

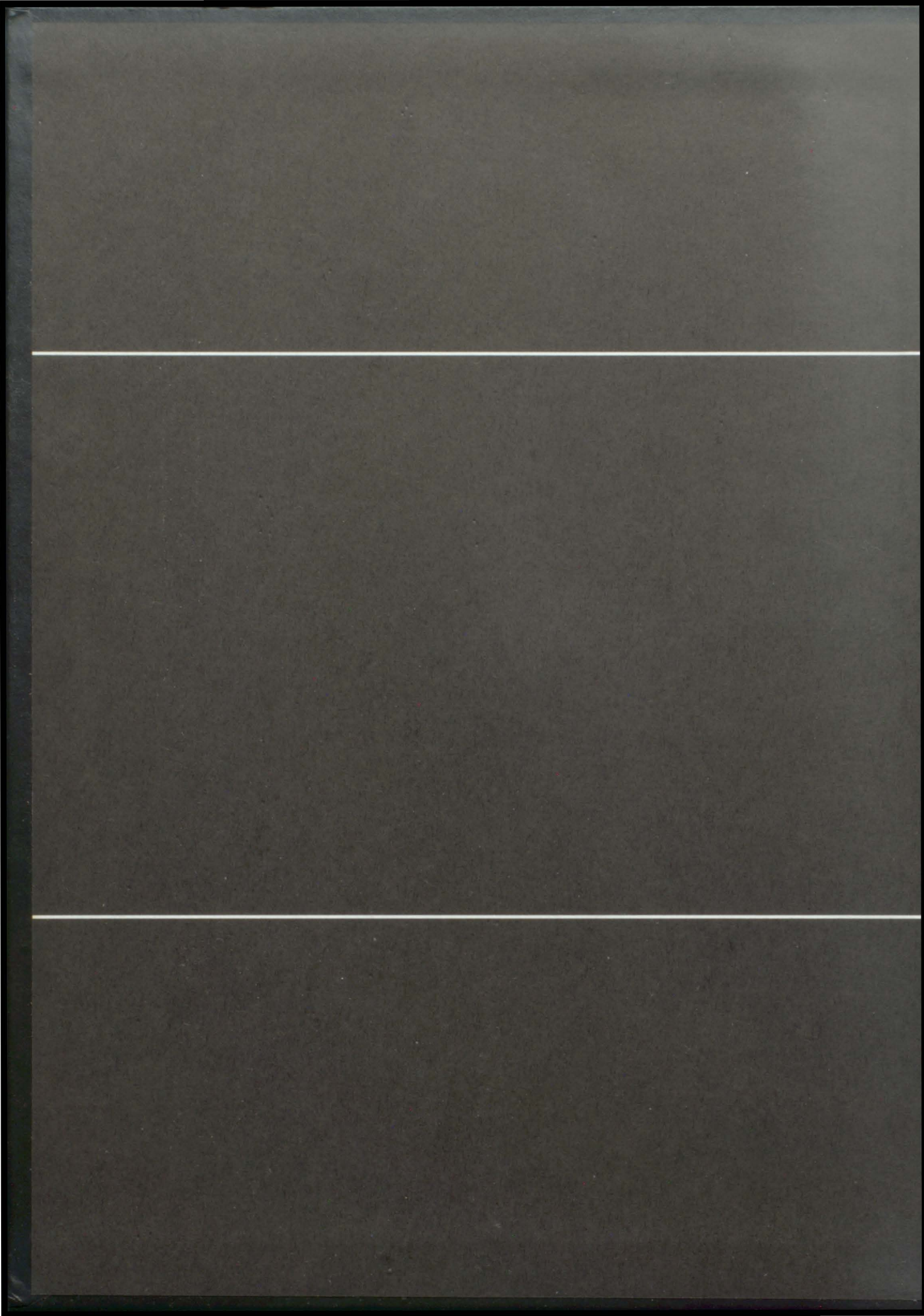
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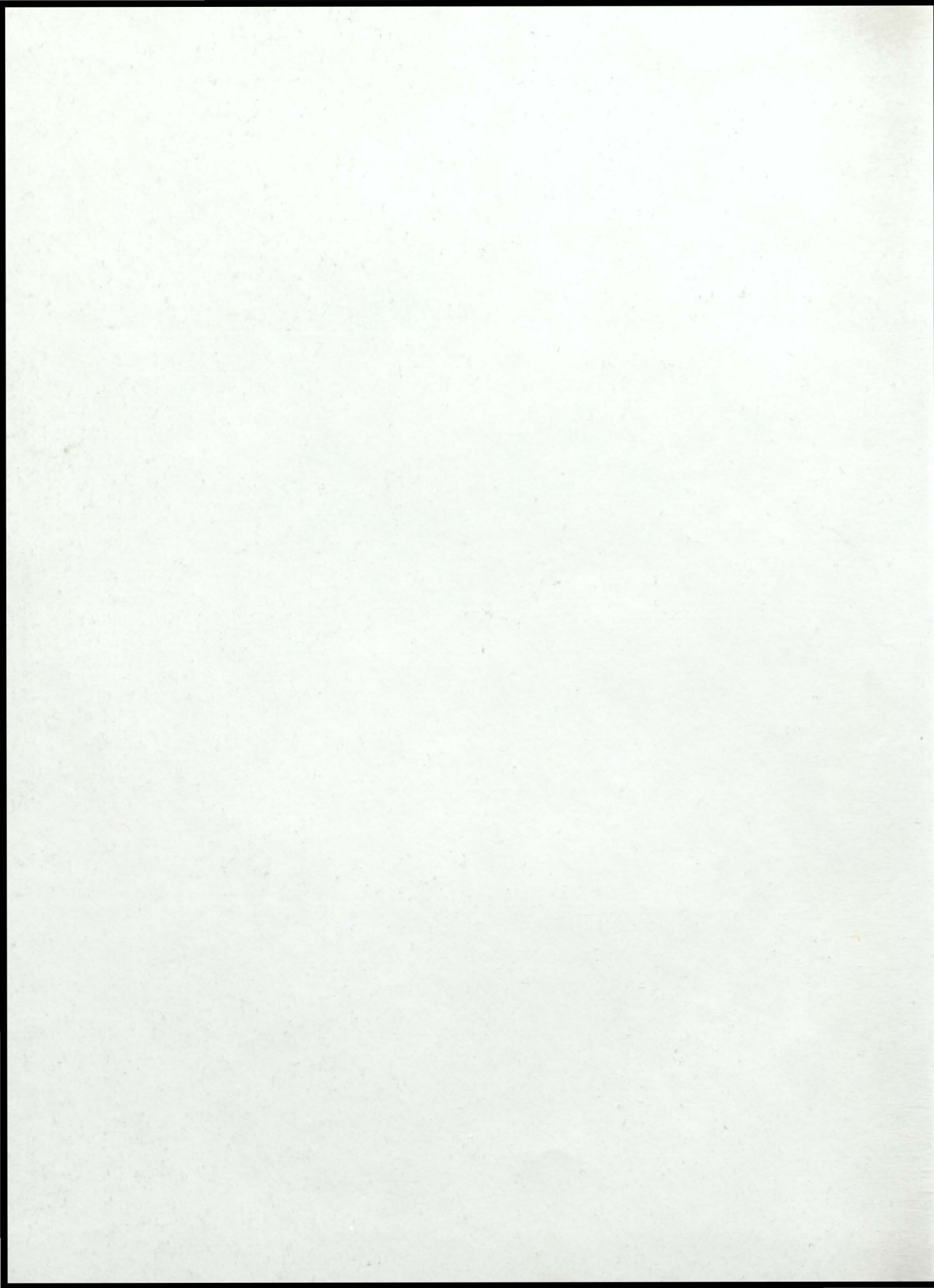




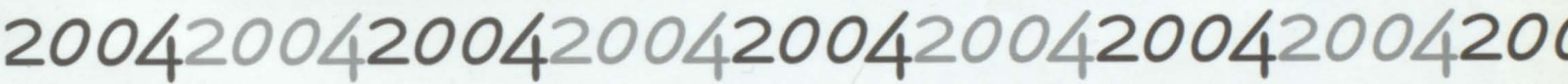


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# Ellis High School

For many, 2004 was a year of uncertainty. War in Iraq continued with no real sign of an end. Saddam Hussein was captured, but there was still no sign of Al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden.

Gas prices soared to record heights, and people began to think that maybe walking wasn't such a bad idea after all. The drought, which some say was the worst in 500 years, continued with no sign of relief in the forecast.

At the same time, however, things didn't change much at EHS. In small schools, everyone knows who you are, why you're here, what you're doing and when you're together. Annoying? Yes, sometimes. But it can also be strangely comforting.

There are many uncertainties in life, but it is nice to know that one thing will always stay the same: At Ellis High School, Everyone Knows Your Name.



1. Brittany Kroeger, fr., clears the bar in pole vault. 2. Jessie Dorzweiler, sr., receives a hug from her mother during senior recognition. *photos by Laura Lacy*  
3. Juniors Kasi Wyatt and Jenny Jones dance during Homecoming. *photo by Jessica Spinelli* 4. M.J. Gnad, so., takes a break during P.E. *photo by Megan M. Weber* 5. Lynn Pfeifer, sr., catches a donut in her mouth during project graduation. *photo by Laura Lacy*





IN ELLIS, EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR NAME. BUT WHERE DID ELLIS GET ITS NAME? ELLIS WAS FOUNDED IN 1870 AND WAS NAMED AFTER LIEUTENANT GEORGE ELLIS. LIETENANT ELLIS WAS A MEMBER OF THE 12TH KANSAS INFANTRY. THE LAND THAT ELLIS IS NOW ON WAS PURCHASED BY THE KANSAS PACIFIC RAILROAD FOR \$1,200 AND THE FIRST STONE SCHOOL IN ELLIS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1873 AT A COST OF \$7,000.



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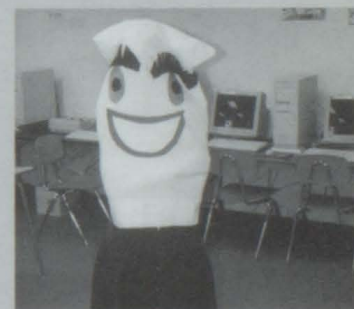
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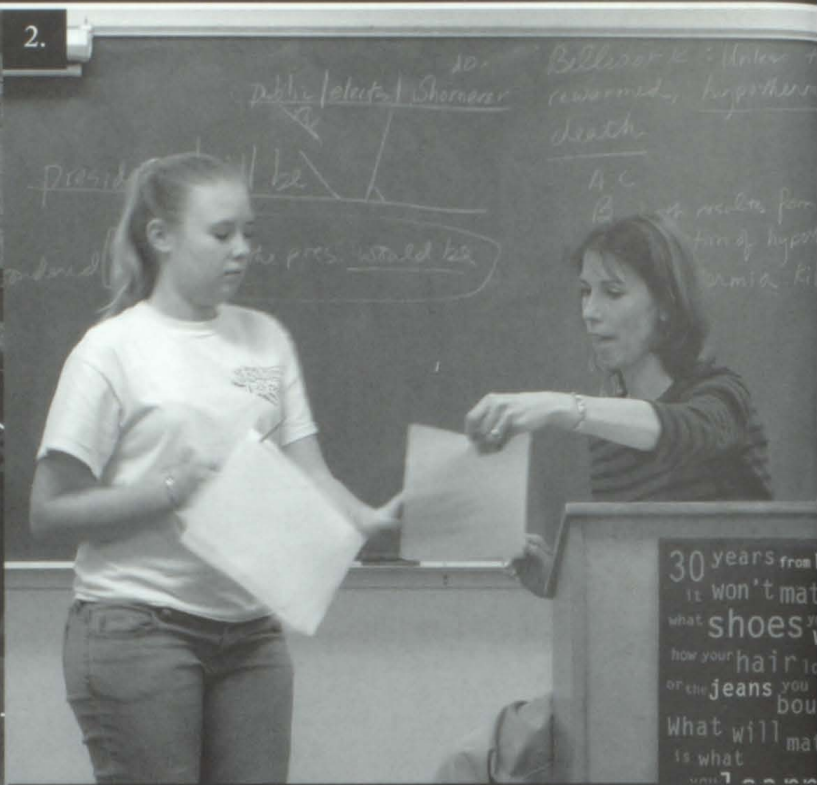


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1. Cole Weigel, so., welds in project construction taught by Mr. Eldon Pfeifer. 2. Junior Jessie Pfeifer shows Mrs. Cindy Hertel her persuasive essay. 3. Brett Mickelson, fr., and Whitney Lang, fr., discuss short stories in English I with classmates and Mrs. Karen Madorin.



Just how important are academics at EHS? Very. EHS students must have four years English and three years of math, among other requirements. But at EHS, academics aren't just subjects like English and math. Elective classes also play a big part in EHS students' days. From band and choir to art and GPD, there are many electives available at EHS. The combination of elective and required classes really are why students are here. At EHS, everybody knows... Why you're here.

Academics





### *Pumping Iron*

Using all his strength, Jorge Oliveira, jr., tries to put two magnets of the same force together in physical science. The physical science class also tried pulling apart two large magnets of opposite forces. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*

### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE EXPERIMENT?



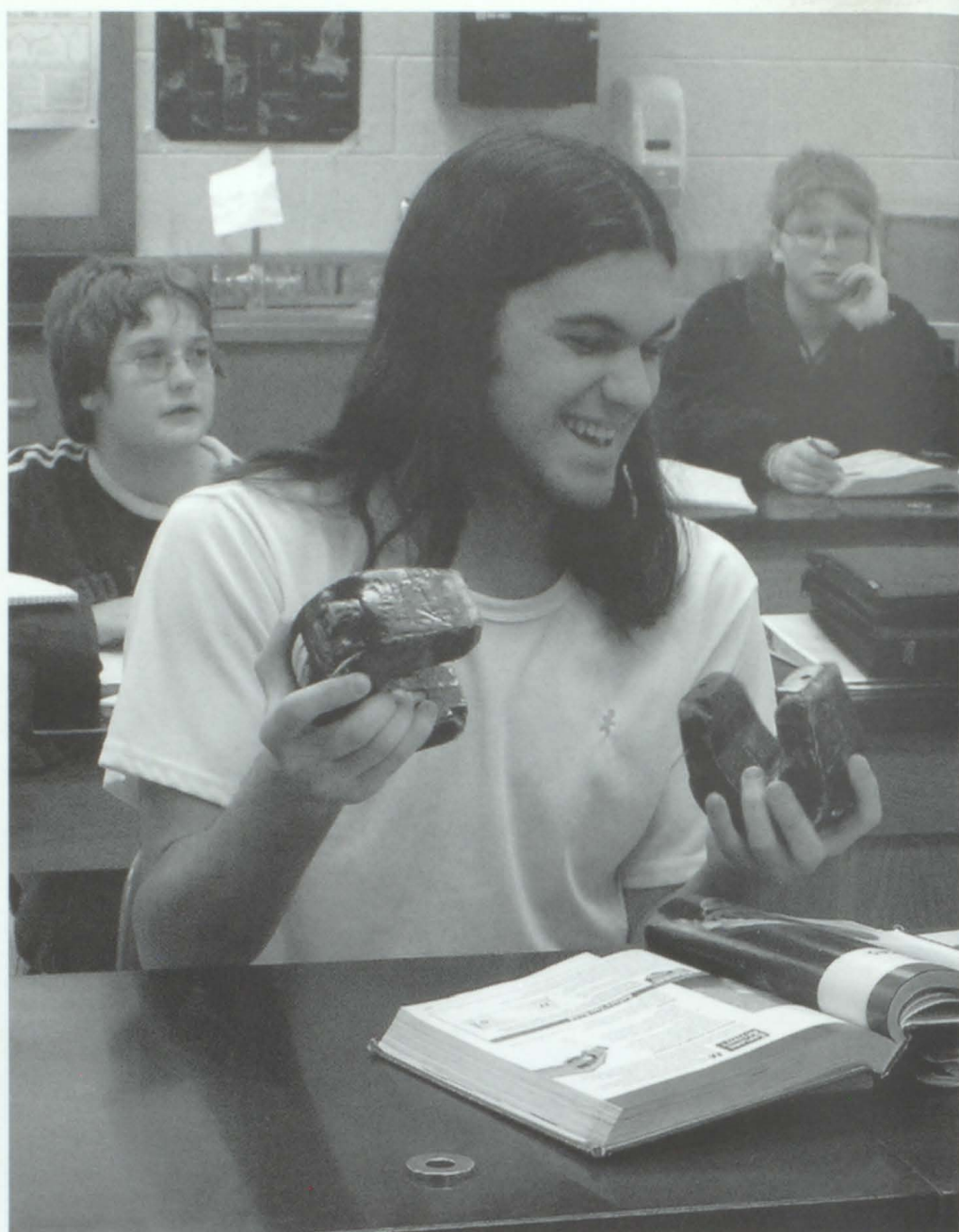
"My favorite lab was the titration lab because it was our first lab that involved acidic substances."  
Chuck Parks, jr.



"I liked the fish dissection because people in my class got crazy and even licked the fish."  
Alyson Bollig, so.



"Observing refraction in water because it is cool seeing things refract in water."  
Michael Hiss, fr.



## -Learning IN SMALL Numbers-

### *Number of students enrolled in advanced classes drop*

How low can enrollment go? With a large decrease in the number of students enrolled in physics and calculus, the students found out that it can be an advantage.

There were 14 students enrolled in physics in 2002-2003, and it dropped to six in 2003-2004.

This decrease, however, didn't discourage the students.

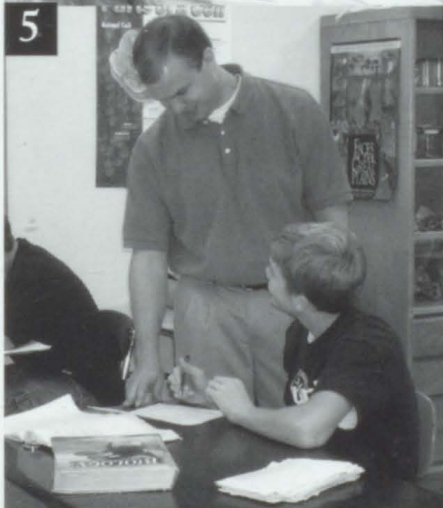
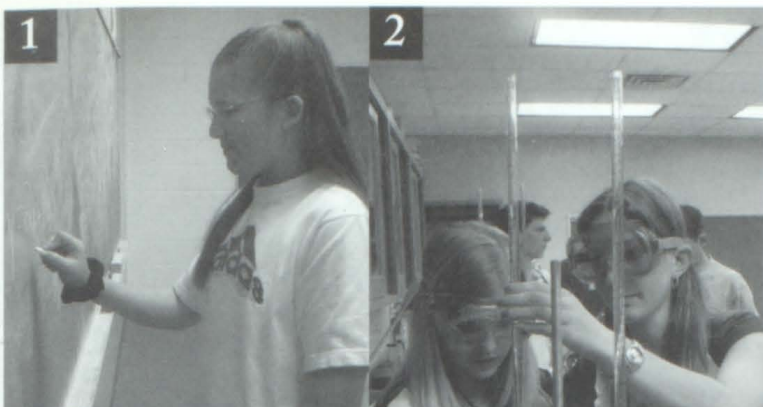
"I think the smaller class allows you to do more projects and get more help if you need it," senior Dustin Cross said. "I really like physics because there are a bunch of cool experiments you can do with everyday items just lying around." Cross also added that physics was one of his

favorite classes.

Calculus also experienced a large decrease in enrollment. In 2003-2004, the enrollment was half the amount enrolled in 2002-2003 with only three students, two of whom were foreign exchange students.

"One good thing about such a small calculus class is that you get more one on one, and you get to do whatever you want," senior John Kroeger said. Kroeger also gave his advice to those who may consider taking calculus, "Don't be scared. It may seem hard, but I think calculus will really benefit me in the future."





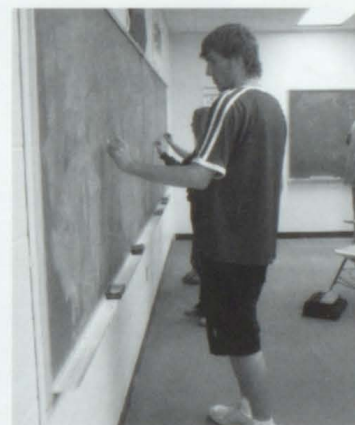
### Working Together

During first hour, freshmen Aaron Herl and Dusty Unrein work together on their math assignment. Some of the eighth graders came up to the high school during 1st hour for Algebra I for their math class taught by Mr. Butch Hays. Hays also taught geometry. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*



### Make it Fast

Building a mousetrap car in physics, Dustin Cross, sr., and Sasha Pazicka, jr., tape together the parts on their project. Physics students build their own mousetrap cars every year and compete for a record time. *photo by Lynn Pfeifer*



### Figure it out

Travis Elder, jr., works out a math problem on the board in Algebra II taught by Mr. Perry Mick. Mick had a student teacher, Ms. Regina Corcoran, to help him out with all of his classes during the spring semester. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*

1. Matea Lovato, fr., works out a problem on the board in Algebra I.  
2. Juniors Lacie Bittel and Becca Dinkel work on a titration lab in chemistry.  
3. Lynn Pfeifer, sr., rides on the hovercraft that she helped build in physics.  
4. Kevin Keller, jr., calculates math problems in college algebra.  
5. In biology class, Dylan Lang, so., asks Mr. David Wildeman for help.  
6. Attempting to light up the light bulb, freshman Glenn Lacy works on a group experiment in physical science. *photos by Jessie Dorzweiler*



### DeRien

For Christmas, the French II class bought Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan a CD player. "We thought it would be nice for us to all pitch in and get her a new one because hers didn't work very well. We felt she deserved it for all she does for us," Kelsi Schoenthaler, so., said. *photo by Jennifer LaBarge*



### Bring on the Pizza

Digging in, juniors Cole and Clay King help themselves to some ice cream cake during lunch with the journalism class. Throughout the year, the journalism class had parties during lunch to celebrate getting their layouts in on time. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



### Munchin' at Munchers

While in Lawrence at state journalism, Morgan Murphy, jr., eats a doughnut for breakfast. There were ten state qualifiers, and they participated in eleven events. Two students received first place, and three received honorable mention. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



1. In speech class Glenn Lacy, fr., gives a sales talk on his pencil sharpener, which was a required assignment in that class. 2. While taking a quiz, Austin Fox, so., looks up answers to help him out. 3. Sophomores Amber Honas, Elxxx Feyh, and Jennifer Jacques discuss a Spanish story. 4. Preparing for the term paper, Skyy Westbrook, sr., gets information for his note cards. 5. Acting out an IDA for speech class, freshmen Kelsy Kinderknecht and Courtney Schartz search for a rescue boat. 6. Emily Cox, fr., looks at a story during the English tea party. *photos by Jennifer LaBarge*



# —Heading **TO** WGS—

## *Students volunteer time to teach grade school kids a foreign language*

What does it take to be a teacher? A college degree and a lot of patience, but when Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan, foreign language teacher, started teaching in Ellis, she thought something new should be tried at Ellis High School. She decided that she wanted to send a few students to the grade school to teach the elementary students a foreign language.

Mrs. Grogan chose students on an individual basis.

"If students demonstrate an exceptional interest in the languages, they will communicate this interest to the students at the grade school," she said.

The two students chosen were junior Jessica Spinelli and

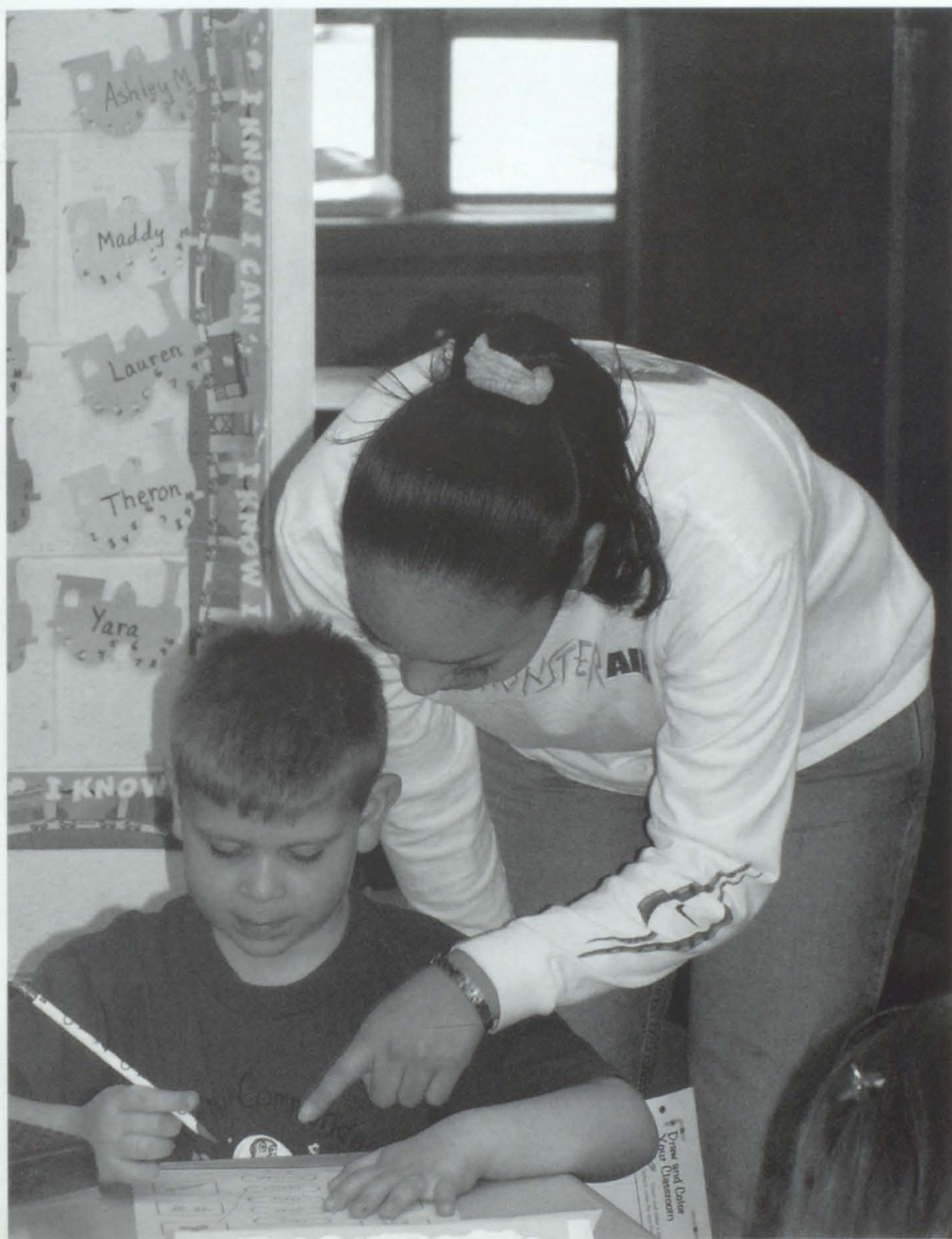
senior Alicia Hernandez.

Spinelli taught French to the second grade and Hernandez taught Spanish to the kindergarten class.

Hernandez taught the students colors, school supplies, and much more.

"They catch on very quickly. By the next Friday they already know most of the stuff they had learned," Hernandez said.

Hernandez wasn't the only one who enjoyed the Friday Spanish class. Braden Best, one of Hernandez's students said, "I like Alicia teaching me Spanish; it's a lot of fun."



### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK YOU HAVE READ FOR ENGLISH CLASS?



"My favorite book would have to be 'To Kill a Mockingbird' because I can relate it to small town life."

Jessica Hadley, so.



"The Great Gatsby" was my favorite book. I think it was the easiest to read, and it had a good story."

Ryan Gross, jr.



"The book that I read this year that was my favorite was 'When the Legends Die.' It was about nature and how some of the Indians lived."

Jason Schmidt, jr.

### Helping out

While pointing out a word, Alicia Hernandez, sr., helps a student figure out a question. Hernandez went to the grade school every Friday to teach during her first hour class. "The thing I like best about teaching the kids is they are always excited to learn, and they sit around me on their carpets and sing me a good morning song," Hernandez said. *photo by Jennifer LaBarge*



### Snack Break

Members of Mrs. Sharla Albers's advanced foods class enjoy the benefits of their labor. Part of the advanced foods course requirements included more hands-on activities than introduction to foods as well as the chance to make a variety of foods. *photo by Morgan Murphy*



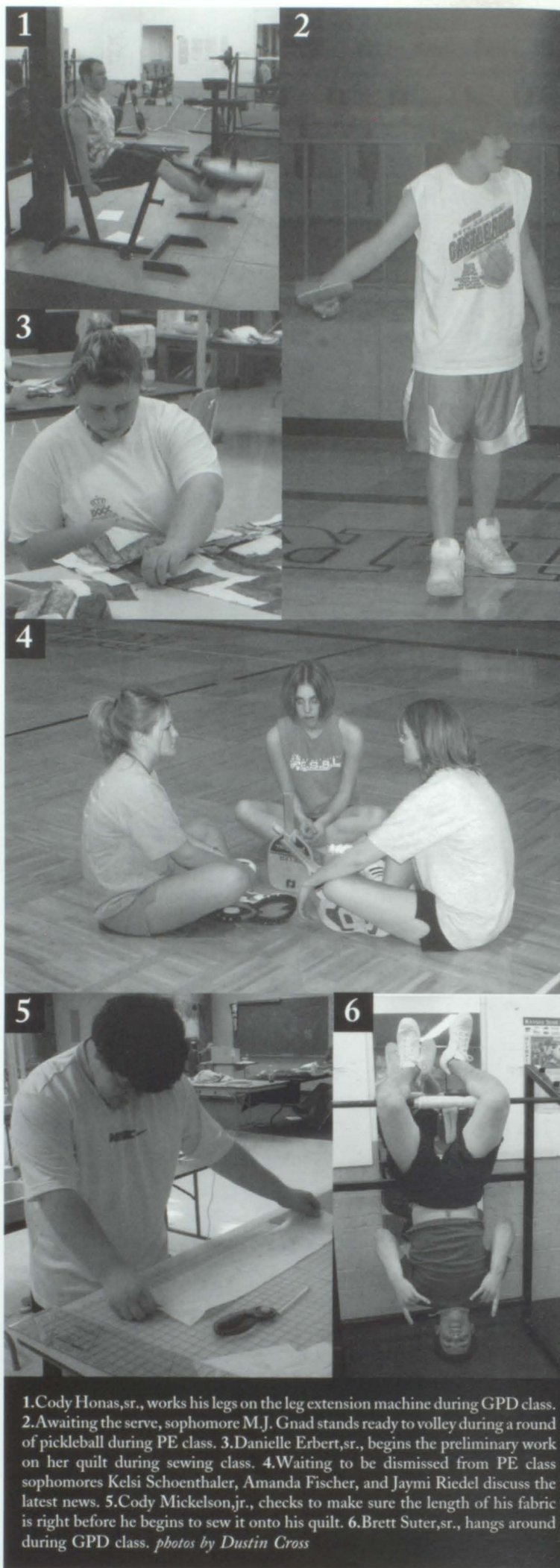
### Chitchat

Seniors Mindy Beilman and Laura Lacy take time to have a conversation with class instructor Sharla Albers during advanced foods class. One perk of advanced foods is that students can enjoy the work they do in class by first cooking it and then eating it. *photo by Morgan Murphy*



### Eyes on the pitch

Nicole Weigel, so., takes a swing at a pitch during PE class. In addition to PE, the sophomores also had to take a health class every other day. *photo by Megan M. Weber*



1. Cody Honas, sr., works his legs on the leg extension machine during GPD class. 2. Awaiting the serve, sophomore M.J. Gnad stands ready to volley during a round of pickleball during PE class. 3. Danielle Erbert, sr., begins the preliminary work on her quilt during sewing class. 4. Waiting to be dismissed from PE class sophomores Kelsi Schoenthaler, Amanda Fischer, and Jaymi Riedel discuss the latest news. 5. Cody Mickelson, jr., checks to make sure the length of his fabric is right before he begins to sew it onto his quilt. 6. Brett Suter, sr., hangs around during GPD class. *photos by Dustin Cross*





#### Tee Time

Members of the freshman class and P.E. instructor Don Long prepare for a round of frisbee golf. Much like regular golf, frisbee golf requires throwing a special type of frisbee into a basket with the fewest number of throws possible. *photo by Clay King*

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT BEING IN MRS. ALBERS'S CLASS?



"It is an active class. You don't have to do bookwork everyday."  
Jenna Henrickson, jr.



"I really enjoy sewing, talking with friends, and listening to classmates joke with Mrs. Albers."  
Monica Befort, fr.



"I like being in the advanced foods class because we get to do hands-on activities and learn how to make different types of foods."  
Laura Lacy, sr.

## —Get ON THE Bus—

### *Teacher becomes new bus driver for G.P.D. class*

When Ellis High School students walked into GPD class, they didn't find the same bus driver waiting patiently to take them down to the weight room for class.

Instead class instructor Don Long became the new bus driver. This change allowed the district to save money by not having to use a bus driver just for GPD class.

Over the summer Long took a bus driving test that allowed him to drive the bus for GPD class. The test consisted of both a written exam and a driving test.

"I found both tests to be fairly easy. I studied for the written exam for about two weeks," said Long. Portions of the driving exam included showing the examiner interior and exterior parts

of the bus and identifying the locations of safety equipment on the bus. Other tasks Long had to perform included everyday bus operating situations such as backing, parallel parking, and stopping at railroad crossings. Long's license allowed him to only operate buses without airbrakes, so his future plans included taking a test to be able to operate buses with airbrakes over the summer.

"Having Mr. Long drive the bus this year has been an experience I will never forget. One time Mr. Long accidentally hopped up on the curb and about took out the CO-OP sign," senior Brett Suter said.



# —Working IN THE Shop—

*Hands-on studies remain popular with EHS students*

Vocational technology classes have always been popular courses of study at EHS. The wide spectrum of classes offered, ranging from project construction to web-page development, gives students the opportunity to experience hands-on activities that most required classes can't offer.

There are four instructors in the vo-tech area: Mr. Eldon Pfeifer, ag. shop, Mr. Terry Zerfas, wood shop, Mrs. Linda Riedel, web-page, and Mr. Bob Young, computer tech class.

For the third year in a row, the EHS web-page team was selected to update brackets at the 3-2-1A state wrestling tournament. Ten students from that class volunteered their

time for the two-day tournament to make sure that the brackets were updated every 15 minutes.

"It was very stressful. Having to update the brackets every 15 minutes made it very challenging, but it also made it that much more rewarding. I hope we are able to do it again next year," Casey Cross, so., said.

Mr. Pfeifer's plant and animal science alternated every other year with agribusiness in the vo.ag. department. There were 11 students enrolled in the course.

"I've learned a lot of stuff in Mr. Pfeifer's plant and animal science that I would have never learned if I had never taken the class," Jeremy Dorzweiler, sr., said.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VOCATIONAL CLASS AND WHY?



"My favorite class is intro. to ag. with Mr. Pfeifer. I've learned a lot about working in the shop this year. He teaches us a lot." M.J. Gnad, so.



"My favorite class is mechanical drawing because you get to do something different all the time." Ben Zorn, sr.



"Art would have to be my favorite. I love to draw and to make models using paper and other supplies." Scott Amrein, sr.

### Listen and Learn

Students huddle around Mr. Eldon Pfeifer as he reviews the tools that the introduction to agriculture class will be using. The class was required to take a test on tools and safety before they were allowed to work in the shop. The class was designed to teach beginning students the techniques of welding and cutting. *photo by Morgan Murphy*







1.Kyle Urban,so., grinds the welds of his dog house in project construction. 2.Using a torch, Ryan Honas,sr., cuts in project construction class. 3.Sawing with the abrasive cutoff saw, Eric Gaschler,so., resizes a piece for his project. 4.John Kroeger,sr., separates a piece of wood with the circular saw. 5.Fixing a computer, Trista Fuchs,jr., dives into a hard-drive. 6.Cody Mickelson,jr., sands his gun cabinet. *photos by Cole King.*

### Under Pressure

Rowdy Wichman,so., and Mr. Reggie Romine update brackets at the 3-2-1A state wrestling championships at Fort Hays State University. The web team was selected by the KSHSAA to update brackets. *photo by Megan Weber*



### Make it Smooth

Using a router, Jordan Kroeger,sr., rounds the edge of his project in production technology class. Each student enrolled in the class was required to build a wood project. Kroeger chose to build a computer desk. *photo by Cole King*



### Line It Up

Casey Cross,so., straightens a piece of iron in the ag. shop. The intro. to ag. class taught students how to weld, torch cut, and do many tasks in the shop.*photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler*

Congratulations on the successes in the technology departments.  
Duane and Karen Dorzweiler



### Practice Up

In perfect tune with the rest of the band, Jennifer Augustine,so., Kristen Weber,so., Jessica Hadley,so., and Jessie Pfeifer,jr., play their clarinets at band practice. The band received a I rating at State Large Groups. This was the fourth year in a row they received a I rating. *photo by Laura Lacy*



### Reach High

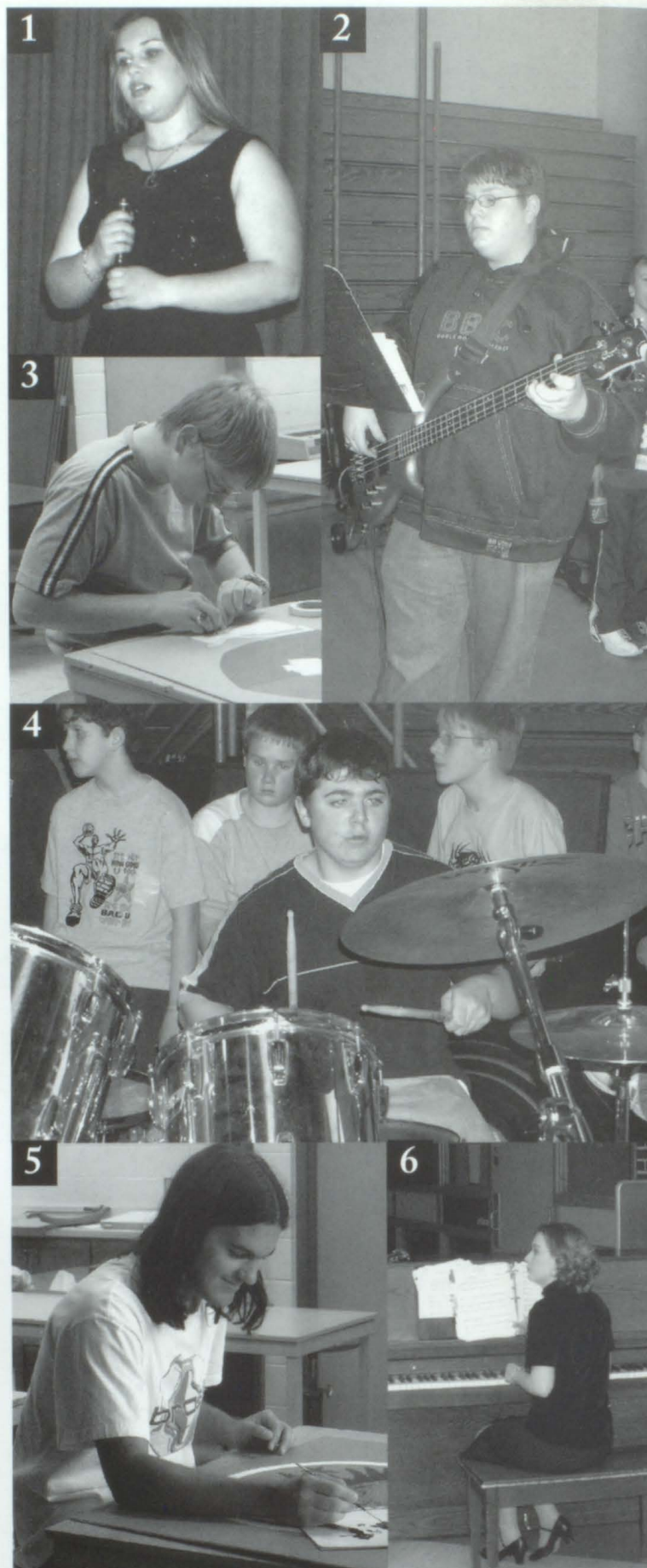
Practicing a song for the dinner theatre, sophomores Jaymi Riedel, Jennifer Jacques, and junior Dana Armbrister,jr., rehearse the choreography to "All That Jazz." Band and choir practices shared the same hour. This put students who were in one class but not the other in a mini-course for half the hour. *photo by Dylan Lang*

Thank you for keeping the arts and music alive at EHS.  
Robin Armbrister



### Lookin' Sharp

With his cane and top hat, Dusty Unrein,fr., sings at the dinner theatre. Unrein was in both band and choir. "I couldn't decide between band and choir so I just took them both," Unrein said. *photo by Dylan Lang*



1.Laura Redden,so., sings a solo at the dinner theater. 2.Bill Hankins,so., plays bass guitar at an Ellis home game. 3.Jon Hejny,jr., folds paper in art class. 4.Beating on the drums, Ryan Grogan,fr., plays with the pep band at an Ellis home game. 5.Jorge Oliveira,jr., works on a project in art class. 6.Amanda Pfenninger plays the piano before the dinner theatre. *photos 1 and 6 by Dylan Lang photos 2 and 4 by Laura Lacy photos 3 and 5 by Megan Weber*





### *Singin' Songs*

At the dinner theatre Cole King, jr., and Dana Armbrister, jr., sing the song "Try to Remember." King and Armbrister had solo parts in the dinner theatre. "Practicing for the dinner theatre was a lot of work, but in the end it was all worth it," King said.

*photo by Dylan Lang*

### WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN OUT OF BEING IN A FINE ARTS CLASS?



"Being in band for three years has really helped me become a better musician."  
Kevin Keller, jr.



"Because of art, I can now draw better, and it has helped me become more creative."  
Austin Fox, so.



"Choir helped me meet new people and learn new ways to sing. It's a great class if you enjoy singing."  
Matea Lovato, fr.

# —Change **OF** Command—

## *First year teacher takes over music program*

At first glance it looked the same: talented musicians, creative ideas, entertaining productions. But the music program was under new direction again for the third time in four years. Along with being the eighth grade cheer sponsor, Amanda Pfenninger took over the music program for the grade school and the high school.

Pfenninger directed three concerts throughout the year, including the dinner theatre where the Railairres put on a Broadway show.

With a stage decorated like a night on the town, the Railairres sang classic Broadway songs such as "Try to Remember" and "All that Jazz."

Although the concert required a lot of practice, the Railairres really enjoyed it.

"The dinner theatre was so much fun. I had a great time singing in the group songs, especially "All That Jazz" and singing in my trio," Krista Connelly, fr., said. "Thanks to Railairres I have no problem getting up in front of a lot of people now."

Pfenninger also found out a lot about her students.

"My first year of teaching has been incredibly rewarding and amazingly exhausting. I know though that I have learned far more from the students at EHS than I will ever teach them," Pfenninger said.





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1. Brittany Kroeger, fr., and Amber Honas, so., play foosball at Fifth Quarter. 2. Participating in activity day, the junior class struggles to defeat their opponents. 3. Sammy Hook, fr., signs the back of Keric Smith's, fr., shirt during Homecoming activity day.





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## People

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What's in a name? Some people have unique names, others more popular, common names. The most popular first names at EHS are Cole and Jennifer and the most popular surnames are Honas and Augustine. Even though they have the same names, each of these people is different. Your name identifies you, but it doesn't tell who you are. At EHS, everybody knows your name. But it's more than just knowing names. At EHS, everybody knows. . . Who you are.

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Scott Lee Amrein



Melinda Sue Beilman



Jessica Marie Dorzweiler



Danielle Marie Ebert



Lindsay Ann Gaschler



Ryan James Honas

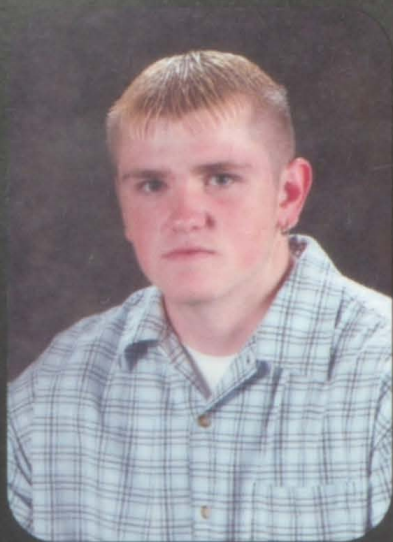


Sherri Rae Johnson



Ashley Rene Keller





Justin Bradley Coleman



Dustin Allen Cross



Jeremy Joseph Dorzweiler



Alicia Marie Hernandez



Aaron Lee Honas



Cody Lionel Honas



Bradley Allen Keller



Ashley Marie King



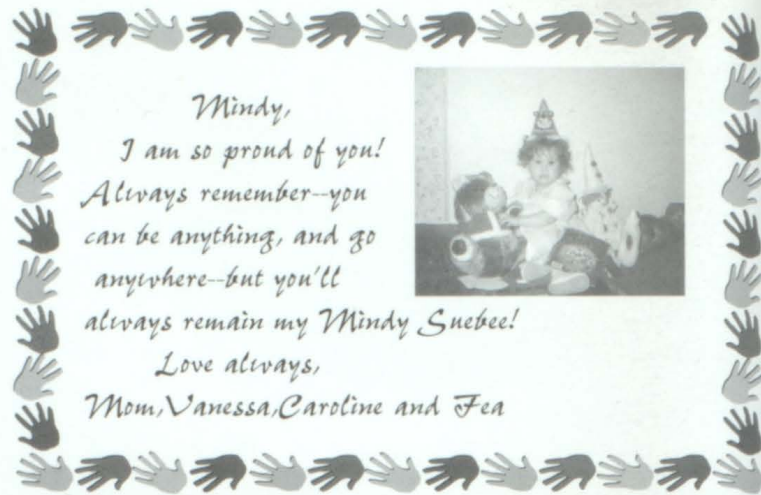
John Debbrey Kroeger





Scott,  
What a great blessing  
God gave us when He  
gave us you! We are  
very proud of you and  
love you very much.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Mindy,  
I am so proud of you!  
Always remember—you  
can be anything, and go  
anywhere—but you'll  
always remain my Mindy Suebee!

Love always,  
Mom, Vanessa, Caroline and Fea



CLASS OF 2004 CLASS OF 2004 CLASS OF 2004  
DUSTIN,  
YOU HAVE GROWN UP TO  
BE A FINE YOUNG MAN, ALWAYS  
SETTING GOALS AND ACHIEVING  
THEM. YOU NOW HAVE SET A  
GOAL FOR YOUR FUTURE, AND  
WE KNOW YOU WILL ACHIEVE IT. WE ARE PROUD OF THE  
MAN YOU HAVE BECOME. FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS SON.  
LOVE,  
MOM, DAD AND CASEY



Jeremy,  
Good luck in all that life  
brings you. We are so proud of  
the person you have become  
and all your accomplishments.  
Congratulations and good  
luck in your future.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Eric  
and Jeff



Jessie,  
Congratulations and  
best of luck in the future.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Lyndsay



Danielle,  
Good luck and happiness  
in whatever you decide to  
do with your future endeavors.  
We love you. We will always  
be here for you.  
Love Forever,  
Dad, Mom and  
Cole (love you sis)



Lindsay,  
Congratulations!  
We're proud of all your  
accomplishments.  
May all your dreams  
come true.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Eric



Alicia,  
We are very proud of  
you for coming this far. We  
wish you lots of luck in the  
future, and hope all your  
dreams come true.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Brothers and  
Sisters





Aaron,  
No matter what your  
goals are, we know  
that you will be able to  
accomplish them.  
Congratulations and  
good luck in  
everything you do.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Amber  
and Monte



## Seniors

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Cody,  
Good luck in all  
you do. We love ya  
Dad, Mom and  
Molly

Ryan,  
... you kept growing and  
growing and growing...  
into a fine young man! We have  
thoroughly enjoyed watching  
your sports activities over the  
years. We will truly miss it! Keep  
up the hard work and good luck  
at the next level.  
Love,  
Mom, Larry, Danielle and Braden  
Dad and Lauree



Sherri,  
We hope all of your dreams  
come true! Congratulations  
and Good Luck!  
We Love You!  
Mom, Dad, Darren and Jarret



ASHLEY,  
LIKE A MACK TRUCK YOU  
CAN ALWAYS MAKE IT  
THROUGH ANYTHING.  
BEST WISHES.  
LOVE,  
MOM, DALE AND ANGELA



Brad,  
It's hard to believe  
that the past 18 years  
have gone by so quickly.  
We are very proud of all  
your achievements. As  
you move on to adulthood,  
remember to always live  
your life to its fullest.  
Love Always,  
Mom and Dad



Ashley,  
If you follow ALL the rules,  
you miss all the fun. Enjoy  
all that life has to offer.  
We love you!  
Mom, Dave and  
MaKenzie  
Dad, Sharon, Luke and  
Kaleb



John,  
Where have the years gone?  
Enjoy every moment life  
has to offer! Always  
remember how proud we  
are of you and that we  
love you!  
Love Ya,  
Dad, Mom and Brittany







Jordan Adair Kroeger



Jennifer Lynn LaBarge



Laura Lynn Lacy



Lacy Michelle Van Ausdale



Adam Ryan Walz



Megan D. Weber



Abby Lynn Wickham



Heather Dawn Wolf



Benjamin James Zorn

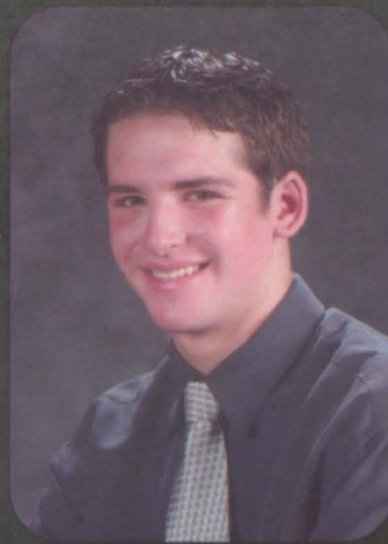




*Amber Raze North*



*Lynn Marie Pfeifer*



*Brett James Suter*



*Megan Michelle Weber*



*Skyy Elan Westbrook*

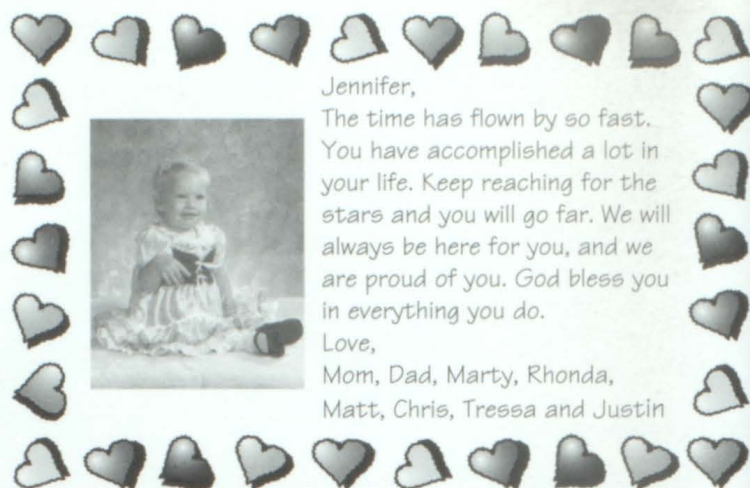
Members of the senior class gather together in front of the school on Friday of Homecoming week. Each year the senior class decorates the windows to display their school spirit. Twenty-one of the 31 seniors attended Ellis schools since kindergarten.



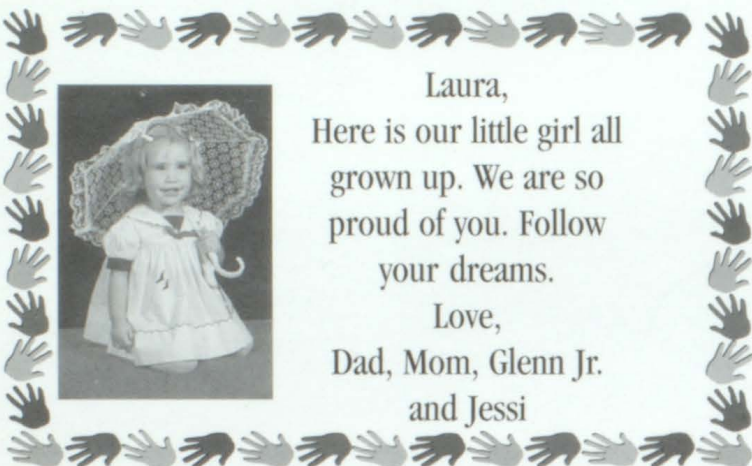




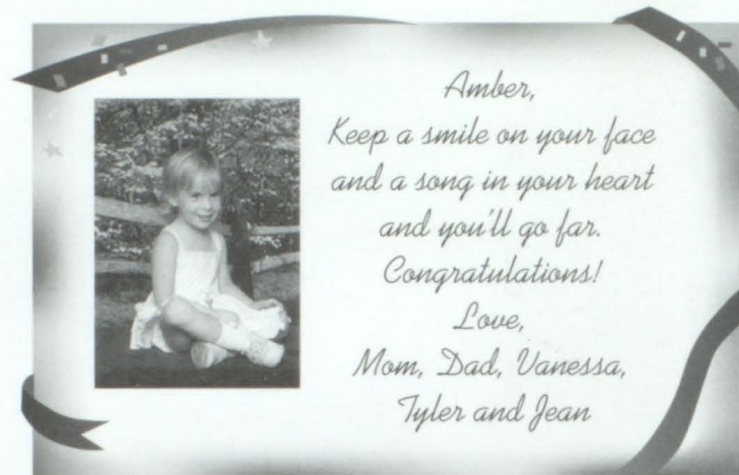
Jordan,  
You may not know all that  
the world has to offer...But  
we know that the world will be  
a better place because of  
what you have to offer it.  
Love,  
All of Us



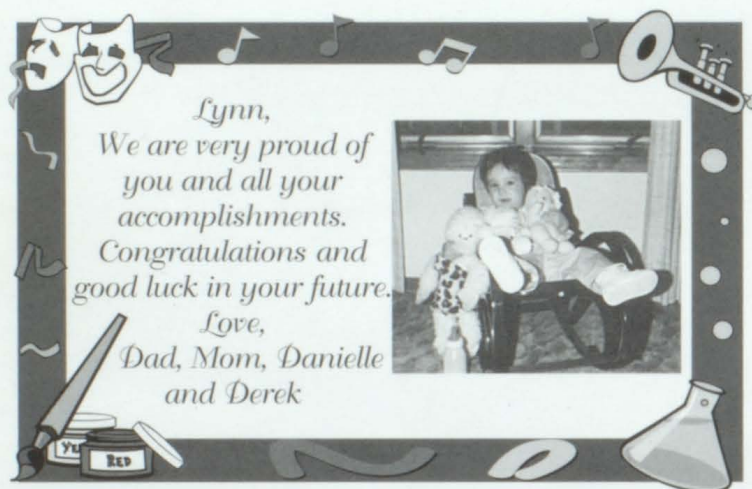
Jennifer,  
The time has flown by so fast.  
You have accomplished a lot in  
your life. Keep reaching for the  
stars and you will go far. We will  
always be here for you, and we  
are proud of you. God bless you  
in everything you do.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Marty, Rhonda,  
Matt, Chris, Tressa and Justin



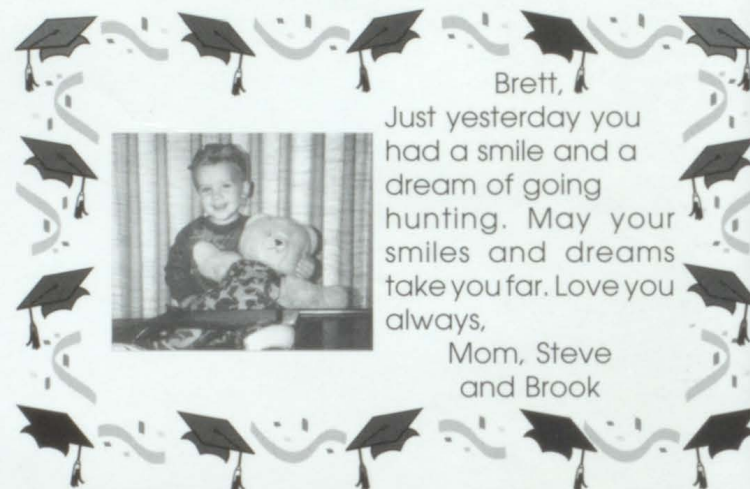
Laura,  
Here is our little girl all  
grown up. We are so  
proud of you. Follow  
your dreams.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Glenn Jr.  
and Jessi



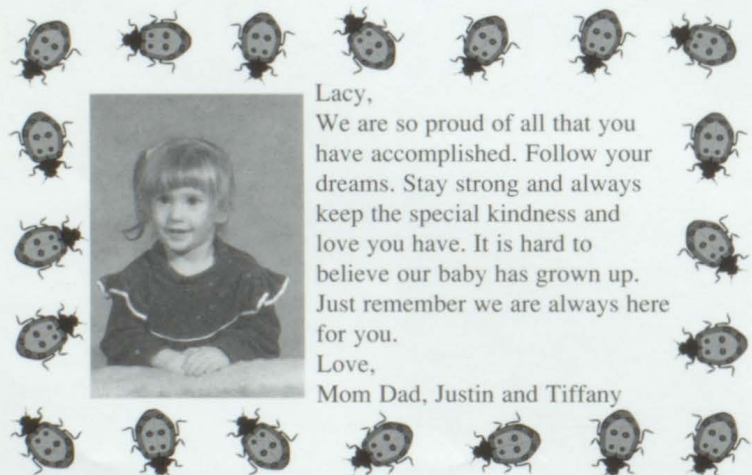
Amber,  
Keep a smile on your face  
and a song in your heart  
and you'll go far.  
Congratulations!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Vanessa,  
Tyler and Jean



Lynn,  
We are very proud of  
you and all your  
accomplishments.  
Congratulations and  
good luck in your future.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Danielle  
and Derek



Brett,  
Just yesterday you  
had a smile and a  
dream of going  
hunting. May your  
smiles and dreams  
take you far. Love you  
always,  
Mom, Steve  
and Brook



Lacy,  
We are so proud of all that you  
have accomplished. Follow your  
dreams. Stay strong and always  
keep the special kindness and  
love you have. It is hard to  
believe our baby has grown up.  
Just remember we are always here  
for you.  
Love,  
Mom Dad, Justin and Tiffany



'Little' Adam,  
You once had this Buzz!  
What was once is now  
Wuzz,  
We send you this  
message just Cuzz  
Good Luck in whatever you Duzz!  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad, Heath, Beth,  
and 'Big' Adam





Megan,  
You go girl!  
Shoot for the moon  
and the stars.  
Congratulations and  
God Bless.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Bobbie Jo



**Megan,**  
**We are proud of you and all**  
**your accomplishments. We**  
**wish you all the best in the**  
**future. Remember, nothing**  
**is impossible when you set**  
**your mind to it. We Love You!**  
**Dad, Mom, Kristen, Heather,**  
**Danielle and Kaleigh**



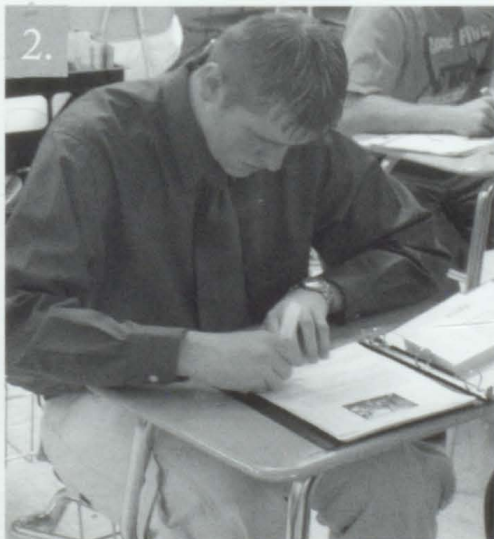
SKYY,  
CONGRATULATIONS!  
YOU WILL ALWAYS BE OUR  
SHINING STAR! WE WISH YOU  
THE BEST IN ALL THAT YOUR  
FUTURE HOLDS.  
LOVE,  
MOM AND DAD



Abby,  
From our little girl to our grown  
young woman who can reach for  
the stars and achieve her dreams.  
Love You,  
Dad, Mom, Jared, Megan and  
Buttercup



*Heather,*  
*Wherever you may go ,*  
*whatever you choose to be,*  
*we'll always be here for you.*  
*With much love,*  
*Dad, Mom and Samantha*



1.Senior Danielle Erbert plays her  
saxophone during the Pac the Place  
game against Victoria.  
2.Working on his term paper, Jus-  
tin Coleman,sr., highlights  
information. Coleman was in Mrs.  
Linda Riedel's English IV class.  
3.During Homecoming activity  
day, Laura Lacy,sr., puts all her  
effort into the tug of war game.



A group of senior girls play cards while waiting to participate in the parade. The parade began at 2:30 p.m. and included royalty, the marching band, the class floats, the booster club float and other independent entries. *photo by Cindy Hertel*

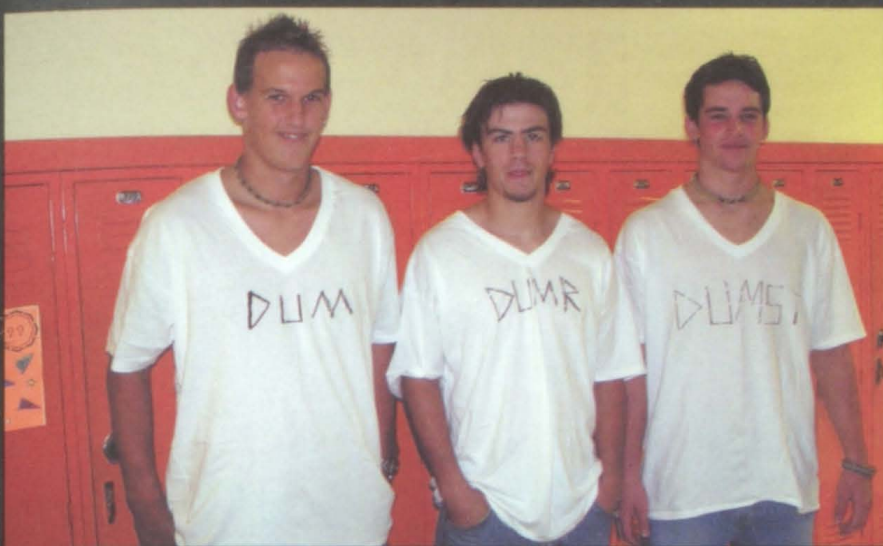


Ironing her fabric, Megan D. Weber, sr., spends extra time in Mrs. Sharla Alber's room to finish her quilt. Weber picked bright colors and six different fabrics to make her queen-sized quilt. Seven other students were enrolled in Alber's creative textiles class. *photo by Morgan Murphy*

Jordan Kroeger, sr., Stuco president, and Sherri Johnson, sr., look over information about Ms. Kansas. Angelea Busby came to the Ellis District to speak on the effects of drugs and alcohol. Stuco sponsored this presentation. *photo by Jessica Spinelli*







Not only twins, but triplets, seniors Brad Keller, Dustin Cross and Brett Suter dress as DUM, DUMR and DUMST. The senior class had 27 students out of 31 participate during Homecoming week, and they won the Homecoming competition. photo by Jessie Dorzweiler

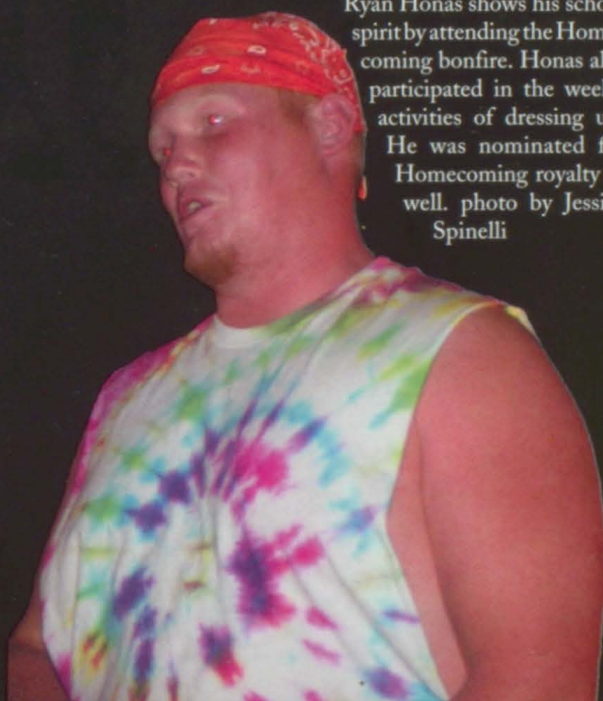


Adding to the new style, Ashley Keller, sr., makes a hemp necklace. Students enrolled in Mrs. Sharla Alber's mini-course made hemp jewelry causing other students to do the same. Keller, enrolled in single-life, made hemp jewelry in her spare time. photo by Morgan Murphy

Senior Scott Amrein opens the hamburger buns at the FFA barbeque. Amrein also participated in the FFA pizza party and the annual fund raiser. "I like when the fruit, meat, and cheese sales come around," Amrein said. photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler



Wrestling for a pin, senior John Kroeger puts his opponent, Matt Warta of Ellsworth, in a front headlock during the first place match at the Ellsworth tournament. photo by Trista Fuchs



Ryan Honas shows his school spirit by attending the Homecoming bonfire. Honas also participated in the week's activities of dressing up. He was nominated for Homecoming royalty as well. photo by Jessica Spinelli



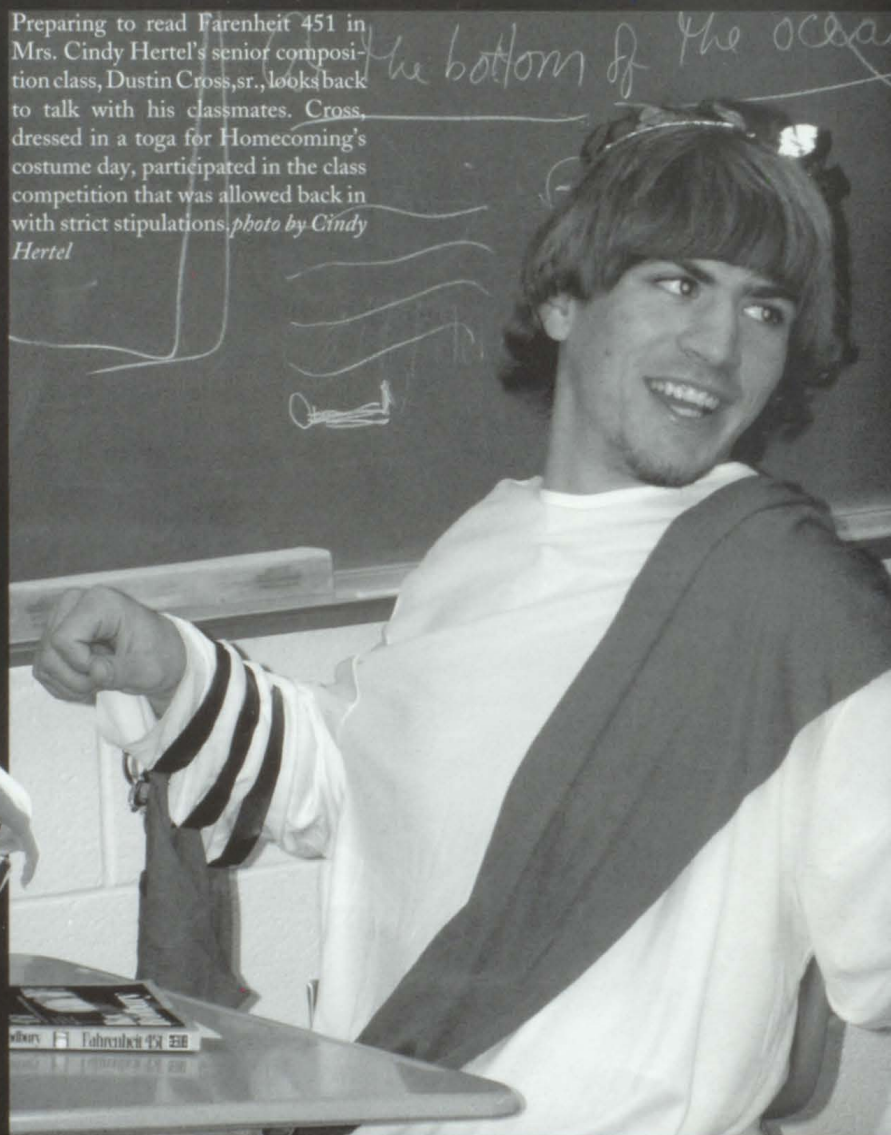
Baking cookies for the FCCLA Christmas party, Lacy VanAusdale, sr., finishes mixing the batter. VanAusdale served as vice president of FCCLA her senior year and historian her junior year. *photo by Megan M. Weber*



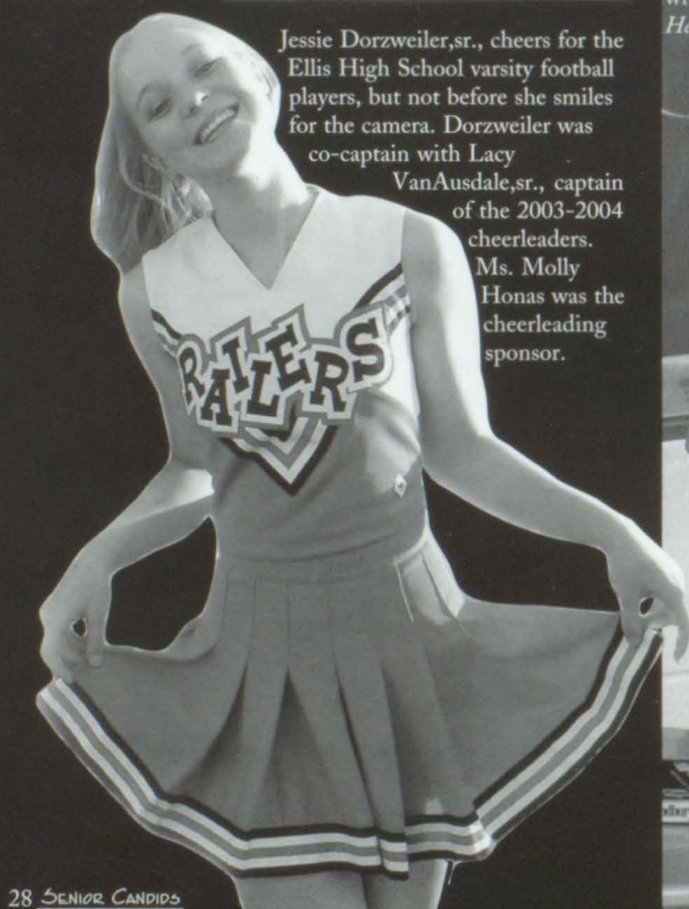
Seniors Heather Wolf and Sherri Johnson enjoy their lunches in the hall. Wolf and Johnson are two of the many senior girls that eat in that hall. "There are a lot of different traditions at EHS, but one we have made is sitting in the hall with our group of senior girls," Wolf said. *photo by Jessica Spinelli*



Preparing to read Farenheit 451 in Mrs. Cindy Hertel's senior composition class, Dustin Cross, sr., looks back to talk with his classmates. Cross, dressed in a toga for Homecoming's costume day, participated in the class competition that was allowed back in with strict stipulations. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



Jessie Dorzweiler, sr., cheers for the Ellis High School varsity football players, but not before she smiles for the camera. Dorzweiler was co-captain with Lacy VanAusdale, sr., captain of the 2003-2004 cheerleaders. Ms. Molly Honas was the cheerleading sponsor.







Skyy Westbrook, sr., fills his plate at the annual FFA barbeque. "The FFA barbeque is a great experience to get together," Westbrook said. *photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler*

Playing a game of cards, seniors Abby Wickham and Alicia Hernandez wait to be dealt a hand. The student body could stay inside and play cards, or they could go outside and participate in various games. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



Technology student Jeremy Dorzweiler, sr., works on a computer during his third hour period. Students came to school at 7:20 a.m. and learned new technology so that they could help Mr. Bob Young during an hour on the school's computers. Coming to school early counts as a class period, allowing the students a free hour during the day for Young. *photo by Laura Lacy*

After working on the float, Adam Walz, sr., sits down to take a break while John Kroeger, sr., makes the finishing touches. The senior float placed fourth out of the four class floats. To help tie in the theme, Cream the Canines, the seniors created a large Campbell's soup can. *photo by Abby Wickham*



Showing her Homecoming spirit, Lindsay Gashler, sr., supports the class of 2004 with her attire. "My favorite part of bonfire was dressing up gangsta with Sherri and taking laps around the fire," Gashler said. Gashler was also nominated Homecoming royalty. photo by Jessica Spinelli



Motivating the student body, seniors Jessie Dorzweiler and Jennifer LaBarge yell the "Stomp-Clap" cheer. Students attended bonfire Thursday night at the fairgrounds. Stuco members organized the bonfire while the cheerleaders led the events. photo by Jessica Spinelli



Dressing as convicts was a total coincidence since it was dress-up day and not twin day. Seniors Laura Lacy, Jennifer LaBarge and Aaron Honas all portrayed convicts behind bars outside the Ellis High School building. The three seniors helped in earning the 96 points for costume day during spirit week. photo by Linda Riedel



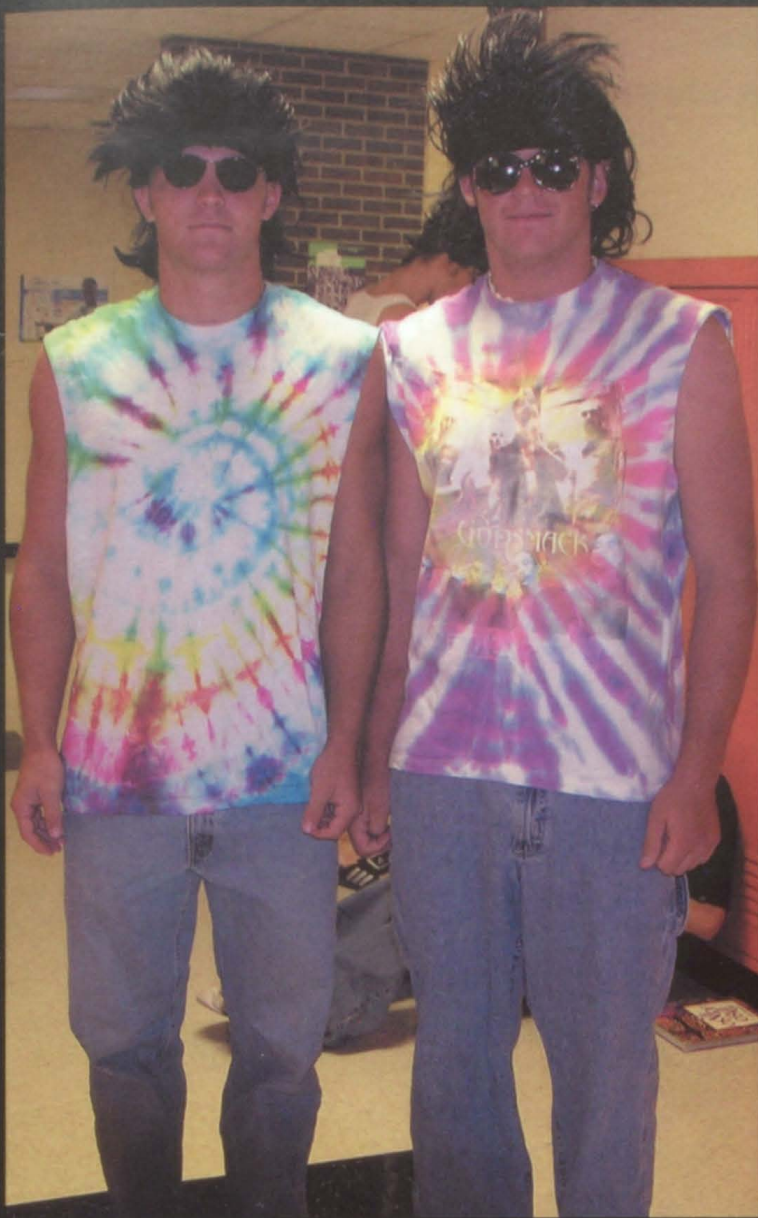
To play the French horn takes a lot of practice by senior Amber North. North was playing at Pac the House before the boys' basketball game. Band members practiced pep band during third hour in a class taught by Mrs. Renetta Dawson. photo by Laura Lacy



Mindy Beilman, sr., grinds particles off her metal. Beilman is enrolled in Intro to Agriculture, which has 16 other students for Mr. Eldon Pfeifer to instruct. Pfeifer has been teaching at Ellis High School for 27 years. photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler







Twins from the '60s, seniors Aaron Honas and Cody Honas dress up to help the senior class earn points for the class competition during Homecoming week. Seniors scored 85 points on twin day helping in an overall first place finish with 455 total points. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*

Ben Zorn, sr., sews his quilt in Mrs. Alber's classroom. Zorn was enrolled in Single Life and was making a queen size quilt. The class began working on the quilt at the beginning of the second semester. *photo by Morgan Murphy*



Teaching a new cheer to the young pee-wee cheerleaders, senior Megan M. Weber smiles as she helps the future cheerleaders. The cheers and dances learned at camp were performed at the Claflin vs. Ellis football game and the Ness City vs. Ellis basketball game. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*



Seniors Lynn Pfeifer and Ashley King enjoy the Homecoming dance held after the football game on September 19. "I enjoyed Homecoming more this year because we had competitions back, and the seniors won and got a pizza party," Ashley King, sr., said. *Photo by Jessica Spinelli*



# SENIOR ACTIVITIES SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**Scott Amrein**- FFA 1,2,3,4; Snoball Royalty 3

**Melinda Beilman**- Kayettes 2,3,4; Band 2

**Justin Coleman**- Basketball 4

**Dustin Cross**- Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Journalism 4; Basketball 1; Golf 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4;

Jr. Class Play; Prom Server; Snoball Royalty 3

**Jeremy Dorzweiler**- All A Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Journalism 4; Cross Country 2; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Reporter 2; FFA Treasurer 4; Jr. Class Play; Snoball Royalty 2

**Jessica Dorzweiler**- National Honor Society 4; All A Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Journalism 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; FCCLA Historian 4; Jr. Class Play; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Co-Captain 4; Flag Team 1,2,3,4; Captain 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Vice President 4; Kayette Board Member 2,3,4; Class Treasurer 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Prom Server; Homecoming Queen; Snoball Royalty 1; Web Page 4; Site Council Student Representative 2

**Danielle Erbert**- Perfect Attendance 1; Volleyball 1; Track 1,2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4

**Lindsay Gaschler**- Honor Roll 1,2; Perfect Attendance 1; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; All-League 2nd Team 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All-League Honorable Mention 2; All-League 2nd Team 3, 4; Track 1,2,3,4; MCL 2nd Team 1,2; MCL 1st Team- Long Jump 3; Regional Track 4th Place Long Jump 1,2,3; Regional Track 3rd place 200 M Dash 3; State Track 7th place Long Jump 1,3; FCCLA 1,2; Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 4; Choir 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Royalty

**Alicia Hernandez**- FCCLA 1,2; Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2,3

**Aaron Honas**- Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Regional Wrestling 4th 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 1; Prom Server; Homecoming Royalty

**Cody Honas**- Football 1,2,3,4; All-League Honorable Mention 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1; FFA 1,2,4; Jr. Class Play; Prom Server; Snoball Royalty 1,2,4; Webpage 4

**Ryan Honas**- Journalism 3; Track 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Regional Wrestling 1st 3, 4; State Wrestling 2nd 2, 4; State Wrestling 1st 3; Salina Journal 2nd Team 2; Salina Journal 1st Team 3; Football 1,2,3,4; All-League 2nd Team Defense 1; All-League 2nd Team Offense 1; All-League 1st Team Offense 3,4; All-League 1st Team Defense 2,3,4; Allstate Coaches Assoc. 1st Team 4; Salina Journal Honorable Mention 2; Salina Journal 2nd Team 3; Hays Daily 2nd Team 2; Hays Daily 1st Team 3; Topeka Journal Honorable Mention 3; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Vice President 3; Forensics 1,2; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 3,4; Homecoming Royalty

**Sherri Johnson**- Honor Roll 2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3; Cross Country 2,3,4; FCCLA 1,2; Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 4; Class Stuco Rep. 4; Math Relays 2,3; Snoball Royalty 2,3

**Ashley Keller**- Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2

**Brad Keller**- Football 1,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1; FFA 1,2,3,4; Jr. Class Play

**Ashley King**- Journalism 1,2; Volleyball 1,2; Track 1; Forensics 1,2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 1,2; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 2; Class Stuco Rep. 1,2; Choir 1,2,3; Band 1,2; Prom Server; R-Club 2

**John Kroeger**- National Honor Society 4; All A Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 4; Football 1,2,3,4; All League Honorable Mention Guard 3,4; Track 1,2,3; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Regional Wrestling 3rd 3, 4; State Wrestling 6th, 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Secretary 2; FFA Sentinel 3; FFA Vice President 4; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 1,2,3,4; Stuco Treasurer 4; Class Vice President 2,3,4; Prom Server; Homecoming King; Snoball Royalty 1



**Jordan Kroeger**- Honor Roll 2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 3; Basketball 1,2; Golf 2,3,4; FFA 1,2; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 4; Stuco President 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Prom Server; Snoball Royalty 1

**Jennifer LaBarge**- National Honor Society 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Journalism 4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; FCCLA Vice President of Public Relations 4; Jr. Class Play; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Flag Team 1,2,3,4; Stuco 1,2,3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Points Chairman 4; Kayette Board Member 2,3,4; Class President 1,2,3; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Prom Server; Snoball Royalty 1,4; Web Page 4

**Laura Lacy**- All A Honor Roll 1; Honor Roll 1,2,4; Journalism Editor 4; Volleyball 1; Softball 1; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; FCCLA Secretary 2; FCCLA President 3,4; Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 3; Band 1

**Amber North**- Journalism 2; Volleyball Manager 2,3,4; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 3; Choir 1,2,3,4; District Choir Solo Contest 1,2,3; State Choir Contest 1,2,3; Railairres 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; KMEA District Honor Band 2,3,4; District Band Solo Contest 1,2,3; State Band Solo Contest 2,3; District Honor Band 2,3,4

**Lynn Pfeifer**- National Honor Society 3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 2; Journalism Business Manager 4; Volleyball 1; Cross Country 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; FCCLA Secretary 4; Forensics 2,3,4; State Festival Forensics Qualifier 3; Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Treasurer 3; Kayette President 4; Kayette Board Member 2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Drum Major 4; Prom Server; Math Relays 1,2,3; Snoball Royalty 4

**Brett Suter**- Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Boys State 3; Journalism 3,4; Football 4; Cross Country 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; All-League Honorable Mention 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; FFA Secretary 4; Forensics 1,2; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 4; Class President 4; Choir 1; Band 1; Math Relays 1; Snoball Royalty 4

**Lacy VanAusdale**- Honor Roll 3,4; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track 1; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; FCCLA Historian 3; FCCLA Vice President 4; Jr. Class Play; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Captain 4; Flag Team 1,2,3,4; Stuco 4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 4; Class Stuco Rep 4; Choir 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Prom Server; Snoball Royalty 2

**Adam Walz**- Honor Roll 1; Football 1,3,4; Cross Country 2; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Jr. Class Play; Choir 1,3; Prom Server; Snoball Royalty 4

**Megan D. Weber**- Volleyball 1; Volleyball Manager 2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; FCCLA 1,3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4

**Megan M. Weber**- National Honor Society 3,4; All A Honor Roll 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3,4; Journalism 4; Basketball 1; FCCLA 1,2,3,4; FCCLA Points Chairman 4; Jr. Class Play; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Flag Team 2,3,4; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Secretary 4; Kayette Board Member 3,4; Class Secretary 2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Band Secretary/Treasurer 4; Homecoming Candidate; Snoball Royalty 3; Student Forum 4

**Sky Westbrook**- Honor Roll 1,2; Basketball Manager 2,3,4; Track 2; FFA 3,4; Jr. Class Play; Band 1; Snoball Royalty 2; Student Forum 2,3

**Abby Wickham**- Journalism 4; Volleyball 1,2,3; Boys Basketball Manager 1; FCCLA 1; Jr. Class Play; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Class Secretary 1; Choir 1,2; Band 1; Snoball Royalty 2,3,4; Student Forum 3

**Heather Wolf**- Volleyball Manager 1; Basketball 1; Track 1; Jr. Class Play; Stuco 1; Kayettes 1,2,3,4; Kayette Board Member 2; Class Vice President 1; Choir 1; Band 1; Prom Server; Snoball Royalty 1; Webpage 3,4; State Wrestling Webteam 3; Fort Hays Multi Media Fest Award 3

**Ben Zorn**- Football Manager 1; Jr. Class Play; Choir 1,2; Railairres 2

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Dana Armbrister  
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Lacie Bittel

Blake Connelly  
Zach DeBolt  
Becca Dinkel  
Travis Elder  
Trista Fuchs

Jerome Gottschalk  
Ryan Gross  
Jon Hejny  
Paige Helget  
Jenna Henrickson



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*Hey Girl, Do Your Thing*  
Joining in with the pee wee cheerleaders, Lacie Bittel, Jr., shows off her moves. Approximately 50 girls attended Pee Wee Cheer Camp. "I enjoy Pee Wee Cheer Camp because I like to get the little girls involved," Bittel said. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*

Congratulations on a busy year!  
Ted and Shelly Fuchs

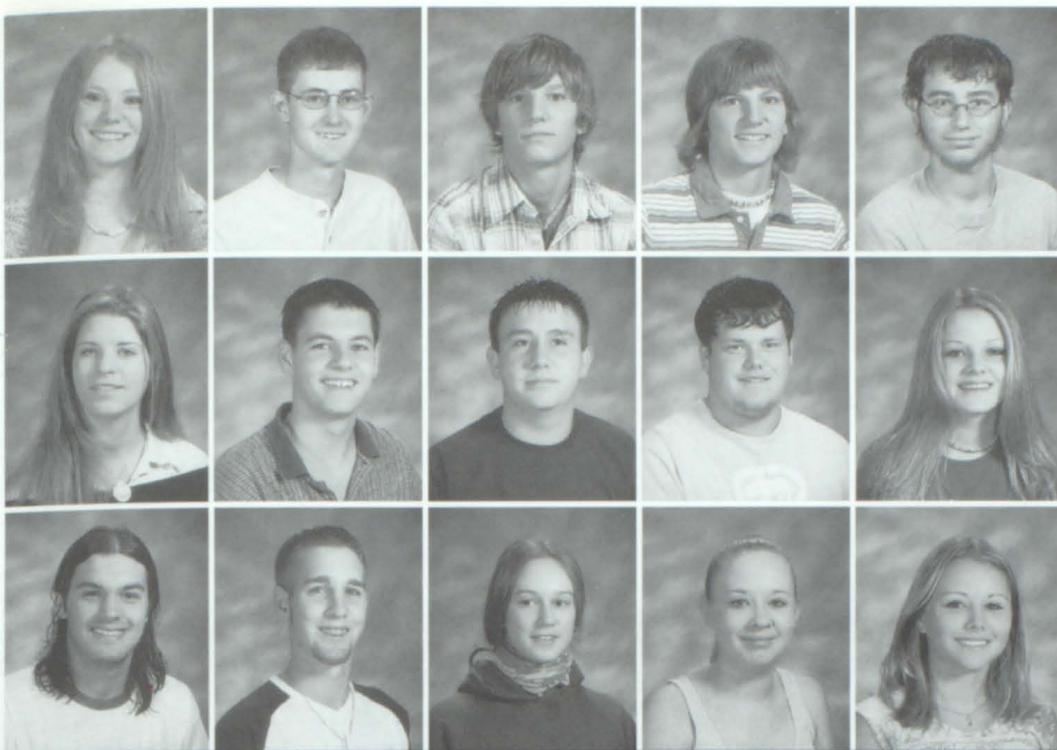


*Working Hard*  
Jon Hejny, Jr., works on painting his crest in art class. Students learned about and worked on several different types of art throughout the year including modern, culture, creative, and sculpture art. *photo by Megan M. Weber*

*Check It Out*  
Kevin Keller takes a look at his new concert music. "My favorite part of band is playing pep band music at basketball games," Keller said. The band traveled to Hays and participated in the Fort Hays Marching Band Festival where they received a superior rating. *photo by Megan M. Weber*





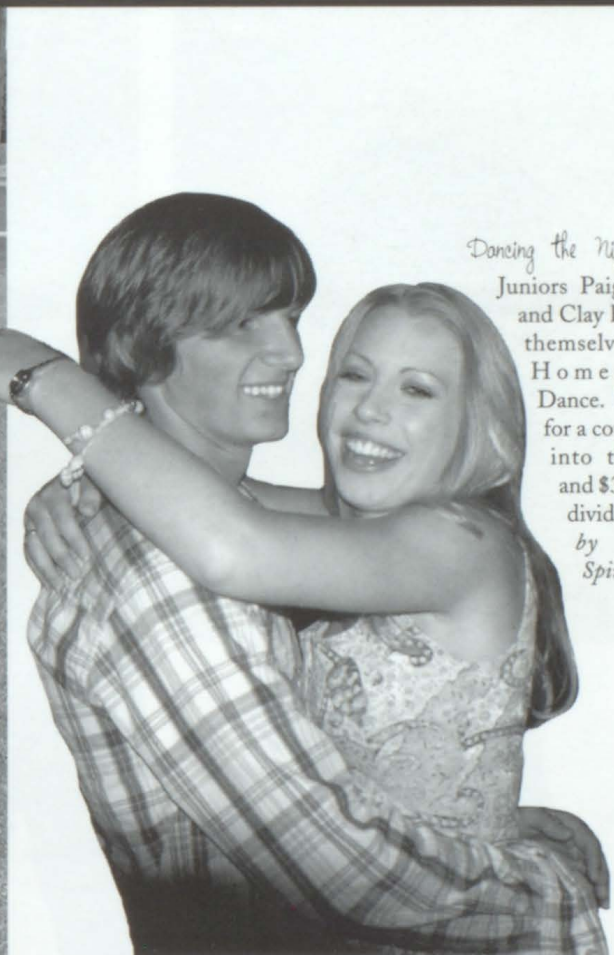


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Jorge Oliveira  
Chuck Parks  
Sasha Pazicka  
Jessie Pfeifer  
Jessica Spinelli  
Kasi Wyatt

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*Dancing the Night Away*  
Juniors Paige Helget and Clay King enjoy themselves at the Homecoming Dance. It cost \$5 for a couple to get into the dance and \$3 for an individual. *photo by Jessica Spinelli*

*Ready, Set, Go*  
Juniors Jenny Jones, Colton Barton, Jon Hejny, Jessie Pfeifer, Jennifer Leybold and Cody Mickelson struggle to defeat their opponent and win the tug of war game during the afternoon activities held on Homecoming. The juniors placed second in class competitions. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



Jennifer Augustine  
Alyson Bollig  
Lindsay Coleman  
Casey Cross  
Sheila Douglas  
Elexx Feyh

Amanda Fischer  
Austin Fox  
Eric Gaschler  
M.J. Gnad  
Daren Haas  
Slade Hackney



Jessica Hadley  
Bill Hankins  
Ashley Hejny  
Amber Honas  
Jennifer Jacques

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### Sophomore Spirit

While riding on the float at the Homecoming Parade, sophomores

Casey Cross and Jennifer Jacques show their school spirit. The sophomore's float consisted of a cremator, which earned them first place in the float competition during spirit week.  
*photo by Cindy Hertel*

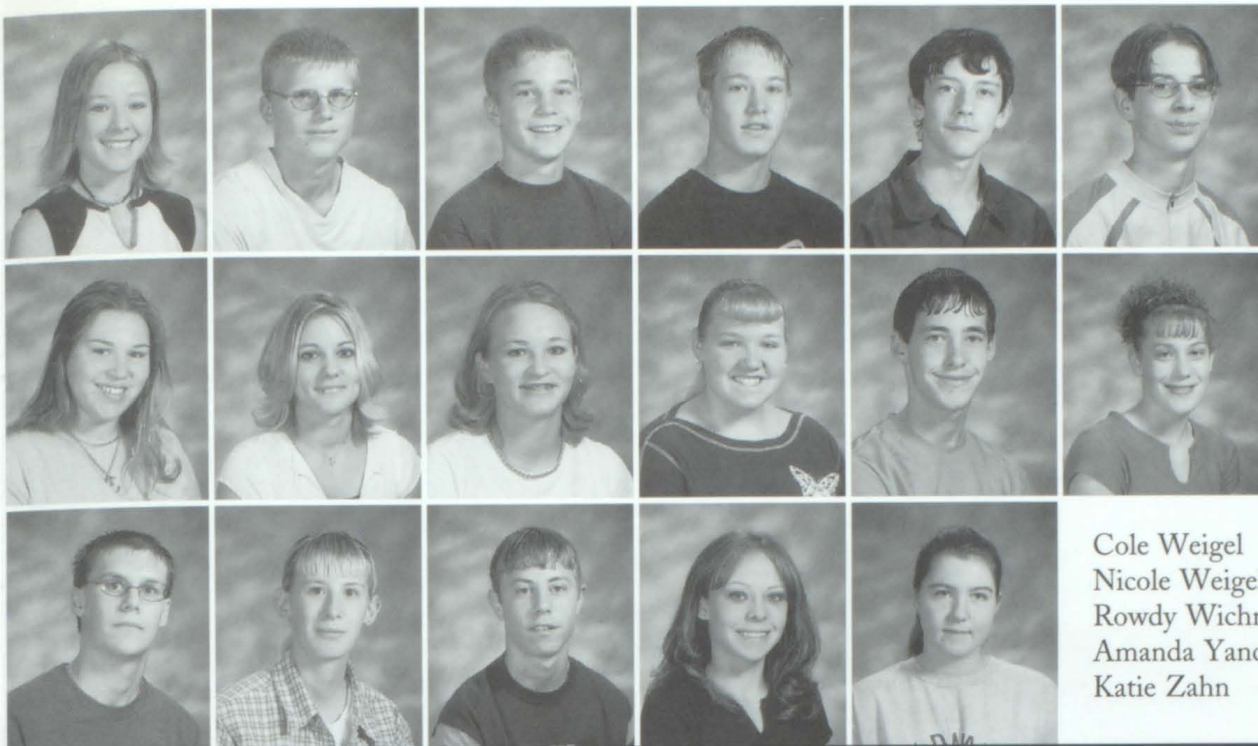


### C is for Cookie

Bill Hankins, so, cuts out cookie shapes in Introduction to Foods and Clothing class. Every year the class bakes sugar cookies and decorates them with a Halloween theme.  
*photo by Laura Lacy*







Emily Keller  
Justin LaBarge  
Dylan Lang  
Jordan Mattheyer  
Austin Morton  
Kevin Nowell

Laura Redden  
Jaymi Riedel  
Kelsi Schoenthaler  
Heather Schuster  
Kyle Urban  
Kristen Weber

Cole Weigel  
Nicole Weigel  
Rowdy Wichman  
Amanda Yanda  
Katie Zahn

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### *Making the Play*

After making an interception, Dylan Lang, so., runs the ball at a JV football game against Osborne. "We lost the game, even though it was one of those games we should have won," Lang said. The JV record was 4-2. *photo by Cole King*

### *Music to my Ears*

Practicing concert band, Jennifer Augustine, so., plays her clarinet. Augustine attended band camp for 4 years. "My favorite part of band camp is the dances. I get to meet a lot of new people," Augustine said. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*



### *Taking Care of Business*

During halftime of a varsity football game, Lindsay Coleman, so., makes a pretzel in the sophomore concession stand for a customer. The sophomores made approximately \$500 at each football game. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



Cory Amrein  
Adam Augustine  
Laura Augustine  
Monica Befort  
Andrew Casey  
Krista Connelly



Emily Cox  
Jared Deutscher  
Andrew Dinkel  
Cole Erbert  
Ryan Grogan  
Scott Gugler



Randy Hamel  
Chris Hazen  
Aaron Herl  
Michael Hiss  
Sammy Hook  
Brian Keller



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### Enjoying the Night

Dancing the night away, freshmen Stephanie Spinelli and Whitney Lang enjoy their first high school dance, which followed the game. Ellis defeated Osborne 6-0. *photo by Jessica Spinelli*

Never, never, never give up on your dreams.

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### Jammin' to the Beat

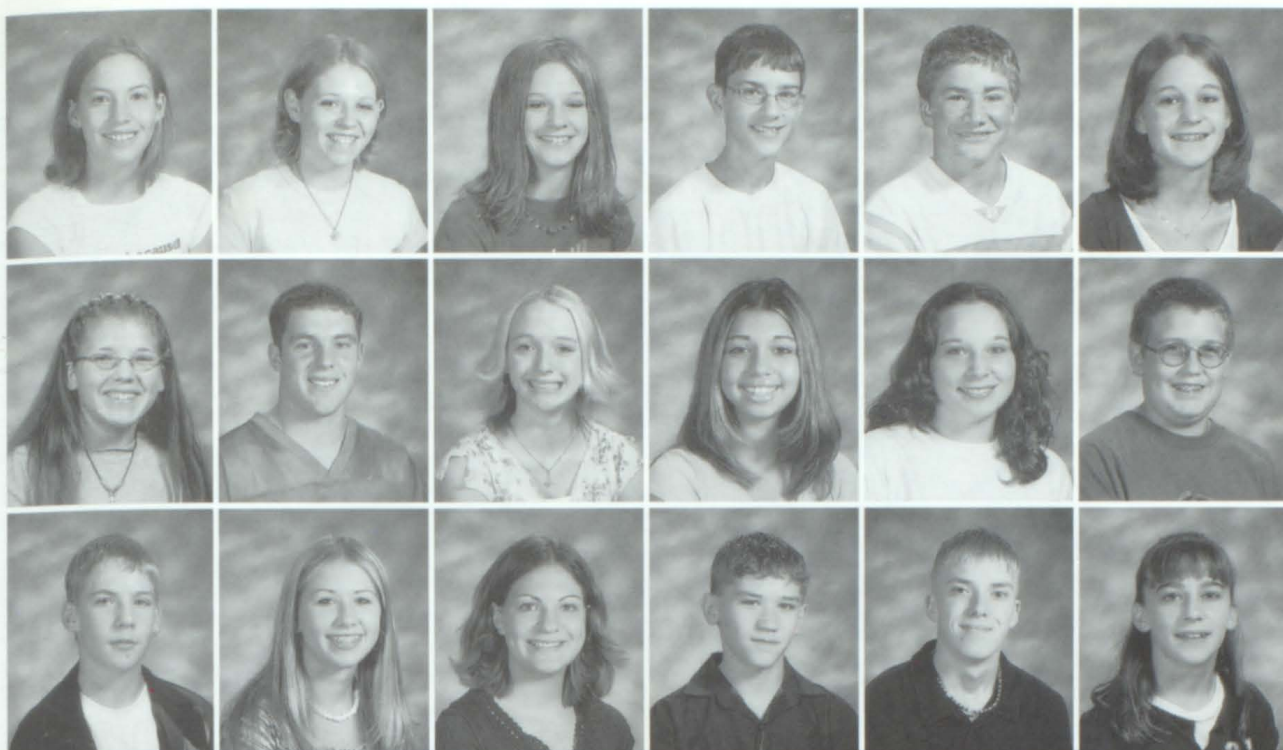
During band, freshman Aaron Herl plays concert music on his trombone. "My favorite part of band is playing pep band," Herl said. *photo by Jennifer LaBarge*

### Save Me

While acting out an IDA in speech class Monica Befort, fr., tries saving Sammy Hook, fr., from falling off the diving board. IDAs were one of the speeches required for speech class, taught by Mrs. Linda Riedel. *photo by Jennifer LaBarge*





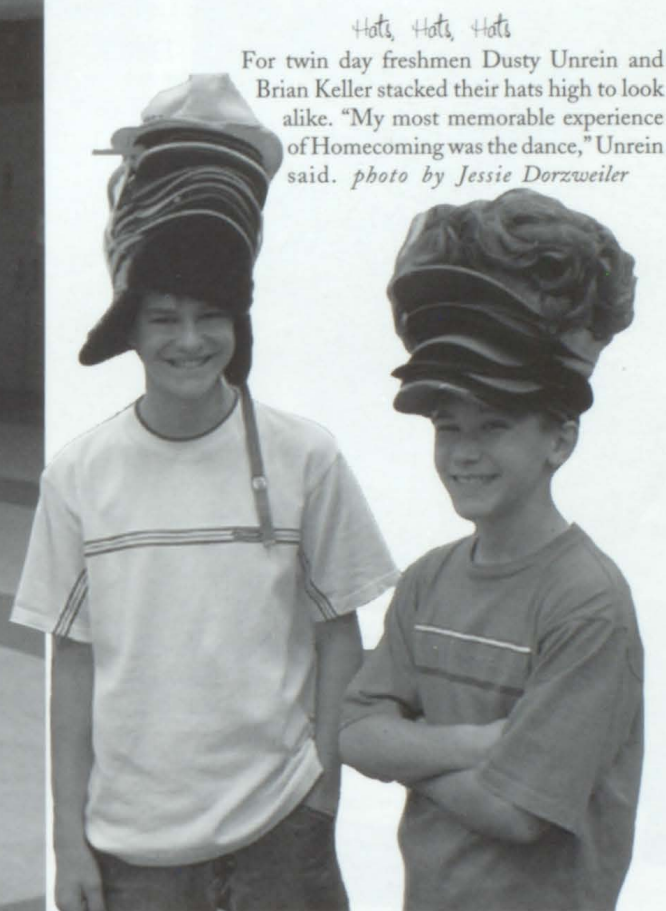


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Brittany Kroeger  
Lenny LaBarge  
Glenn Lacy  
Whitney Lang

Matea Lovato  
Brett Mickelson  
Meggie Patrick  
Jaylen Reed  
Courtney Schartz  
Jason Schmidt

Keric Smith  
Stephanie Spinelli  
Rachel Thomson  
Dusty Unrein  
Alan Vine  
Kristen Waldschmidt

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*Hats, Hats, Hats*

For twin day freshmen Dusty Unrein and Brian Keller stacked their hats high to look alike. "My most memorable experience of Homecoming was the dance," Unrein said. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*

*Congratulations*

Mr. Reggie Romine hands out pizza to the freshman class. They earned the Standard of Excellence Award on the State Reading Assessment test. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



Sharla Albers  
*home economics, ficia*  
Lyndell Barton  
*superintendent*  
Kerry Bittel  
*volleyball*  
Joy Chretien  
*resource room*  
Troy Dale  
*counselor*



Renetta Dawson  
*band*  
Casey Dinkel  
*cross country, wrestling*  
Steve Erbert  
*asst. track*  
Sherri Faulkender  
*librarian*  
Stan Faulkender  
*art, athletic director*



Jacqueline Grogan  
*foreign languages, psychology*  
Butch Hayes  
*math*  
Janetta Heroneme  
*resource room*  
Cindy Hertel  
*English, journalism*  
Julie Honas  
*cook*



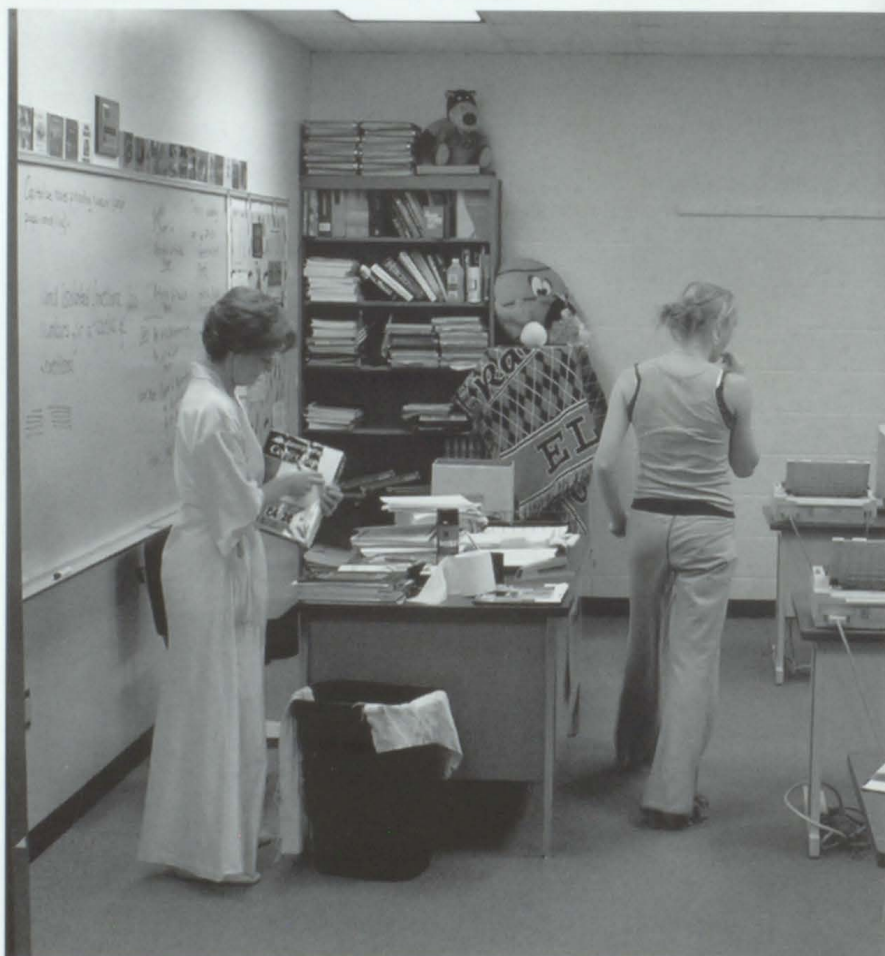
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June Howard  
*computer technology*  
John Kolacny  
*social studies, golf*  
Dave Lohrmeyer  
*custodian*  
Don Long  
*asst. football, health, pe, stuco*



*Listen Up*  
Before announcing the new National Honor Society members, Mr. Reggie Romine summarizes the criteria for being accepted into NHS. In order to apply, students had to have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above, 40 hours of community service, and pass a teacher evaluation.  
*photo by Laura Lacy*

*PD Monday*  
Showing her Homecoming spirit, Mrs. June Howard teaches while wearing a robe for pajama day. "I enjoy those activities, but also being senior class sponsor, I dress up every day of every year," Howard said. *photo by Cindy Hertel*





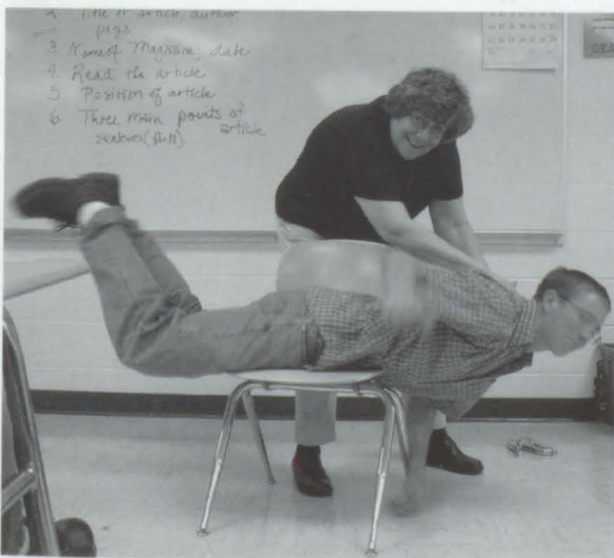


Karen Madorin  
*English, Kayettes*  
Perry Mick  
*girls' basketball, math, physics, asst. volleyball*  
Mary Parke  
*nurse*  
Eldon Pfeifer  
*vocational agriculture, jfa*  
Amanda Pfenninger  
*choir*

Linda Riedel  
*English, forensics, speech, web page*  
Reggie Romine  
*principal*  
Chris Rorabaugh  
*boys' basketball*  
Barb Rupp  
*cook*  
Art Schoenthaler  
*football, asst. boys' basketball*

Charlie Waldschmidt  
*custodian*  
Dorothy Waldschmidt  
*secretary*  
David Wildeman  
*asst. girls' basketball, science*  
Jack Wolf  
*track*  
Bob Young  
*technology coordinator*  
Terry Zerfas  
*industrial arts*

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## Buffin' Up

Mr. Don Long demonstrates correct form as he "cleans" during second hour GPD. "Clean is a great lift because it's a full body exercise and a good power-builder. I like to be powerful," Long said. *photo by Trista Fuchs*

## Sink or Swim

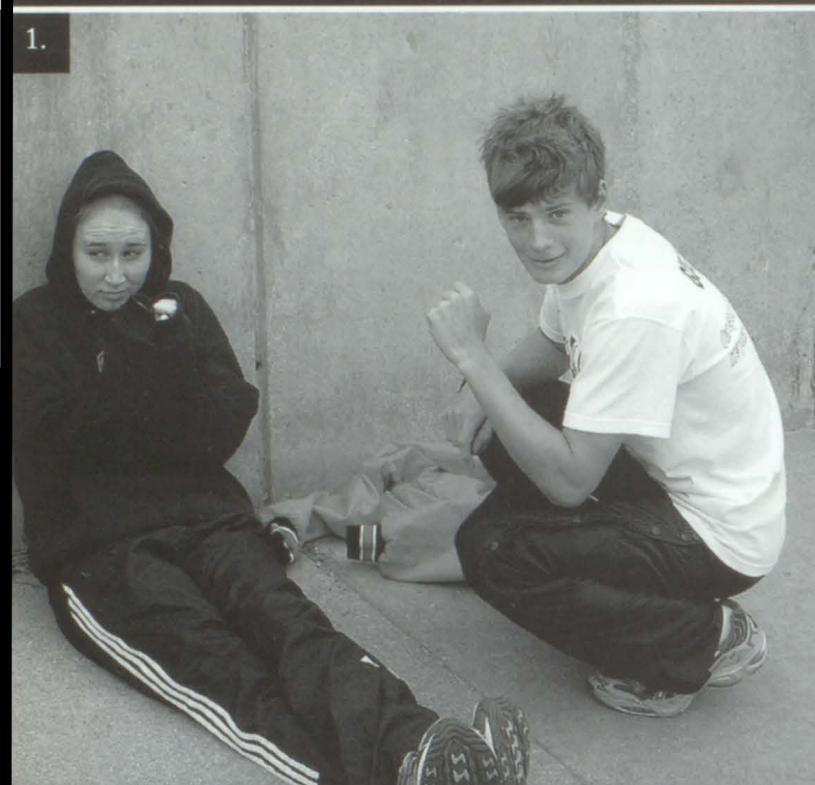
Swinging his arms, Blake Connelly, Jr., tries to follow instructions as Mrs. Linda Riedel teaches him how to perform an IDA for the speech/forensics class. *photo by Morgan Murphy*

## Faster than a Pendulum

In physics, Mr. Perry Mick helps John Kroeger, Jr., determine the acceleration of two hanging masses. After completing this activity, physics students went down to the grade school to do an experiment with the acceleration of a merry-go-round. It was the first time that Mick had taken his students to do the merry-go-round activity. *photo by Dustin Cross*



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Where  
**EVERYBODY**  
 Knows  
 - WHAT YOU'RE DOING -

1.Waiting for their turn to run, Sherri Johnson,sr., and Scott Gugler,fr., discuss strategies for winning. 2.At Pack the Place the 13 cheerleaders stand for the National Anthem played by the band. 3.Varsity basketball players huddle together before playing Wheatland at the Castle Rock Classic in Quinter.





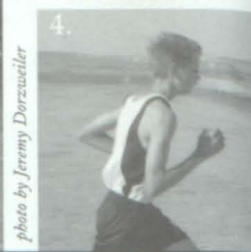
## Sports

Why are high school activities so important? Names identify individuals, but activities provide opportunities for EHS students to stand out. We know each other by name, but what makes us stand out to other schools is our mascot. Our mascot, the Railroader, denotes a mighty emblem that represents our history in Ellis. Railroaders were the first inhabitants of Ellis. As the train is part of our history, so are current student activities. They make individuals stand out. At EHS, everybody knows. . .What you're doing.





1.Blake Connelly,jr., runs toward the finish line at Hays. 2.Sherri Johnson,sr., keeps up her pace to the finish strong. 3.Lynn Pfeifer,sr., attempts to pass one of her opponents. 4.Colton Barton,jr., keeps his arms and legs pumping until the finish.



## SCOREBOARD

### Best Times

Scott Gugler	19.18
Colton Barton	21.15
Blake Connely	22.51
Sherri Johnson	14.00
Lynn Pfeifer	13.39

### Laugh it Up

Juniors Blake Connelly and Colton Barton discuss the day's events with a few laughs. It was the third year for Connelly and the second for Barton. "I really enjoy cross country. It is a great way for me to stay in shape," Barton said. *photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler*



Congratulations cross country team on a season well done.  
Dave and LuAnn Pfeifer

## WHAT IS THE HARDEST PART OF THE RACE?



"The hardest part for me was the hills. Going down them was easy, but going up was a different story."  
Lynn Pfeifer, sr.



"From start to finish. Every step you take you have to pour your heart and soul into it."  
Scott Gugler, Jr.



"The hardest part of the race is the beginning. After the first mile it gets a lot easier. That's when I kick it in."  
Sherri Johnson, sr.



"The last mile. By that time you are totally exhausted, but you know you need to keep going."  
Blake Connelly, Jr.





photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler



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photo by Laura Lacy



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1.Scott Gugler,fr., runs toward the finish line at Hill City. 2.Colton Barton,jr., runs through the large dip at Hill City. 3.Lynn Pfeifer,sr., stretches prior to the meet at Hays. 4.Colton Barton,jr., runs with Fort Hays State University in the background.

From peaking numbers one year ago, back to the dwindling sizes of the past, cross country has fewer participants

## party five

With 17 cross country participants last year, and only one senior, the immediate future of the team looked bright. But when only 5 people showed up for the first practice August 18 some people were skeptical.

"At first I thought that with only 5 people out that it was going to be a very long year. But after a few practices, which I thought were better with the fewer people, it was clear that the smaller numbers brought us closer together as a team. It was a very good season. I enjoyed it." Lynn Pfeifer, sr., said.

The team consisted of one freshman, two juniors and two seniors.

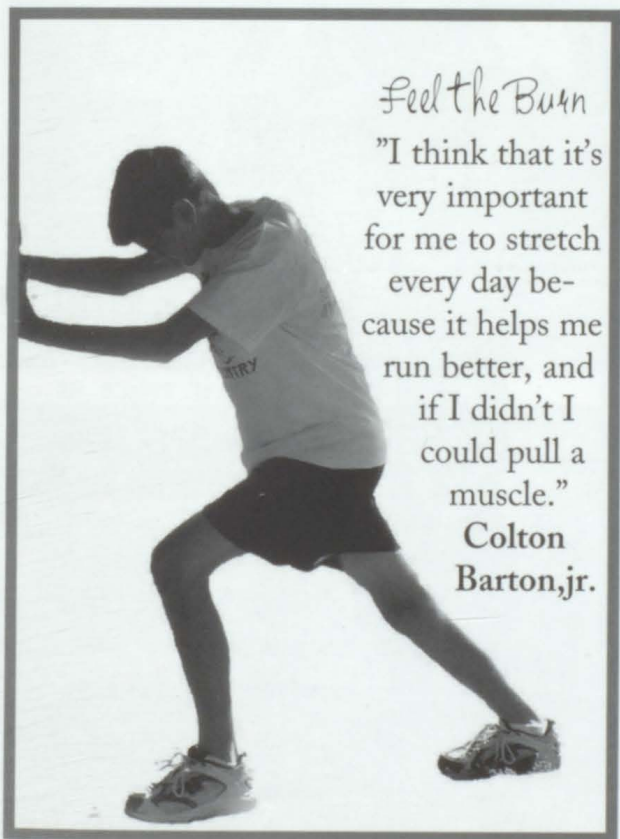
The senior duo on the team, Sherri Johnson and Lynn Pfeifer, understand what it is like to be a part of a large and a small team.

"I liked the large team better than I did the small team because there were more people to talk to and to hang with," Johnson said.

Pfeifer, however, disagreed.

"I liked having a smaller team rather than a large team because we were closer together as a group. Practices went much faster," Pfeifer said.

Though small in numbers, the team concluded the season with 12 medals.



*Feel the Burn*  
"I think that it's very important for me to stretch every day because it helps me run better, and if I didn't I could pull a muscle."  
Colton Barton, Jr.



### The State Down

Scott Gugler, Jr., Lynn Pfeifer, Sr., Blake Connelly, Jr., and Colton Barton, Jr., watch as the girls junior varsity race starts. Gugler was the only freshman on the team, but he was able to gain experience by running in the varsity races. photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler



### Say Cheese

Blake Connelly, Jr., Scott Gugler, Jr., Lynn Pfeifer, Sr., Sherri Johnson, Sr., and Colton Barton, Jr., pose for a team shot at the Hill City cross country meet. Barton took home the 2nd place medal in jr. photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler



1. Lindsay Gaschler, sr., skies to block the opponent's spike. Lacie Bittel covers for a deflection. 2. Jennifer LaBarge, sr., comes up just short of blocking Sasha Pazicka's tip at the soap scrimmage. 3. Becca Dinkel, jr., serves the ball during a home game. 4. Lacie Bittel, jr., jumps up to spike the ball down.

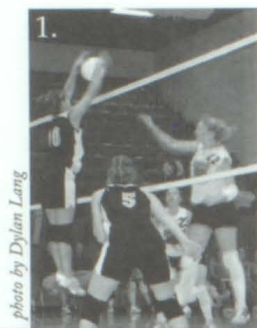


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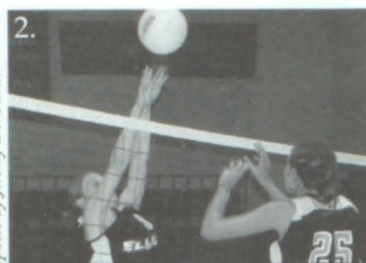


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photo by Cole King



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## Rally scoring becomes mandatory; EHS Lady Railers adjust to change

# tallying & rally

Scoring points on defense? Impossible!

But following a national rule change, the EHS volleyball team had to do just that.

With rally scoring, whichever team wins the volley scores a point and gets the next serve. One result was a change in game momentum.

"Rally scoring speeds up the game. I like the momentum, but I don't like being able to win on defense," Coach Kerry Bittel said.

Players also liked the faster games, but they had problems with rally scoring as well.

"If you messed up, you didn't get a second chance. It made you more aggressive because every ball was

worth a point for either team," Jaymi Riedel, so, said.

The team adjusted to rally scoring and finished the season with a record of 12-14. Their road to the state tournament ended with a 16-25, 13-25 loss to Oberlin in the second round of the sub-state tournament. In the first round, they beat Hill City 25-20, 25-22.

With a season of rally scoring behind them, next year's players won't have to adjust to new scoring procedures.

"I'm looking forward to next year because we have quite a few returning varsity players who are used to playing with rally scoring," Trista Fuchs, jr., said.

### Rallying the Troops

Coach Kerry Bittel encourages the varsity squad in between games against Smith Center. This was Bittel's fifth season coaching the Lady Railers. photo by Cindy Hertel



### Pumped Up

The JV team celebrates after taking second place at the Plainville Tournament. Showing off their muscles are Elexx Feyh, so., Amber Honas, so., Vanessa Beilman, jr., Jenny Jones, jr., Kelsi Schoenthaler, so., Jaylen Reed, fr., Jessica Hadley, so., and Kristen Weber, so. photo by Trista Fuchs



### Block It

"Jennifer and I were not the tallest girls on the team, but we were unstoppable blockers! Blocking with Jennifer made it twice as hard for the other team even though I would usually end up with a bruise from her elbow when we came back down!"

Lindsay Gaschler, sr.

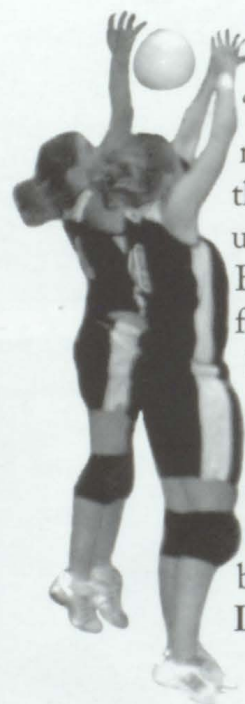






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1. Jennifer Jacques, so., spikes the ball.  
2. Lacie Bittel, jr., anticipates a pass.  
3. Jaymi Riedel, so., pours a glass of orange juice before the Railer Invitational. 4. Sasha Pazicka, jr., gets ready to pass the ball while Lindsay Gaschler, sr., waits for the set. Pazicka earned MCL honorable mention honors, and Gaschler earned second team all-league honors.



## SCOREBOARD

	EHS	OPP
Hill City	23,20	25,25
Palco	25,25	17,19
Dighton	23,25,15	25,18,9
Plainville	25,25	17,10
LaCrosse	11,15	25,25
TriPlains	20,25,15	25,21,5
Kinsley	25,25	18,13
Brewster	18,19	25,25
Victoria	24,24,15	26,22,12
Smith Center	16,23	25,25
Trego	25,25	23,15
Trego	25,25	18,21
Osborne	22,15	25,25
Phillipsburg	16,14	25,25
Bazine/Ransom	11,10	25,25
Victoria	25,25	19,22
N. Valley	25,25	10,21
Phillipsburg	5,18	25,25
Bazine/Ransom	21,10	25,25
Quinter	25,23,16	21,25,18
LaCrosse	12,27,6	25,25,16
Ness City	11,8	25,25
Phillipsburg	12,19	25,25
Hill City	28,25	26,21
Hill City	25,25	20,22
Oberlin	16,13	25,25

### Feelin' Good

The varisty squad celebrates after a tough win at the Ellis Invitational. Coach Bittel cheers while looking on from the bench. The team went on to finish the tournament 2-2.  
*photo by Dylan Lang*

## DID THE RULE CHANGE AFFECT THE WAY YOU PLAYED?



"Yes, because every mistake you make counts as a point for the other team."  
Whitney Lang, fr.



"No, the rally scoring didn't really change the way I played."  
Jennifer Jacques, so.



"I really had to focus this year because if I messed up, I was helping the other team to win."  
Jenny Jones, jr.



"Yes, we had to be in a lot better shape this year. We were constantly moving."  
Jennifer LaBarge, sr.

Great job, Railers!  
Mark & Lisa Weber



1. A Trego player tackles Jerome Gottschalk, jr. 2. The Railers line up as Aaron Honas, sr., snaps the football to the quarterback. 3. John Kroeger, sr., runs through a line of Railer supporters at the Homecoming game against Osborne. 4. Daren Haas, so., tries to avoid being tackled by Adam Meyers (10) of Plainville.

photo by Dustin Cross



photo by Megan M. Weber



photo by Cindy Hertel



photo by Smoky Hill Photography



Beginning the season with a rocky start,  
Railers persevere to capture bi-district berth

# finishing *with* style

After facing a series of defeats towards the beginning of the football season, many wondered if the Railroaders could sustain their morale.

The Railers badly needed a victory after losing the first two games of the season. For many people, that victory could not have come at a more perfect time than Homecoming. Defeating the Osborne Bulldogs at the Homecoming game boosted the team's confidence.

"Beating Osborne was a good start for the season and a good closing for Homecoming week," Brett Suter, sr., said.

The season, however, proved to be an uphill

battle for the Railers after Homecoming. The team lost three games before winning against Lincoln. However, the Railers' break came with their victory over LaCrosse sending them into the playoffs.

"Making it to the playoffs was a goal that we as a team set for ourselves at the beginning of the season," Railer head coach Art Schoenthaler, said.

Closing the football season by making it to the playoffs proved to be the highlight for many on the team.

"We struggled at the beginning," Ryan Honas, sr., said, "but we turned it on at just the right time to make it to the playoffs."

## In his Sights

Rowdy Wichman, so., prepares to tackle Jeff Radcliffe (21) at the Hill City game. Wichman played corner on the junior varsity team. "Hill City played very well, and it wasn't fun to watch our plays suffer," Wichman said, "but we learned from our mistakes." photo by Smoky Hill Photography



## Running with Attitude

At the Plainville football game, Cody Honas, sr., returns the football from a kickoff. Honas received MCL All-League honorable mention for offensive and defensive end. photo by Smoky Hill Photography



## When it Counted

"The beginning of the year was tough since we lost a lot of games. But as the season wore on, it was nice to win two games during districts and move on. No one really thought that we would be able to beat Lincoln. The best part of the season was playing in Salina."

Cole King, jr.

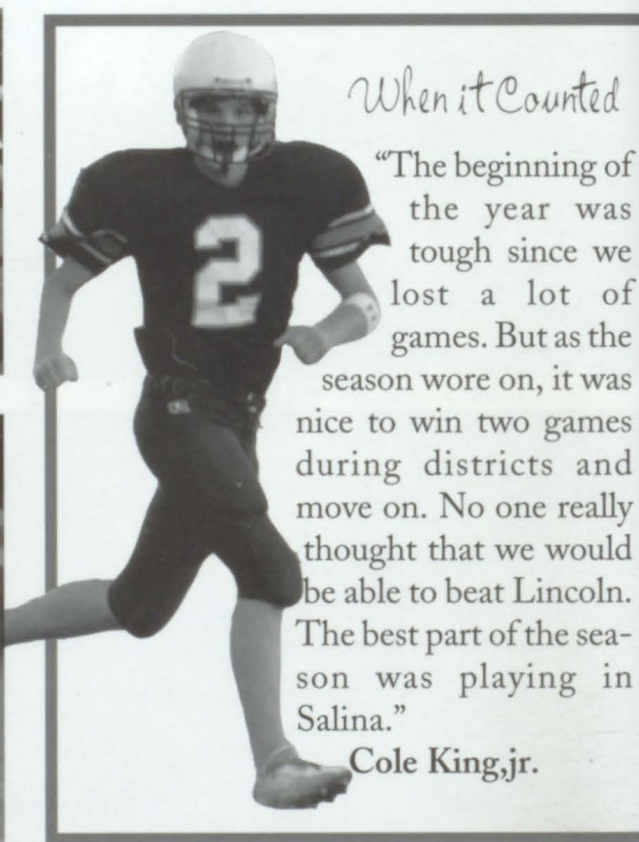






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1. Andrew Casey, fr., returns the football against Phillipsburg at Ellis. 2. Aaron Honas, sr., breaks through a tackle by Joel Hrabec (65) and Adam Meyers (10) of Plainville. 3. Brett Mickelson, fr., and Cody Honas, sr., line up for the next play. 4. Ryan Lovelady (64) of Plainville tackles quarterback Cole King, jr.

## WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEASON FOR YOU?



"I was excited to be part of the team that made it to the playoffs for the first time in five years." Jared Deutscher, fr.



"Making it to the Sacred Heart game was the highlight of the year for me." Slade Hackney, so.



"Winning the Homecoming game was the highlight for me." Clay King, jr.



"Winning the Homecoming game was great, but it was even better to make it to the playoffs." Adam Walz, sr.

## SCOREBOARD

	EHS	Opp.
Trego	0	20
Stockton	6	34
Osborne	6	0
Plainville	6	20
Hill City	18	38
Phillipsburg	0	41
Lincoln	20	7
Claflin	7	38
LaCrosse	21	0
Sacred Heart	0	21

### Going down in Glory

Trying for a first down, Eric Gaschler, so., scrambles for more yardage. "The Plainville game was a disappointing loss because we were ahead at halftime," Gaschler said.

photo by Smoky Hill Photography

Success comes by working toward your goal.

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1. Dustin Cross, sr., pins his opponent at the Hays Jr. Prairie Classic. 2. With arms held out front, Cole King, jr., begins building his base. 3. Wrestling Matt Warta from Ellsworth, John Kroeger, sr., competes for fifth place at state. 4. To avoid being pinned, Glenn Lacy, fr., fights to roll off his back.

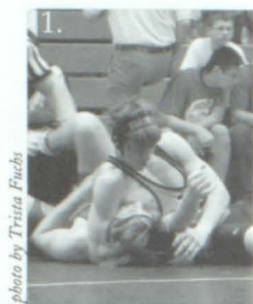


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## WEIGHT CLASS

Wrestler	Weight
Dusty Unrein	103
Brian Keller	112
Austin Morton	112
Adam Walz	119
John Kroeger	125
Clay King	130
Cole King	135
Dustin Cross	140
Glenn Lacy	145
Cole Erbert	152
Aaron Honas	160
Justin LaBarge	171
Ryan Honas	275

### Coach of the Year

Prior to the introduction of the state championship round, some of the wrestling team present Head Coach Casey Dinkel with a plaque. Officials had notified the state qualifiers ahead of time so that they would be there to bestow Dinkel with his award. Also recognized from Ellis was Ron Haag, who received the award for "Official of the Year." *photo by Julie Kohl*

EHS Wrestling, the #1 sport!  
Randy Armbrister



## WHAT IS THE MOST EXTREME THING YOU'VE DONE TO MAKE WEIGHT?



"I ran for two hours on a treadmill in my farm clothes at an FFA contest in between events."  
John Kroeger, sr.



"I run in as much clothing as I can get on and spit for a few hours that night."  
Cole King, jr.



"I ran for two hours the night before a tournament wearing layers of clothes."  
Austin Morton, so.



"I don't have to worry about cutting weight because I am five to ten pounds under every time."  
Glenn Lacy, fr.





photo by Cole King



photo by Trista Fuchs



photo by Trista Fuchs



photo by Jennifer LaBarge

1. Austin Morton, so., prepares to initiate his next move. 2. Shucking his opponent to the side, Adam Walz, sr., goes for a takedown. 3. Waiting for the right moment, Ryan Honas, sr., works for his hand position in the tie up. 4. With a painful grip, Justin LaBarge, so., utilizes a headlock.

Railer wrestling team has six individuals representing Ellis High School at state

# six to state

Wait a minute! Where did six come from? There were juniors Clay and Cole King, and seniors John Kroeger, Aaron Honas and Ryan Honas, but that only makes five.

Also receiving state recognition was Head Coach Casey Dinkel, who was voted by the officials as "Coach of the Year" for sportsmanship.

The Sportsmanship Award isn't given out every year, but it can be awarded to any coach in 3-2-1A who exhibits sportsmanship and expects it from his team.

"I tell the kids how important it is to respect other people; you never know when you will need their help later in life," Dinkel said of his coaching style.

To support the community, Dinkel suggested that the team shovel snow off driveways for people around town. Nearly all the team participated.

His coaching techniques paid off, as the wrestling team won more duals and placed higher in tournaments than previous years.

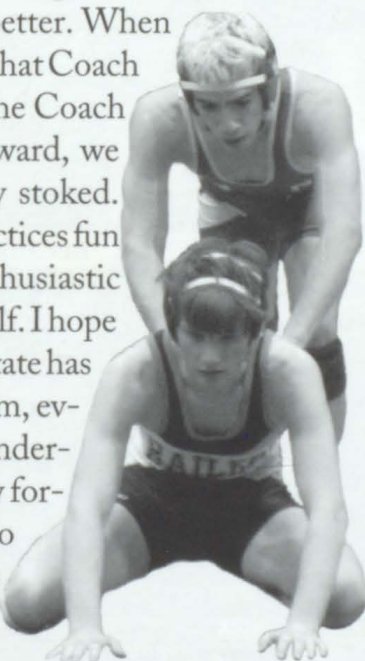
"Tough practices and teamwork have contributed to the higher placing throughout the year," Dinkel said.

The team also had more wrestlers competing at state than they have since 1998, and several other wrestlers were close to qualifying.

"Everyone is striving to be better than they were," Austin Morton, so., said.

## Up on the Whistle

"Our team had a great season, and it kept getting better. When we found out that Coach Dinkel won the Coach of the Year award, we were all really stoked. He makes practices fun by being enthusiastic and fun himself. I hope now that the state has recognized him, everyone will understand just how fortunate we are to have him as our coach." Clay King, jr.



## Stick Him

Squeezing his opponent's head, senior Aaron Honas tightens his grip and pushes the other wrestler's shoulders to the mat at the Ellsworth Invitational. Honas wrestled the best season of his high school career. "After Christmas I completely changed my wrestling style and started winning a lot more matches," Honas said. photo by Jennifer LaBarge



## Go, Ryan

During the championship match, freshmen Brian Keller, Cole Erbert, and Dusty Unrein cheer for Ryan Honas. Although Keller and Unrein didn't compete at state, they attended to show their support for their teammates. Erbert sat out most of the season due to a concussion. "I was injured most of the year, so I didn't get to wrestle much, but just being part of the team was a great experience," Erbert said. photo by Trista Fuchs



1. Trista Fuchs jumps to retrieve a pass in the Plainville vs. Ellis junior varsity game. 2. Lady Railers pep each other up during a time-out. 3. Vanessa Beilman, jr., shoots the ball right before time runs out, to make the shot. 4. Jaymi Riedel goes up for a quick jump-shot while warming up before the game.

photo by Dylan Lang



photo by Laura Lacy



photo by Smoky Hill Photography



photo by Laura Lacy



## Poor free throw percentage hinders Lady Railers throughout season

# success <sup>isn't</sup> free

Would you rather lose by a few points or a wide margin? The Lady Railer's went 6-13, and the majority of the girls' losses were only by four to seven points. In addition, five of the thirteen games lost were a result of poor free throw percentage.

"I would rather lose by a few points. If we would have only made a few of the missed free throws, we would have won more games," Kelsi Schoenthaler, so., said.

The team's overall free throw percentage was 47 percent. The highest percentage was 80 percent from freshman Whitney Lang.

"It would have been nice to shoot better from the

line, but it does not define our season. We did a lot of things well. I don't want it to seem that free throw shooting is all I am concerned about," Coach PerryMick said. There are plenty of positives, but, hopefully, the girls will improve their free throw percentage on their own this summer."

The girls did a number of drills during practice to improve their free throw skills, but working on the rest of their game was also a big priority.

"We shoot free throws every day after the girls get tired from other drills. They keep track of how many they make. Then some running is based on how they shot," Coach Mick said.

### Pep Talk

Giving a pregame pep talk to the Lady Railers, Coach Mick encourages his girls to play their hardest. "It is always frustrating to lose close games, especially when one area of the game would have made a difference," Mick said. *photo by Brett Suter*



### Sink It

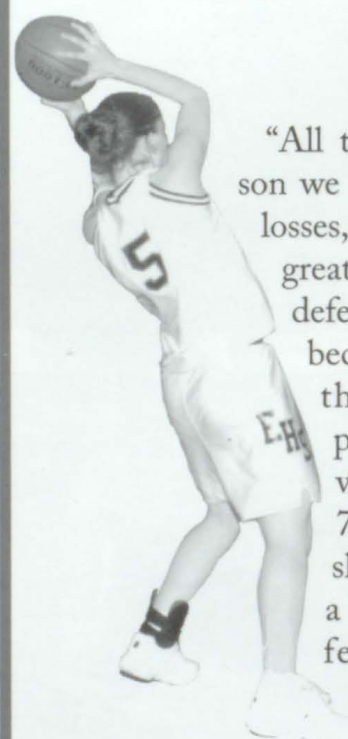
Taking aim, Kelsi Schoenthaler, so., gets ready to shoot a warm up shot right before the Norton game. "Our junior varsity has always been very competitive with Plainville, and this year we finally came out on top," Schoenthaler said. *photo by Laura Lacy*



### Pass It

"All through the season we had some tough losses, but Palco was the greatest game. Our defense was awesome because we only let them score 27 points on us whereas we scored 71. I think this shows that we are a very strong defensive team."

Lacie Bittel, jr.







1. Whitney Lang, fr., dribbles down the court to make a 2-point-shot.  
photo by Dylan Lang

2. Jennifer Jacques, so., waits to rebound a free throw shot.  
photo by Morgan Murphy

3. Lynn Pfeifer, sr., gets ready to pick up the rebound after a free throw shot.  
photo by Morgan Murphy

4. Lindsay Gaschler, sr., attempts to put up a 3-point-shot, but is blocked by her opponent.  
photo by Smoky Hill Photography



## SCOREBOARD

	EHS	Opponent
Phillipsburg	46	47
Quinter	39	54
Wheatland	49	39
Tri Plains	56	43
Palco	71	27
Osborne	44	51
Stockton	33	46
Trego	42	46
Hill City	30	35
Stockton	34	45
Plainville	55	25
Victoria	43	51
Plainville	47	38
Quinter	29	54
Ness City	44	37
Victoria	55	81
S. Center	39	61
Norton	30	68
St. John	32	53

### All Net

During the pre-game warm-up, Vanessa Beilman, Jr., shoots a free throw. Beilman's percentage through the season was 25 percent. As a team the percentage was 47 percent. *photo by Laura Lacy*

Thanks for the memories!  
Melvin and Donna Riedel

## WHAT IS YOUR ROUTINE BEFORE SHOOTING A FREE THROW?



"I dribble the ball real low and fast, look at where I want the ball to go; then take the shot."  
Emily Cox, Jr.



"I relax myself. I spin it, bounce it three times, spin two more times, then I shoot."  
Kristen Weber, So.



"I don't have a routine, I do something new everytime, and hope to score."  
Sasha Pazicka, Jr.



"When I step up to the line, I flip the ball once, dribble it twice, then I focus."  
Lynn Pfeifer, Sr.



1. Chuck Parks, jr., stretches out as he attempts to shoot over a defender during a varsity game. 2. On a fast break, Brett Suter, sr., hurries past defenders. 3. Flying towards the basket, Jerome Gottschalk, jr., tries to get off a shot while closely guarded. 4. Jumping into defenders, Cody Honas, sr., shoots the ball.



photo by Abby Wickham



photo by Trista Fuchs



photo by Smoky Hill Photography



Railer boys fight through tough season, cause uproar with daring stall strategy

# mocking the clock

Some people believe that you can't stop time. Really? Don't tell that to the Ellis boys' basketball team, who ended the season with a record of 4-16, because they may have a different view.

Many attended the Ellis-Trego game expecting a blowout with Ellis losing by a large margin. But when the beginning whistle blew, there wasn't much action-packed basketball played.

Using a stall strategy, Ellis players attempted to hold the ball for as long as Trego would let them. They used this style to run the clock against Trego.

"I was hoping to keep the score close to the very end so that we would have a better chance of winning," Coach Chris Rorabaugh said.

At the end of the first half the score was 8-1 with Trego in the lead. Trego only had possession of the ball approximately ten times. The opposing team's fans were enraged with Ellis's style of play.

"The WaKeeney people were throwing pop bottles and reading newspapers because they were so mad," Dylan Lang, so., said.

Ellis ended up losing despite Rorabaugh's strategy, but with a final score of 15-23 the game was far from a blowout.

"I'm proud of the way the boys played. We came to compete every night and definitely weren't push-overs," Rorabaugh said.

## Go Team

The team raises their hands to the ceiling in a huddle during a game against Wheatland at the Quinter Classic. The Railers finished the game winning 49-43. photo by Abby Wickham



## Hurry Up

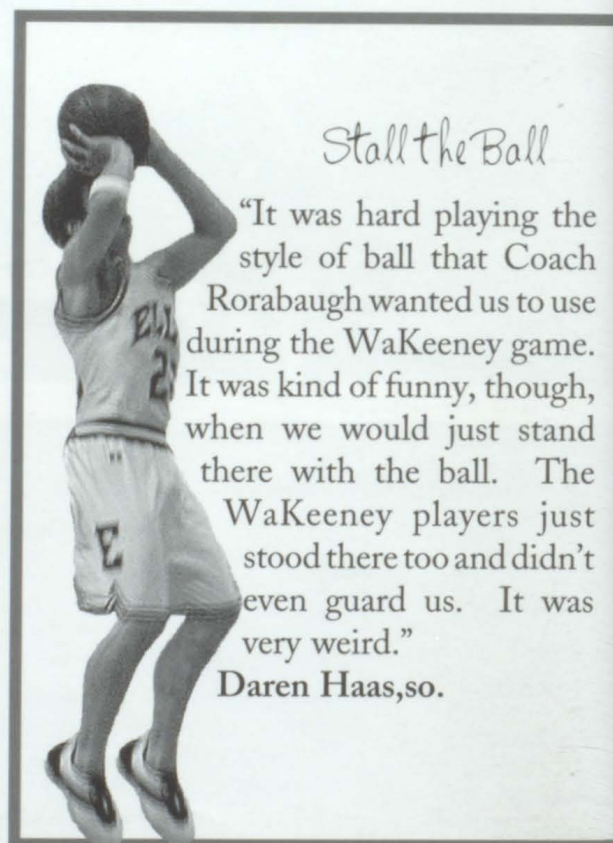
Cody Honas, sr., trails Daren Haas, so., as Haas brings the ball down the court. Honas was one of only two seniors on the team during the 2003-2004 season. photo by Smoky Hill Photography



## Stall the Ball

"It was hard playing the style of ball that Coach Rorabaugh wanted us to use during the WaKeeney game. It was kind of funny, though, when we would just stand there with the ball. The WaKeeney players just stood there too and didn't even guard us. It was very weird."

Daren Haas, so.







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photo by Smoky Hill Photography

1.Dribbling into defenders, Dylan Lang,so., looks for an opening. 2.Andrew Casey,fr., Adam Augustine,fr., and Chuck Parks,jr., wait for the game to begin. 3.Trying to recover a lost ball, Ryan Gross,jr., struggles as Kyle Urban,so., watches. 4.Jerome Gottschalk,jr., looks to pass while guarded by a defender.

## WHAT GAME WAS MOST MEMORABLE TO YOU?



"When we played WaKeeney because it was so funny when we stalled the whole time."  
Andrew Casey,fr.



"WaKeeney because the fans were so mad at us for stalling."  
Eric Gaschler,so.



"Playing Tri Plains when we put up 111 points."  
Jerome Gottschalk,jr.



"When I ended my basketball career with a technical foul in the Quinter game."  
Cody Honas,sr.

## SCOREBOARD

Opponent	EHS
61	49 Phillipsburg
49	41 Oakley
43	49 Wheatland
59	111 Tri Plains
61	76 Palco
71	67 Osborne
68	55 Stockton
23	15 Trego
57	56 Hill City
49	47 Victoria
50	49 Hill City
39	52 Victoria
66	48 Plainville
81	58 Quinter
70	51 Ness City
79	49 Victoria
61	56 S. Center
54	34 Norton
91	55 St. John
76	33 Quinter

### Lay it In

Trying hard, Cody Honas,sr., puts up a layup as Palco defenders attempt to stop him. The game ended with the Railers defeating Palco 76-61. "We didn't pull ahead until the fourth quarter, so it was a very tough win," Honas said. *photo by Smoky Hill Photography*

Good Luck Ellis Basketball.  
Go Railroaders! The Bartons





1. Jordan Kroeger, sr., sinks a putt at the Ellis Invitational; Kroeger won the tournament. 2. Eric Gaschler, so., waits to take his second shot during the Ellis Invitational. 3. Kyle Urban, so., tees off at the Ellis Invitational. 4. Blake Connelly, jr., putts during the Ellis Invitational.

photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler



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## SCOREBOARD

EHS

Ellis Invitational	3rd
Hays	5th
Phillipsburg 6-man	4th
4-man	6th
2-man	6th
Hill City 4-man	7th
2-man	9th
WaKeeney 4-man	4th
2-man	7th
TMP	11th
MCL 4-man	7th
2-man	7th
Regionals at Hoxie	8th

### Wish I had a Caddie

Dustin Cross, sr., decides what club to use during the Ellis Invitational. Cross finished the tournament seventh overall. "I thought we played very well for it being the first tournament of the year," Cross said. *photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler*



## WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE PRO GOLFER AND WHY?



"Tiger Woods, when I first saw him play, he inspired me to golf."  
Chris Hazen, fr.



"Tiger Woods, he is a great golfer, and he isn't cocky."  
Austin Fox, so.



"Ernie Els, I think he is a great golfer, and it is fun to watch him play."  
Blake Connelly, jr.



"I don't have one. I just like to watch them all play because they are all amazing."  
Jordan Kroeger, sr.





photo by Dustin Cross



photo by Jeremy Dorzeuiler



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photo by Dustin Cross

1. Adam Augustine, Jr., prepares to putt during practice. 2. Kyle Urban, Jr., walks to the teebox before the Ellis Invitational. 3. Rowdy Wichman, Jr., tries to sink a putt during the Ellis Invitational. 4. Jordan Kroeger, Sr., perfects his putting during a practice.

EHS golf team gets smaller in number  
but builds camaraderie due to size

# filling *big* shoes

When people saw the EHS golf team this season, they saw an almost completely new varsity team. The only returning varsity player from the previous team was junior Jerome Gottschalk.

Following a team of five seniors who competed at state, Gottschalk and his teammates had their work cut out for them.

"The lack of experience had a big effect on the team, but as the season progressed, the team got much better," Coach John Kolacny said.

Despite lack of experience, the team placed close to the middle in every tournament.

Having a smaller team was not all bad, however. The team was very close due to the small numbers.

"Because we're a smaller team, we are closer. We all get along really well; we tell jokes and have a good time while still focusing on golf," Dustin Cross, Sr., said.

While it's true they had fun, they also felt pressured to make it back to state for the 11th straight year.

"We definitely felt pressured to make it back to state. Ellis has been there for the past ten years, and we didn't want to end that streak," Jordan Kroeger, Sr., said.

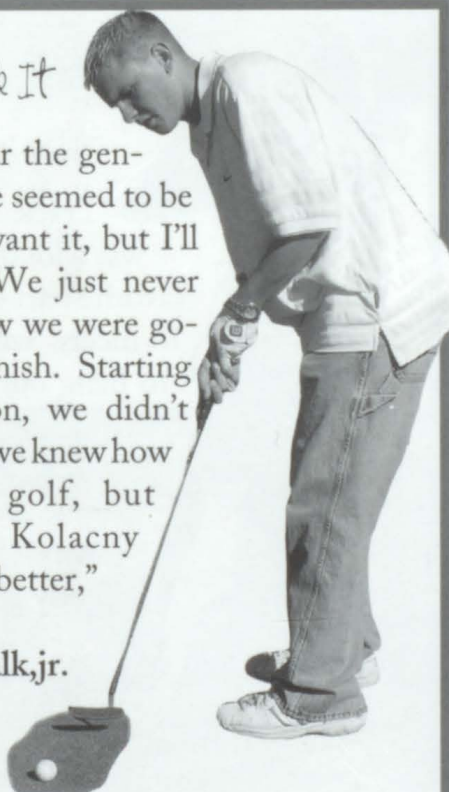
Although that goal was not accomplished, the season was memorable.

"Even though we didn't make it to state, it was still one of the most fun seasons I've had in any sport," Gottschalk said.

## Sink It

"This year the general quote seemed to be 'I don't want it, but I'll take it.' We just never knew how we were going to finish. Starting the season, we didn't look like we knew how to play golf, but Coach Kolacny made us better,"

Jerome Gottschalk, Jr.



## Nap Time

Propped up against his golf bag, freshman Adam Augustine gets some crucial rest before he tees off at regionals. Augustine was the only freshman on the varsity team. photo by Dustin Cross



## Just Strollin'

Gearing up for another day of practice, Jerome Gottschalk, Jr., and Coach John Kolacny walk across the warm-up green before practice. This was Kolacny's 22nd year as head coach. photo by Dustin Cross



1. Rachel Thomson, fr., runs her leg of the 4x800m relay. 2. Trista Fuchs, jr., participates in the pole vault at the Ellis Invitational. 3. Jessie Pfeifer, jr., takes a break at the Victoria Invitational. 4. Jaymi Riedel, so., throws the shot put at the Plainville Invitational.



With the help of strong field events,  
Railer track team becomes more competitive

# jumping & success

With only two returning state qualifiers, the 2004 season was expected to be a rebuilding year for the EHS girls' track team. It was a pleasant surprise when a bigger team helped the girls be more competitive as a team at all their meets.

Meggie Patrick, fr., broke the high jump record of 5'2" with a jump of 5'4" at the Trego Freshman Sophomore Invitational. She came back the next day and broke her own record with a jump of 5'6" at the Plainville Invitational.

"Breaking the high jump record as a freshman was a big accomplishment," Patrick said. "I still can't believe that I actually jumped that high, but that is

okay with me."

Along with Patrick in the high jump, the team was strong in many of the field events, with Gaschler placing first at the Hill City meet in the long jump jumping her personal best of 16'6." Trista Fuchs, jr., also placed in pole vault in many of the meets.

With over half the team being made up of freshmen and sophomores, the underclassmen really had to step it up.

"We had a lot of good underclassmen and should be very good in the next couple years," Coach Jack Wolf said. "One area we could improve in though is our middle to long distance running events."

## Hangin' Out

Amber Honas, so., Whitney Lang, fr., and Britany Kreoger, fr., sit and talk at the Ellis Invitational. All students and teachers were let out early to help at the track meet. Each teacher was assigned to work at a different event. photo by Dylan Lang



## Flyin' High

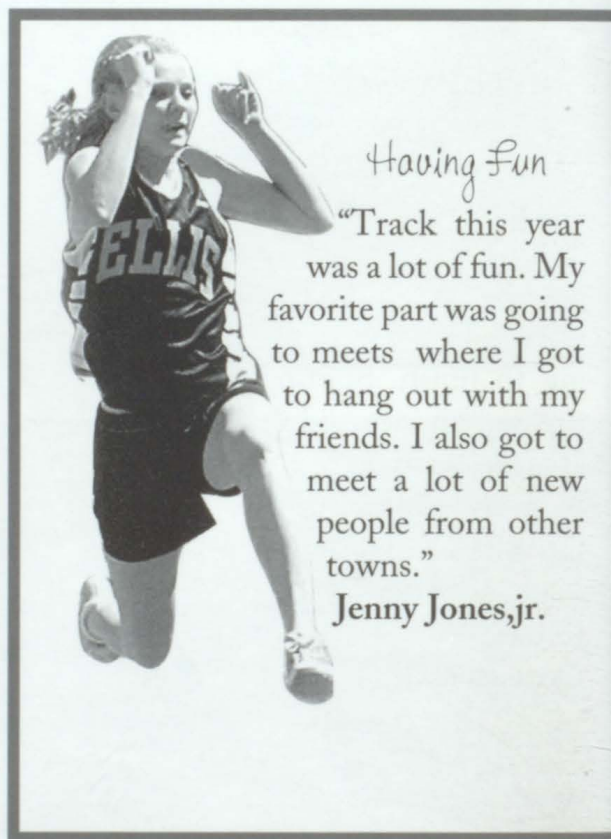
Meggie Patrick, fr., easily clears the bar in high jump at the WaKeeney Freshman-Sophomore Invitational. She qualified for state in the high jump. Patrick finished 2nd at state with a jump of 5'2." photo by Laura Lacy



## Having Fun

"Track this year was a lot of fun. My favorite part was going to meets where I got to hang out with my friends. I also got to meet a lot of new people from other towns."

Jenny Jones, jr.





2.



photo by Dylan Lang



photo by Laura Lacy



photo by Trista Fuchs

1. Kelsi Schoenthaler, so., runs the 110m hurdles at the Ellis Invitational. 2. Katie Zahn, so., high jumps at the WaKeeney Freshman Sophomore Invitational. 3. Amber Honas, so., gets ready in the blocks to run the 100m dash. 4. Megan Keller, fr., participates in the 4x800m relay.

## SCOREBOARD

Points	Place	
88	2nd	Ellis
82	3rd	LaCrosse
95	3rd	Plainville
51	7th	Victoria
38.5	8th	Hill City
25.7	8th	MCL
24	12th	Regionals

### Movin' On

Running hard to get a good plant, Lindsay Gaschler, sr., pole vaults at the Ellis Invitational. Gaschler placed third in the event and first in the long jump. She qualified for state in the long jump for the fourth year in a row. At state Gaschler placed seventh with a jump of 16-7 3/4.

photo by Smokey Hill Photography

## HOW DO YOU COMPARE TRACK TO OTHER TEAM SPORTS?



"I like track because you get to hang out with your friends, meet new ones and enjoy the weather."

Emily Cox, fr.



"In track you get to choose the events you do, so you don't have to do something you don't want to."

Nicole Weigel, so.



"I like track because you have to depend on yourself, and not your teammates."

Vanessa Beilman, jr.



"In track you get to meet a lot of new people from other towns."

Danielle Erbert, sr.

Way to go, girls. You're on the right track.

Rick and Kim Gaschler



1. Kevin Keller, jr., competes in pole vault. 2. Dusty Unrein, fr., Jared Deutscher, fr., and Cole Weigel, so., relax between events. 3. Junior Chuck Parks competes in the high jump at the Ellis Invitational. Parks jumped 5'8" and placed third. 4. Dusty Unrein participates in the triple jump at the Victoria meet.

photo by Smokey Hill Photography



photo by Megan M. Weber



photo by Megan M. Weber



photo by Trista Fuchs



Honas, Westbrook are only returning seniors on Railer track team

# leading the way

Although most people see track as being an individual sport, it's really about working together to get the job done. A team wouldn't be successful without a leader, and although there were only two seniors, they proved that they have what it takes to get the job done.

There were 21 boys out for track. Out of the eleven underclassmen eight were freshmen. The freshmen had a lot to offer the team, scoring 381 points during the season. Andrew Casey went on to place first in the long jump at state with a jump of 21'11".

"I think the freshmen have really stepped it up and shown they can compete," Jack Wolf, head coach, said.

Although the freshmen played a big part in leading the team, credit must also be given to seniors Ryan Honas and Skyy Westbrook.

Honas contributed to the team by scoring points at every meet in shot put and discus. Westbrook contributed by competing in the 400m and 800m events.

"Because there were only two of us seniors, I felt I had a lot of pressure on me to be a team leader, but the underclassmen have really stepped up and led the way giving us some excellent finishes this season," Westbrook, sr., said.

The team had many strong areas including high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, and the 100m and 200m dashes.

"I think the season went really well overall. Every season has its ups and downs, but I think we have some talented young people. The future looks promising," Wolf said.

## Time Out

Juniors Zach DeBolt and T.J. Lee take a break and relax between events. Members of the boys' track team enjoyed meeting new people, eating, and just hanging out with their friends when they had down-time at track meets. photo by Megan M. Weber

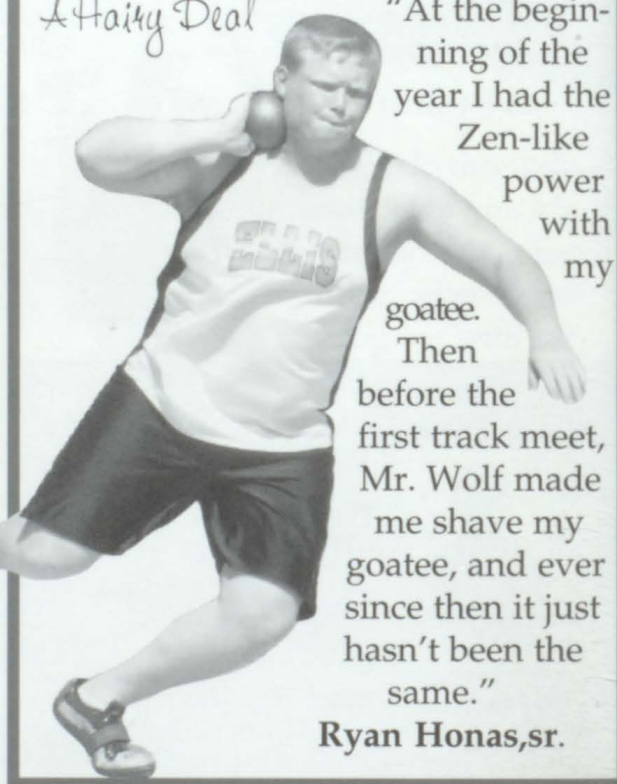


## Check it Out

Making sure they stay on track, Travis Elder, jr., and Scott Gugler, fr., check their times with Mrs. Mary Parke. Elder and Gugler competed in the 1600m and 3200m events. Gugler placed first in both events while Elder followed close behind placing second. photo by Megan M. Weber



## A Hairy Deal



"At the beginning of the year I had the Zen-like power with my goatee. Then before the first track meet, Mr. Wolf made me shave my goatee, and ever since then it just hasn't been the same."

Ryan Honas, sr.





photo by Dylan Lang



photo by Megan M. Weber



photo by Megan M. Weber



photo by Trista Fuchs

1. Freshmen Jared Deutscher and Scott Gugler prepare to start the 1600m run. 2. Chuck Parks, Jr., prepares for high jump by stretching. 3. Freshmen Brian Keller and Dusty Unrein hand off during the 4x800m relay. 4. Cole Erbert, Jr., throws the shot put at the Victoria meet. Erbert placed 4th with a distance of 41'10.5.

## IF YOU COULD GO TO THE OLYMPICS IN ANY EVENT WHAT WOULD IT BE?



"I would do long jump because it's my favorite event to do."  
Andrew Casey, Jr.



"I would probably throw shot put because it doesn't take very much skill."  
Michael Hiss, Jr.



"Shot put because it is really fun and it's not too challenging."  
John Mehl, Jr.



"I would do javelin because it's my favorite event and it's easy."  
Cody Mickelson, Jr.

## SCOREBOARD

Points	Place	
122	1st	Ellis
86	3rd	LaCrosse
63	4th	Plainville
88	3rd	Victoria
54	7th	Hill City
45	7th	MCL
37	8th	Regionals



### Leap to Victory

Getting some air, Andrew Casey, Jr., participates in the long jump at the Ellis Invitational. Although Casey never jumped more than 20 feet during the season, he became the 2A gold medalist with a jump of 21-11 1/4 at the state meet. Casey told the Hays Daily News, "My best this season was 20-0 at Victoria. I took second in the regional. I really didn't expect this, but it's awesome." photo by Smoky Hill Photography



1. Cheerleaders perform a lift during the boy's first-round sub-state game.
2. Trista Fuchs, jr., catches some sleep at state wrestling.
3. Paige Helget, jr., Brittany Kroeger, fr., and Lacie Bittel, jr., cheer at state wrestling.
4. Rachel Thomson, fr., performs a cheer.



photo by Cole King



photo by Megan M. Weber



photo by Megan M. Weber



photo by Laura Lucy

## ROSTER

### Class

Jessie Dorzweiler	SR
Jennifer LaBarge	SR
Lacy VanAusdale	SR
Megan M. Weber	SR
Dana Armbrister	JR
Lacie Bittel	JR
Trista Fuchs	JR
Paige Helget	JR
Amber Honas	SO
Emily Keller	SO
Kelsi Schoenthaler	SO
Brittany Kroeger	FR
Rachel Thomson	FR

### On Your Feet

Energizing the crowd at a home basketball game are Paige Helget, jr., Jessie Dorzweiler, sr., Kelsi Schoenthaler, so., Lacy VanAusdale, sr., and Emily Keller, so. "It's more fun to cheer at home because the whole group gets to cheer together," Jennifer LaBarge, sr., said. The cheerleaders experienced change with the addition of cheer coach Molly Honas. *photo by Clay King*



Senior leadership, great smiles, and tireless energy keep the team spirit high!  
Robin and Rodney Armbrister

## HOW DOES CHEERLEADING AFFECT ACADEMICS?



"Cheerleading is great because it motivates me to keep my grades up."  
Rachel Thomson, fr.



"Cheerleading takes up a lot of time and has a big effect on how much time I spend studying."  
Amber Honas, so.



"I'm never home, so I never actually do my homework until the next day at school."  
Trista Fuchs, jr.



"I learned to balance cheerleading and school which was hard because I was usually gone several days a week."  
Megan M. Weber, sr.





photo by Laura Lacy



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photo by Cole King

1. Brittany Kroeger, Jr., flies at a home basketball game. 2. Kelsi Schoenthaler, Jr., gets the student section on their feet. 3. Seniors Jessie Dorzweiler, Lacy VanAusdale, Megan M. Weber, and Jennifer LaBarge are caught when least expected. 4. Paige Helget, Jr., brings the crowd to life at the Castle Rock Classic basketball tournament.

Cheerleaders hold pee wee cheer camp to encourage little girls to follow their dreams

## back to time

It seems that many little girls have a dream to become a high school cheerleader. Whether it is dressing up and cheering with friends at home or acting like the cheerleaders at high school games, most want to be a cheerleader at some time in their life.

As time passes, some change their mind, and others become interested in new activities. Only a select few will make it through the tryouts, camps, and practices. These select few are worthy of the title "cheerleader."

Since many of the high school cheerleaders attended pee wee cheer camp in elementary school, they hosted a pee wee cheer camp for little

girls that allowed them to interact with real cheerleaders.

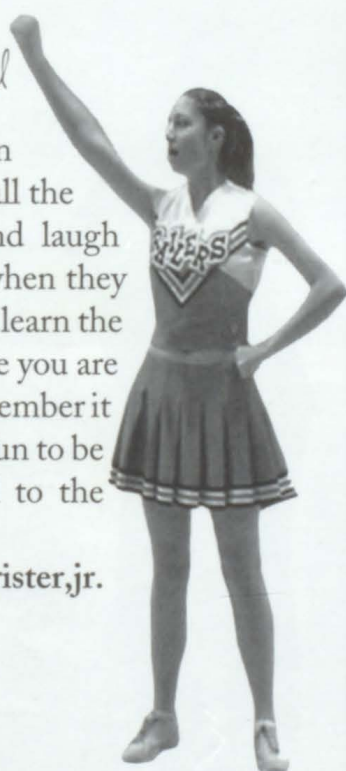
"It was fun working with the kids because when I was younger, I always loved going to pee wee cheer camp," Brittany Kroeger, Jr., said.

At pee wee cheer camp the pee wee cheerleaders were taught cheers, jumps, stunts and a dance, which they performed in front of the crowd at two high school ball games. Over 50 girls participated in the pee wee cheer camp, which kept the high school cheerleaders busy.

"It's a good feeling when the little girls look up to you because of what you do and the fact that you are a cheerleader," Lacie Bittel, Jr.

### Role Model

"It's really fun to round up all the little girls and laugh with them when they are trying to learn the dance because you are trying to remember it as well. It's fun to be a role model to the little girls," Dana Armbrister, Jr.



### It's Like This

Emily Keller, So., Dana Armbrister, Jr., and Jennifer LaBarge, Sr., show Tori Tebo how to stunt at the first pee wee cheer event. At pee wee cheerleading the little girls ranged from 3 to 12 years old. photo by Jessie Dorzweiler

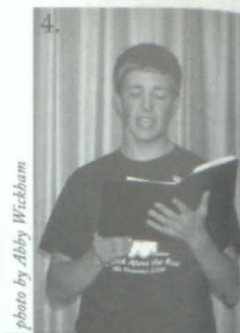
### Side to Side

Megan M. Weber, Sr., Dana Armbrister, Jr., Lacy VanAusdale, Sr., Paige Helget, Jr., and Jessie Dorzweiler, Sr., finish a cheer at the Castle Rock Classic basketball tournament. The cheerleaders split into two squads during the tournament so they could cover all the basketball action. photo by Abby Wickham





1. Krista Connelly, fr., introduces her character at forensics night. 2. Kelsy Kinderknecht, fr., Jessica Hadley, so., and Brittney Kroeger, fr., help with the Ellis Invitational. 3. Junior Jessica Spinelli draws for her extemp performance. 4. Blake Connelly, jr., reads a part from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."



With more ducklings than ducks  
two seniors lead the forensic flock

# kids quack

The EHS forensics team has a reputation of being "A quack above the rest," so when the season began with only two senior leaders, it was up to them to lead the flock of underclassmen. Ashley King (a.k.a. "Quacked Up") and Lynn Pfeifer (a.k.a. "Quacked Out") stepped up to the challenge of being Linda Riedel's (a.k.a. "Queen Quack") assistant coaches.

"These girls took on a huge role for me, but I knew they could do it," said Riedel.

Having King and Pfeifer in class every day helped out because they knew what Riedel needed to get done.

"We would get things ready for tournaments,

show the freshmen what to do, where to go, how to fill out their ballots, and most of all help keep track of things and keep Mrs. Riedel organized," said King.

"My favorite part about this year was being able to be a leader and help Mrs. Riedel out," said Pfeifer.

Riedel not only put the Ellis tournament together, she also helped Trego High School and Hill City High School host their own tournaments.

"I enjoyed being her assistant for this season, but having to deal with the things she deals with has taught me to have a lot of respect for her," said Pfeifer. "With all the things she juggles, I am surprised that she gets anything finished. So I was happy to help her out as much as I could."

## Crisis

Ashley King, sr., and Lynn Pfeifer, sr., brainstorm on how to get out of the trouble they have gotten themselves into. In their duet, King and Pfeifer locked their teacher into the closet after getting caught trying to change their grades on the computer. *photo by Abby Wickham*



## Sing it

Scott Gugler, fr., and Christopher Hazen, fr., perform their IDA at forensics night. Hazen, a baker, and Gugler, a wannabe singer/guitar player, were stranded on an island with no food or entertainment. Hazen had to beg for Gugler to stop his horrendous bellowing. *photo by Abby Wickham*



## Lovin' It

"I really loved forensics as a freshman.

IDA was the best because you can just get up there and go for it with no worries. It was great because no matter what you think of, it usually comes out funny."

Meggie Patrick, fr.

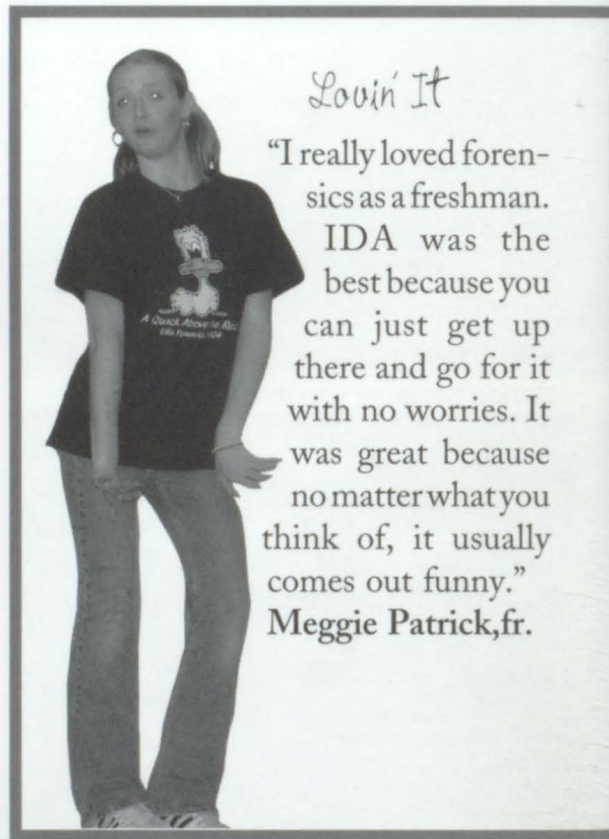






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photo by Jessica Spinelli



photo by Lynn Pfeifer

1.Mr. Reggie Romine and Mrs. Linda Riedel run the tab room at the Ellis Invitational. 2.Dana Armbrister, jr., Jessie Pfeifer,jr., and Rebecca Augustine,jr., help students draw for IDA. 3.Sophomore Laura Redden receives a medal at the Wheatland tournament. 4.Kelsi Schoenthaler,so., waits for the next round.



## SCOREBOARD

### EHS

Hill City	3rd
Decatur	3rd
Dighton	4th
Wheatland	3rd
Quinter	3rd
Trego	5th
Norton	2nd
MCL	1st

### Groovin' Granny

Freshmen Rachel Thomson and Dusty Unrein, improvised duet acting partners, perform at forensics night. Thomson was a granny who couldn't wait to get on the dance floor and get down. She met up with Unrein who was a young gentlemen and who tried to assist her with her dangerous dance moves.

Congratulations on your first place league finish and an excellent season.

George and Evelyn Spinelli

## IF YOU COULD PLAY ANY ROLE WHAT WOULD IT BE?



"If I could play any role it would be the role of Kate Hudson because she is very talented."  
Brittany Kroeger,fr.



"I would like to play the role of Julia Stiles for a day. It would be fun to have a day in fame."  
Jessica Hadley,so.

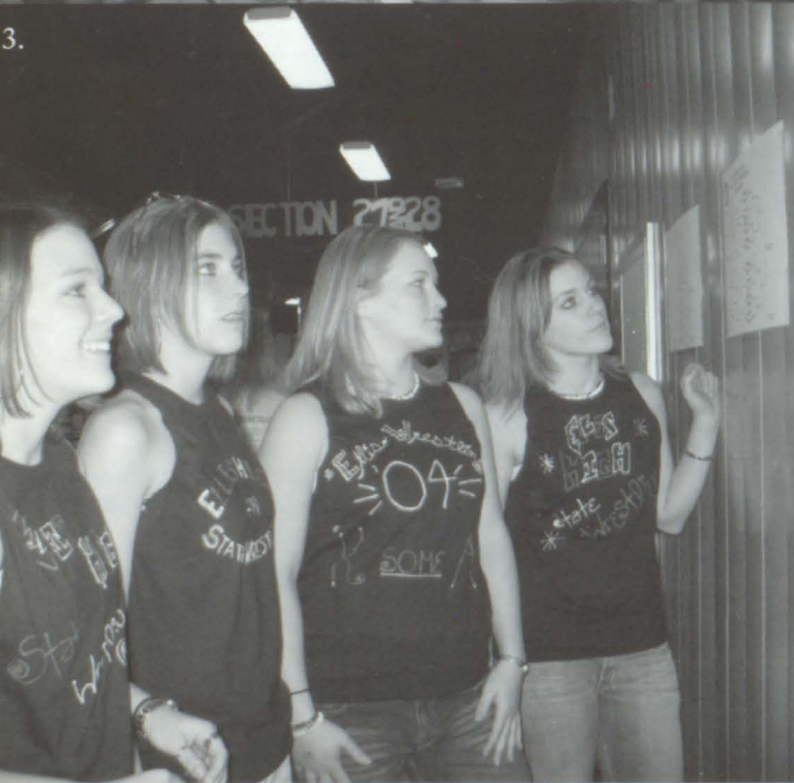


"I would play Mrs. Riedel because she is always off-the-wall."  
Jessica Spinelli,jr.



"I would want to be a kid because they are fun and full of energy and I enjoyed playing one."  
Ashley King,sr.





Where  
**EVERYBODY**  
 Knows  
 WHEN YOU'RE TOGETHER

1.Matea Lovato,fr., cuts window covers for the Snoball dance. 2.Sophomores M.J. Gnad, Slade Hackney, and Kyle Urban wait to purchase another food box from the Kayettes. 3.Wearing school spirit shirts, sophomores Emily Keller, Amanda Fischer, Kelsi Schoenthaler, and Jaymi Riedel check brackets at state wrestling.





## *Student Life*

Why is student life so important at EHS? Activities such as the junior class play, dances and clubs take up a lot of the average student's time. Decorating for dances and practicing lines really brings students together. Looking back, these are the things that will stick out the most from the four high school years. Activities give students a chance to interact outside of the school day and to form new friendships that last a lifetime. At EHS, everybody knows. . .When you're together.





*Homcoming activities take on new meaning  
as classes battle for bragging rights*

# CLASSES BACK TO COMPETITION

We got spirit, yes we do, we got spirit so let us show it too! Class competitions were put back into all the Homcoming activities except for the bonfire at EHS. Having class competition taken away was a result of poor school spirit the year before.

The administration and faculty along with Stuco agreed that the classes were getting out of control. Students were breaking rules and trying to get away with as much as possible, Mr. Reggie Romine said.

"I think that the students should want to participate for team spirit instead of the class competition," Mrs. Sharla Albers, FACS teacher said.

Romine, along with faculty, decided that class competition among classes would be allowed if students would act appropriately.

**"It was obvious to see that having class competitions made Homcoming more enjoyable. The students get a lot more involved."**

*Jordan Kroeger, sr.*

"We had a better year this year. It didn't go as well as we had expected, but it was better than the year before," Romine said.

According to Albers, more students were involved when class competition was reinstated.

Students also agreed that class competition enhanced the spirit week.

"For one week your class attempts to get along and encourage each other to participate in the activities of the week, Ashley King, sr., said. "It brings classes together more and more."

Spirit week winners were the seniors with 451 points. The juniors came in second with 418 points followed by the sophomores with 387 points and the freshmen with 380 points.



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1. Leading cheers, Amber Honas, so., participates at the bonfire. photo by Jessica Spinelli 2. Megan M. Weber, Aaron Honas, Jessica Dorzweiler, Ryan Honas, Lindsay Gaschler and John Kroeger are senior candidates, with Madelynn Gnad and Dylan Haas. photo by Cindy Hertel 3. Ryan Honas, sr., escorts Lindsay Gaschler, sr., through the cheerleader walk through Friday before the game. photo by Abby Wickham

1. Ellex Feyh, so., and Jennifer Jacques, so., walk back to their cars after the bonfire. photo by Jessica Spinelli 2. Going all out this year Brad Keller, sr., shows off his costume on costume day. photo by Jessica Dorzweiler

3. Juniors John Hejny, Vanessa Beilman, Jennifer Leybold, Laci Bittel, Jenny Jones, and Becca Dinkel ride on their float during the parade. The junior came in second on their float. photo by Cindy Hertel





1. Justin LaBarge, Jr., challenges his cousin Lenny LaBarge, Sr., to a game of chess on Homecoming activity day. *photo by Cindy Hertel*

2. Ashley Hejny and Emily Keller ride on their float with many other sophomores showing off their first place winning cremater. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



3. Meggie Patrick, Jr., works on homework in Mrs. Hertel's study hall. *photo by Cindy Hertel*

4. Waiting to be asked to dance, Blake Connelly, Jr., Kevin Keller, Jr., and Colton Barton, Jr., socialize. *photo by Jessica Spinelli*

5. Not only do they look alike, but they also dress alike and play the same instrument in band. Dana Armbrister, Jr., and Jennifer Augustine, Sr., participated in twin day. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*

6. Riding on Jaymi Riedel's, Sr., shoulders Stephanie Spinelli, Jr., cheers at the bonfire. *photo by Jessica Spinelli*

7. Dressing up for Costume day, Jorge Olivera, Jr., went as Zorro. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*

8. Before the football game Jessie Dorzweiler, Sr., crowns John Kroeger, Sr., as her Homecoming King. *photo by Abby Wickham*

9. Cheerleaders support the football team at the Bonfire held the Thursday before the game. *photo by Jessica Spinelli*



# TOP 10 MOST MEMORABLE EVENTS OF HOMECOMING

1 "Making the float because it was our last year together." Lynn Pfeifer, Sr.

2 "Having the last tackle of the game," Jerome Gottschalk, Jr.

3 "I like to see the crazy things people come up with." Becca Dinkel, Jr.

4 "My favorite part was the dance." Rebecca Augustine, Jr.

5 "Since it was my first and last one, everything." Sasha Pazicka, Jr.

6 "Going to eat breakfast after the dance." Rowdy Wichman, Sr.

7 "Dominating the other classes in competition." Brett Suter, Sr.

8 "Putting the bonfire together. It was crazy." Clay King, Jr.

9 "Getting out of school early on Friday." Jaylen Reed, Jr.

10 "Taking pictures at the dance." Mrs. Linda Riedel

## Class vs. Class

Juniors (22 pts.)	Pajama Day	Seniors (22 pts.)
Seniors (27 pts.)	Dress Up Day	Freshmen (28 pts.)
Juniors (21 pts.)	Costume Day	Seniors (26 pts.)
Freshmen (29 pts.)	Twin Day	Sophomores (26 pts.)
Freshmen (35 pts.)	Orange & Black Day	Sophomores (31 pts.)
Sophomores (15 pts.)	The Float	Freshmen & Juniors (10 pts.)
Seniors (455 pts.)	Spirit Week	Juniors (418 pts.)

Mrs. Ed  
"Riding in the parade combined two activities I thoroughly enjoy, supporting my students and riding my horse."

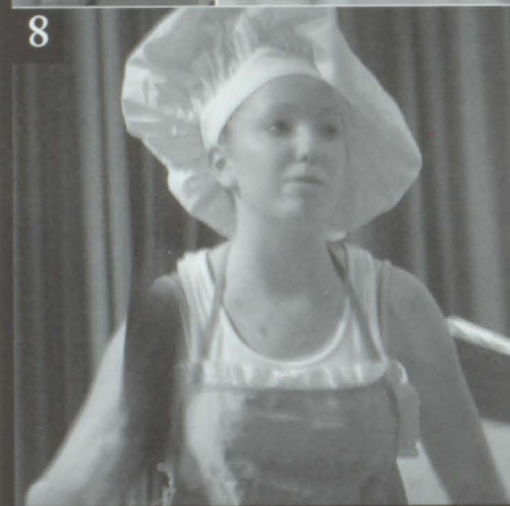


Mrs. Jacqueline Grogan



# TOP 10 FROM THE JR. PLAY

LINE'S



1.Cindy (Morgan Murphy) tells Sylvia (Paige Helget) the latest news about boys from Camp John Smith coming over to stay at Camp Pocahontas. 2.Theodora Wolfswinkle (Jessie Pfeifer) listens as Linda Biddle (Jessica Spinelli) tells her the heartbreaking story of her boyfriend who is enlisted in the Navy. 3.Taking a break before practice, Clay King catches up on some sleep. King played the role of Adam Apple, counselor at Camp John Smith. Practices for the play were held two or three nights a week. 4.Trying to escape from the clutches of a carnival worker, Cleopatra Nile (Kasi Wyatt) helps Elmer Crumb (Becca Dinkel) find his cousin Alva Dorigt. 5.While making his rounds through Camp Pocahontas, Officer Dumm (Blake Connelly) writes his daily report. 6.Rehearsing their lines before going on stage Kasi Wyatt and Jenna Henrickson read their parts to one another. 7.Alva Dorigt (Trista Fuchs) checks over her to-do list of things before camp opens up. Fuchs played a peppy Indian Maiden at the camp. 8.Hearing some complaints about her cooking, Jenny (Rebecca Augustine) comes out of the kitchen to determine the problem. 9.Letting out some of her frustration, Eve Hunnicut (Lacie Bittel) dances across the stage. *photos by Dustin Cross*

"Theodora, you're eating again!"  
Alva Dorigt **1**

"Get R' Done."  
Ivan the Terrible **2**

"Are you a compulsive eater too?"  
Theodora Wolfswinkle **3**

"I lost my paddle!"  
Mr. Terwillter **4**

"Oh no, company."  
Kate Millfloss **5**

"You know a better way to do your laundry?"  
Ivan the Terrible **6**

"My pie!"  
Theodora Wolfswinkle **7**

"Camp John Smith. ..Oh I'm twisted about."  
Inspector Doyle **8**

"I'd better rest I'm emotionally exhausted."  
Willard **9**

"So, Eve, how about a canoe ride, doesn't that sound romantic?"  
Adam Apple **10**

Mr. Money

"My favorite part was putting the set together. It was exciting to see how good our whole stage looked."



Kevin Keller, jr.

## Role vs. Real

(how the juniors compared themselves to the character they portrayed)

loves everything	Theodora/Jessie Pfeifer	loves Hershey's
Egyptian	Cleopatra/Kasi Wyatt	American
cruel	Ivan/Jerome Gottschalk	friendly
conceited	Vivian/Vanessa Beilman	modest
afraid of work	Willard/Cole King	hard working
lazy	Larry/Cody Mickelson	same as character
wanted revenge	Clams/Zach DeBolt	passive



*Junior class play gets delayed one week;  
cast members unite to fill open roles*

# JUNIOR PLAY TAKES KRAZY TURNS

"Camp Pocahontas, meet Camp John Smith."

The junior class went camping in the woods with their play entitled "Krazy Kamp." Not only were things crazy at the camp, but a lot of crazy twists and turns took place off the set as well.

The cast members experienced several alterations as a result of unforeseen events. Due to the funerals of two Ellis residents the play was rescheduled a week later. In addition, ineligibility left some juniors unable to perform their parts so other cast members had to take on multiple roles to complete the cast. The extra week gave the juniors time to create trees, bushes, rocks, and set up tents which later would become part of the set. Sophomore Amber Honas also volunteered her time as a member of the sound crew.

In the play Camp Pocahontas, an exclusive camp for

"This year's set was so much fun to put together.

Our trees, bushes and rocks were unique. The tents also added a nice touch"

Mrs. Riedel

girls is inhabited by members of the all boys' camp from across the lake. The boys from Camp John Smith are trying to bring their camp back to operating standards for Inspector Doyle (Colton Barton.) Meanwhile, a teenage runaway named Kate Millfloss (Sasha Pazicka) hides from the law under the false name of Linda Biddle (Jessica Spinelli) an Indian maiden who jets off to Colorado to her boyfriend who has enlisted in the Navy. Everything runs smoothly until the camp owner Mrs. Thistlemist (Jennifer Leybold) pays a visit to Camp Pocahontas.

"The junior class play was a lot of fun and my favorite part was working on the set and watching everyone as they added in all the funny parts during practice," Colton Barton, jr., said.



1. Kate Millfloss (Sasha Pazicka) plays secretary answering the phone at the camp's Nerve Center. Pazicka portrayed a runaway hiding out at Camp Pocahontas. *photo by Dustin Cross* 2. Members of the junior play pose for their class picture. *photo by Linda Riedel*

3. Mrs. Thistlemist (Jennifer Leybold) inspects the conditions at Camp Pocahontas. Leybold played the role of a wealthy camp owner. *photo by Dustin Cross*

4. Taking a rest from her morning exercises, Theodora Wolfswinkle (Jessie Pfeifer) stops and breaks for a quick snack. Pfeifer played a husky Indian Maiden at the camp. 5. Hoping to find a place to live over the

summer, Ivan the Terrible (Jerome Gottschalk) pleads for a job. 6. Officer Dumm (Blake Connelly) questions Hildegard Von Fishbeck (Dana Armbrister) about a missing teenager. *photos by Dustin Cross*

**Congratulations on a job well done!  
Dennis, Sharon and Logan Bittel**



*Kayettes deal with the pros and cons of having another new sponsor*

# MRS. MADORIN LEADS KAYETTES

In the past three years the Ellis High School Kayettes have had three different Kayette sponsors, resulting in confusion, but turning out with much success.

The Kayettes earned \$3395 for the school year 2003-2004. A total of \$859 was given in donations. They bought a heifer to give to a Third World Family, which totaled \$125, gave \$185 to the Mary Elizabeth Home, \$185 to the Make a Wish Foundation, and \$50 dollars went to Valley Hope.

"I have really enjoyed watching the girls figure out how to handle challenges. This really is an organization that belongs to the students. It's rewarding being their sponsor this year; I love to see how responsible all of the members are, and how they've matured," Mrs. Karen Madorin, Kayette sponsor, said.

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Madorin plans to keep encouraging the Kayettes to continue helping the community, and even the world, but have fun doing it.

"I haven't noticed any differences in the three sponsors. They have all wanted to make the organization beneficial to the student body," Laura Lacy, sr., said.

There are also some difficulties that come with getting a new sponsor every year; everyone had to make adjustments.

"At first it was kind of tough with another new sponsor because Mrs. Madorin didn't know exactly how everything worked, but in the end everything worked out for the best," Lynn Pfeifer, Kayette president, said.



1. Mindy Beilman, sr., poses for the camera during Snoball. *photo by Trista Fuchs*

2. Jennifer LaBarge, sr., and Brett Suter, sr., are voted Snoball king and queen by the Kayette Club representatives. *photo by Jessica Spinelli*

3. During Snoball Jessica Spinelli, jr., and her date Michael Beesley dance the night away. Each Kayette member had to earn eleven points doing community activities to be able to attend the dance. *photo by Trista Fuchs*

4. Lynn Pfeifer, sr., and Megan M. Weber, sr., help decorate for Snoball. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*

5. Karen Madorin discusses what a great year the Kayettes have had during the Mother Daughter Tea. *photo by Morgan Murphy*

6. Dana Armbrister escorts her mother Robin Armbrister into the Ellis High School auditorium to enjoy the Kayette senior skit during the Mother Daughter Tea. *photo by Morgan Murphy*





1. Lacy VanAusdale, sr., Mindy Beilman, sr., Heather Wolf, sr., and Jessie Dorzweiler, sr., take part in the senior skit during Mother Daughter Tea. This event was put on by Kayettes to introduce freshmen Kayettes into the club. *photo by Morgan Murphy* 2. Jennifer Jacques, so., and her mother, Nadine Jacques, enjoy each other's company at the Mother Daughter Tea. *photo by Trista Fuchs* 3. Jessie Pfeifer, jr., shoots a basket during Make a Point. *photo by Trista Fuchs* 4. Jessie Dorzweiler, sr., and Megan M. Weber, sr., help show the decorated boxes filled with baked items during the food box auction. *photo by Dustin Cross* 5. Vanessa Beilman strikes a pose during snoball. *photo by Trista Fuchs* 6. Jennifer LaBarge, sr., waits patiently for the next dance to start. *photo by Trista Fuchs* 7. Decorating for Snoball, Amanda Yanda, so., sticks tape on the walls to hold up the background. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler* 8. During the food box auction, Mrs. Karen Madorin, Kayette sponsor, yells to be heard trying to be the highest bidder, while Mrs. June Howard laughs. *photo by Dustin Cross* 9. Monica Befort, fr., was named freshman royalty during Snoball. *photo by Jessica Spinelli*



## TOP 10 MOST POPULAR SERVICE PROJECTS

- 1 "I really liked when we sent the cow to a Third World Country to help a family there."  
Lynn Pfeifer, sr.
- 2 "I like Mrs. Blabbermouth the best. Not talking to b is hard for me!"  
Vanessa Beilman, jr.
- 3 "I enjoy Trick-or-Treat so Others Can Eat. It was fun to collect food from people."  
Krista Connelly, so.
- 4 "The Mary Elizabeth H because it has gone through hard times and is in need."  
Abby Wickham, sr.
- 5 "I liked when we had games for kids before the football games. Kids really enjoyed them."  
Jaymi Riedel, so.
- 6 "I guess I like doing the drop for Snoball because I got stuck with it every year."  
Trista Fuchs, jr.
- 7 "I love doing the park clean-up because you get to be outside and have fun with your friends."  
Jenny Jones, jr.
- 8 "I enjoyed giving personal items to the Good Samaritan Hospital for Christmas."  
Laura Lacy, sr.
- 9 "I like Snoball the best because I get to get all dressed up, and see what everyone else wears."  
Sherri Johnson, sr.
- 10 "I really enjoy the food auction. Everyone becomes more active. Also, the Kayettes put on a local organization to donate so it's more personal."  
Mrs. Karen Madorin

## Dance vs. Dance

Snoball	Event	Homecoming
Formal	Attire	Semi-Casual
Extravagant	Decorations	Simple
Complete Music	Music	FX Unlimited
February	Month	September
All Classes	Royalty	Seniors Only
Kayettes	Sponsor	Stuco

### Get Involved

"Being recognized at the Kayette Mother Daughter Tea is an honor for all seniors because people see how involved EHS is."  
Laura Lacy, sr.





# TOP 10 FROM FFA AND FCCLA

## LIFE LESSONS

"Working hard will help you achieve any goal." - FFA  
Dustin Cross, sr.

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"Leadership skills I can use later on." - FCCLA  
Jessie Pfeifer, jr.

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"Studying for contests taught me that being persistent has its rewards." - FFA  
Colton Barton, jr.

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"Valuable life skills to use in the future." - FCCLA  
Jenna Henrickson, jr.

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"Watch where I'm walking at livestock judging contests." - FFA  
Slade Hackney, so.

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"How to better manage my time." - FCCLA  
Lynn Pfeifer, sr.

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"How to learn with my hands rather than with my pencil." - FFA  
Ryan Grogan, fr.

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"To work as part of a team and not always as an individual." - FCCLA  
Meggie Patrick, fr.

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"Always be ready for anything." - FFA  
Cole King, jr.

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"To prioritize when conflicts sometimes occur." - FCCLA  
Trista Fuchs, jr.

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1. Megan M. Weber, sr., hands Cory Amrein, so., a sucker as part of FCCLA Week. *photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler* 2. At the FCCLA Freshmen kidnapping, Jaylen Reed, fr., crawls under a line of other students to complete an obstacle course. *photo by Brett Suter* 3. Cole Erbert, fr., eats his hamburger at the FFA barbecue which was held to introduce potential and returning members to the organization. *photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler* 4. Wondering what's inside the gift, Meggie Patrick, fr., unwraps her Christmas present at the FCCLA gift exchange. *photo by Megan M. Weber* 5. Volunteering his time to help prepare the FFA breakfast, Kevin Keller, jr., flips some pancakes on the stove. 6. Seniors Aaron Honas and Dustin Cross watch a demonstration on the effects of anhydrous ammonia at Farm Safety Day. *photos by Jeremy Dorzweiler* 7. John Mehl, jr., identifies to the judge various automotive fluids at the Ag/Mechanics contest. *photo by Brett Suter* 8. Before a safety demonstration, juniors T.J. Lee and Blake Connelly glance at an ATV during Farm Safety Day. *photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler* 9. Seniors Jessie Dorzweiler and Lacy Van Ausdale prepare a couple of batches of cookie dough in preparation for the FCCLA Christmas party. *photo by Megan M. Weber*

And the Winner Is...

"I think the best part about FFA is participating in all the contests. It's exciting when you place at them." Kyle Urban, so.



## FFA vs. FCCLA

(how the FFA and FCCLA organizations differ)

Mr. Eldon Pfeifer	Advisor	Mrs. Sharla Albers
Fruit sales	Major fundraiser	Candle sales
Forty-two members	Number of members	Thirty-three members
Manhattan	State convention location	Wichita
FFA Barbeque	Introductory activity	Freshmen kidnapping
FFA breakfast	Major FFA/FCCLA Week Event	Monster cookies sale
Steak	Banquet meal	Chicken



*FFA and FCCLA minorities play a major role in the organizations' abilities to function*

# STUDENTS TAKE THE UNBEATEN PATH

At Ellis High School, FFA and FCCLA have traditionally been gender-dominated organizations. However there were a few students who decided to take a break from the norm.

Of the 33 members that were in FCCLA, Jason Schmidt, fr., Bill Hankins, so., and Jon Hejny, jr., were the only three guys in the organization. "It's a little different having such a small number of males because they are not always interested in doing the same social activities as the girls," Mrs. Sharla Albers, the FCCLA advisor, said.

Even though they were the only three males in FCCLA, that didn't prevent Hejny, Hankins, and Schmidt from being active in the organization. To Hejny, being a male in FCCLA was not that awkward

**"I had a great time being in FCCLA this year. It was kind of awkward because everyone around me was a girl."**

*Jason Schmidt, fr.*

because he could do anything the girls could. There wasn't much difference to him he said.

Nicole Weigel, so., and Kristen Waldschmidt, fr., were the only two females out of the 42 members that were involved in FFA. According to Mr. Eldon Pfeifer, the FFA advisor, Weigel and Waldschmidt were very active despite being the only two females in FFA.

"I joined FFA because both of my parents were in the organization, and they really enjoyed it," Waldschmidt said.

Weigel and Waldschmidt participated in many of the same club activities as the rest of the FFA members.

"Being in FFA has been one of my highlights of the year," Weigel said. "It has also taught me a lot of things I would not have learned in any other classes."



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1. Volunteering as an FFA breakfast cook, Cody Mickelson, jr., flips some strips of bacon. FFA Week was held a week earlier at EHS than the official FFA Week due to an error when the events for the FFA year were planned.

2. T.J. Lee, jr., hands Mr. Troy Dale a couple strips of bacon at the FFA breakfast. *photos by Jeremy Dorzweiler.*  
3. As part of the FCCLA gift exchange, Laura Lacy, sr., wraps her present. *photo by Megan M. Weber*

4. Seniors Megan M. Weber and Lacy Van Ausdale place prints of their lips on their cards for the FCCLA "Kiss the Card" Day. *photo by Jessie Dorzweiler*  
5. Listening to Mr. Pfeifer lecture about noxious weeds, Colton

Barton, jr., studies for the crops judging contest in Hays. *photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler*  
6. Dustin Cross, sr., tries to determine the size of a bolt with a tape measure at the FFA Ag/Mechanics Contest in Goodland. *photo by Brett Suter*



Night in Paris ends early for all but six students

# YOU'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE

Almost anyone would love to go to the famous city of Paris, even just for a short visit, especially if it were for a junior and senior Prom. Since the juniors couldn't take everyone to Paris, they brought Paris to Ellis.

An outside Paris restaurant and famous French paintings on the walls captured the ambiance of Paris. Although the Eiffel Tower was only a mere eight feet tall, it went along with the theme, Soiree a Paris.

All the money spent and decorations didn't keep students from leaving the dance before it was even halfway over. By 9:30 p.m. over 35 out of the original 80 students had officially signed out. Seven people remained at the dance, and when the clock struck 11

"The decorations and everything were really cool. I don't know why everyone decided to leave the dance early."

Kasi Wyatt, jr.

p.m., only six people remained to dance the last song.

While it's true that the last dance came as early as 8:30 p.m. for some students, the students that stayed for the entire dance said that they had a wonderful time.

"When everyone left we could just let loose and not worry about what everyone else thought," Jenny Jones, jr., said.

On the other hand some had different feelings about people leaving.

"I thought it was pretty funny when everyone left," Ryan Gross, jr., said.

Even though only a few people remained, Prom went on. The final six didn't let it get to them that everyone else had left. They stayed and danced to the last song at Prom 2004.

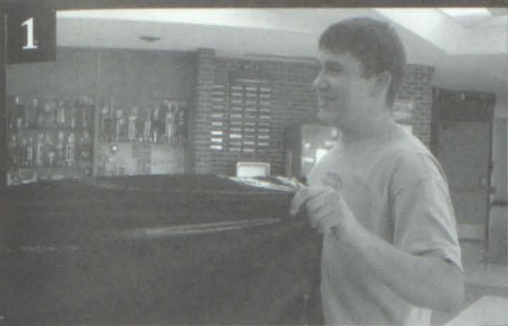


1. Abby Wickham, sr., and her date Brandon Weber head to the dance floor. *photo by Cindy Hertel* 3. Travis Elder, jr., and Ashley Hejny, so., move to a slow song. After Prom Elder and Hejny went to the Village Inn to eat. *photo by Laura Lacy*

4. Seniors Amber North, Laura Lacy, and Jeremy Dorzweiler exchange conversation while they wait for the main course. *photo by Cindy Hertel* 5. Chuck Parks, jr., and Brad Keller, sr., take a break in between songs. "I thought the DJ was a little below par, and that kept people off the dance floor," Parks, jr., said. *photo by Laura Lacy* 6. Jessica Spinelli, jr., paints on the gallery sign that was placed by the paintings. *photo by Morgan Murphy*



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1. John Mehl, Jr., helps hang plastic on the walls. Juniors were dismissed after lunch to prepare for prom on Friday. *photo by Cindy Hertel* 2. Juniors Cody Mickelson and Zach DeBolt eat their salads in hope the main course will come soon. *photo by Cindy Hertel* 3. Dana Armbrister, Jr., Jessie Pfeifer, Jr., and Megan D. Weber converse at the table before the meal. *photo by Cindy Hertel* 4. Juniors Vanessa Beilman and Rebecca Augustine talk about the Prom decorations and see what needs to be done. *photo by Cindy Hertel* 5. Blake Connelly, Jr., and Rachel Thomson, Jr., move around the dance floor. Connelly gave the opening speech to Prom. *photo by Laura Lacy* 6. Ryan Gross, Jr., holds plastic on the wall while it gets stapled. *photo by Morgan Murphy* 7. Cole King, Jr., rests from all the dancing and takes advantage of the outside seating. *photo by Laura Lacy* 8. Skyy Westbrook, Sr., and TJ Lee, Jr. take a break in between songs. *photo by Cindy Hertel* 9. Adrienne Heronome, Thomas McElroy, Jr., and Kevin Keller, Jr., sit down outside and take advantage of the nice spring weather. *photo by Laura Lacy*

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## TOP 10 STRESSFUL MOMENTS OF PROM

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"I broke a nail on the door as I was coming in so I had to file it off before pictures."

Ryan Honas, Sr.

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"Deciding last minute whether or not to go to the races or Prom."

John Kroeger, Sr.

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"When Jon tried to fix the light and shocked himself and almost started a fire."

Jessie Pfeifer, Jr.

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"I ordered my tux three days before Prom, and I received the day of."

Jordan Kroeger, Sr.

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"Six people didn't have seats so I had to rearrange everything at last minute."

Jessica Spinelli, Jr.

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"My shoes didn't fit so the whole night my shoes were flapping around."

Jeremy Dorzweiler, Sr.

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"The glasses were completely messed up and we didn't even have them the night of Prom."

Lacie Bittel, Jr.

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"My hair appointment was late so the whole night seemed like I was behind."

Mindy Beilman, Sr.

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"Arranging all of my appointments so that I could be ready in time for the dance."

Danielle Erbert, Sr.

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"Waiting 20 minutes for L. VanAusdale to put in her earrings."

Aaron Honas, Sr.

## Guys vs. Girls

\$100

Tux/Dress

\$100

\$0

Hair

\$25

\$10

Flowers

\$5

\$11

Shoes

\$30

\$0

Jewelry

\$15

\$0

Nails

\$30

\$121

Total

\$205

## Open Dance Floor

"When everyone left early, there was no one to dance with, so I just decided to leave too."

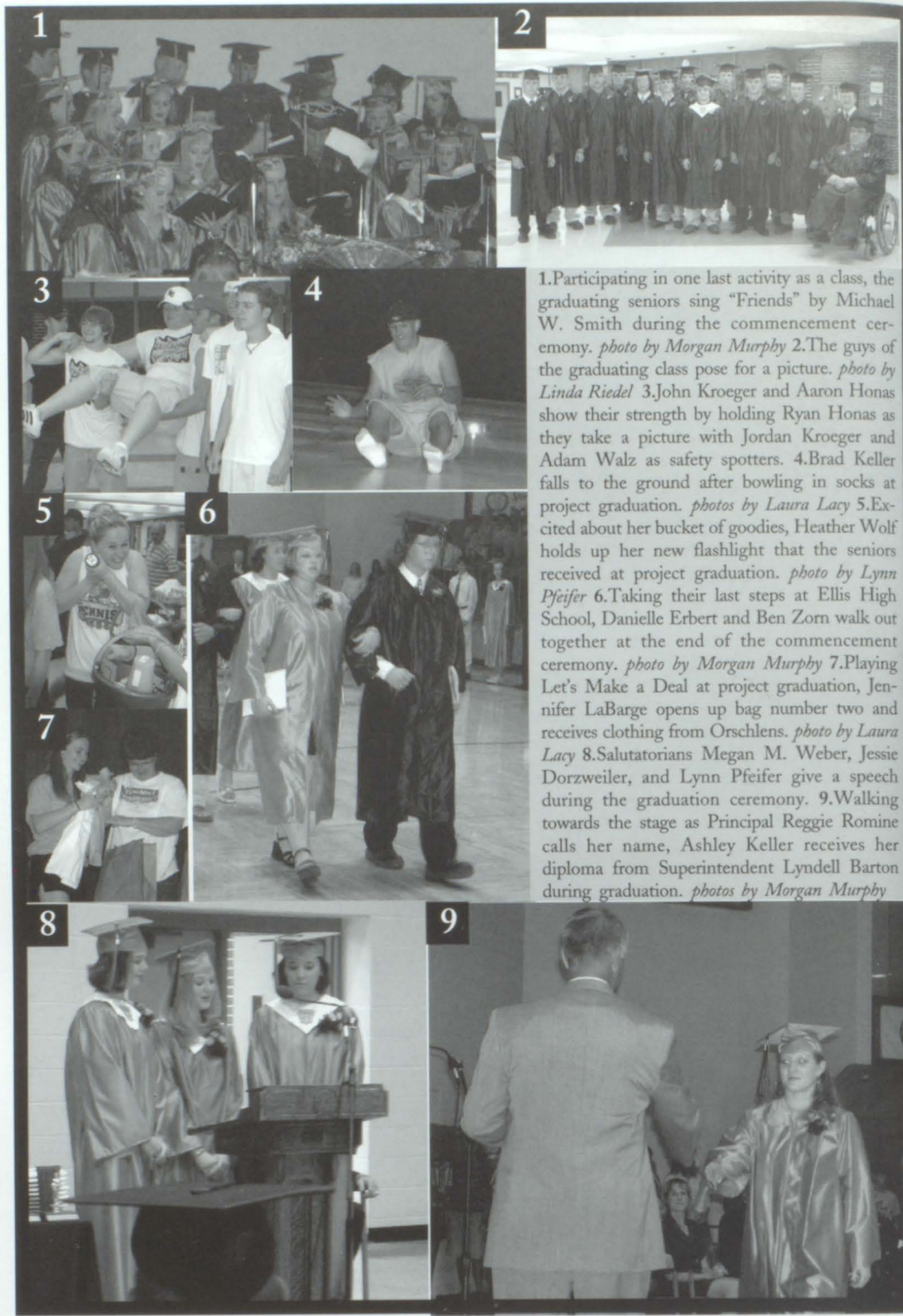
Jerome Gottschalk, Jr.





# TOP 10 FROM THE SENIORS

## ADVICE



1. Participating in one last activity as a class, the graduating seniors sing "Friends" by Michael W. Smith during the commencement ceremony. *photo by Morgan Murphy* 2. The guys of the graduating class pose for a picture. *photo by Linda Riedel* 3. John Kroeger and Aaron Honas show their strength by holding Ryan Honas as they take a picture with Jordan Kroeger and Adam Walz as safety spotters. 4. Brad Keller falls to the ground after bowling in socks at project graduation. *photos by Laura Lacy* 5. Excited about her bucket of goodies, Heather Wolf holds up her new flashlight that the seniors received at project graduation. *photo by Lynn Pfeifer* 6. Taking their last steps at Ellis High School, Danielle Erbert and Ben Zorn walk out together at the end of the commencement ceremony. *photo by Morgan Murphy* 7. Playing Let's Make a Deal at project graduation, Jennifer LaBarge opens up bag number two and receives clothing from Orschlens. *photo by Laura Lacy* 8. Salutatorians Megan M. Weber, Jessie Dorzweiler, and Lynn Pfeifer give a speech during the graduation ceremony. 9. Walking towards the stage as Principal Reggie Romine calls her name, Ashley Keller receives her diploma from Superintendent Lyndell Barton during graduation. *photos by Morgan Murphy*

"Senioritis all year isn't good." **1**  
Ben Zorn

"Term papers are important to hand in early." **2**  
Mindy Beilman

"Enjoy your friends; it may be the last years you spend together." **3**  
Abby Wickham

"Do your community service." **4**  
Scott Amrein

"Get involved as much as you can and have fun." **5**  
Megan D. Weber

"Don't wait to do your homework the hour before it's due." **6**  
Jeremy Dorzweiler

"When you're in Mrs. Hertel's classes, always talk even if it's jibberish." **7**  
Ryan Honas

"Keep organized or you will lose your mind." **8**  
Amber North

"Have fun and enjoy it while it lasts because you can't come back." **9**  
Sherri Johnson

"Make friends with the seniors." **10**  
Brad Keller



*Small-Town Sweetie*  
"The best thing about moving from Las Vegas to Ellis is that I met an awesome girl."  
**Justin Coleman**

Then vs. Now		
1991 prices (year the seniors began kindergarten) vs. 2004 prices (year of graduation)		
.25	postage stamp	.37
\$1.14/gallon	gallon of gas	\$1.97/gallon
\$2.80	gallon of milk	\$3.11
\$1300	personal computer	\$500
\$4.25/hour	minimum wage	\$5.15/hour
\$37,326	average KS household income	\$41, 810
\$16,850	average price of a new car	\$30,481



*Seniors create one last memory together  
at the EHS graduation ceremony*

# SENIOR CLASS TAKES THE SPOTLIGHT

From the time that they were in kindergarten until they were seniors, the class of 2004 was in the shadow of the dominating class of 2003. When given the chance, the seniors stepped out of this shadow.

While the class of 2003 was an unusually large class with 41 students, the class of 2004 was small with only 31 students. Many of the varsity teams and club offices were held by this large class's members. But in 2003-2004, these students were gone, leaving all these spots open for the upcoming seniors. Seniors, many who had played only on a junior varsity team in the past, took over these positions.

**"Graduation was an opportunity for our class to be together one last time, but the hardest part was saying goodbye to all of my friends."**

*Megan M. Weber*

"Last year's class was really good in sports, and no underclassmen got recognized. This year was different because we finally got our chance to step it up and come out of their shadow," Cody Honas, sr., said.

And step it up they did. They may not have made it to state as the class before them did, but that doesn't mean that it wasn't a good year.

"I thought it was a great year and a lot of credit for that goes to the seniors. Even though the season records may not have matched last years, the seniors remained positive and led the student body," Mrs. Cindy Hertel said.



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1. Abby Wickham and Cody Honas listen to Mr. Romine as he reviews the graduation ceremony with the seniors. 2. The girls of the graduating class take a group picture before the commencement ceremony starts. *photos*

*by Linda Riedel* 3. At the bowling alley during Project Graduation, Dustin Cross attempts to knock down some pins as he bowls backwards. The seniors had to perform many different ways of bowling. *photo by Laura Lacy*

**Good Luck in your future!  
The Wickhams**

4. After becoming an Ellis High School graduate, Laura Lacy receives a hug from Sammy Hook, Jr. 5. Shaking Superintendent Lyndell Barton's hand, Skyy Westbrook receives his diploma. *photos by Morgan Murphy*

6. When arriving at Project Graduation, Lacy VanAusdale completes her first task to get into the building. Each senior had to catch a whipped cream covered donut in their mouth before moving on. *photo by Laura Lacy*



Front row: Monica Befort, Sammy Hook, Emily Cox, Emily Keller, Rachel Thomson, Amber Honas, Elexx Feyh, Jaylen Reed, Ashley Hejny, Kristen Waldschmidt, Brittany Kroeger Krista Connelly. Middle row: Mgr. Megan D. Weber, Sasha Pazicka, Jennifer Jacques, Jaymi Riedel, Becca Dinkel, Lacy Van Ausdale, Lindsay Gaschler, Jennifer LaBarge, Jessie Dorzweiler, Trista Fuchs, Lacie Bittel, Vanessa Beilman Mgr. Heather Schuster. Back row: Coach Perry Mick, Kelsy Kinderknecht, Kristen Weber, Jennifer Jones, Kelsi Schoenthaler, Jessica Hadley, Dana Armbrister, Jennifer Leybold, Laura Augustine, Meggie Patrick, Megan Keller, Whitney Lang, Mgr. Katie Zahn, Coach Kerry Bittel Coach Brandi Dinkel. *photo by Smoky Hill Photography*



## VOLLEYBALL

Colton Barton, Scott Gugler, Blake Connelly, Sherri Johnson, Lynn Pfeifer Coach Casey Dinkel. *photo by Smoky Hill Photography*



## CROSS COUNTRY

Front row: Chris Hazen, Michael Hiss, Randy Hamel, Adam Augustine, Brett Mickelson, Glenn Lacy, Cole Erbert Jared Deutscher. Middle row: Eric Gaschler, Slade Hackney, Rowdy Wichman, Adam Walz, Clay King, Cody Mickelson, Justin LaBarge, Dylan Lang Daren Haas. Back row: Coach Butch Hayes, John Kroeger, Jerome Gottschalk, Jorge Oliveira, Cole King, Ryan Honas, Brett Suter, Brad Keller, Cody Honas, Cory Amrein, Coach Art Schoenthaler. *photo by Smoky Hill Photography*



## FOOTBALL





## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Front row: Meggie Patrick, Kristen Waldschmidt, Brittany Kroeger, Amber Honas Emily Cox. Middle row: Coach Perry Mick, Whitney Lang, Ellex Feyh, Lacie Bittel, Jennifer LaBarge, Lindsay Gaschler, Trista Fuchs, Kristen Weber, Jennifer Leybold Coach David Wildeman. Back row: Sasha Pazicka, Jessica Hadley, Kelsi Schoenthaler, Vanessa Beilman, Jennifer Jacques, Lynn Pfeifer, Jaymi Riedel, Heather Schuster Laura Augustine. *photo by Smoky Hill Photography*



## BOYS' BASKETBALL

Front row: Mgr. Jaylen Reed, Mgr. Courtney Schartz, Jared Deutscher, Chris Hazen, Brett Mickelson, Aaron Herl, Lenny LaBarge, Mgr. Amanda Fischer Mgr. Stephanie Spinelli. Middle row: Rowdy Wichman, Andrew Casey, Eric Gaschler, Colton Barton, Jerome Gottschalk, Cody Honas, Brett Suter, Dylan Lang, Daren Haas, Kyle Urban Mgr. Skyy Westbrook. Back row: Coach Art Schoenthaler, Adam Augustine, TJ Lee, Jorge Oliveira, M.J. Gnad, Travis Elder, Chuck Parks, Ryan Gross, Jordan Mattheyer, Jon Hejny Coach Chris Rorabaugh. *photo by Smoky Hill Photography*



## WRESTLING

Front row: Mgr. Becca Dinkel, Austin Morton, Glenn Lacy, Cole Erbert, Justin LaBarge, Brian Keller, Dusty Unrein Mgr. Amanda Yanda. Back row: Coach Casey Dinkel, John Kroeger, Adam Walz, Clay King, Ryan Honas, Cole King, Aaron Honas Dustin Cross. *photo by Smoky Hill Photography*



Row 1: Kyle Urban, Chris Hazen, Adam Augustine, Eric Gaschler, Austin Morton, Austin Fox. Row 2: Randy Hamel, Blake Connelly, Dustin Cross, Coach John Kolacny, Jordan Kroeger, Jerome Gottschalk, Rowdy Wichman. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



## GOLF

Row 1: Sammy Hook, Meggie Patrick, Whitney Lang, Rachel Thomson, Brittany Kroeger, Emily Cox, Krista Connelly, Megan Keller. Row 2: Mgr. Jessica Hadley, Jerica Garrard, Katie Zahn, Nicole Weigel, Laura Redden, Jaymi Riedel, Amber Honas, Ashley Hejny, Kelsi Schoenthaler, Mgr. Heather Schuster. Row 3: Coach Butch Hayes, Coach Perry Mick, Trista Fuchs, Jenny Jones, Jessie Pfeifer, Danielle Erbert, Lindsay Gaschler, Vanessa Beilman, Jennifer Leybold, Megan D. Weber, Jenna Henrickson, Kasi Wyatt, Mgr. Dana Armbrister, Coach Steve Erbert, Coach Jack Wolf. *photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler*



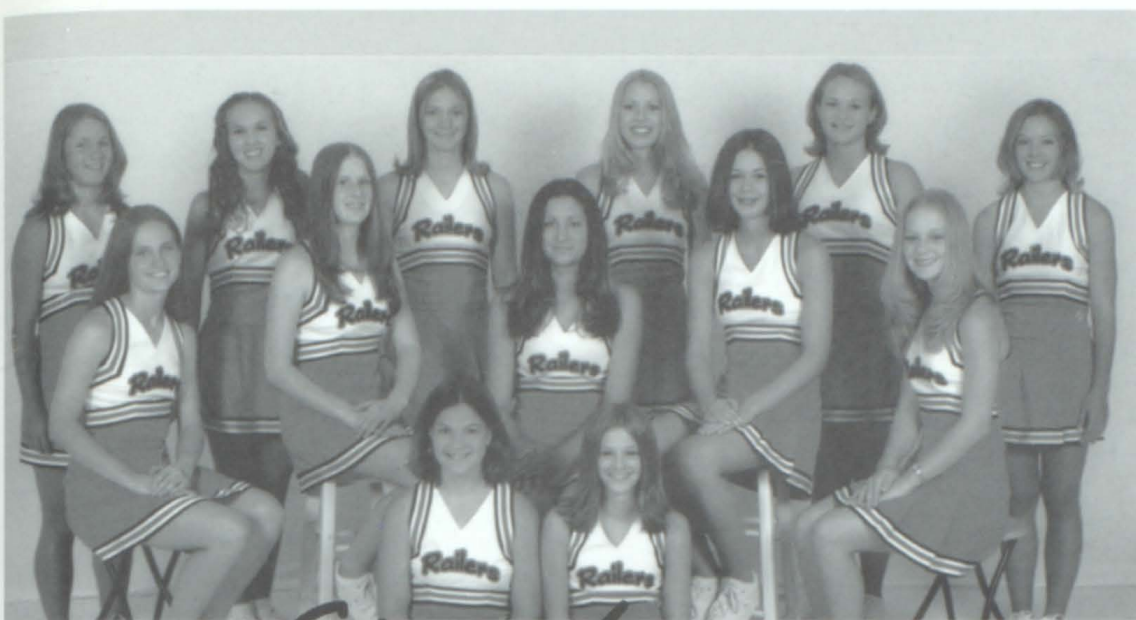
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Row 1: Mgr. Heather Schuster, Mgr. Dana Armbrister, Michael Hiss, Lenny LaBarge, Andrew Casey, Dusty Unrein, Skyy Westbrook, Scott Gugler, Brian Keller, Cole Erbert, Jared Deutscher, Mgr. Jessica Hadley. Row 2: Coach Steve Erbert, Coach Jack Wolf, Slade Hackney, Zach DeBolt, Cole Weigel, Cody Mickelson, John Mehl, Ryan Honas, Travis Elder, Chuck Parks, Kevin Keller, T.J. Lee, Coach Perry Mick, Coach Butch Hayes. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



## BOYS TRACK





## CHEER SQUAD



## BAND



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Row 1: Rachel Thomson, Brittany Kroeger. Row 2: Jennifer LaBarge, Lacy VanAusdale, Dana Armbrister, Megan M. Weber, Jessie Dorzweiler. Row 3: Amber Honas, Trista Fuchs, Lacie Bittel, Paige Helget, Kelsi Schoenthaler, Emily Keller. *photo by Smoky Hill Photography*

Row 1: Alyson Bollig, Emily Keller, Jenna Henrickson, Megan M. Weber, Lacy VanAusdale. Row 2: Jessie Pfeifer, Kristen Weber, Jessica Hadley, Laura Augustine, Dana Armbrister, Jennifer Augustine, Heather Schuster, Jennifer LaBarge, Jessie Dorzweiler. Row 3: Mrs. Jill Nichols, Amber North, Chris Hazen, Blake Connelly, Krista Connelly, Danielle Erbert, Brian Keller, Dusty Unrein, Jaylen Reed, Ryan Grogan, Mrs. Renetta Dawson. Row 4: Aaron Herl, Kevin Keller, Jaymi Riedel, Bill Hankins, Courtney Schartz, Emily Cox, Rebecca Augustine, Lynn Pfeifer, Lindsay Gaschler, Jordan Kroeger. *photo by Clay King*

Row 1: Jennifer Augustine, Jenna Henrickson, Becca Dinkel, Kristen Weber, Emily Cox, Jaylen Reed, Jenny Jones, Matea Lovato, Krista Connelly, Cassie Day, Sheila Douglas, Mrs. Amanda Pfenniger, Jerica Gerrard, Heather Schuster, Jessie Pfeifer, Kasi Wyatt, Alyson Bollig, Emily Keller, Jaymi Riedel, Laura Redden, Megan Keller, Danielle Erbert, Dana Armbrister, Amber North, Keric Smith, Dusty Unrein. Row 3: Jessica Hadley, Laura Augustine, Megan M. Weber, Jennifer LaBarge, Jessie Dorzweiler, Courtney Schartz, Jennifer Jacques, Paige Helget, Aaron Herl, Lynn Pfeifer, Blake Connelly, ColeKing, Bill Hankins, Chris Hazen. *photo by Clay King*



Row 1: Sherri Johnson, Lindsay Gaschler, Lynn Pfeifer, Jennifer LaBarge, Megan M. Weber, Jessie Dorzweiler, Lacy VanAusdale. Row 2: Jessie Pfeifer, Trista Fuchs, Lacie Bittel, Jaymi Riedel, Jessica Hadley, Kelsi Schoenthaler. *photo by Morgan Murphy*



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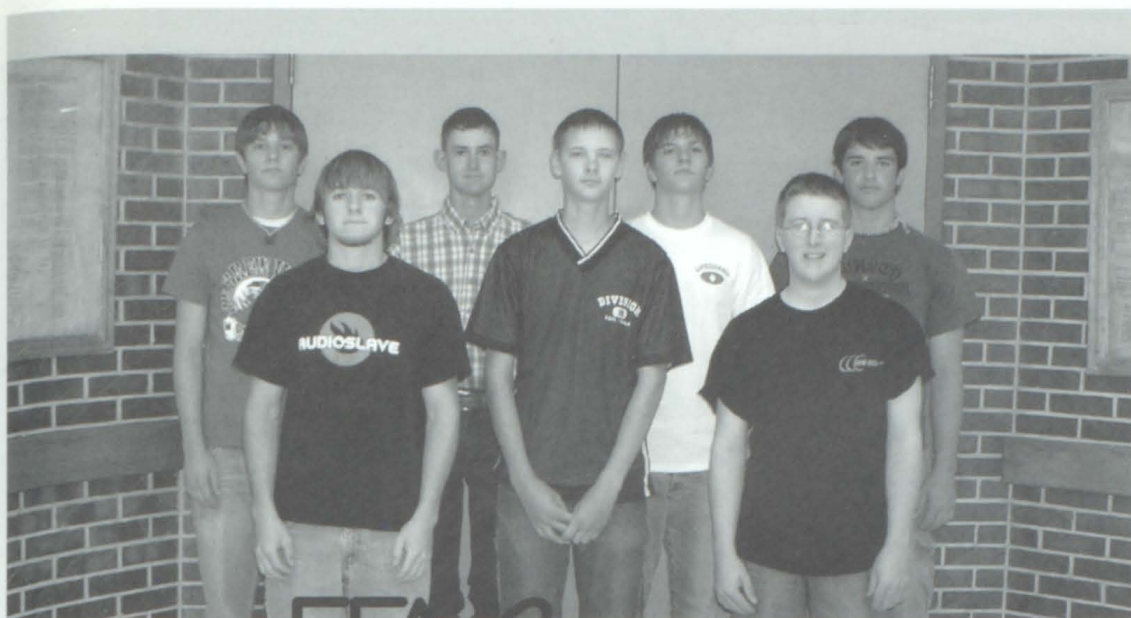
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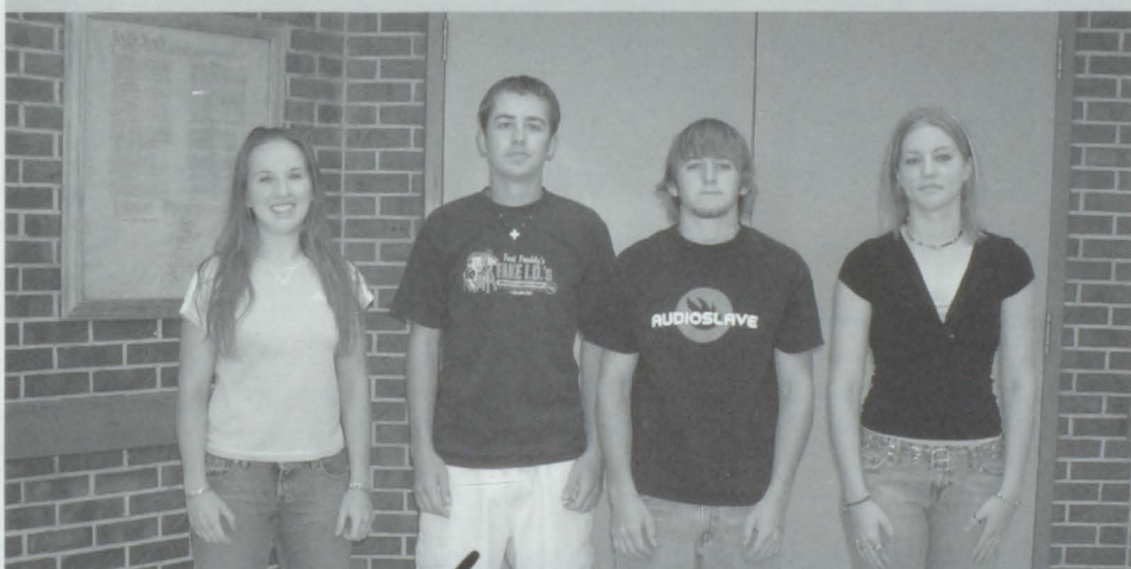
## FFA OFFICERS

Row 1: John Kroeger, Colton Barton, Jeremy Dorzweiler. Row 2: Clay King, Kevin Keller, Cole King, Brett Suter. *photo by Laura Lacy*



## FCCLA OFFICERS

Row 1: Laura Lacy, Jennifer LaBarge, Jessie Dorzweiler. Row 2: Jessica Hadley, Lynn Pfeifer, Megan M. Weber, Jaymi Riedel, Lacy VanAusdale. *photo by Cindy Hertel*



## STUCO

Trista Fuchs, Jordan Kroeger, John Kroeger, Jaymi Riedel. *photo by Laura Lacy*





# USD 388

USD 388 School Office. Judy Tway-Cross keeps track of the employee records and monetary transactions while Connie Waldschmidt handles all of the other secretarial work. This was Lyndell Barton's third year as superintendent of USD 388. *photo by Lynn Pfeifer*

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USD 388 Transportation Team drove buses to and from school and other activities. Front: Dennis Wolf, Sally, Mike Schuster, Virginia Loflin, and Joyce Gabel. Row 2: Marvin Riedel, Royce Morton, Paulette Kroeger, Lauran Leiker, Dan Gabel, and Kenny Herman. *photo by Lynn Pfeifer*



USD 388 School Board met the first Monday of every month to discuss educational issues. Front: Cheryl Helget, Gayla Wichman, and Gail Brack. Row 2: Marty Hollern, John Walz, Gary Luea, and Swede Holmgren. *photo by Lynn Pfeifer*



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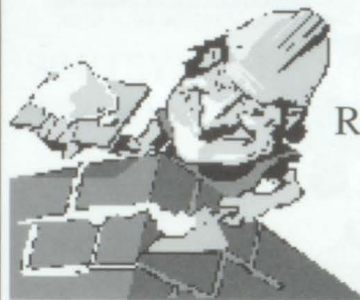
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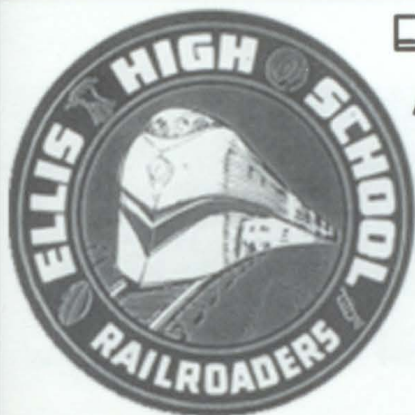
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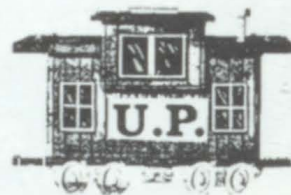
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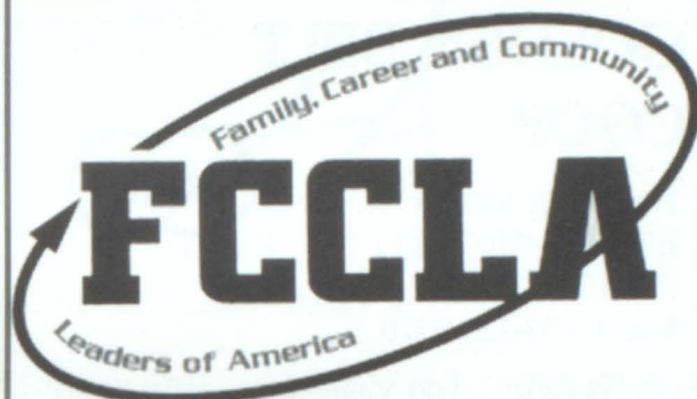
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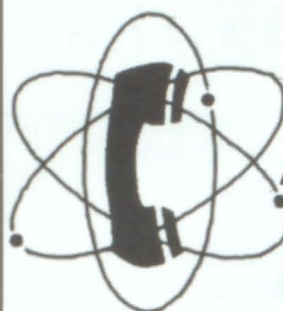
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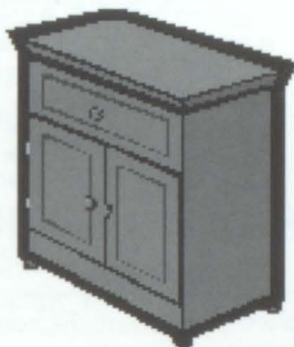
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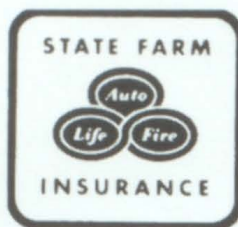
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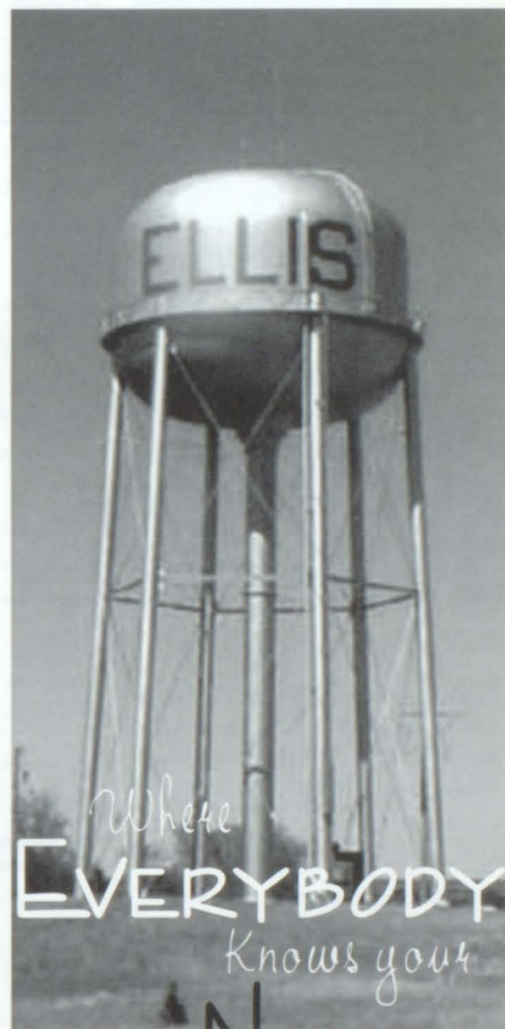
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### Ready to Golf

Freshman Adam Augustine carries his golf bag to the next hole at the Ellis Invitational where the team placed third. *photo by Jeremy Dorzweiler*

### Fast Pitch

During sophomore P.E., Alyson Bollig pitches to the batter while M.J. Gnad prepares to stop anything that flies his way. *photo by Megan M. Weber*

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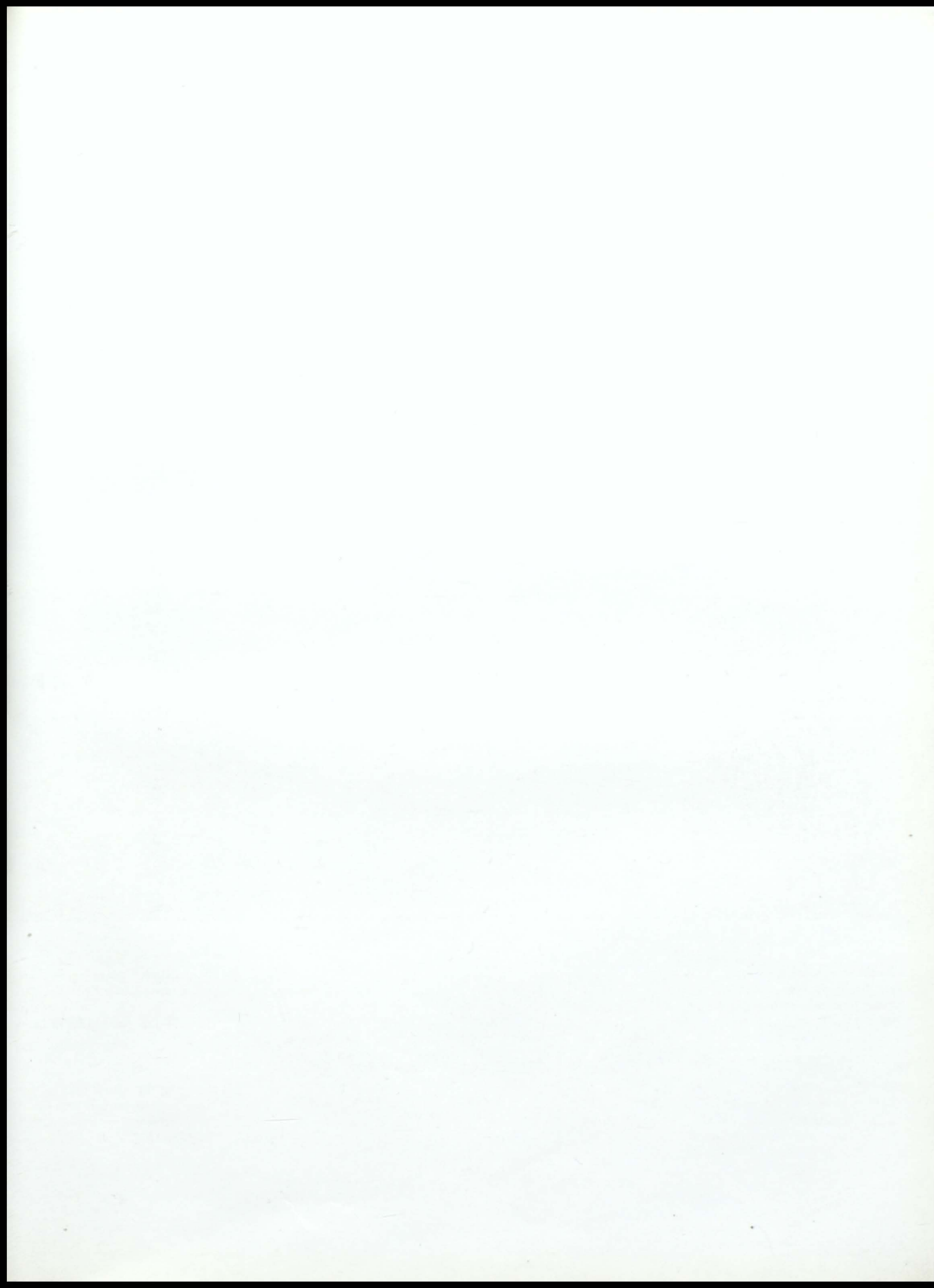
### Swing Dance

Senior Brett Suter swing dances with prom server Emily Keller, so., during Prom. The dance lasted from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. *photo by Laura Lacy*

### Lasting Memories

Bringing them a rose, senior Laura Lacy hugs her parents after the slide show presented by the senior class. *photo by Morgan Murphy*







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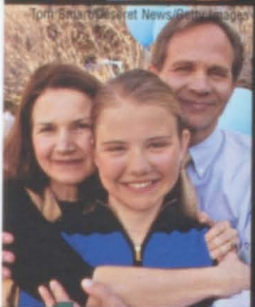
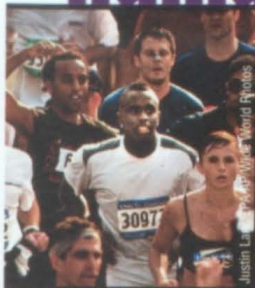




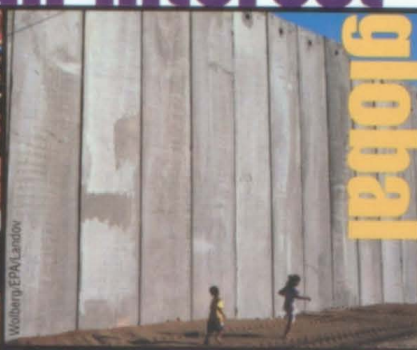




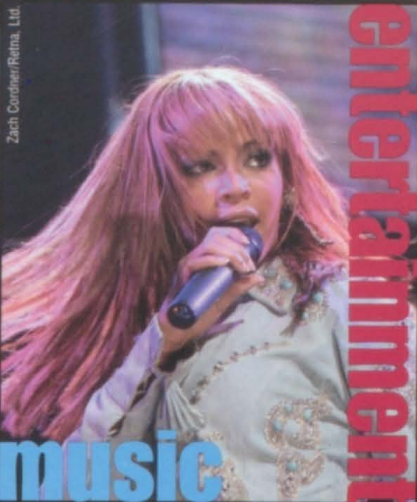
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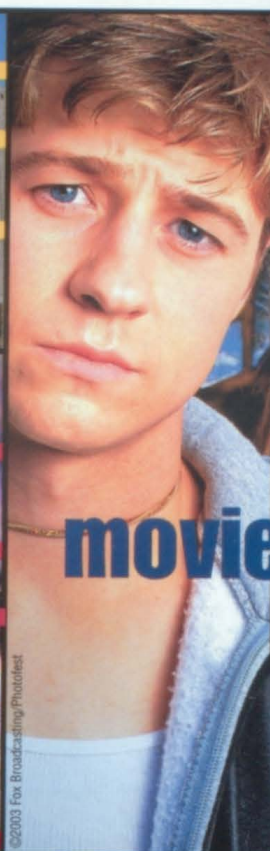


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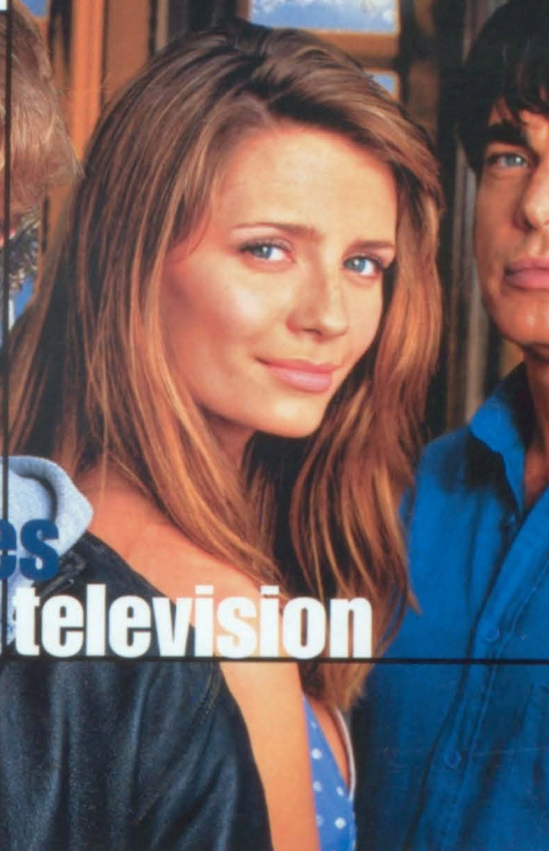


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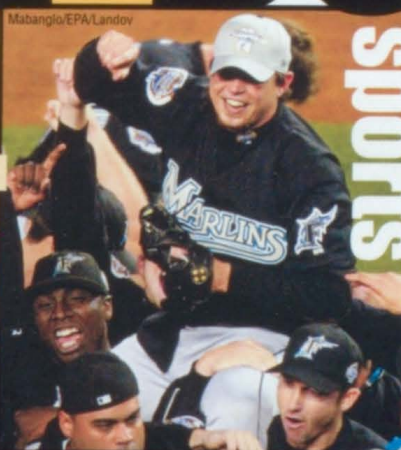
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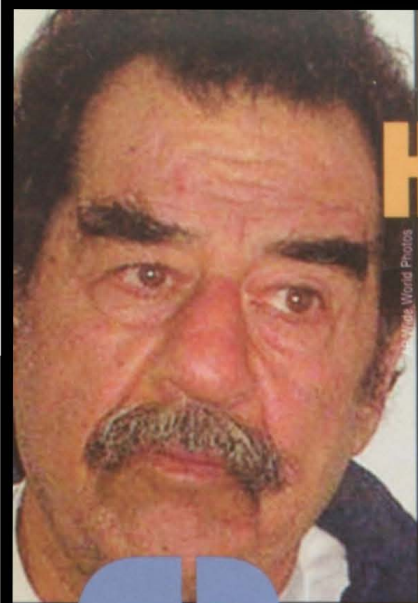
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# HEADLINES



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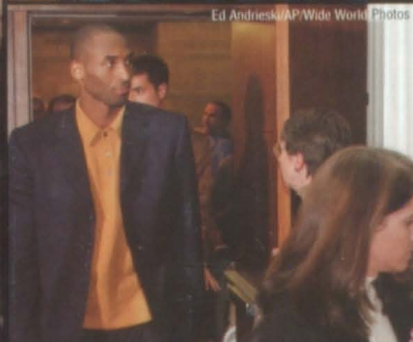


U.S. Forces capture deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein in a "spider hole" at a farm outside his hometown of Tikrit.



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← A fatal Staten Island Ferry crash in New York harbor leaves 10 dead and dozens injured after the pilot loses consciousness and slams into the dock.

← NBA star Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers is charged with the sexual assault of a 19-year-old Colorado woman.

← A federal appellate court orders the removal of a Ten Commandments monument from the Alabama Supreme Court building, citing violation of the First Amendment.

# front page

→ In October, the Federal Trade Commission initiates the National Do Not Call Registry to minimize the number of telemarketing calls consumers receive.



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→ President Bush becomes the first U.S. president to visit Iraq when he makes an unannounced Thanksgiving visit with troops stationed there.

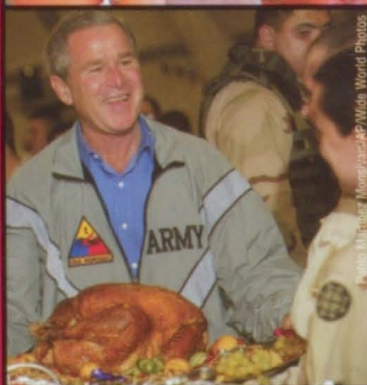


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→ The abduction of University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin, 22, results in the arrest of convicted sex offender Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50.



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## flash

The economy shows signs of recovery when the Dow Jones Industrial Average tops 10,000 points for the first time in over 18 months on December 12.



The worst wildfires in California history claim 22 lives, destroy more than 3,400 homes and consume 750,000 acres of land.



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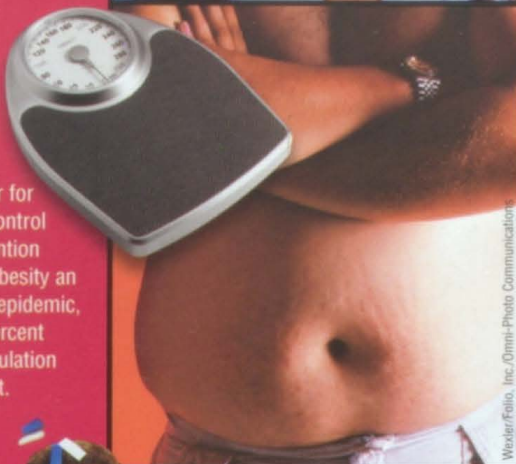


→ Michael Jackson is arrested on multiple counts of child abuse after an accusation from a 12-year-old boy.



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→ The Center for Disease Control and Prevention declares obesity an American epidemic, with 64 percent of the population overweight.



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U.S. Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, a POW of the war in Iraq, becomes a media sensation after her rescue by U.S. Forces is aired on the news.



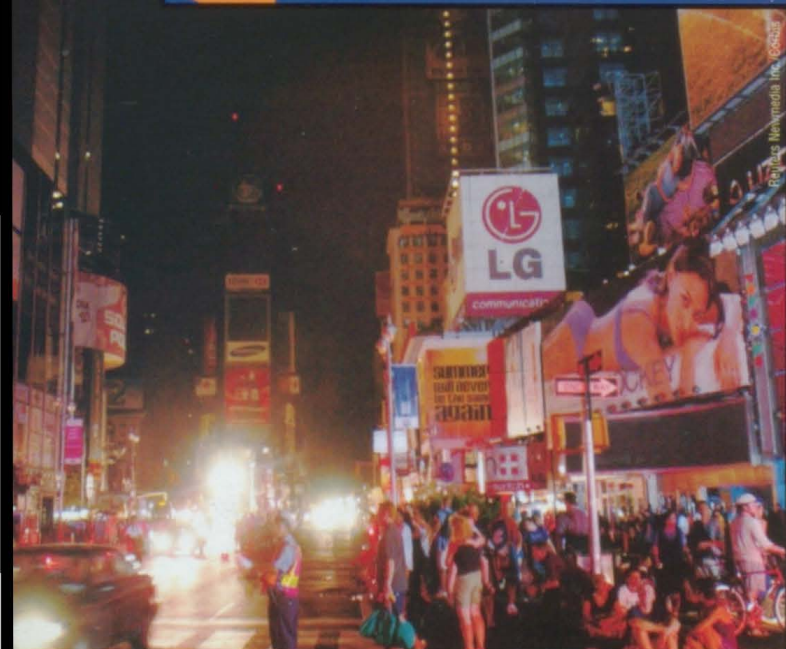
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← Action star Arnold Schwarzenegger replaces Gray Davis as governor of California in a highly publicized recall election.

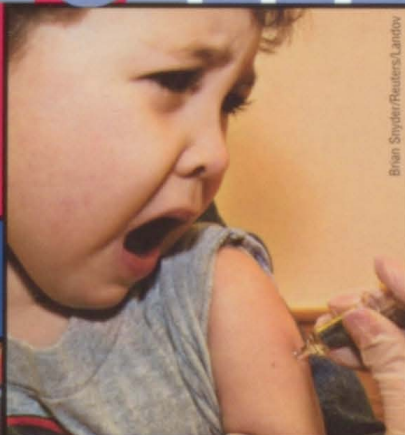
# headlines



On August 14, the largest North American blackout occurs when three Ohio line failures leave more than 50 million people in eight states and Canada without power.



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← Americans rush to receive vaccinations as the country is hit hard by a new strand of the influenza virus.

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**MEDICAR**



↑ President Bush signs a controversial bill calling for a \$400 billion Medicare overhaul.

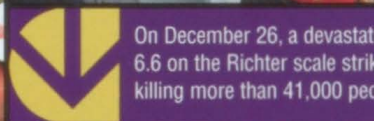
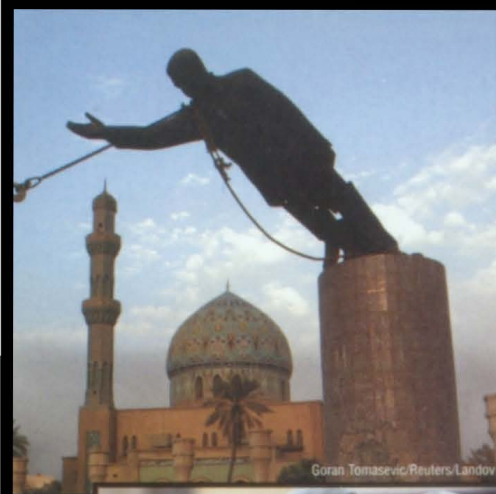


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← Scott Peterson stands trial on murder charges in the slaying of his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son.



# GLOBAL



← A European heat wave in August claims more than 19,000 lives, making it one of the world's deadliest hot-weather disasters.

← The World Health Organization reports that severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) infected more than 8,000 people in over 25 countries, killing 700.

← An Economic Community of West African States peacekeeping coalition ends 14 years of fighting between Liberian rebels and government forces, sending tyrant Charles Taylor into exile.

On May 1, 43 days after the war in Iraq began, President Bush declares "major combat operations in Iraq have ended." As hundreds of thousands of U.S. and British forces remain to restore peace and deliver aid to Iraqi citizens, more soldiers are killed in the months after the war than during it.

→ Around the world, "flash mobs"—large groups of people recruited by anonymous organizers via the Internet—gather, perform a wild act and quickly disperse.

→ In a dramatic six-day ordeal, rescue workers save 44 of 46 Russian miners trapped in a water-filled coal mine.

→ Tens of thousands of Palestinians are cut off from family and livelihoods when Israel builds a concrete barrier beyond the cease-fire line in an effort to curtail Palestinian terrorist activities.



# global

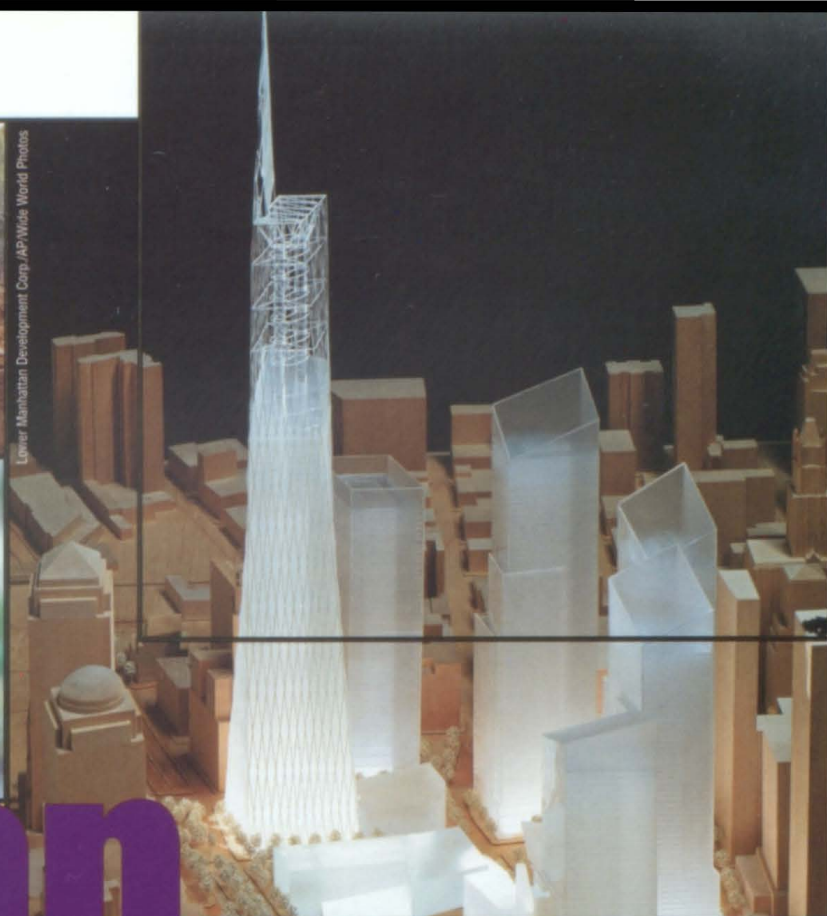


→ During the summer of 2003, low-risk prison inmates help battle Southern California's wildfires for only \$1 an hour.

→ At a St. Louis dog shelter, Cain, a one-year-old mutt, survives tranquilization and a trip to the gas chamber and is then adopted by the animal shelter owner.



Lower Manhattan Development Corp./AP/Wide World Photos

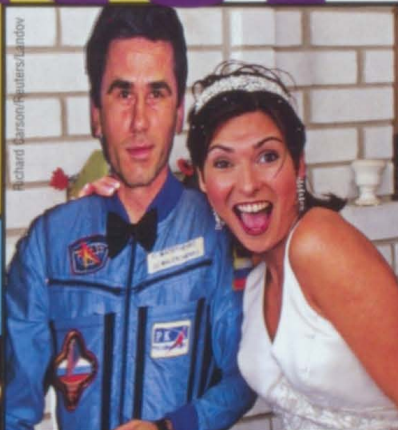


The world's tallest structure—a 1,776-foot spire—anchors a memorial entitled "Reflecting Absence," which is chosen to fill the World Trade Center site.

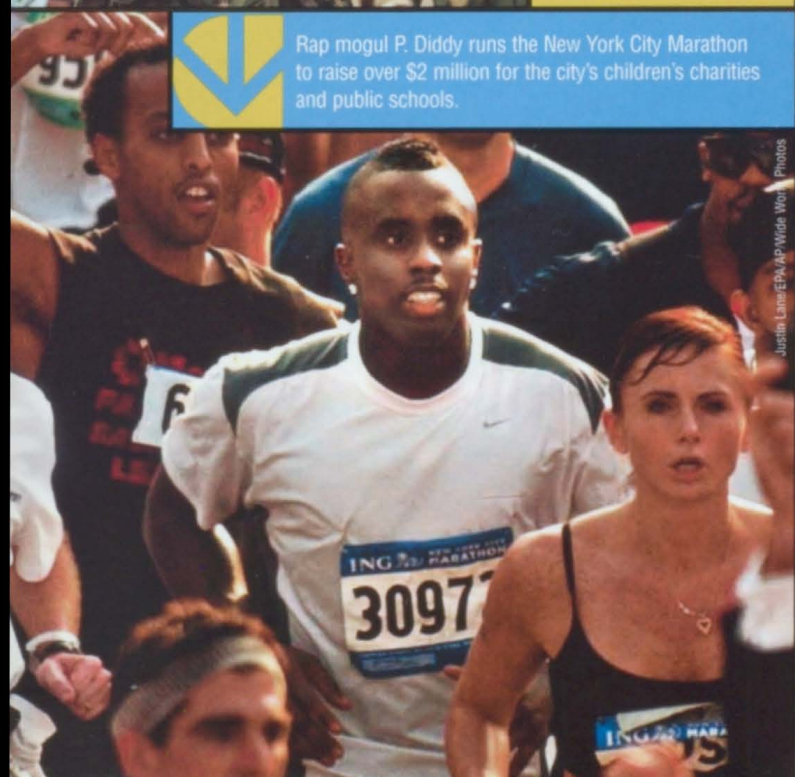
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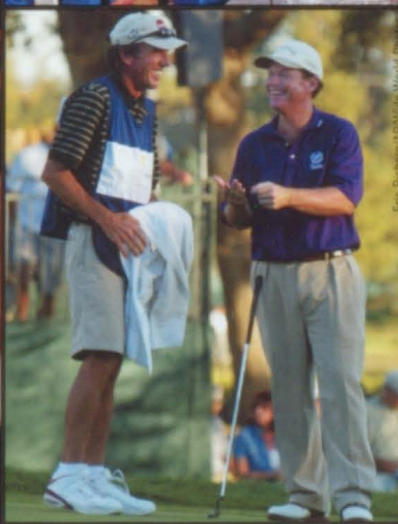
← Comedian Robin Williams travels to Baghdad to lighten the spirits of U.S. troops as he kicks off a holiday tour of U.S. bases in the Middle East.



← While aboard the International Space Station, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko marries his American girlfriend by video link in the first "space wedding."



↓ Rap mogul P. Diddy runs the New York City Marathon to raise over \$2 million for the city's children's charities and public schools.



↑ Iranian lawyer Shirin Ebadi wins the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for human rights activism as she fights to improve the status of refugees, women and children in Iran.

← Golfer Tom Watson donates his \$1 million Charles Schwab Cup winnings to fund research for Lou Gehrig's disease, which has stricken his caddie, Bruce Edwards.





# SCIENCE



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← British Airways and Air France ground the supersonic Concorde after 27 years of service. Despite their speed, the aircraft were uneconomical to operate.

# NO SPAM

← In response to e-mail spam, the Can-Spam Act requires e-mail marketers to clearly label messages as ads and include an Internet-based opt-out feature.



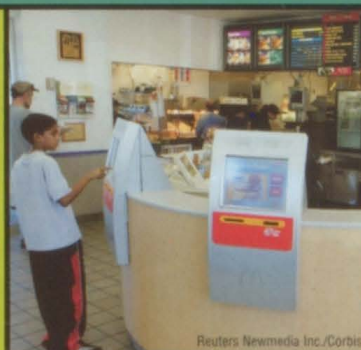
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← In October, China becomes the third country to travel in space when the world's first successful taikonaut, Yang Liwei, returns to Earth after 21 hours in orbit.



In January 2004, the Mars exploration rover Spirit lands safely and NASA releases the first 3-D images and the sharpest color photos ever taken of the surface of Mars.

→ Fast-food patrons can now get their food even quicker, thanks to McDonald's introduction of self-service ordering kiosks.



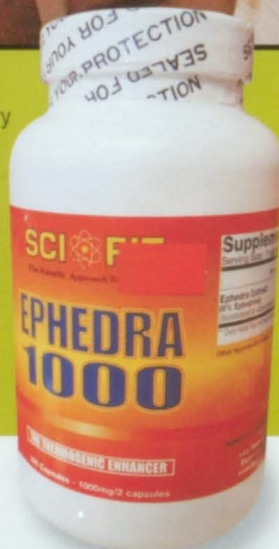
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→ FluMist, America's first intranasal influenza vaccine, provides needle-wary patients with an alternative for the 2003 flu season.



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→ The Food and Drug Administration bans dietary supplements containing ephedra due to health concerns and warns consumers not to take products containing the stimulant.



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The Food and Drug Administration mandates that nutrition labels disclose the amount of cholesterol-increasing trans-fatty acids.

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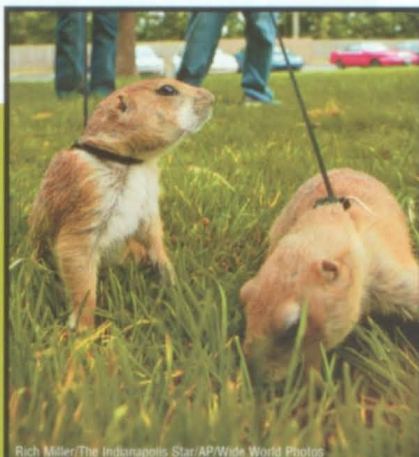
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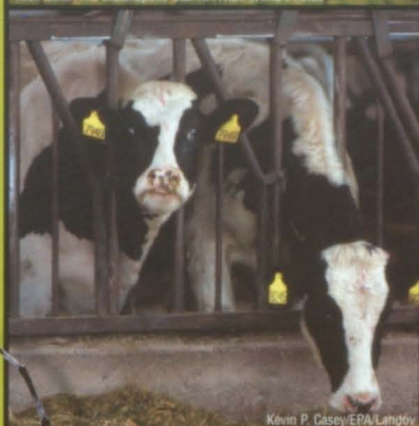


→ In June, pet prairie dogs in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana infect people with monkeypox after being infected by a giant Gambian rat while in transit.

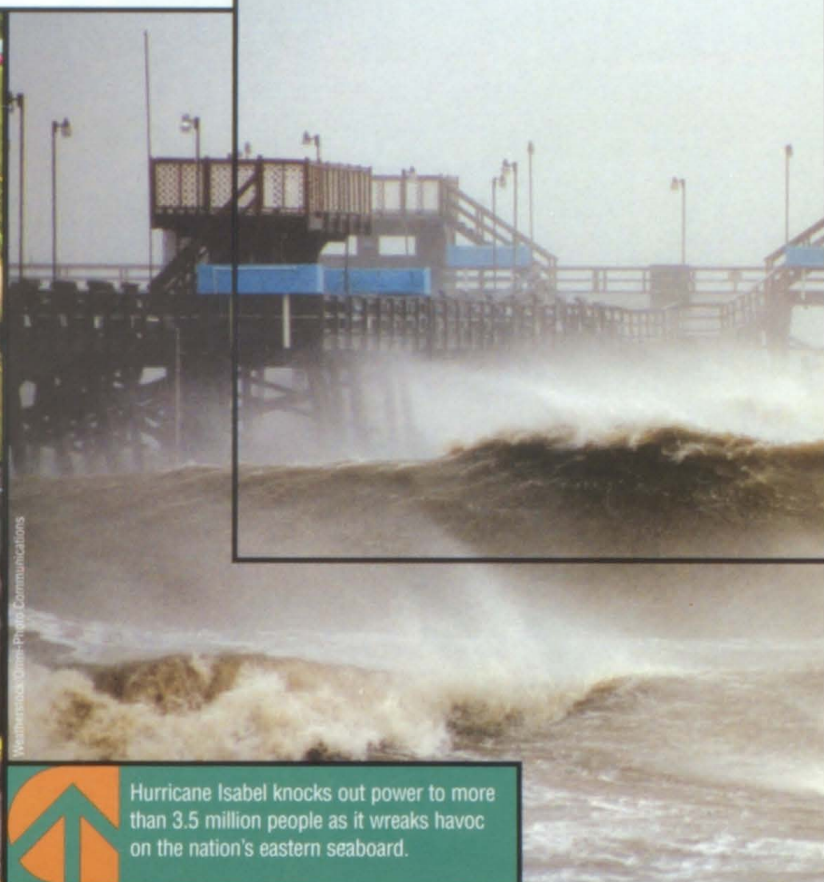
→ Federal workers in Washington kill a herd of 449 calves that include the offspring of a Holstein infected with mad cow disease.



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Hurricane Isabel knocks out power to more than 3.5 million people as it wreaks havoc on the nation's eastern seaboard.

# nature

← North American trees are threatened by Asian longhorned beetles, which allegedly arrived in Chinese wooden packing material.



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← In August, Mars' orbit brings it closer to Earth than it has been in 60,000 years.

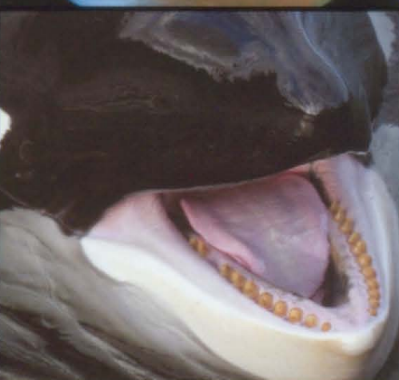


The strongest solar storms to hit the Earth in 11 years cause northern lights to appear as far south as Texas.

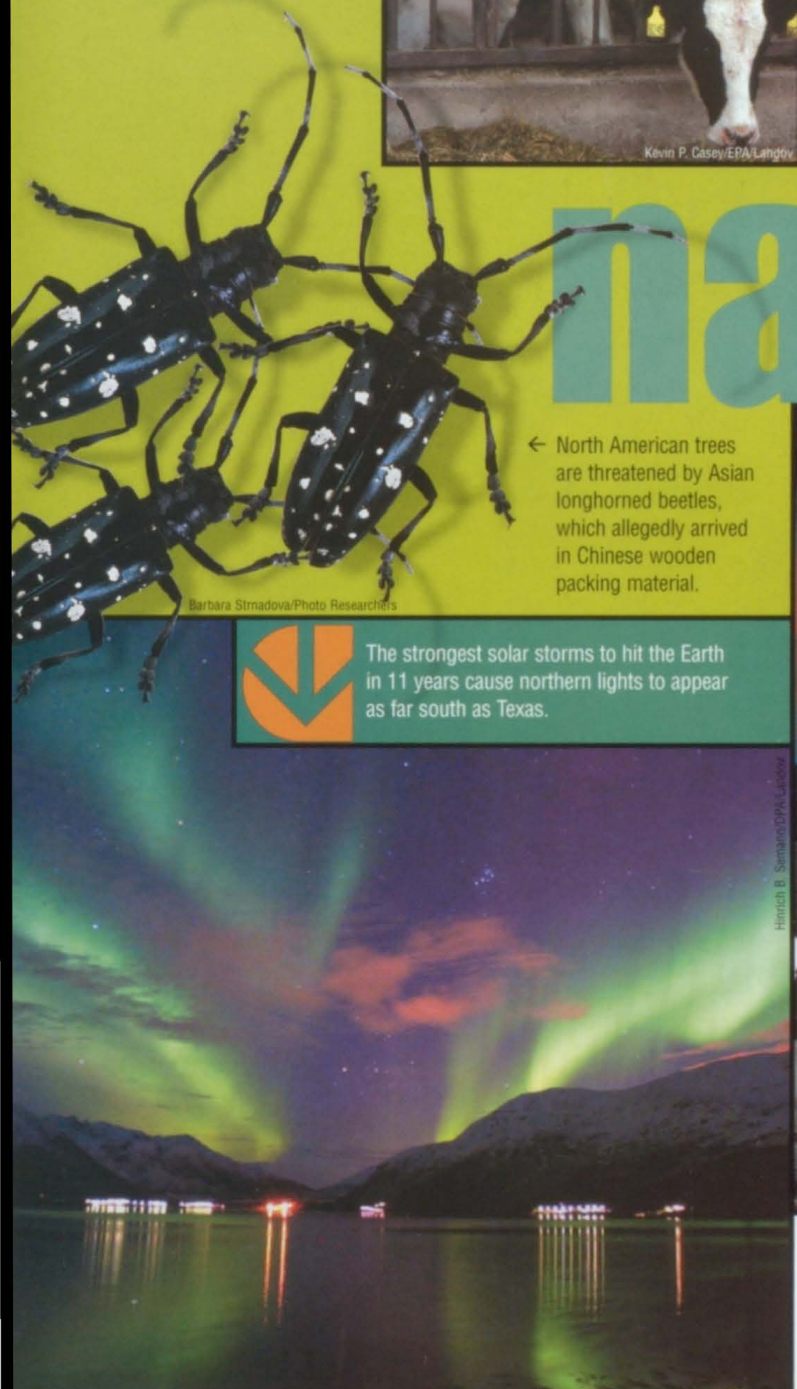


↑ American scientists discover the deterioration of the atmosphere's ozone layer is slowing. The 1996 worldwide ban on CFC gases is credited for the improvement.

← Keiko, star of the *Free Willy* movies, dies of pneumonia at the age of 27.



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# trends

## RE TRENDING



The "Laverne and Shirley" look becomes fashionable again in the retro monogram clothing and accessory trend.

→ Girls get into breakdancing at events like the Qween B Breakgirl competition in San Diego, the country's biggest female breakin' competition.



Babatunde Martins

↓ With the resurgence of '80s-style rock music, '80s clothing styles make a comeback of their own.

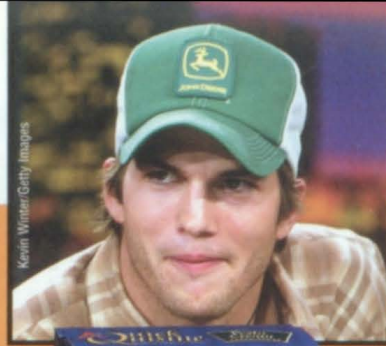


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↑ The year's hottest foot fashion is the Australian-made Ugg boot, which stays cool in heat and warm in cold.



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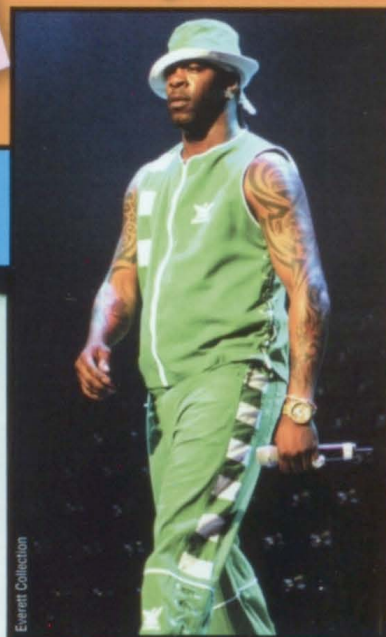


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← Celebrities like FOX's "That '70s Show" star Ashton Kutcher make the "trucker hat" a fashion must-have.



← The country goes low-carb diet crazy, with dieters demanding food products and menu items with fewer carbohydrates.



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← Popularized by music stars like Busta Rhymes and J.Lo, track suits are seen everywhere.



American teenagers take up knitting and form knitting clubs at many schools across the country.



Jutta Kies-Clarke





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↑ The College Entrance Examination Board develops a revision of the SAT that tests for increased vocabulary and writing skills.



↑ The pint-sized MINI Cooper, by Motorwerks, starts a European auto revolution on U.S. streets.



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Drivers find a spacious but expensive ride in the General Motors Hummer H2. In response to criticism, GM promises to release a more fuel-efficient version in the future.



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← To improve lunch and vending machine nutritional values, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issues tougher regulations for American schools.



Affordable, over-the-counter teeth whitening kits have consumers smiling, as they no longer have to visit the dentist for this cosmetic procedure.

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# lifestyle



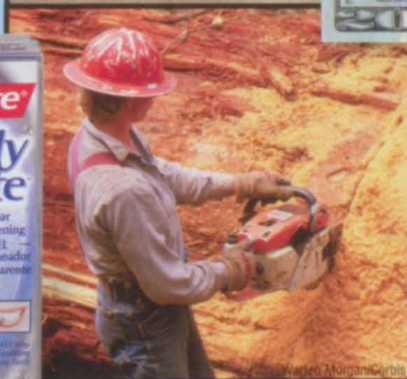
← Avon, the world's largest direct seller of beauty products, introduces mark — a new cosmetic line intended for teens to sell.

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↑ In an effort to thwart counterfeiters, the U.S. Treasury releases a colorful new \$20 bill, with a background blend of blue, peach and green.

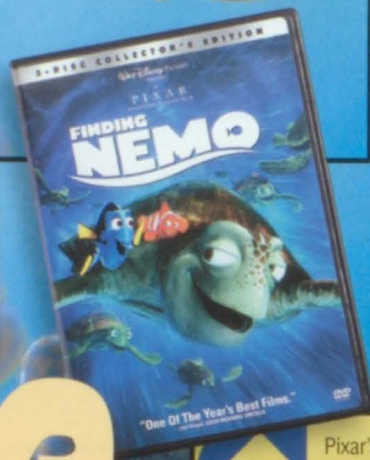
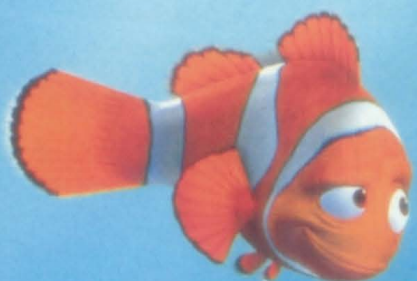
← A new study reveals the Top 10 most dangerous U.S. occupations. Lumberjack tops the list.



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# MOVIES



Pixar's *Finding Nemo* swims to the top as the highest-grossing animated movie and top-selling DVD of all time in the United States.

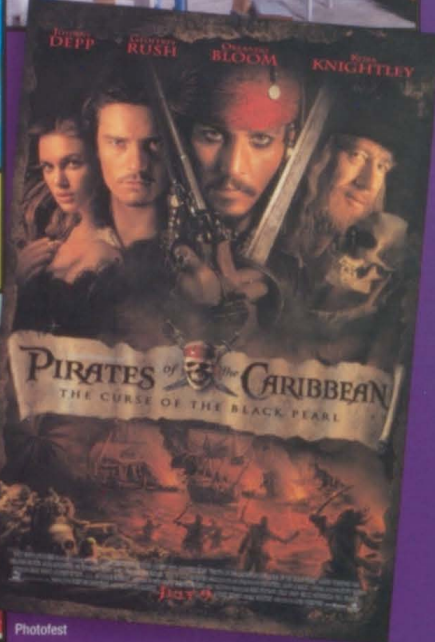
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← Bill Murray gives a career performance in *Lost in Translation*, from director and Golden Globe-winning screenwriter Sofia Coppola.

← Will Ferrell continues his comedic success in the heartwarming holiday hit *Elf*.



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← Heartthrobs Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom make Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* a swashbuckling success.

→ Keira Knightley and Parminder Nagra get a kick out of breaking stereotypes on and off the soccer field in the British comedy *Bend It Like Beckham*.



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→ The two most anticipated sequels of the year, *Matrix: Reloaded* and *Matrix: Revolutions* turn out to be major disappointments for fans and critics alike.



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→ Tobey Maguire rides high in the successful summer flick *Seabiscuit*, nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture.



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Frodo and company complete their epic journey in *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, winner of the Golden Globe for Best Picture, Drama.

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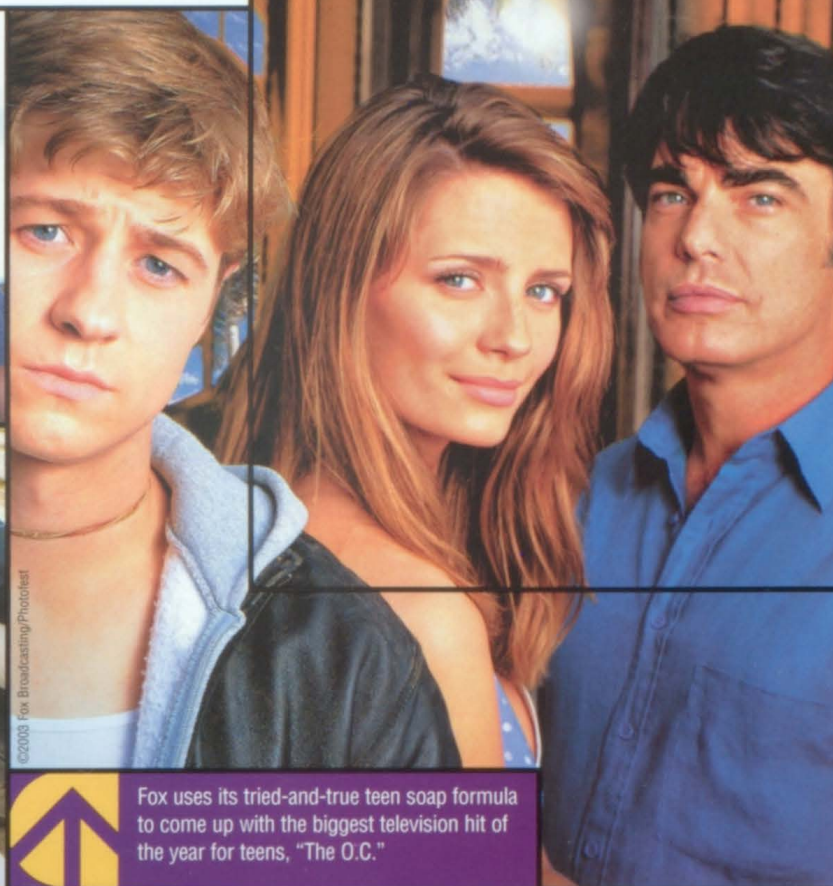
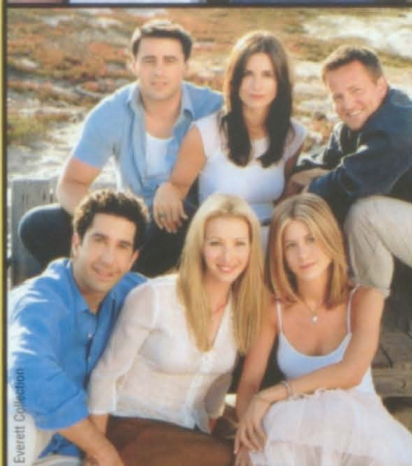
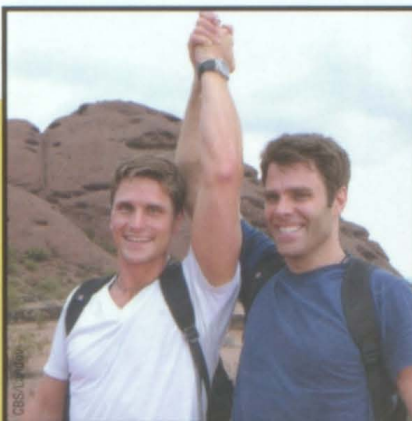
# movies



→ The pulse-pounding CBS hit "The Amazing Race" wins the inaugural Emmy Award for Best Reality Program.

→ America bids farewell to the cast of "Friends" after the NBC sitcom's 10th and final season.

↓ In February 2004, CBS airs "Survivor: All-Stars," starring past "Survivor" winners and contestants.

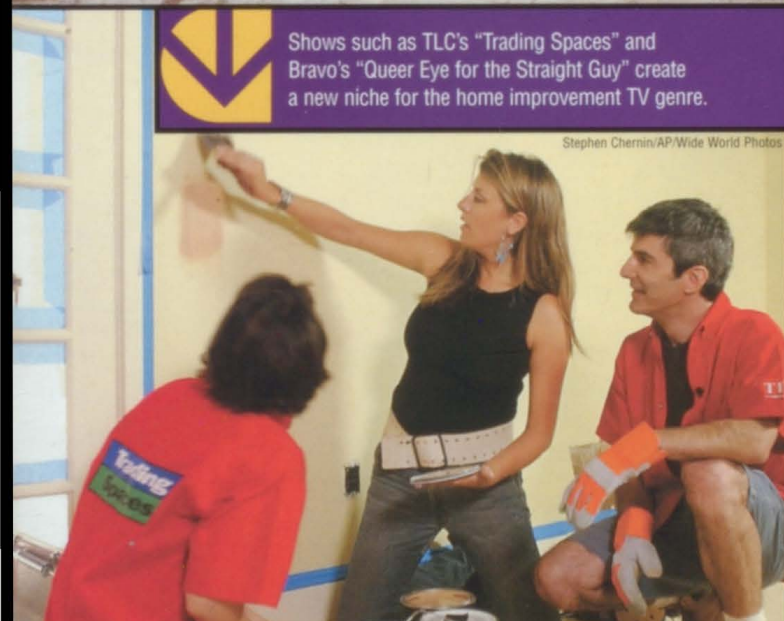


Fox uses its tried-and-true teen soap formula to come up with the biggest television hit of the year for teens, "The O.C."

# television



← Jessica Simpson, star of MTV's "Newlyweds" with husband Nick Lachey, makes entertainment headlines for mistaking Chicken of the Sea tuna for chicken.



Shows such as TLC's "Trading Spaces" and Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" create a new niche for the home improvement TV genre.

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↑ Famous for "Three's Company" and star of ABC's "Eight Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," actor John Ritter dies suddenly from heart failure in September.

← "Alias" star Jennifer Garner earns high viewer ratings for ABC TV and lights up the big screen in 13 Going on 30.



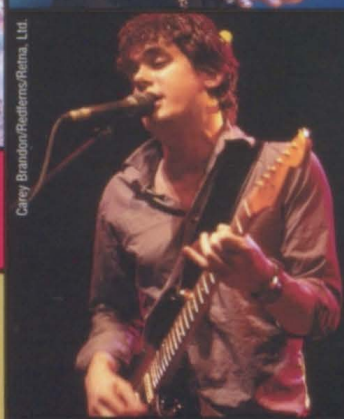
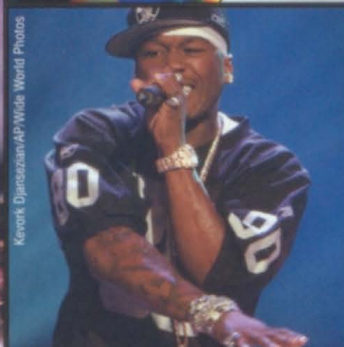
# MUSIC



← The legal battle between the music industry and music downloaders prompts lawsuits and online music purchasing outlets, while driving CD prices to their lowest point in a decade.

← According to Nielsen SoundScan, 50 Cent's debut, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, is 2003's best-selling album, with 6.5 million copies sold.

← Songwriter John Mayer wins a Grammy in 2003 for the album *Room for Squares* and follows it up with *Heavier Things*.



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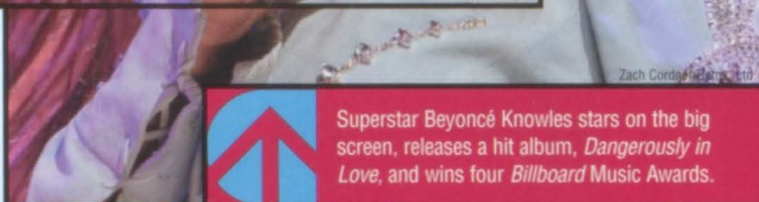
## flash

Claiming that he has "had it with the rap game," Jay-Z, 33, retires after the release of *The Black Album*.

Coldplay claims the title of *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year, and the band's lead singer Chris Martin marries actress Gwyneth Paltrow.



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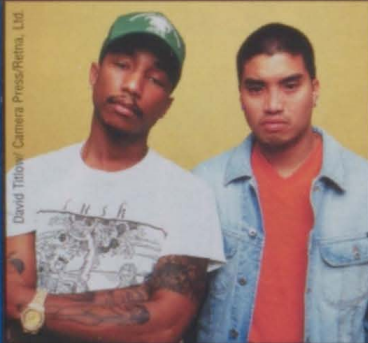


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Superstar Beyoncé Knowles stars on the big screen, releases a hit album, *Dangerously in Love*, and wins four *Billboard* Music Awards.

→ The Neptunes' Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo receive three Grammy nominations as a production duo. Williams gets three more for collaborations with Snoop Dog and Jay-Z.



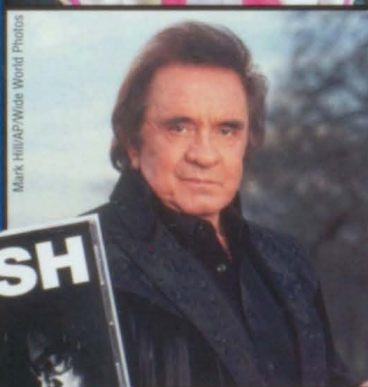
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→ OutKast's genre-busting album *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, featuring the infectious single "Hey Ya!," wins the Grammy for Album of the Year.



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→ Country music legend Johnny Cash dies at 71, but wins three CMA awards posthumously, including Best Single for his remake of the Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt."



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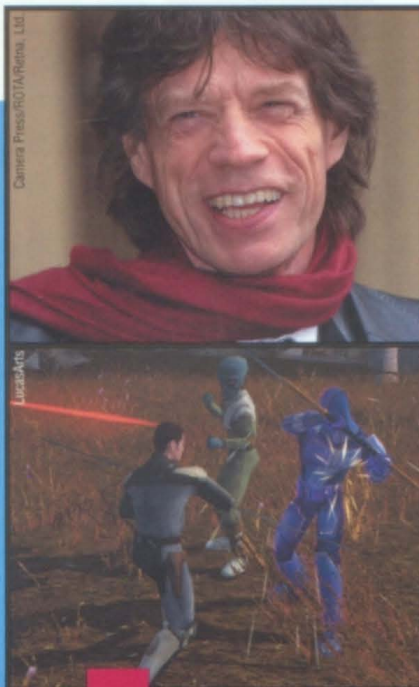


# music



→ In December, Rolling Stones' legendary lead singer Mick Jagger, 60, is knighted by Prince Charles.

→ Role-playing games like "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic" find mainstream success on consoles.



Cedar Point Amusement Park/Resort, Sandusky, Ohio

Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, boasts the world's tallest, fastest roller coaster, the Top Thrill Dragster.

# entertainment



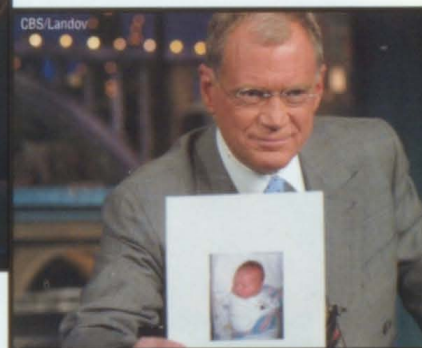
← Pop diva-turned-author Madonna releases two children's books: *The English Roses* and *Mr. Peabody's Apples*. Her third book, *Yakov and the Seven Thieves*, arrives in late winter.

Two months after being mauled by a tiger, Roy Horn, half of the famed "Siegfried and Roy" wild animal entertainment act, is released from a Las Vegas hospital.

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← Hugh Jackman of *X2: X-Men United* showcases his singing ability on Broadway in *The Boy from Oz*.



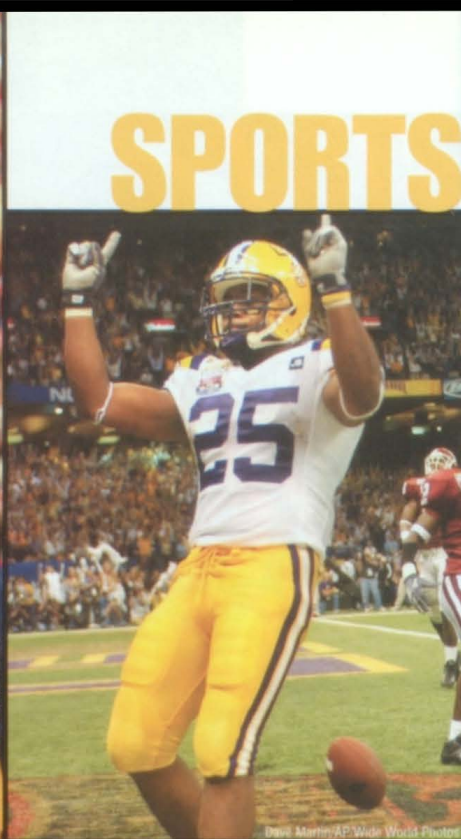
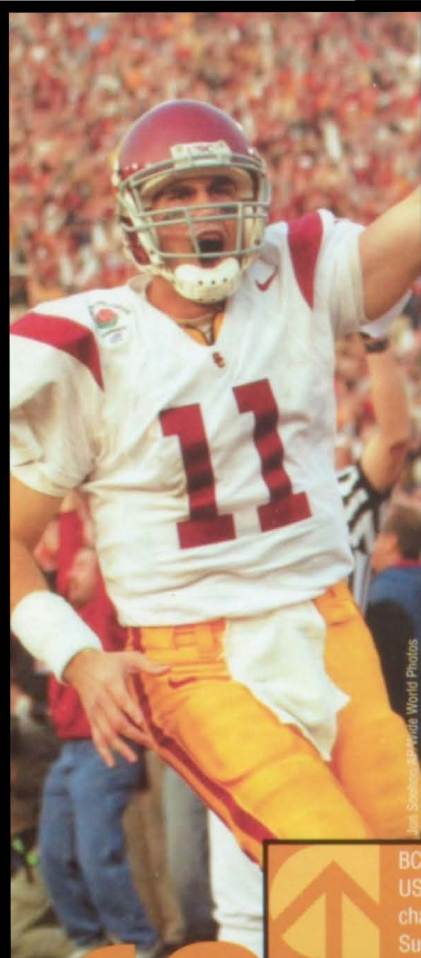
↑ On CBS's "Late Show" host David Letterman, 56, announces the November birth of his first child, a baby boy.



← After the success of his best-selling fantasy novel *Eragon: Inheritance*, author Christopher Paolini, 19, begins writing the much-anticipated sequel.



# SPORTS



BCS computers fail to invite the nation's No. 1 team, USC, to the 2004 championship game. The Rose Bowl champion USC Trojans share the national title with the Sugar Bowl champion LSU Tigers.

→ Led by MVP pitcher Josh Beckett, the Florida Marlins beat the heavily favored New York Yankees 2-0 in game six to win the 100th World Series.



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→ Tennis pro Andy Roddick, 21, also known as Mandy Moore's boyfriend, wins his first grand slam title at the U.S. Open in September.



→ In September, Kenya's Paul Tergat sets the world record in the Berlin Marathon, running the 26.2-mile course in just 2 hours, 4 minutes, 55 seconds.

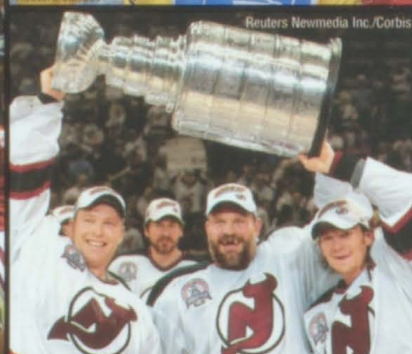


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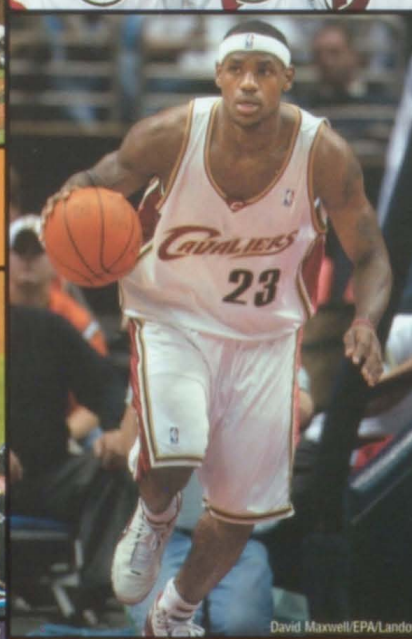
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← Despite several crashes and severe dehydration, Lance Armstrong wins his fifth straight Tour de France by a mere 62 seconds.



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← Behind the defensive brilliance of goalie Martin Brodeur, the New Jersey Devils win the 2003 NHL Stanley Cup by icing the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 3-0 in game seven.



David Maxwell/EPA/Landov

← High school phenomenon LeBron James, 19, is picked first in the 2003 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers and enjoys instant success as a pro.

In June, Michelle Wie, 13, becomes the youngest winner of a U.S. Golf Association adult event when she wins the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links.

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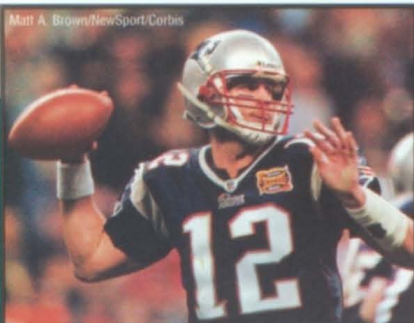


# sports



→ The New England Patriots defeat the Carolina Panthers 32-29 with a field goal in the closing seconds to win Super Bowl XXXVIII.

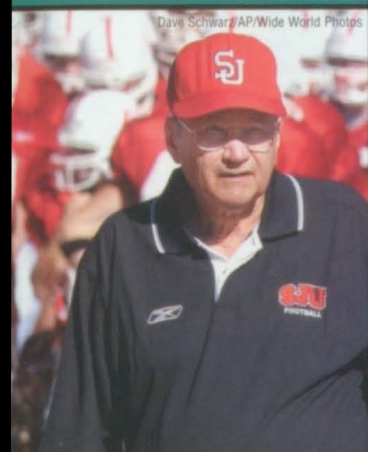
→ Due to a lack of revenue, the Women's United Soccer Association gets the boot after just three seasons.



Champion surfer Bethany Hamilton, 13, loses her arm in a shark attack. Just 10 weeks later, Hamilton places fifth in her age group at a National Scholastic Surfing Association meet in January 2004.

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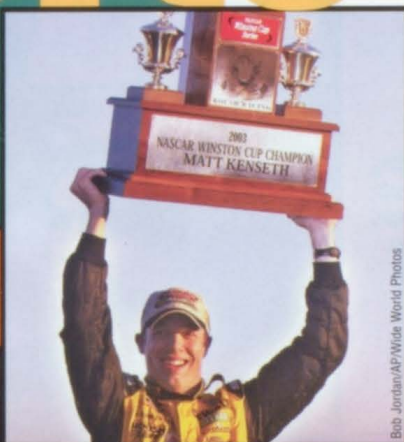
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← St. John's University coach John Gagliardi, 77, leads his team to an undefeated NCAA Division III Football National Championship while also setting the NCAA Football record for coaching victories with 414.

Death-defying tricks and thrills bring the extreme sports craze to new heights at the January 2004 EXPN Winter X Games VIII in Aspen, Colorado.

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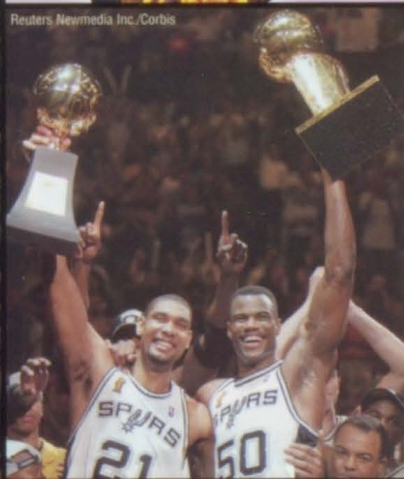


← Matt Kenseth claims the NASCAR Winston Cup Series championship, after leading the standings through a record 33 races.

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↑ Freddie Adu, 14, becomes the youngest American pro team athlete in over 100 years when he signs with D.C. United of Major League Soccer.



← League MVP Tim Duncan and David Robinson — in his final game — lead the San Antonio Spurs to the 2003 NBA title with a 4-2 series win over the New Jersey Nets.



# Faces



← In October, Mother Teresa of Calcutta is beatified by Pope John Paul II in Vatican City. This marks the final step before sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church.



America loses three entertainment icons with the deaths of comedian Bob Hope, actress Katharine Hepburn and actor Gregory Peck.



↑ The Pentagon releases decks of 55 cards to U.S. soldiers that feature the most-wanted Iraqi leaders. Dictator Saddam Hussein is the Ace of Spades.



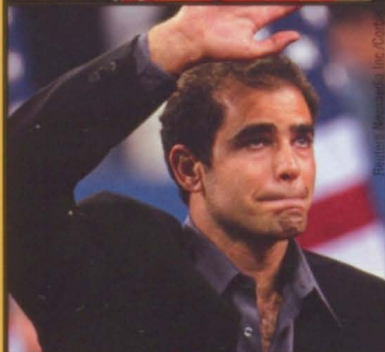
After being abducted for nine months, Elizabeth Smart is rescued and returns home in March 2003. Her story is made into a TV movie that airs later in the fall.



→ In his first of a number of trials in several states, a Virginia jury sentences D.C. area sniper Lee Boyd Malvo, 18, to life without parole.



→ After winning 64 career titles, including 14 grand slam events, and a record six years ranked No. 1, tennis great Pete Sampras retires at the U.S. Open in August.



→ Teen star Hilary Duff tops off her successful movie debut, *The Lizzie McGuire Movie*, with a hit pop album, *Metamorphosis*, and a nationwide tour.



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