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Janitors David Lohrmeyer and Charlie Waldschmidt hang up a copy of the Constitution.

Kevin Grogan, sr., plays the drum set during the MCL championship game held at Gross Memorial.



Seniors Jessi Riedel, Kelsie Schuster, and Marsha Weber play a card game during Homecoming week.

Concentrating on her job, Alyson Bollig, fr., braids Megan Weber's, jr., hair before a cheerleading event.



## *What is it all about?*

After every year a class graduates, only leaving behind memories, and a new class begins its high school journey. Although we had to follow a year filled with massive change, such as 9 11 and getting a new superintendent, this year had some changes of its own. Powerschool, a new computer program, was implemented; the war with Iraq began; and tile floor replaced the familiar carpet. Though some things were different, much more was the same. So just what was it about the 2002-03 school year that set it apart from every other year of our lives?



# Railroaders



Cheering on the boys' basketball team, Mrs. June Howard and Amanda Ball, sr., send off the team to state basketball. Because the team made it to state, school was let out early and a pep bus was taken to allow students to watch. The band also took a bus in order to play during the game. The last boys' basketball team to attend state was the 1999 squad.

Members of the senior volleyball team pose for a picture at the end of the season. Front: Marsha Weber, Jessi Riedel, Kelli Madorin, Erin Kitzman, Kelsie Schuster. Middle: Shawna Bradstreet, Sondra LaBarge, Ashley Taylor. Back: Christy Walker.



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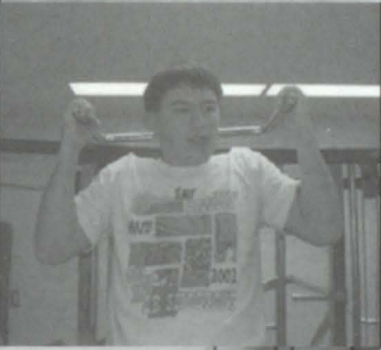
# It's All About

exhausting brains and exploring new ideas. Challenging yourself to learn and expanding your education is what it's all about. Increasing the knowledge you possess puts new ideas in your head. With the power of knowledge, you have the ability to challenge society, enhance your life, and make better choices. What are you going to do with your education? Use it, or waste it? Hey, how about using it. That's what it's all about.



# Exploring New Ideas

## Exhausting Brains





# Don't Take It Lightly

## Required classes necessary for diploma

By Erin Jones

What's hard, not always fun, but interesting? It's required classes! All students of a certain number of required classes that they have to take. The freshmen have five required classes, the sophomores take four, the juniors have three, and the seniors take two. When

students reach their senior year, they think it will be smooth sailing for the rest of their high school career, but that may not always be true. The two required classes that are mandatory for twelfth grade are civics and either advanced composition or English IV. These

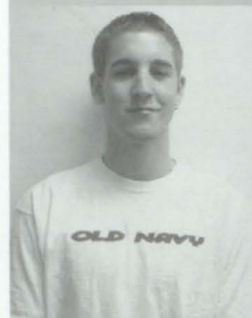
classes are not always easy.

"Advanced comp. was difficult at times since we were also taking College Comp. I. Although it was added work, it will be very helpful to have some credit hours out of the way for next year," senior Joan Dreiling said.

What required class is the best?



"My favorite required class was P.E," Adrienne Heroneme, Sr., said.



"The best required class is economics," Chuck Parks, so., said.



"My favorite required class is P.E," Rebecca Augustine, so., said.

In biology class, sophomores Jerome Gottschalk and Clay King, finish up the dissection of their crayfish. Students in biology class were required to dissect different species and were graded on how well they knew the different organs of each one.

photo by Ryan Honas



Tightly circled together, juniors Ashely King, Jennifer LaBarge, and Jordan Kroeger discuss the answers to their English assignment. "My favorite part of English III is when we get to work together on group writing activities because it's easier to think of things to write about as a group," LaBarge said.

photo by Cindy Hertel





## news

During business arithmetic, taught by Mr. Butch Hayes, Ashley Keller, jr., works on her daily assignment. There were several students from each grade who took BA.



Writing furiously, senior Randy Kohl writes note cards for his term paper in advanced composition. The seniors were required to have 80 notecards written and handed to Mrs. Cindy Hertel for a grade. Other note cards were optional.

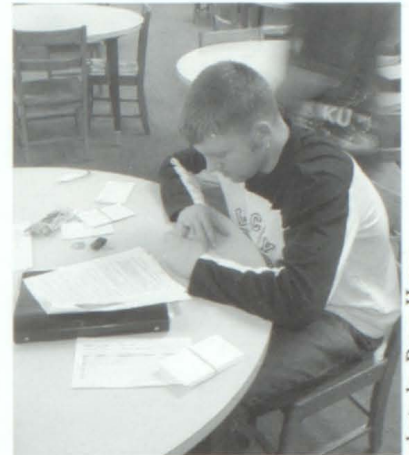


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Getting ready to set off their mouse trap car, seniors Cody Fisher, Jordan Helget and Devin Schoenthaler check to see if it will work properly. The students in the physics class were placed in groups and assigned to make mousetrap cars out of odd materials. The purpose for each group was to see how far they could get theirs to go. Fisher, Helget, and Schoenthaler had the farthest driven mousetrap car in the physics class.



photo by Webpage



photo by Ryan Honas

While playfully sticking out his tongue, Dylan Lang, fr., lifts himself up during P.E. class. There was a designated period of time when every student in the freshman class participated in lifting weights for a grade.

Every year, certain students get to participate in the annual math relay contest at Fort Hays. The students with the best grades in their math classes were selected to take part in this event. Front: John Kroeger and Jordan Helget. Row 2: Rowdy Wichman, Jennifer Augustine, Alyson Bollig, Marsha Weber, Trista Fuchs, Lacie Bittel, Lynn Pfeifer, Jessica Spinelli, Sherri Johnson, and Mr. Perry Mick. Not pictured: Joan Dreiling.



# Required Classes

Junior Mindy Beilman asks for assistance from Mrs. June Howard on her assignment. Beilman had to complete a grammar manual on the computer.

Sophomores in biology class take notes on the different kinds of birds found in Ellis as Mr. David Wildeman points each one out. Students in biology class were required to identify birds by their appearance and sound.



photo by Jenny Jones



photo by Sheila Douglas



photo by Ryan Honas

With the help of the freshman P.E. class, Mr. Don Long backs through the human tunnel as he tapes the wrestling mats together. The P.E. class did not use the floor that day because of a wrestling match, so the class helped him out by preparing the mats.

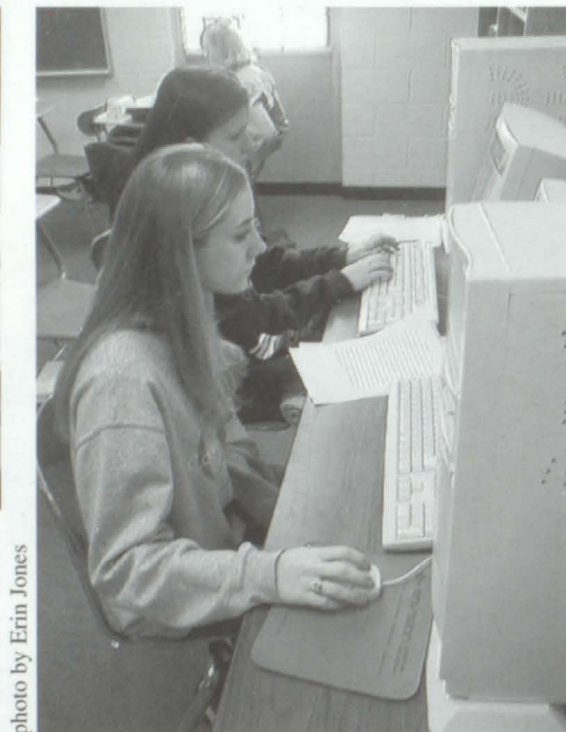


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In advanced composition, Amanda Ball, sr., types her term paper on the computer. The term paper for advanced composition had to have nine argumentative points, and it had to be ten to twelve pages long.



photo by Ryan Honas

Freshman Slade Hackney increases his arm muscles in P.E. during the weight lifting unit of the class. The students were free to use whichever machine they wanted during class. The students were required to keep track of how much they lifted each day.



During her planning period Mrs. Karen Madorin grades her students' English essays. The students in English I and English II had to write essays over many different topics.

photo by Erin Jones



Photo by Ryan Honas

Freshmen Ashley Hejny and Aylson Bollig chat while Hejny exercises with the leg press. The P.E classes used the weights and equipment that were in the boys' locker room.

Seniors Kelli Madorin and Marsha Weber work on their term papers in Mrs. Cindy Hertel's room. Hertel taught English III and advanced composition.



photo by Erin Jones

In Mr. Perry Mick's physics class, seniors Marsha Weber and Joan Dreiling work on a lab that was assigned to each group of students in the class. During the year, there were many times that the physics class accomplished their assignments in the science lab.

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After finishing her term paper for advanced composition, Adrienne Heroneme looks at pictures in the journalism room. (Photo by Erin Jones)

John Kroeger, jr., works out his math problem on the board in Mr. Perry Mick's classroom. During this time, the math class was studying angles.

## What required class would you teach?



"If I could teach any class, I would teach science because I could make it fun by doing lots of experiments," Jessie Pfeifer, so., said.



"I would teach geography, and we would take a lot of trips," Kasi Wyatt, so., said.



"I would teach math because it is one of the classes that just comes easily to me," Amber North, jr., said.



# Doing it your way

## Students are wild about elective classes

By Jenny Jones

Every year, students get to pick what classes they take for the next year - required and elective, but it is the elective classes that personalize their class schedule. Students are required to have some classes, such as English classes, science classes, social

studies classes, etc. They also get to pick elective classes to fill out the rest of their class schedule, and that is what most students look forward to the most. Unfortunately, they can only have a limited number of elective classes: requireds come first.

"I like elective classes, because of the fact that I get to choose what I want to take. But I understand why we have to have required classes because some people would take advantage if we did not have required classes," Amber North, jr., said.

Following Jessica Penalver's lead, Cody Fisher, sr., learns to salsa while others dance in the background. Jessica Penalver came to EHS on Oct. 11 to dance for the foreign language classes. Penalver is the sister of Tommy Penalver, a former exchange student from Venezuela at EHS.



photo by Cindy Hertel

Jordan Helget, sr., works on a computer monitor during Bob Young's computer tech class. "I really enjoy putting things together, and my day is more exciting with this class," Helget said.



photo by Brett Suter

What elective class is your favorite?



"Mrs. Albers! She is a fun lady and taught a lot of things to help me in the future," Mindy Beilman, jr., said.



"The best, by far, is French. We get to celebrate Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesday! Learning a different language is awesome," Amanda Fisher, fr., said.



"I think the best elective class is Home Ec., because it teaches you how to cook and sew, and teaches you important life skills, and Mrs. Albers is an awesome teacher," Jaymi Reidel, fr., said.



## news

Kelsie Schuster, sr., practices singing and dancing on the stage for Railairre dinner theater March 13 and 14. Schuster has been in Railairres for three years.



Resting, Jennifer LaBarge, jr., takes a break from singing during choir. "I enjoy singing and listening to the Railairres," LaBarge said.



photo by Cole King



photo by Ryan Honas

Speaking to her friends, Jenna Henrickson, so., enjoys the cake and hot chocolate served at culture day for the French I and French II students on Nov. 12. "It's good to know French, if I ever go to France," Jenna Henrickson, so., said. French I and French II classes were combined. French I consisted of seven students, and French II consisted of four students.



photo by Sheila Douglas



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Working together, Cody Mickelson, so., and Dustin Cross, jr., work on a motor during Mr. Eldon Pfeifer's class. Pfeifer has been teaching for 31 1/2 years.

Doing her best, Rene Dreiling, so., plays junior Skyy Westbrook at chess during business arithmetic after finishing her daily assignment. B.A. is offered every year unless there are not enough students to fill the class. B.A. teaches various skills such as bank account mathematics and insurance rate mathematics.



# Elective Classes

Mrs. Sharla Albers, Intro to Foods and clothing teacher, shows Cole King, so., how to thread the sewing machine. The class cooked the first semester and sewed the second semester.

Perfecting a piece of wood, Heather Wolf, jr., works on a project for Mr. Terry Zerfas' woodshop class.



photo by Sheila Douglas



photo by Jenny Jones



photo by Erin Kitzman

Practice makes perfect. Jessica Spinelli, so., prepares for the regional solo and small ensemble contest, held in Hays, by practicing her flute solo on the auditorium stage. Spinelli has played the flute since she was in the fifth grade. She received a one rating on her solo and advanced on to the state solo and small ensemble contest, which took place in April.



photo by Sheila Douglas

Codey Carlisle, fr., works at the computer with the assistance of Mrs. June Howard. Howard taught a computer applications class that is required for freshmen to take, but she also taught an optional bookkeeping class for seniors and desktop publishing class for those who wanted to learn more about Microsoft and PageMaker programs.



photo by Sheila Douglas

Carefully measuring, Devin Schoenthaler, sr., works during Mr. Terry Zerfas' woodshop class. "It's an excellent program to allow the students to apply problem solving in a performance-based class," Zerfas said.



Mrs. Renneta Dawson, band teacher, assists Dana Armbrister, so., and Jennifer Augustine, fr., on a piece of music that the band was preparing for KMEA District Honor Band.

photo by Jenny Jones



Brad Keller, jr., works on his project during Mr. Terry Zerfas' woodshop class. Keller's project was building an entertainment center.

Jake Schartz, sr., and Cecil Barnett, so., work on their daily B.A. assignment. This class had several students from different grades in it. (photo by Sheila Douglas.)



photo by Erin Kitzman

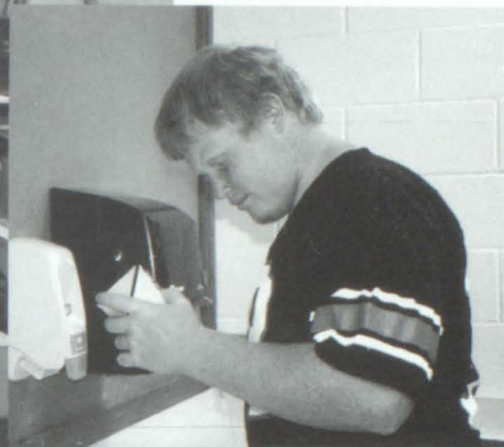


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Mrs. Jackie Grogan, Spanish and French teacher, cuts the cake as Jenna Henrickson, so., waits. Henrickson was in the French II class. The French II class participated in culture days, so they could experience some of the customs of the culture they were studying.



photo by Ryan Honas



Ryan Honas, jr., works on a project in art class. Each student had the assignment of making a house out of wood and other odd materials.

Mr. Eldon Pfeifer, the ag teacher, introduces his class to the next assignment as he gets ready to hand a worksheet to the students.

photo by Ryan Honas

## What elective class would you teach?



"Home Ec., so I won't be hungry."  
- Ellex Feyh, fr.



"Choir, because all you have to do is teach kids how to sing."  
- Ashley Hejny, fr.



"Home Ec., so when I get hungry I could eat something."  
- M.J. Gnad, fr.



# It's All About

embracing opportunities and embarrassing yourself. Your high school career is filled with activities that bring the student body together. Dances, band, choir, the junior play, and clubs are all ways Ellis High School students become closer. Although the time spent learning in the classroom is with fellow classmates, the bonding happens through activities. Are all the meetings, planning and responsibility worth the experience? You bet. That's what it's all about.



# Embracing Opportunities

## Embarassing Yourself





by Jenny Jones

Students gear up with activities to take on Phillipsburg Panthers on Friday

# Cook the Cats

photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Taking a ride. Cody Fisher and Tracy Kroeger, two out of the six homecoming candidates, ride in the homecoming parade on Friday. Sam Mickelson was named Homecoming king and Tracy Kroeger was crowned Homecoming queen.

Homecoming

football games are much more exciting than other games.

Everyone is dressed

in orange and black

from head to toe;

their excitement is

contagious, infect-

ing everyone

around them. Even

though Homecom-

ing week was dif-

ferent this year, the

EHS pride was

stronger than ever.

Jessica Spinelli,so.,

said.

Barbecued, smoked or roasted. Cook the Cats was the theme for Homecoming, which leaves us with one question: How do you like *your* Cats?

Homecoming is the highlight of the school year: spirit week, parade, bonfire, games, and of course the game against the Phillipsburg Panthers. Homecoming: the one week to go crazy. But Homecoming this year was different than all of the other years.

The first change was different spirit week days: dress-up day, costume day, old school day, backward day, and orange and black day. The students were separated into groups, and judged by the teachers on their outfit. At the end of the days, they would announce the winners. At the end of the week, the team with the most points got to have pizza that day for lunch.

The second change was no airband. Airband is when the students get people from their classes to perform a routine to music on the stage for all the other students and teachers for points. The classes were classified first, second, third, and fourth.

"I think the kids enjoyed airband and I wouldn't mind seeing that come back again." Miss Mauk, counselor, said.

The biggest change, though, was no class competition. Many students were upset with this. Class competition was part of Homecoming for years.

"I think the reason for the changes was it was too competitive and getting out of hand." Vanessa Beilman,so., said.

However, the football game did not change, and with the final score, it is obvious the football players like their Cats smoked.



photo by Smoky Hill Photography



photo by Erin Jones



photo by Cindy Hertel

Having a great time, Sam Mickelson rides on Aaron Honas's shoulders while dancing around the bonfire on Friday. The school played games and activities opening the bonfire.

Watching the game, Zach Debolt and Cody Mickelson, both sophomores, are in the stands before the Homecoming football game on Friday.

Senior Erin Jones reads a text book during costume day of spirit week, dressed as a fairy. Jones was one of the winners of costume day.



Freshman Kelsi Schoenthaler "stings" Dylan Lang, fr., during costume day for spirit week while in class. Both Schoenthaler and Lang won the costume contest at the end of the day.



photo by Ryan Honas



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photo by Ryan Honas

Candidates for Homecoming Royalty along with the crown bearer and flower girl pose for the camera while waiting for the parade to begin. Crown bearer was Eli Lohrmeyer. Flower girl was Sarah Mick. Homecoming Candidates: Christy Walker, Tracy Kroeger, Ashley Taylor, Anthony Taylor, Cody Fisher, and Sam Mickelson.

Dressed as a wolf lady, Jake Schartz, sr., looks away from the camera during costume day of spirit week. Schartz got all of the clothes for his costume from Mrs. Linda Riedel's costume room.

# What was your favorite dressup day?



"Oldschool day was my favorite because it brought back the memories of how we dressed back in grade school." Marsha Weber, sr., said. Weber dressed as a hippie for old school day.



"Costume day because it was fun, but I would really like to see pajama day come back again," said Megan Weber, jr.



"I would say that Retro Day (old school day) was the best. Everyone had awesome out-fits," said Blake Connelly, so.



"Orange and black day because it shows our spirit and I'm from Ellis," said Ashley Robins, fr.



# What event was your favorite?



"My favorite event this year was the KMEA honor band. We played a lot of fun and interesting music. I also met a lot of new people," Laycie Keller, sr., said.



"My favorite event this year was the state large groups contest on the Fort Hays State campus," Alicia Rich, fr., said.



"My favorite activity was the trip to the state fair. After we marched we got to go to the fair and ride rides and play games," Jaymi Riedel, fr., said.



"I enjoyed the MCL vocal clinic at Plainville. I met a lot of new people and had an overall good time," Allison Bollig, fr., said.

Ashley Taylor, sr., dressed up like Ariel from "The Little Mermaid" for her solo at the dinner theatre. "I wanted to out do all of my other solos this year, and the costume just added to the song," Taylor said.



photo by Brett Suter



photo by Brett Suter

Ashley Taylor, sr., presents Miss Anne Keesee with a bouquet of flowers as a token of the choirs' appreciation, while Chasity Waldschmidt, sr., and Bill Hankins, fr., look on.

Kelsie Schuster, sr., hits all her notes during the fall concert. Schuster participated in numerous choir functions this year including Railairres, KMEA honor choir, and a solo at regional and state contests.



photo by Brett Suter



by Brett Suter



photo by Cindy Hertel

Under direction of Renetta Dawson band receives all ones for third straight year

# Ongoing reign

Mrs. Renetta Dawson conducts the pep band while they perform at Fort Hays State University's Gross Memorial Coliseum. The pep band also followed the basketball team to Manhattan to play at the state tournament.

When you hear the term "three-peat," The LA Lakers' three titles probably come to mind. However at EHS you might think of the band. The band sought out their three-peat at the state large groups contest in Hays.

In her four years at EHS, Renetta Dawson and the EHS band have not received a rating below a two at the state large groups contest held at Fort Hays State University. Moreover in the past three years they have earned nothing less than a one rating. The band received two ones and a one plus.

The band played two pieces that showcased the band's wide array of talent. The pieces were entitled "In the Forest of the King" and "Of Dark Lords and Ancient Kings".

Dawson plans to get next year's band involved in even more activities and contests throughout next year. She plans on starting a jazz band and combining the jr high and high school bands into one big marching band.

The band will have new experiences in store for next year, but Dawson thinks that they will be ready for the challenge. "This year we grew as musicians, myself included. The students were willing to go beyond their horizons," Dawson said.

Choir was a great

learning experience, and I'm glad that I was in it all four years of high school. Being in Railairres was the best though. I loved putting on a show for the community even though it took lots of work to prepare for it. Railairres was also a great opportunity to get to know some people I might not have.

Joan Dreiling, sr.



photo by Cindy Hertel

Bill Hankins, fr., plucks the strings on his bass guitar. Hankins brought a new sound to the band by adding his guitar. In concert band Hankins played the bass clarinet and was selected to play in the KMEA honor band.



photo by Erin Kitzman

Mrs. Renetta Dawson conducts the marching band as they play during halftime of a football game. The band played at every home football game except homecoming, where the junior high marching band played.



photo by Shelia Douglas

Rebecca Augustine, so., clashes the symbols while the rest of the pep band plays "The Star Spangled Banner". "I love playing in the pep band and look forward to it each year," Augustine said.



Rubbing two sticks together in hopes of a spark, Lala Man, (Ryan Honas,jr.) unsuccessfully accomplishes his duty to blow up the restaurant. The junior class earned \$1400 with their performance.



photo by Erin Jones

# What part of the play was the best?



"My favorite part was seeing how everyone came around in the end and the memories that we made," Lynn Pfeifer, Jr., said. Pfeifer played the hunted Bess Goldfish.



"My favorite part was being funny and having the audience laugh at Brett and me," Jeremy Dorzweiler, Jr., said. Dorzweiler played Goon #1 and his companion, Brett Suter, Jr., played Goon #2.



photo by Erin Jones

Sitting at a table in the Restaurant, Bibb (Cody Honas, Jr.) and Jones (John Kroeger, Jr.) have a bite to eat. There were approximately 275-300 people at the 7:30 p.m. show.

Trying to butcher Bess Goldfish, junior Heather Wolf waves an axe while explaining the situation to a couple people in the restaurant. Wolf played the recently hired cook at the scummy restaurant.



photo by Erin Jones



"My favorite part of the play was practice. Everyone worked very hard and it was a lot of fun," Dustin Cross, Jr., said. Between each act, Cross played the peppy news broadcaster.



"The best part of the play was when Jeremy and Brett came dressed up as real goons and how they played their parts so well," Danielle Erbert, Jr., said. In the play, Erbert played a police woman working with the national guard.





*by Erin Jones*

'This is Pete Hightower signing out and reminding you to always keep your stick on the ice'

# Jr. Class Play

photo by Erin Jones

Doing hair and applying make up, juniors Lacy VanAusdale and Lindsay Gaschler get ready to perform. Lacy played the criminal May Bee and Lindsay played the bratty, rich girl who gets kidnapped by Lala man and Lulu.

As the junior class play quickly approached, the members of the junior class strived to memorize their lines. With a couple practices a week, the junior class had their lines learned and were ready for the play.

In the play "Doofus and Goofus," Lala Man (Ryan Honas) and Lulu (Jennifer LaBarge) held Peepo (Lindsay Gaschler) for a ransom of a kazillion dollars. Things went well for the two kidnappers until they met two dense teenage girls named Doofus (Jessie Dorzweiler) and Goofus (Ashley King). The two planned to make one million dollars by working as waitresses at the Pig Sty Family Restaurant where Peepo was held hostage. The girls managed to make one million dollars, but each time they did, they ended up losing the money for a "good" cause.

There were several other plays in consideration, but "Doofus and Goofus" beat them all. This play was chosen by Mrs. Linda Riedel, director, by matching up the number of boys and girls in the junior class with the number of boys and girls in the play script.

"My favorite part was seeing the people in the play become their characters," Riedel said.

Being apart of the junior class play was a really exciting experience. Although it took some time learning lines and everything else there was to remember, it was fun. I got to know my classmates a lot better, which was really nice. I'm really glad that I will always have that memory to take with me. It was really fun! Ashley King, jr., said.



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The manager of the Pig Sty Family Restaurant, Skyy Westbrook, jr., awaits his next employee interview. The 1:30 matinee was held Nov. 15 for students and 7:30 p.m. for the public.

Doofus and Goofus, juniors Jessie Dorzweiler and Ashley King, sigh as they are turned down for the job. Admission for adults was \$4, and admission for students was \$3.

Adam Walz, jr., a member of the National Guard, explains the situation outside to Lala Man and Lulu. This play was set apart from the others because each character had a silly side.





*by Brett Suter*

## FFA ag-mechanics team wins third championship in four years

# Mr. Fix-its

photo by Brett Suter

**E**rnst Pfeifer, sr., evaluates parts on a semi during the ag-mechanics contest at Goodland. Pfeifer took fourth individually and helped the team capture the first place crown.

"I knew it would be very tough. Colby and Norton both brought very tough teams to Goodland," said Mr. Eldon Pfeifer, FFA advisor. That wasn't enough to stop the ag-mechanics team of Kevin Grogan, Ernst Pfeifer, Jarret Johnson, John Kroeger, and Brett Suter. They overcame the odds to capture the championship for the third time in four years.

Each year the contest is held at Goodland, Kan. At Goodland the students test their vocational skills, participating in various events including welding, carpentry, surveying, electric power, and farm power and machinery. The students are judged on how well they perform a skill in the shop and by a written test.

When the results are tallied, the judges then take each student's score from the events and pick the three best events to determine an individual score. When the totals were in, Ellis placed three in the top four: John Kroeger captured second, Kevin Grogan third, and Ernst Pfeifer took fourth.

Ellis racked up just enough team points to edge Colby and Norton out for the title.

"It was a good feeling to win this year since we didn't take it last year," Jarret Johnson, sr., said.

**I** enjoy being because it gives me a chance to get involved in an activity other than sports, and I enjoy the challenge of trying to out-sell everyone during fruit sales. said Jeremy Dorzweiler, jr.



photo by Brett Suter



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photo by Brett Suter

**L**ook out. Jeremy Dorzweiler, jr., helps carry boxes of fruit into the ag-shop. The FFA sold fruit as their main fundraiser. The FFA funds all of their expenses throughout the year with the money they make from fruit. Trista Fuchs, so., was this year's top seller.

**I**s that enough? Jordan Helget, sr., checks with Mr. Pfeifer to see if he placed enough food on the plate. Helget helped serve the annual FFA breakfast. The breakfast is served each year as a reward from the chapter officers to their members.

**B**acon anyone? Jarret Johnson, sr., and Sam Mickelson, sr., place bacon on a tray so it can be served to their fellow FFA students. The FFA breakfast was just one planned day out of the FFA week. Students participated in four other days that had agricultural themes.



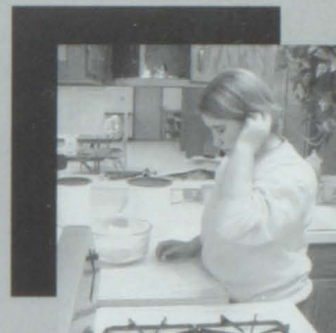
Jessie Pfeifer,so., Rebecca Augustine,so., and Laura Lacy,jr., sit in a circle along with other FCCLA members during their annual gift exchange. Members were limited to spending five dollar on the gifts.



# What was the best aspect of ffa/fccla?



"I live for the ag-mechanics contest in Goodland every year. I am already looking forward to tearing it up next year," said John Kroeger,jr.



"I enjoy the state meeting in Wichita, but next year I will miss going with Erin Kitzman who made the trip exciting," said Laura Lacy,jr.



Mmm...that's good. Lynn Pfeifer samples a monster cookie that the FCCLA made. The FCCLA also sold candles earlier as a main fundraiser in the year.

All for me. Daniel Hook,sr., looks at all of the cookies the FCCLA made for a fund-raiser during FCCLA week. Other activities for the week included handing out candy, kiss the card, and exchanging valentines.



photo by:Erin Kitzman



"I definitely enjoy the ag-mechanics contest, but the chapter banquet is also nice," said Kevin Grogan, sr.



"My favorite aspect about FCCLA was the state meeting in Wichita," said Jessie Pfeifer,so.



Sophomores Paige Helget and Andrew Schmid dance together as sophomore class royalty at Snoball. The theme for Snoball was "Wish Upon a Star."



photo by Jenny Jones



photo by Laycie Keller

Royalty for 2003 Snoball pose for the cameras taking their picture. Front: Kevin Grogan, Erin Kitzman. Row 2: Kristin Weber, M.J. Gnad, Abby Wickham, Scott Amrein, Andrew Schmid, and Paige Helget.

Working hard, Jessie Pfeifer, so., and Logan Henrickson are finishing up cleaning up the parks for the Kayettes. Pfeifer was assigned to clean up creekside baseball diamonds.



photo by Reggie Romine

# What did you like best in Kayettes



"I like trick-or-treat so others can eat. It is as a fun and easy way to earn points for Snoball," Joan Dreiling, sr., said.



"My favorite thing is Mother Daughter tea because you get to bond with your mother and welcome the younger kids into the club," senior Chasity Waldschmidt, said.



"My favorite part of Kayettes this year was getting lost in Agra and watching Kelli almost kill herself," Trista Fuchs, so., said.



"I like doing the skits at the beginning of the year for the freshmen. Being on the Kayette Board was fun." Vanessa Beilman, so., said.





*by Jenny Jones*

Kayettes work to help school,  
community, nation, world

# The Power of One

photo by Reggie Romine

Scanning the area for trash, Megan D. Weber, jr., and Maria Bustillos, sr., participate in the park cleanup for Kayettes. Bustillos was a foreign exchange student from Venezuela and lived with Weber.

Just how much difference can one person make? Kayettes prove that no matter how big or small you are, you can make a difference by cleaning up the parks and doing other various activities throughout the year.

Although Snoball is a highlight of the year, it is not the Kayettes' only priority. The primary goal for the Kayettes is not to have fun at Snoball, but rather helping the community and other organizations.

During the past years, Kayettes have raised money doing various projects to earn money to donate to charitable causes. For example, this year, the Kayettes donated money to the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home and other organizations that help the community.

The Kayettes assist locally and globally. Once again they donated \$500 to buy a heifer and send it to the poor in other countries. They also helped clean up parks in Ellis, and each Kayette had to bring a child to help with the activity.

If any advice were given, don't join Kayettes for the wrong reasons. Join to help the community. Don't join just for Snoball because knowing that the projects helped someone in some way is a much bigger reward than going to a dance.

"This has been one of the most rewarding sponsorships I have done. It is so nice to see the girls want to help others," Miss Bev Mauk, guidance counselor and Kayette sponsor, said.

Being a Kayette is more than just paying your dues and joining the club. It's getting involved in your school and community, and making a difference in people's lives. The most important thing that the Kayette program has taught me over the last four years is that serving people is much more rewarding than getting served. That is what being a Kayette is all about.

Ashley Taylor, sr.



photo by Erin Jones

Helping the Kayettes decorate for Snoball, senior Jessi Riedel and Jessie Dorzweiler, Jr., blow up balloons in the office the night before Snoball.



photo by Reggie Romine

Picking up the trash at Memorial Park, Lacie Bittel helps out the Kayettes clean up the parks of Ellis.



photo by Jenny Jones

Having Christmas spirit, seniors Anthony Taylor and Cody Fisher wait for the next box to be auctioned off at the Kayettes' food box auction.



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by Erin Kitzman

Forensics team battles through tough competition to bring home a first place medal at MCL league tournament

# A Leap to First

Come out, come out! Ashley King, jr., and Lynn Pfeifer, jr., perform a part in their duet during forensics night. Forensics night is held once a year and gives the performers a chance to do their act in front of family, friends and other students.

Nine schools attending, 12 Ellis students participating, and one nervous coach. What does all this equal? A first place medal at the forensic MCL tournament.

The team took first overall with a total of 291 points. The team received these points by having three first place finalists and four second place finalists. Adrienne Heroneme, sr., earned two first place medals, one in dramatic solo acting and another in humorous solo acting.

"Getting first in both of my events at MCL was really something. Winning the whole tournament as a team made the day even better," Heroneme said.

The last forensics team to take first at MCL was in 2001. Because of this, the team was excited and proud.

"I was extremely pumped because at MCL the other schools are geared up to beat Ellis, and they didn't," said Lynn Pfeifer, jr.

Although this was the only tournament the team placed first, they took second at the Quinter tournament and qualified seven members for state champs.

**R**ibbet, Ribbet. In order to spice the season up, the forensics team used frogs as a mascot. Many stuffed animals were used to decorate Mrs. Linda Riedel's classroom and to take on bus trips. The team assigned each frog mascot a name. Ribbet, Ribbet!



photo by Cindy Hertel

Chasity Waldschmidt, sr., thanks Mrs. Linda Riedel with a bouquet of flowers. Riedel was head coach of the forensic team, which consisted of 24 students.



photo by Cindy Hertel

Duet partners Ernie Pfeifer and Chasity Waldschmidt, seniors, perform their act during forensic night. This was Pfeifer and Waldschmidt's first year as duet partners.



photo by Erin Kitzman

Pretending to be a girl with multiple personalities, Adrienne Heroneme, sr., performs on forensics night. Heroneme attended state championships where she placed third.



Freshmen Amanda Fischer and Amber Honas perform an improvised duet act during forensics night. Fischer and Honas were the only two freshmen who participated in the State Speech Festival, which was held in Salina.



photo by Erin Kitzman



photo by Reggie Romine

Posing for the camera, members of the forensic team that made it to state swim at a hotel pool. Besides swimming, they went bowling and ate at Fizoles. "State forensics was a great experience, and it was a lot of fun," Blake Connelly, so., said.

Facing the crowd, senior Joan Dreiling performs her original oration on forensics night. Dreiling's speech was about the product Botox. It explained what it is, the advantages of it, and the disadvantages of it.



photo by Cindy Hertel

# What has forensics done for you?



"It has taught me that giving speeches can be fun and that I shouldn't be nervous while talking in front of strangers," Jessie Pfeifer, so., said.



"Forensics has helped me learn more about many of the older members and helped me to interact with other people more," Kristen Weber, fr., said.



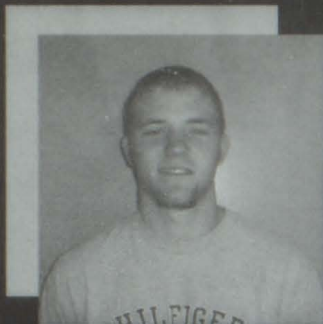
"I have become very comfortable giving speeches in front of others, and I have also gotten to know many new people because of forensics," Blake Connelly, so., said.



"Forensics has allowed me to try many different types of acting and also has helped me become a more outgoing person," Adrienne Heroneme, sr., said.



# How long did it take to get ready?



"I was ready in about twenty minutes. I just took a shower and put on my tux and some cologne," Aaron Honas, Jr., said.



"It took me a couple of hours. First I got everything ready to take into town since I got ready at my friend's house. Then when I got to town, it took another hour to get ready there," Laycie Keller, Sr., said.



"It took about an hour. First I got my hair done, then my makeup, and then I put my dress on," Erin Kitzman, Sr., said.



"Not very long. All I had to do was shower, put on my costume and go." Blake Connelly, So., said.

A table of peers talk as they eat their prom dinner. Each student who attended got a prom glass. The girls received a champagne glass and the guys got a mug.



Photo by Cindy Hertel



Photo by Cindy Hertel

Christy Walker, Sr., and Ashley King, Jr., sit down to dinner before the prom. The dinner started at 7 p.m. and lasted till 8 p.m. Each person who attended the dinner got a prom glass and a little, rubber man.

Displaying his musical talent, Devin Schoenthaler, Sr., strums his blowup guitar while listening to "You Shook Me All Night Long" by ACDC. The DJ distributed blowup guitars and hoola hoops throughout the night during random songs.



Photo by Erin Jones





*by Erin Jones*

Here ye, here ye. You are cordially invited to dance the night away in the Chamber of Enchantment

# Medieval Night

Photo by Cindy Hertel

The village people, Randy Kohl, Cody Fisher, and Brandon Dessel, seniors, lead the crowd in the YMCA. At many of the dances, the song was requested, and the hats were handed out to whoever wanted them.

I thought this year's prom was really fun.

It was neat to see two totally different kinds of proms back to back. When I was a junior, all our decorations were homemade. We just bought the supplies and constructed the decorations ourselves. This year the decorations were bought straight out of the magazine and then put up in the lobby.

Adrienne Heroneme, sr., said.

On Saturday, May 10, 2003, the students who attended prom were swept back into the time of dragons and wizards. The theme of the evening was the Chamber of Enchantment.

Individual pictures were scheduled to be taken at 5:30, followed by the class pictures. A set of pictures cost six dollars, which included two large portraits and four smaller portraits for trading. At 7 p.m. the dinner started. The tables were set up with prom glasses at every seat. After all the pictures were taken and all students and other guests were seated, the meal was served. The meal consisted of shredded pork from Matt's Rib Shack, noodles, green beans and a dinner roll. A chocolate cookie and ice cream was served for dessert. At 8 p.m., the dance started. After the first couple of songs, the students were on the dance floor, and the room was filled till 11 p.m. when the dance ended.

The juniors got out of class a little early to get a head start on decorating. They worked diligently from the time the bell rang after school till 10 p.m. Friday night.

"Prom was a great success this year. I would like to thank all my classmates for making it a wonderful evening," Ryan Honas, jr., said.



Photo by Erin Jones

Adding detail to the dragon's mouth, Heather Wolf, jr., uses her artistic abilities. Most of the prom decorations were purchased through a magazine and constructed by the junior class.



Photo by Cindy Hertel

Busting out the moves, Kelsie Schuster, sr., dances with a group of friends in the middle of the dance floor. The dance lasted from 8 p.m. till 11 p.m.



Photo by Erin Jones

Junior Mindy Beilman blows up black balloons for the backdrop of the prom pictures. The juniors decorated the lobby from after school till 10 p.m. the Friday night before prom.



by Ryan Honas



Photo by Ryan Honas

# Large & in Charge

Enjoying their last night at EHS the senior boys strike a pose for the camera. The seniors paid a total of \$1,005.00 for caps and gowns.

There are only four words to describe the 2003 Graduating class of Ellis high school "Large and In Charge."

With 20 girls and 21 boys, the graduating class consisted of a total of 41 students. With this many students, the class was larger than most at Ellis High School. In fact, last year's graduating class was almost half the size of this one with only 26 students.

"Having a big class was very interesting. Not being able to talk with everyone was a setback though," Devin Schoenthaler, sr., said.

Since the class was so large, the title of valedictorian was a close race with four students competing for it. Eventually the honors went to Joan Dreiling and Marsha Weber. These two had a 3.965 GPA.

This class also had eight students who were members of the National Honor Society. The criteria for NHS includes GPA, leadership, and character.

"Even though our class is large, we are still involved in the community and respect our town and school. Having so many students in National Honor Society proves that," Erin Kitzman, sr., said.

**G**raduation was very exciting, but it was very emotional as well. It will feel weird to not have to come back to the high school every morning next year. Graduation was a great experience."

Erin Jones sr.



Photo by Ryan Honas

**K**elsie Schuster walks to take a seat during the opening of graduation. Schuster received the Dane G. Hansen scholarship.



Photo by Ryan Honas

**G**rinning at the camera Kevin Grogan prepares to receive his diploma. Grogan planned to attend a mechanics school in Texas.



Photo by Ryan Honas

**T**racey Kroeger smiles all the way back to her seat after receiving her diploma. Kroeger along with many other people had tears on graduation night.



# your favorite moment at EHS



"My greatest moment or moments in Ellis High School was cooking ramon noodles every day in Mrs. Albers class."

Jake Schartz, sr.



"I really enjoyed making our last memory together with all my classmates at project graduation."

Marsha Weber, sr.



"Ellis High School has given me many great moments, but the best was doing the dance for pack the place night. I also liked graduation."

Amanda Ball, sr.



"My best time in high school was taking the last step and walking down the aisle to get my deploma."

Matt Hall, sr.

Say Cheese! Joan Dreiling sr., and Marsha Weber sr., have a laugh before their big night. Dreiling and Weber were co-valedictorians. Both girls had to prepare speeches for the graduation.



Photo by Brett Suter



Photo by Ryan Honas

The senior girls look good for the camera before graduation. The seniors spent a total of \$339.00 on flowers for their special night.

Ryan Augustine sr., receives his diploma from Vonda Keever, his mother. Jordan Helget also received his diploma from his mother.



Photo by Ryan Honas



# It's All About

expanding friendships and experiencing conflict. Text books, essays, tests, and quizzes are just part of the experience of school. Making new friends and working through problems is what it's all about. Grades seem unimportant when you look at the big picture. When you leave high school, what are you going to remember? The big test you crammed for? Probably not. Most likely it will be the memories you made with people, places, and faces. That's what it's all about.



# Experiencing Conflict

## Expanding Friendships



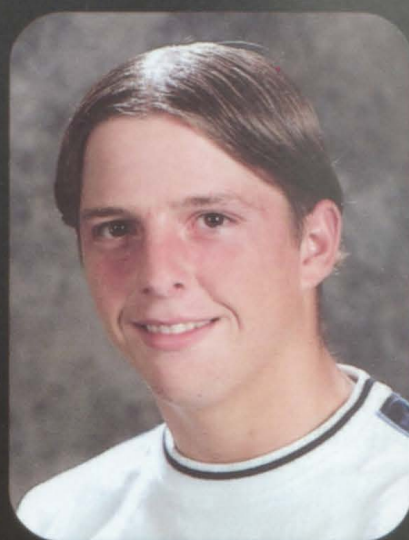




Ryan J. Augustine



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David Bieker



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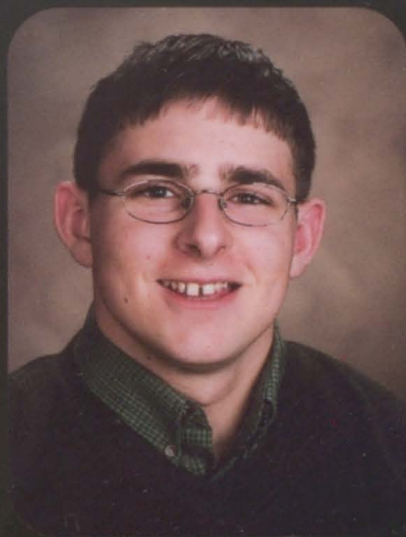
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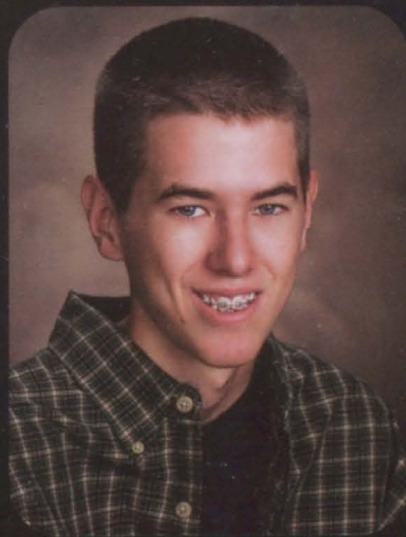
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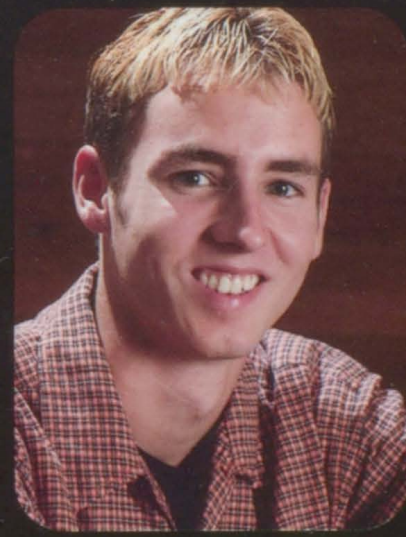
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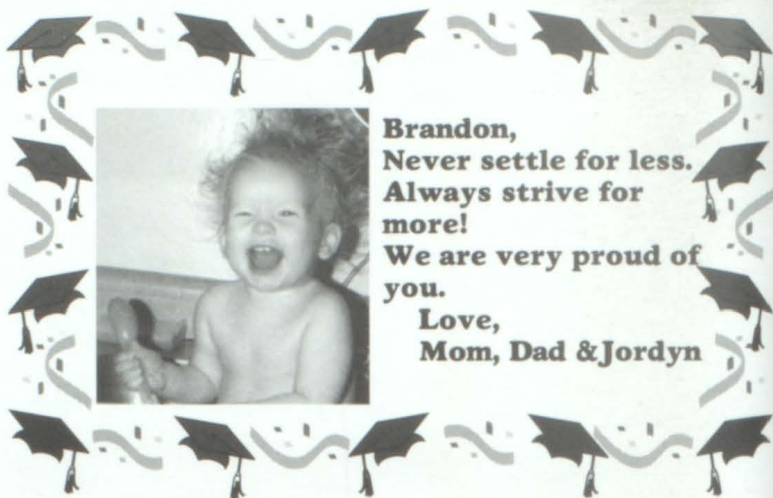
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*Ryan,  
We are proud of  
you.*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Brandon  
& Koda*



**Brandon,**  
Never settle for less.  
Always strive for  
more!  
We are very proud of  
you.

**Love,  
Mom, Dad & Jordyn**



**Amanda.**  
Live life to the  
fullest, and be proud  
of who you are.  
Congratulations.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & J.W.



**Joan,**  
The possibilities  
are endless...  
Reach for the stars.  
Love always,  
Mom, Dad & Jake



**David.**  
Congratulations. You  
made it. Good luck in the  
future.  
We're very proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom Jeff, & Kim



**Cody.**  
From the time you  
were born, your  
smile has been a  
bright spot in our  
lives; may your  
future shine just as  
**BRIGHT!**  
With all our love,  
Mom, Dad, & Tyler

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**Shawna,**  
Congratulations, you made it!! Your life  
is going to change a lot as you move into  
adulthood, but always follow your  
dreams and you will succeed. We feel  
very blessed to have you in our family  
and always remember we are here for  
you!  
We love you!  
Mom, Dad, LaTaya, Brandy & Jordyn



**Derek.**  
Strive to do your best  
in all that life offers  
you, and you will be  
successful.  
We are proud of you!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Austin





Kevin,  
God has blessed us by  
giving us a son like  
you. All of our love  
and prayers go with  
you as you begin the  
next stage of your  
journey through life.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Matt &  
Ryan



**Over the  
mountains,  
across the  
seas who  
knows  
what will  
be waiting  
for me?  
Love you,  
Adrienne!**  
  
Mom, Dad, &  
Anthony



We are so proud of you, Jordan! You have  
so many opportunities to look forward to!  
When life gets busy, remember to take time  
out to do some fishing. And when you do,  
think about the pleasant weeks on the lake  
in the summertime and the freedom you feel  
when the hot western Kansas wind blows  
through your hair. Think about the thrill of  
zooming uncontrollably down the pasture's  
snowy slope....the same feeling you get from  
jumping into the creek from the highest  
platform in the tree (Keep taking those leaps  
of faith.). We hope for you more than all of  
the successes you can envision and all the  
blessings to make your dreams realities.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Paige, Marty & Gina



Daniel,  
Should I go fishing ..  
or should I go to  
school?  
We are proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Sammy &  
Randi



Dlane,  
Good luck in all you choose  
to do in life.  
We are proud of the  
young lady you have  
become.  
Love yall  
Dad, Mom, Nickole & Devin



Chris,  
Keep swinging and you will  
hit a home run in life.  
Best of luck.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Jennifer,  
Bethany, Josh, & Nathan



Jason,  
You have made us  
all proud.  
Remember, always  
reach for the stars.  
The future is yours.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Jenna & Justin



**Seniors**  
Jarret,  
We are proud of you and  
know you can achieve  
your goals!  
Congratulations and good  
luck in the years to  
come!  
We love you,  
Dad, Mom,  
Darren, & Sherri





Erin Michelle Jones



Laycie Lynnette Keller



Erin Leigh Kitzman



Randall Leon Kohl



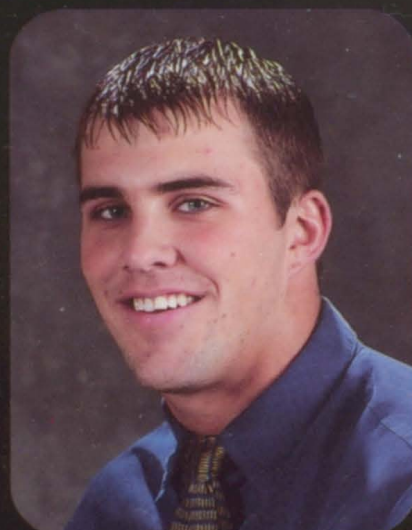
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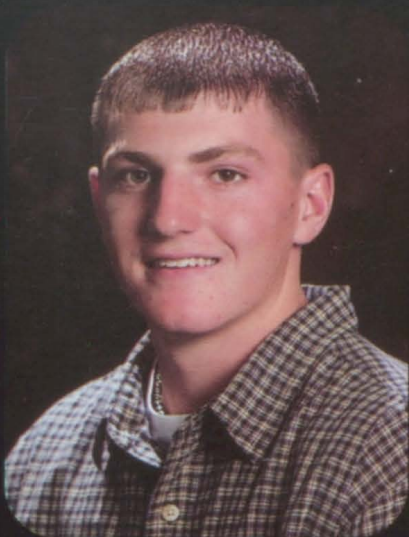
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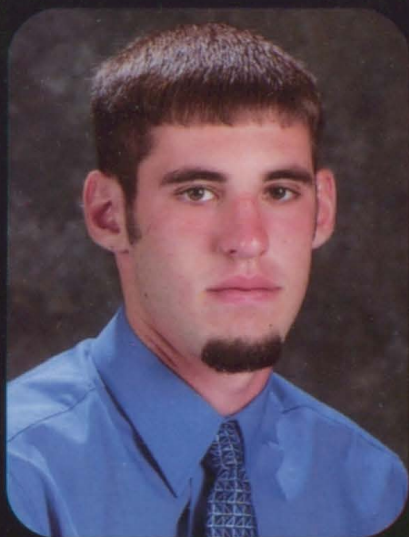
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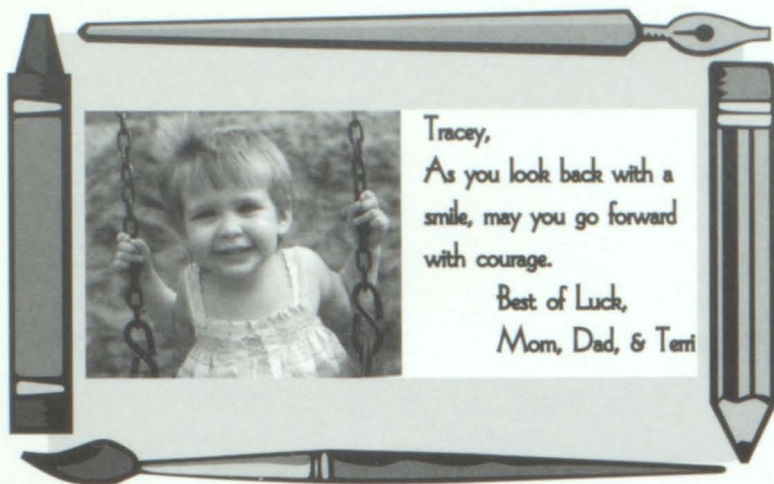


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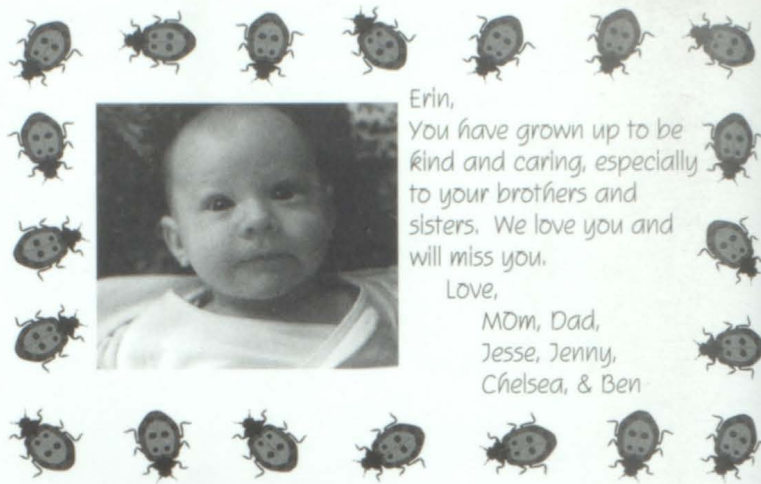
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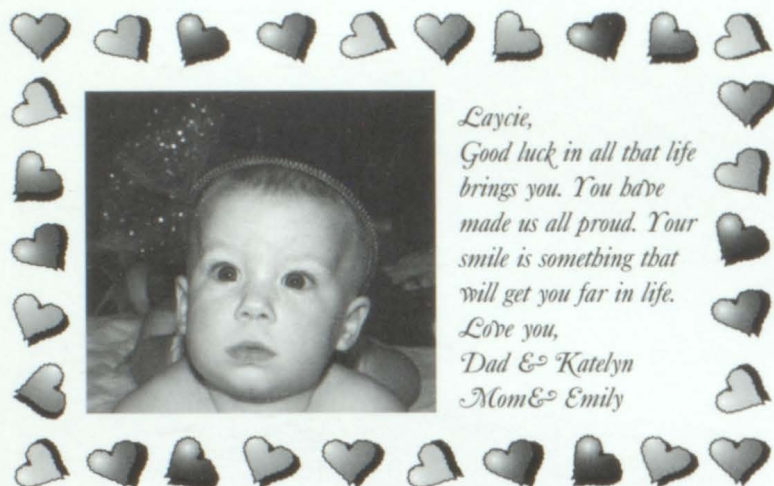
Tracey,  
As you look back with a  
smile, may you go forward  
with courage.

Best of Luck,  
Mom, Dad, & Terri

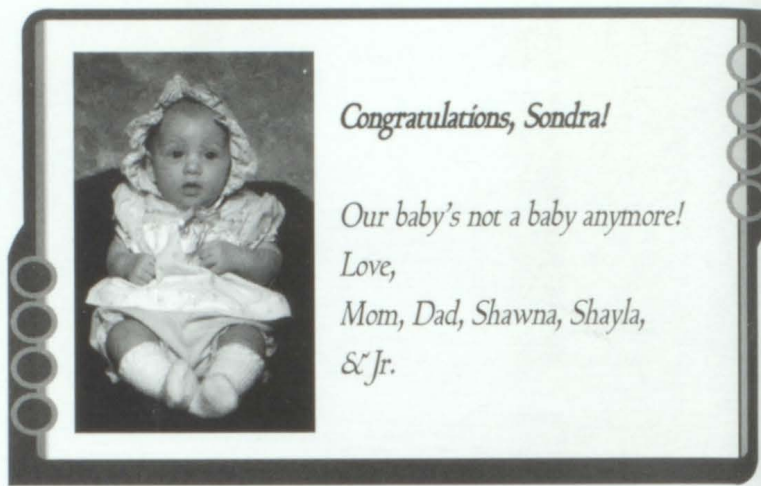


Erin,  
You have grown up to be  
kind and caring, especially  
to your brothers and  
sisters. We love you and  
will miss you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Jesse, Jenny,  
Chelsea, & Ben



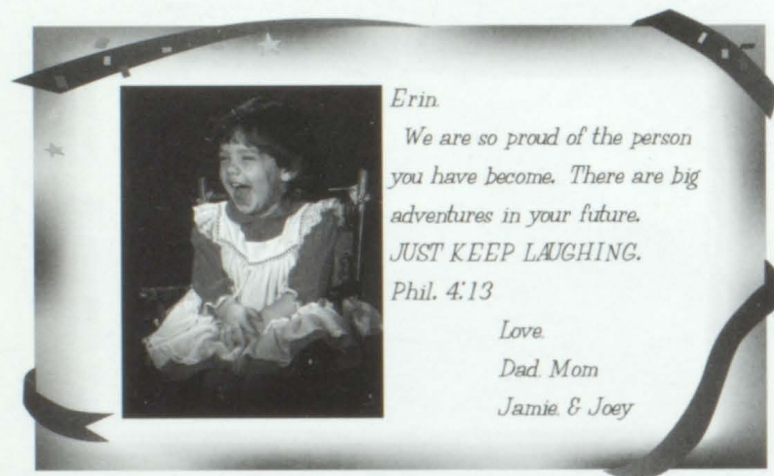
Laycie,  
Good luck in all that life  
brings you. You have  
made us all proud. Your  
smile is something that  
will get you far in life.  
Love you,  
Dad & Katelyn  
Mom & Emily



*Congratulations, Sondra!*

Our baby's not a baby anymore!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Shawna, Shayla,  
& Jr.



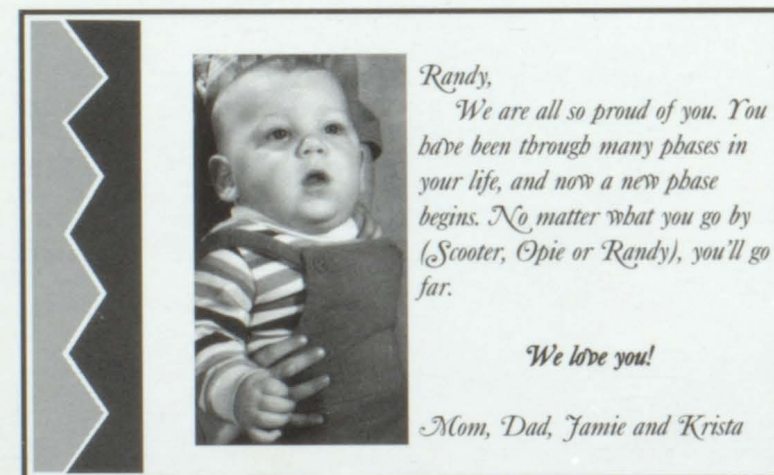
Erin.  
We are so proud of the person  
you have become. There are big  
adventures in your future.  
JUST KEEP LAUGHING.  
Phil. 4:13

Love,  
Dad, Mom  
Jamie & Joey



Kelli,  
Some things  
just get better  
with time.

Love you!  
Mom, Dad  
& Anne



Randy,  
We are all so proud of you. You  
have been through many phases in  
your life, and now a new phase  
begins. No matter what you go by  
(Scooter, Opie or Randy), you'll go  
far.

*We love you!*

Mom, Dad, Jamie and Krista



Sam,  
We wish you the best in all  
that your future holds!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Brad,  
Chris & Kristy





Sean,  
Best of everything  
always.  
Love,  
Grandma, Dad,  
Mom, & Morgan



Ernie,  
We are proud of you  
Good luck in the future.  
May all your hopes and  
dreams come true.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Jessie, & Nikki



Jerri,  
Remember to go placidly amid the  
noise and haste! Doing the best you can at  
this moment puts you in the best place for  
the next moment. Your smile and giving  
nature will take you wherever you want to  
go. We love you and always will!  
Love Mom, Dad & Jaymi



Congratulations,  
Jake!  
You did it! We're  
proud of you!  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Shane,  
Bart & Squeegie



Devin,  
Congratulations! You will  
always be our all-star #22!  
Good luck and happiness  
always!

We Love you!  
Dad, Mom & Derek



Kelsie,  
May the music never stop.  
Congratulations!  
We are so proud of you.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad



**Anthony**



**Ashley**

**We're very proud of both of you  
and all your accomplishments  
Congratulations and good luck in  
your future.**

**Love,  
Dad, Mom, Adam, & Whitney**





Chasity Ann Waldschmidt



Christy Marie Walker



Marsha Ann Weber



Megan Renee Wickham



Christopher Kyle Young

photo by Cindy Hertel



Reading intently, Joan Dreiling, sr., finishes up her advanced composition assignment in her spirit week attire.

42 Senior Activities

Erin Kitzman

During her sophomore year, Sondra LaBarge, sr., holds her bat high as she awaits the pitch. The team was coached by Dustin Rorabaugh.

photo by Kelli Madorin







photo by Erin Kitzman



photo by Laycie Keller

Daniel Hook, sr., shows off his tuxedo during dress-up day of Homecoming week. Every day had a different theme and the best dressed got a prize at the end of the day. Hook was one of the best dressed on dress-up day.

Helping out, Clint Urban, sr., unloads fruit that was delivered to the school for the FFA club. Each year FFA sells fruit, meat, and cheese as a fundraiser. Urban was a member of FFA for all four years.

Seniors Jessi Riedel, Erin Kitzman, Laycie Keller, and Jenna Smith wait patiently for their eighth grade graduation to start. The students waited in the auditorium until the program was ready to begin.



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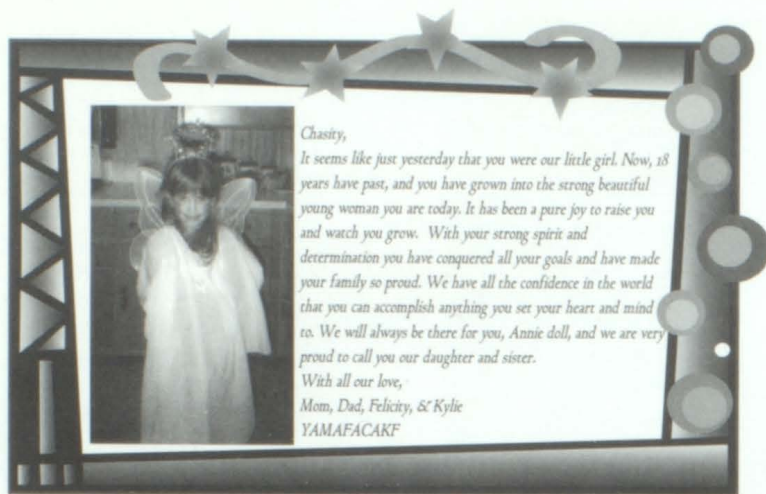


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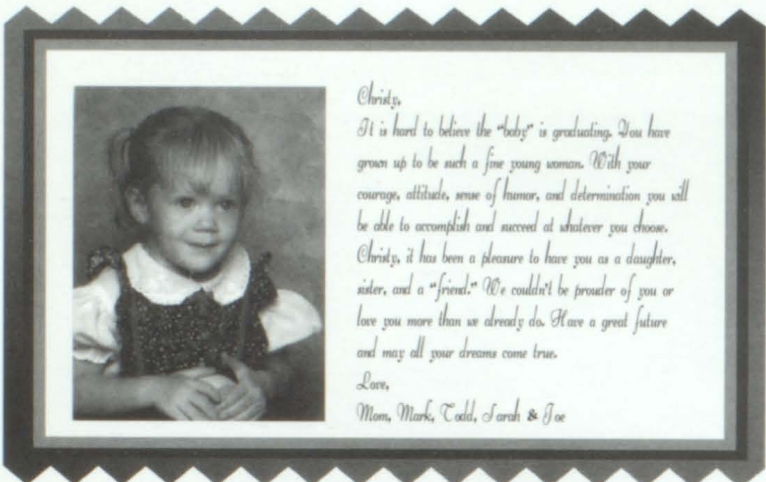
Eighth grade cheer leaders include Jessi Riedel, Laycie Keller, Kelsie Schuster, Brianna Coker, Ashley Taylor, Shawna Bradstreet, Erin Kitzman, Chasity Waldschmidt, Sondra LaBarge, Amanda Ball, Tracey Kroeger, and Diane Henderson.

Thumbs up! Seniors Jordan Helget, Devin Schoenthaler and Cody Fisher show off their box of home-baked goods they purchased at the Kayette food-box auction. For this box of goodies, Schoenthaler, Fisher, and Helget paid \$11.

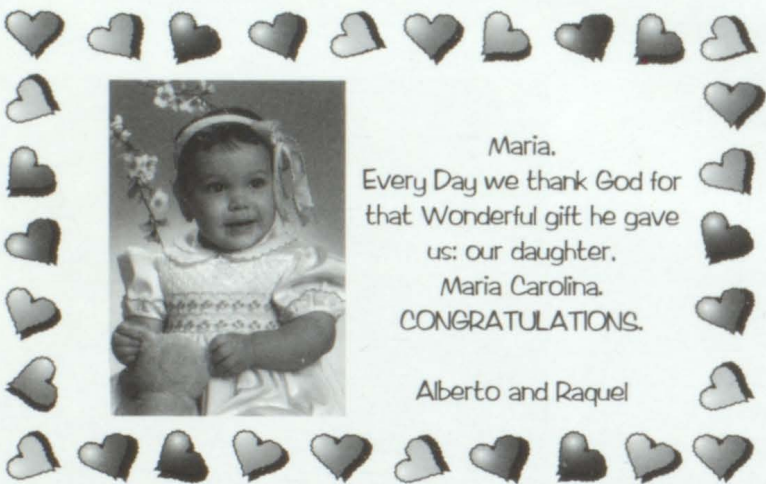




Chasity,  
It seems like just yesterday that you were our little girl. Now, 18 years have past, and you have grown into the strong beautiful young woman you are today. It has been a pure joy to raise you and watch you grow. With your strong spirit and determination you have conquered all your goals and have made your family so proud. We have all the confidence in the world that you can accomplish anything you set your heart and mind to. We will always be there for you, Annie doll, and we are very proud to call you our daughter and sister.  
With all our love,  
Mom, Dad, Felicity, & Kylie  
YAMAFACAKF



Christy,  
It is hard to believe the "baby" is graduating. You have grown up to be such a fine young woman. With your courage, attitude, sense of humor, and determination you will be able to accomplish and succeed at whatever you choose. Christy, it has been a pleasure to have you as a daughter, sister, and a "friend." We couldn't be prouder of you or love you more than we already do. Have a great future and may all your dreams come true.  
Love,  
Mom, Mark, Todd, Sarah & Joe

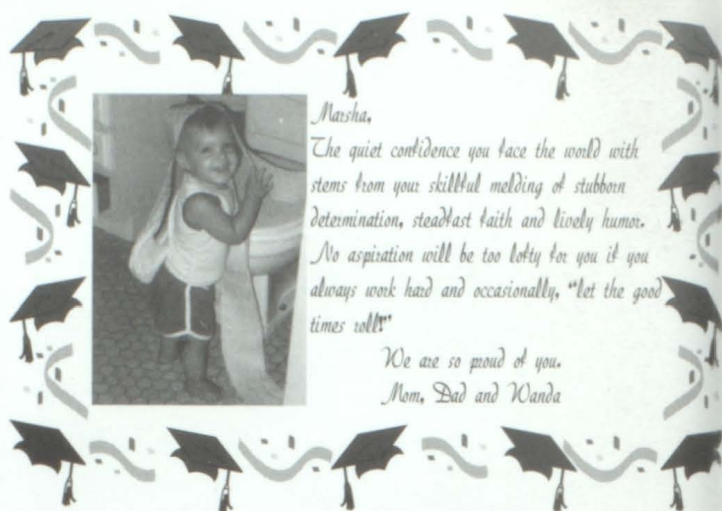


Maria,  
Every Day we thank God for that Wonderful gift he gave us: our daughter.  
Maria Carolina.  
CONGRATULATIONS.

Alberto and Raquel



Megan,  
To your new future: Keep those curls rollin'. Best of luck in all you do.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom,  
Jared, Abby,  
& Jeff



Marsha,  
The quiet confidence you face the world with stems from your skillful melding of stubborn determination, steadfast faith and lively humor. No aspiration will be too lofty for you if you always work hard and occasionally, "let the good times roll!"  
We are so proud of you.  
Mom, Dad and Wanda



Chris,  
We are so proud of you!  
Good luck next year.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Kim, Michael, & Stephanie







photo by Erin Jones

Working together, seniors Christy Walker and Randy Kohl put together a quilt in interior design, a class taught by Mrs. Sharla Albers. Walker and Kohl were two of the eight seniors that made up the class.

Sean Murphy, Matt Hall, and Kelsie Schuster work on their term paper during their spare time. All seniors had to earn a 72% on their term paper in order to meet graduation requirements.



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Working on their mouse trap car, Ryan Augustine and Sam Mickelson design its build. The physics class, taught by Mr. Perry Mick, was given three days to work on the car during school time.

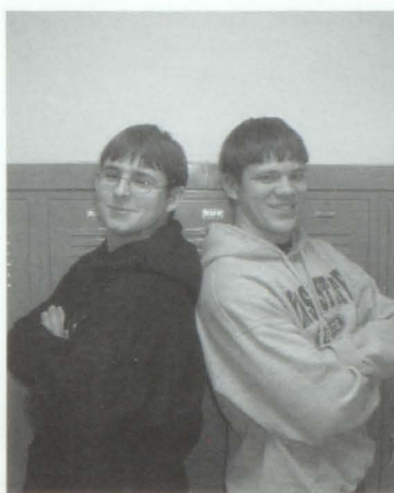


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Back to back, seniors Jason Henrickson and Chris Young pose for the camera in the hallway. Both Young and Henrickson were yearbook aids. During their applied arts class, they assisted the journalism class by downloading photos and working on double page spreads. Since the journalism class consisted of 6 students, the aides' help was necessary.



photo by SH



photo by Ryan Honas

Celebrating senior recognition, Derek Fox, sr., presents his parents with a white carnation. Members of the marching band, football team, cross country team, and volleyball team were recognized on senior night.

Jacqui DeMars and Brandon Dessel, seniors, work on personalized boxes during commercial art. Dessel enrolled in four years of art, three at Ellis High School and one during his freshman year in California.



photo by Jessi Rtedel

Seniors Ashley Taylor and Shawna Bradstreet take a break from dancing at the eighth grade graduation dance. The dance was located at the Old High School gym the night of eighth grade graduation.



Cody Fisher and Chris Jerauld work on the sophomore Homecoming float in classmate Jenna Smith's barn. The class had Lee Smith, a local artist, draw a bird on cardboard and then placed it on their float.

Ready, Set, Go! Seniors Megan Wickham and Chasity Waldschmidt participate in the three-legged race during the Homecoming games. Other games included water balloon volleyball, tug-of-war and sack races. Students got the choice of playing games outside or playing cards inside.

Along with his classmates, Jarret Johnson plays out the video for "Teen Spirit" by Nirvana during their sophomore Homecoming airband. Every year they participated in it, the senior class placed last in the airband.

photo by Laycie Keller



photo by Cindy Hertel



photo by Jenna Smith



photo by Jessi Riedel

During their eighth grade year, seniors Amanda Ball and Diane Henderson pose for a picture while on the school bus. There were a total of 18 eighth grade cheerleaders, including Henderson and Ball. Four went on to be high school cheerleaders.

Seniors Erin Jones, Adrienne Heroneme, Jessi Riedel, and Ernie Pfeifer hang out in the lobby during their eighth grade graduation dance. "The eighth grade graduation dance was fun because we were the first eighth grade class to have a D.J. for a dance," Riedel said.

photo by Erin Kitzman







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**B**en Shubert, sr., washes potatoes in a child and parenting class.

**L**istening closely, a group of seniors try to hear every word as Anthony Taylor, sr., announces the latest gossip.

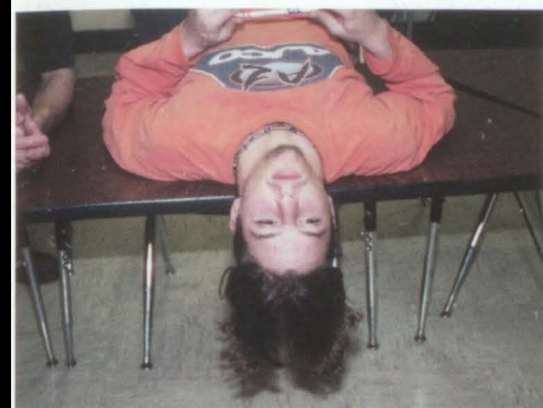


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**H**anging out, David Bieker relaxes during Agro Business. Bieker took three classes taught by Mr. Eldon Pfeifer. "I enjoy Eldon's classes. I have fun in them and learn at the same time. My most memorable moment in Eldon's class is when we drew a blue mustache on Ryan Day," Bieker said.

**M**embers of the senior class listen to their speaker talk during their eighth grade graduation. The speaker was Brad Schoenthaler, who was a senior in high school at the time.



photo by Brett Suter

**T**he senior class poses in front of the school during Homecoming week. It's tradition for the seniors to decorate the front windows with orange and black paint the weekend before homecoming. Then on orange and black day, they take a picture while sitting in front of the front doors.

**P**erin Kitzman and Jake Schartz pose for a picture during "Old School Day." "Old School Day" was one of five dress-up days during Homecoming week.

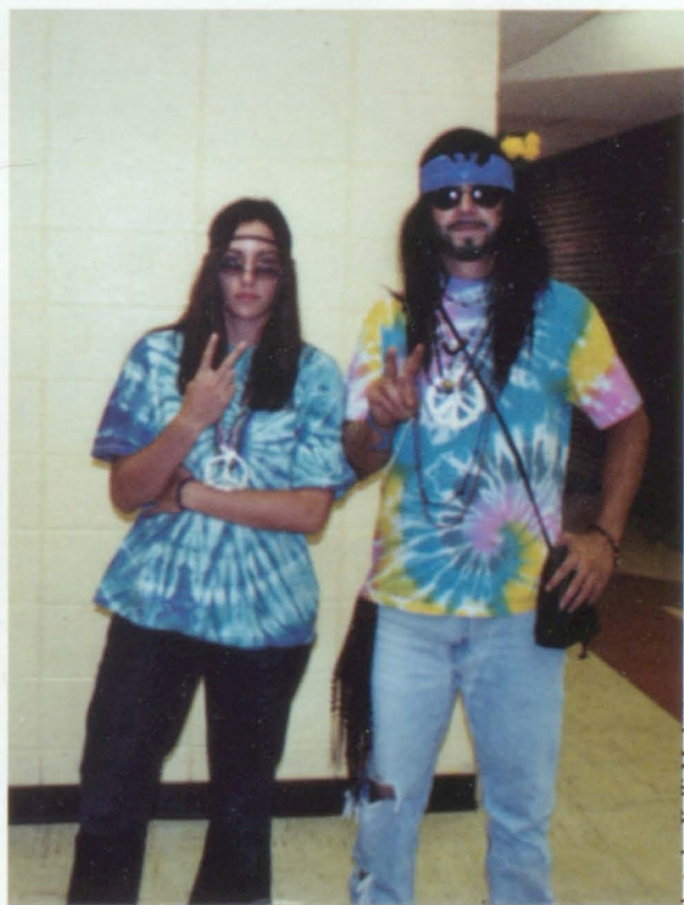


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# Class of 2004

What's cooking? Junior Adam Walz butters his pan before making scrambled eggs in mini course.

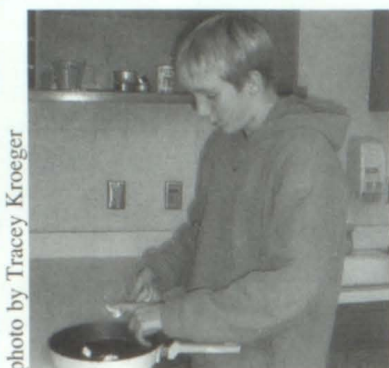


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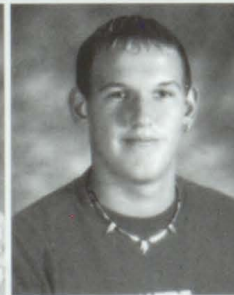
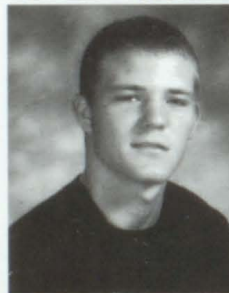
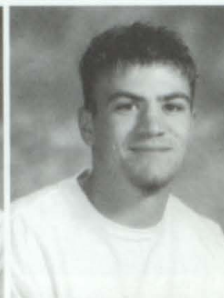
Riding in the Homecoming parade, juniors show off their float they made the weekend before. Each class made a float and displayed it in the parade on Friday. Even though there were no spirit points awarded, all classes still participated.

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Jeremy Dorzweiler

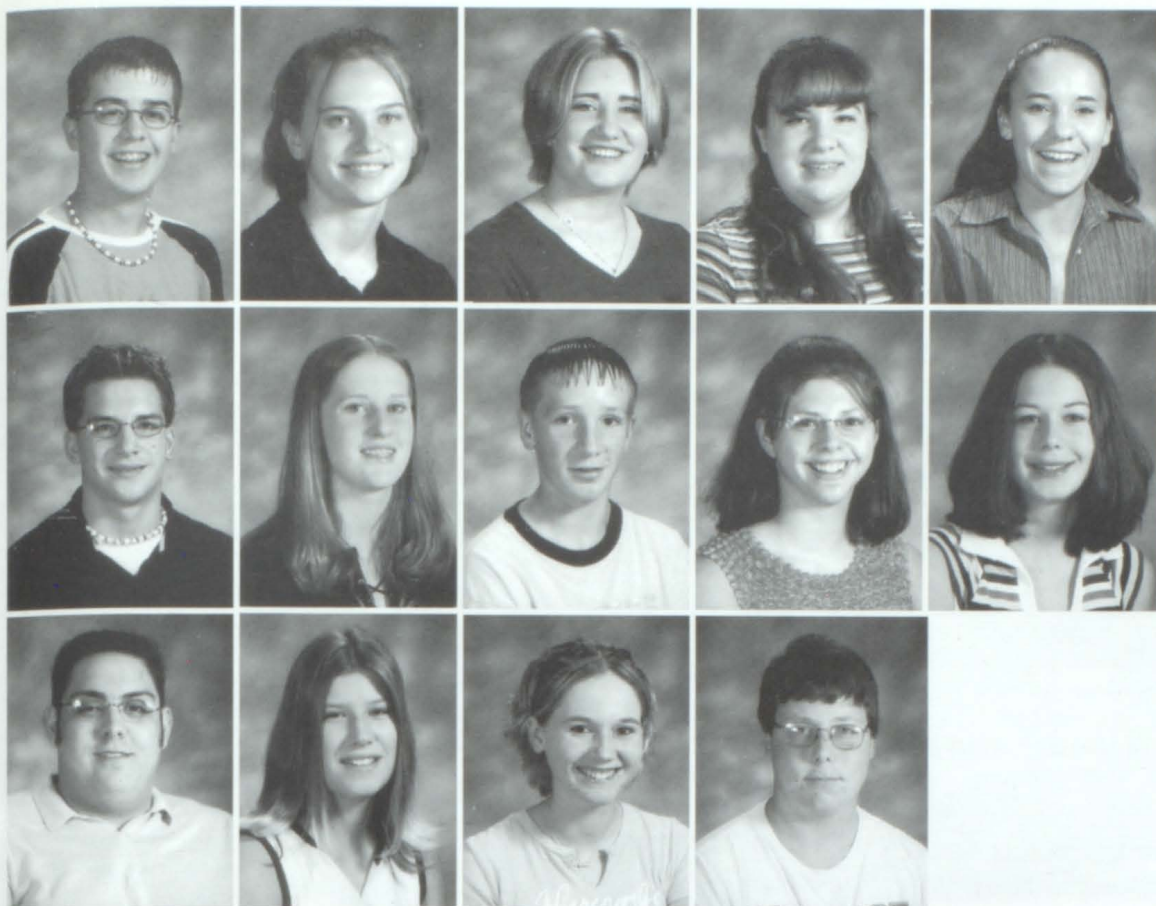
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Ashley King  
John Kroeger







Jordan Kroeger  
Jennifer LaBarge  
Laura Lacy  
Amber North  
Lynn Pfeifer

Brett Suter  
Lacy VanAusdale  
Adam Walz  
Megan D. Weber  
Megan M. Weber

Skyy Westbrook  
Abby Wickham  
Heather Wolf  
Ben Zorn  
*Not pictured:*  
Justin Coleman



photo by Tracey Kroeger



photo by Erin Jones

**I**t's a clean sweep! Justin Coleman, Jr., cleans the shop. Coleman came to EHS in September after moving from Nevada. "It was hard to adjust from moving from a bigger town to a smaller town," Coleman said.

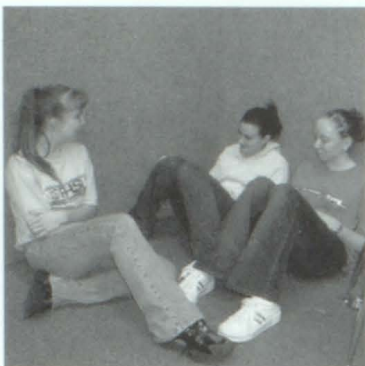
**J**unior Heather Wolf gets ready for the junior class play. For the set of "Doofus and Goofus," the juniors collected trash from students around the school.



# Class of 2005

Sophomores, Trista Fuchs, Jenna Henrickson, and Rebecca Augustine chat during a free day in band. The option of Band or mini-course was given to students in music.

photo by Cole King



Sophomore Andrew Schmid listens to Mr. Wildeman as he explains the difference in tree leaves. Classmates Vanessa Beilman, Kasi Wyatt, and Blake Connelly take notes. Schmid joined Ellis High School at the beginning of the year.

photo by Jenny Jones

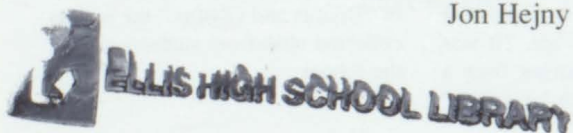
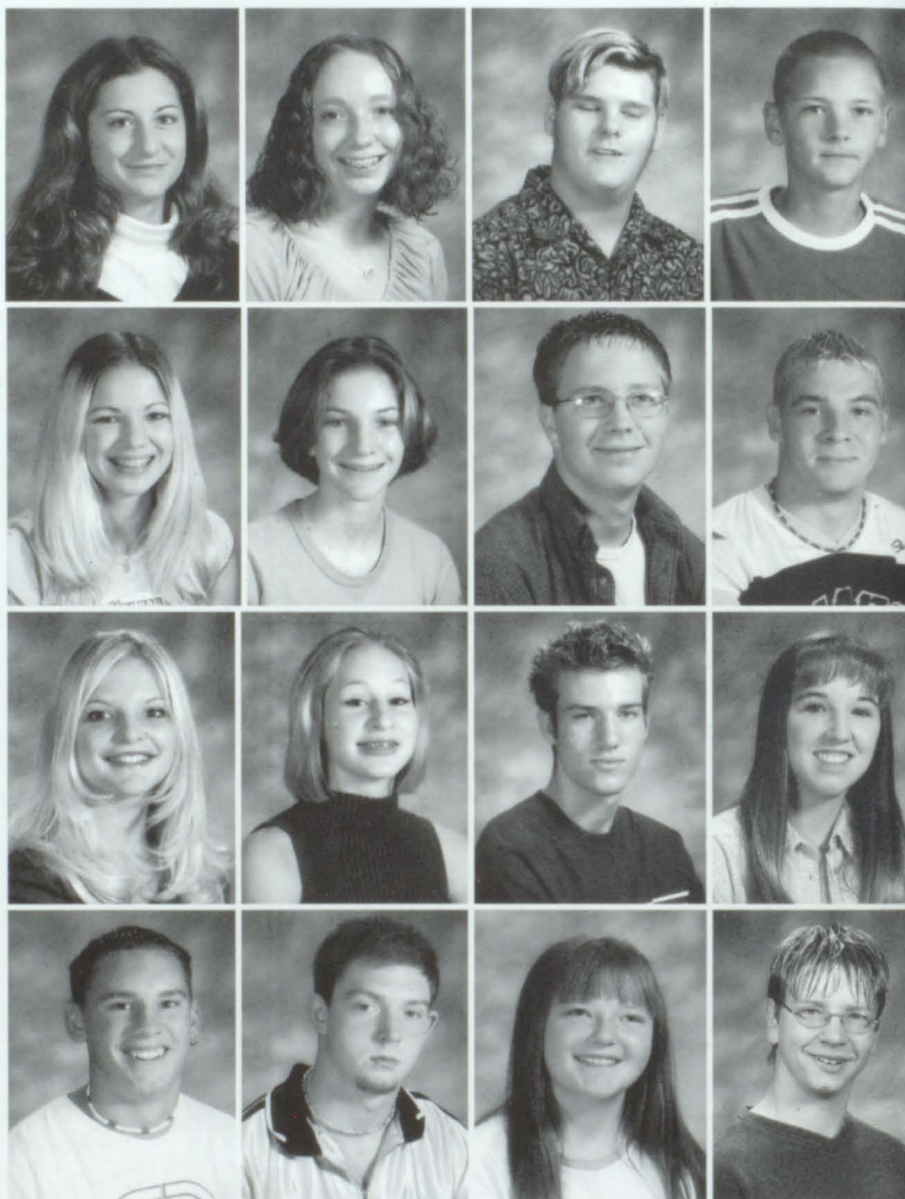


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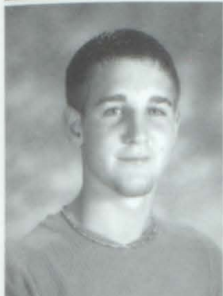




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Clay King



Cole King  
T.J. Lee  
Thomas McElroy  
Cody Mickelson  
Morgan Murphy



Chuck Parks  
Jessie Pfeifer  
Andrew Schmid  
Jessica Spinelli  
Shawna Totten



Kasi Wyatt  
*Not pictured;*  
Jenny Nowell



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Cody Mickelson, so., tosses a ring at the target during the bonfire. The ring toss was one of many games played at the bonfire. The bonfire was ment to bring the student body together.

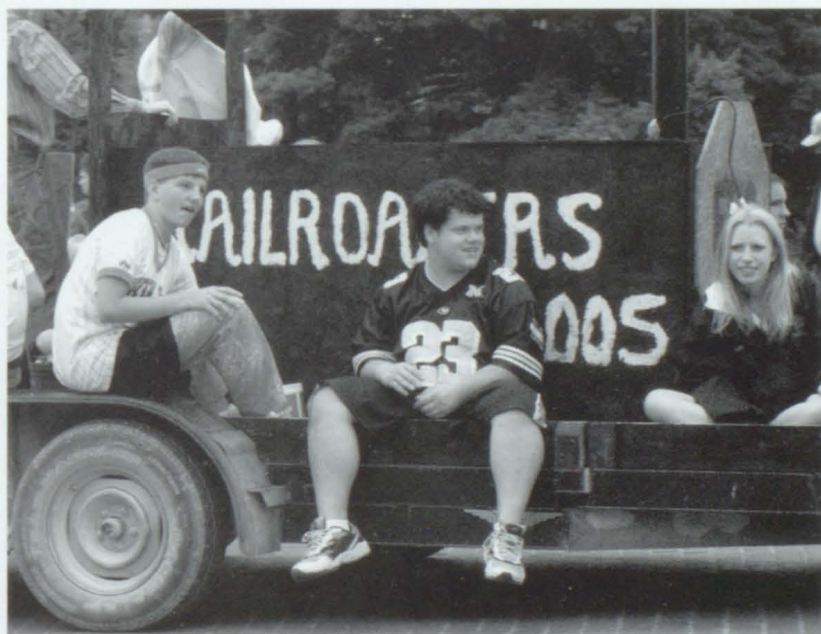


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Sophomores, Paige Helget, Cody Mickelson, and Cole King ride the class float during the Homecoming parade. There wasn't a class competition for the floats. The theme for homecoming was "Cook the Kitties."



# Class of 2006

Showing school spirit, Slade Hackney, fr., rides the freshmen float during the Homecoming parade on Oct. 11.



photo by Erin Kitzman

Jessica Hadley, fr., plays her instrument, a clarinet, during a home football game. The band members played "The Fight Song" and "Hey" after the football team scored.



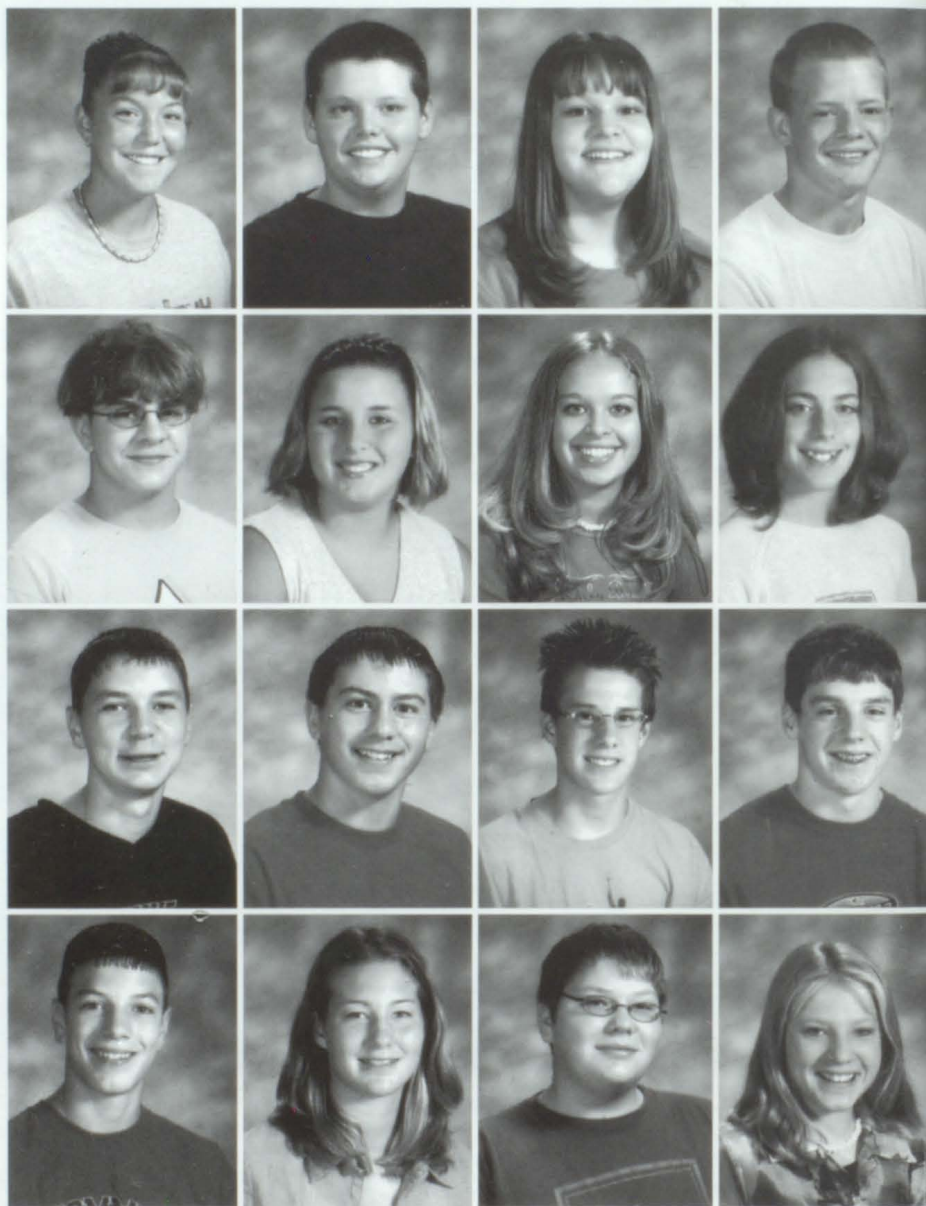
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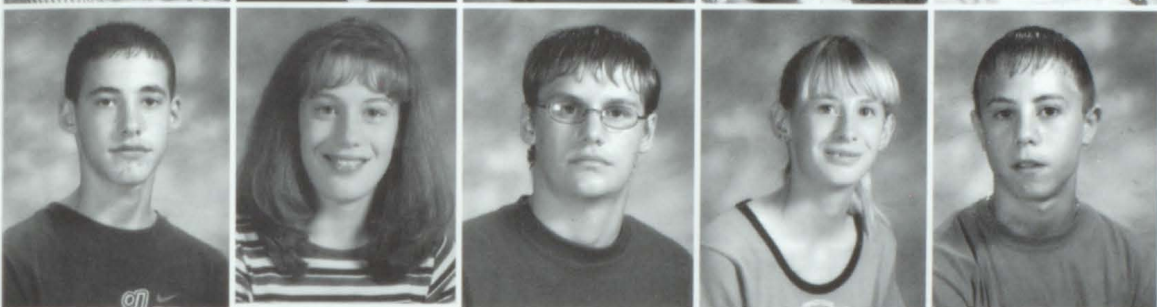
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Alisha Rich  
Jaymi Riedel  
Ashley Robins  
Kelsi Schoenthaler  
Heather Schuster



Kyle Urban  
Kristen Weber  
Cole Weigel  
Nicole Weigel  
Rowdy Wichman Jr.



Amanda Yanda  
Katie Zahn  
*Not pictured:*  
Louis Goseland

Freshmen Katie Zahn, Laura Redden, Ashley Robins, Ashley Hejny, and Alisha Rich play a card game during Homecoming week. Students had the choice of playing games outside or playing card games inside. Outside games consisted of three-legged race, sheet volleyball, and tug-of-war.

Listening to a talk given by Kerry Bittel, head volleyball coach, freshmen Elexx Feyh and Kristen Weber sit on the sidelines during the soap scrimmage. Every year the football, volleyball, and cross-country teams participate in a scrimmage before the season starts.



photo by Cindy Hertel



photo by Ryan Honas



# Teachers with classes

photo by Ryan Honas



Dave Lohrmeyer and Charlie Waldschmidt, custodians, hang a poster of the Constitution in the hall. The school received this poster from the VFW after a presentation about the flag on Veteran's Day.

photo by Kelli Madorin



Lyndell Barton  
*superintendent*

Reggie Romine  
*principal*

Sharla Albers  
*home economics*

Kerry Bittel  
*volleyball*

Renetta Dawson  
*band*

Casey Dinkel  
*wrestling, cross country*

Sherri Faulkender  
*librarian*

Stan Faulkender  
*art, athletic director*

Jacqueline Grogan  
*foreign languages, psychology*

Butch Hayes  
*math*

Janetta Heroneme  
*resource room*

Cindy Hertel  
*journalism, English*

Julie Honas  
*cook*

June Howard  
*computer technology*

Annie Keesee  
*choir*

Tracy Kinderknecht  
*sign Language Interpreter*







John Kolacny  
*social studies*  
David Lohrmeyer  
*custodian*  
Don Long  
*health, pe*  
Karen Madorin  
*English*  
Beverly Mauk  
*counselor*  
Perry Mick  
*math, physics, girls' basketball*  
Mary Park  
*nurse*  
Eldon Pfeifer  
*vocational agriculture*  
Linda Riedel  
*web page, speech, English, forensics*  
Chris Rorabaugh  
*boys' basketball*  
Barb 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*



photo by Brett Suter



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**C**leaning up after cooking, Mrs. Sharla Albers helps Heather Schuster and other freshman girls use the washing machine to wash towels during intro to foods. They had just finished making apple crisp.

**G**etting fired up at the bonfire Mr. Romine, principal, throws the gas on the fire before they start the activities. Some of the activities played included the nose penny drop and sock hand.



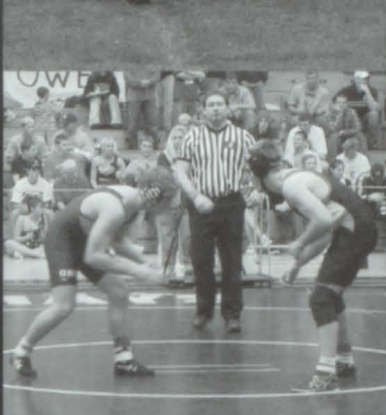
# It's All About

enjoying victory and enduring failure. A team experiences the effects of winning and losing together. When a team performs poorly, it does so as one. When a team performs well, it does so as one. Players learn the consequences of failure and victory together. Participating on a team teaches unity, respect, and admiration. It's not all about the shine of being a high school athlete. Are you going to remember the plaque on the wall or the lessons learned through coaches, fans, and other teammates? Probably the lessons. That's what it's all about.



# Enduring Failure

# Enjoying Victory





During the cheerleading dance, Amanda Ball, sr., dances with partner Paige Helget, so. The cheerleading squad performed their dance at two home basketball games, Ellis vs. Plainville and Ellis vs. St. John. The squad also performed a dance at a home football game and state wrestling.

Freshmen Kelsi Schoenthaler energizes the crowd during a time out at a girls' home basketball game. The cheerleading squad cheered at a total of 15 home games. Seven of them were girls games and eight were boys.



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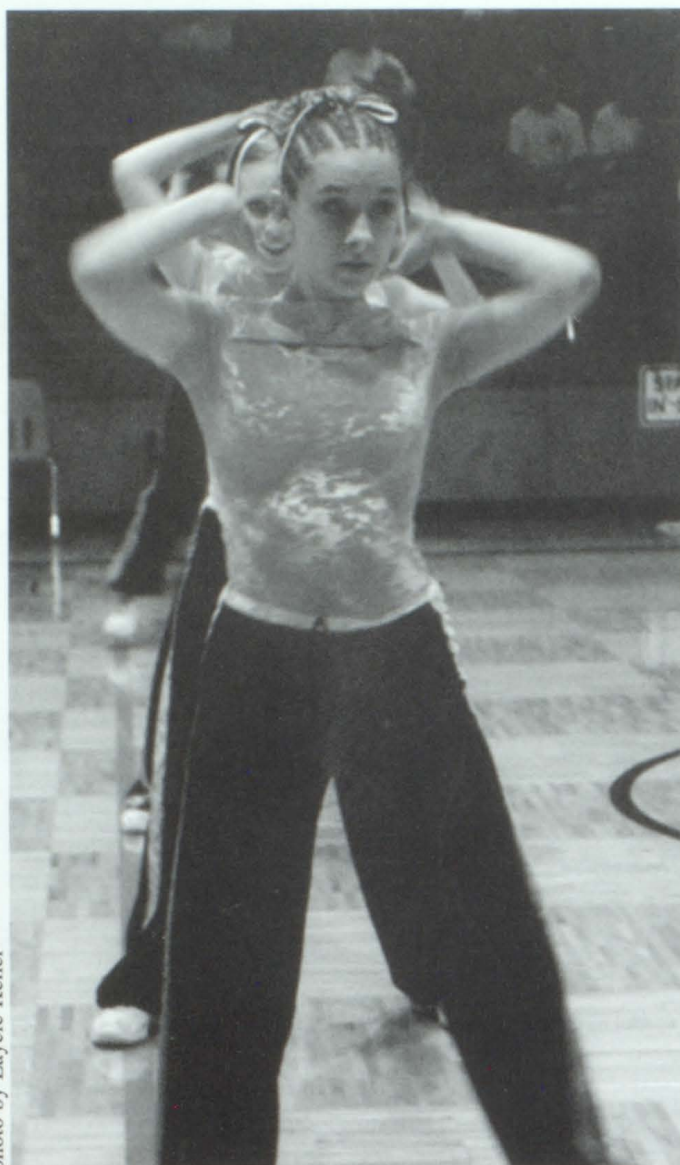


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Jennifer LaBarge, jr., and Lacy Van Ausdale, jr., put together the Railroader sign for a football run through.

#### Seniors

Ashley Taylor, Amanda Ball, Tracey Kroeger

#### Juniors

Jessie Dorzweiler, Megan Weber  
Jennifer LaBarge,  
Lacy Van Ausdale

#### Sophomores

Trista Fuchs, Paige Helget,  
Lacie Bittel

#### Freshmen

Jaymi Riedel, Emily Keller,  
Kelsi Schoenthaler

Juniors Lacy Van Ausdale and Jessie Dorzweiler visit with sponsor Chandra Pfeifer.



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Cheering at the bonfire, Emily Keller, fr., Lacy Van Ausdale, jr., Jaymi Riedel, fr., and Kelsi Schoenthaler, fr., lead the crowd in cheers. After chanting by the fire, the crowd followed the cheerleaders to the railroad tracks.





photo by Chandra Pfeifer



photo by Smoky Hill

Hanging out during free time, members of the cheerleading squad pose for a picture while at cheerleading camp. All 13 cheerleaders attended camp, which was held in July. "Cheerleading camp was a fun experience. There were a lot of other girls there. As a squad, we had to work hard to achieve our goals and win our awards," said Jaymi Riedel.

Members of the cheerleading squad energize the crowd during a time out at the boys' Mid Continent League championship game. During this game, the Railroaders lost to Norton 44-52. Cheerleading captain was Tracey Kroeger and co-captain was Amanda Ball. Ashley Taylor was also a senior cheerleader for the Ellis Railroaders.

Cheer sponsor + new baby = STRESS. After cheerleading sponsor Chandra Pfeifer had a baby in the middle of the season, how did this affect the cheerleaders?

## It's a Boy!



"We have had a lot of 'baby time.' We would sit around and ask Chandra all sorts of questions about having a baby."

Amanda Ball, sr.

"A lot of times Chandra had to take the baby along to cheering events. This made for some fun times playing and watching Konner."

Jennifer LaBarge, jr.



"We all had to come together and work as a team because Chandra couldn't always be there to push us like before."

Ashley Taylor, sr.

"I think we had to have more responsibility because we wanted to make it as easy as we could for her, and having a baby around was a lot of good times."

Trista Fuchs, so.



A group of Lady Railers takes a break between games at Victoria. "The ladies really broke out in grins when they beat Victoria," Coach Bittel said. They won the first match 15-7.

Falling to her knees, Senior Erin Kitzman strives to get the ball to the setter as junior Lindsay Gaschler prepares to assist. Kitzman participated in volleyball all four years of high school.



photo by Ryan Honas



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14-15, Ellis is down. The score shows your serve is critical. The fans go silent. All eyes are on you. Your heart beats wildly, but you say to yourself,

## Who's stressed?



"Well, I try not to think about anything, and I definitely do not look anywhere in the stands because then I lose my train of thought. So I just imagine the ball going over the net." Abby Wickham, jr.



"When we are down and I have the serve, I get nervous knowing that I have to score to get us caught up. I go with a big smile on my face and with the most confidence and say to myself 'I know that I can do it.'" Sondra LaBarge, sr.



"Well first of all I tell myself over and over, 'get the ball over the net.' The next think that goes through my mind is the score. I look up at the scoreboard to see how many points I need to score." Becca Dinkel, so.



"I pretty much put the game in my hands. When I'm serving, I'm thinking, 'Wow, don't mess this up for your whole team.' I tell myself that I know I can do it."

Amanda Fischer, fr.



Coach Kerry Bittel stresses the importance of teamwork to the girls. Bittel decided to retire in 2001 as head volleyball coach, but after Ms. Jodi Miller took a job at Hutchinson Community College, Bittel returned for another year.



photo by Ryan Honas

Brett Suter, jr., and Cole King, so., support the Lady Rulers by dressing in Ellis attire and afro wigs.



photo by Cindy Hertel

### Scoreboard

Hill City	15-12	13-15	15-11
Palco	10-15	15-13	15-12
Dighton	15-17	15-12	15-6
Plainville	12-15	15-12	15-6
Victoria	3-15	10-15	
Victoria	15-7	6-15	3-15
Trego	15-6	14-16	15-11
Trego	15-13	15-13	
Ransom	15-8	15-6	
Quinter	15-7	15-10	
Ness City	15-7	15-7	
LaCrosse	15-12	16-14	

Concentrating hard, freshman Kelsi Schoenthaler positions herself to bump the ball to the setter.



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Christy Walker, sr., sets the ball as Erin Kitzman, sr., gets ready to make a kill. Walker received league honors as a second team setter. This was her second year to be recognized by the league after receiving honorable mention her junior year.

Jennifer Jacques, fr., tries to score a point against the Lady Knights while Christy Walker, sr., waits for an opportunity to help. Jacques was the only freshman who played on the varsity team. "It was a fun experience playing on the team with the girls. They were very helpful, and I learned a lot," Jacques said.

photo by Cindy Hertel



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Striding for the finish, Brett Suter, jr., passes some competition at the Quinter Invitational. Suter ran his best time at Hill City where he clocked in at 21:04.

photo by Cindy Hertel

Running wild, Ernie Pfeifer III, sr., stretches his legs during the Quinter Inv. Pfeifer's best performance was at the league meet held in Phillipsburg. He took 10th overall and 6th in the MCL with a time of 20:01 in the 3 mile run.



Austin Fox, fr., makes his move with a short distance to go.

photo by Cindy Hertel



### Regional Results

Ernie Pfeifer, sr.	20:08
Brett Suter, jr.	21:22
Lynn Pfeifer, jr.	14:31
Sherri Johnson, jr.	14:59
Ryan Gross, so.	20:18
Cole King, so.	23:14
Chuck Parks, so.	21:28
Austin Fox, fr.	20:58
Rowdy Wichman fr.	21:29

Blake Conelly, so., paces himself, so he can make a good finish.

photo by Cindy Hertel



photo by Cindy Hertel



Just a walk in the park. Slade Hackney, fr., Dylan Lang, fr., and M.J. Gnad, fr., take a stroll after running in the Quinter Invitational. "After running, I just liked to walk around," Lang said.



Three months can separate triple digit temperatures to low 40 degree temperatures. How did the cross country team adjust to the dramatic change?

# What's the temp?



photo by Cindy Hertel

"For me the hot temperatures weren't really a factor until about the fifth mile. We were lucky enough to have cold temperatures for most of the year."

Chuck Parks, so.



"If there was one thing that was consistent this year, it was the weather not being consistent. It is crazy running in 90 degree weather one week and 40 the next."

Cole King, so.



"When practice first started, it was hard to run more than two miles without getting a drink. The weather did play a role in how well the practices went and what we had to wear."

Colton Barton, so.



photo by Cindy Hertel

"One day it was scorching hot, and the next there was freezing rain coming down. The weather didn't really affect my time too much; it was pretty constant all year."

Sherri Johnson, jr.



photo by Cindy Hertel



photo by Cindy Hertel

Junior Lynn Pfeifer stays with the pack at Quinter. Pfeifer's best finish was at Phillipsburg with a time of 14:27, placing 14th. "The weather changed a lot and it was hard to adjust sometimes. My favorite time to run was in 80 degrees temperatures and no wind," Pfeifer said.

Ready, set go! Slade Hackney, fr., Chuck Parks, so., Cole King, so., and Colton Barton, so., gets a jump on the competition. "No one on the team made it to state, but we all worked hard in practice. I thought we all had a good year," Brett Suter, jr., said.



Senior quarterback Devin Schoenthaler(22) pitches to senior fullback Sam Mickelson(11) while senior tailback Randy Kohl(5) carries out the fake in the season opener against Trego.

photo by Smoky Hill Photography



photo by Smoky Hill Photography



Daniel Hook, sr., (WR80) catches a touchdown pass from Devin Schoenthaler, sr.

Team	EHS	Opp.
Trego	0	28
Stockton	34	0
Osborne	28	0
Plainville	36	8
Hill City	44	14
Phillipsburg	26	19
Lincoln	41	8
Claflin	0	6
LaCrosse	0	37

photo by Laycie Keller



Junior Ryan Honas(72) leads the Railers through the run-through at the home opener against Trego.

Brandon Dessel, sr., take his turn in a drill at the soap scrimmage against Devin Schoenthaler, sr., while other football players wait their turn.

Senior Devin Schoenthaler(22) runs behind a wall of blockers for another Railer first down against the Lincoln Leopards. The Railers defeated Lincoln 41-8 in district action. The Railers then went on to play the undefeated Claflin Wildcats. The Railers held Claflin scoreless until two minutes left in the game when Claflin scored on a 2 yard run. The Railers failed to score on the final drive and lost 6-0.

photo by Bret Suter



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Ryan Honas, jr., applies pressure on Phillipsburg senior quarterback Scotty Yates. Honas went on to become an all-league tackle on offense and defense.

Ryan Augustine, sr., returns a fumble for the first score in the homecoming game. Augustine won several league honors including 2nd team tight end, defensive end, and kicker.

With such a small team and a few crucial injuries during the season, what did it take to maintain a successful season and overcome the adversity?

# It took heart



photo by SH



"Everyone had to play many different positions. So we had to step it up in practice and in games."  
Daren Haas, fr.



"It took determination and dedication by each member on the team in practice and on Friday nights. Each player knew they had to give a little extra for the team and they did."  
Jordan Helget, sr.



photo by SH

"It took a little bit extra from everyone at practice and a few people had to step up and adjust to their different positions. I think everyone stepped up and that's what carried us."  
Aaron Honas, jr.

"Everyone on the team had to step it up at practice and in games. People had to play different position and adjust. Everybody put out a lot of extra effort to help the team."  
Cody Honas, jr.



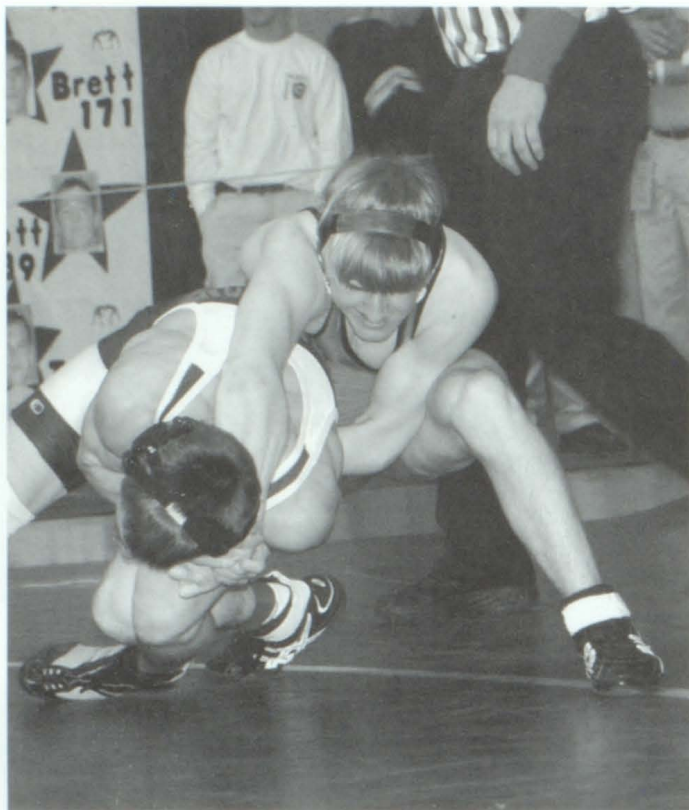
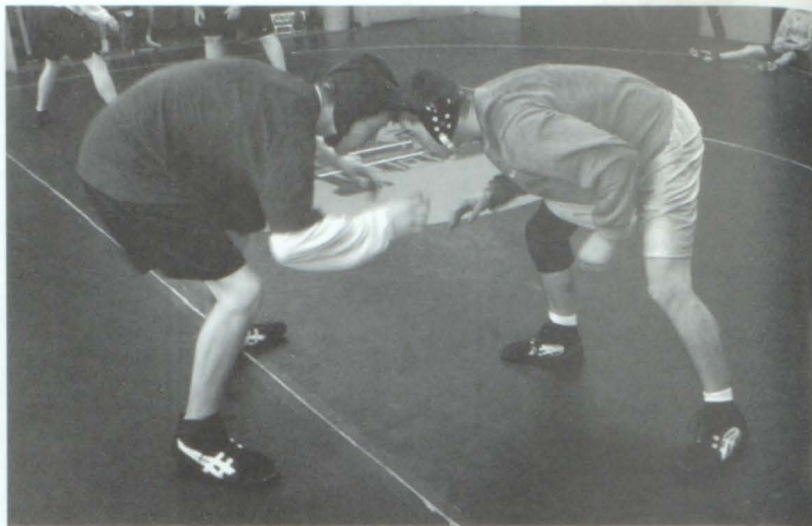


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John Kroeger, jr., fights to hold his opponent on the mat in first round action at the state tournament. The wrestlers broke out the "old school" singlets in first round action. "Making it to state was awesome, but knowing you put all that work into it and it paid off is a great feeling," Kroeger said.

Slade Hackney, fr., and Derek Fox, sr., participate in a take-down drill at practice. The wrestlers practiced in the wrestling room at the old high school, where they split into three different groups decided by weight, and worked on various moves, take-downs, and situations.

3 wrestlers at state, 2 in the finals, and 1 crowned champion. It looks like an individual sport, but everyone knows that it takes a

# Team Effort



"The older wrestlers pushed us newcomers to become better. The team effort in practice is what made everyone better."

Justin LaBarge, fr.



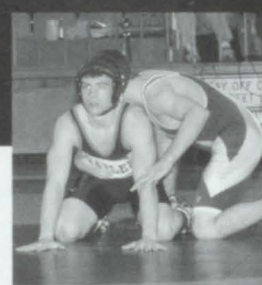
"Everyone pushed each other to become better, and I think that the younger wrestlers fed off of that."

Aaron Honas, jr.



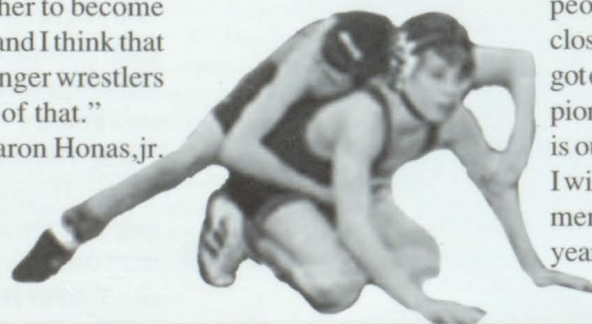
"I liked having fewer people. It made us closer as a group. We got our first state champion since 1991, and it is our third of all time. I will carry many great memories from this year."

Cole King, so.



"The team worked hard together so that everyone could have a shot at making it to state."

Dustin Cross, jr.







**E**HS wrestling coach Casey Dinkel aids Casey Cross, fr., in a drill at practice. Dinkel was assisted by Brett Seibel.

Wrestler	Weight
Austin Morton	103
Adam Walz	112
Clay King	119
John Kroeger	125
Cole King	130
Derek Fox	135
Slade Hackney	140
Dustin Cross	145
Justin LaBarge	152
Aaron Honas	160
Ryan Augustine	171
Casey Cross	189
Ryan Honas	275

**C**lay King, so., surveys his opponent in attempt to set up a take-down.



photo by Brett Suter

**R**yan Augustine, sr., tries to hold his opponent down in the state finals match at Gross Memorial Colosseum. Augustine finished the year with a 31-3 record and a second place finish at state.

**A**nother one bites the dust. That was the exact story in the state finals at the 275lb. weight class. Ryan Honas, jr., gets his hand raised shortly after winning the 3-2-1A State Championship. Honas overcame an undefeated opponent in the semifinals to make it into the championship.

photo by Brett Suter

**A**dam Walz, jr., anticipates the whistle in a home dual against Trego. "The team is lifting together after school and a few of us are wrestling freestyle in the offseason to get ready for next year," Walz said.

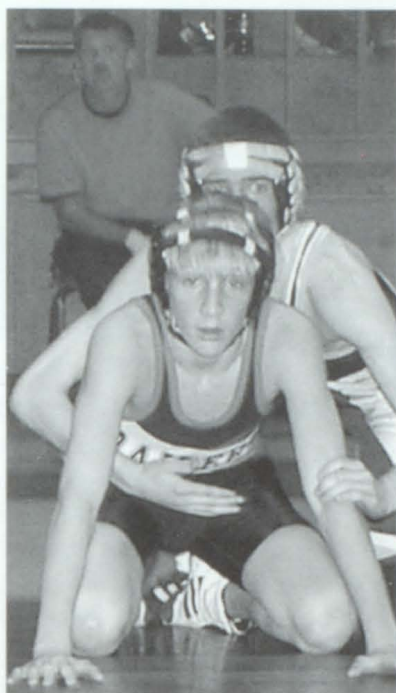


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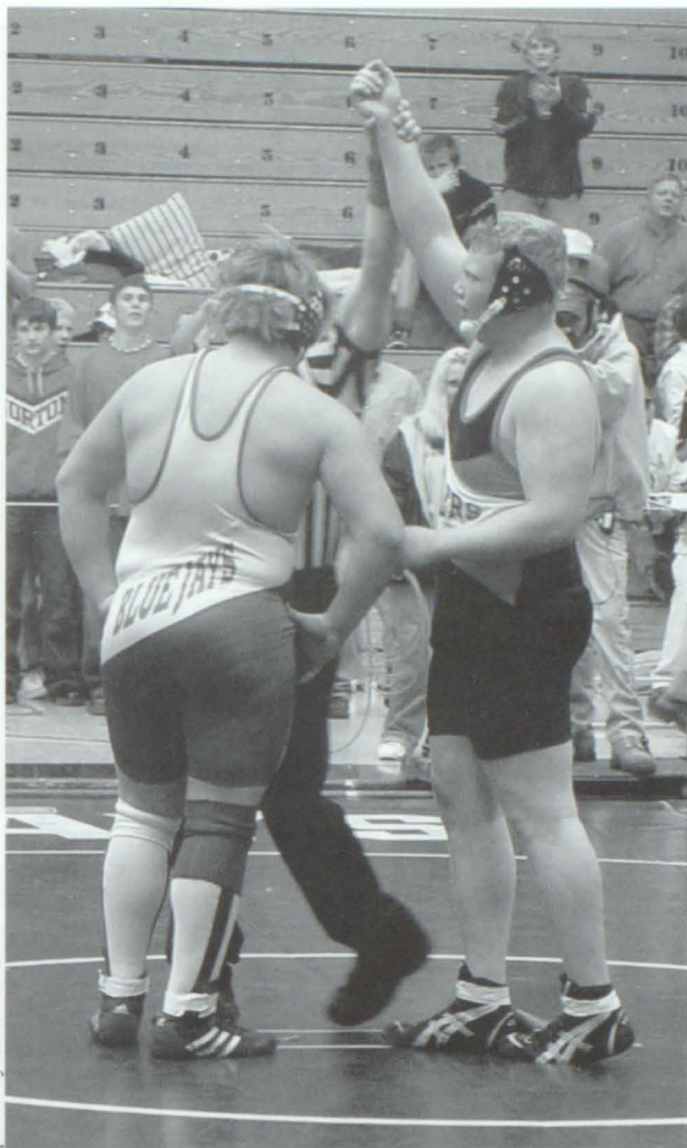


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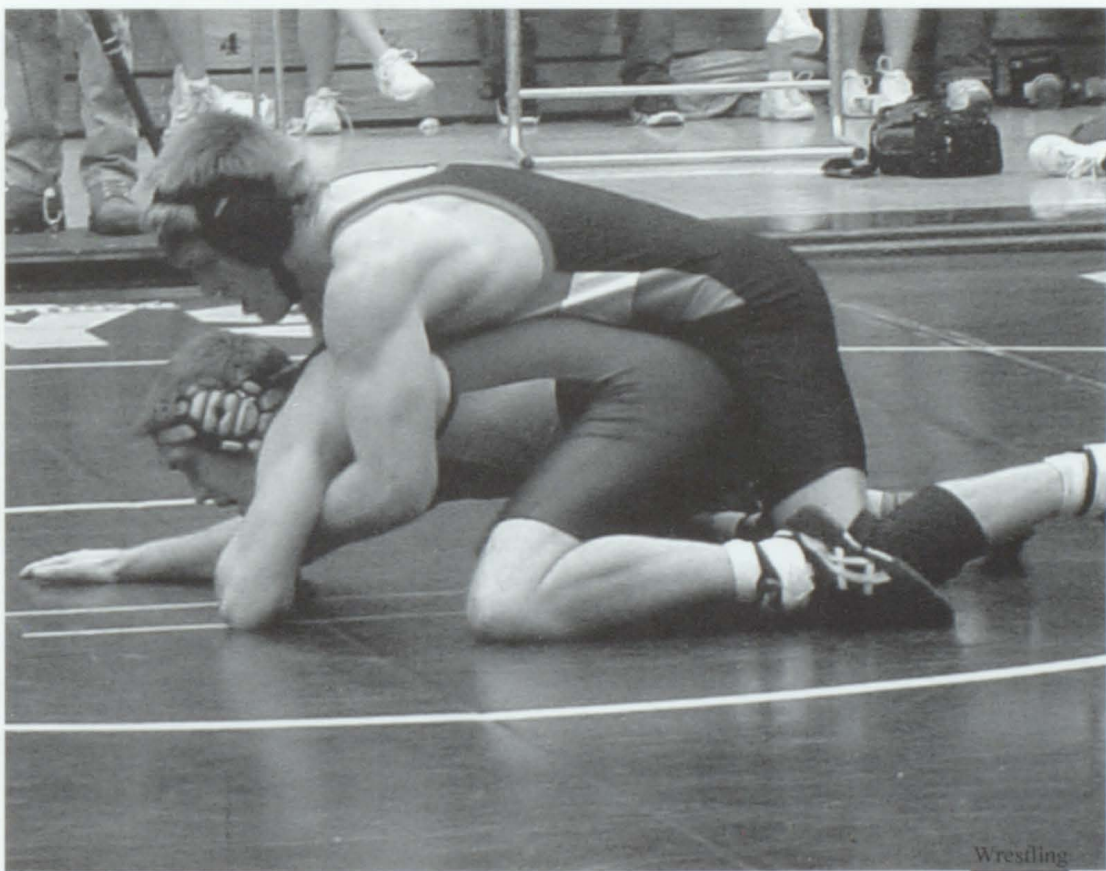


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The number of freshmen girls on the basketball team was higher this year than in years past. How did the team adjust to all the new players?

# A Fresh Look



"At times it was hard because it took them awhile to remember all the plays, but in the end everything worked out well."

Lynn Pfeifer, jr.



"It was a new experience playing basketball with the older members of the team, and I had a great time and learned a lot."

Jennifer Jacques, fr.



"Playing basketball this year with all of the team was fun because it taught me many things, mostly to play hard and give 110 percent."

Kristen Weber, fr.



"It was nice to interact with all the younger people on the team because until we started practicing and playing basketball together, I didn't know them all that well."

Christy Walker, sr.



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photo by Ryan Honas



Take it to the hoop! Senior Erin Jones shoots a layup while scrimmaging during practice. Jones participated in basketball all four years. "One of my favorite parts of basketball this year was being able to be a leader because I'm one of the oldest girls on the team," Jones said.

During a free throw, Shawn Bradstreet, sr., and Vanessa Beilman, so., catch their breath while waiting for their opponent to shoot. The varsity team's record for the season was 4-17.





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Struggling to grab the rebound, Erin Kitzman, sr., stands her ground during a home game vs. Stockton. Kitzman was the leading rebounder on the varsity team pulling down 189 rebounds.

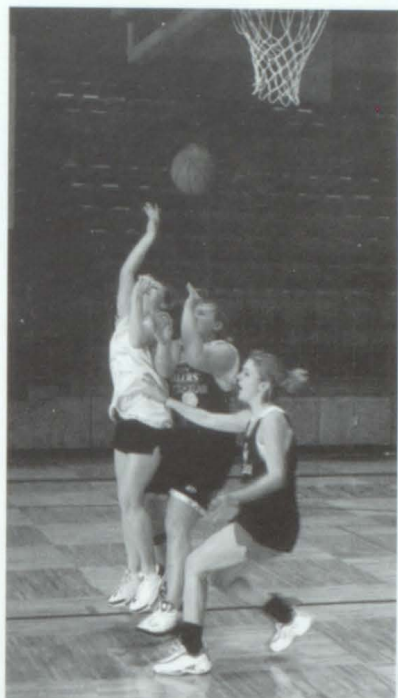
At an after-school practice, freshmen Kelsi Schoenthaler, Heather Schuster, and Jaymi Riedel scrimmage one another to enhance their skills. "Basketball was fun. The team came together and every one enjoyed being around each other," Riedel said.



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Freshmen Elexx Feyh and Jaymi Riedel stretch their legs before a home game.



Team	EHS	Opp.
P-burg	55	66
Palco	46	44
Osborne	43	73
Stockton	59	48
Trego	32	63
Hill City	46	61
Victoria	52	85
Plainville	59	28
Quinter	35	54
Smith Center	38	56
Ness City	40	78
Victoria	43	79
Norton	46	50
St. John	41	68

#### MCL Tournament

Osborne	35	56
Hill City	36	41

#### Castle Rock Tournament

Quinter	42	71
Ransom	66	52
Triplains	32	62

#### Sub-state Tournament

Trego	29	54
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Members of the JV team watch intently as their teammates battle for a victory against Victoria. The overall record for the JV team was 8-5.





**B**rett Suter, jr., goes up for a shot during a JV game against Osborne.

Team	EHS	Opp.
Phillipsburg	73	60
Ransom	88	65
Trego	86	74
Quinter	61	69
Palco	73	32
Osborne	89	52
Stockton	76	32
Hill City	72	53
Plainville	91	74
Quinter	53	57
Smith Center	69	66
Victoria	76	54
Norton	49	61
St. John	81	54

### MCL Tournament

(2nd place)

Stockton	76	48
Victoria	71	57
Norton	44	52

### Sub State

(Champs)

Stockton	106	67
Trego	91	78
Quinter	82	74

### State

Colgan	49	58
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**W**e are going to state! The Ellis High School boys basketball team made it to state by beating Quinter in the sub state championship. The boys had lost to Quinter two times during the season, but the third time is a charm.

**R**andy Kohl sr., goes up for a layup against Norton. He led the team in assists and recoveries during the '02-03 basketball season. Kohl was a starter for two years.

**L**leading the team to warm-up, Anthony Taylor sr., tries to give assistant coach Art Schoenthaler some skin. Due to a herniated disc in his back, Taylor did not know if he would be able to compete in sports his senior year.



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Devin Schoenthaler, sr., follows through on a free throw during the MCL championship game. Ellis played a tough game, but could not overcome Norton's height. They lost the game 44-52. That was the second time in three years that Ellis was beaten by Norton in the championship game.

Some of the boys try to get their minds right before the MCL championship game. The team had the chance to play in many big games including the substate championship and state. "Even for a guy who doesn't play very much, being a part of those big games was a rush," said Cody Honas jr.

# 6'3". Sounds tall, right? Well not when the Railers tallest player is 6'3" and other teams have somebody towering over him. It wasn't easy, but most of the time David defeated Goliath because they were **Lightning Quick**



"I am only 5'7", and when I go down the lane I just get stuffed all the time. The JV game against Quinter some tall guy put the ball six rows up in the bleachers. My way to beat being short is my quickness."

Dylan Lang fr.



"To overcome being so short we had to hustle more and double down on defense. Being oversized wasn't bad because we used our quickness to get out and run on people." Jerome Gottschalk so.



"I just had to forget about my height disadvantage and play more physical. All I did to the tall guys was push them around because they are all skinny and not as strong as me."

Brad Keller jr.



"Being undersized made us play harder and smarter to compensate. We used our quickness to our advantage by hitting the boards harder and pressing on defense."

Sam Mickelson sr.



During regionals, which was held at the Ellis Country Club in Ellis, Cody Fisher, sr., swings his golf club to get a long drive. Fisher helped the team get second place, qualifying them for state. He individually placed 6th at regionals with a score of 88.

Eyeballing the golf ball, Eric Gaschler, fr., swings on the first green. Gaschler was only on JV, so he was not able to participate in state golf.



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Sam Mickelson, sr., digs in his golf bag to find the right club.

Tourn.	EHS	Place
Ellis Inv.	183	1
Hays High	357	3
Plainville	388	7
Hill City	20	0
<b>Trego</b>		
2-Man	193	6
4-Man	340	1
6-Man	533	2
<b>TMP</b>		
4-Man	356	5
<b>Trego JV</b>		
4-Man	371	2
<b>Phillipsburg</b>		
2-Man	180	6
4-Man	349	4
6-Man	529	4
<b>MCL</b>		
2-Man	95	4
4-Man	195	6
6-Man	287	3
<b>Regionals</b>		
4-Man	355	2
Sam M.	79	1
Cody F.	88	6
Jordan H.	90	10
<b>State</b>		
4-Man	363	6
Sam M.	78	3

Before actually starting golf practice, seniors Ryan Augustine, Chris Young and Jason Henrickson, engage in a little game themselves.



The last time the golf team went to state was in the year 2000. How does it feel to be part of a state-bound team?

# What A Rush



"It feels great mostly because we've tried so hard for the last two years and didn't get to go anywhere. This year we'll have something to show for it."

Jordan Helget, Sr.



"It feels good to know you're part of a team that made it to state. We worked hard all year to be here, and I think we deserve it."

Jerome Gottschalk, so.



"Well, this is only my junior year, so hopefully we will also go next year. It's good to see the seniors that have tried so hard for the last couple of years to finally make it as a team."

Jordan Kroeger, jr.



"It feels really great because the last three years we have had the team to do it, and finally this year we played the way we can."

Sam Mickelson, sr.

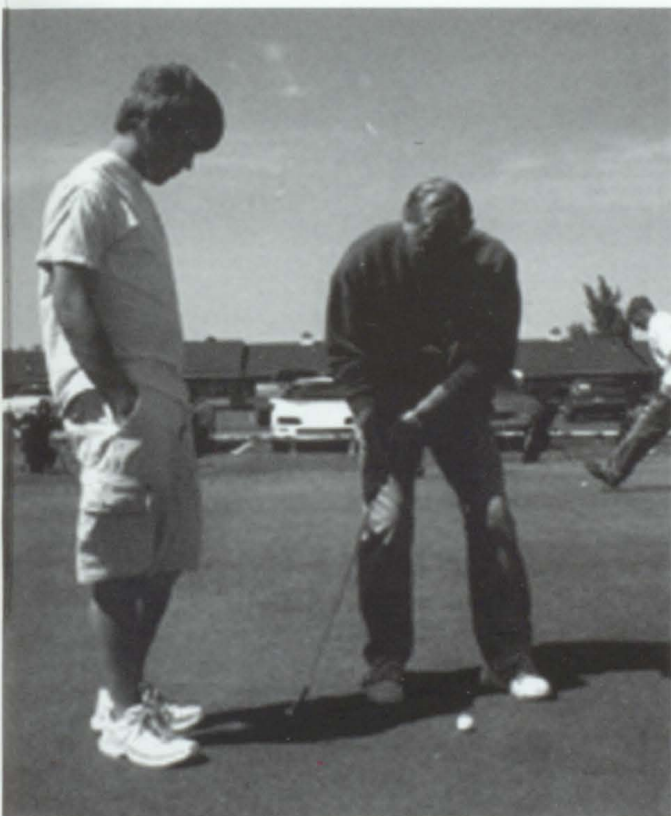


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Learning the proper way to swing this golf club, Dustin Cross, jr., watches as coach John Kolacny demonstrates the correct way. After some time of practicing in the tee box, Cross retreated to the first green to get his game started.

As Jordan Kroeger, jr., watches his fellow teammates practice swing, he cleans his club in order for a better hitting. Kroeger was on the JV team this year. Other JV plays included Jason Henrickson, Kevin Grogan, Blake Connelly, Dustin Cross, Eric Gaschler and Rowdy Wichman.



Leadership is key in any sport you play, but with only one senior and four juniors the underclassmen had to focus on

# Stepping Up



"I had so much fun this year in track, but I am sure it would have been more fun if there would have been more seniors. I stepped up with team leadership as a freshman."

Lex Feyh, fr.



"It was hard because at each meet you had to do your best to help the team out. All in all I think we did great as a team."

Jaymi Riedel, fr.



"There weren't many seniors this year so the underclassmen had it tough. I was pretty good at triple jump last year so it wasn't too hard for me to step up this year."

Jenny Jones, so.



"Not having any seniors didn't affect me very much, but I still had to step up. In practice Mr. Wolf would tell me to run, but sometimes I would skip out even if I knew it was good for me."

Amanda Yanda fr.

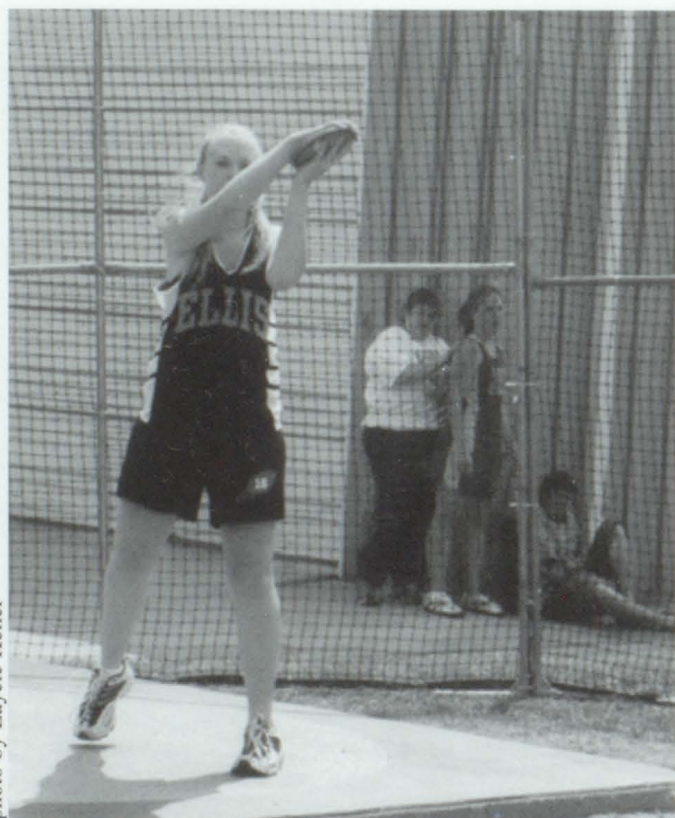


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Jessie Pfeifer so., prepares to throw the discus at the Victoria Invitational. Pfeifer threw 46'8" at Victoria, but her best throw of the season came at the freshman sophomore meet in Trego. Pfeifer also ran the 3200 meter, and when they had it, the weight mens relay.

Lacie Bittel so., Lindsay Gashler jr. and Amber Honas fr. stride toward the finish at the Ellis Invitational. All three of the girls ran the race under 13.80 seconds. The Ellis girls' team went on to finish the invitational in second place.



**R**un Lynn Run! Chasing the leader in the 1600 meter at the Ellis Invitational Lynn Pfeifer jr., pushes hard. Pfeifer finished the race in second place with a time of 6:51.

**D**uring the Ellis Invitational Nicole Wegiel fr., strides to finished the 400 meter run. Wegiel finish the race in fifth place with a time of 1:20.



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**G**et the spin! Megan D. Weber jr., hits her first rotation in the discus.

Meet	Place	Points
Ellis	2nd	90
LaCrosse	3rd	66
Plainville	5th	54
Quinter	6th	36
Victoria	3rd	90
Hill City	9th	23
MCL-Trego	7th	32

#### Regionals

**Lindsay Gaschler-** 3rd 200m, 4th long jump  
**Vanessa Beilman-** Tie 3rd High Jump



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**L**aura Redden fr., warms up for the shot put at the Victoria Invitational.



photo by Laycie Keller

**F**inishing strong Alisha Rich, fr., places 4th in the 1600 meter run. Due to a quad muscle pull, Rich was not able to compete for the rest of the season.





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Striving to do his best, Randy Kohl, sr., runs his 300 meter hurdles during the Ellis Invitational, in which he placed first. Kohl also placed first in his other two events, 100 meter dash, and the 200 meter dash. Kohl was awarded 8 points for each first. The points were essential to letter. He raised a total of 24 points for the team.

Coach Jack Wolf gives a pep talk before sophomores T.J. Lee, Zach DeBolt and freshmen Jordan Mattheyer and Slade Hackney run the 4x1 relay at the Ellis Invitational. The relay team placed fourth with a time of 49.50 giving them 1/2 point each. The winning team was Stockton with a time of 47.29.

With a majority of freshmen and only four seniors, the underclassmen had to stand-up and take responsibility to lead Ellis to a victory

# It Took Guts



"We had to try hard and make it far. It was tough but we had to do it. Since there weren't that many seniors, it was mainly up to us to gain points."

Justin LaBarge, fr.



"Since there weren't that many juniors and seniors, it was hard for the team to get points. I just had to step up and try the best I could."

Austin Fox, fr.



"It was really hard to get points because there were only four seniors. The underclassmen just had to step up and get some points for the team."

Dylan Lang, fr.



"I just went out to every track meet to have fun. I didn't worry about what place I got as long as it was fun."

Ryan Honas, jr.





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Kyle Urban, fr., and Daniel Hook, sr., jump on the high jump pit the day of pictures. Following pictures was a scavenger hunt. The team had to run around town collecting items. No cars were allowed.

Keeping pace, freshman Daren Haas finishes strong during the 4x4 at the Ellis Invitational. The 4x4 team placed fourth. The Ellis Invitational was the first meet of the season for the Ellis team.

Cole Weigel, fr., runs the mile at the Ellis Invitational.

Meet	Place	Points
Victoria	3rd	90
Quinter	7th	41.5
Plainville	5th	34
LaCrosse	3rd	64
Ellis	2nd	102
Hill City	5th	53
MCL	4th	50

#### Regionals

Randy Kohl- 1st 300m hurdles, 3rd 100m dash.  
Daniel Hook- 2nd high jump.



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Coach Jack Wolf passes out medals from the previous track meet.



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Senior Ernie Pfeifer and freshman M.J. Gnad begin to run for the 3200 meter run. Pfeifer placed second and Gnad placed fourth. Pfeifer and Gnad also placed in the 4x8 relay.



Front: Kasi Wyatt, Amber Honas, Emily Keller, Trista Fuchs, Becca Dinkel, Lindsay Gaschler, Lacy VanAusdale, Abby Wickham, Jessie Dorzweiler, Jennifer LaBarge, Elexx Feyh, Jenna Henrickson, and Laura Redden. Row 2: Ashley Hejny, Amanda Fischer, Jennifer Jones, Jessie Pfeifer, Jessica Spinelli, Shawna Bradstreet, Christy Walker, Sondra LaBarge, Ashley Taylor, Manager Chasity Waldschmidt, Kelsi Schoenthaler, Lacie Bittel, and Kristen Weber. Row 3: Coach Karen Madorin, Manager Amanda Yanda, Jessica Hadley, Vanessa Beilman, Dana Armbrister, Jessi Riedel, Kelli Madorin, Kelsie Schuster, Marsha Weber, Erin Kitzman, Jennifer Jacques, Jaymi Riedel, Heather Schuster, Manager Alyson Bollig, and Coach Kerri Bittel.



# Volleyball

Front: Austin Fox, Rowdy Wichman, Clay King, Dylan Lang, Cole King, Jordan Mattheyer, Blake Connelly, and Colton Barton. Row 2: MJ Gnad, TJ Lee, Ernie Pfeifer, Ryan Gross, Brett Suter, Chuck Parks, Slade Hackney, Lynn Pfeifer, Sherri Johnson, Manager Joan Dreiling, and Coach Casey Dinkel.



# Cross Country

Front: Levi Regnier, Daren Haas, Eric Gaschler, Adam Walz, and Manager Braden Long. Row 2: Ryan Augustine, John Kroeger, Chris Young, Justin LaBarge, Brad Keller, Brandon Dessel, Jordan Helget, and Sam Mickelson. Row 3: Coach David Wildeman, Daniel Hook, Cody Honas, Aaron Honas, Ryan Honas, Devin Schoenthaler, Randy Kohl, Anthony Taylor, Coach Art Schoenthaler, Cody Fisher, and Coach Don Long.



# Football





# Girls' Basketball

Front: Manager Jennifer Augustine, Jessica Hadley, Trista Fuchs, Amanda Fischer, Ashley Hejny, Kelsi Schoenthaler, and Manager Joan Dreiling. Row 2: Coach David Wildeman, Manager Dana Armbrister, Heather Schuster, Lacie Bittel, Christy Walker, Lindsay Gaschler, Elexx Feyh, Jaymi Riedel, Manager Marsha Weber, and Coach Perry Mick. Row 3: Shawna Bradstreet, Lynn Pfeifer, Vanessa Beilman, Erin Jones, Jennifer Jacques, and Erin Kitzman.



# Boys' Basketball

Front: Manager Jessica Spinelli, Manager Jordan Helget, and Manager Kasi Wyatt. Row 2: Manager Emily Keller, Rowdy Wichman, Kyle Urban, Eric Gaschler, Dylan Lang, Darren Haas, and Manager Skyy Westbrook. Row 3: Chuck Parks, Jerome Gottschalk, Ryan Gross, TJ Lee, Jon Hejny, Colton Barton, MJ Gnad, and Jordan Mattheyer. Row 4: Sam Mickelson, Anthony Taylor, Randy Kohl, Devin Schoenthaler, Cody Fisher, and Daniel Hook. Row 5: Coach Chris Rorabaugh, Brad Keller, Cody Honas, Brett Suter, and Coach Art Schoenthaler.



# Wrestling

Front: Manager Becca Dinkel, Adam Walz, Dustin Cross, Justin LaBarge, Slade Hackney, Austin Morton, Casey Cross, and Manager Amanda Yanda. Row 2: Coach Brett Seibel, John Kroeger, Clay King, Cole King, Ryan Augustine, Ryan Honas, Aaron Honas, Derek Fox, and Coach Casey Dinkel.



Front: Eric Gaschler, Jordan Kroeger, Dustin Cross, Jerome Gottschalk, Colton Barton, Blake Connely. Row 2: Coach John Kolacny, Jason Henrickson, Ryan Augustine, Kevin Grogan, Cody Fisher, Jordan Helget, Chris Young.



# Golf

Front: Manager Dana Armbrister, Katie Zahn, Laura Redden, and Manager Jessica Hadley. Row 2: Nicole Weigel, Elexx Feyh, Jaymi Riedel, Kelsi Schoenthaler, Amanda Yanda, and Ashley Hejny. Row 3: Coach Jason Hamm, Coach Perry Mick, Kasi Wyatt, Amber Honas, Sheila Douglas, and Coach Jack Wolf. Row 4: Jenna Henrickson, Jessie Pfeifer, and Jenny Jones. Row 5: Lacie Bittel, Trista Fuchs, and Lindsay Gaschler. Row 6: Megan D. Weber, Laycie Keller, and Lynn Pfeifer.



# Girls' Track

Front: Kyle Urban, Manager Dana Armbrister, Cole Weigel, Slade Hackney, Darren Haas, Dylan Lang, Austin Fox, Jordan Mattheyer, Justin LaBarge, Manager Jessica Hadley, and MJ Gnad. Row 2: Cecil Barnett, Ryan Gross, Zach DeBolt, Cody Mickelson, Chuck Parks, and TJ Lee. Row 3: Coach Jack Wolf, Ernie Pfeifer, Ryan Honas, Randy Kohl, Daniel Hook, Brandon Dessel, John Kroeger, Coach Jason Hamm, and Coach Perry Mick.



# Boys' Track





# Band

Front: Kristen Weber, Alyson Bollig, Rebecca Augustine, Jenna Henrickson, Jessica Spinelli, Lindsay Gaschler, and Lacy VanAusdale. Row 2: Megan M. Weber, Lynn Pfeifer, Trista Fuchs, Amber Honas, Amanda Ball, Emily Keller, and Lacie Bittel. Row 3: Danielle Erbert, Jennifer Augustine, Jessie Pfeifer, Amber North, Erin Kitzman, Jessi Riedel, Jennifer LaBarge, Jessie Dorzweiler, and Director Renetta Dawson. Row 4: Laycie Keller, Kelsie Schuster, Dana Armbrister, Jaymi Riedel, Heather Schuster, Jessica Hadley, Blake Connelly, and Bill Hankins. Row 5: Kevin Keller, Kevin Grogan, Clay King, and Jordan Kroeger.



# Choir

Front: Kasi Wyatt, Jenna Henrickson, Jennifer LaBarge, Jessie Dorzweiler, Megan M. Weber, and Lacie Bittel. Row 2: Trista Fuchs, Paige Helget, Alyson Bollig, Kristen Weber, Jessica Hadley, Amber Honas, Jennifer Jacques, Jaymi Riedel, Heather Schuster, and Alisha Rich. Row 3: Bill Hankins, Jason Henrickson, Chris Young, Chuck Parks, Clay King, Adam Walz, Cole King, Randy Kohl, Blake Connelly, and Austin Morton. Row 4: Jennifer Augustine, Dana Armbrister, Kelsie Schuster, Erin Jones, Adrienne Heroneme, Joan Dreiling, Megan Wickham, Lynn Pfeifer, Sheila Douglas, Danielle Erbert, and Laura Redden. Row 5: Amber North, Jessie Pfeifer, Ashley King, Chasity Waldschmidt, Christy Walker, Ashley Taylor, Sonda LaBarge, Shawna Bradstreet, and Jessi Riedel.



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# Kayette Board

Front: Chasity Waldschmidt, Joan Dreiling, and Erin Kitzman. Row 2: Sam Mickelson, Lynn Pfeifer, Megan M. Weber, Marsha Weber, Chris Young, and Jason Henrickson.



# National Honor Society

Front: Blake Connelly, Ernie Pfeifer, Jason Henrickson, Adrienne Heroneme, Joan Dreiling, Chasity Waldschmidt, Ryan Augustine, and Jessica Spinelli. Row 2: Jessica Hadley, Lacie Bittel, Ashley King, Lynn Pfeifer, Amber Honas, Vanessa Beilman, Jaymi Riedel, Kristen Weber, Kelsi Schoenthaler, and Heather Schuster. Row 3: Jennifer Augustine, Dana Armbrister, Jessie Pfeifer, Kasi Wyatt, Amanda Fischer, and Jenna Henrickson.



# Forensics





# FFA Officers

Front: Kevin Keller, John Kroeger, Ernie Pfeifer, Laycie Keller, and sponsor Eldon Pfeifer. Row 2: Kevin Grogan, Ryan Honas, and Sam Mickelson.



# FCCLA Officers

Front: Laura Lacy and sponsor Sharla Albers. Row 2: Jessie Pfeifer, Jason Henrickson, Erin Kitzman, Joan Dreiling, and Chasity Waldschmidt.



# Student Forum

Front: Emily Keller, Laura Lacy, Christy Walker, Abby Wickham, Amanda Fischer, Amber Honas, and Skyy Westbrook. Row 2: Jessica Spinelli, Lynn Pfeifer, M.J. Gnad, Vanessa Beilman, and Brandon Dessel.



# USD 388

The school board consisted of members Swede Holmgren, John Walz, Gary Luea, Art Honas (back row), 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 Laycie Keller



Royce Morton, Jeff Kroeger, Paulette Kroeger, Mike Schuster, Dennis Wolf, Kenny Herman, and Marvin Riedel drove buses to and from school and other activities.(photo by Laycie Keller)



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 second year as superintendent at this district.(photo by Laycie Keller)



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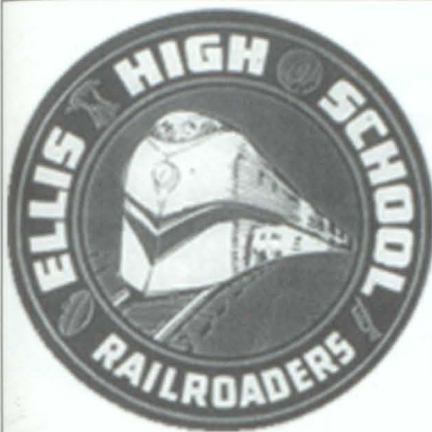
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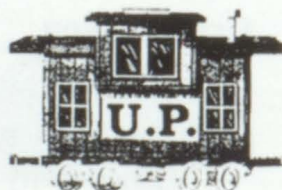
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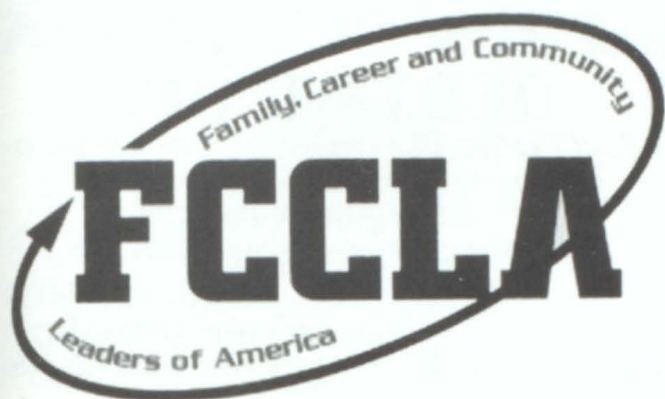
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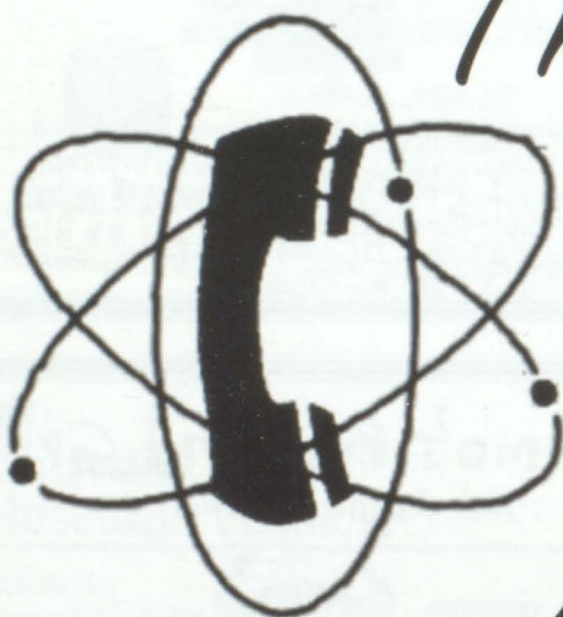
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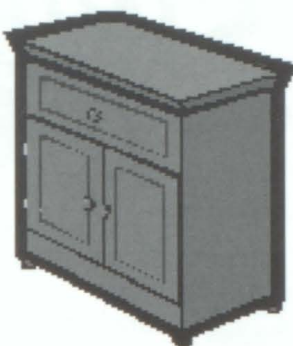
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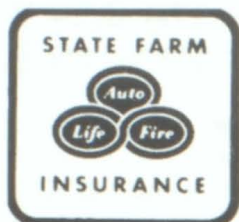
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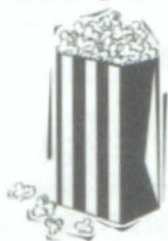
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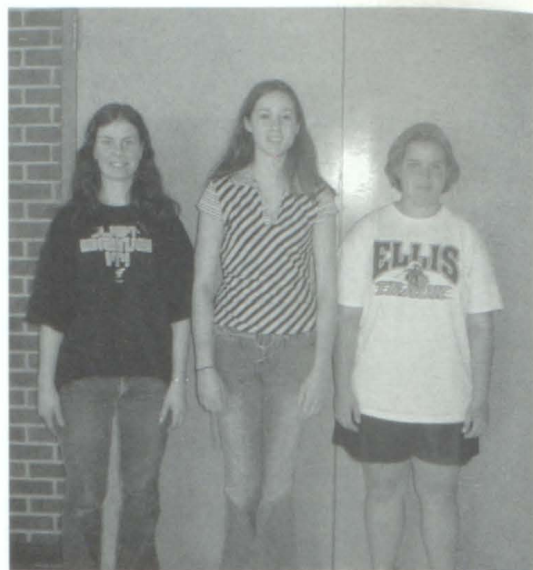
*"Life can only be  
understood by  
looking backward,  
but it must be lived  
by looking  
forward."*

**Congrats to the  
class of 2003.  
Good luck in  
everything you  
do.**



**Y**earbook assistants: Joan Dreiling, Adrienne Heroneme, and Sheila Douglas. Not pictured is Jason Henrickson. The assistants took a journalism mini course where they helped the journalism staff by downloading pictures, getting information, and working on layouts.

**Y**earbook staff members pose for a picture. Front: Ryan Honas. Back: Jenny Jones, Erin Jones, Erin Kitzman, Laycie Keller. Not pictured: Brett Suter.



**M**embers of Kayettes blow up balloons used for decoration for the snoball dance. The snoball theme was "Wish Upon a Star."

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**S**ophomores Cole King, Chuck Parks, and Blake Connelly listen intently to information about their class rings. Every year the rings are ordered from the Jostens company.

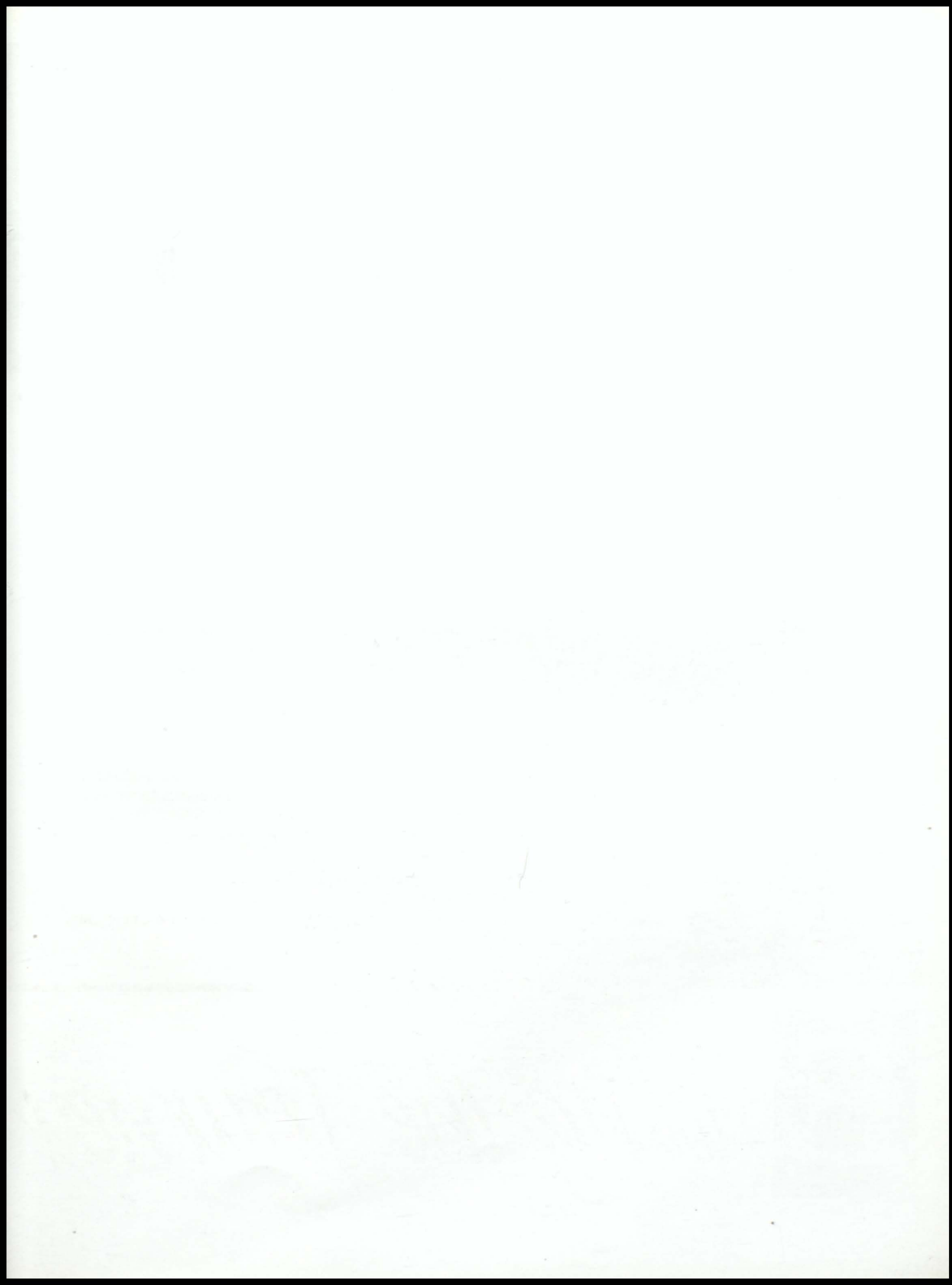


**A**rm in arm, seniors Ernie Pfeifer and Joan Dreiling perform the "Flying Dutchman" during prom. "Prom was a lot of fun, but sad at the same time since it was my last high school dance," Dreiling said.



# **E**nding the Journey

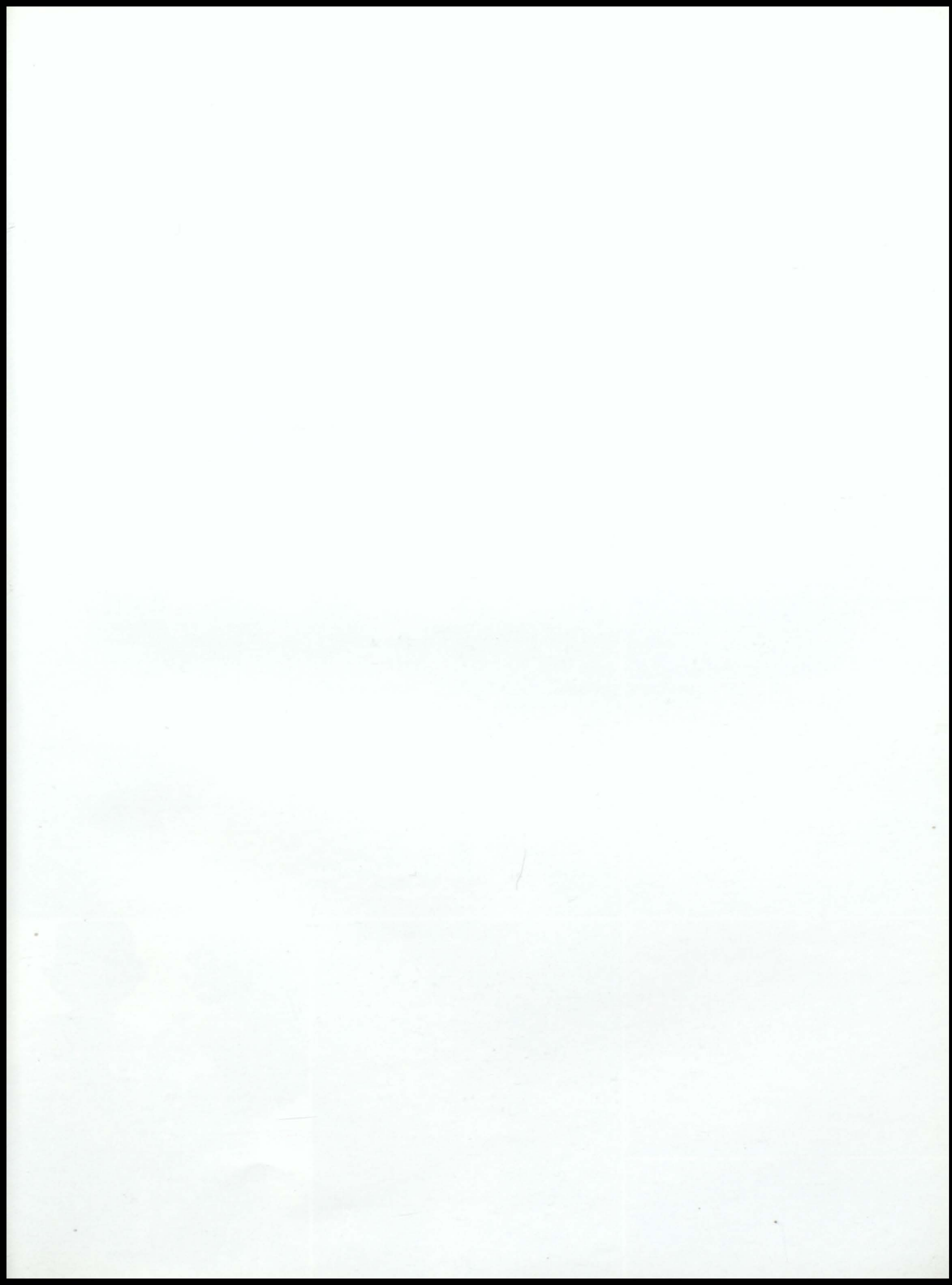




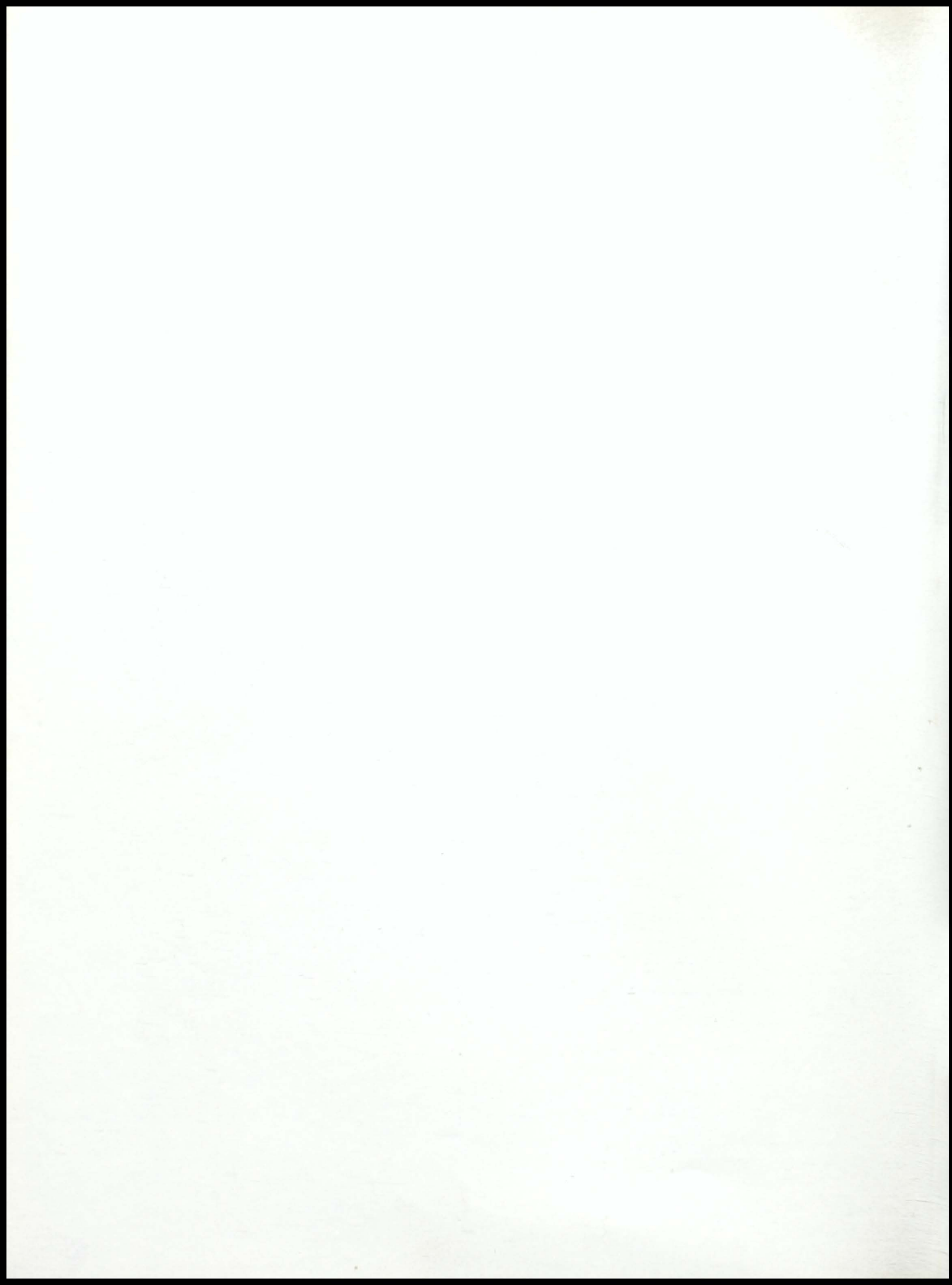














▼ In May, the city of Marion joins a growing list of towns banning future ownership of certain dog breeds known to be particularly vicious.



▼ An anonymous donor drops collectible coins—each worth about \$325—into three Wichita area Salvation Army buckets in December.



➤ The deep-fried Twinkie debuts at the state fair in September. This is the first event in the Midwest where the Kansas-made Twinkie is batter-dipped and deep-fried for fair goers.



# KANSAS BEAT

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◀ The Lindsborg Scholastic Chess Tournament hosts 200 students in December, notably present is world chess champion Anatoly Karpov.

▼ Pfc. Patrick Miller from Park City is one of seven U.S. soldiers held captive in Iraq in March. The American POW's are released after 22 days.

U.S. Department of Defense



Lindsborg News-Record



The Salina Journal



◀ Democrat Kathleen Sebelius defeats Republican Tim Shallenburger in the November gubernatorial election

◀ Norman, a runaway beagle belonging to a Solomon family, is found in Auburn, Alabama in May, two months after he was picked up on I-70 by travelers returning to Alabama from Colorado.



- The Geographical Center of the Continental U.S., near Lebanon, is featured on a September episode of *60 Minutes* as a "road-trip attraction."
- Sacred Heart Jr.-Sr. High band in Salina premieres a new composition by internationally known jazz composer Victor Lopez for the Young Band Commission Series program.

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Catrina Compagnone/SHHS

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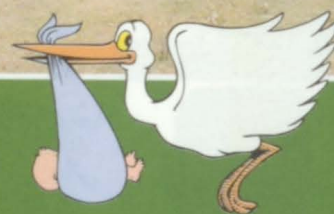
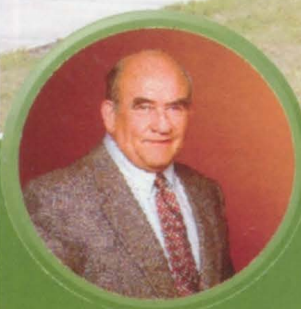
NEWS

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# CONSOLIDATIONS

- Schools across the state approve or consider consolidating with neighboring schools to ease budget woes. The state Board of Education also considers consolidating the state's 303 districts to 40 districts.

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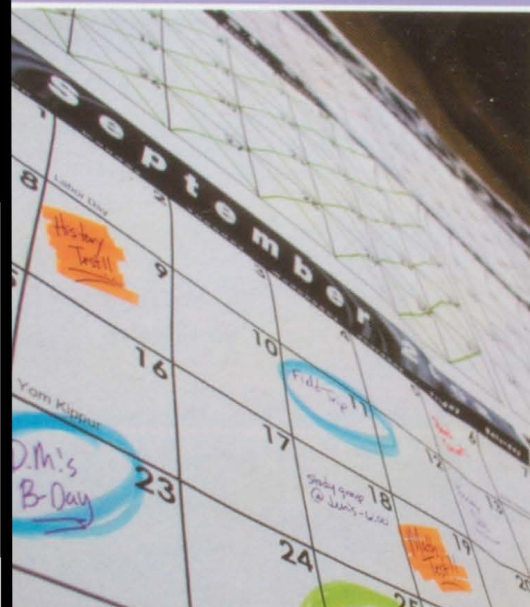


- ⤴ The World's Largest Ball of Twine in Cawker City is featured in a September issue of *Newsweek* Magazine as a "must see" tourist attraction.
- ⤵ Governor Graves declares September as "Support Public Schools Month" to raise awareness of school issues after a \$17.5 million education funding cut.

- ⤴ Kansas City native Ed Asner, who played gruff newsman Lou Grant on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, receives the Kansas Distinguished Arts Award in September.

- ⤴ Authorities claim that tumbleweeds are bigger and more abundant in the southeastern part of the state than ever before.

- ⤴ A Manhattan woman delivers a baby girl in her car at police station parking lot after she and her husband are stopped for speeding on the way to the hospital.

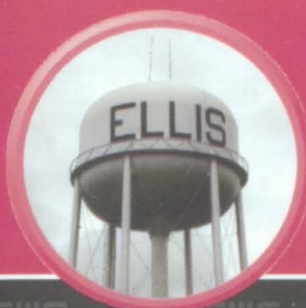




▼ A 3.0 scale earthquake shakes northeastern Ellis county in November. Minimal damage is reported and no one is hurt.

▼ Organizers cancel the annual Wichita area Teen Job Fair in March due to lack of employment opportunities for teenagers.

▼ In November, Wichita dentist Byron Nordhus hosts a "Halloween Candy Buy Back" to promote good oral health.



▼ In December, a Lincoln county woman the Salina Wal-Mart reported to the police sues the store after they claim the woman's photos of her child are pornography.



◀ The state faces a \$426 million gap between revenues and spending for 2003. Much of the problem is caused by higher costs in social services and laws requiring the state to set aside money for higher education and road construction.

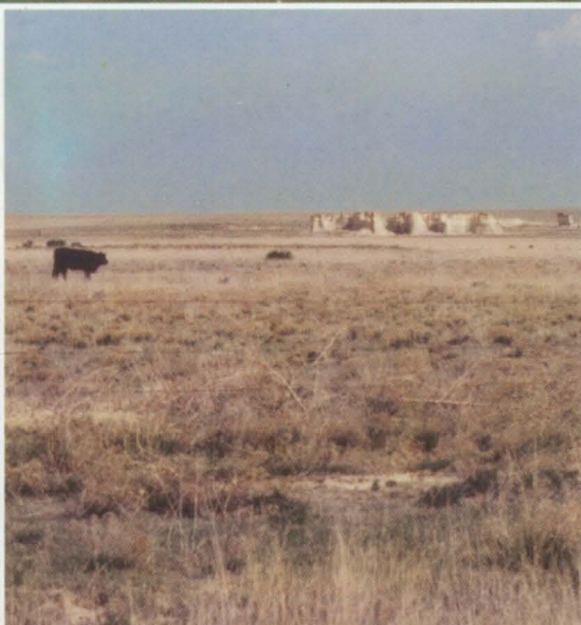
▼ Abilene's Seelye Mansion wins a GEMmy Award, the second given to a Kansas tourist attraction, from the Midwest Travel Writers Association.



◀ Seven Kansans die as tornadoes rain damage on Crawford, Cherokee Counties and the Kansas City area in early May.

◀ Drought is especially brutal, particularly in western Kansas, with some farmers not bothering to harvest their crops at all.

# BUDGET CUTS





## DEBATE

4 Speaker  
6A: Blue Valley North HS  
5A: Blue Valley HS  
4A: Tonganoxie HS  
3,2,1A: Moundridge HS  
2 Speaker  
6A: Washburn Rural HS  
5A: Buhler HS  
4A: Tonganoxie HS  
3,2,1A: Halstead HS

## SCHOLARS BOWL

6A: St. Thomas Aquinas HS

5A: Sumner Academy  
4A: Hayden HS  
3A: Thomas More Prep  
2A: Decatur Community HS  
1A: Rolla HS

## SPEECH

6A: Topeka HS  
5A: McPherson HS  
4A: Tonganoxie HS  
3A: Silver Lake HS  
2A: Sterling HS  
1A: Gridley HS

## BASEBALL

6A: Maize HS  
5A: Topeka West HS  
4A: Kansas City Ward HS  
3A: Baxter Springs HS  
2-1A: Sacred Heart HS

## BOYS BASKETBALL

6A: Wichita Southeast HS  
5A: McPherson HS  
4A: Marysville HS  
3A: Norton Community HS  
2A: Jackson Heights HS  
1A: Burrton HS

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

6A: Wichita Heights HS  
5A: Shawnee Mission Miego HS  
4A: Spring Hill HS  
3A: Nemaha Valley HS  
2A: Moundridge HS  
1A: Ness City HS

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

6A: Shawnee Mission Northwest HS  
5A: Bishop Carroll HS  
4A: Baldwin HS HS  
3A: Kansas City Christian HS  
2-1A: Trinity HS

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

6A: Blue Valley North HS  
5A: Liberal HS  
4A: Baldwin HS  
3A: Sabetha HS  
2-1A: Trinity HS

## FOOTBALL

6A: Olathe North HS  
5A: Salina Central HS  
4A: Wellington HS  
3A: Conway Springs HS  
2-1A: Colgan HS  
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6-1A: Olathe East HS

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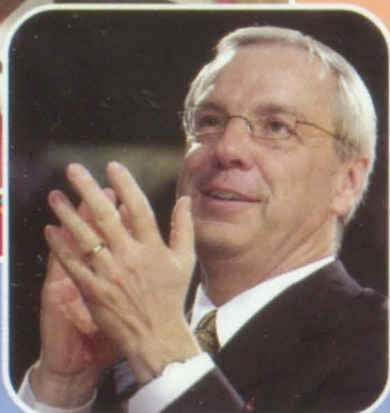
# CHAMPS

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Jeff Jacobsen/KUAC



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KU head basketball coach Roy Williams (bottom) resigns in May after leading the team to the NCAA semi-finals. Bill Self, previously at the University of Illinois is hired to replace Williams.

# STATE

## BOYS GOLF

6A: Blue Valley Northwest HS  
5A: Kapaun Mt. Carmel HS  
4A: Andover Central HS  
3A: Wichita Collegiate HS  
2-1A: Atwood HS  
Sand: Downs HS  
GIRLS GOLF  
6-5A: St. Thomas Aquinas HS  
4-1A: Anderson County HS

## BOYS SOCCER

6A: Washburn Rural HS  
5A: Goddard HS  
4-1A: Kansas City Christian HS  
GIRLS SOCCER  
6A: Olathe South HS  
5-1A: Miego HS

## SOFTBALL

6A: Shawnee Mission Northwest HS  
5A: Salina South HS  
4A: Ottawa HS  
3A: St. Mary's HS  
2-1A: Mission Valley HS

## BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

6-1A: Wichita Southeast HS  
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING  
6-1A: Olathe East HS

## BOYS TENNIS

6A: Washburn Rural HS  
5A: McPherson HS  
4A: Andover HS  
3-1A: Claflin HS  
GIRLS TENNIS  
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5A: Salina Central HS  
4A: Marysville HS  
3-1A: Wichita Collegiate HS

## BOYS TRACK & FIELD

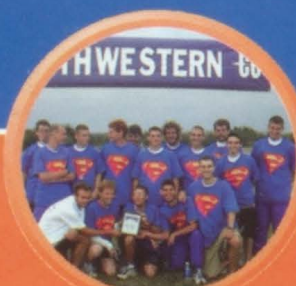
6A: St. Thomas Aquinas HS  
5A: Liberal HS  
4A: Clay Center HS  
3A: Beloit HS  
2A: Lyndon HS  
1A: Hillcrest HS  
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD  
6A: Hutchinson HS  
5A: Liberal HS  
4A: El Dorado HS  
3A: Lakin HS  
2A: Garden Plain HS  
1A: Ness City HS

## VOLLEYBALL

6A: Shawnee Mission North HS  
5A: Miego HS  
4A: Lansing HS  
3A: Conway Springs HS  
2A: Moundridge HS  
1A: Centralia HS

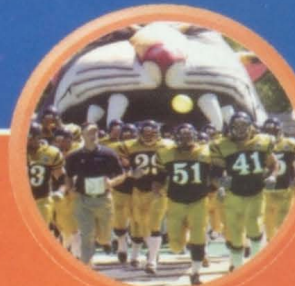
## WRESTLING

6A: Hutchinson HS  
5A: Bishop Carroll HS  
4A: Clay Center HS  
3-2-1A: Hoxie HS



Southwestern College

Clay Center Community High School seniors Derek Corral and Jake Richter (left) break 61-year old school track records in long jump and 400-meter dash.



Kelland Wolf/ FHSU

A pneumonia-type illness lays low the Ft. Hays State football team in late August. More than two dozen players and coaches are affected.

In November, A shoplifter in Winfield runs into the Southwestern College championship track team, who chases him down and ends his getaway.

Gen Carlson/CCHS



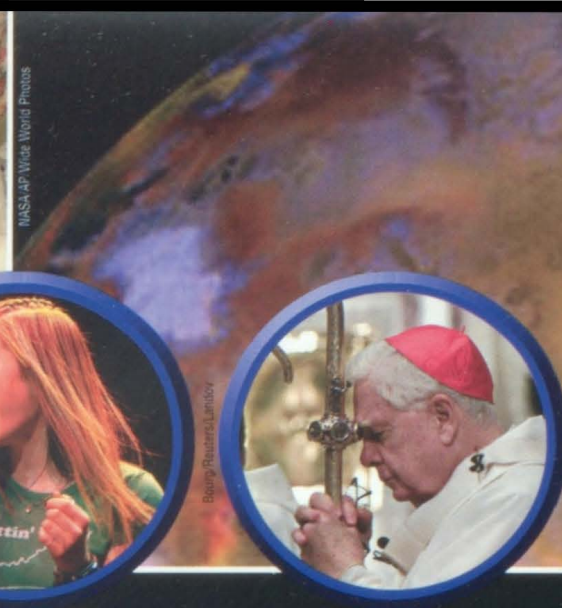




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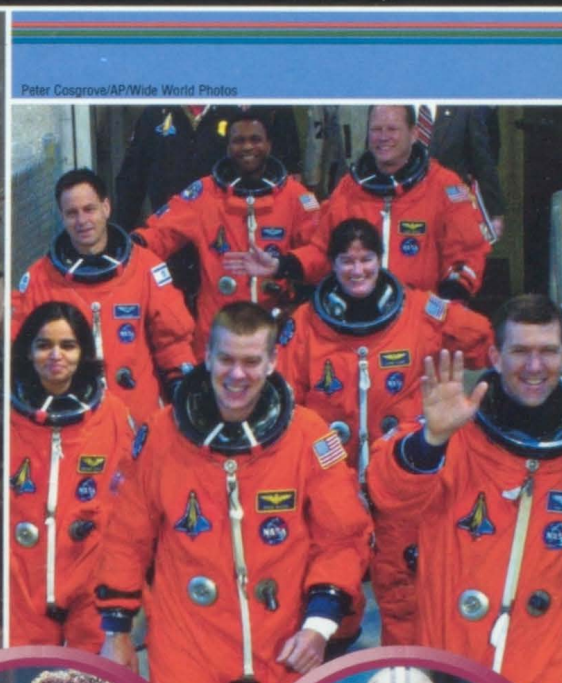
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➤ U2's humanitarian lead singer Bono visits Africa and tours Midwestern America to raise awareness and support for African AIDS epidemic relief.

➤ Nuclear crisis arises when North Korean leader Kim Jong Il breaks a 1994 pledge with the United States not to build nuclear weapons.



## WORLD

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➤ U.N. inspectors return to Iraq to investigate Saddam Hussein's alleged production of weapons of mass destruction.

# IRAQ

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➤ A Halloween earthquake in San Giuliano di Puglia, Italy, topples an elementary school, killing dozens of children.

➤ China's one-child-per-family policy creates an imbalanced boy-to-girl ratio that will result in tens of millions of men finding themselves single in the year 2020.



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➤ In October, a Moscow theater siege by Chechen rebels ends in a Russian special forces raid that kills the captors and at least 129 hostages.



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➤ Thousands die as storms and floods cause billions of dollars in damage in China and many countries across Europe.



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➤ Pope John Paul II travels to Toronto's Downsview Park in July to lead the World Youth Day vigil.



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- ✓ The Miss World beauty pageant leaves Nigeria after Islamic fundamentalist protest groups kill more than 100 people.

- ✓ In Venezuela, an opposition strike demanding President Hugo Chavez's resignation paralyzes the country's oil exports and turns to bloodshed as Chavez supporters retaliate.

- ✓ The oil tanker *Prestige* spills more than 5 million gallons of oil off the northwestern coast of Spain before splitting in two and sinking.

- ✓ Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter receives the Nobel Peace Prize for his decades of work for peace, democracy and human rights worldwide.



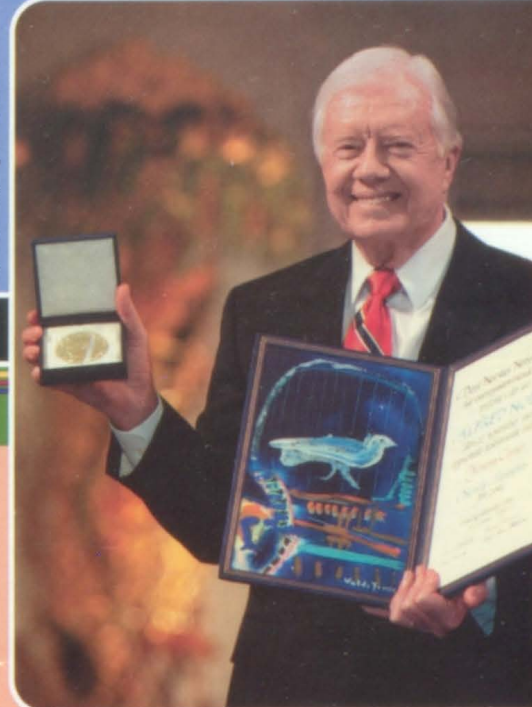
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- ✓ Over 100 people, mostly foreign tourists, are killed in an October terrorist bombing of two nightclubs in Bali, Indonesia.

# WAR ON TERRORISM

- Once presumed dead, Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden returns to Middle Eastern air waves with recorded anti-American threats.

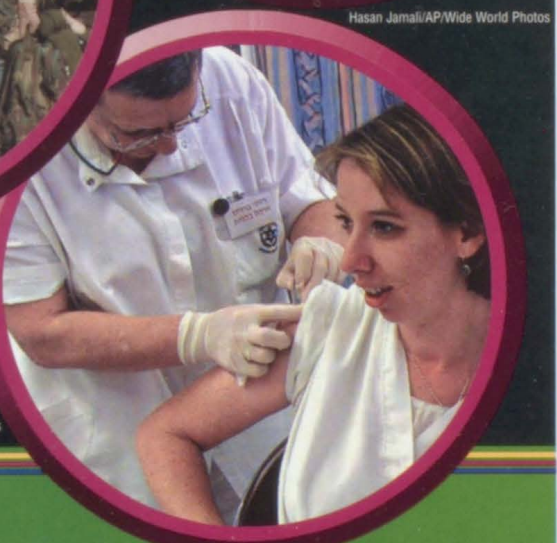
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- In an effort to eliminate Al-Qaeda, the United States continues its war on terrorism by maintaining a steady military presence in Afghanistan.

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- Emergency workers in the United States and overseas receive smallpox vaccinations as a preventative measure against bioterrorism.



➤ After being subpoenaed to testify before a Massachusetts grand jury about sex abuse among Catholic priests, embattled Boston Cardinal Bernard Law resigns.

➤ More than 25 states implement the Amber Alert System, which posts information about abducted children on TV and interstate signs, leading to the recovery of dozens of children nationwide.



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## NATIONAL

➤ For weeks in October, alleged snipers John Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo terrorize Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, randomly killing 10 people and injuring three others.

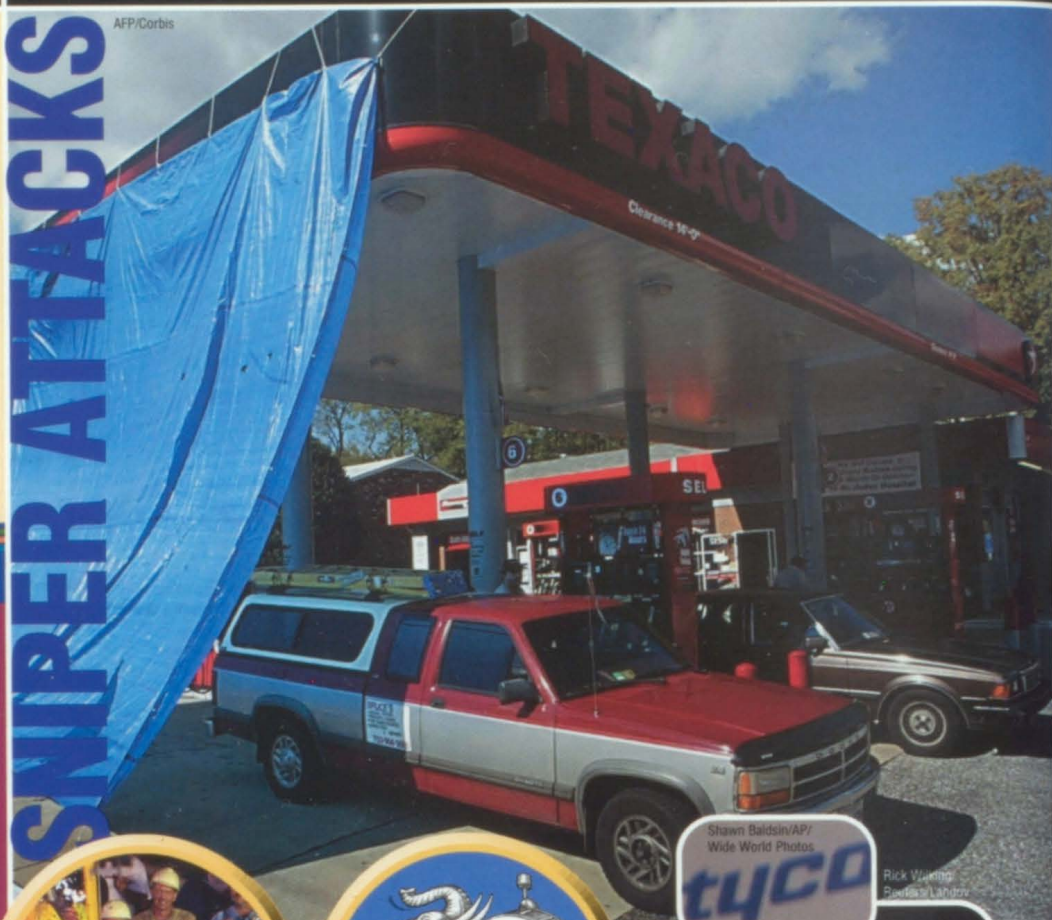
✓ The space shuttle Columbia breaks apart on reentry into the Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

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# SNIPER ATTACKS

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*"The crew of the shuttle Columbia did not return safely to Earth, but we can pray they are safely home."*

— President George W. Bush

➤ On July 28, nine Pennsylvania coal miners are rescued after being trapped for three days in a mineshaft flooded with over 70 million gallons of water.

➤ Midterm elections make history as Republicans, the party controlling the White House, gain congressional seats rather than losing them.

➤ Several large corporations inflate profits while top executives make off with millions in accounting scandals that send shock waves through global markets.



▼ In October, Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone dies in a plane crash along with his wife, daughter and five other victims.

▼ Sparked by summer drought, wildfires—including one set accidentally by a forlorn forest ranger—tear across the western United States.

▼ A weakened economy repeatedly drives down interest rates and delivers retailers their worst holiday shopping season in decades.

▼ President Bush signs the Homeland Security Act, officially creating a Department of Homeland Security dedicated to preventing terrorist attacks.

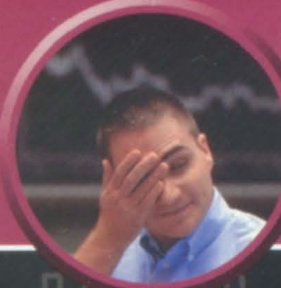
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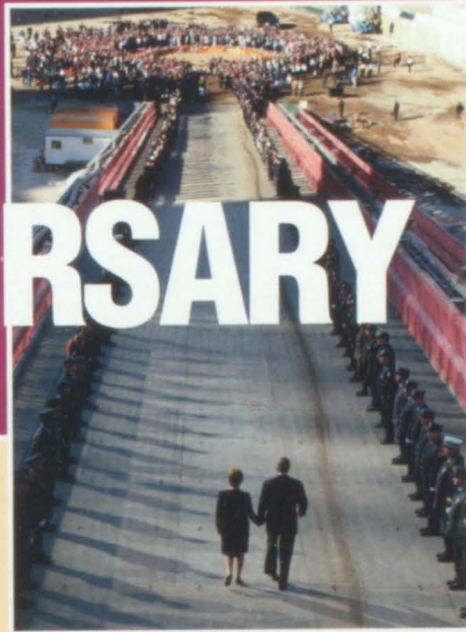
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# 9/11 ANNIVERSARY

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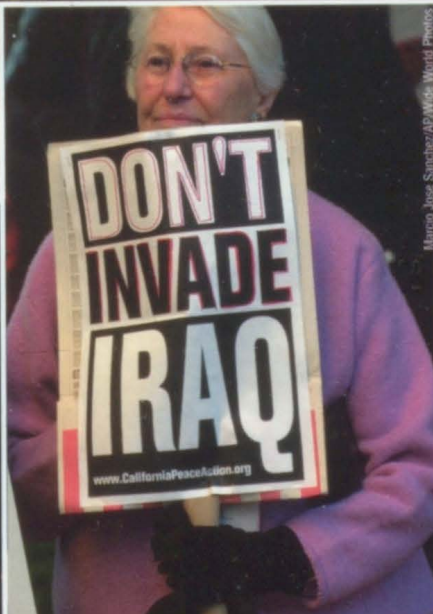
▲ Throughout 2002, Americans search for ways to recover and rebuild from September 11. On the one-year anniversary, survivors, families and friends gather at all three sites to commemorate the lives lost.

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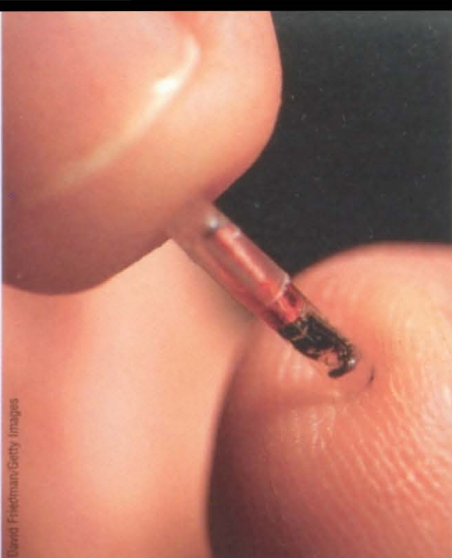
- ◀ Federal employees from the Transportation Security Administration begin screening all checked baggage and random passengers at airports.
- ◀ The possibility of the United States waging war against Iraq meets disapproval both at home and abroad.
- The U.S. Senate passes a resolution condemning a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools is unconstitutional.



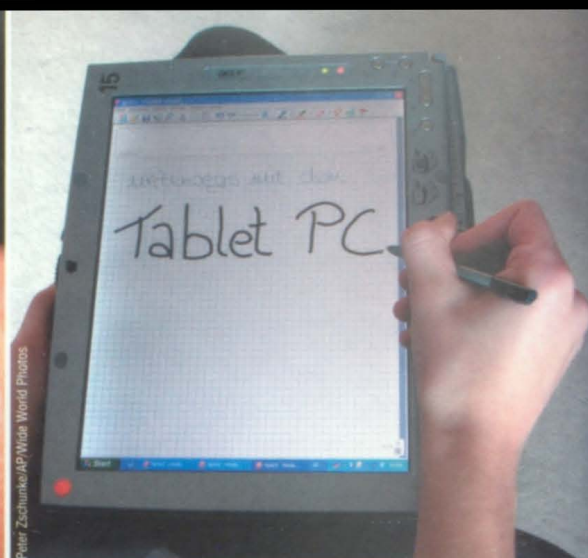


- Patients in Florida are the first to receive the VeriChip, a computer chip bearing personal medical data that is injected into the forearm.
- Microsoft's Tablet PC enables users to write directly on the screen rather than typing on a keyboard.

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## SCI-TECH

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- The *Journal of the American Medical Association* reports that children who grow up with pets have a reduced risk of developing common allergies.

# ALLERGIES

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- Maria de Jesus and Maria Teresa Quiej-Alvarez, 1-year-old Guatemalan twins born joined at the head, are successfully separated after over 22 hours of surgery.
- ✓ Just before burning up in Jupiter's atmosphere, the Galileo spacecraft captures the closest shots ever taken of Jupiter's moon Io.

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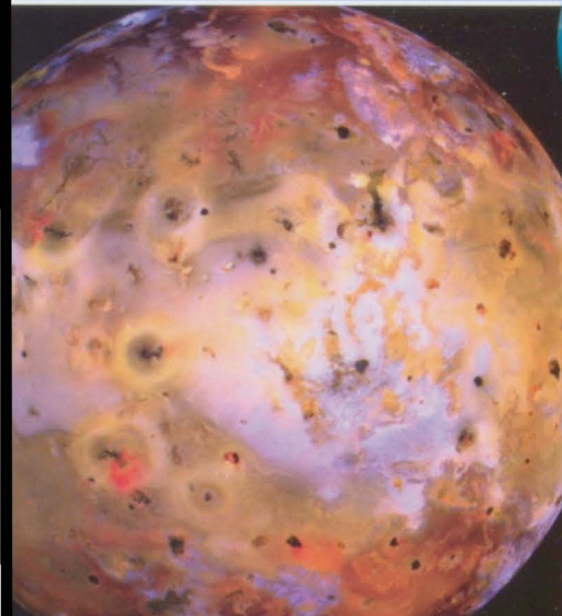
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- Both Italian doctor Severino Antinori and Raelian scientists at Clonaid, who believe aliens created humans, claim to have produced the first cloned human. Neither claim is proven genetically.

- El Niño causes snow and ice storms up and down the East Coast, rainstorms in California and a devastating December tornado in Mississippi.

- A blanket of pollution over South Asia, dubbed the "Asian Brown Cloud," threatens the lives of millions worldwide with respiratory disease.





- Early tests indicate an experimental vaccine to be 100 percent effective against the human papilloma virus that causes cervical cancer.

- University of Arkansas researchers discover that microorganisms grow in conditions similar to those on Mars, suggesting the planet once hosted or currently hosts life.

- For \$300 to \$1,000 per injection, people craving eternal youth attend BOTOX parties to inject the FDA-approved paralytic toxin into their skin to relax their muscle tissue.

- General Motors introduces the Hy-wire—a car powered by hydrogen and oxygen that emits heat and water rather than harmful exhaust.

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# WEST NILE VIRUS

- The nation's largest outbreak of the West Nile Virus hits in summer 2002. The disease is spread by migrating birds and transmitted by mosquitoes.

- The gun turret of the historic Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor* is raised from the floor of the Atlantic Ocean.



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- President Bush orders construction of a system that would defend the United States from ballistic missile attacks by 2004.

- The newly discovered hunger hormone ghrelin is found to play a role in obesity by regulating what you eat and how much weight you gain.

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- The U.S. Education Department reports that average geography scores of the nation's fourth and eighth graders, while low, have improved from 1994.
- Ellula introduces HotAir Speakers, a set of battery-powered, inflatable speakers that are small enough to fit in your pocket when deflated.

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## LIFESTYLE

- Nickelodeon's "SpongeBob Squarepants" ignites imaginations across the nation and appears on store shelves on everything from slippers to suspenders.

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- McDonald's unveils new lower-fat french fries due to the new Healthy Eating Pyramid and in response to many former patrons suing for making them overweight.
- ✓ 1970s peasant shirts are alive and well on runways and in school halls.

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# SPONGE BOB SQUAREPANTS



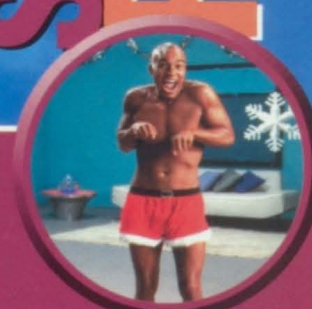
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- The Institute of Medicine announces that maintaining health now requires one hour of exercise daily, doubling the previous recommendation.



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- Jewelry designers Le Ann Carlson and Denise Gaskill add style to safety with Lauren's Hope for a Cure medical ID bracelets.



Kmart Corporation

- Kmart rejuvenates the Joe Boxer brand with ads featuring the dancing Joe Boxer guy, Vaughn Lowery.



- Everyone from hot young movie stars to aging rock stars sports the newest fashion trend, turquoise jewelry.

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- The cola war puts new flavors to the test, including Dr. Pepper Red Fusion, Pepsi Blue and Vanilla Coke.



- Krispy Kreme lovers start a new tradition by celebrating their vows with doughnut wedding cakes.

Courtesy Krispy Kreme



- Several companies introduce flavored water enhanced with vitamins and other nutrients.



- European fashion hits the sidewalks and clubs of the United States with retro-style bowling shoes.

- Busy singles try out speed dating, which gives couples several minutes to talk one-on-one before moving to a new partner at the next table.

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## SPEED DATING

- The Mohawk makes a hair-raising comeback after being donned by everyone from U.S. World Cup star Clint Mathis to actor Ryan Phillippe.

- Digital innovations include camera phones — cell phones that can transmit still and video images through mobile phone lines.

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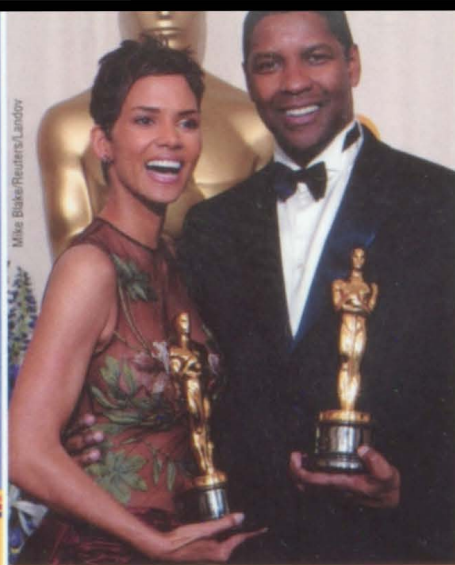
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➤ At the 2002 Academy Awards, Halle Berry and Denzel Washington win Best Actress and Best Actor Oscars. Berry is the first female African-American to win the award.

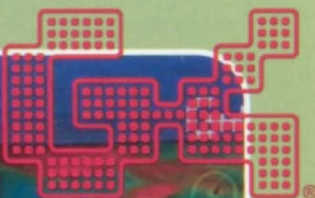
➤ *Spider-Man*, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst, spins a \$114 million opening weekend box-office record.



## ENTERTAINMENT

➤ With over 6 million viewers, "The Osbournes" is the biggest hit in MTV's 21-year history.

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➤ Avid gamers tune in to G4, the first cable TV channel dedicated solely to video games.

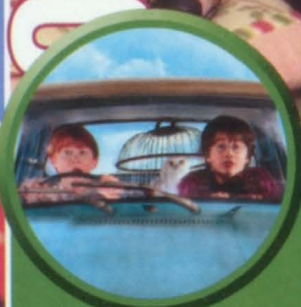
➤ Viewers return week after week for a bit of innocent American nostalgia on NBC's hit drama "American Dreams."

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# OSBOURNES

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➤ Ron, Harry and Hermione are back to hitting the books and battling evil forces in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.



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➤ "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" keep millions tuned in to ABC to see who will receive an on-air marriage proposal.



John Barrett/Sesame Street/Getty Images

➤ PBS's "Sesame Street" introduces the Muppet Kami, an HIV-infected orphan, in an effort to educate young people worldwide about AIDS.



✓ Jennifer Aniston wins her first Emmy Award and a Golden Globe for her role as the new mother Rachel Green on NBC's popular comedy "Friends."



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✓ Virtual unknowns Nia Vardalos and John Corbett steal America's hearts in the year's surprise smash hit *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.



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✓ Peter Jackson receives a Golden Globe Best Director nomination for *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, the year's most anticipated sequel.



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✓ Cynical Simon Cowell and company stir up big ratings for Fox's "American Idol" and big record sales for winner Kelly Clarkson, a waitress from Texas.

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◀ After a two-year hiatus, Leonardo DiCaprio returns to the big screen with two holiday blockbusters, *Gangs of New York* and *Catch Me If You Can*.

✓ *Chicago*, a film adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, wins three Golden Globes, including Best Picture: Musical or Comedy, and receives 13 Oscar nominations.

# CHICAGO

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◀ HBO Films' comedy *Real Women Have Curves* promotes positive self-image with the dazzling debut of Latin-American actress America Ferrera.

◀ CBS scores a ratings doubleheader with a pair of forensic investigation dramas, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "CSI Miami."



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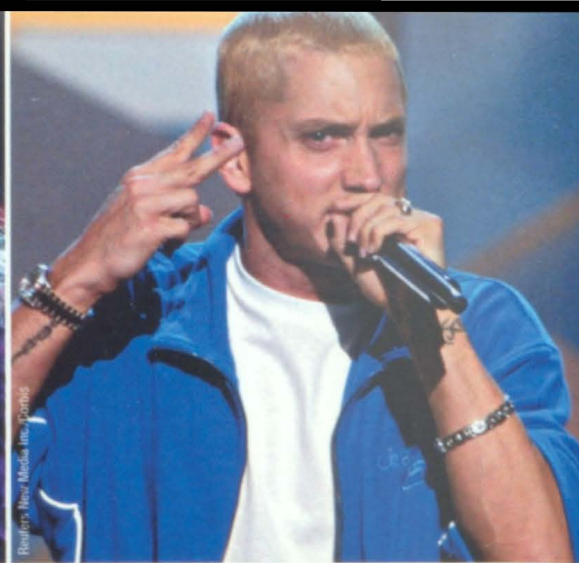
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➤ Newcomer Norah Jones takes home five Grammys, including Album of the Year, for *Come Away With Me*.

➤ Multi-talented Eminem raps up five Grammy nominations for *The Eminem Show* and big box-office success in *8 Mile*.

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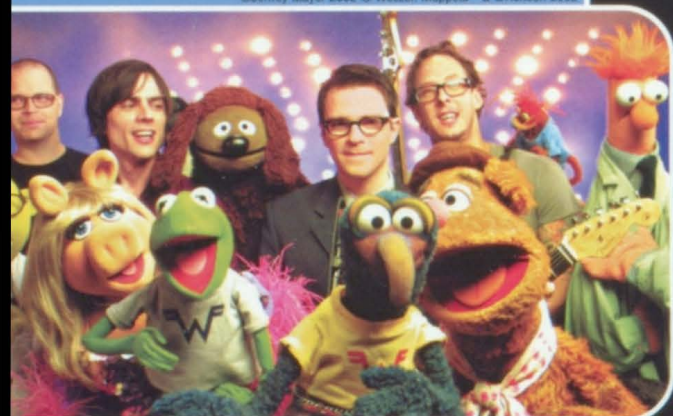
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## MUSIC

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➤ Rocker Avril Lavigne and other "anti-Britneys," such as Vanessa Carlton and Michelle Branch, represent the new face of women in music.

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➤ Weezer teams up with the Muppets in the video for "Keep Fishin'," the second single from their hit album *Maladroit*.

➤ Pop takes a new direction when former boy band favorites Nick Carter and Justin Timberlake break out with solo albums and tours.

# AVRIL



J. Pat Carter/AP/Wide World Photos

➤ Spanish trio Las Ketchup lands a summer hit with the catchy "Asereje" aka "The Ketchup Song (Hey Hah)."



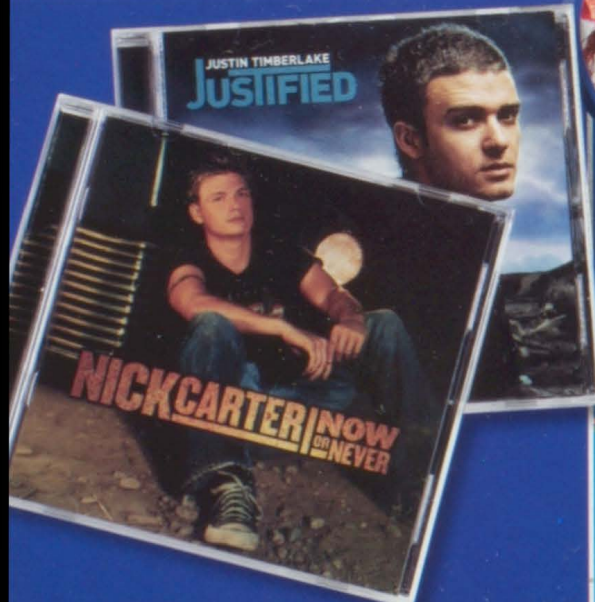
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➤ R&B newcomer Ashanti becomes the first artist since the Beatles to have three singles from a debut album in *Billboard's* Top 10 at the same time.



Chris Pizzello/AP/Wide World Photos

➤ In April 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, 30, of R&B band TLC, dies in a car crash on a Honduran highway.





✓ In October, legendary hip-hop DJ Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC is shot and killed in a Queens, New York, music studio.

✓ After a six-year romance, No Doubt's Gwen Stefani marries Bush's Gavin Rossdale in September.

✓ Country crossover star Shania Twain hits No. 1 on the *Billboard* albums chart with *Up!*, a double CD with every song in both a pop and country version.

✓ Former Beatles rock legend Paul McCartney brings in \$2 million a night, for a total of \$103 million, on the year's top-grossing tour.

Issei Kato/Reuters/Landov

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Thomas Ralsch/WireImage.com

# TOP CONCERT



◀ The Strokes, *Spin* magazine's 2002 Band of the Year, lead a resurgence of rock 'n' rollers, including The Hives and The Vines.

✓ Armed with a steady beat and punk-rock-blues riffs, The White Stripes' stripped-down rock shines on the highly acclaimed *White Blood Cells*.

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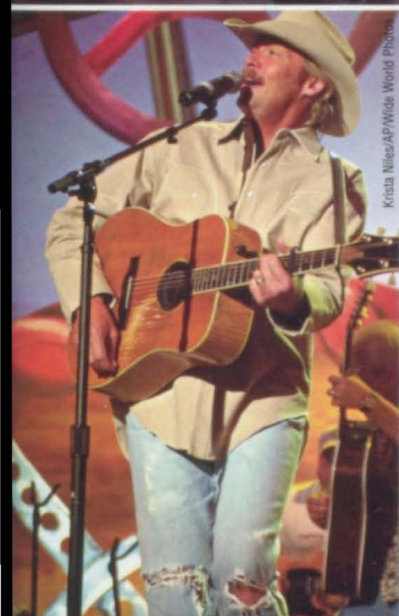
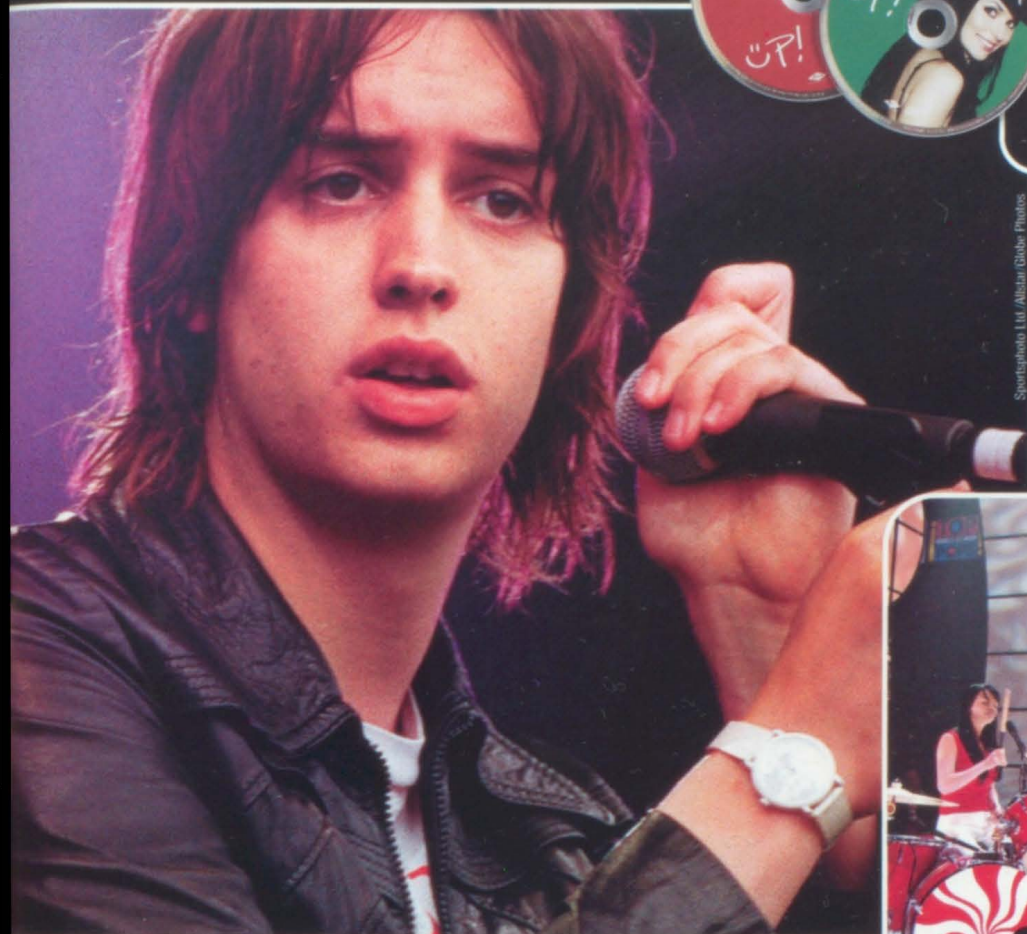
◀ Alan Jackson's triple-platinum album *Drive* wins five Country Music Association Awards and is named the *USA Today* No. 1 country album of 2002.

◀ *Nirvana*, the famed grunge band's long-awaited greatest hits album, features "You Know You're Right," the last recording Kurt Cobain made before his 1994 suicide.

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NIRVANA

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- Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith breaks Walter Payton's 16,727-yard mark to become the NFL's all-time leading rusher.

- The Detroit Red Wings capture the 2002 NHL Stanley Cup over the Cinderella Carolina Hurricanes. It's a record ninth cup for retiring coach Scotty Bowman.



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## SPORTS

- Serena and Venus Williams continue to dominate women's tennis, becoming the first sisters to be ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the world.

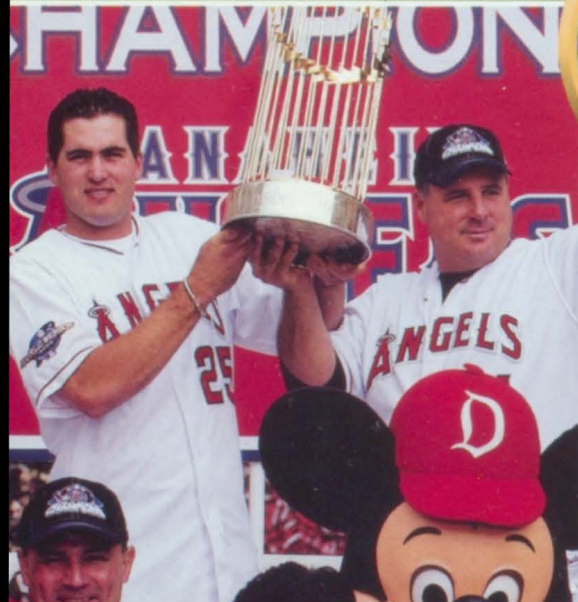
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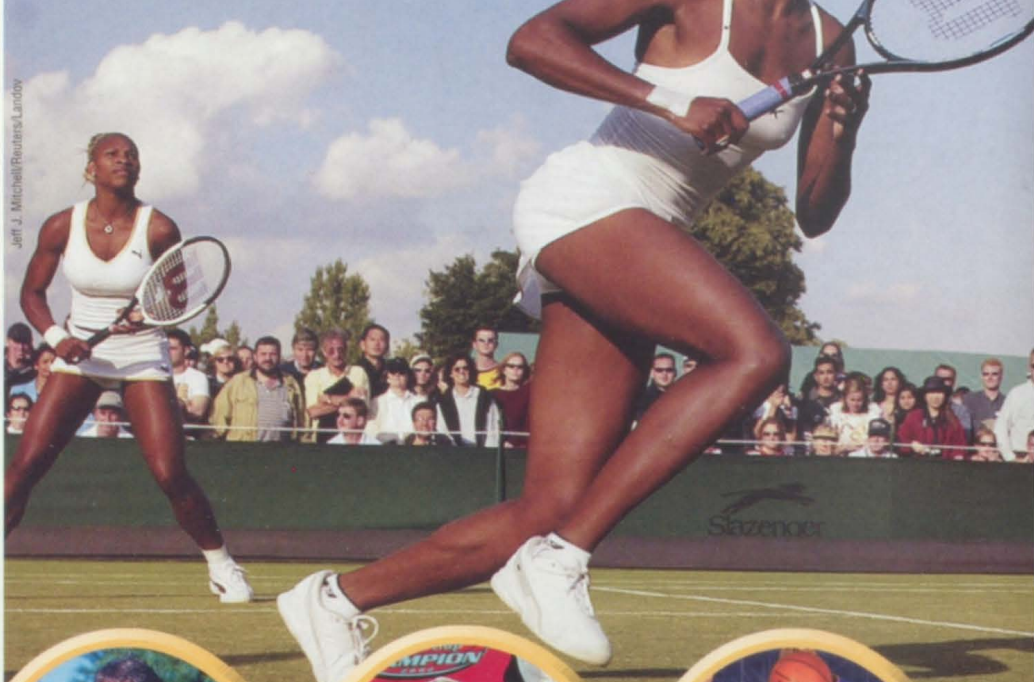
- The college football season is marred by violent confrontations involving fans, students and even coaches.

- MVP Troy Glaus leads the scrappy Anaheim Angels to the 2002 World Series win over Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants, four games to three.

Kevork Djansazian/AP/Wide World Photos



# SISTERS



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- Martha Burk of the National Council of Women's Organizations battles with Augusta National chairman William Johnson over the issue of female membership at the famous Georgia golf club.



Terry Renna/AP/Wide World Photos

- An 18th place finish in the NASCAR season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway is enough to earn Tony Stewart his first Winston Cup Series championship.



Chris Faytok/The Star Ledger/Corbis-Sygma

- Despite an injured toe, Shaquille O'Neal powers the unstoppable Los Angeles Lakers to a third straight NBA championship title in May 2002.



- ✓ The U.S. men's soccer team advances to the World Cup quarterfinals for the first time, by defeating Mexico 2-0.

Christof Stache/AP/Wide World Photos



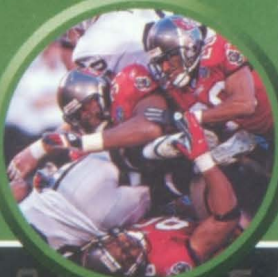
- ✓ The U.S. Postal Service team propels *Sports Illustrated* magazine's Sportsman of the Year Lance Armstrong to his fourth consecutive Tour de France victory.

Mike Powell/Getty Images



- ✓ The top-rated defense of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers shuts down the No. 1 offense of the Oakland Raiders to win Super Bowl XXXVII 48-21.

Matt A. Brown/Newsport/Corbis



- ✓ LPGA pro Annika Sorenstam, after a record-setting 13-win 2002 season worldwide, accepts an invitation to play the Colonial tournament on the men's 2003 PGA Tour.



Steve D'Amico/Reuters/Landow

- ✓ The Ohio State Buckeyes beat the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes in double overtime to win the BCS National Championship. The 31-24 victory is the school's first national football title since 1968.

- ✓ The new sport of SlamBall takes basketball to the extreme on a specially designed court with four trampolines in front of each hoop.

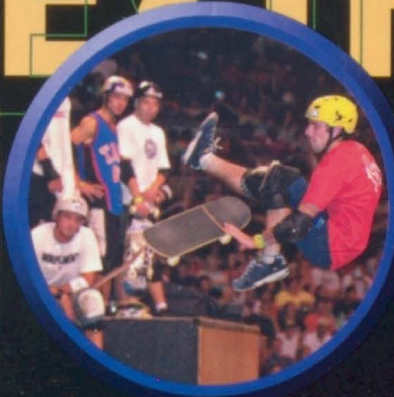


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- ✓ Skateboarding reaches new popularity heights thanks to the high visibility of the X Games and the "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater" video game series.

- ✓ Surfing welcomes a tidal wave of women to the sport after receiving a Hollywood endorsement in the popular summer flick *Blue Crush*.

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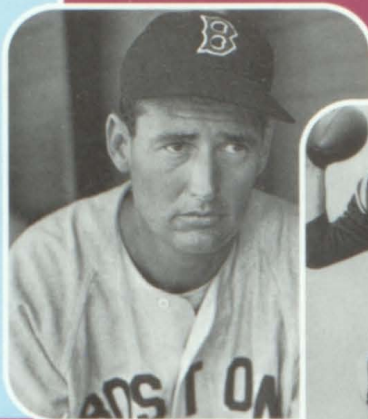


# EXTREME SPORTS



➤ The sports world loses two legends—baseball's "Splendid Splinter" Ted Williams and Johnny Unitas, one of football's greatest quarterbacks.

➤ Zacarais Moussaoui, widely believed to be the 20th hijacker, goes on trial for his involvement in the September 11 terrorist attacks.



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## FACES

➤ Martha Stewart faces charges of illegal stock trading after former Imclone president Sam Waksal allegedly tips her off regarding the company's demise.

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➤ In show business since they were 9 months old, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, 16, have amassed a \$76 million fortune through their Dualstar Entertainment Group.

➤ Veteran actor Richard Harris, known for his role as Hogwarts wise headmaster Albus Dumbledore, dies of Hodgkin's disease at age 72.

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➤ Mentally challenged Ohio high school senior Jake Porter—who suited up for every practice and game for four years but never played—scores his first touchdown.



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➤ California's Linda and Loretta Sanchez make history as the first sisters ever elected to Congress.



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➤ Mississippi Senator Trent Lott is widely criticized for apparent racist remarks he made at Senator Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party. In December, Lott resigns as majority leader.





