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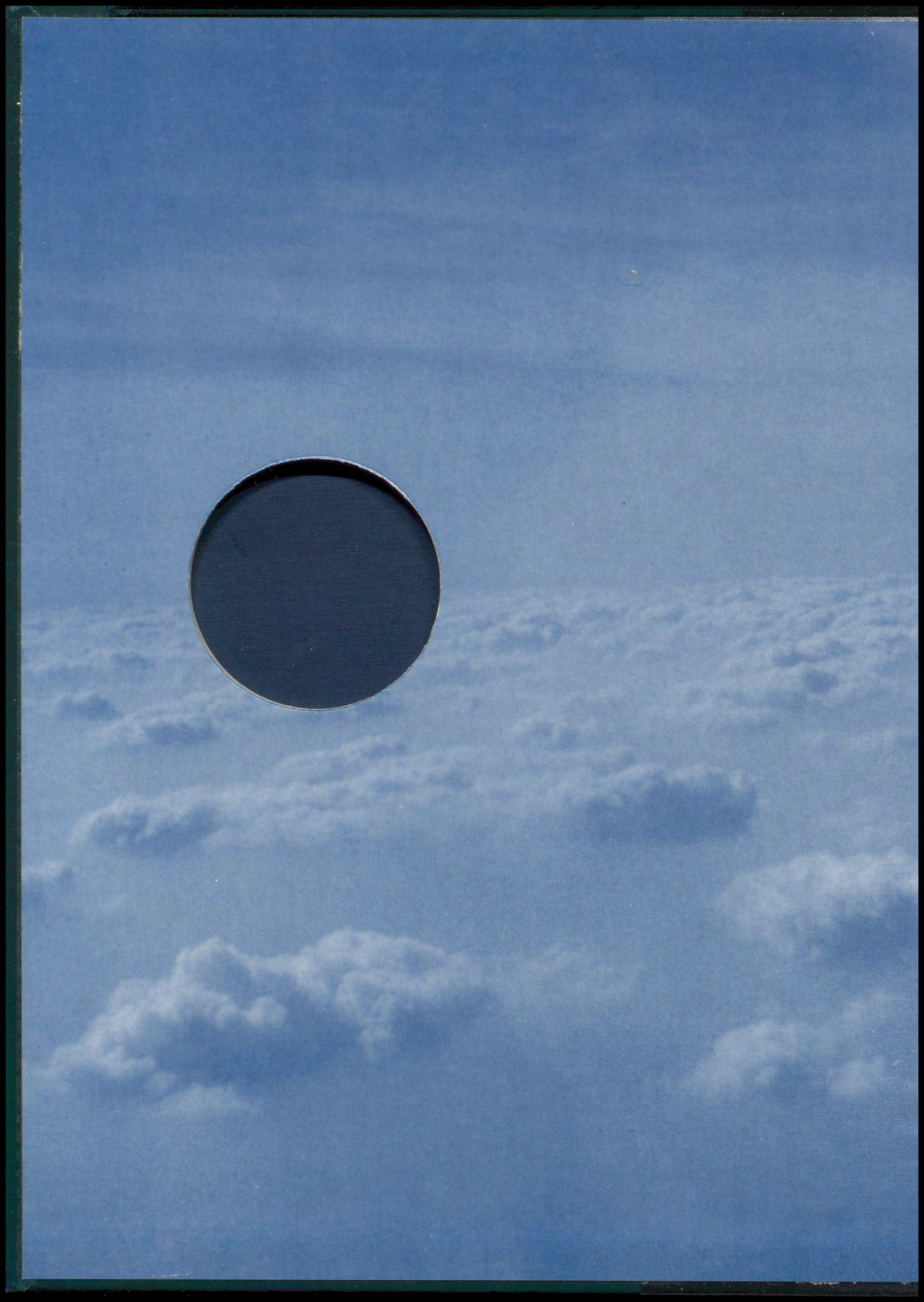
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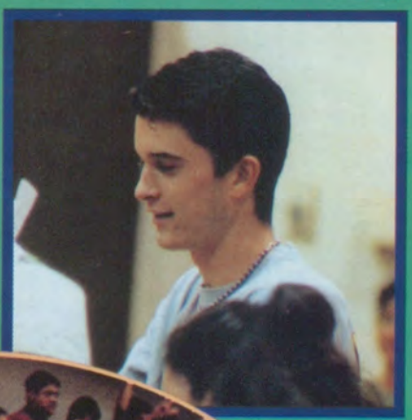
Each year we as the Mallard staff look at what the school is going through and try to pick a theme for the yearbook that embodies our high school year. It didn't take long to decide that we wanted to remind all of you to *keep your eyes on the sky* throughout this year (and for all time to come). As we travel down (or up, in this case) our road in life, many things stand in our way. But what good would it do to become discouraged? While putting this yearbook together, we faced many challenges...but lamenting over them did us no good. We kept our eyes to the sky and broke through our limits, and now you're holding our efforts in your very hands. This is bigger and better than it's ever been before. And so we'd like to tell you that the sky has no limits! If you set your eyes to the sky, your mind and heart will know nothing of limits that face us here on the ground. Keep your eyes to the heavens, and your feet upon the floor; when doing this, you can open any door. We sincerely hope that the theme of this book is a reminder to always give forth your best effort, continually keeping in mind to seize the day and live life to the fullest.

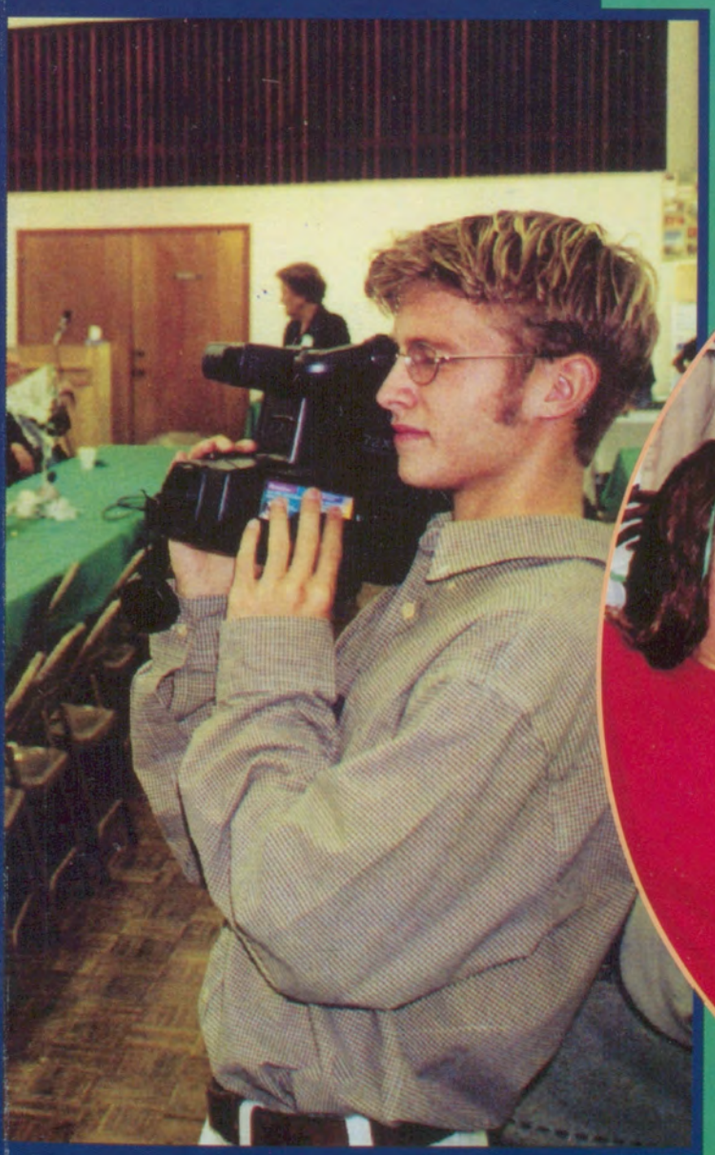


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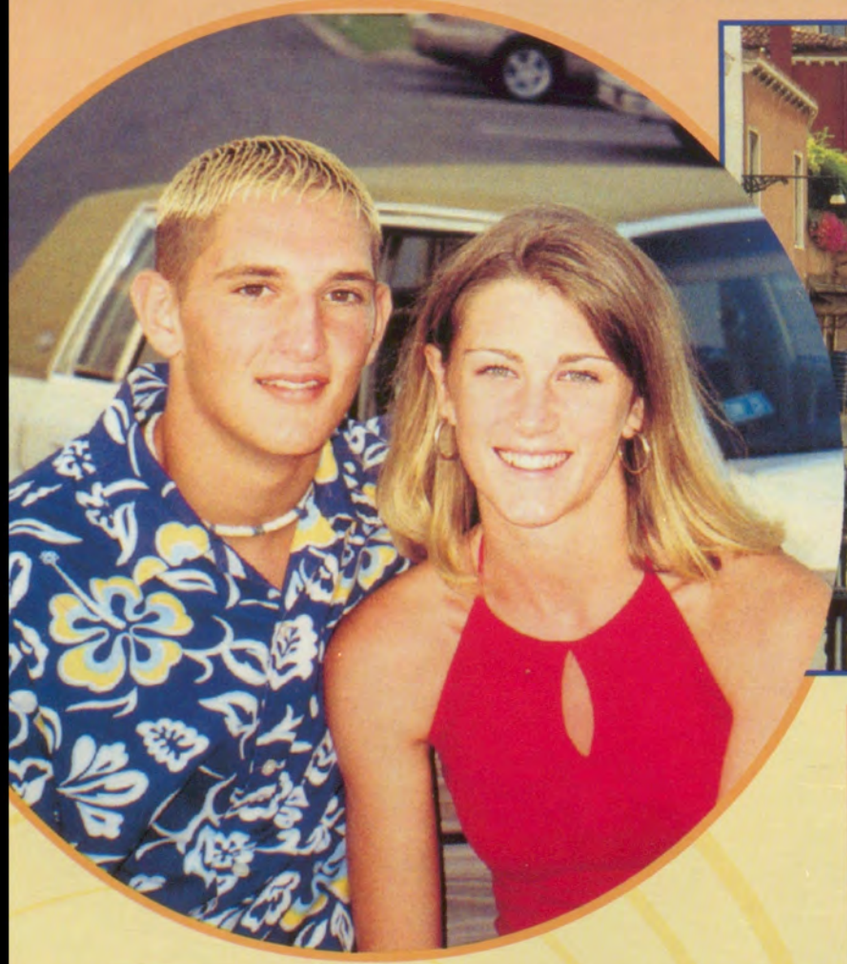
Meet me in St. Louis, Louis... Justin Bohls, Erica Block, Andrew Oser, Niki Artieschoufsky, Crystal Block, Amber Byfield, Micah Grau, Laura Barefoot, Andrew Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. Block spend a week in St. Louis, Missouri, along with 25,000 other teenagers from across the nation for the National Youth Gathering.

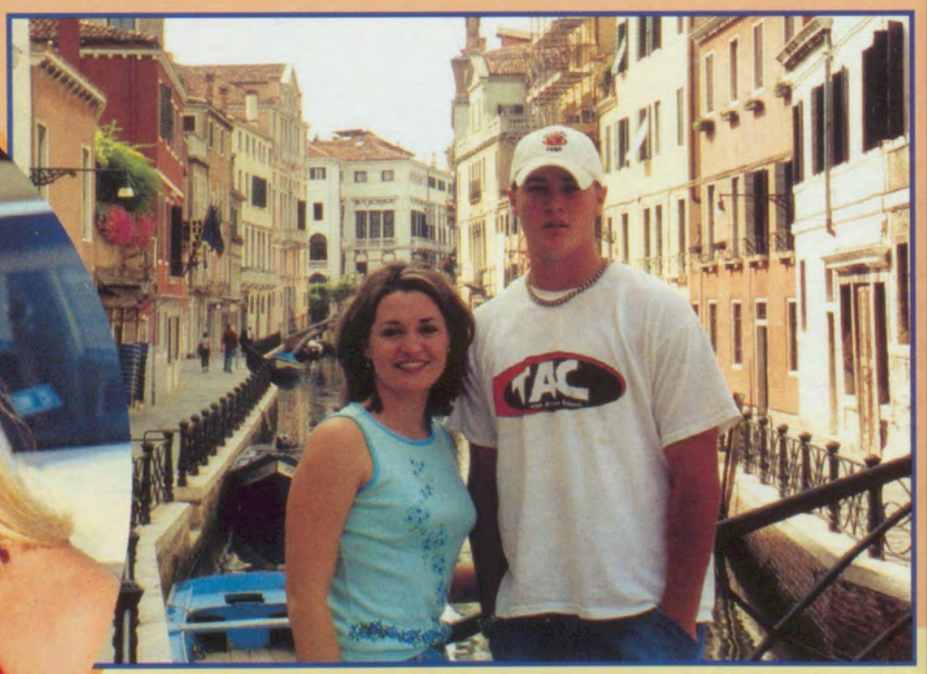
Sittin' under the Florida sun. Carl Richter and Jill Sefcik rest from a long day in the Sunshine State.

¡Vita é bella! Brett Bennett and his older sister, Marisa, stand on a bridge over a canal in Venice, Italy.

We've got spirit; yes we do... Alisha David and Abbi Mott sit proud with the pole they found on the walk back from cheerleading camp at Baylor.









Summertime...
...and the livin' is easy



"Summertime, and the livin' is easy..." The musical *Porgy and Bess* taught us that summer should be gentle, like a lullaby, and easy on the soul. And so it goes in high school...the nights are long and the mornings are often gone before we wake up. Sometimes we face boredom; sometimes there's not a spare moment. Many students take advantage of the seven and a half hours of unusually free time and use them to earn money. Malls bustle with teenagers during earlier hours; movie theaters are more crowded; the beaches are covered in beach towels arranged in distinct groups, obviously those of a band of friends. Long-awaited trips and vacations are finally given a chance to take place during the summer months. Camps overflow with teenage counselors and campers. Swimming pools lure in a crowd, and soon bathing suits are back in season. Summer also poses as a time for change; here, we learn even about who were are. We're even given the chance to become someone new or become true to the person deep down within. With all of these great things happening, it's no wonder we look foward so much to summer.





A walk back in time. Ericka Valerio and her mom enjoy the scenery of the Mayan tombs in Cancun.

Man it's HOT!!! Sarah Naivar and Kim Klaus chill in the cool tropical waters of Cancun.

What are y'all waiting for? Brandon Raesz and Justin Graef catch some rays in Corpus Christi.

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Shining Bright

The football game that ended with a Taylor win, the big group of exes inducted into the Duck Hall of Fame, and the biggest parade in years all helped to earn this year's homecoming five golden stars! The excitement began in the morning for students who went to the Exes gathering at City Hall. The Junior Historians conducted interviews of many of the new Duck Hall of Famers and their family members while the Drama Club sold items to raise funds for the year. Cotton Boll staff were around to sell the Homecoming edition of their paper and cheerleaders visited to liven things up with a few cheers. For the rest of us still at the high school, attending regular classes, things weren't too dull. The overwhelming participation in Green and White Day really boosted the energy of the student body and by 1:00, we couldn't wait to get out of class and go see the parade. Hundreds of us were in the parade which started at North Drive and came straight down Mallard Lane where the smiling crowd of Pasemann and Northside Elementary students cheered us on. When we got closer to the high school, T.H. Johnson students were lined up along the fence , waiting to catch glimpses of high school students they recognized. Of course, the high school audience realized we weren't an all star cast, but they appreciated the time and effort we had put into our floats. The mile long parade ended with a pep rally in the gym and a classic performance by senior guys in cheerleading skirts.

The cheerleaders made us laugh with their comedic presentation of Manor's homecoming court while the band played with extra energy. After the pep rally, things calmed down a little bit and everyone did what they needed to prepare for the big night. While football players slept the afternoon away on mats in the T.H. Johnson gym, Student Senate sponsors made sure everything was organized for the pre-game ceremonies. 7:30 p.m. finally came around and the evening began with a full crowd watching eagerly for results. The homecoming nominees were presented and each student walked across the field with his or her parents. Nervous but proud, they all waited to hear their names called out over the loud speaker. After all of the nominees were on the home side of the field, Mrs. Tennill announced the court. Stacy Lopez and Emily Johnson were named princesses and Lamont Davis and Dominick Devastey were named princes. Alisha David was crowned queen and Bud Vega was crowned king. It was over as soon as an adequate amount of pictures had been taken and everyone started to get pumped up for the football game. The football team played well throughout the entire game and made us proud with a final score of 42 to 7. They entered the game with a losing streak, but overcame great odds to stomp the Mustangs! Homecoming was such a memorable part of the year. It was a time to shine in front of students and exes and show that Duck pride is alive!









Homecoming 2000 Pleases The Crowd

Touch a toe to the stars. The Hi-Steppers do a beautiful wide-scale during their half time performance.

Let's get fired up! Alisha David, Laura Ruiz, and Candace Benad head up the cheerleaders as they lead the parade.

It's a long walk, but they're making it. Hundreds of students walk the stretch of Mallard Lane between North Drive and the high school.

Look at those moves! Justin Graef, Carl Richter, and Dominick Devastey were especially cute at the pep rally; they were three of six senior guys who did a dance in short skirts.

A night to remember. Alisha David and Bud Vega were crowned Homecoming Queen and King.

Go Band! Micah Grau, Chandler Dabbs, and Chris Auerbach charge forward in the band float.

Who Let The Ducks Out? The football teams rushes onto the field after half time, while a winning score shines behind them on the scoreboard.

"Vincite Equos!" Sheila Lopez carries the Latin Club banner.

Ready and waiting. The princess nominees pose for a picture before the ceremony. From left to right: Monica Alderete, Emily Johnson, D'Neshia Griffin, Alisha David, Tina Ponkoney, Stacy Lopez, Monica Hernandez, Christina Ford, and Brooke Gomez.

A regal pair, Stacy Lopez and Lamont Davis were named princess and prince.

New royalty. Dominick Devastey and Emily Johnson smile after they are named prince and princess.







Bow to us!

We are your Seniors, worship us...

The time has come, my dearest friends, to talk of many things...Of capability, commencement, what's to come, and even being kings. The years we've spent together as a class have brought about so many cherished memories—from the winning "King Duck" float that the Herculean hunks held up high our freshman year, to the parade entry in our sophomore Homecoming parade, to the heart-warming, majestic Secret Garden Prom we hosted our junior year.And as "Top Quackers," the memories of the past twelve years have culminated. Our senior year was our time to shine. As seniors, we walked the halls with an air of poised faith in each other and ourselves. We've spent many hours in classrooms, pondering the mysteries of the world, while our teachers have come to admire our friendships, smiles, and senses of humor. They have said that our class seems to be unusually strong. A string of friendship has connected us, and it is woven around our differences, tying together our impenetrable camaraderie (not to be confused with Mr. Conrardy!). Together we've faced many things: calculus, not having exemptions based on practice AP tests, stubborn teachers, broken relationships, new friendships, good times and rough waters. The assignments have become more challenging, but it's nothing we can't handle. The social situations have brought new meaning to the term "best friends." Even though we're still jealous of the underclassmen's laptops, we're going to be alright (at least we know how to behave). Looking back, the life lessons we've learned in these twelve years, whether it be how to study for an exam or what to do when you think you stand alone, will never leave our hearts and minds. People may ask us what we learned the most about in high school—the inevitable answer is that we learned about each other. We're finally the students stuck in between grade school and "real life." Though it came as a shock ("Guys, look! We're wearing the graduation robes in our school pictures!"), we've taken it all in stride. Forever will the class of 2001 be held together by the smiles we've shared. We've got our eyes on the sky, and we know that the doors of life will soon be opening. So life, here we come.



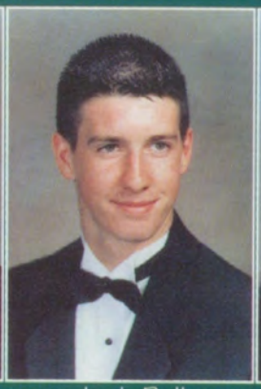


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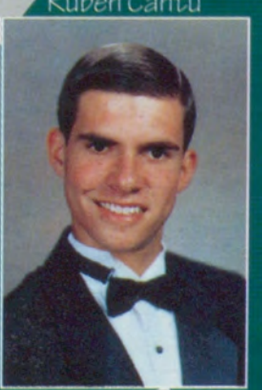

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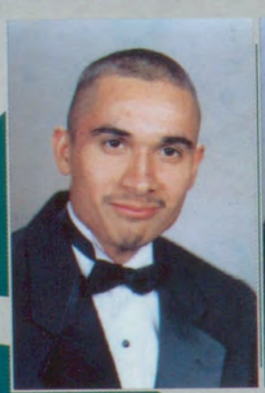
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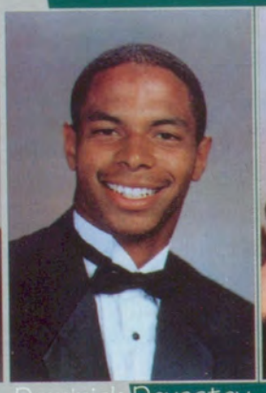
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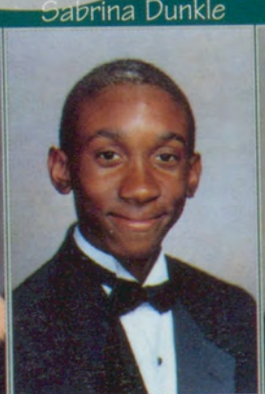
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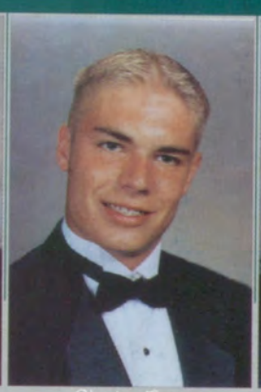
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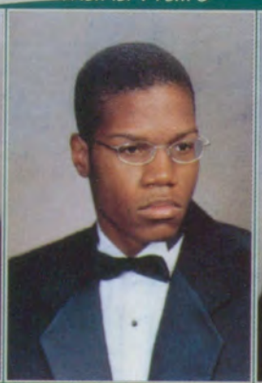

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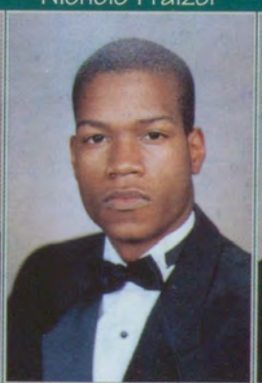

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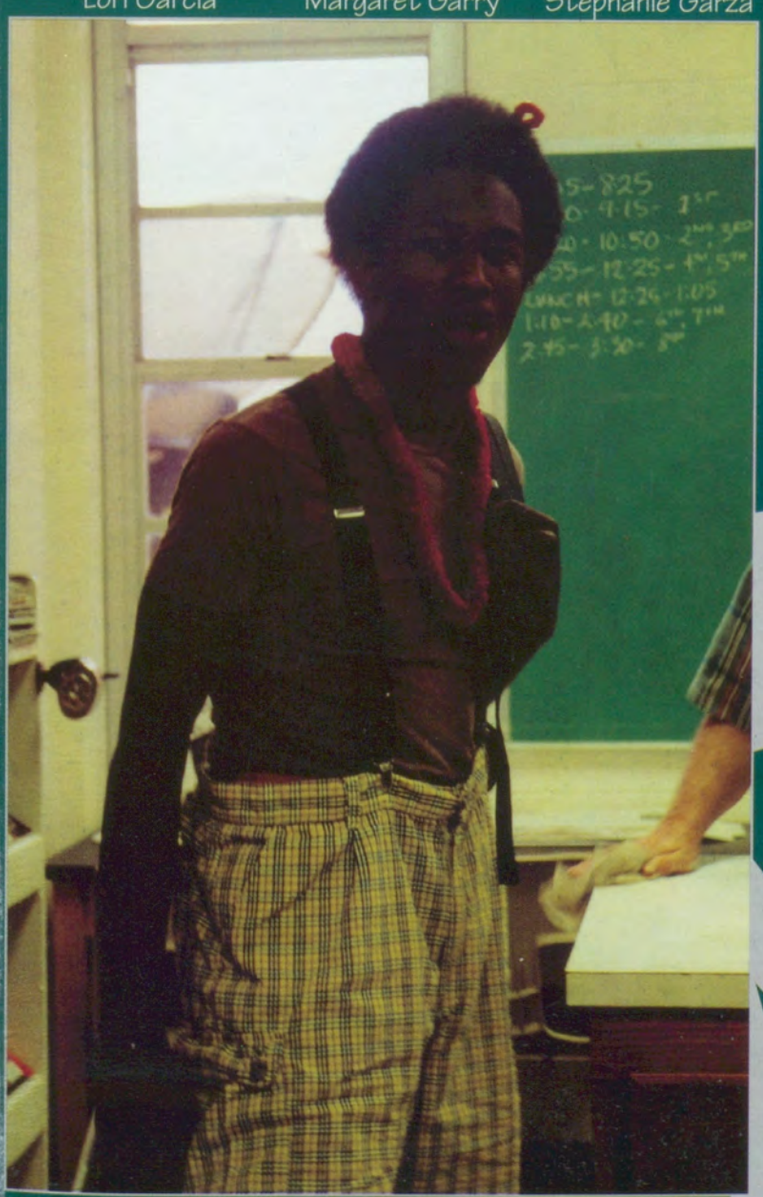

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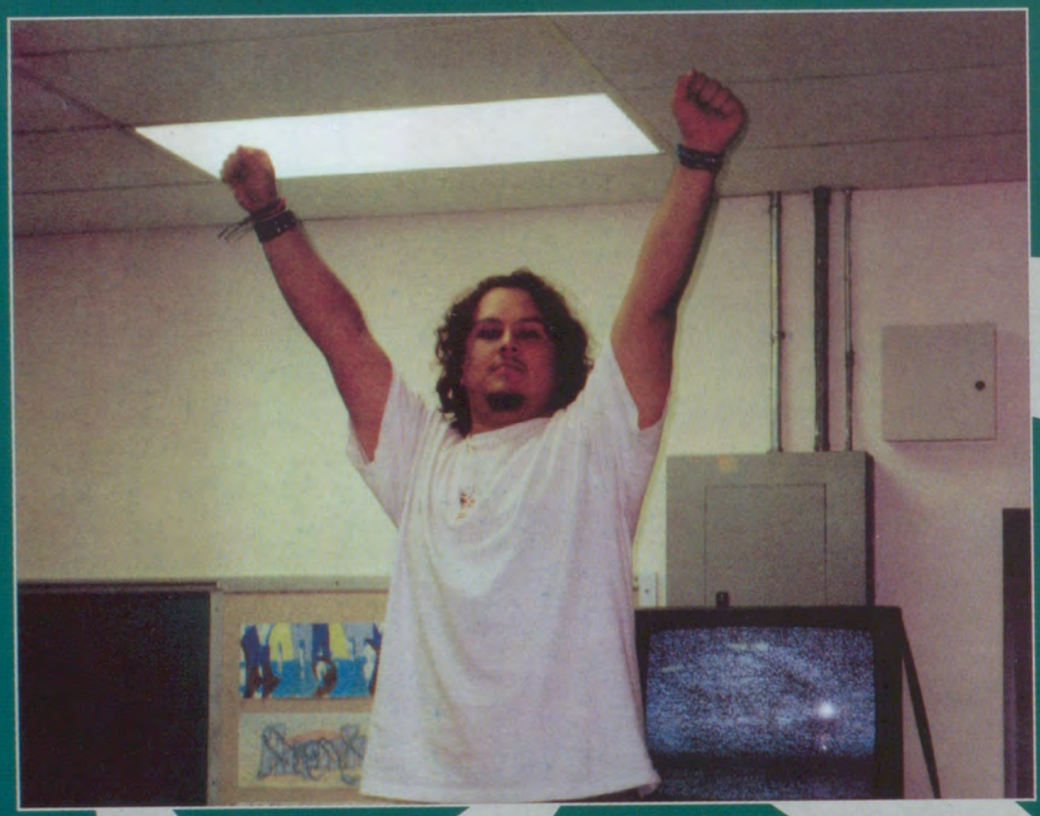

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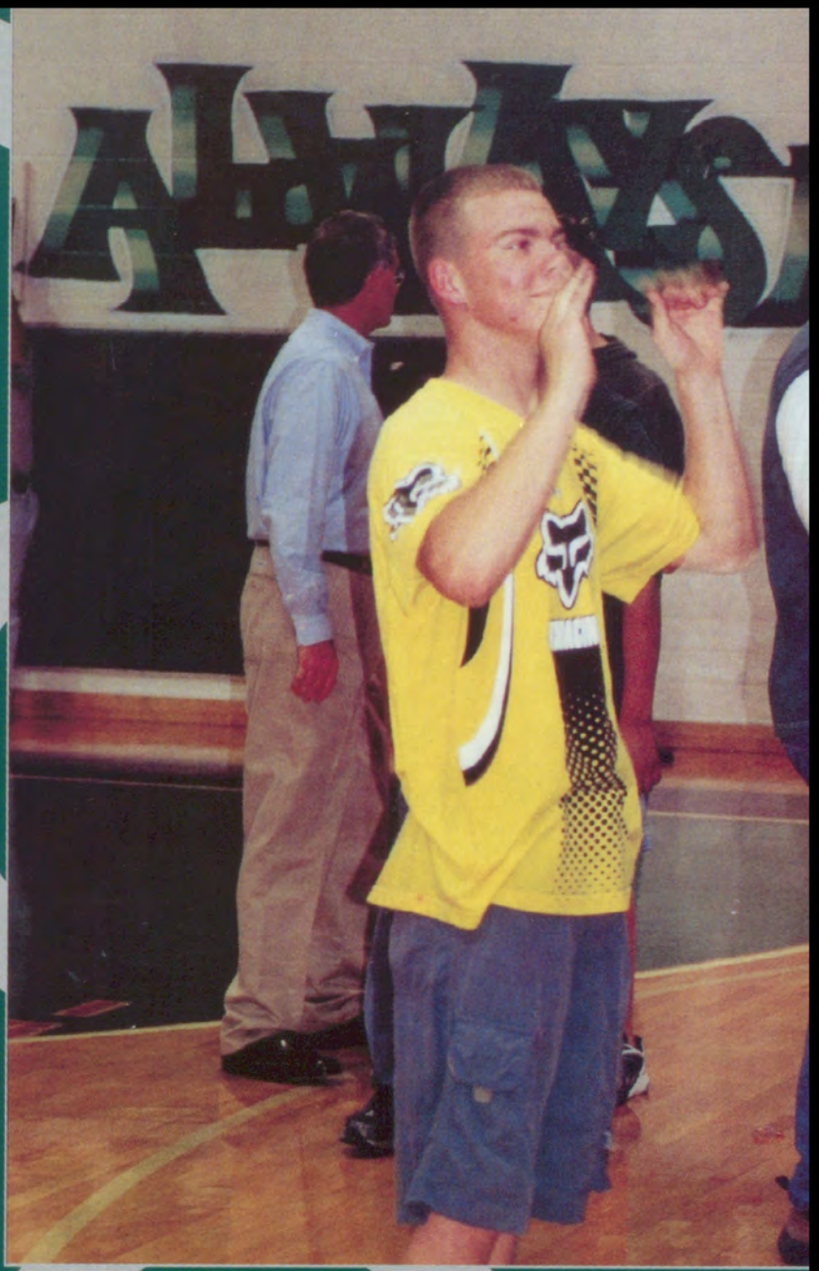
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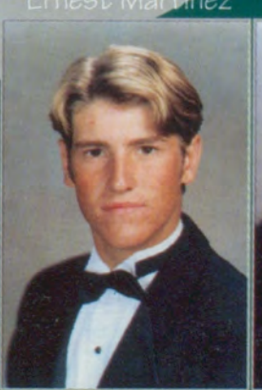
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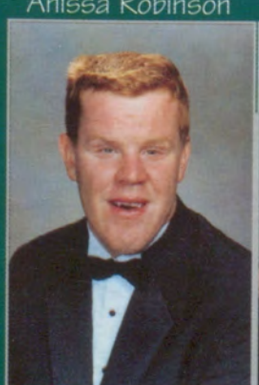

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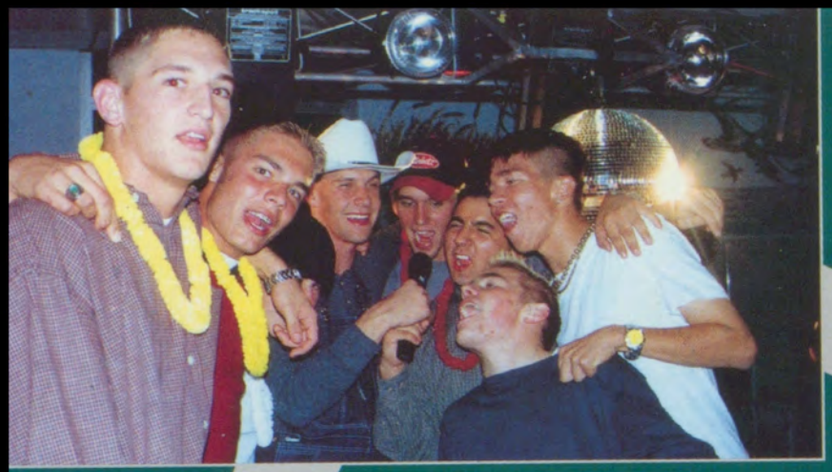

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Jose Tellez



Nicole Torres



Jennifer Urbanek



Maggie Vega



Thomas Vega



Joshua Verastique



Linzy Wallace



Crashandra Washington



Scott Washington



Josh Weise



Laura Whatley



Nicole White



Can You Identify These Eyes?

ANSWERS:
1. Heather Guardiola, Senior; 2. Andrew Oser, Senior; 3. Keitha Jones, Senior; 4. Becky Estrada, Senior; 5. Nicole Artieschoufsky, Junior; 6. Alison Mayer, Senior; 7. Amber Byfield, Senior; 8. Felipe Mena, Sophomore; 9. Leanne Mroz, Freshman; 10. Carl Richter, Senior; 11. Dwayne Curtis, Junior; 12. Carlos Rodriguez, Junior; 13. Micah Grau, Senior; 14. Christina Ford, Senior; 15. Amber Seidel, Senior; 16. Chandler Dabbs, Senior; 17. Mr. Conrardy, Teacher; 18. Nelson Parker, Junior.

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Joshua James Morrison

October 2, 1982 - September 9, 2000









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 with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me.
God wanted me now. He set me free.



















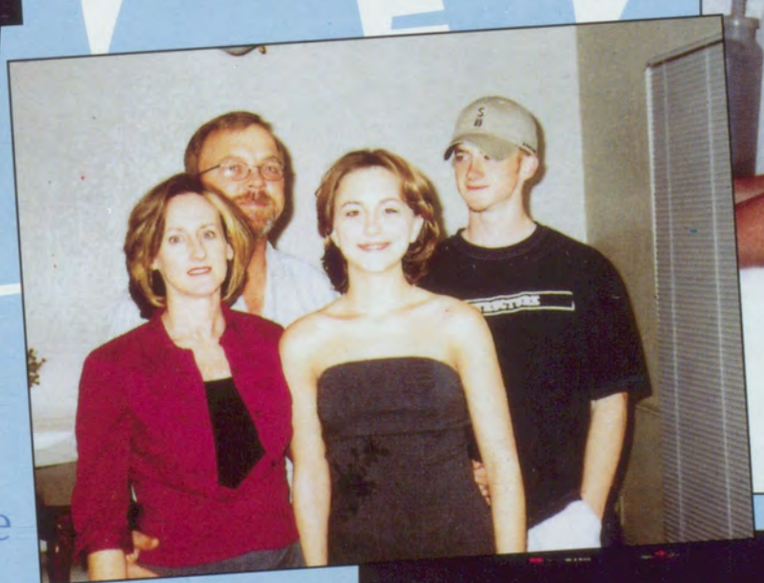




"The righteous will florish like a palm tree."
--Psalms 92:12







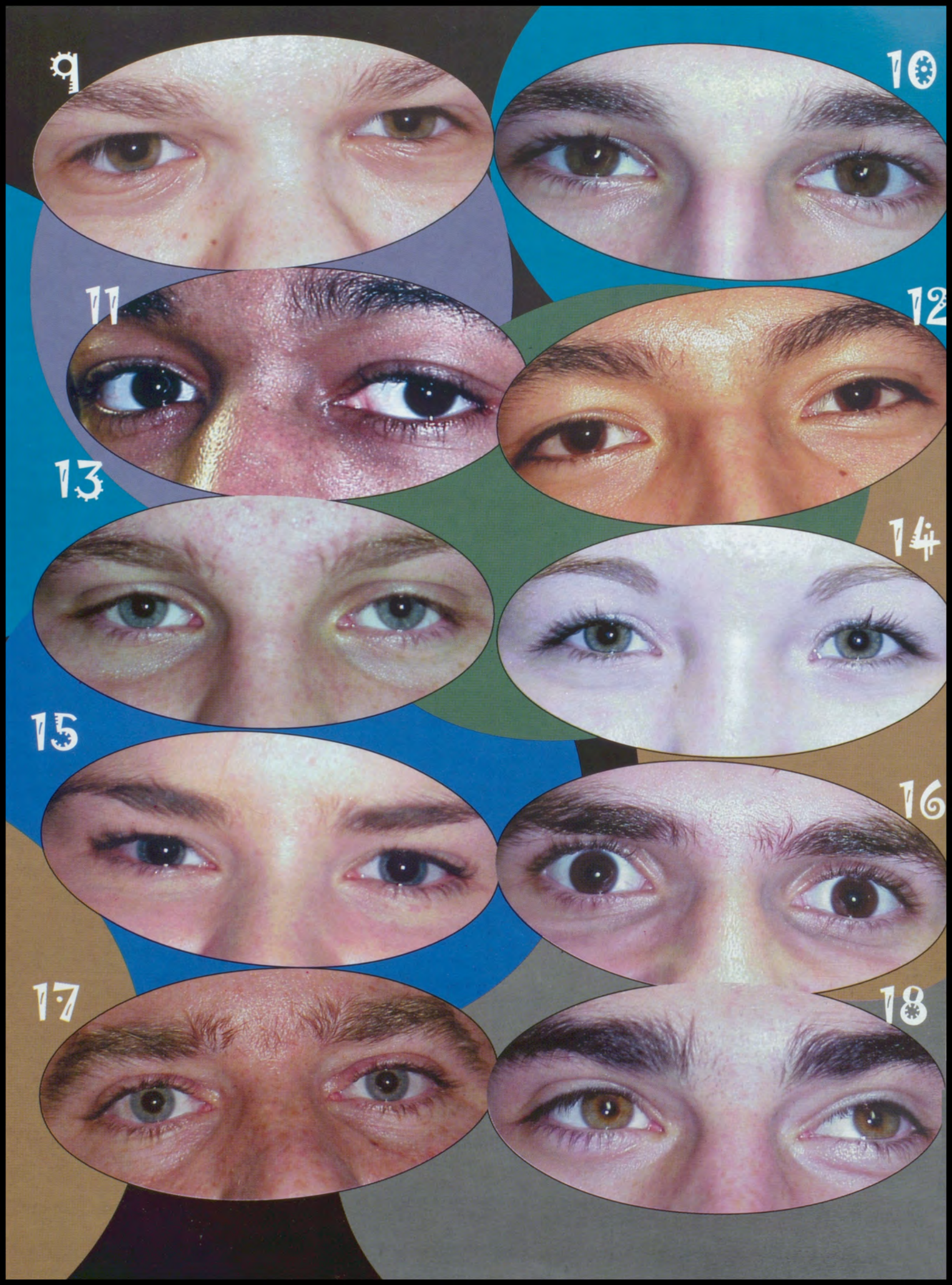
True friends are friends forever.





Gone, but not forgotten...

If sparks don't fly, it's too high


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Senior Class Officers
Christina Ford (Treasurer), Heather Guardiola (Secretary), Keitha Jones (Representative), Alisha David (Vice President), Emily Johnson (Representative). Travis Huber (Parlimentarian), Brian Drummond (Representative), Dominick Devastey (Representative), Steven Teggeman (President).

class of 2001

class song

"Goodbye to Romance"
by Ozzy Ozbourne

class flower

Blue Rose

class colors

Baby Blue and Silver

class motto

Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today.



Spirit week

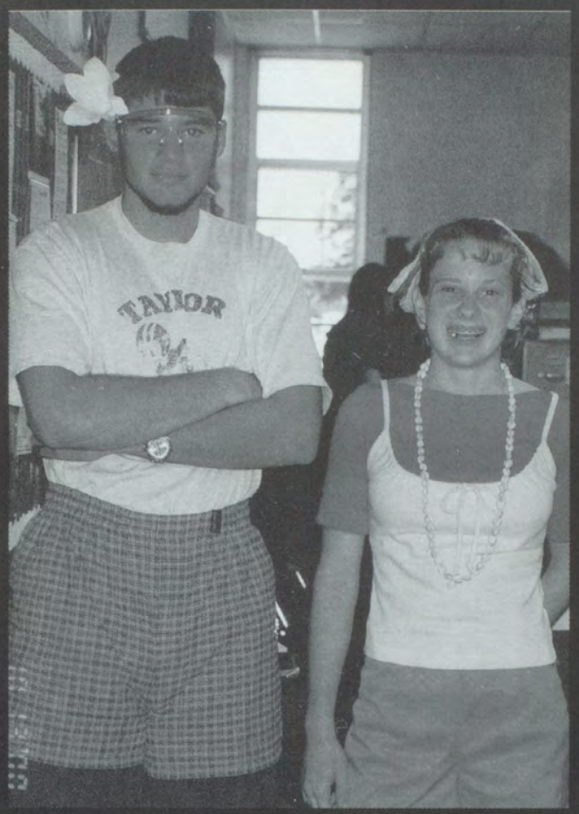
Spirit Week is always one of the highlights of the year. No matter how much school spirit we actually have, we always do it up big when Homecoming rolls around. With our spirit week only being three days this year, we had little time for all of our Homecoming madness. Everyone walked the halls seeing double Wednesday, as we started the week off with Buddy Day. Seniors made an extra effort to be buddies by all wearing overalls. On Thursday, 911 was busy with fashion emergencies. These fashion victims risked severe embarrassment by participating in Mis-match Day. Finally, we upheld tradition by naming Friday Green and White Day. Many a face among our halls were painted green and white, or decorated with a humongous black T. Overall, we had a wonderful week brimming with laughter and lots of fun filled memories.

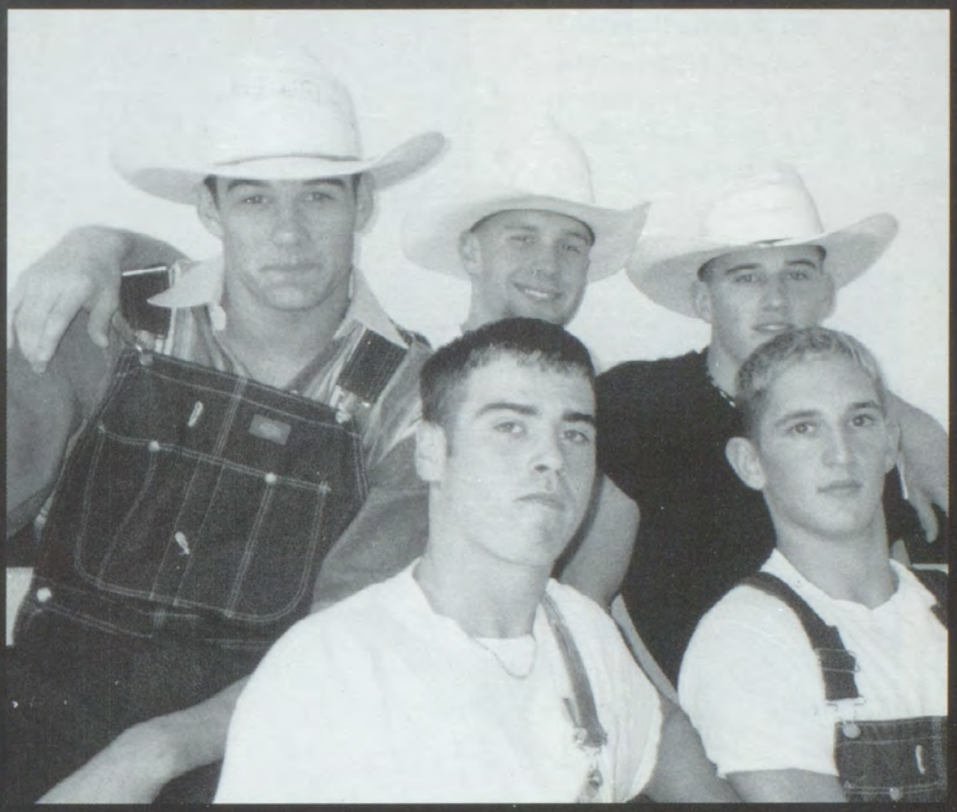


No, it's not the three stooges, it's D'neshia Griffin, the fly swatter girl, Alisha David, the Brittney Spears gone bad girl, and Chris Beckermann, the jockstrap guy. →



Somebody call the fashion police! Krystal Zacharay, Shadaia Pedro, Matt Gonzales, Mack Winkelman, Ashlyn Hobbs, Christina Torres, Meggie Mikeska, and Robert Salazar need to be arrested. ↑









↑ "A country boy can survive!" Derek Klepack, Josh Richter, Travis Huber, Nelson Parker, and Carl Richter are experts on buddy day.

↞ As dedicated as they come. Justin Graef and Brandon Raesz get fired up for the game on Green and White day.

↖ Don't worry, you're not the only one who got dressed in the dark this morning!

← How cute! Steven Teggeman and Brooke Gomez pose for a picture at the Homecoming Dance.

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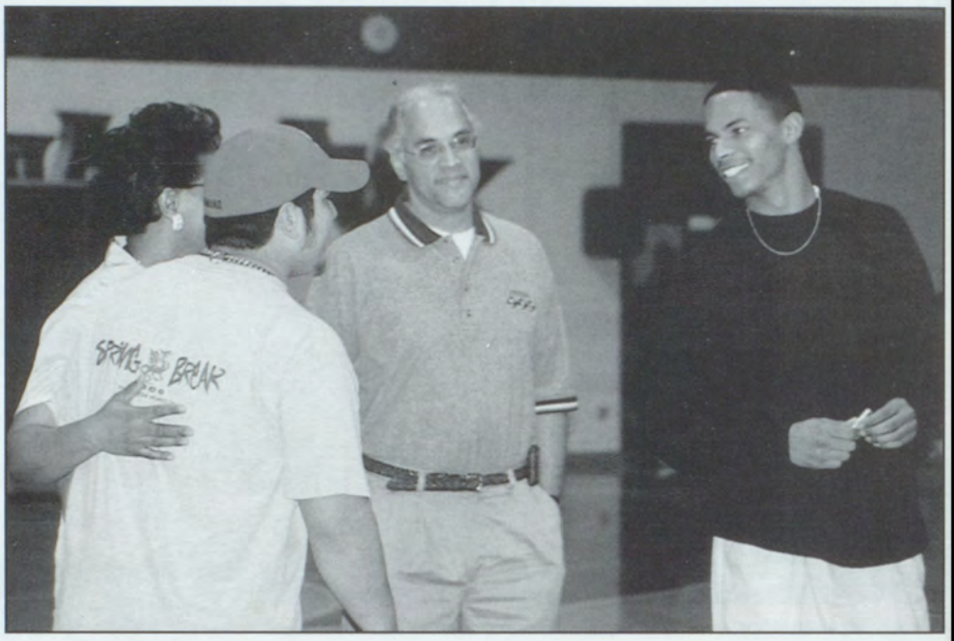






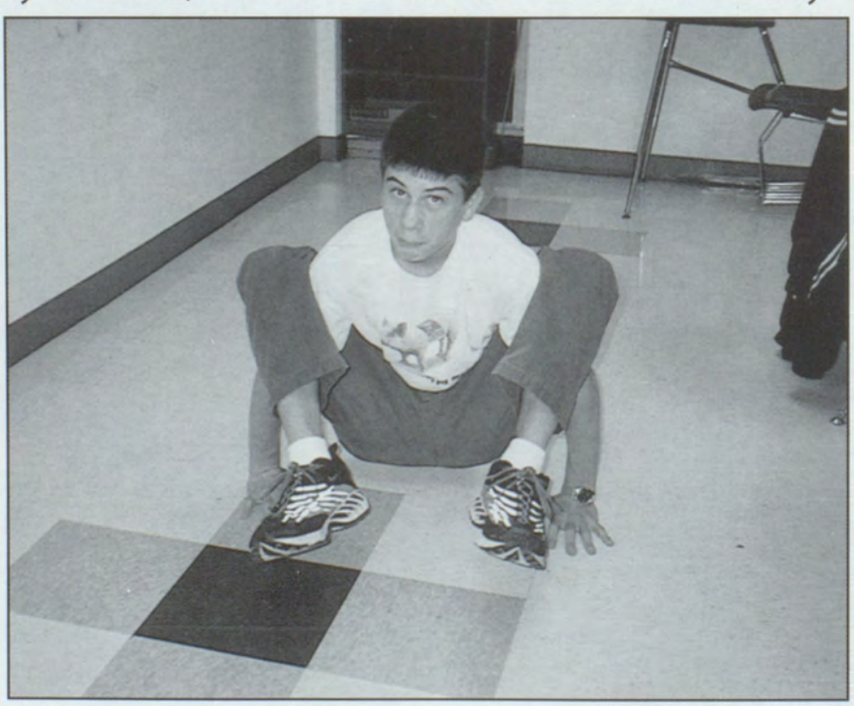
it's what i do best





We all have at least one - a forte, a knack, a gift, an oddity - a **talent.** But the neat thing is that, even though all of us have at least one, no talent is the same. Sure, two people may be able to play the piano, but their styles may be drastically different. Or several people may be artists, but one may paint, another may draw, and a third may sculpt. So in essence, a talent is a very unique thing. Some people can tie their tongues in knots. Others are musically inclined, whether that means playing the guitar or drums, or composing a tune. A few people have a gift for helping others. No matter what talent, gift, or oddity we have, each one is wonderful in its own way.

The Sound of Music... Stacy Lopez is gifted with a beautiful voice. She performed at many school functions including Spring Show and baccaleaureate.



Dominick Devastey is congratulated by his parents and friend, Thomas Pickerill, after he signs for a full scholarship to play footnball at the University of Kentucky.

This is an oddity. Andrew Oser can do what not many others can...maybe he's made of Playdoh.

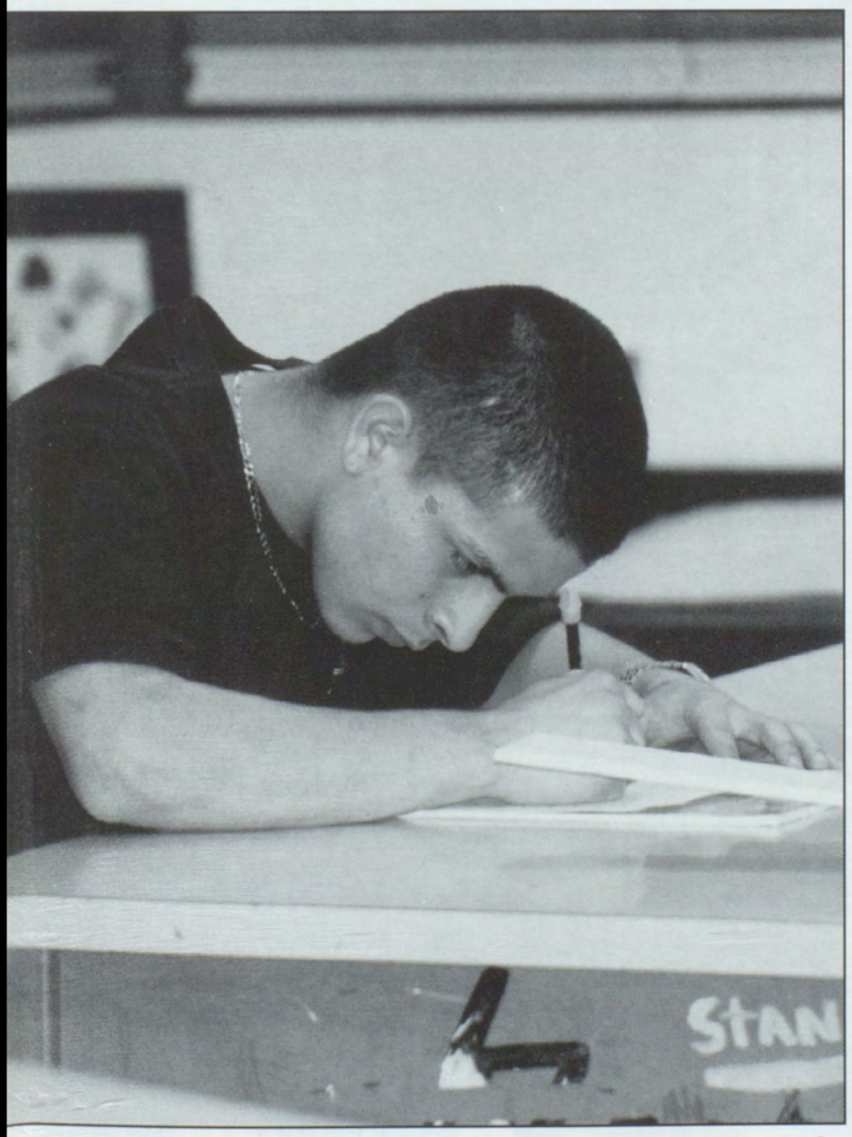


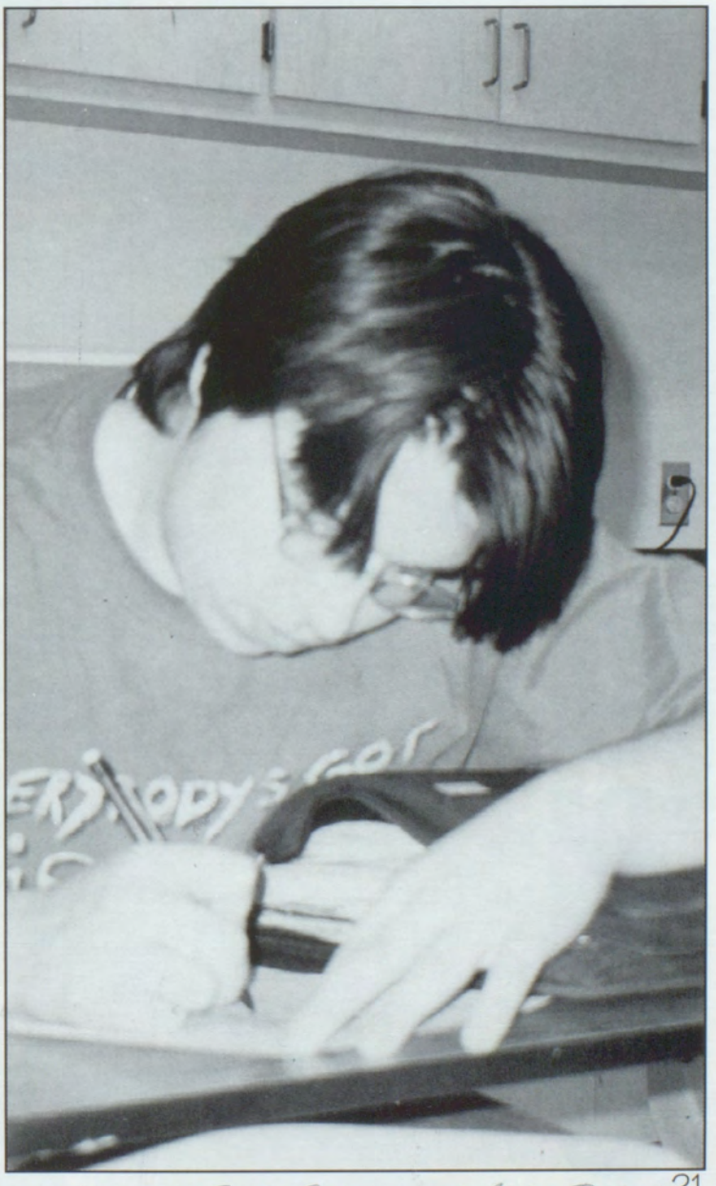


Memorization is the key. Yong Cho performs a piano solo that captures his heart and the audience's ears.

It's just a sketch... Art is a form of fun and release for Balentine Flores.

Artist at work! Nick Gonzales spends some Spanish class time on art!





OBSESSIONS

"Are you obsessed or something?" Yes! We all have a love for something. Whether it be stuffed animals or automobiles, everyone has something they are drawn to and insist on wasting their money on. These obsessions are a part of us. People know us for them and we are recognized for them. We often share these loves with our friends, making our collections bigger and more impressive. Some can be inherited from our families. Brothers Chris and Daniel Beckermann have the skill and obsession of fishing that will one day too be passed on to their children. Fashion too can be an obsession. Lamont Davis shows us this with his oversized collection of shoes, and we know he's not the only one who loves fashion! Through our obsessions, we have made friends and memories, and they are a large part of our high school life and will be for many years to come.







↑ How fast can it go? Danny Kautz spends all of his free time working on his 1989 Mustang.

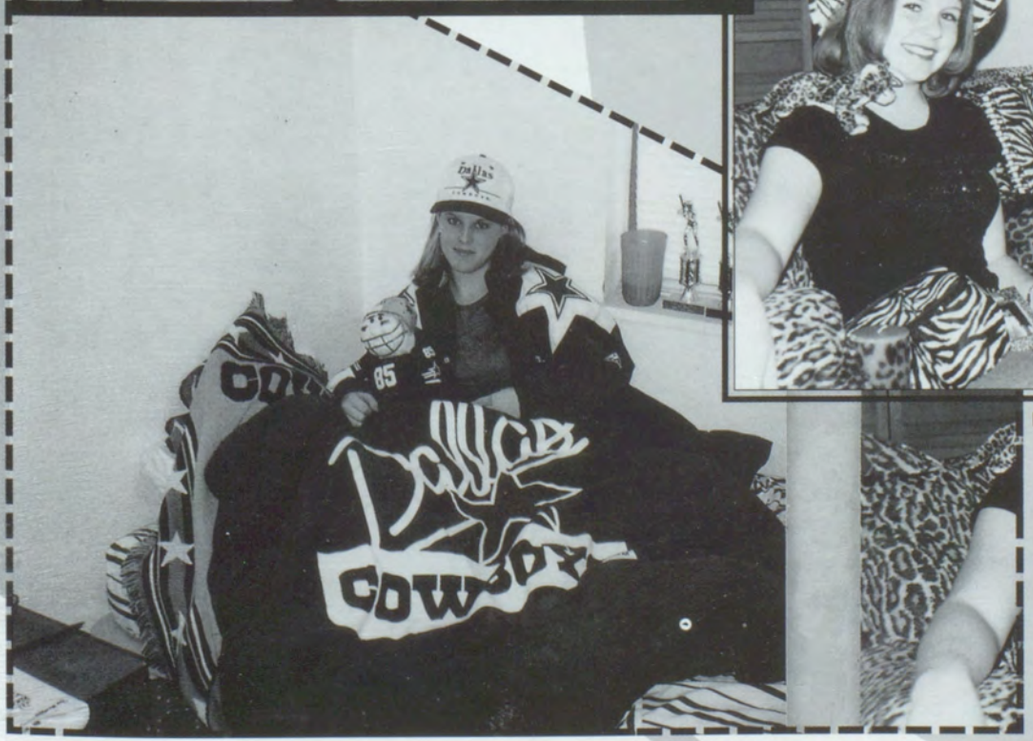
↖ "Coca-Cola, Enjoy!" Justin Graef lounges in the "Coke Room", a whole room in his house dedicated to Coca-Cola memorabilia.

← How 'bout them kicks! Lamont Davis has twenty pair in all.









↖ Got food? You know Jeremy Moldenhour does because he LIKES IT A LOT!

↑ Time to go fishing! Chris and Daniel Beckermann show off their 40 lb. yellow cat.

← How 'bout them Cowboys! Jennifer Stefek takes pride in America's team.

↑ Grrr! Welcome to the Jungle! Candace Benad and Courtney Minzenmayer love their zebra and lepoard things.


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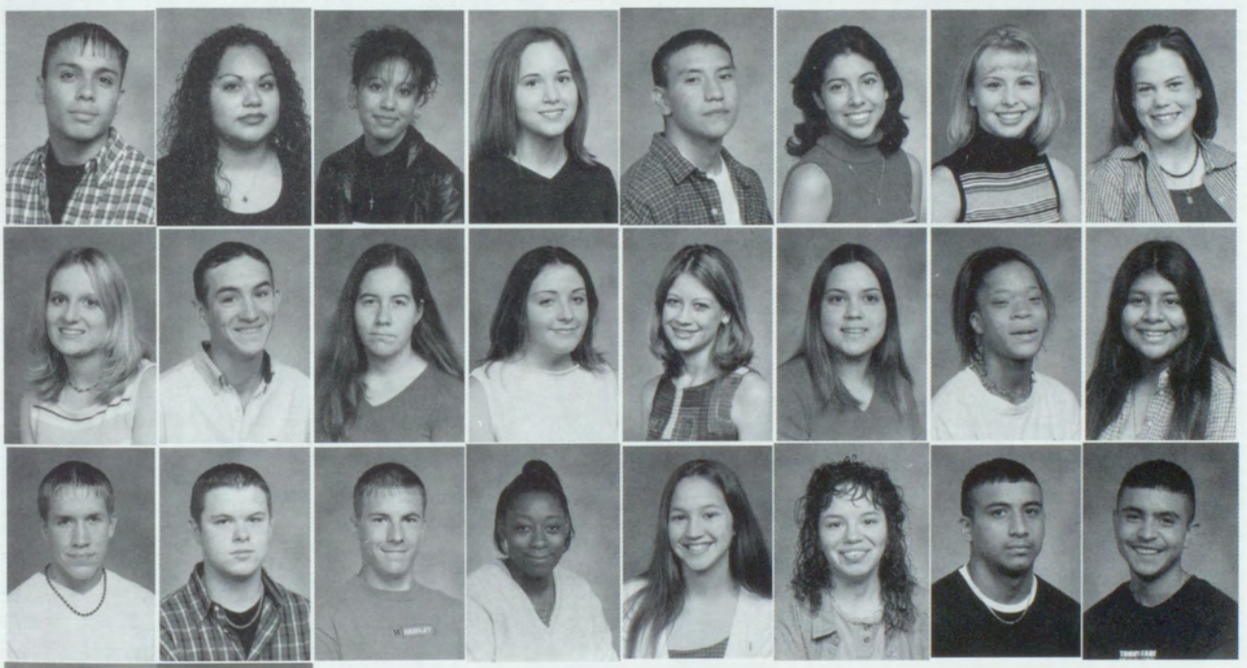
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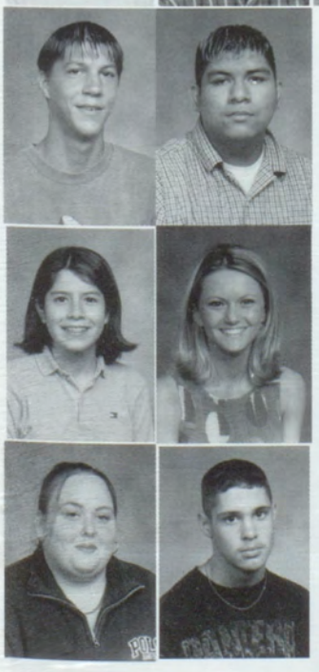
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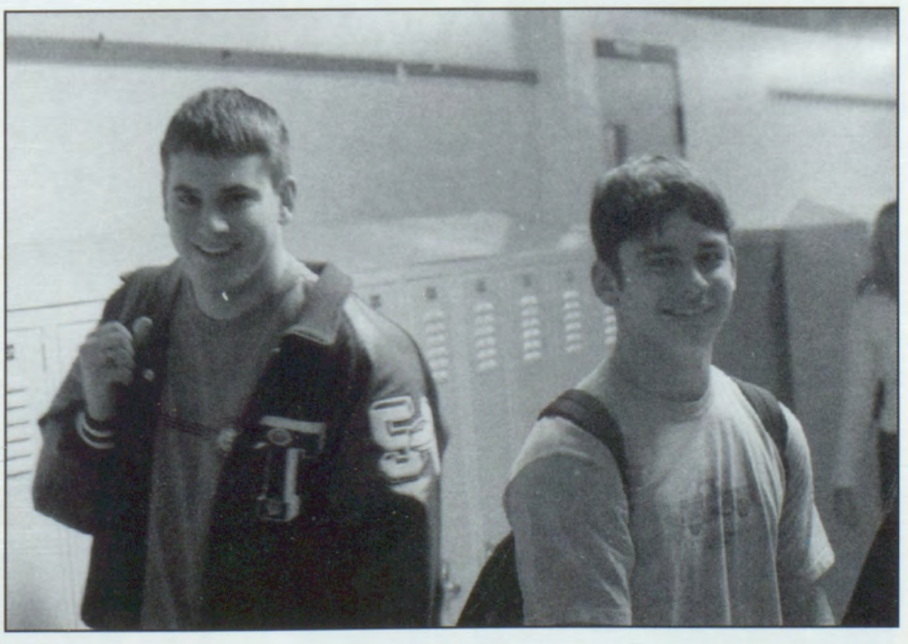
We started the year glad to know we were more than halfway through high school. We had more privileges than we had had as sophomores, including the opportunity to participate in CO-OP, to have an off period, and to take AP classes. As the year progressed, the novelty of being a junior wore off. We had to work harder to keep our grades up because classes were harder than those we took our sophomore year. In October, we undertook the first fundraiser of the year and manned the Homecoming concession stand. It helped give our prom fund a big boost. At Christmas we participated in Student Senate's Green Santa project by sponsoring a needy family. We purchased food items, gifts, and a tree for the family. The week before leaving for Christmas break we voted on prom theme which turned out to be "Winter Wonderland." We also had exams that week, so we were all very busy. The spring semester came more quickly than we wished and it was back to school for all of us. We started working on our prom decorations in a building out by the KC Hall. We didn't have a whole lot of student participation, but parents came to the rescue and helped us get it all done in time. Our sponsors, Richard Andis and Dee Sutton spent countless hours helping us prepare for the big event. In March we received our blue class choice forms, which were an exciting sign of our quickly approaching senior year. We made sure we would have the credits we needed to graduate! We enjoyed our Junior year, but not as much as we enjoyed the thought of moving on to bigger and better things!





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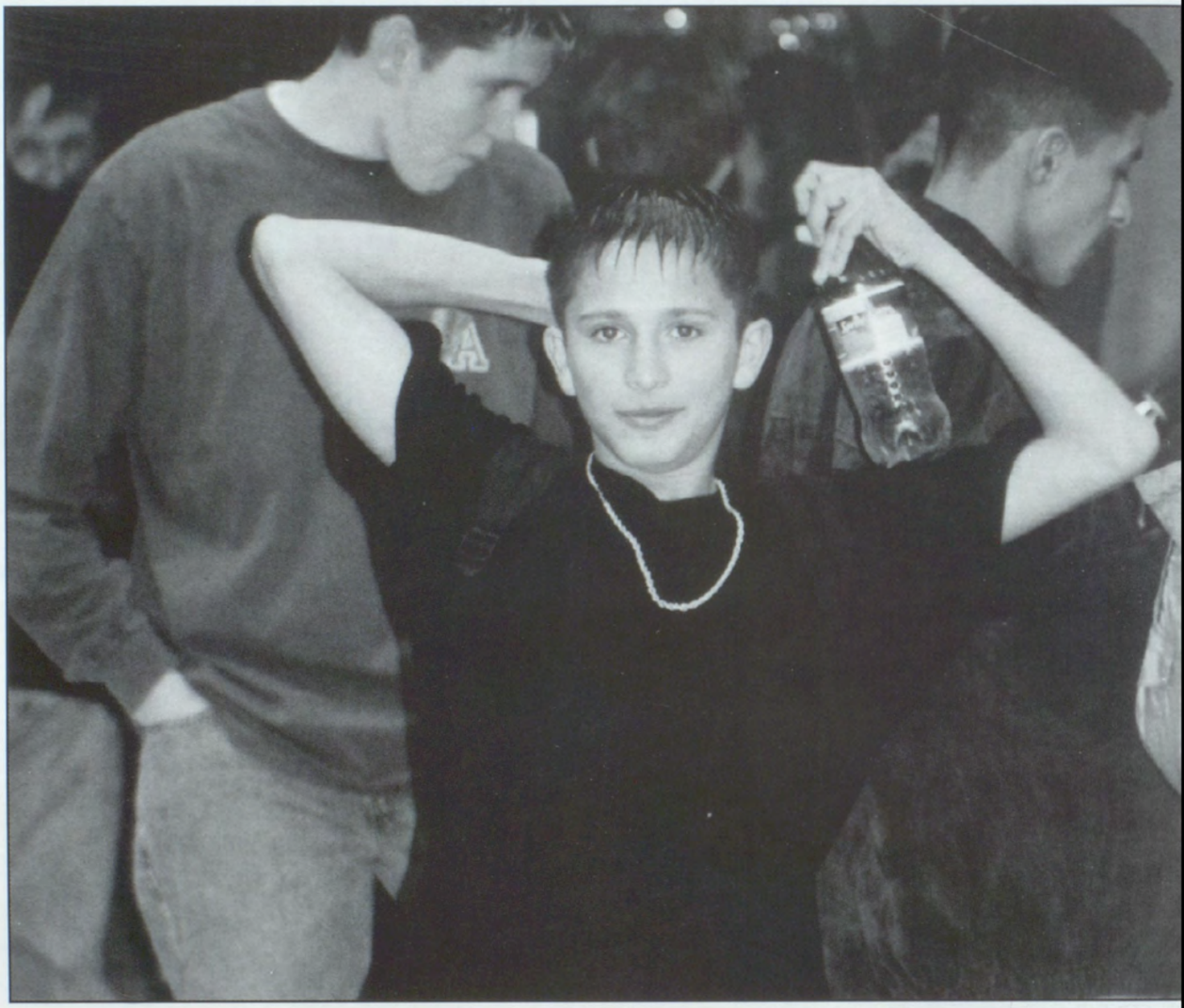
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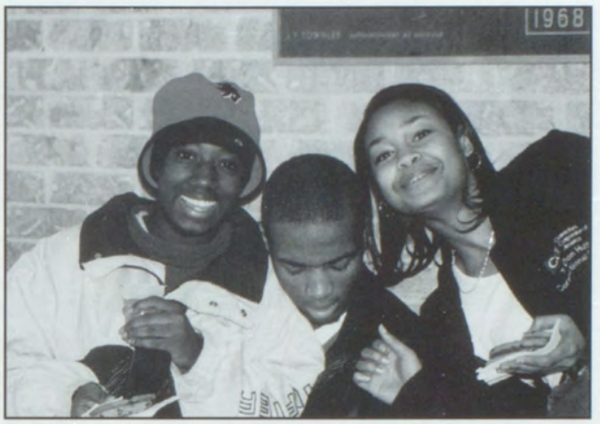




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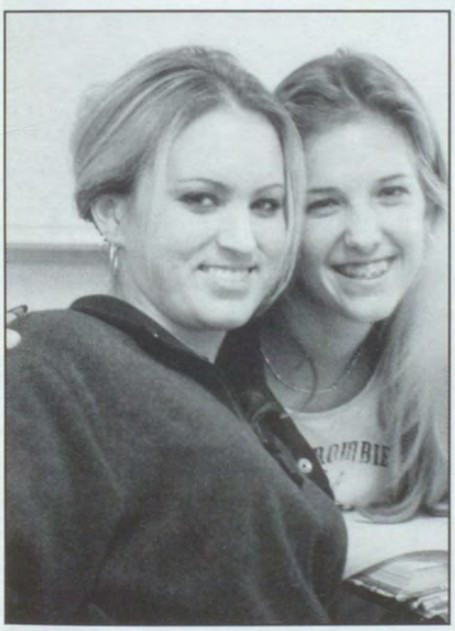


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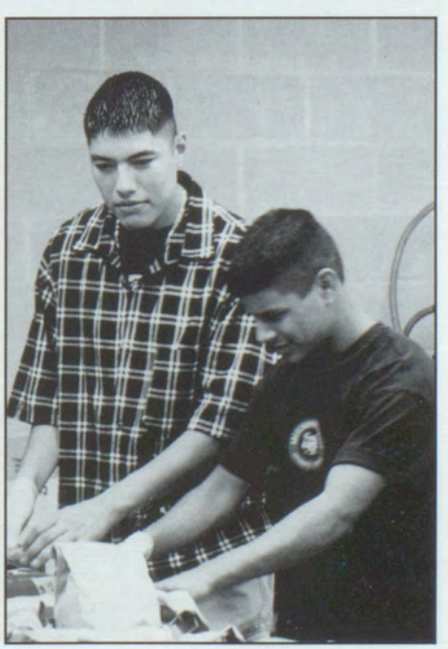


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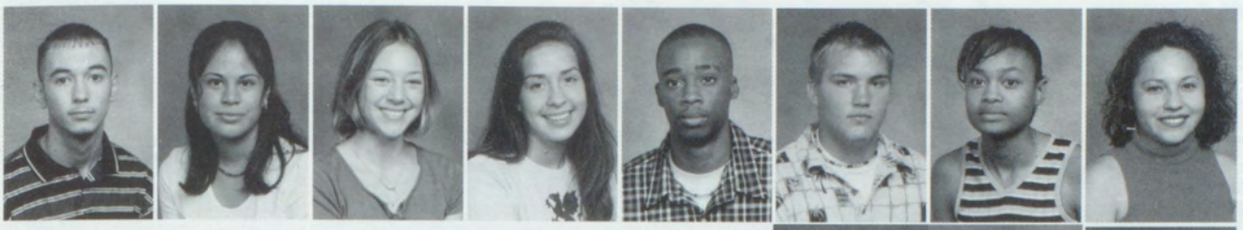


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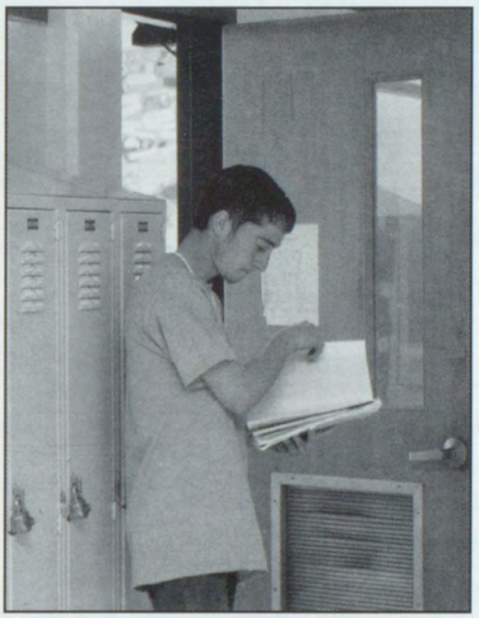


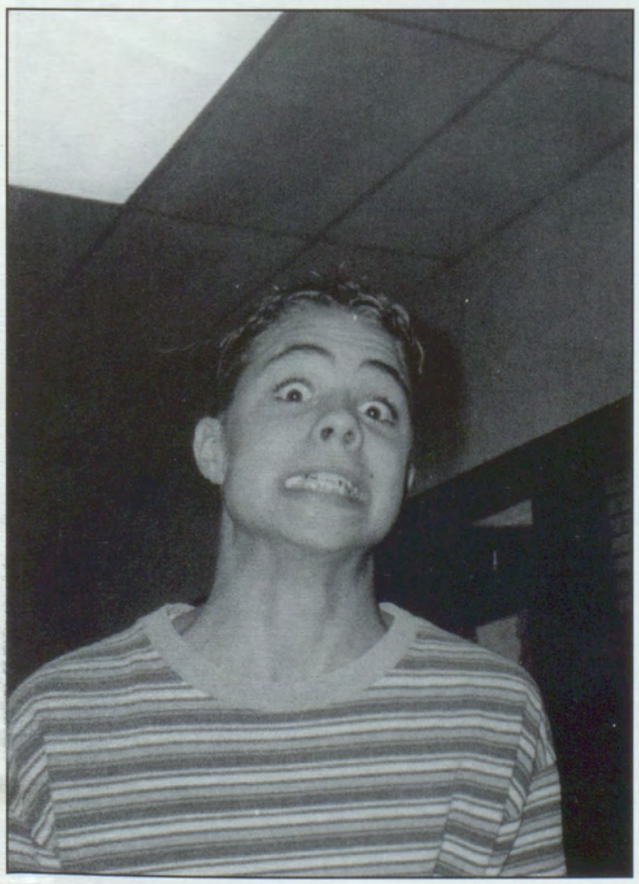
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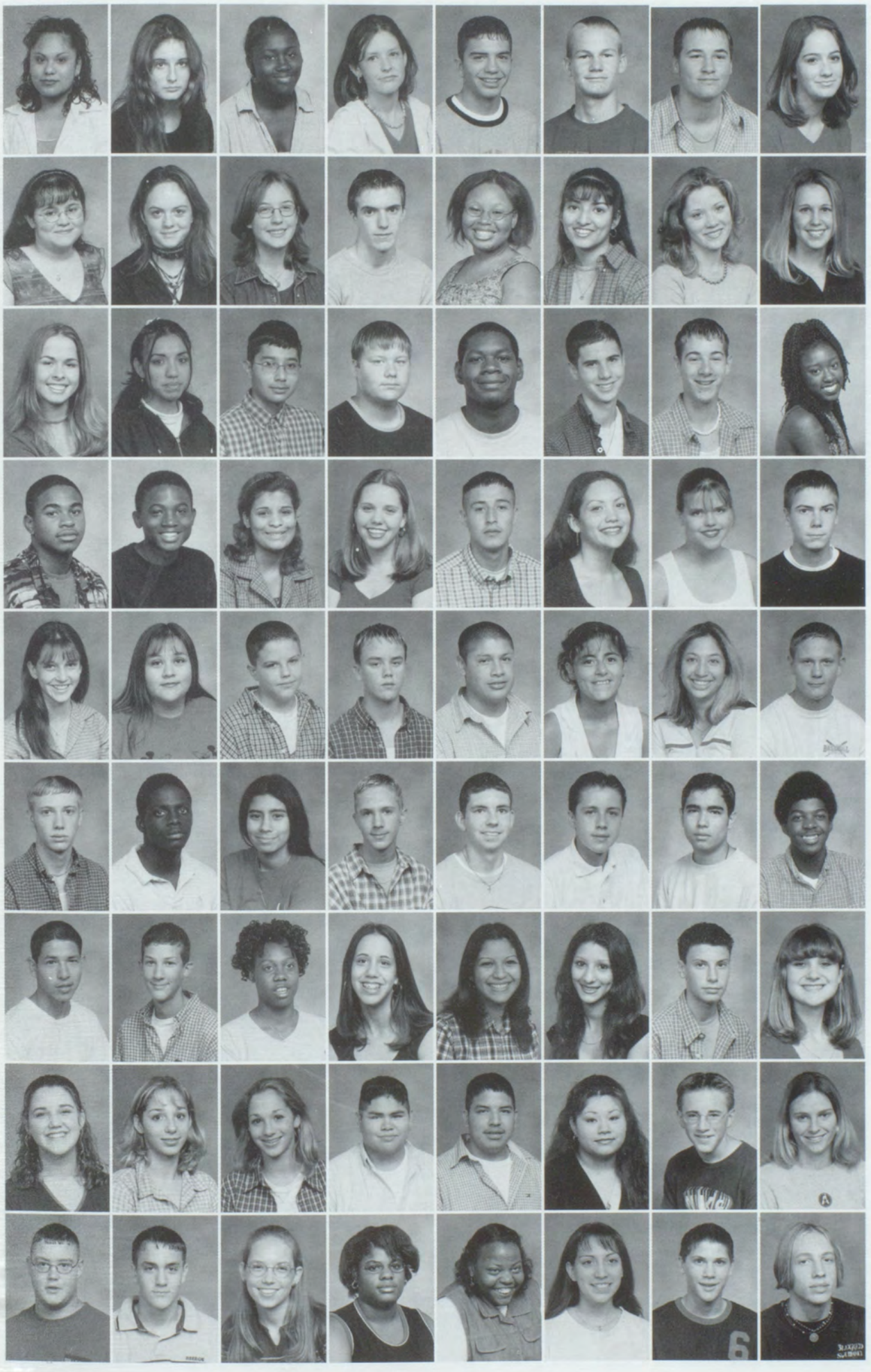
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Getting The Job Done



Class Officers back row, L - R: Ericka Valerio , Michelle Mokry, Allison Martinez, Amber Welch, Sara Srnensky, Leann Carlson, front row: Jacque Jackson, Chase Frock, Chuck Gray, Ryan Stiba, Meggie Mikeska

The class of 2003 underwent some big changes this year and looked very good after it was all said and done. We did away with the idea of a class council, but stayed organized with a group of over ten officers in charge. The officers organized our numerous fundraisers and represented us at the Student Senate meetings. We were especially appreciative of Mr. Miller who stepped in to help Mrs. Bennett as a class sponsor. Perhaps our most important change, though, was that we didn't take our jobs lightly. As sophomores and as citizens of Taylor, we had fun and made a difference. A bunch of us helped get a tutoring program up and running at Pasemann Elementary. More than a dozen sophomores participated faithfully. We arrived at Pasemann every day at 7:30 a.m. to tutor students in math and reading. The tutoring was fun for all of us who were involved and we looked forward to future growth of the program. We enjoyed winning the Homecoming decorating competitions. We painted and glittered banners and posters and filled what seemed like a hundred windows with colorful window chalk. Our most unique touches were the hay bales scattered all around the Science Wing hallway, which brought us the blue ribbon and a lot of fun and laughter. The PSAT lured a lot of us and many of us attended study sessions in the evenings to get ready. We took the test on October 21st, a Saturday morning. The donuts and orange juice made it almost enjoyable! After waiting almost three months, we received our results in January. Some of us were satisfied, but most of us thought there was much to learn by next year. In addition to everything else going on, we had a few fundraisers to boost our treasury before next year. We hosted two dinners, both of which were very successful. In October, we served a barbeque dinner before one of the football games. We had a blast serving plates and chasing down cars to buy desserts. Then, in January, we offered a fish dinner before one of the home basketball games. It was a bit less organized than our first (although we were getting to be professional servers by now), but we still had fun being there together. Although it was smaller than the others, our candy sales fundraiser was very successful. Candy during class was very popular with our classmates, although we can't say the same for our teachers. When we took on the Green Santa project, our whole class helped by donating food and money to give to a needy family. It took many hours to get it together, but we were motivated by the joy of helping some of our fellow citizens have a better Christmas. We didn't waste any time this year and are pretty proud of everything we accomplished.



Zaira Amado
Stephanie Almquist
Alexis Anderson
Lindsey Aunspaugh
Anthony Barcuch
Daniel Beckermann
Brett Bennett
Erica Block
Shannon Bogan
Laura Boyd
Cricket Brogan
Clayton Brunken
Kelly Cage
Vannessa Cantu
Misty Carlos
Leann Carlson
Lacy Cervenka
Carla Chairez
Frank Chavana
Dustin Cmerek
Robert Crathers
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Kyle Danek
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Marcus Davis
Quincy Dear
Sabrina Diaz
Amy Dobbs
David Dominguez
Jessica Dominguez
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Sonia Ellis
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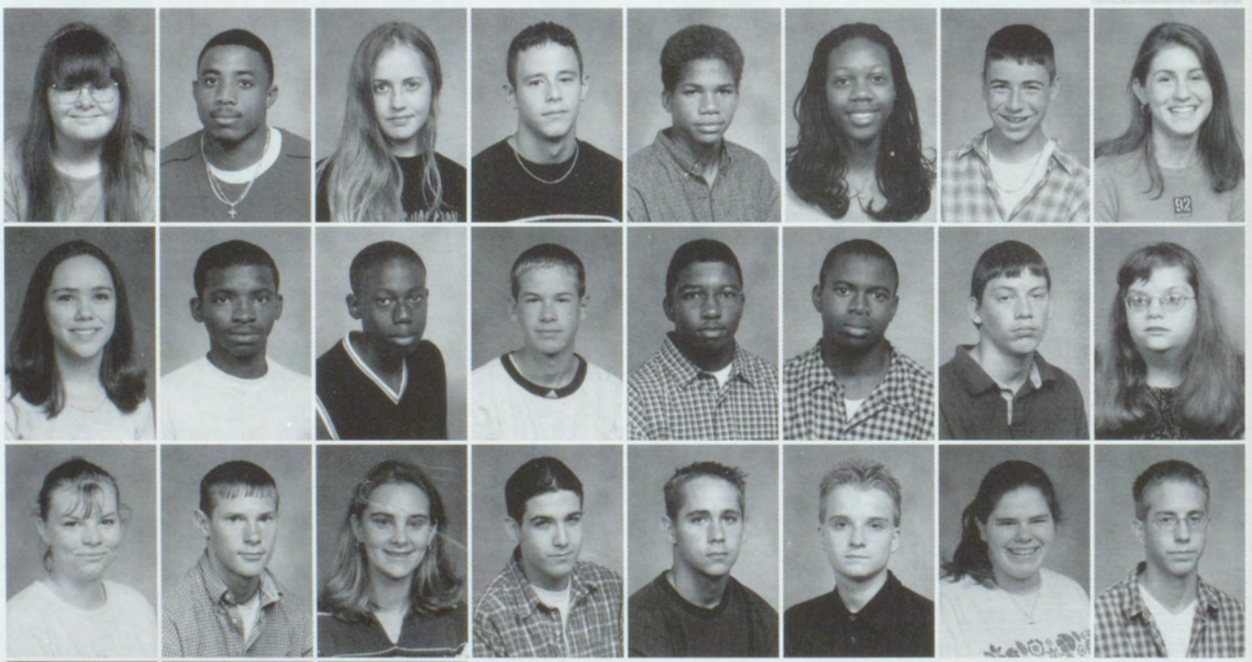




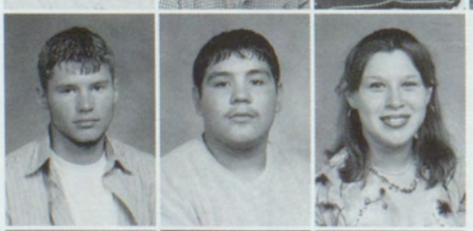




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"The most cognitive nap I ever had."
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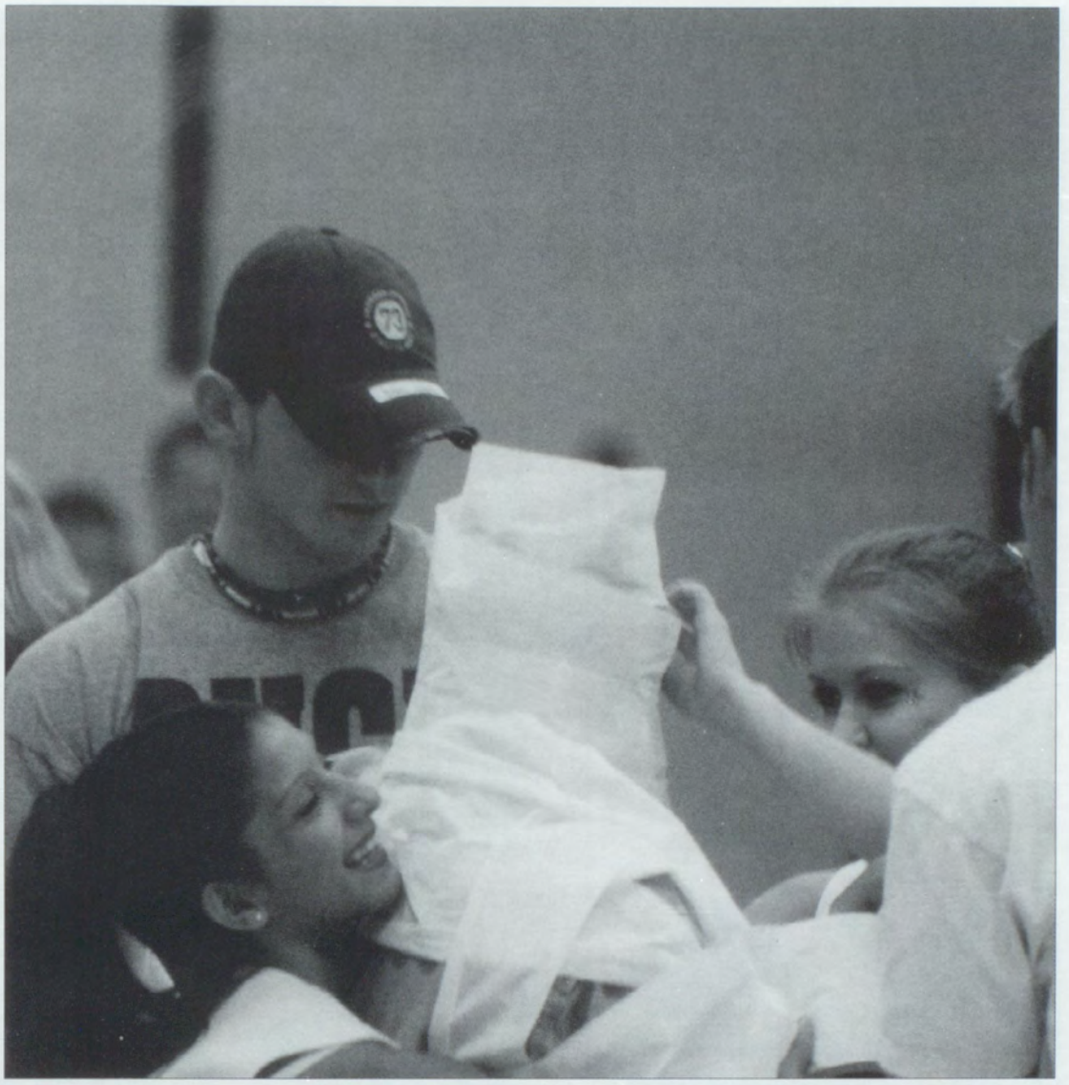
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Jeremy Moldenhour
Matthew Morris
Suzanna Ortiz

"Our class is truly an outstanding class, excelling not only in academics, in which we consistently remain high achievers, but also in athletics, community service, and fundraising. I am sincerely proud to be a part of this class."

Leann Carlson

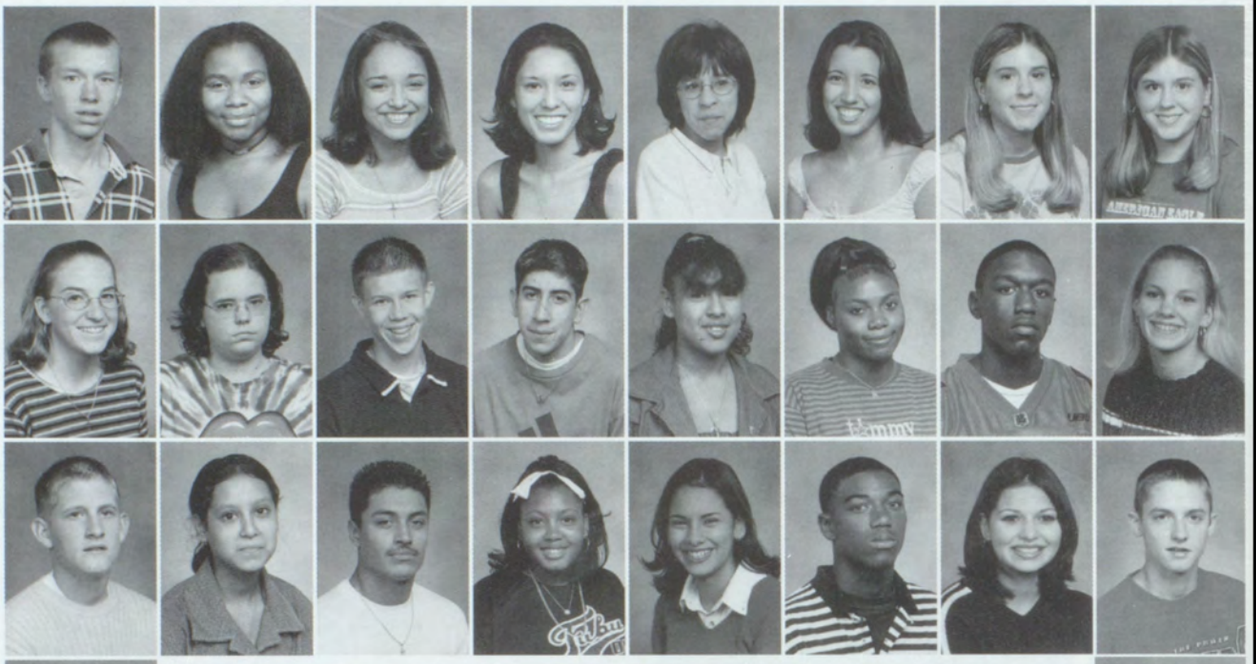




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Jennifer Ponkoney
Melissa Puckett
Ryan Quinn
Rolando Ramirez
Veronica Ramirez
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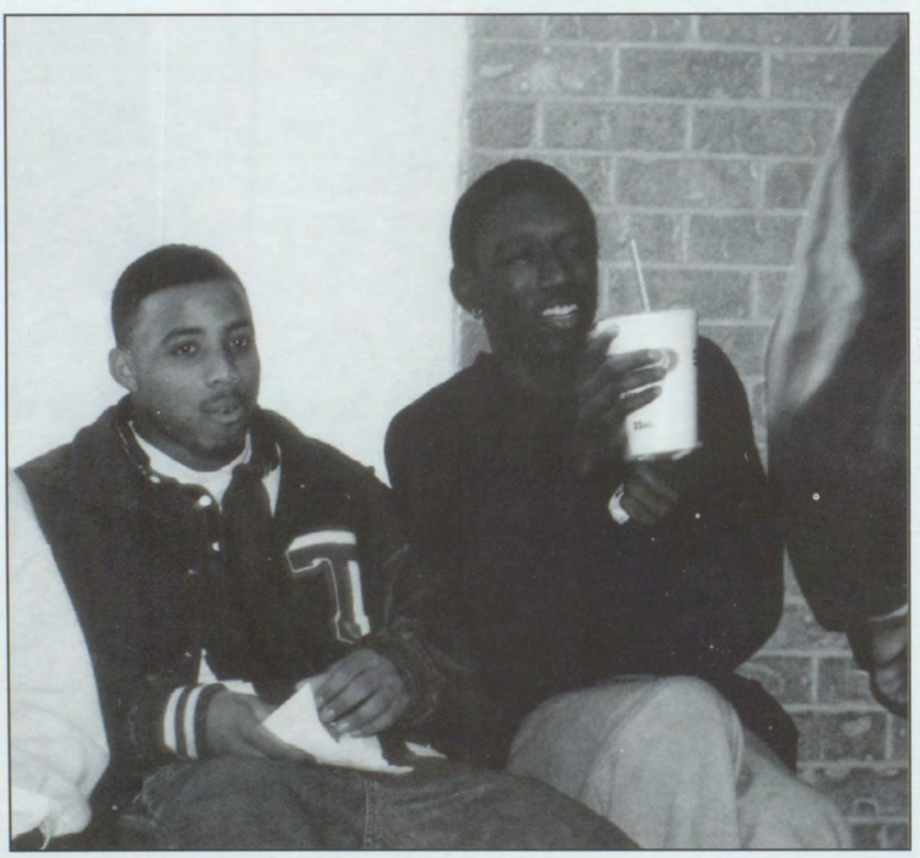


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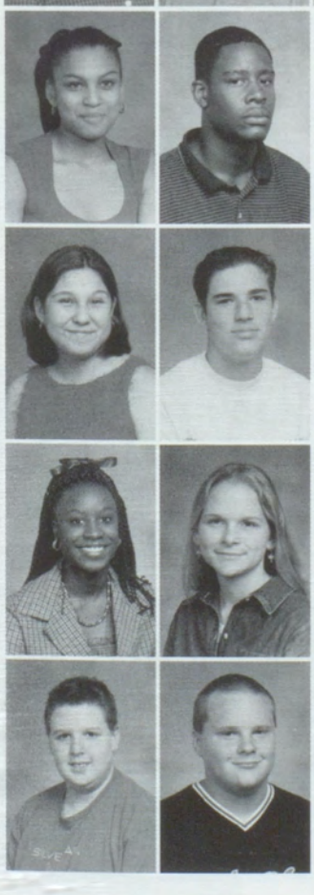
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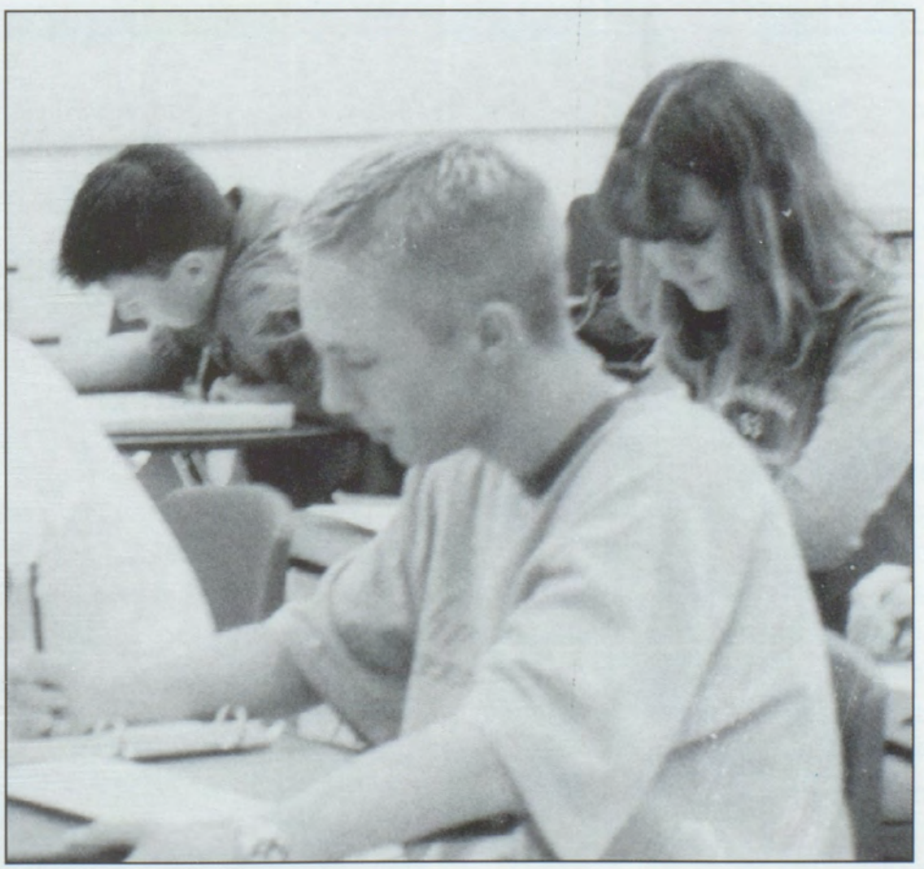


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Not so big anymore....



Freshman Class Officers
Back Row: Rosemary Alverado, Diana Capetillo.
Middle Row: David Downs, Adam Pfluger, Spencer Schnieder, Joe Hernandez, Iris Davis.
On Floor: Brandi Moerbe and Shalene Ivy

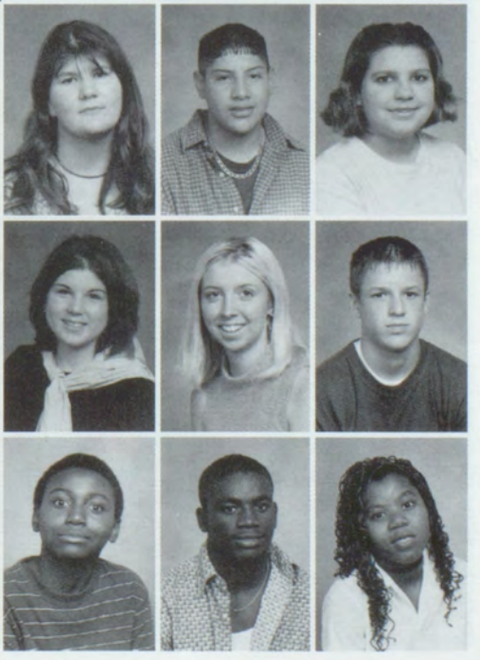
As the freshman class of 2004 moved into their new "home" here at the lovely Taylor High School, we were quick to pick up the fast-moving pace of the entire student body. Although we crowded the halls with our huge black bags, we soon came to blend in with the rest of our classmates. The freshmen this year were the second class to receive the laptop program, and were blessed with the gift of lugging them around everywhere. As for joining in on the Taylor High traditions, we did a lot of creative things to make the school proud. We entered the Homecoming parade, and our float was an older model pick-up truck especially decorated for the occasion. We also decorated the south entrance of the building in a "spooky" theme for the Battle of the Classes hall-decorating contest. With the display of our Christmas tree, which we decorated so grandly in the Student Center, we joined the other classes and donated it to a needy family in the area. The sponsor for the freshmen class was Mrs. Downs. She took control and organized all the functions that the freshman class participated in. We hosted a few concession stands at the basketball games, and we even sold candy. Towards the end of the year, we held a taco dinner. As usual, the campus was closed for the freshman at lunch, but we still tried to sneak our way to an off campus lunch. Unfortunately, not all of us were so lucky to get away with it. Being the low-man on the totem pole may have its disadvantages, but we "fish" held our heads up high and faced the challenges straight on. The class of 2004 has done a lot to be proud of this year, and we will cherish all the fun memories we have made in leaving our mark, putting them in our pockets as we reach for the sky.

FRESHMEN



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Cristal Alderete
Elias Alderete
Erin Alderete
Esperanza Alderete
Julius Aleman
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Janie Alonzo
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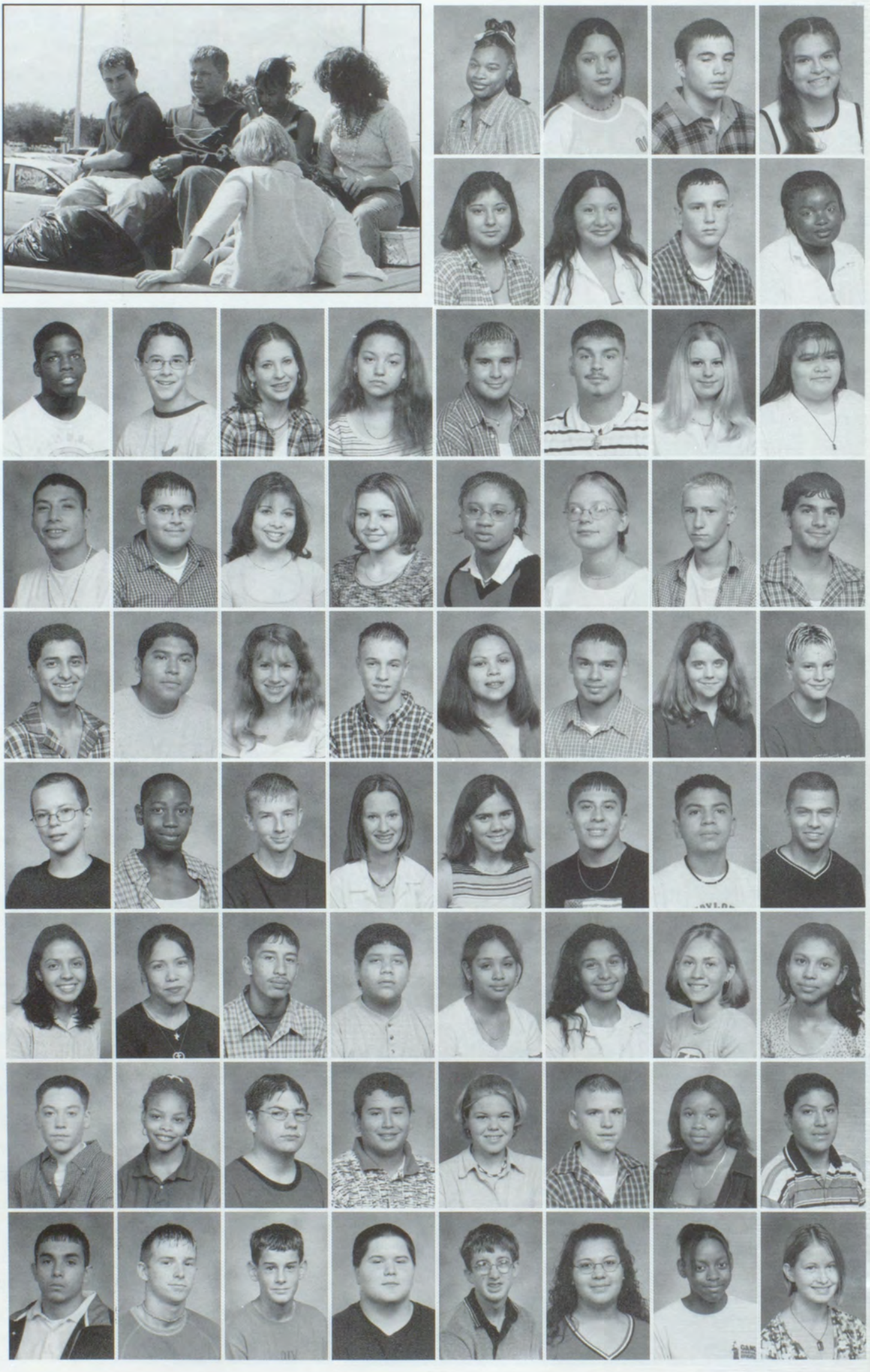
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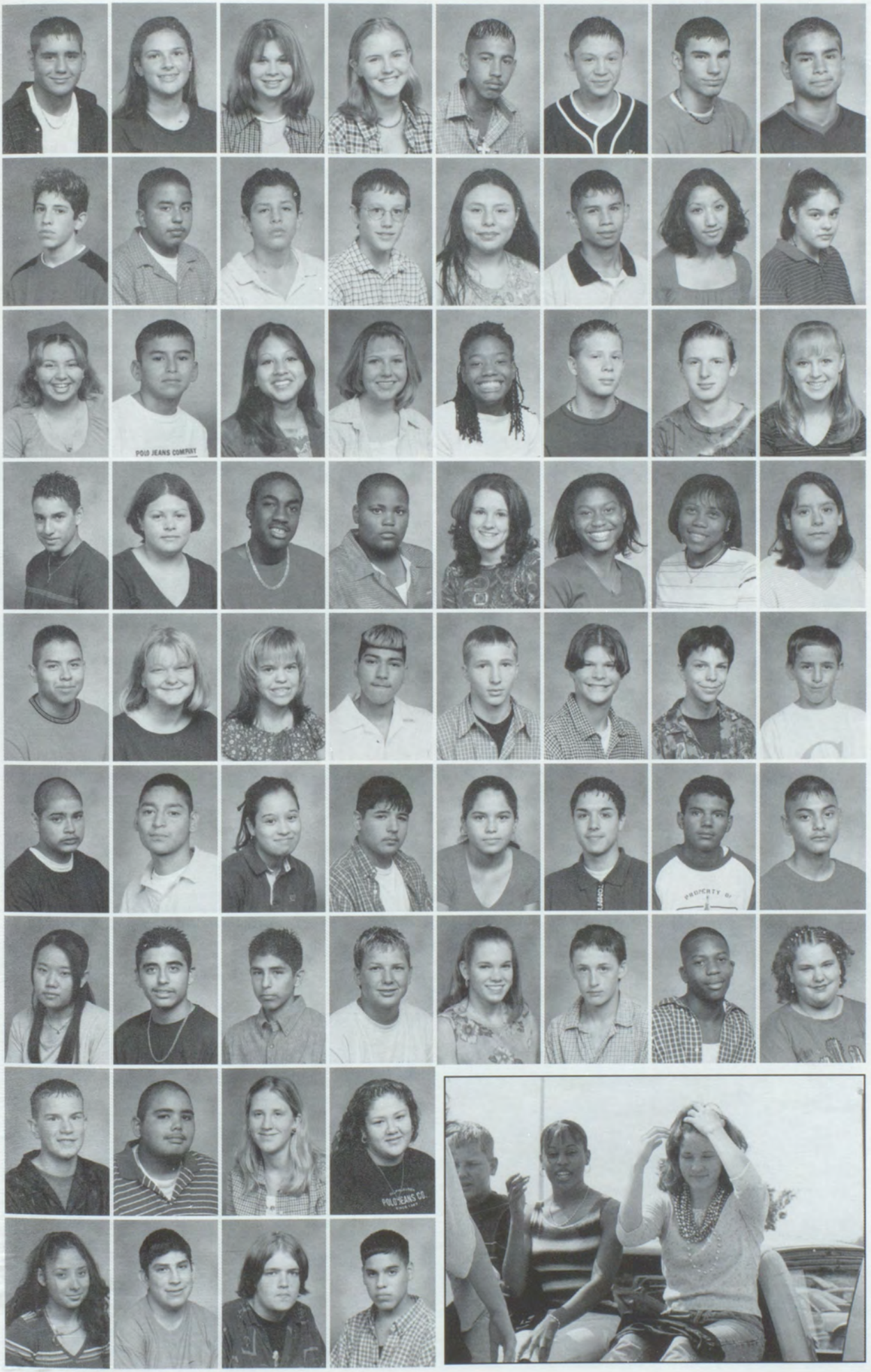
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Follow the Leader

Teachers show us the way...

FACULTY

Without the guiding knowledge of teachers, high school would be a maze of challenges without any direction. But thanks to the understanding of our leaders, we are ready for the obstacles that arrive in our way during the years we are in high school. Not only in high school do their voices ring in our heads, but even after we graduate their voices still ring loud and clear and still help us make decisions in life. Sitting in class the question always comes up, "When will I ever need this after I graduate?" But years from now, we will see how these life lessons will affect us in later life. In class though, it is not all work. It is those certain classes that we look foward to going to every day that make the whole day worthwhile. Our class discussions about what is going on in life, not in the class, are always looked foward to, and it is nice to get to express our feelings with our teacher, not talking teacher to student, but friend to friend. It is for this we are thankful for and shows us how much we do appreciate our teachers. Faculty, we commend you for all the hard work you put in everyday to make us successful students, and we thank you for always leading us down the right paths.



"I have enjoyed my seniors this year. They are wonderful young people."

--Beth Foley



"I have really enjoyed all my students this year, especially the AP Calculus seniors."

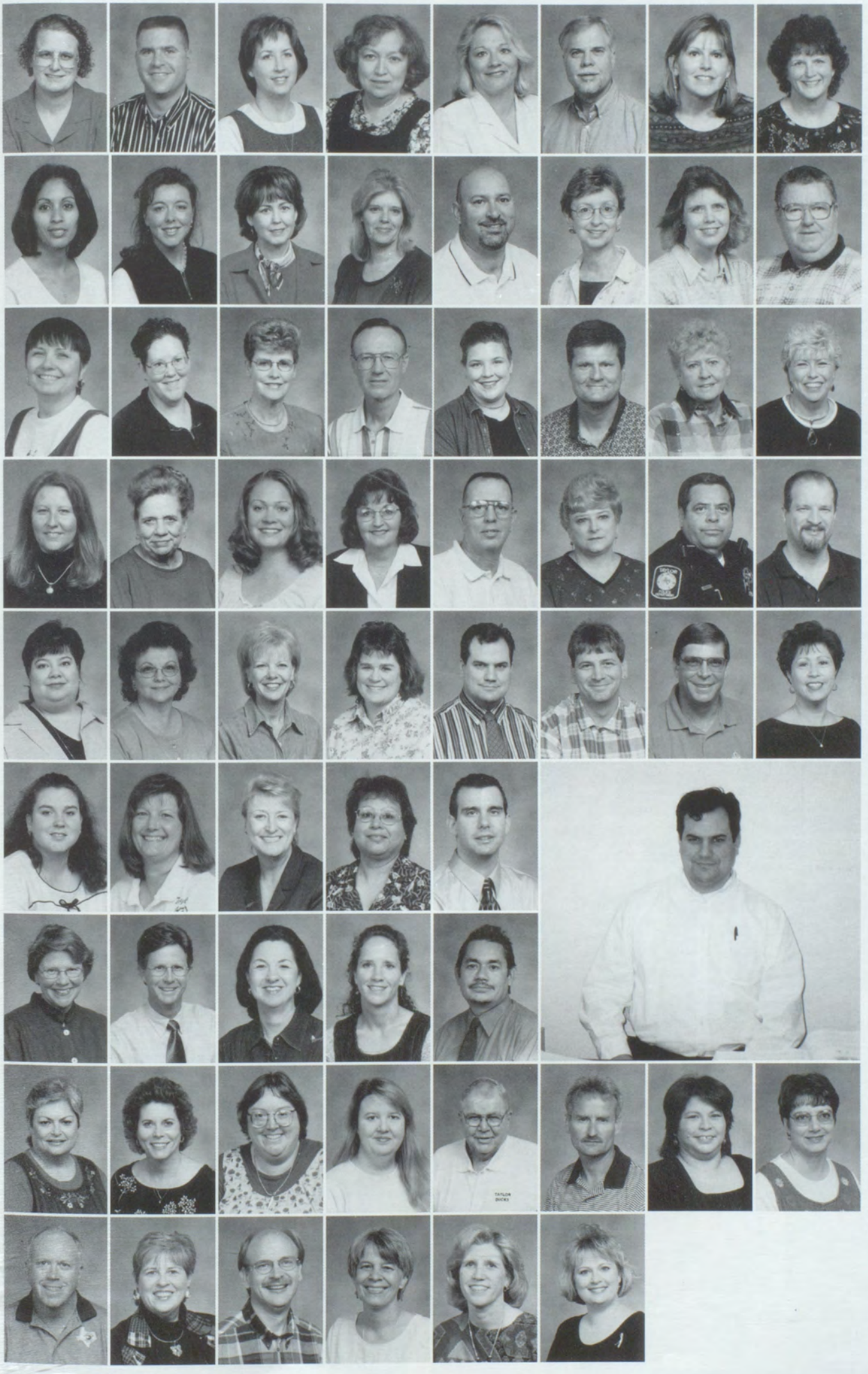
--David Rogers
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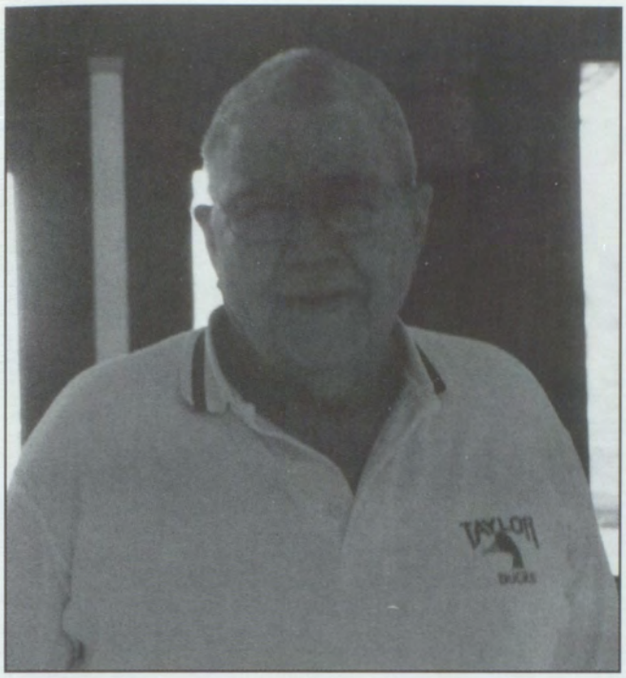
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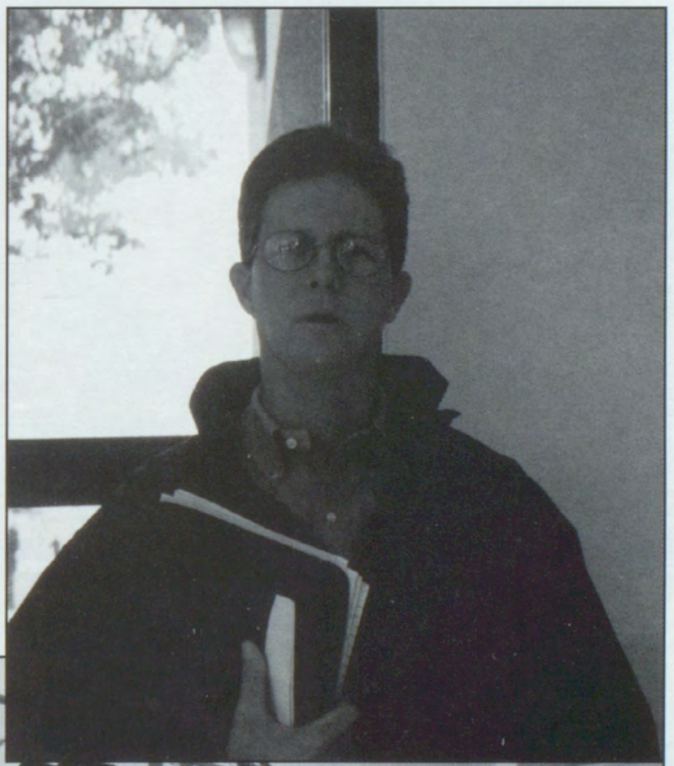


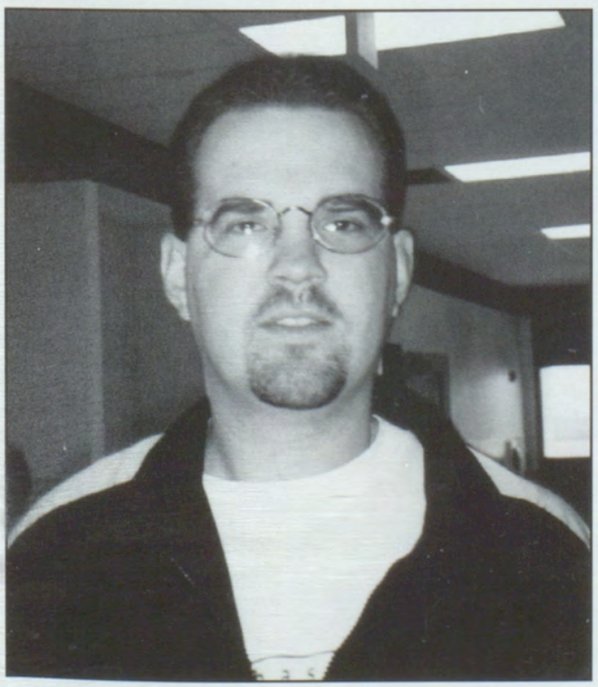
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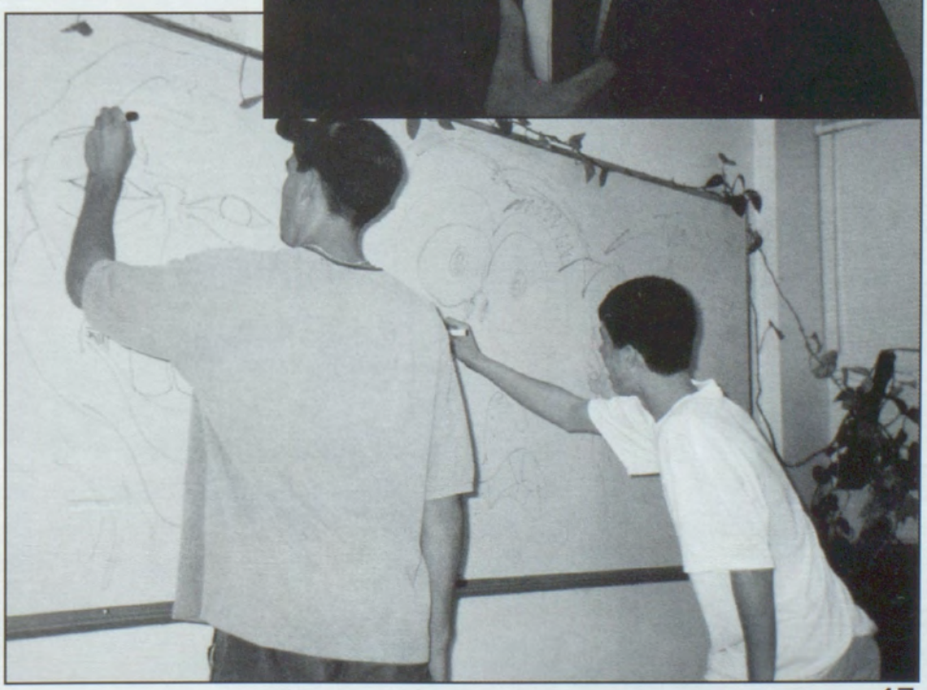


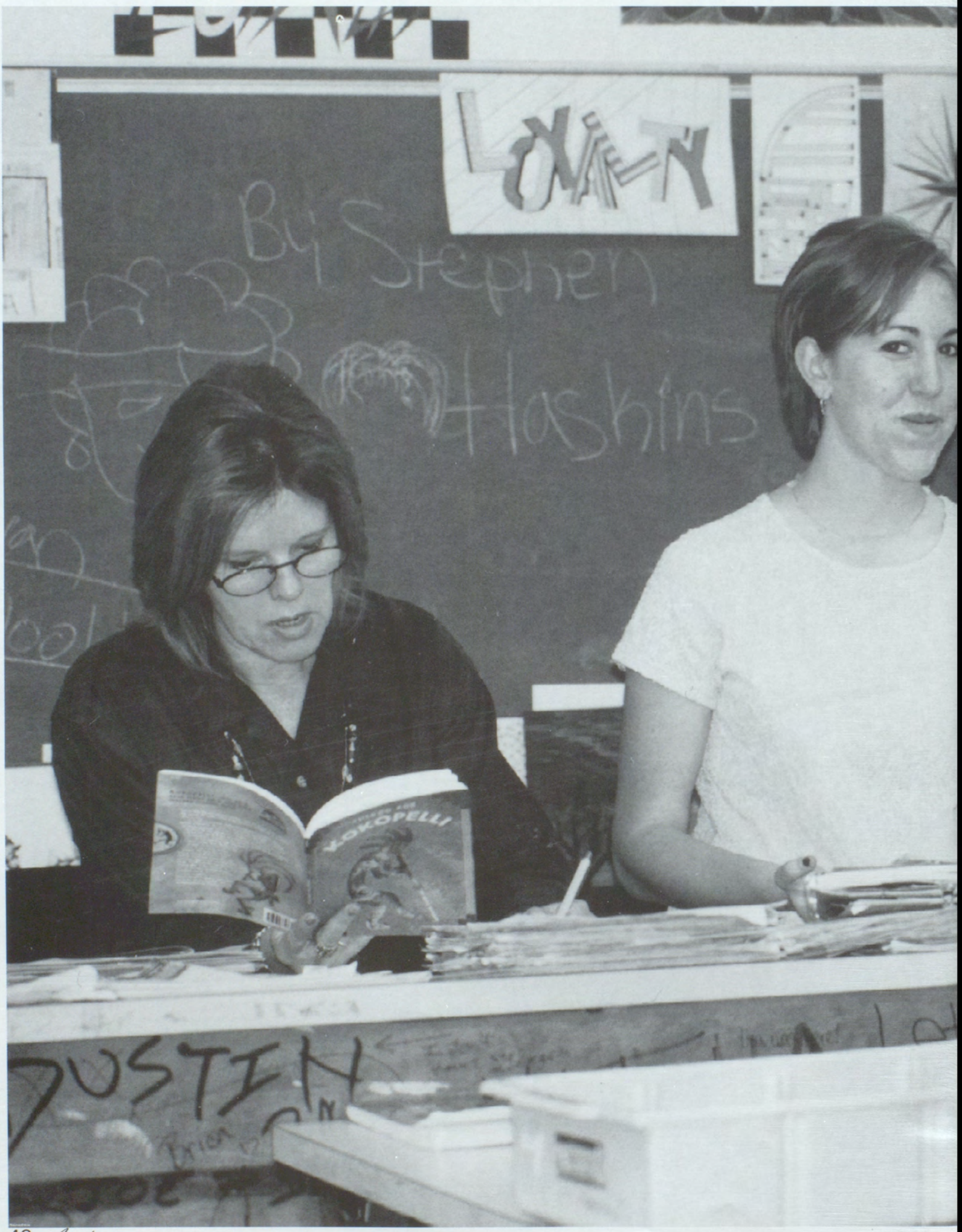











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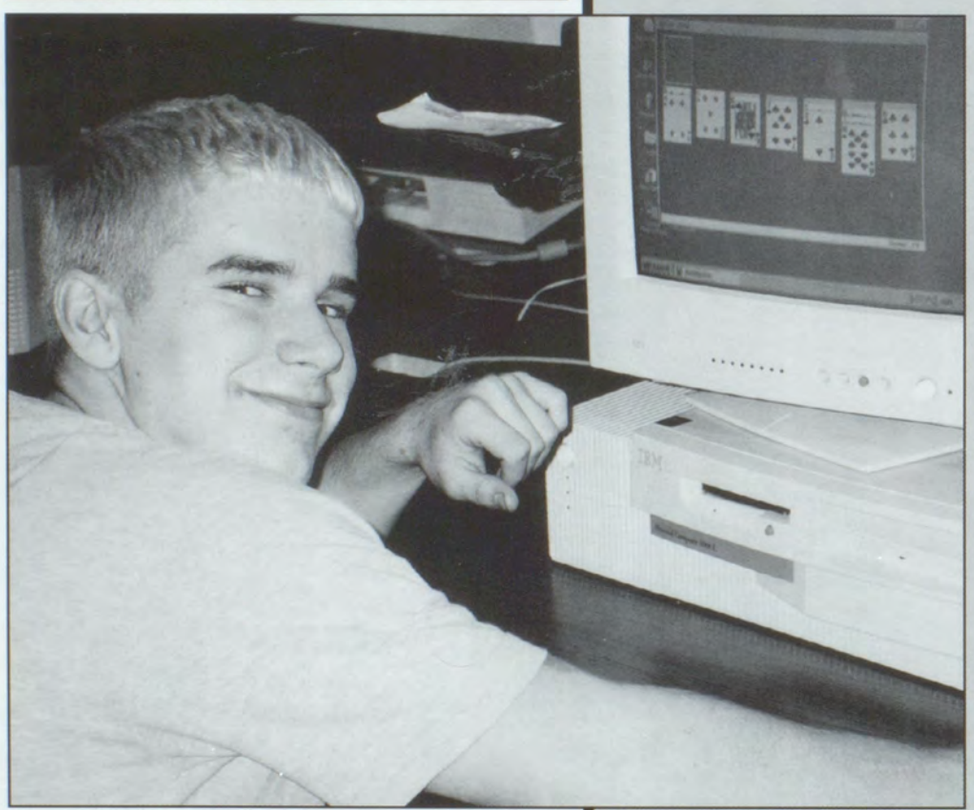
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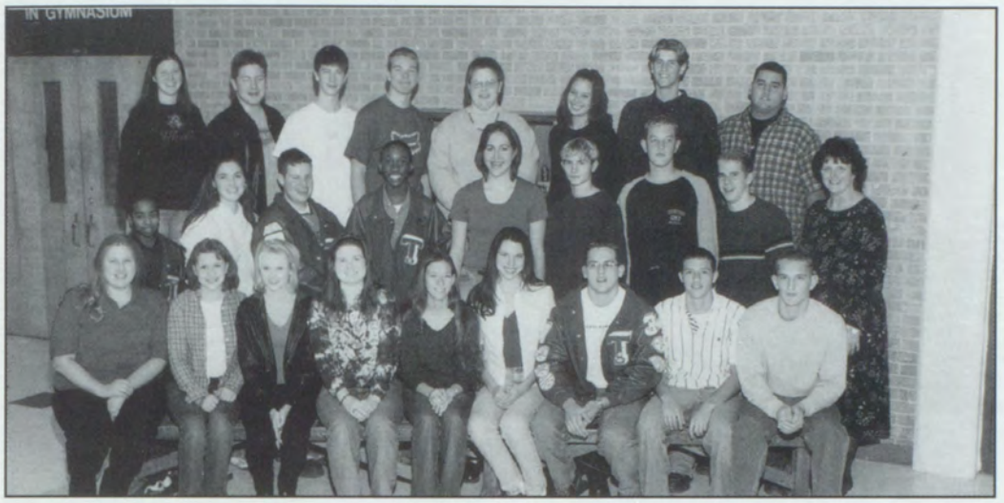
English - Learn it!

English is one subject that we will never get away from and never forget. It is a required course every year and we have to take four years of it to graduate. Freshmen English covers the basics. We learned how to successfully write research papers and had endless spelling and vocabulary quizzes. Freshmen summer reading consisted of Lord of the Flies, Romeo and Juliet, and Miracle Worker. Sophomore English we had lots of summer reading and lots of essays over the books we read. A big part of Sophomore English was the TAAS exam. We had to write a paper worthy of a 4 rating. This was something we covered all of the first semester. Junior English we were taught everything new. No more TAAS writing and we had to relearn to write papers. We also had a lot of summer reading for the Junior year and the essays over these were longer and harder. Our summer reading included The Crucible and The Scarlet Letter. The freshman got there first taste of this when they had to read the Miracle Worker, Lord of the Flies, and Romeo and Juliet. As sophomores your attention is turned to TAAS and essays. The junior class read The Crucible, The Scarlet Letter, and Cat's Cradle. They also had to write a literary criticism paper for AP and a persuasive paper for the regular classes. As seniors we started reading poetry by William Shakespeare along with Macbeth, Beowulf, and Frankenstein. Senior English is critical because without it we cannot graduate. Passing this class is something on the mind of all Seniors. The summer readings and research papers are things that have to be done Seniors finished their final research paper for high school in the 5th six weeks. Even though we didn't like some of the readings and the research papers everybody still learned some valuable lessons.



Pay attention, Kristen! Kristen Farmer takes a breather from Mrs. Foley's English 4 class.

That doesn't look like an English essay... Brit Oliphint feels that Solitare is more important than his *Things Fall Apart* Essay for AP English 4.



AP English 4

Back: Anne Foley, Josh Verastique, Andrew Oser, Chris Auerbach, Amanda Larson, Becky Estrada, Ladd Moehnke, Arthur Pachicano. Middle: Leah Caldwell, Emily Johnson, Micah Grau, Willie Fields, Rebecca Lewis, Justin Bohls, Josh Weise, Brit Oliphint, Mrs. Foley. Front: Courtney Minzenmayer, Candace Benad, Abbi Mott, Margaret Garry, Alison Mayer, Amber Byfield, Brian Drummond, Steven Teggeman, Carl Richter.

↓ **Group Work!** Josh Verastique, Carl Richter, Emily Johnson, and Steven Teggeman put their heads together in AP English 4.



AP English 3

Back: Paul Zucknick, Cody Brown, Jason Pausewang, Michael Cuba, Michael Harrison, Matt Edwards , Catherine Ochoa, Maritza Cavada, Stephanie Rohlack. Middle: Nicole Artieschofsky, Jaime Ruden, Deanna Baran, Jennifer Kreuger, Michelle Chait, Jessica Baisley, Anna Glover, Vanessa Martinez, Andrea Harrell, Koda Gallegos, Mrs. Parsons, Erica Block. Front: Ashley Tamez, Johnny Gonzales, Ryan Marshall, Missy Vargas, Tim Neslony, William Brock, Tim Copple, Ben Fuentes, Clayton Krueger.



Consider the books you read this year. Who was your favorite character and why?



"I liked John Proctor from The Crucible because he was a big playa in Salem."

--Ross Thornton, Junior



"My favorite character was Beowulf from Beowulf because he was the man and he put the smack down on Grendel."

--Brandon Raesz, Senior

Count The Benefits

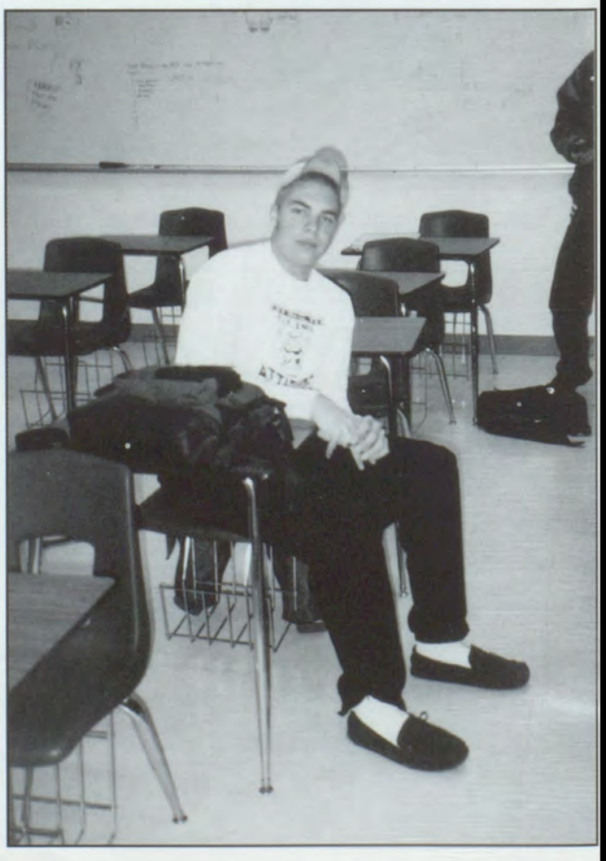
Math Prepares Students For Life

All you had to do was say the word "math" and most of us would run and hide. For those of us whose better subjects did not include math, this word did not bring to mind good memories. We sat in class with a confused look on our faces and hoped that by some mistake we would be able to make a good grade or just scrape by the passing mark. Then, when we thought about giving up because math seemed like a hopeless cause, something clicked, and it all became clear. With the teacher's dedication and our own determination, we got through it. However, not everyone experienced these problems. For these people, math classes brought a welcomed challenge. We came into class with an eagerness to learn, and our hard work helped motivate everyone around us. We saw the usefulness of math and ended up helping those around us who didn't! Math classes meant something different to each of us. For some, it was just another class we had to endure; we just wanted to take the basics. Others of us really enjoyed our math classes and even took math when we didn't have to. Mrs. Downs showed us that Geometry can be fun with lots of art projects including enlargements and tessalation drawings. Coach Graham added a wind chill factor to his Geometry class, leaving the windows open, even in the bleak mid-winter. Mr. Rogers challenged us with an innovative project that required us to build a working solar oven. Who knew parabolas could be so useful? Miss Kuehl's laid back Pre-cal class prepared us for Calculus with lots of notes to copy every day. Mrs. K gave us a run for our money in Pre-AP Pre-cal. A lot of us saw our GPAs drop, but we emerged from her class much the wiser. Some seniors decided to spend even more time with Mrs. K and took her AP Statistics class, which returned to the math department this year by popular demand. Mr. Rogers definitely made AP Calculus worth our time. It was a fun experience even when there wasn't Domino's pizza or the usual baked goodies to help us learn! Even though a lot of us did not want to believe it, math is in everything we do. It is the backbone of our society. We complained that we would never use any of this in the future, but it is the basic math concepts and the problem solving strategies that will help us in the long run. So someday, when you are sitting there counting your millions, remember that you would not have gotten so far without math.

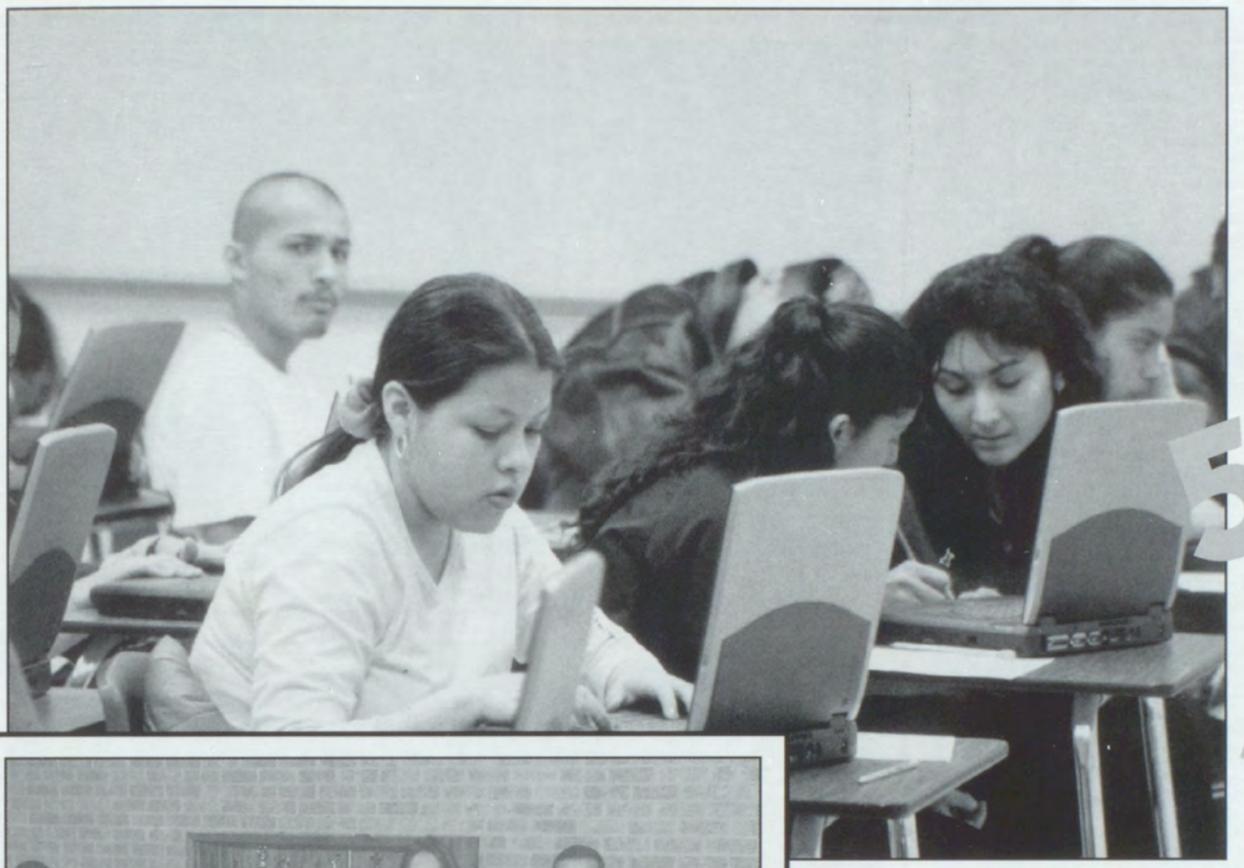


AP Calculus

Front: Emily Johnson, Candace Benad, Tracy Machu, Margaret Garry, Alison Mayer, Amber Byfield, Brian Drummond, Steven Teggeman, Josh Weise. Middle: Micah Grau, Chandler Dabbs, Willie Fields, Alpa Patel, Nicole White, Becca Lewis, Kristen Farmer, Martha Flores, Justin Bohls, Mr. Rogers. Back: Anne Foley, Josh Verastique, Andrew Oser, Chris Auerbach, Michelle Avila, Amanda Larson, Becky Estrada, Ladd Moehnke, Dominick Devastey.

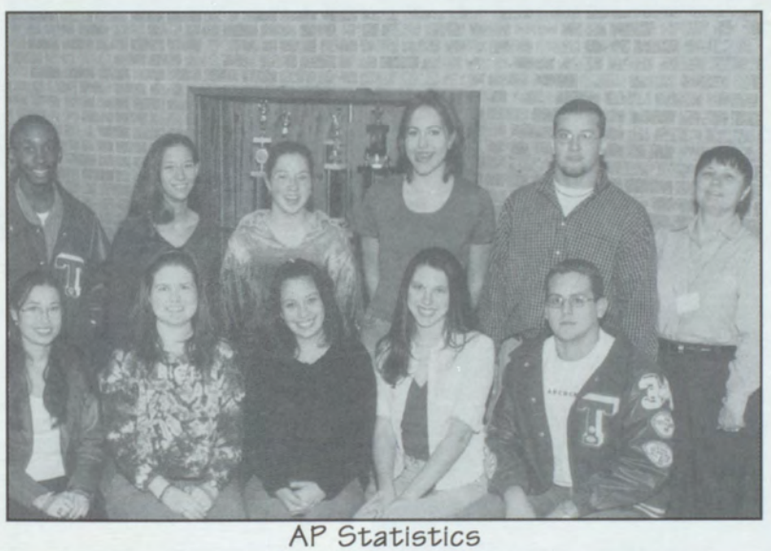


No sweat! Chris Fox relaxes in his pajamas before the → Calculus first semester exam.



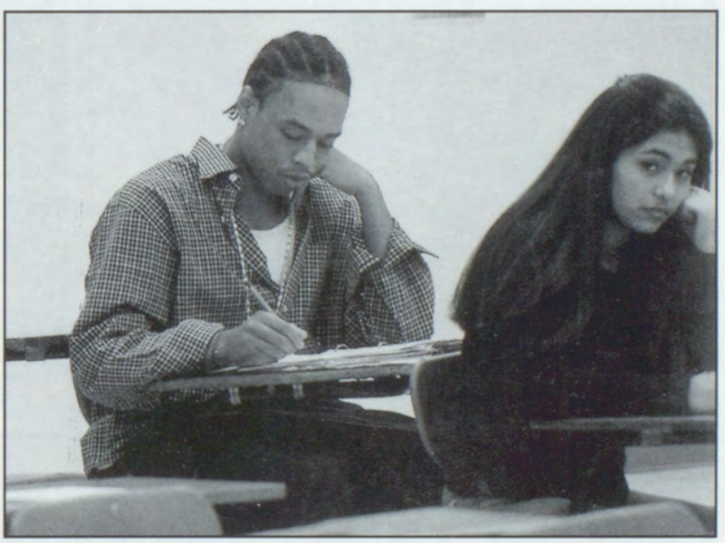
← **A new age of computing...** Freshmen learn that their laptops can be useful in math classes, too.

↓ **To divide or to daydream, that is the question.** Senior Lamont Davis and sophomore Suzanna Ortiz study in Algebra II.



AP Statistics

Front: Tracy Machu, Margaret Garry, Bekki Estrada, Amber Byfield, Brian Drummond. Back: Willie Fields, Alison Mayer, Nicole White, Rebecca Lewis, Jordan Schmidt, Mrs. Mary Kalbaugh.

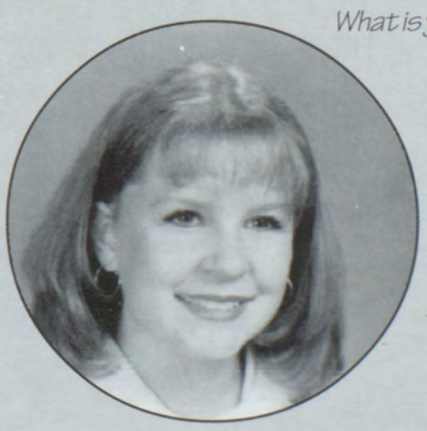


Math is more than just numbers...



What is the most unusual thing you did in math this year?

"Learning a dance to remember trigonometric graphs was pretty wild."
- Michelle Chait, Junior



What is your favorite memory of math?

"My favorite memory is of AP Calculus pizza parties. They almost made up for having to do antiderivatives!"
- Candace Benad, Senior

How was your experience with science this year?



"Dude, physics was all gravy and stuff, but it was kinda hard too."
-Colbey Bullock, Senior



"Geology, Meteorology, and Oceanography was a decent class."
- Bryan Scott, Senior



AP Chemistry - Alison Mayer, Nicole Artieschoufsky, Stephanie Rohlack, Laurie Medina; Front row: Willie Fields, Josh Verastique



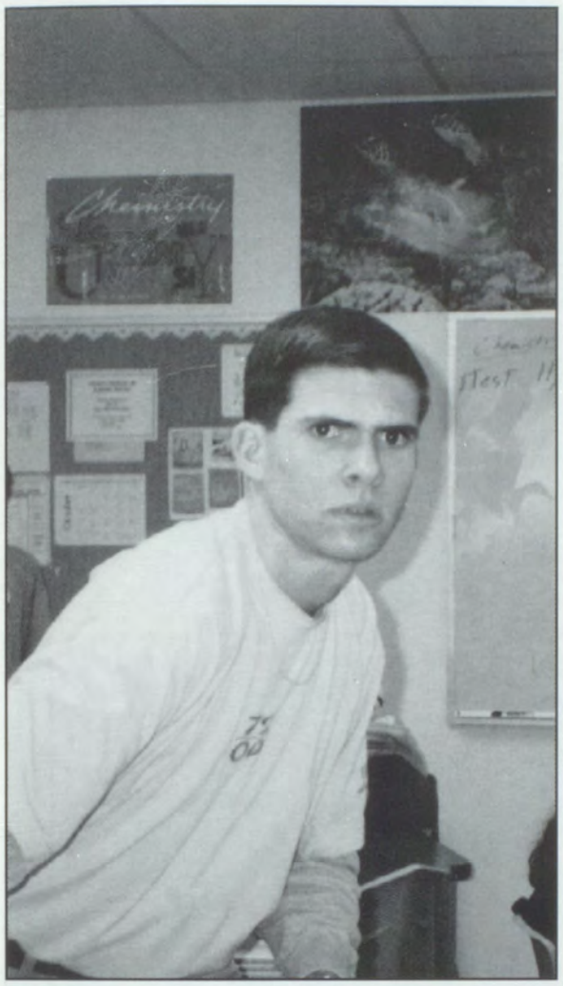
AP Physics - Back row: Margaret Garry, Rebecca Lewis, Dominick Devastey; Front row: Nicole White, Martha Flores



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Look at that face! Chandler Dabbs looks stressed after finishing a Physics test. ↗

Man, what a toughie! Jason Pausewang concentrates as Mr. Plybon explains a problem. →



The Sky's The Limit

More Opportunities To Explore The Vast World of Science

Picture yourself in the scariest, most stressful place imaginable. Where would you be? You'd be sitting in Physics class (no offense, Mr. Plybon). In one word you could describe how everybody felt: confused. As the year went on, we students became more comfortable and understood the nature of science much better. Labs were the highlight of every science class. The freshmen had a great time learning all about living things in biology. Chemistry students were exposed to all the elements. And who could forget those great vector problems we dealt with in Physics? We came to find, through scientific method, that understanding some of the greatest mysteries of the universe—like gravitational pull, matter's state changes, and adaptation—can be quite an adventure. One of the most exciting improvements in the science department was the new course offered to juniors and seniors: Oceanography, Meteorology, and Geology. Students spent a lot of time studying their textbooks since there aren't any glaciers around Taylor. They also spent time looking at rocks and minerals and took a field trip to Enchanted Rock. Once the basics were down, Advanced Placement courses rolled along. AP Chemistry students spent their time unraveling lengthy formulas and trying to turn copper into some other element while Mrs. Sutton explained it... AP Physics returned after a year of absence and became a place where students could take a more technical look at science. They witnessed Mr. Plybon disco dance and saw the effects of kinetic motion. We mustn't forget AP Biology, where life took on new meaning as Coach Rucker led cellular discussions. After all was said and done, the science department lived up to its calling. Hopefully we walked away with the same questions still in our minds ... who, what, when, where, why, and how. The most important thing our science teachers taught us was that learning doesn't stop when you leave the classroom. Science is constantly in motion all around us and we will strive to grasp the concepts of science for the rest of our lives.



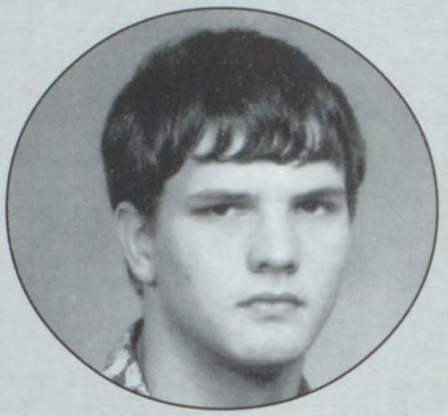
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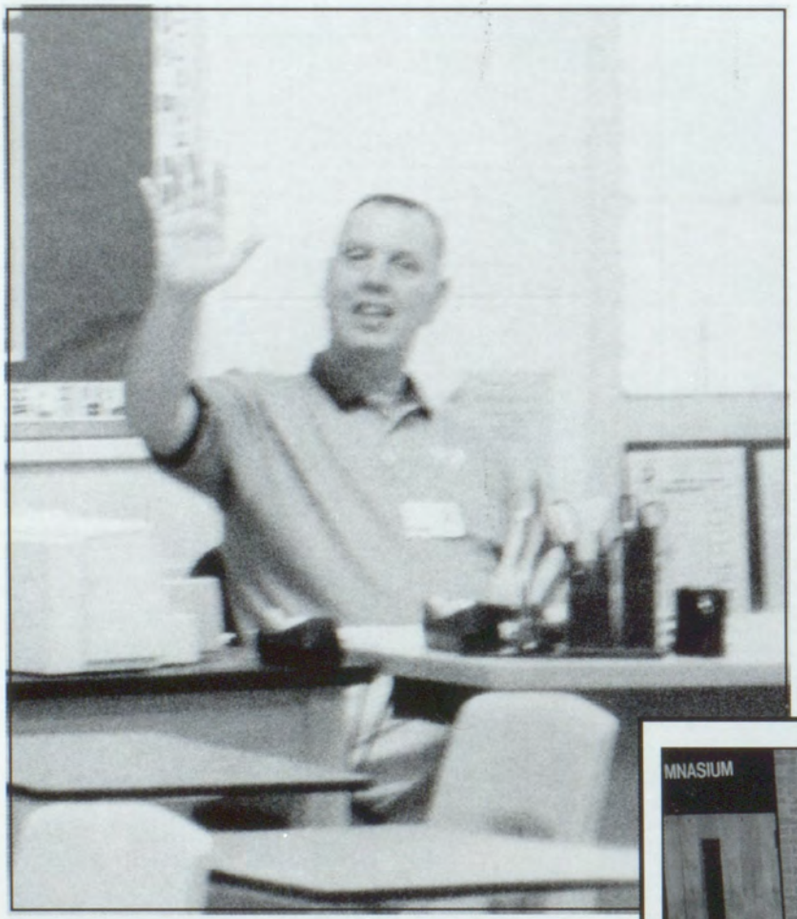
The past is full of people who gave their all to shape the future. If you had the chance to be any person in history, who would you be and why?



"I would be Albert Einstein because he has all the answers."
- Brandi Moerbe

"I would be John F. Kennedy. He's one of the only presidents who learned from his mistakes."
- Luke Curik







Hey howdy hey! Mr. Miller sends a friendly wave to the camera. ↑

Ready for class? Vannessa Cantu and Kristen Massey look at a few of Mrs. Bennett's projects. ↗



AP Government and Economics - Bottom row-L:R: Micah Grau, Anne Foley, Margaret Garry, Alison Mayer, Amber Byfield, Steven Teggeman, Brit Oliphint, Colby Bullock. 2nd row: Tracy Machu, Nicole White, Willie Fields, Rebecca Lewis, Justin Bohls, Martha Flores, Josh Bell. 3rd row: Josh Verastique, Andrew Oser,Chris Auerbach, Amanda Larson, Becky Estrada, Josh Weise, Dominick Devastey

Oh, the exciting world of history! Thomas Teggeman looks over his history homework. ↓

Aren't there labor laws against this? Kim Hulley takes a test over United States Industrialization. ↘



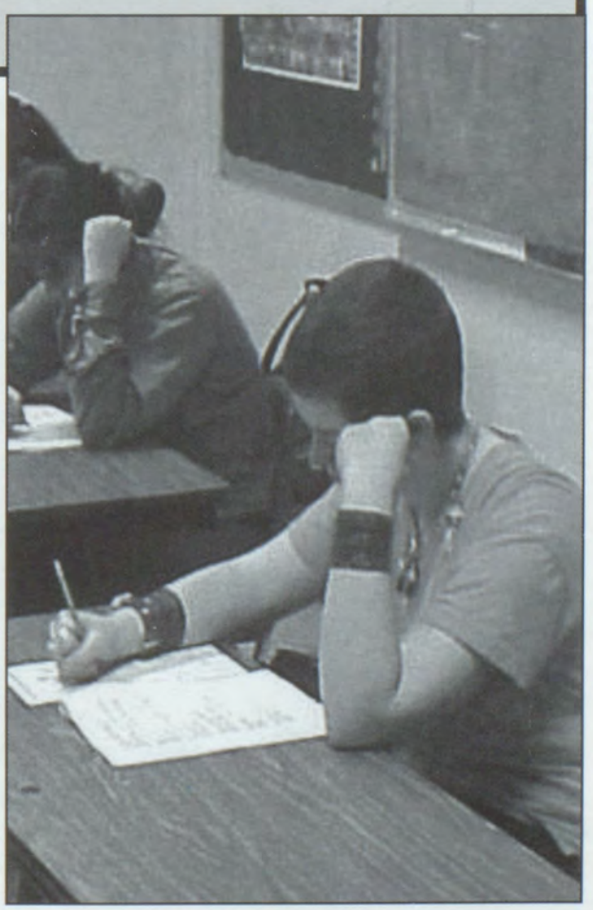
Past, Present, and Beyond...

Social Studies

Between every project, after every test, and during every lecture, Social Studies just gets better and better! This past year we accomplished a great deal of learning behind every door of every class. Mr. Miller kept his Pre-AP Freshmen up to speed with a developing nations project. At other times it was map quiz after map quiz; so many countries, so little time! Just next door, Mrs. Bennett had a project for every six weeks. Her room was always buzzing with the creation of new posters. They also wrote essays on The Plague and Alexander the Great. However, no matter how great Alexander was, Mr. Peveto's classes were always busy. Because of this, they often took time off to watch educational videos. Coach Tennill's classes listened to many lectures this year. The students say they developed writer's cramp from those notes, but that they still had tons of fun! We The People... Mr. Conrardy's Government classes worked hard writing a constitution with their own ideas and concerns as a group project. Mr. Stenseth's students were often busy making time lines and taking notes. Mr. Quarles was always there to add to the fun of our day. Everyone was glad to see Homie Claus visit their class just before a test. Despite all of the worksheets, long projects, and hard effort, we all learned a great deal this year in Social Studies, and we will never forget the times we shared. It may not always be clear to us that we learn from the past. It may take personal experience to understand the world's cultures, but let's all please try to remember that the world really is round!



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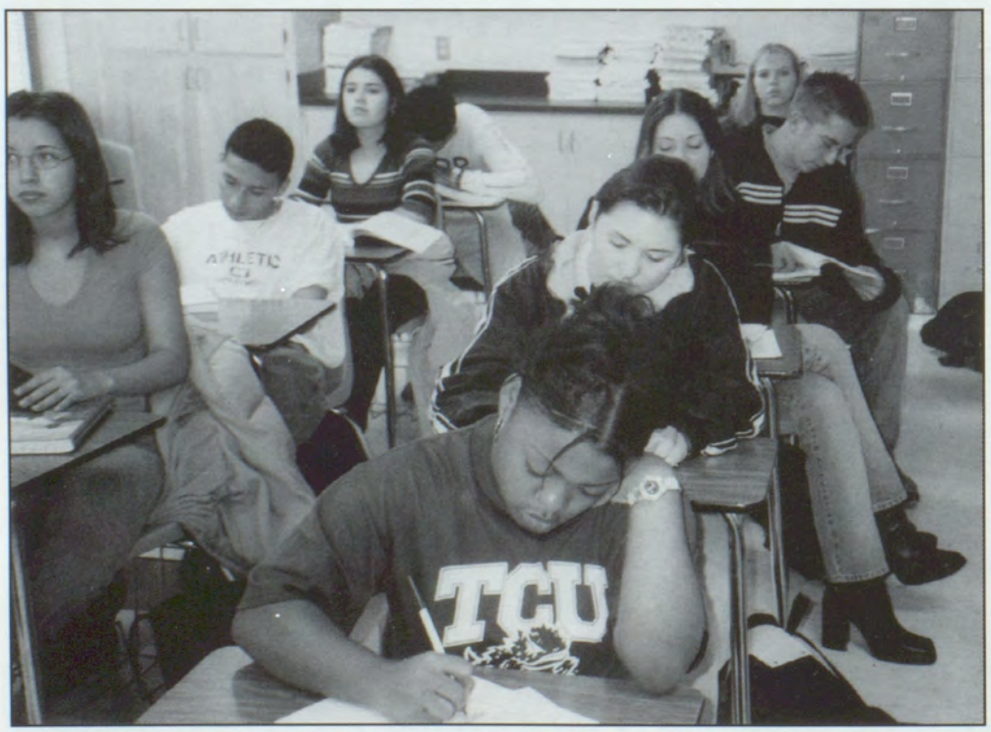


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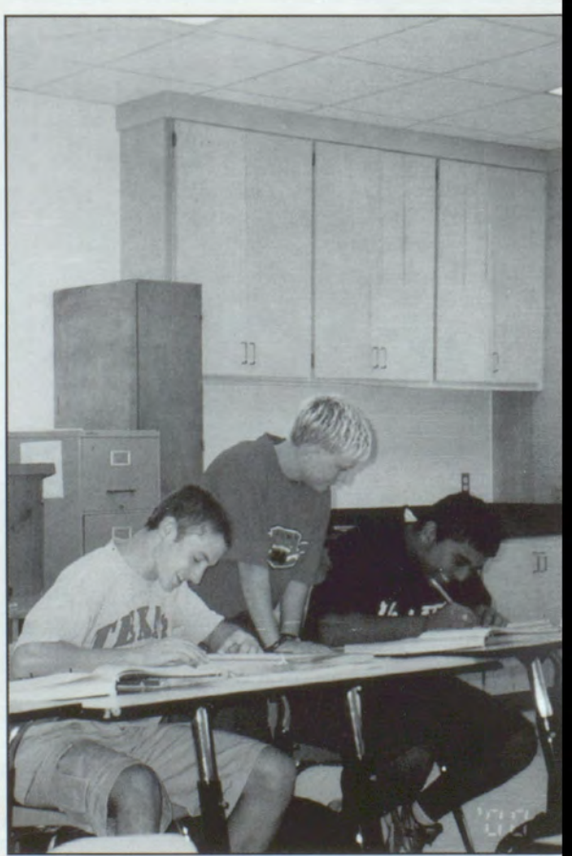
So Many Choices, So little time

Electives offer something for everyone

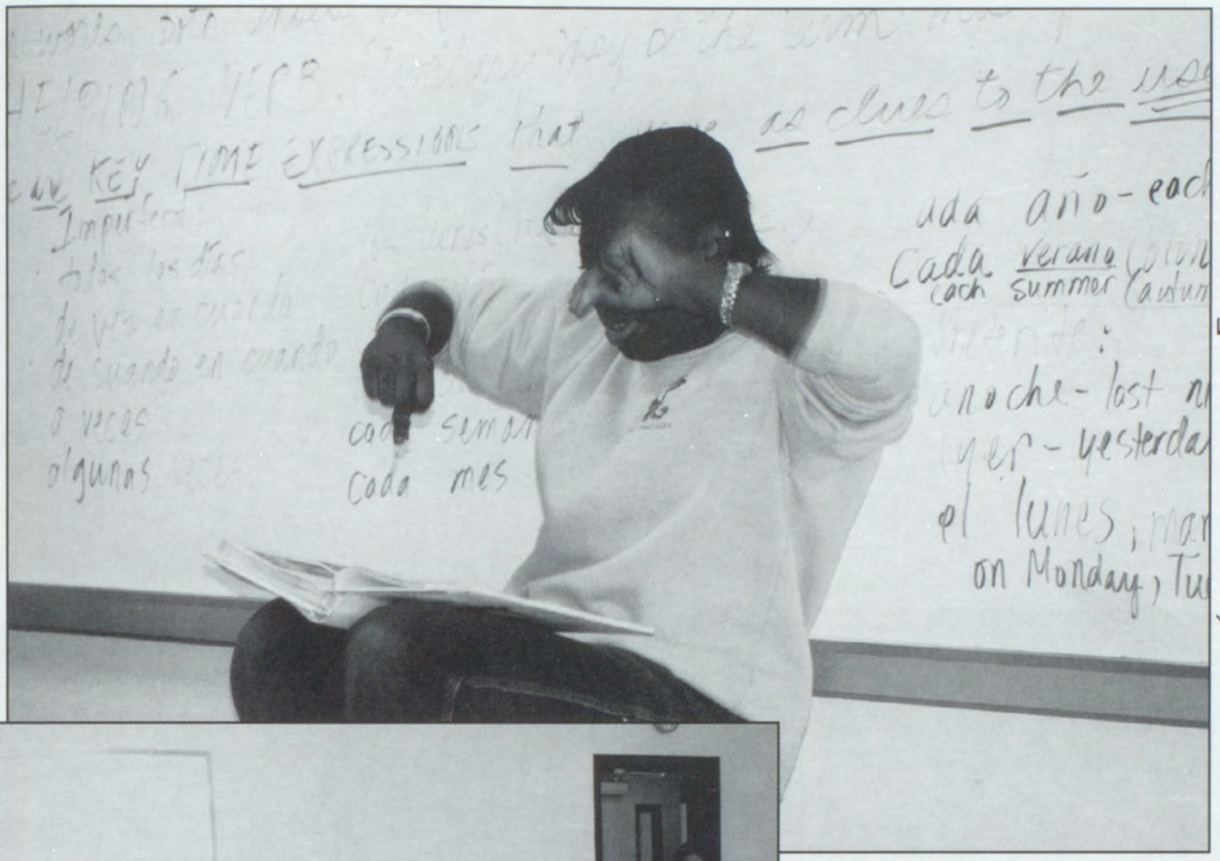
Every summer we think to ourselves, "yes, school is out!" But sooner or later we find ourselves saying, "I can't wait 'till school starts again and I can see all of my friends once more!" Over the summer we come back to school to register for classes and of course we dread taking classes like English, physics, history, and algebra. However, we look forward to taking the classes that we get to choose ourselves. We get to pick from several intersting classes and decide what we like best. If you plan on being an architect for instance, you can take drafting. Or if you want to be an accountant, you can take the accounting class. There are several more like Drama, Mallard, Computer Science, Debate. In these classes, we let our creativity flow. You work hard to pursue you most desirable interest. It all pays off when you put together a great choir concert, or a breathtaking stage production, or when you make it to the playoffs in football. This year , Mrs. Rumel's spanish classes are going to Spain for 11 days. They will experience a world of new places, ideas, and people as they see the sites and mingle with the people. These are just a few of the rewarding opportunies you can receive from our school's great variety of elective courses.



¡Es Docente! Cassandra Pickerill, David Powers, Anna Glover, Teronica Williams, Marie Bloemer, Mallory McQuary, and Mitch Leschber devote all their energy to a Spanish II quiz in Mrs. Delgado's class. ↑



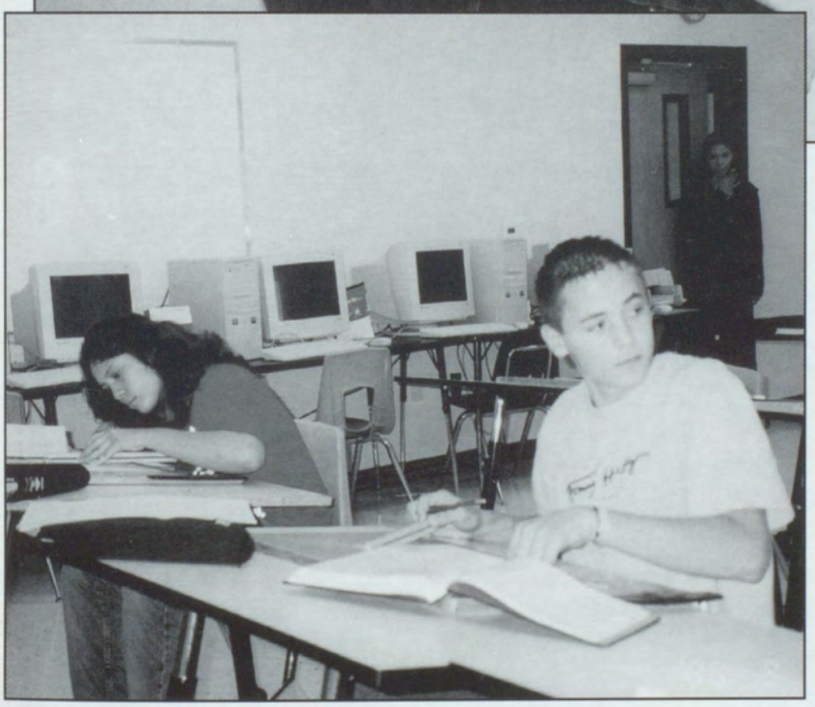
We've Got Big Plans For The Future! Cale Hall, Gabriel Medez and Rudy are plenty busy in drafting, sketching plans for a new high school. →



←***Adios mi compañeros ....*** Latoya Jackson recites a peom with attitude in her Spanish class

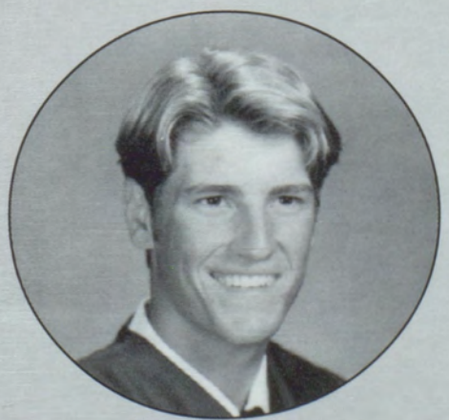
↙**"I've got to finish my algebra homework!"** Ray checks to see if Mrs. Tores is watching.

↓Fifth period art students, Stacey Dubec and Lesley David, anticipate lunch.





What elective did you take and why did you take it?



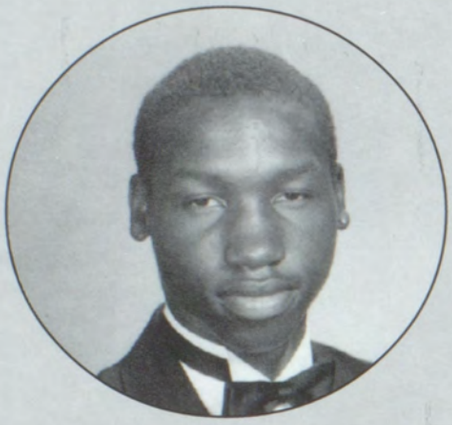
"I took Art because it is a cool way to leave school behind and express yourself through art work."

- Ladd Moehnke



" I took Auto Tech because it gives me a lot of training in automobiles and I get college hours for it."

-Jimmy Deary



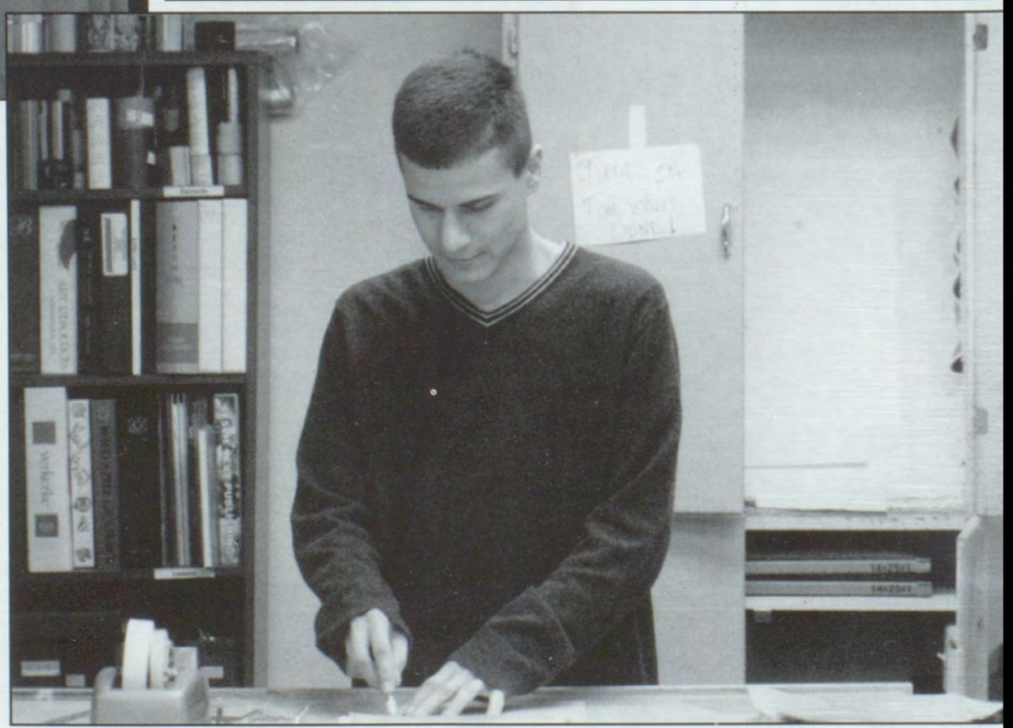
"My vocational classes helped me gain practical skills that I can use in the work force. Vocational classes would benefit all students."
-Alex Anderson



"Vocational classes helped me become prepared to begin my career in law enforcement"
-Trey Hewtty







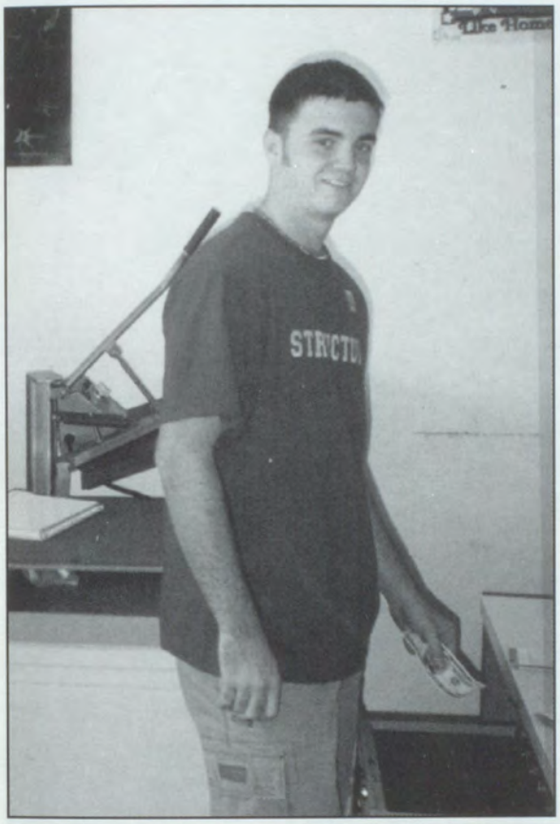
I'm tired of licking stamps!! ↑
Courtney Minzenmayer stuffs envelopes at Central Office.

I'm enjoying it, really I am.... ↗
Brandy Martinez keeps herself busy in the office.

Careful don't cut yourself... →
Aaron Bachmeyer cuts picture frames at Intercraft.

Is Science really this important? Traci Floyd checks in books at her job in the THS office.

Is it time for a break yet? Lance Mills is hard at work at Taylor Sporting Goods.





ITS ALL PART OF THE JOB

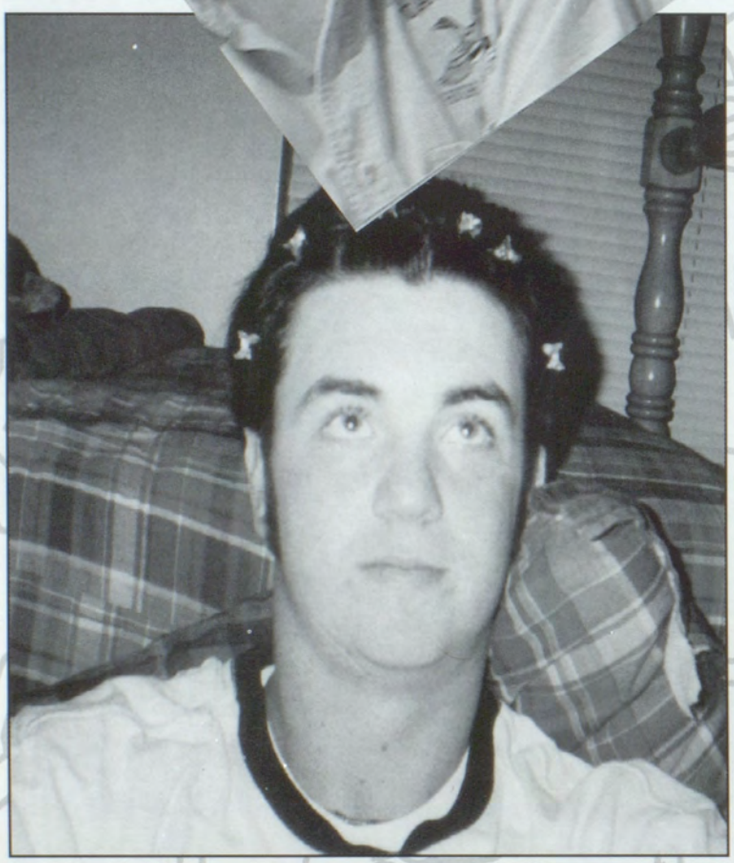
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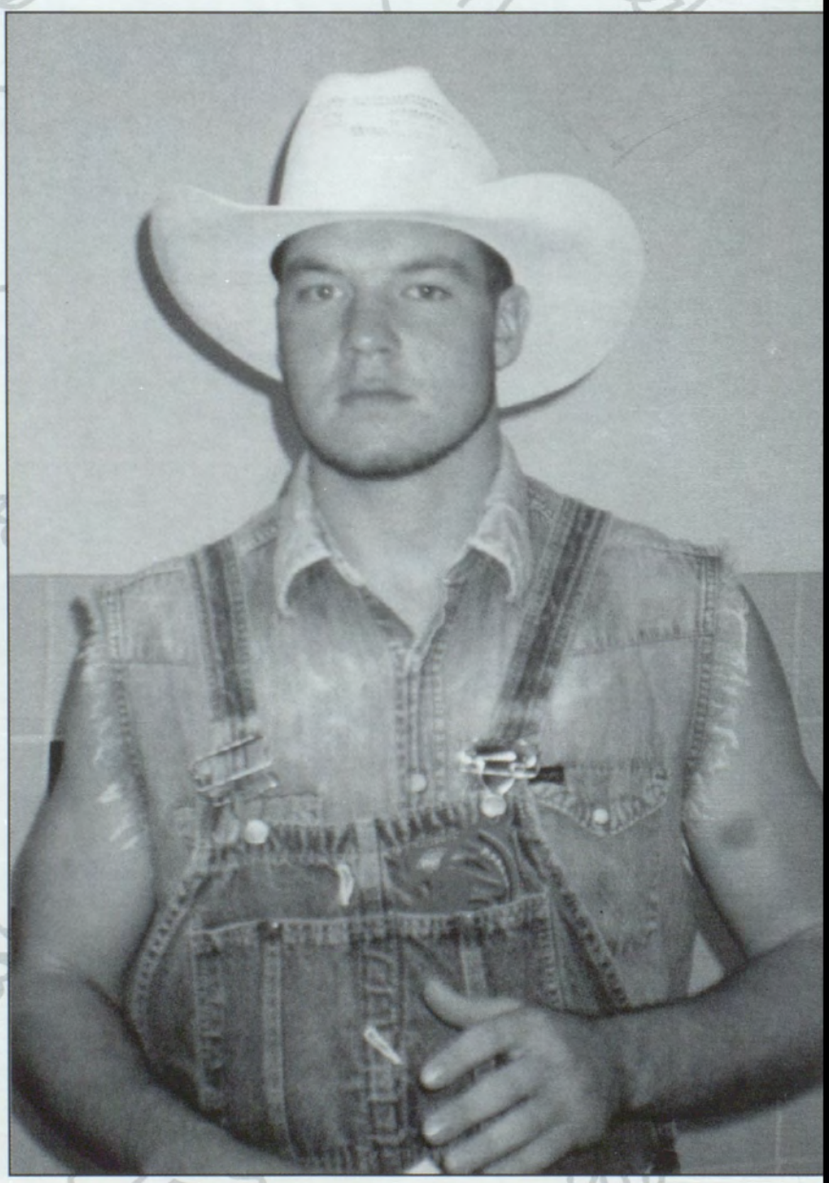
Many of the juniors and seniors decided this year to be successful in both the working field and in our school work. We learned about several different skills for surviving in the working world. Learning things such as human relation skills, interviewing skills, and communication skills in class really helped us out on the job. All of our teachers worked different Co-Op programs so different fields of work could be covered. The Business Education Co-Op helped students prepare for office work. Those of us who worked at the YMCA After School program or at any day care program took Homemaking Co-Op. Co-Op is the perfect opportunity for students to make money, learn what it is like working for atleast half a day, and still go to school and get an education. Many of us feel like we are more prepared for life because of the experience of Co-Op. Others feel that they will be more responsible throughout their life because they have been successful in Co-op.

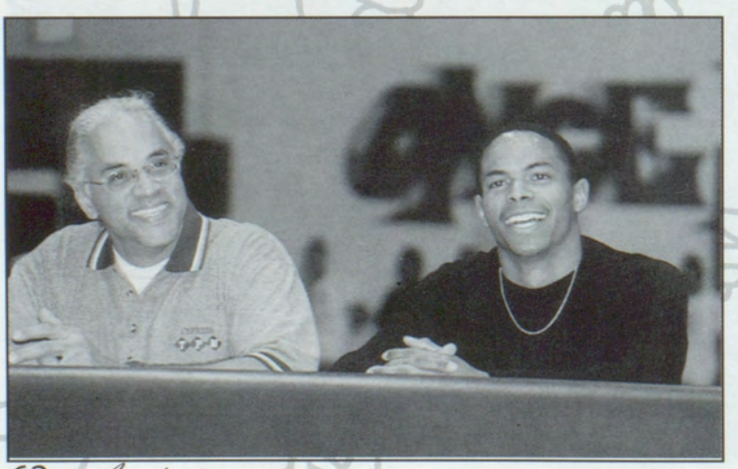
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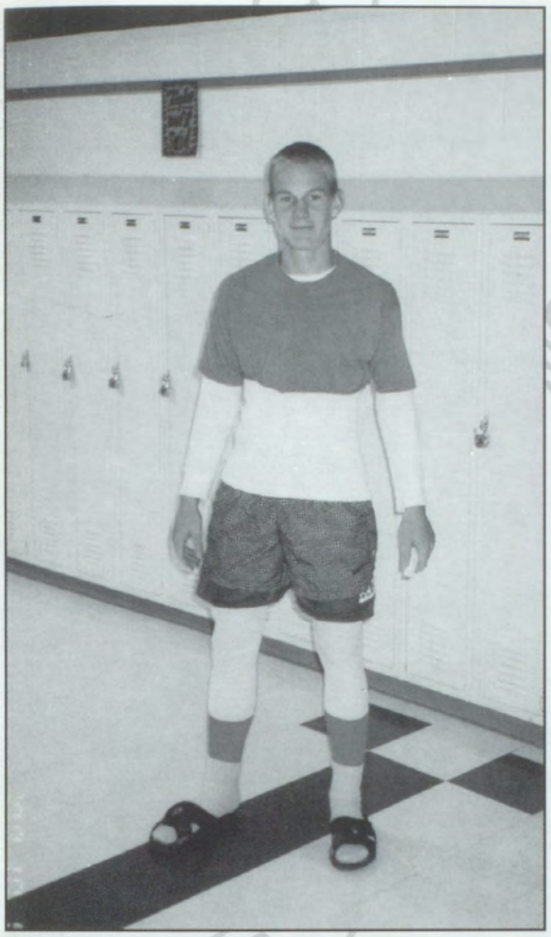










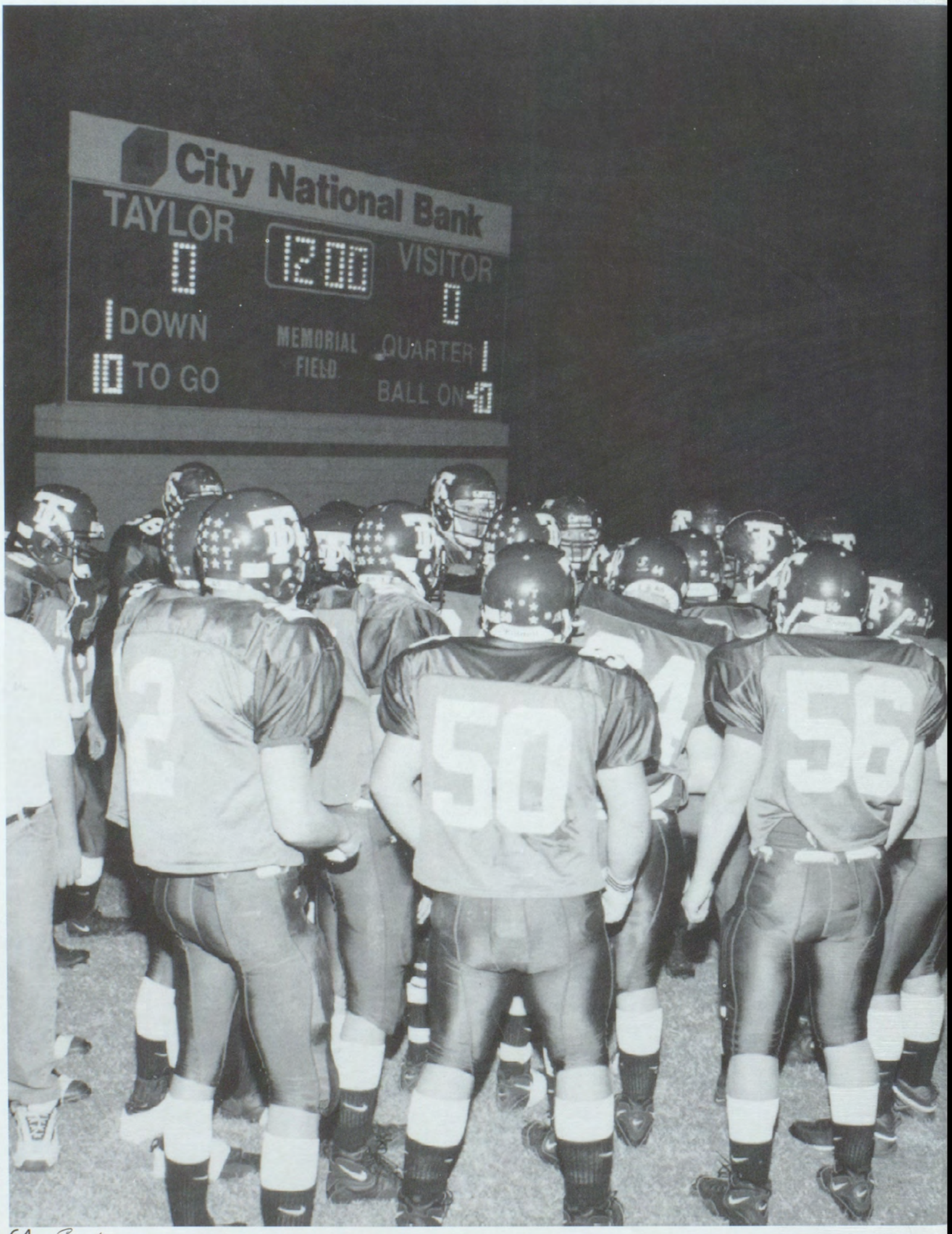











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keep your eye on the ball

Bustin Through! The Taylor Ducks run through the sign pumped for the game. →

Where's my open man? Blake Randig looks to pass. ↓







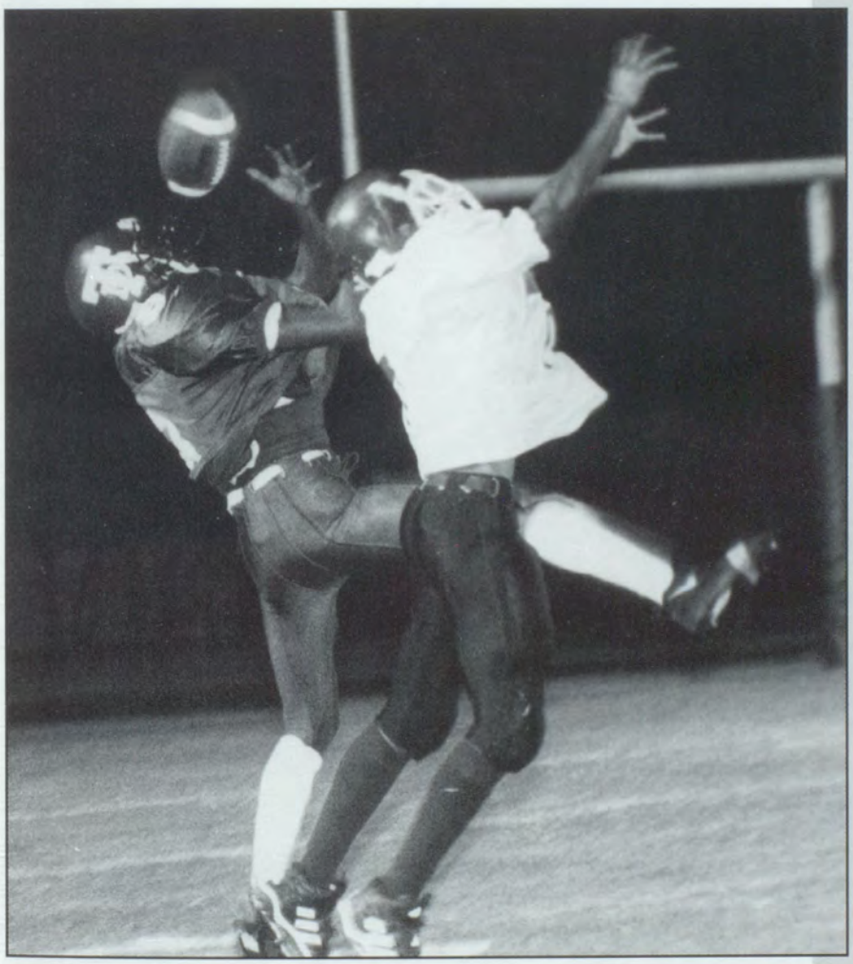
"We had a very dissapointing season this year since we didn't make it to play-offs, but I will still treasure every moment of my high school football experience."

-Justin Graef



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For love of the Game

Varsity Football

The season started with high expectation and excitement - we had a new offensive and a new defensive coach. We set our goals high with a state championship in our eyes. We started two-a-day practice in the summer 113-degree weather, and each session lasted over five hours. We only played three scrimmages before the regular season started, but we were ready for Friday night despite this. We started the season with a road trip to Burnet, but even though we lost 29-27, we still got a chartered bus and Storm's burgers. Our next road trip was to Llano. We will never forget watching the juniors walk down the highway to the senior bus because their bus was smoking! With a new fire burning in us, we beat Hearne 28-0 and crushed Manor 42-7 at Homecoming, while having three different players return interceptions for touchdowns. Deafeating our opponent at Homecoming was a great feeling. With the whole town watching us we crushed the mustangs. We all knew that the returning exes were proud of us and we were proud of ourselves as well. One more bus memory was when Coach Talavera got the bus stuck in the mud and we all piled up on one for the trip to Caldwell. At our second-to-last game, Elgin, all of our dreams came true and we played in the mud. Even the cheerleaders were there for us splashing through the water and cheering us on. They were soaked from the rain and puddles and so were we! The season ended with a hard-fought loss to Rockdale, a team that the seniors have never beat. Even though we ended with a 3-7 record, our team never gave up and we'll all have many memories from this season and every season we've ever played.

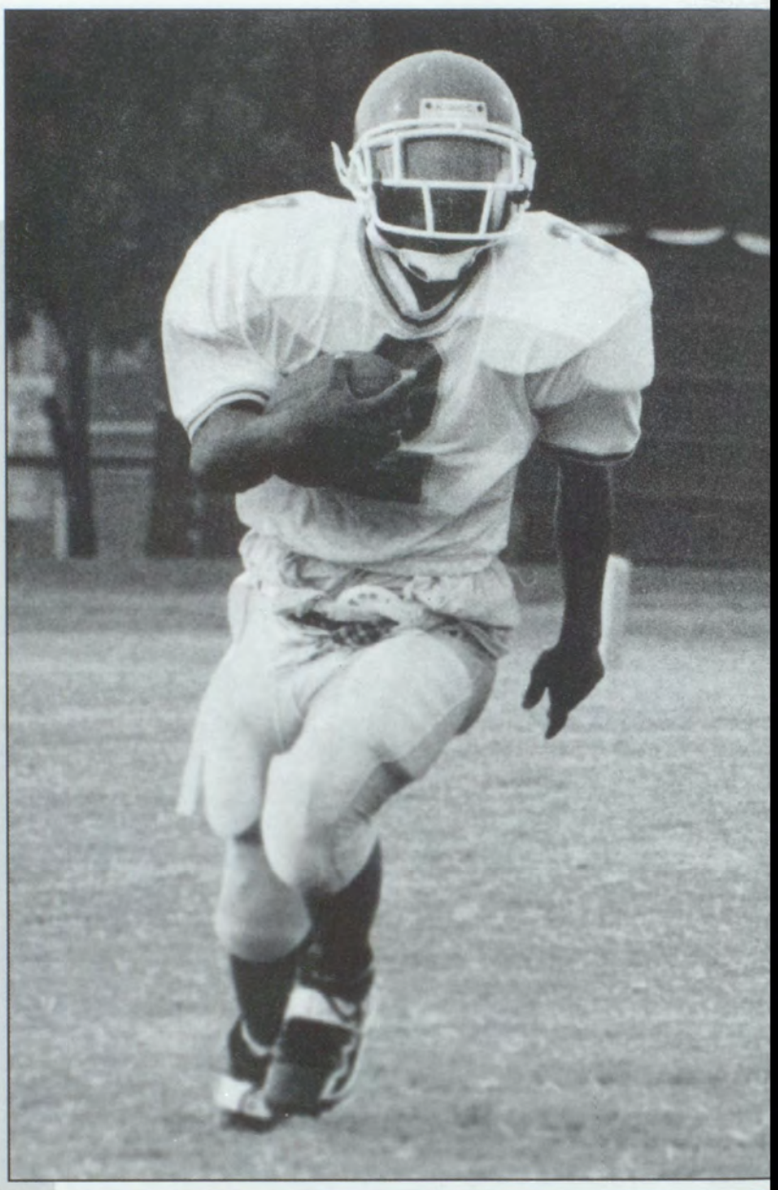
Taylor		Opponent
27	Burnet	29
6	Lockhart	14
32	Llano	12
0	Giddings	27
28	Hearne	0
42	Manor	7
21	Caldwell	28
7	Cameron	24
0	Elgin	7
12	Rockdale	28

↟ **Down...Set...Hut!** Blake Randig plays at the peak of his game.

↑ **He's going long!** Quincy Henderson goes up for a pass.

READY TO RUN

JV and Fish Football



The Freshman Ducks brought home a perfect 9-0 record and a District Championship. These are the same Ducks who never lost a game in junior high, and, whom will hopefully keep this winning trend up all the way through their high school career. Even though the team faced two 5A schools in Westlake and Georgetown we showed no fear and proved to everyone that the future of Taylor Duck Football is very bright. This year the J.V. had one of the best years we have ever had. The Ducks went undefeated. Even though the Junior Varsity was unbeaten, we couldn't play the Elgin Wildcats because of bad weather. The Green was named co-district champs with the Elgin Wildcats, with both 8-0-2 records. The J.V. looks forward to taking on the much bigger players and teams on the varsity level next year. We hope to help out the rest of the team for another undefeated season and go to the play-offs. Now all the players hit the weights to start training for the next season.



Top to Bottom, Left to Right. 1st Row: Bobby Cervenka, Kelly Kerlin, Lance Rydell, Gerald Jones, Jeff Bell. 2nd Row: Derek Hinostrosa, Israel Ellis, David Downs, Philip Gamez, Matt Jinkins, Ernest Miller, Trent Poole. 3rd Row: James Perez, Joe Hernandez, Adam Pfluger, Mark Eckhardt, Nathan Campbell, Matt Kolinek, Joseph Samaniego, Ray Garza. 4th Row: Jarell Tolliver, Karl Ross, Shay Thomas, Chris Hernandez, Gabe Sanchez, Duane Whittaker, Mario Moreno, Adam Tallas. 5th Row: Matt Vrana, Anthony Franklin, Jocob Glover, Enrique Gutierrez, Manuel Perez, Manuel Pachicano, Chris Lopez, Josh Hutton, Lenerick Mitchell. 6th Row: Tremaine Deary, Brandon Fields, Marcus Bunton, Aurelio Rodriguez, Daniel Thomas, Jacob Sanchez, Chris Ozuna, Jonathan Johnson.



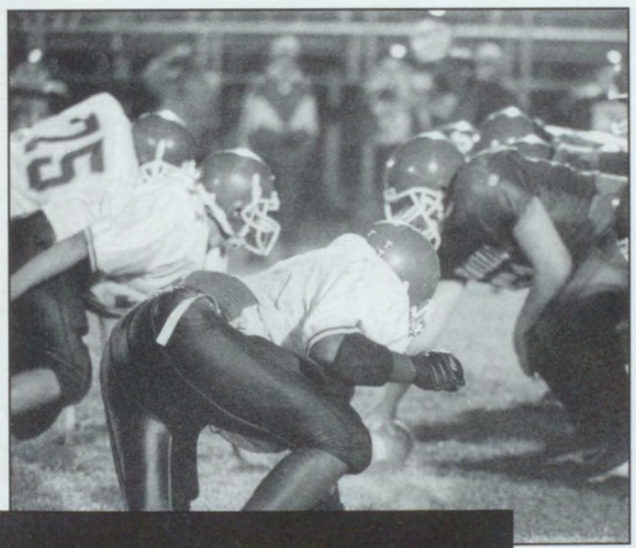
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Run, Brandon, run....Brandon fields runs to daylight.

Ready to rumble....The J.V. defense anticipates the snap-count.

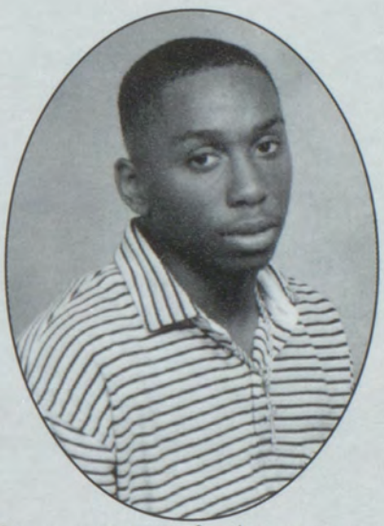
Give me seven.....Freshman quarterback Marcus Bunton rolls out to hit an open receiver.

Heisman quality....Freshman Adam Tallas strikes the pose.



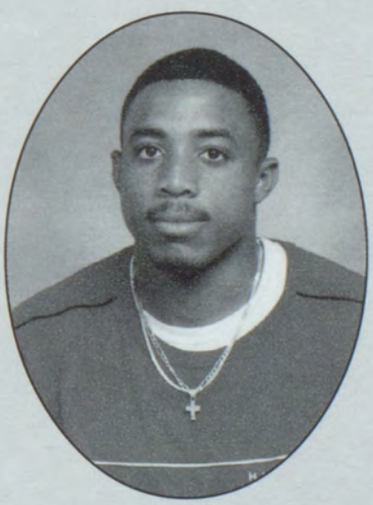






"This season was fun because we had a good time winning all of our games"

-Freshman Marcus Bunton



"We worked hard and had a great season. The (JV) team put its full effort into an undefaeted season"

-Sophmore Keith Huff

Junior Varsity Record

Taylor		Opponent
42	Burnet	28
33	Lockhart	6
29	Llano	6
21	Giddings	14
37	Somerville	6
35	Westlake	13
43	Georgetown	8
28	Cameron	6
30	Rockdale	14

Freshmen Record

42	Burnet	28
28	Lockhart	6
28	Llano	21
36	Giddings	20
42	Manor	6
22	Caldwell	13
28	Cameron	21
34	Rockdale	13

We Had Heart

Varsity Volleyball

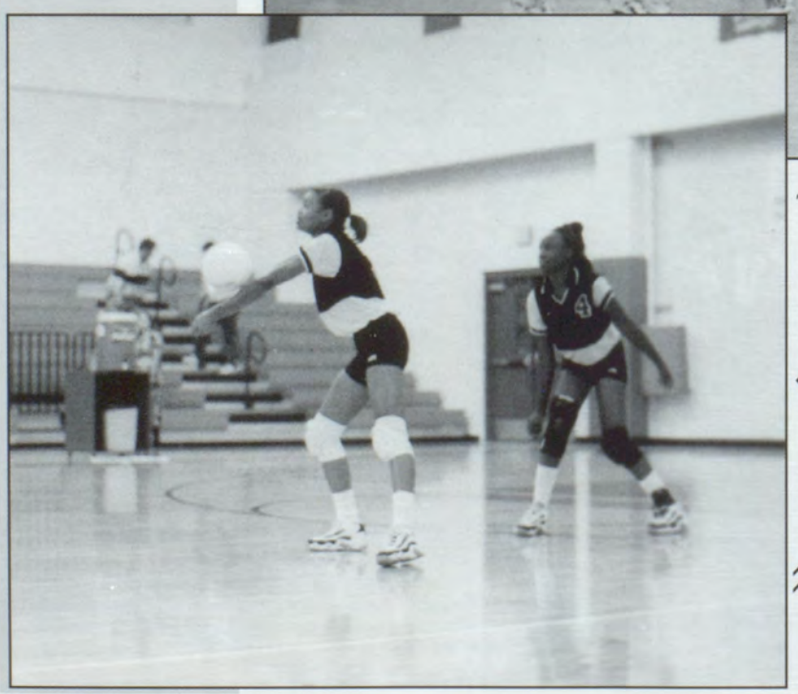


Varsity Volleyball Results

Cameron	L
Hearne	W
Elgin	L
Manor	L
Rockdale	W
Caldwell	L
Giddings	W
Cameron	L
Hearne	W
Elgin	W
Manor	L
Rockdale	L
Caldwell	L
Giddings	W

Our varsity volleyball team was much like a wooden roller coaster this season giving fans several highs and lows. The season started in Del Valley where we suffered a tough 3 game loss to the lady cardinals. We had just 1 returning senior with many high aspects of the younger players. The highs began early as we rebounded from a lousy start in the Cameron tournament to wind up wind up winning the whole thing. We lost game 1 in the championship, but managed to beat the whole school in the final 2 games to take the title. We reached the final with a semi-final win over Granger, which we had lost to in pool-play. The rest of the non-district schedule had high points with a tough loss to Hutto. The district schedule opened with a tough 3 game loss to Cameron, which we had beaten earlier in the season. A 3 match-losing streak was snapped with a home court win over Giddings to close the first round of district play. In the second round, one of the highlights was a 3 game win against Elgin on the lady cat's home floor. That evened our district record at 5-5 and gave us hope for a possible play-off spot. We then returned home for our last two home matches against Manor and Rockdale. All post-season hope was swiped away as Manor came back from a 19-4 deficit in game 3 to win the match. Rockdale proved to be no easier as the lady tigers, which we had beaten before, got their revenge for the earlier setback with a 3 game win. With several juniors returning to the fold next year only bigger and better things are expected.





↑ It's yours! Phalyn Wooldridge bumps a ball.

← Over! Tisha Brenson passes a ball over.

↑ Score! Kasey Walton serves for a point.



← Pep talk! The lady ducks gather for a talk before a game.



"I think that we played well together throughout the season. We had a lot of desire and hustle although our record didn't show it. We really had the talent to go far. I will always treasure the unforgetable memories and valuable lessons of Taylor High School Volleyball."

-Katara Johnson

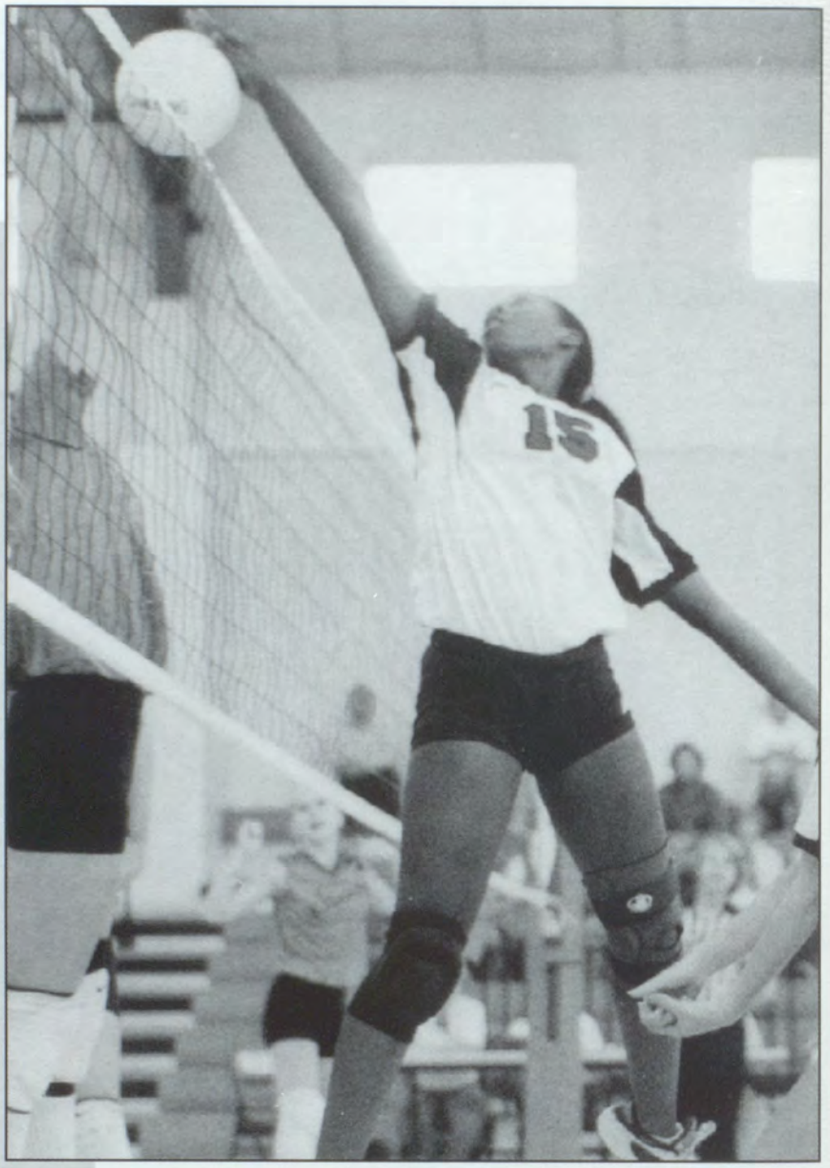


2000 Lady Duck Varsity Volleyball Team

Top: Katara Johnson Middle: Coach Downs, Crystal Zachary, Kim Klaus, Sarah Naivar, Tisha Brenson, Amanda Larson (manager) Bottom: Haley Hall, Kasey Walton, Ryan Marshall, LeAnn Carlson, Phalyn Wooldridge

Set To Win

Freshman and JV Volleyball



The freshman and JV years of playing volleyball are a time for growing and learning. Though the majority of the girls had played our 7th and 8th grade years, the experience of high school volleyball was completely different. We found this new world full of ups and downs unlike any we had ever experienced. We proved ourselves to be unbelievably talented and willing to make a commitment to our team. Our friendships prospered as a result of our teamwork and ended up helping us throughout the season. After seeing the commitment and extraordinary talent of our players, we were all sure that there will be many great seasons of spirited competition to come. With us, the future volleyball seasons have a bright outlook. This year's season kept parents and coaches on the edge of their seats. We won first in the Lorena Tournament and Consolation in Hutto. We played greatly as a team. Our hitting and blocking improved and it was obvious passing is a huge part of the game. We cared about each other and relied on each others abilities. We learned every position is equally important. Volleyball is a true team sport. Serving was our strength, but we found out team work was necessary to win.We dramaticly improved our skills, but confidence made the difference in our game. We learned to rely on each other and our coach. We had a very good season.



Top: Coach Hawkins, Stephanie Garret, Brandy Moerby, Marcy Winkleman, Keely Rucker, Kody Ging, Amanda Larson. Middle: Taryn Schroeder, Tracy Stewart, Leslie David, Tera Eulenfeld, April Matetzschk. Bottom: Laurie Raesz,Katie Denni



Top: Coach Naivar Middle: Amanda Larson, Jacque Jackson, Sara Srnensky, Heather Grimm, Amber Welch. Bottom: Heidi Grimm, Valerie Gomez, Meggie Mikeska, Christina Torres, Michelle Mokry

Look at those hands! Valerie Gomez sets a ball.

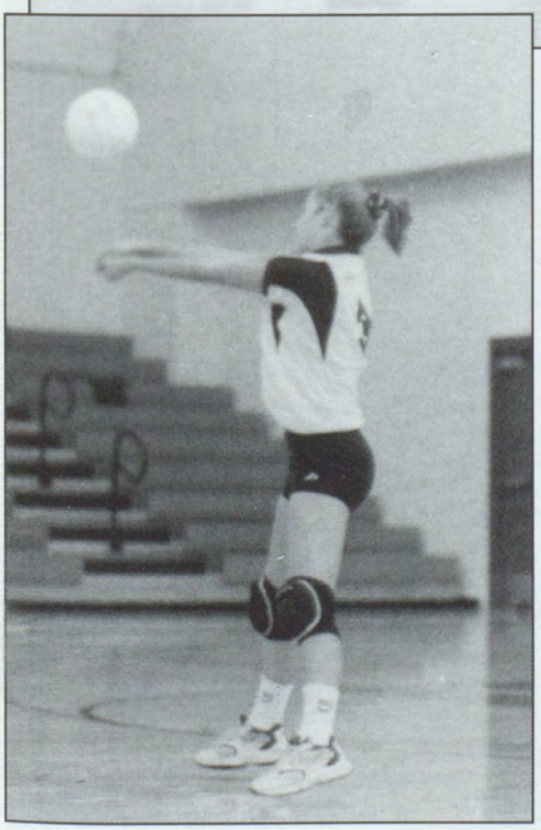
Nice dig! Heidi Grimm passes a ball.

Ouch! Michelle Mokry digs a ball.

Jump, Jump! Jaque Jackson tips a ball over.







Junior Varsity

Giddings	W
Cameron	W
Hearne	W
Elgin	L
Manor	L
Rockdale	W
Caldwell	W
Giddings	W
Cameron	W
Hearne	W
Elgin	L
Manor	L
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Freshmen Record 9-5

What was the best thing about playing on a high school level?



"The best part was being a part of the team and helping out my team members."
Tracy Stewart

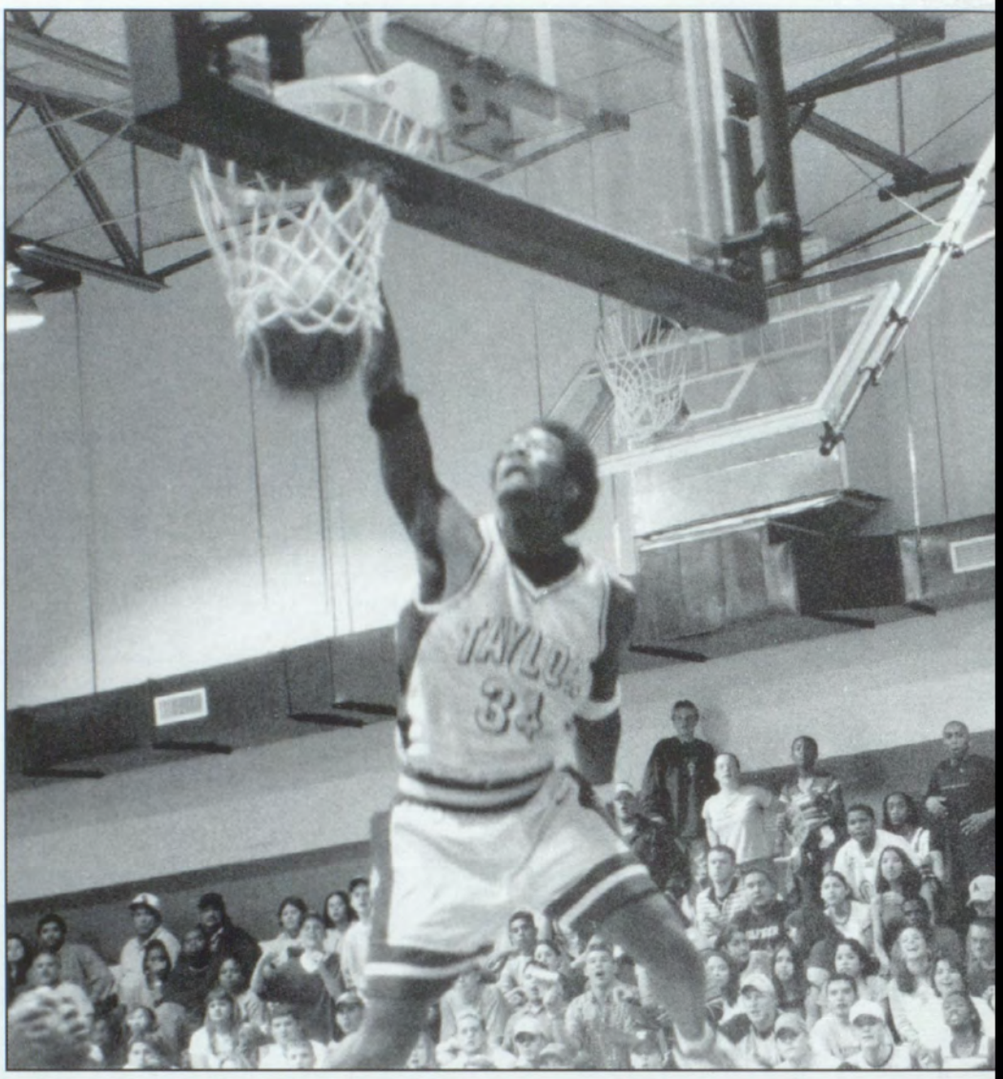


"I think that this year was a good learning experience for me. I am really glad that we did good and I am looking forward to doing better next year."
-Brandy Moerby

The starters huddle around Coach Bell for some quick guidance!

Orenthal Davis blocks a defensive player.

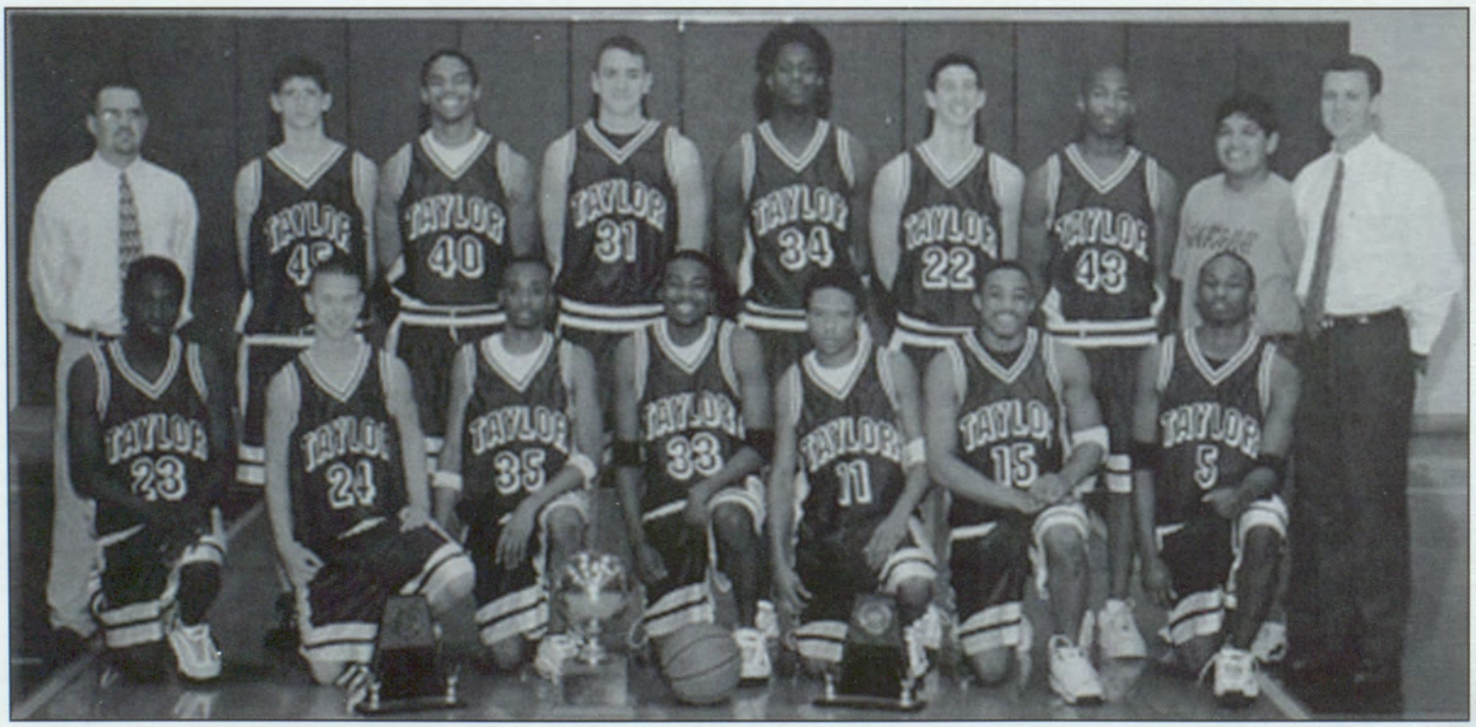
Greg Demps shoots a free throw at a game against Ellison in December.



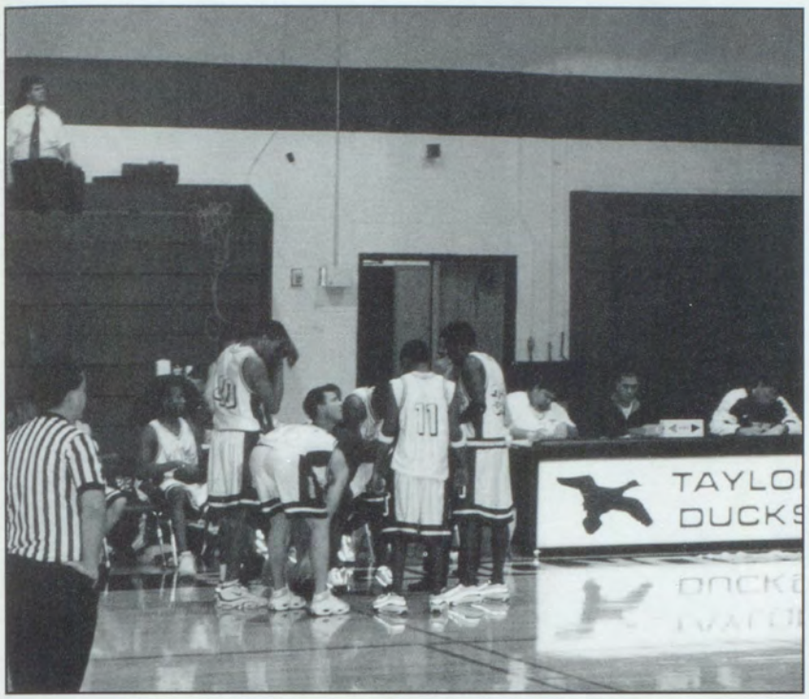


"It went by fast, but over all it was exciting and I got to experience a lot with my teammates. I am very excited we got to go to the playoffs and that we won third district title, thanks for coming out God bless and good night."

- Greg Demps



Front row: Alex Anderson, Nick Flannery, Craig Williams, Greg Demps, Orenthal Davis, Keith Huff, Scott Washington. Top row: Coach Graham, Kelly Nygrin, Dominick Devastey, Sean Heeke, Xavier Wright, Josh Bell, Dwayne Curtis, Derrick Hinostrosa, Coach Jeff Bell.



SHOOTING FOR THE STARS

Boys' Varsity

Taylor's Shooting Stars...The boys had yet another incredible year of hoops. Continuing on our winning tradition, we won our third straight district title. Losing only two district games, we got the chance to advance to the playoffs, and managed to slide through thru the first round with a bi-game. Once again the team got to travel to Waxahacie for a practice playoff game. After a stunning victory over the opposing team of Crandell, it was then on to a real game where we would travel to Montgomery and defeat their opponent Diboll. We moved on to the third round, where there our season was cut short after losing. There were a lot of positive things that happened for the team this year. One of the positive aspects was the tournament that we hosted here. We managed to swipe second place. What would basketball season be without the great Coach Bell? Sometimes the highlight of a good game would be seeing him stomp his foot and giving his team a roaring shout. Maybe that is one reason we were so competitive this year. Overall, we had an awesome season and none of us was extremely disappointed, except those of us who were seniors. They will miss being in the limelight at Taylor. Greg, Scott, Nick, Kelly, Josh, and Dominick will all be missed on the courts next year. We had a tremendous season, and everyone is looking forward to the beginning of next year's season, and yet another district title.







"It was fun, I am real proud that we made it to the playoffs, and I want to thank all the fans for coming out."
-Scott Washington

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Hoopin' It Up

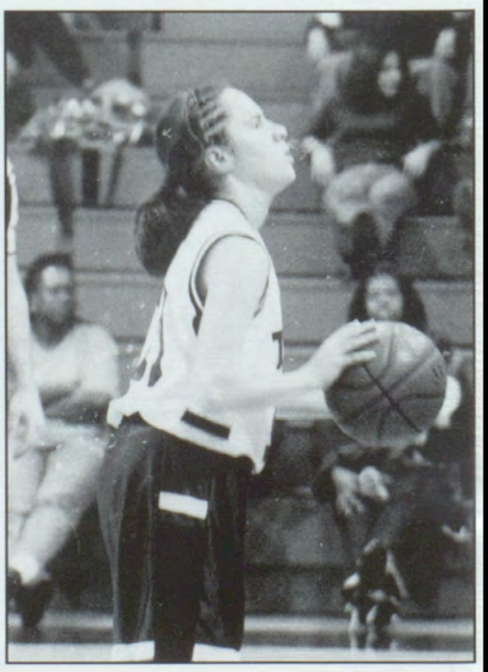
Varsity Girls Basketball



Basketball is defined as a fast-paced game on a rectangular court between two teams. A basketball team is organized, guided and constructed by a coach. Coach Jones in his infinite wisdon put together a 10 woman team consisting of Katara Johnson, Kasey Walton, Kathryn Ochoa, Krystal Zachary, Jacque Jackson, LaSondra Shaw, Tabitha Haskins, Gloria Gipson, Sara Srnensky and later on in the season help came with the addition of Amber Welch. The team although hampered by the injuries of Tisha Brenson and later on in the season Gloria Gipson pulled together when necessary to add another win to their record. The team fought hard to overcome doubt and their team captain Katara Johnson pushed them to their limits to achieve a goal set by the team early in the season. The team stepped it up and conquered a third place finish in district and advanced into the playoffs. With faith in themselves and the courage to make it happen they went into the first game of the playoffs with confidence and redeemed self esteem. They played with all of their heart in hope that they would move on. They fell short of victory but held their heads up high when congratulations came from the coaches and fans. It may not have been a total victory but the lady ducks walked out of that gym with pride and confidence, of knowing next year they'll be back bigger and better than ever.









She shoots....she scores! Jacque Jackson sinks it in for 2.
Take it away! Kasey Walton dribbles down the court.
Thats how it's done. Katara Johnson shoots a free throw.
It's all in the mind. Kathryn Ochoa concentrates on her next shot.
Kasey Walton searches for an open teammate



"Basketball season was fun and we had a great opportunity in the playoffs. Unfortunaltly it didn't work out as planned but we've got next year and you can rest assure we will be back."

-Kathryn Ochoa

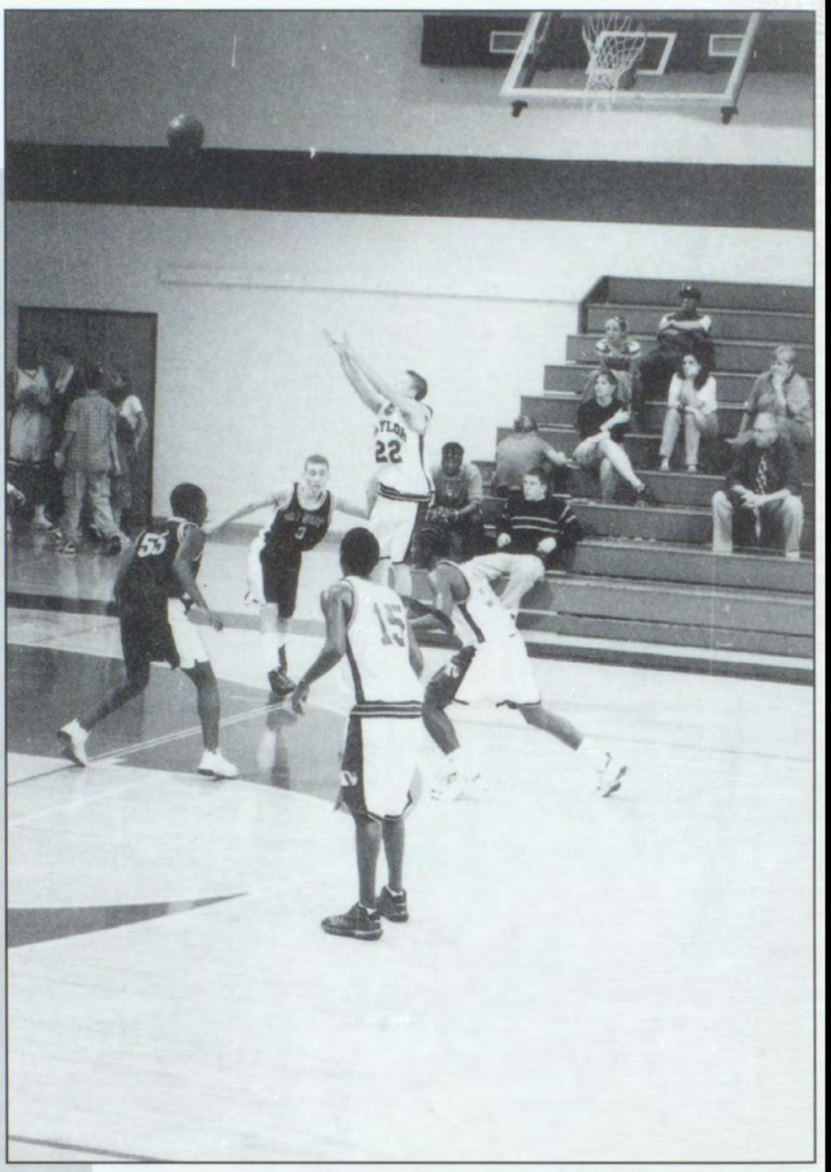


VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Back row: Manager, Katara Johnson, Tisha Brenson, Gloria Gipson, Jacque Jackson, Krystal Zachary.
Front row: Kasey Walton, Kathryn Ochoa, Lasondra Shaw, Sara Srnensky, Tabitha Haskins.

LOVE FOR THE GAME

JV and Fish Basketball



Junior Varsity coach Chris Graham molded a talented group of sophomores with an eager pair of freshmen, Drew Farr and Marcus Bunton. This turned the season into one fans will remember for a long time to come. One of the seasons early high notes came in the first month when the junior varsity surprised previously unbeaten Elgin, the team coached by former Taylor coach Oscar Muniz. The freshmen and sophomores were blended well with four converting from the outside. The powerful inside was due in part to Xavier Wright, who split time between the junior varsity and varsity after transferring. The JV basketball team had a great season after beating Hearne in their last game, with an overall record of 20-6. After winning the eighth grade district title, Taylor freshmen boys basketball suffered some growing pains in their first year of high school competition. Under the direction of Coach Lance Rydell a talented group took their lumps early suffering a home court loss to Bastrop in the season opener. The boys were undaunted, however, we managed several exciting victories against Giddings and Hearne, and the boys pulled out back to back overtime victories which was one of the highlights of the year. The squad also had a share of routes beating Caldwell and Elgin with ease.

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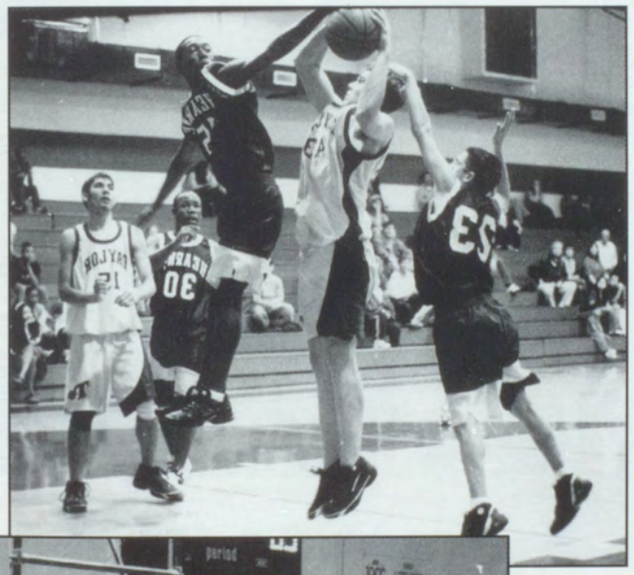
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↙ Aaron Gault lays it up for two points.

↙ Can you say foul? David Downs gets fouled taking a shot.

↓ Give me two points! Marcus Bunton makes the shot.

↞ Drains it! Drew Farr throws up a three.







Freshmen

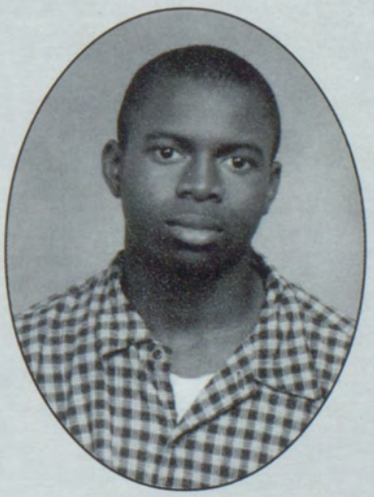
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36	Manor 46
73	Caldwell 23
47	Cameron 32
63	Elgin 41
38	Rockdale 41
66	Giddings 62
64	Hearne 56
57	Manor 38
63	Caldwell 26
58	Cameron 47
34	Elgin 41
41	Rockdale 36
53	Giddings 57
37	Hearne 50

JV

43	Manor 36
66	Caldwell 33
51	Cameron 56
53	Elgin 51
64	Rockdale 45
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77	Hearne 41



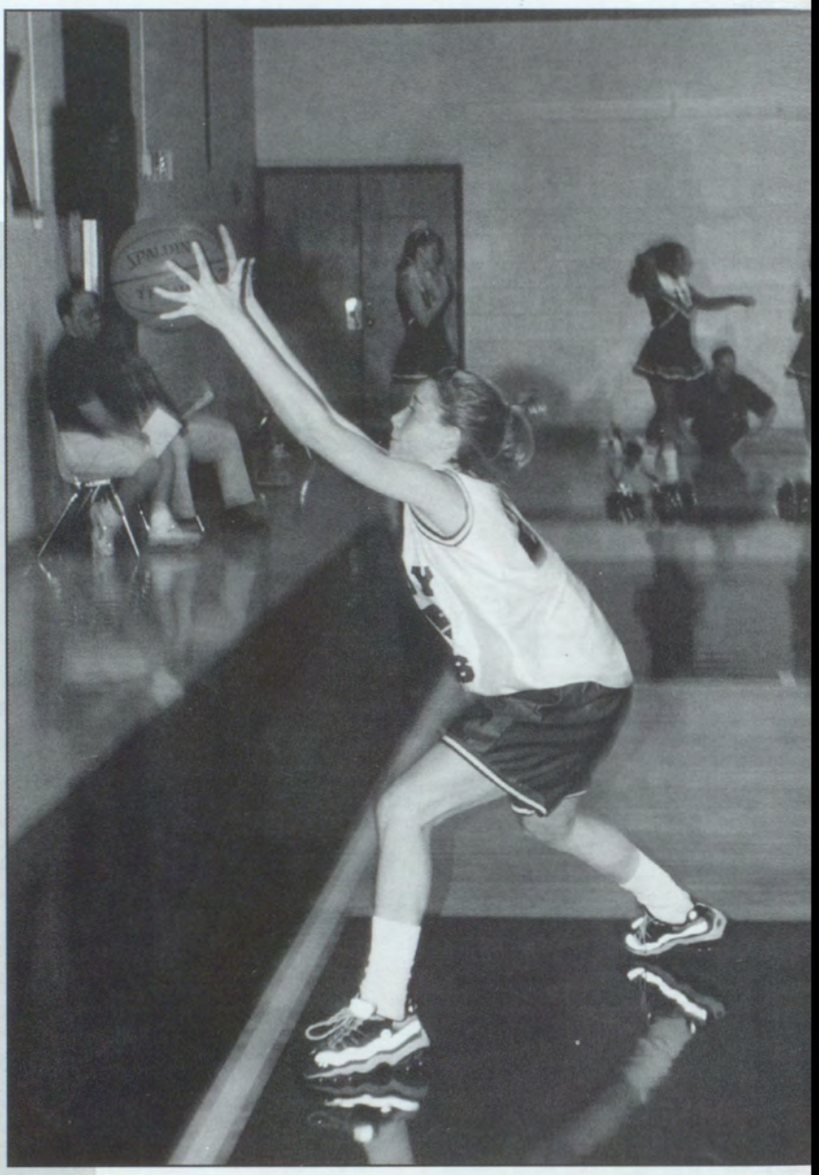
"Coach Bell and Coach Graham made basketball fun for me. Even though practice sometimes was hard, there was a reason for it and that's why we were 20-6."
--Drew Farr, Freshmen



"This year was fun and exciting. The coaches were great! We also had a very successful season."
--Jesse King, Sophomore

Steadfast In The Face of Adversity

JV and Freshman Girls' Basketball



The junior varsity and freshmen girls had a very successful basketball season. However, as injuries occurred on varsity, junior varsity lost a few players who were moved up. This, in turn, forced the freshmen team to give up a few players for several games. Despite these changes, junior varsity accomplished a second place finish at district, losing only to Cameron. We also won second place in the Manor JV tournament. Coach Hawkins was very proud of the hard work and effort displayed by all of us. We had a great team efforts despite a lot of changes. The changes made both of our teams stronger and showed us that we can do what ever we put our minds to. All of the girls performed well when faced with the challenge of moving up and playing against more difficult competition. We did it as a team!

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← Tracy Stewart reaches for the ball just in the knick of time.

Talk about team work! Cody Ging, Taryn Schroeder,and Brittany Killingsworth work GREAT together.

Lady Ducks Brittany Killingsworth (#33),Tera Eulenfield (#17), and Taryn Schroeder (#21) make a team effort to score for the ducks.

Holding on for dear life, Debra Cook keeps a firm grip on the ball.







JV District Scores:

	Opponent	Taylor
Giddings	18	58
Caldwell	14	49
Cameron	39	24
Elgin	23	41
Rockdale	9	24
Giddings	43	44
Caldwell	23	66
Cameron	66	30
Elgin	21	51
Rockdale	19	42



"The best part of playing basketball this year was being a part of JV and helping out my team members."

- Tracy Stewart



"The basketball season was very challenging, but we still had a lot of fun."

- Brandi Moerbe

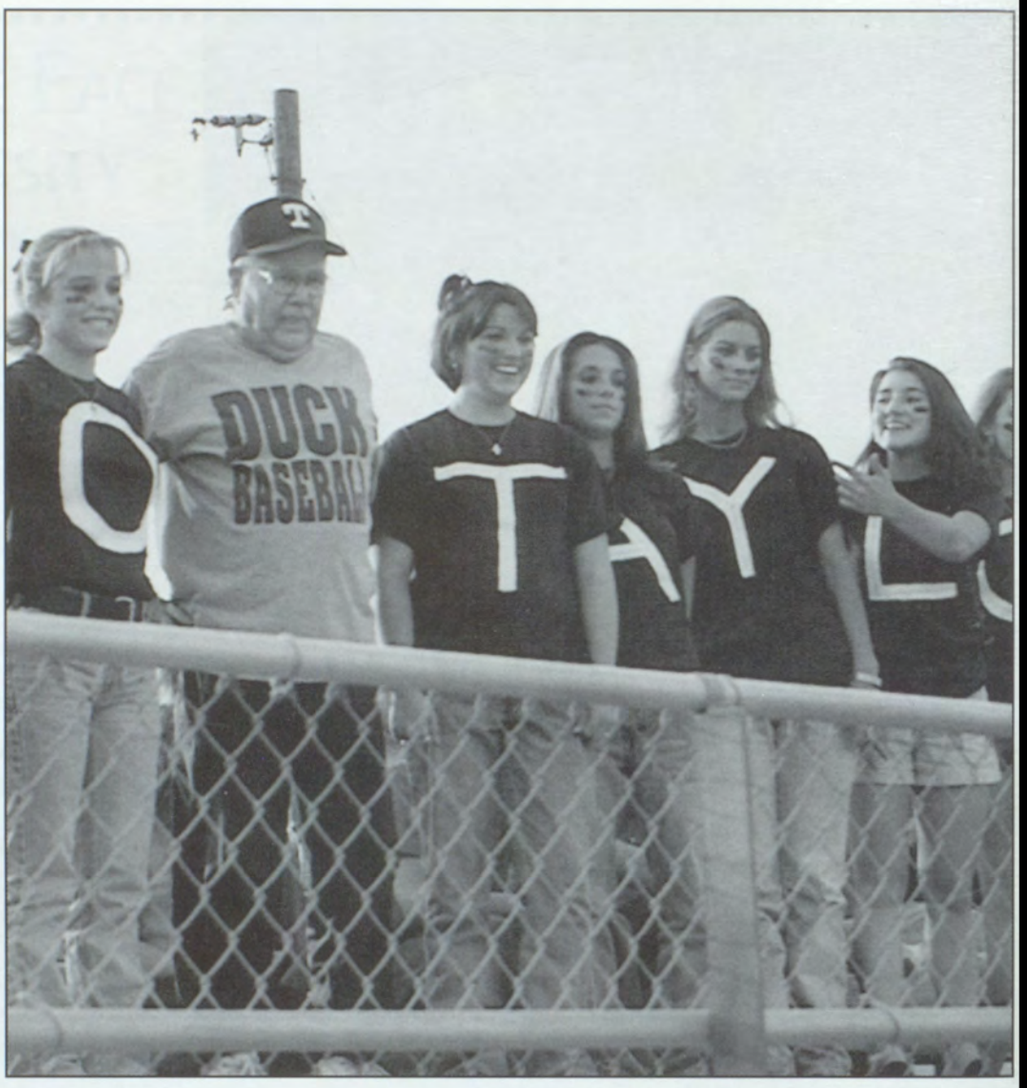
Go Taylor! Bob Smith and the Taylor girls get the crowd pumped for the Caldwell game.

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Wham, bam, thank you maam! Chris Beckermann knocks a line drive. pg. 83
Come on Pitcher, I'm ready! Lance Mills loads up to swing.
Oh, my back! Nelson Parker swings his hard!
The Stinking Cheese! Derek Klepack pitches the ball.



"This year had a lot of ups and downs. We pulled out a lot of close games and lost some heart breakers, but when it was all said and done we still had a lot of fun."

-Chris Beckermann





Varsity. Top row: Derek Klepak, Lance Mills, Sterling Teauge, Brian Drummond, Chris Beckerman, Jordan Schmidt. Middle row: Travis Randig, Nelson Parker, Micheal Cuba, Barrett Randig, Matthew Gola. Bottom row: Derick Hinstrosa, Justin Tieman, Brian Ruden, Kody Kuhl, Micheal Harrison.



The will to Win

Varsity Baseball

After losing eight starters from last year's play-off team, the Duck baseball team needed to rebuild their foundation. Many people doubted that the team would be in a play-off position, but we proved them wrong when we tied for third with Calwell. It was a hard fought battle against the Hornets who had been a tough team to beat all year. We lost the fight and they took third. Despite not making it to the play-offs, the year was great. In contrast to years past, we had a great record overall, 10-13-1, especially considering all of the hard 5A teams we played before district. In district, we lost four games by only one run. We were still able to keep our heads up though because we know we had an extremely tough district with Cameron and Giddings being added. We all were playing at the peak of our game, but it just wouldn't happen for us. Although we didn't win all of our games, we didn't go down without a fight. For this reason, we were proud of ourselves. We had the will to win, and that is what matters the most. In all of our endeavors in life, we will always look back on our high school baseball experience and take something positive from it, mainly the gift of endurance. We had the endurance to keep going and never give up. This we will take with us forever.







Taylor		Opponent
10	Giddings	9
10	Hearne	0
10	Manor	5
2	Caldwell	4
5	Cameron	4
0	Rockdale	3
9	Elgin	6
5	Giddings	6
11	Hearne	1
13	Manor	4
10	Caldwell	4
6	Cameron	7
1	Elgin	2
0	Rockdale	10

Nothin' Soft About it

Softball



Varsity Softball Scores		
1	Giddings	0
15	Hearne	0
5	Manor	4
8	Caldwell	0
8	Cameron	7
0	Elgin	3
4	Rockdale	7
11	Giddings	1
24	Hearne	0
3	Manor	4
7	Caldwell	6
4	Cameron	1
0	Elgin	4
1	Rockdale	6

The Varsity Softball year ended up being a valuable learning experience for everyone. Our team has learned that you have to have focus and have a great attitude to go far. We definitely had the talent to beat every team that we faced but we didn't have the focus. We had some games that we played were we were unbeatable. For example the Lampasas Tournament. We were excited, encouraging, and we played to our extreme. However, that was only one tournament and we can't win state without playing to our full potential. Still, we know that we had the potential to go far and everyone around us knew it too. Overall, we had our accomplishments this year. Not only did we overcome the challenge of coming together as a team, but we won games too. We won 4th out of 16 teams in the Lexington Tournament. We finished 4th in the new 3A district, we started off like champions going 5-0. Then we played Elgin. Starting off the 2nd round of district play we were 5-2 and had a very good site of the playoffs. We then learned that things needed to change as we were defeated by Manor. The heartbreak came when we learned that Caldwell beat Elgin forcing us to have to win the next two out of three games if we wanted a play-off spot. We beat Caldwell but then we lost to Elgin and Rockdale again. All in all, team effort is everything. Next year we know that we will forget our problems on the field. Isn't that what it's all about? Doing what you love to most.

All in all very valuable lessons were learned and many unforgetable memories were made. This year, softball turned out being great. Great playing, great coaching, and great spirit. But most of all, great girls.









Heads up! Julie Schumpert pops up.

She's ready: Christina Ford warms up before the game.

You're out! Alisha David throws out a runner at 1st.

Nice try: Sarah Naivar throws out a runner at 1st.

3 up, 3 down : The infield gets ready to play.



"I thought this year was a great experience. Even though we didn't do as good as we hoped, we learned how to encourage each other and how to have a positive attitude."

-Traci Floyd



Taylor Lady Duck Varsity Softball Team

Top (L-R): Coach Cervenka, Jacque Jackson, Amy Rinderknecht, Traci Floyd, Julie Schumpert, Marissa Martinez, Coach Naivar. Middle : Heidi Grimm, Taryn Schroeder, Sarah Naivar, Tara Eulenfeld, Heather Grimm. Bottom: Alisha David, Christina Ford.

On Our Way

JV and Fish Baseball



In the spring we, the JV green team, looked forward to practicing hard to come out on top as district champs. We started out in a three day tournament in Marble Falls. We won two of the three to end up as the consolation winner. After winning two non-district games, we finally started district play. We had a rainy first half of district. Two games had to be made up because of the rainy weather , but there was one that could not be made up. Three and two with a tie and a losing only two. Unfortunately , because of two losses to Elgin, we were not district champs. First baseman Drew Kelly was injured after being hit in the eye by a foul ball at the second Elgin game. However, he had a successful recovery. This off-season the green looks forward to working hard to advance up to the Varsity team. With the varsity team doing as well as it has been doing, we are all very excited and anxious for our time to shine. We learned a lot from our team and we improved from our practices. The long hours in the hot sun after school paid off even though if someone would have told us we would have said they were crazy. All the practice and hard work was tough, but we are tougher and we ended up doing very well in the post-season and even better during district. Our coaches were very tough and they worked us hard and believed in us. They worked us hard but the most important thing they gave us this whole season was confidence. Not only in ourselves, but in the whole team and that is what they gave us that we will need the most both on the baseball field and in the field of life. We are very dedicated and we will be playing all summer during summer league to keep our skills so that we can be the best that we can be next year and hopefully we will go far.



Top(L-R):Brady Robbins, Dustin Naivar, Adam Pfluger, Drew Farr, Matt Jenkins, Ryan Leshber, Matt Eckhart Middle: Matthew Ford, Richard Platz, Ashton Teague, Gabriel Sanchez, Spencer Schneider, Cayton Green, Chris Lopez Bottom: Joe Hernandez, Matthew Vrana, Cale Hall, Patrick Stabeno, David Velasquez, Corey Jahn



Top(L-R):Patrick Hyzak, Brett Bennett, Ryan Quinn, Beau Wood, Miles Parker Middle: Coty Brown, Anthony Barcuch, Matt Gonzalez, Christian Schroeder, Joshua Robertson Bottom: Jack Floyd, Matt Werchan, Jeremy Moldenhour, Chuck Grey, Ernest Gardner

← Batter Up! Drew Kelly gets ready to hit one over the fence.

↙ You're Out! Freshman catcher Ashton Teague throws out a baserunner at second.

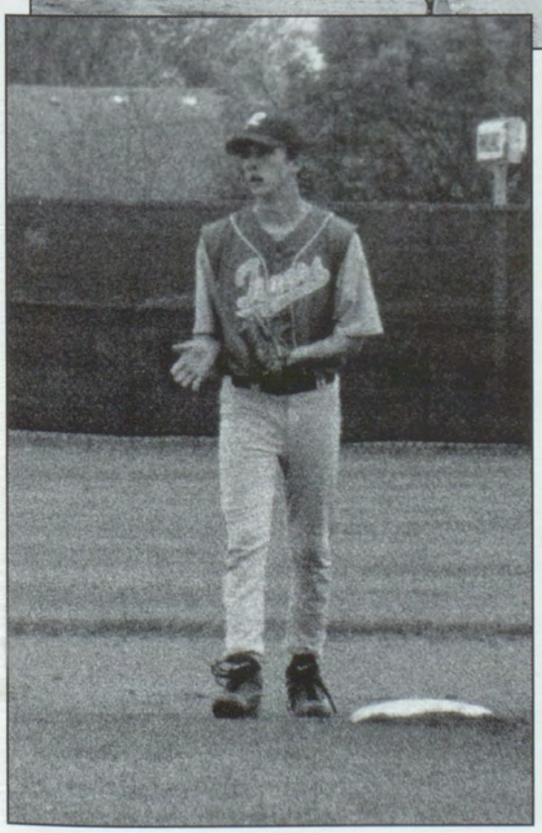
↓ Ready to Run! Sophomore Jack Floyd waits for the pitch.

↙ On your mark . . . Sophomore Miles Parker gets ready to steal third.

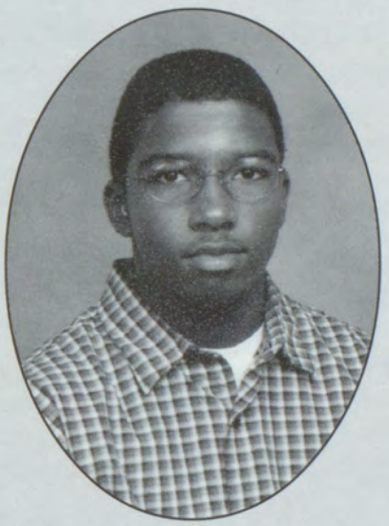
↓ Way to Go! Sophomore Matt Werchan rips a pitch up the middle for a base hit.











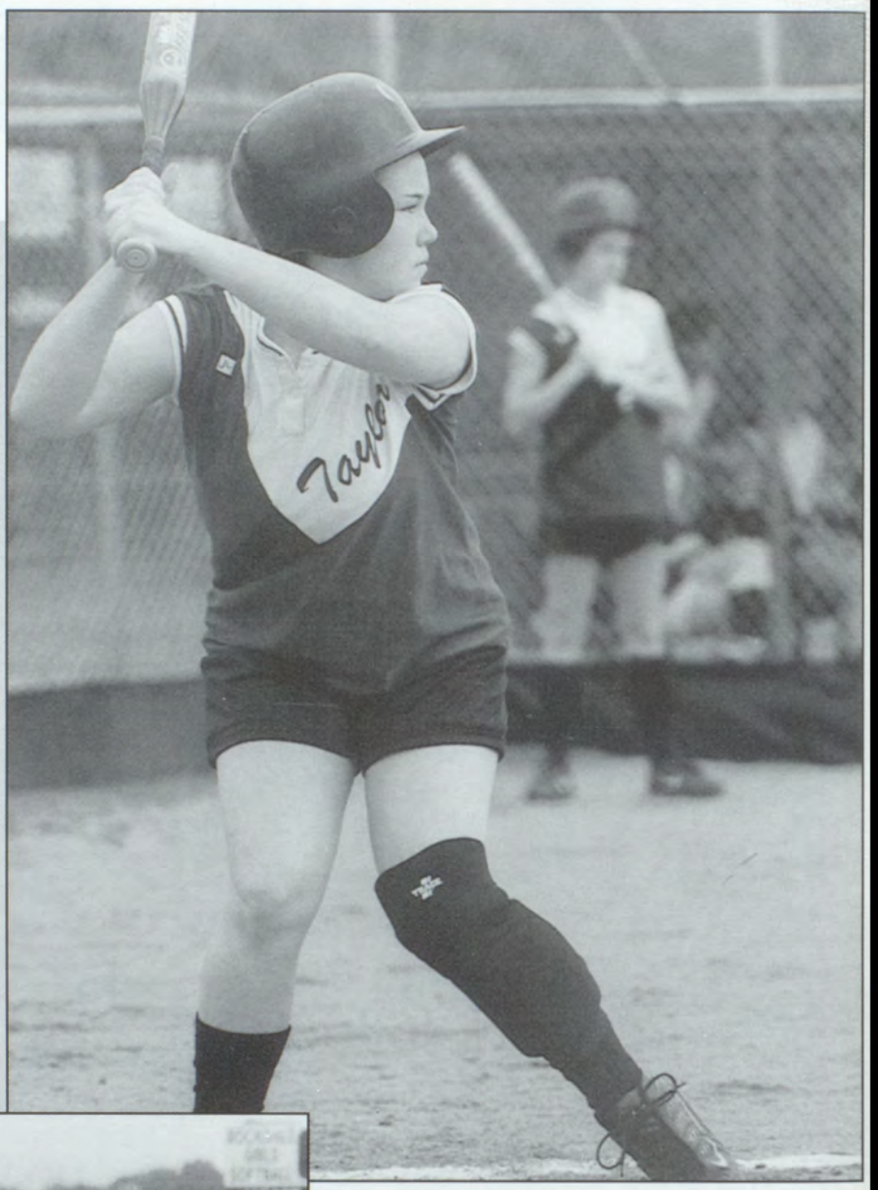
"Is was a pretty good year, besides the Elgin game!"
- Drew Kelly



"I love to play baseball. It is the best sport and you get to go see other places."
- Dustin Cmerek

The True Meaning of Competition

JV Softball



What makes a good team? Is it natural skills, or the ability to learn skills? This year's junior varsity softball team combined with an awesome new coach provided the answer to this question. It is the ability to learn. When we came out this year, half of our team hadn't played a lick of softball in their entire lives. We had to start from the beginning with the fundamental drills like "soft hands" and "quick feet". As we neared playing time, we began to practice harder. Our new coach was really pushing us to the limit which made took our game to a whole new level. We were now starting to play positions and hit off of live pitching. With all of the preparation we had prior to this, it wasn't hard to catch on to the real thing. We were fielding and hitting as if we had been playing all of our lives. As a result of all of our hard work, we defeated the majority of our opponents. Yes, that's right, we played with the big dogs and gave them a fight they weren't expecting. Every time we stepped foot on the field the other team would laugh and snicker, but then when they saw us start warming up they began to get intimidated. Our opponents weren't the only ones we took by surprise, the varsity squad was even impressed with our improvement and overall playing skills. On top of all of our success, we had an extreme amount of fun. On our crazy bus trips we absolutely never went without one of the coaches griping at us saying that we needed to "Quiet down! You all are being too loud!" We were constantly laughing and having a good time. We all became very good friends and teammates. This season we all learned the true meaning of competition, heart. You have got to have it or you won't go anywhere. We had a great, successful year with many memories to give us and a lot of new found skills to help us with our game next year.







Top(L-R):Leslie David, Katie Dennis, April Maetchesk, Cody Ging, Stephanie Garret, Jessica Hill
Middle: Taryn Schroeder, Diane Capetillio, Tera Eulenfeld, Chelsea Hernandez, Crystal Trinidad
Bottom: Heather Grimm, Merideth Kuhl

Fire it in there! Tara Eulenfield pitches the ball.

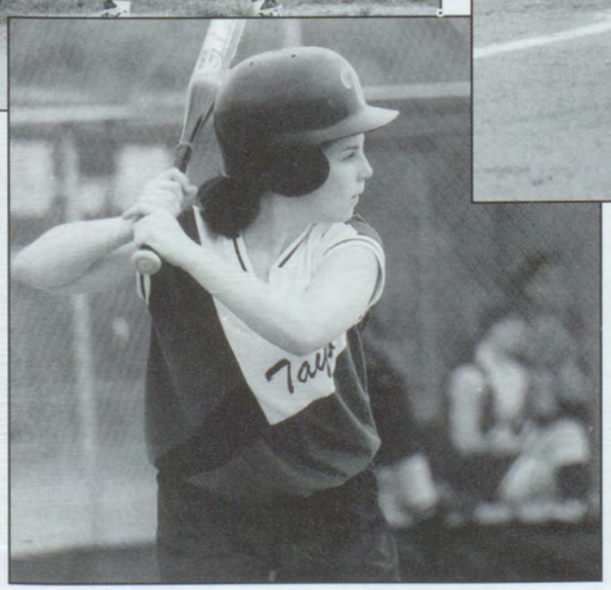
Load... Stride...Swing! Taren Schroeder prepares to hit the ball.

Concentrate Tara! Tara Eulenfield gets ready to hit.

Read the signs! Coach Bullock gives her player signs.







Run April run! April Maeteschek makes a dash for home!

I'm ready pitch, give it to me. Stepanie Garrett gets ready to hit.



"I really learned a lot this year in softball. Playing second was a lot of fun and I feel like I've really improved my skills in that area. I am looking forward to next year."

-Heather Grimm

Senior Alex Anderson passes the baton to Junior Michael Cuba in the mile relay. →

Sophomore Carlos Romayro keeps his eye on the track. ↓

Matt Jenkins catches a hurdle with the tip of his foot. ↠

Andrew Gonzales makes his way to the top of the pack. →

Matt Jenkins concentrates on clearing the next hurdle. ↘









Striving for Perfection

Boys' Track

Boys' track had a very successful year with a fairly young group of athletes. We had only two seniors: Dominick Devastey and Alex Anderson. With almost forty participants, we had one of the largest track teams that Taylor has seen in the last ten years, and freshmen made up half of the group. Our season started in February and it finished in the middle of May. It was a long season, yet that is what we wanted. It meant that we qualified for Regionals and then, even State! At district we just missed qualifying the Sprint Relay as we finished third, four-tenths of a second behind the winner. However, we did have a few people to qualify for the Regional competition. Alex Anderson placed tenth in High Jump with a jump of 6'0". The Mile Relay team, consisting of Trenton Poole, Craig Williams, Ben Westland, and Michael Cuba, placed third, two seconds behind Second place, and barely missed going to State. Michael Cuba finished second in the 300 hurdles at Regionals and then went on to place second at State with a time of 38.08 seconds. The future looks bright for next year's Taylor squad. Most of our team will return and we all have time to improve!





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Regional bound. ↗ These girls show that relays are all about relying on each other.

Upsy-daisy. → Tessa Tidwell goes for the next hurdle.

Giving it all she's got. ↠ Running is more than just a race.



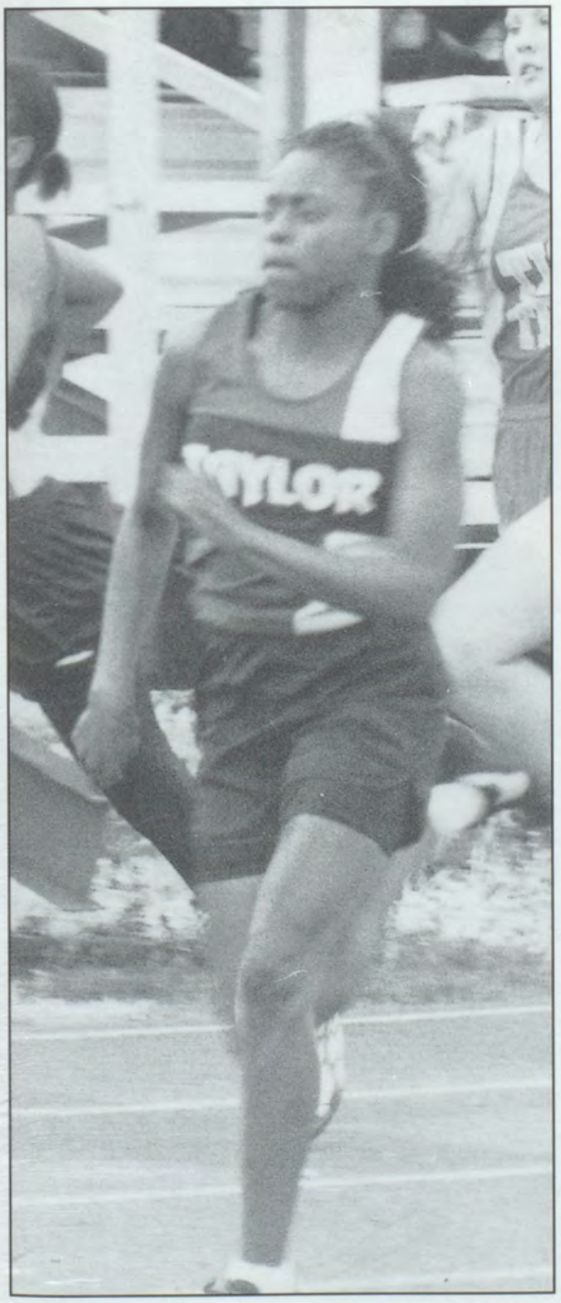




A Need For Speed

Girls Track

Track: what do you normally think of when you hear that word? We thought of extreme running and, most of all, Coach Stenseth. We had an incredible season, competing in many meets and even sending some girls to State. In the Lorena Relays, we did a fabulous job. Casey Sutton finished with a 13'7" in the long jump and Sara Srnensky finished with a time of 6:03.59 in the 1,600 meter run. Freshman Brandi Moerbe came in with a clocking of 6:12.66 and Casey Sutton ran a 6:33.07 during the same mile-long race. Casey also competed in 3,200 meter run and came in with 14:53.46. We learned that running is more than a sport, and more than a way to stay in shape. Running is a team effort. When everyone beat their own personal records, the team got stronger. Throughout the season, with everyone contributing, we were able to become closer teammates—and friends. Rain or shine, nothing came between us and our track events. In McGregor, the cold, wet weather didn't stop us from quite a few silver medals. At the Caldwell meet, we let our true colors shine, and gave them a strong Taylor showing. Some of the teammates qualified to run in the State meet. All in all, our experiences with track this year were fulfilling and fun.





THANKS TO BRIAN SMITH FOR ALL HIS HELP WITH THIS SPREAD!

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Over the Mountains and Through the Woods

Cross-Country



Although our team has only been in existence three years, we have doubled in size and improved beyond a doubt. Like the first year we had a team, we only had one boy run, but that was better than none! Coach Stenseth was our pioneering leader and constantly pushed us to new limits. We participated in a number of meets and held a meet in Taylor. However we did not host district. This year we competed in Cameron for district. We didn't win, but we placed second and did advance to regionals. We placed fourth at regionals and Lauren Schroeder and Sara Srnensky made us proud by qualifying for state. They competed against excellent runners at the Old Settler's Park course in Round Rock and gained great experience. Coach Stenseth will not be returning to lead us next year, but we are all looking forward to another strong year of cross-country running, whoever our coach may be.



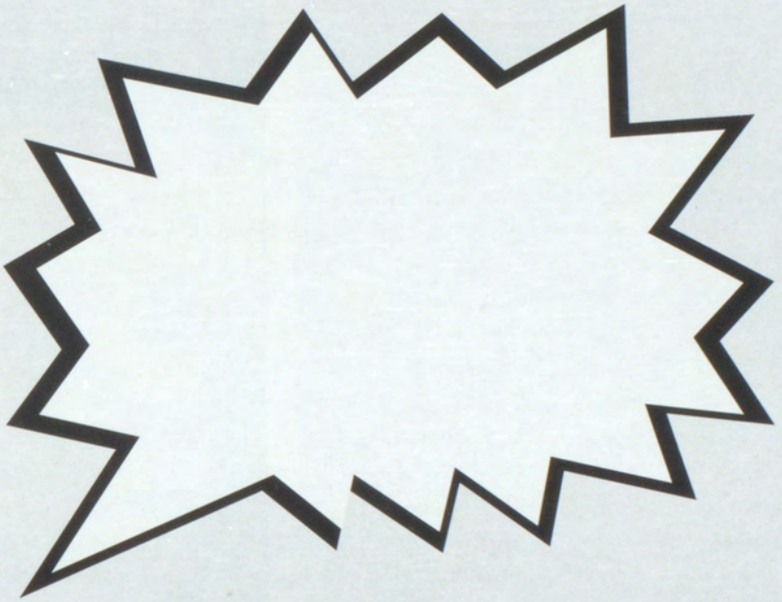


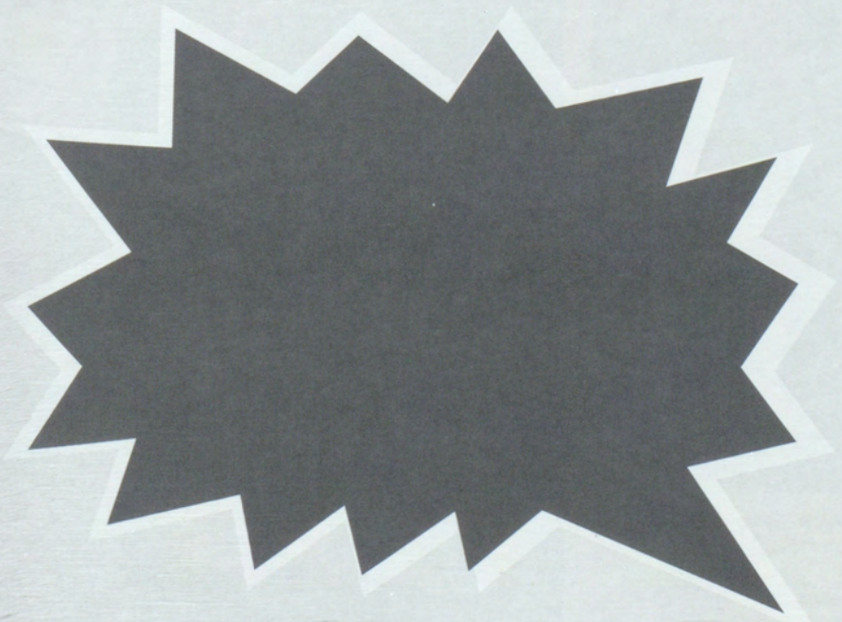
"We worked really hard this year. We ran against some really tough teams, but the bad thing was that we were so close to going to state. We did send two people, but next year we're definitely going!"

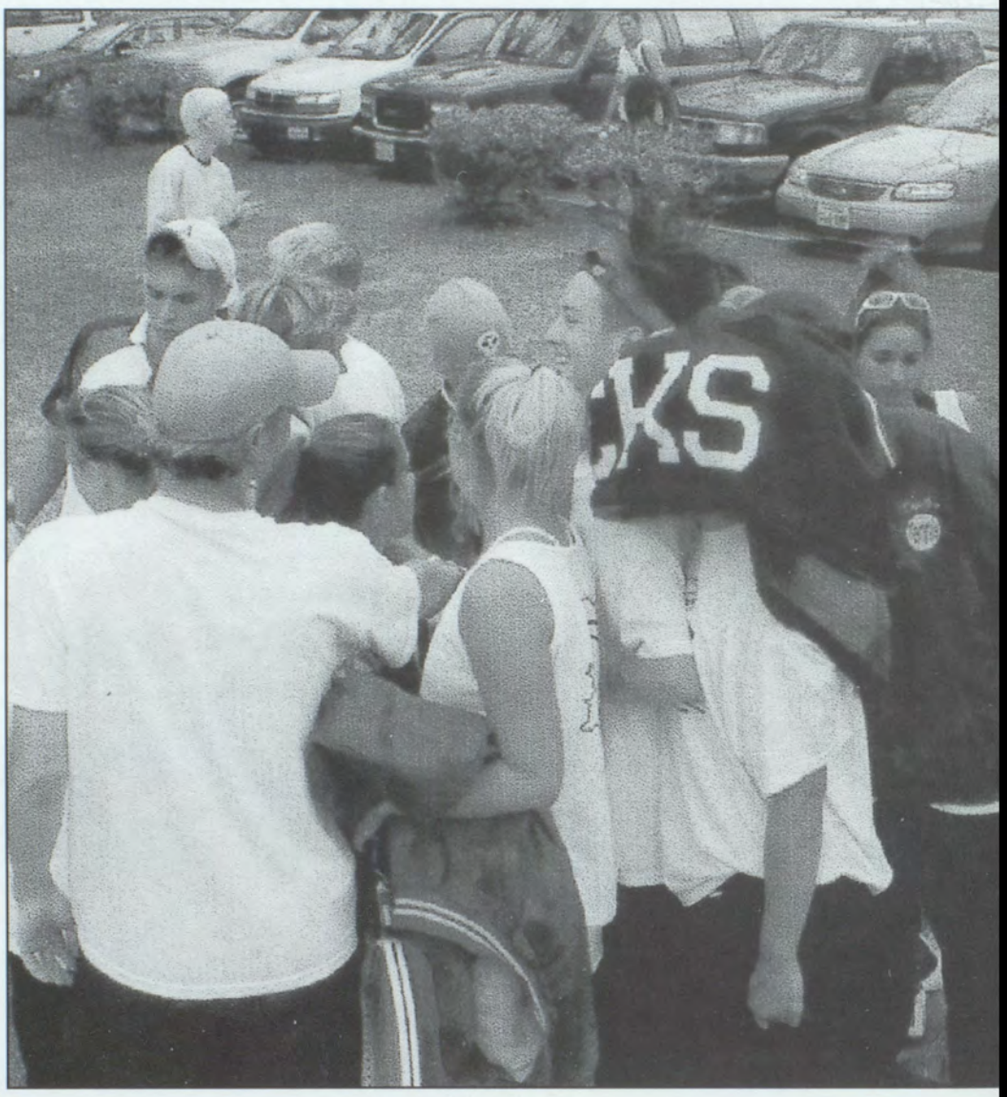
- Casey Sutton



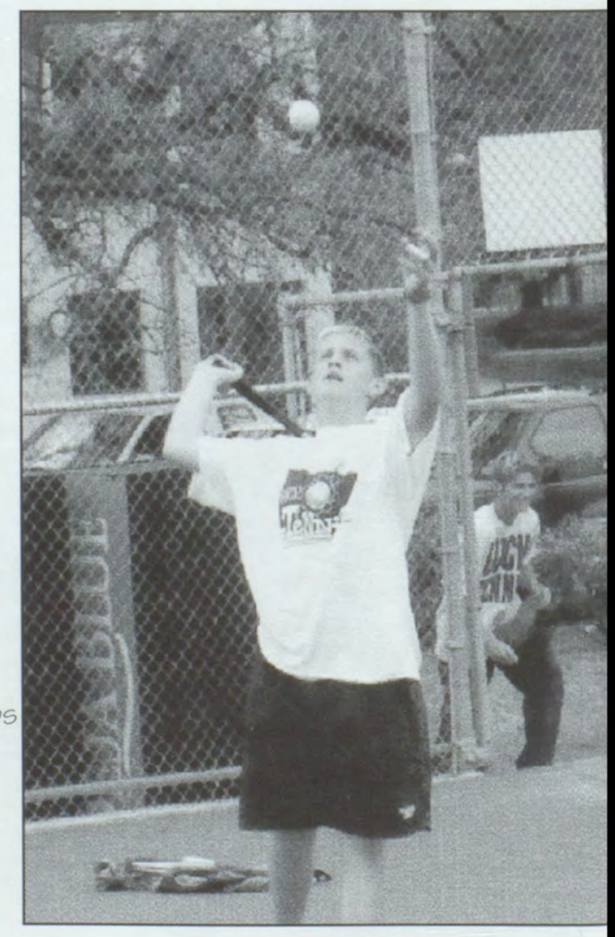
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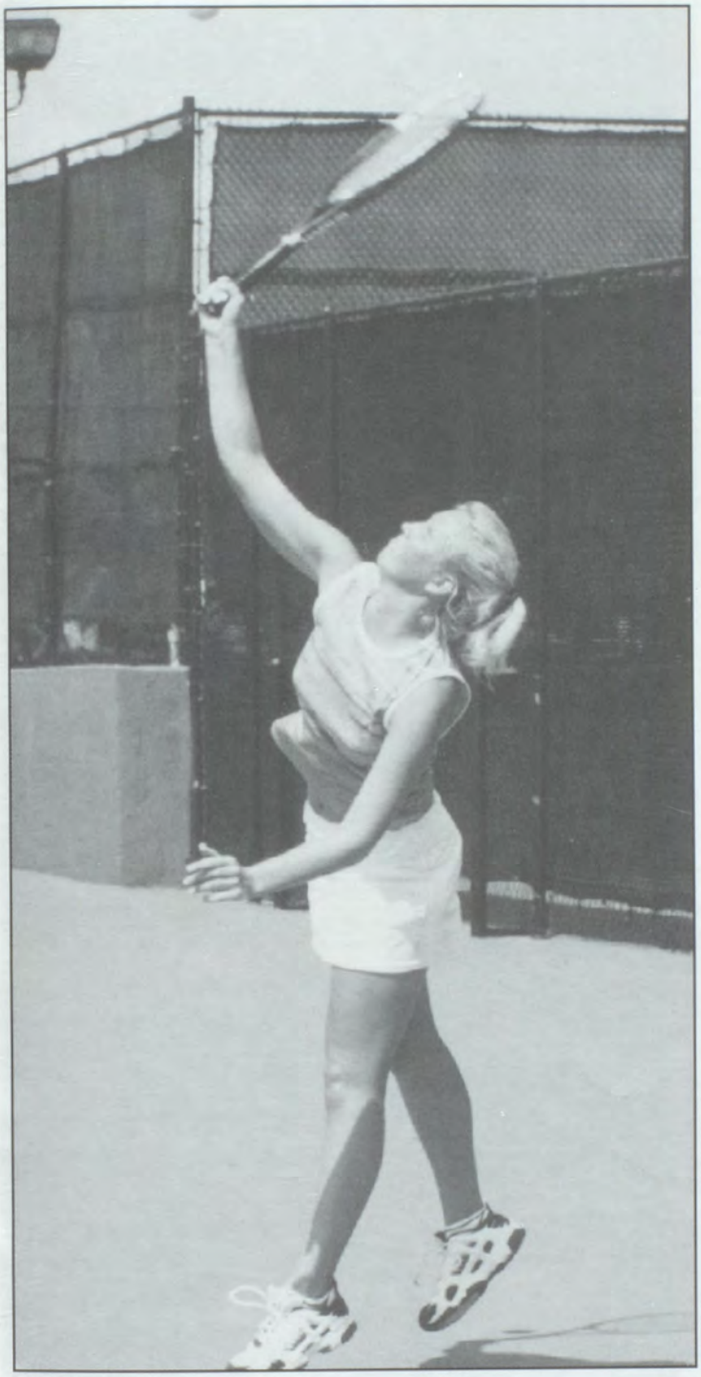








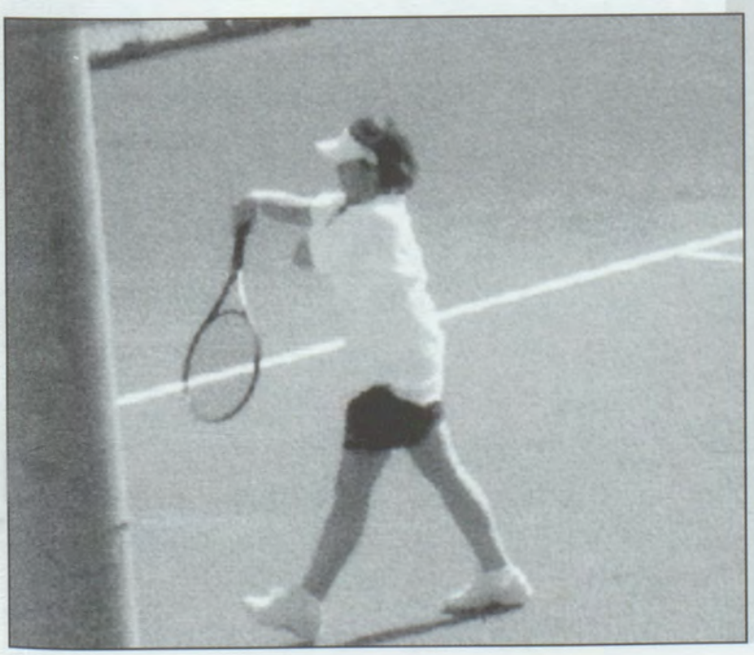
1..2..3..GO TEAM.....The Team gathers in a huddle before competing in the team tennis state meet at Baylor University.
Coah Vickie Hall, Haley Hall, Meggie Mikeska, LeAnn Carlson, and Ashlyn Hobbs pose for a picture at ?????
Ryan Remmert serves up the heat at the state tennis meet.
LeAnn Carlson jumps to make a difficult return.
Meggie Mikeska walks toward the back of the court to receive a serve.

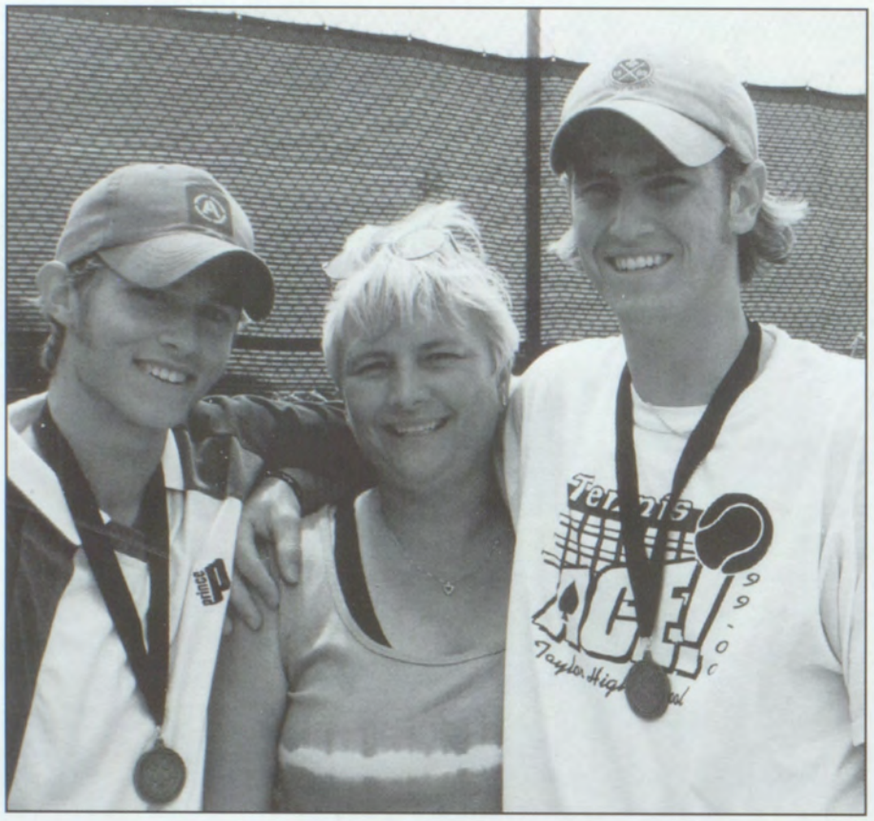


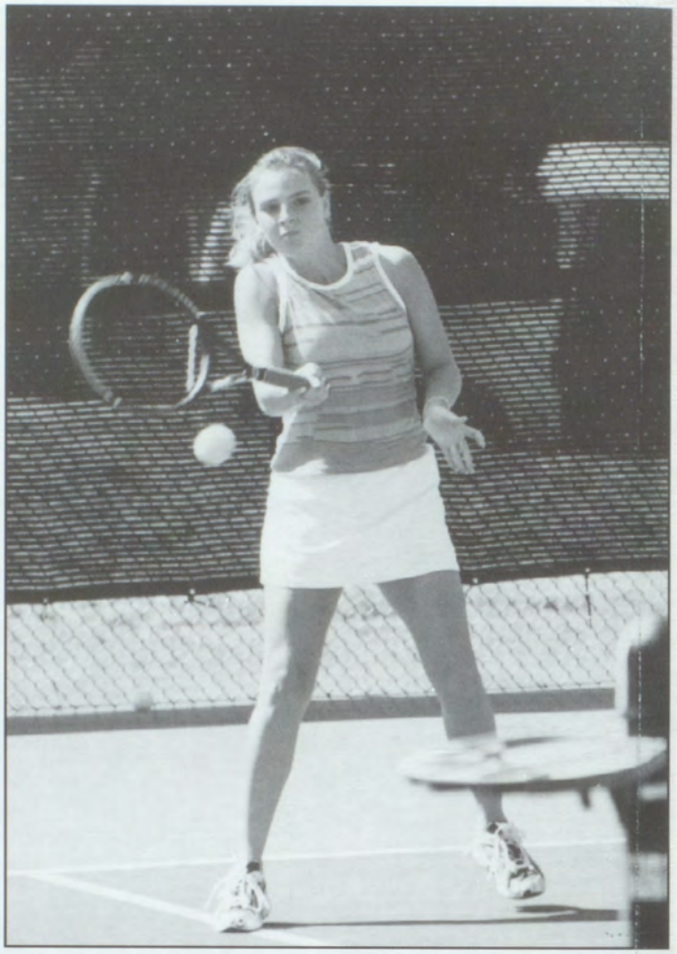
The Sky's the Limit

Tennis

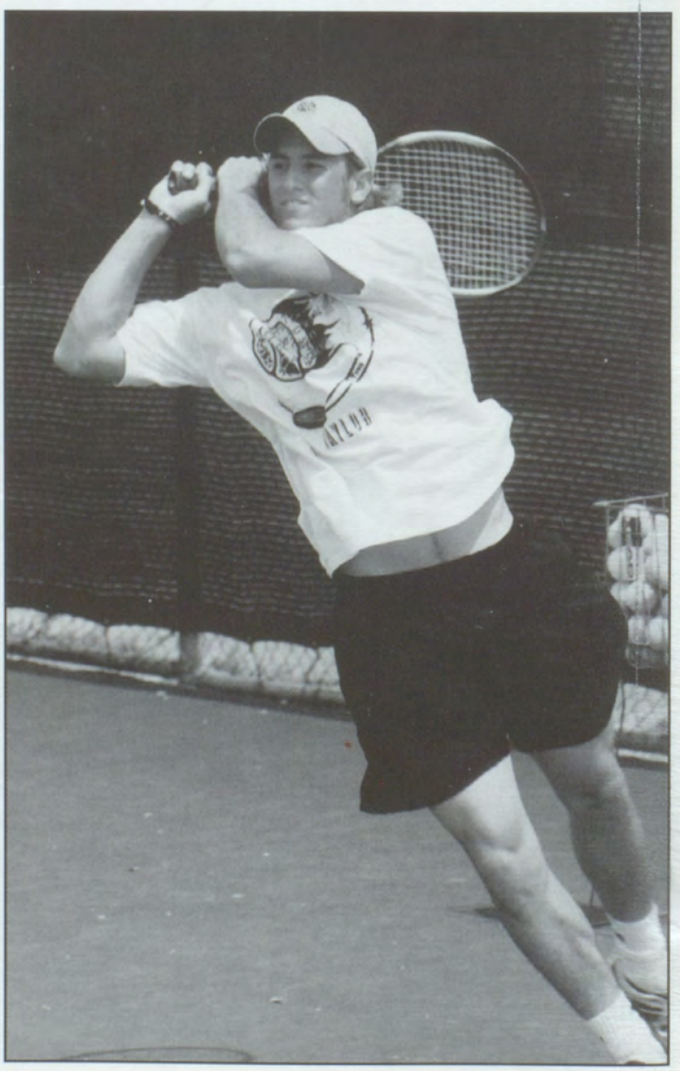
Duck tennis officially started in January with a tournament against Round Rock Stony Point at the Murphy Park Courts in Taylor. The girls lost six of their nine matches against the visiting Tigers. Lindsay Harbers, Kristen Bubenik, Priscilla Grau, and Courtney Hejl played girls singles, but Ashlyn Hobbs was the lone singles winner beating Marley Webster 6-0, 6-1. Hobbs and Harbers then combined to play doubles since Hobbs' usual doubles partner, Meggie Mikeska, was at a volleyball tournament. They beat the Webster girls: 6-1, 6-1. Kristen Bubenik/Priscilla Grau beat Lauren Graber/Tamara Goodwin: 6-1, 6-1. Courtney Hejl/Racheal Lute were defeated by Ashley Day/Lindsay Linuiffe. The boys did extremely well and took seven of their nine singles matches. Justin Bohls, Ladd Moehnke, Ryan Stiba, and Cale Hall all defeated their opponents. Ross Thorton and Ryan Remmert played at the tournament, but did not win their matches. They got another chance to prove themselves in doubles, however. Bohls-Moehnke, Thorton-Stiba, and Remmert-Hall all won their matches. The next week, we faced Pflugerville. The team tennis season continued and we retained the district and regional titles. We advanced to State as we have done for many years, and played at McCleary Courts in Waco. Individual tennis started in March. We played in many of our usual tournaments, including our favorite: the Mason tournament. The district tournament was held in Taylor during April. Junior Ross Thornton and senior Chris Fox played Varsity boys singles. Thornton didn't advance, but Fox finished second and advanced to Regionals. In JV boys singles, junior Michael Mack beat Rockdale and Cameron to get to the finals, where he was ultimately bested by freshman Cale Hall: 7-6, 6-4. Freshman Kristen Bubenik earned fourth place in girls singles and showed some serious determination by forcing the number one seed into three sets before losing 6-1, 4-6, 6-2. Junior Racheal Lute lost in a match against Dodd and did not advance. Freshman Priscilla Grau finished first in JV girls singles with impressive scores; she beat Caldwell 6-0, 6-0 and Cameron 6-0, 6-4. Freshman Keely Rucker finished third. Seniors Ladd Moehnke and Justin Bohls beat Rockdale in the Varsity boys doubles finals to earn first place, and sophomores Ryan Remmert and Ryan Stiba beat Cameron in the finals to finish third. In girls doubles, Ashlyn Hobbs and Meggie Mikeska beat Elgin and Rockdale to reach the finals while LeAnn Carlson and Haley Hall beat Giddings and Elgin to make the finals. The four Taylor girls had to face each other in the finals, where Carlson/Hall won 6-2, 6-1. Both of our JV boys doubles pairs lost in the first round. We went to Regionals well represented. Ladd Moehnke, Justin Bohls, Chris Fox, Meggie Mikeska, Ashlyn Hobbs, LeAnn Carlson, Haley Hall all went and showed College Station what Duck tennis is all about. But things only got better. For the first time since 1993, we were represented at the State tournament! Ladd Moehnke and Justin Bohls and Haley Hall and LeAnn Carlson all advanced to State in doubles. None of them placed, but they gained valuable experience and were able to say they had done better than most. Taylor tennis is growing stronger, year by year, and it looks like the trend will continue. After many hot afternoons of practice, many long Saturdays, and both victories and defeats, we got to know each other in a way that many high school students do not get to know each other. We formed strong bonds and strengthened friendships that will remain after we go our seperate ways. Tennis has been valuable, to all of us involved, for its social, athletic, and disciplinary benefits.




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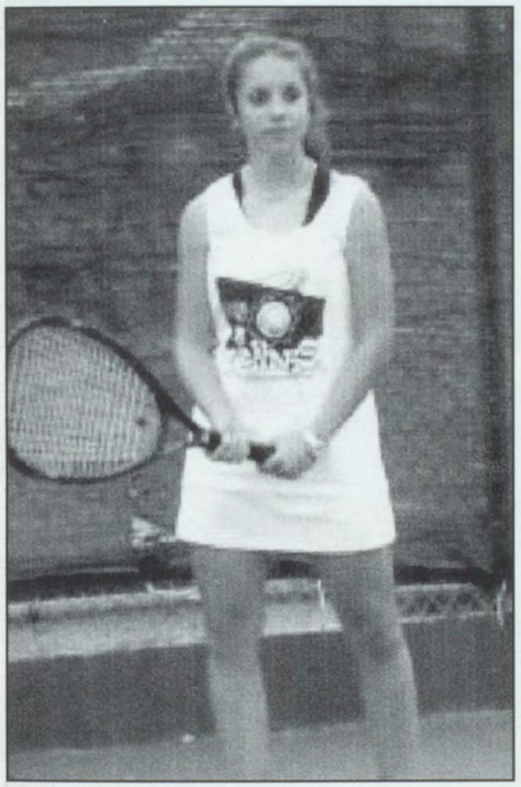


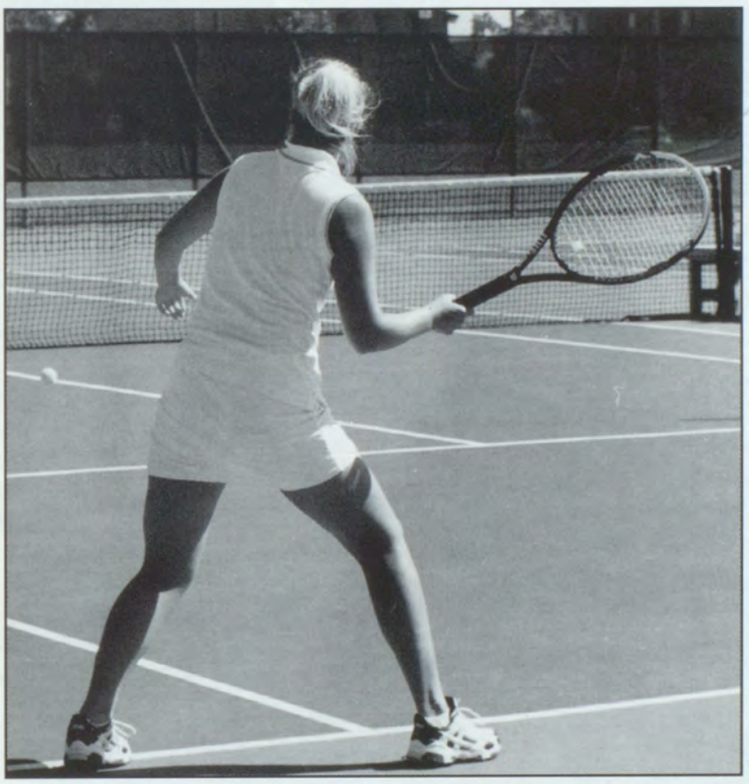




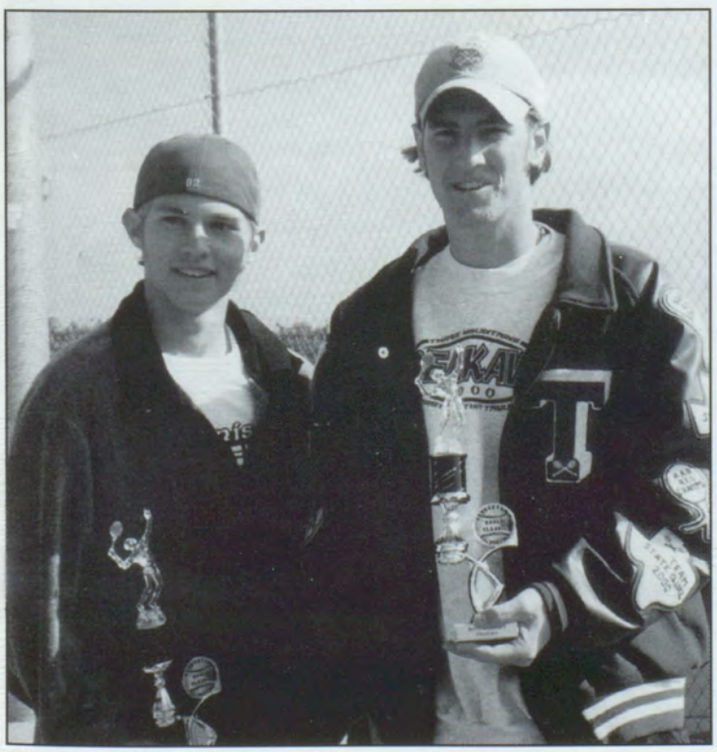


Oppisite page:
Justin Bohls and Ladd Moehnke stand with Coach Vickie Hall and proudly wear their district medals
Haley Hall encourages doubles partner LeAnn Carlson between games at the state tournement in Austin.
Haley Hall shows focus and determination as she returns a serve.
Haley Hall, Ladd Moehnke, LeAnn Carlson, Ryan Remmert, Meggie Mikeska, Ashlyn Hobbs, and Justin Bohls pose together after the NHS Initiation. They left immediately afterwards for their overnight trip to Mason.
This page:
Justin Bohls, Ladd Moehnke, LeAnn Carlson, and Haley Hall rest in front of a banner at the regional meet in Bryan - College Station.





Ashlyn Hobbs assumes a solid stance and readies herself action.
LeAnn Carlson stays on her toes and keeps her eye on the ball.
Chris Fox looks comfortable as he returns the ball at the regional meet.
Ross Thornton watches the competition and waits for a chance to sow his skill!
Justin Bohls and Ladd Moehnke show off their trophies at the Georgetown tournament.







WE'VE GOT AN EYE FOR FUN

Golf

Golf is always in style. Especially when you having as much fun as we had this year. We hosted tournaments at our home course, Mustang Creek, in Taylor. We also participated in numerous tournaments in the surrounding area. We all played in the Bluebonnet District tour and the boys played in the Cameron tour. The boys were led by Coach Potts and the girls were guided by Coach Andis. Our coaches kept us going by constantly reminding us that we needed to get out to the course to practice. They also gave us tips and pointers to improve our technique. Our team was fairly young this year, with only a handful of upperclassmen. We had almost ten freshmen, which means we can look forward to a really strong team in the next few years. But, even though we didn't get that district title, atleast we looked good while we were playing!



Girls Golf Team, Back row: Stephanie Reeves, Amatha Swift, Mary Elms, Laura Barefoot, Cryastal Travers. Front row: Erin Konarik, Leanne Mroz, Krystal Trinidad. Not pictured: Nichole Frazier.

"I think I can!" Chase Frock focuses as he prepares to putt.
The gang's all here! The guys stand in front of the school van, with high hopes for the day's competition.
Looking good! Joseph Cantu swings and follows through.
"Just a little to the left . . ." Mary Elms gives Krystal Trinidad some pointers while she putts the ball.
Time for a little R&R! A bunch of the guys spend time chilling in front of the Mustang Creek pro shop.
Keeping an eye on the sky . . . David Vorwerk looks out on the beautiful scenery at the Bluebonnet District tour.
A silent supporter . . . Nichole Frazier watches a teammate in the distance after finishing a round.





Boys Golf Team: Adam Tallas, David Vorwerk, Chase Frock, Cooper Ward, Clayton Ging, Joseph Cantu, Eric Engelke, Mitch Leschber, Brett Bennett. Not pictured: Trent Rozacky.







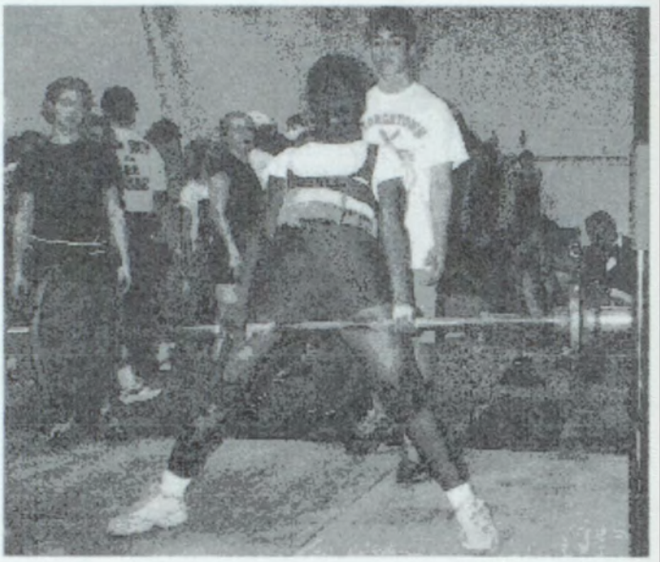






Pushing the Limits

Powerlifting



The 2001 powerlifting season was good for our powerlifting squad. Once again, we advanced all the way to State. Competitive Lady Lifters were: Vanessa Schaffer, Vanesa Bullard, Leah Caldwell, Marissa Martinez, Martha Flores, Teronica Williams, Iris Davis, April Davis, Ashley Montez, Katorica Henderson, Jamie King, Diana Capetillo, Charlotte Frederick, and Tiffany Mc Coy. The boys side of the squad was unusaully small this year with only two active lifters, Cale Hall and John Guerrero. We competed in invitational meets at Georgetown, Manor, Del Valle, and hosted a Taylor Girl's meet. Regionals were held in Lampasas and State at Ft. Hood. Marissa, Vanesa, Leah, and Teronica all competed at Regionals. Teronica holds the regional record for bench press with a 165-pound bench. Marissa, Leah, and Teronica went to State where Leah placed fourth and Teronica took the best bench award in the state for the heavy platform. All of the squad did awesome all season and can only get stronger!











↖ **You can do it.....** Charlotte Frederick attempts a deadlift at a powerlifting meet.

↞ **Powerlifting, Yeah!** Jamie King and Leah Caldwell relax after hard competition.

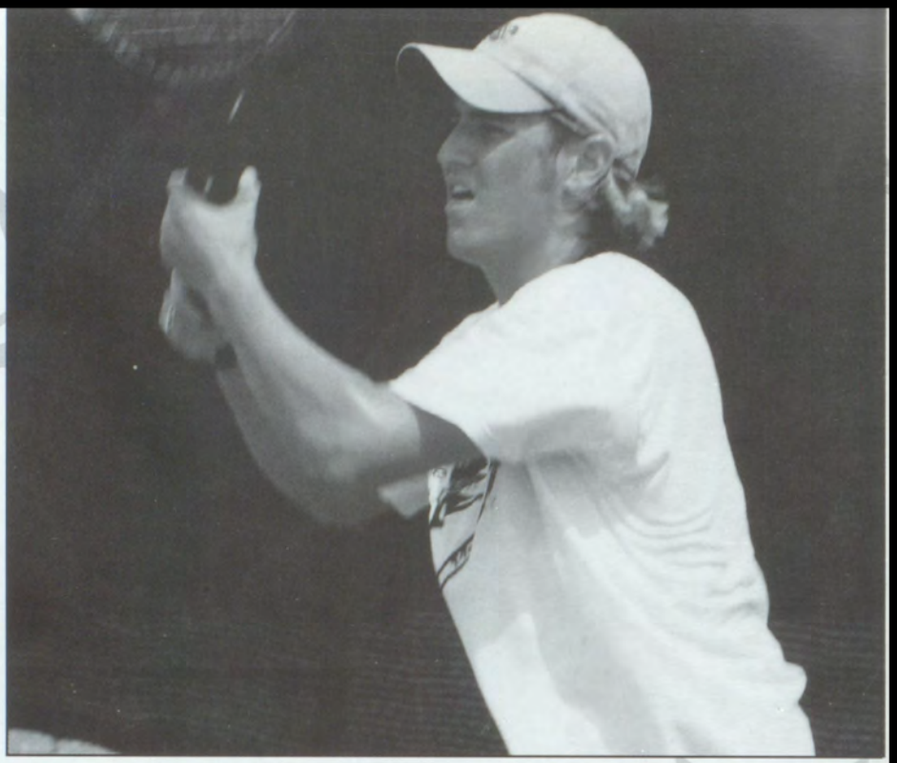
↟ **The wheels on the bus go `round and `round....** The powerlifting squad sits in the bus.

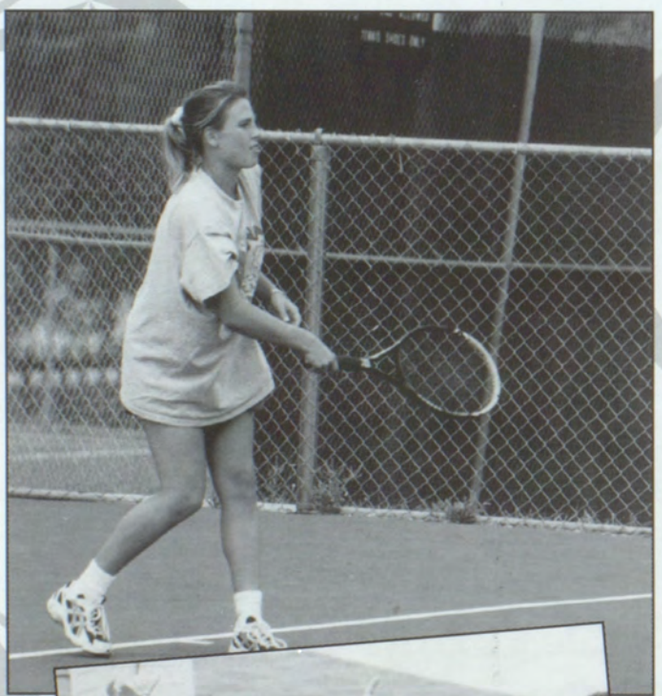
↖ **Surprise!!!** Leah Caldwell, Katorica Henderson, Charlotte Fredrick, Iris Davis, and April Davis celebrate after a meet.

↑ **Focus.....**Leah Caldwell prepares for a deadlift.

← **Almost got it.....** Katorica Henderson tries her bast in the deadlift competition.

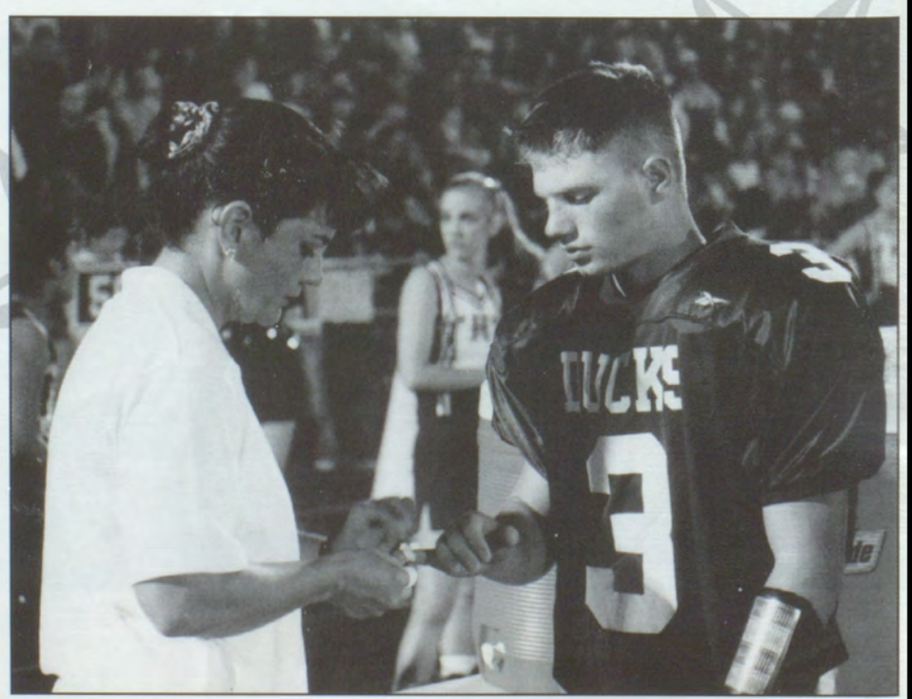


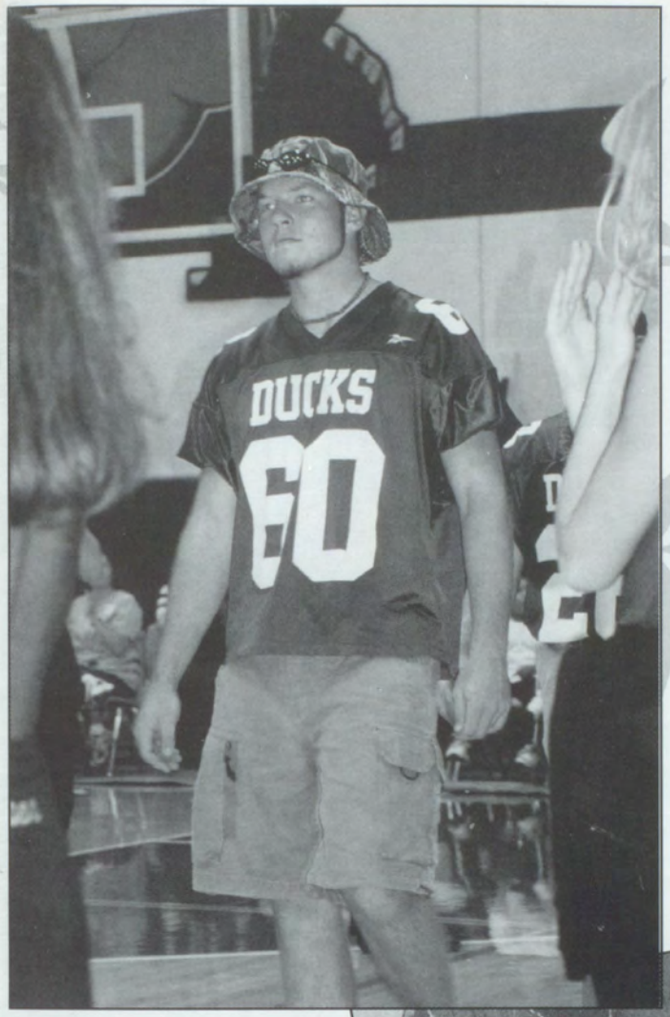


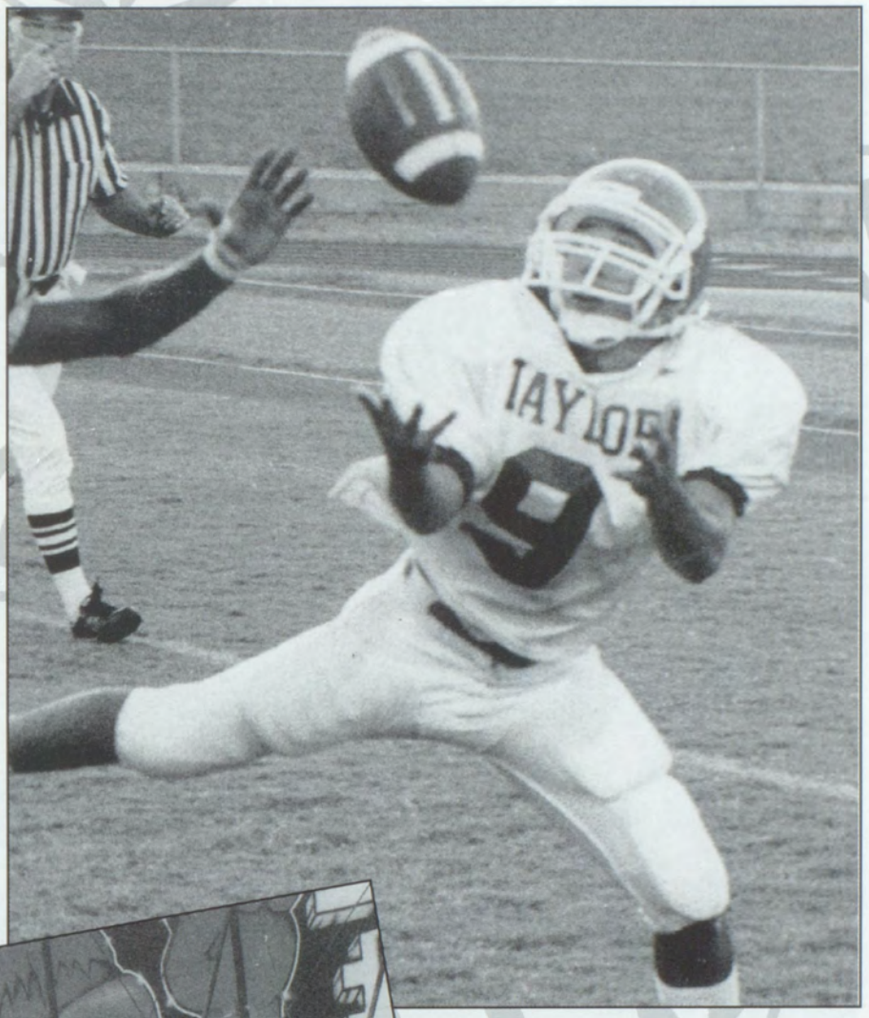



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National Honor Society

National Honor Society

Membership in the National Honor Society was both an honor and a responsibility. Students selected for membership were expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities by which they were selected. We started having our monthly meetings in September and strived to meet the high standards that the National Honor Society holds. The meetings were held on the second Tueday of each month and were planned and organized by the officers in such a manner that members believed their time was well-spent. By the second meeting, we had already begun our first fundraiser: popcorn sales. It was a huge success the year before, and it was a lot easier than organizing a dinner. We sold our first batch of popcorn in October. In December, we participated in the project that Student Senate organized: Green Santa. We sponsored two families, which meant we had to buy groceries, presents, and books for each family member. We wrapped the presents and a few coaches and teachers delivered them to the families. Many members met their individual service project requirement by helping with the community effort to raise money for the Salvation Army. Students and adults alike were stationed at businesses around Taylor, including Bealls, HEB, and Wal-Mart, to ring a bell and publicize the Taylor Salvation Army and its cause. We sold more popcorn in February and then again in March. The new members were announced in early March and the induction ceremony was held on Thursday, March 29. Forty-six new members were inducted. Despite the confusion that occurred during the induction practice, the inductees filed in wonderfully and everyone was in the correct order when his or her name was called. Dr. John Nelson, of the Taylor Economic Development Corporation, was our guest speaker and he spoke about his life and education. The stories of his hard work and personal successes were an inspiration. He challenged us to live honorable lives and reminded us of the importance of education. Members brought cookies for the reception that followed, and there were lots left over. In fact, we called a meeting one week later so that members could eat the leftover cookies! A few of our new members and old members were not able to be present at the ceremony due to the fact that it coincided with the One Act Play zone competition. However, attendance was good and the society was well represented. At the April meeting, new members were disappointed to find out that they would have to sell one batch of popcorn before the end of the year. Most of them carried out this duty and realized it wasn't as hard as they had imagined. We voted on new officers during the last week of April. Voter turnout wasn't high, but the results of the election were favorable. The In May, the money that the popcorn sales raised was used to provide scholarships for five of our senior members. National Honor Society students aren't better than students who aren't in the National Honor Society. We make just as many mistakes as everyone else. But we hope that we made a diffence in our school and community by putting forth our best effort in academics, service, leadership, and character.










Officers: Emily Johnson, president; Anne Foley, Vice President; Bekki Estrada, treasurer; Alisha David, secretary; Dominick Devastey, parliamentarian; Candace Benad, reporter.



"I believe the National Honor Society has an important role of service and leadership to fulfill and I hope that its members will become more involved and active in the years to come."
- Emily Johnson



Junior members: (Back) Clayton Krueger, Paul Zucknick, Jason Pausewang, Lauren Schroeder, Tim Neslony, Nicole Artieschoufsky, Stephanie Rohlack, Andrea Harrell, Mrs. Priscilla Parsons. (Front)Casey Sutton, Ryan Marshall, Missy Vargas, Jamie Ruden, Laura Barefoot, Crystal Block, Jennifer Krueger.

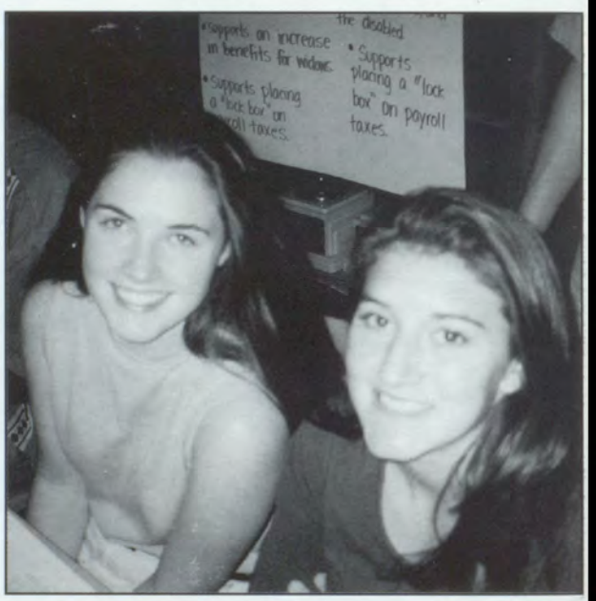


Senior members: (Back) Brian Drummond, Michelle Avila, Alpa Patel, Lacie RUemke, Sarah Raesz, Jennifer Urbanek, Josh Verastique, Willie Fields, Nicole White, Dominick Devastey, Mrs. Mary Kalbaugh. (Middle)Candace Benad, Rebecca Lewis, Bekki Estrada, Alison Mayer, Emily Johnson, Anne Foley, Micah Grau, Tracy Machu, Jordan Schmidt. (Front) Amber Byfield, Justin Bohls, Alisha David, Brandon Raesz, Justin Graef, Christina Ford, Chris Fox, Steven Teggeman.

A Worthy Group

Student Senate Makes A Difference

In past years, Student Senate was only responsible for a few things such as welcoming back the exes and holding a leadership conference. This year transcended years past as we took on much more responsibility. It sparked when we got new sponsory, Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Conrardy. Immediately they took things to the next level by making each person running for office announce it in front of the entire student body with the president candidate having to make a speech. Alisha David won the title of president, Steven Teggeman was elected treasurer along with Emily Johnson as secretary, Travis Randig as Vice president, LeAnn Carlson as reporter, and Andez Gaston as parlimentarian. We came to order soon after as we decided on our first meeting to be held two weeks into summer vacation. Our first duty was to host Fish Camp or Freshman Orientation. This was rather new to us so it kind of caught us off guard. Our main job wasn't too difficult though as all we had to do was give tours of the school, and talk to the freshman about all of the different organizations and such. Undoubtedly, the president had a little bit more weight to carry as one of her first jobs was to give a welcoming speech to the whole TISD faculty, including the school board members and Superintendent. Things progressed rapidly after that as we began our preparations for football season and mainly Homecoming activities. We really came together during this busy time and really proved ourselves worthy as leaders of the school. We impressed our opposing teams with our gifts before every game, our hall decorating contest and parade proved to be one of the biggest highlights of the year, and we even looked good doing all this as we sported our yellow Student Senate shirts across the field on the night of Homecoming. But the planning and organization had just begun as we embarked on one of our biggest projects ever! Instead of having our routine leadership conference that only benefits us, we decided to do something that would help out our community. Mrs. Bennett was one of the main masterminds behind it and she even thought of the name. It was called the "Green Santa" project. How it worked was, we sent out a newsletter to every sponsor and gave one out at one of our monthly meetings. The newsletter asked each club to sponsor a family. We would get them a family with all the needed information, and they would get them gifts and food for a Christmas dinner. With the participation of practically every single club in our school, we were able to give 16 needy families and wonderful Christmas. It was one of the most successful, rewarding projects our school has ever done. In fact, we even had participation from members of our community. The paper took a picture and put in the paper with an article on "Green Santa." While a group of club members were shopping for their family they were approached by a man who donated fifteen dollars to the cause right our of his pocket. Almost every person in our school was involved in this project. It really brought us together as a school and gave our student body a positive, good image for once. In the spring we held a mini "Green Santa." Here we just asked each club to gather up can goods and such and after we gathered up all of the donations we took it over and gave it to the local food pantry. In the spring we had two speakers at our meetings and held a more elaborate election with campaining and the same speech in front of the student body. Overall, we really made a name for ourselves this year, and we definently made a large contribution to our school and our community.





Student Sentate. Top row: Martin Conrardy (Sponsor), Travis Randig, Paul Zuchnick, Carl Richter, Dominck Devasty, Ladd Moehnke, Amber Byfield, Sarah Raesz, Kristen Farmer, Brian Drummond, Steven Teggeman, Vicky Bennett (Sponsor). Middle row: Beth Richter, Debbie Martinez, Shalene Ivy, Jaque Jackson, Ryan Stiba, Sarah Naivar, Christina Ford, Candace Benad, Rebecca Estrada, Keitha Jones, Tracy Machu. Bottom row: LeAnn Carlson, Roberto Salazar, Jill Sefcik, Laura Barefoot, James Jonas, Andez Gaston, Jennifer Johle, Allison Martinez, Michelle Mokry, Emily Johnson, Alisha David.



Student Senate Officers. L to R. Top row: Travis Randig (Vice President), LeAnn Carlson (Reporter), Andez Gaston (Parlimentarian), and Emily Johnson (Secretary). Bottom row: Alisha David (President) and Steven Teggeman (Treasurer).

Opposite page:

"Yes, Bush is in the lead!" Emily Johnson and Alisha David smile big because thier candidate is leading in the student elections.

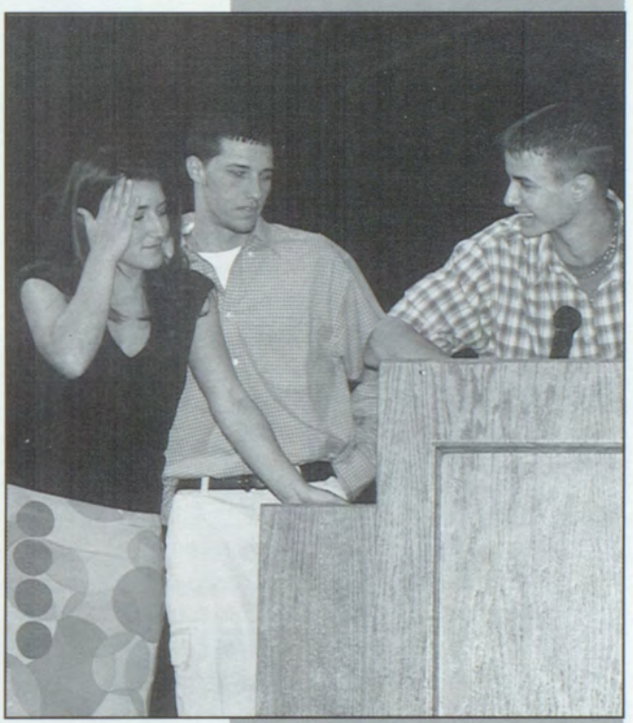
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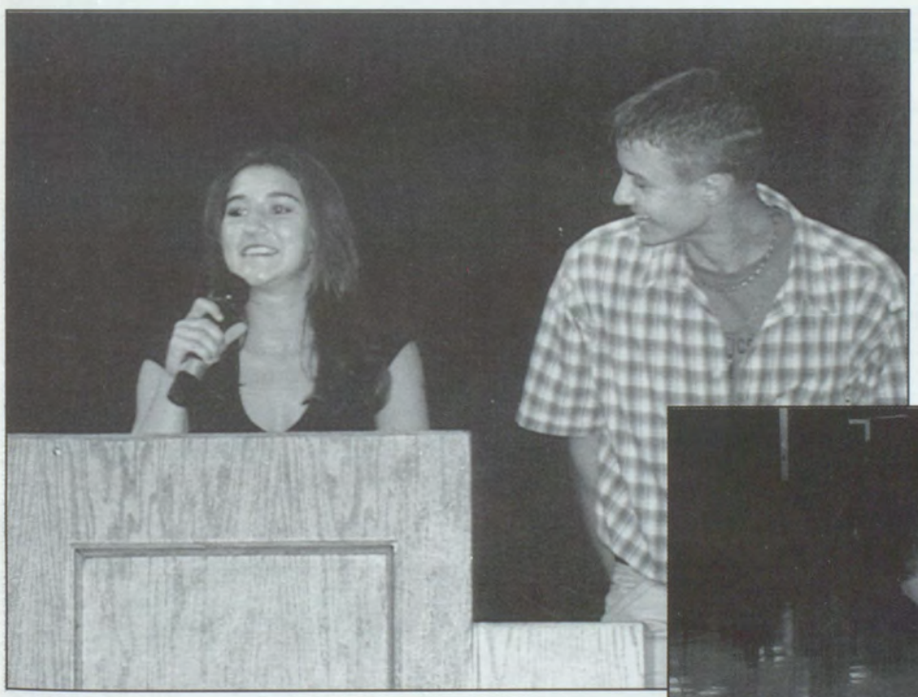
"Dang it, what did I forget?" Alisha David gets frustrated (no suprise there) as Steven Teggeman and Travis Randig watch.

"Good Morning Taylor High School." Alisha David and Travis Randig give the entire school a big welcome at officer elections.

"Who should I vote for?" Dominick Devasty votes for either George Bush or Al Gore.

Candy, Candy, and more Candy! Student Senate members exchange gifts before the football game.











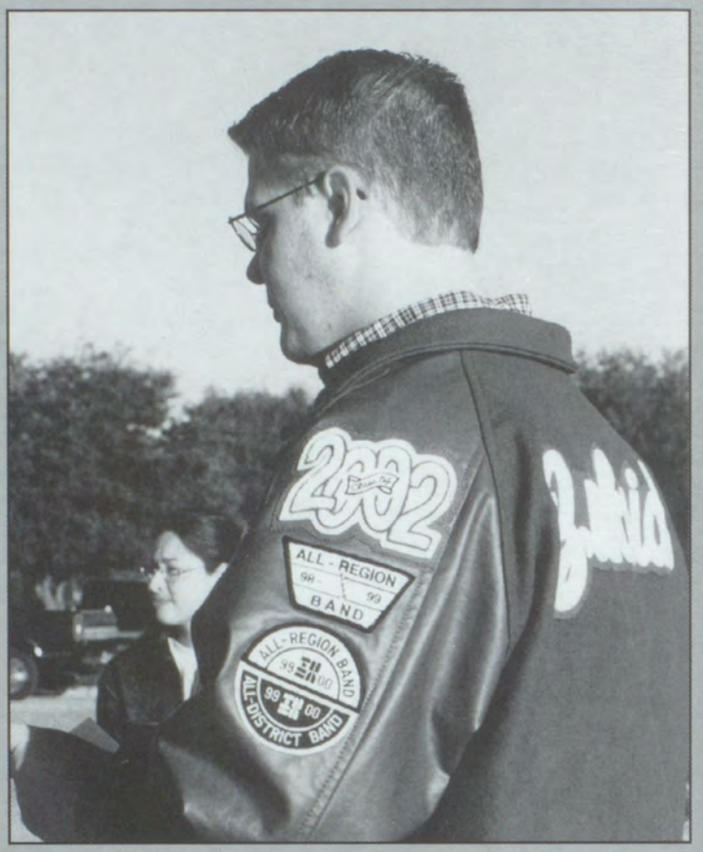
"Student Senate did so much this year. It was a little overwhelming for me but I still made it through. Overall, it was a really good time and I feel like we really did contribute a lot to the school."

-Alisha David
President

PRESERVING THE PAST FOR POSTERITY

Junior Historians

Although small in number, the Junior Historians were an active group and were involved with many important projects. At the beginning of the school year, we had a membership drive in the student center. A lot of students payed club dues (or part of their dues!) and joined the club. Unfortunately, we never saw half of those kids again! Average attendance at meetings was about ten students. However, when it came time to sell candy, all of our members did their part. We sold a lot of Nerds, M&Ms, Skittles, gummy worms, and Shocktarts, and boosted our bank account. On Veteran's Day, we hosted a short memorial at the flag pole in front of the school. Micah Grau played his trumpet and Paul Zucknick gave a short appreciation speech to honor the veterans who teach at the high school. The memorial service was well attended and was immediately followed by cake and punch in the teacher's lounge. At Homecoming, Emily Johnson and Justin Bohls interviewed a number of Taylor Exes and new Duck Hall of Famers at City Hall. These included Clara Scarborough, Coach T. H. Johnson's daughter, and Betty Fern Marshall. Brandi Martinez, Amy Perez, and Valerie Gomez came along to help. In December, we participated in the Historic Homes Tours. We signed up for times we would be available to do tours and Claire Maxwell (president, Taylor Historic Society) gave us our assignments. Being a part of this Taylor tradition was fun, as well as educational, because we got to see beautiful old houses and restored buildings in the downtown district. In the spring we held elections for the 2002 school year club officers. Paul Zucknick was voted president and he immediately went to work. In May, he organized an interview with Pete Blomquist and also planned for Junior Historians to help with the Taylor's 125th Birthday celebration during the summer. Time ran out before we got a chance to plan a trip, but that just left more money for a future trip! We also continued our tradition of giving the Livingood Memorial scholarship. This year, it went to senior member and club president, Emily Johnson. Junior Historians is a club that not only makes a difference at the high school, but also throughout the community. We hope to see more participation in the Living History Project and Historic Homes Tours.



Paul Zucknick gives his Veteran's Day speech at the flagpole on November 11, 2000.

Emily Johnson speaks with Clara Scarborough, author of Land of Bright Water, while Justin Bohls videos for the Living History Project.





JUNIOR HISTORIAN OFFICERS

Laura Massey, Kristen Massey, Tracy Machu, Valerie Gomez, Amy Perez, Emily Johnson, Paul Zucknick, (Not Pictured: Margaret Garry)



"Being Junior Historians president was a lot of hard work, but I am glad we got a lot accomplished with the Living History Project. I hope the club will grow and come up with new ways to encourage appreciation of our rich history."

- Emily Johnson



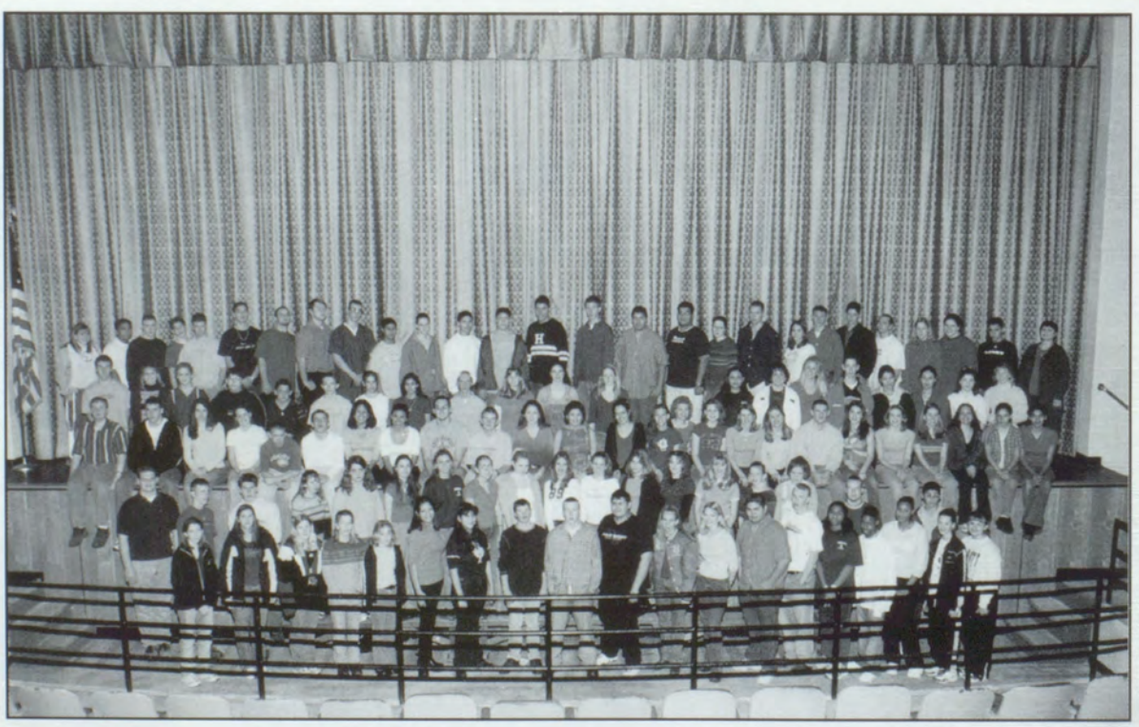
Top Row, L to R: Lesley David, Brandi Martinez,Ashley Mathis, Anna Dominguez,Jason Pausewang, Paul Zucknick, Tim Copple, Luke Curik, Clayton Krueger, William Brock, Sponser: Paul Quarles. Middle Row: Alexis Hutton, Micah Grau, Erica Block, Kristen Massey, Jennifer Johnson, Valerie Gomez,Amy Perez, Michelle Chait, Shalene Ivy. Front Row: Anne Foley, Laura Massey, Jamie Ruden, Emily Johnson, Candace Benad, Tracy Machu, Rebecca Lewis, Tabitha Haskins

SURFIN' THE DRUG-FREE WAVE

Students United For Responsible Fun

Students United for Responsible Fun had a great year. The year was kicked off with a very successful red ribbon campaign: Don't let your friends do drugs. The week started off with everyone adorning bright orange bracelets with the loud message against drugs and alcohol to give to the whole school. Themed spirit days were all week, with "Buddy day" popular with all the seniors wearing overalls, and "Camo day" had the halls looking like a forest. As the year progressed, things began to slow down. As prom arrived, we commenced our prom promise journey. We wanted students to know the dangers of driving drunk and the severe consequences that come along with this irresponsible act. Many of the students in this school have died from driving drunk and we really didn't want that to happen again so we tried extremely hard to make the rest of the students aware of this major risk. In this organization, we are devoted to the well-being of our student body. Christina Ford, the president of Students United For Responsible Fun, has really lead the way for the rest of us to become responsible leaders that can have a good time without the use of drugs or alcohol. All in all, we had a great year full of activities and responsible fun!





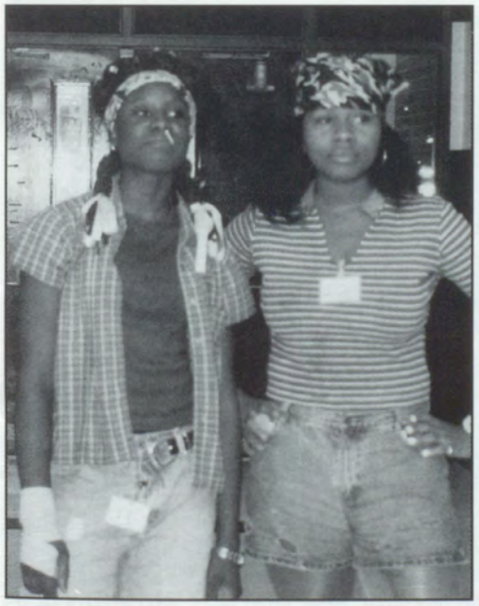
Students United For Responsible Fun





"I've really enjoyed being in SURF, it has given me a great opportunity to meet people who are like me and have responsible fun."

-Candace Benad







SURF Officers

(L-R) Top: Christina Ford, (President), Jill Sefcik, (Treasurer), Carl Richter, (Representative), Middle: Candace Benad (Representative), Ryan Quinn (Representative), Bottom: Bekki Estrada (Secretary), Amber Byfield (Red Ribbon Week co-chairman), Alison Mayer (Secretary).

Aloha! Cassandra Pickerill chills at the SURF sponsored Homecoming dance.

Yee Haw! Rusty and Charlotte Frederick have a boot-scootin' fun time during Red Ribbon week.

Smell that style! Krystal Davis and Shadaia Pedro show some off some attitude and mix-matched clothes during Red Ribbon Week.

Best Buds! Alison Mayer, Amber Byfield, and Bekki Estrada carry the Red Ribbon banner across the field at the Friday night football game.

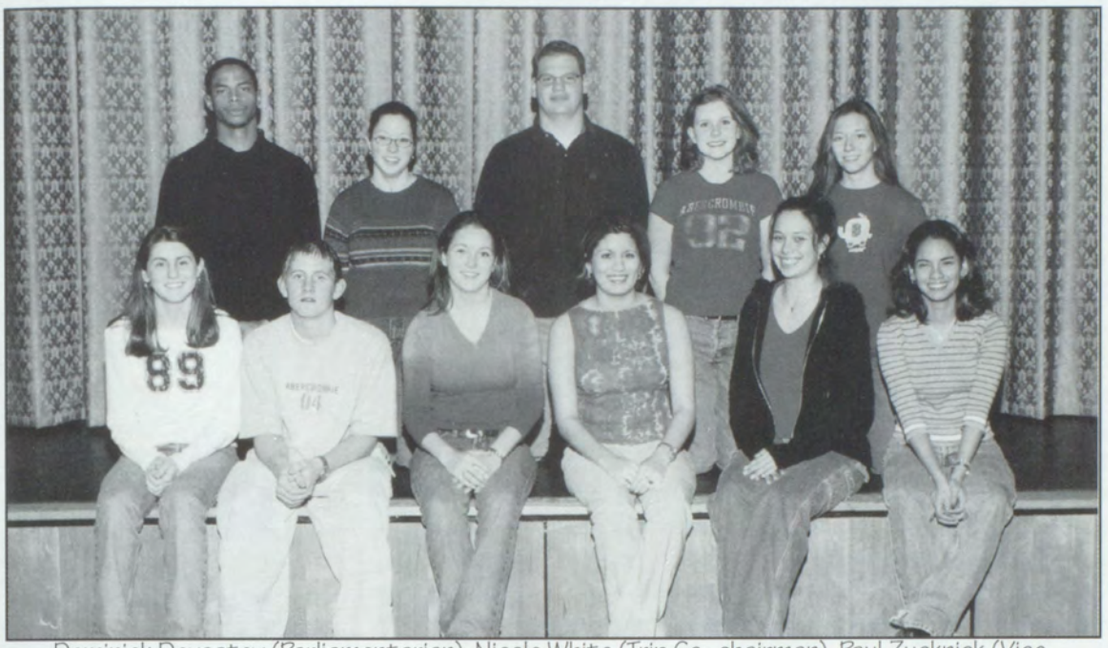
Scientifically Speaking

Science Club



Back to Front: Amber Byfield, Miguel Verastique, Trent Rozacky, Juan Yannis, Chad Cervenka, Amber Place, Tim Holub, Christina Ford, Candace Benad, Heather Guardiola, Bryan Lewis, Nick Flannery, Aaron Gaudin, Gabriel McDonald, Grant Daniels, Nelson Guerrero, Carlos Rodriguez, Jerry Leschiker, Marcus Reese, Trey Hewtty, Paul Zucknick, Ashley Place, Patrick Devastey, Brian Drummond, Fernando Reyes, Victor Gutierrez, Jordan Schmidt, Erica Block, Christina Torres, Aubre Meyer, Haley Hall, Dominick Devastey, Michelle Mokry, Jennifer Johle, Alpa Patel, Rabecca Lewis, Tim Copple, Maritza Cavada, Jaime Ruden, Jaime Friaz, Brenda Martinez, Sarah Larson, Jill Sefcik, Carl Richter, Ryan Rimmert, Misty Carlos, Missy Vargas, Ashley Tamez, Laura Barefoot, Pamela Rossaines, Bekki Estrada, Alison Mayer, Jason Pauswang, Crystal Solbach, Nicole White, WIllie Fields, Chase Frock.

The Science Club has been involved in both the Fall and Spring Taylor Community Trash collections. We have joined with other groups from High School to pick up trash along Main Street from Seventh Street to the High School and both sides of Lake Drive from Main Street to Davis. October 7th, 2000 was a cold, windy day but we had a lot of participation and fun. April 7th, brought much better weather. We took two trips this Fall. These two trips were funded by our October 27th concession stand at the Varsity Football Game with Cameron. A small group attended the "Demos in the Dark--Things that go Boom and Bang in the Night" presentation at Mary Hardin-Baylor to celebrate National Chemistry Week, November 5-11. On November 17th, 2000, a bus full of Science Club Members and four sponcers (Mrs. Kalbaugh, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Plybon, and Mrs. Sutton) went to NASA's Johnson Space Center at Houston to tour the VIsitor Center and the Space Center itself. We viewed an IMAX film on the Russian Spaceship MIR, and then had a lesson on propulsion. Probably the most interesting part of the trip was a tour to the Space Center where we were able to view Mission Control. At Christmas, the Science Club was involved with the Green Santa Project sponsered by the Student Senate. We collected food and presents for a family for Christmas. Students took the items to the family at their home. Before String Break, we collected items for the local Food Pantry. Our Spring trip had to be cancelled due to poor candy sales. Any profit from this fundraiser was used for Science Club Scholorships. We have had great leadership this year with Bekki Estrada as our President. We would like to thank her for all of her work. She has been the driving force of the Club. Thanks, Bekki!



Dominick Devastey (Parliamentarian), Nicole White (Trip Co- chairman), Paul Zucknick (Vice President), Candace Benad (Fundraiser Cochairman), Alison Mayer (Historian), Jennifer Johle (Fundraiser Cochairman), Ryan Remmert (Trip Co- chairman), Christina Ford (Treasurer), Heather Guardiola (Secretary), Bekki Estrada (President), Pamela Rossaines (Communications)



"Science club had the best year ever , because it had the best president ever. And Mr. Plybon has a metal plate in his head" -Bekki Estrada







↖ Just think about it...Wilie Fields, Nicole White, Crystal Solboch, Aaron Gaudin, and Gabriel McDonald all sit down to contemplate their experiment given to them.

← Cheesin' it up...Bekki Estrada and Trey Hewty smile on a Science Club field trip.

↑ Rollin', rollin', rollin'...Lacy Cervenka, Jennifer Green, Quinton Gault, Alison Matinez, Trey Hewtty, and Michelle Mokry wait for the bus to take them on their way.

SIGNATURES

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David Valverde, Nelson Guerrero, Brandi Martinez, Maria Fraire, Marco Polo Castillo, Trey Hewtty, Derek Hinostrosa, Christina Torres, Mrs Stela Balderas. Middle Row: Aaron Gaudin, Dana Torres, Johnny Gonzales, Adrianne Pachicano, Victor Gutierrez,. Front Row: Pamela Rossainz, Jamie Frias, Missy Vargas, Cassandra Pickerill, Suzanna Ortiz, Ashley Tamez, Bekki Estrada.

The Voice of the Prairie

One Act Play

After thirty-two years, Taylor made their reappearance at the State One Act Play competition held at the UT Bass Concert Hall. This achievement required our cast and crew to work arduously and efficiently for six months in order to prepare a clean, well timed, and crowd pleasing show. This year's play, A Voice of the Prairie, centers around a woman (Frances/Frankie) who is reunited with her childhood love (David/Davey) through an obnoxious radio announcer (Leon). The final cast, selected by Mrs.MacMullen in November, included: Chandler Dabbs (Leon Scwab), Tracey Machu (Frances Reed), Michelle Chait (Frankie), Jacque Wallace (Susie), Paul Zucknick (Watermelon Man), Dayton Dabbs (David), Miguel Verstique (Poppy/James), Joe Delgadillo (News Vendor), Stephen Nevinns (Davey), and Ray Wallace (Sheriff/Jailer). Crew consisted of Bryan Lewis and Megan MacMullen on lights, Laurie Raesz on sound, and Jamie Ruden as our stage manager. After months of practicing, we were ready for our first competition, Zone, held in March. Although one cast member became sick before our performance time, we came home an advancing play. For most of us, the joy of advancing was new and pumped us up for our next competition, District. Sure enough, we experienced another adrenaline rush as Taylor's name was called out as an advancing play. Our next competition, Area, meant stiffer competition. We made it through, though, and once again walked away winners. Now was time for our Regional competition. This was our one chance to earn a coveted spot at State competition. After a nailed performance, we were off to State! Performing in an auditorium that seats 5,000 people was a huge honor and gave us our chance to shine. Even though we didn't place in the top three, our excitement wasn't hampered. Beside our groups success, individual awards include: Chandler Dabbs (1 Best Actor, 4 All Star Cast), Tracey Machu (1 All Star Cast, 3 Honorable Mention), Michelle Chait (1 Best Actress, 3 All Star Cast, 1 Honorable Mention), Jacque Wallace (1 Honorable Mention), Dayton Dabbs (4 All Star Cast), Miguel Verastique (2 Honorable Mention), and Stephen Nevinns (5 All Star Cast). This year was a successful one for One Act Play, thanks to Mrs.MacMullen and Mr.Volek, and we hope next year is even better!

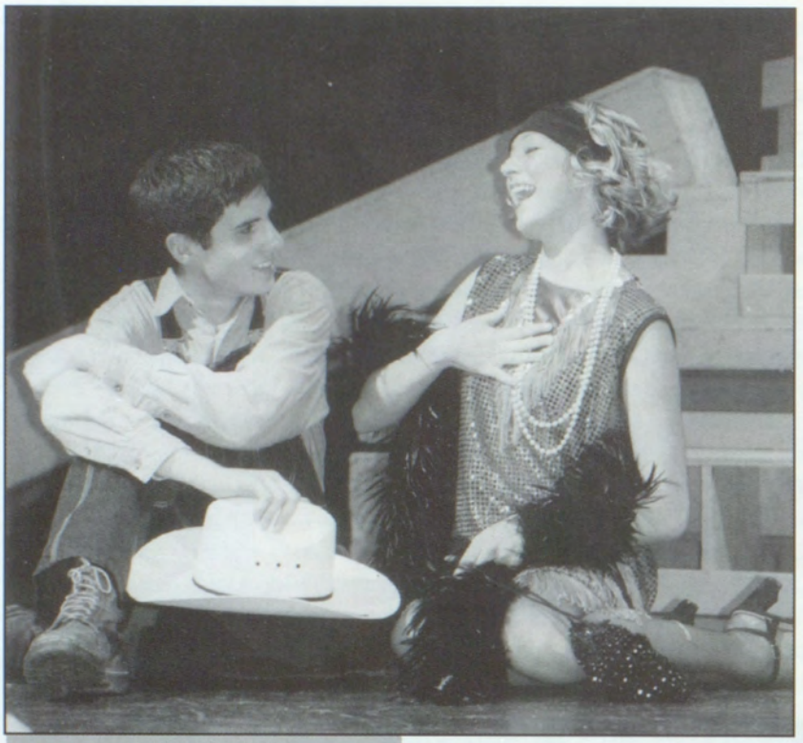




Grrrr... Paul Zucknick, Watermelon Man, gives a mean glare. ↑



All our hard work pays off! Jacque and Tracey smile after → receiving their Honorable Mention awards.





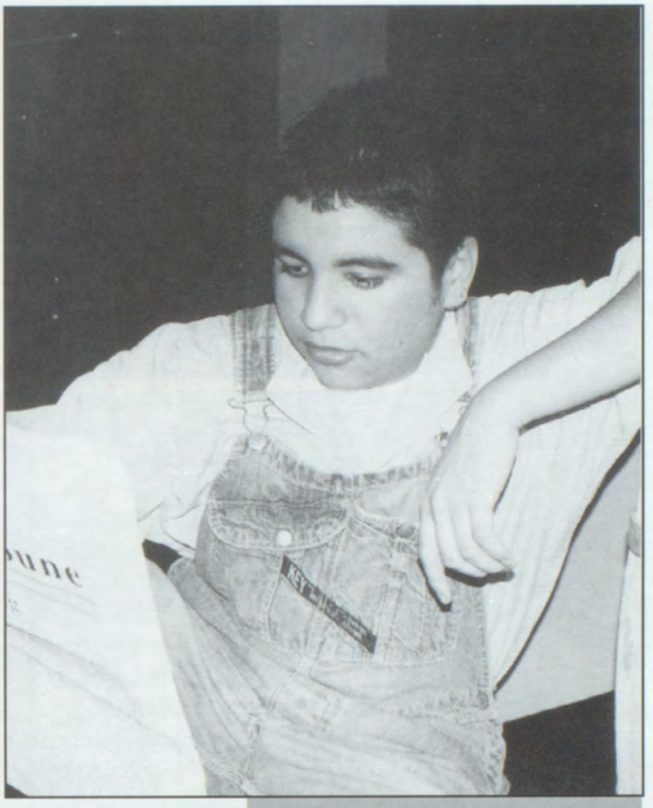






Geez! Jacque Wallace flirts with her co-star, Dayton Dabbs. ↑
All Star Smiles. Michelle, Stephen, Chandler, and Dayton smile proudly after winning All Star Cast awards at the District competition. ↗
Out from behind the curtain... Our crew, consisting of Laurie Raesz, Jamie Rude, Bryan Lewis, and Megan MacMullen, pose for a picture after a long day's work. ↗
You wanna do some kissin'? Michelle makes her move on the reluctant Stephen. ↑
Are you alright Poppy? Stephen looks after his sick Poppy, Miguel. →









↖ Hehe Hehe... Stephen covers Michelle's loud mouth.

↑↑ What's in the news today? Joe Delgadillo reads about a reward for a missing girl.

↖ New York! We're gonna be rich! Chandler shares his excitement with Tracey and Dayton.

↑ I shouldn't have eaten that pizza last night... Chandler hides his greasy complection under his stage make-up.

↞ Make over time! Michelle and Tracey help Jacque become a 1920's flapper.

← Mr. Schwab! Hey! Hey! Jacque, as Susie, gets ready to whack the conniving Leon Scwab.





It Really Draws You In

Art Club

The Art Club started off the year great! We had a lot of things we wanted to accomplish, including fundraisers for our trips. Mrs. Carolyn Hendriex was our fearless leader and she helped us start the year quickly, appointing officers so we had some form of leadership. Once the officers were elected, it was clear that we were in for an exciting year. However, tragedy struck early in the year for us. Two students were killed in a car accident. Both were dedicated and talented art club members. Dan Martin, a graduate of 2000, and Josh Morrison, a senior, gave so much of themselves to the club. Because of the accident, the Art Club set up a memorial scholarship in memory of the two and placed crosses at the accident site. Andez and Anderson Gaston also painted a memorial for them in our new art room. It was the first thing to be painted on our walls. We still had Homecoming to prepare for, but that was a simple task. Since we were able to participate in the parade, we decided to load up in Josh Morrison's truck and decorate it with a Hawaiian theme and lots of palm trees: Josh's favorite! We all wore leis and had a huge palm tree in the back of his truck. It was a great experience and we had a lot of participation which made it a success. Afterward, we started planning for our first field trip of the year. We planned to go to the San Antonio zoo and mall. Let's just say that was a long day! There was no doubt about us having fun, though! It was a long trip but the day was filled with many great memories. Who could ever forget Josh RIchter's big bottle of water and Colbey Bullock's box of Cocoa Puffs that we all fed to the animals! Our next project was Green Santa. This was a fun project for all who participated. It was a sight to see: all of us fighting at Wal-Mart on what to get as gifts for our families. The Green Santa project really touched all of the people who helped, donated, and spent time preparing for the delivery of the gifts. All in all, the art club's activities really were a true success. We were able to do a lot of things that created a lifetime full of memories.



Art Club Members

Traci Floyd, Marissa Martinez, Nicole Torres, Dustin Kruse, Anderson Gaston, Sara Juarez, Edith Candelario, Jade Daenzer, Vanesa Bullard, Monica Hernandez, Haley Hall, Micheal Mack Candace Benad, Jake Richter, Rory Craig, Mrs. Carolyn Hendriex. Middle: Aaron Bachmayer, Geraldo Reyes, Brandon Landreth, Jason Sanchez, Gabriel McDonald, Meghan Klotz, Heather Guardiola, Josh Richter, Brit Oliphint, Ricky Lepe, Caleb Brooks, Matt Chenoweth, Daniel Perez. Front: Andez Gaston, Fernando Reyes, Tim Holub, Toby Gayton, Justin Graef, Ernest Martinez, Randy Blackwell, Caleb Kilborn, Carl Richter, Daniel Kautz, Derek Lopez, Chris Fox.





Art Club Officers

Back Row: Stephen Sanchez , treasurer; Sterling Teague , vice president; Josh Richter , president.
Front Row: Brit Oliphint, parlimentarian; Heather Guardiola, secretary.











↞ Lions and tigers and statues, oh my! Dustin Kruse, Derek Lopez, and Caleb Kilborn get courageous at the zoo.

← We love Mrs. Hendriex! Justin Graef shows just how special Mrs. Hendriex is.

↖ Smile, you're on Dustin's camera... Dustin Kruse captures the unforgettable moments on the field trip.

↑ What a line up! These senior members just chill out at the zoo: Derek Klepac, Heather Guardiola, Justin Graef, Brandon Raesz, Carl Richter, Ladd Moehnke, Josh Richter, Meghan Klotz, Chris Fox, and Steven Teggeman.

↑↑ A constant reminder...Former club members Josh Morrison (class of 01) and Dan Martin (class of 00) are always in the hearts and memories of the Art Club.

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Imagination's Ultimate Destination

Destination Imagination Takes Creativity to a New Level

This year Destination Imagination started off with the largest number of teams ever. Each team spent countless hours devising solutions to their problem. With our creative juices flowing, we worked diligently designing props, fashioning costumes and writing scripts. Although some people couldn't make perfect stars, creativity is what counts in DiNi. After a month (or more, in some cases) of preparation, final ideas had been set and the construction of sets and various other props had begun. Lumpy's Clues, Queen Cotton Candy, a Haunted Mansion, and many other themes had been carefully planned and designed by each team. Although everything started well, teams soon found their problems could not be solved by the present solutions. Some teams, on the other hand, had to end their DiNi year early because of scheduling conflicts. So one by one, teams dropped out... and then there were two. Two teams found the challenges right up their alley and managed to hang in for the full ride that Destination Imagination had to offer. The team consisting of Amy Hall, Laci Rumeke, Raquel Salinas, Priscilla Grau, and Laurie Raesz preformed excellently at the Regional meet but didn't qualify to advance to the State competition. The Mystery Loves Company team, consisting of Justin Bohls, Amber Byfield, Bekki Estrada, Alison Mayer, Ladd Moehnke and Jason Pausewang, headed into Regional competition with winning attitudes. Even after a little Instant Challenge mishap (which involved Bonnie breaking through her car window and dashing through lightening and tornadoes), the candy-coated crew crushed big-time rival Leander and placed first, advancing to the State competition in Dallas. There the team, coached by Bonnie Estrada, earned a DaVinci award for creative excellence and placed seventh.





Amy Hall, Laci Ruemke, Raquel Salinas, Priscilla Grau, Laurie Raesz



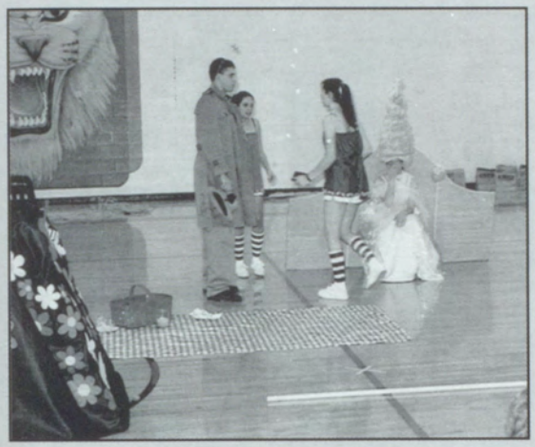
Justin Bohls, Jason Pausewang, Ladd Moenke, Alison Mayer, Amber Byfeild, Bekki Estrada.





state competition

something that leander didn't experience this year





↞ Step 1--Stage set up. The team moves all of our home-made props into place before our eight minutes starts.

← Wazzup, Queen Cotton Candy? Amber Byfield and Bekki Estrada approach the oh-so-sweet Alison Mayer, ruler of CandyLand.

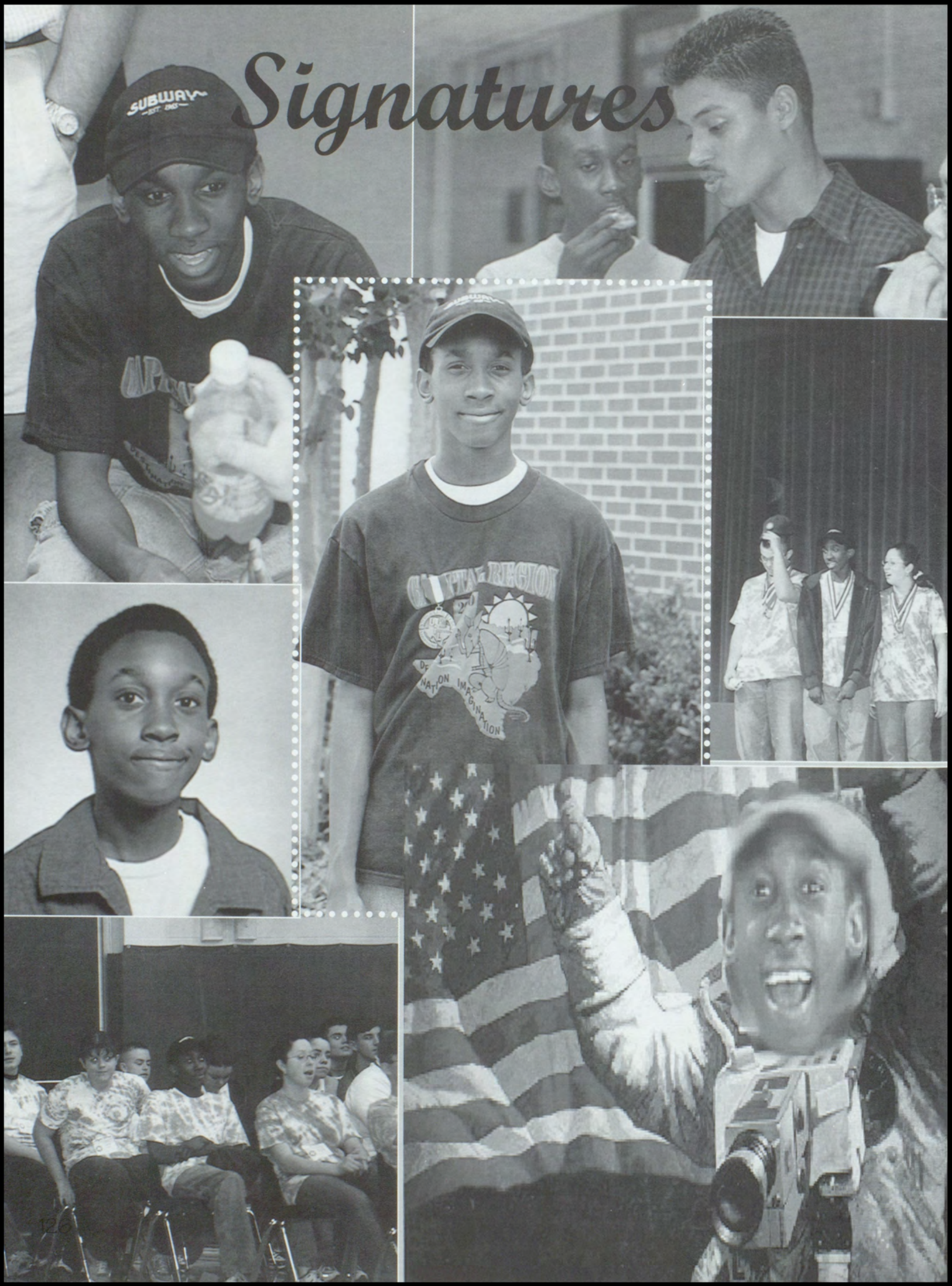
↞ Eww! Detective GummiBear (aka Jason Pausewang) watches a lollipop dissolve in "ant saliva."

← Ahhhh! You're an ANT! Jason Pausewang's true character is revealed in a surprise ending.

someday we'll be famous...

all creative geniuses are

Signatures



Stronger Then Ever

UIL Academic Events

Accounting: Brandi Martinez, Anna Dominguez, Thomas Pickerill

Calculator Applications: Sean Mack, Nelson Guerrero, Clayton Krueger, Jennifer Ponkoney

Computer Applications: Jill Sefcik, Coty Brown, Carl Richter

Computer Science: Paul Zucknick, Clayton Krueger, Jason Pausewang, Tim Copple, Alternate: Tim Neslony

Current Events: Micah Grau, Gabe McDonald, Tracy Machu, Bryan Lewis

Literary Criticism: Lauren Raesz, Jonathon Hall

Math: Paul Zucknick, Josh Verastique, Kendra Zak, Jennifer Johle, Alternate: Kara Matheney

Number Sense: Willie Fields, Dominick Devastey, Josh Verastique, Michelle Mokry, Alternate: Leann Carlson

Ready Writing: Alison Mayer, Anne Foley, Erica Block, Alternate: Katie Dennis

Science: Paul Zucknick, Rebecca Lewis, Josh Verastique, Rebecca Estrada, Grant Daniels, Willie Fields, Alternate: Kara Matheney

Spelling and Vocabulary: Candace Benad, Dominick Devastey, Emily Johnson

Informative Speaking: Nicole White, Micah Grau, Gabe McDonald

Persuasive Speaking: Crystal Moore, Alexis Hutton, Rosie Hernandez

Poetry Interpretation: April Davis, Lee McKinney, Beth Ann Paul

Prose Interpretation: Michelle Chait, Lauren Pick, Miguel Verastique, Joe Delgadillo

Lincoln Douglas Debate: Nicole White, Margaret Garry, Rosie Hernandez

News Writing: Amber Byfield, Emily Johnson, Cayton Green

Editorial Writing: Amber Byfield, Emily Johnson, Margaret Garry

Feature Writing: Amber Byfield, Emily Johnson, Jill Sefcik

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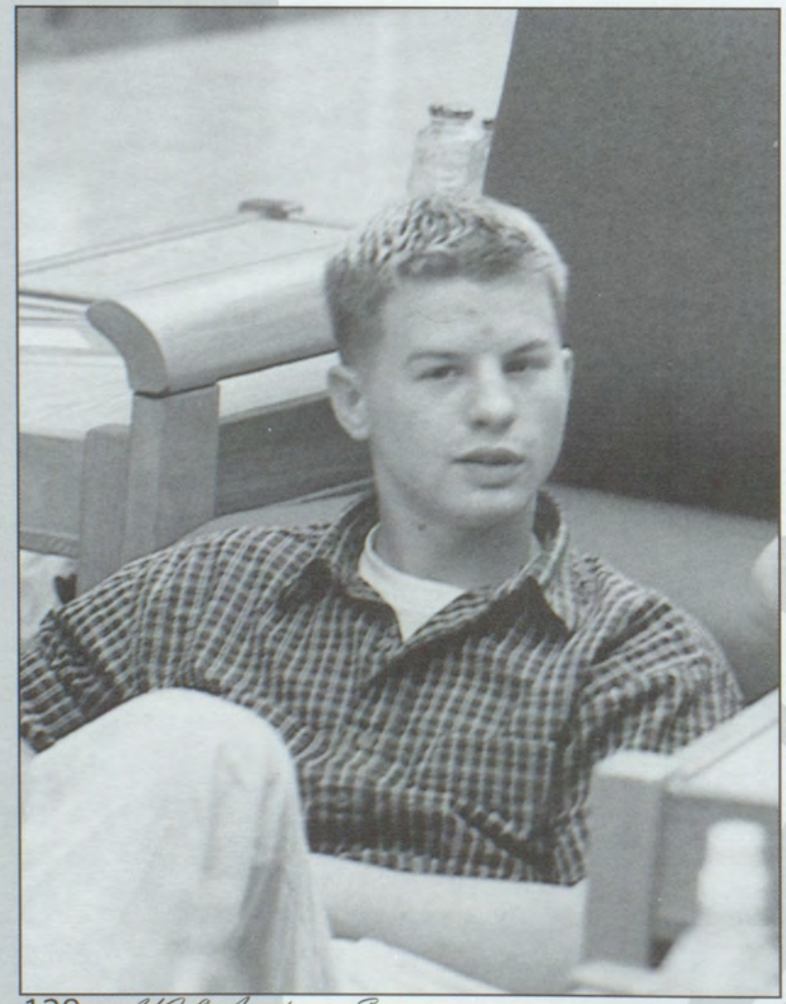


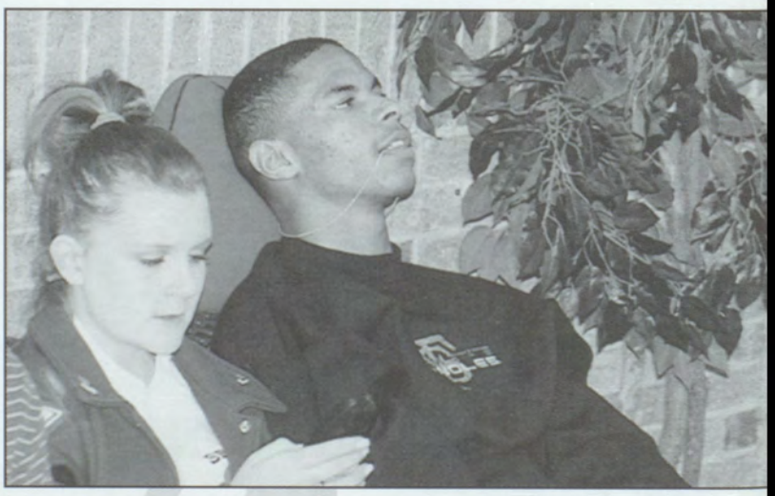
Nicole White and Margaret Garry visit with friends between their contest events. ↑

Best Sandwiches in Brenham! Candace Benad, Jason Pausewang, Bekki Estrada, Paul Zucknick, Amber Byfield, Rebecca Lewis, Alison Mayer, Tim Neslony, and Kara Mathaney pose for a picture after their lunch. ↗

Nelson Guerrero, Adam Pfluger, Krystal Trinidad, and Stephanie Garrett hang out in the student center at a practice meet in Round Rock. →







Tim Neslony is ready to do some Computer Science at the district meet in Brenham! ←

Dominick Devastey gets some quality relaxation while Candace Benad plays games on her cell phone. ↑

Anna Dominguez and Brandi Martinez share a laugh after a long day of district competition. →







↖ Lee McKinney, Candace Benad, and Sean Mack play dominoes to pass time at the district meet.



↑ Michelle Mokry and Jennifer Ponkoney do Algebra II homework in the Blinn student center.

← Carl Richter, Emily Johnson, Dominick Devastey, and Thomas Pickerill spend some quality time together after a long day of district competition.



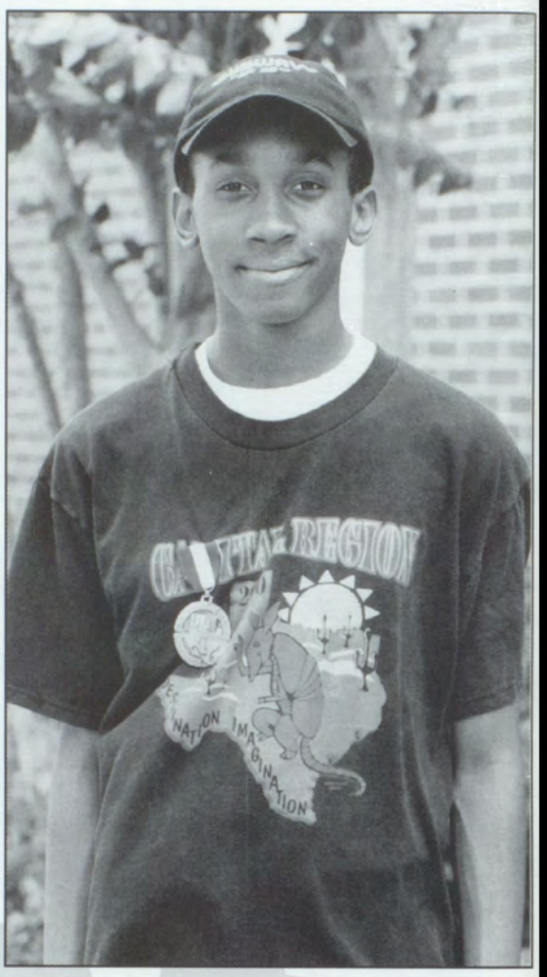




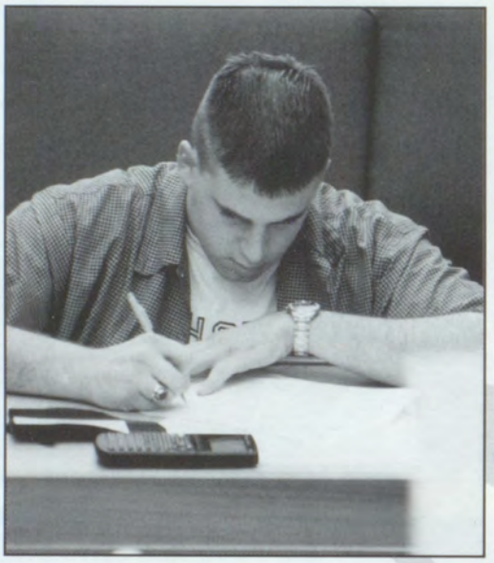
Micah Grau seems confident of his day's work. ↑

Kendra Zak and Brandi Martinez try to stay awake at an early morning practice meet at Round Rock High School. →









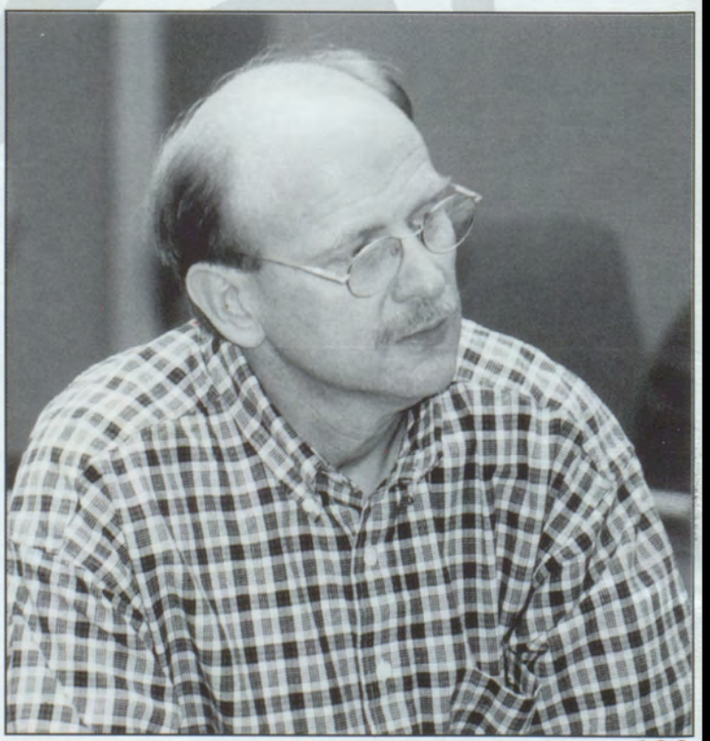
↖ Mr. John Powell congratulates Emily Johnson and Amber Byfield for their good work at the Regional meet. Both advanced to State.

↑ Willie Fields proudly wears his Number Sense medal. He earned third place and advanced to State.



↖ Mrs. Julie Downs and Mrs. Mary Kalbaugh grade papers while their students compete at the district meet.

↖ Jason Pausewang catches up on his precal betweeen events.



Josh Verastique, Brandi Martinez, Kendra Zak, Adam Pfluger, Mrs. Carol Sutton and Candace Benad prepare for a long day of UIL in the Round Rock High School student center. ↑

Mr. Dannie Volek: deep thinker, UIL coordinator, and all around good guy! →

The Dead Langauge?

Latin Club

This year Latin club was a little slower than in years past. We still had a lot of fun, though. For example, when we all wore togas in the Homecoming Parade. Also, we sacrificed our club trip so we could adopt a child on Christmas with the money we raised. This gave us time to become closer friends and learn more about the Latin langauge. Of course, this helps with our English especially on those horrifying SAT's and ACT's. We wonder why people call it a "dead language". So much of our scientific and medical langauge thrives on it, in fact 60% to 70% of English comes from Latin. Other langauges are also derived from Latin like: Spanish, French, Italian, Romanian, and Portuguese. We learned that the langauge itself was not the only contribution that was made by the Roman people. They contributed their style of government and their engineering skills of roads, bridges, and domes as well.



Back Row: Josh Richter, Amber Welch, Travis Huber, Lori Medina, Megan Macmullen, Jake Richter, Wesley Hejl, Chad Cervenka, Mendy Hegar, Jennifer Ponkoney, Chase Frock, Tim Holub Middle Row: Shacauslyn Redic, Kelly Cage, Sara Smensky, Stephanie Rohlack, Chelsie Hernandez, Heather Grimm, Josh Verastique, Chris Young, Drew Kelly Front Row: Ryan Remmert, Caleb Kilborn, Barret Randig, Derek Klepac, Racheal Lute, Kristen Bohac, Lacie Ruemke, Dominick Devastey, Corey Griffin, Lamont Davis





↑ Mrs. Schaefer getting the students to start working at one of the many lunch meetings.

↗ Latin Club members in the back of Clayton Ging's truck showing team spirit in the homecoming parade



Back: Barrett Randig, Chad Cervenka
Front: Racheal Lute, Kristen Bohac
Not Pictured: Beth Ritcher

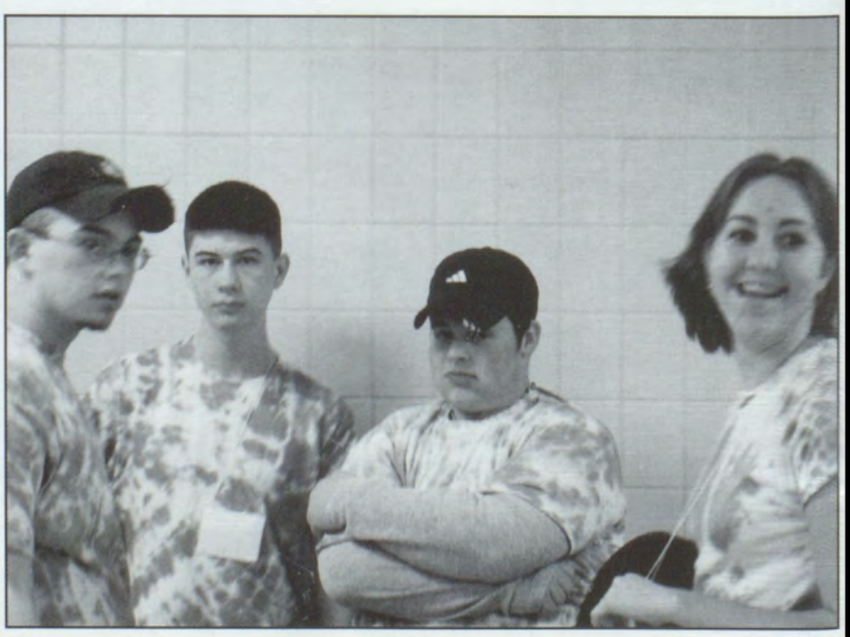
From Archetypes to Zygotes

Academic Decathlon knows it all



Top Row: Crystal Block, Tim Copple, Andrew Oser, Willie Fields, Stephanie Rohlack
Bottom Row: Nicole White, Peter the Penguin, Micah Grau, Rebecca Lewis,
Mr. Conrardy, Anne Foley, Josh Verastique

For the members of the Academic Decathlon team, our school year started early with a midsummer ACDEC boot camp and the hope of going to Alaska. The philosophies of Plato, Carl Jung, Sigmund Freud, and Ayn Rand flew around the classroom, while some students discussed the ritual music from various cultures. After rigorous tests at midterms we found out who had made the team. We practiced for two hours virtually everyday and even during our Christmas break. After some minor setbacks, the team, accompanied by their trusty mascot Pete, headed west toward the tiny town of Sinton. At the regional competition we faced the infamous Sinton High School, who had won region five years straight. After hours of studying in our hotel rooms, frequent visits from Mr. Heinous, and multiple choruses of "Hit me with your best shot," it was time for speech and interview. Armed to the teeth with study materials we managed to blow away the competition by more than 2000 points, to emerge the Region XIII Super Quiz and overall champions. Each member of the team earned at least two medals while the ACDEC super powers of the team won close to eleven. With our hopes high and our egos enlarged we returned our small town and began to hit the books harder knowing that Cole High School was knocking on our door. Mr. Conrardy pushed us harder each day with non-multiple choice Super Quiz tests and continually practice on speeches. After almost a month of preparation, the day had finally come. We began our long drive to Lufkin where the water smells and it rained everyday we were there. As we walked the halls of Angelina College we felt the cold stares of or competitors and heard them whisper, "That's Taylor they beat Sinton at region." After arguments about lodging and food, the team settled down for the night to prepare for a day of grueling tests. After we completed all the necessary tests and blew the competition away at Super Quiz, we found out that our dream of going to Alaska was shattered by the fact that someone had made a mistake and neglected to tell us. Although we missed out on taking a well-deserved trip to Alaska, we have countless memories and friends because of our endeavor. After our victory we realized that we wouldn't have made it as far as we had, if it wasn't for our determined coach who pushed us harder than we had ever been pushed before.





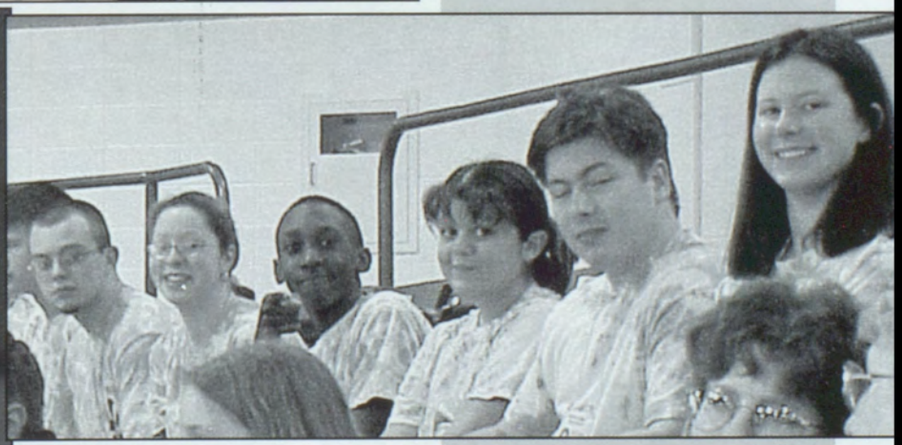


The most important thing I learned in ACDEC this year was the ablity to pull together as a team to accomplish one major goal.
- Nicole White









↞ **What's going on?** Tim Copple, Andrew Oser, Micah Grau, and Becca Lewis discuss the testing conditions at the regional competition.

↟ **GDP= C+Ig+G+Xn...** Anne Foley, Becca Lewis, Stephanie Rohlack, and Micah Grau listen to Mr. Conrardy give a crash course in Economics.

↖ **And this is the ACDEC team??** Andrew Oser and Micah Grau loosen up after speeches.

↟ **"I spy something green!!"** Stephanie Rohlack awaits for the testing to begin.

↑ **Are you ready??** The ACDEC team joyfully waits for the Super Quiz competition to begin.

← **"How scary am I ??"** Coach Martin Conrardy smiles as his team members accumulate medals.

ACDEC STATE CHAMPIONS







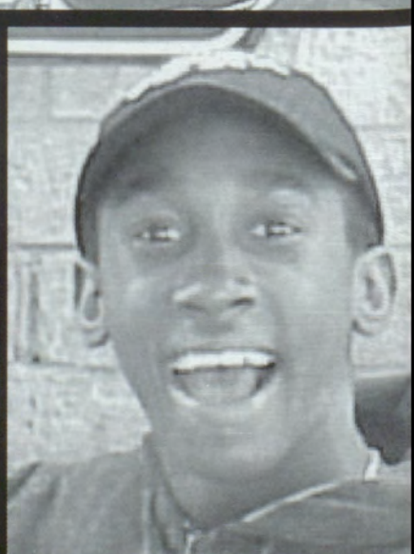












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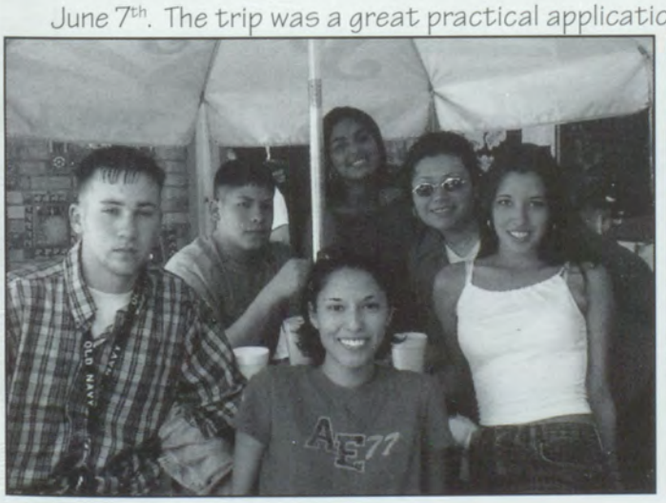
¡VIVA ESPAÑOL!

Spanish Club

In Spanish club, things went by fast. At the beginning of the year, everyone that wanted to be in Spanish club joined. Officers were elected by club members in Mrs. Rumel's room. Jacque Jackson was president, Jill Sefcik was vice president, Ryan Marshall was treasurer, and LeAnn Carlson was secretary. We had a meetings in Mrs. Rumel's room and one of the first things we did was to plan a trip. We decided on Nuevo Laredo in Mexico. To make our trip a reality, we sold Sour Rayitas candy. It came in two flavors, strawberry and sour apple, and sales were extremely successful. A total of 36 students decided to go on the trip to Laredo and we raised the required funds of about $1000. We took a chartered bus down to Laredo, but the bus driver was almost an hour late! Michael Harrison continually reminded us that he wanted to watch "Little Rascals!" When we got into Mexico everyone followed Victor Gutierrez because he said he knew where he was going and when he crossed the street we all followed him, like a flock of sheep follow their owner. It was a very funny sight! After a little talk from Mrs. Rumel we all went our own way in our little groups. When we were about to about to leave, we had another "talk" from Mrs. Rumel. Everyone who went on the trip knows what that was all about. Hopefully more students will join in on the fun next year. Over the summer Mrs. Rumel took seven students to Spain. They each had to raise just over $1800 to make their trip possible. They left on May 28th and returned on June 7th. The trip was a great practical application of everything they learned in Spanish.



1st Row: Manuel Perez, Derek Klepac, Paul Zucknick, Derek Hinostrosa, Jason Pausewang, Marco Castillo, Carlos Rodriguez, Juan Yannis, Victor Gutierrez, Fernando Reyes, Trent Rozacky, Michael Harrison, William Brock 2nd Row: Vannessa Cantu, Robert Salazar, Tim Neslony, Kim Klaus, Allison Martinez, Laura Massey, Becky Estrada, Cassandra Pickerill, Erica Perez, Katherine Ochoa, Maritza Cavada, Leann Carlson, Ryan Marshall 3rd Row: Kristen Massey, Laura Mathis, Crystal Salbock, Ashley Tamez, Missy Vargas, Brian Drummond, Meggie Mikeska Jill Sefcik, Aubre Meyer, Ashlyn Hobbs, Christie Torres, Shadaia Pedro, Jacque Jackson 4th Row: Jennifer Johnson, Trey Hewtty, Amy Rinderknecht, Johnny Gonzales, Laura Ruiz, Jonathan Hall, Laura Urbanek, Brandy Martinez, Anna Dominguez







Officers: Jill Sefcik, Leann Carlson, Jackie Jackson, Ryan Marshall

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Keeping Cool! Rebecca Gurtierrez, Cassandra Pickerill, EricaPerez, Michael Harrison, Victor Gutierrez, and Suzanna Ortiz sit in the shade to protect themselves from the hot Laredo sun.

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Shopping? Manuel Perez., Geraldo Reyes, Marco, Trent Rozacky, Kim Klaus, Jill Sefcik, Ryan Marshall, Derek Hinostrosa, and Matt Morris look around in shops while in Mexico.

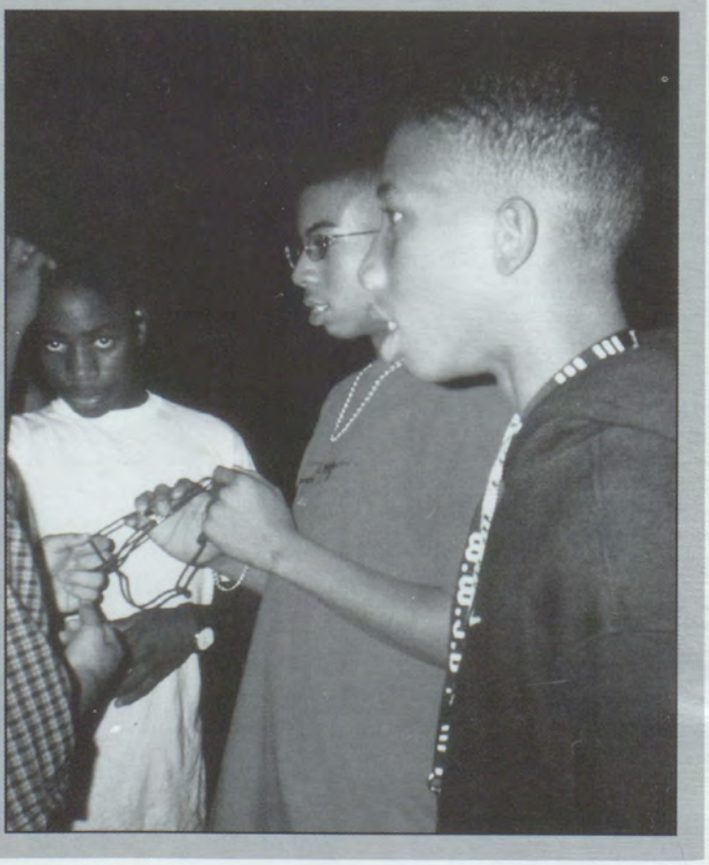
The Crazy Days *Upward Bound*

The Upward Bound program is for those few students who want to know what it is like to be in a college environment. Every Wednesday a few selected students go to Huston-Tillotson College where we go to get help with homework and to study to help us pass in high school. Not only does Huston-Tllotson have a program during the school year they also have a summer program. Yet in order to be eligible to be in the summer program we have to earn points. The way we earn point we take our report cards for the professors at Huston-Tillotson to see, we also get points by doing community service, by the extra curricular activities we are involved in, and by going every Wednesday to the college. During the summer program the juniors and seniors are able to live on the campus for six weeks; we had the privilege of going to see other colleges in Texas as well as outside of Texas. We went to such places as New York City and Louisiana, and I have to add that all expenses were paid! This gave us a broader view of colleges that we could possibly attend. During the month of February we had a talent show that helped us to recognize all the accomplishments that many African-Americans have. Some of us sang, danced, read poetry that either we wrote, and rapped. It was very interesting to see my fellow classmates' talents. It has been an honor being in the Upward Bound program, and what I think the best part is, is that if we stick with it, we have the chance of graduating early. And that is a great accomplishment all in it's own.



↑ **Crazy daisy.** April Davis, Charlotte Frederick, Teronica Williams, and a few more friends pose for a picture for Crazy Day.

Rip-rap-rippity doo. Daniel Thomas and his friends rap one night at Huston-Tillotson. ↓





Upward Bound

Bottom: Leah Caldwell, April Davis, Vershiba Cook, Iris Davis, Kelly Cage, Alexis Anderson, Lakia Wallace, Yasmina Carter. Middle: Charlotte Fredrick, Crystal Moore, Ashley Montez, Brittany Killingsworth, Kindra Brandon, Teronica Williams, Katorica Henderson. Top: Mrs. Wallace, Tyra Ramirez, Carl Ross, Robert Crathers, Lee McKinney, Daniel Thomas, Carlton Rossell, Arris Rossell, Cedrick Fedrick, Mrs. Rodriguez, Mrs. Balderas.

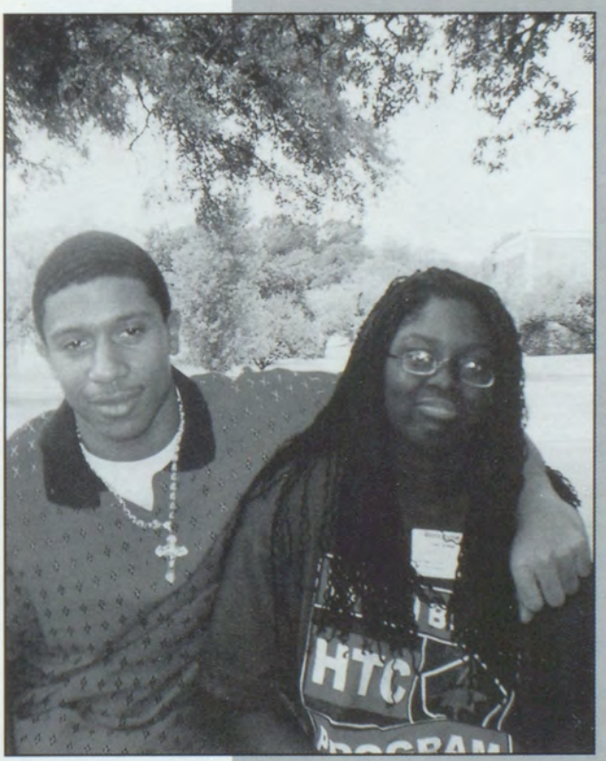


"In Upward Bound this year I enjoyed the all-expense paid trips out of Texas to see colleges."
Lee McKinney



Officers

Lee McKinney, Leah Caldwell, Yasmina Carter



↑ **Having fun yet?** Charlotte Fedrick hangs out with one of her friends on the last day of the summer program.

Interacting With the World

Interact Specializes in Helping Out

Interact has a distinguished record of service for our school and the community. This year Interact began with the Taylor High School Green Santa project which was organized by the officers of the Student Senate. They found needy families in Taylor and compiled a list of food and clothing items that the family would need. We went into this project with about $250 which we had raised by hosting a concession stand at a home football game in the fall. We spent every penny of it on this family.

Club membears went to the grocery store to but food items for the family. We purchased a smoked turkey from our local Rotary club and purchased a Christmas tree from our local Wal-Mart. Club members also went shopping for clothes, using a list of sizes provided by the Student Senate. We purchased both books and toys for each of the children in the family, too.

Our Pennies for Polio project came together very quickly after a previously planned fundraiser fell through. Our club President Amber Byfield came up with this idea when she was put on the spot for a new idea at one of our club meetings. Club members covered and decorated coffee cans and stationed themselves around the school before school and during lunch to collect student's spare change. Some students took coffee cans to class with them, while others took them to church and to work.

In less than two weeks our Interact club collected more than $500 in spare change. The last $350 came in less than two days. We also received a small donation to our Pennies for Polio Plus Fund from a local business.



Interact Officers

Top to Bottom: Anne Foley, Emily Johnson, Bekki Estrada, Alison Mayer, Amber Byfeild, Candace Benad, Jennifer Johle

It was exciting to see how generously students gave once they knew how their money would help polio victims. This project was a success due to its simplicity and the dedication of our club members to see it carried out.



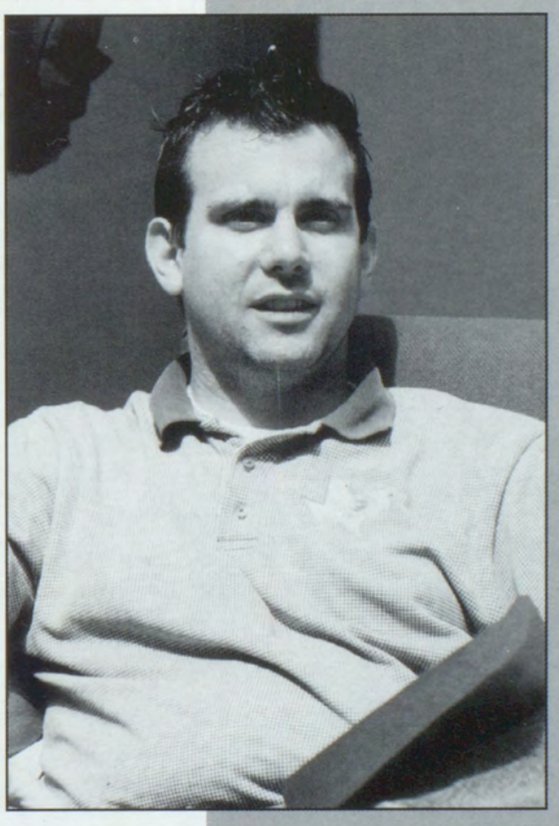
Top to Bottom, L to R: Sponsor Mr. Martin Conrardy, Chris Young, Tim Copple, Paul Zucnick, Jason Pausewang, Anne Foley Rebecca Lewis, Nicole White, Bekki Estrada, Amber Byfeild, Alison Mayer, Josh Verastique, Emily Johson, Clayton Krueger, Willie Fields, Amy Dobbs, Kristen Massey, Jennifer Johnson, Erica Block, Anna Domingez, Brandy Martinez, Katie Dennis, Anna Glover, Alpa Patel, Michelle Mokry, Jennifer Johle, Alison Martinez, Jennifer Green, Lacy Cervenka, Jessica Domingez, Christina Torres, Ashlyn Hobbs, Kody Kuhl, Leann Carlson, Ryan Stiba, Candace Benad, Heather Guardiola, Tracy Machu, Maritza Cavada, Crystal Solbach, Kendra Zak, Stephanie Rohlack, Shadaia Pedro, Jackie Jackson, Meggie Mekeska, Ryan Remmert, Chase Frock, Andrew Oser, Justin Bohls, Ashley Place, Amber Place, Micah Grau, Laura Massey, Crystal Block.





"Interact was a very eventful aspect of my senior year, but more importantly, it was a valuable way to make a positive impact on my community."
- Amber Byfield







↖↑ **Would anyone like to contribute to Pennies for Polio?** Amber Byfeild presents Paul Bennett with the money Interact raised for polio victims.

↖ **Just some good ol' boys...**Sponser Martain Conrardy recieves the Good ol' award.

↑ **What do we do now?** Co-sponser David Rogers discusses service projects with club memebers

← **A penguin in Taylor!!!** Amber Byfeild, Alison Mayer, and Pete Pengiun ride in Mr. Conrardy's truck during the homecoming parade.

Get Deutsch?

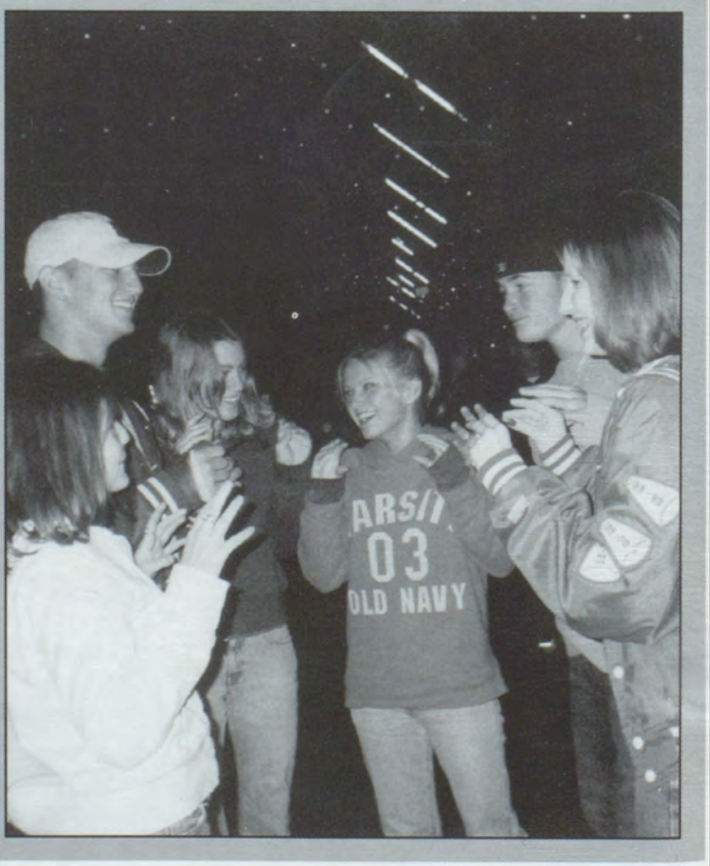
German Club

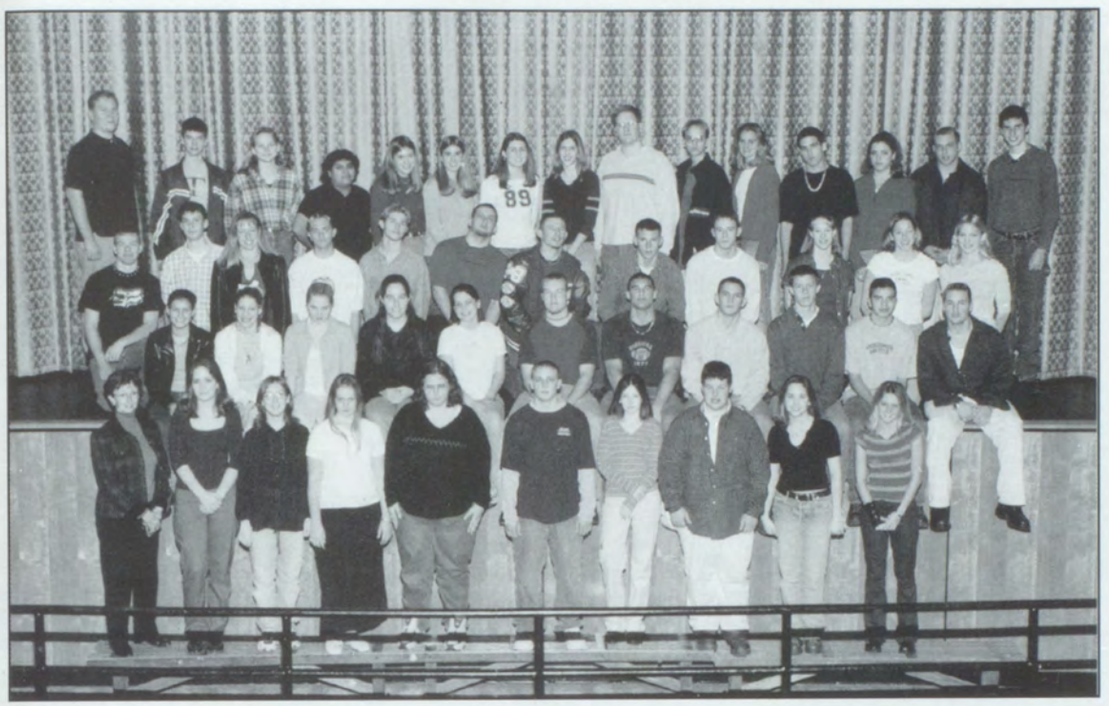
In years past, German Club members didn't accomplish nearly all we wanted to. However, this year we made a definite comeback with the Trash-Off, Wurstfest, and Houstonfest. We also participated in the homecoming parade and hosted a concession stand at one of the home football games. We were very busy, but it made German Club even more fun to be a part of. Each year, the German Club helps out with the Taylor Trash-Off and this year was no different. Rallying forty-nine club members, we covered miles of the city, cleaning it up as we went. Between Wurstfest and the Trash-Off, German II members also enjoyed a nice heaping bowl of Spaghetti Eis, which means spaghetti ice cream. It's vanilla ice cream strained through a spaghetti press and topped with red strawberries and a sprinkling of white chocolate. Umm hmm! Before heading to Wurstfest, we stopped by the Sophie Lauren Museum and learned about the history of Germans immigrating to America. We finally arrived at the festival and most of us split up. No matter where we went, though, we were trying to stay warm in the cold weather! We watched and even tried a little bit of dancing, singing, and delicious German food. After goofing-off and doing some learning (of course!) at Wurstfest, the German Club arduously crammed for the upcoming competition at Houstonfest. At Houstonfest, German club earned thirty medals with the help of a lot of its members. Competition categories included: folk dancing, polka band, cross-stitch, essay, scavenger hunt, poetry reading, prose reading, and gingerbread house, to name a few. We felt as though we had one of our most successful years and hope the next will be just as great, if not better.



↑ Spaghetti Eis Machen! Kody Kuhl strains his ice cream to make a tasty treat.

↓ Do The Chicken Dance! Lindsay Aunspaugh, Carl Richter, Jill Sefcik, Michelle Chait, Brett Bennett, and Kristen Bubenik join in the chicken dance at Wurstfest.





Back Row: Stephen Sorenson, Andrew Oser, Kendra Zak, Edith Candelerio, Ashley Place, Amber Place, Jennifer Johle, Michelle Mokry, David Vorwerk, Gabriel McDonald, Merideth Kuhl, Brandon Landereth, Morgan Melde, Matt Edwards, Dayton Dabbs. Second Row: Chris Auerbach, Chuck Gray, Sarah Naiver, Danny Kautz, Justin Bohls, Jordan Schmidt, Brandon Raesz, Kody Kuhl, Patrick Hyzak, Jennifer Krueger, Jacque Wallace, Stephanie Reeves. Third Row: Amanda Swift, Stephanie Fuller, Stephanie Garrett, Crystal Block, Laura Barefoot, Chris Beckermann, Derek Klepac, Carl Richter, Ryan Quinn, Anthony Barcuch, Brett Bennett. Front Row: Mrs. Betty Jackson, Erica Block, Cricket Brogan, Alexis Hutton, Melissa Puckett, Ryan Stiba, Lindsay Aunspaugh, Micah Grau, Nicole Artieschoufsky, Michelle Chait.



"I had a great time being president of German Cub this year. Each member worked hard to earn their awards at Houstonfest and still managed to have fun through out the year."

- Carl Richter



Officers

Front: Kody Kuhl, Carl Richter, Brett Bennett, Michelle Chait.

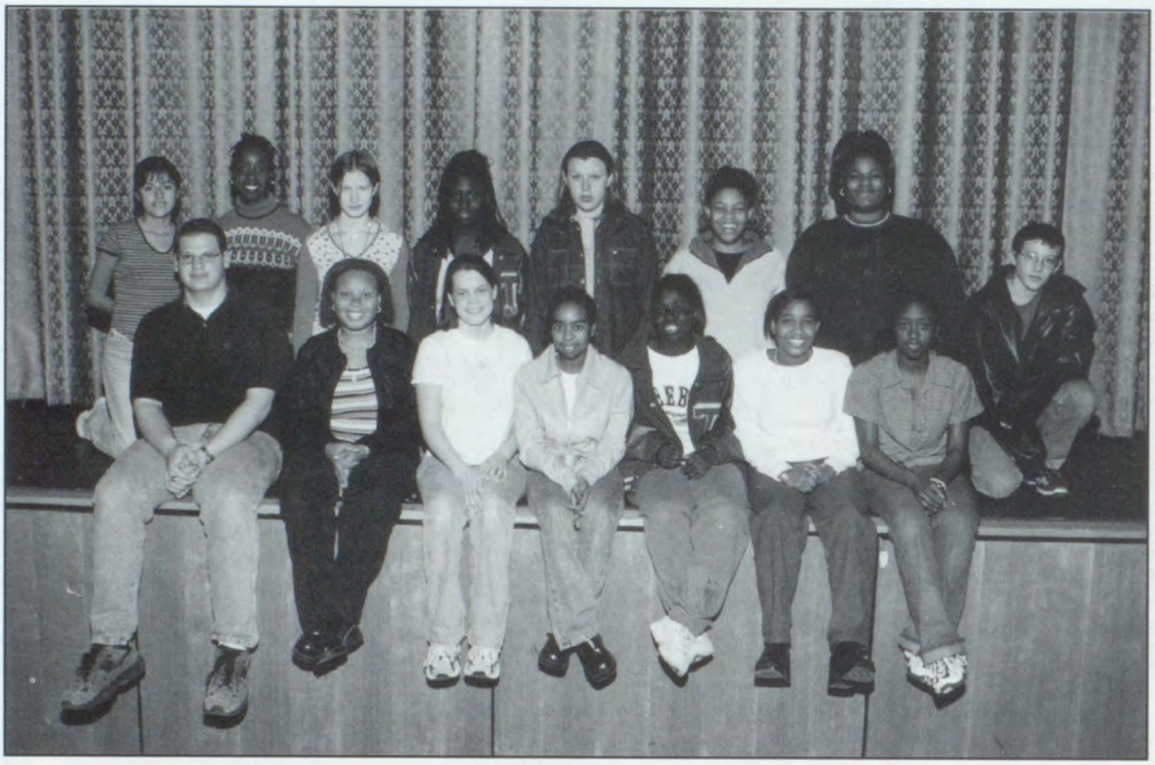
Back: Jennifer Johle, Micah Grau, Stephanie Reeves.



Sehr gut! Chris Auerbach and Andrew Oser prepare their musical ensemble for Houstonfest.

So Far, So Good . . .

Choir Goes The Distance



Members
Back Row: Aida Falcon, Tabitha Haskins, Jamie King, Alexis Anderson, Shiela Lopez, Kendra Brandon, Katorica Henderson; Front Row: Paul Zucknick, Kelly Cage, Laura Barefoot, Leah Caldwell, Charlotte Fredrick, Brittney Washington, April Davis, Keith Macklin.

The 2000-2001 school year was a busy one for us from the beginning! Because of the loss of last year's choir teacher, we walked into class to find Ms. Fiegel greeting us. We were so lucky to have her there to lead us. She did a wonderful job preparing us for our many school performances and our personal competitions. This was our first time to implement dancing into our performances and we had a blast coming up with all the dance moves. We spent more time though, on our UIL solo and ensemble pieces. A few times after school, we got together in the choir room and practiced our music in front of each other to perfect our performances. It paid off in the end when we received the highest number of first and second place medals there and had the best participation we have ever had. Everyone who went came home with a medal. Laura Barefoot advanced to State with her solo and will be going to competition after school is out. We will all be rooting for her! We also got to participate in the Music in the Parks contest held at Six Flags. We placed first in the women's choir division and when the contest was over we got to spend the rest of our time there carousing through the park. This year we were very excited to get to participate in the Spring Show as a choir for the first time. We presented a shortened version of our Tarzan medley and had so much fun singing and dancing to the music. We did a little bit of fundraising for a change to help us with all the costs of traveling to and from competitions. We sold candy during school to our classmates and poinsettias after our Christmas show. Looking back, we are very proud of all that we have accomplished this year and hope to surpass those accomplishments next year.



Choir Officers
Back Row: Aida Falcon, Kendra Brandon; Front Row: Laura Barefoot, Leah Caldwell, Charlotte Fredrick, April Davis



"I am so proud of all the girls. They did extremely well at contest this year. I know next year we will win even more awards. So fa so good!"
-Laura Barefoot







↖ **I can't believe Ms. Fiegel is making us go over this again!!** Aida Falcon and Sabrina Diaz look over their music before their competition.

↑ **Do, re, mi...** Brittney Washington warms up for her solo.

← **Welcome! Please take a seat!** Ms. Fiegel, Katorica Henderson, and Jamie King greet family and friends to their recital.

More Than Auxiliary

Color Guard

The Color Guard was anything but behind the band this season! For the first time in many years we had a real team that more than doubled in size from years past. We had wonderful directors, Mrs. Rubio and Ms. Ormbesher, that we there every step of the way.

We were also blessed with Tracy Machu who served as a wonderful captain. Without them we would have gone onto the football field without style or flare. After we all got to know each other it wasn't long before we claimed space in the band hall as our own. We needed space to store our beautiful new flags, poles, shoes, and all the accessories. Our favorite flags this year were like water in the sky; our delicate silks were on six foot silver poles and a pale turquoise color. It was Laura Barefoot who picked up the miraculous red flag and was named Maria in the band's performance of music from West Side Story, but we were more than Sharks and Jets. We were hard working performers who marched as well as danced on the field.

We practiced for hours in the sun, rain, and freezing temperatures this year, but nothing was like the mud at UIL. We worked hard to do our best in everything, and this is where it counted the most. We had three costume changes on the field, as well as two flags and other props. When the music started we looked up through tons and tons of make-up, smiled, and trudged through the muddy field in the rain. Even though there were some weather problems this season, we had a blast! We marched in the Homecoming parade proudly wearing the mums that Betty made for us. We also had a game of Secret Pumpkin around Halloween, which plays out just like Secret Santa. We enjoyed it so much that we thought about Secret Turkeys. It was about this time that Gouda evolved. Not the cheese, just the dance. Amanda Glenn, Alpa Patel, Nicole White, and Laura Mathis had much to do with The Gouda Groove, it was these people that invented, perfected, and named the dance of all dances. There were just so many great things that happened this season! We will all remember when our fabulous directors made dinner for us. There was chicken, brownies, and friends. Honestly, these friends were more like family. Closer to the end of October we threw a surprise birthday party for Amy Dobbs and Jessica Dominguez. When it came time for our last performance everyone cried. We knew that our irreplaceable seniors would graduate, and this would be our last show together. We marched onto the field whispering songs we made up to keep our sanity, but only so the person beside us could hear. We were also thinking of all the past experiences that we would keep in our hearts forever. We were always there for each other to give encouragement, advice, and loyalty. We of course also offered shoes, lent rollers, umbrellas, blankets, ponchos, grapes, and love. It's hard to explain how quickly Guard becomes your life, but it does.



Catch me! Betty Paul, Amy Dobbs, Laura Mathis, and Jessica Dominguez try to keep their sanity before a Friday night performance. ↑

↓ Stay calm and smile! Laura Barefoot battles her nerves as she beautifully presents the first sets of Maria.





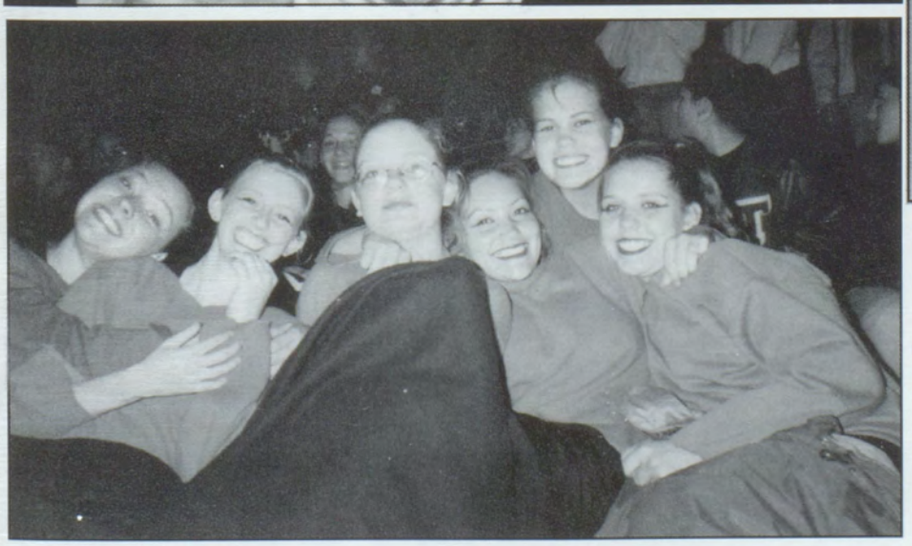
Color Guard
Top L-R: Amy Dobbs, Beth Ann Paul, Julia Gonzalez, Amanda Glenn, Laura Mathis, Nicole White Bottom L-R: Alpa Patel, Tracy Machu, Laura Barefoot, Jessica Dominquez



"Being Guard captain has certainly been an interesting experience. It was hard, but we stuck together through laughter, tears,and even more tears, and that's all that matters!"
~Tracy Machu







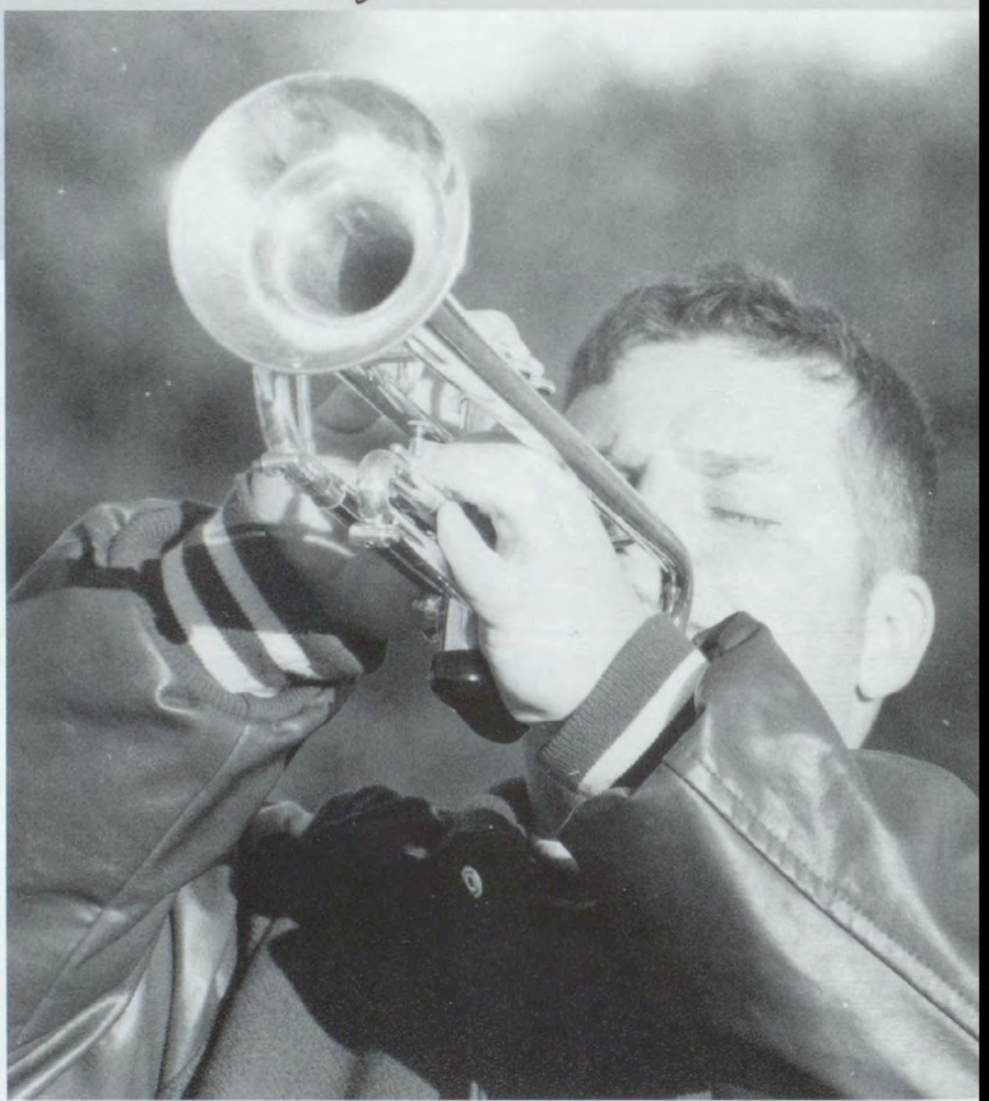
↑ Nicole likes Gouda Cheese... Alpa Patel, Nicole White, and Betty Paul say cheese as they slip in some sly grins before Senior Show.

↖ Just Breathe... The Guard has one last huddle before UIL Area Competition in Waco.

← Vogue! Everyone quickly huddles under Amanda Glenn's blanket to send smiles from the bleachers.

Don't Wanna Miss

And the band plays on...



Maria! I just met a girl named Maria... The band began yet another award winning year with a music selection from West Side Story. The fabulous half time show was filled with titles including Maria, Cool, America, and Tonight. As time went by, it was obvious that the countless hours spent practicing had paid off. The band traveled to the UIL Marching contest in Giddings. When they returned home, the wonderful band directors were carrying a Division One trophy in their arms! A genuine smile would be permanently plastered on every band member's face for days. Why? Because of the high rating at UIL, the band would advance, for the first time, to the Area D marching competition in Waco. They must have done it for Jimmy! They loaded up the buses and were on their way to Waco to perform better than they ever have before. Although the band did not place, advancing to this position is an experience no one will forget. It wasn't long before concert season rolled around again. This year the band was doing exceptionally well, playing an arrangement of pieces. At this year's UIL competition in Caldwell, the band received all excellent ratings for the third consecutive year. That was 3 superiors for concert and 3 superiors for sight-reading. Following the band's performance at concert, they were awarded with another Sweepstakes award. The Sweepstakes Award honors a band receiving superior ratings in marching, concert, and sight-reading. The band has worked extremely hard to get where they are now. None of this could ever be possible without the talented direction of Mr. Rubio, Mr. Motl, and Mrs.Motl. Way to go band, we look forward to another spectacular year!



a Beat













Flawless. The crowd gets to hear one more solo from Micah Grau.

Up, down, across, up... Stephanie Rohlack pays extreme attention to the drum majors on the field.

Left, right, left... Erik Fuller marches to the beat as his baritone plays the tune.

Ta daa! The percussion section performs honorably at one of the first games.

Never loose concentration. The trumpet line marches wonderfully again!

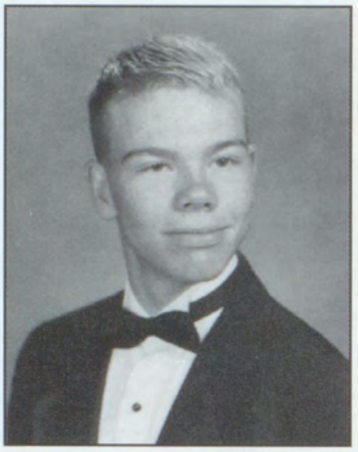
Practice, practice, practice, Maritza Cavada, Stephanie Schwettman, and Priscilla Grau rehearse during class.

Drum roll please... Bud Vega serves as an exceptional percussionist on and off the field.

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"Ooogie! It's all about memories!"
– Chris Auerbach

Drum Majors

"I loved being the drum major this year. I really enjoyed the experience of leading the band."
– Paul Zucknick



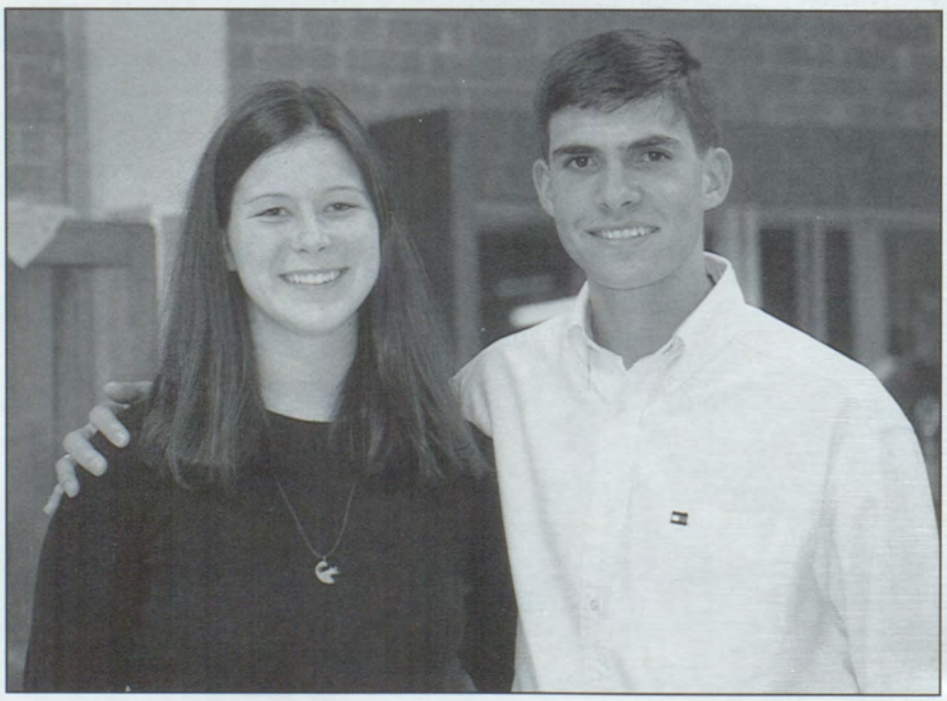


Just one more cadence! Paul leads the percussion in the Homecoming parade.

There's no greater joy... Miguel Verastigue, Rosalba Martinez, and Robert Gonzalez play their hearts out in the stands.

Whew! Chris Young kneels on the track after a breathtaking half time performance.

Anne Foley *Band Sweetheart*



Band Beau Chandler Dabbs





Yes! I know the concert is tomorrow! Michael Hoffman and Jacob Glover practice intensely before a performance.

Sitting Ducks The green and white band waits on the track as the opposing school performs.

Dancing Girls Nichole Frazier, Kristen Massey, Erica Block, Heidi Grimm, Kendra Zak, and Julia Gonzalez get down and boogie in the stands.

Just another day... Anne Foley performs beautifully as always for a full house.

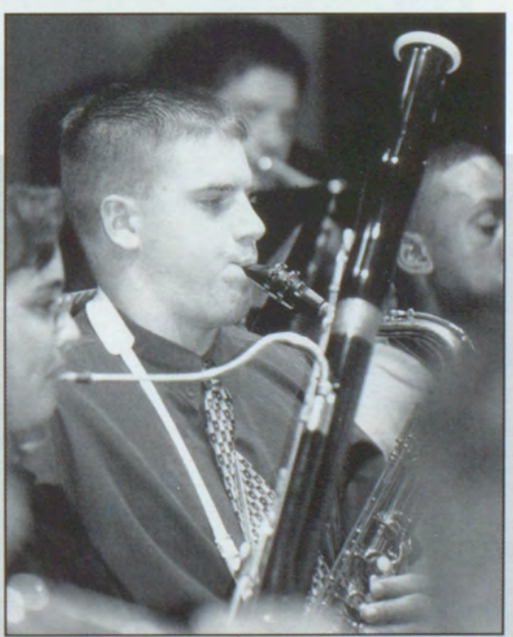
This is heavy. Aaron Neslony keeps up his endurance through the last of the concert.

Every note counts... Jason Pausewang keeps his eyes on his music and glides smoothly through each song.

















Tri-M Officers

Anne Foley, Paul Zucknick, Kristen Massey, Maritza Cavada, Micah Grau



Tri-M Music Honor Society

Back L-R: Miguel Verastique, Chris Auerbach, Chandler Dabbs, David Valverde, Willie Fields, Andrew Oser, Crystal Block, Paul Zucknick, Jason Pausewang, Joshua Verastique, Heather Grimm, Clayton Krueger, Stephen Sorensen, Carlos Romayor, Grant Daniels Middle L-R: Aaron Neslony, Casey Sutton, Lacie Ruemke, Stefanie Faulkner, Maria Fraire, Andrea Harrell, Heidi Grimm, Laura Barefoot, Kara Elliot, Stephanie Rohlack, Amanda Glenn, James Fuentes Bottom L-R: Ashley Montez, Danielle Coleman, Micah Grau, Anne Foley, Erica Block, Kristen Massey, Chris Young, Amber Place, Maritza Cavada, Priscilla Grau, Ashley Place, Kendra Zak







CONTEST WINNERS

Anne Foley — TMEA 4A 1st Chair Flute All- Area Band UT- Austin

Paul Zucknick – ATSSB 2nd Chair French Horn All-Area Band Waco-Robinson

Other Band members who advanced to Area:

Coty Brown- Bass Clarinet

Stefanie Faulkner- Bassoon

Andrea Harrell- Clarinet

Clayton Krueger- Alto Saxophone

Jason Pausewang- Tenor Saxophone

Lacie Ruemke- Clarinet



Way to go! Amanda Glen and Ashley Montez focus on their clarinets at a band concert.

Practice makes perfect. Flutists Erica Block and Kristen Massey sing melodies to help them practice.

Oooh they're watching... James Fuentes concentrates while performing for everyone in that large auditorium.

Just another melody Kendra Zak and Ashley Place play one of their favorite pieces during a concert.

Share the joy! Paul Zucknick and Priscilla Grau practice with Mr. Rubio in the Student Center!

Cross your heart... Andrea Harrell, Lacie Ruemke, and Kristen Massey are seen with Mr. Rubio during the pledge at the Tri-M induction.

Cheerleading

Time was a key factor for us this year. We had to face an extreme amount of challenges this year. For varsity, we faced conflicts with stunts. It seemed every time we practiced we faced a new obstacle. Injuries were the greatest we've ever seen. The minor injuries that didn't send us to the hospital were busted lips, bloody noses, and black eyes. The severe injuries where medical attention was needed included the times when: Candace's head swelled up to the size of a golf ball from bumbing heads with Tabitha. Both of them had to go to the emergency room and make sure there were no brain damaging injuries. The next trauma we suffered came when Laura busted her chin open coming down from a stunt and had to get six stitches. The grand finale was when Ashley was taken from a football game to the hospital and then starflighted to a hospital in Austin. Although she didn't suffer any major injuries, the experience itself was mortifiying. But like anything in life, you have to keep going.





We decided that not only would we keep going, we would be stronger and better than ever. We continued to work on our stunts and we improved vastly from it. We also began to work on a new dance. We still had problems with other issues like inner squad conflicts, but for the most part we really came together. Our pep rallies were the best they had ever been, and the students really got into them. Overall, we performed three of our dances at the pep rallies and really stunned the crowd! Towards the end of the season, we were really pushing ourselves to be the best. We ended up having our most successful pep rally ever. The last game was bitter sweet for the remaining seniors. Although cheerleading is one of the best experiences, it isn't all fun and games. It takes a lot of hours of hard work and it contains a lot of pressure. Overall, we learned a valuable lesson from this season. No matter what happens, never give up and good things will come to you in return.

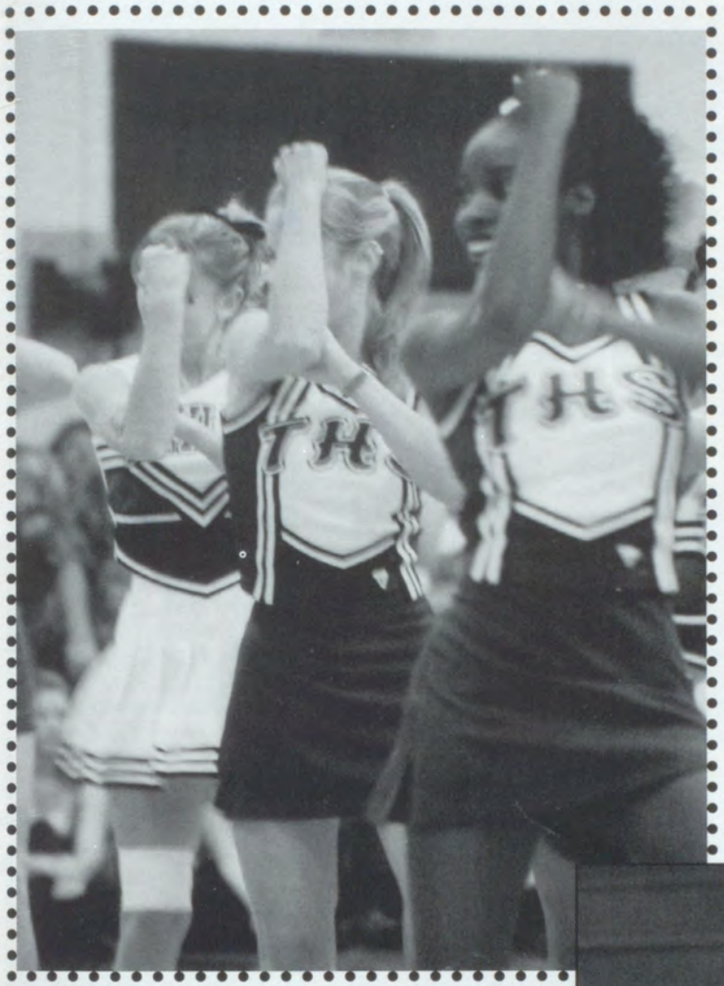
Because I can't go through life just sitting



Varsity Cheerleaders
Michelle Chait, Ashley Tamez, Tabitha Haskins, Amy Rinderchnekt, Laura Ruiz. Bottom Row. Candace Benad, Tina Ponkoney, Brooke Gomez, Alisha David, Abbi Mott.



↑ **Yell with us!** Alisha David leads a chant.





Junior Varsity

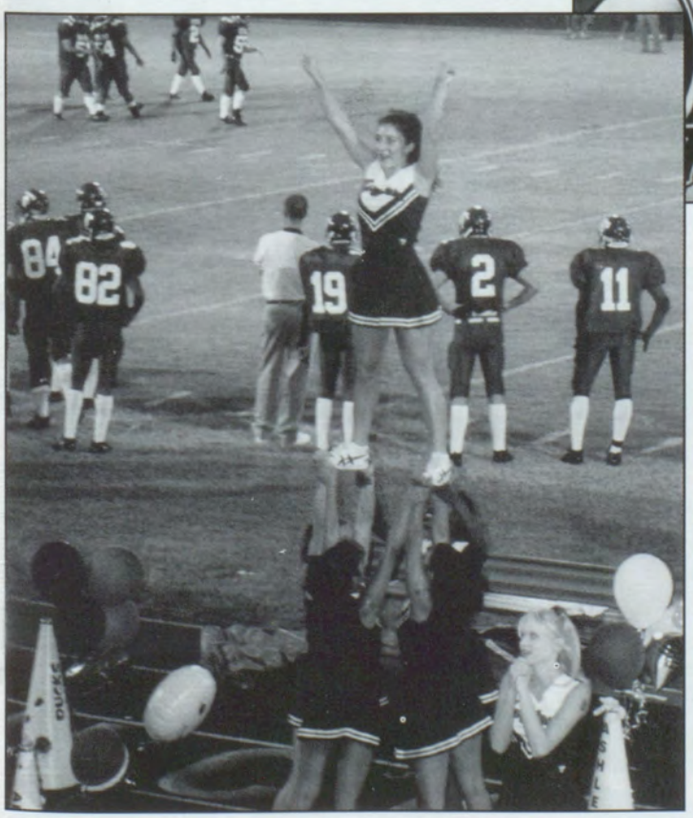
Top Row: Stephanie Fuller, Aubre Meyer, Stephanie Reeves. Middle Row: Ashley Wooldridge, Tabitha Gonzales, Jill Sefcik. Bottom Row: Tessa Tidwell, Ashley Anders. Not Pictured: Tyra Ramirez

in the stands!



↖ **...Get it, Get it!** Tabitha Haskins, Amy Rinderchnekt, and Jill Sefcik perform a dance during a pep rally.

Almost Cheerleaders! Dominck Devastey, Carl "Blondie" Richter, and Justin Graef drive the crowd wild during a pep rally with a booty bumpin routine. ←



Fight Song time! ↙ Tabitha Gonzales cherishes the wonderful sounds of the band playing the fight song.



Say Cheese! Amy Rinderchnekt, Laura Ruiz, and Aubrey Meyer group together to pose for a picture. ↞

Spills, Chills, and Heart-stopping Action

Spring Show



Spring show is one the highlights of the year for the cheerleaders. This year was possibly the best year we have ever had. As a squad we had few problems in contrast to years past which was great. However we did suffer some other major conflicts. Still, we got through it and managed to make every practice fun filled with laughter and somebody goofing off doing something crazy. That doesn't mean we didn't work though. Each practice was packed with either conquering a new stunt and dance, or reviewing over a new stunt and dance. We started early and we finished early. This gave us a lot of time to review which was great because we needed it. As the month of April approached us we began to practice from 6-9 instead of 6-8. Dinner? What was that? We didn't eat it for about three months! Despite this, we were still pushing ourselves to be better. As we neared April 27 and 28, the seniors really began to get down to business. We did each routine full out at least three times each practice. If someone didn't do facials or if a stunt dropped, we did the whole routine again. The team really started to get tired out, but we kept pushing on. In fact we worked so hard that we gained a whole new level of performance. On the night of spring show we completely suprised everyone with our routines. We left the crowd in complete amazement over our performance. Both nights we did each show perfect. Overall it was the best night we cheerleaders ever had together.
From the three hour practices all the way up to the hour of pictures we took before the show, we had a blast. It was a great experience and one that none of us will ever forget!





Varsity Cheerleaders: Alisha David, Tlna Ponkoney, Abbi Mott, Michelle Chait, Laura Ruiz, Tabitha Haskins, and Ashley Tamez. Not pictured: Amy Rinderchnekt (out due to a broken thumb)
Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: Tabitha Gonzales, Stephanie Fuller, Tyra Ramirez, Ashley Anders, Stephanie Reeves, Jill Sefcik, and Aubrey Meyer.

SENIORS
"The Survivors"





Smiling big! Abbi Mott and Alisha David smile because of their job well done.

Next in line. The junior girls pose for a picture.

How Sad! The seniors take one of thier last pictures together.





"This is the best year I have ever had in cheerleading. We faced an extreme amount of challenges , but we still managed to come together and put on one of the best shows ever. I am so proud of each and every girl on the team for doing such a great job. I am especially proud of them for their amazing effort they put forth during spring show practices that lasted from 6-9! In addition to the long hours, our routines were much more difficult than years past. I really asked a lot of the girls and they stepped up to the challenge . The end result was a perfect perfomance the night of spring show with every girl out there doing facials and giving it 110%! I appreciate all of the respect I was given this year and all of the hard work my team put forth. It was an unforgettable experience!"

-Alisha David
Head Cheerleader





Steppin' It Up

Hi-Steppers

With the official arrival of our new director, Mrs. Anderson, we had a lot to prepare for and lots of new things to experience. Our years usually start with the officers attending camp, but with new people you have to expect new changes. At the beginning of June the team attending camp learning all of our football routines and at the end of the week the officers then attended Officer Training Camp in San Antonio. Officer camp was different then before, but many memories were made and we had a ton of fun (especially with the Cracker Jacks). At the end of July, we attended another camp at Leander High School. At Leander, we learned several pep rally routines and got to take some really neat technique classes. After attending all of our camps we were ready for football season to begin. Hard practices in the hot sun were required, but we all managed to get out there and get the job done. The season went by quickly, but many memories were made and there are moments that will be remembered forever. After the season was over, we attended and marched in the annual Christmas parade. The memories made this season will never be forgotten and the new friendships made will always be cherished. We really showed the crowd our dedication with our performances and the crowd let us know that our hard work had paid off with all the cheers and applauds.





VP Deanna Baran, Pres. Kodie Jirasek, Lt. Margaret Garry
Sec. Kristina Penny, Lt. Col. Tammy Cervenka, Col. Keitha Jones, Lt. Jennifer Krueger





We have learned a lot from working together. And Steppers has been a great part of our senior year.
- Keitha Jones and Tammy Cervenka





L to R, Bottom to Top: Lt. Jennifer Krueger, Lt.Col. Tammy Cervenka, Colonel Keitha Jones, Lt. Margaret Garry, Kodie Jirasek, Kristina Penny, Deanna Baran, Vannessa Cantu, Jennifer Johle, Misty Carlos, Lacy Cervenka, Kelly Cage, Allison Martinez, April Davis, Jennifer Green, Morgan Melde, Mallory McQuary, Jennifer Saverse, Monica Reyes, Ericka Valerio, Teronica Williams, Cassandra Pickerill



↑ Say Cheese! Jennifer Johle and Kodie Jirasek smile for the camera before a football game. Twenty-two points, plus triple-word-score, plus fifty points for using all my letters. Game's over. I'm outta here.

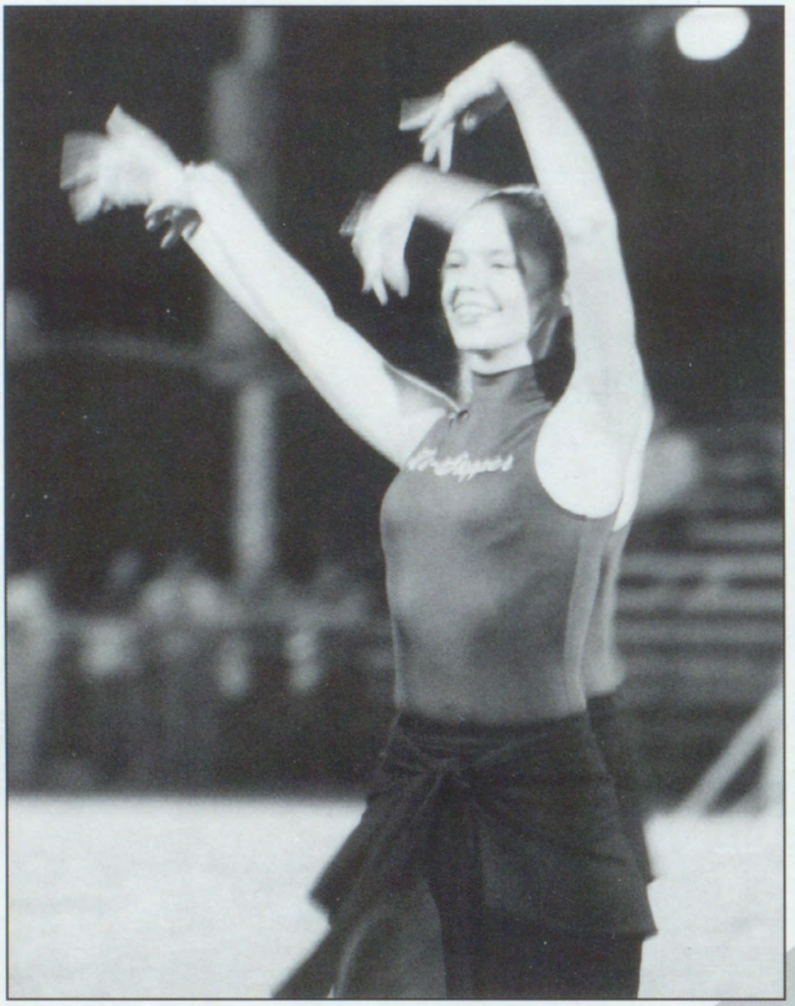
↖ Talk about a wake-up call! The new steppers take time to pose at McDonalds before heading home after the annual Come-As-You-Are breakfast

← You've got a friend in me... Senior stepper Tammy Cervenka and Sophomore Mallory McQuarry take a moment to put their friendship on film

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STEPPERS SIGNATURE









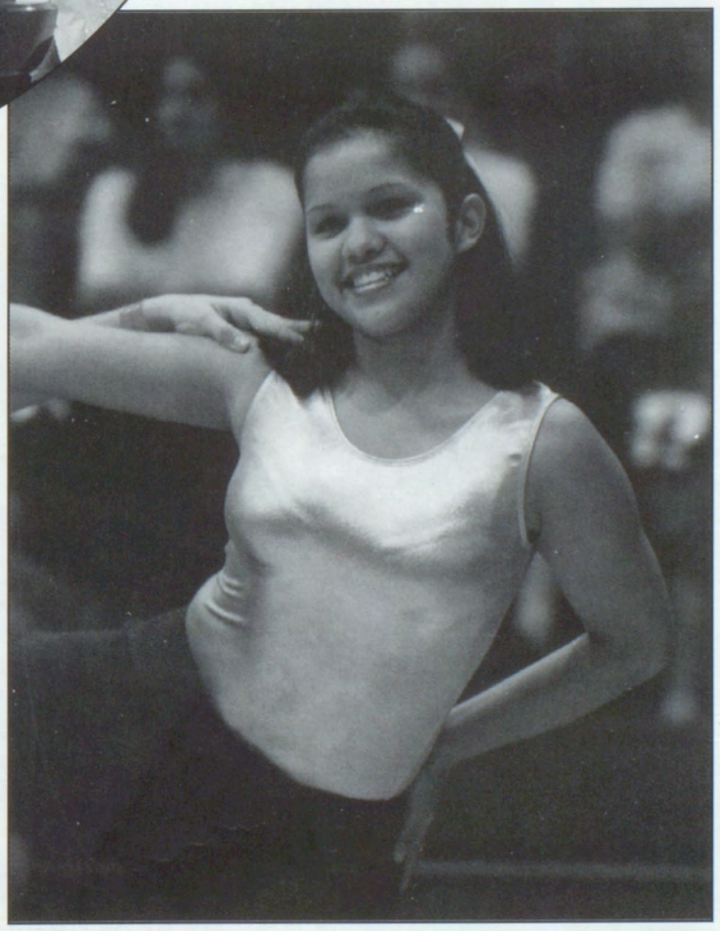


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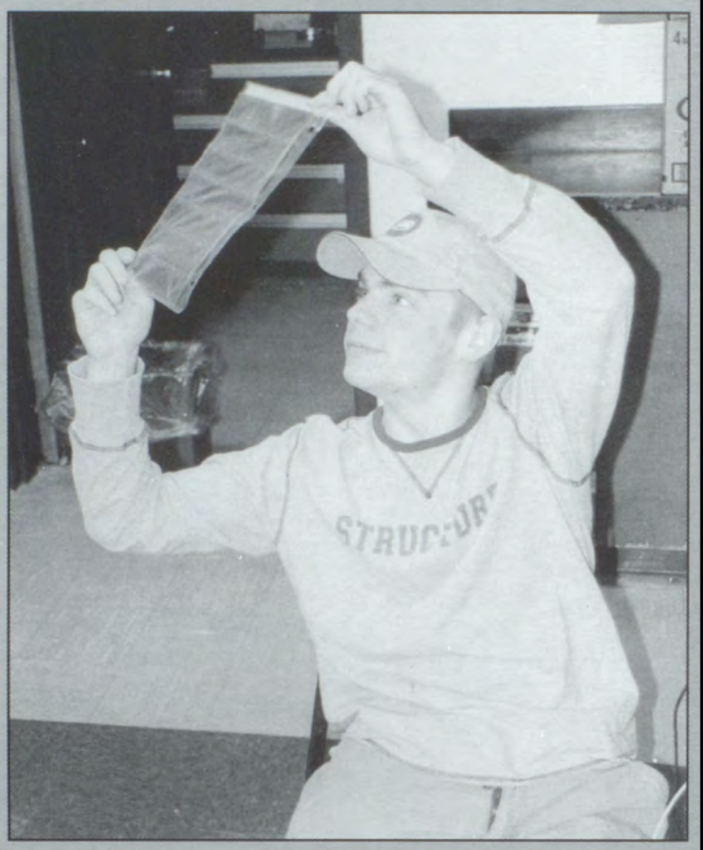




Defining Deadlines

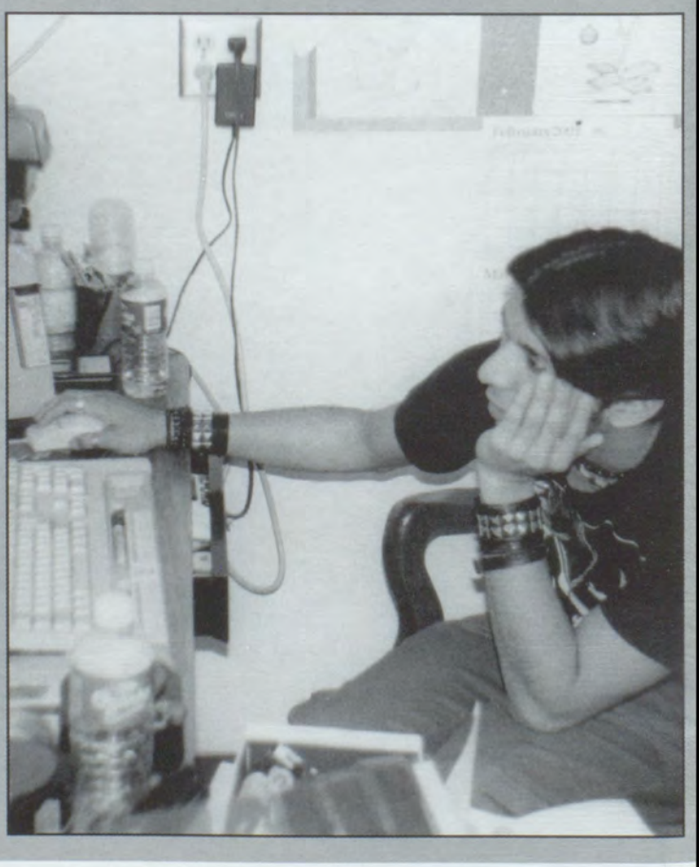
Cotton Boll Meets Expectations

Cotton Boll is a class about deadlines. This year we featured the Green Santa program, highlighted several sports accomplishments, and asked many students for their opinions on various topics. The Homecoming issue involved various different groups coming together and coordinating all the relevant information. Cotton Boll was fortunate enough to use the latest technology such as digital cameras, negative scanners, and the Publisher program. By going totally digital, the Cotton Boll could be printed off the school copy machines. Cotton Boll is also a class of learning about photography and journalism. Every student wrote a story for each newspaper that was published. Mr. Powell taught the class how to write in the correct tenses and use descriptive words to improve our articles. Every issue of Cotton Boll required help from the entire staff. Whether it was proofreading, brainstorming, or just asking questions, participation from everyone was needed. David, Caleb, and Kelly were responsible for the majority of the photography; Michael, Ross, and Jared sold the most ads. The rest of the staff wrote and rewrote the articles. All in all, Cotton Boll was a great class to be in, and we had a blast. Hopefully some students will go on to become reporters.



↑ Caleb Kilborn searches for the perfect picture to place in the school newspaper.

Steven Sanchez ponders the demise of Napster. ↓





Cotton Boll

Front: Jennifer Saverse, Pamela Rossainz, Aubre Meyer, Amber Welch, Jill Sefcik, Carl Richter; Middle: David Powers, Caleb Kilborn, Amy Meyer, Amy Perez, Laura Ruiz, Ashley Tamez, Justin Bohls; Back: Mr. John Powell, Kelly Nygrin, Keith Page, Jose Tellez, Ross Thornton, Jared Holman, John Camarde, Michael Harrison; Not Pictured: Steven Sanchez, Margaret Garry, Chris Fox.



"Cotton Boll was fun this year and I enjoyed being editor. We had a lot of fun, but when deadlines came around, we got down to business."

- Justin Bohls



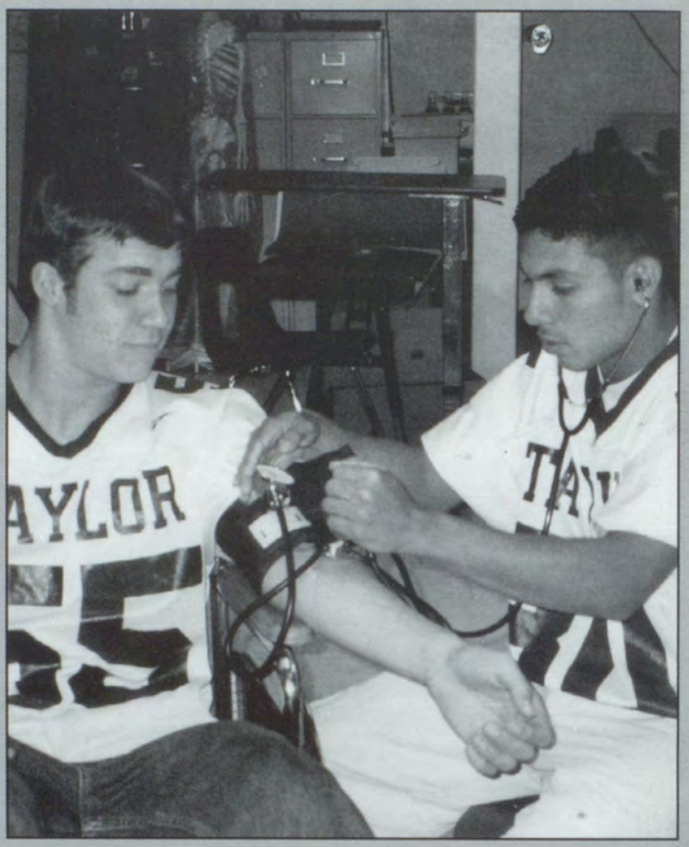


↑ Jill Sefcik and Carl Richter eat breakfast after a hard day of work.

← Margaret Garry looks over Aubre Meyer and Amber Welch as they work on the Homecoming Spread.

We Will Succeed H.O.S.A.

H.O.S.A. Health Occupations Students of America. Students that are interested in the health field should definitely look into being in the Health Science Technology Classes. They are very interesting and a lot of fun. Things are never boring we learn something new everyday. This year in H.O.S.A. we went to Area I contest in San Antonio; we had four first place winners that were Chandler Dabbs in Health Career Poster, Kristen Farmer in Pharmacology, Casey Rogers in Creative Problem Solving, and Kodie Jirasek also in Creative Problem Solving. Soon after a few talented students advanced to State Competition in Plano, Texas. There Alpa Patel, Chandler Dabbs, Kristen Farmer, Amanda Larson, Casey Rogers, Trent Rozacky, Caleb Kilborn, and Sarah Raesz competed with other students interested in Health Care professions. Even though this year we did not advance to nationals we put out a good fight for it and did the best we could do. Earlier this year, in October, in the Homecoming Parade we got second place for our float in the parade. In the parade we decorated Mrs. Dodson's truck as a helicopter, it was lots of fun decorating! We also had a few successful blood drives at school this year to help John's Community Hospital. We did many things during the school year and for Valentine's Day we delivered stuffed animals and heart stress balls for the students that ordered the items. Also on a Friday in April at about 9 o'clock P.M.. all through the night until Saturday the next day at about noon we walked for people with cancer and the luck ones that lived through it in the Walk of Life for cancer victims. This year in Health Science Technology things were very interesting, I learned something new practically every day. Mrs. Dodson is a great teacher that makes class fun. We thank you.



↑ Do you know what you are doing? Juan Yannis takes Trent Rozacky's blood pressure.

↓ What's so funny? Vanessa Martinez pushes Casey Rogers while Jessica Baisley walks beside them pulling along an I.V. bag. Poor Girls!





Bottom: Christina Dragna, Viridiana Salgado, Jennifer Bond, Juan Yannis, Kelly Parker, Traci Floyd, Jennifer Ponkoney, Caleb Kilborn, Sarah Raesz, Alpa Patel, Michelle Avila, Deanna Barron, Casey Rogers, Kodie Jirasek Middle: Amanda Olivarez, Monica Alderete, Krystal Ochoa, Melissa Alderete, Marina Arresola, Jessica Baisley, Vanessa Schaffer, Laura Barefoot, Kendra Zak, Dayton Dabbs, Kera Matheney, Ryan Remmert, Shadaia Pedro, Catrina Quinonez Top: Mrs. Dodson, Veronica Ortiz, Mary Pachicano, Eva Serna, Cricket Brogan, Melissa Pucket, Chris Young, Mendy Hegar, Haley Hall, Briana Luck, Jessica Weise, Cassandra Pickerill, Erica Perez, Marie Bloemer, Stephanie Samuelson

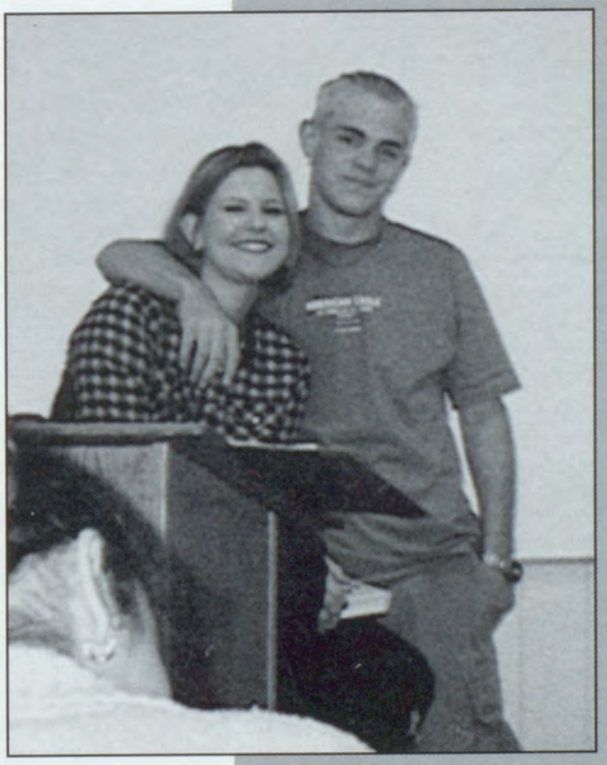


"I really enjoyed Area 1 Competition and State was a wonderful experience."

-Alpa Patel



HOSA Officers: Bottom: Christina Dragna, Juan Yannis, Kelly Parker, Sarah Raesz, Alpa Patel, Top: Dayton Dabbs, Caleb Kilborn, Haley Hall, Ryan Remmret



↑ Lean on me. Kristen Farmer leans on Caleb Kilborn at the podium during one of their heath classes.

Competing With Co-Workers

BPA Prepares Students for Business Futures

This year our BPA club has been extremely busy. The club has been involved in a few fund-raisers. We worked the concession stand at the first home football game, and we participated in the Homecoming parade. We worked very hard to put together the Area III, Region 2 competition on February 2 that was held here in the high school. We were very pleased by the achievements of our members. In the area competition, Aubre Meyer placed first in Keyboarding Production, Thomas Teggeman placed first in Advanced Word Processing Skills, Alisha David placed first in Advanced Office Systems and Procedures, Amber Seidel placed first in Fundamental Word Processing Skills, and Jennifer Urbanek placed first in Banking and Finance. In total, eleven of our members qualified to go to the State Leadership Conference on March 1-3, which was in Fort Worth. The BPA club was very happy that Racheal Lute was named our new Area President at the State Leadership Conference. Racheal, also, attended the National Leadership Conference held in Anaheim, California on May 9-13.





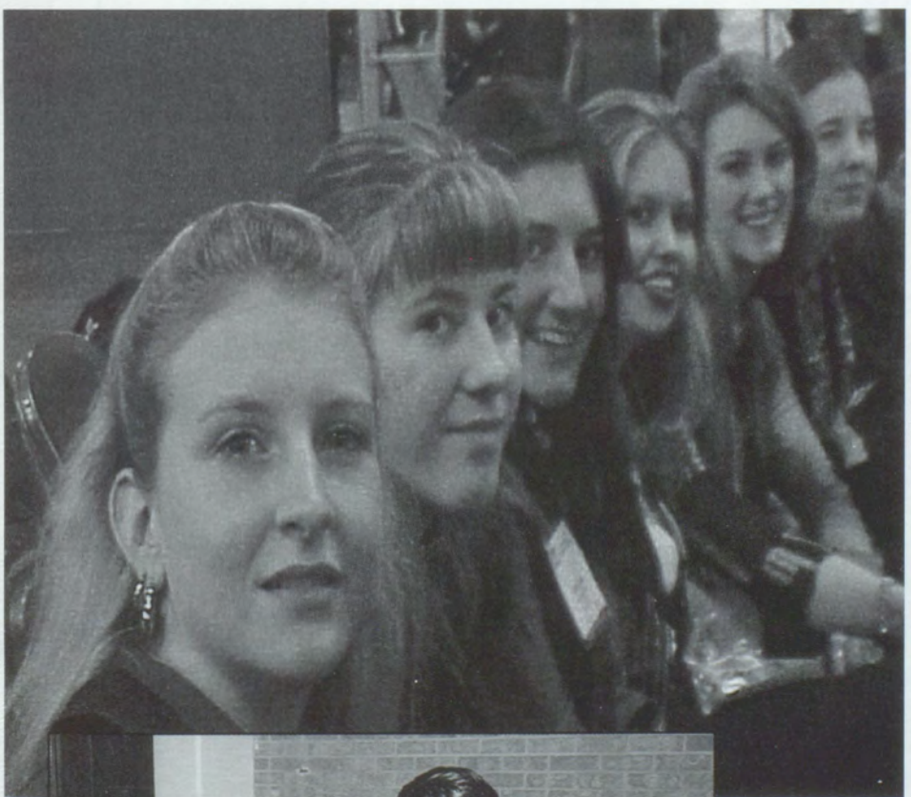
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BPA Officers
Top row: Jill Sefcik, Carl Richter, Emily Johnson, Brandon Raesz
Bottom row: Jennifer Urbanek, Heather Guardiola



It was a great year and we had a lot of fun at state. Too bad it's over.
-Lacie Rumeke







↖ State qualifier Alisha David and Area III President Racheal Lute waiting to eat at Chili's.

← Kara Elliot and Amanda Larson assist with registration at the area conference hosted by Taylor BPA.

↖ Kelly Parker, Jennifer Urbanek, Alisha David, Aubre Meyer, Jill Sefcik, and Lacie Ruemke anxiously awaiting the results of the state competition.

↗ TJ Roberts congratulates Racheal, the new area president.

We Are The Future

Future Teachers of America

Future Teachers of America consists of a great group of dedicated students who work for the well being of others. Being a teacher is a great thing, and having an organization like this is wonderful. This organization was created for students who have the dream of becoming the best educators they can be. This year, a couple of members from FTA attended the state convention. We learned many different aspects of education. Despite our size, FTA is still a successful club at our school. Our school is full of pride for teachers. FTA is the future; without them, who would teach us?



Officers
Lacie Ruemke, Laura Barefoot, Beth Richter, Christina Ford, Kristen Bohac



Bottom Row: Heather Grimm, Martiza Cavada, Priscilla Grau, Laura Barefoot, Beth Richter, Christina Ford, Tiffany Ford. Middle Row: Jennifer Ponkoney, Erica Block, Dominick Devastey, Alisha David. Top Row: Mrs. Schafer, Lacie Ruemke, Tracy Machu, Chad Cervenka, Kristen Bohac, Deanna Baran, Jake Richter.

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It's Not Just Homemaking

FCCLA

This year was FCCLA's first year in Taylor High School. FCCLA was called FHA in previous years at Taylor High. In FCCLA we don't learn the traditional homemaking things, like many people believe that we do. In FCCLA we learn how to be leaders in our community, as well as in the home. FCCLA had a very productive year. Our president, James Jonas, helped us to be involved in many activities such as the Green Santa project and the Homecoming parade. Throughout the year in FCCLA we learned valuable skills that will help us throughout our live, we learned how to take charge of our lives and live up to our full potential.



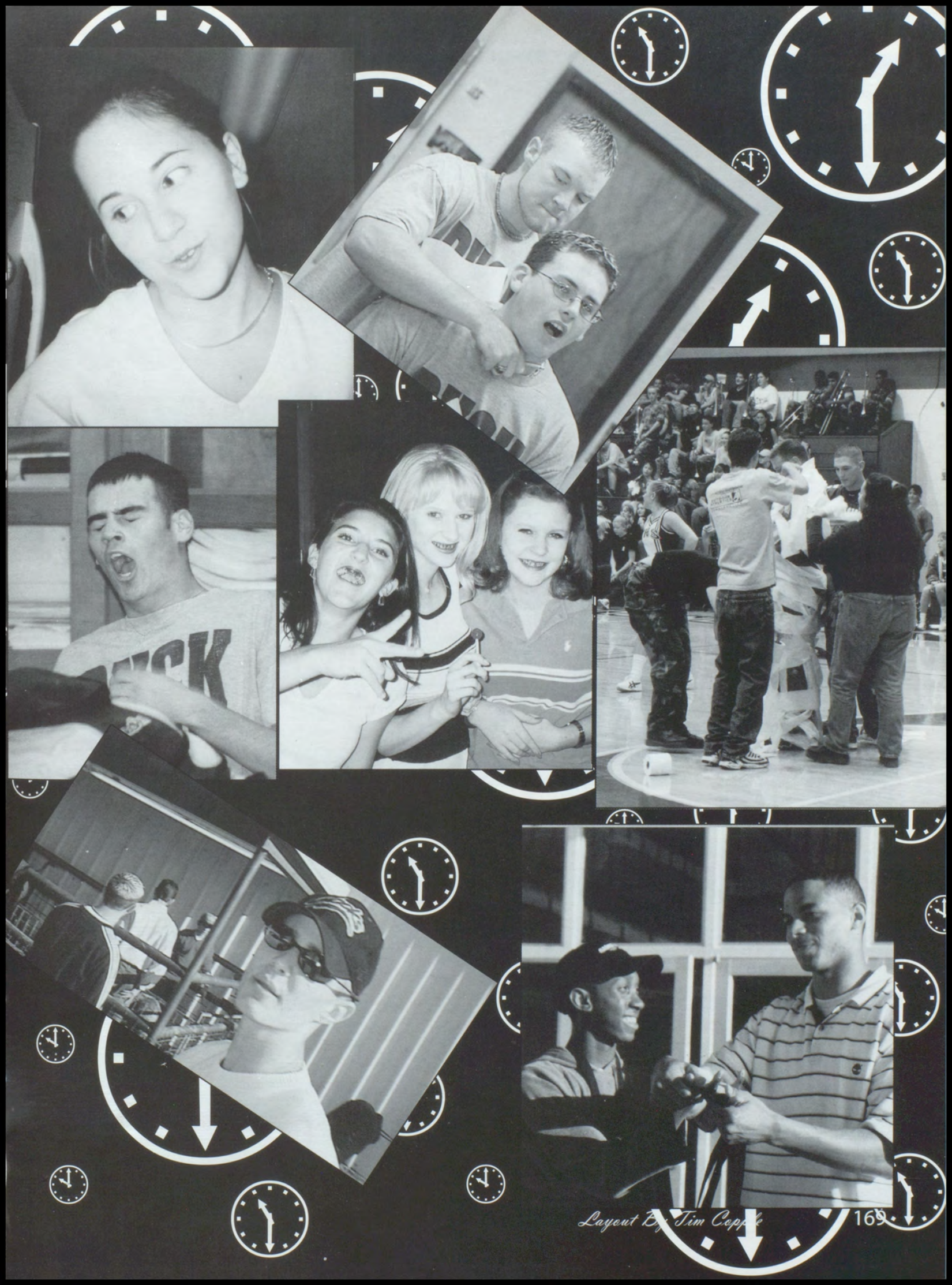
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FCCLA Officers

Linzy Wallace, Tina Ponkoney, Sponser Arlene Schnieder. Bottom Row: James Jonas, Mina Carter, Stephen Emmick



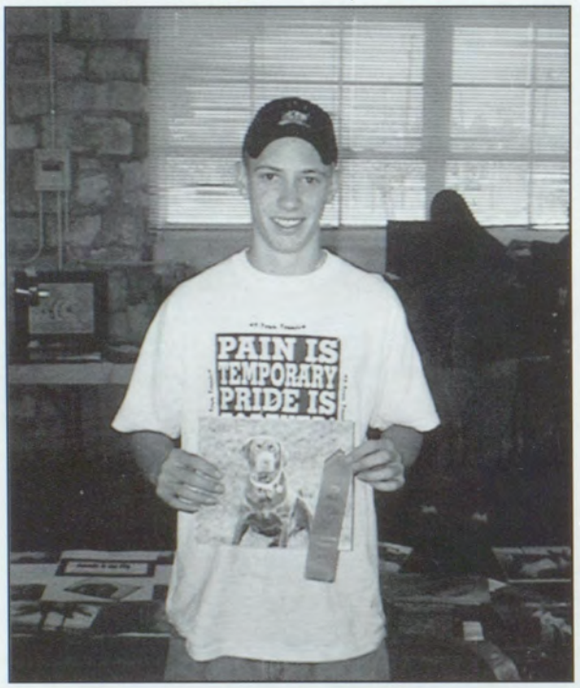


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Down Home on the Farm

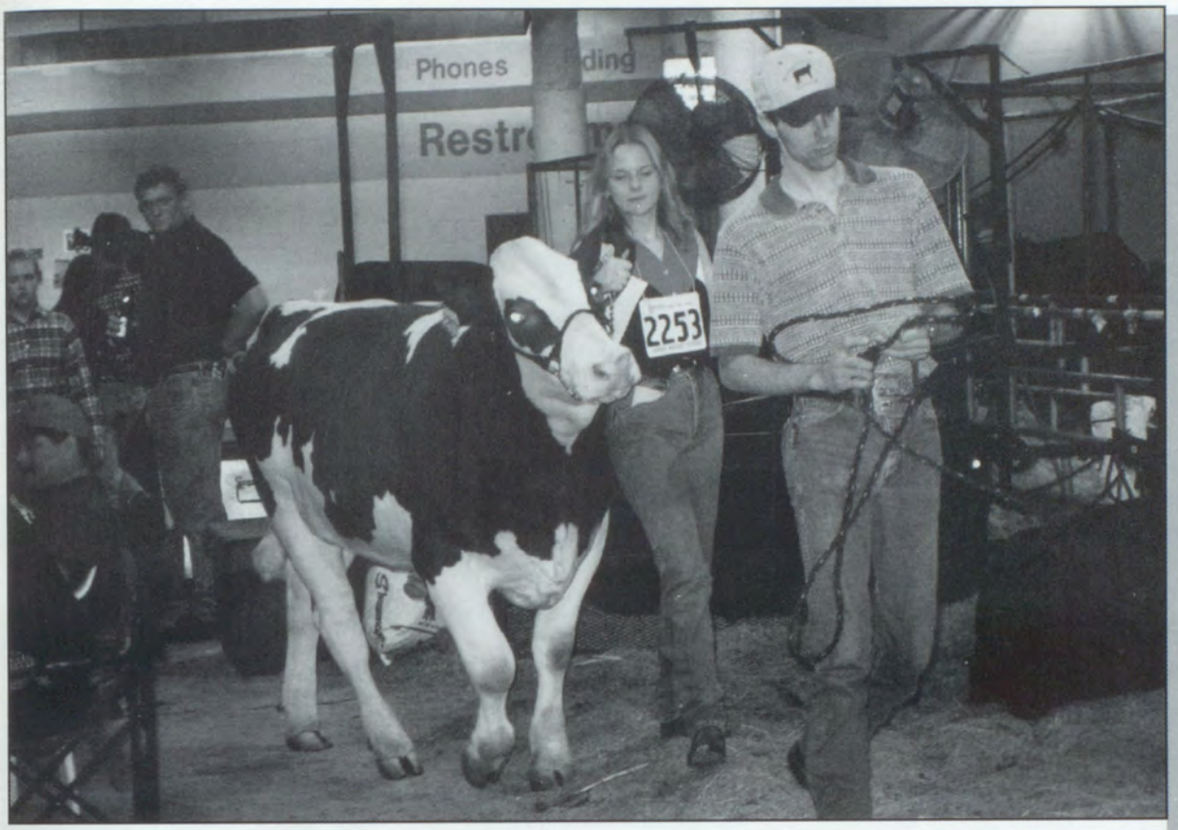
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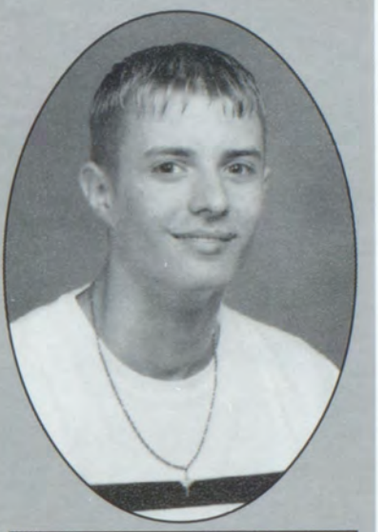
F.F.A. no longer stands for Future Farmers of America, but it is still a great opportunity for students to start their agriculture careers early in their lives. Our first big event of the year was the Williamson County Livestock Show and Fair. About twenty of our members participated and many of us placed in our competitions. Clayton Ging earned fourth place for his heavyweight steer, Marie Bloemer placed for her breeding lamb, Daniel Kautz was named Grand Champion for his photograph, and Patrick Stabeno was named Reserved Grand Champion for his wreath. Also in December, we sold fresh fruit to raise money to help with traveling expenses for the FFA State convention during the summer. In February, Clayton Ging showed a steer in San Antonio, but it didn't sell. He showed his steer again in March at Houston, along with Kendra Zak, but neither sold. However, that same month Kendra won a cow in a calf scramble at the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo in Austin. Beth Richter and Jake Richter each showed a pig in Austin, too. Later in March, FFA members participated in a judging contest. Finally, we wrapped up the year with a spaghetti dinner. (Kendra's steer that didn't sell in Houston was put to good use.) We earned enough money to pay our way to the state convention where we will vote for state officers. Hopefully more students will show animals next year and get the full FFA experience.











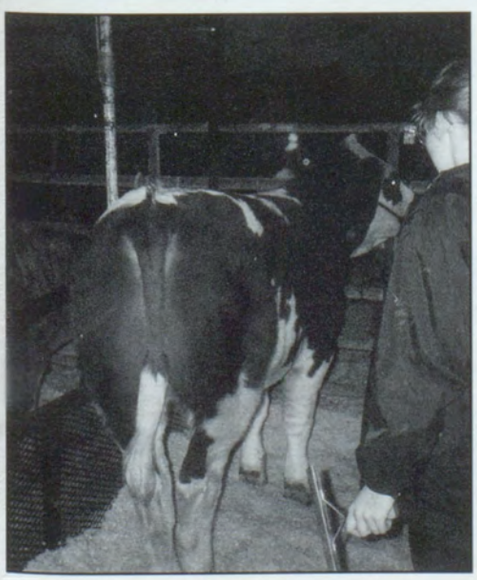
"I like to farm, you like to farm, heck we all like to farm and FFA gives a chance to spend the school day doing it"

-Travis Randig





Rusty, , Kendra Zak, Jennifer Green, Lacy Cervenka, Alison Martinez, Marie Bloemer, Dustin Naivar, Mr. Bishop. Front Row: Spencer Schnieder, Patrick Stabeno, Daniel Kautz, Clayton Ging, Randy Blackwell, Tim Holub.



↖↖ **Sit Ubu, sit, good dog....** Sam Fox shows off his third place picture for the FFA photo contest.

↖ **It's water under the bridge....**Daniel Kautz holds up his first place photo of a bridge.

↞ **Whoaa!!!** Clayton Ging prepares to open the gates to release his cow.

↑ **Come on!!** Kendra Zak leads her hefer in to the show arena.

↖ **Yes, I love FFA....**Kendra Zak holds her first place award.

← **So fresh and so clean, clean....**FFA members clean the cows before competition

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A Spirit of Unity

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

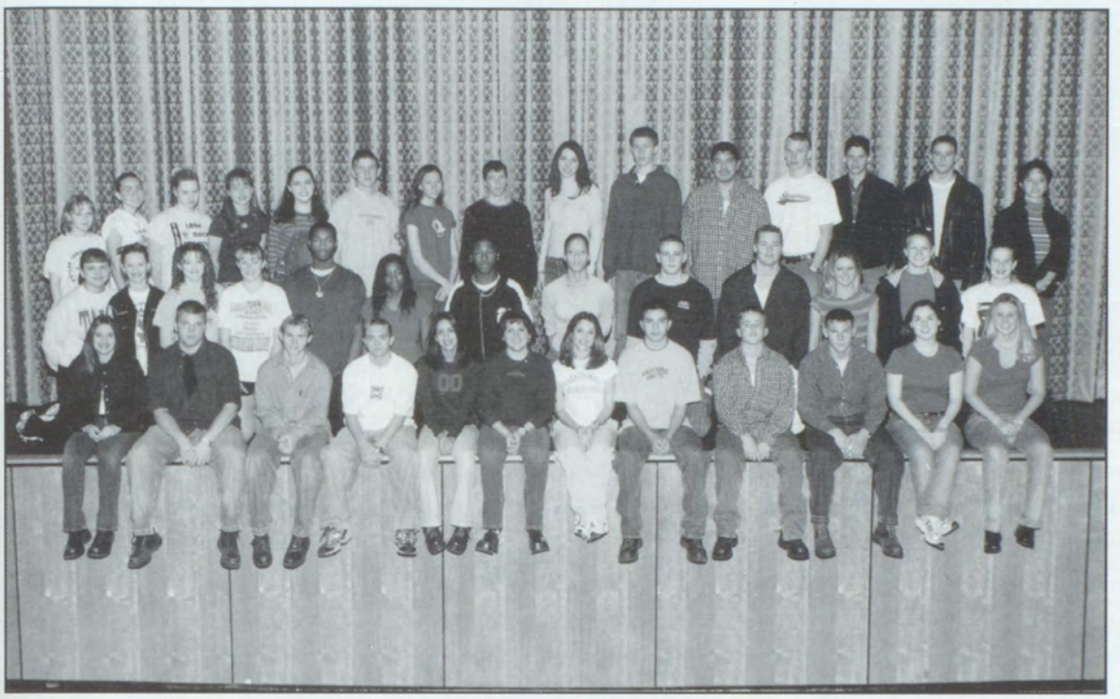
The 2000-2001 school year was a year of expansion for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. During Homecoming, we sponsored the chain-gang war of the classes. We were very impressed by how much participation we had in this event. We sold strips of paper which made the links of the chain. During the week, students added the links they had purchased to their class' chain. The winners were, of course, the seniors (which isn't a huge surprise). Not far away in second were the juniors. Third place went to the freshman and last were the sophomores. To promote FCA, we met with surrounding schools for the "One Way to Play" rally. We met with Granger, Thrall, Thorndale, and Bartlett in our auditorium for food and to listen to an Austin band. On April 20, we participated in the "Walk-for-Life" on the track to make money for cancer research. During Christmas we participated in Operation Green Santa. We bought a meal and a turkey and many great gifts for a needy family. At the beginning of the year we had our annual Crud Wars. Many participated in this and got splashed with water balloons or sprayed with chocolate syrup and shaving cream. We had guest speakers from all over at some of our usual meetings . Some of these speakers included Murray and Gari Lord and Ben Johnson. FCA gives away a scholarship every year and this year we gave it to our president, Ladd Moehnke, who was named FCA's Athlete of the Week and was recognized by our regional huddle leader, Ben Johnson. Our club grew in size this year, but that really isn't what counts. Many of us grew spiritually and developed a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And that is truly what FCA is all about. We hope that more students will join next year and experience this spirit of unity with classmates and team members. But more importantly, we pray that more of them will come to a saving knowledge of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.



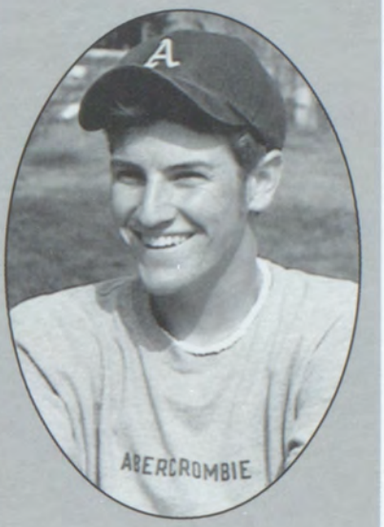
What a comfortable truck...Ladd Moehnke rides in the back of a truck during the homecoming parade.

Watch out, here I come!!!! Clayton Ging slides down the slip and slide provided by FCA.





Top L-R: Krystal McGuire, Elizabeth Hill, Stephanie Garrett, Kristen Massey, Jennifer Johnson, Ryan Remmert, Alison Meyer, Cooper Ward, Amber Byfield, Ryan Quinn, Nelson Guerrero, Miles Parker, Christian Schroeder, Patrick Hyzak, Ashley Butler. Middle: Stacey Dubec, Courtney Hejl, Katie Dennis, Keely Rucker, Dwayne Curtis, Lashandra Shaw, Patrick Simien, Tisha Brenson, Ryan Stiba, Brett Bennett, Michelle Chait, Amber Welch, Sara Srnensky. Bottom: Kristen Bubenik, Mack Winkleman, Justin Bohls, Daniel Kautz, Valerie Gomez, Meggie Mikeska, Ashlyn Hobbs, Anthony Barcuch, Mark Scarborough, Kody Kuhl, Emily Johnson, LeAnn Carlson.



I joined FCA my sophomore year and there wasn't much attendance. But with much prayer, we have grown to a size of over 60 members. I hope that the younger members carry on what we've started and I hope y'all have a good time next year.

-Ladd Moehnke



Top L-R: Justin Bohls (Vice-president), Ryan Quinn (Tresurer), Ladd Moehnke (President), Brett Bennett (Recruiter), Matt Jenkins (Recruiter), Bottom L-R: LeAnn Carlson (Secretary), Meggie Mikeska (Recruiter), Jill Sefcik (Historian), Carl Richter (Recruiter).



↑ **Who wants some??** Aries Rossel readies his Super Soaker at the FCA water wars.

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STUDENTS WITH A PLAN

DECA

DECA (Distributive Education Club of America), a national association of marketing education students, provides teachers and members with educational and leadership development activities to merge with the education classroom instructional program. DECA is not extracurricular; it is an integral part of the classroom instructional program. DECA chapters attract students who are interested in preparing for entrepreneurial, marketing or management careers. While DECA membership consists primarily of students in marketing programs, membership extends also to alumni and to professionals in marketing education and in marketing teacher education. working hand-in-hand with the education and business communities, DECA's goal is for its student members to develop a "career success kit" to carry into their business and personal lives after graduation; one that includes: occupational competencies needed for careers in marketing, management and entrepreneurship, leadership abilities, social and business etiquette, understanding and appreciation of civic responsibility, ethical behavior in personal and business relationships, understanding the role of our free enterprise system in the global economy. To accomplish this, DECA utilizes on-the-job experience, chapter projects, and a program of competency-based competitive events in specific marketing occupational areas. These events emphasize academic and vocational excellence as building blocks for successful marketing and management careers and demonstrate the direct relationship between marketing education and the real needs of business and industry.

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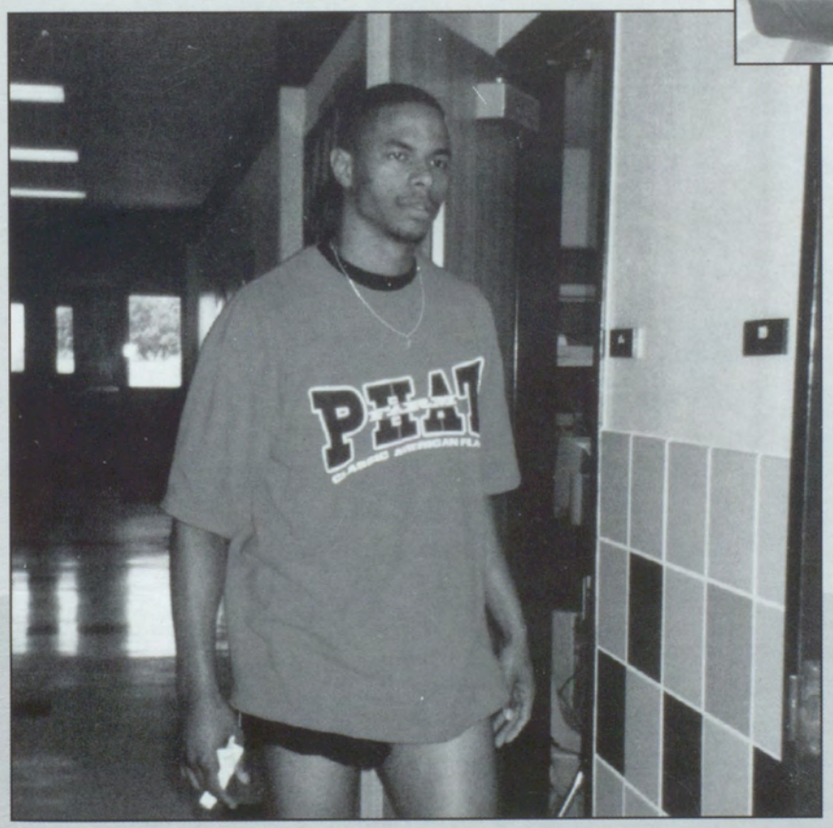
I believe in the future which I am planning for myself in the field of marketing and management, and in the opportunities which my vocation offers. I believe in fulfilling the highest measure of service to my vocation, my fellow beings, my country and my God- that by so doing, I will be rewarded with personal satisfaction and material wealth. I beleive in the democratic philosphies of private enterprise and competition, and in the freedoms of this nation-that these philosphies allow for the fullest develpoment of my indivdual abilities.I believe that by doing my best to live according to these high principles, I will be greater service both to myself and to mankind.



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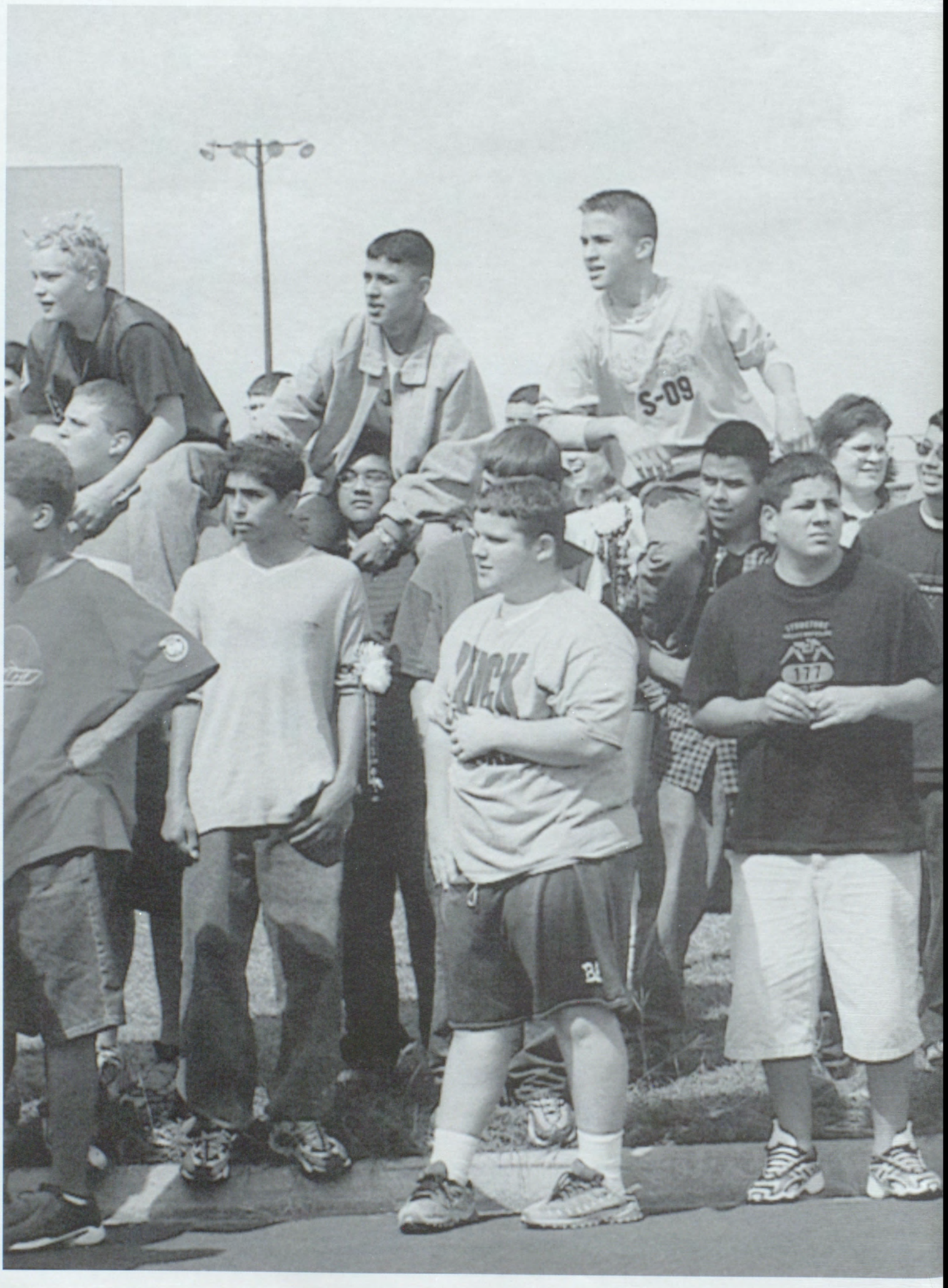








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Lindsay Harbers

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Forever Friends

Lindsay, Laura, and Alisha







May all your dreams come true!

Becky Estrada





Congratulations "Squeeky!"

We love you and are very proud of you!











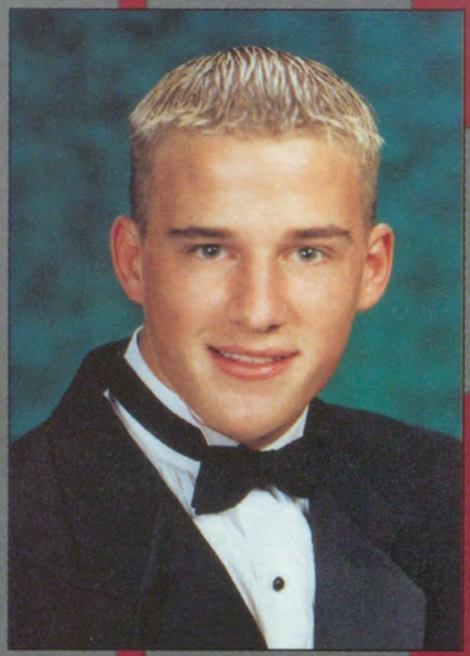


Love,
Mom, Daddy, and John

Travis Huber









Congratulations, Travis!

We are very proud of you! May all your dreams come true!
We love you!
Mom and Dad
Meme and Dada
Momo and Popo







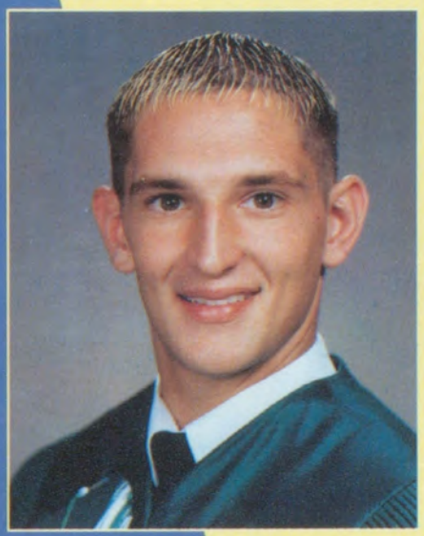




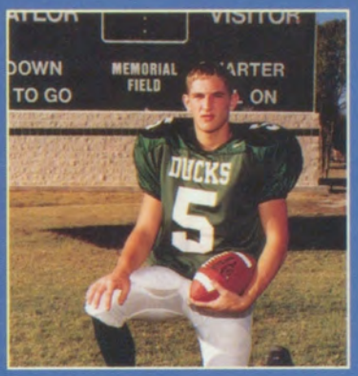
Carl Richter

















Carl,

As life's journey takes you along, please don't be too busy to look back on what Taylor has given you... friends, family, mentors, and more. We've taken great pride in seeing you play, progress, and grow into an accomplished young man with as much potential as anyone we know. Possibilities are endless and your abilities are too. So go forth, be determined, and make your dreams come true.

We love you.
Mom, Brad, and Chasten















Alison Mayer & Amber Byfield



I will be here, always and forever--I'll be here for you. We will be friends forever and ever...





As you two go off to UT together, may the Lord continue to strengthen your friendship.

Thanks for all the memories and smiles.





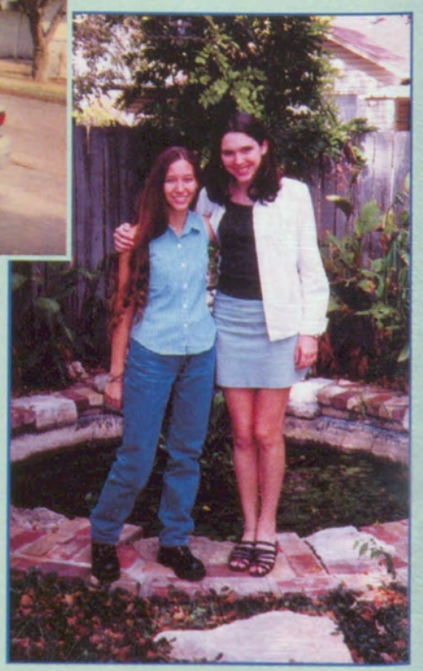


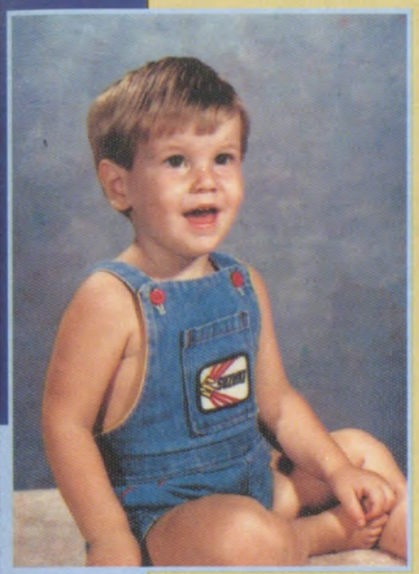
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In Christ,
Your Families











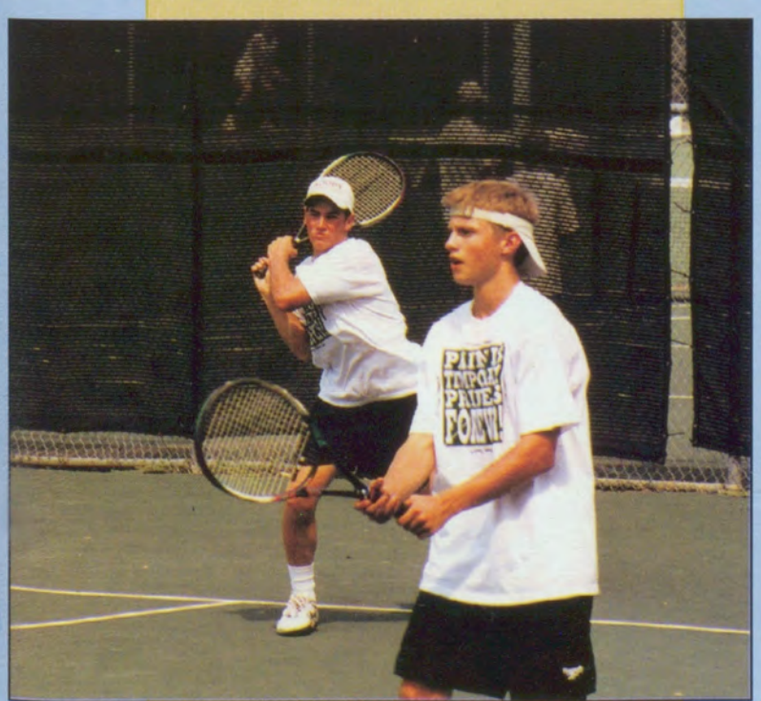


Justin Bohls & Ladd Moehnke

Blessings in
Tennis and in Life.
Love,
Your Parents

















D'Neshia Griffin









To D'Neshia

We are so proud of the wonderful young lady you have become. Although we've had our ups and downs, we never stopped believing in you. As you step out into the real world, we hope the values that we've instilled in you help you to make the right choices in life. We also want you to know that no matter where you are, you will always be in iour thoughts, hearts, and prayers.

You will always be our "Queenie!"

Love always & Good Luck,
Mama, Daddy, Nerick, Sharna, & Spoodle

Emily Johnson & Candace Benad

Best Friends are difficult to find, hard to lose, and impossible to forget.

Emily(Banana Twirl),
I cannot think of anyone that could have taken your place these five years. You are the most giving and loving person I know. We have so many memories together that will always hold a special place in my heart. Between the tire tea parties, dress-up, and Strawberry Shortcake we always managed to have a blast together. We took some awesome road trips too – all the way to Scotland! All the Breakaway Weekends, and all the IBC rootbeers speak for themselves, and I will be totally lost when you go to Kentucky. I love you with all my heart!
Love, Candace (Strawberry Shortcake)

Dear Candace,
It seems like just yesterday that I moved to Taylor and met you for the first time. I will never forget the way you immediately treated me like a friend and helped me adjust to life in Taylor! Thanks for reintroducing me to childhood cartoons and cherry-lime slushes. I will be praying for you as you go on to college and may the strength of the Lord follow you the rest of your days.
Love ya, Emily








Travis Huber, Carl Richter, Joshua Richter, Steven Teggeman, & Joshua Weise











To our boys – may your friendships never end.
Love, your Moms



Brandi Martinez















Graduation is here; you've really come far
Rejoice and be happy, accept who you are.
Address every day with purpose and aim,
Decide what you want, make living your game.
Understand and discover,
Always be true,
The world is your canvas,
Inviting and new.
Opportunity awaits you, just walk through the door,
New moments each day are yours to explore.

Congratulations, Brandi! We are proud of you!
Love,
Your Family and Friends

Congratulations Amber! Best of luck in your future and may God bless you always.

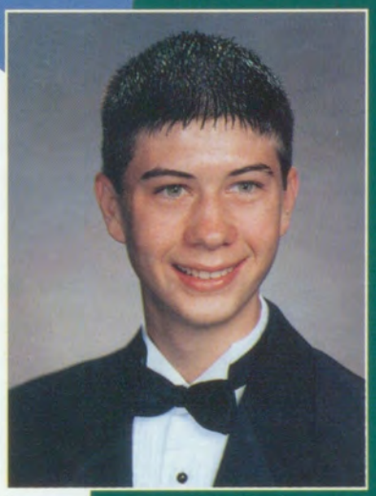
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Branden &
"Krata"





Amber Seidel

Andrew Oser





Congratulations, Andrew.
I'm proud of you and love you very much. May God bless you in all you do.
Love, Mom

Stacy Lopez









We've watched you grow from our precious baby girl to a beautiful and talented young lady. I can't believe that 18 years have passes. You've accomplished so much and we couldn't be prouder. Remember...you hold the key to the future in your hands & I know that it will be used wisely. Always know that we love you, are proud of you, and will always be there for you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Lauren, & Myriah













Traci Floyd















It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end.
--Ursula K. LeGuin

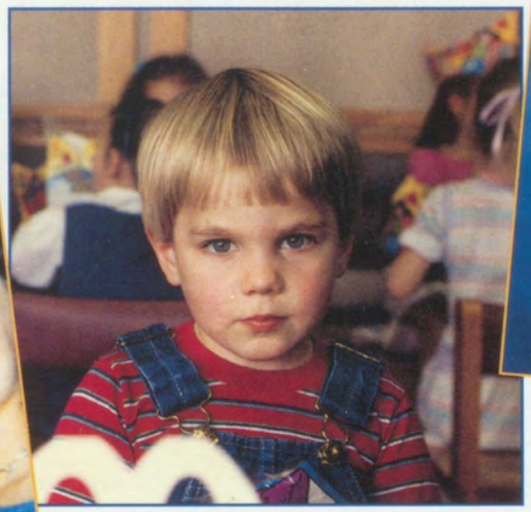


Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jack, Cassie,
Gram & Papa




Caleb Kilborn







Congratulations Caleb! We are so proud of you! Love,
Mom & Meagan

Jordan Schmidt





Jordan,
We are so very proud of you and your achievements.
Congratulations and may God bless you always.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Erin, & Joanna





Ashley Mathis & Anna Dominguez





I love you Ashley, and I'm so very proud of my baby girl. I wish you the best that life can offer and pray that God will continue to bless everything you say and do. Keep your head up, and remember you are somebody! Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me."

Love,
Mom, Blythe, Dwayne













Congratulations Anna! Thank you for all the wonderful memories.
God bless you now and always.

Love,
Your Family and Friends



Heather Nicole Guardiola
&
Tomas "Bud" Vega























You've brought so much joy to our lives and have made us proud. May all your dreams come true. Good luck!!
Lots of love,
Your Families



Meghan Klotz & Heather Guardiola





Meghan & Heather,

Your friendship has continued through the years, from St. Mary's through THS. Best of Luck! Thank you for the fun and memories you've brought to our families!

A daughter is one of the most beautiful gifts this world has to give.

--Laurel Atherton



Love always,
Frank, Theresa &
Frankie;
James, Heather &
Tyler





April Lynn Olivarez













Congratulations and
good luck in the future.
We are very proud of you.
Love always,
Mom and Sissy

Sterling Teague, Brit Oliphint & Stephen Sanchez



I will always Love you, My Child
From the moment I met you
and first saw your face,
I fell hopelessly in love with you;
it was fierce and protective love.
I made a solemn vow to you that day
to love and protect you forever.





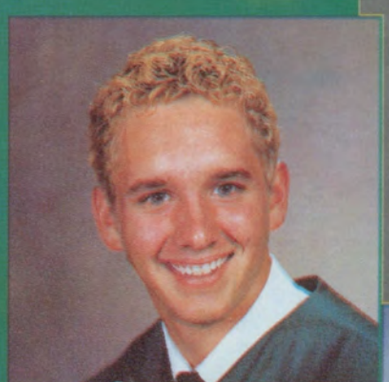
Now that you're on your own
and not under my wing anymore,
My love for you is still as strong
as it was then,
even though your needs are fewer.
We've had our share of arguments,
usually over your independence,
And we've had our share of tears,
usually over our stubbornness.
But through it all, my love for you
remains as fierce and protective
as it did that first day.
I am so proud of who you are
and of your struggle to bet there.
And I just wanted to let you know...
you mean the world to me.
--Su Pemberton

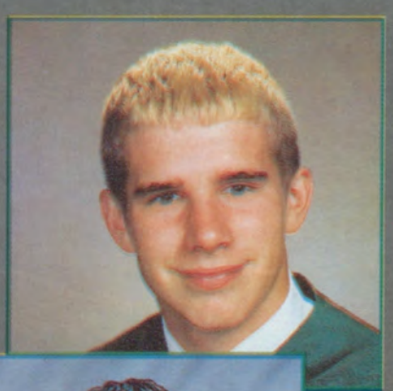














Congratulations Sterling, Brit, and Stephen!
We're so proud of you!
Your Families

Meghan Klotz









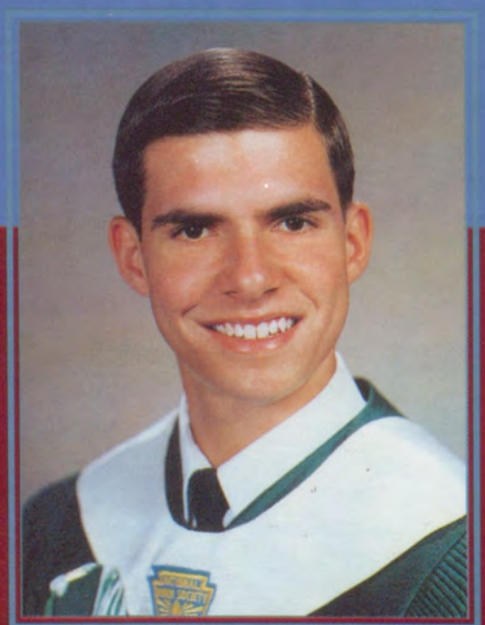


Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.
--John Wesley



Congratulations!
Love always,
Mom, Dad & Tyler

Chandler Dabbs



Chandler:
"May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields and
until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand."



We are so proud of who you've become and thank God for all that He has in store for you.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Brook, and Dayton



Abbi Mott











Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their soul,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you
cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.
You are the bow from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.
The Archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
and He bends you with His might that His arrow may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the Archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,
so He loves also the bow that is stable.







Dear Abbi,
May God bless you in all you do!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Matti



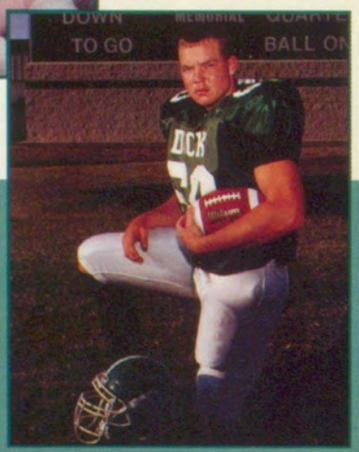


Chris Beckermann



May your dedication, focus, and sense of humor take you successfully into the future. We are proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Daniel









Congratulations Jennifer! We are very proud of you. You have given us many wonderful memories. May all your hopes and dreams come true.





Love,
Mom, Dad, Laura,
Michelle,
& Shannon

Jennifer Urbanek

Nicholas Flannery





Nick,
Congratulations! We are proud of you.
Love ya,
Dad, Mom, & Sabrina

Dominick Devasty





Dominick,
You have been a blessing to us. We are proud to have a son like you.
God Bless You!
Mom & Dad

Joshua Richter & Laura Whatley



Cousins by chance
Friends by choice.
Congratulations. We are very proud of you both!
Love,
Your Families





Julie,
We are so proud of you! Good luck in college.

We love you!
Mom, Mike, Jennifer, Derek, Sabrina & Madison

Julie Schumpert





Leah Caldwell

"The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving."
--Oliver Wendell Holmes









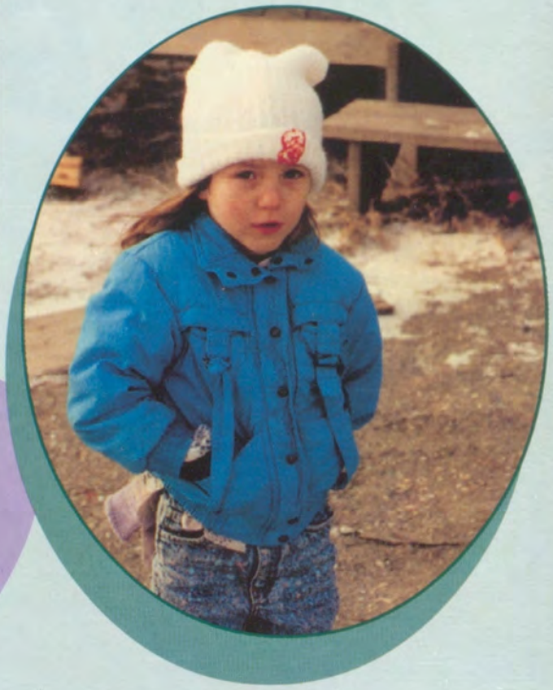


Leah,
You're moving in the right direction.
All our lives have been touched as God has allowed us to share in your growth. We're proud of you and thankful for the joy you bring to so many people. Keep your eyes on the prize! You'll always be our little lady!
Much Love,
Pops, Mama, Brian, Gene

Christina Ford









Congratulations and
good luck with
everything!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Melissa, Tommy,
Michelle,
& Matthew

















Alisha David



Seventeen years of memories made. Lots and lots more to come. Our wish for you is much happiness, good health, and success.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Drew,
Alison, & Damian.

Lance Mills









You have given us many wonderful memories and we're very proud of you and your accomplishments. Good luck at college and may all your dreams come true.

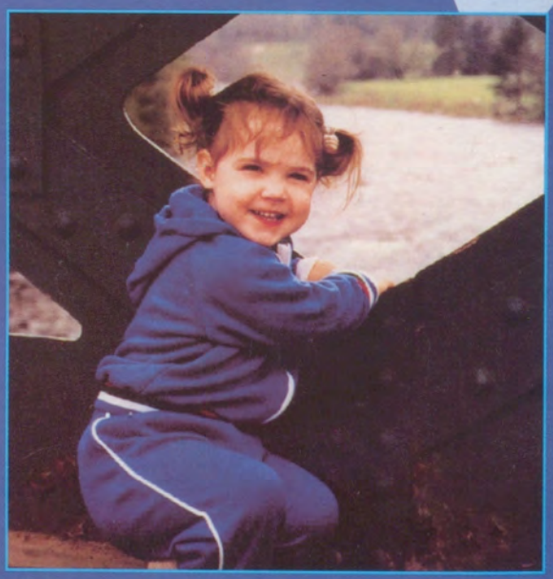
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Nick

Emily Johnson





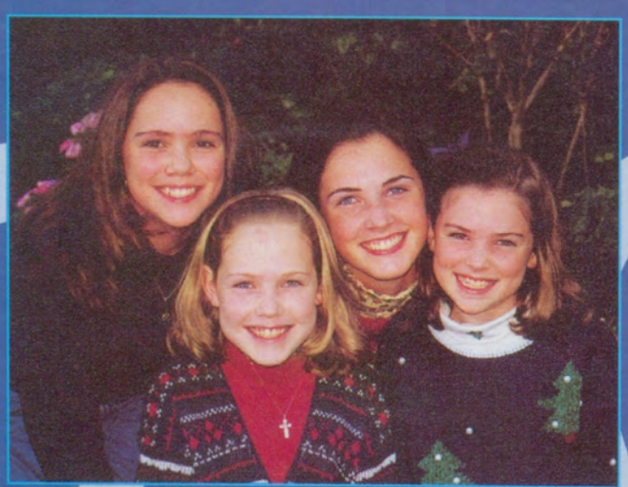
I have no greater joy than to hear
that my children walk in the truth.
- 3 John 4



Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own under-
standing; in all your ways acknowl-
edge him, and he will make your
paths straight.

- Proverbs 3:5-6







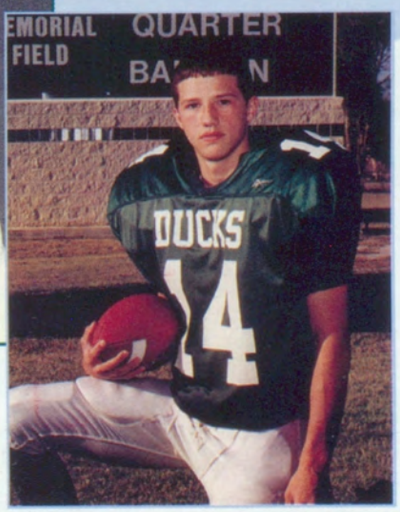
We love you Emily! Mama, Daddy,
Jennifer, Anna, and Sarah

Steven Teggeman









Congratulations Steven!
May all your dreams come true!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Travis

Keitha Jones







From baby steps to big steps –
This is the first of many big steps we know you will take. Good luck and have fun!
Love, Mom, Hank, Dad, Laura, AJ, Raelyn, Ashley, and Brandon

Candace Benad







Good luck in all you do, we are so very proud of you!

Love Always,
Momma and Daddy



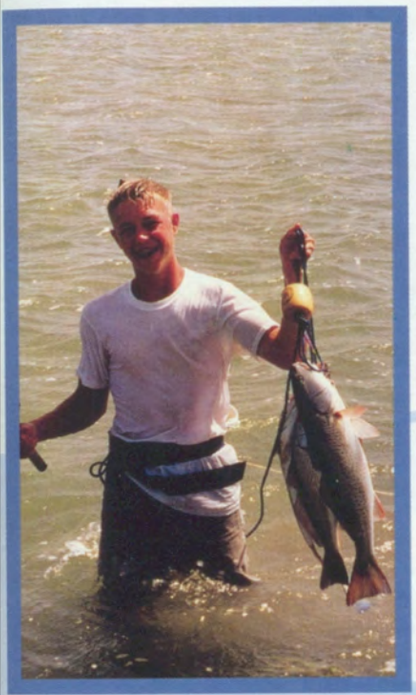


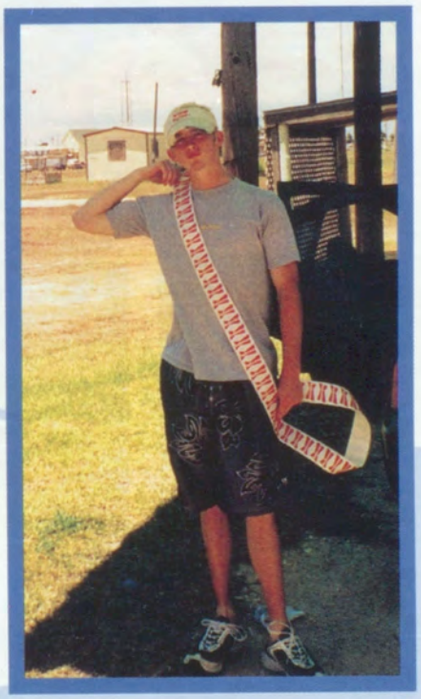




Colbey Bullock & Josh Morrison

Some friends come into our lives and quickly go, some stay and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.



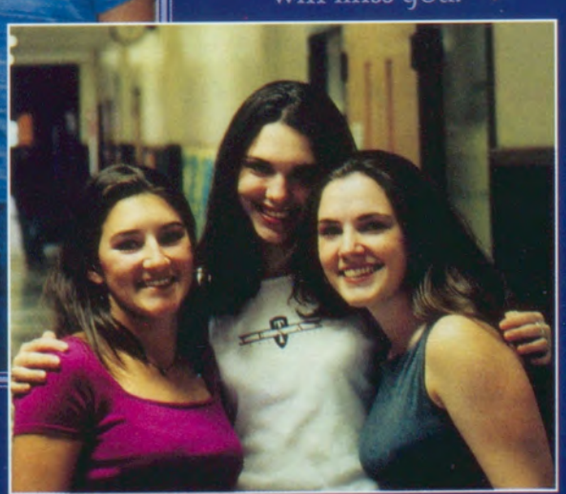


We love you and are very proud of you!
Love,
Josh, Heather, Jim, and Leshia

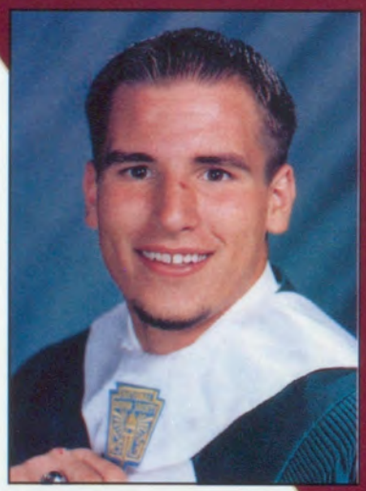
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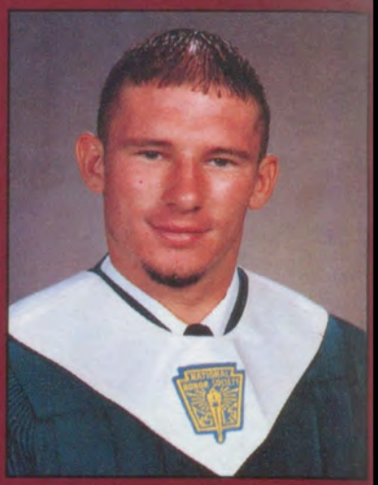
Congratulations to the Senior Mallard Girls! The best to you as you continue to keep your eyes on the sky. We love you and will miss you!



These are memories frozen in time, people!



From birth till now, the two of you have forged the way to become best friends...



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Family vacations
Memories.









May your future friendships continue in the future.





Good Luck!
Lots of Love!









Dad, Mom,
Eryn,
Cory,
Tyler.

Dad, Mom
Kimberly,
Bradley.



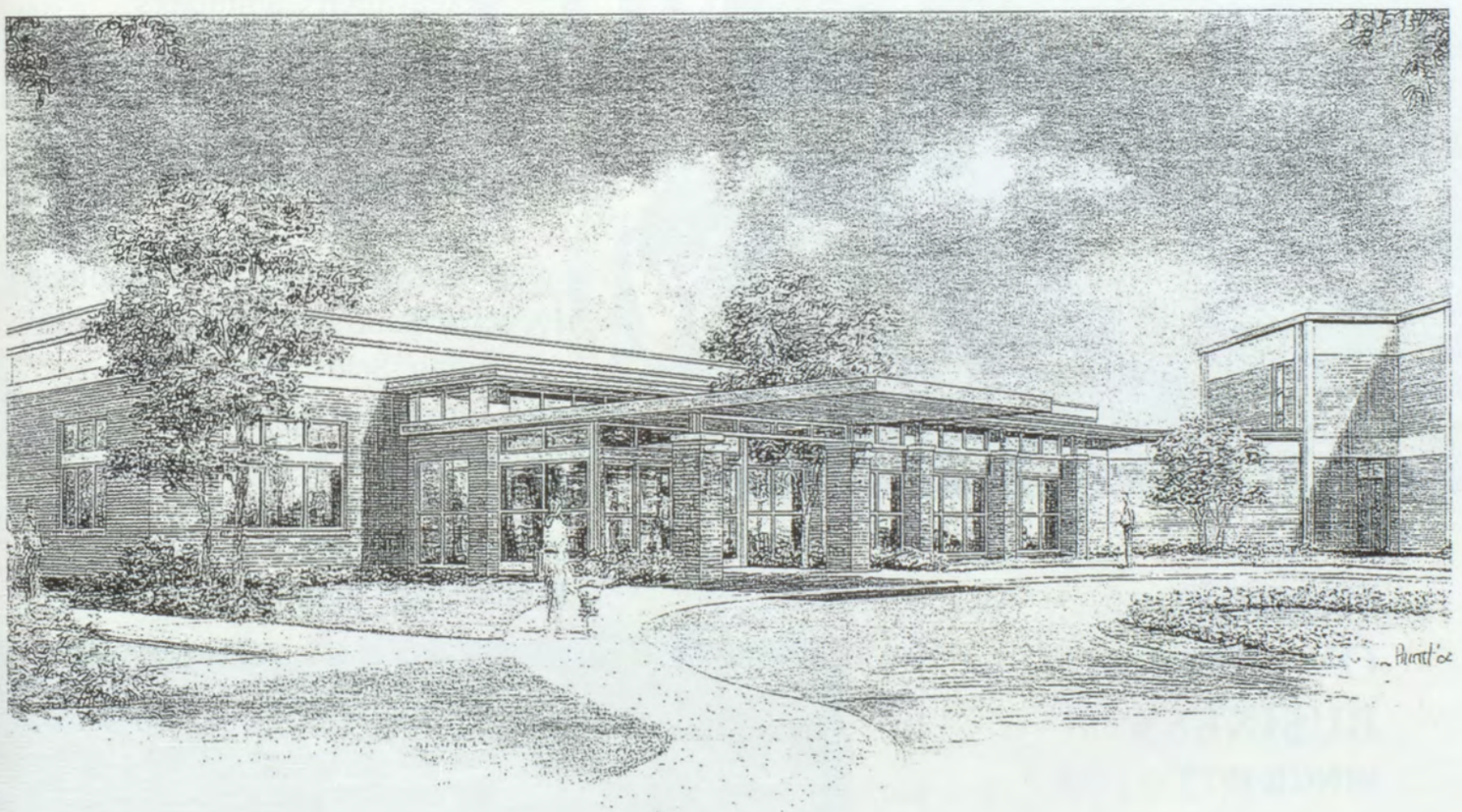




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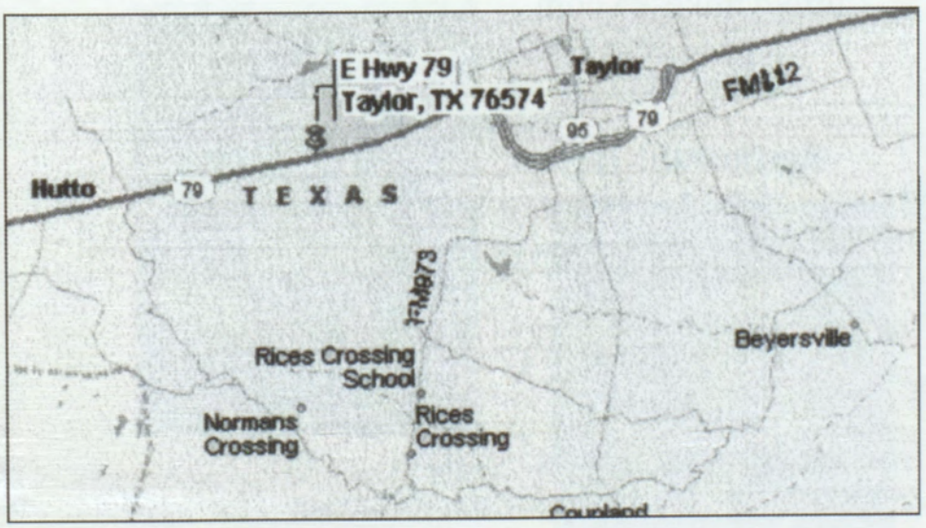
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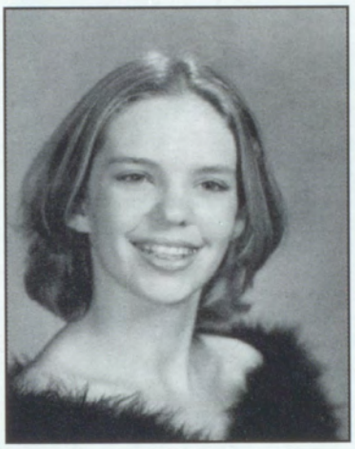
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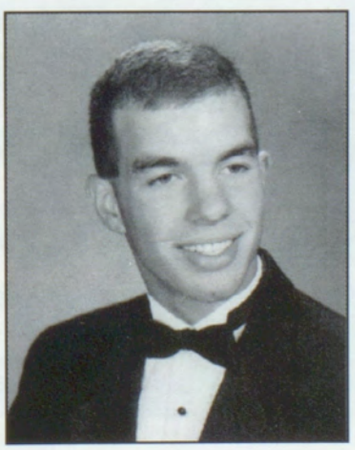


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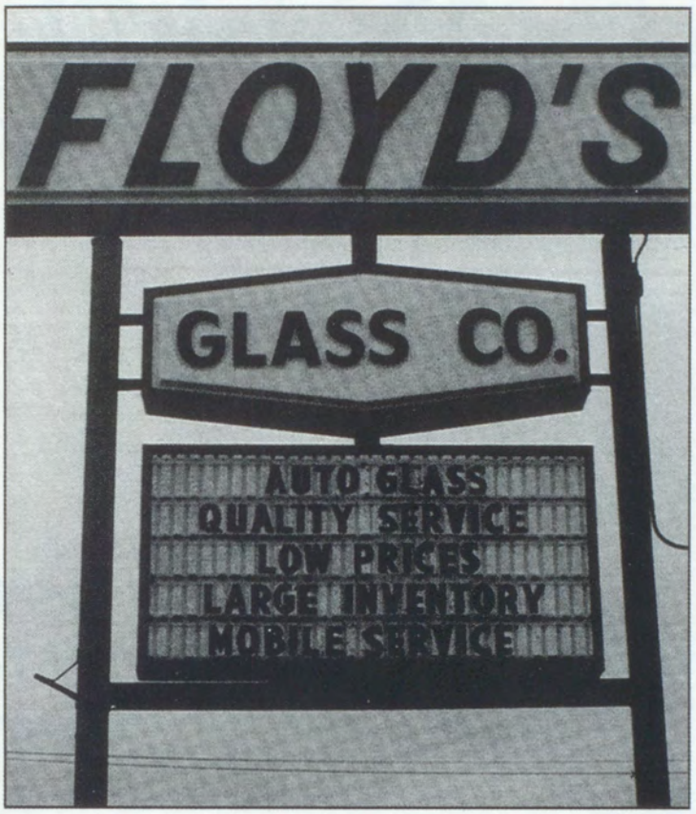
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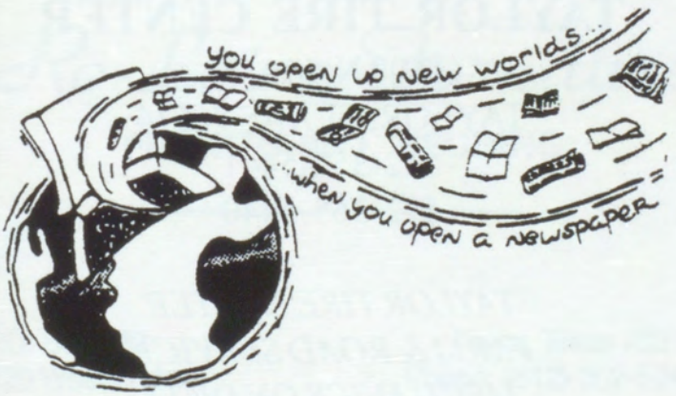
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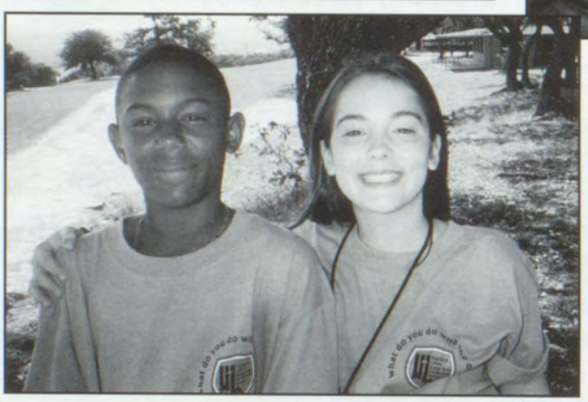
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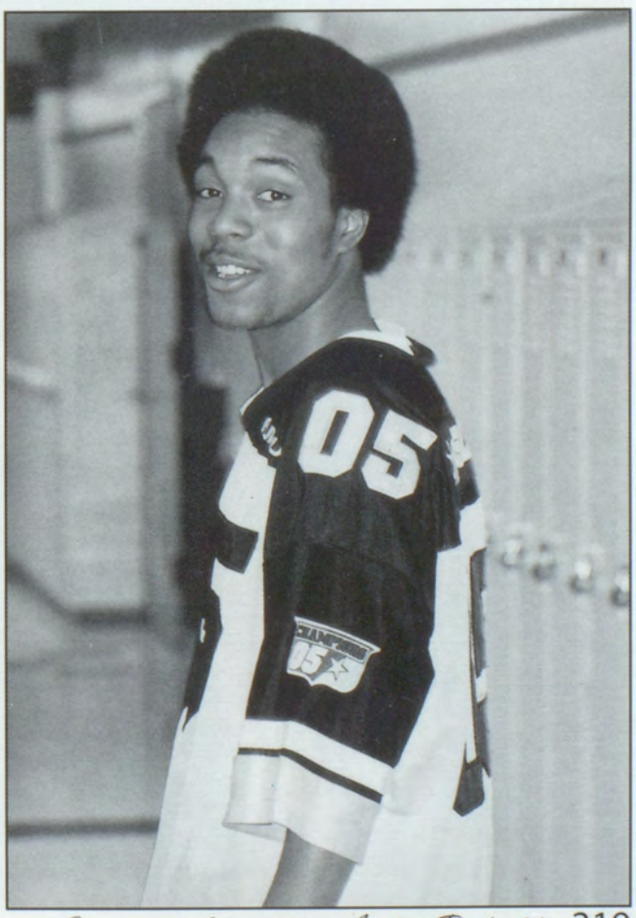




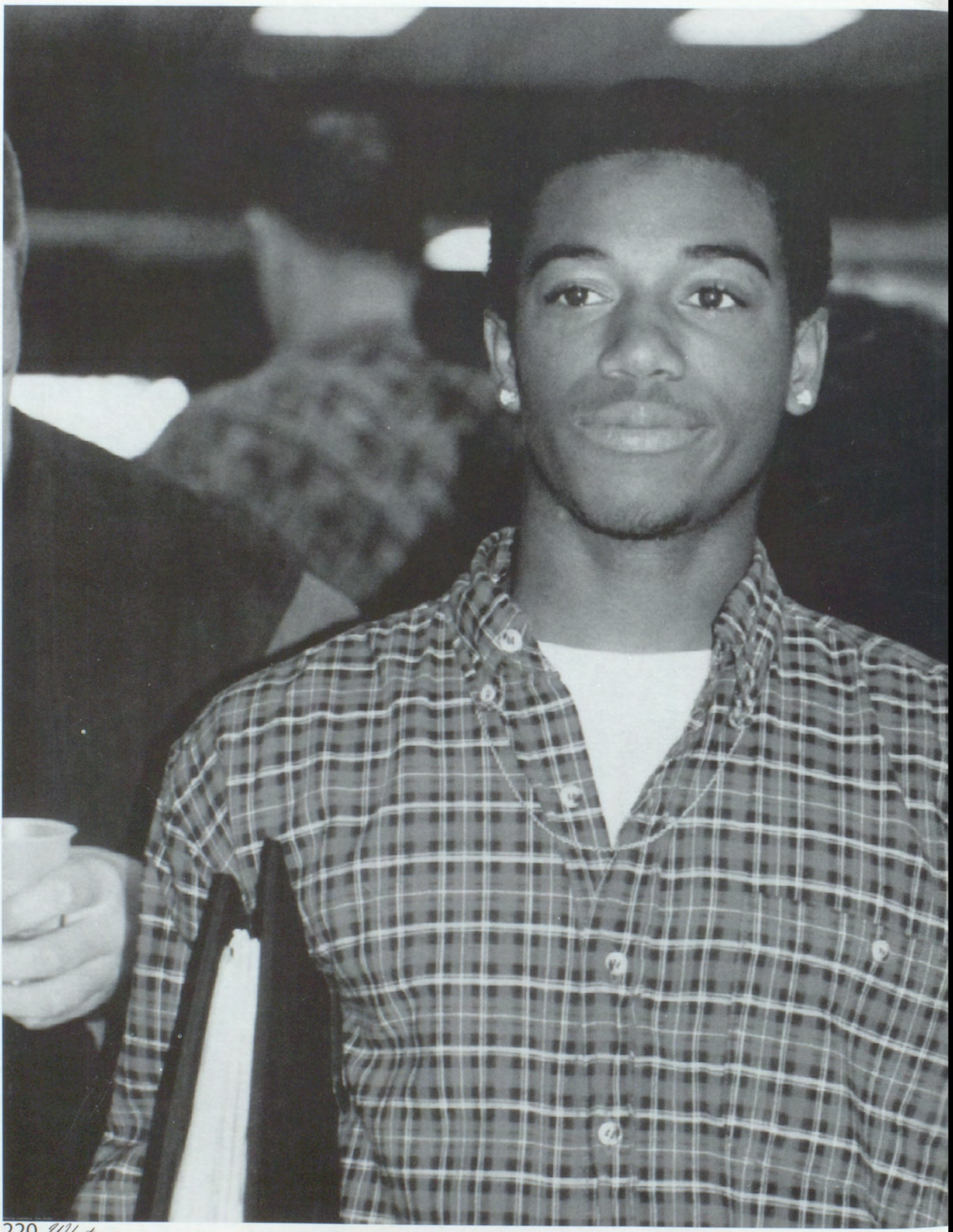














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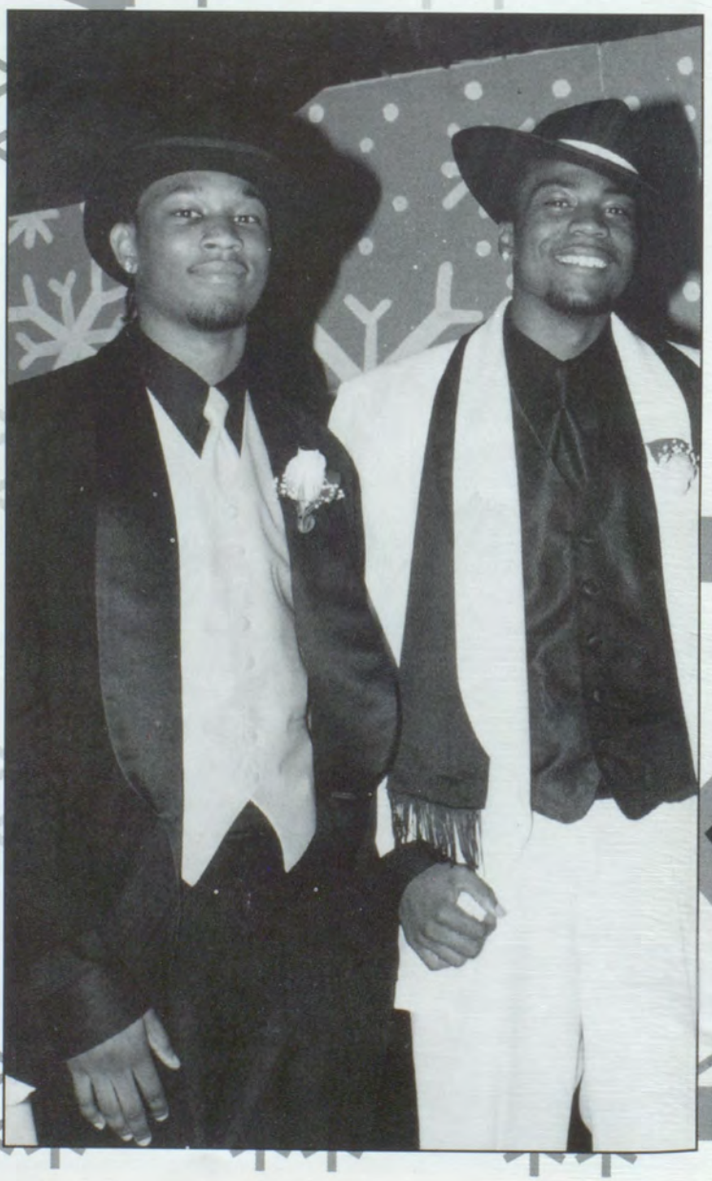
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Winter Wonderland



Nothing is more mystical than snow-peaked castles, glittery mountains, and majestic winter air. The Winter Wonderland that was our prom glistened with the crisp, cool blue hues and white accents. Balloons flowed from tables onto the floors. Everything sparkled, from the tall snow ballerina that stood spinning all night, to the floor, to the little castles that adorned each table. Even the restrooms were ornamented with snowflakes, giant penguins, and balloons. Everyone enjoyed thier magical night and will remember it for the rest of their life. After hours of beautiful dancing the Prom King and Queen were crowned. The king for this year was Travis Huber and Alisha David was voted Prom Queen. After this unforgettable dance everyone headed over to Paseman Elementary for the After Prom party and a night of chemical free fun.





Love is in the air. Joshua Glover and his date treasure the moment at his last high school prom. ↑

Looking Sharp! Scott Washington and Gregory Demps know they look good. →

"I love this song!" Beth Richter and her date dance the night away.

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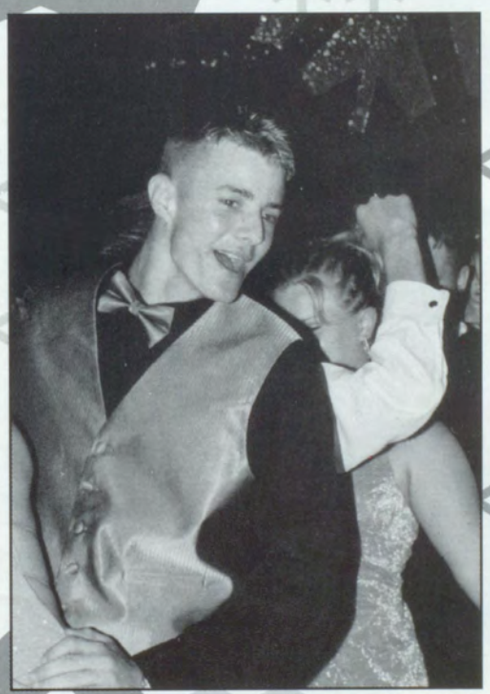
"Stop tickling me!" Vanna Evans and Jason Pausewang look like their having a good time. →→

Friends Forever. Joshua Jonas and Ashley Butler enjoy prom night. →↗



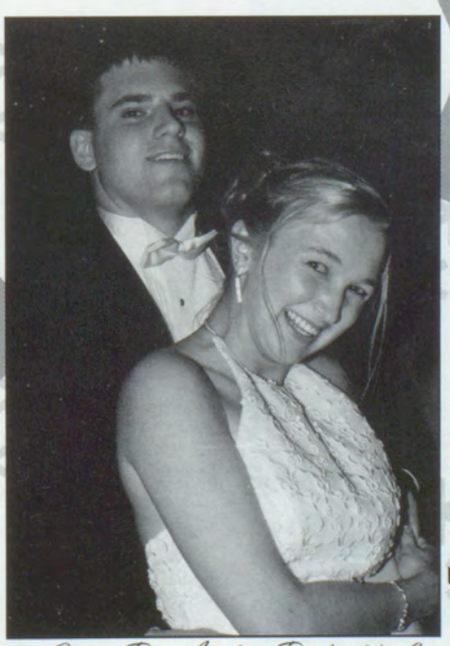














Just Chillin! Linzy Wallace, Nina Otiveros, Marissa Martinez, Melinda Lopez, and Angelica Diaz enjoy each other's company.

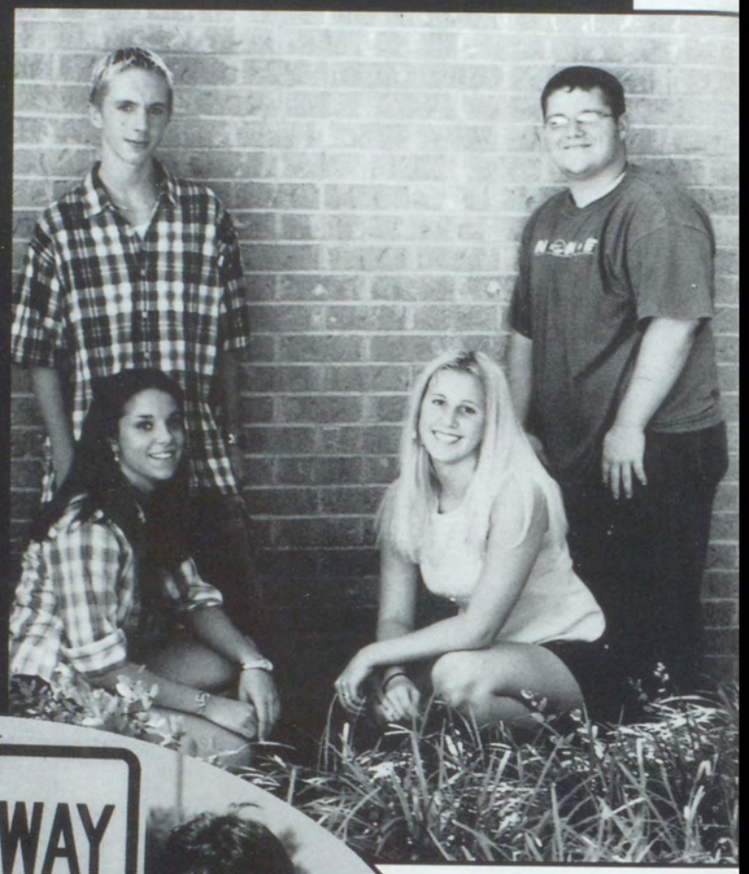
Getting Freaky! Travis Randig displays his dancing potential.

"Hey watch that camera!" Abbi Mott shows off her moves.

"I'm so sleepy!" Brandon Raesz holds his date close at the prom.

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Class Favorites







Sophomores
Chase Frock
Ashlynn Hobbs
Jeremy Moldenhour
LeAnn Carlson

Freshman
Brandy Moerbe
Iris Davis
Spencer Schnieder
Not pictured: Daniel Thomas

Juniors
Jason Pausewang
Ryan Marshall
Paul Zuchnick
Sarah Naivar

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In the Blink of an Eye



George "Dubya" Bush voted President of the United States after a long and controversial election.

Taylor celebrates its 125th birthday!

Oklahoma City bomber, Timothy McVeigh, executed in June.

Academic Decathlon wins team State title and becomes first Taylor team to win a state event in over twenty years.

Dennis Quaid movie, The Rookie, filmed in Taylor.

5th grade DINI team advances to world competition.

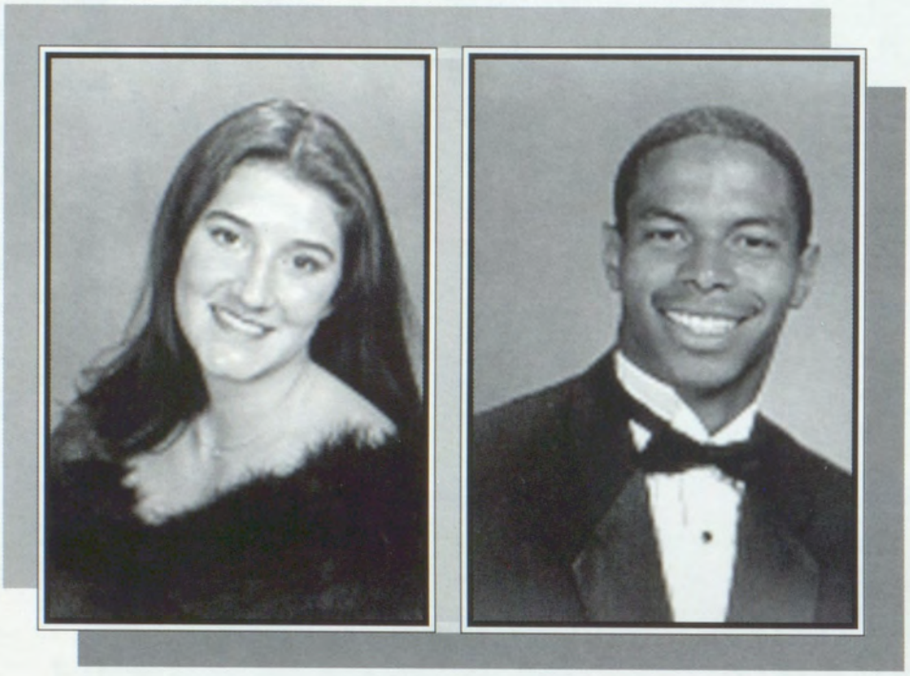
American spy plane and occupants taken hostage in China.

Once again, we spent hours outside of the school after the high school received a bomb threat.

Major movies hit the silver screen: Gladiator, Pearl Harbor, and foriegn film Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.

The School Year In Review

The Top Picks
senior favorites



Miss THS

Alisha David

Mr. THS

Dominick Devastey

Funny Favorites

Most likely to come back and be principal of THS.....Emily Johnson

Most likely to become a Taylor cop.....John Pokorney

Most likely to be the first one married after Graduation.....Arthur Pachicano

Most likely to become a famous musician.....Steven Sanchez

Most likely to become a famous fashion designer.....Heather Guardiola

Most likely to live off their parents for another 10 or 20 years .....Josh Richter

Most likely to become president of the United States.....Steven Teggeman

Most likely to still be riding around in 10 years.....Dustin Kruse

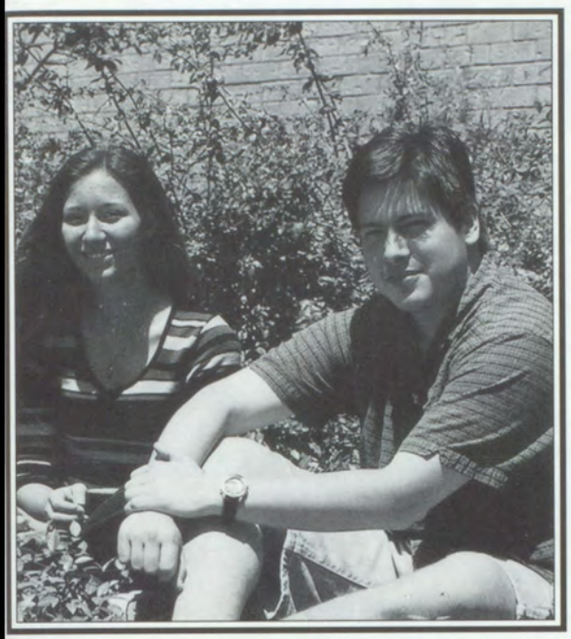
Class Clown.....Caleb Kilborn

Most likely to be in a 2-year college for three years.....Josh Richter

Most likely to have a basketball shoe named after them.....Greg Demps

Most likely to come late to Graduation.....Brit Oliphint

Most likely to join the carnival.....Caleb Kilborn



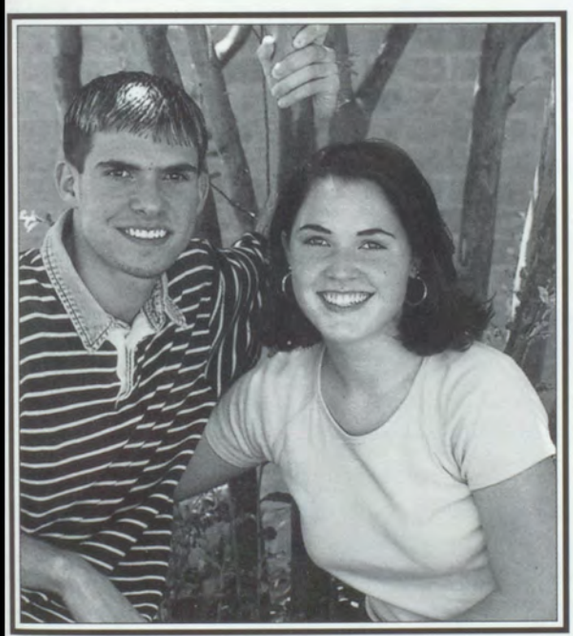
Most Intelligent

Alison Mayer
and
Josh Verastique



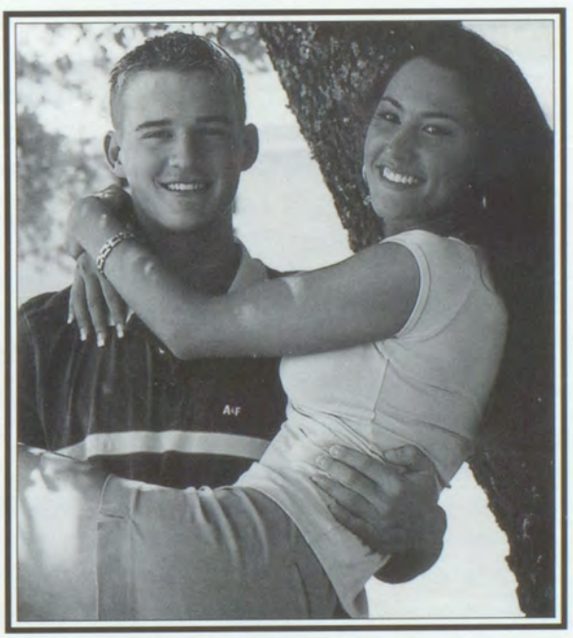
Amber Byfield
and
Steven Teggeman

Most Likely To Succeed



Most Friendly

Emily Johnson
and
Chandler Dabbs



Laura Whatley
and
Travis Huber

Most Beautiful and Most Handsome



Best Dressed

Heather Guardiola
and
Lamont Davis



Katara Johnson
and
Brandon Raesz

Most Athletic

sch  larships

Alford, Greg: Emil A. & Frieda K. Krieg Award ($500)
Auerbach, Chris: Jack & Pat Barkley Scholarship ($2000), Fay T. Barnes Scholarship ($14,000), German Scholars Award ($100)
Avila, Michelle: Emma Saenz Gonzales Memorial Scholarship ($500), Sidney Cinnamon Scholarship ($4000)
Bachmayer, Aaron: Gernert Scholarship ($1000)
Beckermann, Chris: THS Class of 1950 Memorial Scholarship ($300)
Bell, Josh: ATPE Scholarship ($375), Gernert Scholarship ($1000)
Benad, Candace: SURF Scholarship ($200)
Bohls, Justin: John's Community Hospital Auxiliary & Louise Kennedy Foundation Scholarship ($500), Melasky Scholarship ($1000), German Scholars Award ($100), NHS Scholarship ($250)
Byfield, Amber: N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship ($2000), Horton-Schulz Education Fund Scholarship ($2500), Hunter Hargis Mallard Memorial Scholarship ($300), SURF Scholarship ($200)
Caldwell, Leah: Citizens for the Future Scholarship ($500), THS Ex Students Award ($300)
Cervenka, Chad: SPJST Lodge 29 Scholarship ($500)
Dabbs, Chandler: Ralph Brookshire Memorial Scholarship ($500), Melasky Scholarship ($1000)
Daenzer, Jade: Citizens for the Future Scholarship ($500)
David, Alisha: Kiwanis Bobby Wilks Memorial Scholarship ($1000), Gina Reichenbach Memorial Scholarship ($250), Optimist Club Scholarship ($500), Knights of Columbus/ St. Mary's Catholic Church Scholarship ($500), NHS Scholarship ($250)
Demps, Greg: Jason Rydell Memorial Scholarship ($500)
Devastey, Dominick: University of Kentucky (Full Scholarship), Optimist Club Scholarship ($500)
Diaz, Angelica: Knights of Columbus #10012/ Our Lady of Guadalupe ($500)
Dominguez, Anna: Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Scholarship ($500)
Drummond, Brian: First State Bank of Taylor Scholarship ($500)
Estrada, Bekki: Old Settler's Association of Williamson Co. ($2500), Ross Baldwin Memorial Scholarship ($500), WIlliamson County Association of Realtors Scholarship ($1000), Bunnell Rotary Academic Scholarship ($2500), Jason Rydell Memorial NHS Scholarship ($750), Science Club Scholarship ($250)
Farmer, Kristen: John's Community Hospital Auxiliary & Louise Kennedy Foundation Scholarship ($500)
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Floyd, Traci: T. Don Hutto/ Fitzwater Scholarship ($750)
Foley, Anne: ATPE Scholarship ($375), N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship ($2000), Taylor Band Boosters Scholarship ($500), Texas Academic Decathlon Scholarship ($400)
Ford, Christina: Gernert Scholarship ($1000)
Fox, Chris: ATPE Scholarship ($375), Melasky Scholarship ($1000), German Scholars Award ($100)
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Garry, Margaret: Melasky Scholarship ($1000)
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Gaston, Andez: Martin & Morrison Memorial Art Scholarship ($500), Career College & Schools of Texas Scholarship ($1000)
Graef, Justin: Kiwanis Charles Schnieder Memorial Scholarship ($1000), NHS Scholarship ($250)
Grau, Micah: Williamson Co. A&M Mother's Club Scholarship ($500), German Scholars Award ($100), Taylor Band Boosters Scholarship ($500), Texas Academic Decathlon Scholarship ($400), Tri-M Honor Music Society Scholarship ($250)
Guardiola, Heather: Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Scholarship ($500), Brinkmeyer-Hobbs-Wade Scholarship ($500)

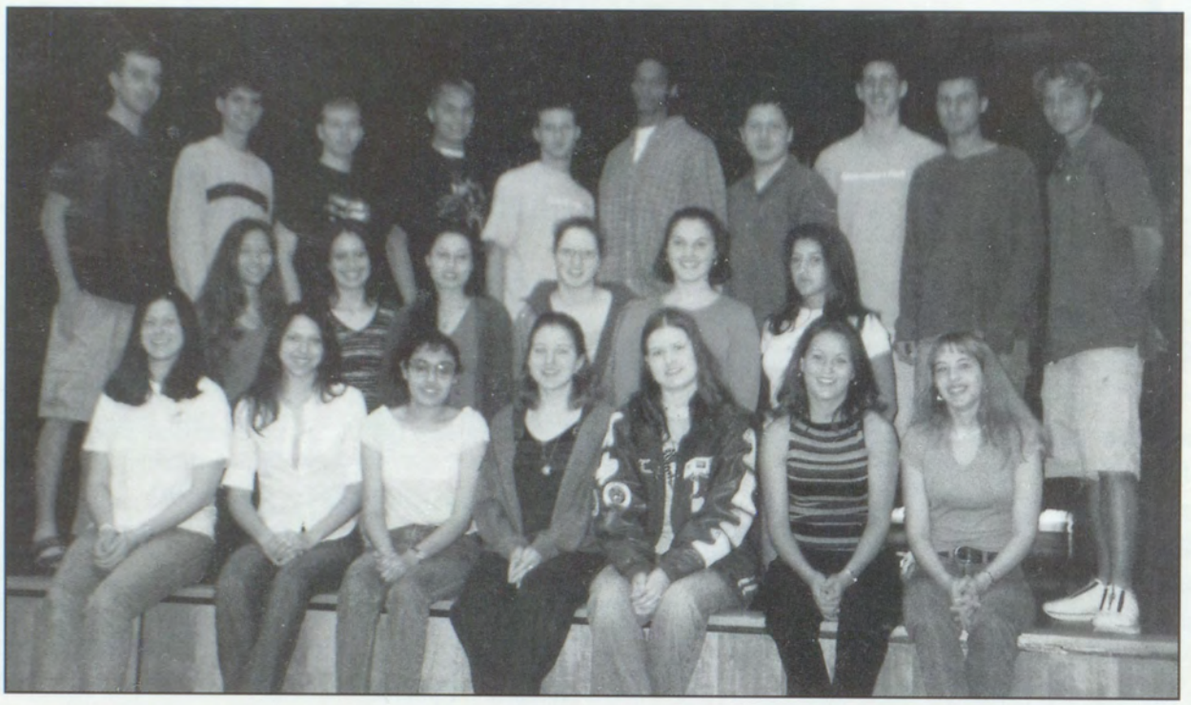
Hejl, Wesley: Melasky Scholarship ($1000)
Huber, Travis: Monica Blaha Memorial/ 10th St. Methodist Church Scholarship ($500), Brent Svehlak Memorial Scholarship ($500)
Johnson, Emily: Asbury College Presidential Scholar Award (25% tuition), Ross Baldwin Memorial Scholarship ($500), N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship ($2000), THS Livingood Junior Historian Scholarship ($500), Hunter Hargis Mallard Memorial Scholarship ($300), Hunter Hargis Memorial NHS Scholarship ($750), Wal-Mart Scholarship ($1000)
Johnson, Katara: T. Don Hutto/ Fitzwater Scholarship ($750)
Jonas, James: Neta Knox Blomquist Scholarship ($500), Taylor Jaycees Strive For Excellence Award ($500)
Jones, Keitha: SURF Scholarship ($200)
Klotz, Meghan: Taylor Conservation & Heritage Society Ruth Mantor Scholarship ($500)
Lewis, Rebecca: N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship ($2000), Texas Academic Decathlon Scholarship ($1,400)
Lopez, Stacy: Joe Downs Music Award ($500), Round Rock Pan American Golf Association Scholarship ($500)
Machu, Tracy: SPJST Lodge 29 Scholarship ($500), Ruth Schroeder Memorial Scholarship ($1000), Melasky Scholarship ($1000)
Mack, Sean: Patrick Ripley Scholarship ($300)
Martinez, Brandi: Emma Saenz Gonzales Memorial Scholarship ($500), Balderas Memorial Scholarship ($500)
Martinez, Marissa: Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct of Angels of Mercy #2417 ($500)
Mathis, Ashley: Citizens for the Future Scholarship ($500)
Mayer, Alison: Temple-Inland Foundation Scholastic Achievement Award/Guaranty Bank ($1000), Kiwanis Foy Wilks Valedictorian Scholarship ($1000), Ruth Mantor Scholarship ($500), N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship ($2000), Science Club Scholarship ($100)
McKinney, Lee: Lester Mays Scholarship ($500)
Mills, Lance: David Threadgill Memorial Scholarship ($600), Hunter Hargis Memorial Scholarship ($1000)
Minzenmayer, Courtney: Taylor Rodeo Association Scholarship ($500)
Moehnke, Ladd: Melasky Scholarship ($1000)
Mott, Abbi: THS Guidance Committee Scholarship ($300)
Oliphint, Brit: Monica Blaha Memorial/ 10th St. Methodist Church Scholarship ($500)
Oser, Andrew: Gernert Scholarship ($1000), Texas Academic Decathlon Scholarship ($400)
Pachicano, Arthur: Ben &Lorene Sobotik Memorial Scholarship ($500)
Parker, Kelly: THS Guidance Committee Scholarship ($300)
Ponkoney, Tina: Gernert Scholarship ($1000)
Raesz, Brandon: Leslie & Ellice Green Scholarship ($1000)
Richter, Beth: Melasky Scholarship ($1000), Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Award ($500)
Richter, Carl: Melasky Scholarship ($1000), German Scholars Award ($100)
Ruemke, Lacie: Kiwanis Ed Arning Memorial Scholarship ($1000)
Sanchez, Stephen: ATPE Scholarship ($375)
Schaffer, Vanessa: Rudye Helen Kriel Memorial Scholarship ($300), Bates/Pasemann Counselor's Choice Award ($300)
Schmidt, Jordan: David Threadgill Memorial Scholarship ($600), Malinda Mucha Scholarship ($500)
Seidel, Amber: Melasky Scholarship ($1000)
Teggeman, Steven: N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship ($2000)
Urbanek, Jennifer: Intercraft Rotary Vocational Scholarship ($1000), BPA Member of the Year Scholarship ($250)
Verastique, Josh: Lou Bell Harris Scholarship ($500), Temple-Inland Foundation Scholastic Achievement Award/Guaranty Bank ($1000), N.G. & Helen Hawkins Scholarship ($2000), Texas Academic Decathlon Scholarship ($900)
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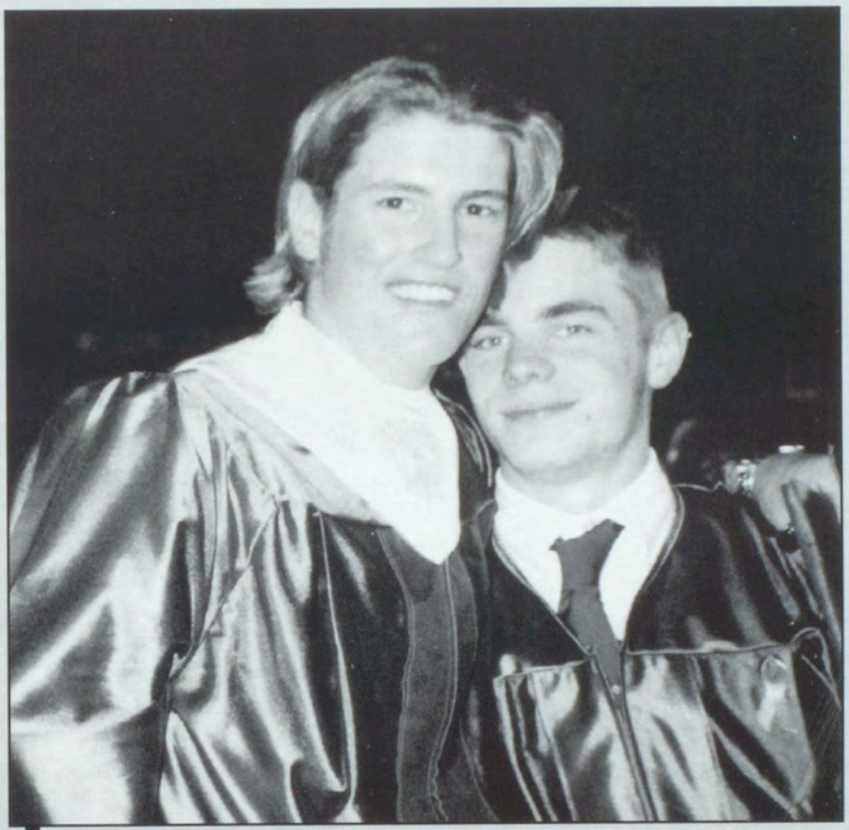


Alison Mayer
Valedictorian

Josh Verasqtie
Salutatorian



keeping our eyes on the sky







It happens every year.

We seniors can't believe that the time has come to walk across the stage. We know that we shouldn't be surprised, simply because of the fact that this happens *every* year. But for some reason, it's different.

Maybe it's different because we finally understand what it feels like to walk on *the* stage; not just any stage, but the stage that signifies walking into our futures. Maybe it's different because we know now how it feels to face our fears. Maybe it's different because we are about to say good-bye to a very special four years.

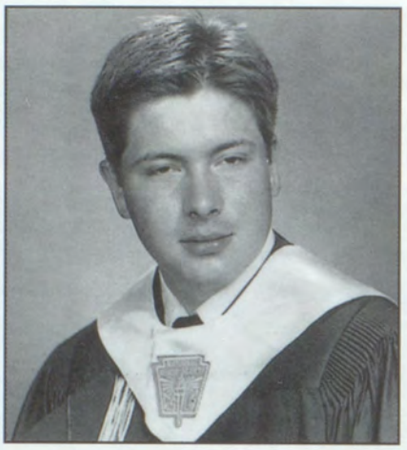
Sure, it happens every year.

But this time, it's our turn. It's our turn to experience the thrill of tossing up a graduation cap, our turn to hold a plastic diploma case, our turn to put the medallion in the water jug. It's our turn to shake the Superintendent's hand, our turn to look out at a crowd gathered there for us, our turn to sit with our classmates and listen to the Valedictorian's speech. It's our turn to cry, our turn to laugh, our turn to speak as only a graduate can.

It's finally our turn to graduate.

That doesn't happen every year.





" Today we accept a passport to the stars with which we can travel anywhere along the road of life that stretches before us. None of us truly know what lies ahead."

-Josh Verastique























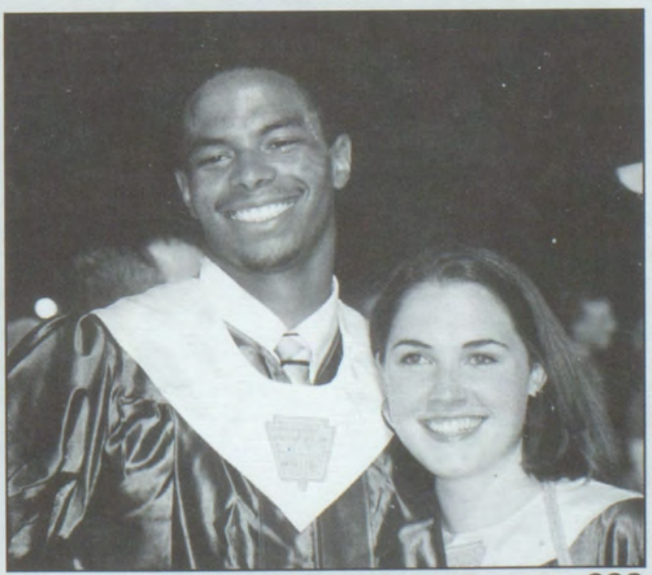




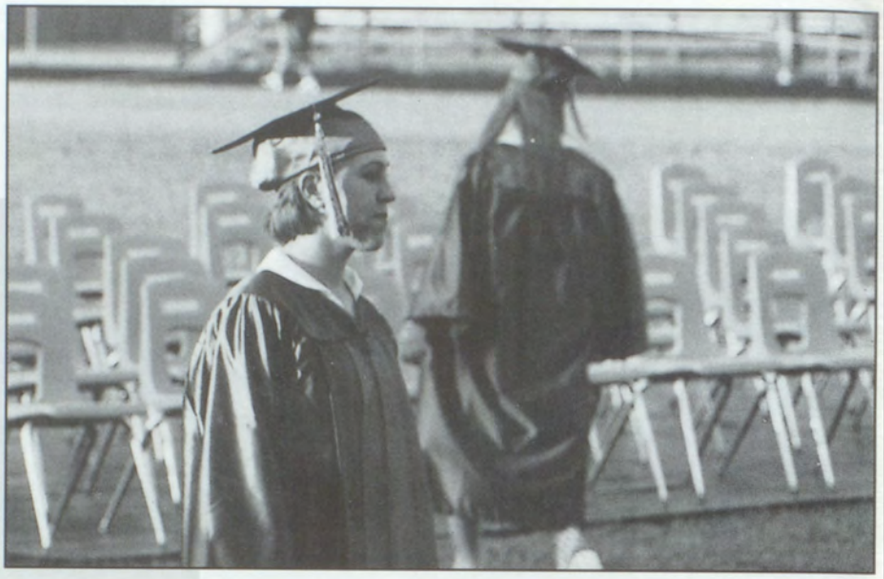
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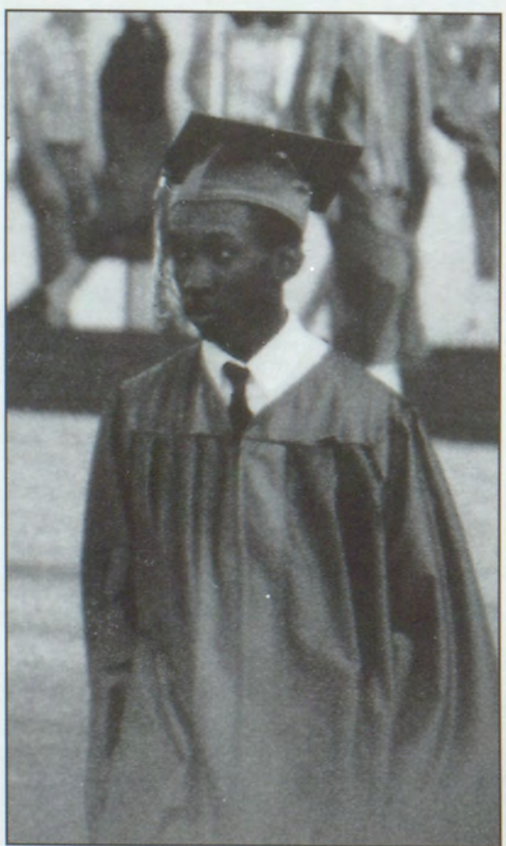




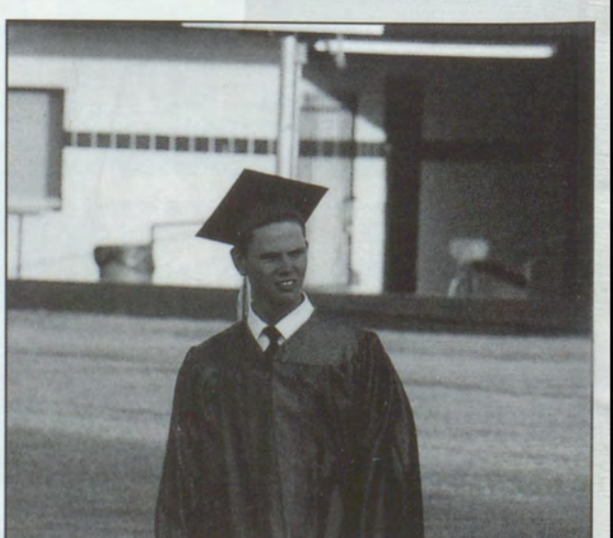












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Not Exactly A Walk In The Park

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We're not saying it's brain surgery or anything, but yearbook work can be pretty strenuous. We lost a few staff members throughout the year, so some of us had to pick up their work where they left off. We also misplaced a few pictures and negatives. Not to mention a whole lot of other stuff! But one of our greatest challenges was having a staff spread out between four different class periods. It made communication a little bit difficult, but we managed. We finally got together at our annual Christmas party. Mrs. Parsons made her delicious dip and Candace made a beautiful Christmas tree cake. Plus, Koda made his yummy chocolate cake (which will remain nameless!) and there were plenty of sodas and snacks. The most exciting part of the party was our gift exchange. Most of us got what we asked for. However, Carl surprised Emily with an unmentionable item she had not requested! We spent the rest of our time working. We had extremely strong help in the computer area from staff member, Tim Copple. Even though it was his first year on the staff, he organized everything and showed us what a computer genius does! Alisha spent a lot of time altering photos and singing when she wasn't working on her cheerleading spread. She was definitely a perfectionist when it came to her spreads! Amber gave us a lot of fresh new ideas and gave us some tips on quality photos. Most of her work was done behind the scenes, so we weren't able to fully appreciate it. Howevwer, we know that it took all of us to get the job done. We worked together as a team and finished the journey successfully. Okay, so it wasn't a walk in the park. But, we sure enjoyed the scenery!



Look what I brought home! Amber shows that she's qualified to do some serious journalism!
Were you talking to me? Alisha David doesn't take her job lightly.
Hmm... Justin Graef workstirelessly on a spread.
How may we help you? Brett Bennett and Michelle Chait are just looking for some work to do.
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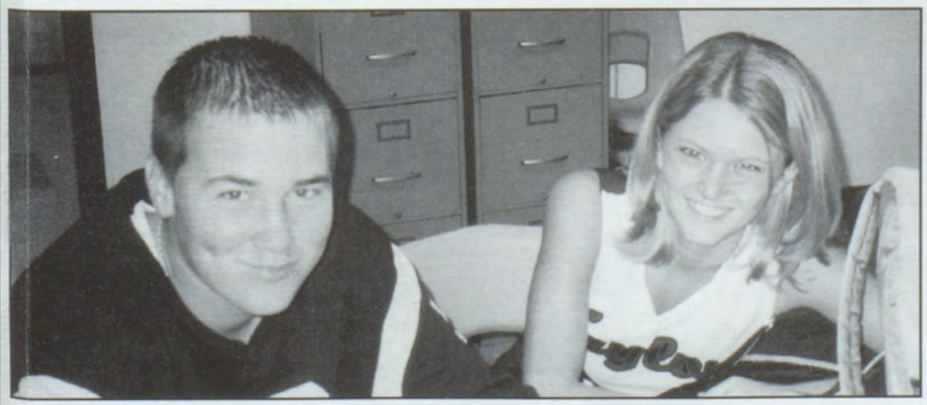


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Time to say goodbye...

It isn't always easy to keep your eyes on the sky. Especially when you are stressed about meeting your next deadline. But after putting this book together, we, the editors, realize that there isn't much in life that is as easy as it looks. (That includes escaping from the science wing courtyard at 7:30 p.m.!) Through our yearbook experiences, we learned that you just have to do what you love, and do it well. Long hours and extra effort pay off in the long run. (We suggest, however, that you not listen to "Bittersweet Symphony," "Color Blind," or Sarah MacLaughlin for hours on end. It is hazardous to your health!) We couldn't have done it without the encouragement and support of our lovely yearbook sponsor, Mrs. Parsons. She gave us the freedom to make major decisions on our own and learn many difficult, but important, principles of leadership. She trusted our decisions concerning the design and content of the book. (And she made cheese dip, too!) Yet, we wouldn't have had all the practical knowledge to get through all the technicalities if it hadn't been for our helpful publishing rep, Mr. Jim Anderson. Not only did he help us create a quality book, he trained us with computer skills we will use for the rest of our journalism careers. We are grateful for the financial assistance of the school district and the opportunity they give us each year to be a part of such a meaningful project. To all of our high school administators, thanks for letting us pull all those kids out of class! We appreciate your patience and understanding. All of these people helped us to keep our eyes on the sky. Even after working a month into the summer to finish this book, we knew it would all be worth it in the end. All three of us will enter college next year with lots of special memories. (Not to mention the ability to write 250 words about something we know nothing about!) Most importantly, we have our faith in Jesus Christ to give us strength and direction for the future. We know that if you keep your eyes on Him, He will bless your endeavors.



