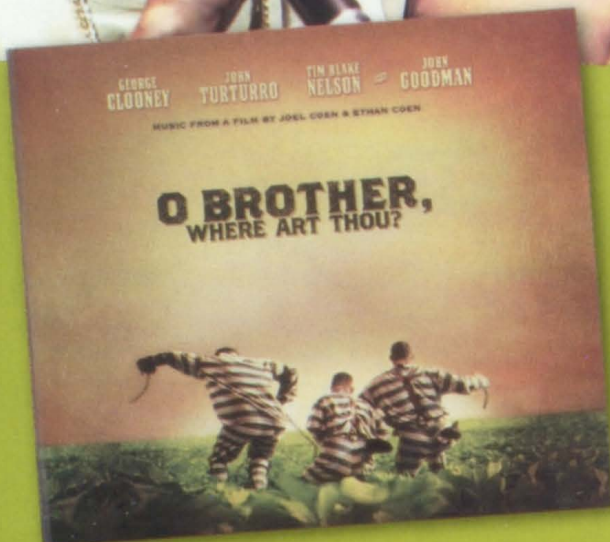
← Popular rapper Ja Rule is nominated for the 2002 NAACP Image Awards Outstanding Hip-Hop/Rap Artist for the song "Livin' It Up."

→ Singer/actress Aaliyah is killed in a private plane crash in the Bahamas. During her eight-year career, Aaliyah released three hit CDs and appeared in several feature films.



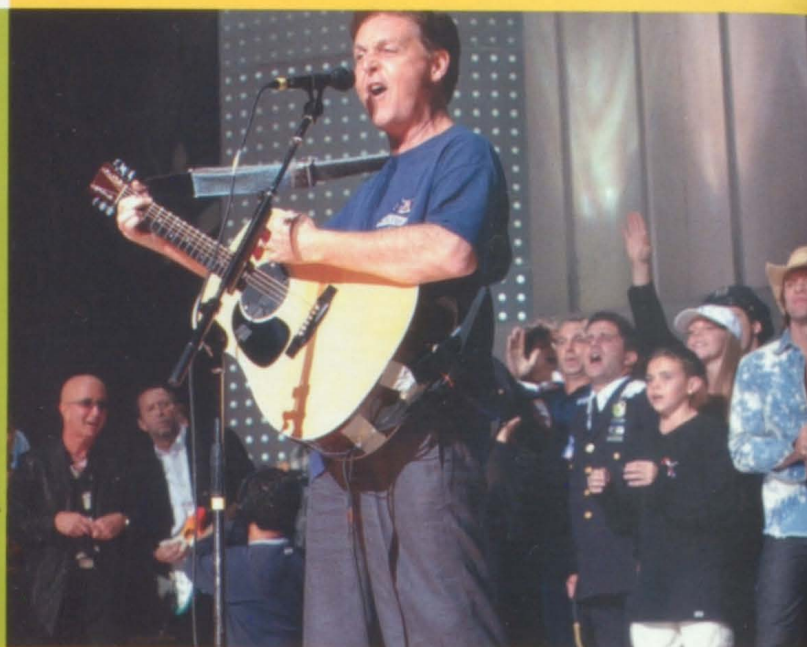
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↓ Musicians join together for several concerts, including The Concert for New York City, to pay tribute to the victims and raise money for recovery efforts after the September 11 terrorist attacks.



↑ The music from the hit movie *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* becomes country music's top-seller for 2001 and receives a Grammy nomination for Album of the Year.

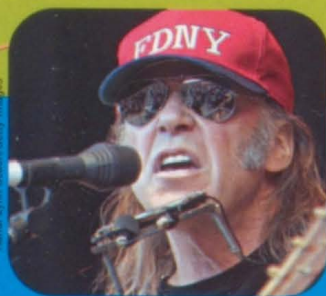
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Music



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↑ Neil Young's song "Let's Roll" celebrates the spirit of the passengers who overtook hijackers on Flight 93 in Pennsylvania on September 11.

← Colombian music sensation Shakira brings her high-energy Latin pop to the U.S. with her first English-language album, *Laundry Service*.

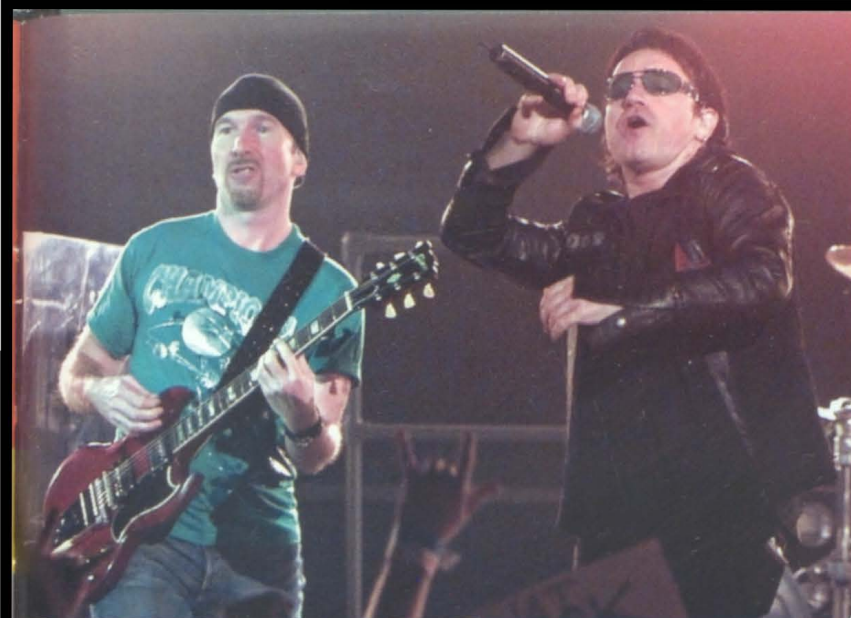


↑ To benefit AIDS research and September 11 relief efforts U2's Bono recruits musicians to record Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On." Participating artists include Nelly Furtado, Fred Durst, Gwen Stefani, Moby and many more.

→ Modern rock group Incubus storms onto the music scene with the release of the widely acclaimed album *Morning View*.



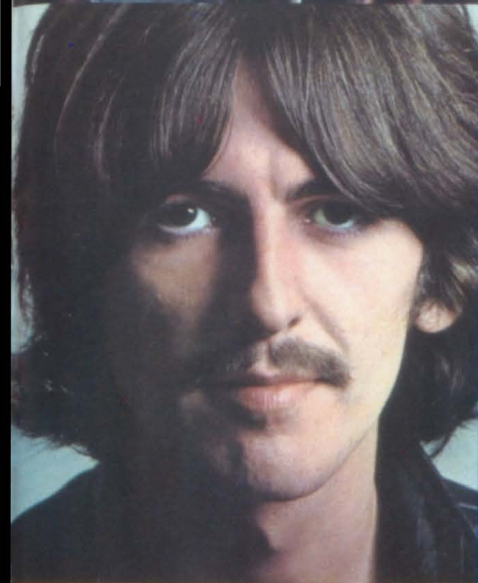
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President

↑ Irish rock group U2's Elevation Tour is the top-grossing tour of the year, earning U2 the title of Band of the Year from both *Spin* and *Rolling Stone* magazines.

↑ Alicia Keys wins two American Music Awards for Favorite New Artist in both the Pop/Rock and the Soul/R&B categories for her debut release *Songs in A Minor*.

↓ Fatboy Slim wins six MTV Video Music Awards for his video for the song "Weapon of Choice," featuring a dancing Christopher Walken.

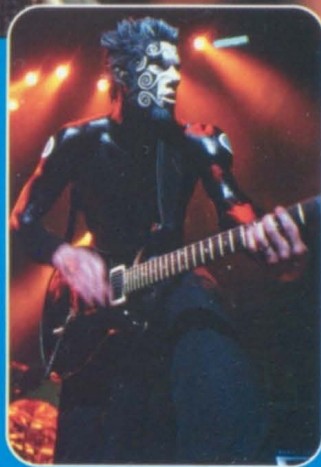
↓ Country singer Tim McGraw wins five *Billboard* Music Awards, including Country Album of the Year for *Greatest Hits*.



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↑ Limp Bizkit guitarist Wes Borland leaves the band to pursue his own musical career.

↑ Legendary Beatles' guitarist George Harrison, the so-called "Quiet Beatle," dies after a three-year battle with cancer.

↓ Rock bands like P.O.D. use their faith to help bring the Christian rock/pop music message into the mainstream music scene.

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↑ Australian female string quartet Bond reaches the top of the U.S. classical album charts — despite being blacklisted from the U.K. chart for sounding too similar to pop music.

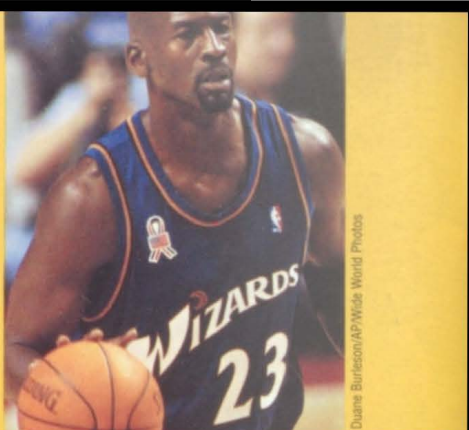
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← The 14-point underdog New England Patriots shock NFL viewers by kicking a dramatic last-second field goal to upset the St. Louis Rams 20-17 in Super Bowl XXXVI.

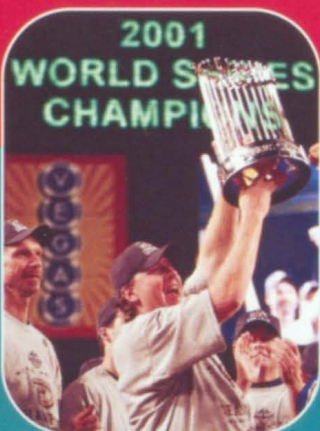
→ Michael Jordan, 38, returns to the NBA with the Washington Wizards. Jordan fills arenas nationwide and propels the previously doormat Wizards to instant respectability with an over-500 record.



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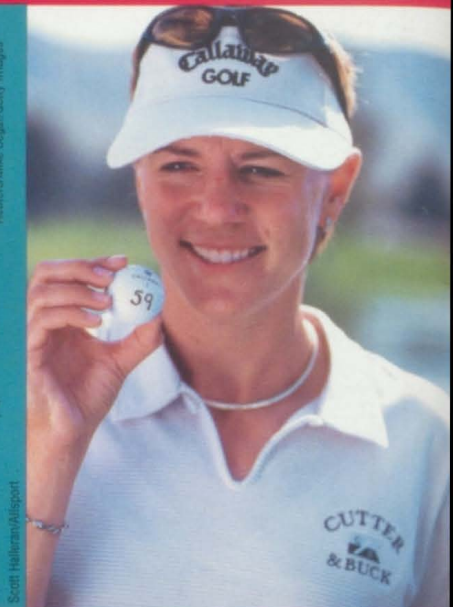
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↑ The Arizona Diamondbacks stun the New York Yankees to win the World Series with a two-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning of Game 7.

← San Francisco's Barry Bonds makes baseball history with 73 home runs and an astounding slugging percentage of .863—both all-time records.

↓ Swedish golf superstar Annika Sorenstam wins the 2001 money title, eight tournaments and Player of the Year, and sets over 30 LPGA records, including the all-time low score of 59.



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Sports



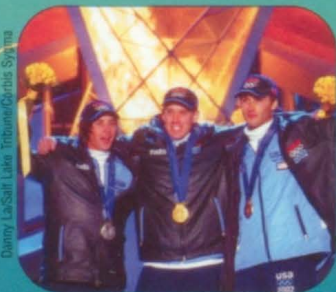
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↑ After her team loses only five games all season, playoff MVP Lisa Leslie leads the Los Angeles Sparks over the Charlotte Sting to win the 2001 WNBA Championship.

← In July, Dale Earnhardt Jr. wins the Pepsi 400 in Daytona, Florida. Ironically, Earnhardt's victory comes on the same track where his father died just five months earlier.



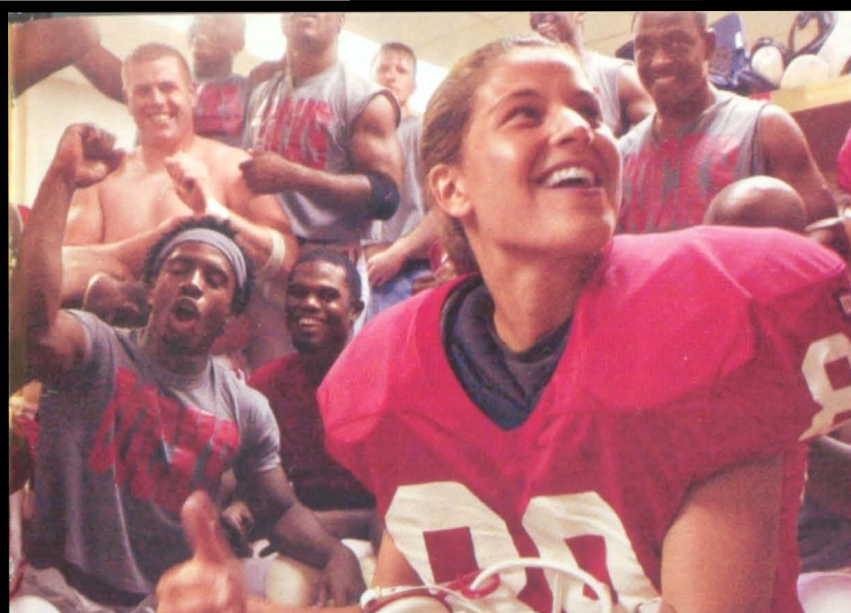
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↑ Snowboarders Danny Kass, Ross Powers and J.J. Thomas give the United States its first medals sweep in the Winter Olympics since 1956.

→ In November, NASCAR superstar Jeff Gordon wins his fourth Winston Cup Championship.



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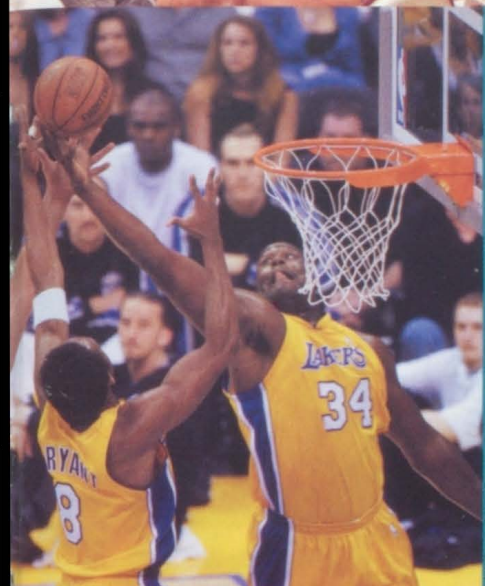
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↑ Former Georgia high school homecoming queen Ashley Martin becomes the first female to score in Division 1-AA college football by kicking three extra points for Jacksonville State.



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↑ The Colorado Avalanche skate to victory in the 2001 NHL Finals against the New Jersey Devils, marking the first Stanley Cup win for 20-year veteran Ray Bourque.



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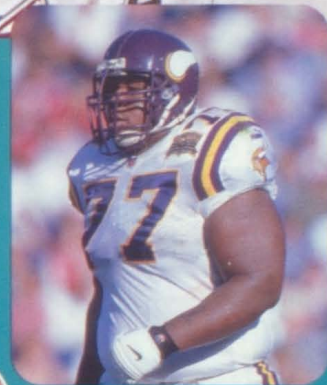
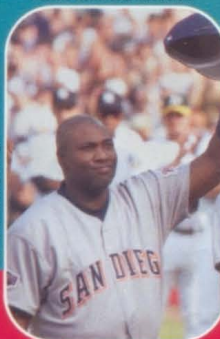
↑ In 2001, superstars Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal propel the Los Angeles Lakers to their second straight NBA title.

↓ Future Hall of Famers Tony Gwynn, Mark McGwire and Cal Ripken Jr. all retire from major league baseball at the end of the 2001 season.

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↑ The NFL season begins on a tragic note when Minnesota Vikings tackle Korey Stringer collapses at practice and dies a day later from heatstroke complications.

→ America welcomes athletes from all over the world to Salt Lake City, Utah, to compete in the 2002 Winter Olympics.

↓ On their way to an undefeated season and undisputed NCAA Football national championship, the Miami Hurricanes roll over the Nebraska Cornhuskers 37-14 in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

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↑ In the first Saturday night women's U.S. Open final, tennis ace Venus Williams defeats her younger sister Serena 6-2, 6-4.



San Francisco/AP

- ← An estimated 350 search-and-rescue dogs brave fire, dehydration, toxic fumes and rubble collapse as they comb the World Trade Center wreckage for survivors and victims.
- Terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden tops the FBI's most wanted list for his role in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

FBI TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVE

USAMA BIN LADEN

MEMBER OF U.S. NATIONALS ON THE WANTED LIST FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, TERRORIST ATTACKS ON A FEDERAL FACILITY RESULTING IN DEATH

DESCRIPTION

Date of Birth	1957	Age	44
Place of Birth	Arabia	Race	Arabic
Height	5' 7" to 5' 9"	Complexion	Dark
Weight	160 to 170 pounds	Build	Lean
Build	Lean	Nationality	Arab
Occupation	Unknown		
Remarks	This individual is a member of a terrorist organization known as al Qaeda. This person is a person of interest to the FBI.		

CAUTION

USAMA BIN LADEN IS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, BOMBING OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA AND KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS A MEMBER OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

REWARD

The United States Government is offering a reward of up to \$2 million for information leading directly to the apprehension or conviction of Osama bin Laden.

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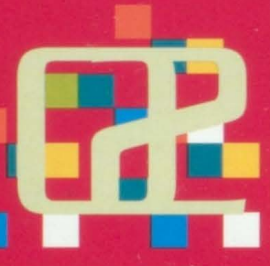
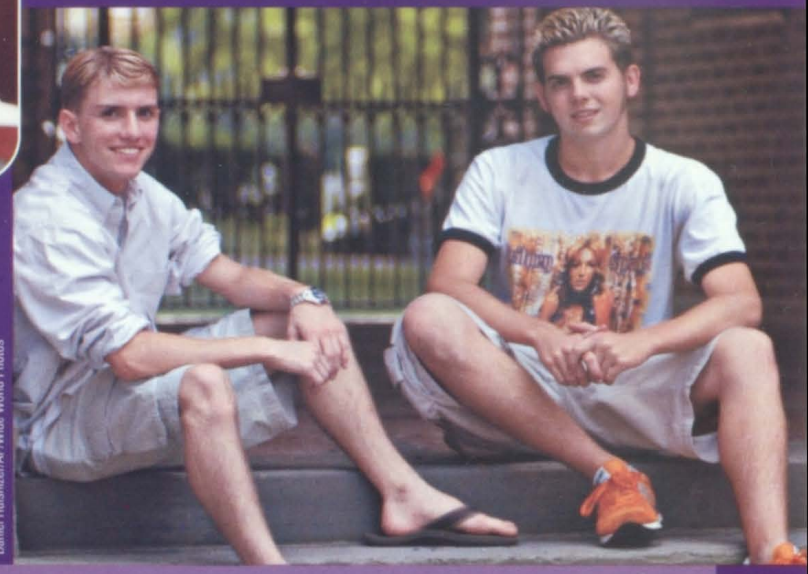
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- ← New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani makes many public appearances in an effort to make New Yorkers and all Americans less afraid to return to normalcy after September 11.

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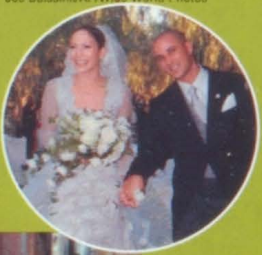
- ← Sarah Jane Olson, once known as Kathleen Soliah, is charged with domestic terrorism as a member of the Symbionese Liberation Army in the 1970s and sentenced to 20 years to life.

- ↓ Hired as campus spokesmen for First USA Bank, New Jersey high school seniors Chris Barrett and Luke McCabe become the first students to finance their college educations through corporate sponsorship.



Faces

- Actress/singer Jennifer Lopez marries dancer/choreographer Cris Judd in September.



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- ↑ Wendy's founder and familiar television figure Dave Thomas succumbs to liver cancer at age 69.



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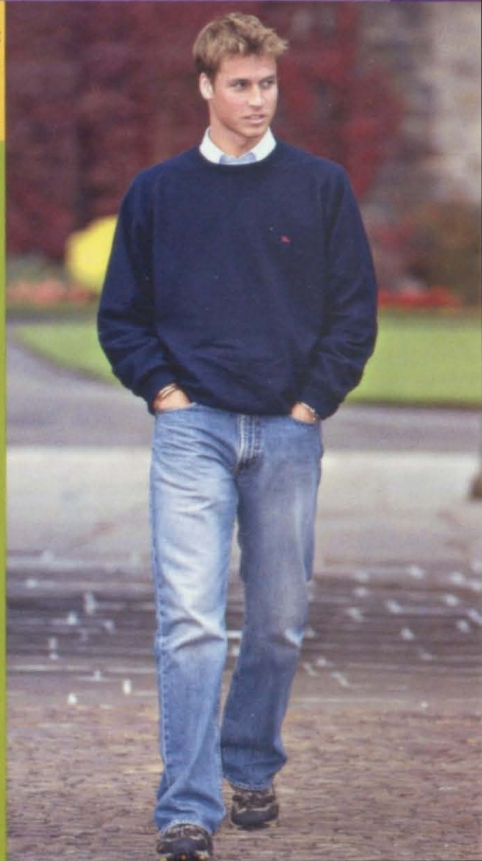
- ↑ NBC's TV game show "The Weakest Link" gains popularity thanks to the assertive demeanor of British hostess Anne Robinson.
- The future king of England, Prince William of Wales, 19, enters the University of St. Andrews in southeastern Scotland.

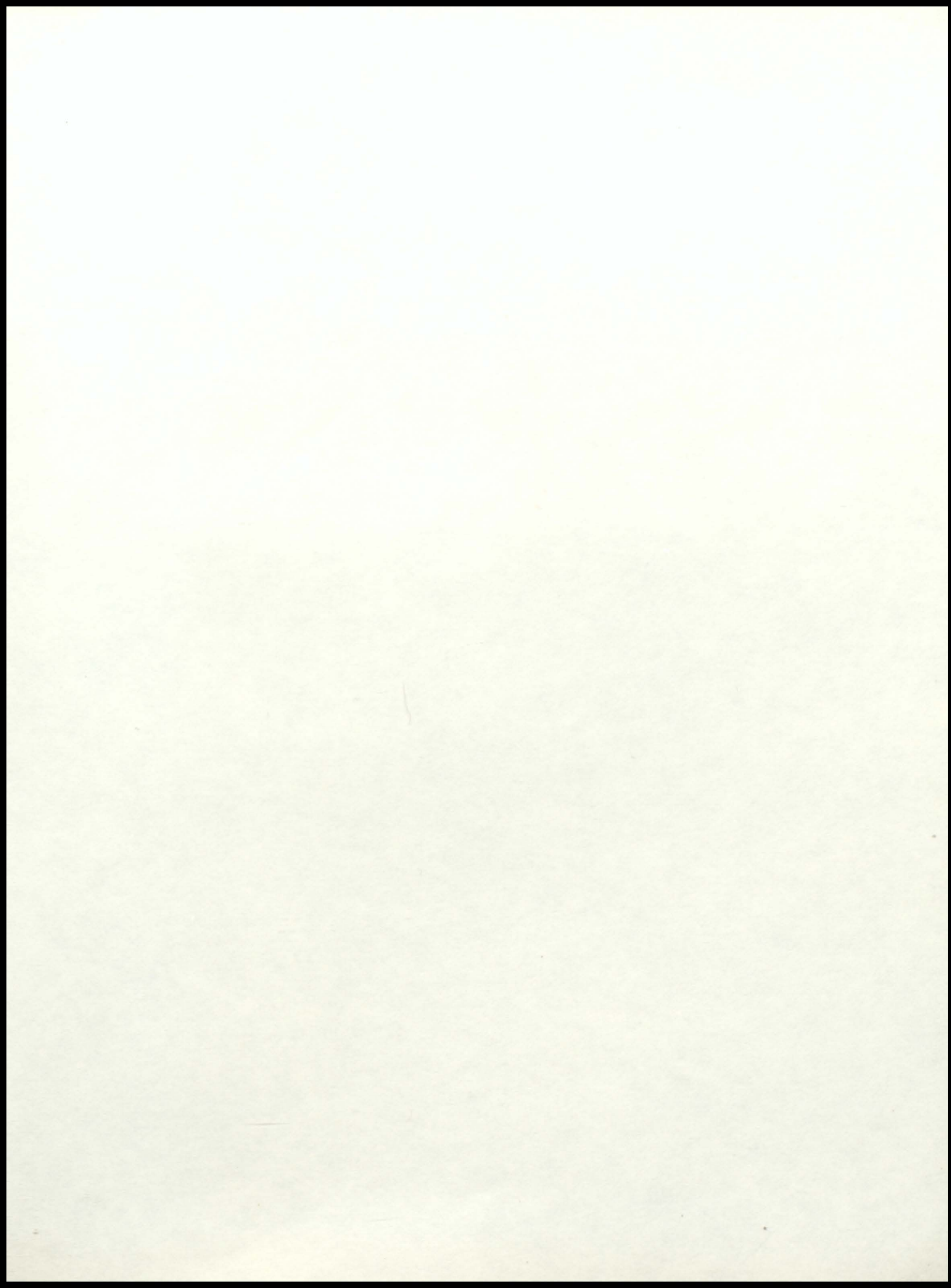
- ← John Walker Lindh, a 20-year-old California native, becomes a prisoner of war after he is found in Afghanistan fighting for the Taliban forces. As a U.S. citizen, Walker may face charges of treason.

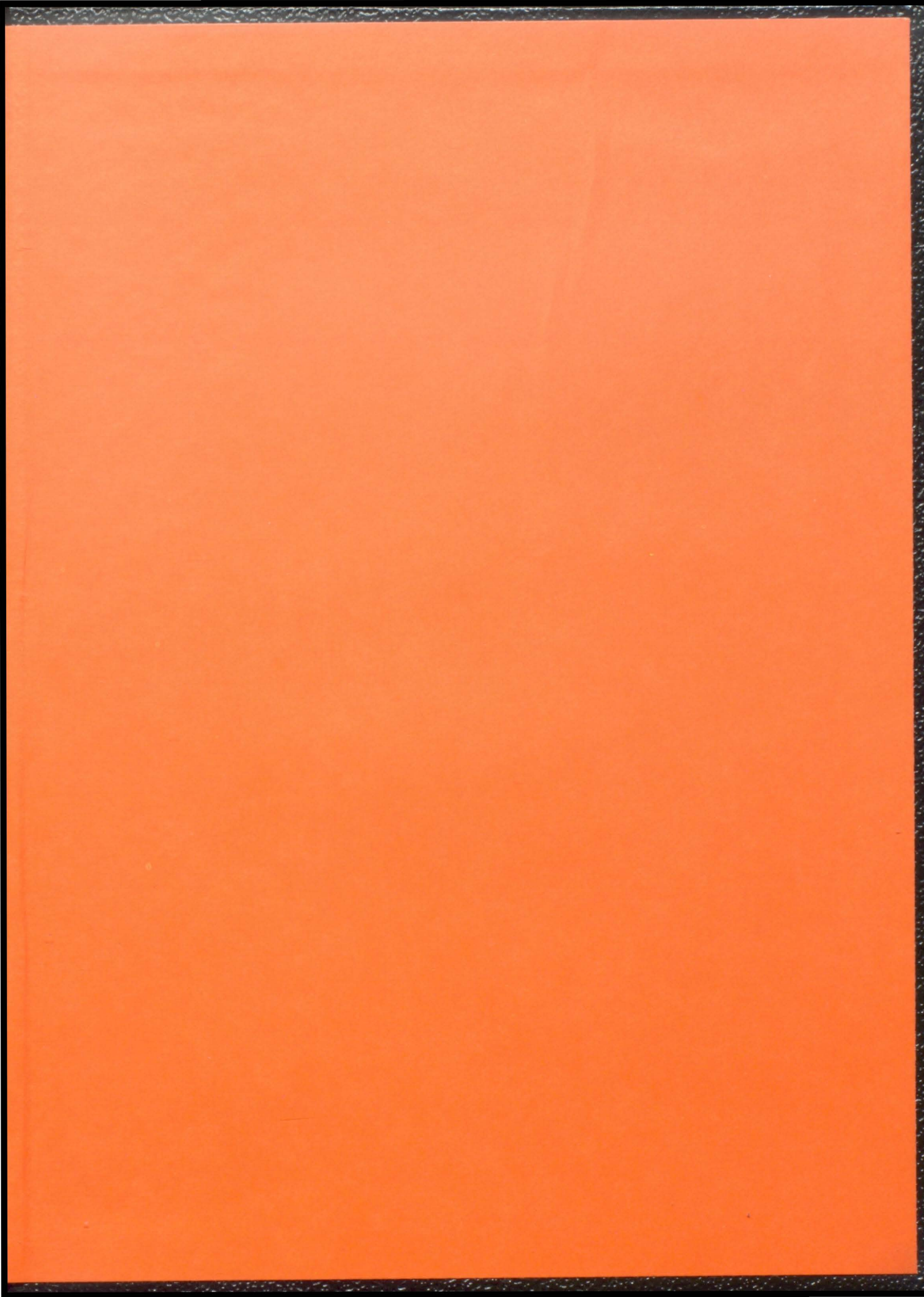


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