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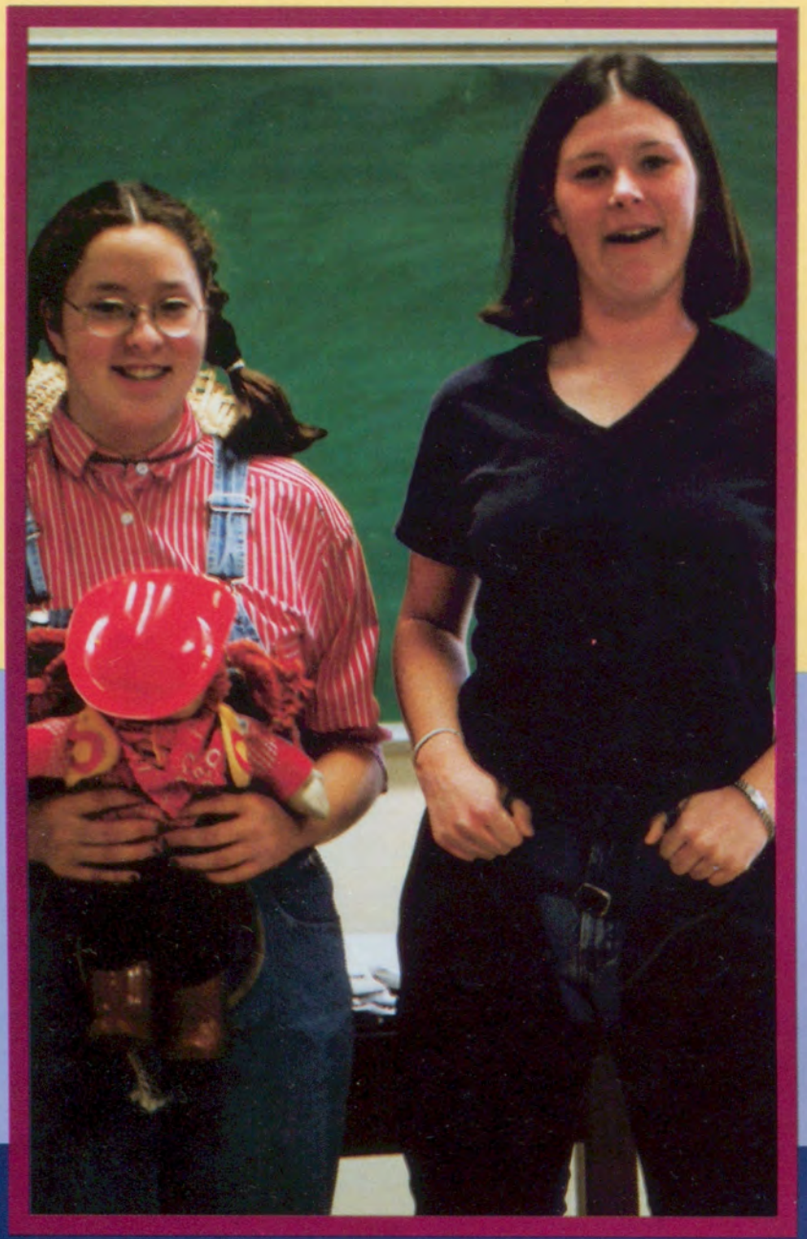
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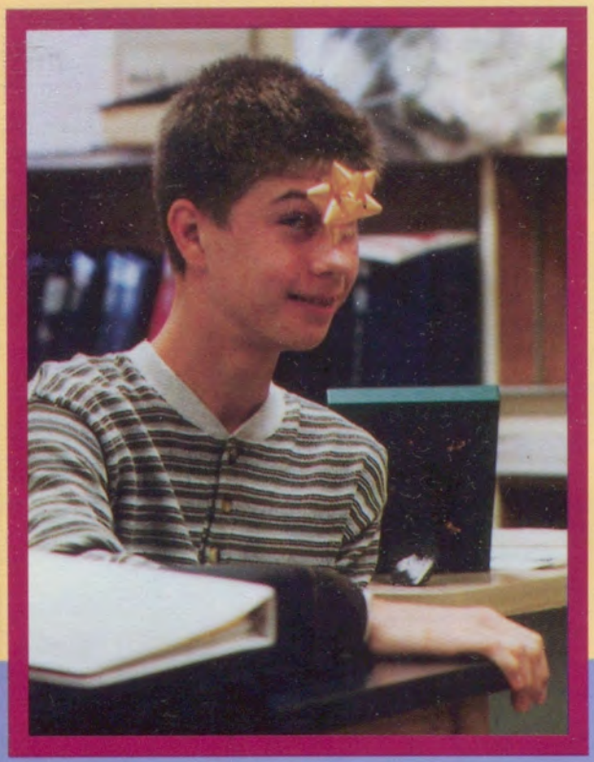



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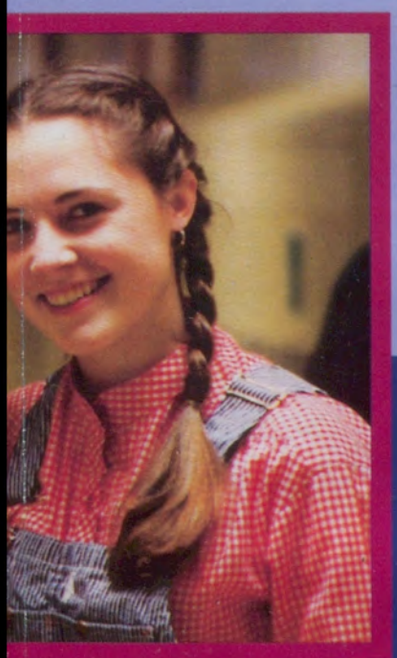


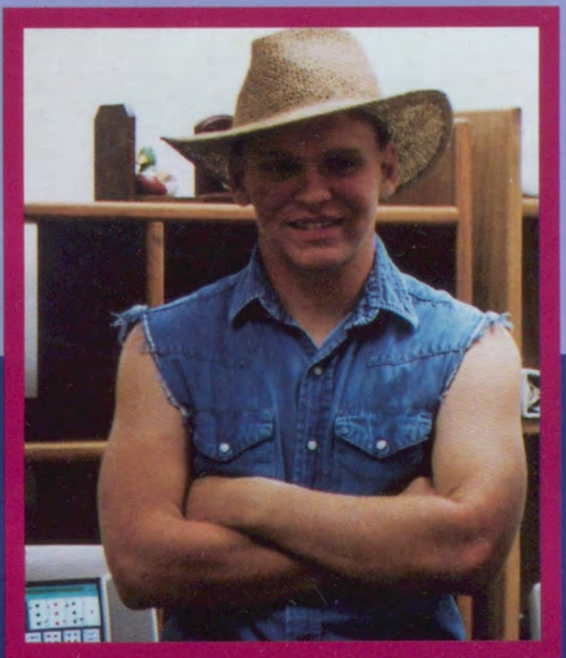


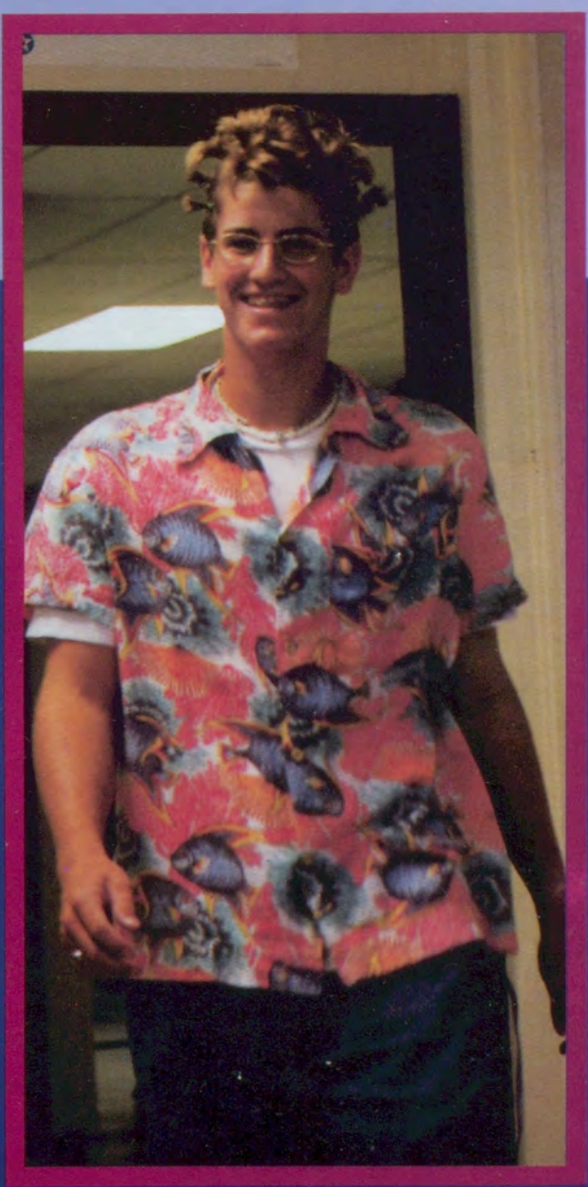
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We've put our time, blood, sweat and tears into this book—for you! Well, maybe not the blood and sweat part, but the time and tears are plentiful (not to mention plenty of laughter). We knew that with the year 2000 heading for us full speed, we needed a catchy title for the yearbook that would be sure to captivate you readers for millenniums to come. What better to tie in this landmark year (even though, technically, it was not the beginning of a new millennium...) than to grasp every aspect of life? "To infinity"—a phrase whose meaning is unfathomable—takes care of almost everything, and for everything else, there's "and beyond." So whether you're into sports, studies, clubs, music, languages, dance, art, or even underwater basket weaving, there is something in this very book for you! We've covered everything—from infinity to what's beyond. Enjoy your book, enjoy your year, and enjoy your millennium. We hope that these memories will have a special place in your heart from here to eternity (and beyond)!

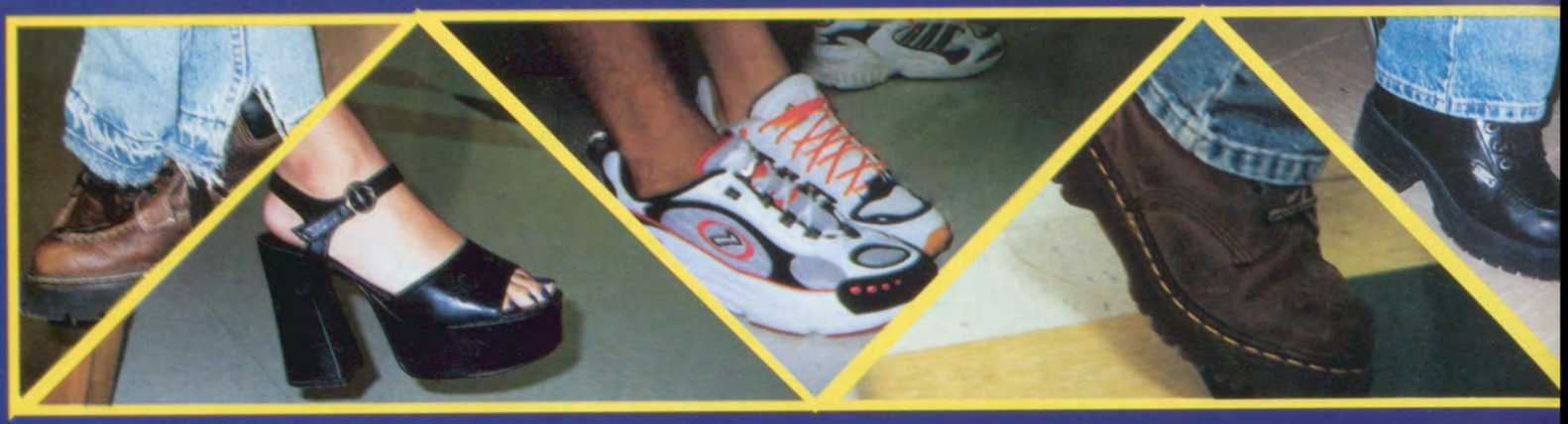
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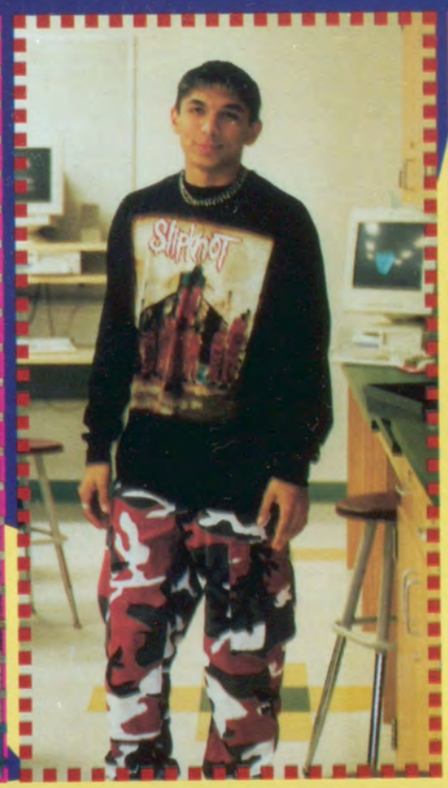


No Fashion Victims Here

What really makes a person fashionable? The first thing that comes to mind is clothes. The clothes one wears are an important part of his or her high school years. The words "fashion" and "style" mean different things to different people. Styles are constantly changing, and our high school is doing a great job of keeping up with the times. Fashion this year was taken above and beyond anything in past years. Girls increased their height by a couple of inches thanks to platforms and big heeled shoes that were taken from the seventies and given a nineties twist. Bell bottoms came back, but were called "flares." Cargos became a favorite with both guys and girls. Doc Martens were a popular style of boots that were a "must have." In the halls many different fashions were represented. There was the country look, boots, Wranglers, and starched shirts, a traditional style for our school and our town. Overalls were still popular, but not only to the "hicks", everyone wore them. Corduroy pants were something taken from long ago, our childhood. You no longer had to be five years old to wear corduroy. Capri pants were a big style for girls. These looked like pants that were just too short, but were made to be that way! A pattern in any style you saw a lot was the Hawaiian theme. There were shirts, dresses, and shorts that all could have been something from the "Aloha State". Some of the most popular brands you see are **Abercrombie & Fitch, American Eagle, Old Navy, GAP.** These styles include cargos and logo shirts. These can be considered both dressy and casual, and you can wear these almost anywhere. A look that you see this year more than any other year is the "grunge" or skater look. The most popular brand for this look is **Jnco**. Fashion is a way to express one's own personality. One can see a diversity of styles just by visiting our school. There are many different people who choose to express themselves just by the uniqueness of how they dress. Some consider fashion as one of the most important things in High School. There are always the clothes that you just "cannot live without" and there are always the things that you "wouldn't be caught dead in". One thing is for sure though; there are no fashion victims here.



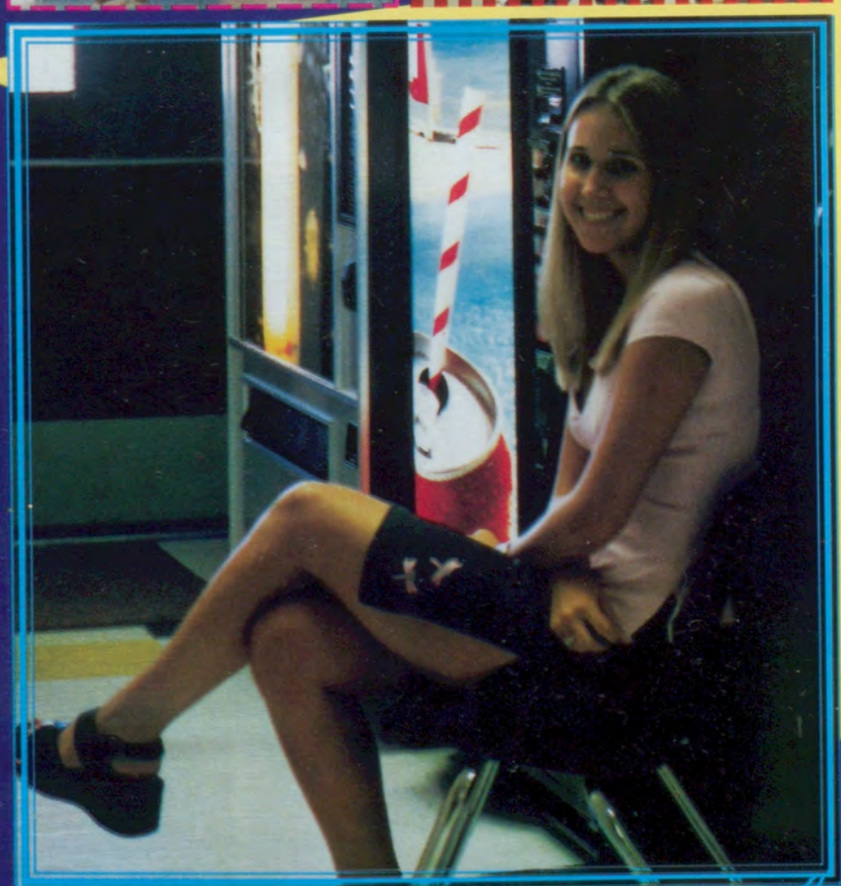






Stephen Sanchez breaks all the rules with his cargo camoflauge pants and silver chains.

Show me your Tommy! Anissa Robinson shows some attitude in her Tommy Gear and Quincy Andrews is wearing the latest styles from a new design called Fubu.



Showin' some leg! LeAnn Carlson smiles with style as she sports a knee length skirt and platform shoes.

Seeing double? Well no wonder, because Brook Gomez and Cindy Solis always dress alike!



HOMECOMING













"Party like it's 1999!" Alison Enochs and Candace Benad get down at the Homecoming Dance.

Take no prisoners! Rebecca Lewis and Beth Ann Paul rejoice in capturing the bulldog during the parade.

Real school pride! Fish Ryan Lane knows what it takes to display real school spirit.

Reviving the Spirits



Homecoming isn't just about tradition. It is about bringing excitement and spirit to our whole town. It all begins the day that first announcement is made reminding students about the Homecoming dance and Spirit week. "City Nights" was the theme for this years dance put on by the SURF club. The cafeteria was decorated with black and white balloons, streamers, and a city background. "The dance was a lot of fun and always is. I really liked the decorations, SURF did a really good job. My highlight of the night was when they played my favorite song and everyone got out on the dance floor and started having fun!" --Alison Enochs/Senior. Moreover, feelings of anticipation were rising up in the seniors as the end of the night neared along with announcement of the nominees . The results were Amanda Welch, Stephanie Spells, Janlyn Mokry, Brooke Dloughy, Lisa Grimm, Lauren Mikulencak, Lauren Rozacky, Kristin Chait, Quincy Andrews, Marty Martinez, Bubba Talley, Jason Moldenhour, Kenny Horne, Darren Helbert, Jarod Stojanik, and Clayton Turner. The week of Homecoming was transformed with energy as students became excited about Friday. We call our Homecoming week spirit week because every day we dress a certain way to show spirit to our fellow classmates. This proved to be a great success and a lot of fun. However, the day of Homecoming is nonstop activities. Exes have a rally before lunch along with the invitation to come in and see how thier school has changed since they attended THS. Undoubtedly, the school sure did. This year was our first for hall decorations, a battle between the classes as to who could show the most spirit in their hall decorating. This took place Wednesday and was judged the day after. The seniors took the victory by turning their hall into a mini "Duck night club." Strobe lights, blinking christmas lights, and lots of signs were an excellent way to get the whole student body fired up for the game. The juniors took second place with lots of balloons and "man made" decorations. Green saran wrap over the lights along with balloons and streamers all the way down the hall created a green chandelier effect. The sophomores and fish really put their all into it also with Bulldog punching bags and lots of locker signs but couldn't compete with the expertness of their elders. As the Homecoming activities drove on, we encountered another first, the parade down Mallard street. We gathered all the Paseman students and invited them to come to our pep rally. "The parade was a really good idea and will probably become tradition," Mr. Volek/ Counselor. Things really got going as the pep rally began and the Beat 104.3 showed up. A lot of dancing, screaming, and cheerin' was found at our pep rally that day, especially when the junior guys showed up in their skirts and hats performing a kick routine. None the less, the seniors won't ever forget that old funeral hearse that pulled up saying Srs. 00' Rule. The day had prevailed over all others and we were all pumped with pride for our Ducks. The jingle of mums and garters, the pep talks from football captains, the radio beltin" out our favorite tunes, and the band playing the school song had made our day a memorable one. Before we knew it, the big game had arrived and the Homecoming court had been announced. The stands were packed and the pressure was on the Ducks for a win. However, it just wasn't in the cards for us that night and we were defeated by the Burnet Bulldogs. But Homecoming isn't just about football; it's about coming together as a community in support of our team and our town, and we definitely proved that. After all, the most exciting part of Homecoming isn't just winning; it is seeing all the hard work everyone has done turn into a week of success and fun. And if there is one thing we have learned from this week of tradition, it is "Once a Duck, Always a Duck!"



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We're Y2K Compatible...

But Seniors Go Out With a Bang!

Yeah we're finally SENIORS! This year was where it all came down to where we face hard decisions on choosing a college and knowing what we really want after high school. Our lives were forever affected by these important decisions. The past three years weren't as meticulous as this year. All the classes we took were extremely important. Almost any mistake we made was crucial, but with hard work and dedication, anything could be greatly accomplished. This year we planned for the day that everyone looks forward to, Graduation. Our money was spent wisely on growns, invitations, and parties, of course. Then came the dreadful SAT, ACT, or TASP tests, which cost us an arm and a leg to take. Although tedious, these tests gave us the oportunity to assess our skills and made it easier to apply to the college of our choice. A great feat this year was defeating our rivalry class, the Juniors, in a hall decorating contest during Homecoming. The Class of 2000 will never be forgotten. No one else in our lifetime will have the oportunity to be the millineum class. So we're outta here! Remember if ever you stumble in the road of life, just call it falling with style.

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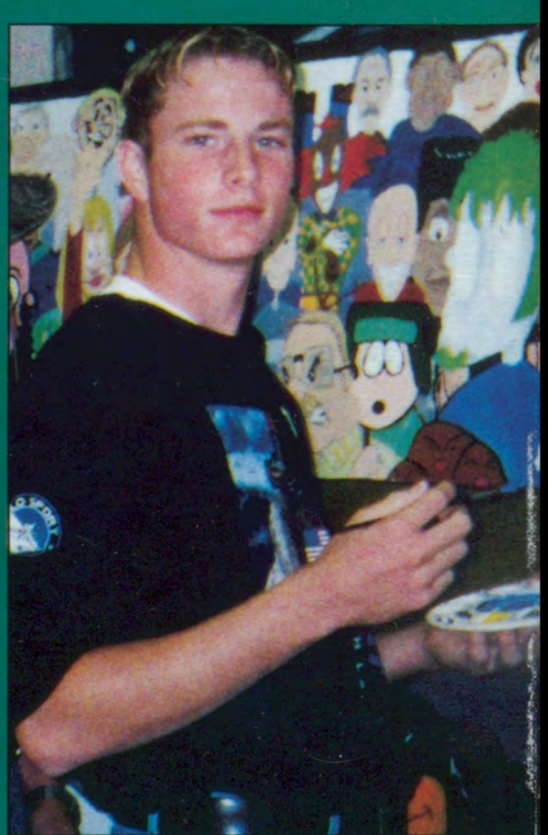
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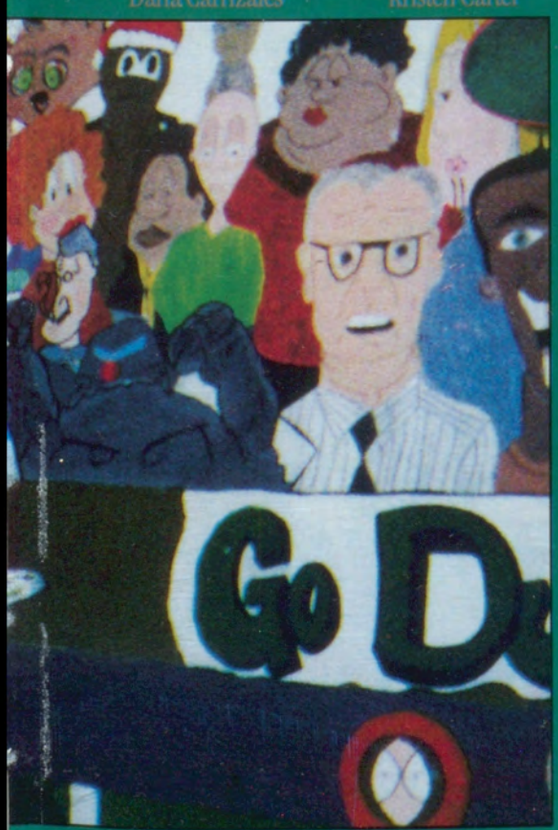


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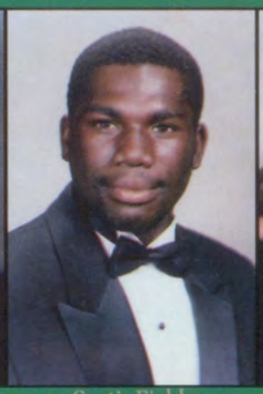
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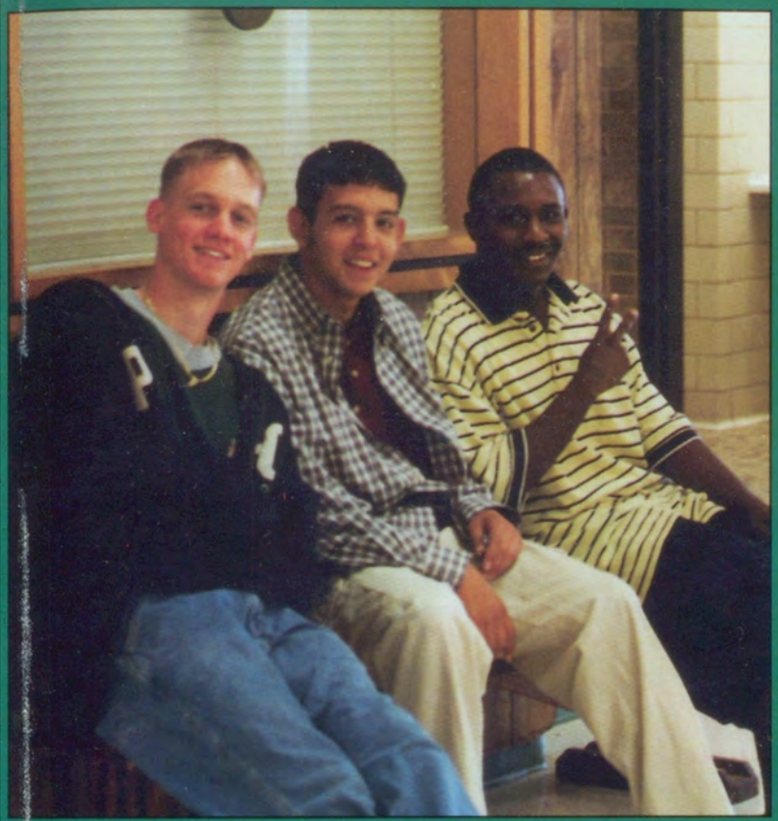

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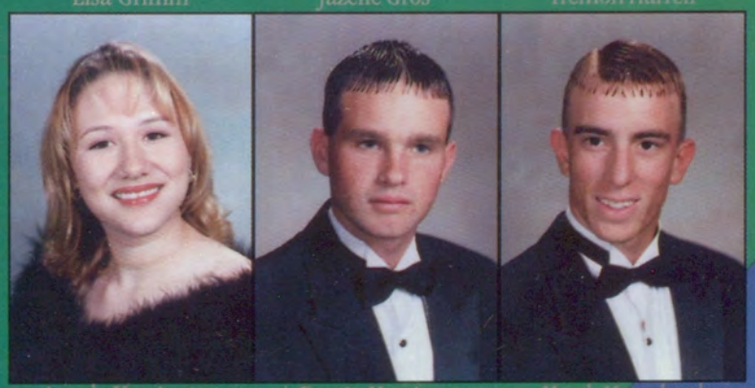

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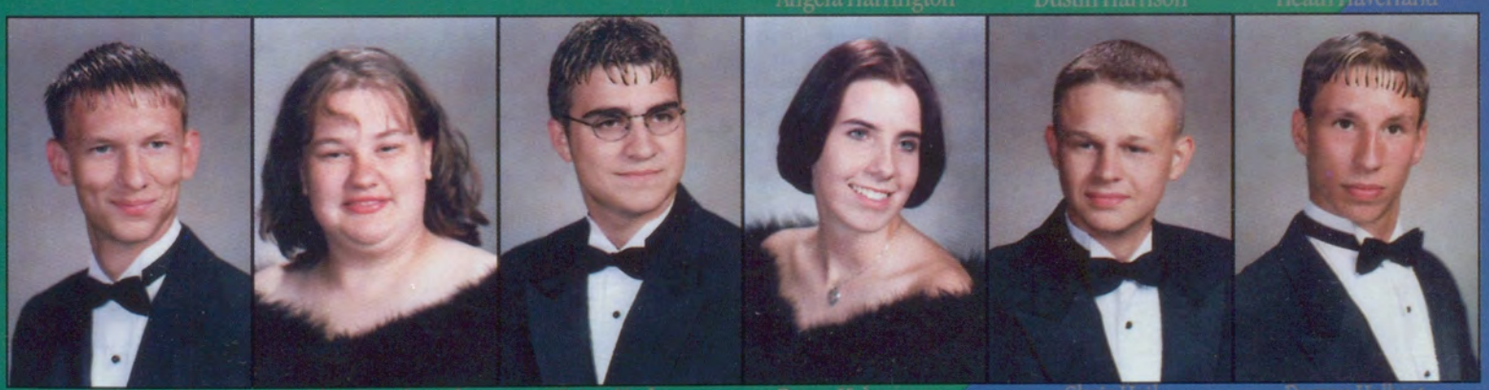




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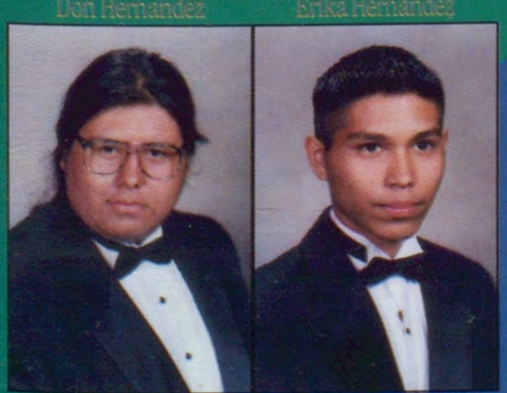
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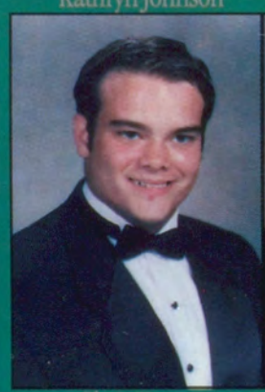


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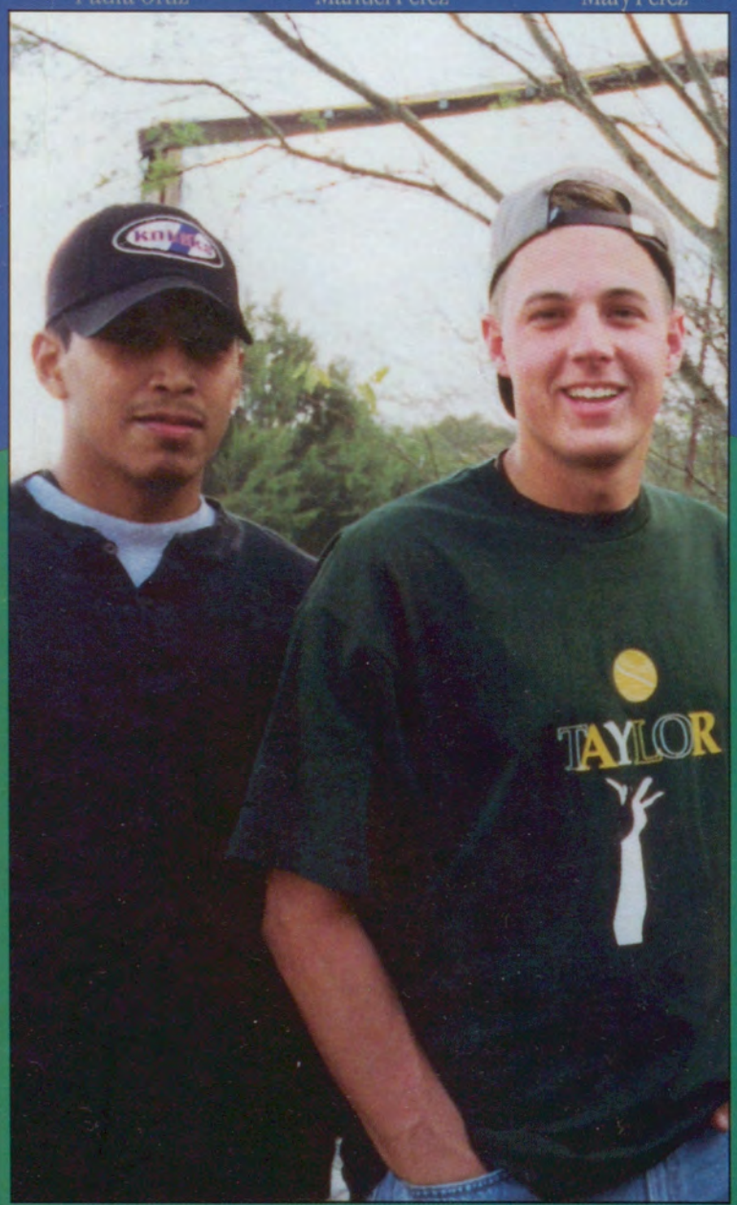


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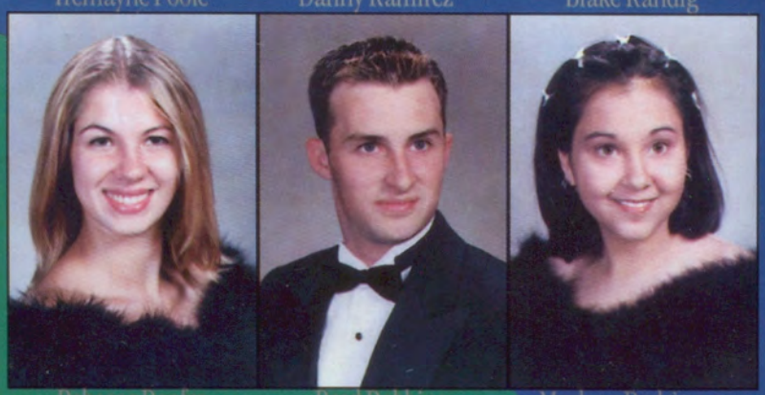


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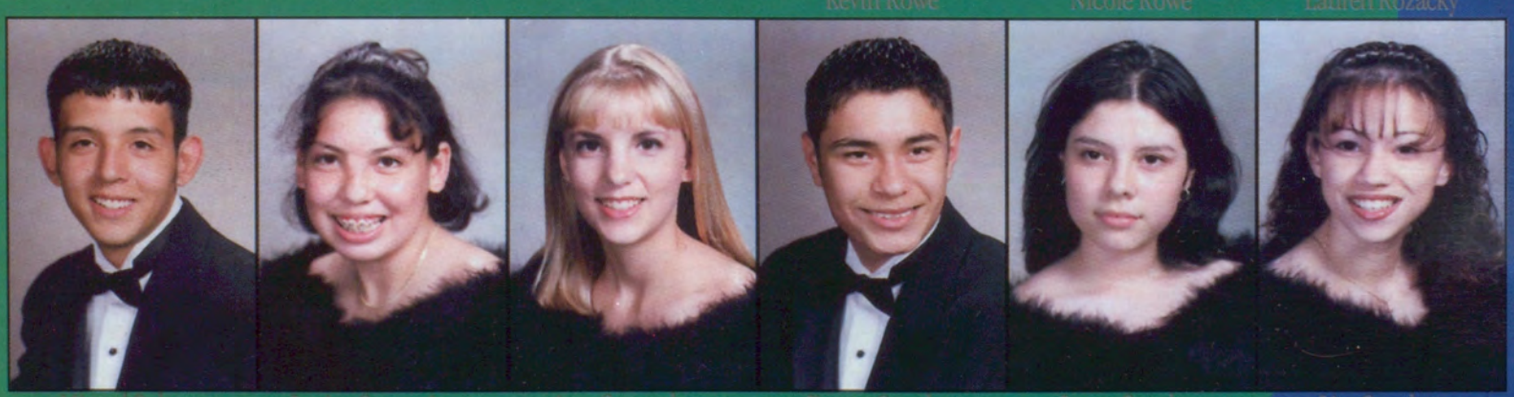
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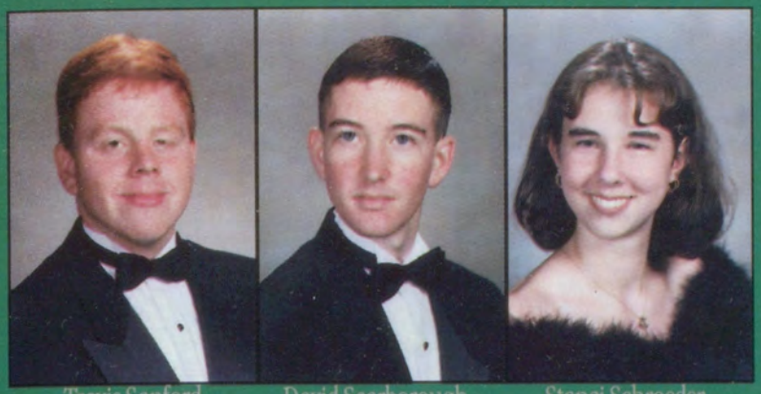
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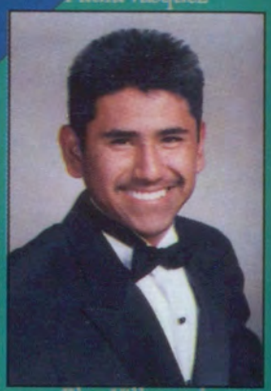


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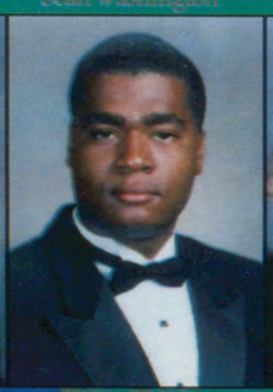
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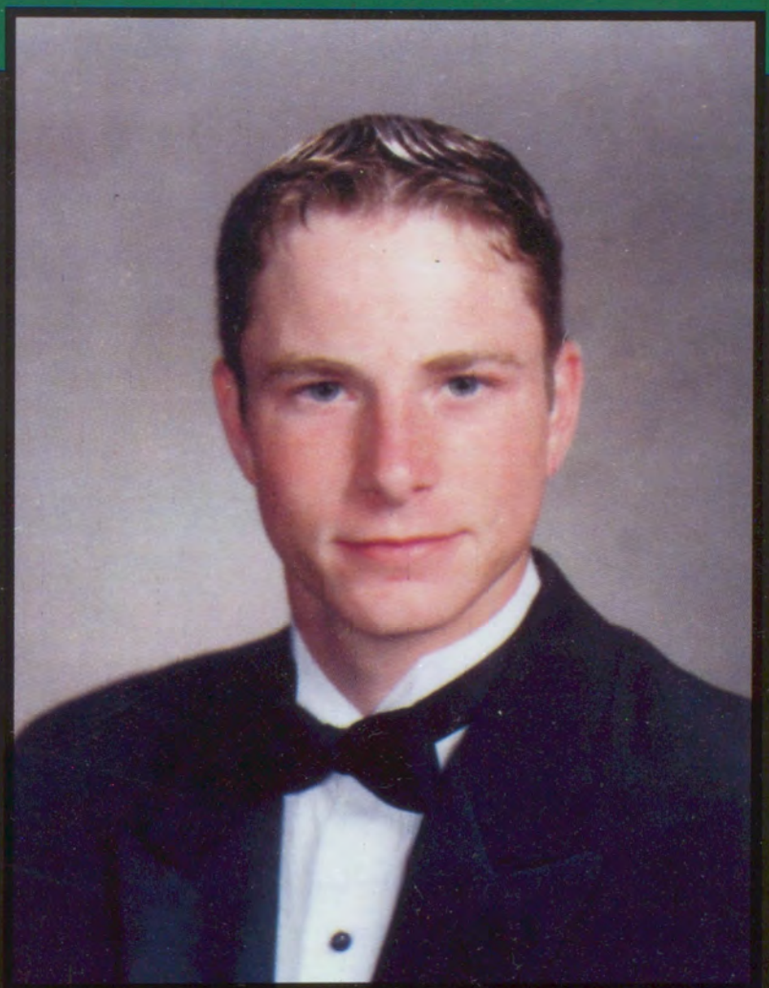
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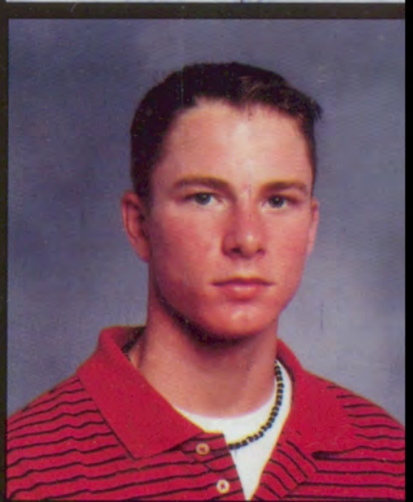
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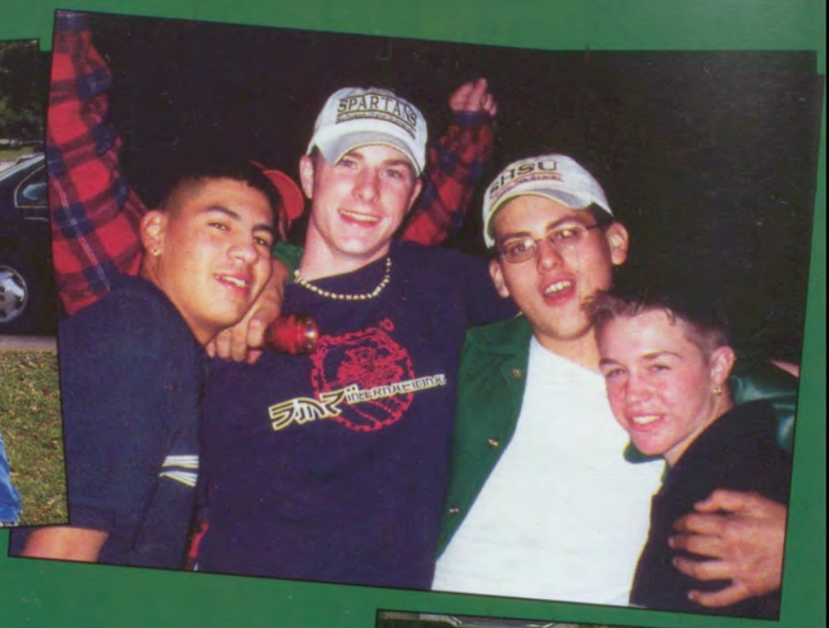














I'm Free
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call.
I turned my back, and left it all.
I couldn't stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow.
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full. I've savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one touched.
Perhaps my time seemed all to brief.
Don't lengthen it now and undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now. He set me free.











Gone, but not forgotten. . .

The Class of 2000

Lived it,
loved it,
left it,
will never forget it



Song: Only God Knows Why

Flower: Yellow Rose

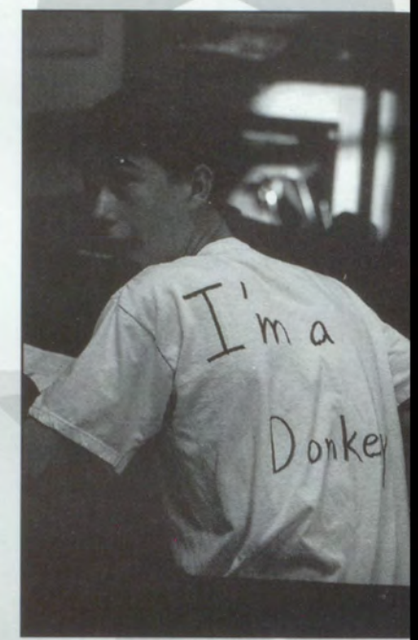
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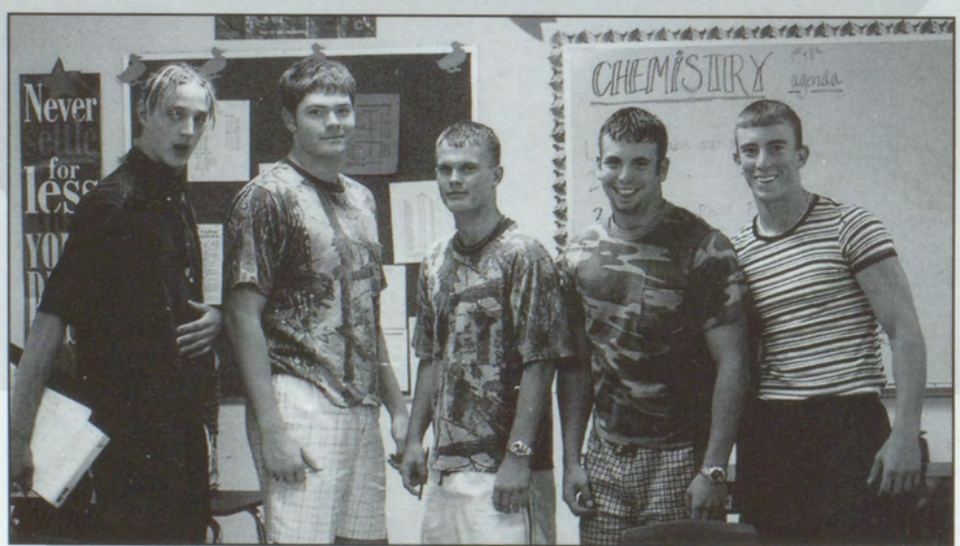
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Homecoming Festivities

Give Me a T!











I'm a Donkey! Andrew Oser is absolutely asinine on Hee-Haw Day!

I can fly around the room with my eyes closed! Kristen Massey, Savannah Stiba, Krysten Eiben, and Jennifer Johnson help Laura Massey in her attempt to fly around the cafeteria.

"Is there room for another boy band?" John Cuba, Clint Mokry, Kelly Kuhl, Jarod Stojanik, and Heath Haverland show their style, or lack thereof.

My alarm didn't go off! Dominick Devastey rushes into class wearing his shower cap on Tacky Day.

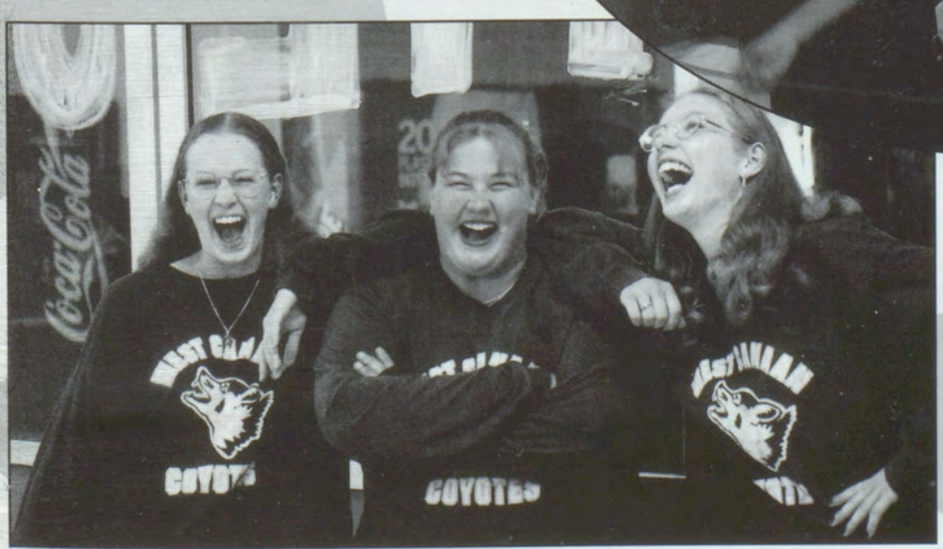
Snip snip here, snip snip there... Nicole White, Margaret Garry, and Emily Johnson work on a banner in their western wear.

This year's Homecoming game was exciting and festive, but the events that led up to it were even more so. Our school was transformed from a dull, yellow-lockered building to a wild disco ball world. Halls were decked with Christmas lights, streamers, balloons, locker signs, banners (some of which are still there), and even a strobe light. We walked to our classes with a new vigor as we heard our fight song beating spirit through the intercom. By the end of the week, the Student Center was filled with banners from every club and class who had put time and effort into welcoming the Exes. Along with the hallways bearing ornamentation, each day brought new and exciting themes. Monday was Hat Day, although some used it as an excuse to have a bad hair day. Tuesday was Mismatch Day, a chance to go to school in what our inner child had always dreamed of wearing. This time, our mothers couldn't stop us! Wednesday brought on a new theme... actually, it was a rather traditional one. Hee-Haw Day gave us the opportunity to dress up like cowboys and cowgirls, although there was one person who took it to mean "Donkey Day." Everyone's favorite, Buddy Day, fell on Thursday, when hundreds of fellow students dressed exactly like their friends. And, of course, Friday was the climax of it all; the girls paraded down the halls covered in mums and jangling bells, and the guys showed off their garters and football jerseys. Homecoming week this year was, without a doubt, the epitome of spirit; it rekindled the flame of Taylor pride in the hearts of students, teachers, and the rest of the community.









↖ **I want to be a supermodel!** Crystal Block struts her Mardi Gras garb while Anne Foley shows her Shakespearean flare.

↑↑ **Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys...**Lisa Grimm, Kristen Farmer, Ladd Moehnke, and Nancy Dominguez are far from hitting the hay on Hee-Haw day.

↑ **Leader of the Pack.** Ualitha Cook, Fred Griffin, Stephanie Spells, Tabitha Haskins, Leah Caldwell, and Tisha Benson take a stand on mis-match day.

← **We don't have the blues!** Tarisa Walker, Heather Hazelwood, and Ruth Dixon share a laughin their matching Varsity Blues t-shirts.

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The Summer of A Lifetime

Summer Fun

Summer is a time to bask in the sun, and enjoy fun time with friends and family. Even though we spend our three months of freedom in different ways, we all appreciate a break from the stress of school. This summer, students journeyed all over the globe to quench their thirst for adventure. Some of us decided to spend our summer serving others, and some of us aquired a new stamp in our passport.

Even though this was one of the hottest summers of the century, we still had fun with mission trips, family vacations, and time hanging out with our friends. Because we have so much free time, we tend to grow closer to each other. Friends are made, friends are lost and sometimes relationships grow stronger. So whether you stayed out of Taylor all summer, or never left its limits, we hope you had the summer of a lifetime!!!

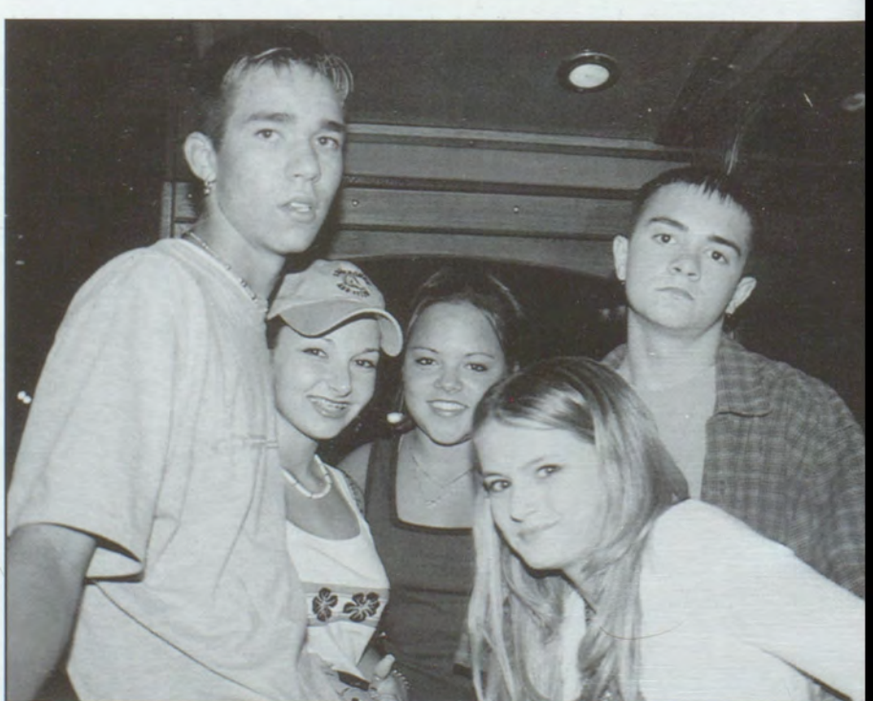




"I want my baby back, baby back..." Mission Odessa participants, (back row) Mark Scarborough, Kim Jordan, Ladd Moehnke, Brett Bennett, Brian Rayburn, Bethany Perrin, Jennifer Johnson, (front row) Bradley Perrin, Laura Massey, James Massey, Kristen Massey, and Becky Estrada fuel up at Chili's before beginning their mission work at apartment complexes in Odessa. ↑

Having a Whale of a Time! Sophomores Vanna Evans, Stacy and Casey Sutton and Dawn Murdock ride Shamu at Sea World. ↑

Ding, Ding, here comes the trolley! Kristen and Michelle Chait took Danny Kautz and Dustin Kruse along to visit their cousin in Nashville. →











↖ **Cheerio, America!** Where did Candace Benad and Emily Johnson pick up this lad?!?

↑↑ **Life is Sweet!** Heather Guardiola relaxes and soaks up some rays in Cancun.

↑ **Whistle While You Work!** Kendra Jirasek helps in Brownsville building houses for flood victims.

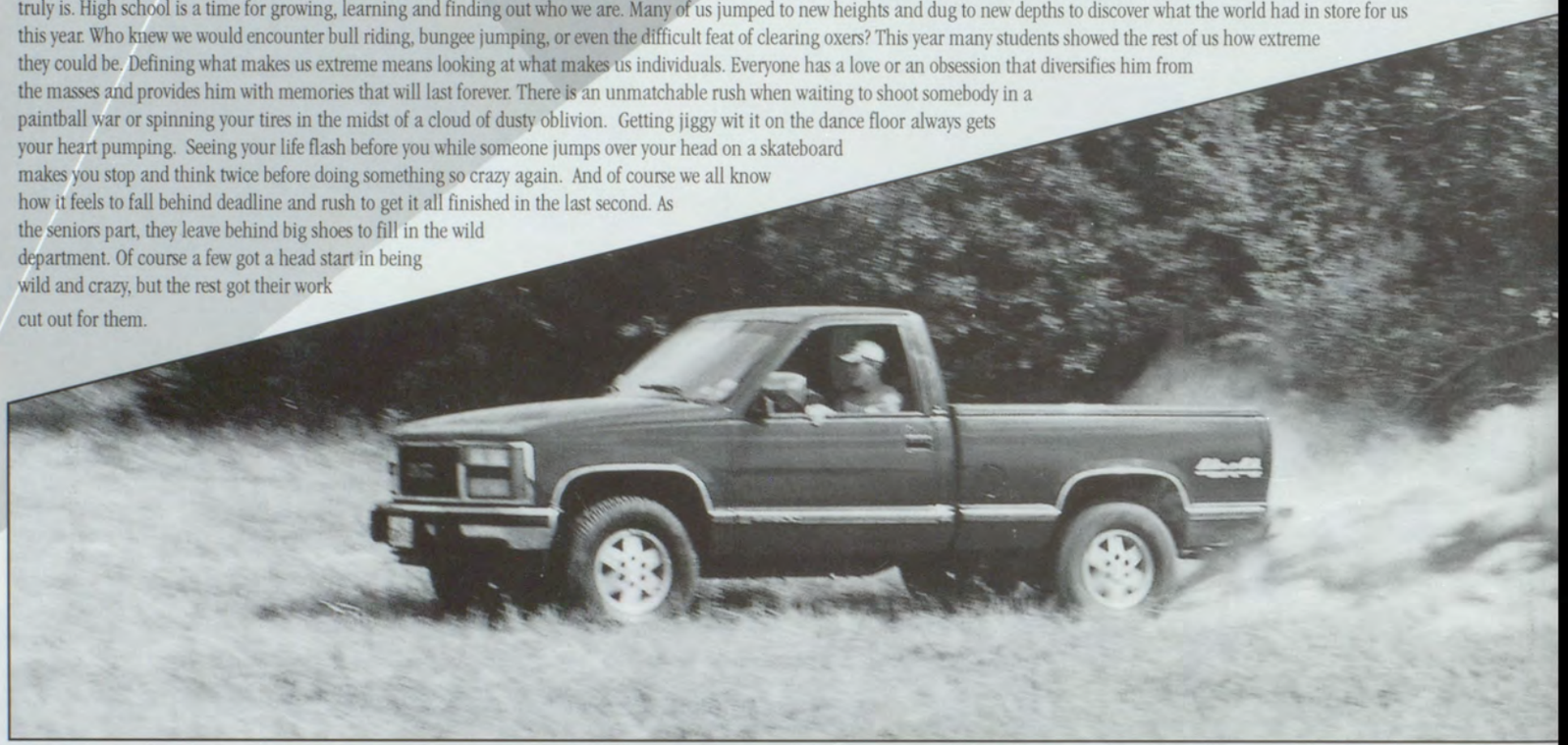
↖ **It's a small world after all!** Juniors, Margaret Garry, Nicole White, Maria Fraire, and Lacie Ruemke met up coincidentally in Galveston.

← **All dressed up and nowhere to go!** Amber Byfield and all her friends from Camp Chrysalis pose together after Couselor dress-up.

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GOING TO THE EXTREME

What is extreme? *Extreme (ik strēm) adj., far from what is usual or conventional.* Even though it is easy to find a dictionary definition of extreme, it is much harder to determine what extreme truly is. High school is a time for growing, learning and finding out who we are. Many of us jumped to new heights and dug to new depths to discover what the world had in store for us this year. Who knew we would encounter bull riding, bungee jumping, or even the difficult feat of clearing oxers? This year many students showed the rest of us how extreme they could be. Defining what makes us extreme means looking at what makes us individuals. Everyone has a love or an obsession that diversifies him from the masses and provides him with memories that will last forever. There is an unmatchable rush when waiting to shoot somebody in a paintball war or spinning your tires in the midst of a cloud of dusty oblivion. Getting jiggy wit it on the dance floor always gets your heart pumping. Seeing your life flash before you while someone jumps over your head on a skateboard makes you stop and think twice before doing something so crazy again. And of course we all know how it feels to fall behind deadline and rush to get it all finished in the last second. As the seniors part, they leave behind big shoes to fill in the wild department. Of course a few got a head start in being wild and crazy, but the rest got their work cut out for them.





Let's peel some lillies... James Massey rips it up with his 4X4. ↑

Can you keep a beat? Derek Lopez ferociously drums at one of his band's venues. ↑

It's just a hop, skip, and JUMP... Carl Richter takes things to new heights with his extreme bungee jumping. →

Ride 'em, cowboy! Dustin Harrison bites the bullet and braves the bull. →

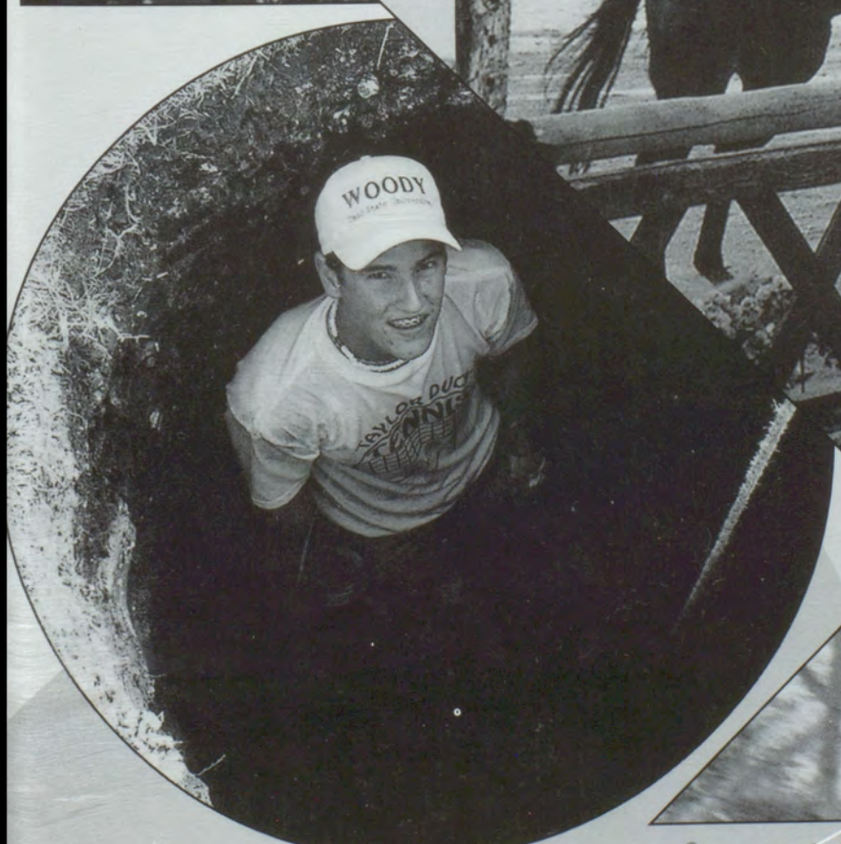














Care to dance? Jose Aleman takes a spin on the gym floor.

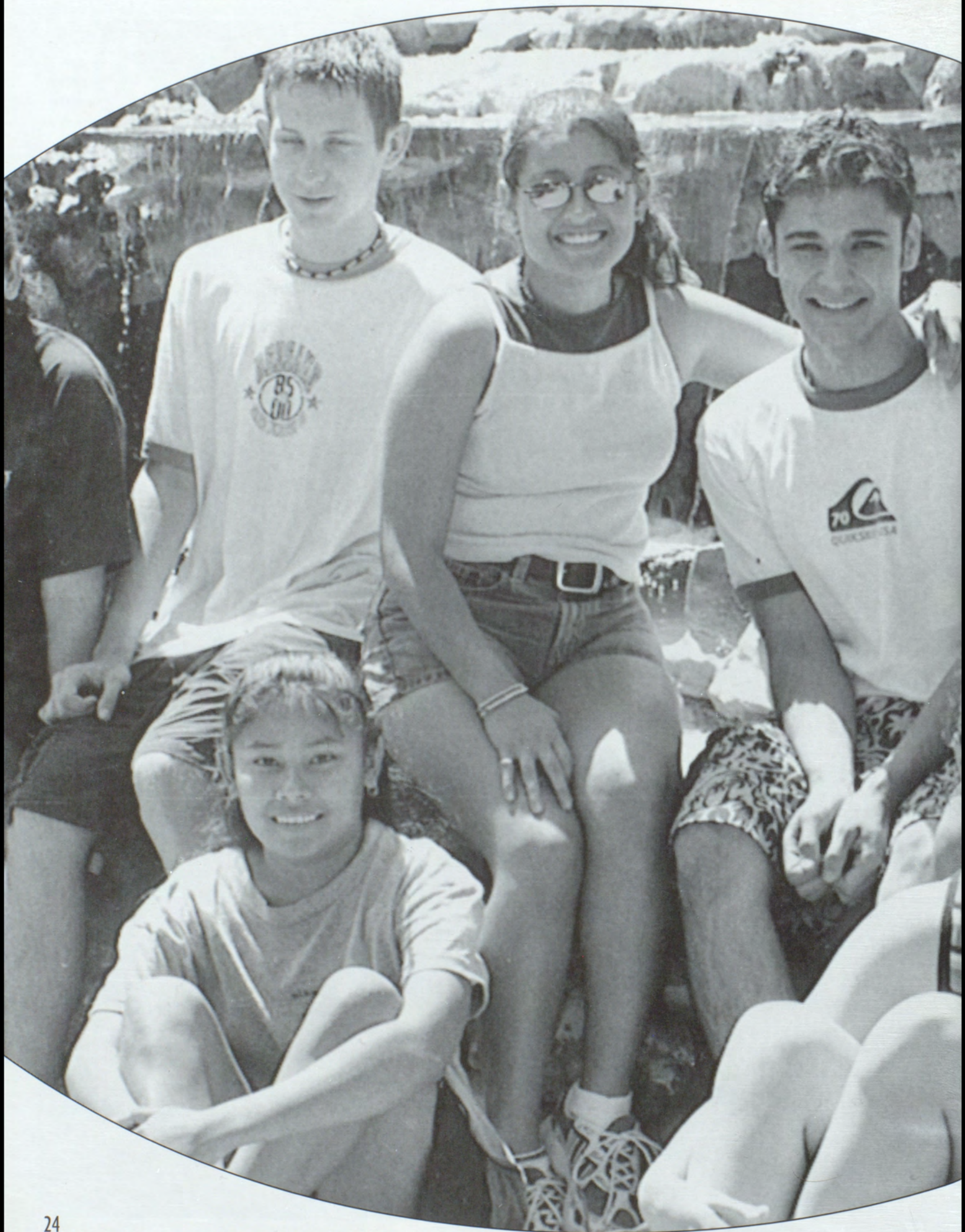
I'm feeling a bit sick... Javier Garcia, Carlos Menchaca, Stephen Konarik, Kyle Kaiser, Josh Verastique, and Becca Lewis ride the Boomerang for the umpteenth time.

Up, up, and away! Anne Foley and her beloved Cyrano clear an oxer.

Digging his way to China... Ladd Moehnke looks up at the world through his "well" of a hole.

I'm as free as a bird now... Stephen Konarik and Carlos Menchaca soar through the air at 70 mph.

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A Year of Hard Work

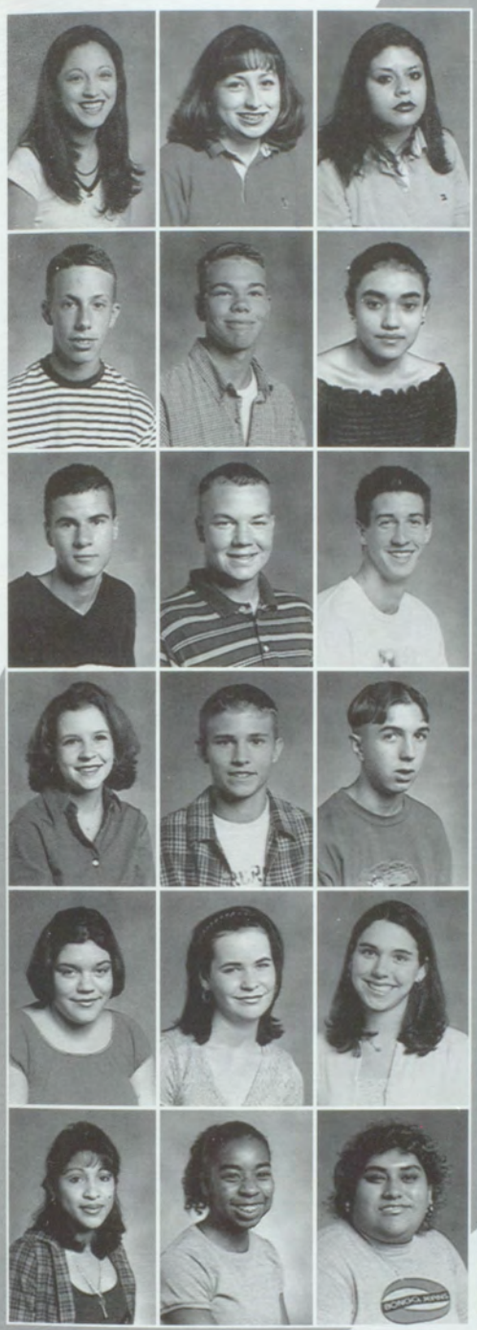
Juniors



Junior Class Officers

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As our third year at Taylor High School ends, we reminisce on everything that happened and think of what we have to look forward to. The year was ushered in with a rough start, we lost Mrs. Moehnke! She was one of our class sponsors and was transferred to another campus, leaving us with only one sponsor. But Mrs. Ruemke came to our rescue and after about a month thing started getting back to normal. Our prom theme finally got voted on, and it was decided that we turn the student center into a Secret Garden. After the first meeting, we then realized that the majority of our year would be devoted entirely to making our prom the one that everyone remembers. It was then when we saw where all of our time was going to be spent, and we decided our fund-raising days were over. (We were all thankful about that!) Our first activity for the year was Homecoming. To prepare for the big night we started by decorating the hall by the office. The lights were covered in green saran wrap making the hall glow with Junior spirit, everything glass was covered in green and white shoe polish, and every locker had a green or white sign on it. Streamers and balloons were draped from the ceiling down the hall and we worked hard the entire three hours. If you ask any Junior why we came in second place, you will get the answer "because the Seniors cheated." It was the first time our class had been beaten at anything, and defeat was not welcomed. We did prosper in the pep rally, though! Our class did not have a traditional float in the parade, but we had a lot in store for the crowd at the outside pep rally. In keeping with the tradition of dressing guys up as girls, we had quite a show when eight brave guys strutted out in tiny skirts and glittery top hats. It only got better from there. Posing as horrible Burnet Hi-Steppers, they did a kick routine and dance that students are still talking about. Before we knew it, Christmas was upon us and it was already time to decorate our tree. Our beautiful tree was adorned with navy blue and gold ribbons cascading off the top branches, gold ornaments, and white lights. Nothing was said of who won, but we knew that we decorated the best tree in the student center. It is said that your Junior year is the most stressful, but also the most fun, and we can all agree with that! With our Senior year around just the corner, every class we took was taken with the thought of graduation in mind. Thanks to Mrs. Parsons we look at research papers in a whole different light. (Who knew you could actually spend over six weeks on one paper?) Mr. Quarles introduced us to DBQ's, which are something every Junior was ready to forget. The biggest highlight of this year had to be no TAAS! We were finally the ones who only had to come to half days of school at the time of testing while all the lower classmen had to stay. But, we were not un-free of standardized tests, though. After a late night out of town football game we woke up early to take our PSAT. Everyone was surprised to see their scores, and most of us feel better prepared to take the real thing next year. Reflecting back on this year, it is highly evident that we took our Junior year past Infinity and Beyond, and we are prepared for the year 2001. But, we leave you with one question: Is the year 2001 prepared for us?





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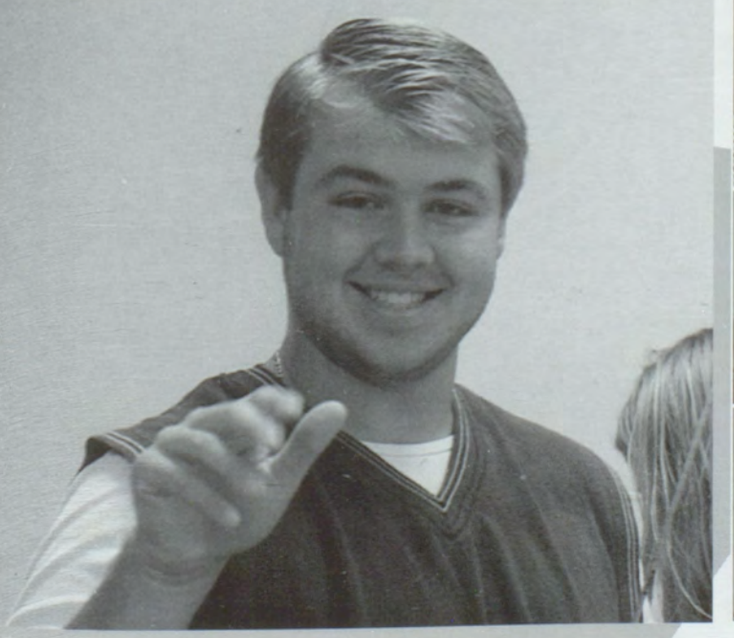
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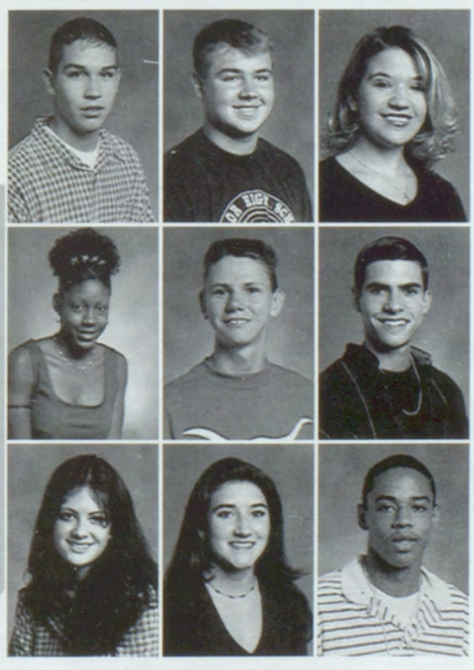
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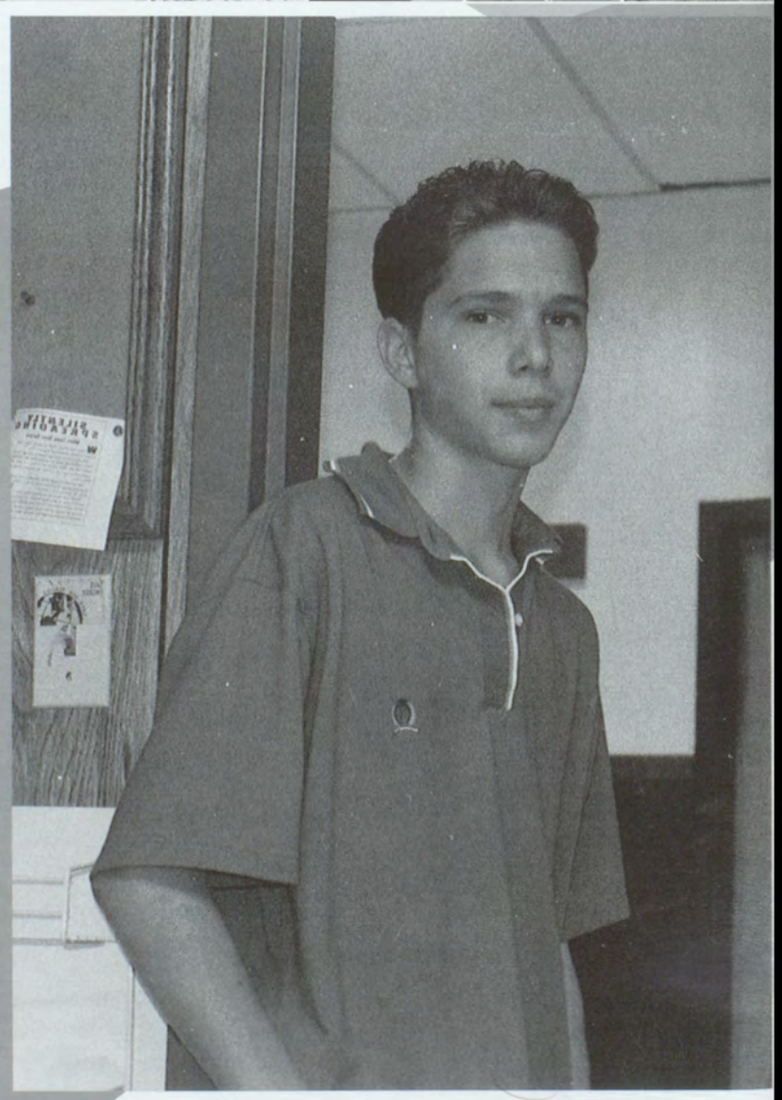


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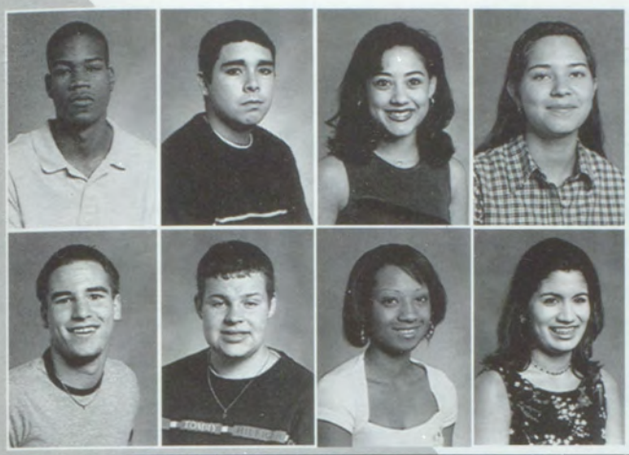


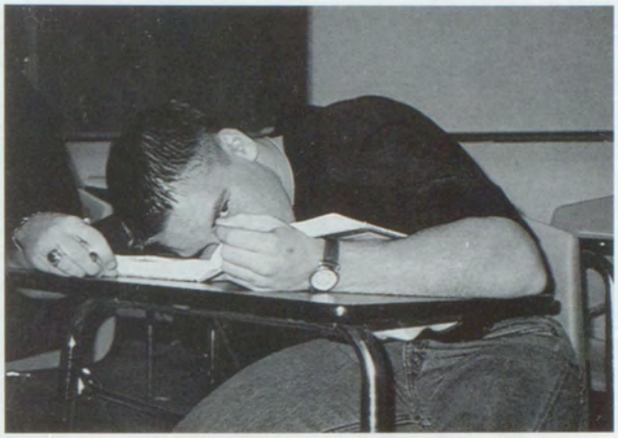
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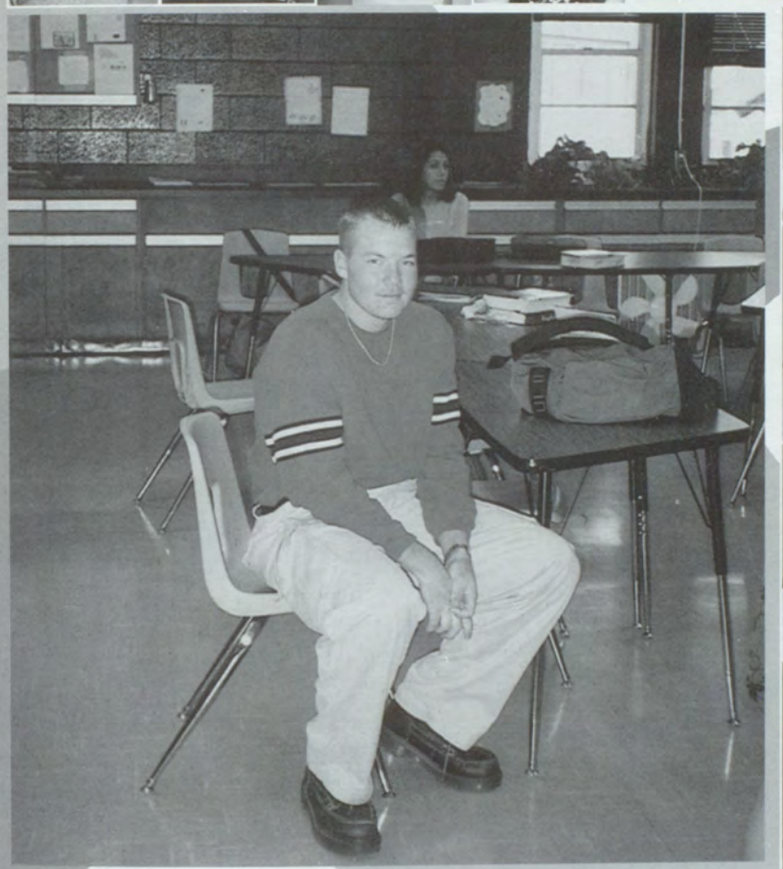


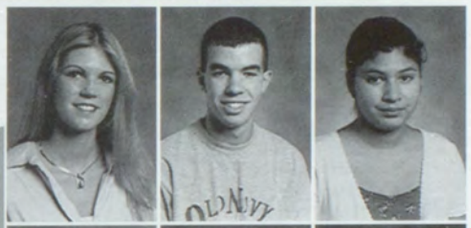




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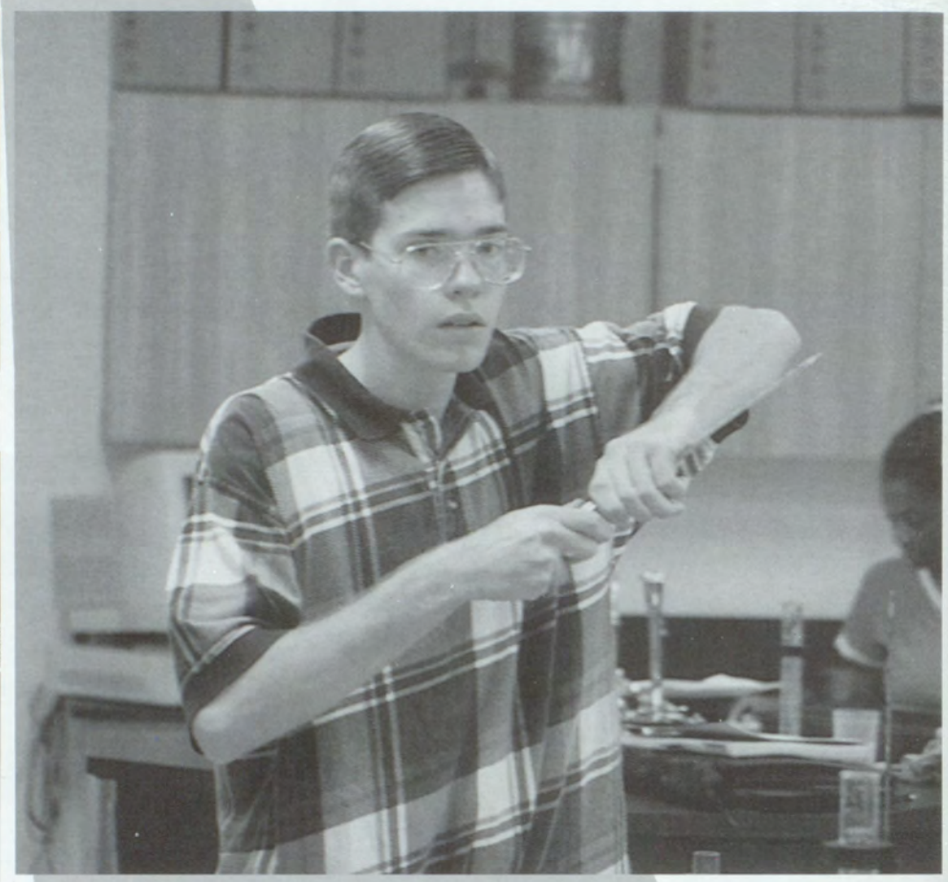


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Movin' on Up

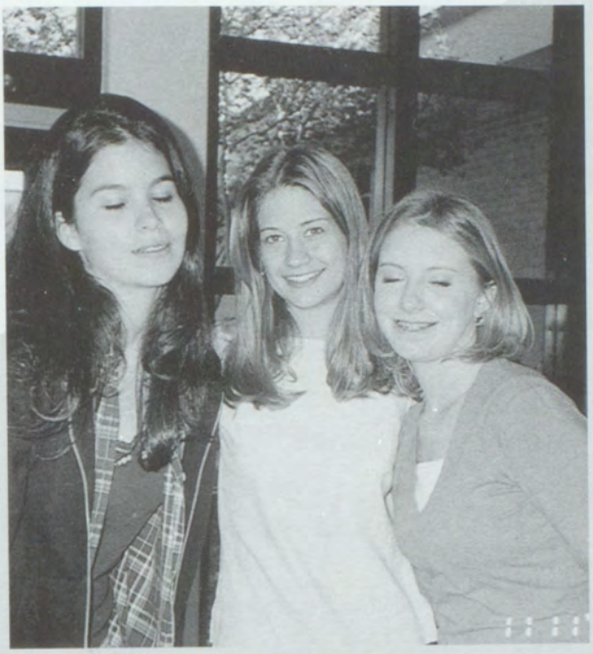
Sophomore Class



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After a short summer we arrived back, no longer a "fish", but a person wading through the high school abyss called "tenth grade". Two things highlighted our return to school: drivers' licenses and non-cafeteria food. That's right, we finally got to leave campus legally, of course. We've enjoyed eating at McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Sonic, and yes, even HEB. It seems like it was only yesterday when we were basking in the sun by the pool, sipping Dr. Pepper and praying that our tans would be even. But then, suddenly, we were sitting in our comfortable desk, wondering why we never read our summer reading book list. But, we prevailed. We faced painstaking tests, lengthy projects, and long homework assignments, and that was all on the first day! Yet finally, after learning the word "organization" we picked up the pieces so we could enjoy a positive year at school. When Homecoming came, we jumped into the activities full force. Our welcome back sign, "football field" decoration, which we set up in the Science wing hallway, Duck Float, and our efforts in participating in the Homecoming parade were all a huge success. We also decorated and donated a Christmas tree so that a local family could have a wonderful holiday season as well. Our holiday season was complete in knowing that we helped bring another household joy. Finally, we cooked tacos--again--to help raise money for next year's prom. In the end, tenth grade may have been a forgotten year, but we will continue movin' on up to greater heights and harder levels.







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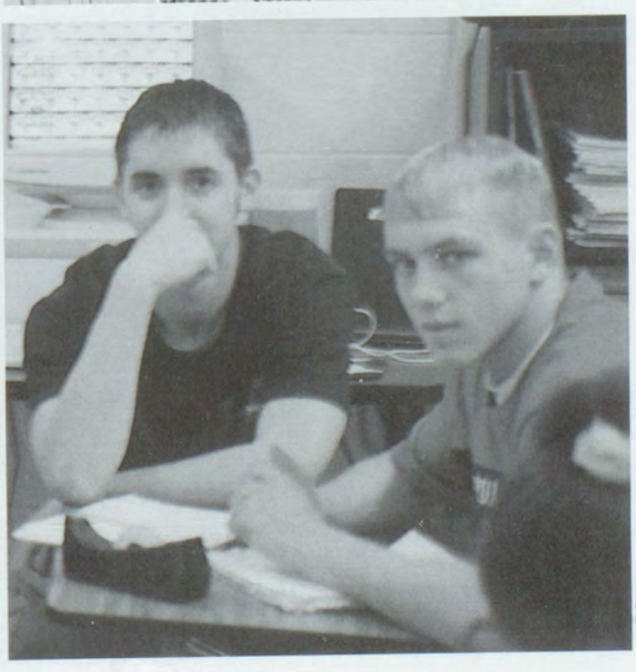

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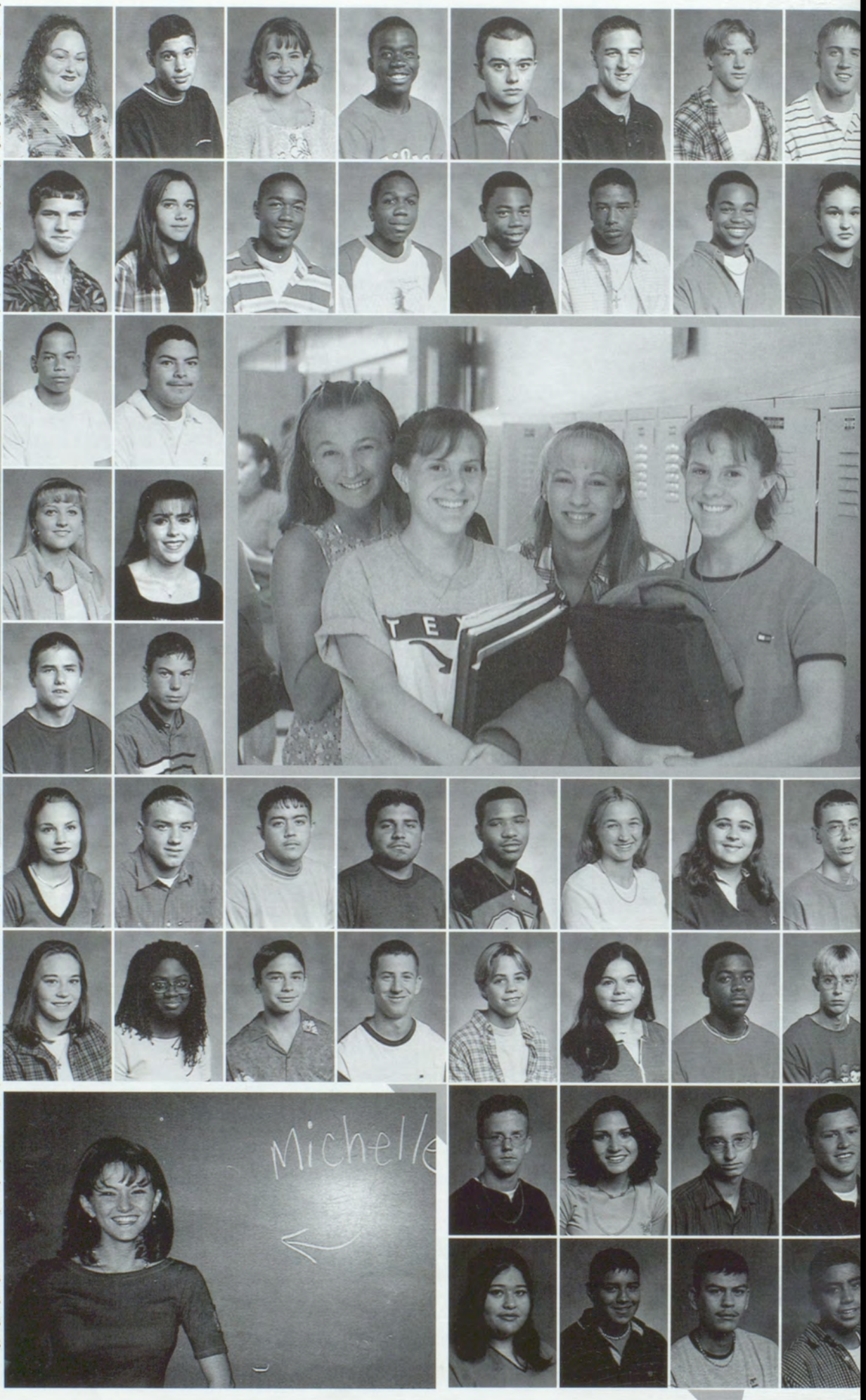


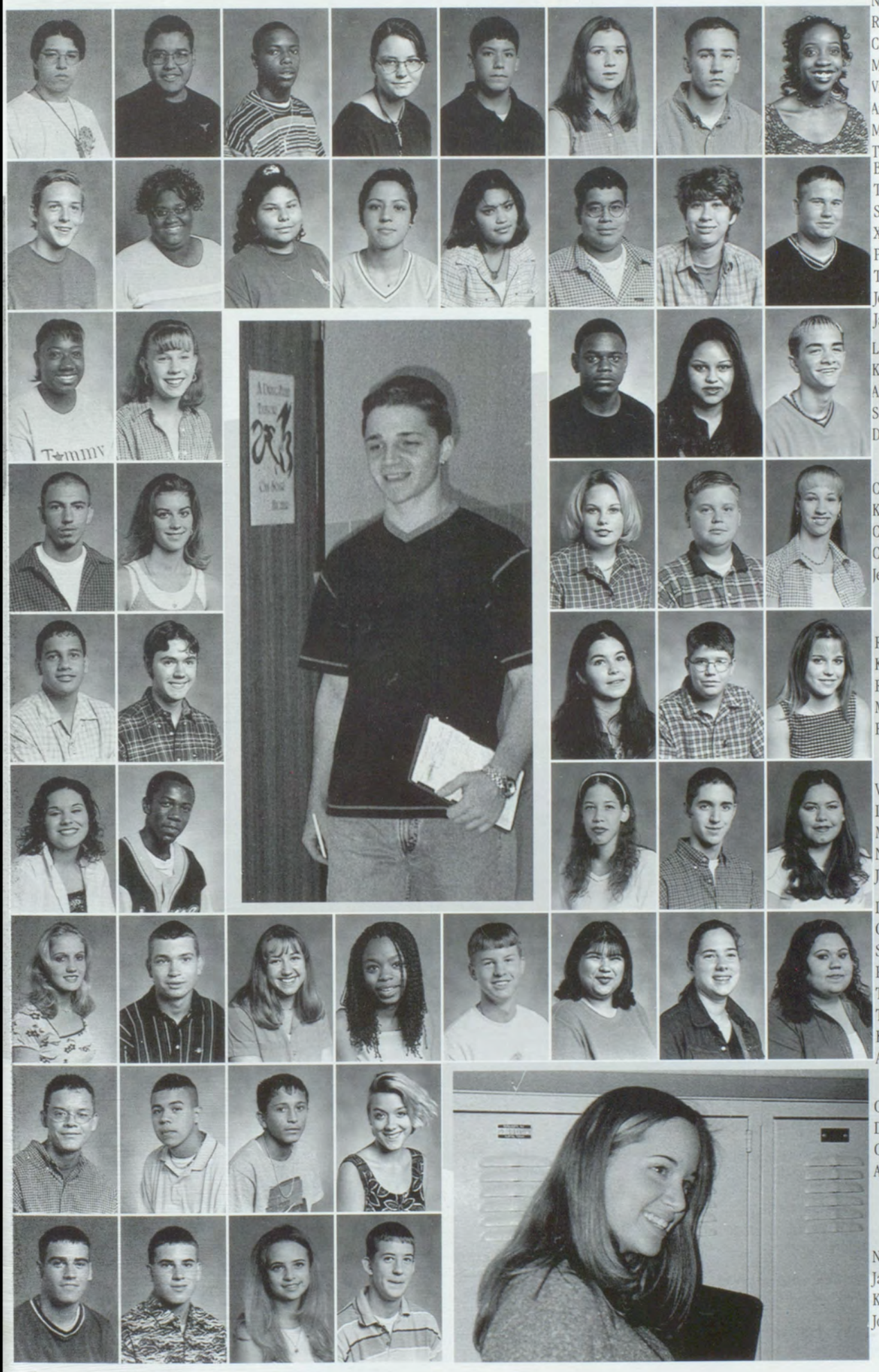
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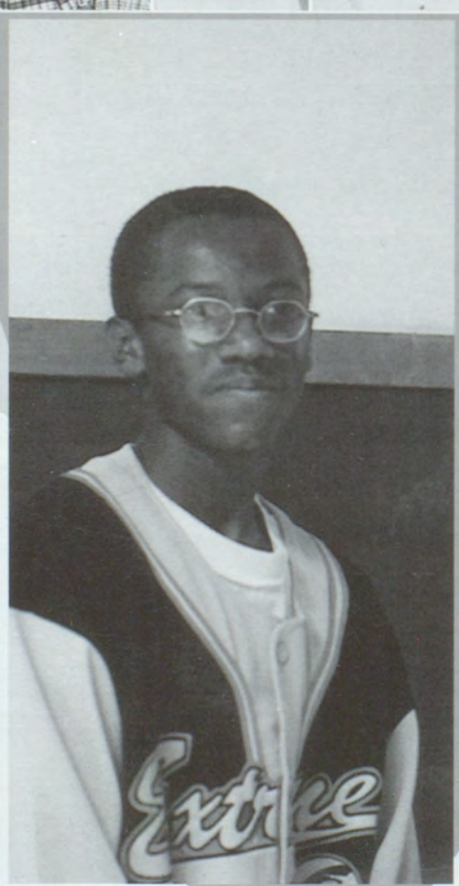

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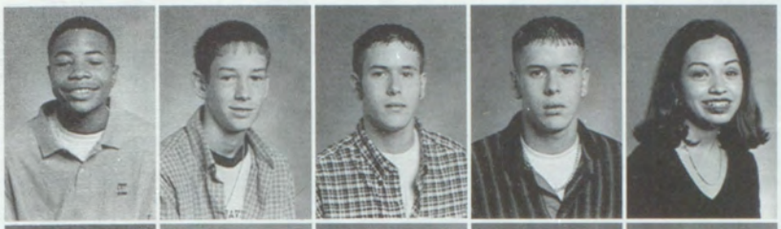



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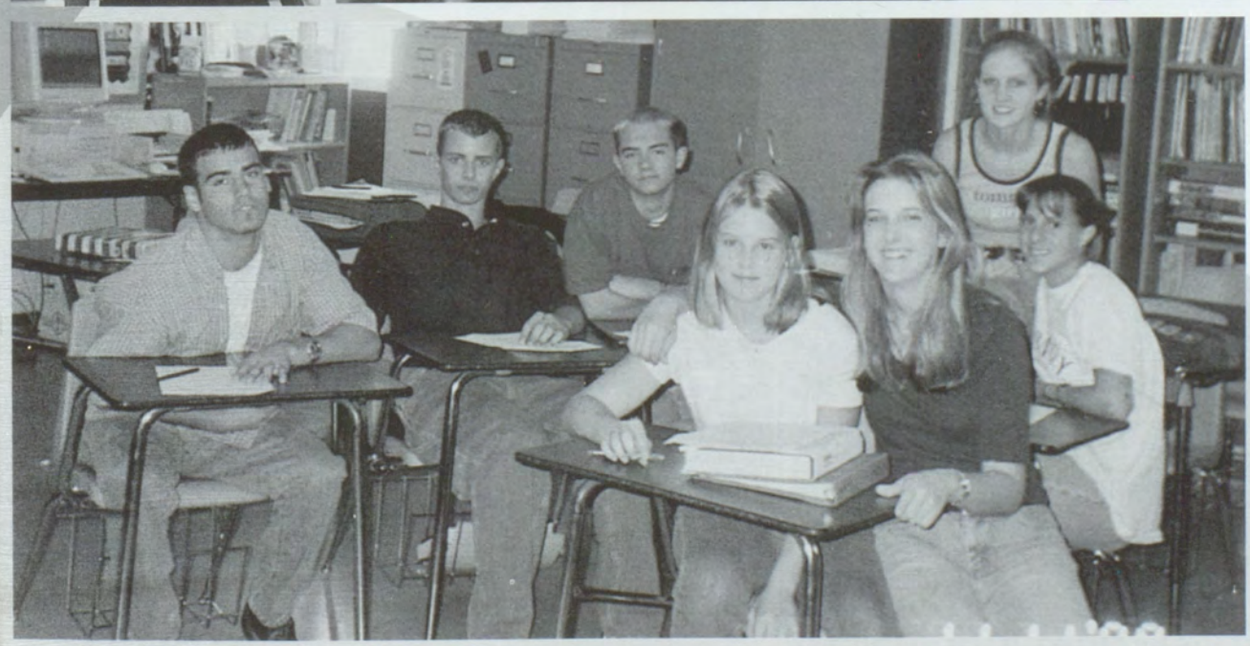












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The Kids With The Black Bags

Freshmen





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To Infinity and Beyond . . . . a year of new beginnings and a time of endless possibilities! We as the Class of 2003 began to discover our potential! This year was a big year for all of us; not only was it the start of a new millenium, but it was the beginning of a whole new Taylor High. With technology playing such an important role in society today, our class came right into the middle of it all. We were the first class to participate in the Tangent laptop program. In October, four pilot classes received their computers. One of the pilot classes attended a televised ceremony, along with state and local dignitaries, where they were presented with their new computers. Due to the uniqueness of this event, we were featured on many news stations and appeared in magazines. In January, the rest of the freshman class received their computers. We were known around school as the kids with the black bags because of the computer cases we carried. It was a challenge for our teachers to implement the laptops into their lesson plans but by the end of the year they felt comfortable with the change. Not only did we experience innovation, we also experienced Taylor High tradition. Our class participated in the homecoming parade with a truck full of students dressed as football players and ducks. Although we didn't win the contest, we had fun showing school spirit. We also decorated a Christmas tree for the Student Center. It was donated, with all of the others, to a needy family. We will always remember being the first class to ever get laptops, our first car rally and the thrill of going off campus for lunch and not getting caught. Of course when we did get caught, we had a nice visit with Mrs. Balderas. This year was an awesome year and we are looking forward to the rest of our years in high school.



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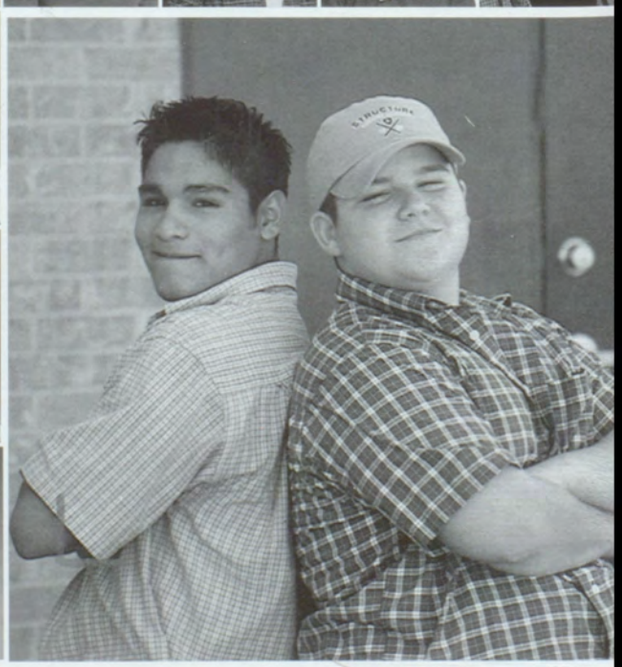


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To Teach is to Learn

Faculty

Teachers put in many more hours than the 8:00 am to 3:30 pm school day that we put in. They take their work past Infinity and Beyond. Many extra hours are put into educating us in the best way possible. We sometimes complain about having extra homework every now and then, but our work is nothing compared to what they do. We get to school when the bell rings at 8:00, but most teachers arrive at school at 7:00 or earlier. They are here preparing lesson plans, tutoring students, and getting ready for the day ahead. All day our teachers hear excuse after excuse about where exactly our homework is and they help answer our questions when we don't understand, or when we weren't listening. We all look forward to our lunch. We get to leave the stresses of school and be with our friends. Teachers on the other hand, are in their classrooms grading papers and tutoring students. Finally, the day ends and the 3:30 bell rings. We all get out of the building as fast as we can. The faculty, however, stays hours after still tutoring students, grading papers, and getting ready to do it all over again the next day. Teachers also do much more than teach. They are our friends, too. Teachers not only teach us about school, but they also teach us about life. When we need help with issues other than schoolwork, they are there. When will look back at our high school years we won't remember the day we learned about trigonometry in math, or the week we spent studying the French and Indian War in history. We will remember the times our teacher let us have lunch in their room just because we needed to talk. Faculty, we commend you for what you go through daily and we thank you for always being there.

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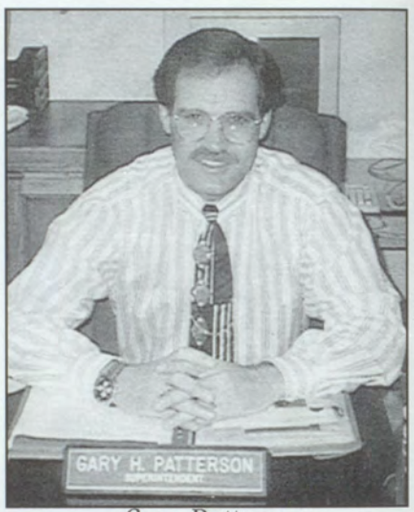
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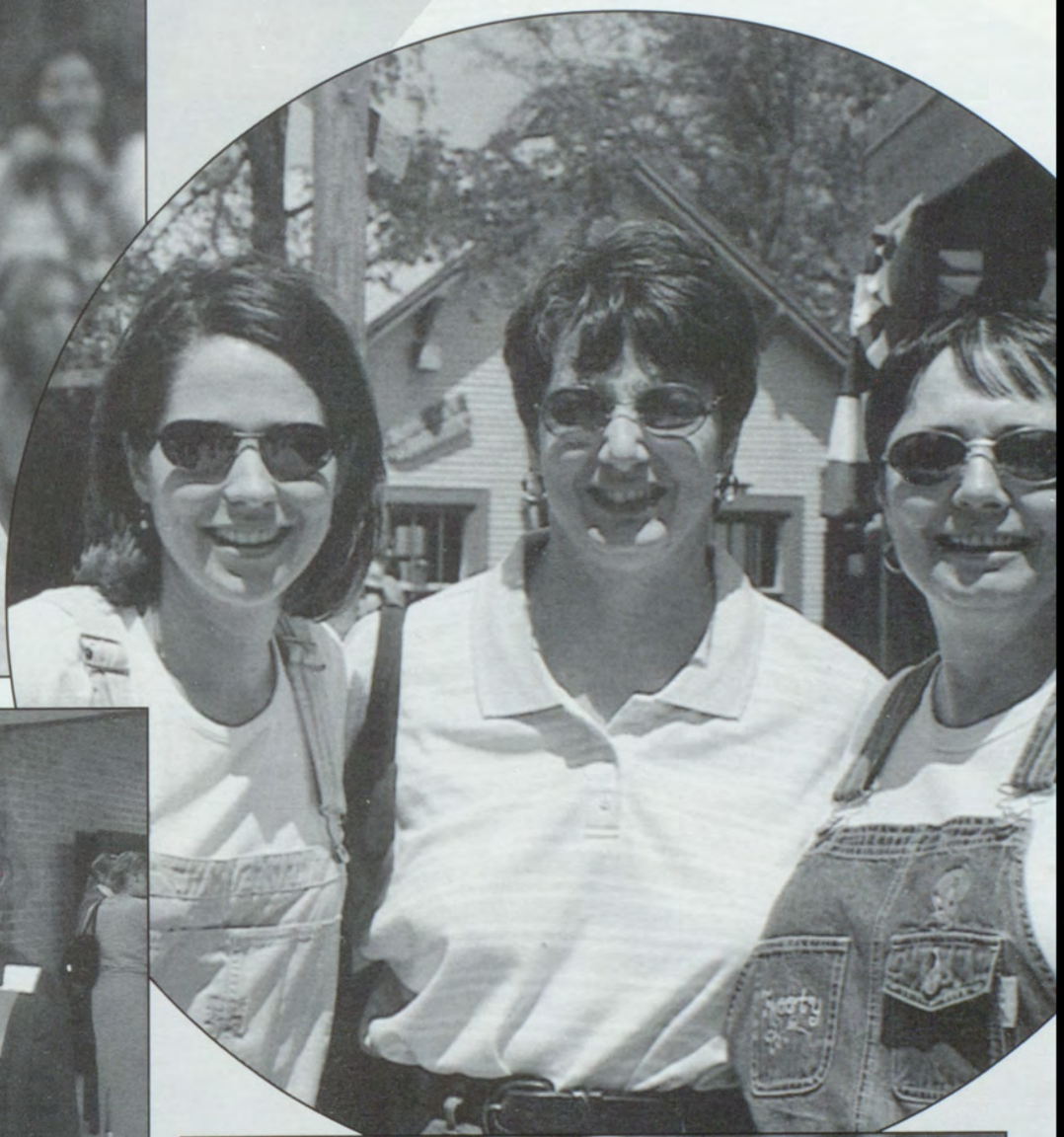


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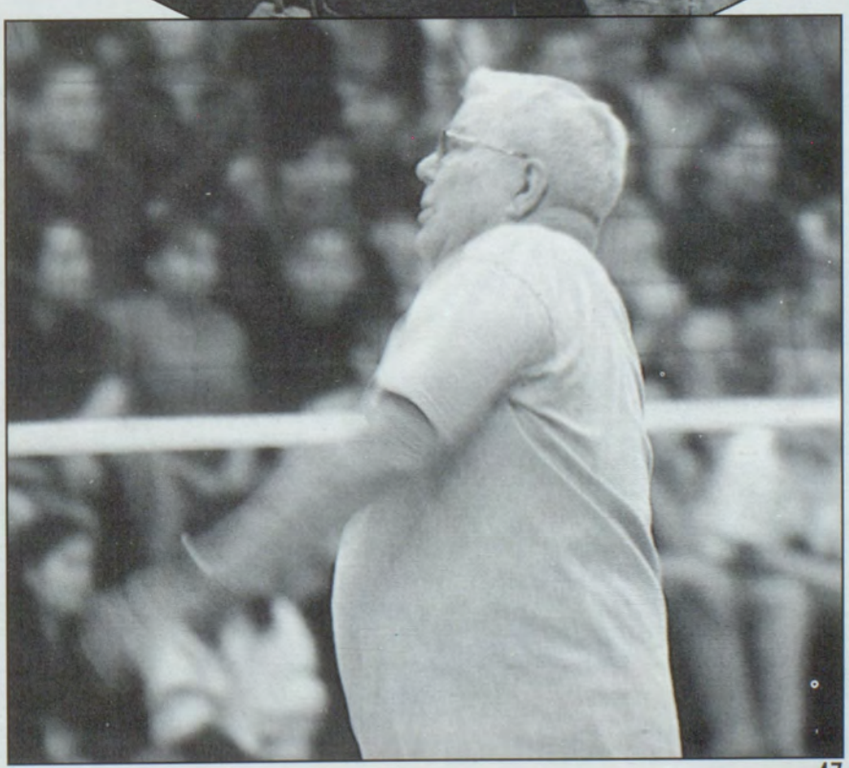
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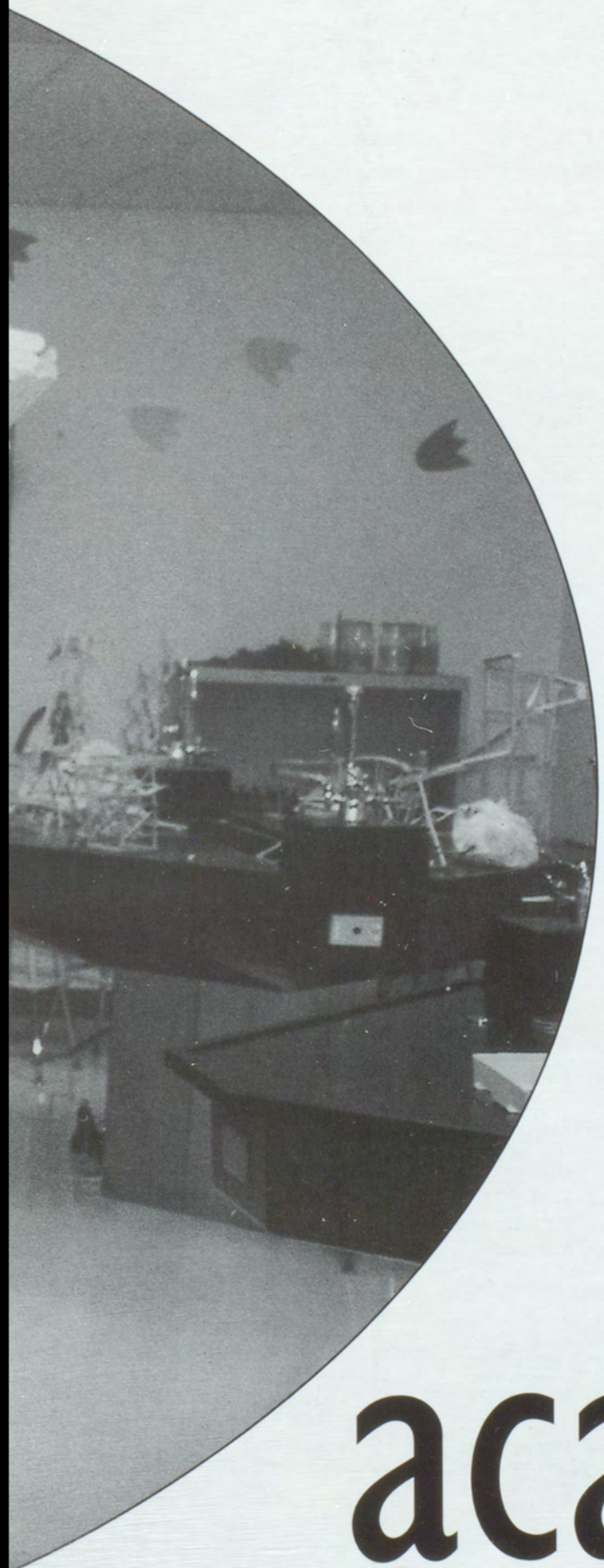






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Stuck in the Classics

English never fails us...

Ah, we've all moved on into the next millenium yet, as many of Taylor High School's students have noticed we're all still reading Shakespeare—how many years has that guy been around? The Freshman are now, just this year, becoming familiar with this famous writer, reading his more familiar piece 'Romeo and Juliet,' as the Sophomores continue their journey of literature through 'Julius Ceasar.' Nathaniel Hawthorne isn't the youngest man around either, as the Juniors well know. 'The Scarlet Letter,' written in the 1600's wouldn't qualify as a new classic! Back to Shakespeare; the Seniors get a little after-taste of his writings to top off their high school careers reading 'MacBeth.' Along with understanding 'Romeo and Juliet,' the Freshmen were expected to learn lines and reenact the long ago scenes. Sophomores, also feeling weighed down by classical misunderstood literature, took a stroll through Greek Mythology and researched for the answers to old questions. This year, Juniors had f preparing their literary analysis—now there's an old tradition we'd all like forget in the new year! Seniors, as much as they love Shakespeare, were obliga to make a scrapbook of everything they did this year, including their works 'MacBeth.' Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Burklow, Mrs. Parsons, Mr. Fox, Mrs. Zaijchek, M Curtis, Mrs. Hutchingson, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Moo Mrs, Brockman, and Mrs. Hamilton have all enlightened us whether throu classics or their own works. I know that many Sophomores can vouch Mrs. Zyjchek's poetry and Seniors for Mrs. Foley's inspiring works. Through all of the Shakespeare and Hawthorne, the classes of Taylor High School ha learned that even in a new millinium; English classes aren't changing...th must be Y2K compatible or something.







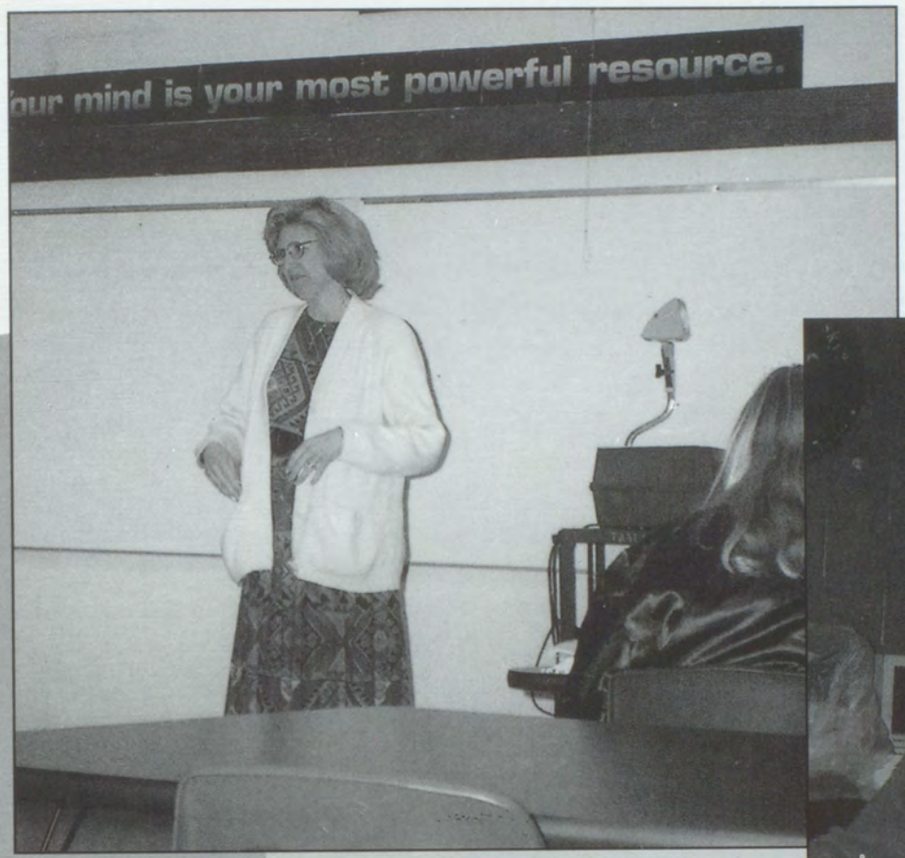


Work, work, work...Jason Pausewang, Tim Copple, and Ben Fuentes study during class. Was there a test I didn't know about? ↑

Et tu Brute? Jamie Ruden tries to figure out what Ceasar means. ↗

Smile Deanna! English class for Deanna Baran is never close to boring. →

Stephanie Rohlack's perfect literary profile...Hey, Stephanie is that an uncovered book?

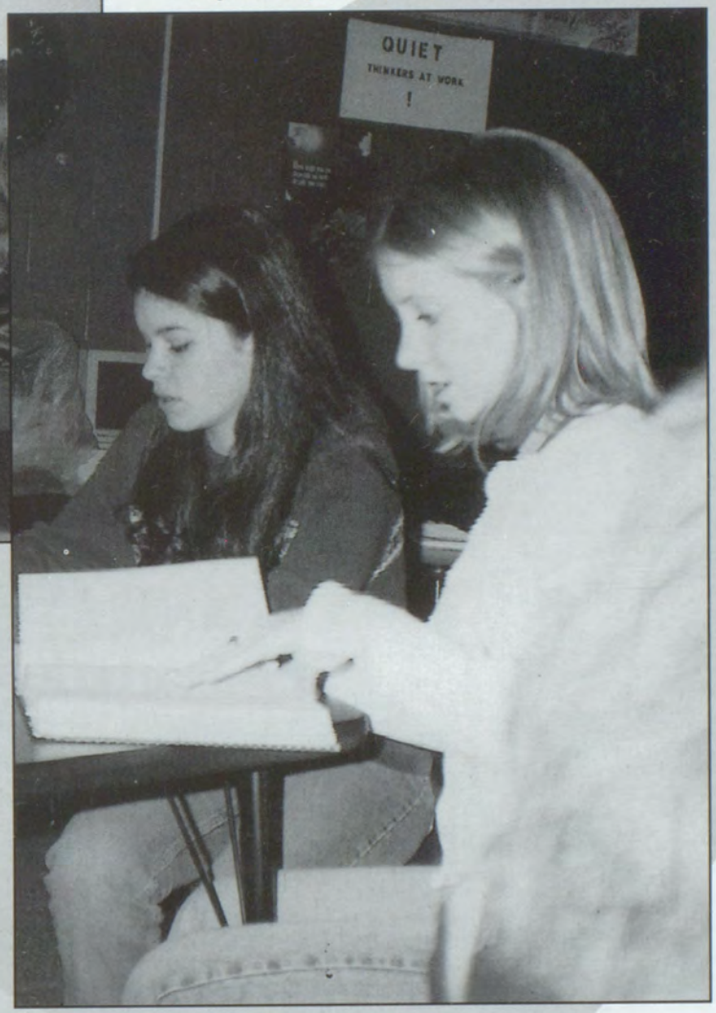


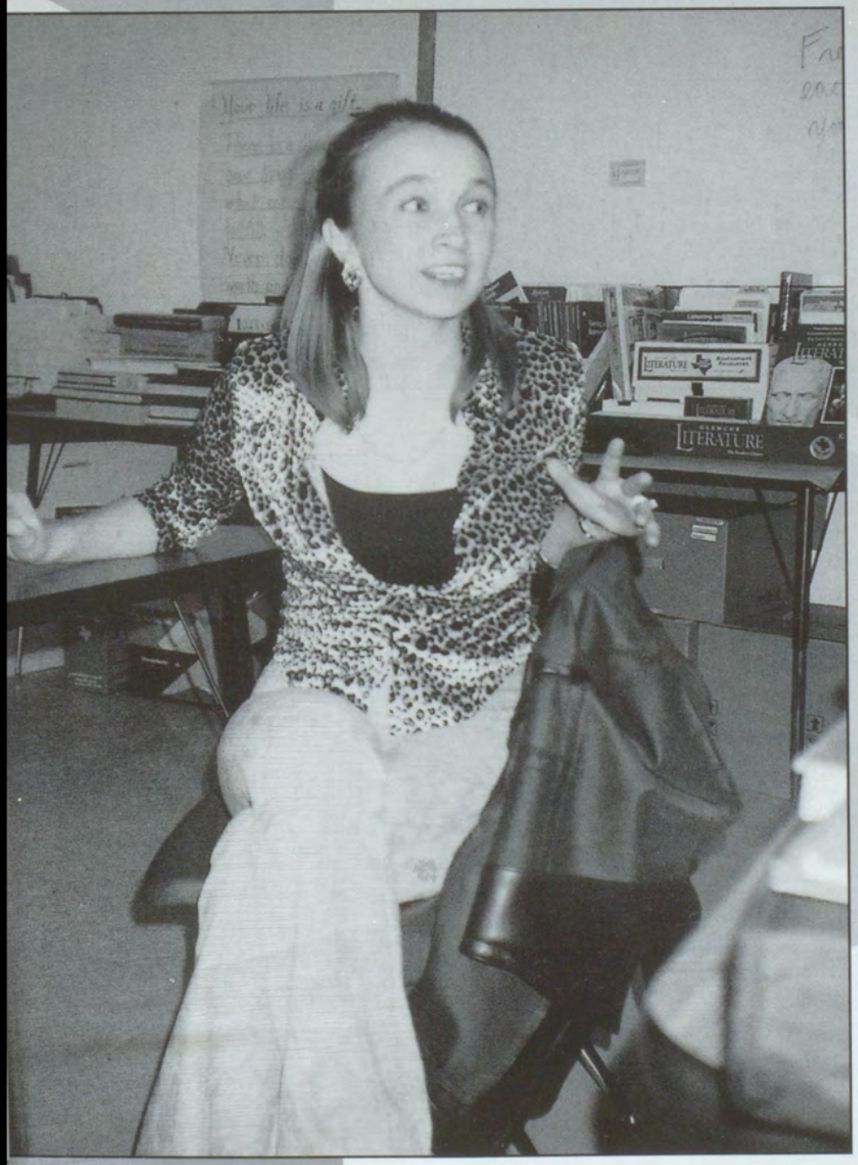
Everyone ready for the quiz? Mrs. Zyjech gives everyone a scare with her constant quizzes.

Gotcha Brandy!! Racheal Lute and Brandy Susan try to hide from the camera, but fail.

Grrrr! Vanna Evans bringing 'class' to English class with her leapord prints.

Just take the picture! Missy Vargas strikes a pose. Hey, English and photographic poses are both forms of art!

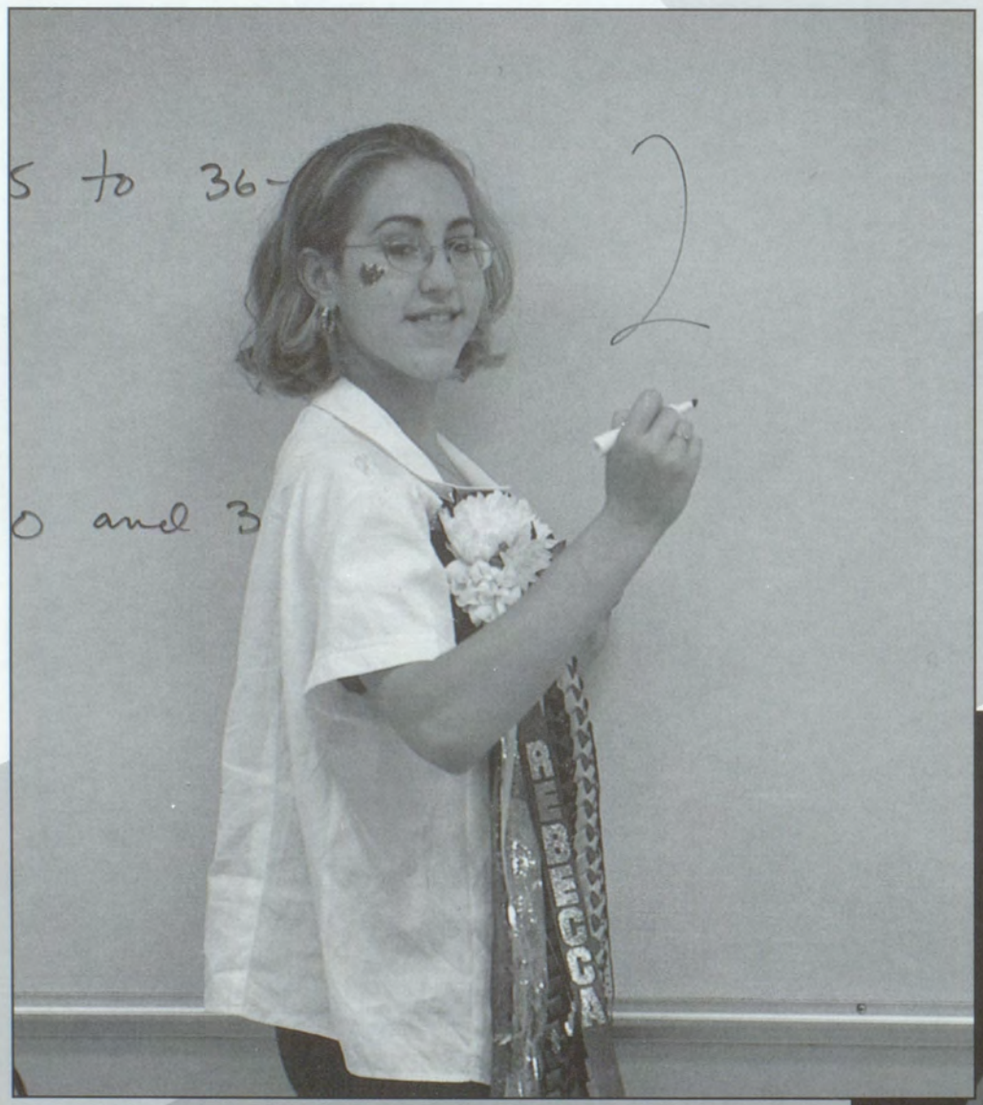


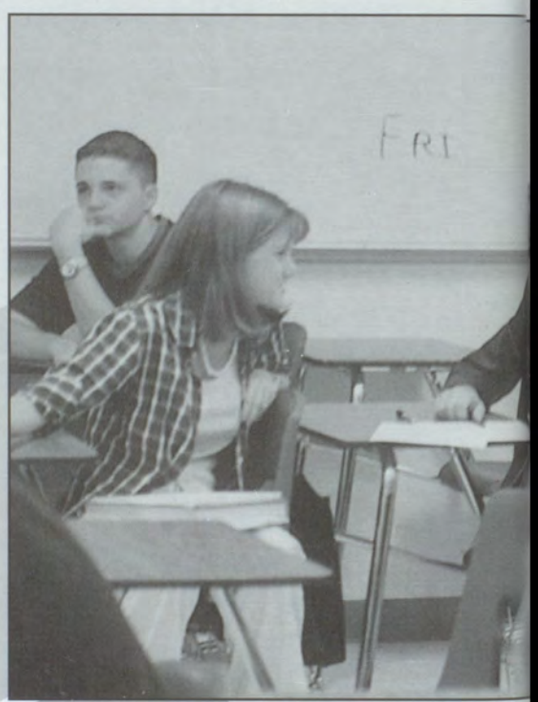


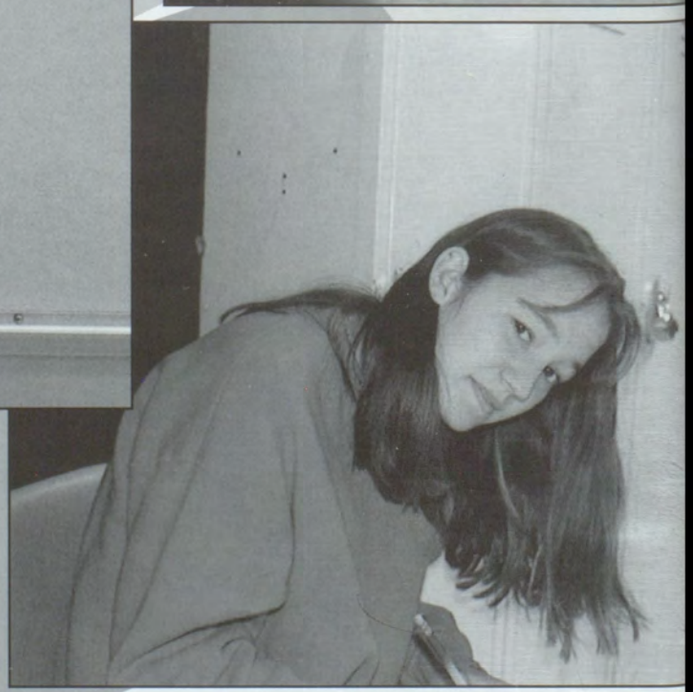


Adding up Success

Another school year is upon us, and just like any other year we all make those beginning promises to make all A's and do the best that we can. Everything is going great you think on those first couple of days until we get to math class. "Take out a paper and pen for notes for our first quiz tomorrow," is something we have all heard before and dread. Getting past the first week is tough, but then after that, it is smooth sailing. From Algebra to Calculus, each one is a challenge that makes us try harder and put in that extra effort to make the best grade possible. A good grade in math on the report card beats all other good grades in other classes because of the level of difficulty and the countless hours of practice and note taking trying to understand any given math concept. This year has been different from others. Taylo preparing for the new millennium and taking in new technology, vancing us way past our time by giving all freshmen lab top com ers. This puts all freshmen a step ahead of the technology every else has received and also makes learning fun and interesting. W once was done on paper and solved by hand is now done on Micro Excel and solved by the computer. Math is something every student m endure threw out his or her high school career. Some rise to the occa and others falter at the level of difficulty, but one thing will always certain if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything. Th back to the day when you were trying to conquer the aspect of addition





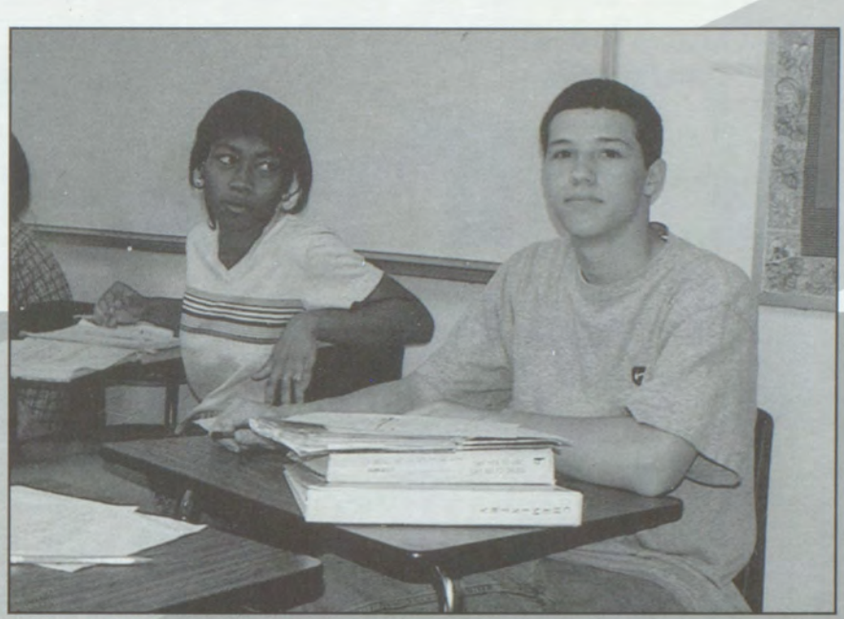


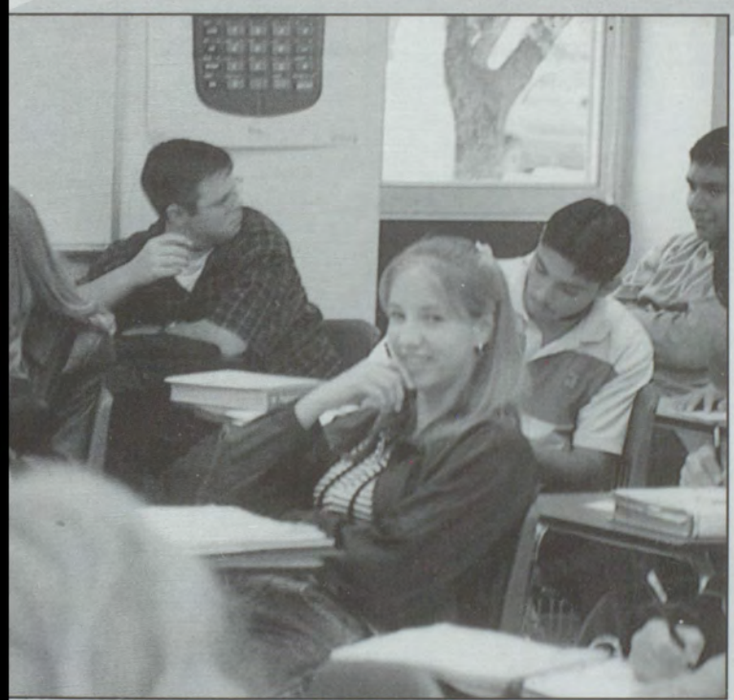
Rebecca Lewis dislays school spirit while doing an example on the board. ↑

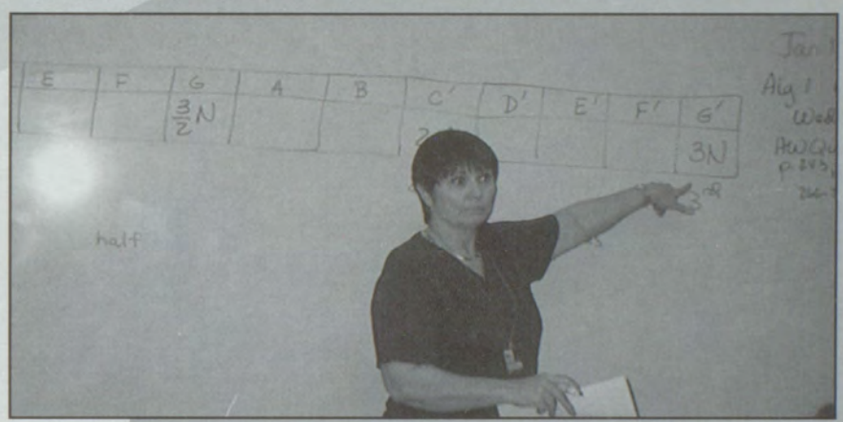
Chrissy Burkhalter double checks her answers in the hall. →

Hey you noisy Sophomores! Mr. Rogers' class can't seem to capture the exciting world of Algebra 2. ↗

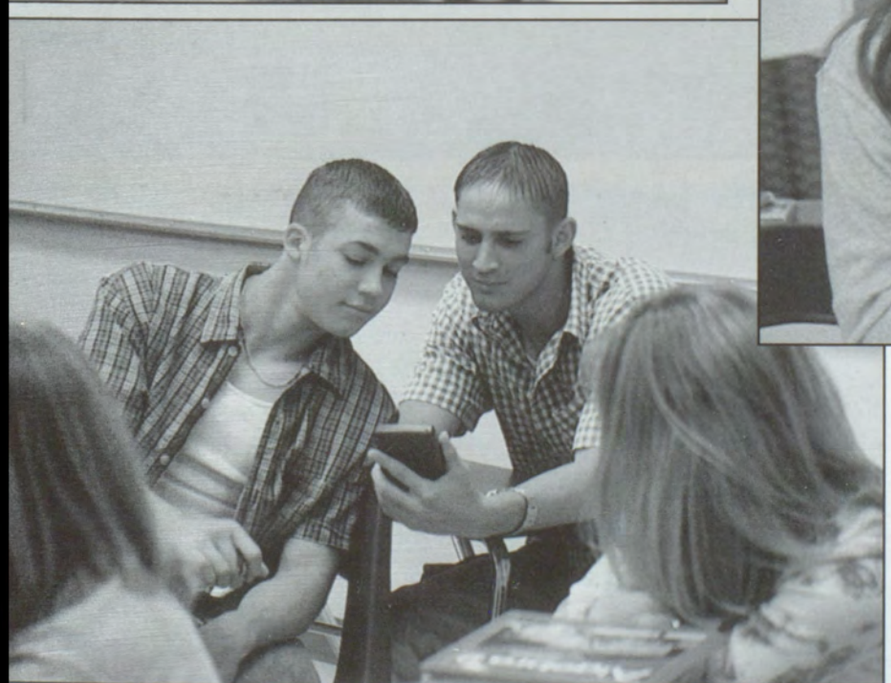












← Trent Rozacky and Michael Cuba share the importance of a calculator.

↑ **"Excuse me Ms. Reeves, no cheating!"** Stephanie Reeves hopes to get some help from her neighbor.

↑↑ Mrs. K doing her usual thing in front of the classroom.

↑↑↑ **"Did you take my homework?"** Steven Teggeman plays Mr. innocent to Ualitha Cook.

↖↖ **Don't concentrate too hard!** Emily Johnson diligently does her homework.

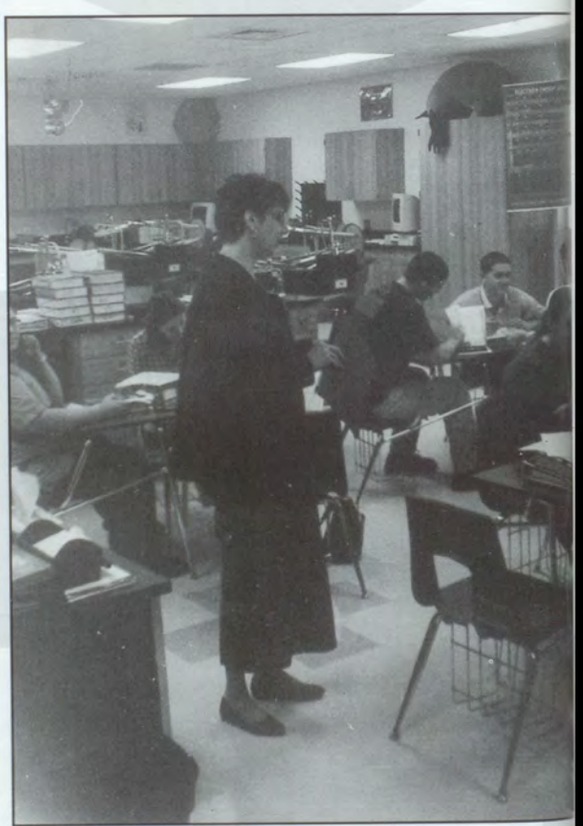
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Chemical Reactions

Science

From the day you walked into freshman biology to begin the study of plants and animals, the scientific world became an intriguing experience in which we acquainted ourselves with man and his surroundings. Our scientific studies allowed us to explore new and amazing worlds and to experiment with unusual and peculiar concepts and formulas. This year we were offered a wide variety of science courses. From the Jurassic Age to G-Forces, our science classes helped us to get a better understanding of it all. While the freshmen were dissecting frogs in biology, upperclassmen were manipulating vectors in Physics and making formulas and memorizing elements in Chemistry I & II. We even moved our expert anatomy expertise up a notch to Biology II. New teachers graced the science wing with their glowing smiles, willingness to help, and joviality. Mrs. Dorsey and Mr. Bomback were unmatchab teachers, both full of witty remarks. Studen had to be committed, but the labs and fie trips more than made up for the hard wor Although some of the classes were hard a stressful, the science department at our scho gave the students a better look at science we know it today, and prepared many of us someday use it in our professions.

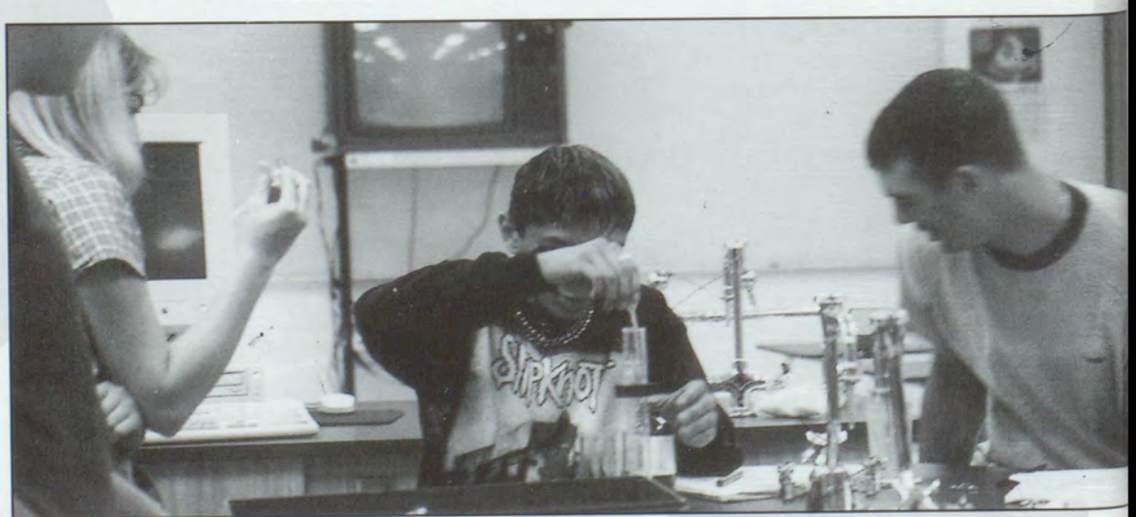




Derek Klepac watches on as Stephen Sanchez creates a chemical reaction in a graduated cylinder. →

Mrs. Sutton covers some of the finer points of Chemistry to her students. ↗

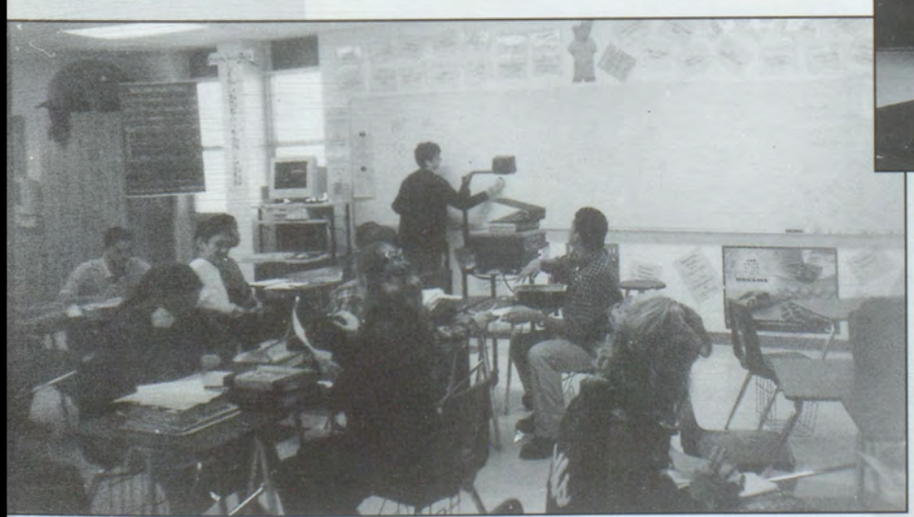
"Where'd it go?" asks Amy Zucknick as Amber Byfield and Margaret Garry fire their projectile. ↑











↑↑ Aaron Bachmeyer, Ladd Moehnke, and Chris Hejl prepare to launch a marble from their catapult during Physics.

↖ "That's the liver," says Coach Rucker as he points out the various parts of the anatomy of a recently dissected frog.

↑ Chad Cervenka and Alisha David proudly display their lab projects.

← "$E=mc^2$," teaches Mrs. Sutton before an exam.

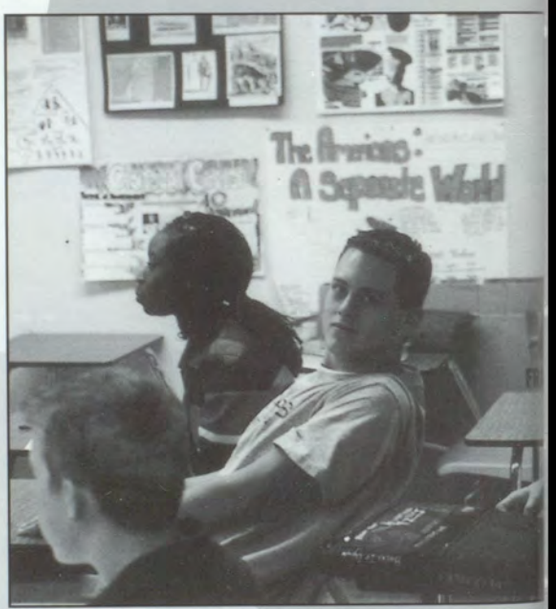
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A Journey Back In Time

Social Studies

Social Studies! What comes to mind when you hear those words? Maps? Branches of government? The Court of Law? Christopher Columbus? This year we not only learned about history, we had fun too! In World Geography AP, the computers the freshmen received this year for the first time, sure came in handy with all those notes Mr. Miller gave them on the overhead. And who could forget at the beginning of the year listening to, "All My Exes Live in Texas" to learn how to map towns? Mr. Quarles also added to the fun. In his US History classes Homey Claus always came to visit right before a test to hint at answers. Coach Muniz kept us busy coloring maps. While some of Social Studies was fun and games, there was also work to be done. Mrs. Bennett assigned at least one project a si weeks in her AP World History classes. Mr. Conrardy had his eco nomics classes write a story on "How to Make a Bill". Mr. Stenset had his government classes busy with vocabulary and note Though the teachers may have given tough tests, projects, o assignments, most classmates felt good about how they did History students will probably look back and smile when they thin of all the hard work they did, knowing it was all worth it. All in a we learned a lot and had fun doing it. Some peoples' opinions o history is just that, history, but the only way we can step into th future is to learn about our past. Therefore, to infinity and beyon









"Hush you mouth fool!" Steven Teggeman, Aaron Bachmayer, and Brit Oliphint wish Homie Clause would make a visit to their class. →

Get to work! Brian Drummond is busy daydreaming in World History. ↗

"And this is..." Jennifer Stefek, Dawn Murdock, and Jacque Wallace present their poster about Islam to the class. ↑

"B . . . as in Bozo!" Mr. Quarles calls out the answers to a chapter quiz. ↑

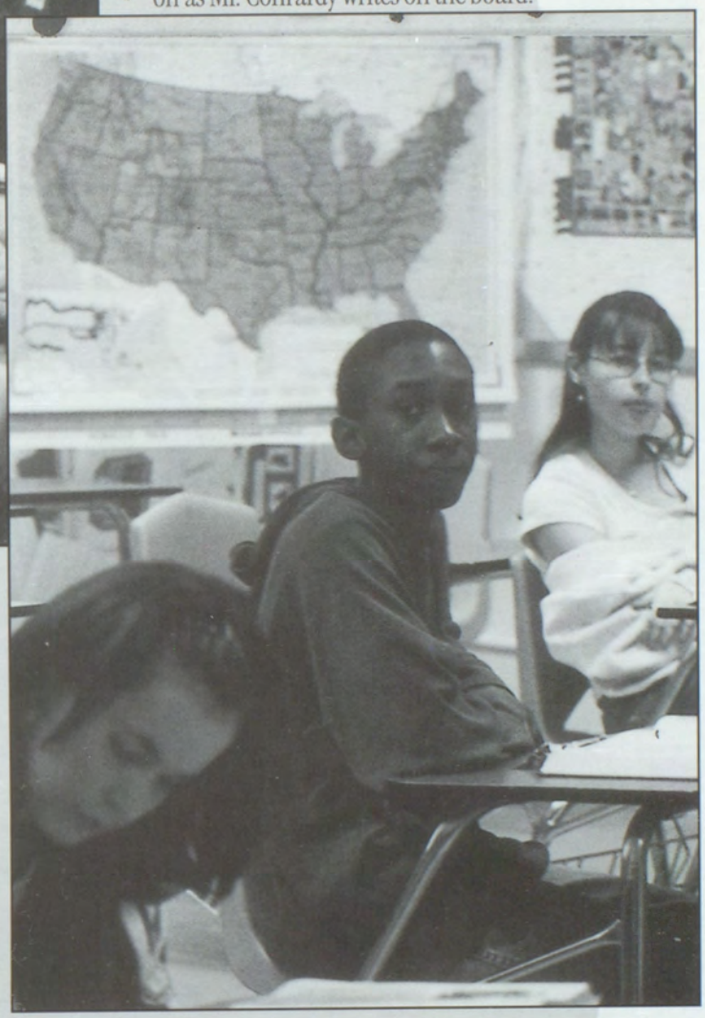


← **Is this keyboarding?** Chase Frock calmly types notes off the overhead into his laptop.

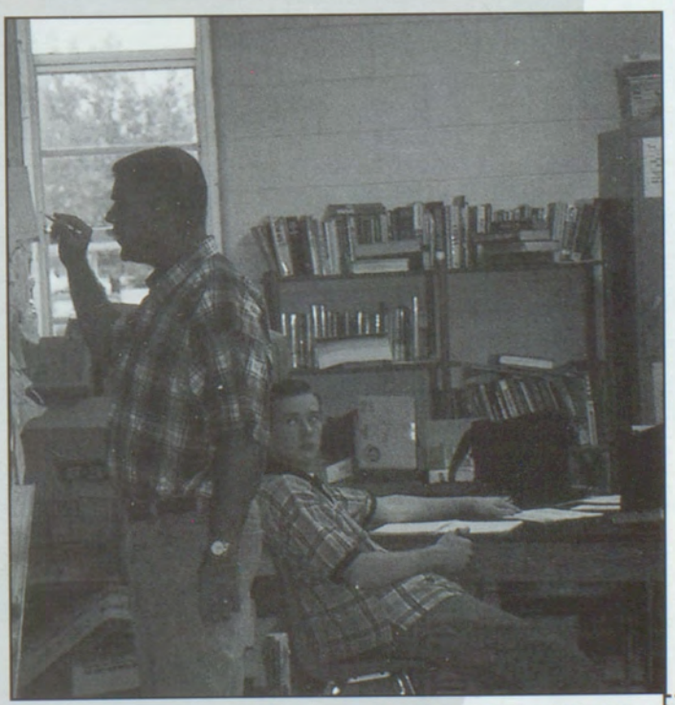
↙ **Are you listening?** Josh Verastique smiles for the camera while Martha Flores is busy listening.

↓ **What's the answer?** Willie Fields is busy taking notes.

↡ **"What is he talking about?"** James Massey looks on as Mr. Conrardy writes on the board.



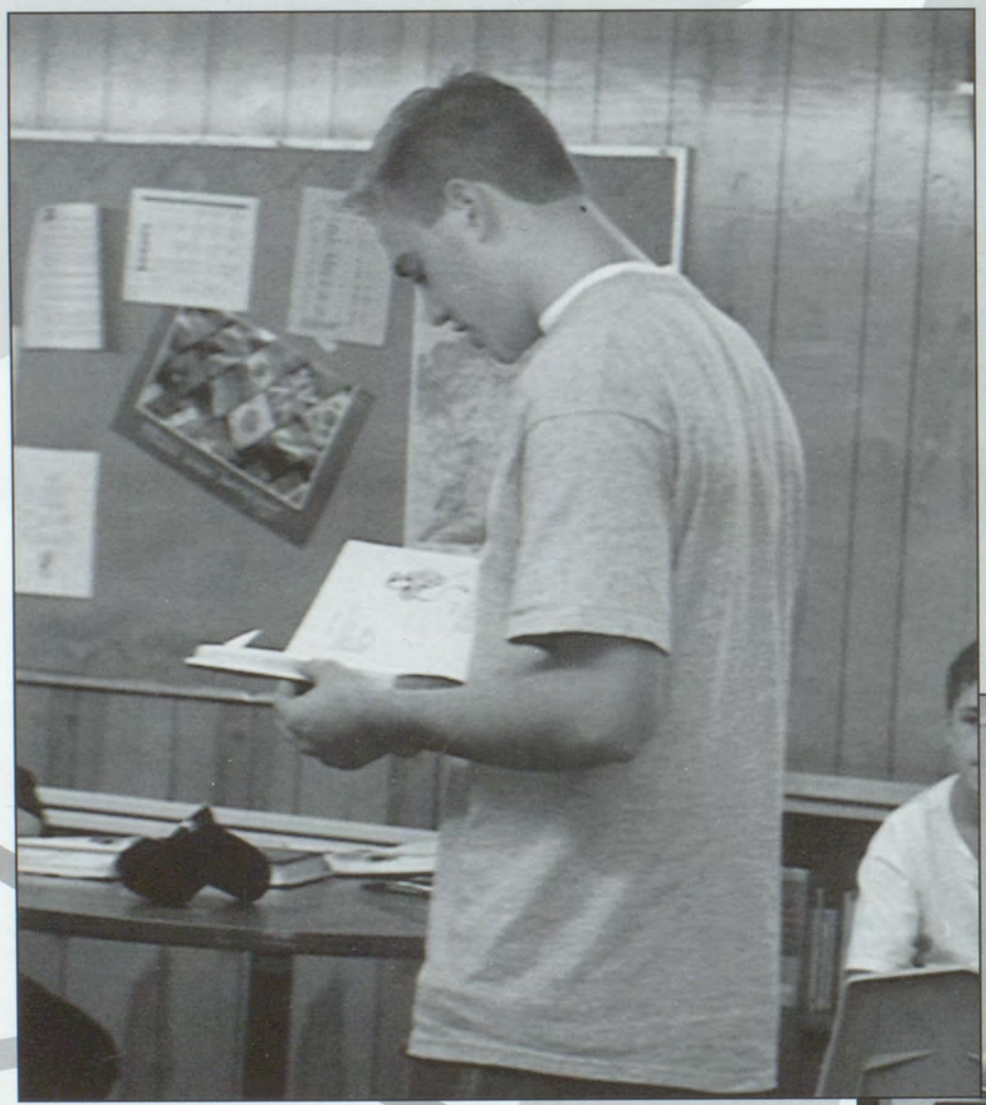


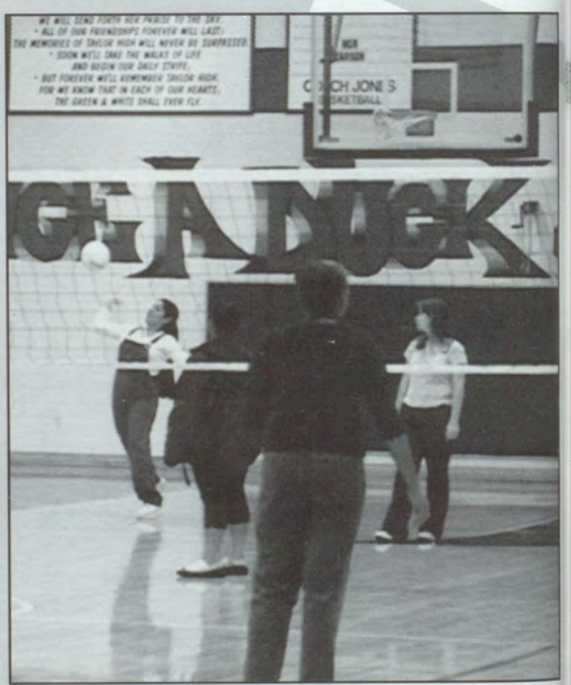


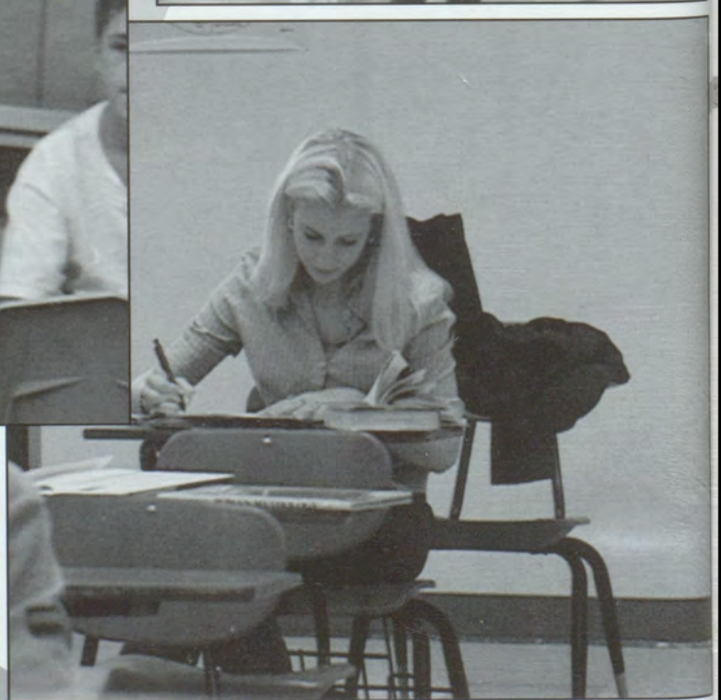
So, what do you want to do today?

Electives

We are all required to take certain classes such as English, History, Math, and Science. But, our day is saved with our electives! Electives are classes that we get to choose. Sure, we need our fine arts credit, but we get to choose from an array of classes to obtain it. We can take Art, Dance, or Theatre Arts, just to name a few. Also, the electives we choose reflect what we are interested in doing for the rest of our lives. Who knows, our Choir class just might have the next Mariah Carey singing in it, or the Theatre Arts class might hold the next Jim Carey! Someone interested in architecture would want to sign up for drafting where you get to construct and draw buildings, (even if you only build them with toothpicks). The class clown would be great in Theatre Arts, where they wouldn't get in trouble for "acting up." Every year our Art class makes a great Homecoming mural. It is always done well and is a treat to see in the hall every year. In dance class you not only learn the basics of being a dancer, you learn about the history of dancing. Something the dance classes look forward to all year is their performance in Spring Show. The people in these classes work hard to prepare a dance to do at Spring Show, which is a big honor to them. As far as we can see, the future holds lots of computers for us! So taking typing or Business Computers Information Systems would not be a bad idea. In B.C.I.S we learned how to use Microsoft worksheets in Excel and type memos and fax covers in Microsoft Word. We have three foreign languages to choose from: Spanish, Latin, and German. In Spanish you not only learn about the language, you learn about the country and its heritage. We get to celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a fiesta and we even learn how to dance the cumbia and make paper flowers! Who ever said Latin was dead obviously never took the course! Latin takes many trips and Mrs. Schafer knows how to make the dead language worth taking for three years! German is something a lot of the people in our school knew how to relate to. The class even takes it far enough to compete in contests and our classes always do well. In closing, what you want to do today is up to you, and we can only hope you take it To Infinity and Beyond.



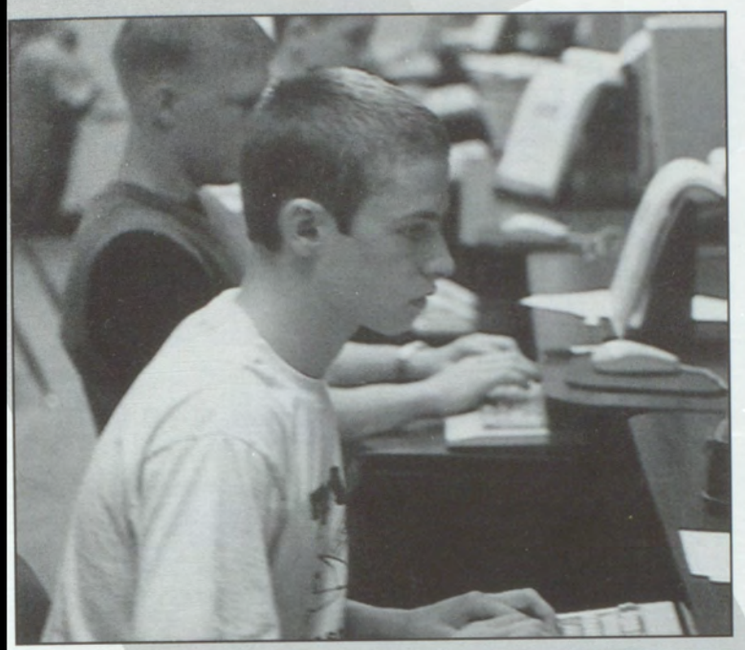




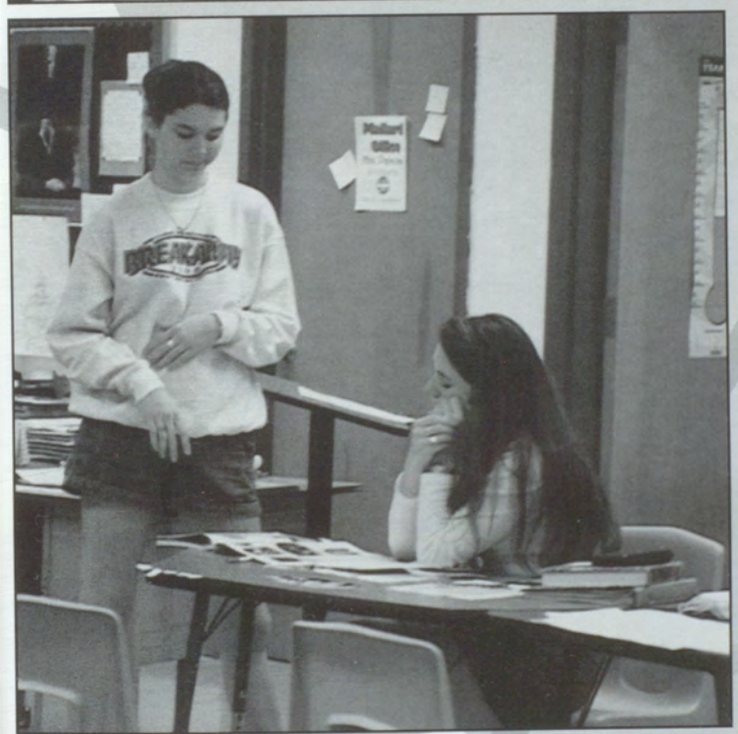
"Quoth the Raven. . ." Duncan Lewis recites poetry with feeling for his Theatre Arts class.↑

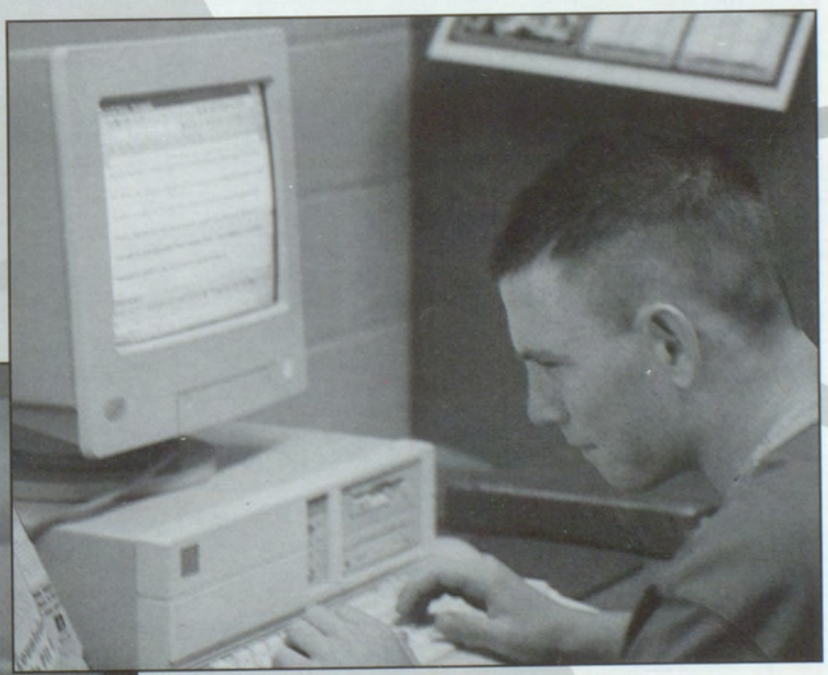
"Et tu Brute?" Kelly Parker works hard in Latin.→

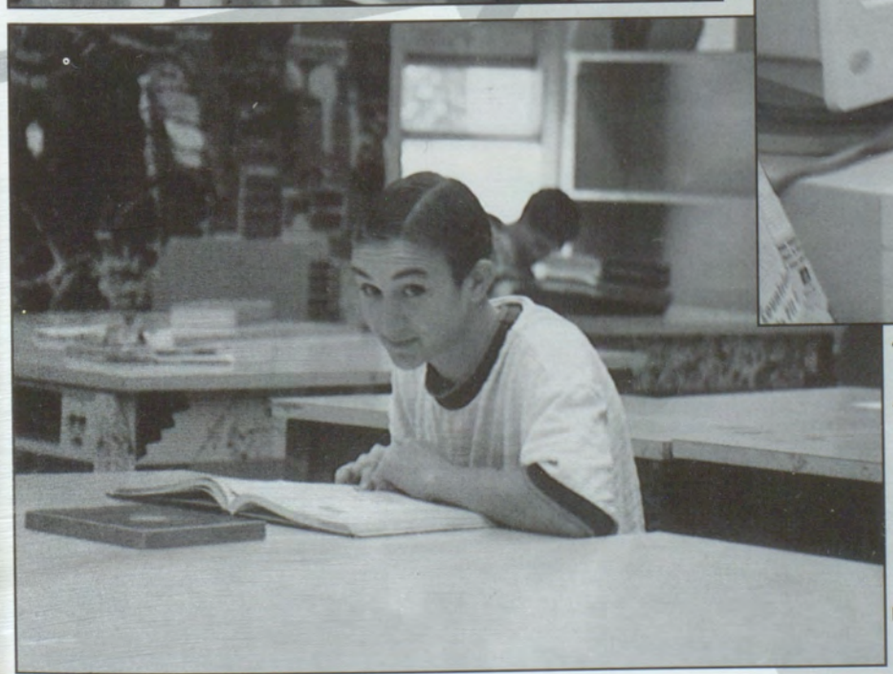
"Spike!" These girls enjoy playing volleyball during P.E.↗











↑ **"What's your WPM?"** Blake Randig types quickly in BCIS.

← **"Shouldn't you be drawing or something?"** Randy Blackwell is not likely to find his artistic side in a book.

↖ **"I think I saw the negatives in the. . ."** Mallard editors Amber Byfield and Emily Johnson are always working!

↑↑ **"They all look the same to me. . ."** Chris Beckermann uses his photojournalism skills to pick the pictures needing to be developed.

↖ **"Is asdfg really a word?"** Brian Ruden types diligently in Mrs. Mannings' class.

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Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho It's Off to Work We Go

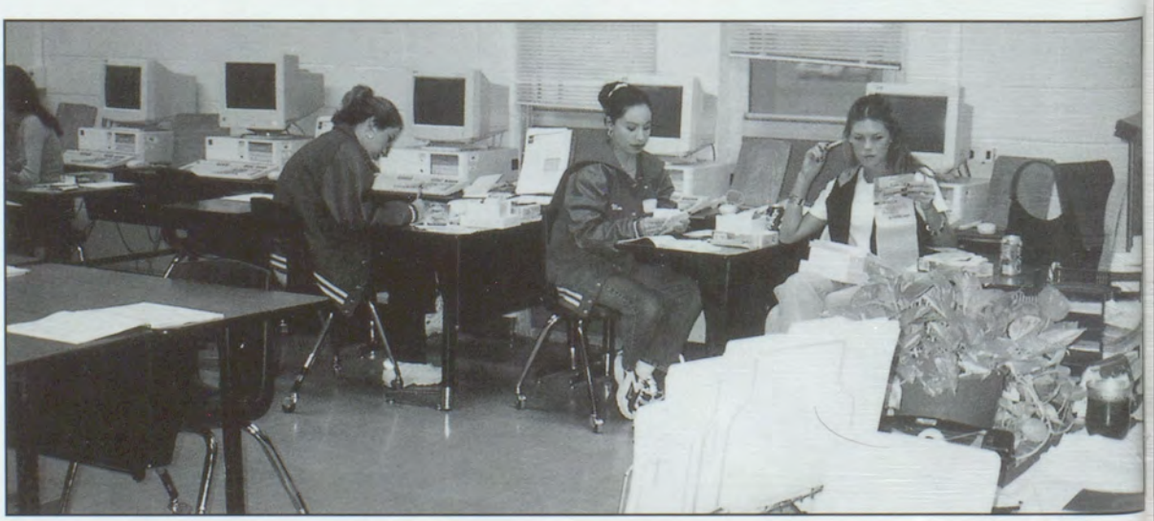
Vocational works towards the future

Many of the Juniors and Seniors decided that this year to be a little successful in the working field, but at the same time get an education. We learned about several different skills for surviving the working world. Learning things such as human relation skills, interviewing skills and communication skills in class really helped us out on the job. Coop teachers Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Macgruder, Mrs. Leschber, and Mrs. Roberts all worked hard to help all of us succeed in the working field in which we were involved. All of our teachers taught different Coop programs so different fields of work could be covered. For example, the Business Education Coop, taught by Mrs. Leschber helped students prepare for office work. But if you were looking forward to working at the YMCA After-school care or something similar, then you would take Mrs. Schneider's Homemaking Coop. This is the perfect opportunity for students to make money, learn what it is like working for at least half the day and still go to school and get an education. One of the school groups affiliated with Business Education Coop is Business Professionals of America. We participated in several different projects throughout the year and also attended contest. This year Area contest was attended at Westlake on February 5th and State Contest was attended in Plano on March 3rd-5th. Working in the vocational program and has helped many of us understand anything and everything that we may come across in the real world.

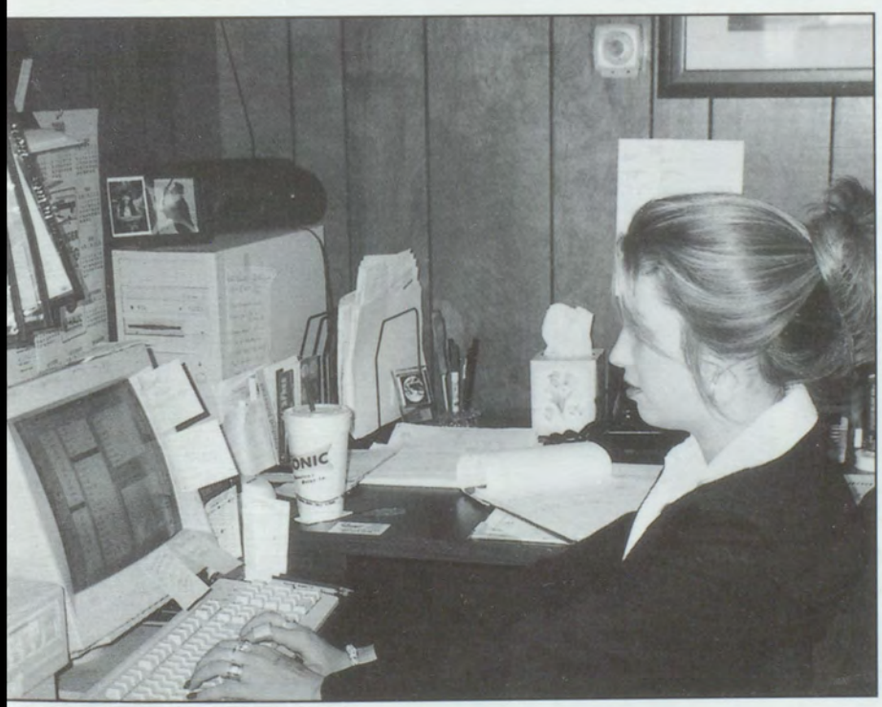


I'm tired of licking stamps! ↑ Senior Lindsey Cmerek works hard at Central Office stuffing envelopes to be mailed.

When will they come with the breakfast tacos? I'm hungry! → Mrs. Leschber's Zero period class works hard before going to work.











↑↑ **She thinks my tractor's sexy.** Senior Brandon Naivar works hard at James Naivar Dirt and Gravel during the day.

↖ **Im enjoying it, really I am!** Junior Ashleigh Paige enters information at her job at Taylor tire Center.

↑ **Time to do Calculus.** Senior Janlyn Mokry takes a quick break from her hard work in the counselor's office.

← **Taylor High School, this is Lauren speaking.** Senior Lauren Rozacky takes a break during her hours in the counselor's office.

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Destined For The Top

AP Classes Take Education Above and Beyond



English III- L-R: Leah Caldwell, Abbi Mott, Candace Benad, Alpa Patel, Brian Drummond, Michelle Avila, Margaret Garry, Alisha David 2nd row- L-R: Beth Richter, Amber Seidel, Dominick Devasty, Meghan Klotz, Heather Guardiola, Josh Weise, Brit Oliphint, Chris Auerbach, Micah Grau, Josh Verastique 3rd row- L-R: Priscilla Parsons, Ualitha Cook, Emily Johnson, Willie Fields, Anne Foley, Justin Graef, Steven Teggeman, Justin Bohls, Martha Flores, Andrew Oser, Jordan Schmidt, Mark Cantrell 4th row- L-R: Nicole White, Tracy Machu, Alison Mayer, Amber Byfield, Chris Fox, Aaron Bachmeyer, Becky Estrada, Ladd Moehnke, Chris Beckermann



Us History- Bottom row- L-R: Chris Auerbach, Micha Grau, Justin Graef, Becky Estrada, Margaret Garry, Heather Hazelwood 2nd row L-R: Alpa Patel, Amber Seidel, Beth Richter, Meghan Klotz, Heather Guardiola, Stephen Sanchez, Brit Oliphint, Candace Benad, Emily Johnson, Alison Mayer, Willie Fields 3rd row L-R: Mr. Quarles, Amber Seidel, Lacie Ruemke, Maria Friar, Anne Foley, Jason Sanchez, Colby Bullock, Josh Verastique, Josh Weise, Chad Cervenka, Brandi Martinez, Nicole White, Tracy Machu, Chandler Dabbs, Andrew Oser 4th row L-R: Ladd Moehnke, Josh Bell, Dominick Devasty, Steven Teggeman, Chris Fox, Aaron Bachmeyer, Justin Bohls, Martha Flores, David Arias



Spanish IV- L-R: Amy Zucknick, Maria Flores, Stephen Konarik, Carlos Menchaca



Studio Arts- L-R Bottom: Manuel Perez, Mrs. Hendrix, Carlos Menchaca Top: Ike Houston, Dan Martin



Biology- Bottom row L-R: Beth Richter, Traci Floyd, Cindy Solis, Brandi Martinez, Keitha Jones, Kristin Chait, Ashley Mathis 2nd row L-R: Brad McClain, Matt Bowker, Jordan Schmidt, Alisha David, Brit Oliphint, Josh Weise, Stephen Sanchez, Sterling Teague, Colby Bullock, D'Neshia Griffin, Lyle Cmerek 3rd row L-R: Herbert Shammard, Heather Hazelwood, Derek Klepac, Chris Beckermann, Travis Huber, Heather Guardiola, Josh Bell, Chad Cervenka, Alison Mayer, Eric McAdams, Anderson Gaston. 4th row L-R: Andez Gaston, Brandon Raesz, Justin Graef, Amber Seidel, Anne Foley, Lacie Ruemke, Maria Friar, David Scarbrough, David Arias



Government and Economics- Bottom row- L-R: Lindsey Cmerek, Lisa Grimm, Nancy Dominguez, Lauren Rozasky, David Scarbrough, Tarisa Walker, Stephen Kanarik, Dana Carrizales 2nd row: Mr. Conrady, Jessica Samaniego, Al Block, Kristin Chait, Jennifer Kolineck, Amy Zucknick, Javier Garcia 3rd row: Eric McAdams, Andrew Morris, Brian Heeke, James Ashley, James Massey, Carlos Menchaca



English IV -Bottom row L-R: Lindsey Cmerek, Lisa Grimm, Nancy Dominguez, Lauren Rozasky, David Scarbrough, Tarisa Walker, Stephen Konarik, Javier Garcia 2nd row: Kim Mercer, Carlos Menchaca, Jarod Stojanik, Brian Heeke, James Ashley, James Massey, Andrew Morris, Eric McAdams

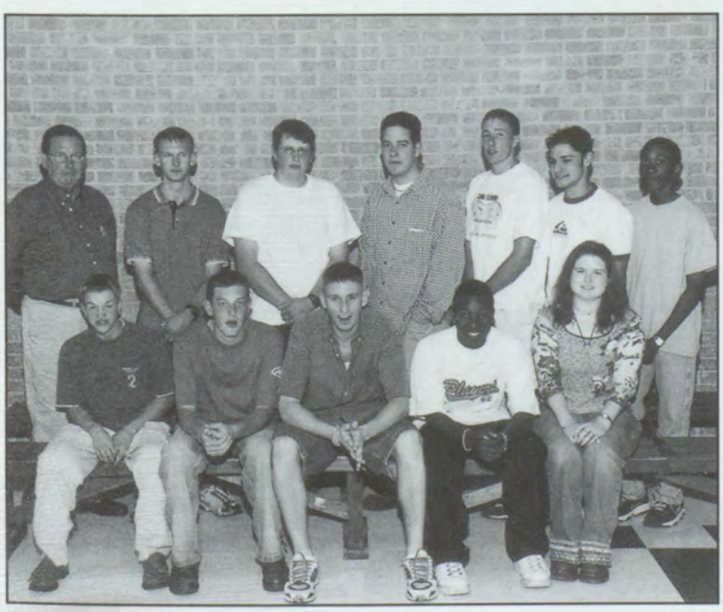


Music Theory- Bottom row L-R: Michelle Avila, Heather Hazelwood, Sean Washington, Maritza Cavada, Laura Barefoot 2nd row: Al Block, Anne Foley, Kristin Chait, Maria Friar 3rd row: Clayton Krueger, Paul Zucknick, Chris Auerbach, Josh Verastique

It's the eleventh consecutive year for our school to participate in the Advanced placement program. In the past, Calculus was the only first AP class to be offered with only eleven students. We now have eleven AP classes offered with an average of twenty people for each class. AP classes require more dedication and exploration of knowledge. AP classes take on the work load of two regular classes plus the more in depth study and many hours of work each night. This is especially true for the seniors who take on Calculus, Government, and Economics their last year. Advanced placement classes are usually taken by colleg- bound students ready for a little taste of college before high school is over. This proves that we strive to be the best academically, taking rigourous courses and an extra work load to get us to the top, even if we aren't ranked in the nation's top 30,000 schools for students who take AP classes. The AP program was strong enough to help us apply for Distinguished Acheivement programs and prepare us for the real world. Every year a number of teachers take the opportunity to train to make these classes accesible to an even greater amount of students every year. The AP program seems to be rocketing ahead with no limits in sight.



Chemistry- Bottom row- L-R: Nicole White, Mr. Mole, Becky Estrada 2nd row: Chandler Dabbs, Jose Tellez, David Arias

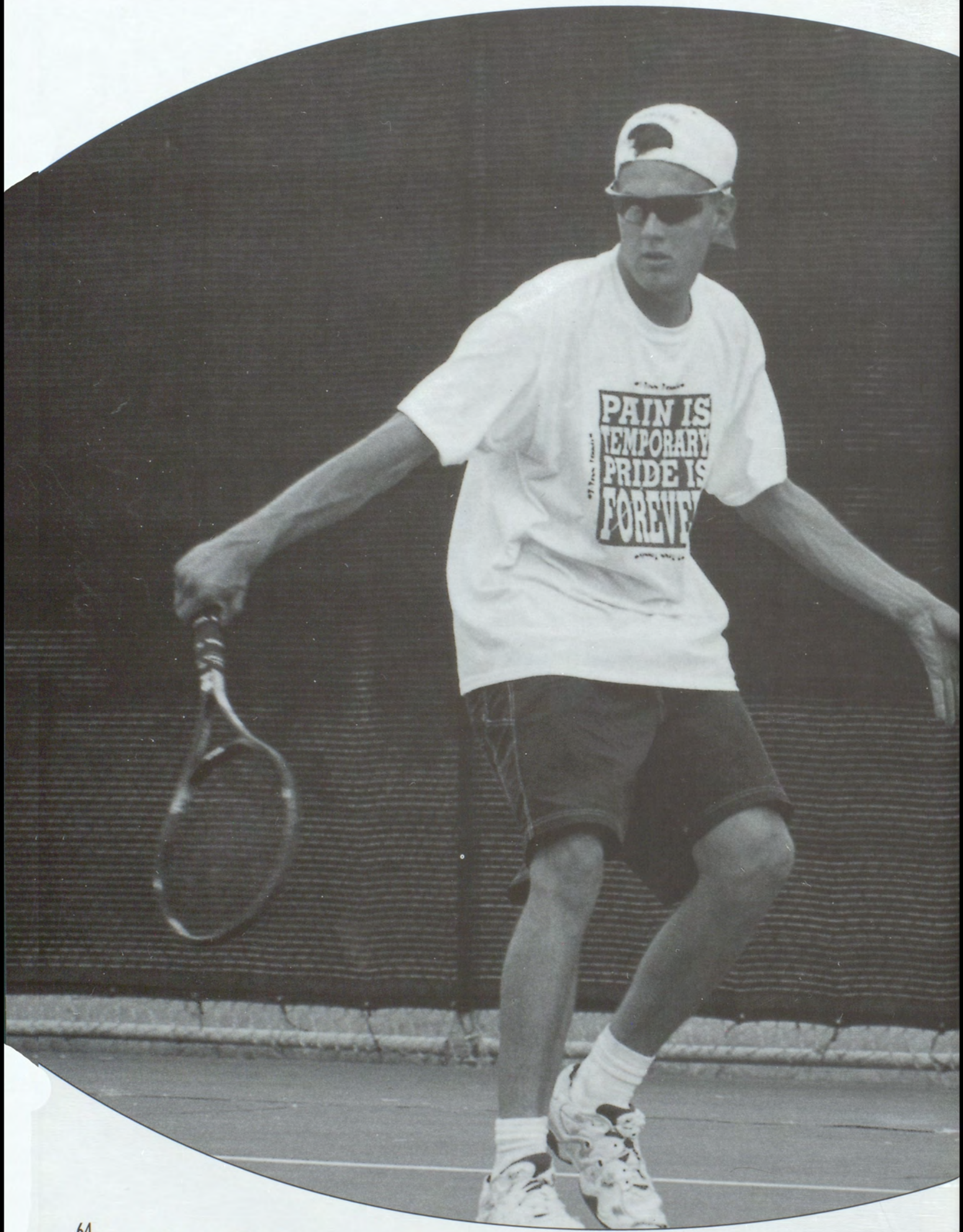


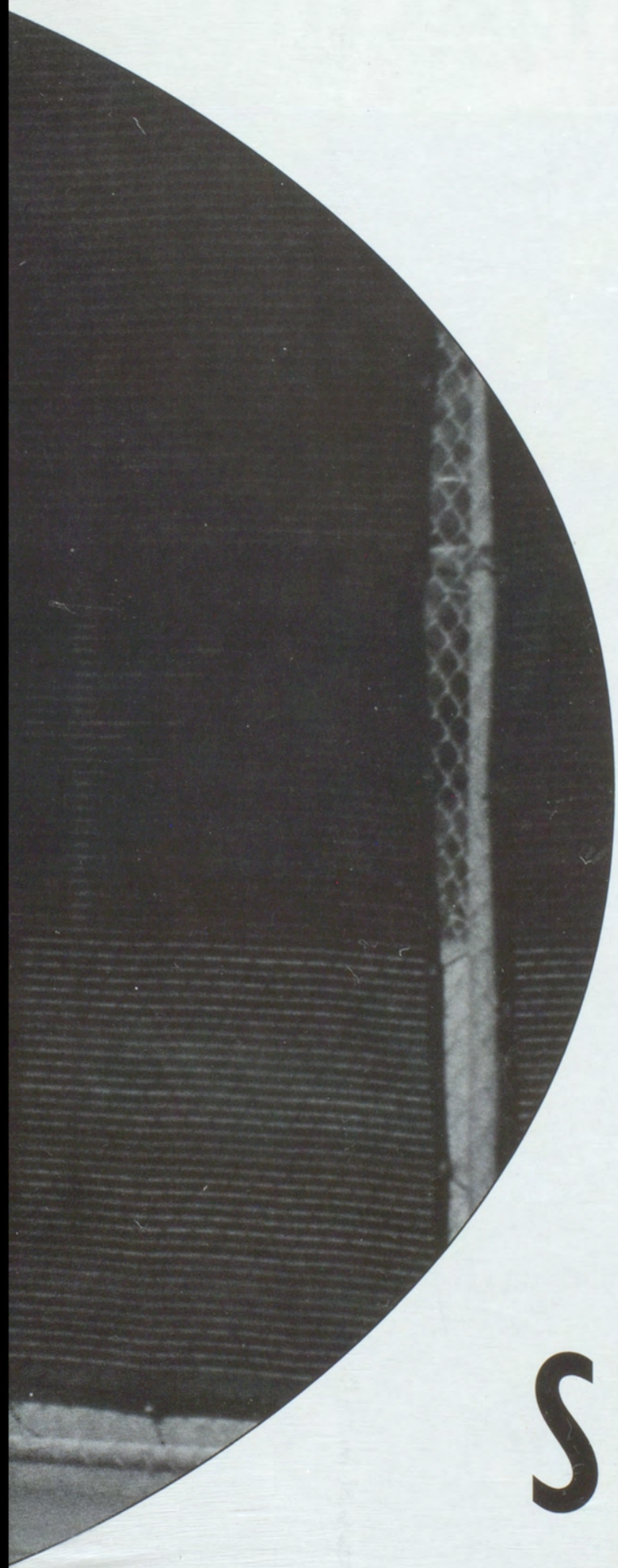
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Computer Science- Bottom row L-R: Colby Bullock, Josh Weise, George Turosik, Cornell Washington, Margaret Garry 2nd row: Mr. Woertink, Stephen Konarik, Todd Wieseman, Al Block, James Ashley, Javier Garcia, Willie Fields

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PAIN IS
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PRIDE IS
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teamwork...

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intimidation...

...winning score

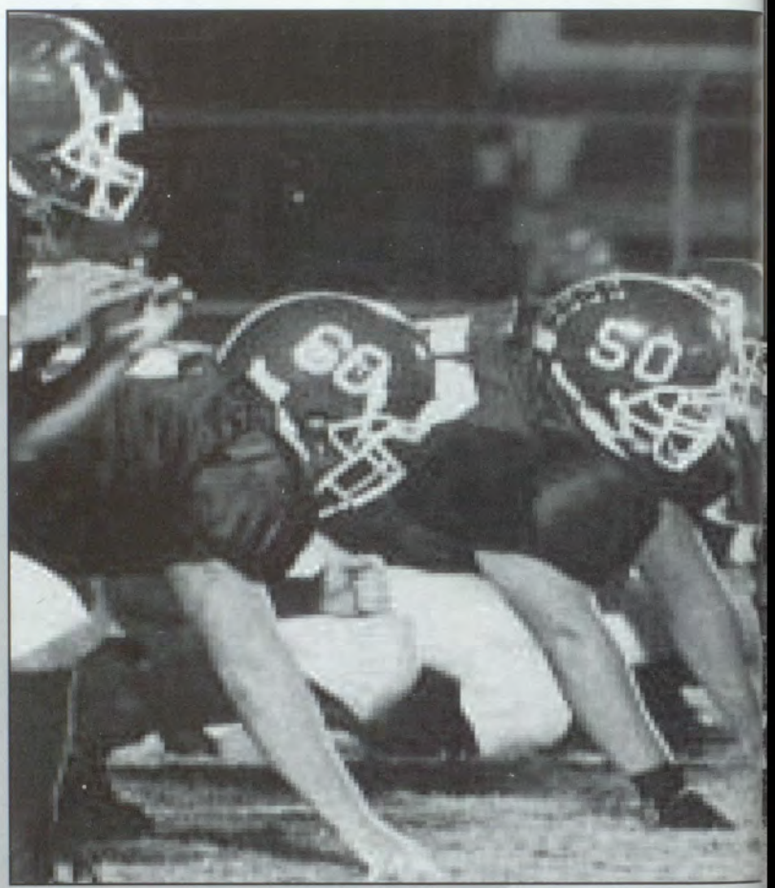
no quitting...

sports

The Green Machine

Varsity Football

Football is a sport that demands team effort and dedication. During the summer we put forth long hours of weight lifting and heavy conditioning to prepare for two-a-days. Two-a-days last a period of two weeks when the team works out for three hours twice a day. At last, when the season arrived, the pressure was on the Ducks. After an appearance in the playoffs last season, the Mighty Ducks expectations were on cloud nine as we rolled into Buffalo Stadium to face the Giddings Buffalos in the opening game of the season. The Ducks were looking for redemption against the Lanier Vikings. The Ducks shut-out the Vikings, which was a morale booster after the loss to Giddings. The Big Green won their second straight, against Marble Falls in front of a pleased home crowd. However the Ducks fell short when they suffered a three game losing streak. Back with a vengance, the mighty Ducks defeated Manor in a heart-stopping victory (21-20). With our heads held high, we won two straight to clench a playoff birth. At last we played our arch rival the Rockdale Tigers. With pride and braging rights on the line the Ducks approached the game with high hopes of a district title. Once again despite the good efforts put forth by the Ducks we suffered a dissapointing 8-16 loss. Although we had just been defeated, we put that behind us and prepared for our upcoming playoff game. The week began with the usual bruises, sprained and pulled muscles. This did not stop us however, we continued our practices all week and by the time the pep-rally was over Friday we were already ready to play. With a large throng of Taylorites chanting in the stands of the Bastrop stadium, the ducks gave it all they had. We fell short by eight points and sadly the duck season was over. Although we only got to the first round in the playoffs, we still feel we suceeded. Football has played a big part in our lives and the memories it provided us will last a lifetime.





Derek Klepac uses the "HANDS" to pick the conversion. ↑

The Ducks D-Fence is standing strong against Bellville. ↗



1st Row: (Left to right) Curtis Fields, Kelly Kuhl, Dan Martin, Dominick Devastey, Carl Richter. 2nd Row: Dietrick Simien, Shane Cmerek, Stephen Ontiveros. Row: Corey Griffin, Justin Graef, Steven Teggeman. 4th Row: Bubba Talley, Orenthail Davis, Kerry Murray. 5th Row: Brandon Raesz, Terrance Tealer, Brian Drummond. 6th Row: Chris Fox, Michael Cuba, Jared Stojanik, Jordan Schmidt, Marty Martinez, Thomas Pickerill. 7th Row: Blake Randig, Louis Jahn, Chris Beckermann, Matt Pokorney, Matt Gola, Chad Cervenka. Back Row: Danny Ramirez, Chris Kautz, Ike Houston, Quincy Andrews, Carlos Munchaca, Derek Kle



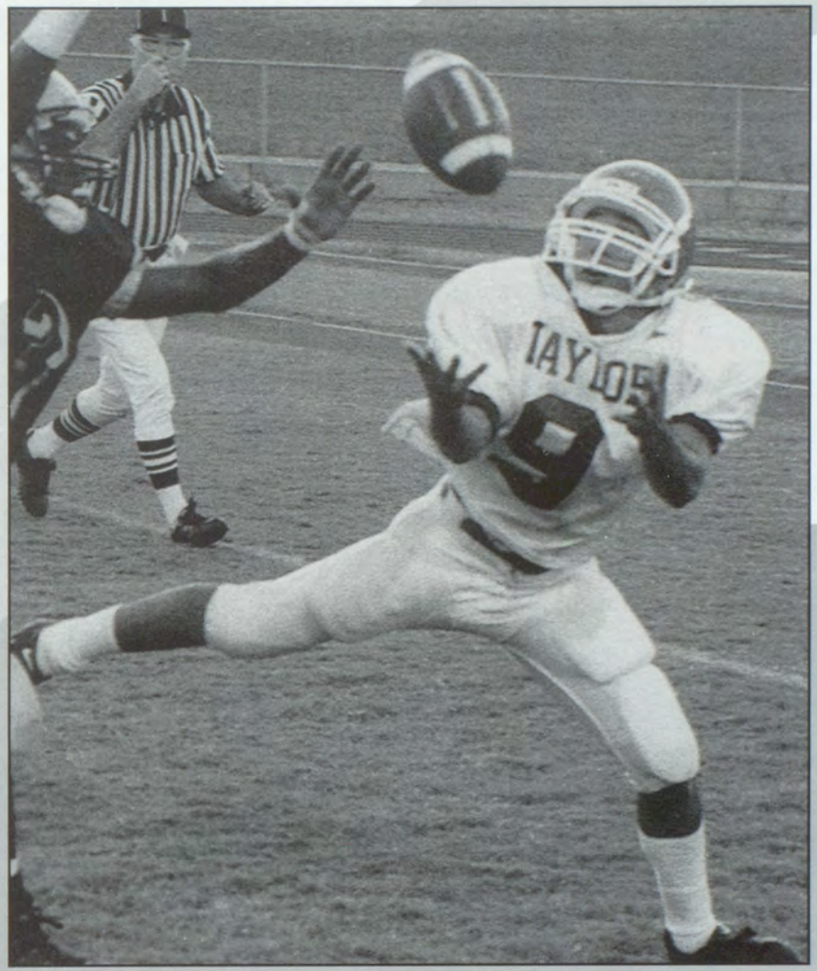
"We had a good team and good team committment, but we didn't have the success we wanted. Everyone worked hard and we still had a good season." Bubba Talley



"We did good this year, but I wish we could have gone farther. Good luck to next years team and thanks to all the under classmen for all their hard work." Marty Martinez

Score Card

Giddings 13-34
Lanier 22-0
Marble Falls 14-9
Pflugerville Connally 15-35
Burnet 7-31
Caldwell 26-27
Hearne 26-20
Manor 21-20
Elgin 8-16
Rockdale 8-16
Bellville 12-20









← The Ducks get pumped as they tear through the sign.

↑ Stephen Ontiveros makes a great snag for a touchdown.

↖ The Ducks show their school spirit by participating in the pep rally.

↑ Bubba Talley slips a defender heads for the end zone.

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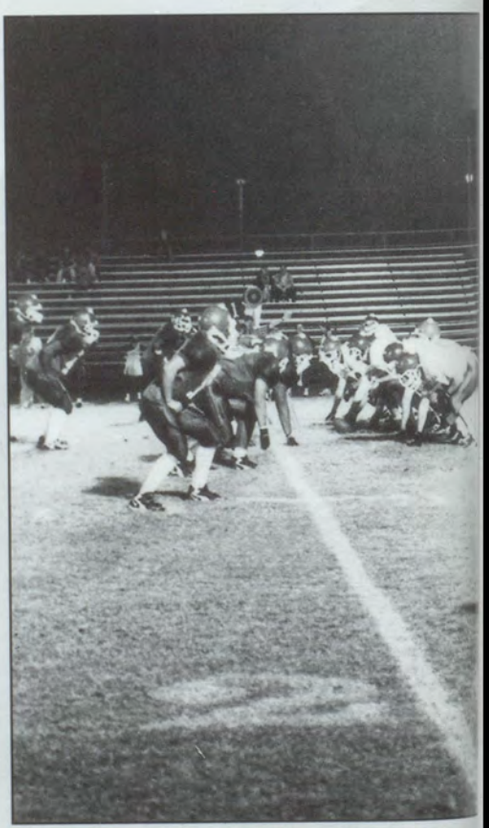
The Future of Duck Football

Junior Varsity and Freshmen Football

This season, the J.V. and freshman football teams decided to get down to business and show our rivals what we were made of. We finished up our seasons with very impressive records and proved ourselves to be contenders in the future. With every hard fought victory, the J.V. and freshman teams showed that we could once again dominate in District 19-3A. The J.V. team had an exceptional year by posting an 8-1 record. We proved that we were ready for the major challenge that we will face playing varsity football next year. The freshmen also had an outstanding season by winning 7 out of 3 games. We showed the guts and desire necessary to come back next year with an undefeated season. As the season came to an end, all of the football players hit the weights in an off-season program set up by the coaches to push everyone to our limits. Next season is in the minds of every football player as we strive to be the best.

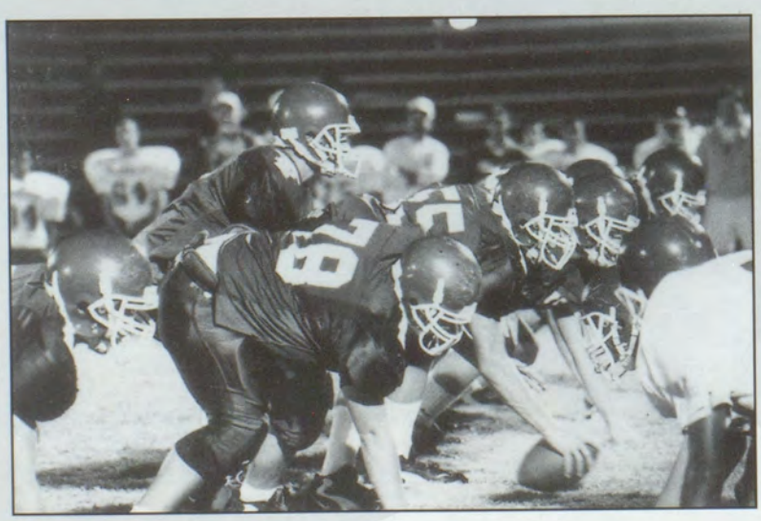


Back row: Steve Estrada, Matt Winkelman, Harrison Turner, Robert Salazar, Coty Brown. 2nd row: William Brock, Johnny Gonzales, Trent Rozacky, Jason Pausewang, Jarod Holman. 3rd row: Fernando Reyes, Juan Yanis, Gerald Reyes, Aki Johnson, Matt Edwards. 4th row: Quinnton Gault, Jeremaine Gipson, John Arreosola, Antonio Fitgerald, Tim Nelsony. 5th row: Chris Pachicano, Nelson Parker, Craig Williams, Travis Randig, John Camarda. Front: Barrett Randig, Quincy Henderson, Dwayne Curtis, Ernest Martinez, Byron Coleman.



J.V.'s defense ↗ stands tough deep in their own territory.

J.V.'s offense → drives the ball down the field for a score.



J.V. Scores

Giddings 25-28
Lanier 31-14
Marble Falls 31-22
Pflugerville Conally 7-28
Burnet 19-6
Caldwell 20-13
Manor 41-0
Elgin 31-18
Rockdale 19-14



Back row: Frank Barron, Wendey Samuels, Ryan Quinn, Ryan Lane, Derrick Steffek. 2nd row: Daniel Beckermann, Carlos Ramirez, Waylon Hanson, Drew Kelley, Dustin Cmerek, Thomas Teggeman, Nelson Guerreo. 3rd row: Jack Floyd, Jeremy Moldenhour, Gabriel Mendez, Michael Hoffman, Matthew Morris, Jonathan Granger, Sam Fox. 4th row: Arris Rossell, Miles Parker, Cedrick Frederick, Ben Westland. Front: Patrick Hyzak, Kody Kuhl, Marcos Davis, Anthony Barcuch, Patrick Simien, Aarian Pachicano, Brett Bennett.

Freshmen Scores

Giddings 14-6
Lanier 20-8
Marble Falls 14-6
Pflugerville Conally 14-0
Burnet 32-52
Caldwell 32-13
Cedar Park 12-20
Manor 12-22
Elgin 25-8
Rockdale 36-28







↑ **Fight!** Arris Russel (#20) fights for extra yards.

↖ **Defense!** The freshmen Defense holds on a third and long.

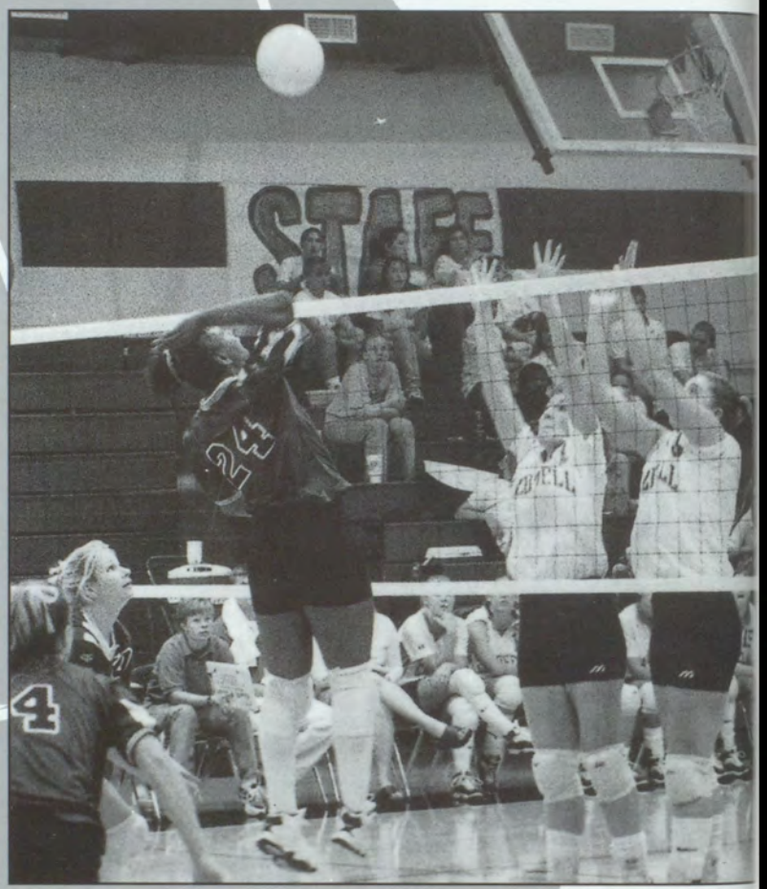
← The freshmen offense marches towards the goaline.

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Working Toward a Common Goal

Varsity Volleyball

Teamwork and dedication are essential to be successful in volleyball. Early in the year, challenges and conflicts overwhelmed the Lady Ducks. We had to adjust to new people, new attitudes, and a more challenging schedule. The long practices the Lady Ducks endured proved to be unavailing with our record being 16-25. Coach Downs taught us to set goals and not give up until we reached them. With our team being unacquainted with each other, our goals as a whole were not reached. We all worked toward our common goal, to win. We played our hearts out, and, when our team had finally overcome all its conflicts, we stuck together. With three of our district teams being ranked in the top ten in state, and only three returning seniors, we knew the year was going to be impossible and misapprehended. We were dedicated on the court, and we knew that there was a time and place for everything. Take our San Marcus tournament for example: a lot of horesplay, a list of pros and cons, bald headed bloody men, and psycho games of "Bloody Mary". Even though the morning came entirely too soon, we were ready and excited about our long day of volleyball. The majority of the time, our team was enjoyable; it was divine for all of us adversaries to unite amongst ourselves and play as a team. All of us had an incredible amount of skill. We had our weaknesses but they only made us stronger. All in all, very valuable lessons were learned and many unforgettable memories were made.





Ace! Sarah Naivar serves for a point. ↑

Kill! Katara Johnson puts the ball on the floor. ↗



Clockwise from right:: Coach Downs, Maria Flores, Carrie Jackson, Ryan Marshall, Lauren Mikulenca, Sarah Naivar, Kim Klaus, Amanda Larson (manager), Tisha Brenson, Katara Johnson





"The year turned out alright considering we had a lot of major changes throughout the season and a young team."

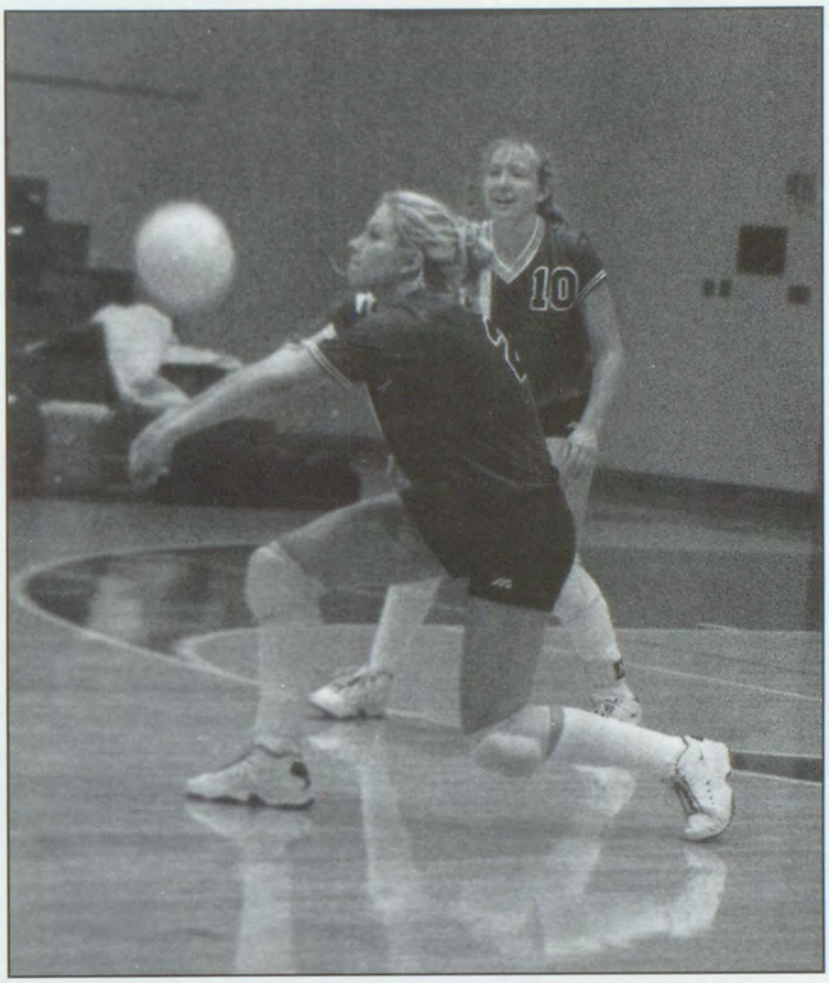
-Lauren Mikulencak and Carrie Jackson

Wins (9)

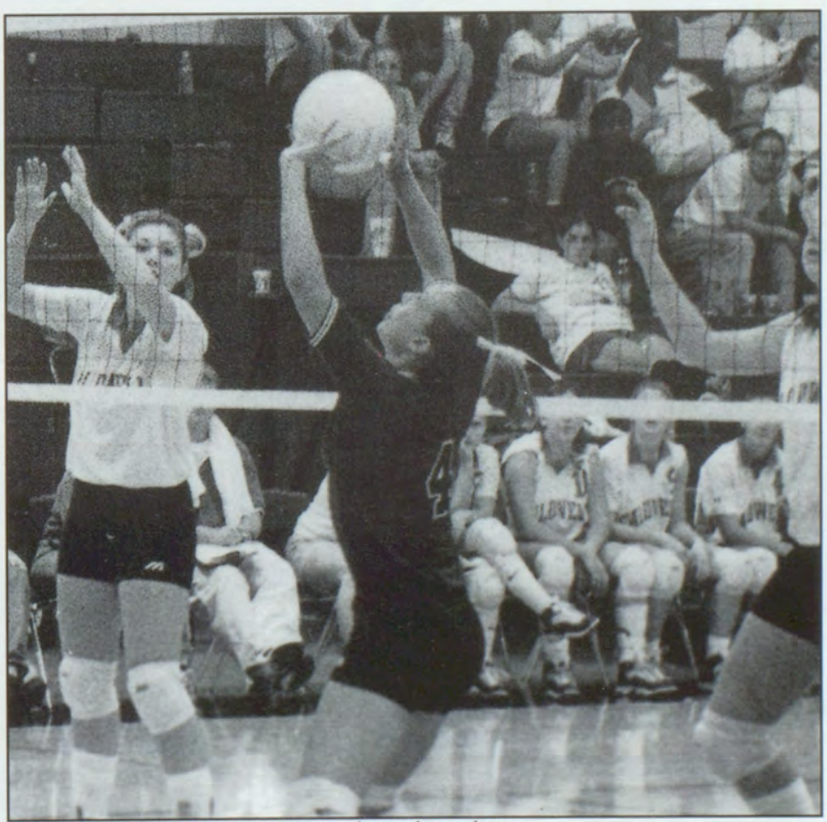
Stoney Point, LBJ, Troy, Lago Vista (2), Victoria, Burnet, Hearne (2)

Losses (15)

Burnet, Travis, Cameron, Hutto (2), Jarrell, Bowie, Lockhart, Elgin (2), Rockdale, Manor (2), Caldwell (2)









↖ **Aggressive!** Senior Maria Flores digs a hit.

← **Wow!** Senior Carrie Jackson gets the team a kill.

↑ Senior Lauren Mikulencak sets up a kill.

↟ **Ready!** CarrieJackson awaits their attack.

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Awesome is Our Name

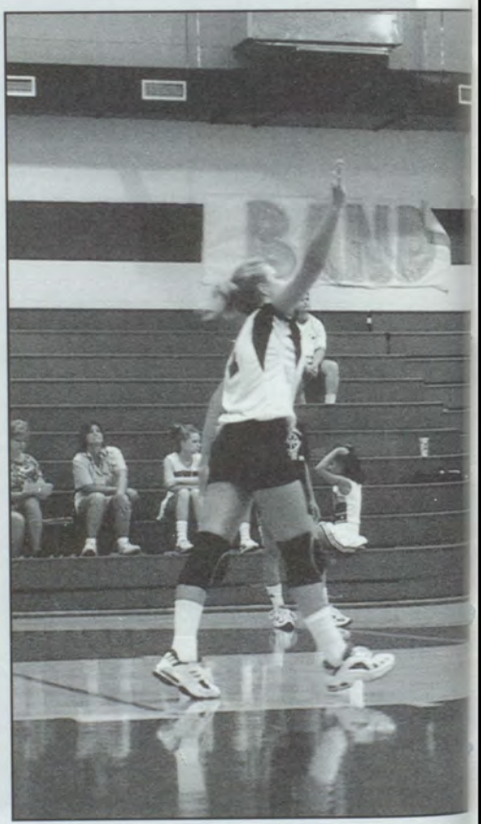
Volleyball is Our Game

AWESOME should be the title for the 99-volleyball season. The JV team consisted primarily of freshman, under the leadership of sophomore, Kasey Walton (setter) and Phalyn Wooldridge (middle blocker). We were impressive with our attitude and desire to win. We practiced throughout the season and strived to be the best, which showed through our winning record. Each player had a job to do but each one knew she could depend on her teammates to cover her back. Having an attitude like that on her team helps the team play better. On the other hand, the freshman team ruled district with our determination and desire to learn the game. Seven o'clock a.m. practices found thirteen girls in a fight for a starting spot on a six-player team. Each player had a unique ability to be an asset, and it showed with our winning record. All of us learned a lot and knew that it took team play to make anything happen. We also learned that a solid offense or defense can make or break the team. This year we had a young JV team that will be a challenge for any future varsity opponent and the freshman players will be a threat to sophomores hoping for a starting spot on the JV team next year. Look out!



JV Volleyball

Coach Heather Dorsey. Kasey Walton, Phalyn Wooldrige, Crystal Zachary, Coach Sally Naivar, Haley Hall, Michelle Mokry, Amber Welch, LeAnn Carlson



Ace! LeAnn Carlson serves one up for Taylor. ↗

Time for a time out! JV takes a little breather, and time to talk things over. →





"We worked really hard this year and came together as a team to make our season an awesome one. I had a really good time with all of the team and I can't think a better group of girls to spend the season with. I can't wait for next year and I hope everyone returns to keep our team together!"

--Kasey Walton JV Volleyball Team



Freshmen Volleyball

Ashley Place, Christina Torres, Gloria Gipson, Jacque Jackson, Heather Grimm, Meggie Mikeska, Valerie Gomez, Jennifer Johle, Sara Srnensky, Amber Place, Heidi Grimm

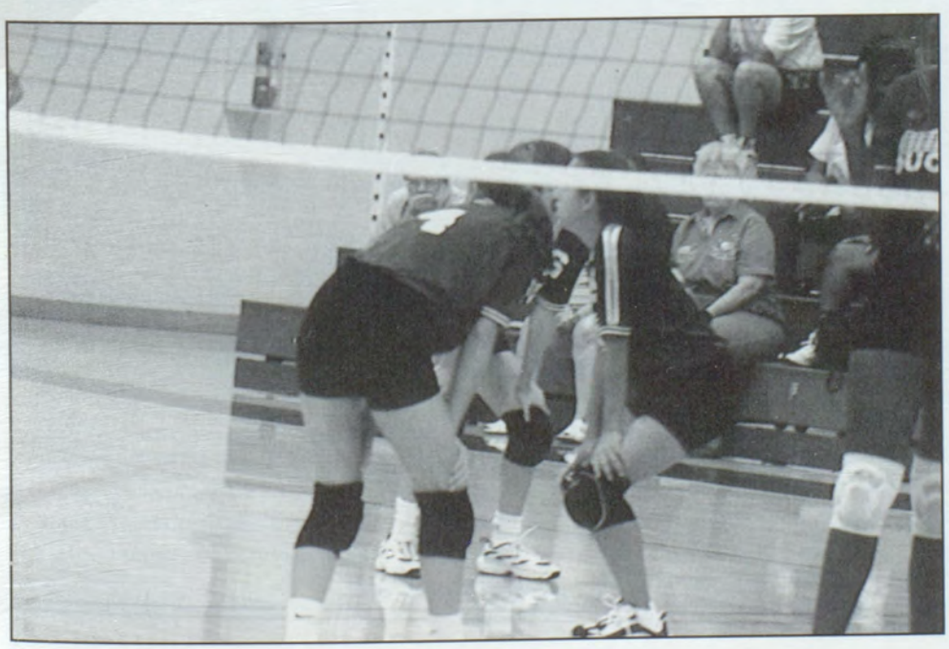
Freshman Team Record

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Junior Varsity Team Record

21 - 3







↖ **Time out!** The girls need a little time to talk it out.

↑ **Wish me luck!** LeAnn Carlson shows a nervous smile before walking onto the court.

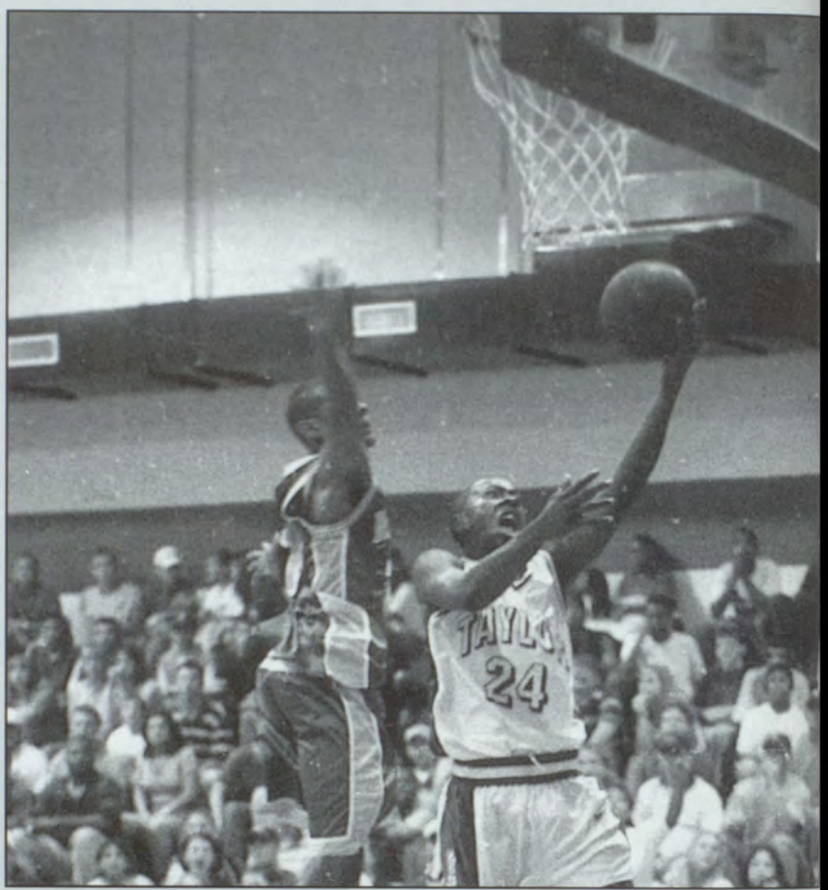
← **Patiently waiting.** Valerie Gomez and Jennifer Johle wait for the serve to go over.

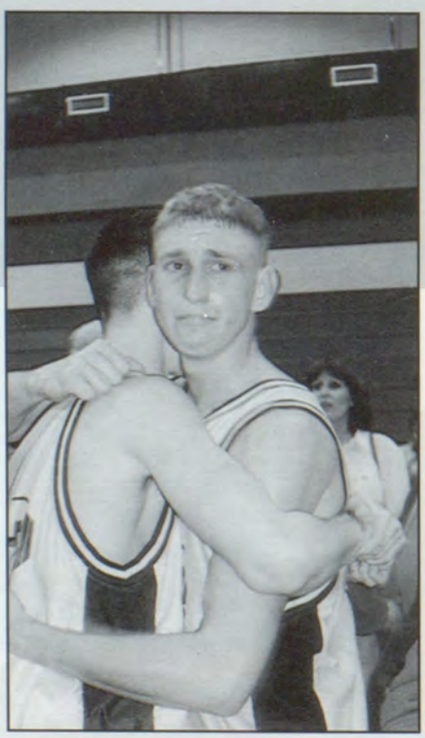
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Breaking Boundaries

Varsity Boys Basketball

The boy's basketball team finished the most successful year in school history on a disappointing note, but the Ducks can take pride in knowing we gave fans a thrilling ride. The Ducks started off with a 6 – 2 record before a loss to Austin St. Stevens ignited a 22 – game winning streak. Along the way the team beat such power as Little-Cypress Mauriceville which was state ranked in class 4A. To aid to their winnings, they also defeated Austin Raegan, Marlim, and district foe, Hearne, which went to the regional tournament. The Ducks also beat Elgin, which tied them for the district crown the year before, twice to give the squad its first outright district title since the 1994 – 1995 season. In a playoff warm-up game Coach Jeff Bell's troops faced Glen Rose, the number one ranked team in state. While we would see our win streak snapped with a 77 – 73 loss in Waxahachie, we would find out how tough the play-off road would be. Even though the Ducks would bow out quickly to defending class 3A state champ Mexia, the boys could find comfort in knowing that we played as a team and will have memories that will last them a lifetime. " In my heart, these boys will always be number 1," said Coach Bell. "These young men characterized what a "true" team is supposed to be. The way that they sacrificed for one another day in and day out was second to none. I have never been more proud of a group than the 1999-2000 team. These young men played hard everyday in practice and on every game night. I feel that they brought enormous amount o excitement to the town of Taylor and to the schools of Taylor. Everyone of these boys will be a success in life because of their work ethic and because of their dedication in whatever they set out to do."





Hoop it up! Maurice Jackson lays it up. ↗

George Turosik and Josh Bell are sad that their season is over. ↑



Top: Coach Bell, Josh Bell, George Turosik, Darren Helbert, Brian Heeke, Dominick Devasty, Carlos Rodriguez, Ike Houston, Angelo Fraire, Coach Graham. Bottom: Timothy Hollub, Alex Anderson, Greg Demps, Scott Washington, Maurice Jackson, Lamont Davis.

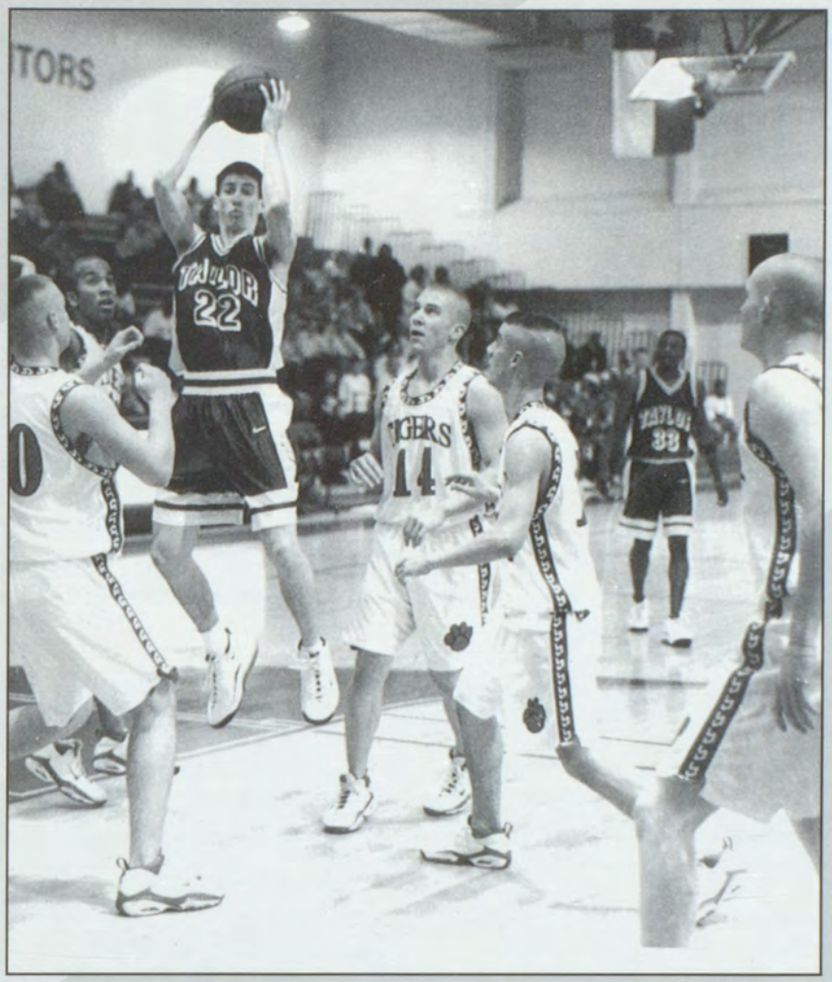


"We had a spectacular year. It really hurts to leave the family but I have no choice. It was my best year, playing wise, and being with the team. I wish all the luck to them next year. Work hard and be a leader.' Darren Helbert



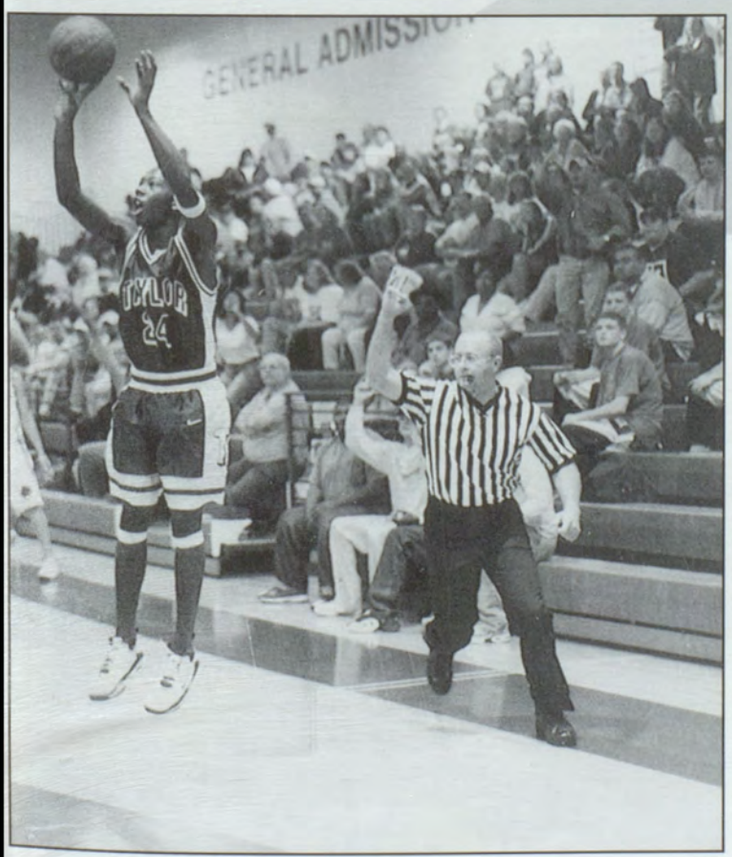
"I think the season is going great. I am proud to be on this great team and hopefully we will win state. I love my teammates and hopefully our dream comes true." George Turosik











↑↑ **Dunk!** Darren Helbert shows us how its done in warm-ups.

↖ **Score!** Josh Bell picks up two.

↑ **Rebound!** Brian Heeke gets the rebound.

↖ **Drive!** George Turosik drives in.

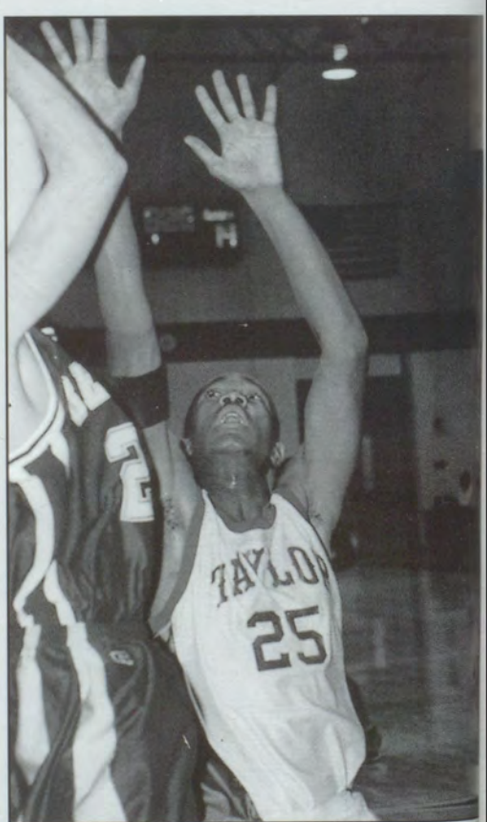
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Starting Out Right

J.V. and Freshman Basketball

The 1999-2000 season was successful for both the junior varsity and freshman basketball teams. The junior varsity finished with a record of 8-2 in district finishing in second place behind Hearne. The freshman finished with a perfect 8-0 record capturing the district championship. The JV was a very close team on and off the floor, which was apparent in how we played. We did not care who scored as long as we kept winning. The defense only improved as the season rolled along. Everyone expects to see some amazing things in the next couple of years from the players wearing the Green and White on the varsity level. The high-flying scoring machine and freshman, Keith Huff, led the JV. Keith is and amazing athlete whom can do amazing things on the floor. Orenthal Davis was the heart and soul of the team. Orenthal was a great leader who could get the team ready for a war of any kind, and that is exactly what you want from your point guard. Dwayne Curtis and Dedrick Simeon both improved tremendously over the course of the year to have key roles for the team. Craig Williams and Dennis Davis could knock down the three when it was needed down the stretch. I was thrilled to work with such a great group of athletes who would leave it all on the floor, not only during the game but in practice, too. Congratulations to these boys on their great season!





Wide Open! ↑ Orenthial Davis picks up two.

Defense! Dwayne ↗ Curtis tries to block the opposing shooter.

Drive! Denis Davis → shoots for two.

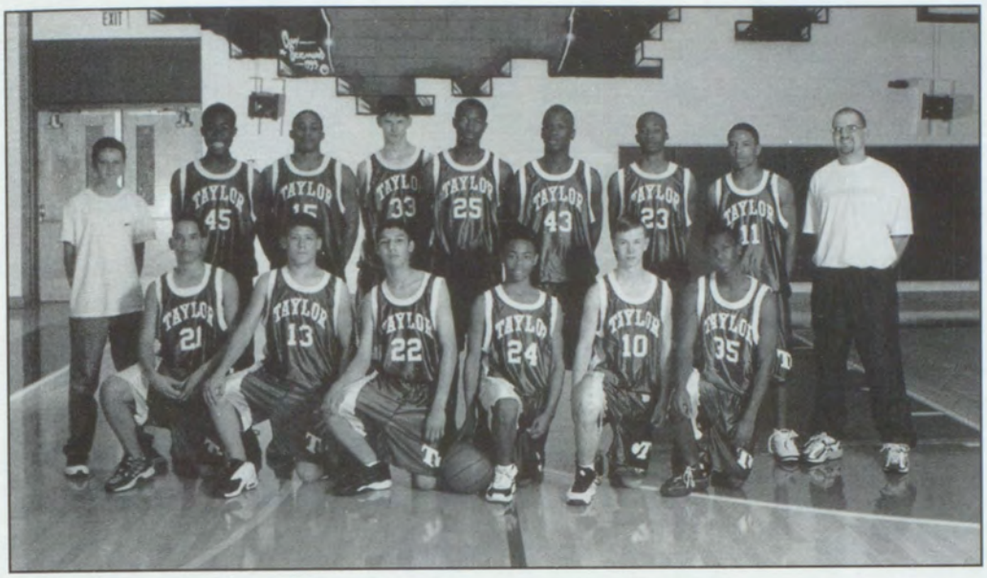




I really enjoyed playing with players that had different abilities. And with those abilities, Coach Graham put it together so that we had a successful year.
-Craig Williams



Well I really enjoyed playing with the group of people that I played with. At first their was a lot of ups and downs but as the season progressed we played as a team.
- Keith Huff



J.V. Basketball Team: Tim Holub (manager), Antonio Fitzgerald, Keith Huff, Kelly Nygrin, Dwayne Curtis, Dedrick Simien, Craig WIlliams, Orenthial Davis, Coach Graham, Patrick Devastey, Victor Gutierrez, Ray Yanis, Dennis Davis, Nick Flannery, Lee McKinney



It was a fun year and I learned a lot of new things. As I get older I will learn more and more.

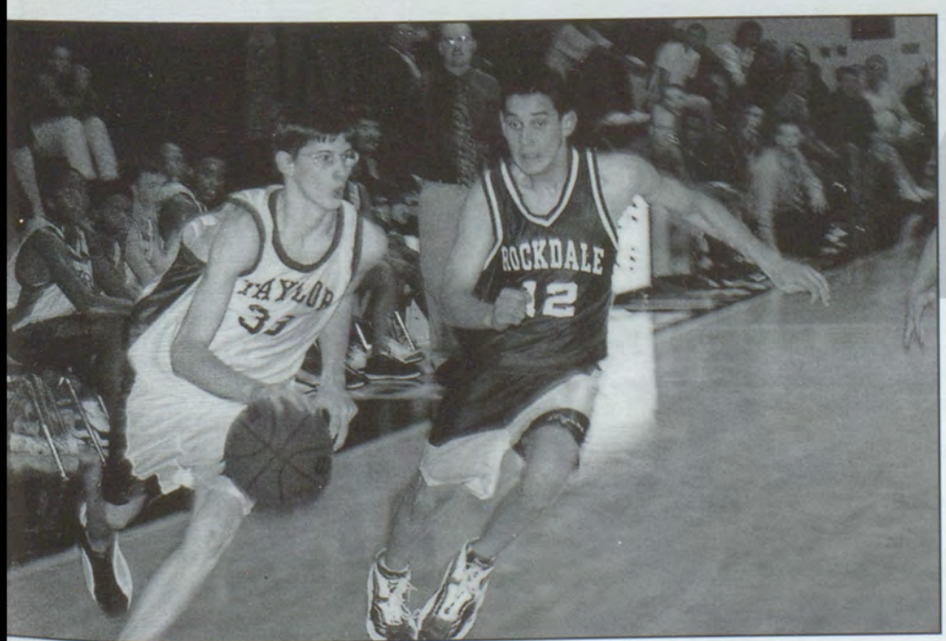
-Sean Heeke

J.V. Records

Bastrop	61-88
Connally	54-65
McCallum	52-59
Marble Falls	58-45
Cameron	50-57
Elgin	55-60
Belton	69-41
Bastrop	69-58
Elgin	55-60
Del Valley	72-80
Belton	71-62
Marlin	75-45
Cedar Park	85-52
Smithville	57-47
Cameron	60-43
Manor	72-13
Elgin	80-71
Rockdale	61-38
Caldwell	65-42
Hearne	54-69
Manor	75-32
Elgin	80-55
Rockdale	72-29
Caldwell	76-50
Hearne	54-63







← **Win!** Kelly Nygrin shows off his ball control.
↑ **Rebound!** Brian Heeke gets a rebound.
↖ **Aggression!** Keith Huff drives in for a lay-up.

Staying Alive

Varsity Girls' Basketball

Despite the challenge of a young team, we had a rather successful season. Although we didn't defeat many of our opponents, our accomplishments within the team prevailed. Many hard lessons were learned, but we all benefited from them. The season started off with wins against Caldwell, Elgin, and Manor, but we were disappointed and frustrated when we suffered a four-game losing streak. To start off the season with such a strong start, it was difficult to cope with the many losses that followed. Although the losses were a hard challenge to overcome, there weren't the worst of what we had to face. Probably, the highest challenge was experience. Having two seniors, two juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman, we had to put in 110 % to make up for the skills we hadn't yet achieved. However, our team managed to stay alive with the determination and high spirits displayed by each one of us. Without the encouragement from each other and the constant support we received from each other, we never would have made it through the season. Overall, through many tears, sweat, and defeats, we came together and started to act and play like a team. This was proven true when we lost a heartbreaker by one point to the number one team in the district, Rockdale, in our final game. We will be ready for the future, having only lost one starter. We all worked hard, and it payed off. Everything was done for the better of the team, and we all enjoyed the season thoroughly. With the maturing of the team we definitely look forward to next season.



Look at those moves! Meghan Klotz breaks away from a defender. ↑



Top: Tisha Brenson, Katara Johnson, Gloria Gipson, Meghan Klotz.
Middle: Katherine Ochoa, Jessica Samaniego.
Bottom: Maria Flores, Kasey Walton.



"This year was fun and exciting. I wish the best of luck to those who play next year."
Maria Flores



"Through hard work and dedication we finally became a team in the end."
Meghan Klotz

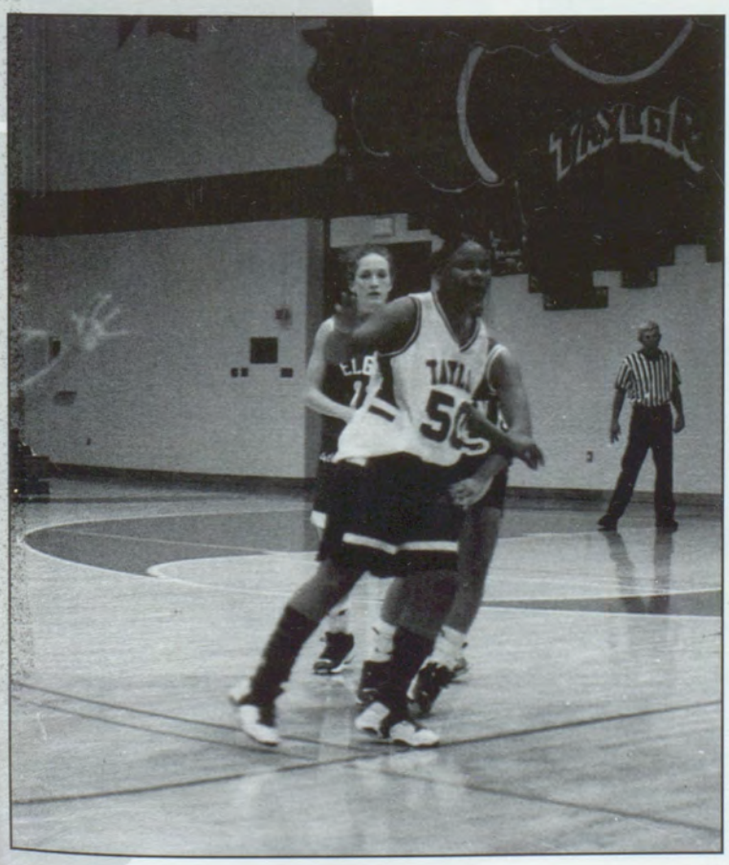
District Scores

Taylor		Opponent
64	Caldwell	61
25	Hearne	56
61	Manor	49
49	Elgin	44
41	Rockdale	55
44	Caldwell	67
32	Hearne	53
48	Manor	51
56	Elgin	48
52	Rockdale	53









↑ **Take it away!** Casey Walton flies down the court!

↖ **What a balla!** Tisha Brenson shows off her dribbling skills.

← **In your face!** Katara Johnson guards her opponent!

↑ **D-E-F. . .** Gloria Gipson shows awesome defense skills.

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A Road Full of Obstacles

J.V. and Freshmen Girls Basketball

We faced several obstacles as a team, but we realized that change can bring great results. Both of our freshman and J.V. girls basketball teams had new coaches for this season. Although this seemed like a challenge that would be very hard to overcome, our teams pulled through, stuck together, and worked with the underlying principle that there is "no 'I' in TEAM". Coach Stenseth led his troops of freshmen to a District 19-3A title. He used his varsity coaching experience to mold a small inexperienced team into a group of strong skillful winners. Freshmen showed skills in all aspects of basketball, and proved to be the best team although least experienced. Several times during the year, we overcame an early deficit to rebound and coast to victory. We were an unstoppable and unbreakable team, or so we thought. One of our freshman girls got moved up to Varsity, which put a struggle on our team. Luckily, we triumphed and still won all seven of our district games and finished the year at a marvelous 16-5 record. Our J.V. suffered through ups and downs during the year. We experienced two new coaching changes. Coach Gerry Read left the team personal reasons mid season, leaving the girls no where to turn until someone stood up. W many thanks to Coach Julie Downs, we were to still make our team work as she took over the aspects and hard work of coaching in middle of the season. One of our players, Kath Ochoa was moved to Varsity during the sea which hurt the team offensively. Still, we pe vered and had a good year.



JV Basketball

Ashley Tamez, Kathryn Ochoa, Tabitha Haskins, Vanessa Martinez, Jessica Baisley, Coach Julie Downs, Andrea Gray, Kristina Burkhalter, LaShandra Shaw



Going down court... Kindyl Schade is air born. ↗

"This season was challenging because of confusion that went on, but we are ready for next year." Andrea Gray





Freshmen Basketball

Top: Ashley Place, Kendael Schade, Jacque Jackson, LeAnn Carlson, Coach Michael Stenseth, Krystal Zackary, Amber Welch, Haley Hall, Amber Place

Bottom: Sara Srnesky, April Davis and Ashlyn Hobbs

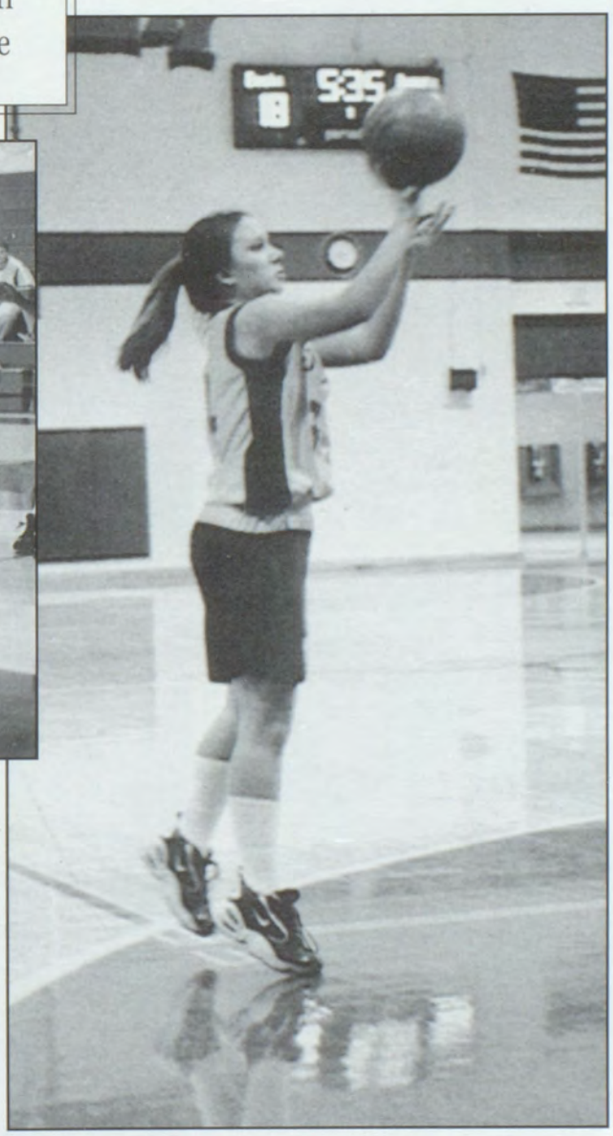


This year was very exciting because we won district.

Amber Welch

District Champs







↖ **She shoots, she scores** Andrea Gray goes for 2 points

↑ **Steady now**. LeAnn Carlson is posting up on the D-fence.

← **Oh no you don't**! Amber Welch uses her defense skills to block the opponent.

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The Lumber Yard

"The Lumber Yard"- that was the headline for the two-page article about our baseball team in the Austin-American Statesman. With our home-run percentage increasing rapidly with every game, we were beginning to make quite a name for ourselves. Although offense was our bright spot, we were also shining defensively. We contained three distinguished pitchers and almost every player on the team had some sort of district honors. Speaking of district, we prevailed over all of our opponents and we were named district champions. Overall, we went 19-9, not counting play-offs. In district we went 8-2, losing one game in a heartbraker to Caldwell. However, this loss proved to help us more than hurt us. It proved to us that we must stay focused throughout the game and not let any peddy differences get in the way of our game. With this lesson learned we went on to win more games and worked our way very far up the ladder in play-offs. The strong leadership we had on our team and the never-ending determination got us through several tight situations and kept us winning games. The nine seniors on our team and a strong coaching staff are who we have to thank for our success this year. Overall, the constant practicing, the huddles, the trip around the bases after a homerun, and the many smiles we achieved, if it was just some of the guys goofing around or if it was the regional championships, will always provide us with memories that we will keep close to our heart.





Home run! Heath Haverland hits a grand slam vs. Lorena. →

Number one fan! Bob Smith gets the crowd pumped with his traditional two-bits cheer. ↑



Varsity Baseball. Top: Marty Martinez, Chris Beckermann, Brian Drummond, Lance Mills, Clint Mokry, Blak Randig, Carl Richter. Second row: Barret Randig, Jordan Schmidt, Nelson Parker, Clayton Turner, Heath Haverland, Jason Moldenhour. Bottom: Bubba Talley, Kelly Kuhl, Stephen Ontiveros.



"Although we lost so close to State, it was still a great experience and we had an awesome time together."
-Bubba Talley #2

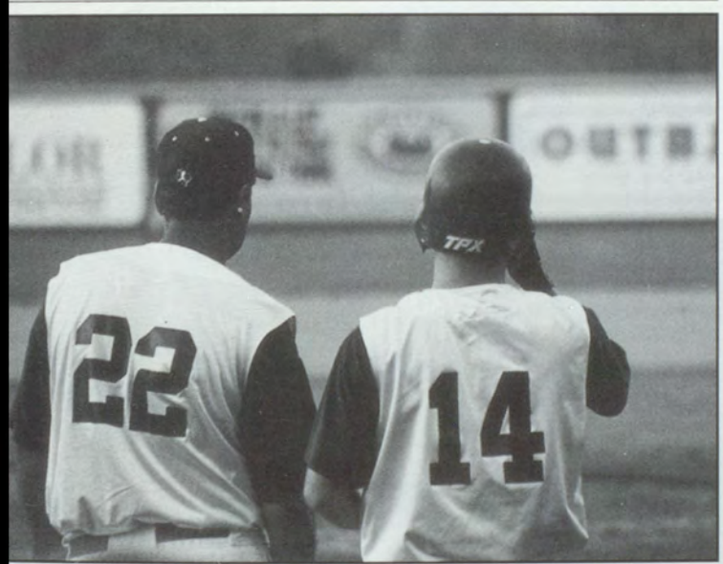


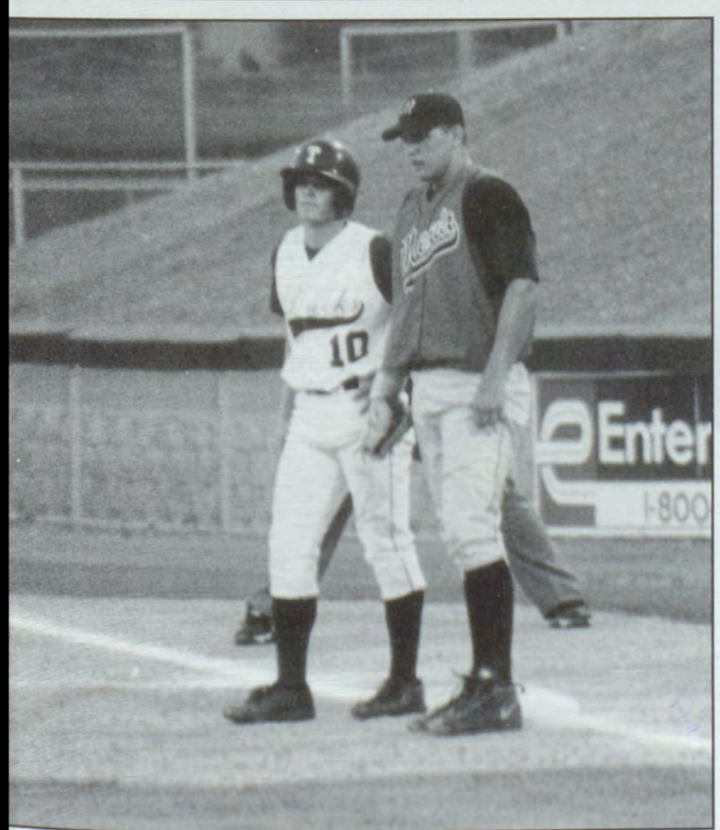
"We were lucky to get to enjoy our senior year a few weeks longer, and I couldn't think of a better group of guys to be on the team with. Thanks for all the hard word and good luck next year!"
-Marty Martinez #20

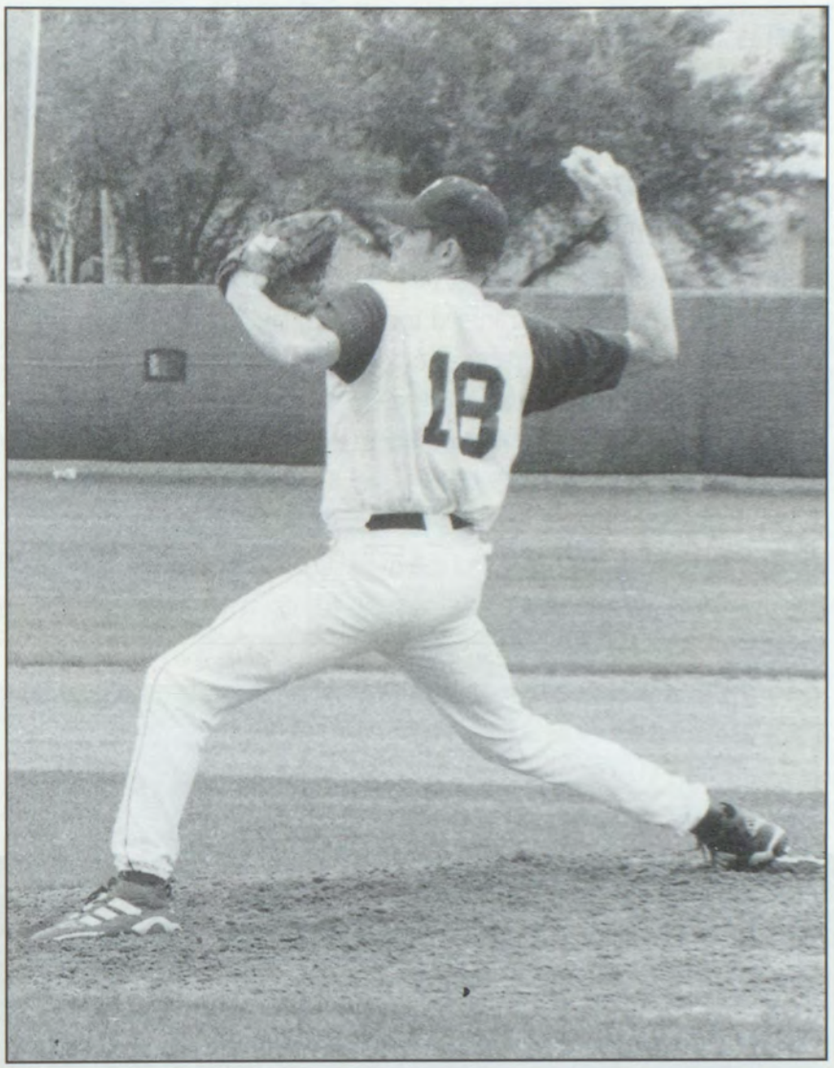
District Champs
District Record: 8-2

Playoff Scorecard

Mexia W
Lorena W (2-3)
Harden-Jefferson W (2-3)
Waco Robinson L (1-3)









↑↑ **Throw the smoke!** Clint Mokry blows another heater by his next strike-out victim.

↖↑ **Did you get my sign?** Coach Kuhl and Jason Moldenhour talk baseball strategy.

↑ **Get down!** Bubba Talley slides safely into home plate while his teamate Clayton Turner looks on.

← **Get back!** Clayton Turner gets ready to lead off first base after an RBI single.

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Swinging for the Fences

J.V. and Freshman Baseball

Both the J.V. Green and J.V. White baseball teams had successful seasons as the players were groomed for the day we'd take the field as varsity players. The J.V. white squad, coached by first year mentor Stephen Wisdom, got off to a slow start. With a team consisting of several freshmen and a few sophomores, Coach Wisdom led us to several wins including an 18-3 victory over Class 5A Leander. Kenny Cmerek's Green J.V. team won its first six district games and we appeared to be on our way to one of the most successful seasons in recent history. The last two contests were rough for us. We blew a seventh inning lead for the second staight season in Elgin for a last at bat l to the Wildcats. Returning home for the season finale, we lost a 7-5 dict to Rockdale. With this year's varsity graduating nine starters, the plenty of chances for this group to make our impact as varsity pla soon. With a new J.V. white team coach coming in to lead us next sprin will be up to him continue the fine legacy of Taylor baseball. Despite losses , playing the all-American game was such an important part of high school memories. We have all found a new sense of unity from many hours of practicing, playing, winning, and even losing togethe

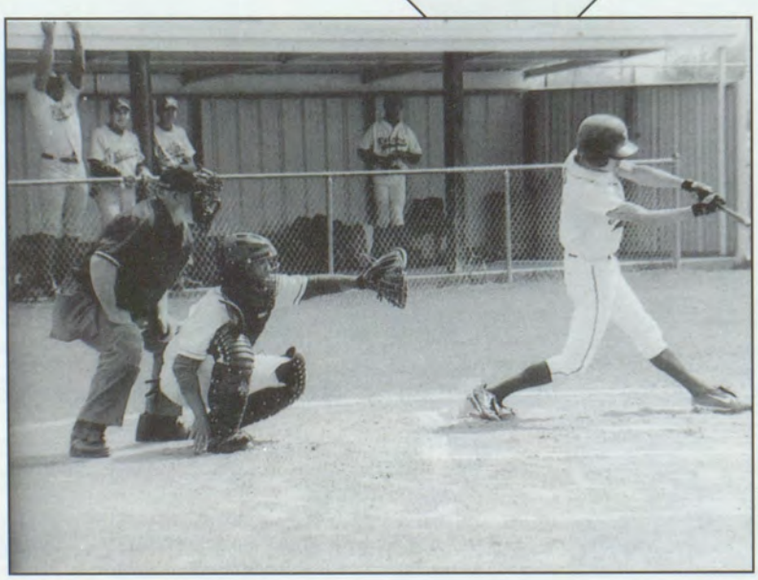


J.V. Team



Look at that↗ form! Travis Randig shows off his picture pefect swing.

Here it comes! → Mathew Werchan throws the heat.





Freshmen Team

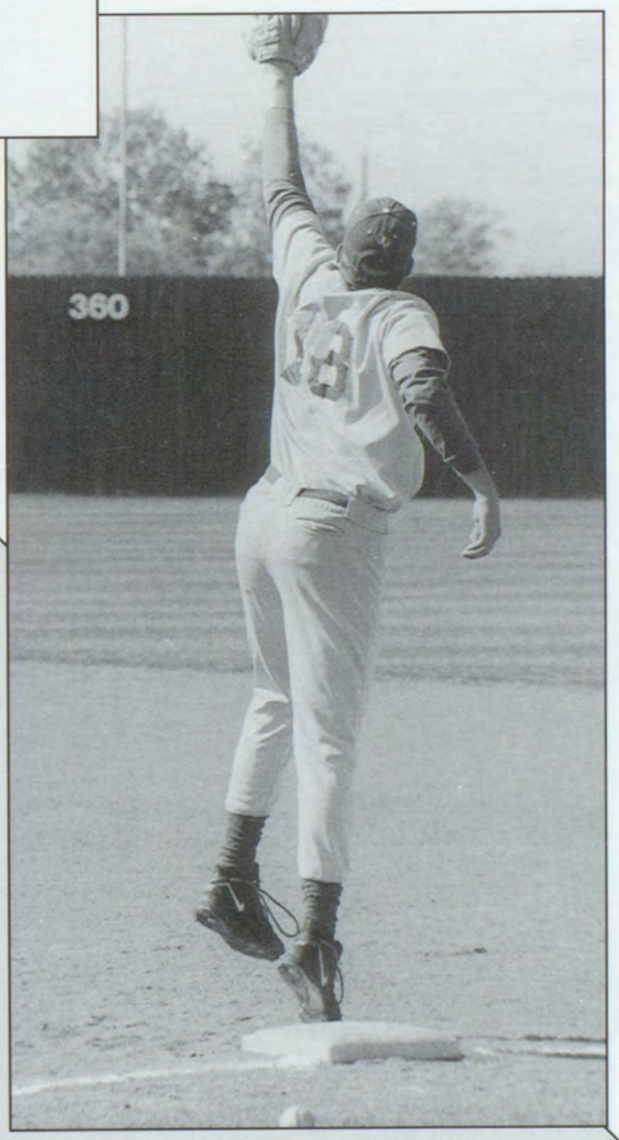


Baseball is an awesome game and I just loving playing it!

- Jack Floyd







↖ **Swing batter, batter.** Jack Floyd takes a hack at the ball.

↑ **I got it!** As they do their warmups someone throws the second base.

← **Keep your eye on the ball.** The player is ready to hit.

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Can-Do Attitude

Varsity Softball

Softball came down to being great: great playing and great girls. Our season started off successfully as we defeated the first three of the five teams we played. We earned a championship title at the Lampassas tournament. We also had a consolation prize in the Lorena tournament, and we won third place at the Lexington tournament. With only two returning seniors, we knew that we had to work extremely hard and dream big. The long practices that we endured proved to be prosperous, with our record ending up 20-9.With our team being familiar with each other, our goals as a whole were achieved. We all worked together toward our common goal, to win. We played with all our hearts, even in times when it was hard. We never gave up and always had a "can-do-attitude." Even when we played in Cameron we found ourselves digging in deep and we ended up beating them 16-13. We were dedicated on the field, and we worked hard to achieve our goals not only individualy, but also as a team. We strived to meet our dreams in practice as well as in games. Our team was compatable with each other and because of this we were able to win the majority of our games and have fun doing it. We had our weaknesses, but they only made us stronger. All in all, very valuable lessons were learned and many unforgetable memories were made.





1-2-3...Lady Ducks! The whole team huddles up as they celebrate their win over Hearne and remaining 2nd place position. ↗

Another time-out? Lauren Mikulencak anxiously awaits returning to the game. ↑



Top 1-r: Alisha David, Christina Ford, Julie Schumpert, Traci Floyd, Heidi Grimm, Kim Klaus, Sarah Naivar. Bottom 1-r: Coach Burgess, Coach Naivar, Lauren Mikulencak, Anna Glover, Jaque Jackson, Janlyn Mokry, Amy Rinderknecht, Coach Cervenka.



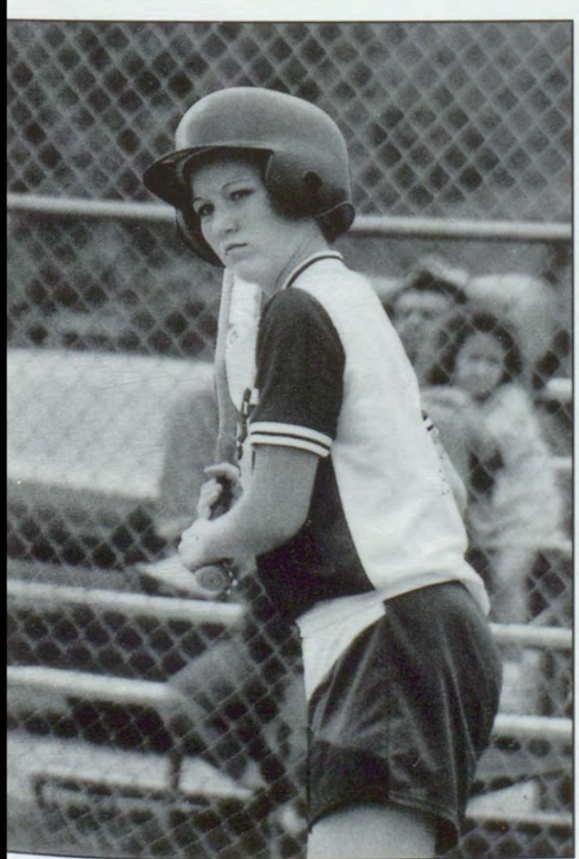
"We had a great season this year. Everyone worked hard and came together as a team. Not only were we successful, but we had a lot of fun too. The "Can-do" tradition has now begun!"











← **Beat em' Bust em'...!** Christina Ford puts her game face on to bat.

↑ **St-t-r-i-i-i-ke 3!** Sarah Naivar completes her windup.

↖ **Go 2! Go 2!** Alisha David hits a double and heads for second base.

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A Bright Future

JV Softball

Junior Varsity is a time of learning and experience. This year we had a lot of obstacles facing our team because we were all new to the game and just developing our skills. However, we managed to do good having an overall record of 8-7, which in our book, is a winning record. Softball is considered a sport that is 80% mental and 20% physical. Well, we had a lot of work to do in both areas. We started off our practices every day with an infield drill to get us going and ended them with a huddle to help build team unity. By the end of the season our team had become quite harmonious and we were very proud of ourselves. We decided to step up our game to the next level and we did. We had extremely tough competition in our District and we ended up 5-3 overall. Sometimes, a game isn't about just winning, it is about accomplishing what couldn't done. And that is exactly what we did. We managed to hav good team with only three sophomores. This may not sound w big but most of our opponents had up to three or four juniors their team let alone sophomores. We also had three of our play between JV and Varsity which can create a really big problem wh your a small team and you depend on each member of the tea Overall, we really had a great season. Us girls are ready for Vars ball next year and we are ready to take our game to that next level play. Our memories of softball this year will stick with us for years come and hopefully we will have remembered all our skills so n year will be even greater.



Junior Varsity
First row: Merideth Kuhl, Jill Sefcik, Kim Klaus, Heidi Grimm, Jennifer Steffek, Morgan Melde. Second row: Coach Sally Naivar, Ashley Tamez, Aubre Meyer, Jennifer Ponkoney, Heather Grimm, Jaque Jackson, Coach Bobby Cervenka.





Run Aubre run! Aubre Meyer runs to first base. ↗

I got it! Jaque Jackson catches a fly ball for an out. →







"This softball season was great fun. The best times would have to be in the dug-out; especially when Steffek was leading the cheers. As a team we worked hard together and still had a lot of fun."

--Ashley Tamez



"This year has been a real learning experience. Our team did really well and I feel that we have improved a lot."

--Jennifer Steffek







← **Wack!** Kim Klaus takes her swing.

↖ **Errrr!** Jennifer Steffek swings and misses.

↑ **Need a hand?** Jennifer Ponkoney pitches the ball.

↟ **Plays at one!** Heather Grimm throws a runner out at first.

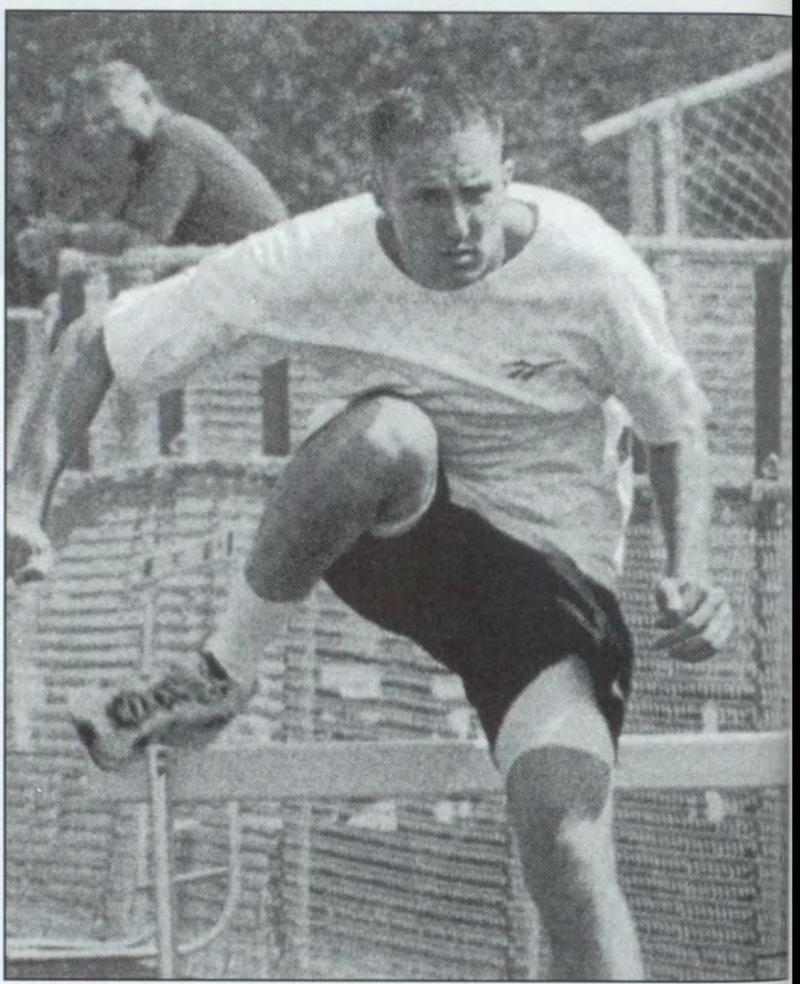
↖ **Playin' tough!** Heidi Grimm prepares to make a catch.

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Rebuilding and Conquering

Boys Track

For the boys track team, this was a year of rebuilding. After graduating three of the four relay team members, we had to find boys worthy of taking their positions. James Ashley was the only senior who ran this year which left us with a relatively young team. Five juniors, eight sophomores, and twelve freshmen also participated in track. But age didn't stop us. We worked hard to make our school proud. Coach Rucker and Coach Tennill kept us in line and made sure that we were maintaining our good grades and behavior at school as well as training hard on the track. Our J.V. team won second place at District and a few of our varsity runners qualified for the regional meet. Xavier Wright qualified in the high jump and Michael Cuba qualified in the 400 M. We were all extremely proud of James Ashley who sacrificed running the 300 M hurdles to concentrate on the 110 M hurdles. It definitely paid off. James set several meet records. He won first place in the 110 M hurdles at the Texas Relays and at regionals and then won second place at state. James helped us improve our record and, as of this year, Taylor athletes have qualified for the state meet six of the last seven years. Even though the rest of us didn't qualify, we enjoyed working together as a team and improving our times and distances. Hopefully all of us will return to the track next year, in better condition than ever, ready to take on the competition.





That's one small step for man... And a tall hurdle for James Ashley. ↗

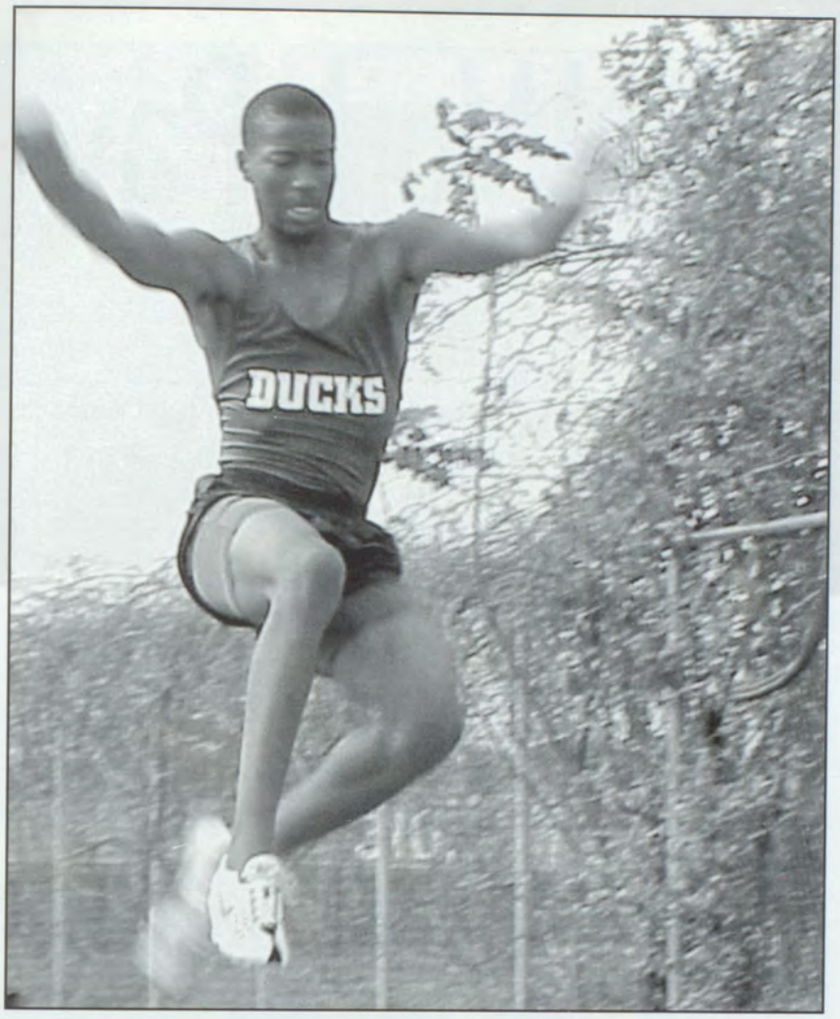
There's the handoff! Two relay members pass the baton in a race. ↑

Run hard, live strong, win the race. Boys' Track Team. →



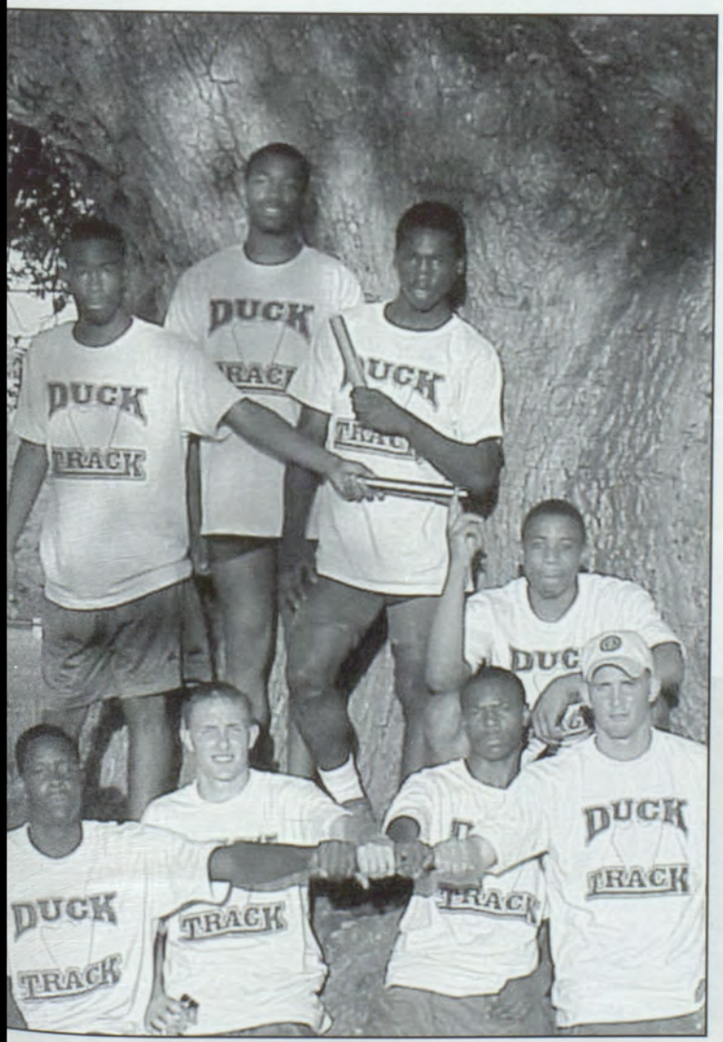


Although we had a fairly young team this year, the Duck track team kept the strong tradition alive by competing with the very best. A couple unfortunate events kept us from being as strong as we could have been, but we did extremely well anyway. It has been a great pleasure being a part of this team the last four years, and taking the silver in state made it even better. Good luck to my fellow ducks in the future!
James Ashley





"Track was great! We learned how to be more of a team. We pushed ourselves to the limit of our physical abilities. We became better friends. And most importantly, we learned that the only limits we have are the limits we set on ourselves."
Antonio Fitzgerald and Daniel Beckermann





← **Eight feet are better than two!** The relay teams show their unity.
↑ **Can you take the bar any higher?** High jumper Xavier Wright clears the jump.
↑↑ **I feel like flying...**Duane Curtis flies through the air while competing for long jump.

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Lots Of Hard Work Pays Off

Girls Track

This year's Lady Duck Track season was a great success. Nine women faithfully practiced five days a week to reach their goals. We faced many adversities: rain, rain, rain, rain, and more rain. When we did complete a meet, the Lady Ducks were jumping and running higher and better than the rest. Each competitor had a personal best time or jump in the season. All our hard work paid off when the district meet in Manor arrived. Last year the Lady Ducks team aquirred 17 points at the meet. This year, our team with fewer competitors scored 71 points. Two individuals, Sara Srnensky and Lauren Schroeder, placed to continue to the regional meet. In Bryan, Sara competed in the 800m and two mile run while Lauren ran the mile and two mile. Both ran strong races, and Sara placed to go to state. At the state competition she took sixth place. Hopefully this track season is just the beginning of the success the Lady Ducks will have in the future.





Don't worry..be happy! Falyn Wooldridge pushes herself towards the end of her race. →

No cameras! Teammates on board the bus grin from ear to ear at the end of a successful day. →





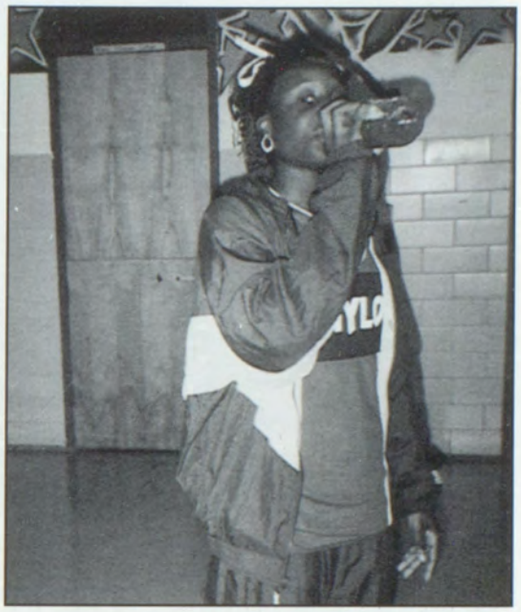
"I definitely had fun this year. Even though there were struggles, we pulled through and ended the year in success." Sara Srnensky

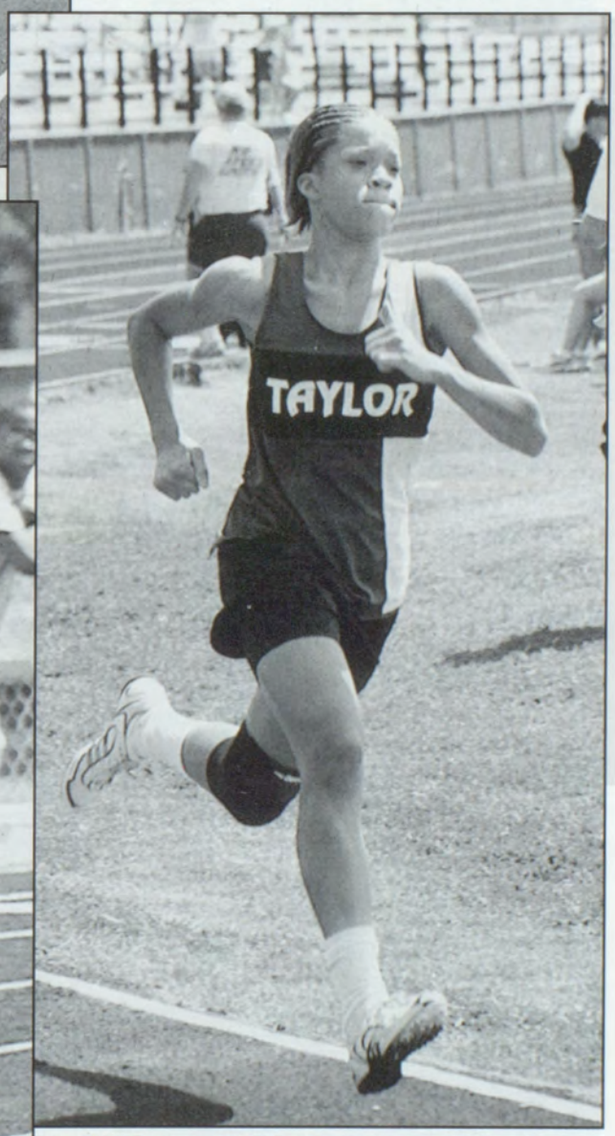


"The strides that we made in Girls' Track were unbelievable. This is a major step in the right direction to being known as a distance running school." Coach Stenseth











↖ **This distance isn't that long...** Lauren Schroeder paces herself in order to run a competitive mile.

↖ **Almost there!** Malyia LaPorta sprints the last leg of her race.

↑ **Water break!** Tabitha Haskins takes a time out for some refreshing Gatorade.

↑ **I can do it!** Tisha Brenson meets her personal record.

← **What a day for running!** A Taylor runner finishes strong.

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Not Intimidated

Cross Country Team Makes Huge Strides Of Improvemnet

Long distances and running uphill didn't intimidate us. Neither did treacherous terrain, wet paths, or state runners. In fact, nothing stood in our way. Cross country was about more than just running a race. It was about bettering ourselves as individuals and as a team. Personal records were made to be broken. The word "limit" only came into conversations if the words "above" or "breaking" came before it. We experienced so many wonderful things together as a team this year. We went to Corpus Christi and ran on the beach, our bare feet being tickled by the taunting waves. Who knew running could be so exhilarating? With cross country, we not only reached new heights in our running records, but we also strengthened our friendships. Being teammates is like becoming a family, and we experienced that to the fullest extent. Granted, we had our down moments, but we always pulled through for each other. We share great memories of eating at Joe's Crab Shack and all the long van rides. And we all share the notion that, although we were sometimes pushed beyond our physical strength, we are all stronger both mentally and physically. We are equipped with determination and dedication to our athletics and our teammates.



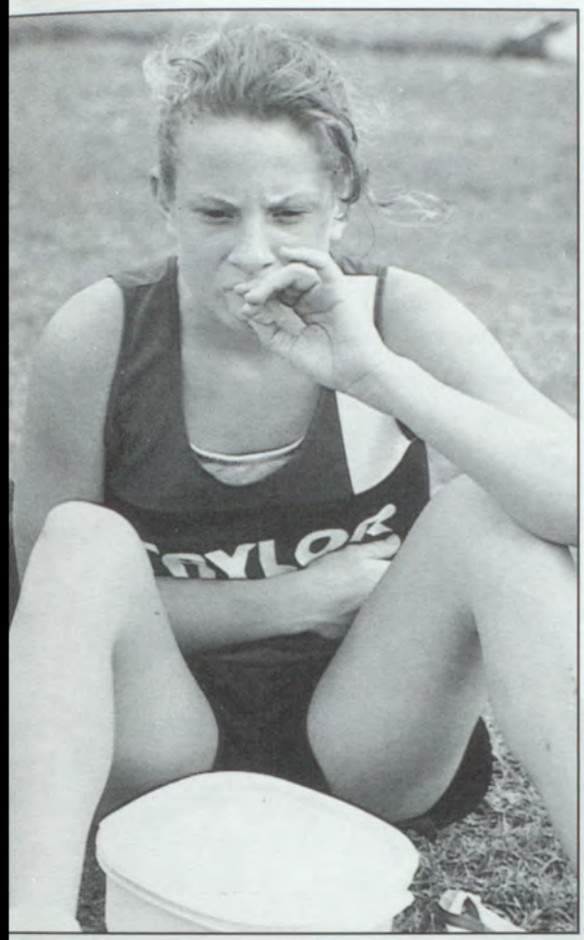


Altogether One. The team shows their medals and their friendship. ↗

Ready to run! Becky and Sara are prepared for a race at the Regional meet. ↑



Top: Lauren Schroeder, Sara Srnensky, Becky Estrada, Casey Sutton, Melissa Alderete.
Bottom: Stacey Sutton, Tabitha Gonzales, Monica Alderete.













← **Chariots of fire.** Seven of the girls run along the Galveston beach as the day begins.

↟ **Peace, love and Cross Country.** Casey, Becky, Monica, Melissa, Tabitha, Stacey, Lauren, and Sara pose outside Joe's Crab Shack in Galveston.

↑ **Dear God, thank you for this chance to run...**Becky Estrada leads the Lady Ducks in prayer before the big race.

↟ **On your mark...GO!** Malia, Sara, Becky, Lauren,Tabitha, Monica and Melissa bolt from the starting line as the signal is given.

↖ **Hungry? Why wait?** Sara eats grapes at her first meet.

↖ **It's over!** Lauren, Malia, Becky, and Tabitha relax together after a long run.

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Pride Is Forever

Tennis

Of all the teams that play sports at Taylor High School, the tennis team is, without a doubt, the most tight-knit group . This year we were led soley by our coach and friend, Vicki Hall. We trained as team, worked together as friends, and bonded like a family. Just like every family we had times when we got tired of each other and didn't feel like being nice to everyone. But we all managed to make it out of the harder times and enjoy the better experiences. We all improved, point by point, and became better players and better teammates. We attended many invitational tournaments and did well at almost every one. At Killeen Ellison we placed fourth among sixteen teams. We played at Georgetown six times. Once we placed fourth out of twenty and another time we placed sixth out of sixteen. We also won the Thrall tournament. Then there was our favorite - the Mason tournament, which was our only overnight tourney this school year. At the District tournament in Taylor, Chuck Gray and Kody Kuhl played doubles, Miles Parker and Ryan Quinn played doubles and placed fourth, and Ryan Remmert and Ryan Stiba played doubles and placed first. The J.V. boys placed second overall with Rockdale taking first. Racheal Lute played JV girls' singles and Lindsay Harbers and Laura Whatley played JV girls' doubles. Varsity won the District meet due to great matches for all the players. Ladd Moehnke and Justin Bohls placed second in boys' doubles, Lauren Rozacky and Haley Hall placed first in g doubles, Ashlyn Hobbs and Meggie Mikeska placed second in doubles, Na Dominguez placed second in girls' singles, LeAnn Carlson placed third girls' singles, and Lyle Cmerek placed second in boys' singles. At the te tennis regional meet, we earned first place with a score of 43-2. It was d nitely an awesome experience to play against Clifton, Alvaredo, and Gates and only lose two matches. For the state tournament we played at the McCle Tennis Center and Lakewood Country Club in Waco. We placed eighth, the second year in a row, which was both exciting and frustrating. Althou it was upsetting to not move up in rank, it was good to maintain our positi We lost (10-9) to Groesbeck and (13-3) to Lindville but came back and w (16-2) against Brownfield. Our memories of tennis will always include h we missed school almost every Friday and how Coach Hall always insis on eating at a Mexican restaurant after tournaments. In retrospect, ten was one of the most important things that each of us was involved in this sch year. It played a major role in both the athletic and social aspects of our y Whether or not we will be on the tennis team next year, we all hope to keep impr ing our skills and continue playing tennis for a long time to come.



The 1999-2000 Taylor Tennis Team - (Back Row): Ryan Remmert, Nancy Dominguez, Lyle Cmerek, Ryan Stiba, Lauren Rozacky, Ladd Moehnke, Meggie Mikeska, Haley Hall, Chris Fox, Lindsay Harbers, Racheal Lute. (Front Row): Justin Bohls, Lindsey Cmerek, Ross Thornton, Kenny Horne, LeAnn Carlson, Ashlyn Hobbs, Nick Shelton, Coach Vicki Hall.



"Tennis was wonderful! It was a good experience in both the sports and social aspects of the sport."
Lauren Rozacky

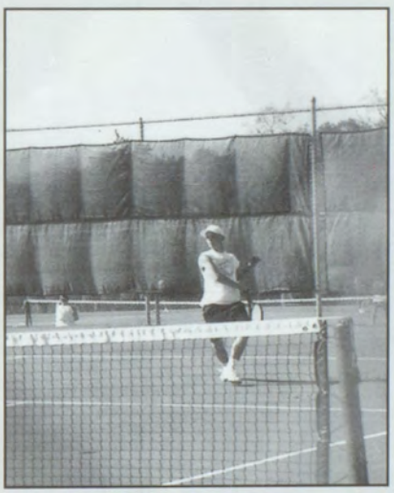


"I loved being a part o tennis this year. It was lot of fun, and I hope that next year's team i as good as us."
Kenny Horne

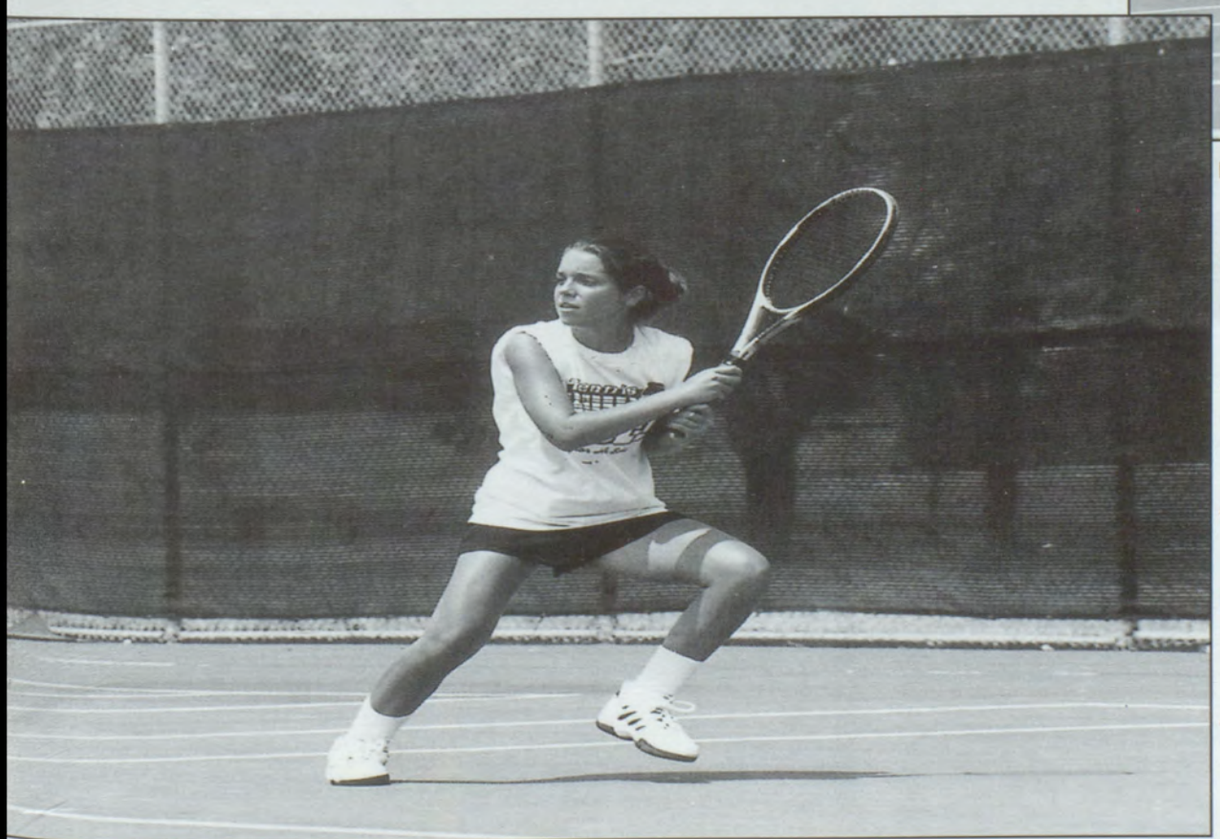












↖ **Focus!** Nick Shelton prepares, mentally and physically, to serve the ball.

↑ **Reach!** Laura Whatley leans forward as she returns the ball to her opponent with a graceful overhand.

↑ **Snap!** Ryan Remmert adjusts his tennis raquet and takes a chance to relax while he's on the court.

↑ **Making a move!** Lyle Cmerek runs towards the net in an attempt to hit the ball.

↖ **Almost there!** Lauren Rozacky assumes her position while her partner, Nancy Dominguez, waits to serve.

← **Ready and Waiting!** Ashlyn Hobbs takes a big step and prepares to return the ball.

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"I guess I won't need these anymore!" Ross Thornton takes scissors to his tennis shoes after a rough match.

Giving his best shot! Michael Mack tosses his racket to his other hand and prepares to serve.

Reach! Justin Bohls shows off one of his beautiful serves during the State tournament at the MCC courts in Waco.

On your mark ! Nancy Dominguez leans forward as she waits for her opponent to return the ball.

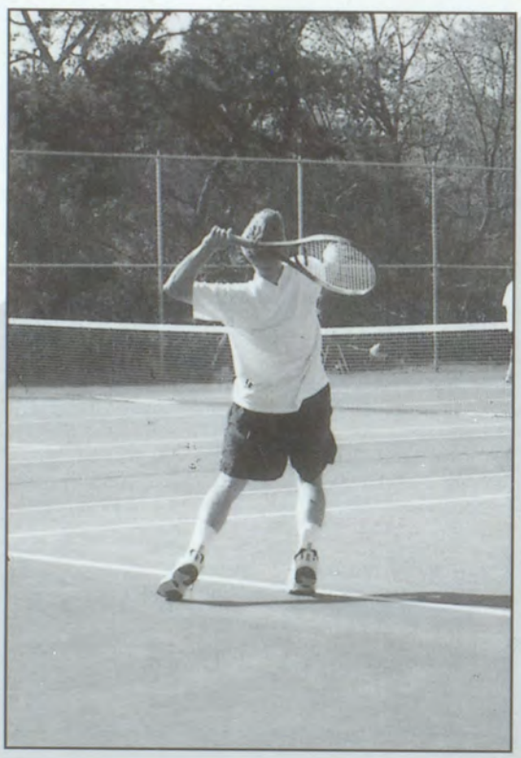
Smack! Lindsay Harbers sends the ball soaring after she deals a hard swing.

Just monkeying around! The tennis team poses in and around a tree near the tennis courts.











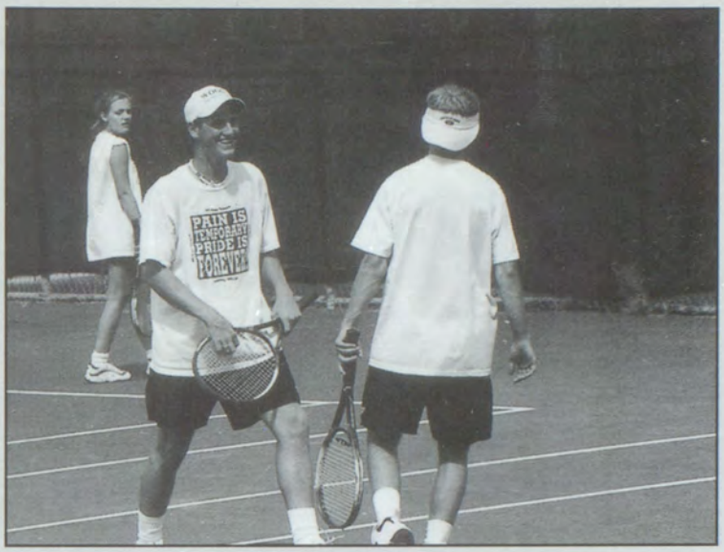




Varsity Tennis Players: Chris Fox, Haley Hall, Nick Shelton, Meggie Mikeska, Ross Thornton, Lindsey Cmerek, Ladd Moehnke, LeAnn Carlson, Lauren Rozacky, Justin Bohls, Ashlynn Hobbs, Kenny Horne, Nancy Dominguez, Lyle Cmerek



J.V. Tennis Players: Ryan Stiba, Racheal Lute, Ryan Remmert, Lindsay Harbers. (Not pictured: Laura Whatley)





"I'm looking forward to next year. The tennis team is a family and I've had so much fun being a part of it. Come watch us at State next year! Good luck seniors!"

- Coach Hall

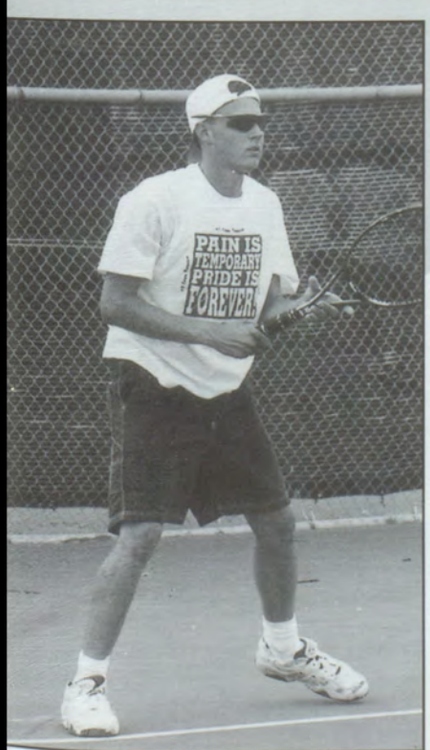


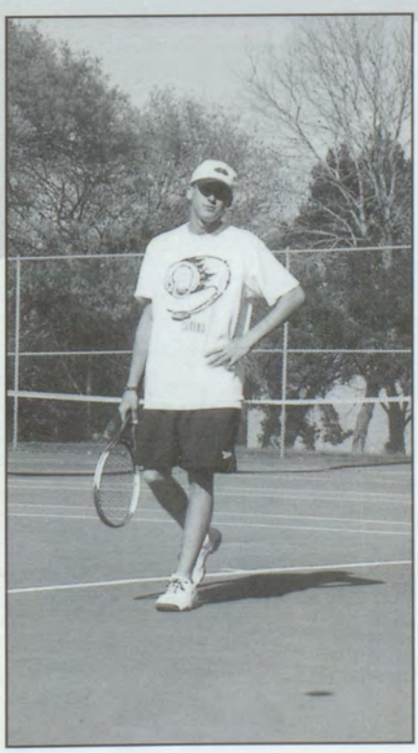


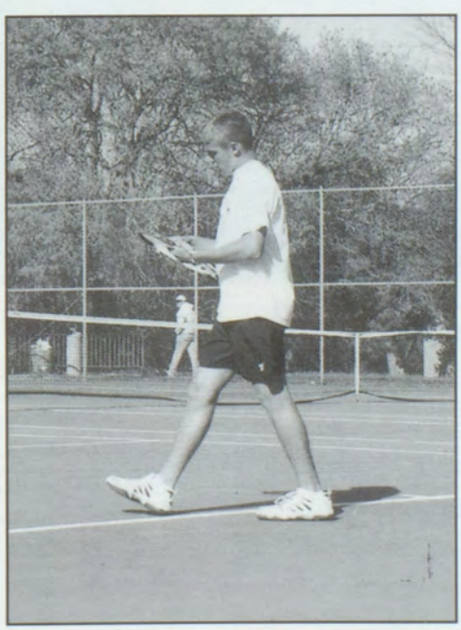
↑ **Lots of court action!** Lauren Rozacky watches Ladd Moehnke and Justin Bohls share a laugh between points as her partner, Nancy Dominguez, serves.

↖ **That's Some High Quality H2O!** Ryan Stiba refreshes himself by creating a fountain of water which splashes on his face.

↖ **"Watch out Justin!"** Justin Bohls watches the ball as his partner Ladd Moehnke concentrates on hitting it.







⇇ **Nerves of Steel!** Nick Shelton concentrates while he prepares to serve in a singles match at the Taylor tennis courts.

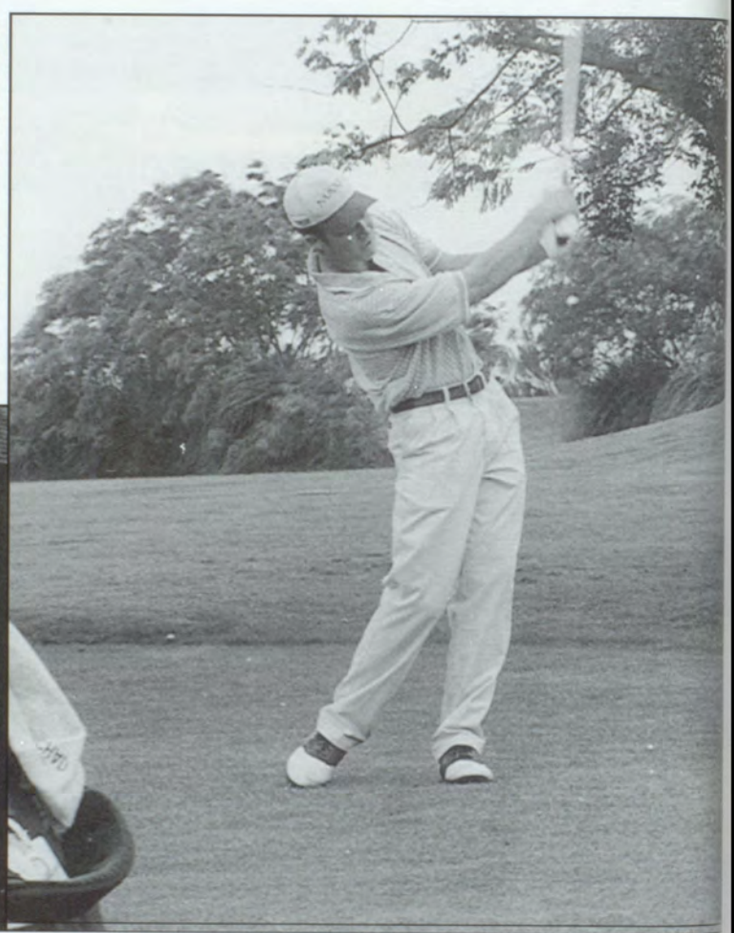
⇇ **Cool, calm, and collected.** Kenny Horne struts off the court after easily winning a game.

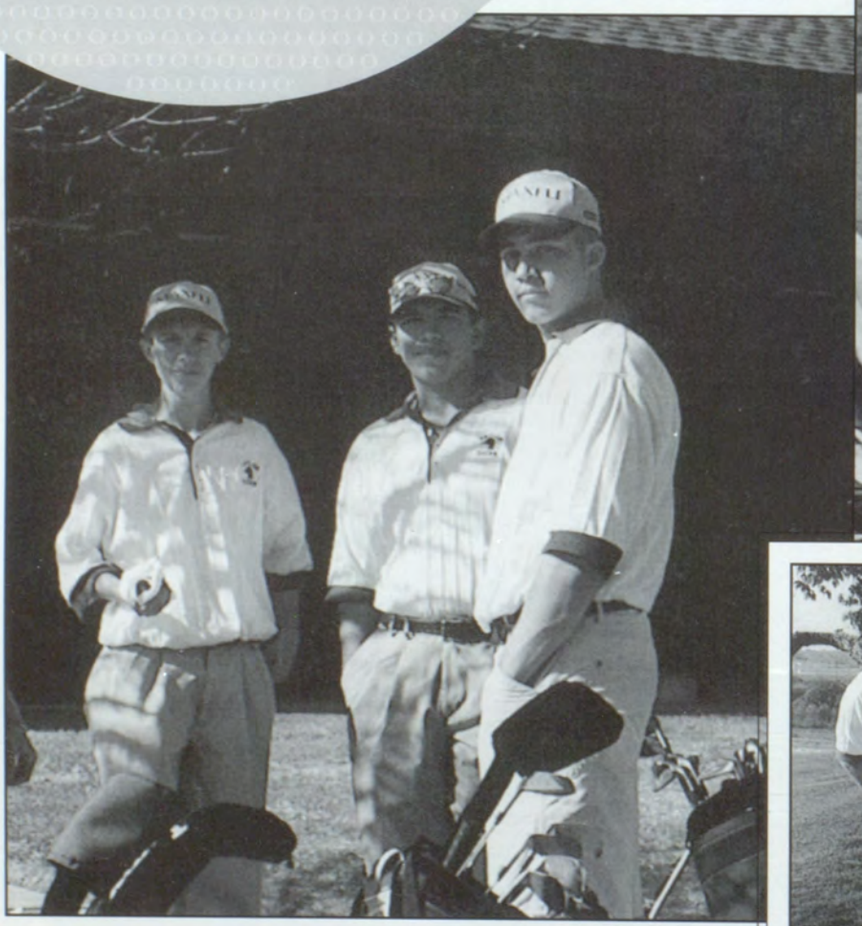
← **Gettin' it together!** Chris Fox collects his thoughts and adjusts his strings during a match at MCC in Waco.

Starting the Year in Full Swing

Girls and Boys Golf

What a difference a year makes! A lot of new faces showed up this year for both the boys and girls teams including coaches who consisted of Coach Bailey, Coach Powell, and Coach Andise to compliment Coach Potts. With all the help and lessons from these guys, both boys and girls teams improved their games and learned a lot. The boys team took a hard blow last year losing four seniors, but this years young golf team picked up the slack quite nicely. Brett Bennett, Chase Frock, and David Voerick excelled rather well in their first year in high school golf taking varsity spots with Trent Rozacky and Troy Dominguez. As a whole, the varsity team had a good year which ended on a good note playing their best golf in the last round of district here in Taylor. The men's squad finished third overall in district, just barely missing out on regionals. Senior Troy Dominguez had a good last round in district and enabled himself to become a regional qualifier which was held in Brenham. Coach Potts has big hopes for next year's team to keep on improving and clench their first district title in quite a while for Taylor.





"I am Tiger Woods..." Trent Rozacky goes for the green. ↗

"What are you looking at?" Chase Frock, Troy Dominguez, and Trent Rozacky rest after a long tournament. ↑



Girls Golf Team
Coach John Powell, Kristin Massey, Candace Benad, Stephanie Reeves, and Laura Barefoot.





Boys Golf Team

Coach Potts, Brett Bennett, Eric Engelke , David Voerick, Trent Rozacky, Mitch Leschber, Clayton Ging, Jeff Giusto, Adam Doss, Matt Edwards, Adam Doss, Troy Dominguez





↖ **Putting for par**, Laura Barefoot makes a crucial putt.

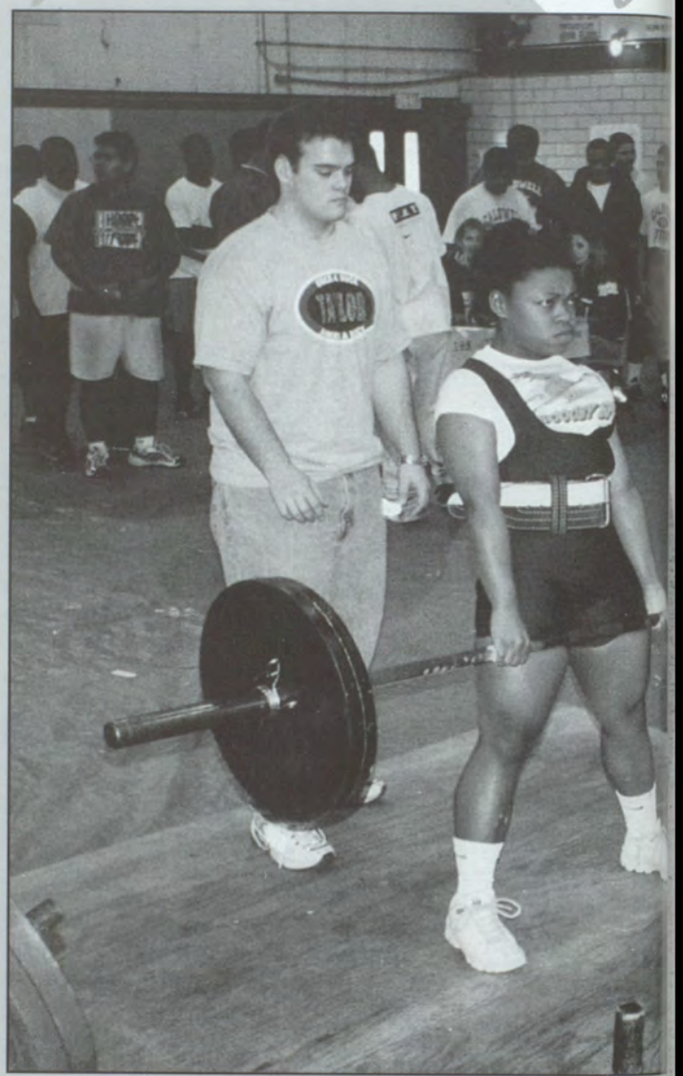
↑ **"Fore!"** Kristen Massey tries to make it to the green.

← **"Why did the ball go that way?"** Jeff Giusto tries to make the green.

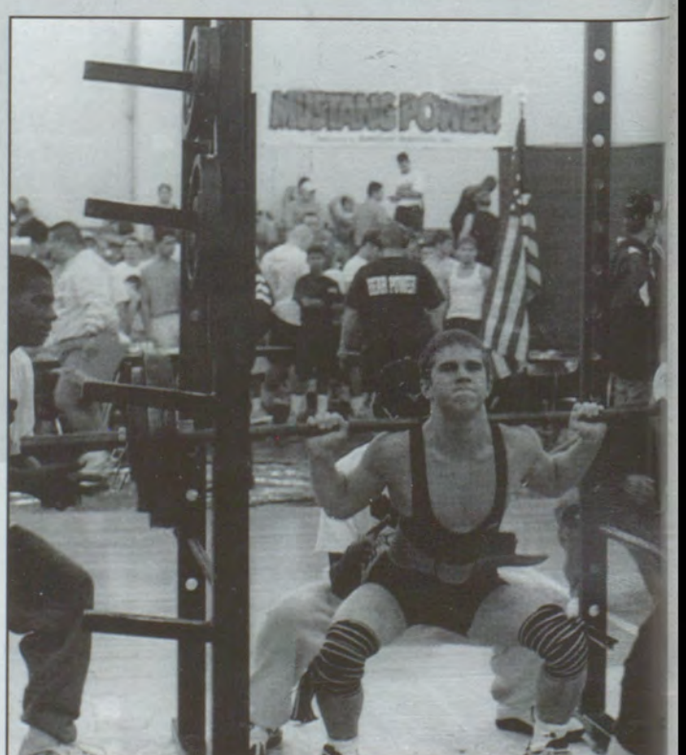
Going The Distance

Powerlifting Raises the Roof

This season was quite an experience for the Powerlifters. Each year is very different from the last year, and it will be remembered for special reasons. We the powerlifters put together a small, but excellent meet, thanks to the Boys' Athletic Department. The lifters did an outstanding job finishing the year with three male and five female Regional qualifiers. Leah Caldwell and Teronica Williams advanced to State, with Caldwell placing fifth place in the 97 weight class division. However, just like every sport, the lifters had some embarrassing moments. For instance, the Lady Lifters had to abandon their van on a dark country road late at night because the engine was smoking, and hitch a ride with some stranger back to Taylor. The guys had a rocky start also, heading to their Regional meet without a vehicle to get them there. Luckily, thanks to one of the lifters, they made it there in his Jeep Cherokee. The boys' team had much experience this year, with most of the eight lifters returning from a previous season. The Lady Lifters, on the other hand, only had four out of thirteen lifters returning from last year. We athletes have worked harder than ever. We brought home medals every time we returned from a meet, as well as two first place and two third place team trophies. We wish to give thanks to Coach Armando Talavera and Coach Katrina Burgess for motivating us up in our pajamas if we oversleep.







Don't make this girl mad! Teronica Williams puts her game face on! ↗
Those girls are tough! The Lady Powerlifters display their powers of intimidation. ↑
It's a piece of cake. Brit Oliphint makes it look too easy. →



"This is the best year I have ever had. I wish I could have done better by going to State. Good luck to next year's group, I hope more people join and do even better."

Marty Martinez



"It was fun making it to State my freshman year. And I hope to go back next year and break another record."

Teronica Williams



↓ **Work it girl!** Martha Flores is giving it her all at competition.
↙ **Look at those guns!** Tim Neslon is throwing up the weight.
← **Man, that guy's tough!** Johnny Valdivia squats 215 pounds at the Taylor Meet.

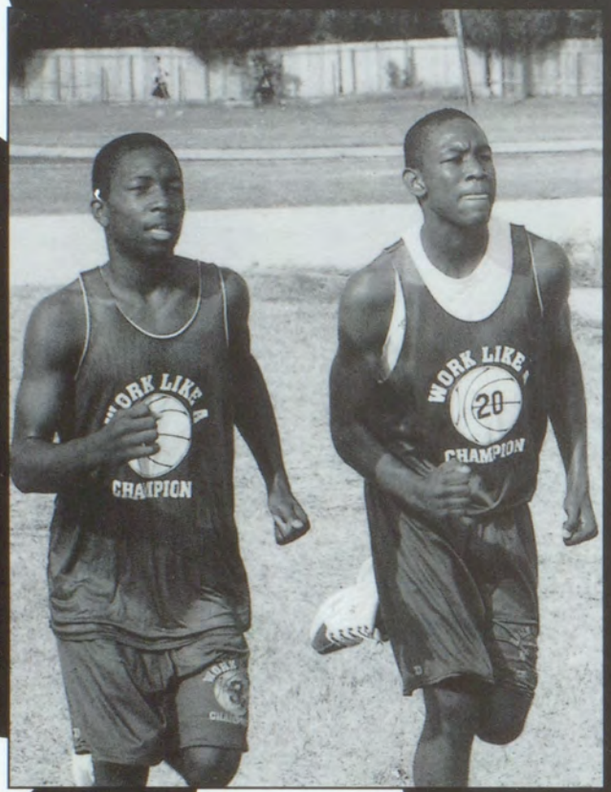






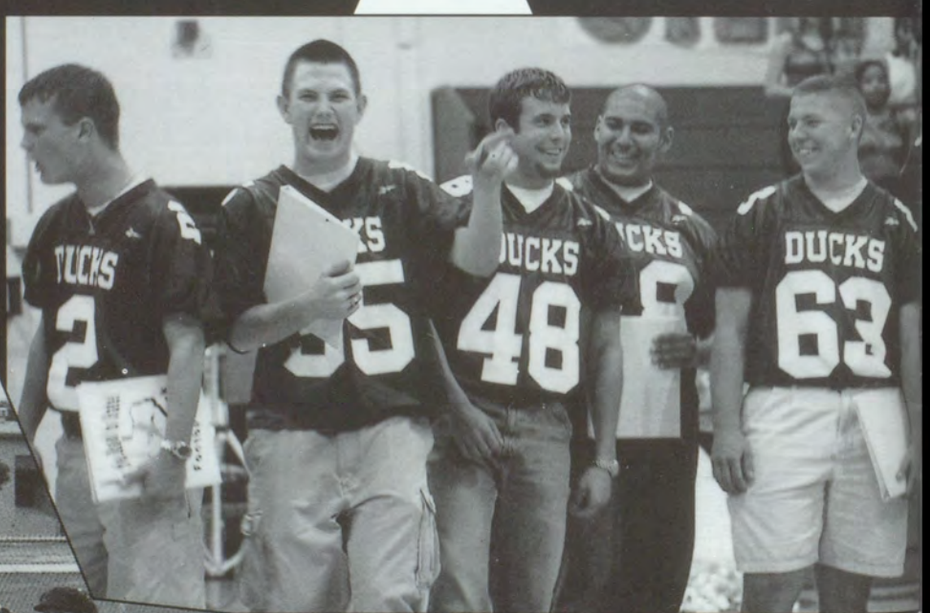
Top row: Fernando Reyes, Carlos Menchaca, Vanesa Bullard, Cash Redric, Kelly Cage, Kendra Brandon, Katoria Henderson, and Javier Garcia.
Middle row: Vanessa Schaffer, Brooke Gomez, April Davis, Coach Katrina Burgess, Tiffany McCoy, Charlotte Fredrick, and Geraldo Reyes.
Bottom row: Leah Caldwell and Teronica Williams.

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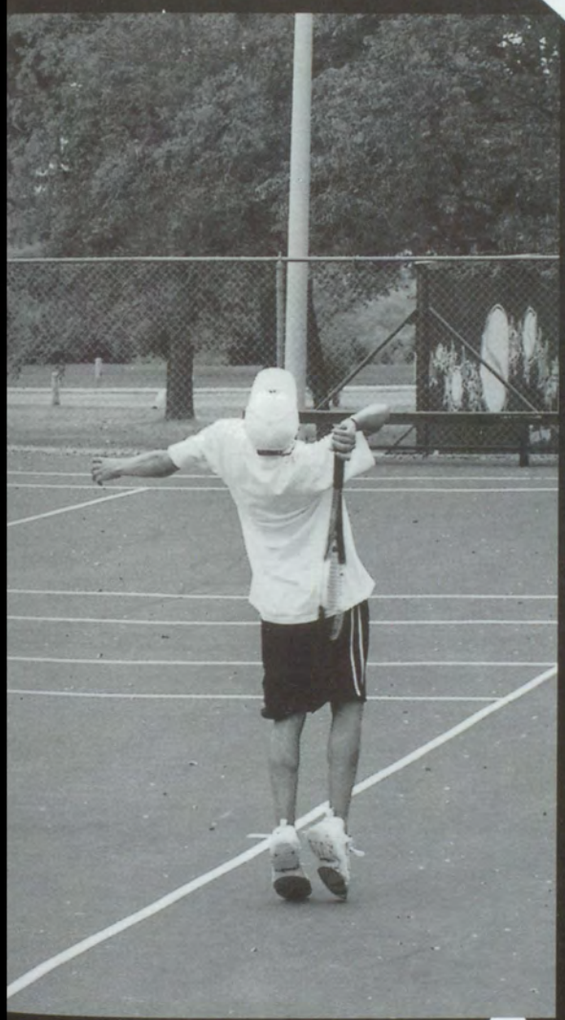






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Our Contribution to Society

NHS Lends a Hand to Taylor



It pays to be in NHS. Or should we say, we payed to stay in NHS ?! We had to work hard all year to earn our keep in this club! In the fall we got our first set of twenty bags of Deanan Gourmet Popcorn to sell. There was a flavor to please every student and teacher including vanilla, chocolate, cheese, white cheddar, and caramel. We received twenty more bags to sell in the winter and then sold two more sets of popcorn in the spring. Most of us were pretty sick of popcorn by the time this fundraiser was over, but it was encouraging to know that each of us had earned eighty dollars for the club. It was also nice having a year off from sponsoring a dinner as our major fundraiser. Selling popcorn was pretty easy in comparison. The money went to scholarships for our graduating members. In addition, we gave donations in December to purchase toys for underprivileged children.

On January 20, we stepped up to the plate to help at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Dressed in baseball caps and white shirts in honor of the guest speaker, Reid Ryan, we served dinner to the Chamber members sitting at our assigned tables. In May, many of the underclassmen Society members dressed up to serve again, this time in our Sunday best, to wait on tables at the Rotary Club's Honor Graduates Banquet. It was exciting to see three of our senior members, Javier Garcia, Janlyn Mokry, and Dana Carrizales, receive awards and scholarships. We were also very proud of junior member Nicole White who was recognized for being selected to attend a leadership seminar at Baylor University this summer. This was a productive year for NHS and we thank Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Parsons for hanging in there with us. We have truly appreciated their support. As we look back at what we learned from the National Honor Society this year, we see that, often, doing the honorable thing in a given situation requires a larger sacrifice of time or money. But it's all worth it when you realize that you've done the right thing and made a positive difference in someone's life. We hope that, as members of NHS and as leaders in our school, we have done just that.



Officers



Dana Carrizales, President



Lindsey Cmerek, Vice President



Lisa Grimm, Treasurer



Janlyn Mokry, Reporter



Lauren Mikuencak, Secretary



Javier Garcia, Parlimentarian



As American as baseball . . . and apple pie! Justin Bohls carries two plates of apple pie to his table at the Chamber of Commerce banquet while Jordan Schmidt waits for his turn.

Togetherness! Kyle Kaiser, Javier Garcia, and Emily Johnson enjoy refreshments and time to visit in the cafeteria after the ceremony where Superintendent Scholars and NHS members were recognized.

"Are we having fun yet?" Lindsey Cmerek, Lauren Rozacky, and Alison Enochs take a short break from bagging popcorn to smile. Junior and senior members took turns bagging the fundraiser popcorn.



Senior Members: (Back Row) James Massey, Stephen Konarik, Nancy Dominguez, Lauren Mikulencak, Janlyn Mokry, Alison Enochs, Tarisa Walker, Mrs. Rogers. (Middle Row) Carlos Menchaca, Kyle Kaiser, Chris Kautz, James Ashley, Jennifer Kolinek, Javier Garcia. (Front Row) Lisa Grimm, Tara Svehlak, Lauren Rozacky, Jolena Caldera, Tamera Naivar, Nicole Rowe.



New Members: (Back Row) Stacey Sutton, Vanessa Martinez, Deanna Baran, Tim Neslony, Clayton Krueger, Paul Zucknick, Jason Pausewang, Jennifer Urbanek, Jennifer Krueger, Nicole Artieschoufsky, Lauren Currie. (Middle Row) Missy Vargas, Juan Yanis, Crystal Block, Nicole Rowe, Sarah Raesz, Jamie Ruden, Micah Grau, Laura Barefoot. (Front Row) Ryan Marshall, Andrea Harrel, Tamara Naivar, Michelle Chait, Kyle Kaiser, Lacie Ruemke, Stephanie Rohlack.



Being NHS president was a lot of responsibility but I am glad that I had the opportunity to hold the position. It taught me the importance of leadership. I hope that next year's president recieves the same benefits that I did.
- Dana Carrizales







Junior Members: (Back row) Jennifer Urbanek, Lacie Ruemke, Brandon Raesz, Chandler Dabbs, Chris Fox, Justin Bohls, Justin Graef, Sarah Raesz, Alpa Patel, Martha Flores, Mrs. Parsons. (Middle row) Nicole White, Josh Verastique, Anne Foley, Willie Fields, Micah Grau, Alison Mayer, Amber Byfield, Steven Teggeman. (Front row) Tracy Machu, Margaret Garry, Beth Richter, Christina Ford, Dominick Devastey, Emily Johnson, Becky Estrada, Candace Benad, Alisha David.

↖ **On Deck!** Tarisa Walker, Janlyn Mokry, Becky Estrada, Alison Mayer, Dana Carrizales, Tracy Machu, Rebecca Lewis, Aaron Bachmeyer, and Justin Graef stand in line, waiting to serve their tables at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

↑ **"We're In!"** Jennifer Krueger and Deanna Baran pose together after being inducted into NHS at the ceremony in March.

Bringing Out The Best

Student Senate

Student Senate is a selected group of students chosen to represent our student body. We have a commitment to our classmates to represent their views on different subjects and display them judiciously. It is our job to lead the school in a positive way towards making things better. We work towards doing this by directly interacting with the student body. Every year we gather up a variety of students and hold a leadership conference. This teaches our fellow students how to be confident, responsible leaders. We participated in fun activities that helped us develop short term and long term goals. Team work was also a central theme to our workshop. Building a bridge with toothpicks and marshmellows can be a pretty difficult task until you have three other minds with you thinking together. Team was especially important when we went to Heritage Square to hang Christmas lights. This bieng the most extravagant light show around, we had some pressure on our hands to do it right. Trees and light poles proved to be somewhat strenuous to wrap evenly and completely. However, with the help of ladders and really tall people we accomplished it and were very appreciated for it. Overall, our club is there to set the example for the students around us. We aren't just there to be leaders but to go above and beyond the call of duty.



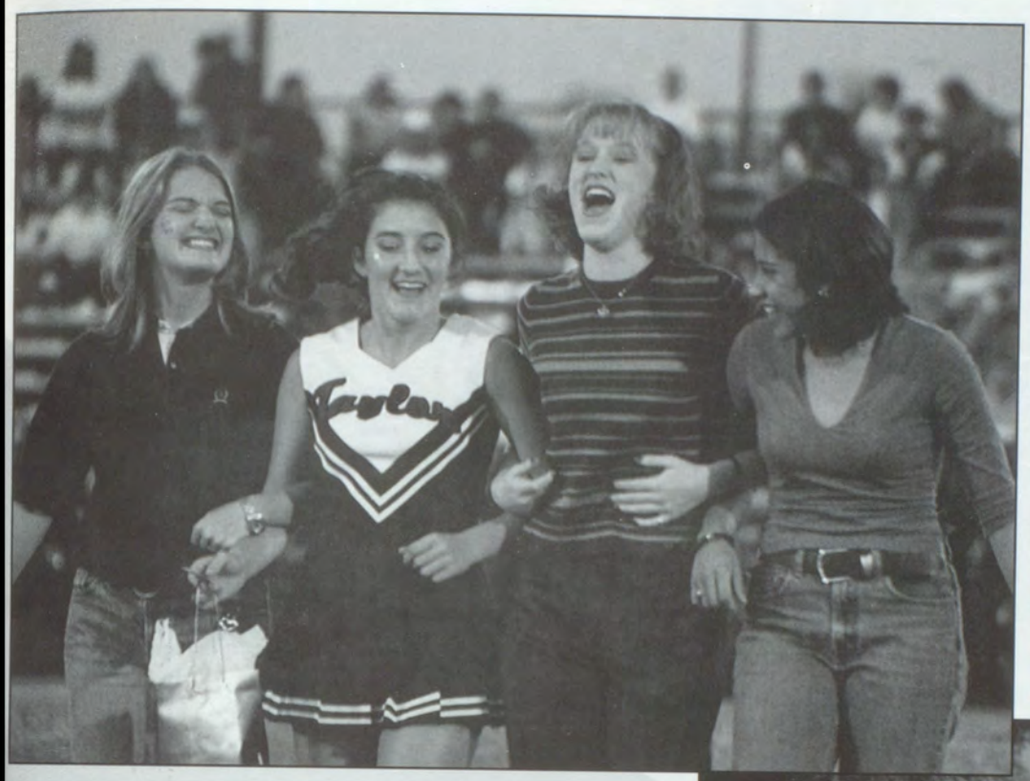


Student Senate officers. Left to Right: Alison Enochs (Treasurer), Lindsey Rozacky (President), Lindsey Cmerek (Vice President), Alisha David (Secretary).



Team Work! Paul Zuchnik and Juan Yanez work together at Heritage Square. ↗

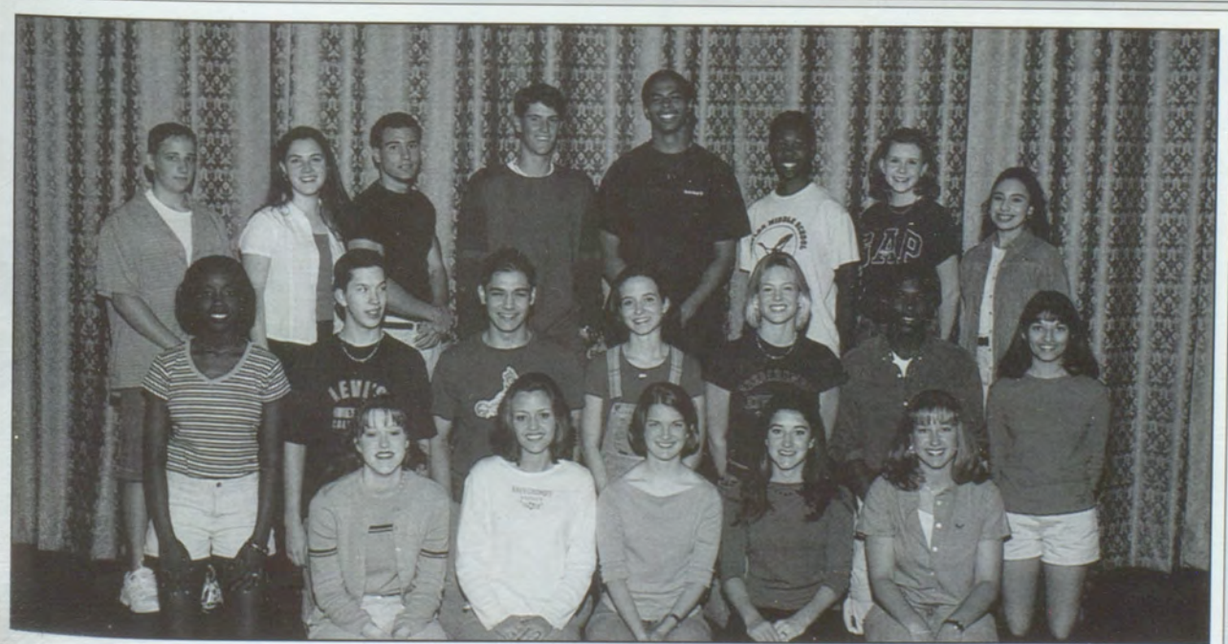
Sacrifice! That's the name of the game for Ryan Quinn, who climbs a tree to help out the community! →











Student Senate. Third row: Ryan Stiba, Emily Johnson, Justin Graef, Ladd Moehnke, Dominick Devasty, Jaque Jackson, Candace Benad, Monica Ochoa. Second row: Tabitha Haskins, Kyle Kaiser, Javier Garcia, Amanda Welch, Tara Svehlak, Lee McKinney. First row: Vanessa Cantu, Allison Enochs, Lindsey Rozacky, Lindsey Cmerek, Alisha David, Sarah Naivar.

↖ **Wanna give it a try?** Lauren Mikulencak happily shows of their not so sturdy bridge.

↑↑ **It's not as easy as we are making it look!** Lindsey Cmerek and Lindsey Rozack wrap lights.

↖ **The best gift is the gift of laughter!** Linsey Cmerek, Alisha David, Allison Enochs, and Nancy Dominguez just recieved a gift from Burnet School.

↑ **Let's get some chicken and go get busy!** Dominick Devasty happily eats his lunch.

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Junior Hystericals

Junior Historians Record History

"Where are all my Junior Hystericals?!" Those were the famous words of Mr. Quarles at every meeting that we attended this year. Yes, we are hysterical, but that is what makes our club so special. We accomplished a lot throughout the years of the past, but this year tops them all. Did we ever get anything done during meetings ? Mr. Quarles established the fact that Amy's french fries were better than anyone else's, Javier taught us all eccentric sign language, and Emily was always ready to suggest yet another off-the-wall idea. (Hey,, what ever happened to the dog wash?) Yes of course, we got stuff done! We proved to have awesome fund-raising skills and did our part for the community. At the beginning of the year, the only thing we had in sight was Veteran's Day. Wavy Davy got donuts from H-E-B and we had coffee and orange juice waiting for all of the Veterans around the flagpole. We had a car wash, no not a dog wash, an actual car wash, and we had a great time doing it. The car wash went well, except that we only had one water hose and that some of us didn't work as well as others, and for the fact that on the very last car we washed it started raining. The next projects we undertook were candy sales and a Christmas tree. The candy sales proved to be a success as they have been in the past years. Our Christmas tree was, well, different from all the rest in the Student Center. Thanks to the decorations that Javier bought, it stood out in its own unique way. With that all behind us, and a new semester staring us in the face, we got started on the biggest project the club had ever taken on. With a trip in mind we argued our way into San Antonio, the same place we went two years ago. We went in the only school van, used for dozens of other school related activities, which had moldy McDonalds french fries, that Javier continuously kept throwing at people. In San Antonio we started trying to find a parking garage, and then walked to Ripleys: Believe It or Not. All in all it was quite fun, yet we still didn't get to eat at Dicks Last Resort on the Riverwalk. We ended up eating at The Outback in Austin, because a few of us couldn't make up our minds where to eat. We began a Living History project to put in the Taylor Archives in the public library. Interview after interview, we learned more about the heritage of our town and came to appreciate the elders in our community. We learned more about Taylor through the eyes of others that have lived here longer. With the close relationship with all the members it was easy to communicate better and get things done even. We are aware that the hysteria will continue for years to come, and we are all looking forward to it.





"Ever since I was a little boy I always dreamt about being in Junior Historians. I love Junior Historians. I'm in Junior Historians, I love Junior Historians."
Stephen Konarik



Back Row: Jennifer Kolinek, Clayton Krueger, David Scarborough, Janlyn Mokry, Anne Foley, Paul Zucknick, Carlos Menchaca, Jessie Ortiz, Chris Kautz, Tarisa Walker, Tracy Machu, Richard Smith, Angie Harrington, Mr. Quarles. Middle Row: Emily Johnson, Samantha Ging, Kristen Massey, Laura Massey, Jennifer Johnson, Javier Garcia, Nicole Rowe, Lacie Ruemke, Amy Perez, Valarie Gomez, Don Hernandez. Front Row: Pamala Rozaines, Tara Burba, Kyle Kaiser, Candace Benad. Stephen Konarik, Amy Zucknick, Chastity Gracia, Danielle Townsend, Margaret Garry, Sophia Doss.

"This'll blow you away!" ↗ Jennifer Kolinek tries out an air blower at Ripley's Believe It or Not in San Antonio.







Anne Foley, David Scarborough, Janlyn Mokry, Tarisa Walker
Jennifer Kolinek, Emily Johnson, Javier Garcia
Tara Burba, Kyle Kaiser, Candace Benad, Stephen Konarik, and Amy Zucknick





↖ **Wax On, Wax Off**. Tara Burba puts some elbow grease in to show how to really wash a car.

↑ **MMMMMMMM...** Kyle Kaiser, Javier Garcia and Jennifer Gonzales eat snow cones with Antonia, the snow cone lady.

← **CHAZE FROYS???** This group of blokes are eatin' dingos at the Outback in Austin.

↖ **Tell me about your childhood....** Emily Johnson and Kyle Kaiser interview Mrs. Leslie Hill for our Living History Project.

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Responsible Fun

Good Times and Great Memories

Mrs. Kalbaugh once again did a wonderful job as SURF (Students United for Responisle Fun) sponsor, and put together another terrific and successful year in the club. All of the credit couldn't go to her, though. Keitha Jones was our SURF president, and she did a great job organizing events such as Crud Wars and the Homecoming dance. Both of these events made for really good times in the hearts and minds of both teachers and students. The Crud Wars were an absolute blast. Anyone who didn't show up to this missed out on a great time of getting dirty. The same thing goes for the Homecoming Dance. Decorations were absolutely beautiful and the music was great. Everyone had a great time and was dressed to kill. Homecoming King and Queen nominees were announced. To summarize this year in SURF, everyone participating in this club had a good time and made memories that will last forever. More participants are encouraged to join next year to continue on with the fun and excitement that all the members are known for having.





SURF: Sponsor Mrs. Kalbaugh. **Officers:** Janlyn Mokry, Sean Washington, Candace Benad, Kyle Kaiser, Keitha Jones, Alison Enochs, and Alisha David.



And the Court is... Homecoming nominees are announced at the dance. ↑

Did I step on your toe? Mr. Cogdell and his wife dance together. →



Students United for Responsible Fun







"We had a lot of fun this year. Everything was great and I can't wait to do it again next year." Alisha David

← **Don't just stand there--go wash up!** Ashlyn Hobbs and LeAnn Carlson smile at the Crud Wars.

↑ **It's Tom Cruise! Just kidding...**Mrs. Kalbaugh, Alison Enochs, Keitha Jones, and Sean Washington have accomplished their mission.

Weird Science

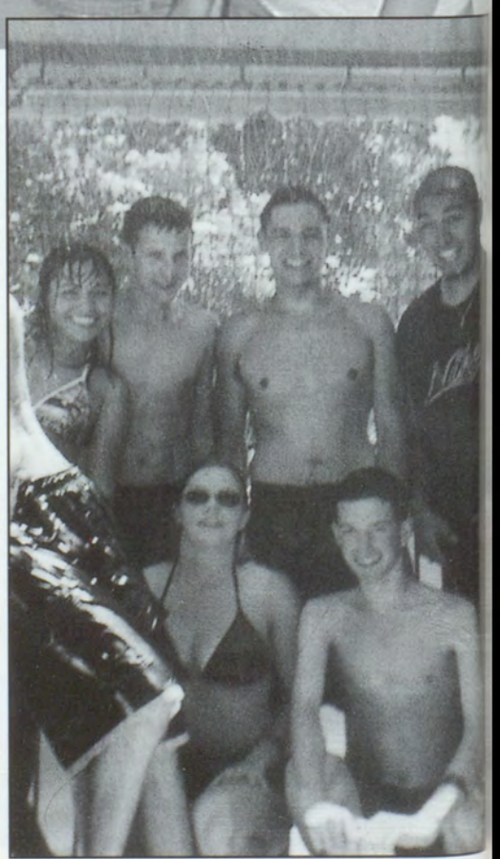
Science Club chemically reacts

Science club had another wonderfully successful year. Although our president tended to be a little silly and get off track, nothing was accomplished in the meetings except for much yelling, the club still managed to continue succeeding throughout the year. We participated in numerous service projects and fundraisers which assisted in helping us raise a significant amount of money to give out over one thousand dollars in scholarships and fund our trip to Schlitterbaun in New Braunfels, Texas. Where we repeatedly kept loosing "Richard." And the "seniors" kept getting into trouble, especially at McDonalds. One of the more meaningful service projects we undertook and completed this year was the Taylor Area Food Drive, in which we gathered canned food goods by going door-to-door throughout the community. The xeroscape project involved an extensive amount of work and provided the school with a scenic location to learn and take photographs. Among the fundraisers were countless candy sales, concession stands, lemonade stands, and the Barbeque Dinner. Fish Camp was a huge part of our year, despite the absence of most of our leaders, and the lateness of our director. This camp provided the freshmen an opportunity to become orientated with the campus, and become more comfortable with their surroundings. Thanks to dedicated members and most of the officers, we contributed much to Taylor High School, and made our mark on the community. The best part of Science Club is sniffing Mrs. Sutton's assortment of chemicals, justh kithing!!



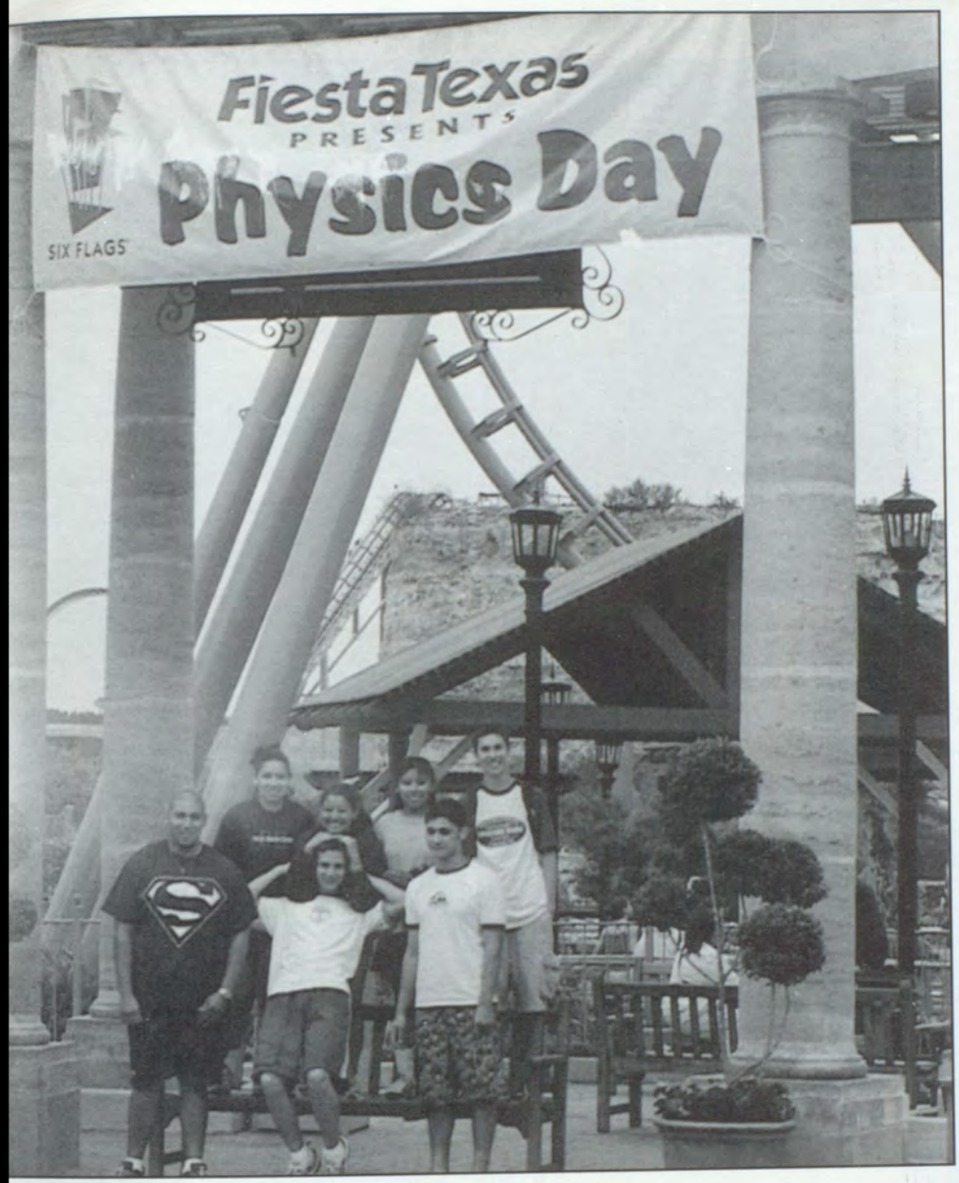


Top: Nick Flannery, Don Hernandez, Carlos Menchaca, Janlyn Mokry, Javier Garcia, Stephen Konarik, Jennifer Kolinek Bottom: Dana Carrizales, Kyle Kaiser, Amy Zucknick



And over here we have... Candace Benad and Alisha David show around the fish during Freshmen Camp ↗

"The hottest coolest time..." These members are way too hot at Schlitterbahn for their summer trip. →









Top Row: Aubre Meyer, David Powers, Jessica Baisley, Lacie Cervenka, Alison Martinez, Jennifer Green, Stephen Teggeman, Justin Bohles, Erika Hernandez, Maria Gonzalez, Gabriel McDonald, Chris Kautz, Fermin Aguiera, Kelly Parker, Alpa Patel, Sophie Doss, Meghan Klotz, Heather Guardiola, Justin Greaf, Troy Dominguez, Jaun Yaniz, Victor Gutierrez, Trent Rozacky Second Row: Tim Holub, Ryan Remmert, Chase Frock, Amber Place, Ashley Place, Marlene Rodriguez, Monica Ochoa, Chris Young, Stacey Sutton, Becky Estrada, Javier Garcia, Michelle Chait, Ryan Marshall, Hailey Hall, Malia LaPorta, Ashley Tamez, Marissa Vargas, Venassa Martinez Third Row: Brandy Susan, Ryan Stiba, Kendra Zack, Jennifer Jonhle, Meggie Mikeska, Leanne Carlson, Jamie Ruden, Pamela Rossaines, Stephen Konarik, Amy Zuchnick, Kyle Kaiser, Kodie Jirasek, Jennifer Krueger, Keitha Jones, Brandon Raesz, Nick Flannery, Jennifer Steffek Bottom Row: Miguel Verastique, Grant Daniels, Nicole White, Kristen Bohac, Jill Sefcik, Don Hernandez, Carlos Menchaca, Ryan Quinn, Paul Zucknick, Jason Paueswang, James Massey, Chris Fox, Ryan Lane, Rachael Lute, Daniel Perez, Josh Verastique



Taking the mole on a date was an expereince that I'll never forget.
- Javier Gacria

↑ **Mmm tastes like Chicken!** Stephen Konarik, Jennifer Kolinek, Javier Garcia and Don Hernandez all get ready for the Homecoming Parade in Javiers Truck.

↑↑ **Ole, Anyone up for a Mexican Dinner?** Here a group of misfits collects cans for the Food Drive.

↖ **Theory of Relativity? Or just having fun?** Many science club members had fun at Physics Day at Fiesta Texas

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A Life of Purpose

Interact Promotes Servic

Interact launched this year with a small group of students dedicated to charity and community service, and it has quickly expanded. By the end of the year, our membership had increased in number--some students joined simply by showing up unknowingly at the meetings. Sponsored by the Rotary Club, Interact has participated in many service projects throughout the year. Planting trees around Sportsman Field, spreading fertilizer, assisting younger students with their reading, and raising money for various charities were only a few of the services which we bettered the community with. At the Cotton Pickin' Festival, we helped run the Fun Flush booth (when it finally got set up...).We also sent money to help the fight against diseases in third world countries. The Rotary Club's motto, "Service above Se is one that should be universally adopted, c ating a more sympathetic, less selfish wo Interact and the Rotary Club teach someth beyond field trips and candy sales. We te altruism, an invaluable trait that should be purpose of life. Robert Byrne once said, " purpose of life is a life of purpose." Inter unselfishly promotes this.





Officers: Javier Garcia, Janlyn Mokry, Stephen Konarik, Lauren Rozacky, and Jennifer Kolinek.



Don't let them catch us cleaning up the place! David Scarborough and Janlyn Mokry Hurdle a guardrail at the trash pick-up.

Give me your John Hancock. Jennifer Johnson and Jennifer Johle prove they were there picking up trash.

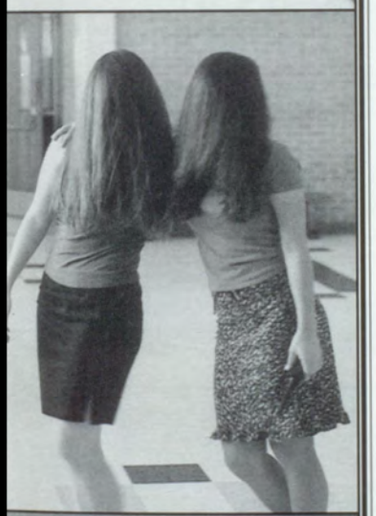
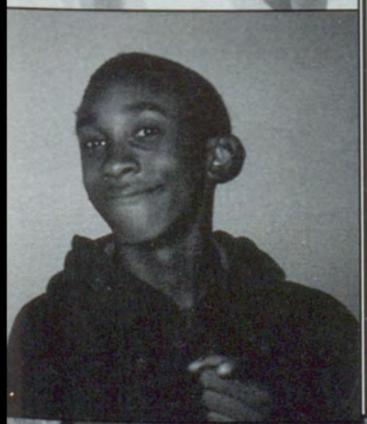


Top: Mr. Conrardy, Kristen Massey, Janlyn Mokry, Don Hernandez, Andrea Harrel, Amy Zucknick, Chris Kautz, Stephen Konarik, Tara Burba. Middle: Nicole White, Carlos Menchaca, Kyle Kaiser, Javier Garcia, Jennifer Kolinek, Kendra Zak, Stephanie Rohlack, Andrew Oser, Crystal Block. Bottom: Margaret Garry, Anne Foley, David Scarborough, Lauren Rozacky, Emily Johnson, Amber Byfield, Alison Mayer, Tracy Machu.

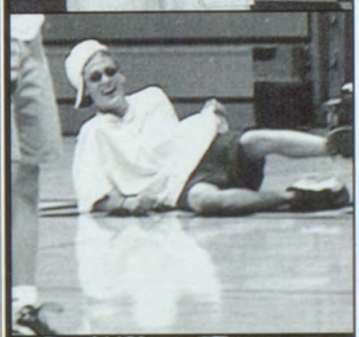
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Signatures

SPRECHEN SIE DEUTSCH?

German Club

"Sprechen Sie Deutsch?" Frau Jackson once again led her group through the memorable, exciting experiences of learning or perfecting their German. With a wonderful slate of officers to lend a hand, the year went smoothly. Club meetings were held on Thursdays at lunch, and plans were discussed to participate in the annual Christmas Parade, a possible trip to Wurstfest, the annual Trash-off, beautification of the school and community and, of course, our contest. As the year passed, the decision was made to skip the Wurstfest Trip. The sausage and fun we usually shared lingered in our minds, but we had to forego the experiences. Maybe next year. We did attend Houstonfest on February 5. This meant lots of hard work and dedication on the part of those who wanted to go on to Texas State German Contest, but we succeeded in getting to State. Anyone who knows about German Club knows it is one of those unusual organizations. One might think that all they did was work on projects that had to do with language, but this wasn't true, not previously, and certainly not this year. We did our part to beautify the school and the community as well. We worked hard on the Trash-off and other gratifying projects. As the year came to an end, we looked back and realized that it had gone by way too fast. Some of the things we had hoped to accomplish had had to be left undone, but the ones we were able to do were satisfying. We looked forward to the opportunity to plan for next year and hoped that it would slow down enough to allow us revisit some of those fun-filled experiences that we had had to leave behind.

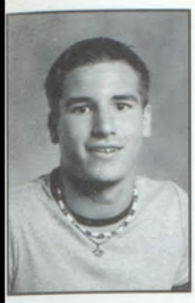




A barber shop quartet? Not quite! Crystal Block, Jacque Wallace, Andrew Oser, Heather Hazelwood, Micah Grau, Stephen Sorenson and Chris Auerbach get ready to compete. ↑



A house fit for a witch! Micah Grau poses proudly with him gingerbread house. →



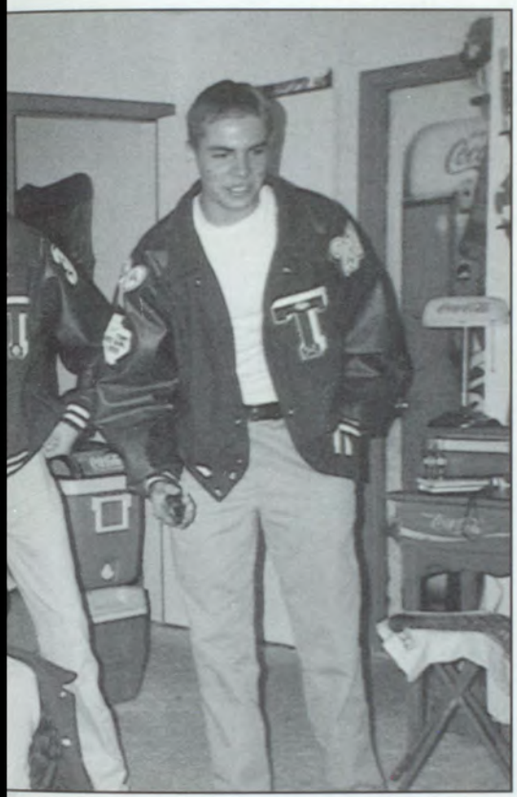
"This year was a lot of fun and being president added to it. It was a big responsibility to do, but it was well worth all the work. Thanks to everyone for a great year and good luck to whoever gets my job next year."

--Justin Graef, President



Officers

Back Row: Justin Bohls, Sam Fox, Brandon Raesz, Libby Krepps. Front Row: Justin Graef, Steven Teggeman, Chris Fox.







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↖ **A host of green jackets!** Derek Klepac, Brandon Raesz, Justin Bohls, Ross Thornton, Chris Fox, Micah Grau and Justin Graef get ready to leave for competition.

↑ **Busy at work...** These German students try to get ready for competition.

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Ab Ovo Usque Ad Mala

Probabantur Toto Annu

Latin Club usually abounds with activities, but this year was a little slower. In many ways this was good. It gave us an opportunity to rebuild, adjust, a time to reflect and see what we needed to do in the future. Those of us who were in Mrs. Schaefer's Latin classes also had the opportunity to get to know her better and more fully understand the Latin language. Latin class seemed like a good time to visit and talk, but it was also a time to study the "dead language." Although this incredible language is considered "dead", your attention span can't be. So much of our scientific and medical language thrives on it. Of course it helps with our Enlish and those horrifying SAT's, ACT's, and various other standardized tests. Makes you wonder how people can call it "dead", doesn't it? With derivatives and conjuctions staring at you constantly, you must always be alive and knowing what you're doing in Latin. For this reason, Latin proves to be a challenging organization in which to take part. When faced with this ancient language, students must take their knowlege and abilities one step further... to the next level we say in Latin. Our class was definitely above and beyond the other foreign languages. Some people believe "Latin derives from several English words" and the sentence structure is very difficult to get down or understand. Again, we in Latin, like to say that English derives from Latin, which it probably does. Mrs. Schaefer has had a great deal of difficulty educating and transfering this difficult language to her pupils times. Oh, and speaking of mythology... was some one speaking of mytholgy? Well, anyway, speaking mythology, we concentrated a great deal of time learning about Zues or Jupiter and all his friends. For example we studied Hera or Juno, his wife, Hades Pluto, dea (god) of the underworld, Mars or Ares, dea of belli (war), Aphrodite or Venus, dues (goddess) amor (love), Cupid or Eros, dea of amor, et al. So we always say in latin: "From eggs to apples we make it through the year."



(Back Row): Wesley Hejl, Josh Richter, Travis Huber, Tara Svehlak, Lacie Ruemke, Margaret Garry, Chandler Dabbs, Kristen Bohac, Racheal Lute, Deanna Baran, Ragina DeCharia , Mrs. Schaefer. (Middle Row): Amber Seidel, Sophia Doss, Casey Sutton, Lindsay Harbers, Stephanie Rohlack, Amber Welch, Sara Smensky, Ryan Remmert, Chase Frock, Nicole White. (Front Row): Linzy Wallace, Beth Richter, Jennifer Kolinek, Alisha David, Tammy Cervenka, Amy Johnson, Josh Verastique.

Surprise! → Amber Seidel is shocked to learn that Cupid was the God of Love.





Officers: Beth Richter, Tammy Cervenka, Amy Johnson, Nicole White

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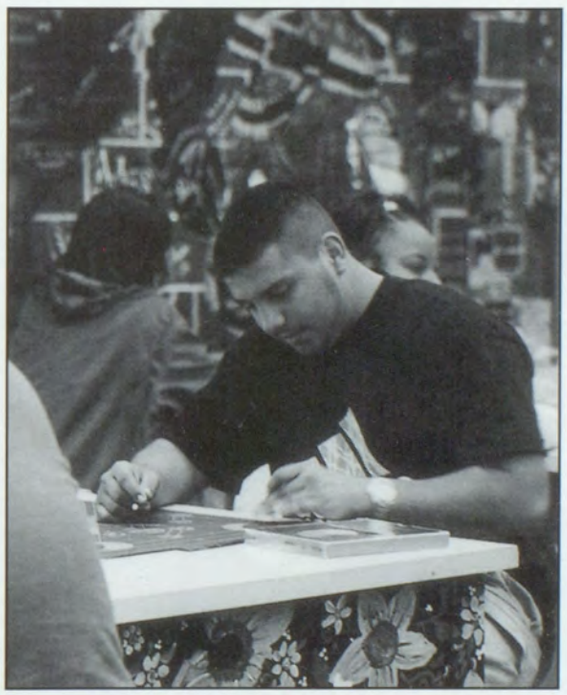
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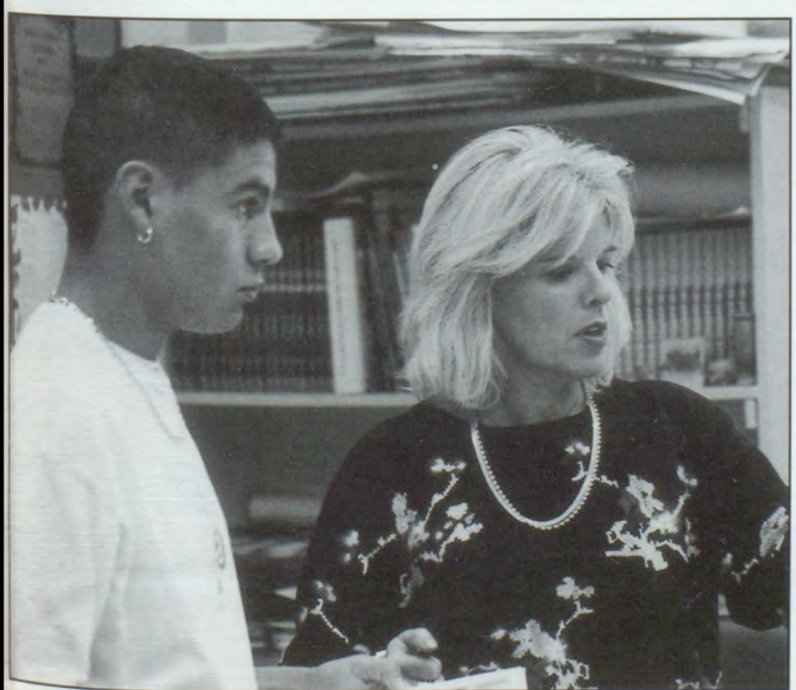
Art Club colors between the lines

Joining clubs in school is a good way to become active in extracurricular activities. There are so many to choose from that it is hard to pick the good ones, which offer a fun time and a good experience. The Art Club provided great times and wonderful memories for everyone who participated in it except for Mrs. Hendrix, the club sponsor. From our lunch meetings with pizza where we got to relax and eat free food, to the club trip to San Antonio where we went to the mall and River Walk, greater fun could not have been found anywhere else. In addition to the mall, we attended the Helzeburg Circus Museum. Just when things couldn't get any better, we took a trip to Austin to visit a variety of really cool places such as the Mexi-Carte Museum, the Wild About Art Gallery, and the African American Art Exhibit at the LBJ Library. A lot of new faces took over the officer positions. Dan Martin was voted in as Art Club president, and Amanda Welch was newly-elected vice president. Brandon Raesz was the secretary and Tara Burba took over as treasurer. The parliamentarians were Clayton Turner, Ike Houston, and Darren Helbert. In a complete sum up of this year's Art Club, one might say it was a successful year. The club grew from last year resulted in more fun, and it promises to be even better in the years to come.



Top: Ernest Martinez, Stephen Konarik, Nicole Torres, Manuel Perez, Martha Flores, Daniel Perez, Richard Smith, Nick Shelton, Manuel Chavana, Brian Heeke, Josh Richter, Stephen Sanchez, Travis Huber, Heather Guardiola, Justin Graef, James Massey, Ualitha Cook, Mrs. Hendrix. Third row: Miguel Salazar, Arthur Pachicano, David Scarborough, Don Hernandez, Brandon Gomez, Antonio Fitzgerald, Thomas Pickerill, Fermin Aguirre, Crystal Block, Maria Gonzales, Danielle Townsend, Amaris Tealer, Brooke Gomez. Second row: Balentine Flores, Matt Boker, Wesley Hejl, Tara Burba, Samantha Ging, Brandon Raesz, Troy Dominguez, Bubba Talley, Darren Helbert, Jennifer Gonzales, Cassie Hyzak, Maria Flores, Amy Zucknick. Bottom row: Randy Blackwell, Pete Ellis, Carlos Menchaca, Dan Martin, Jarod Stojanik, Dominick Devastey, George Turosik, Ike Houston, Chris Hejl, Amanda Welch, Brooke Dlouhy, Lisa Bell, Kristine Muegge.







Art Club officers. Tara Burba, Brandon Raesz, Amanda Welch, Dan Martin

"I'll put a happy little tree here who lives in a happy little forest and has happy..." Steve Estrada gets busy.
Next best thing to Bob Ross! Mrs. Hendrix advises her students wisely.

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The Icing On The Cake

DiNi Tastes Great the First Time Around

DiNi, or Destination Imagination, served as an ice-cream sundae with cherries on top for creative competition. As Odyssey of the Mind was been in the past, DiNi handed the plate over to the right-brainers at high school. Teams consisting of seven members competed in all different categories at the Capital Region Meet in March. Months of hard work proved worthwhile during the presentation of the team challenges and instant challenges. The theme for DiNi was "Food for Thought," and each team worked to solve a problem and incorporated food into our solutions. Everything dealing with the competition tied into some thing one could find on a menu some judges wore hats covered i fruit, points were measured i calories, and each skit dealt wit some type of edible medium. Eac team from high school ate up th competition, and we showed jus how fruitful our thoughts were.

Destination Imagination...
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If Music Be the Food of Life, Play On!
Chris Leshikar, Wesley Hejl, Clayton Krueger, Lacie Ruemke, Sean Washington, Paul



"The Graef Team" had an experience all its own this year. In years past, our team, like all others, spent many work nights together to make our skit the one that would take us all the way to state. But with the introduction of DINI came the introduction of many new problems. We were faced with a totally improvisation skit. Our team practiced a total of two times to prepare for our skit. We had the absence of one of our best team members, Ross Thornton, but we still pulled together to make a humorous and somewhat educational skit. With Justin Graef as Bigfoot, Candace Benad as Albert Einstein, Courtney Minzenmayer as Merlin the wizard, Tracy Machu as Sir Jorge, and Brandon Raesz as King Arthur, we meshed the cast of unlikely characters and walked away with a 250 out of a possible 300. We went in expecting to just compete and leave, but we had a blast and all worked together to make the Saturday a worthwhile and fun experience. We will never forget Candace's mom taking us to IHOP and to the mall for 4 hours in-between our instant challenge and skit, or how "Mom" Graef drove past the turn to the school 3 times! This team has made lots of memories, and they are memories that we will never forget.







Instant Pudding Team
Courtney Minzenmayer, Candace Benad, Tracy Machu, Justin Graef, Brandon Raesz.



↖ **A witch? No! It's Merlin!** Courtney Minzenmayer and her teammates smile after competition.

↖ **Instant Pudding!** The team models their spontaneous costumes.

↑↑ **You've got a friend in me!** Justin Graef and Candace Benad lean on each other at DiNi competition.

↑ **BIGFOOT!!!** Justin Graef IS Bigfoot--there's no doubt about it.

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Ba-ba-ba banana split! Imagine a world much like our own, where friends come together to solve incredible problem situations. This year our DiNi team challenge was to build a roller coaster for tennis ball passengers. Like always, there were many specifications and rules to follow. Besides the coaster we needed a skit, costumes, props, and a couple of fine arts elements. Finally deciding on a 50's soda shop theme, the team set to work on a story line. Using the "unique" singing ability of the team, we created a fitting banana split song to the tune of "Barbara Ann." We made waitress outfits and bow ties to fit the theme. Our coaster was made from carefully cut and shaped wire and a few other gadgets. As bases we used buckets filled with "Magic Stuff," which strikingly resembled ice cream, and we painted the protruding sticks to look like straws. Upon entering the room in which we spent many hours, an insatiable desire for food hit us as we looked at the "ice cream floats" that we had created, resulting in many trips to Sonic and Taco Bell. While out and about, we usually stopped by Wal-Mart to wander (or run through) the aisles in search for more supplies... Like a giant bouncy ball. Back at work, enthusiasm was often in the air when jumps worked or portions were accomplished. Just ask Andrew who hit himself with a tennis ball after his excitement urged him to throw it down. The not-so-clean room, which was inhabited by the monster growing from the old papier mache, wasn't the only place we laughed. At Amber's house we witnessed Willie's hilarious Sponge Bob dance and Andrew's maniac dance, during which he fell through the doors. As a group we headed over to the local carnival and walked the grounds over and over in search for a candy apple for Becky. Out to eat at La Margarita, Willie-being a good citizen-startled a woman while swiping a spider off her back. After, "Leroy, party of 5!," was called, we made fun of Amber's "wakamole" salad and our waitress who was stingy on the cherries. As competition time approached, we decided to make bananas and wondered whether or not the monkey would stay on the coaster. With butterflies in our stomachs, it was time to present all that we had worked so hard on. Willie, Becky, Amber, and Alison danced while Stinky, Smelly, and Sloppy Joe sang and ran the coaster. The judges were quite impressed with our approach to the problem (using gravity and no other propulsion device), but unfortunately it wasn't quite up to speed. Though we did walk away with 3rd place, and a surprise Da Vinci award, State wasn't within our grasp. But the cutting, pinning, shaping, gluing, coloring, painting, positioning, measuring, timing, creating, cheering, eating, rehearsing (?), readjusting, dancing, singing, memorizing, competing, and laughing was totally worth it.



Fruit Roller Coaster

Micah Grau, Andrew Morris, Tim Copple, Willie Fields, Amber Byfield, Alison Mayer, and Becky Estrada. Team 'Manager': The Lovely Mrs. Bonnie Estrada.













A hairbrush?! The team huddles around their "miscellaneous" object--a hairbrush (microphone, duster, cleaner...)!

Super Sonic Banana Split Cherry Topper 2000...and ONE! Tim Copple starts the coaster while Andrew Morris and Micah Grau work out the technical difficulties.

Soda jerks. The team looks spiffy in their homemade 50's ice cream shop garb.

Bee-bopin'! During the somewhat original song, "Banana Split," Amber Byfield and Becky Estrada jitterbug.

Imagine a world much like our own... Willie Fields contemplates his upcoming Spongebob Dance and watches as his teammates precariously align the coaster.

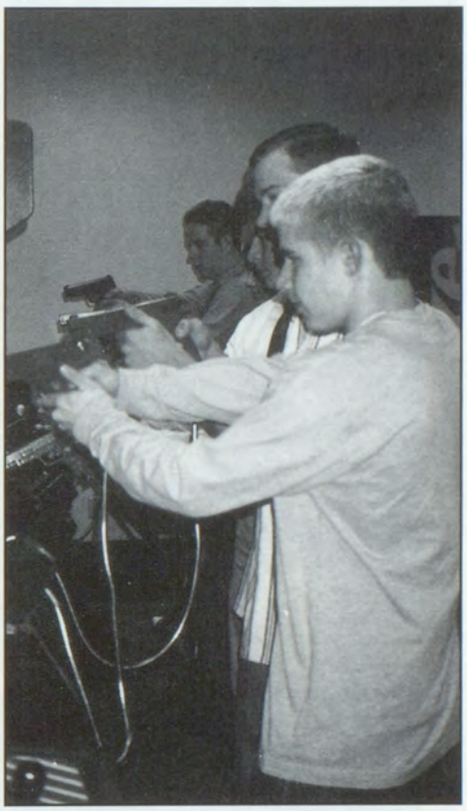
A banana split in a few minutes? You've got to be kidding! The three girls continue to dance as the guys sing, "ba-ba-ba nana split!"

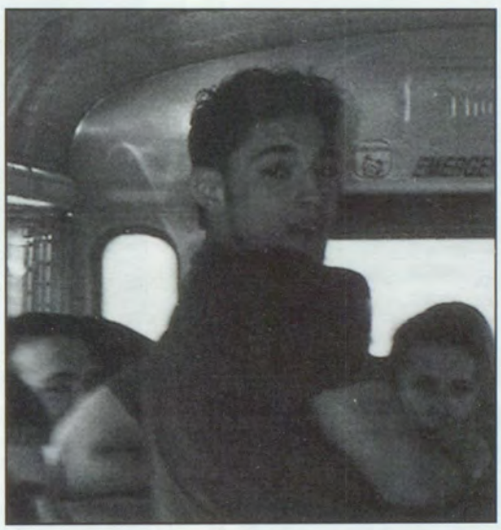
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Neck-and-Neck Academic Competition

U.I.L. Events Take Academics Up a Level

Taylor Placed Second in District





Brit Oliphint, James Massey, Josh Verastique, Clayton Krueger, Sean Mack, and Al Block shoot their video game targets in the game room at Blinn College.

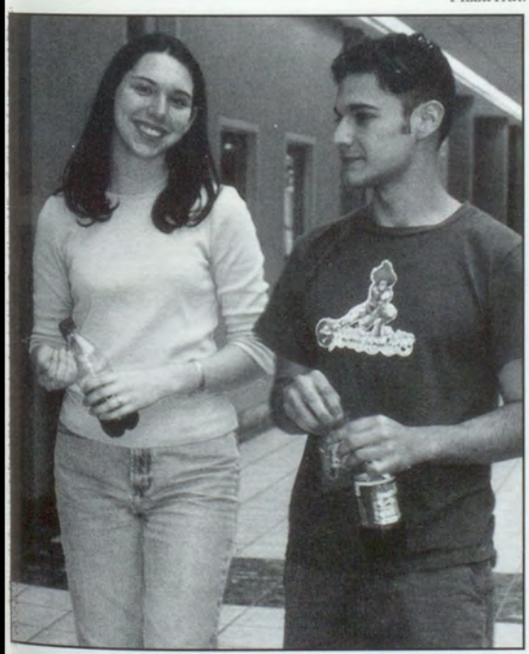
Have you seen my shoe? Javier Garcia is on the lookout for his shoe (which happens to be safe with Mr. Rogers!).

It was a breeze! Amber Byfield smiles as she tells Javier Garcia about her competition results.

A friendly wave! Jennifer Kolinek is getting mentally prepared for her competition.

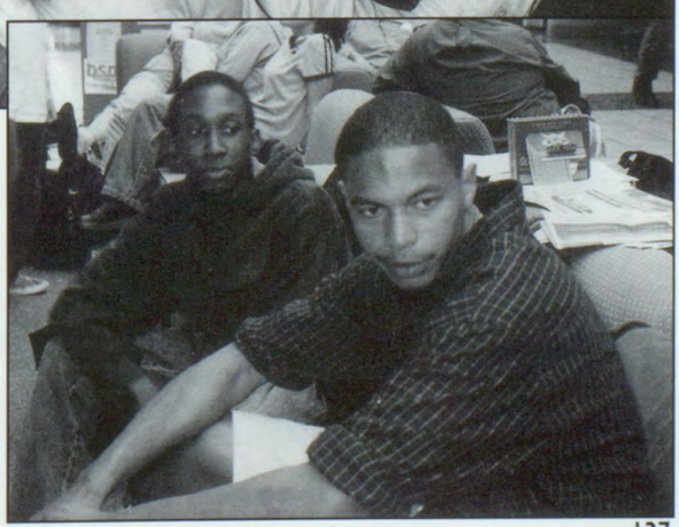
I spy with my little eye . . . Willie Fields and Dominick Devastey take a break between competitions to scope out their surroundings.

Who wants to ask the blessing? Brit Oliphint, Stephen Konarik, Chris Kautz, Al Block, Rebecca Lewis, and Javier Garcia are grateful for a chance to sit down and eat after a mile long walk to the Brenham Pizza Hut.









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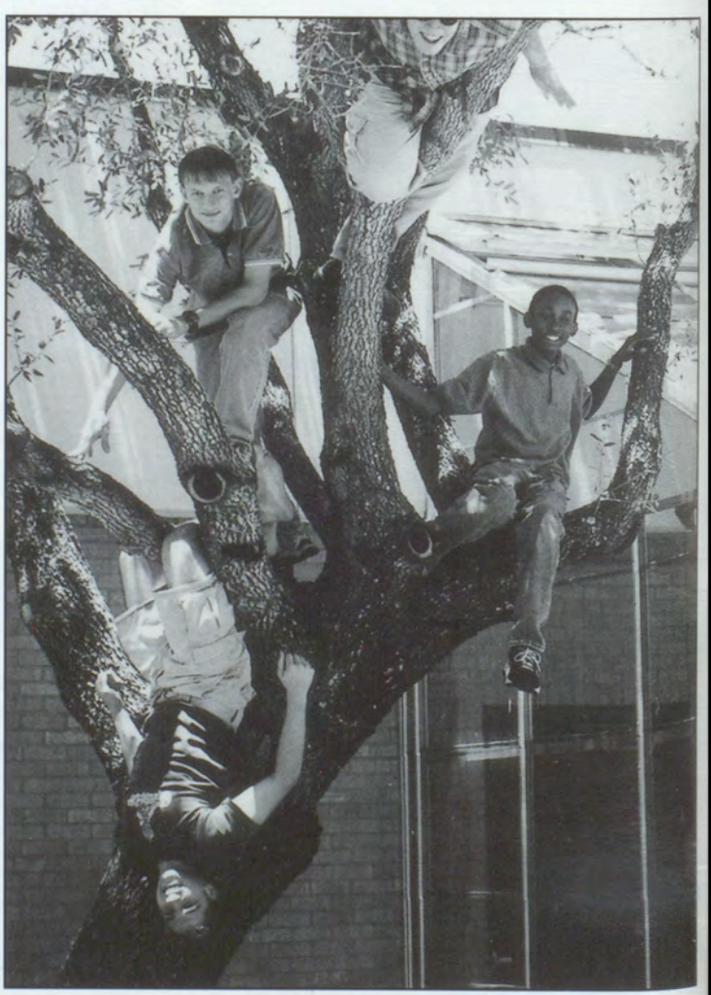
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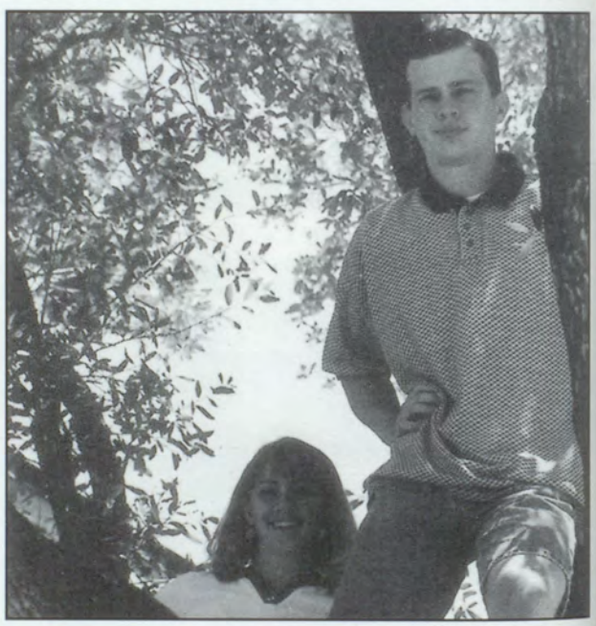
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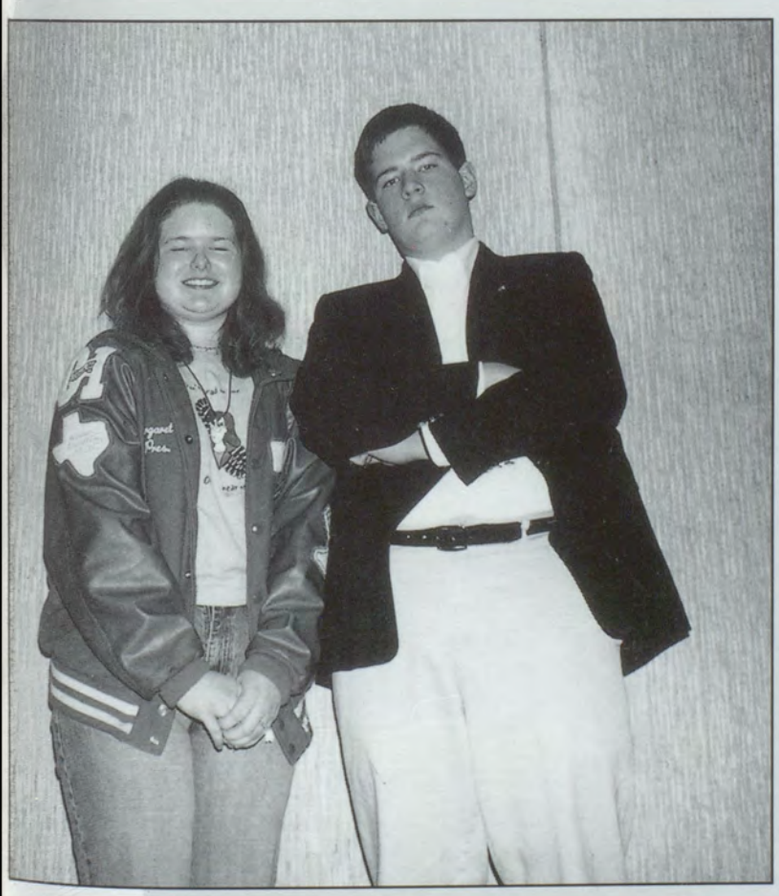


Persuasive Speaking: Brit Oliphint and Josh Verastique

Can't Argue Your Way Out Of This One

Speech and Debate Club Talk Their Way To State

Speech and Debate members saw the results of many hours of hard work, dedication, team effort, and research. Cross-X team members: Danny Ramirez and John Grerrero won first place at the U.I.L. destrict meet held held in Taylor, while Cross-X team members Margret Garry and Miguel Verastique took an honorable second place. This achievement qualified the two teams for advancement to the U.I.L. Cross-X State competition held in Austin on the U.T. campus. Although neither team won the State championship, both teams represented Taylor admirably. What makes this accompishment so great is the fact that this was the first time any of these students had debated Cross-X before! Nicole White also achieved great success with the Lincoln-Douglas debate, wining first place at the U.I.L. district meet held at Blinn College, also qualifying for the U.I.L. regional meet held at Blinn. With the team work evident, Speech and Debate pulled out with recognition and success in their work.



Bad Boy? Miguel Verastique? Nah! Miguel Verastique and Margaret Garry pose at U.I.L. competition. ↑

Nicole White
Informative Speaking First Place

Brit Oliphint
Persuasive Speaking First Place

Alexis Hutton
Persuasive Speaking Fourth Place



Spiffy! John Guerrero, Danny Ramirez, Margaret Garry, and Miguel Verastique put on their debating faces for the upcoming competition. →

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Defeating Sinton

Academic Decathlon Knows Mor

Few know more about turning an academic event into an eventful saga than the Academic Decathlon team. After taking the initial tests, we found out who the real sticklers were--and we became the team that competed first at Regionals and then at State. We practiced during our short Christmas break, and after school thereon. In February, we shined at Regional competition in Palacious. Each team member won at least one medal, but most won more than five. At the Log Cabin, study sessions gradually winked their way into assassin games, lap-top movies, staring contests, and arm wrestling. Although it was safe to say that everyone knew most of their study material, we soon found that very few knew how to melt cheese. It was freezing, but our cabin wasn't technologically capable of supporting the heater...so we resorted to other means. Privacy was, dare we say, unheard of as conversations trickled from one room to the next. After all in Palacious was said and done, we made our way home and left the log cabin (along with hundreds of memories) behind us.

With State competition creeping up on us, we hit the books. Super Quiz was our major area of study, and a special test was made for each member of the team. We learned that one acre of alfalfa produces about 300 pounds of nitrogen. In the month between Regional and State, we became even better friends.

We arrived in Lufkin on February 25, and checked into the hotel. Yes, it had a swimming pool... At Angelina College, we settled in to our team room before the testing began. Speech and Interview went well. Late night study sessions at the hotel, um, didn't happen. We swam for a while, and eventually turned in for the night (after a shower, of course!). The course of academic tests went well, with easygoing team meetings. The team did well at Super Quiz, although we all knew we could have done better. At the awards ceremony, we were honored to have several winners drew Morris won medals in art, economics, mathematics, an the Varsity level. Al Block won a gold medal in math; Becca L earned medals in art, language and literature, and fifth in Scholastic group. Stephanie Rohlack, the highest point-ea on our team, won medals in music and social sciences. Out o the schools, she was the top scorer in Super Quiz. On Satur night, we made a quick trip to the oh-so-happening Lufkin and then to Albertson's, where we bought "cake-baking" ma als, an apology card, and candy. Sunday morning came m too early, but Javier, Becca, Tim, Andrew, and Amber were up e decorating Frisco's van with all the "cake" materials. The home was intriguing, complete with ugly shoes, bad hair, sweaty leg pits. But once you've grown so close to your tea mates, things like that don't matter.



Sinton Smashers

Top Row: Andrew Morris, Tim Copple, Amber Byfield, Mr. Conrardy. Middle Row: Aaron Gaudin, Josh Verastique, Javier Garcia. Bottom Row: Stephanie Rohlack, Anne Foley, Brit Oliphint, Alison Mayer. Not Pictured: Becca Lewis and Al Block.





Go Academic Decathlon! Under the banner, the team prepared for their long trek south to Palacious. ↗

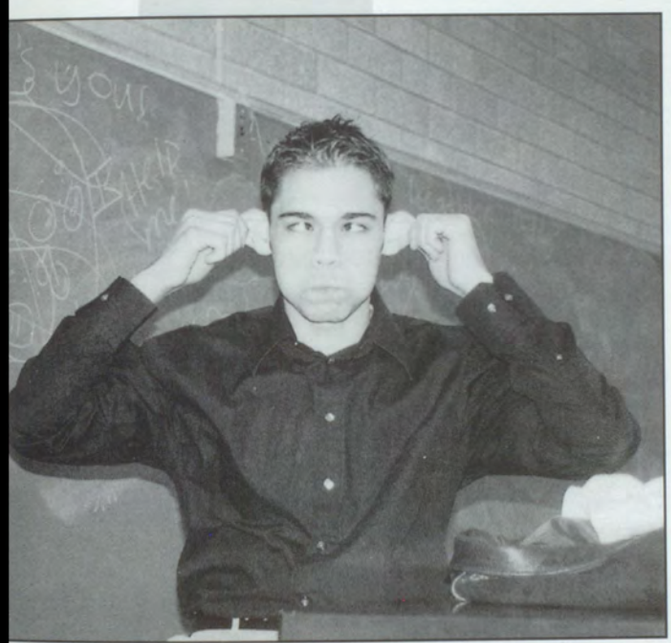
What an intelligent group... After Regional Super Quiz, the AcDec Team proudly shows their 20 points, which later earned them a gold medal! ↗

SEVEN GDPs!!! After all is said and done at the State meet, the team stands in front of their van...gritting their teeth at the seven points they missed third place by. →















↖ **Poor Little Rardy...**Al, Josh, and Aaron tape Mr. Conrardy's son Aaron to a pole. Is that cruel and unusual punishment?

↑↑ **Drumroll, please!** At the awards ceremony, the team accepts their 2nd place overall award.

↖ **Quit monkeying around!** Javier Garcia puts his best face forward, thinking, "money often costs too much" right before his speech.

↑ **Oh my gosh, I'm so surprised.** Andrew Morris and Becca Lewis have expressions of, um, surprise on their faces after winning several State medals.

← **The blob...**Al Block runs from the camera, but he should be running from his hair!

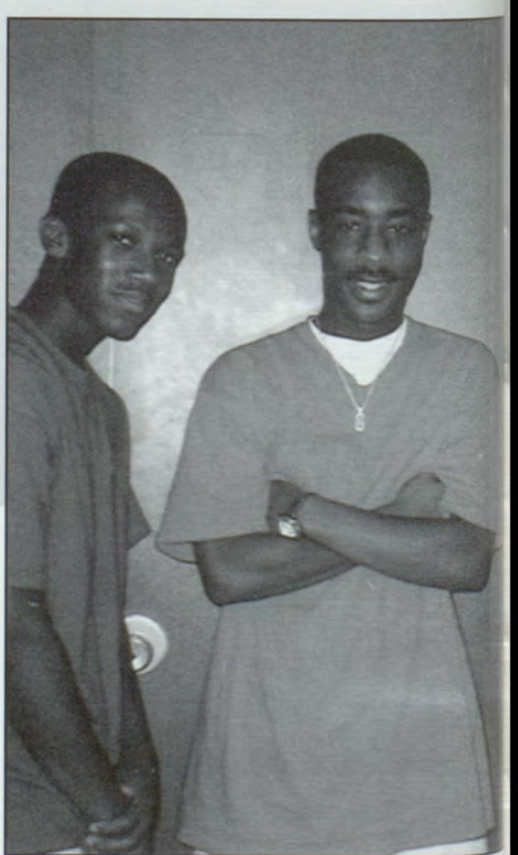
Moving On Up

Upward Bound Helps Students Be All They Can B

How many high school students have the opportunity to spend a few hours a week on a college campus taking classes, getting tutored, and having fun with students from all around the Austin area? How many students have the opportunity to travel around Texas visiting college campuses? Not many, that's for sure. The students of Upward Bound had a great 1999-2000 school year. They benefited a great deal from the academic enrichment courses, counseling, and other activities that have helped prepare them for college. Just having the opportunity to be on a university campus helped them envision what it will be like to be in college. Upward Bound took first place in the Homecoming Parade, had a great Christmas Dinner and Program with many parents in attendance, and finished off the year with a Spring Gathering at Murphy Park. Upward Bound students also dedicate much time and energy to community service activities. This year, the students helped wrap Christmas gifts for needy families as part of Red Santa, and they also participated in the "Trash the Trash Day" city-wide clean up effort. In addition to the great activities that took place during the school year, many members earned enough "points" to participate in the Upward Bound Summer Program where they will study and live in the dorms for six weeks. Upward Bound encourages parent involvement through meetings with the Assistant Principal and Upward Bound co-sponsor, Mrs. Stela Balderas. The parents have been very supportive and many had the opportunity to visit Huston-Tillotson and attend college visit field trips as well. The students of Upward Bound would like to thank their parents and would also like to thank Mrs. Lydia Rodriguez, Upward Bound co-sponsor, for traveling to Huston-Tillotson with them every Wednesday night as the school representative. Mrs. Rodriguez has been a great organizer and a real advocate on the students' behalf. The program simply could not run without her! The underclassmen also wish Marlene and Ualitha good luck now that they have graduated and are beginning college. Last but not least, the students would like to thank the Huston-Tillotson High School Enrichment staff for their hard work in developing and running a program that has become such a great part of their school experience. Ms. Keisha Rowe, Ms. Usherika Vance, and Mr. Sean Haley, Director, thank you for your continued interest in our success. Watch out Taylor, we are Upward Bound!















Upward Bound: Kindra Brandon, Kelly Cage, Robert Crathers, April Davis, Cederick Frederick, John Guerrero, Katorica Henderson, Jesse King, Arris Rossell, Carlton Rossell, Teronica Williams, Yasmina Carter, Charlotte Frederick, Lee McKinney, Shacauslyn Redic, Leah Caldwell, Ualitha Cook, Marlene Rodriguez.



"Upward Bound was an amazing experience, and I'm thankful that I was a part of it."
Ualitha Cook

↑↑ **New York, New York!** Marlene Rodriguez stands in New York.

↑ **Dancing the night away...** Leah Caldwell leads a song and dance at the Upward Bound Banquet.

↖ **Friends for life!** Friends in Upward Bound pose together before heading out.

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The Drama Crowd

Cut! That's a Wrap!

"Calling all thespians, calling all thespians!" We couldn't have had a more productive year without the compassion and dedication of all of the experienced and fresh young actors and actresses. We came together as one every second Thursday to discuss plans for our productions, fund-raisers, and community service projects (even though some of us still haven't turned the money in--you know who you are). Throughout the term we put on four productions, one of which was the UIL One-Act Play. We began the year with our first annual folly show, I.T.: Improv Tonight. Although a few people were shaky, we had a lot of fun with IT, especially with our "Mother Love." With only two nights to prepare for the show, IT came through well; even though some of us were late on our cues. We followed IT, with our Christmas Melodrama, *A Christmas Crisis at Mistletoe Mesa*, which involved long hours and remarkable memories. For example, who would forget when "someone" always messing up on the famous line of "*..Ding Dangit...,*" and when we saw mama Grunch inside that oversized present (plus the fact that it didn't stay on long when she fell). Working as a "cast" for the first time went well and the audience seemed to enjoy the show. Finally, we finished off the year with our Theater Festival, a combination of monologues and one-act plays, which our students directed themselves, but it was canceled. With yet another new teacher and having new ideas, she brought out some undiscovered talent in her new students and taught some new techniques for our more experienced members. We even saw Shakespeare in the Park, where we forgot to wait for one individual who magically appeared during the performance. We, as a club, have grown to help each other, and even though we had some stressful times, we will always know that our work paid off and that we learned to communicate better with ourselves and others.





Top: Chandler Dabbs, Savannah Stiba, Jacque Wallace, Kyle Kaiser, Michelle Chait, Bethann Paul, Andrea Harrell, Micah Grau, Andrew Morris Bottom: Lauren Currie, Jamie Ruden, Cricket Brogan, Tracy Machu, Koda Gallegos, Nicole Artieschoufsky, Jenna Eschburger



Officers
Top to Bottom: Kyle Kaiser, Koda Gallegos, Emily Johnson, Michelle Chait, Tracy Machu, Andrea Harrell, Marlo Freeman, Tarisa Walker

The desert is a lonely place withouth a friend, but Kyle Kaiser and Emily Johnson will never thirst for friendship. ↗









A.C.T. Club

Top To Bottom: Crystal Block, Koda Gallegos, Emily Johnson, Jacque Wallace, Paul Zucknick, Tarisa Walker, Kyle Kaiser, Michelle Chait, Andrew Morris, Nicole Artieschoufsky, Savannah Stiba, Andrea Harrell, Tracy Machu, Jenna Eschburger, Cricket Brogan, Stephanie Rohlock, Jamie Ruden, Lacie Cervenka, Alison Martinez, Jennifer Green



"The world is a stage..."

William Shakespeare

↑↑ **I Love you Betty, and if its quite alright...** Nicole Artieschoufsky and Koda Gallegos serenade Beth Ann Paul.

↖ **And I was like..Yeah!** Savannah Stiba explains to Michelle Chait about her problems during rehearsal.

↑ **All young girls are pretty,** but apparently Beth Ann Paul and Crystal Block's age has deteriorated beyond pretty here.

The Ma- Ma- Magic Well

One Act presented tough competition in Caldwell to our enthused actors and actresses performing "The Magic Well." Even though we didn't advance we gave it our best, making the crowd roar with laughter and gasp with shock. Especially when Prince Arlo Marlo, Koda Gallegos, chose Tissy, the Dumb Princess played by Michelle Chait, for his bride over Prissy, the clever one played by Nicole Artieschoufsky, and Lissy, the smart one played by Jaque Wallace. The town fool, Kyle Kaiser, kept the audience entertained with his silly stunts and goofy laughter! The old woman, Crystal Block, brought a comic relief with the old man after fighting with him numerous times. The play couldn't ever go on with out the kooky Old King Cole, Micah Grau, mystical old hag, Tarisa Walker, and poet, Tracy Machu. These characters were the basis of our little town. The work that we put into the props and set pieces with major help from our official "prop builder" Brian Lewis made the stage magical and was well worth the complements on our setting by the judge at competition. Our well, within which Cricket, the frog, couldn't pry herself away from, was the centerpiece of our show. Along with the unique props, our costumes truly bought out the medieval look to our play. Mrs. Freeman, our director, kept us focused and inspired throughout the progress and performance of our production. Jamie Ruden and Michael Machu worked backstage and brought "light" to the show. Andrew Harrell (Mrs. Blinky, our nearsighted bird watcher) and Andrew Morris (The Dragon) received honorable mention awards at competition. The old man, played by a young woman (Bethann Paul), won an award for All Star cast. We will never forget the tears, the sweat, and the memories, and had a lot of fun putting the finished product together and we will definitely learn from our mistakes.





Dragon? I'm not a Dragon I'm a Frog and all Frog! Crickett Brogan Resides in the well as the Frog.

I saw a Dragon over there! Andrea Harrell portrays Mrs. Blinky, our near sighted bird watcher.



All in the Family. Old King Cole keeps an eye on his daughters: Tissy, Prissy, and Lissy.

Which one will i choose? Koda Gallegos our "macho" prince slyly picks his wife to wed.







It's a well; A Magic Well. Bethann Paul, Ashley Williams, Tracy Machu and Stacey Sutton help mold our well into place.

YOU MADE FUN OF HER AND SHE SEEN IT! Betty and Kyle goof around back stage

Just call me Tim Taylor. Ashley Williams searches for the siccors in the utility closet.

I shall sit here all night stirring my...Invisible pot. Tarisa Walker practices her stiring for the part of the old hag.









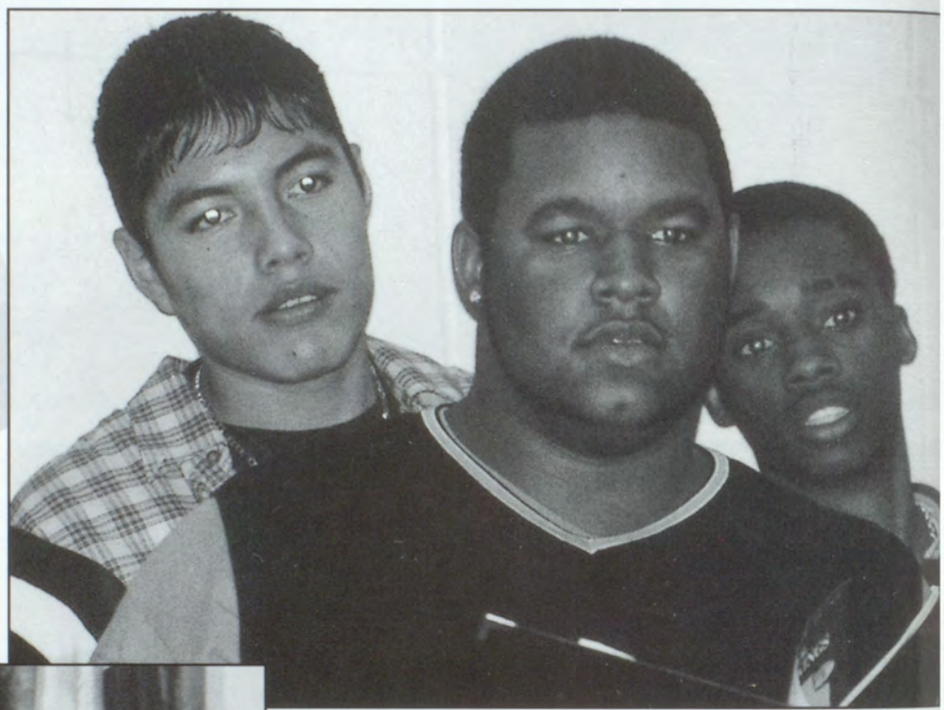
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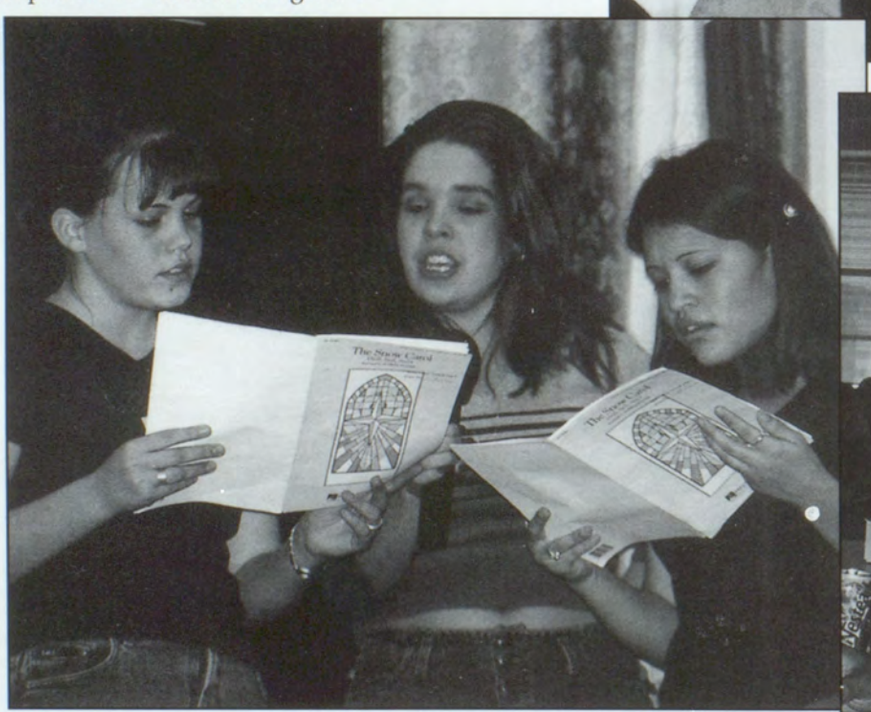
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We Know Our Scales and Arpeggios

Choir Hits the High Notes

"Do mi so do do so mi do...every cultured music student knows, like a tree ability will bloom and grow." This being the case, we know that as a unit, our sound grew and formed into a breathtaking harmony that blew everyone away. With five regional qualifiers this year, we knew that our small choir was destined for great things. Although we started out rocky, with numerous different teachers and the loss of the wonderful Mrs. Bartosh, we feel that we pulled together as a sort of team. Without one person, we cannot play. If you are missing your tenors, it is like missing your quarterback. We all had to give it our all and we did. Without the hard work of every single member, we never would have come as far as we did. And looking back we see that our accomplishments have helped us to "bloom and grow".







We already know the words! These choir members sing confidently at the Christmas concert. ↗

"O Holy Night..." Laura Barefoot, Nicole Rowe, and Paula Herrera sing beautiful Christmas tunes. ↑

"What are you looking at?" Quincy Andrews and Laura Barefoot take a break from singing and start eating! →



Choir Officers
Nicole Rowe, Laura Barefoot, and Anna Dominguez

Come on Paula, you lead the way! Paula Herrera, Nicole Rowe, Laura Barefoot, and Jessica Alderete have fun at Regional Contest.

Yeah, we're cool and we know it. Paula Herrera, Laura Barefoot, Nicole Rowe, Quincy Andrews, and Jessica Alderete take a break inbetween singing at contest.



Back Row: D'Neshia Griffin, Phayln Woodridge, Anna Dominguez, Ike Houston, Corey Griffin, Quincy Andrews, Craig Williams, Orenthial Davis, Matt Bowker. Middle Row: Ashley Mathis, Debbie Martinez, Ida Faulkner, Vasmina Carter, Katara Johnson, Veronica Gonzales, Patrick Devastey. Front Row: Paula Herrera, Nicole Rowe, Laura Barefoot, Jessica Alderete, Amaris Tealer, Tabitha Haskins, Ashley Tamez.





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You Can Have Music Any Time

Band Serves up Sound Bytes



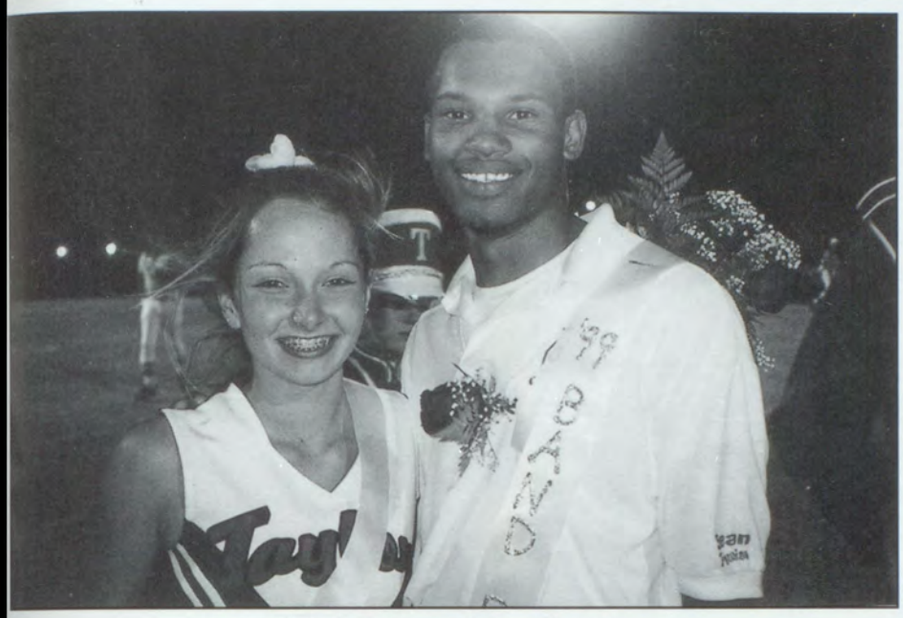
From swing to Latin to classic Holst, this year the band played all. We played in the rain, in the heat, in the cryogenic freezing vault of the band hall, in the morning, in the evening, and - yes - even at supper time. When music's with the Ducks, you will have music any time. At the start of marching season, we drilled the show again and again. During the games, the band supported the football players with even more brassy flare than ever before. All the hard work payed off: a Division One in marching! We must have done it for Jimmy! Celebration ensued, but concert season wouldn't wait. The pieces were eventually narrowed down to a Holst March, a sweet English tune, and a lively, technical few movements from Bennett's "Suite of American Dances." At contest, the band dazzled the judges. Comments like "piccolo: very nice" showered the critique sheets following the announcement of the Division One..which meant SWEEPSTAKES! Band ended with a bang. In May, the teachers named Mr. Rubio Campus Teacher of the Year, an honor well-deserved for a long while. His dedication and patience, along with the hard work of the assistant band directors, brought our band into the Sweepstakes status.



Tri-M Officers: Micah Grau, Anne Foley, Sean Washington, and Paul Zucknick.



This One's for You! Erica Block presents Mr. Rubio with a balloon boquet in honor of the Division 1 Rating. →



Band Beau and Sweetheart
Kristin Chait and Sean Washington











Tri-M

Top: Josh Verastique, Grant Daniels, Andrea Harrel, Andrew Morris, Heather Hazelwood, Kara Elliot, Erica Block, Paul Zucknick, Jason Pausewang, Kristen Massey, Clayton Krueger, Maria Fraire, and Tarisa Walker. Middle: Chris Young, Stephanie Faulkner, Amber Place, Kendra Zak, Willie Fields, Andrew Oser, Becky Estrada, Chandler Dabbs, Laura Massey, Laura Barefoot, Lacie Ruemke, and Heather Grimm. Bottom: Miguel Verastique, Chris Auerbach, Micah Grau, Anne Foley, Sean Washington, Ashley Place, Crystal Block, Stephanie Rohlack, and Heidi Grimm.



"Being President of Tri-M was quite an honor, and I enjoyed it immensely. Music plays in all of our lives, and we play a part in music's life."
Anne Foley,
Tri-M President

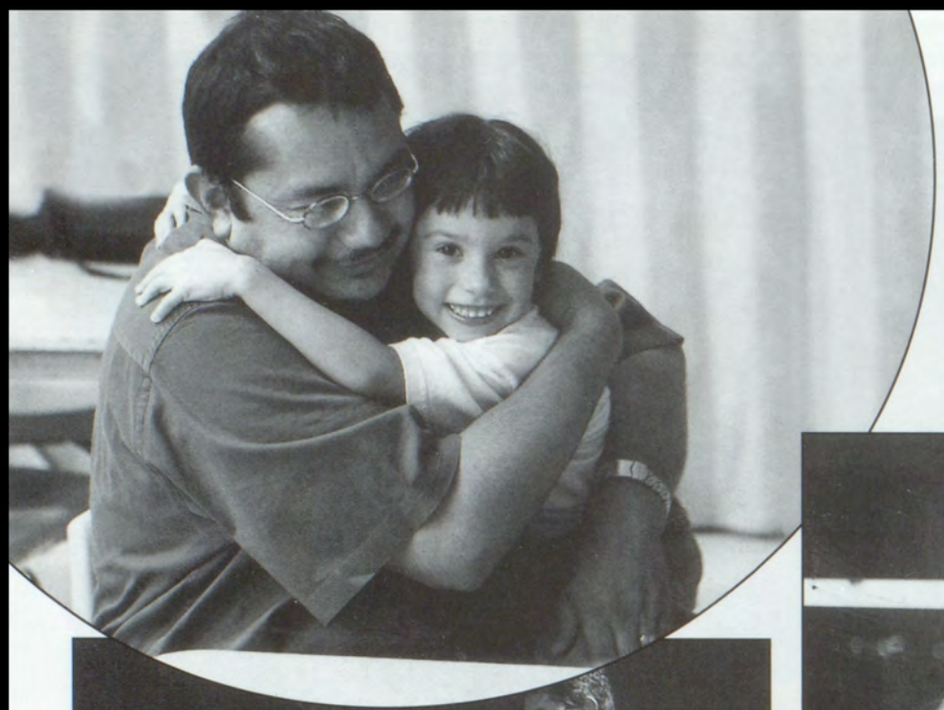
↑ **Swell!** Chandler Dabbs and Andrew Morris show off their "spiffy-ness."

↑ **Sister, sister.** Crystal and Erica Block stand together looking glamorous.

↖ **It's more than a tweet!** Kristin Chait and Anne Foley gracefully play their flutes.

↖ **Time for a sing along!** George Turosik, Darren Helbert, and Mrs. Kalbaugh join in with the band's Christmas carols.

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I love you, darling! Mr. Rubio hugs his daughter at the Band Bash.

This isn't Stepper camp! The mascot and part of the band line up for their own kick routine.

All dressed up... But Nicole Frazier and Laura Massey have somewhere to go--to the stage to perform.

Little Bugle Boy. Micah Grau plays his trumpet until the cows come home.

Musically inclined. Laura Johnson, Sean Washington, and Kristin Chait remember their past four years in band together.

Jingle bells! Mr. Rubio conducts the Band through a Christmas medley.







Association of Texas Small School Bands

Flutes: Lauren Currie, Kristen Massey, Kendra Zak; Clarinets: Lacie Ruemke, Andrea Harrell; Bass Clarinets: Sean Washington, Coty Brown; Bassoon: Stephanie Faulkner; Alto Sax: Clayton Krueger; Tenor Sax: Jason Pausewang; French Horns: Andrew Morris, Chandler Dabbs, Chris Auerbach; Trumpet: Micah Grau; Trombone: Carlos Romayor; Euphonium: Erik Fuller; Tuba: Robert Gonzales, Chad Cervenka.

TMEA 4A All-Region Band Clinic/Concert

Anne Foley, Kristin Chait, and Paul Zucknick for Wind Ensemble, Symphonic, and Concert Bands.

"Being a drum major was a lot of fun. All of our hard work finally paid off, and I'm glad I go to be a part of an award-winning band with a willingness to work. With all our awards, we had a new attitude about it all."
Tarisa Walker,
Drum Major





"It's so great to help lead a Band to the first Division 1 Rating in years. It's an experience I'll always remember."
Andrew Morris, Drum Major

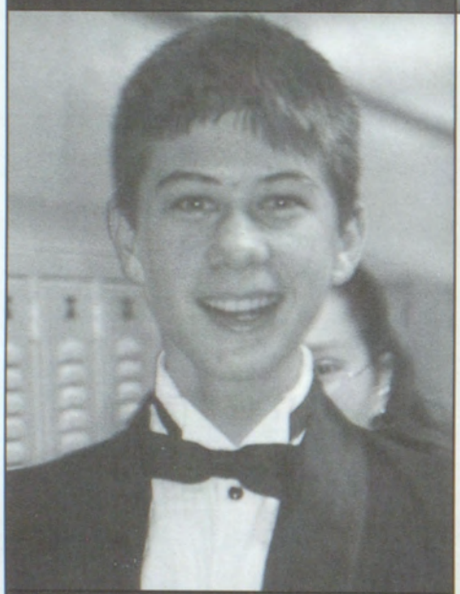


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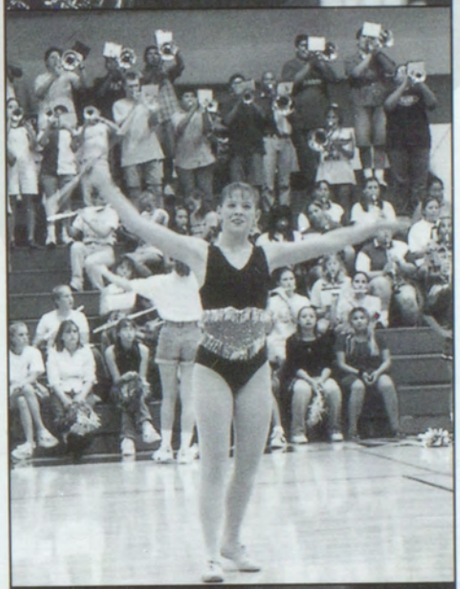




A medley of memories...

Band Signatures

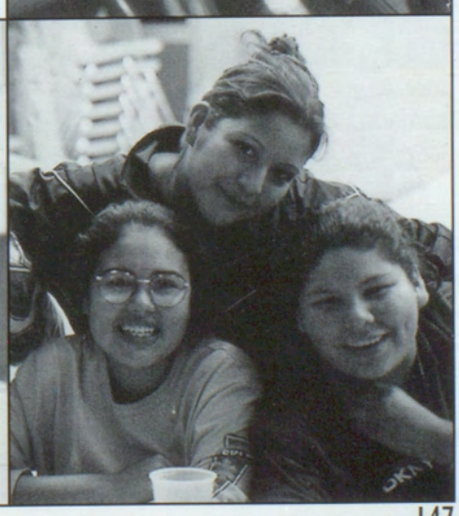












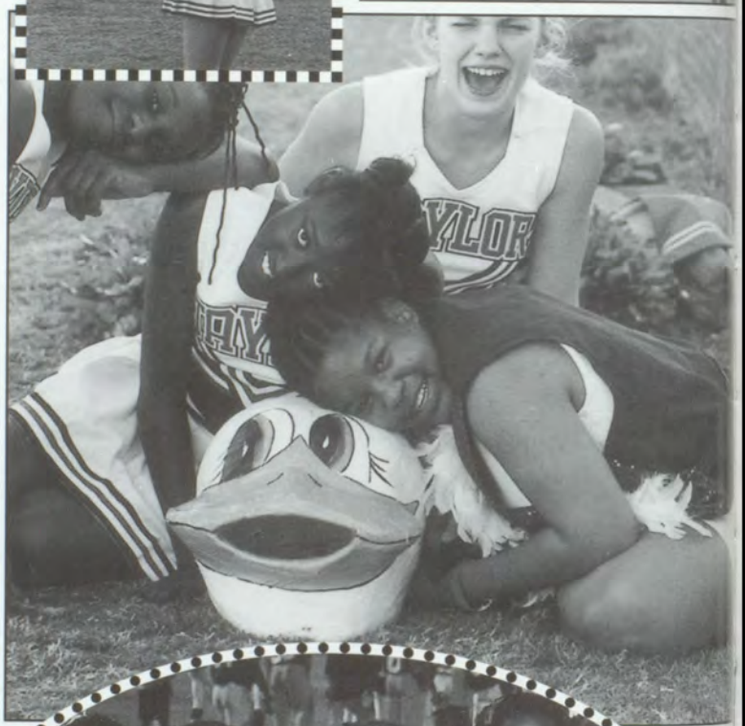
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LEADER





"You all have the name cheerleader branded on your forehead no matter where you go" -Carolyn Mohel. With these words, cheerleaders are faced with a huge responsibility. Whether we are at school or out with our friends on the weekend, we must be a leader to those around us at all times. Even with this on our shoulders, the duty of being a leader stretches on. On game days, we hold pep rallies for the football players in order to get them pumped up. Our biggest role, however, is game night. If you have ever been a cheerleader, you would know that the games are almost as hard for us as they are for the football players. One hour before the game is when our job starts for both JV and Varsity. Signs are needed to be rolled, taped, and hung up. Stretching, jumps, stunts, and tumbling take place in order to prepare for the four quarters ahead of us. We start the game with a pre-game cheer where we show our stuff and are announced to the crowd. After that we lead the crowd in the school song. The first quarter is always great, stunts are fresh, the jumps are high, and the cheers are loud. By halftime we are exhausted and ready for our break along with the football players. Third quarter we are still pushing on. With our hair frizzed to the max and our makeup completely wiped away with sweat, we smile and try to get the crowd into the game whether they respond or not. **That right there is a leader**...person who is persistent in what they do, happy about what they are doing, whether they want to be or not, and doing it all for someone else. A leader is someone who will smile even though they do not get one back because the score is fourteen to zero. And most of all, someone who leads, whether it is twenty kids at a pep rally, or two hundred fans at a football game. That is something we cheerleaders know a lot about. However, our school is not the only thing we work to make better. We have done several community service projects such as helping out local businesses to painting faces at a local church festival. We also participated in the All American City contest. We spent four hours on mainstreet shoe-polishing every window possible about how our town is the best. Then we held the main pep-rally that was video taped and sent to Philadelphia with the elected representatives. We were very much appreciated and even made the color picture on the front page of the newspaper! Through all this, we must say our biggest achievement was coming together as a team and accomplishing new goals. Stunts were definently our main attraction this year. We added a basket-toss and a heel stretch to the stunt list of awesomes, liberties, and extensions. We even put together some amazing pyramids that really stunned the crowd. Teamwork was really evident throughout the year. Girls stepped forward who have never been a top person or base and did an excellent job. Sean, who we will cherish forever, was our lifeline for stunting. His incredible strength really gave us the boost we needed to achieve our stunting goals. Overall, cheerleading is something we will love for as long as we live and even if you were not the happiest or most peppy cheerleader on the squad, there is not one person who can say that they did not have fun. We put in long hours for cheerleading and get no awards or cookies for it, but, we know that what we are doing counts and does make a difference and that right there is what makes all of us leaders.



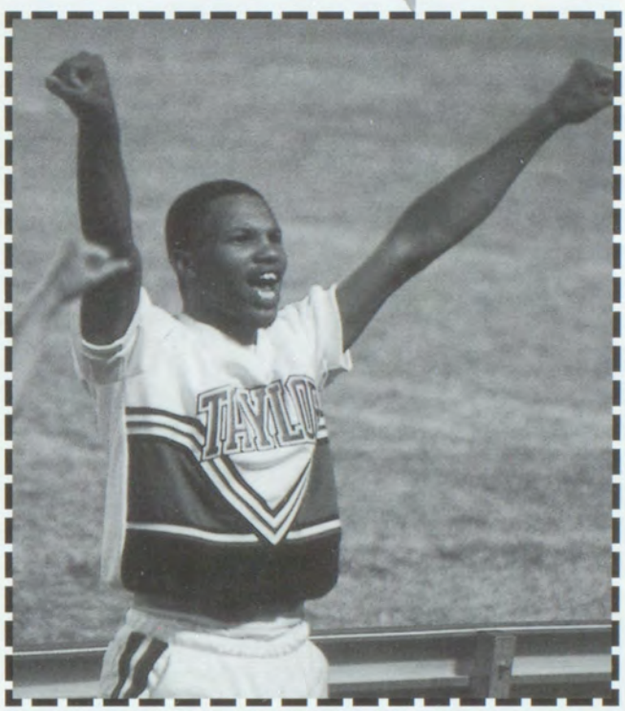


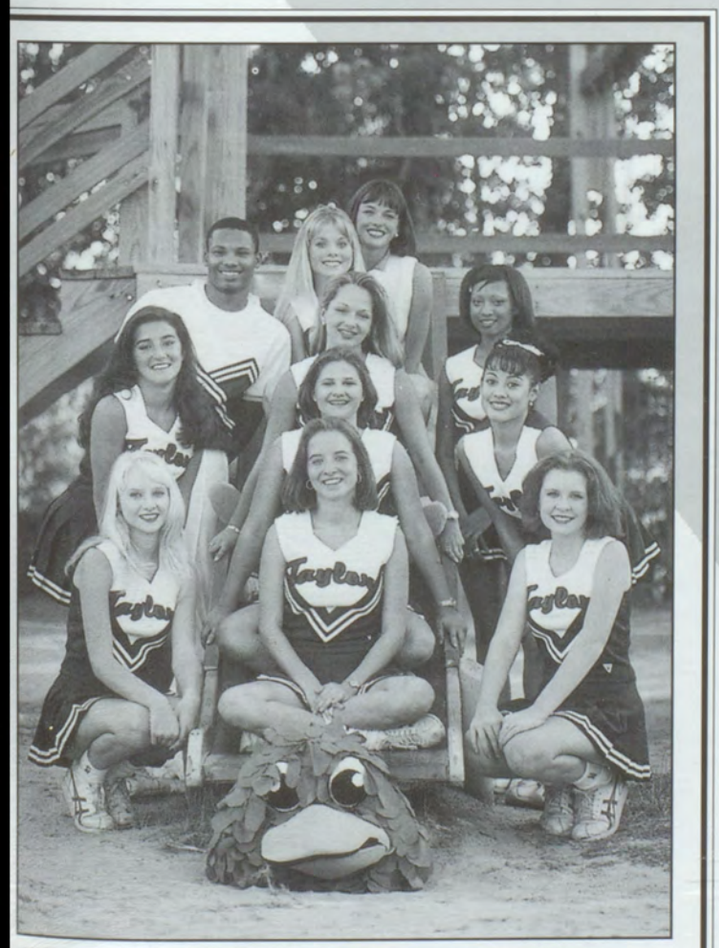
"Keli is by far the best mascot we have ever had on our team for years and we will always remember her for her crazy dancing and outgoing spirit!"- Cheerleaders and sponsors.

BEYOND JUST CHEERING



Front row: Krystal Zachary, April Davis, Aubre Meyer, Jill Sefcik, Stephanie Reeves. Top row: Amy Rinderknecht, Laura Ruiz, Ryan Marshall, Ashley Tamez, Tabitha Haskins.





First row: Abbi Mott, Alisha David, Sean Washington. Middle row: Amanda Welch, Janlyn Mokry, Brooke Dlouhy, Kristin Chait. Last row: Candace Benad, Brooke Gomez, O'Neshia Griffin.



↑↑ **Fire up Taylor!** Sean Washington boldly cheers to the Friday night football crowd. (Yes, BEBE!)

↖← **Oh, how cute!** The JV mascot shows love to her favorite Duck.

←← **Have you hugged your Duck today?** Varsity and JV cheerleaders gather around Keli Stewart (Duck) and show their appreciation.

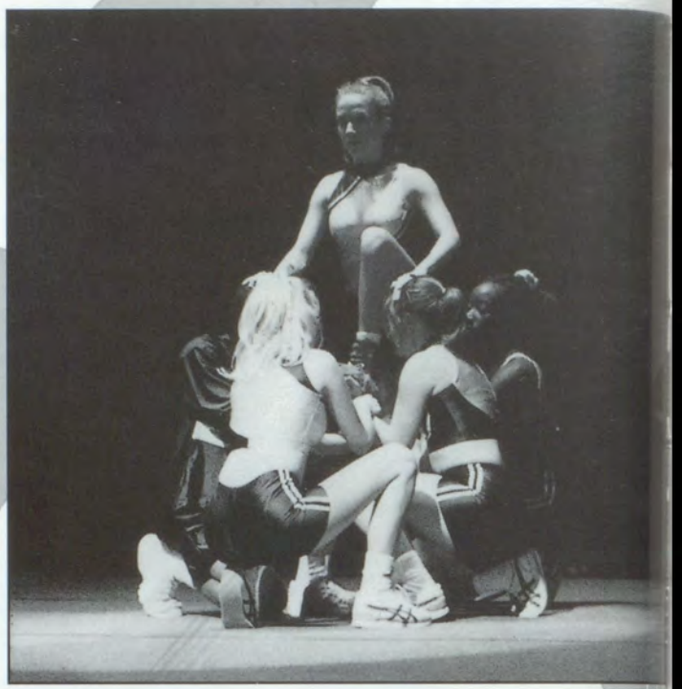
↖← **F-I-G-H-T...!** Amy Rinderkneckt performs a common fight chant for the fans!

↑↑ ←← **"Stick it!"** Senior Kristin Chait sticks her liberty perfectly while still managing to smile!

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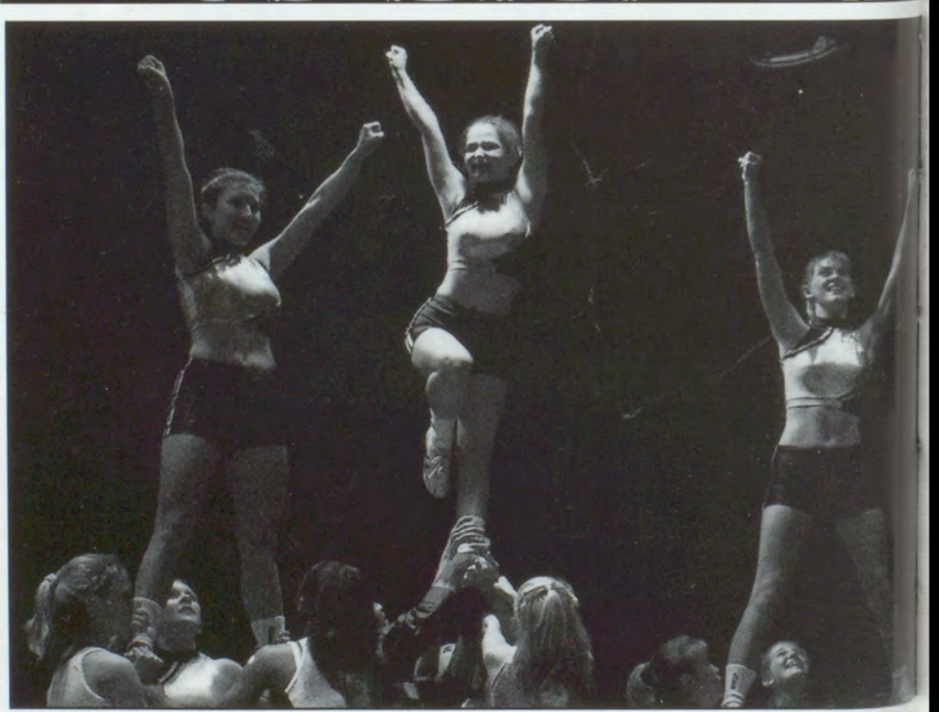
A New Light

Spring Show



"Ladies, what did I just say? Get in the Genie in a Bottle formation now!" Those all too familiar words from Debra Rinderknecht rang in our ears at every practice. Although our practices were rushed and stressful, we always seemed to end up wit h a smile on our faces when we walked away from the Pasemann Gym. We started our practices late, 6:00 in the evenings, and didn't finish up until close to 8:00. With two routines this year instead of one, our priorities differed from those of years past. No longer were we concentrating on one routine full of dancing and stunts, but two power packed numbers that we knew had to be perfect. Getting the outfits was also a big hassle. What we wanted wouldn't come in on time, and we didn't know what to get, but in the end, we went with a millenium theme. We sparkled and shined wearing silver and black. In Act I we wowed the audience with a gravity defying stunt and tumbling routine. We began with a full twist down and three rotating full extensions. As if that wasn't enough, we all jumped our hearts out with some of us doing as many as four jumps in a row. From there we ran to a pyramid that turned. But it wasn't over there. Nearing the end, we put up two magnificent awesomes, a perfect heelstretch, and a g-force basket toss that reached the curtains and lights high above us. After the first act, we were tired and ready to just relax. Although that would have been nice, we still had to shake and strut our stuff in Act II. "Ain't nothin' but a gangsta party…" Our dance was powerful and the crowd couldn't stop talking about it. We know we definitely 'raised the roof' in the auditorium. Our routine was 'tricky' but we pulled it off with ease. Although Sean didn't get to dance with us, he still put in a powerful round-off back and a standing back. High powered music and risky dance moves had us and the crowd hyped, and we know that we soared past infinity and beyond. We had many memorable practices, and those are what make Spring Show memorable. Who could ever forget all the different formations we went through, even up to the last week? Injuries seemed to be prominent this year. Krystle gave us all a scare with the chance that she couldn't even perform, but she pulled through and made it there for Friday and Saturday night. Kristin had her fair share of pain, but finally in the end she pulled through and performed as well. So, another year has past, and for another year we shone bright above all other numbers in the show. We walked away with a whole new light shining on the cheerleaders, the spotlight.



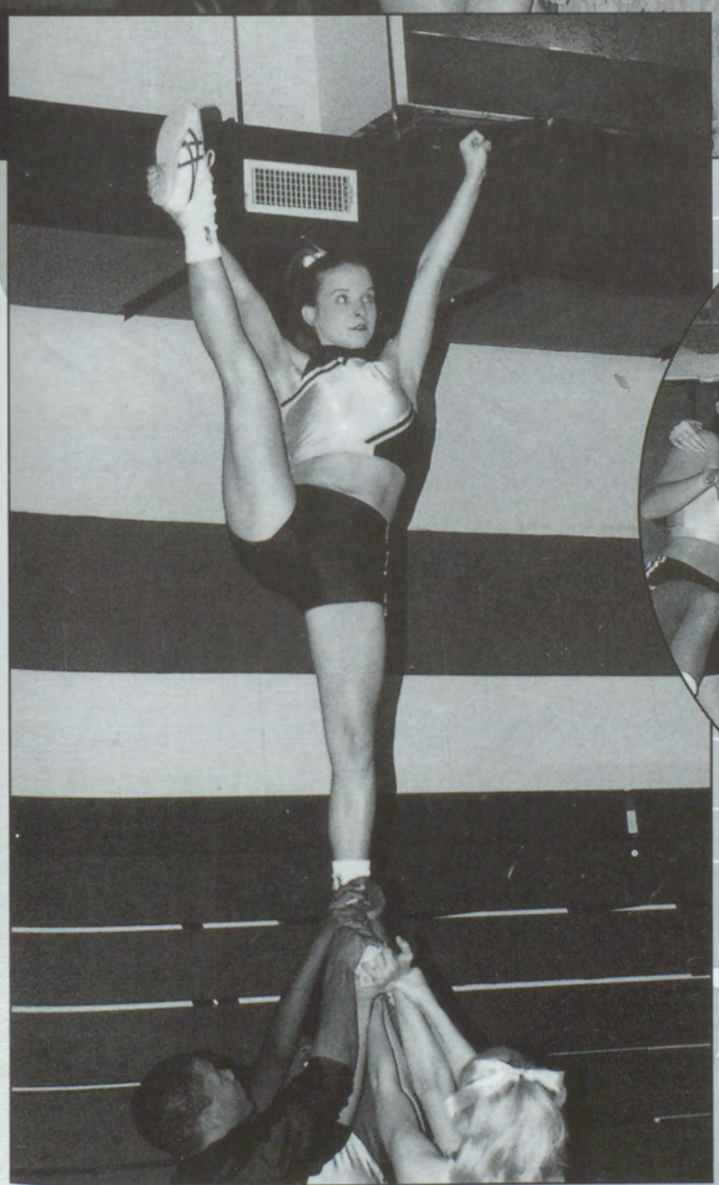


↑ **We aren't afraid of heights!** The cheerleaders perform an awesome pyramid.

↟ **Seniors to be.** Abbi Mott, Alisha David, Candace Benad, and Brooke Gomez cheese it up knowing that they have another year left.

↟ **1, 2, down-up!** Amanda Welch prepares to go up in a stunt.







↑ **Those crazy cheerleaders!** The squad groups together for a silly picture before they go on stage.

← **How does she do that?** Amanda Welch practices her heelstretch.

↑↑ **Last picture before their last spring show.** Sean Washington, Kristin Chait, Kelly Stewart, Amanda Welch, and Janlyn Mokry work up a smile.

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Steppin' High With Pride

High Steppers dance into the millennium

There were many ups and downs during Steppers this year, but we all managed to make our year a big success. The year started off with our officers traveling to Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. It was a long and strenuous week, but we pulled through. We were proud to come home with our Gold Star trophy because it really made us feel good about all our hard work we put forth at officer camp. Our next step was to help the team survive line camp. When the week came to an end, it was great to see how our team had grown closer together. At the end of the week Jolena Caldera, Keitha Jones, Tammy Cervenka, Kendra Jirasek, Margaret Garry, Jennifer Krueger, and Christina Yanis were recognized as our All-Star Team. We were all glad that this hard week was over, but sad to learn that our director, Ms. Vest, would soon be leaving. This was the time that the officers had to pull together to keep the team working hard. When August rolled around, we were preparing for another camp, when the news came that we would be getting a new director. The day before camp we held a practice and everyone got to meet Ms. Loper. When school started it was time to start practicing hard and polishing our routin for football season. During football season, we continued our traditional Big and Lil' exchange. It was great fun and we all became closer not only as friends, but also a team. We would like to thank the hard work done by our manager Vannessa Cantu a our assistant manager Crystal Krieg. Another big thanks goes to our hard worki escorts. Our escorts Brandon Naivar, Ruben Cantu, and Kyle Kaiser did so much for of us and it was really appreciated. When football was over, we held our Christm Progressive Dinner. It was a time of fun with our friends before our long break. As so as our break was over, it was time to come back with a BANG!! Many hard and lo hours were required to succeed, but we all pulled through, to show that if you just giv little of your time that anything can be done.





Uh huh, yeah sure..okay! ↑ Junior Lieutenant Tammy Cervenka listens carefully at camp to show that even a good leader has to listen at times.

All Smiles. The team poses ↗ quickly during a game.

Together till the end. Seniors → Kendra Jirasek and Jolena Caldera take a quick pic before one of their last half-time performances.

Acting goofy as usual. →→ Sophomore Monica Reyes poses with her shoe on our ice skating trip.















↖ **Showing that spirit.** Senior Kendra Jirasek makes some noise at one of the play off games.

↑ **Merry Christmas from Santa's Dancers.** Friends Kristina Penny and Tammy Cervenka smile big for the camera at the Christmas performance at the Basketball game.

↖ **Can we say GOLD??** Colonel Jolena Caldera Jr. Lt. Tammy Cervenka, and Lt. Col. Keitha Jones pose with their Gold Star trophy after officer camp.

↑ **The Dem Girls!** Sophomores Kodie Jirasek, Kristina Penny, Deanna Baran, and Jennifer Krueger say cheese on the way to an out-of-town game.

← **Happy hearts make for cheerful dances.** Big and Lil' Sis Deanna Baran and Keitha Jones smile for the camera after a game.

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Song and Dance

Stepper Contest Gets its Kicks

As soon as football season ended, it was time to gear up for contest. We attended our first contest in San Antonio. Our Seniors, Jolena Caldera and Kendra Jirasek received second place on their duet and the team received a Team Spirit Award for their kick routine. After more preparation and the learning of more routines, we traveled to McKinney, Texas. We all had a blast and learned a lot. Our soloists Jolena Caldera, Tammy Cervenka, and Margaret Garry all received a Division I on their solos, and our duet performers, Kristina Penny and Deanna Baran, and Kodie Jirasek and Jennifer Krueger, also received Division I ratings on their dances. The team was awarded a Sweepstakes Award and the Gussie Nell Davis Award, which has not been brought home in three years. The officers also received a Sweepstakes Award and an Award of Excellence. We were all happy to be able to come home and tell all of our honors. We had a lot of fun while making many memories, and none of us would regret a minute of the time we had together.









Say Cheese!!! The line and social officers smile big before a big performance.

As ready as they can get, the team joins together for a quick pic before performing Stars and Stripes.

We Did it! Senior Jolena Caldera and Kendra Jirasek proudly show off their Second Place duet trophy.

Is it my turn yet? Colonel Jolena Caldera take a break before performing her Division I solo.

The Show Must Go On

Spring Show Keeps Dancing

As we began preparing for Kaleidoscope 2000, we learned that we were stuck between directors and the show was on our shoulders. With the help of Mrs. Melissa Meiske and Mrs. Potts, we all pulled together to make our Spring Show one that nobody would forget. Late and hard practices were required, but it all paid off. The dance classes performed their wonderful routines along with all of our contest routines. Our Colonel Jolena Caldera performed her award winning solo to "The Perfect Fan", which she dedicated to her mother, followed by the 2000-2001 Stepper Team. The new officers, Colonel Keitha Jones, Lt. Colonel Tammy Cervenka, Lt. Margaret Garry, and Lt. Jennifer Krueger, also showed off their spectacular routine for the first time together. To close the night, we performed our traditional "Last Dance." This was a Spring Show that will be remembered by many. Many memories were made and those memories are the ones that we will cherish forever.









↑ **Dancin' with grace.** Lt. Tammy Cervenka performs to "Memories" along with her fellow line and social officers.

↖ **Showing what we've got!** Keitha Jones, Margaret Garry, Jolena Caldera, and Tammy Cervenka begin to show off their routine to "Memories".

↑ **Can you take me higher?** That's the question Senior Kendra Jirasek asked as she got lifted by her fellow officers.

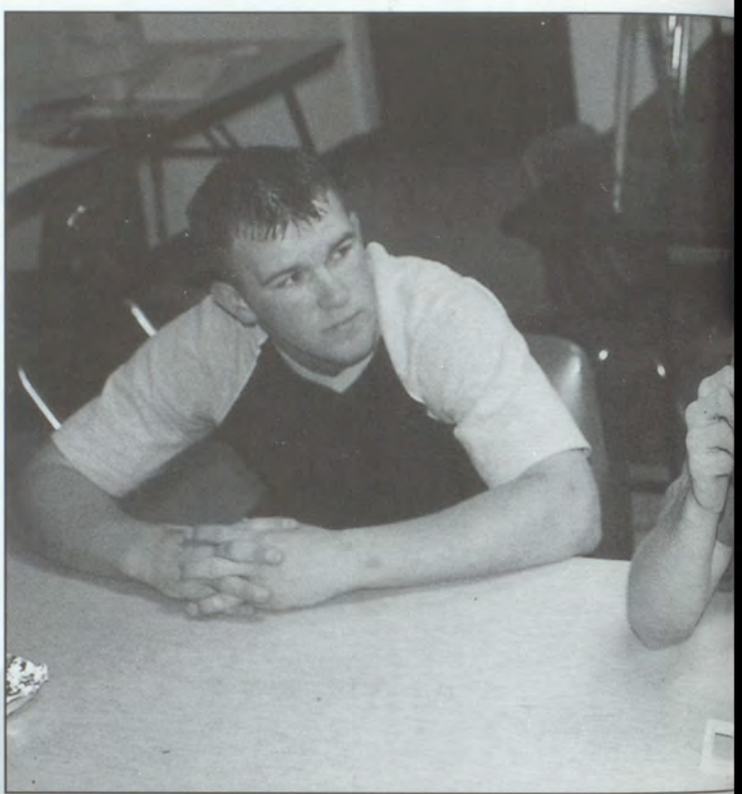
← **Dancin' with all her heart.** Senior Tammy cervenka performs the officer lyrical routine for the last time.

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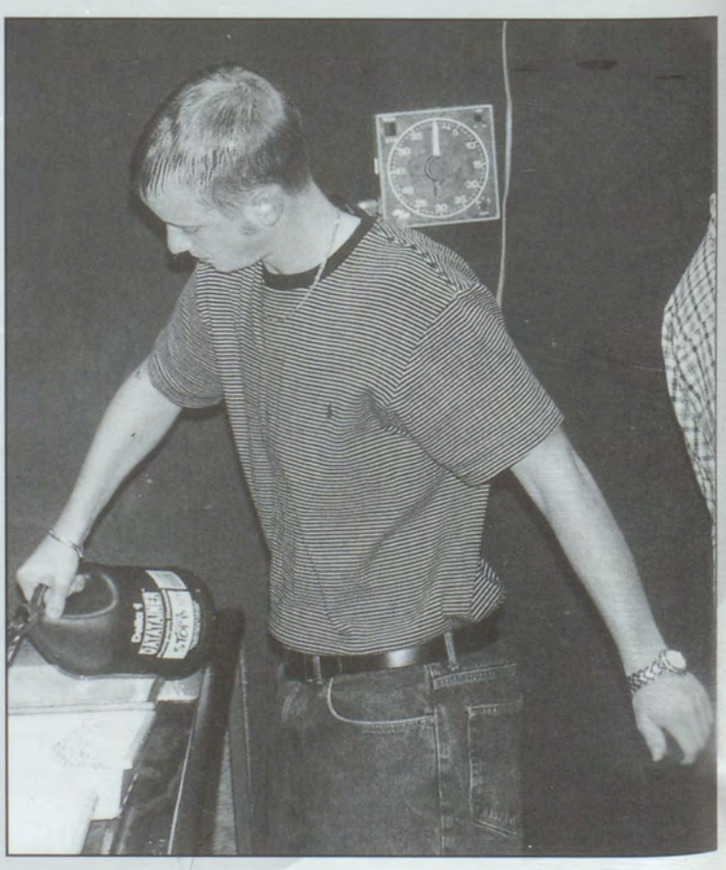
Hot off the Press

Cotton Boll keeps an eye on school news

Cotton Boll is a class that teaches students about newspaper production: writing articles, selling ads, taking pictures, interviewing students, and layouts. It's also a class that requires teamwork between all the staff members. Some students really excelled at specific areas of newspaper production, while others contributed any way they could. To begin the paper, we had to have ads. Without these, the paper would have been unfunded and impossible. While half of the staff was making their way around Taylor looking for sponsors, the other half was out among the students, getting the latest scoop. Getting information out of the students was not easy, and not everyone was quick to give out information, but when the time came for our issue to come out, we almost always had a full story and loads of pictures. The editors Don, Kendra, and Tamara oversaw various aspects of the paper, and taught them the importance of spell check and how to use the 'save' button. When a deadline approached everyone gave 110% coming in during lunch, off periods, and after school. This year we set a record of ten issues in one year, a personal best for Mr. Powell.







Look! Bradley Bohac and Bubba Talley need help with finding a picture. ↗

Watch out! Lyle Cmerek concentrates on not spilling the chemicals. ↑

So far so good! Amber Seidel revises the upcoming newspaper. →



"Cotton Boll has been an awesome experience for me, over the last three years it has taught me; self discipline, the importance of deadlines, and how to have fun and still get the job done."
--Kendra Jirasek



Editors
Tamara Naivar (Head Editor), Don Hernandez and Kendra Jirasek (Co-Editors)







Cotton Boll Staff. L to R. Top row: Bubba Talley, Matt Daenzer, Justin Bohls, Miguel Salazar, John Cuba, Meghan Klotz, Kyle Rydell, Lyle Cmerek, Tamara Naivar, Amber Seidel, Kendra Jirasek

↑ **Steady!** Bubba Talley makes sure he doesn't trim the picture too much.

Learning to Save Lives

H.O.S.A

H/O/S/A- Health Occupations of America has had an extremely good year. We excelled this year with the help of the theme, "Hosa's hands have touched the past, helped the present and are reaching for the future." Students participated in competition at area level in San Antonio, Texas. Several students advanced to state level in El Paso, Texas. Competitions were a blast! We were able to hold several blood drives and fundraisers. Even though we were busy we managed to make time to do the disaster drills for the local emergency services. This year HOSA has become more recognized throughout the community. We have been fortunate enough to participate at the majority of the health facilities in town. We were also given the chance to participate in two exciting parades. HOSA is not just about health; through HOSA you meet new people from new places, and see things you never imagined you would see. There is never a dull moment in HOSA, because there is always something new to learn everyday. HOSA is a really great learning experience, even if you decide the medical field is not your cup of tea. HOSA has many bright years to come, especially since its sponsor Mrs. Dodson is full of enthusiasm and life.





HOSA OFFICERS
Elaine Good, Chastity Martinez , Jennifer Kolinek, Sarah Raesz, Alpa Patell, Kathryn Cathy, and Tonya Watkins



Ouch! Leslie Salazar smiles for the camera while giving blood. ↗
Whoa! Laura Currie realizes she needs help. →



Back Row: Mrs Dodson, Melissa Chandler, Monica Torres, Vira Salgado, Micah Grau, Kasey Walton, Nicole Thompson, Marco Castillo, Chandler Dabbs, Stacey Sutton, Marina Arreosola, Christina Agundiz, Deanna Baran, Anna Glover, Beth Ann Paul, Vanessa Martinez, Jessica Baisley, Laura Barefoot. Middle Row: Elaine Good, Jennifer Krueger, Kodie Jirasek, Cassy Rogers, Danielle Pistole, Chastity Garcia, Michelle Avila, Alpa Patel, Leslie Salazar, Kathryn Cathey, Melinda Lopez, Evelyn Good. Front Row: Amy Samuelson, Juan Yanis, Trent Rozacky, Sarah Raesz, Ladd Moehnke, Jennifer Kolinek, Traci Floyd, Caleb Kilborn, Kristen Farmer, Paula Vasquez, Julie Schumpert, Stanci Schroeder, Tonya Watkins.

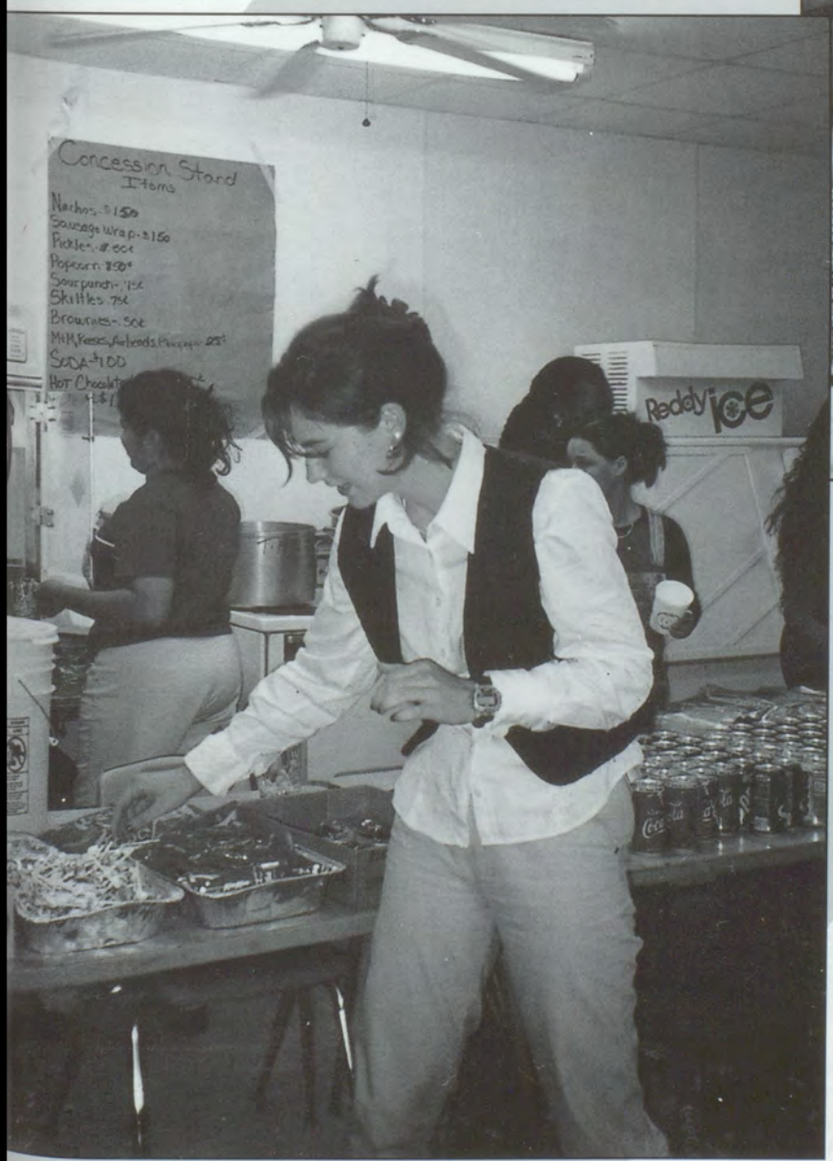
Hosa's 2nd year students spread cheer at the hospital.

Sarah Raesz helps out at the concession stand for HOSA.

Help is on its way from the HOSA group.



HOSA, has taught me vision, initiative, and perseverance. The trip to El Paso, TX. for state competition was a blast and it gave me a new chance to learn and experience different things about Mexican health care.
--Kathryn Cathy







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Turning Professional

BPA Takes Business to a New Level

Business Professionals of America is rapidly growing at Taylor High School. This year, BPA grew in both size and spirit. In order to be eligible for BPA, members have to take office-related courses or be enrolled in the Co-op Program. Things kicked off during football season when the group hosted a concession stand as an annual fundraiser and also participated in the Homecoming festivities. Around Christmas time, the club was asked to prepare a float for the Christmas parade. The group worked several nights on getting the float just right, and in the end had great fun building team and spirit. At the area competition held in Westlake High School these students proved their ability in both individual and team competitions, taking home a lot of plaques, and more than ten state qualifiers. With the help of Mrs. Leschber (Babs), they prepared to compete at the state competition in Plano. BPA officers helped to keep the group motivated and focused on the ultimate goal of the national competition in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This goal was achieved in Plano by member Jennifer Urbanek and President Janlyn Mokry who qualified for nationals. Throughout the year, members perfected their business skills, such as typing and communicating. Although communication was never a problem for the group, everyone was ready to get down and work hard when the time came. BPA was also able to maintain a website with the help of secretary Amy Zucknick who served as a correspondence between the club and Mrs. Hill's BCIS II class. This year's members of BPA maintained pride and respect for their club all while having the time of their life.





BPA Officers
Alison Enochs- Reporter, Amy Johnson- Parlimentarian, Janlyn Mokry- President, Amy Zucknick- Secretary (not pictured: David Scarbourough- Treasurer and Samantha Ging- Vice President)



Welcome to the exciting world of BPA! Lacie Ruemke and Jennifer Urbanek take a breather. ↑

This is some high quality H2O! Steven Konarik quenches his thirst. →











BPA Members

Back Row: Mrs. Leschber, Kristine Muegge, Nicole Rowe, Jennifer Urbanek, Janlyn Mokry, Stephen Konarik, Lauren Rozacky, Lacie Ruemke, Monica Ochoa, Mrs. Krueger. Middle Row: Lindsay Harbers, Keli Stewart, Misty Carrithers, Alison Enochs, Amy Zucknick, Ashleigh Page, Lindsey Cmerek. Front Row: Brenda Hyzak, Amy Johnson, Laura Johnson, Kendra Jirasek, Jolena Caldera.



"This year's BPA consisted of a great group of people. Everyone stayed motivated and had a great time accomplishing the goals set before us. We made a lot of memories and remained focused with the help of Mrs. Leschber. I feel that because of my paticipation in this club, I am better prepared for my future business career."

--Janlyn Mokry

↑ **Wavy Davy recieves the best award of all!** David Scarborough, Samantha Ging, and Kristine Muegge have some fun between competition.

↑ **"I know I'm the best!"** Kendra Jirasek walks away with her many awards.

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We'll Teach You A Lesson . . .

FTA Makes Lesson Plans for the Future

In the past year, the Taylor chapter of FTA has grown in number and in actions. We were equipped with well organized and active officers. The first order of business was the annual State Convention. The attendance was not what we had expected, but it was still a very fun trip. We also continued the FTA tradition of giving out a scholarship to an active and dedicated senior member. To pay for the scholarship we needed fundraisers throughout the year. For several years our main fundraiser has been the Valentine's Day carnation sale. Every year Taylor Floral Company donates red, pink, and white carnations that the club wraps in tissue paper with a personalized card to be delivered the Friday before Valentine's Day. Some proceeds from the fundraisers go to the Toys for Tots program or Blue Santa, which members can volunteer at to wrap the toys. Local children were also an important part of FTA. We worked with children at the Evenstart program, babysat for parents who were trying to recieve their G.E.D., and babysitting for other local organizations. This was an exciting year for watching the growth of FTA, and we hope the best for all the years to come.







What do you think? Mrs. Burklow and Mrs. Schaefer discuss how to deliver the carnations for Valentines Day. ↗

Taking a break! Sophie Doss, Heather Grimm, Racheal Lute, Christina Ford, Courtney Minzenmayer, Beth Richter, Crystal Krieg, and Emily Johnson pose for a picture at the last FTA meeting of the year. ↑

Don't forget the card! Mrs. Burklow hands the carnation to Michelle Mokry as Crystal stands by. →



"I think that FTA was a great success this year, maybe just because I was such a great president! Just kidding! But I really did enjoy the club and the opportunity to work with Mrs. Schaefer and Mrs. "Rockie" Burklow."
--Courtney Minzenmayer



Officers: (Back row) Courtney Minzenmayer, Christina Ford, Tammy Cervenka. (Front Row) Beth Richter, Jennifer Kolinek.







(Back Row): Mrs. Burklow, Tracy Machu, Dominick Devastey, Alisha David, Emily Johnson, Mrs. Schaefer. (Middle Row): Jennifer Kolinek, Nicole Thompson, Racheal Lute, Kristen Bohac, (Front Row): Courtney Minzenmayer, Beth Richter, Christina Ford, Keitha Jones, Tammy Cervenka, Pamela Rossaines.

↑ **Congratulations!** Mrs. Burklow shows Emily Johnson and Racheal Lute awards that the Taylor chapter received in past years.

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The Gift of Giving

HERO gives a helping hand

Hero has taken great responsibility to help contribute to the schools and community in our area. We have pulled together and give out team effort and ideas to bring a meaning to the Home Economics Related occupations. We started planning fundraisers to help pay for us to attend the regional meeting in Corpus Christi. We had a great time, and we got the opportunity to share and receive different projects form area schools. In February, we made Valentines gifts containing lotions, toothpaste, and wash clothes for the elderly at Johns Community Hospital. In April for Earth day, we planned to give up a weekend to clean up certain areas around the school we planted flowers and trees to make our school look cleaner. We held a stuffed animal drive for the injured children who are transported by EMS. Also, we made flyers and decorated boxes to be kept around town for these donations. HERO has been very successful and everyone should be proud of their time and contributions given to this club.



Back Row: Amy Samuelson, Tonya Watkins, Clarence Toliver, Angelica Cazalas, Lance Magana, Mrs. Schneider Front Row: Keli Stewart, James Jonas, Manuel Perez, Deatrice Gipson, Anissa Robinson, Lisa Sanchez, and Tina Ponkeny







Officer

Back Row: Amy Samuelson, James Jonas, Deatrice Gipson, Lisa Sanchez, Front Row: Keli Stewart and Tina Ponkeny

↑ **Creamed Corn? Green Beans?** Keli Stewart smiles while supporting the canned food drive for Hero.

← **Watch it!** Keli Stewart, Manuel Perez, and James Jonas hang on while they play ride in the car.

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Signatures



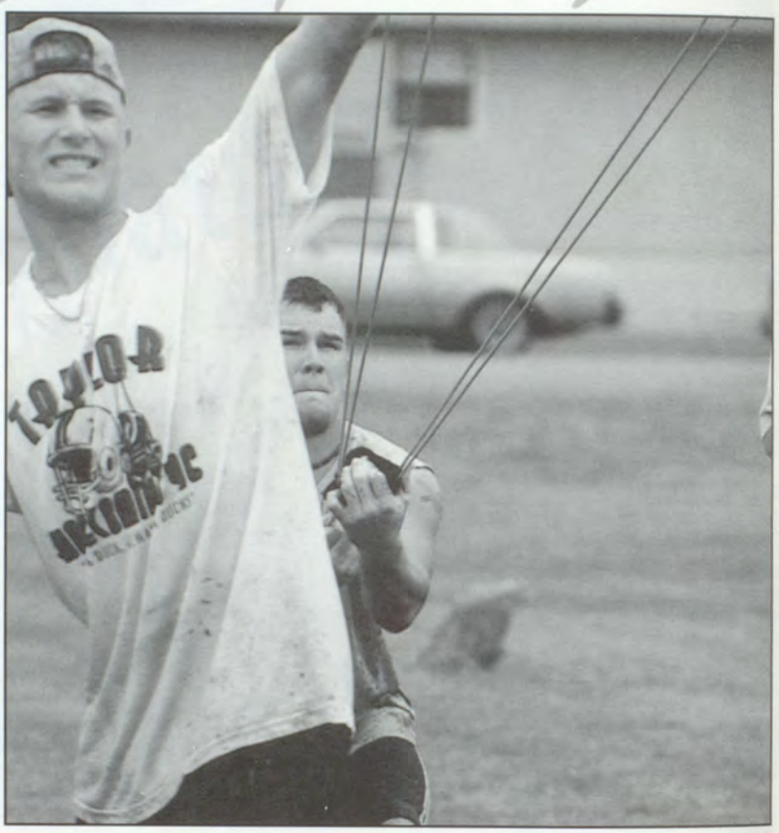


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A Season For Fun

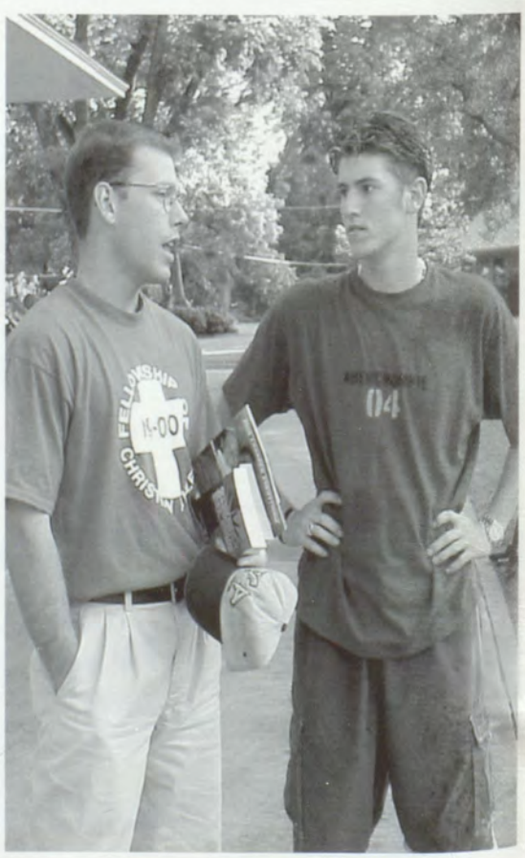
FCA Keeps The Faith

Ecclesiastes 4:9 says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work." This year we discovered that thirty is even better than two! We had atleast thirty faithful members who came each week to have fun in the gym, read God's Word, and share prayer requests. We did all kinds of crazy games and relays and played volleyball and basketball as well. We also had a few guest speakers including Coach Murray Lord, Brian Rayburn, and Ben Johnson. We started something new for FCA and held our own Crud Wars in April. They were a huge success. We had almost twenty non-members in attendance as well as our usual crowd. This big group made an even bigger mess! Most of the group was very helpful, though, and stayed around until the very end to clean up each of the shaving cream cans and every trace of water balloons and silly string. On May 15 we had our annual End of the School Year swimming party at Coach Julie Downs' house. It was a lot of fun, even for those of us who got thrown into the pool with our clothes on! Mr. Downs grilled hot dogs and we all ate our fill. Ben Johnson gave a short devotional and encouraged us to build strong friendships with people who support us and draw us closer to Christ. This was a memorable year for FCA. We had so much fun with our faithful senior members and are praying that they will all do well and maybe even get involved with FCA wherever they go to college. As for the rest of us, we are glad that we are able to come back next year and be a part of FCA again.





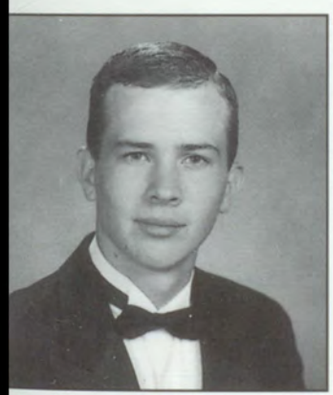
Officers: James Massey, Candace Benad, Jacque Jackson, Emily Johnson, LeAnn Carlson, Ryan Stiba. (Not pictured: Ladd Moehnke)



What do you think? Ladd Moehnke and Ben have a nice talk before Bible study. →
Ready...steady...FIRE! Clayton Turner and Bubba Talley shoot a water balloon at the Water War. ↗







I really had an awesome time being president of FCA this year. It is a great club because it provides support and fellowship for Christian students. My prayers are with next year's FCA leaders.

- James Massey





(Back Row): Kyle Kaiser, James Massey, Ryan Quinn, Justin Bohls, Amber Welch, Aubre Meyer, Ryan Lane, Cody Kuhl, Ryan Stiba, Margaret Garry, Tracy Machu. (Middle Row): Amber Byfield, Candace Benad, Emily Johnson, Ashley Butler, Malia LaPorta, Ashlyn Hobbs, Sara Srnensky, Meggie Mikeska, Jennifer Johle, Alison Mayer. (Front Row): Laura Massey, Kristen Massey, Jennifer Johnson, Jacque Jackson, Darren Helbert, Kenny Horne, LeAnn Carlson, Heidi Grimm, Jill Sefcik, Heather Grimm.

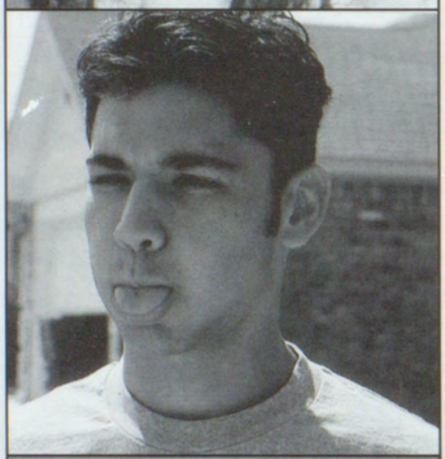
↖ **Do you really want a piece of this?** Ladd Moehnke, Becky Estrada, and Justin Bohls stand soaked and prepared at the Water Wars.

↑ **Hot dog!** Kenny Horne helps himself to a hot dog at the FCA party.

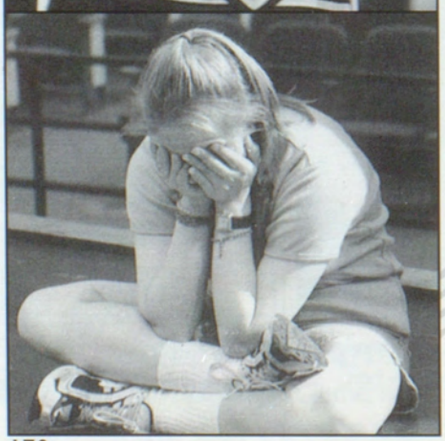
↑ **We're ready for anything!** LeAnn Carlson, Ashlyn Hobbs, and Meggie Mikeska are covered in shaving cream.

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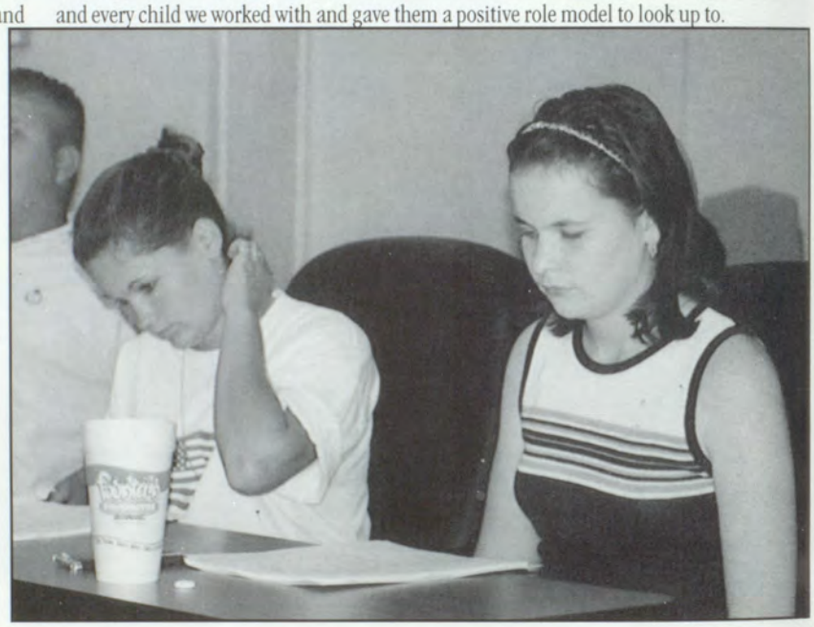
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Can I have your autograph?

You've Got A Friend In Me

Duck Pals consisted of eleven students this year: Marty Martinez, Jennifer Gonzales, Sean Washington, Kyle Kaiser, Kendra Jirasek, Jolena Caldera, Brad Robbins, Emily Johnson, Vanesa Bullard, Vanessa Schaffer, and Candace Benad. Dozens of students applied but not all were accepted. After being accepted, we had to make sure we could find a space to fit Duck Pals in our schedules and transportation to our schools. Things worked out pretty well and we ended up having two Duck Pals in almost every class period. At the beginning of the school year, we helped in the counselor's office and sent lots of emails to each other! We finally felt we had a purpose when we organized a New Student Orientation. The orientation was a big success and helped us to get to know some new students as well as helping to familiarize them with our school and students. Then we had a Duck Pal workshop in the school board room at Northside Elementary to introduce us to the rules of mentoring and working with younger children. We also played games to help us get to know each other better and ate pizza for lunch. Before long, we were all getting to know students at the elementary and junior high schools and were either loving it or wondering what we had gotten ourselves into! Most of us did not stay with the same students all year but we learned what we liked and disliked about working with different age groups. Kyle Kaiser and Emily Johnson went to Taylor Junior High for the first semester and T.H. Johnson for the second semester. Candace Benad and Sean Washington went to Pasemann Elementary for the second semester but during the second semester, Candace helped the yearbook staff at St. Mary's Catholic school. Jennifer Gonzales and Vanesa Bullard worked with students at Pasemann during the fall semster, but mentored students at T.H. Johnson for the spring semester. Jolena Caldera worked at middle school while Vanessa Schaffer mentored students at St. Mary's. Duck Pals is such a unique class. We are all honored that we had the opportunity to participate in such a meaningful program and gain the experience of teaching and helping younger students. Our greatest hope is that we made a life changing impact on each and every child we worked with and gave them a positive role model to look up to.







Calm down Kendra!! Kendra goes balistic while Jolena stays calm at one of the many Duck Palworkshops held at Northside Elementary.

Hi, meet my new friend Janet. Jennifer Gonzales hides behind the curtain before the puppet show.

How much longer do we have to be here? Vannessa Schaefer and Vanessa Bullard look tired after a afternoon full of Learning.



Top: Sean Washington, Candace Benad, Marty Martinez, Kyle Kaiser, and Vanessa Bullard Bottom: Kendra Jirasik, Emily Johnson, Jennifer Gonzales and Vanessa Schaefer Not Pictured: Jolena Caldera



You can't gobble this way out of this one. Sean Washington, Emily Johnson and Marty Martinez all dress up for Thanksgiving festivites at Paesman.

Awww isn't he precious. Marty Martinez gets comfy at the Christmas party at Mrs. Terrill's house. (One of many parties at her house).

And you do the hokey pokey... Sean Washinton and Brad Robbins shows the new students a couple of games for new student orientation.

The best pizza in town. Kyle and Jolena get ready to scarf down some lunch after a hard days of work.

Looks like Marty has overcome his fear of midgets! just kidding! Marty stands up to reassure the children its only a puppet and its not real.

Center Stage! Sean and Candace, in their cheerleading uniforms, volunteer for a game during the new student orientation.

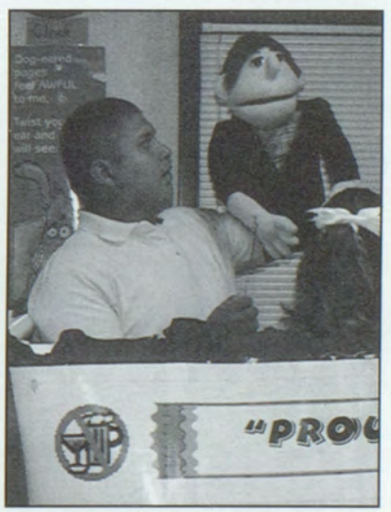
And what are we doing with this? Marty Martinez, Jennifer Gonzales, and Kyle Kaiser are curious about the toilet paper game.







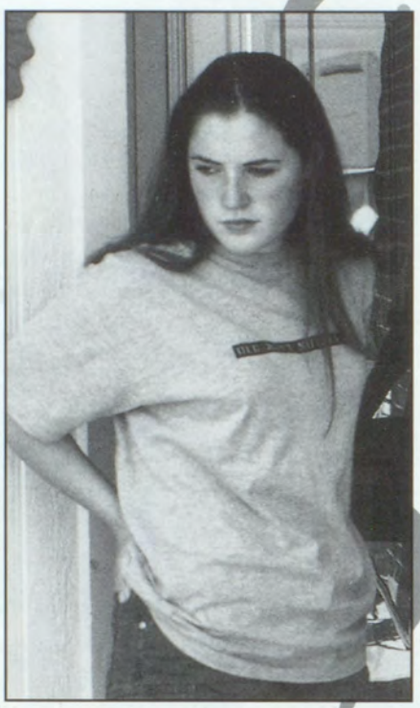






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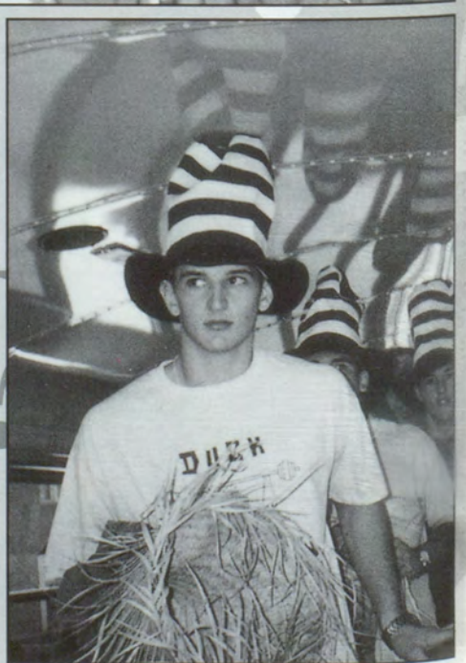






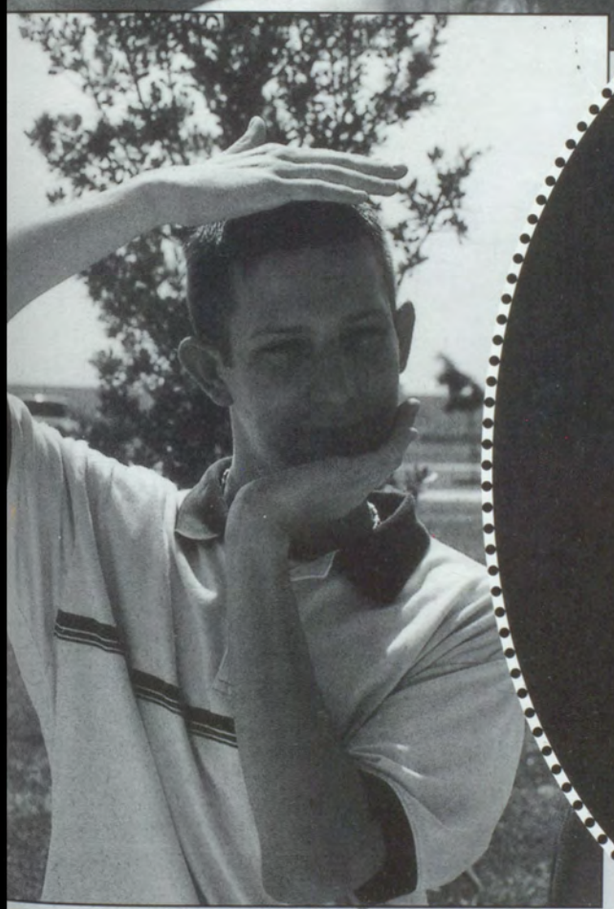



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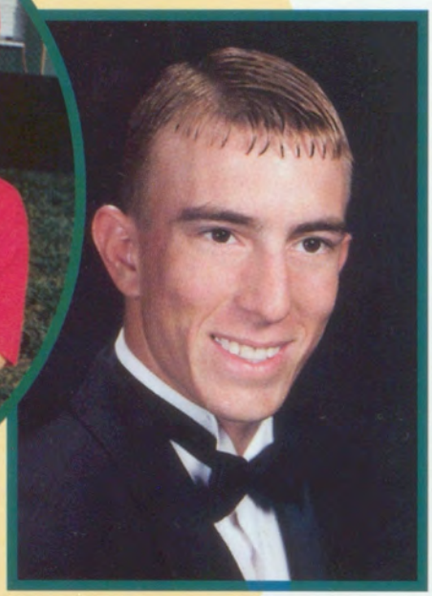
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Heath Haverland





Hard Work + Dedication =
Knowledge, Experience, Memories, and Success.
Congratulations, we are very proud.
Love,
Mom & Dad



Congratulations, Stanci
We are proud of you
and we love you! God
bless you in your fu-
ture!
Love,

Mom, Dad, and
Taryn



Stanci Schroeder

Darren Helbert





You lived it,
We loved it,
And we'll never forget it!



Congratulations D.
Love,
Mom & Dad











Keli Stewart

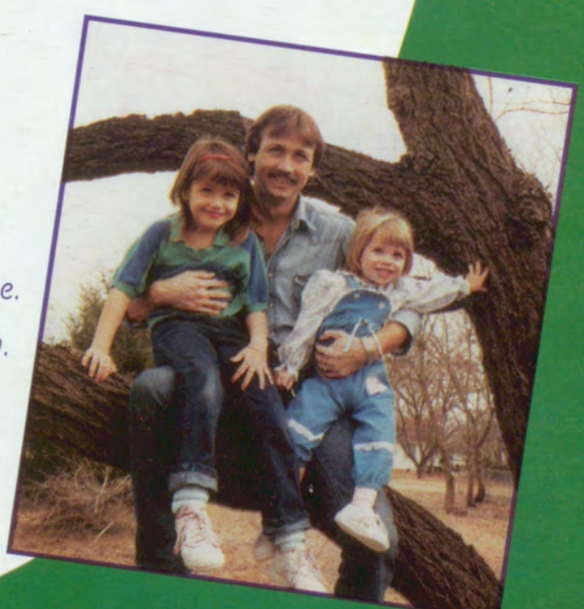








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Keli (Waddles),
Congratulations on all your hard work, and the best of luck in college.
We love you more than you know.

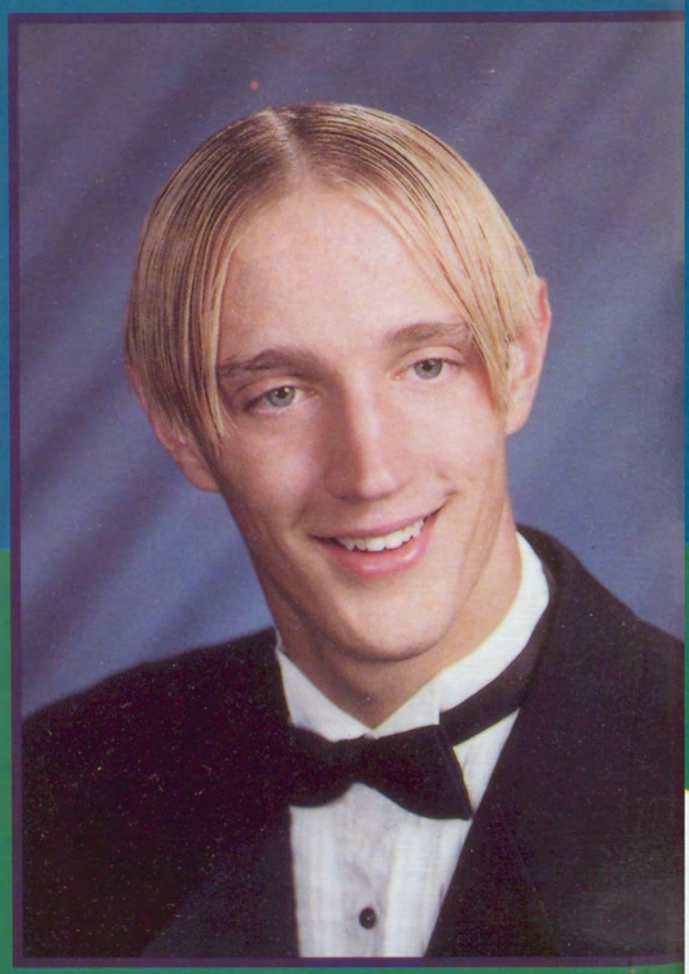


John Cuba









It has been a wonderful eighteen years. Take care of business and may all your dreams come true.

Love ya,
Mom, Dad, & Michael









Tamara Naiver & Kendra Jirasek

Congratulations, girls! We are so proud of all your achievements. May all of your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Clint



We love you!
Mom, Dad, Kodie, & Blake









Jarod Stojanik & Brian Heeke

You've brought so much to our lives and made us proud. We wish you both the best.

Love,
Your families

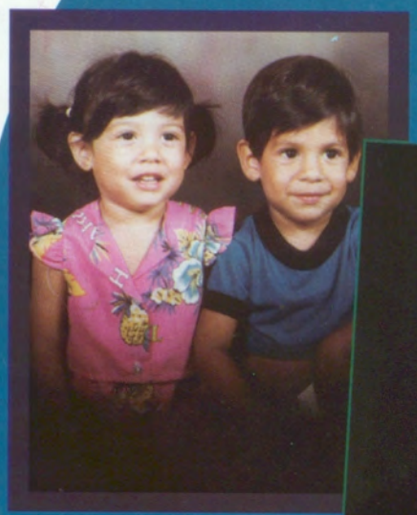


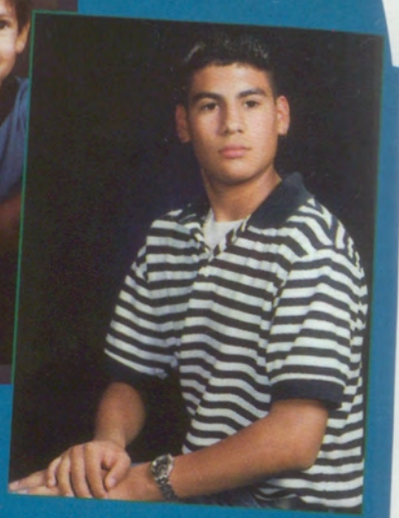
Laura Johnson



Congratulations and best of luck.
Mom, Dad, & Matt

Brandon Gomez





Way to go, Brandon. We are proud of you.
Love Mam, Dad, Heather & Brooke

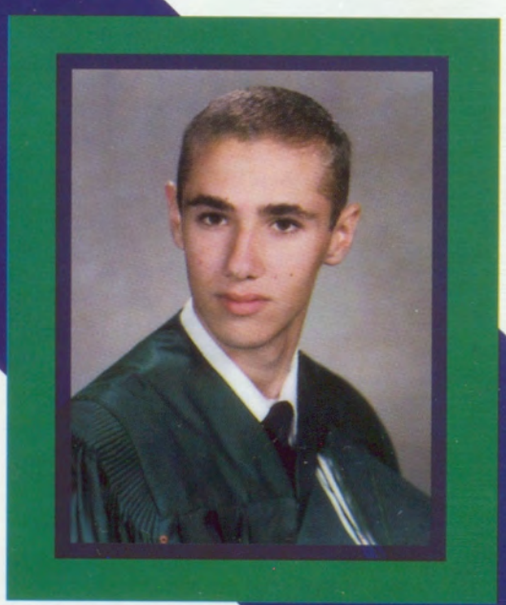
Angelo Fraire





Congrats, Angelo!
Love,
Mom, Maria, & Grandparents

Ashaley Bland



We are really proud of you Ash, and we hope that you do well in college. Go with God and our love always.
Dad & Sharon

Dawn Hehmann

To Dawn With All Our Love
We Will Always Encourage You In Your Dreams

We see so much in you: so much light in your eyes,
so much laughter in your soul.
We want you to have freedom to experience all of life.
Yet we want to hold you close.
We love to hear the excitement in you voice
when you reach out for something important to you
and you acheive it.
We never want you to feel unloved,
because we love you more than life itself.
We want to wrap our arms around you
so that you'll always feel safe, secure, and cherished.
We will always stand beside you;
We'll wipe your tears when you cry,
We'll comfort you when you feel hurt.
We want to encourage youto be whatever you want.
Whatever you pursue in life,
we'll be there as your friend, as well as your parents.
If you ever fail at something, we'll encourage you
to get up and try again,
because it doesn't mean you'll fail at everything;
Everyone learns from their mistakes.
We want you to know
we'll always be here for you!

Love, Mom & Dad

P.S. Good luck big sister,
from your not so little brother--Keith



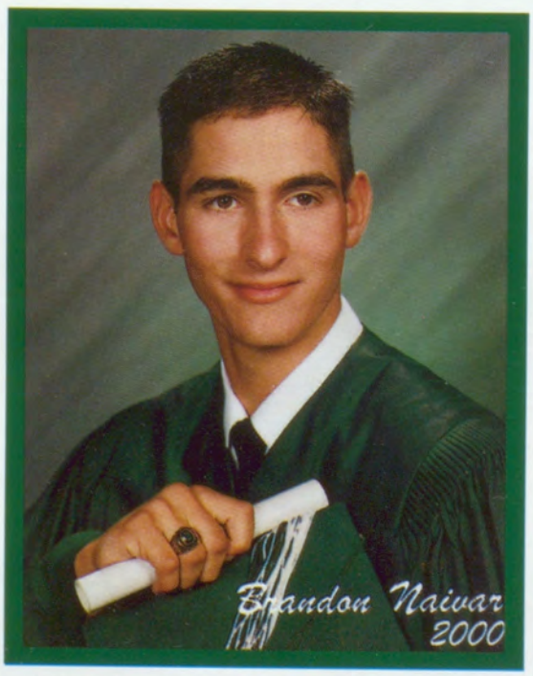






Brandon Wade Naivar









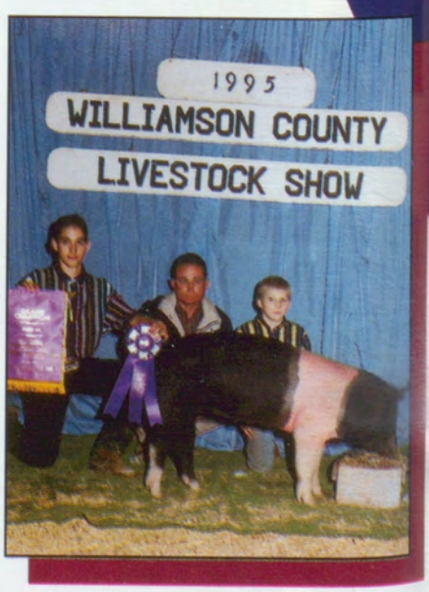
Brandon,

Over and over again you have proven yourself. You bless us with so much love and laughter. We wish you the best life has to give.

Love,

Your proud family

Mom, Dad, & Dustin



Ericka Hernandez





Ericka,
We are proud of you. Continue being an excellent daughter and student. Thank you for giving us good times. Congratulations.

Congratulations **Brandy Bagby, Jennifer Gonzales, Cassy Hyzak, Troy Dominguez, Chris Hejl,** and **Kyle Kaiser**! Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication for this book. Best of luck in all that you do!
Love,
Your Mallard Friends

Amanda Welch



Amanda, you are the best and the sweetest. May all your wishes and dreams come true.
Love,
Granny and Papa

Blake Randig











We are very proud of you, Blake. It only seems like yesterday when you started Pre-K, and now a senior of the Class of 2000. Best of luck, and remember we love you!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Barret



Congratulations Girls!







Lynsey Tiemann & Jennifer Gonzales

We are proud of you. We only want the best for you. We know you'll succeed at whatever you do. We hope all your dreams come true. We love you!
Mom, Jordan, and Justin





We were there for you through good and bad times. We will be there for you always! Love you, Jennifer!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Deveina, & Carin



Jolena Caldera & Matt Pokorney



Congratulations Jolena and Matt!
We are so proud of the both of you! Good luck next year as y'all go off to college together. May all of your dreams come true.



Love,
Mom, Christina, Gil, and Candice

Love,
Dad, Mom, Crystal, and John

Brenda Hyzak







We've grown up together
and shared good and bad times,
Birthdays, school, staying over,
braces and boys!
Now we've got the future ahead of us
but we've nothing to fear, you see--
Because we're cousins, always there for
each other,
And always will be.







Keli Stewart

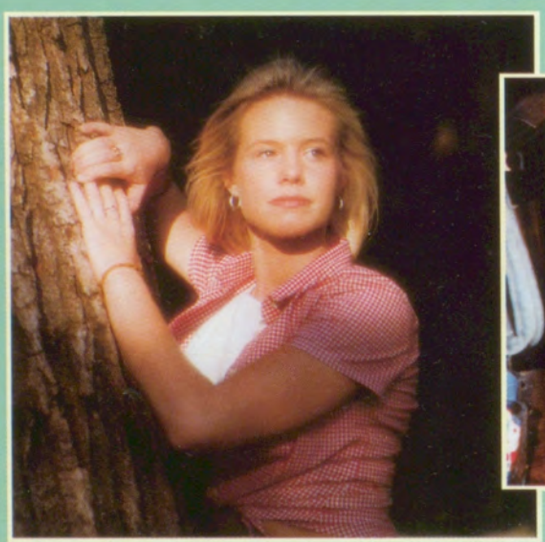
Tara Svehlak & Amanda Welch

Cousins and friends forever. Your lives have been filled with laughter, tears, fun, and a lot of memories. We are very proud of all your accomplishments, and remember we love you both.













Good luck in TAU
Mom & Dad





Congratulations
Mom, Dad, & Nini





Tamara Naivar

Congratulations, Tamara! Good luck at college.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, & Clint







Jennifer Kolinek & Carrie Jackson









Congratulations Carrie and
Jennifer! We're so proud of you.
Love,
Your parents



Nick Shelton



The difference between men and
boys is the price of their toys.
Congratulations, Nick!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, & Marcus



Amy Samuelson & Amy Johnson



We're proud of you!



Congratulations, Sunshine!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Kevin, Sarah, &
Kyle



Congratulations sweetheart, we wish you the best in college.
Love,
Dad, Mom,
Johnathan, Brooke,
Justin, & Chad



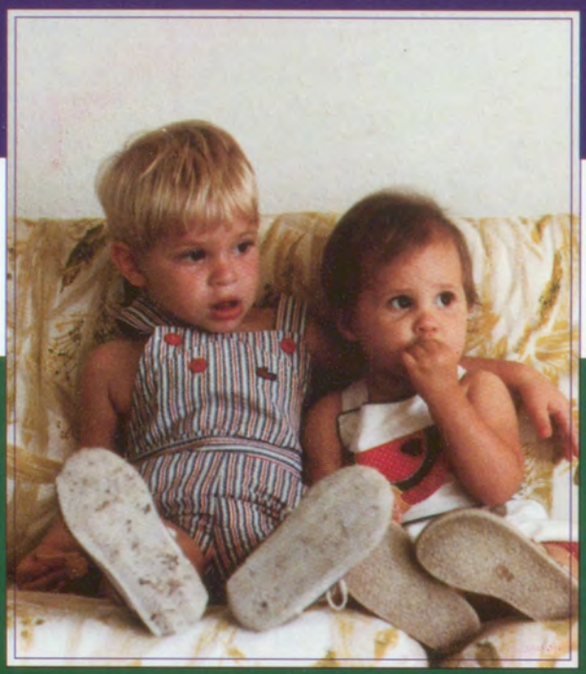
Good luck Amy Jo & Amy Sue!
Love,
Your Families



Janlyn Mokry

Clint Mokry









Congratulations Janlyn and Clint!

We are very proud of both of you. You hae given us many wonderful memories. May all your hopes and dreams come true.

Love,
Your Parents









Kristin Chait









Blankets with trains,
a bear named Pooh,
the Land of Oz,
Catra, Jem, and Barbie too.

Ghost buster bear, tattered and torn,
a special friend,
a close friend,
since the day you were born.



Music by George Strait,
a Mustang to cruise,
Doc Martin, and designer clothes...
by Tommy who?



The enchantment of your music,
and enthusiastic cheers
will enlighten our memories
for many years.

This chapter of your life
will soon be ending.
Fear not, new paths to be explored.
Put my kiss in your pocket,
a smile on your face
and remember
you will always be adored.











Congratulations!
Love, Your Family

Amy Lucknick & Lacie Grieger













Congratulations, girls! We love you!



















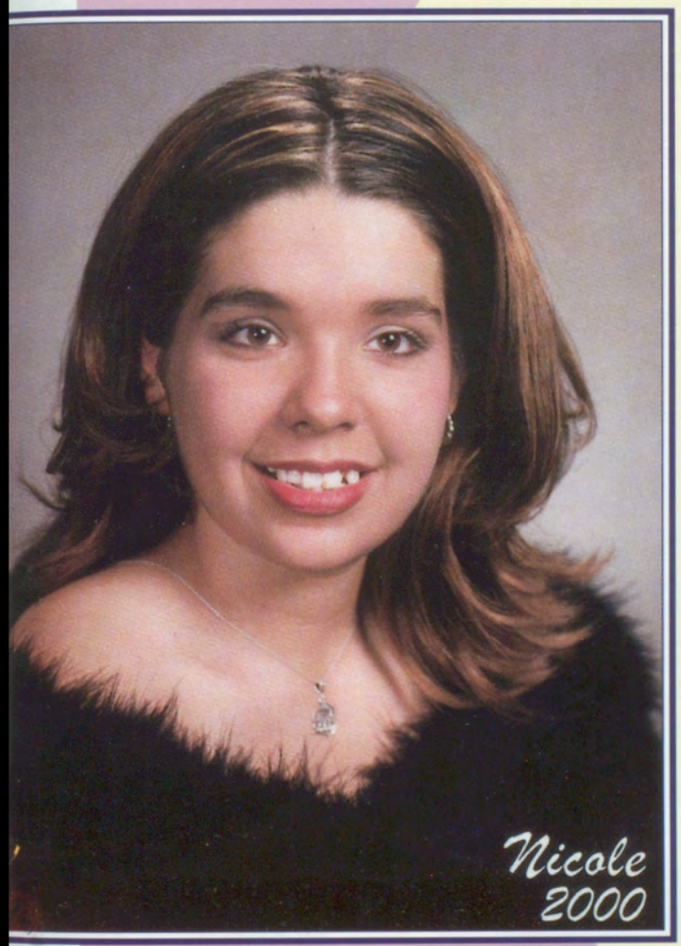








Nicole LeAnn Rowe



We're proud of you! May all your dreams come true.

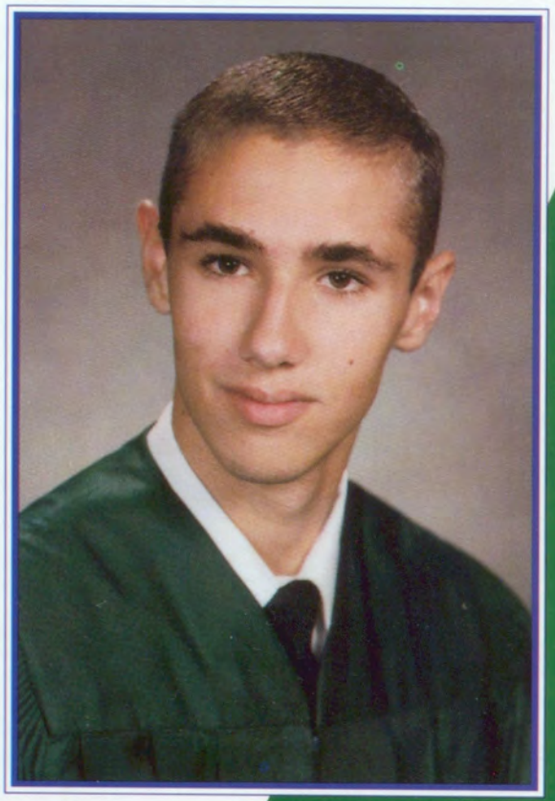


We Love You
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Eric, Myra &
Dylan





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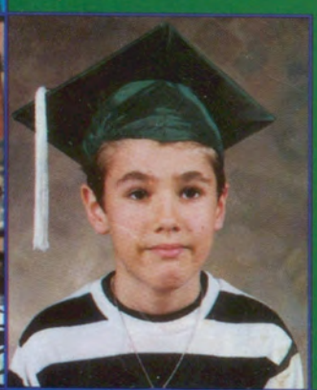


Ashaley,
We've all been very proud of
you throughout the years--now
go forth inot the new millenium
and make youself proud!

Your Family,
Mom, Dennis, Christy,
Jason & Wesley







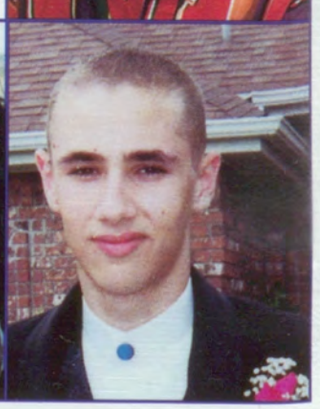














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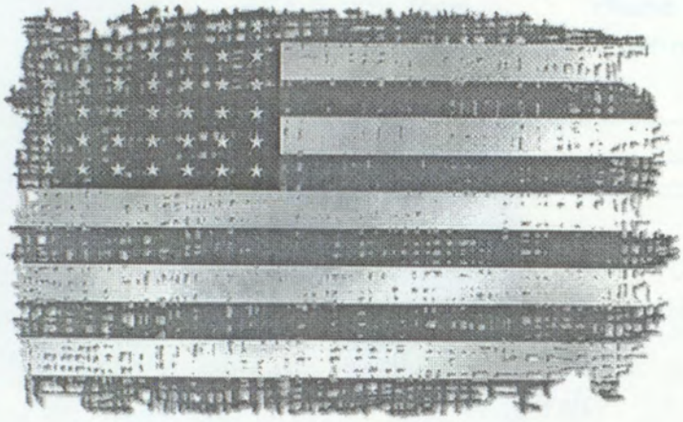
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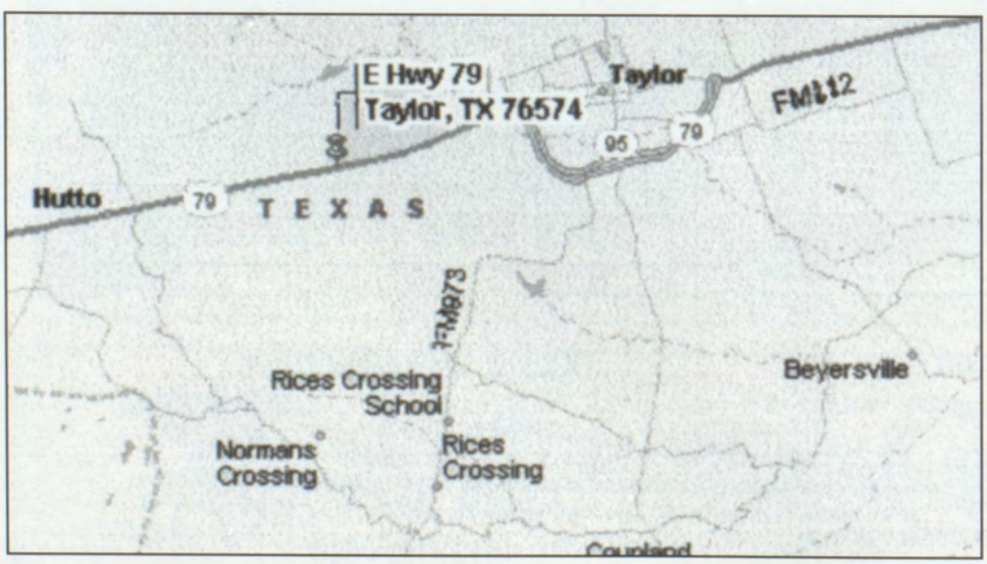
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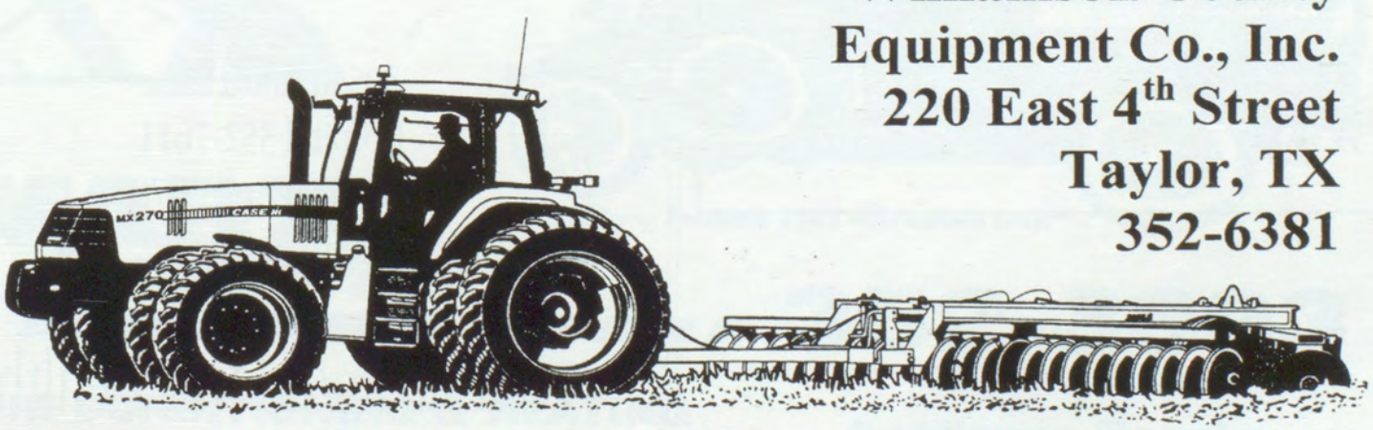
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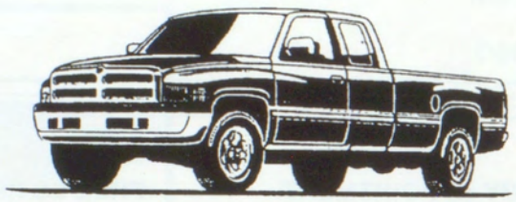
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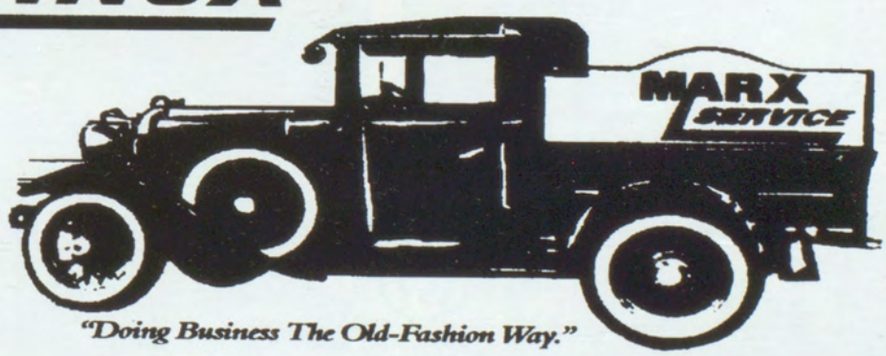
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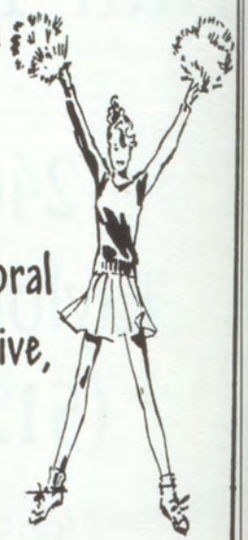
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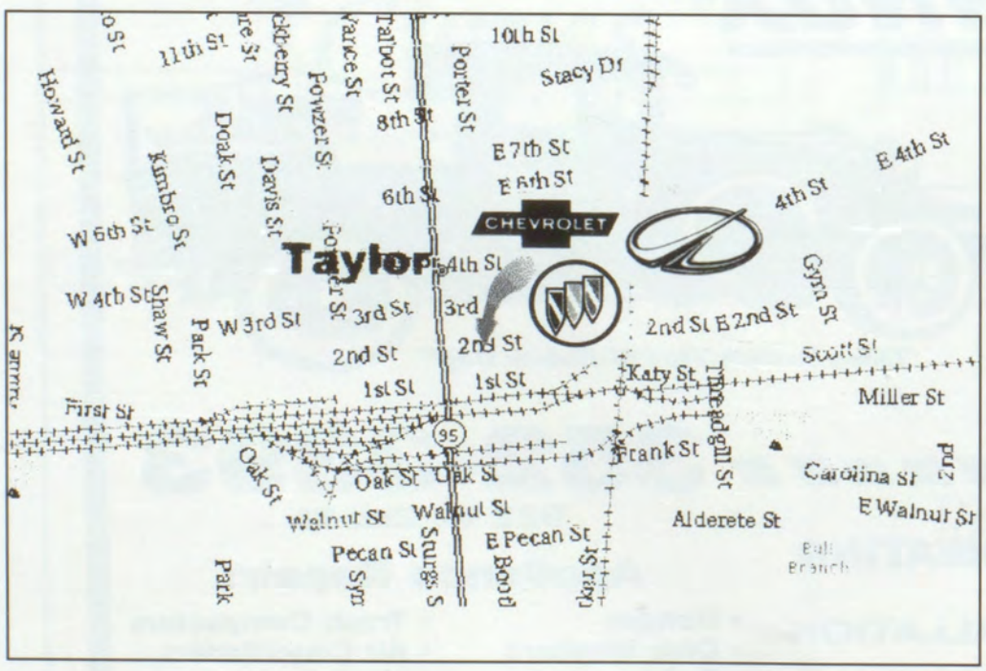
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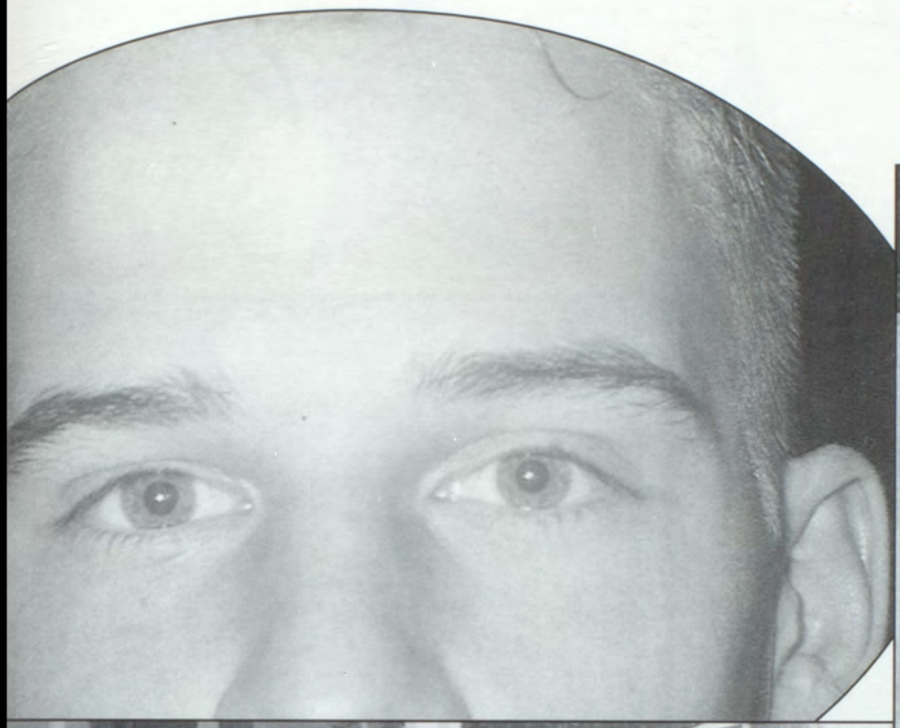
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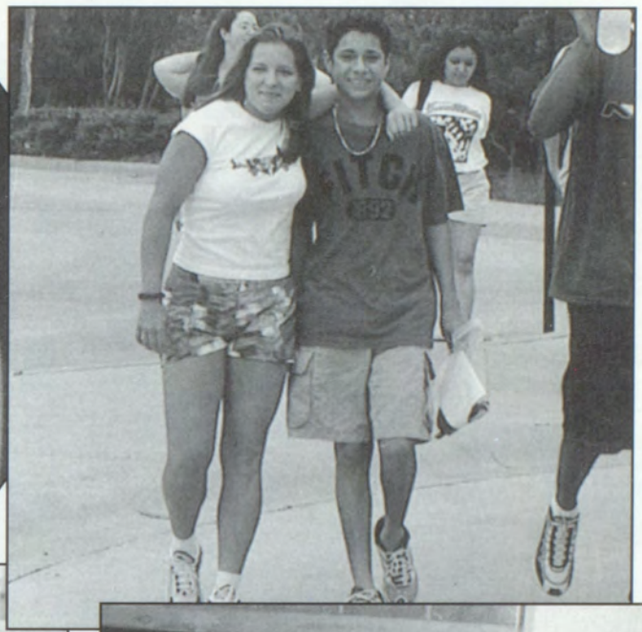
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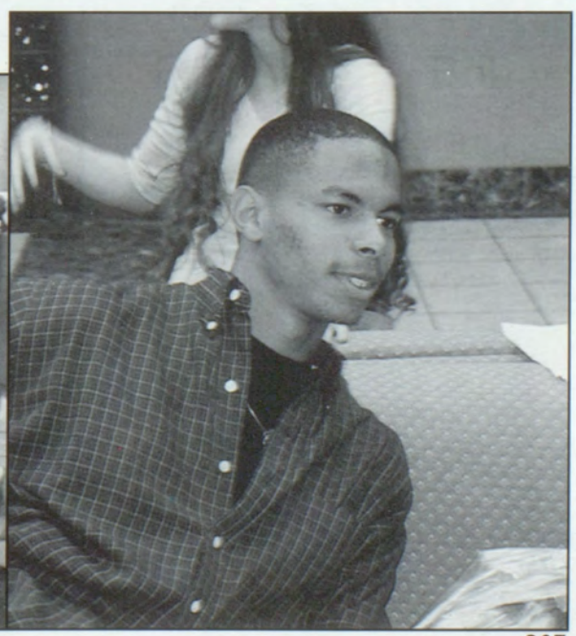


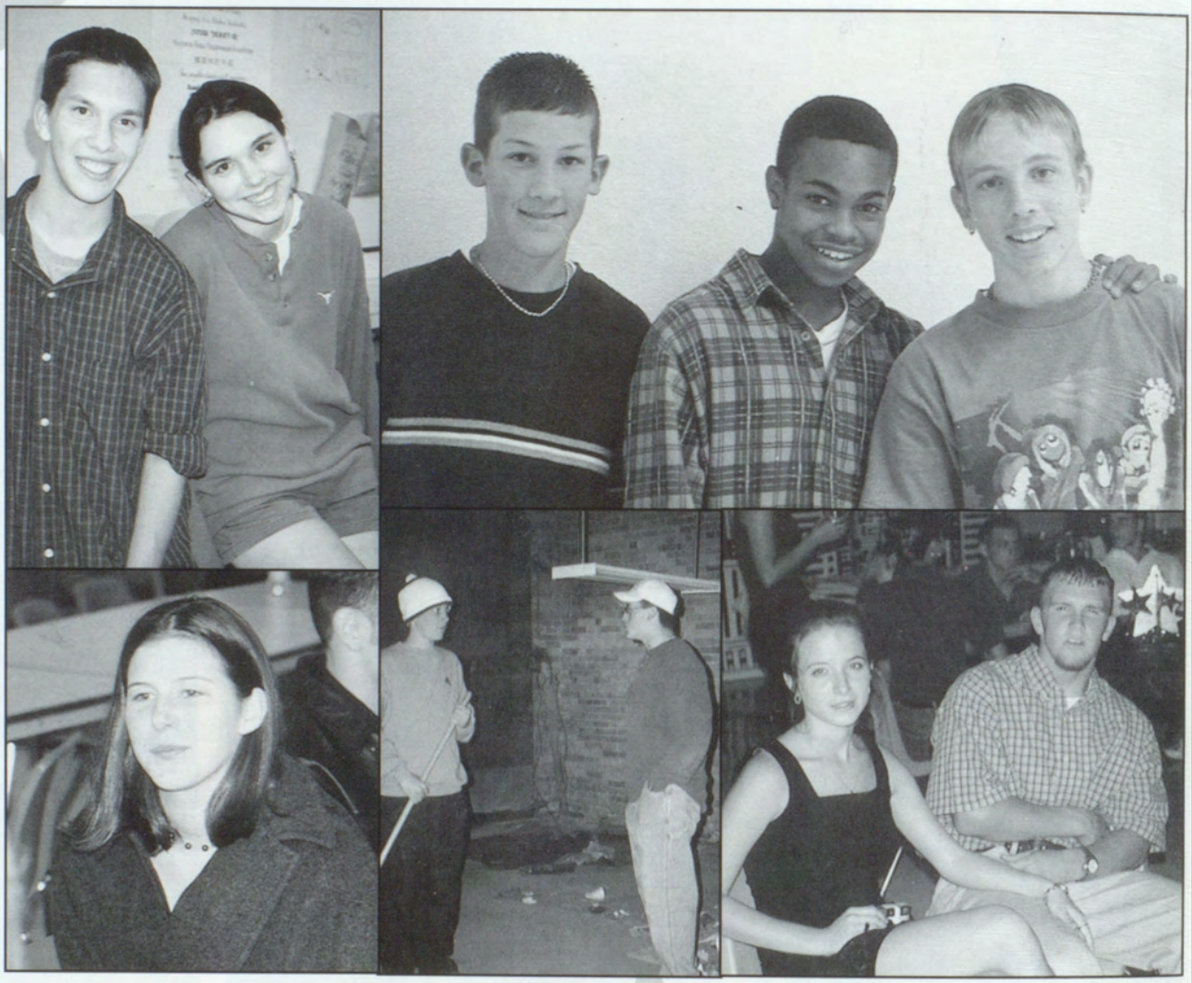
















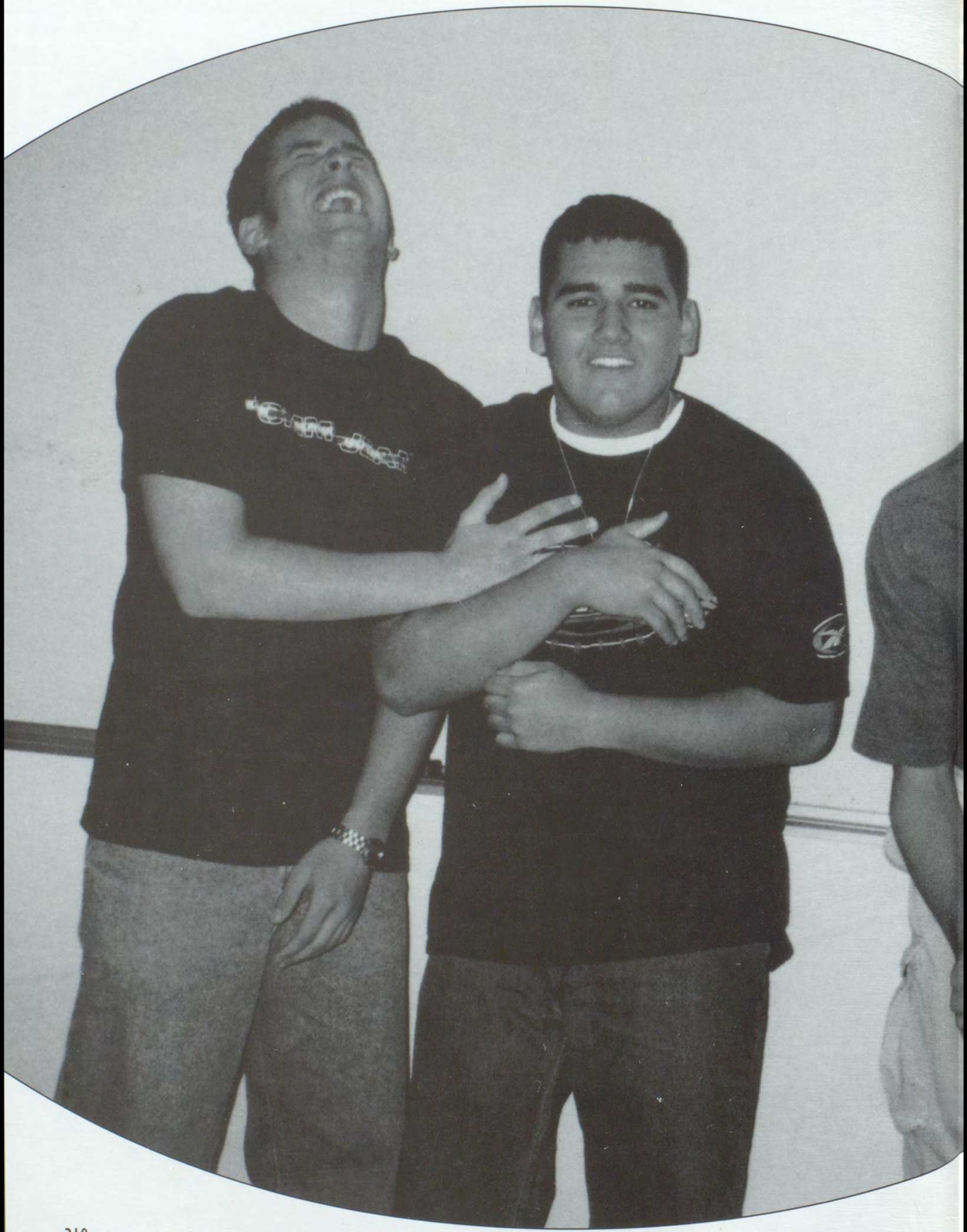


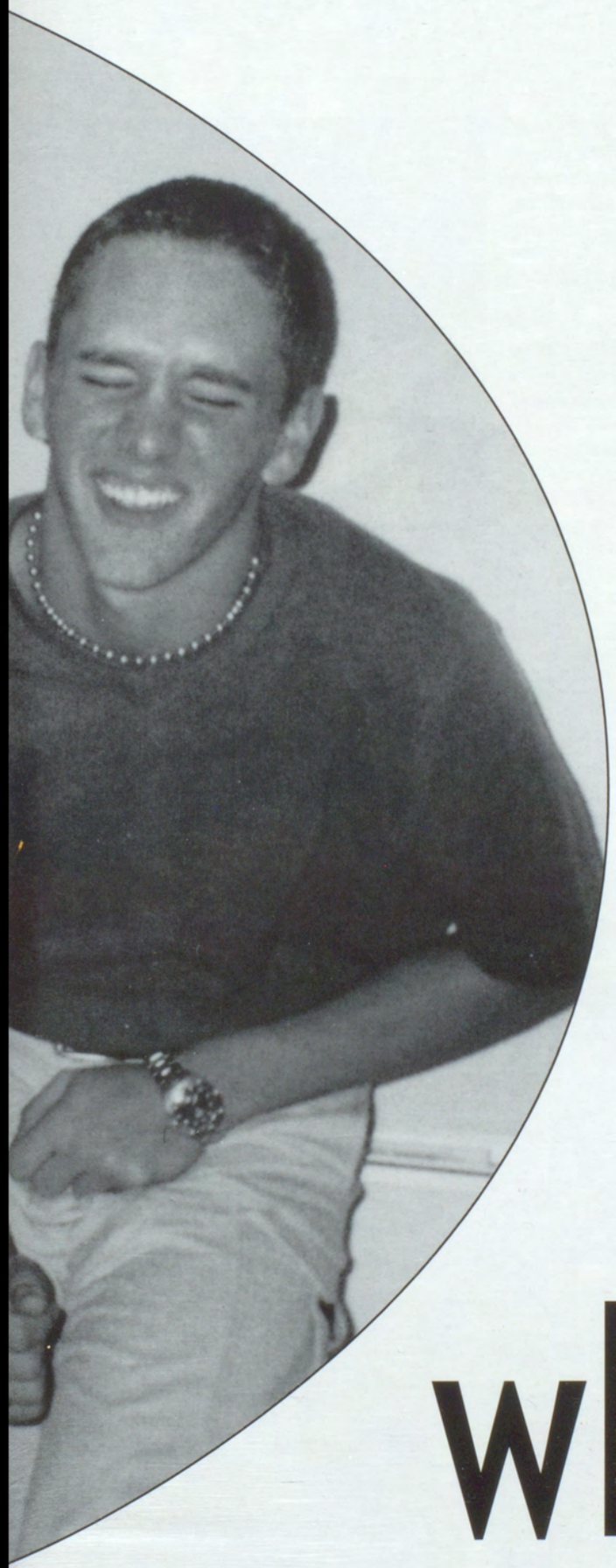





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prom...

...graduation

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Picket Fences and Skeleton Keys

The Secret Garden

The Secret Garden was magnificent, but it seems like it all went by too fast—getting all styled up, going out to eat, arriving at the prom, taking pictures, dancing a few songs (and having our toes stepped on), leaving, and heading to the after-prom party. But you know what they say, "time flies when you're having fun." A white picket fence lined with ivy and lanterns turned into a gazebo that led the way into a mystical secret garden. Gorgeous murals lined the walls, complete with gates and winding paths. A waterfall and fountains kept a peaceful, rippling sound playing throughout the evening. A bridge led the way from the dance floor to the sitting area. The sky (ceiling, rather) shone radiantly with tiny stars. Antique-looking stone walls were painted onto the panels, complete with climbing roses and spider-like ivy. Garden benches served as a place to rest for dancers with achy feet. All the scenes looked so real that it was hard to believe that we were dancing in the same room that, the rest of the year, is just the "student center." Fashion is always a huge part of prom. For girls, ballroom gowns with full skirts and fitted dresses with millions of beads were the most popular styles in our Secret Garden. And for the guys, tuxes ranged from the classic penguin black-and-white look to full ebony, with snazzy vests and sharp bow ties. As always, hair was given the special treatment. Girls went for the elegant curls and classy up-dos. Most guys just put a little extra gel in their hair, but one in particular took his hair to a new shade. . . he called it "vampire red," and nearly stole the show. Prom Queen Amanda Welch and Prom King Bubba Talley made a smashing couple—both of the crowned seniors resembled royalty in their prom attire. After the dance, most of the prom attendees made their way over to Pasemann Elementary for the Chemical-Free After-Prom party. There, tables were set up for all kinds of Las Vegas-style card games, a human slot machine, and even dice tables. We "gambled" with Duck Bucks, which were later cashed in at the auction. Free caricatures were a big hit; the artist said that they made us look "really goofy and really cool at the same time." Parents went past the whole nine yards for us. For students, all of this was free. Each teenager at the party won at least one door prize worth $40 or more. Lava lamps, gift certificates to all the best stores, car kits, cordless phones, microwaves, and even color TVs were given away. Troy Dominguez won the drawing for a fully stocked computer. After all the prizes were handed out, several groups went to breakfast together. . . . But most just went home to sleep.







A captured moment. Tarisa Walker and Chris Kautz slow dance to a memorable song.

Making a grand entrance! Jason Staniszewki and Crystal Steffek parade down the walkway.

Get down on it! Chastity Garcia and her date show off their dance moves.

How cute. Brooke Gomez and Steven Teggeman get close to take a quick picture.

Just a swingin'! As Danielle Pistole and Matthew Bowker sit and relax on the swing.

















↖ **School Royalty!** Prom Queen and King Amanda Welch and Trenton Talley take their thrones.

↑↑ **Could they get any closer?** Kendra Jirasek and Ruben Cantu dance to one of their favorite songs.

↖ **A little thirsty?** Blake Randig tries to be slick as he suavely takes a drink off the table.

↑ **Twisting things up!** Kristine Muegge and Lacy Cervenka jitterbug in the spotlight.

↞ **No pictures please!** With all smiles Emily Johnson and Ladd Moehnke.

← **Just chillin'!** Torsten Auerbach and Kristen Chait sit at their table and wait until a good song comes on.

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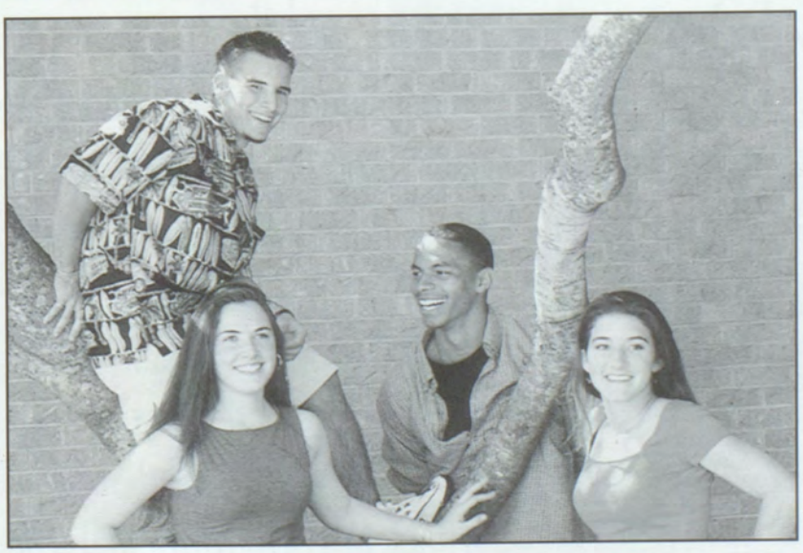
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Class Clown.....Darren Helbert
Most likely to become Miss America.....Lauren Rozacky
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Most likely to become a professional Cheerlearder.....Sean Washington
Most likely to come back to THS as principal.....Lisa Grimm
Most likely to have a basketball shoe named after them.....Maurice Jackson







Most Intelligent
Lisa Grimm and
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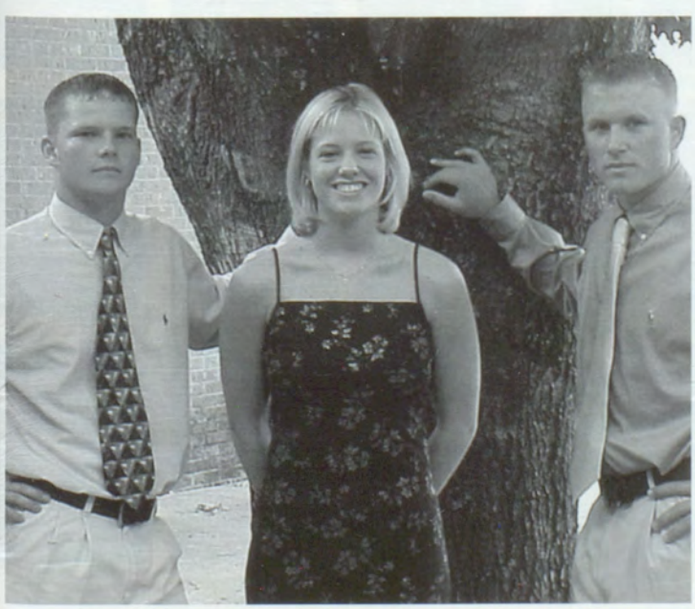
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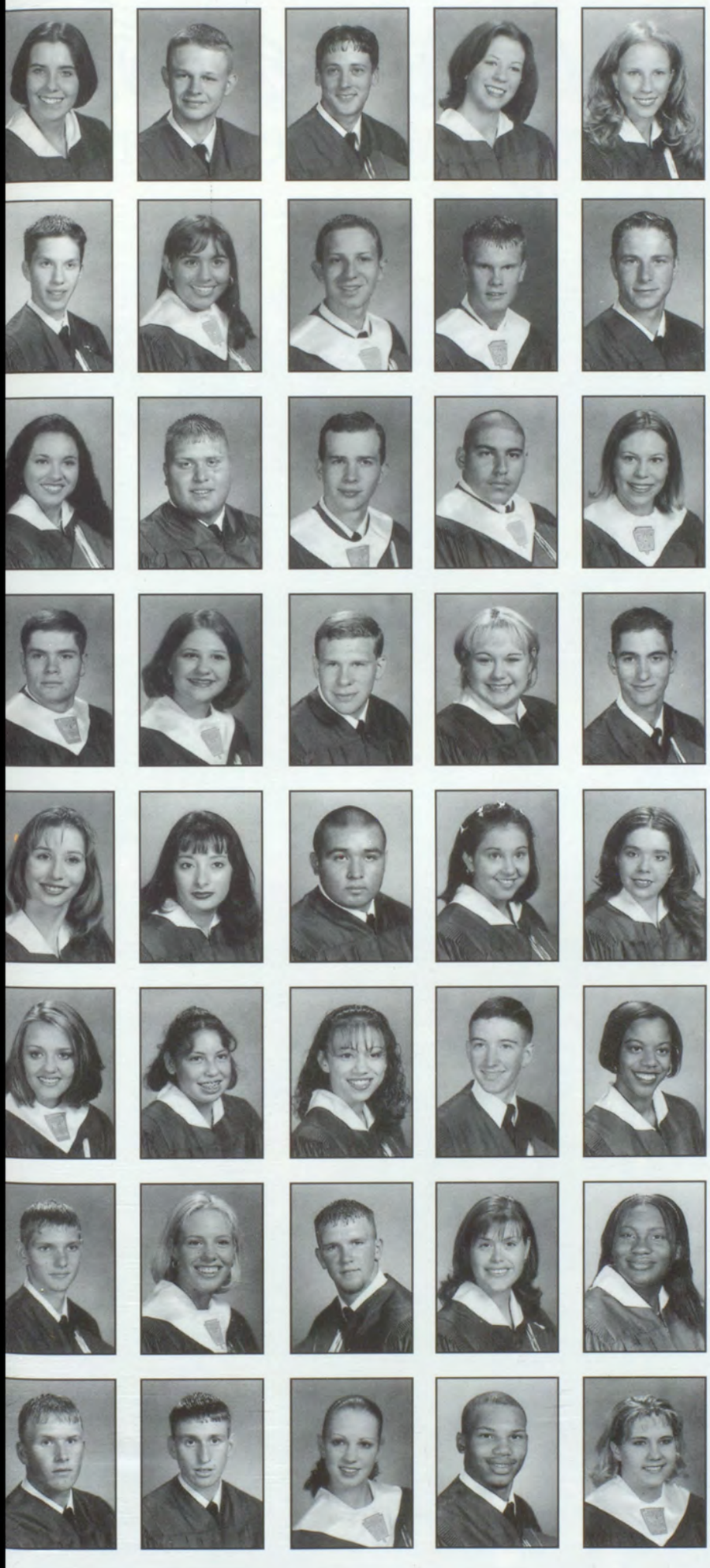




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Steffek, Justin: Patrick Ripley Scholarship ($300)
Svehlak, Tara: Brent Svehlak Memorial Scholarship ($500), Melasky scholarship ($1,000), Gymnastic Scholarship to TWU
Talley, Trenton: Gay Lynn Brinkmeyer Memorial Scholarship ($400), Brinkmeyer-Hobbs-Wade Scholarship ($500)
Tiemann, Lynsey: Ed Arning Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)
Townsend, Danielle: Emil A. & Frieda K. Krieg Award ($500)
Turner, Clayton: McLennan Community College (full baseball scholarship)
Turosik, George: Malinda Mucha scholarship ($1,000)
Walker, Tarisa: Ruth Mantor Scholarship ($500), Tarry Foundation Scholarship ($9,500 per year), Taylor Bank Booster Scholarship ($500)
Washington, Sean: Round Rock Pan American Golf association scholarship ($500), Melasky Scholarship ($1,000)
Zucknick, Amy: Optimist Club Scholarship ($500), Ruth Schneider Memorial Schoilarship ($1,000)

And The Gold Cords Go To...

Honor Graduates Have Made the Grade

Honor Graduates

1. Lisa Grimm 100.433
2. Stephen Konarik 99.405
3. Javier Garcia 98.919
4. Lauren Rozacky 98.622
5. Tarisa Walker 96.784
6. Nancy Dominguez 96.000
7. Lindsey Cmerek 95.973
8. Janlyn Mokry 95.595
9. Nicole Rowe 95.324
10. Amy Zucknick 94.757
11. Kelly Kuhl 93.892
11. Clint Mokry 93.892
12. Lauren Mikulencak 93.703
13. Carlos Menchaca 93.324
14. Dana Carrizales 93.216
15. James Massey 93.027
16. Tara Burba 92.135
17. John Cuba 92.054
18. Jennifer Kolinek 91.541
19. James Ashley 91.433
20. Kyle Kaiser 91.027
21. Christopher Kautz 90.595
22. Tara Svehlak 90.135
23. Heath Haverland 90.081
24. Alison Enochs 89.865



Honor Graduates

Top: Alison Enochs, Heath Haverland, Tara Svehlak, Chris Kautz, Kyle Kaiser, James Ashley, Jennifer Kolinek, John Cuba. Middle: Tara Burba, James Massey, Dana Carrizalas, Carlos Menchaca, Lauren Mikulencak, Clint Mokry, Kelly Kuhl, Amy Zucknick. Bottom: Nicole Rowe, Lindsey Cmerek, Nancy Dominguez, Tarisa Walker, Lauren Rozacky, Javier Garcia, Stephen Konarik, Lisa Grimm.



Valedictorian of the Class of 2000
Lisa Grimm 100.4325



Salutatorian of the Class of 2000
Stehpen Konarik 100.4325

Class of the Double O...

Seniors Take the Stage



May twenty-sixth was the Senior's day to shine. The past was way behind us and the future was now in our hands. This day couldn't have come any sooner. While walking down the track on that clean and crisp spring day we all were thinking, "is it a dream or what?" With the flashes of light from our parents' cameras and our shout outs from the crowd from our friends, we knew they were very proud of us. With smiles of joy we all listened in to both Salutatorian and Valedictorian speeches. Stephen Konarik, our Salutatorian, talked about the past four years while Lisa Grimm, our Valedictorian, talked about the future and what lies ahead. As our class song played, "If Only God Knows Why," by Kid Rock, numerous people blew bubbles. Some of the parents thought it was cute, but a few of the faculty disagreed. We didn't care, we were seniors, what could they do to us then? As the night slid by, we were getting anxious to turn our tassels over and throw our caps up in he air near the goal line of the field. Afterwards we were greeted by family and friends in taking innumerable pictures with our fellow classmates and being congratulated on our long journey which finally came to a well deserved ending. It felt like the world opened up more after leaving the field that night because inside we felt we have grown up.





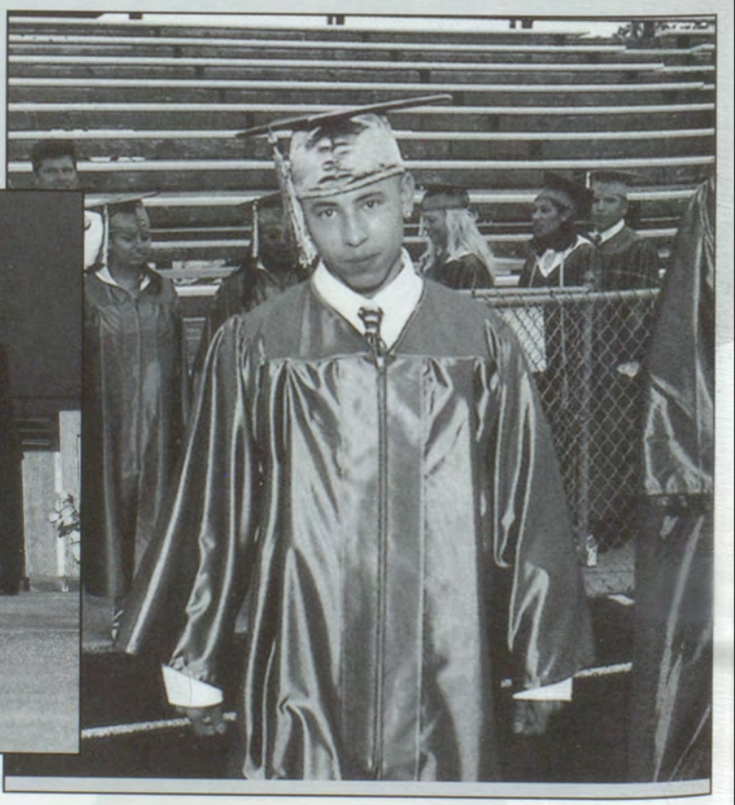








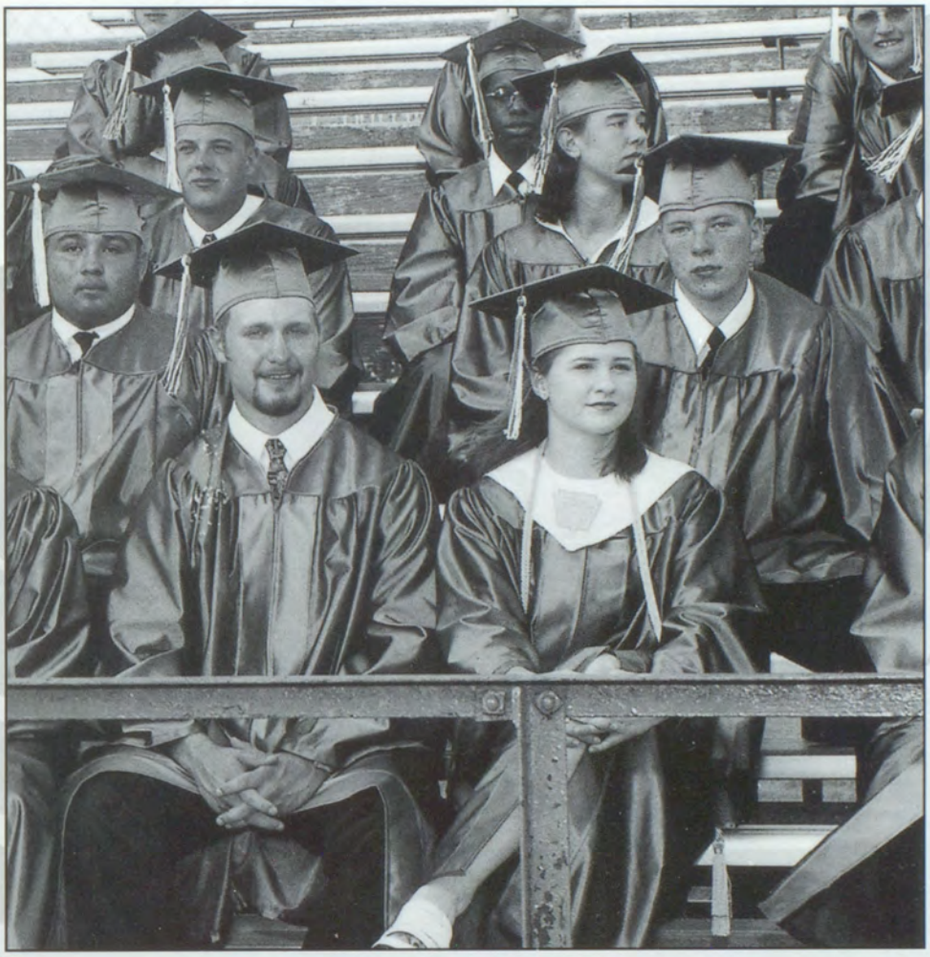




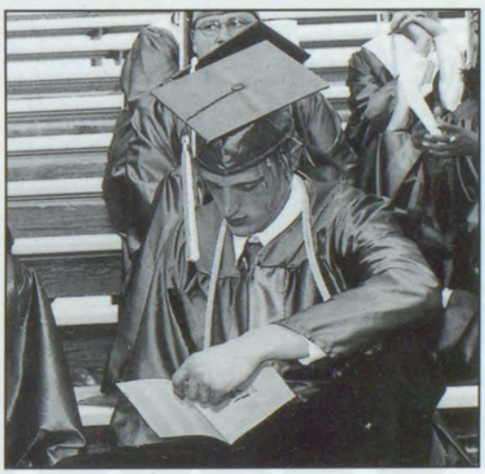


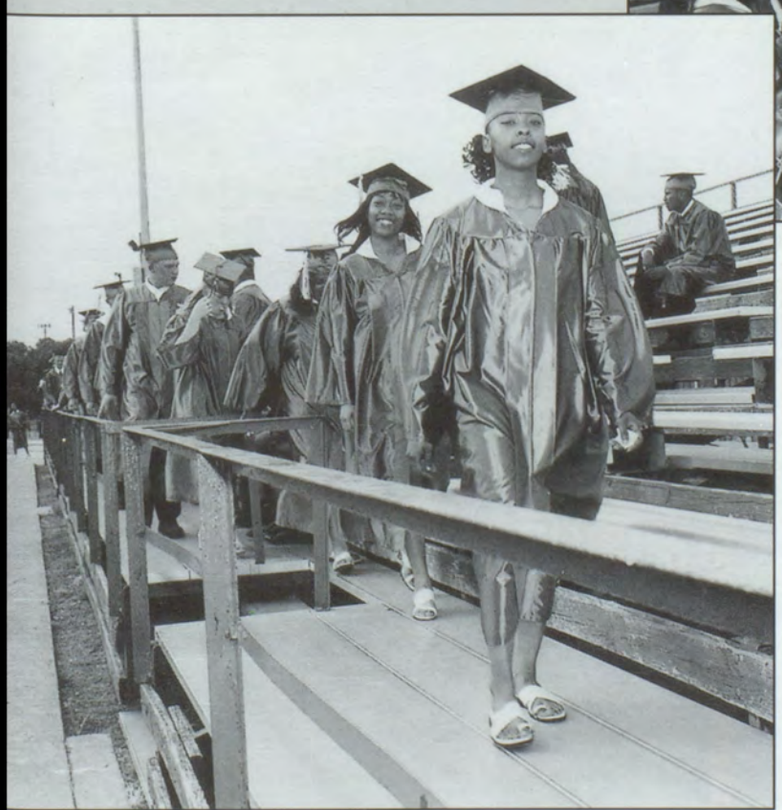


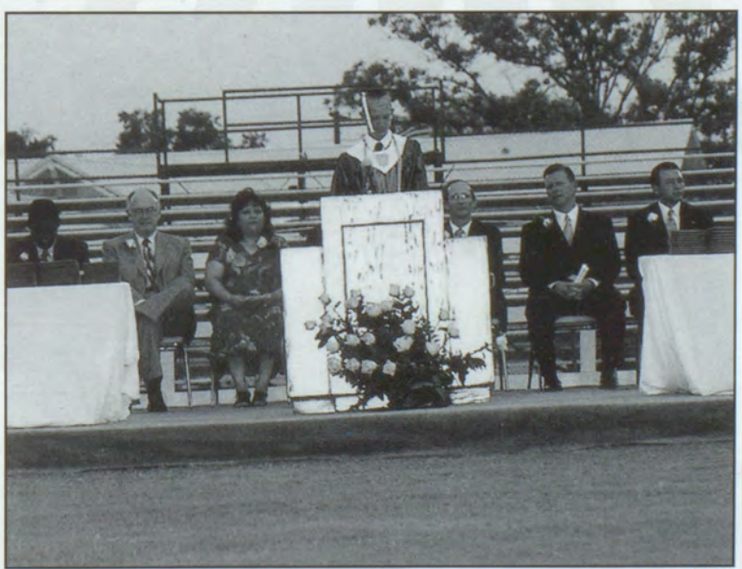










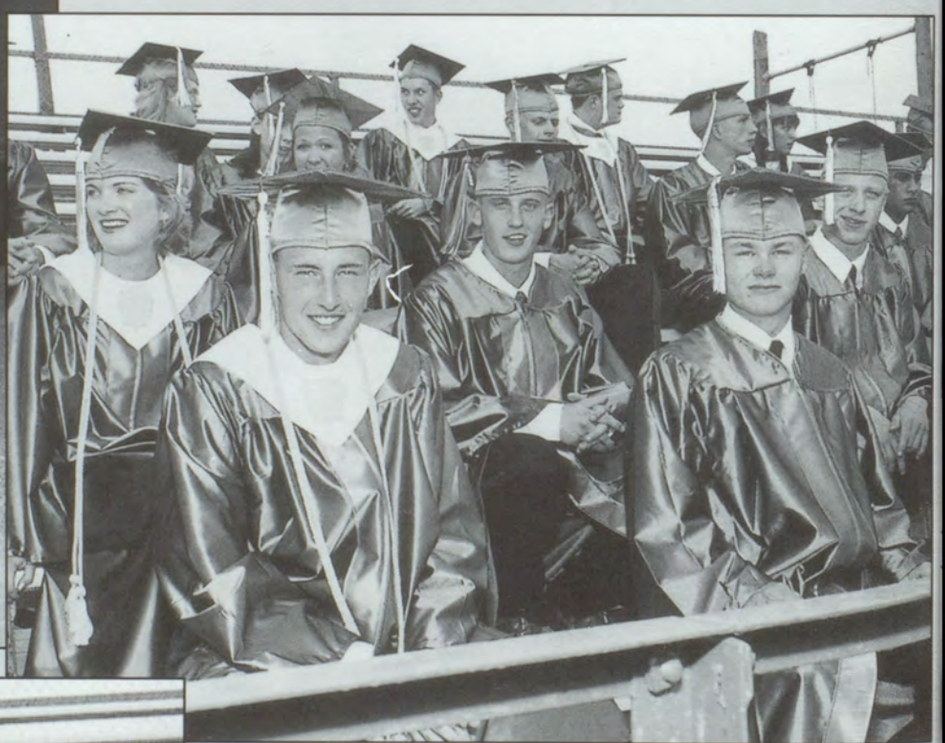


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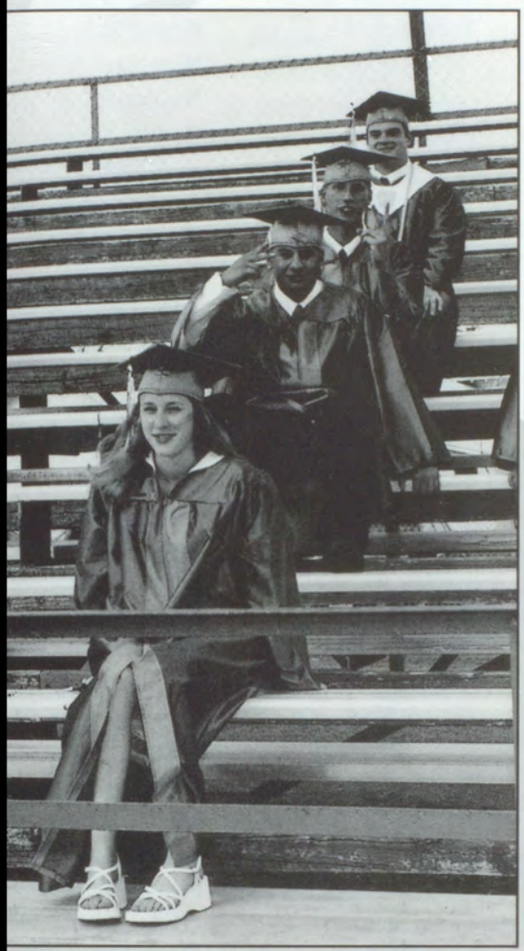










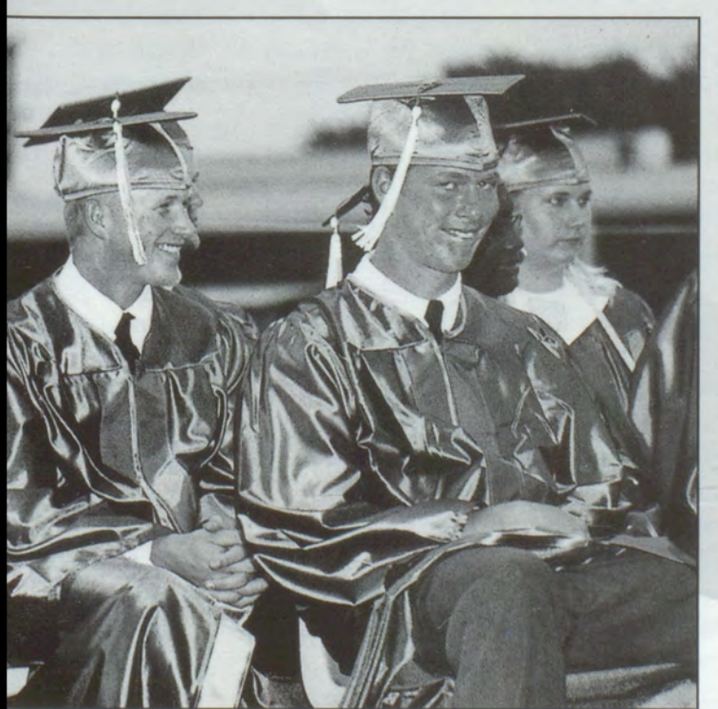














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Memories Frozen in Time

Don't ever underestimate the power of YEARBOOK!

To infinity and beyond...If anyone asked what we did with the Mallard this year, we'd reply that we took it "to infinity and beyond." With two juniors (Emily and Amber) leading the pack, the yearbook staff already knew that we'd be in for something completely new. The ladder was hung by the markerboard with care, in hopes that deadlines wouldn't soon be there. The fonts (after much discretion) were chosen, and one by one, the pages took their form. We designed layout after layout, complying (for the most part) to contest rules. Candace made sure everything had its place. As the word "MALLARD" watched us from our wall (we'd painted it there in Hunter green and silver letters the summer before), we input layout after layout into the three computers. By the time the first semester had rolled by, we had a network between the computers, which turned out to be both a blessing and a bane. Every time Jim came, he'd ask, "where would I find this page?" But it was oh-so-easy to access any file from any computer...most of the time. The candy basket was back, this time including such treats as Caramel Apple Lollipops, Rolos, and Snickers. All of the candy got eaten this year--there weren't many of those hard egg things that nobody liked. Cassy did wonders with our book cabinets; we sold all the yearbooks we had no need for. Perhaps the biggest challenge of the year was living up to the "If the Walls Could Talk" book. After seeing that book published in the Yearbook Yearbook, the pressure was on. Putting this book together has taken immense creativity (note all the wonderful titles), slight verbosity (the copy minimum was 250 words this year!), and thoughtful backgrounds. Patience was required when helping with staffers that weren't fully acquainted with the demands of yearbook. But as a whole, our staff broke down the barriers and produced an excellent book--the one you're holding in your hands right now. Being a part of the yearbook staff is like being a part of someone's memories. It's an amazing feeling to know that, thirty years down the road, old classmates will appreciate each meticulous detail and every ounce of work we put into making this book. To see something of our own making published in a book that will be cherished for years is an indescribable feeling in itself. We've shared so many good times working together, and will never forget what went on in this room....whether those good times stemmed from organization, all the pictures that ended up on the computer desktops, the air freshener wars, the A*Teens and Britney Spears music, or, at the beginning of summer, the shoe-polishing rampage. **These are memories frozen in time, people!**





← **This is no time to panic!** Jennifer Johnson and Savannah Stiba prepare for a deadline (which is the perfect time to panic!).

I don't like confrontations! → ...But Jennifer Gonzales loves to look up and smile while she works.





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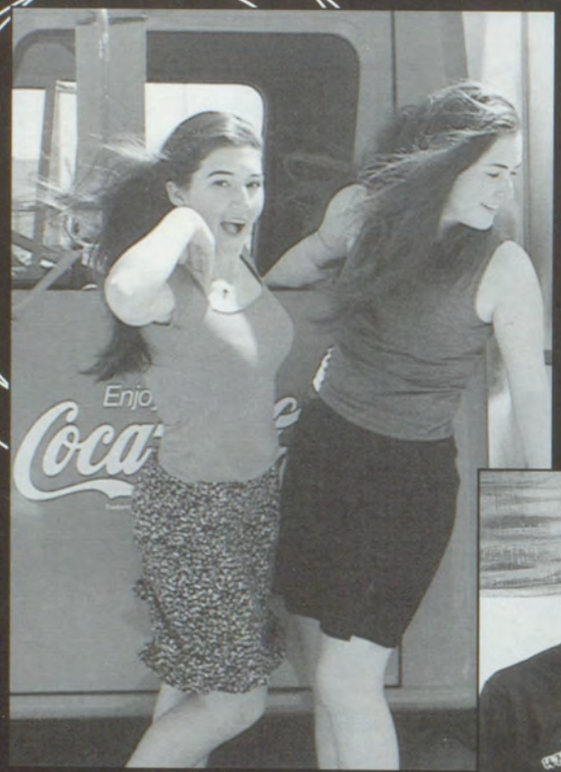
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↟ **A stranger - from the outside...ooooh!** Travis Huber, Derek Klepac, and Chris Beckermann stand around Mrs. Parsons (who came from outside of the Mallard room!).

↖ **You're mocking me, aren't you?** Derek Klepac doesn't know that Abbi Mott is in fact mocking him.

↖ **I'm going for fearsome here, but I just don't feel it!** Alisha David, Amber Byfield, and Emily Johnson couldn't harm a fly (just like Rex couldn't roar!).

↑ **We're going to have to break a few rules...** the rules in creating a yearbook, that is! Savannah Stiba, Amber Byfield, Keitha Jones, and Jennifer Johnsonare ready to do just that.

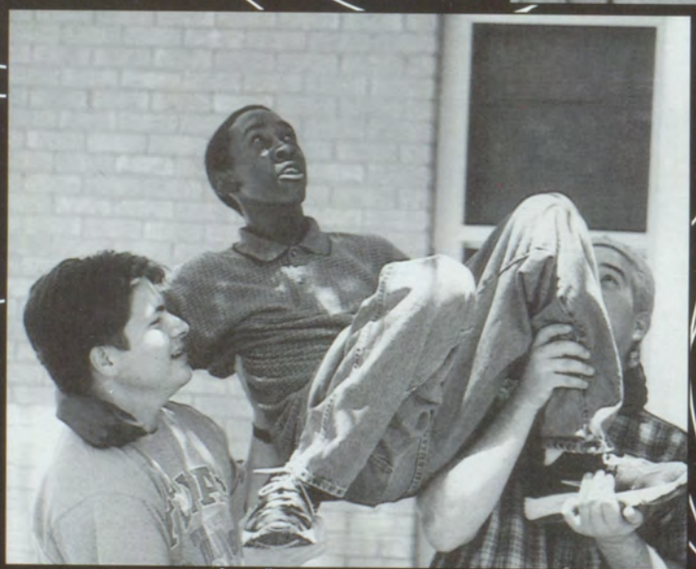

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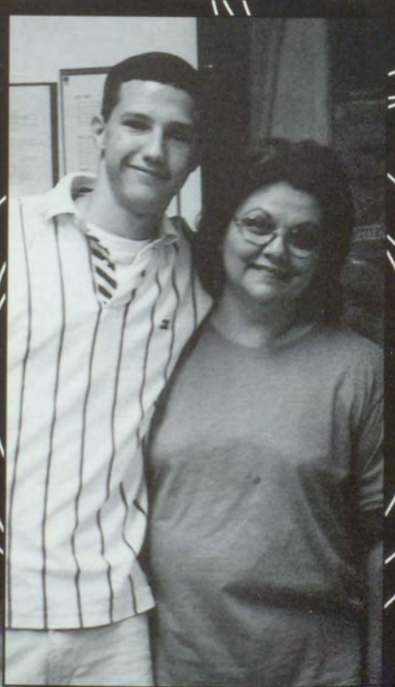



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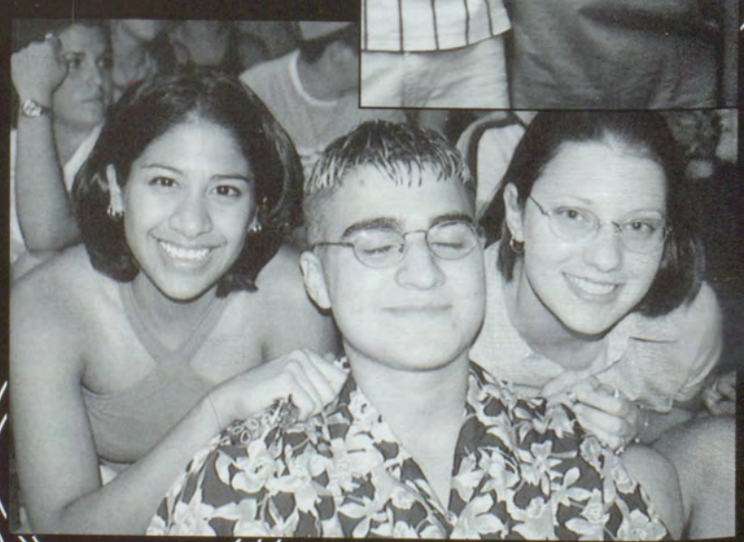


























Well, here it is. The completed yearbook. We as editors have enjoyed working on this book to the fullest extent...and since we're going to be seniors next year, we get to try all over again and correct all the mistakes we've made (although they are few and far between...). It's hard to come up with a closing unlike any other page in the book. But we found a way, didn't we? Of course. This year, we took things beyond all expectations. And we couldn't have done it alone! So here's our list of thank-you's! ******** First and foremost, we thank God for everything. Thank you, Mrs. Parsons, for putting up with all of our lateness and for being a loving friend and teacher. Kyle Kaiser, thank you so much for your sincere dedication! This closing wouldn't be here if you weren't sitting at the computer on the right doing the Superintindent's page... Thanks to Alisha David and Candace Benad for your cheery attitudes and hard work! Thanks to the entire staff for a job well done! This is a yearbook that all of the staff members on the 1999-2000 staff can be proud of--so smile big!!! And to the Miss Melodie Strickland, we give a sincere thanks. You've inspired us to push every detail just a little bit beyond expectations! As always, thank you Mr. Jim Anderson! Thank you for your patience and hours of help--we can't thank you enough for everything you've done for us, your friendship and your amazing computer skills. Mr. David Mosher, thank you for all of the time you spend on photographs for us! It's always a joy working with you. Mr. John Powell, thank you for always supplying us with those last-minute pictures and the use of your dark room. Thanks to Mr. Richard Elliot--you bailed us out of some very last-minute picture problems, and we are very grateful! A very, very big thanks to all of our friends who have heard over and over again about how stressed we are, and who have put up with our bad moods on deadline days. You are just as much a part of this book as any staff member. For all of you fellow students, teachers, and club sponsors who have written copy and cuts for us, thank you!!! We are forever grateful to all of the people who take time to read every page (or almost every page) in this yearbook! We made this all for you, and we sincerely hope you enjoy it. You make this book--we just put it together. Until next year...

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