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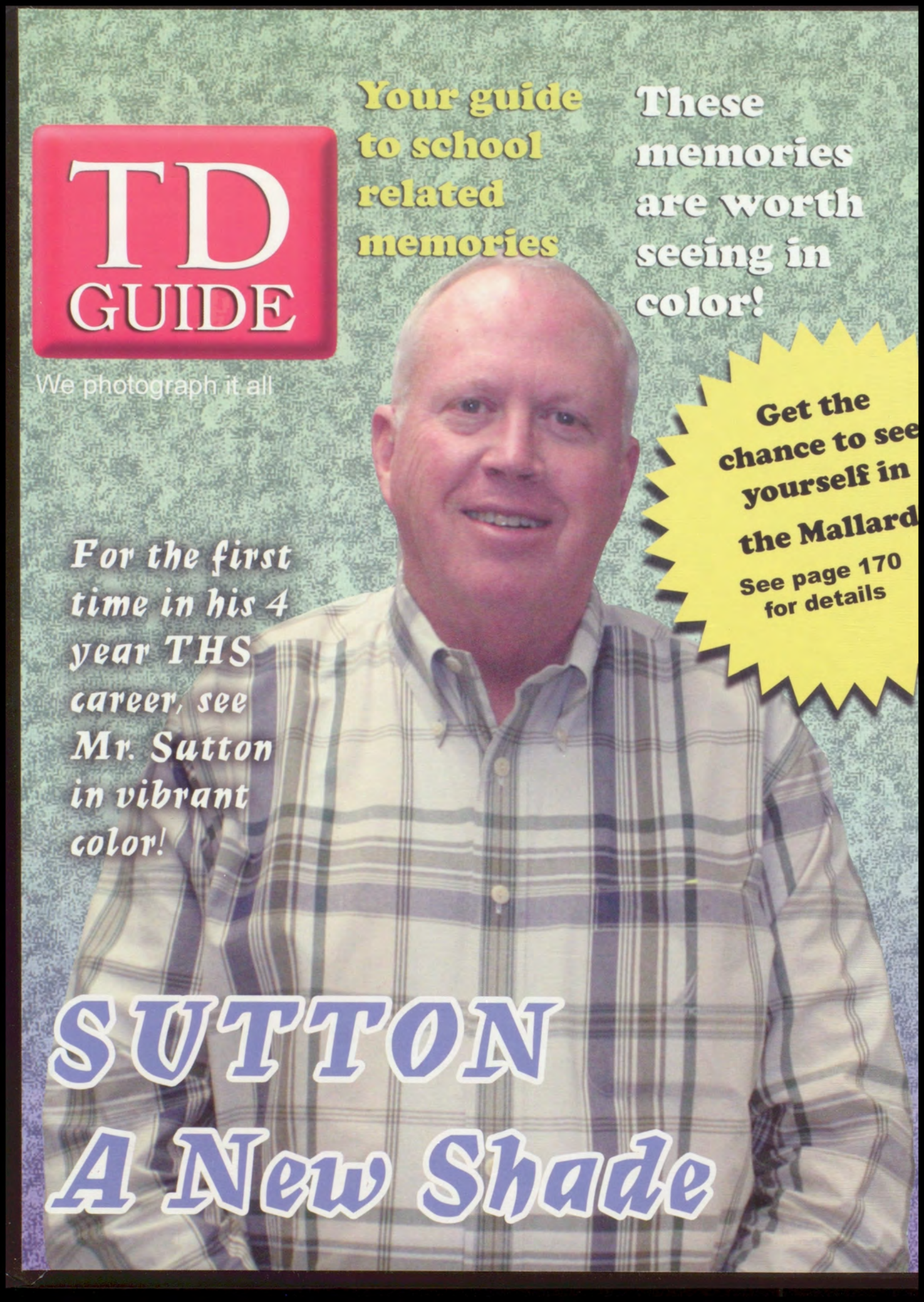

For the first time in his 4 year THS career, see Mr. Sutton in vibrant color!

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LIVE & in Color



Color permeates our lives. It affects our moods; it provides the background for our dramas. It changes with the seasons. It is symbolic. It can be soft harsh, bright and sunny, or deep and somber.



Photo by Megan Kirkwood



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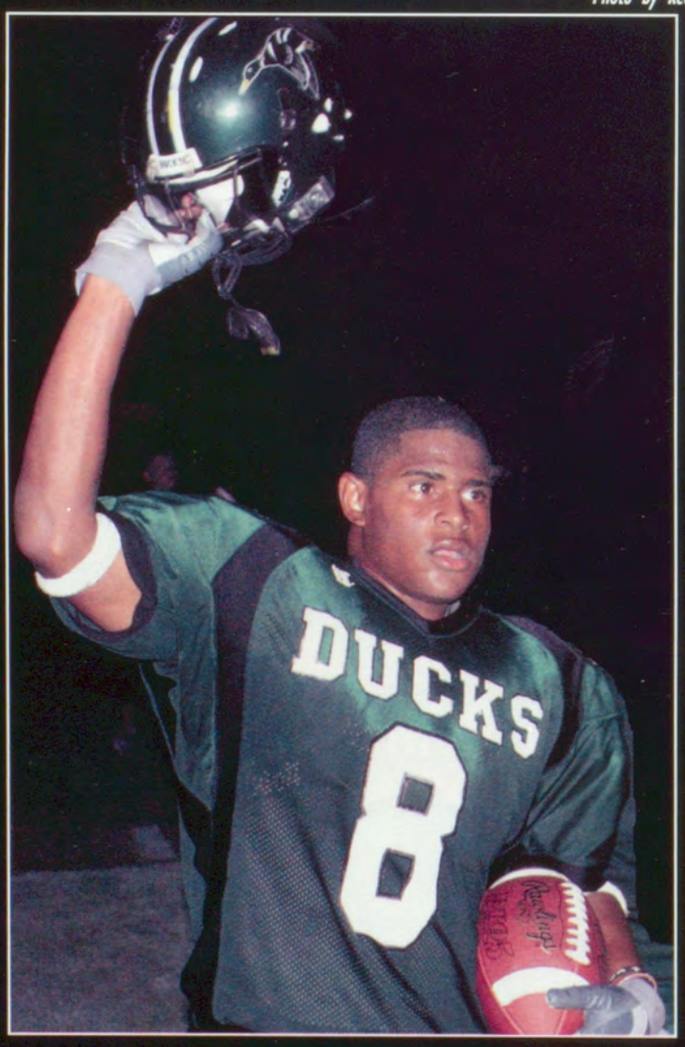
What colors your world?

We choose our outfits, make up, and cars, in colors that reflect who we are. We search for shoes to match our purse. We color our hair. We want a color printer.

Kermit the frog once sang "it's not easy being green" but in Taylor, most of us have never been anything else. When your mascot is a duck, being green is the easy part. Thank goodness we're not purple, or orange. It's easy to find a green good on most people.

Green is what we see most often, but it is not the only color we show.

Nor is everything black and white. There is a full spectrum of color out there, and



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Art by Lauren Lopez



Photos by Brianna Gross

it won't be ignored any longer.

Summertime.....

when the living is easy

By Keely Rucker

Corey Graef got all sandy while playing sand volleyball in the beach of Key West. Corey's team ended up winning the sand volleyball tournament.



Soaking up the sun in Galveston, Texas. Devyn Rucker, Keely Rucker, and Emily Quinn smile for the camera. The girls spent a week in Galveston despite the bad weather.

Wild dream vacations

Going to Africa to see the monkeys.
-Matt Jinkins

most embarrassing moment of the summer

I was in Dallas and I got pulled over and accused of robbery.
-William Brown

The endless hours of fun spent on your summer vacation

Working, hanging out with friends and took a trip to Louisiana and Florida.
-Brandi Moerbe





Halley Gay and Stephanie Fuller hit the waves on Crystal Beach a week before they hit the books at school. "The beach was awesome; we got great tans and met a lot of cute guys," said Halley.



Lindsey and Lauren Rozacky smile with the greeter of their cruise ship, *"Rhapsody of the Seas"*. "My vacation was very relaxing and I had a great time going to all the places,"Lindsey said.

The wind blowing freely, the hot sun tanning your face while you relax on the beach. No worries, no homework... ah yes. Summertime and the living is easy, but as always, the good times have to end as another school year rolls around. " In the summer I actually have time to do things," said Emily Quinn at the beginning of the frantic school year.

Summer is a time of different activities. Some include vacation, hanging out at the local Sonic, and as Lesley David says, "Summer was a non-stop softball game."

Beating the heat from the Taylor sun, Lindsey and Lauren Rozacky took a cruise to Key West, Cozumel, and the Caymen Islands. "It was very relaxing, and I enjoyed going to all the places," said Lindsey.

Making a little extra money, Adam Pfluger helped his dad out at Pfluger Shell. "Working this summer was great. I got to spend quality time with my dad and I made a little cash doing it," said Adam.

The malls are packed with people, movie sales sky rocket,camps overflow with laughter and joy, and swimming pools become the second home for most students as they try to get the most art of summer before it (all to quickly) fades away.

Courtesy Photos





Ashton Baran spent her summer vacation on the beautiful beach on Cancun, Mexico with her family. "I had an awesome time at the beach. The weather was perfect," said Ashton.

It's Easy Being GREEN

By Stephanie Fuller

School spirit took over T.H.S.like a violent storm. Students dressed up all week according to the themes. Monday students supported their favorite colleges. Orange dominated the school as many Longhorns walked through the halls. But green is what everyone was wearing, especially on Tuesday, which was Buddy Day. On Buddy Day, everyone picked a friend and dressed up the same, so people wouldn't be able to tell who was who. Wednesday, Taylorites showed their true selves on Hee-Haw day. Many students wore cowboy hats, boots, and even chaps. Thursday, everyone seemed to get dressed in the dark. Students threw together the most biazrre outfits. Finally, on Friday, the school was filled with mums, garters, green t-shirts, and jerseys. But Buddy Day was when one student stood out.

On Buddy Day, a weird, giant creature was seen roaming the hallways of Taylor High School. That creature was Ray Wallace. In the spirit of homecoming, the seniors were allowed to wear camoflage on Buddy Day. While most of the seniors wore camo pants, shirts, and hats, Ray wanted wanted to make sure no one would see him. He decided to a wear a Ghillie uniform that soilders wear in battle to hide from the enmy. He basically looked like Oscar the Grouch on a bad day. He originally purchased the outfit off of the internet to protect himself while particpating in paint ball, one of his favorite activities; he says the outlandish getup makes sure he will always win. "I like to jump out of bushes to scare people," Ray said. "I love spirit week and I am sad that is my last one."



BEING GREEN is the easiest part about being a duck. We always will have something green to wear to support the ducks, even if it is a Ghilly suit like this one worn by Ray Wallace.



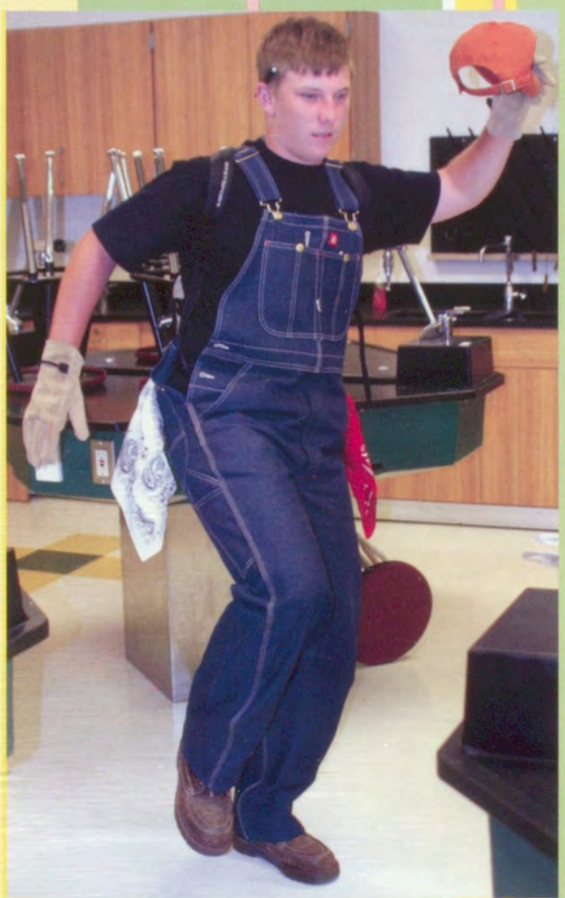


Jenni Walton and Kelly Banner look like they are ready to audition for a part in the Doublemint Twins commerical on Buddy Day.

This group of seniors seem to blend in well on Buddy Day. This was one of the last times the class of 2004 will ever dress alike.

While some students woke up and came to school as they were, somehow Chris Ozuna woke up as a woman. Tacky Day really gave the guys a chance to show off their feminine side.





Derek Steffek practices his two stepping while in his IPC class on Hee-Haw day.

Brandi Moerbe painted this sign for the senior hallway. "All the effort and hard work has finally paid as the class of 2004 took first place in the hallway decorating contest. Our "rope the mustangs" theme turned out better than ever."

"Our last rodeo"- Seniors 2004





This group of sophomores got all painted to show their duck spirit off on Green and White Day. At the homecoming pep rally, the sophomores dominated the school with their Taylor pride.



Lorena Avalo gets ready to rope the mustangs on Hee-Haw day. Lorena is an early graduate and says that she feels honored to graduate with the class of 2004.



Haley Hughes and Amy English show thier Longhorn pride on College Day. The Unverisity of Texas Longhorns seemed to be the perferred choice of college at T.H.S.



Kendall Mott attempts to row away in the freshmen's boat that was used to decorate their hallway. The freshmen went with the traditional "under the sea" theme.



Lindsey Wilson threw together her favorite pieces of clothing to create one awesome outfit. Most of the outfits worn would not be seen on display at any department store.

Homecoming

Here we come!" The football players run out in full swing ready to beat their opponents, Marble Falls. They trampled the Mustangs, 53-17.

TThese guys got into the spirit of homecoming by painting themselves up and banging their propane tanks full of rocks to cheer the ducks on to victory. They made their fifteen minutes of fame all over the news. KVUE wanted to call them the "duckheads" but they preferred to be called the "Quacker Backers." The Quacker Backers are Cale Hall, Richard Platz, Noah Brinkmeyer, Travis Teggemen, and Chase Danek.

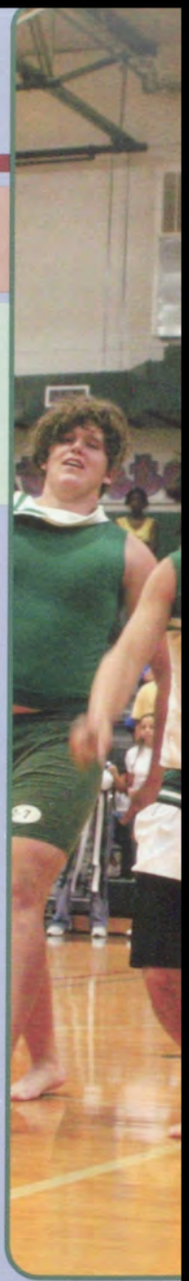
Cheerleaders led the parade to get fans pumped up for the pep rally and game. Many of THS's clubs and orangizations got together to walk from Pasemann to the high school. The winners of the parade were: 3rd, the senior class, 2nd, NHI and 1st, the freshmen.

photos by Bryan Zak











Duck Pride

Duck Royalty

Freshman Prince & Princess

John Kaspar Brianna Lopez



Courtesy photo

Sophomore Prince & Princess

Shanta Davis Brandon Davis

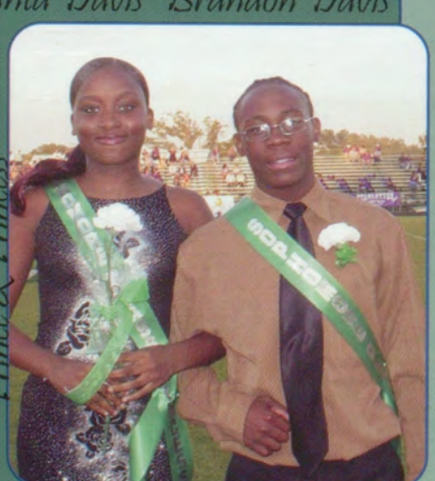


Photo by Cody Eastman

Junior Prince & Princess

Kati e Quinn





King & Queen



Daniel Thomas & Britney Washington

Never Dies!

Homecoming 2003

By Stephanie Fuller

Duck pride never dies, and neither does the pride of the senior football players. For the homecoming pep-rally, the cheerleaders decided to gather them up to do the tradtional 'cheerleader wanna be' dance and cheer. The Thursday before, the guys practiced with the cheerleaders for their big performance.

"I was really surprised to see how involved they got with the dance. They took what we gave them and changed it up to their own orignal style. I was amazed at how good they actually were," senior cheerleader Ashley Anders commented.

Their dance consisted of Chingy's "Holiday Inn", where the boys c-walked and even did some leaps. The music changed to "Crazy in Love" and "Right There" where they did one of the cheerleaders' dances. The last selection was a piece to R. Kelly's "Move Your Body Like a Snake". This part was the highlight of the dance. All the guys lay down, connected, and then pushed up as a ripple to make one giant snake. "The snake was off the chain!" Chloe Washington said. After the dance, they did a cheer to pump up the crowd.

After their amazing stunt, the guys hit their signature move, which is pictured to the left. Matt Jinkins came up with the move after being inspired by some street hockey players. "They always did a move after scoring," Matt said, "so I figured we should do something to get pumped, and this is what I came up with." As the crowd went wild, the guys rolled their arms in circles, added a little booty shake, and then struck the pose. Some things never change. The cross-dressing-football-player-cheerleader-wanna-be routine is one of those things here in Taylor, and duck pride is another.

Jack Bond



Lorena Avalos Jacob Glover

Senior Prince & Princess



Aurelio Rodriguez Stephanie Fuller

Senior Prince & Princess





Sharna Mitchell



Brooke Schneider



Brady Marshall

The Striking

by Ashley Anders

Webster's Dictonary defines style as "the current, fashionable way of dressing, speaking, acting, etc." The students of T.H.S. have shown that style means much more than being fashionable. It is all about originality.

Different from past trends, style is about standing out and using clothes as a way to express individuality.

"I dress the way I do because I want to be different, while being true to myself at the same time. Life would be no fun if everyone was the same," Katie Brooks said.

Just because people are striving to be different, doesn't mean they don't want to look their best doing it.

"Appearance is important to me; I wake up, get dressed, look in the mirror, and make sure my shirt doesn't look young, and my shoes match," Le'Nerick Mitchell said.

Just as diverse as the outfits worn are the stores where they are purchased.

"I love to shop at Abercrombie & Fitch and American Eagle. Everytime I go I see something I just have to have," Briana Lopez said .

While most of the students dress in what they feel expresses their individuality, others don't really bother--they find other means of self-expression.

"I concentrate on things besides fashion. I just let my mom dress me every morning," Matt Jinkins commented.

In contrast to those who don't worry about fashion, are the people who dress to impress.

"I dress like this to be sexy, as well as a person could be sexy. So sexy, it's illegal," Jacob Glover said.

The students of T.H.S. have proven that their styles and reasons for them are as different as their hair, skin color, and daily lives.

Photos by Ashley Anders



I'M A MODEL

...and you know what that means. Neal Bingham gets too sexy for his hair before hitting the catwalk halls of that never-ending fashion show they call high school.

What's your style??



"I would say I have a vintage urban style. I like to shop at many different places, including A&F, Guess, and stores on the Drag."

-Tessa Tidwell



"My clothes reflect the music I listen to. It's not about trying to be different."

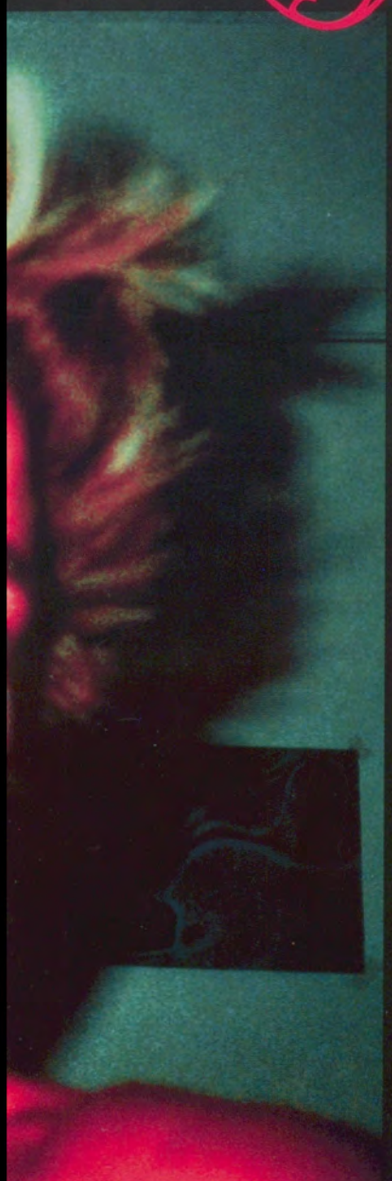
-Krieg Penny

Styles of T.H.S.


Joe Stretsky

Marci Winkleman

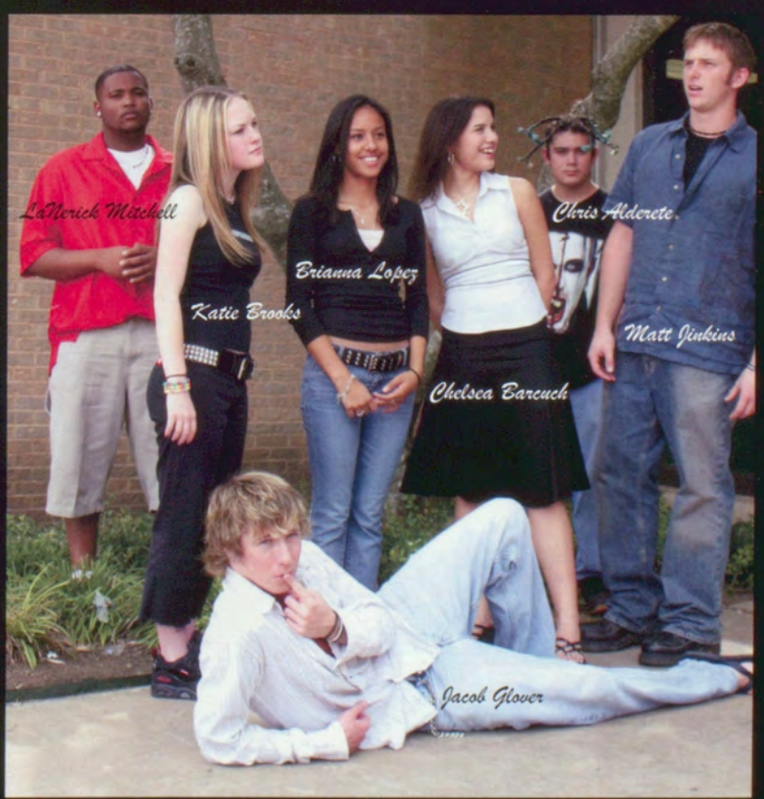
Chip Ivany





Kevin Cox


Brandi Morbe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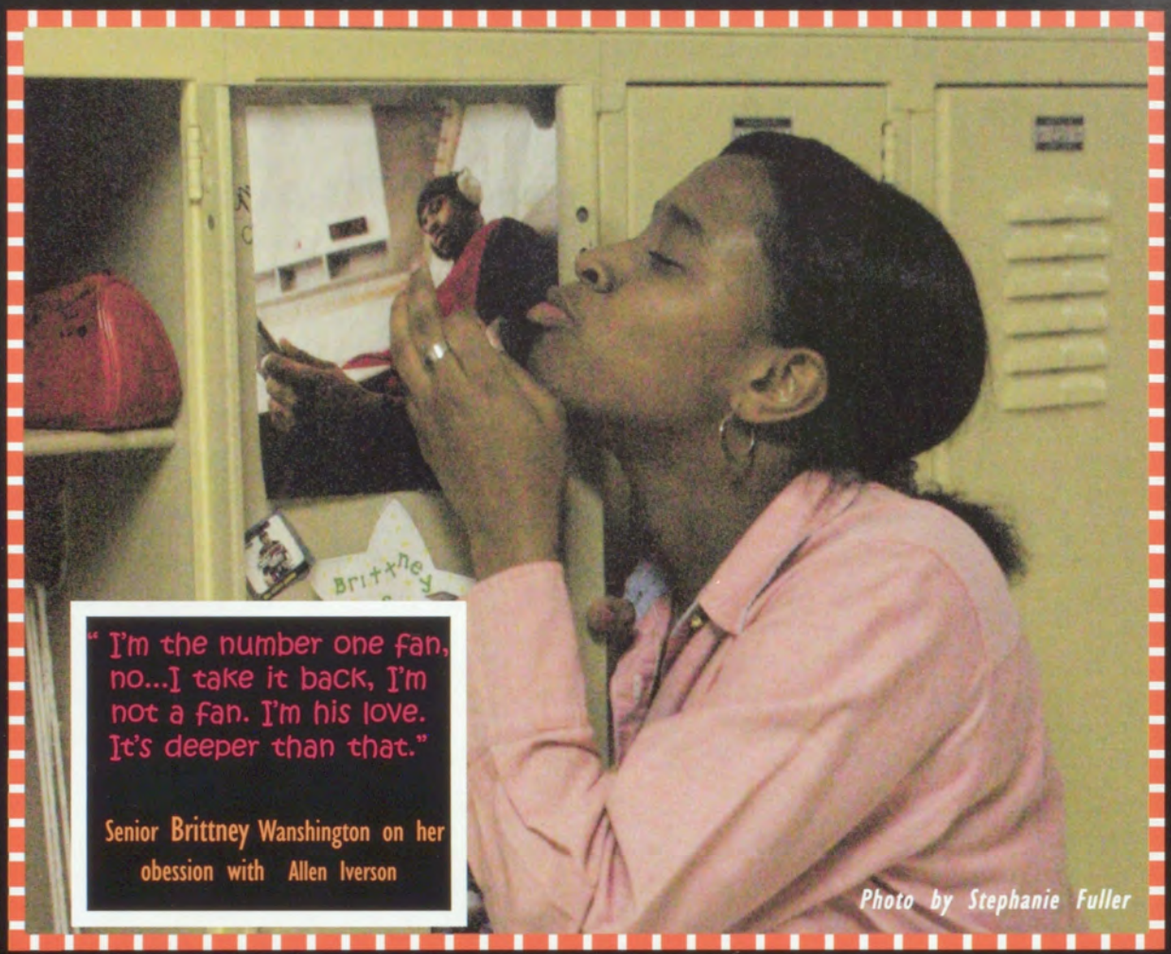
Red Hot Obsessions



"I'm the number one fan, no...I take it back, I'm not a fan. I'm his love. It's deeper than that."

Senior Brittney Wanshington on her obsession with Allen Iverson

Photo by Stephanie Fuller

By Kristen Sanders

In life, we all have things that we favor. No one is exempt. Some of us like chocolate ice cream, while others crave vanilla. When the Longhorns are tied with the Aggies in the fourth quarter of long hard football game, we all have a team that we want to win. When we turn on the T.V., we can only hope that our favorite show is on, because we know that it is better than any other program on all two hundred of our channels. For most of us, it's just a simple notion. But for the obsessed, it is truly a challenge to make it through a normal day at school. Some of these fanatical individuals have to go check on their precious cars, while others must check their makeup. It's a true task, for some of the members of this elite group of zealous individuals, to walk past a toilet, and not stop to clean it. The obsessed are not a group of people to be looked down upon, but a group to be commended for their dedication to their sometimes sick and strange fixations.

The first time Senior Brittney Washington saw Allen Iverson was at a San Antonio Spurs game when she was twelve. Needless to say, it was love at first sight. In the very instant that their eyes connected from across the court, an obsession was born.

As soon as Brittney got home she went to the library to get as much information as she possibly could on this "magical man" that she had seen, merely hours ago, enchant a crowd of thousands with his smooth basketball technique. Days turned to weeks, weeks turned to months, and months turned to years as Brittney's obsession grew and blossomed into a whole new level of insanity.

"I'm the number one fan, no... I take it back, I'm not a fan. I'm his love. It's deeper than that." Brittney is dead serious with the feelings that she expresses for Allen Iverson. Every wall in her room is heavily plastered with images of his "fine" face. Red, black, and white, the Philadelphia Seventy- Sixers team colors, is a reoccurring theme not only in her room but also in her wardrobe.

"I'm gonna say it's a shrine," says Brittney when she was asked about her heavily decorated room. She even takes heavy critisicm from her father for her "man," but she feels that he is completely worth it. You might think that these extreme measures would be enough to classify anyone as a fanatic, but it gets more intense. There is no way that Brittney could make it through an eight hour school day with out her beloved "A.I.," so his image, along with his name, has been scanned, taped, glittered, and drawn all over Brittney's various school books. There is also a small shrine in her locker.

But this love for Allen Iverson is not baseless. She has met him twice in her lifetime. The first time was at a San Antonio Spurs game, when she was in the ninth grade, and then again at a basketball camp this past December. Had she not met him there she was ready with a

The name of the game is obsessions and they are red hot. No longer is it taboo to express your infatuation with a person, place, or thing. If you love your car, clean it compulsively. Paint your whole body burnt orange if you're pulling for the Longhorns. Eat a whole gallon of your favorite ice cream. Crazy people truly rule the world, and on the list of the craziest, the obsessed are very near the top.



The cat's meow. Senior, Erin Konarik, is seriously obsessed with Hello Kitty. Erin alone may be the reason that Hello Kitty items are one of the top exports for Japan. What a great way to globalize.
Photo by Stephanie Fuller



Katie Quinn, Junior, is a slave to her obsession. She can always be found with her nose in a book. Since a very young age Ms. Quinn has been infatuated with her studies.
Photo by Stephanie Fuller

"All passions ~~exaggerate~~ it is only because they ~~exaggerate~~ that they are passions."
Anonymous

Breezy Boys

By Kristen Sanders



Philip Gamez
1997 Chevy S-10

Mark Eckhardt
2001 Ford F-150

Devin Remmert
1990 Chevy Silverado

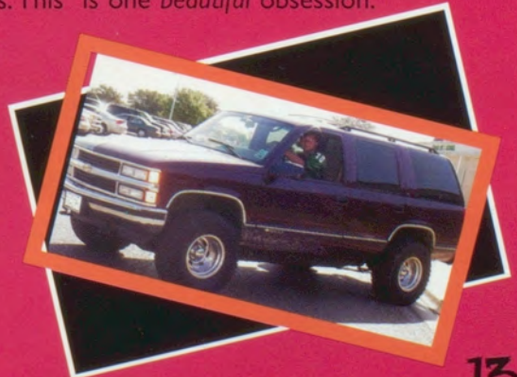


Dustin Naiver
1991 Chevy

Ashton Teague
1999 Dodge Ram

Matt Vrana
1995 Chevy

They roll into the school parking lot every week mesmerizing us with the ingenutiy of a professional automechanic. Endless hours have been spent washing and painting. Maybe a lift or dropt has been added. Countless dollars have been invested into this obsession. But to them, it doesn't matter. They must do everything in their power to make their truck unique. These boys belong to an elite group of truck enthusists. Some are in dropt auto clubs,while others just have a need for speed. Either way it goes, these boys make it look like a breeze to have a "ticked out" truck. Their hard work is appreciated in the eyes of the beholders. This is one *beautiful* obsession.



WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN...



BUNNY HOP
Showing off their skills in the depths of a Taylor night, Neal Bingham and Chris Lopez show no fear as they hop over milk crates on a local elementary school's sidewalk.



A late-night living room is overrun with the sounds of competition and button smashing as Manuel Pachicano, Chris Carrizales, Drew Farr, and Mikey Saverse take turns going head to head as the night passes by. "I always win," said Chris.

"On the weekends I like filming and making movies,"
--Chris Copple.

It's 7:09, and time to set out on another night of mischief, entertainment, and hours of boredom. The weekend is here and, yet again, groups of Taylor High School students are plagued with the always reliable and displeasing question: "What are we going to do tonight?"

Each group, clique, genre, and classification goes its seperate way off into the night to extinguish the pain of boredom and feed the need for fun. Let's take a peek into the night lives of some of our fellow THS students.

Low on cash and gas, Neal Bingham and Chris Lopez skate the night sidewalks of Pasemann Elementary to appease their boredom with public education.

Others turn to less physical means. "You're never too big for video games", commented Drew Farr as he maneuvered his way into the endzone against opponent Manuel Pachicano on another dark and dull night in Taylor.

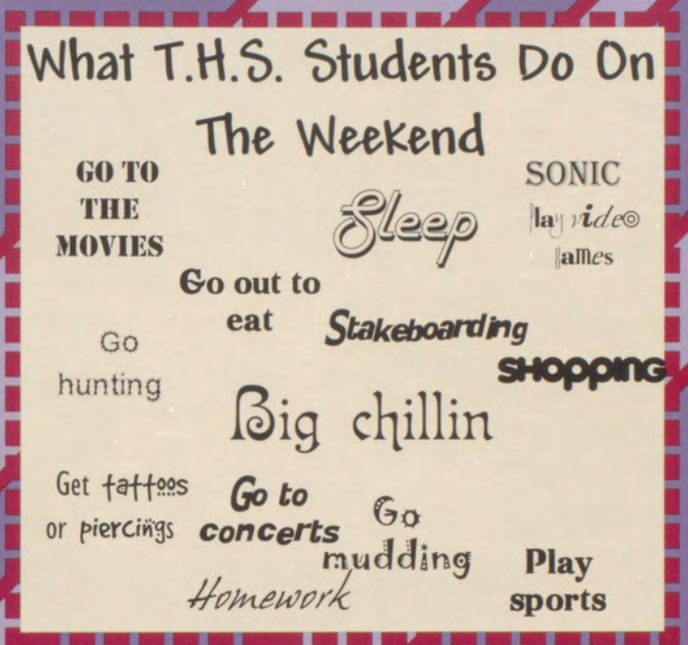
If money is no object, and time is no problem, a 25 minute trip over to Pflugerville's Tinseltown is a godsend for the movie goer. It will set one back $8.00, plus any other luxuries they would plan on indulging themselves with, such as drinks, popcorn, or candy.

For the high rollers, an evening at Chili's for dinner with friends is always the right direction for a night of memories. Their varied menu always hits the right spot no matter what everyone's preference may be.

And for all those night owls out there, a meal will always be found no matter how late into the night their ventures take them, if they follow that blue neon sign: IHOP. Yes that's International House of Pancakes! Whether you're craving their well respected short stacks or looking for a well stuffed omelete, this cozy little stop will be sure to please your appetite.

Whether you stay in town or drive yourself to our neighboring cities, the individual quest for enetertainment will takes you to all sorts of places, and you can only hope that someone you know will be there to share the memories.

by Joe Hernandez





This international symbol has been the "light at the end of the tunnel" for many late night participants heading home, or out on an empty stomach. And with the masses that call IHOP their savior today, I am sure there will be many more to do the very same in the future.



Its dazzling lights of vibrant color attract the movie fanatics like moths to the flame, as hundreds flock to the theater on weekends in Pflugerville to see their favorite movie star on the silver screen in the current blockbuster.



The cuisine provided by the ever-popular Chili's establishment is a notch above the rest. Its variety will always please your group's appetites and tastes, along with their moderate prices, cozy environment, and speedy and quick service, Chili's is always a two thumbs up.

Photos by Joe Hernandez

the agonies and ecstasies of PLAYING LIVE

by Jacob Glover

The crowd is silent as the lights go down; the band is in its place. All preparation subsides at this moment when the band members take in one last breath before their performance. Then from the stage comes a jolt of energy as the first guitar riff supersedes the silence of the crowd. The lights come up to reveal My Dixie Wrecked. The crowd draws in closer to take in the energy from the stage.

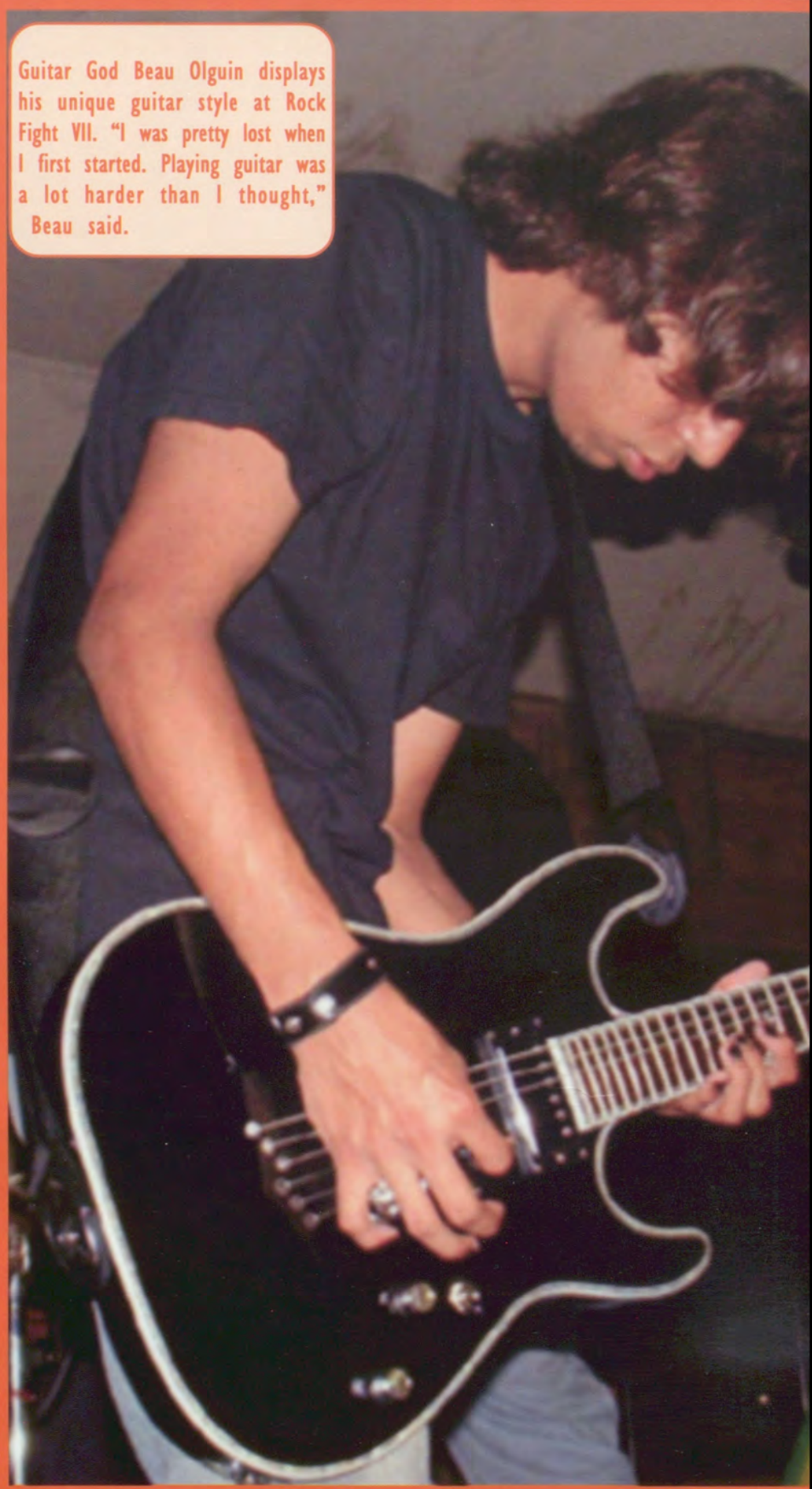
"I usually feel excited and nervous at the same time when I take my first look at the crowd," Beau Olguin said, "I was in 8th grade when I first realized I wanted to play music. I was really into Metallica and other rock bands, and wanted to learn to play guitar."

Inspired by bands like Pantera, The Used, and Thursday, MDW pushed to become better than the rest of the local bands. Thrusting about onstage, providing a sight for the eyes as well as a resonating tone for the ears, MDW ignited a flame into the crowd's already heated energy. 'MDW is very loud, and they offer some of the best rock and roll music around," Joe Strelsky said.

The last song approached, so it was time for MDW to, in their words, "put all our energy out into it, and just let loose."

"When I first started playing, I was really lost. Playing guitar was a lot harder than I thought," Beau explained after his flawless performance.

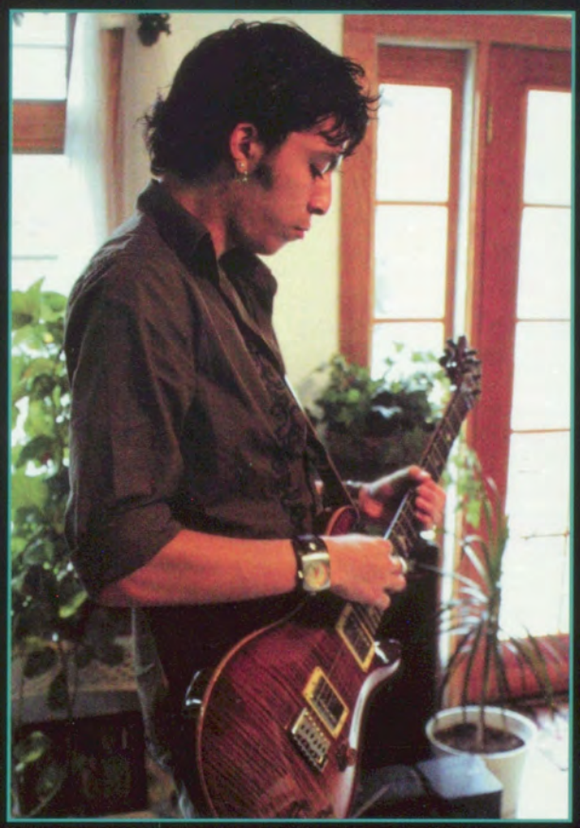




Guitar God Beau Olguin displays his unique guitar style at Rock Fight VII. "I was pretty lost when I first started. Playing guitar was a lot harder than I thought," Beau said.



Morbid Obsessions brings their own style of music to the table, as Anthony Vambouhkaot screams the lyrics, and Nick Pachicano and Krieg Penny pick out riffs on the guitar. Louis Drews provided the bass lines, and Steven Vambouhkaot slammed out the beats, which all together are sure to please a crowd.



1 on 1 with Josh Gonzalez

Q. What has been your favorite performing experience?

A. Last year, playing on the KLBJ stage at the Pecan St. Festival, opening for the Burden Brothers.

Q. How did you feel the first time you held a guitar in your hand?

A. To be honest, I didn't like it. My first guitar was this huge acoustic that was half the size of my body. It just felt awkward.

Q. When did you know you wanted to play music?

A. When I was 10 years old and my dad was jamming some Stevie Ray Vaughan, I fell in love with his music... I knew I wanted to play.

Josh Gonzales, lead guitarist of Merit, shreds a particularly piercing riff. "We put a lot of time into our music. I'm really proud of what we've done so far," Josh said.

MDW is countinuously serving up new rock hits, and a few originals of their own. "We usually try to do a bit of everything for all the fans that come out." Jacob Glover said.

Photos by Jacob Glover





Enrique "Ozzlyn" Gutierrez sashays through the swimwear competition with a coy smile. *Photo by John MacMullen.*



GIVE ME LOTS OF KISSES

Ray Wallace and Jacob Glover share some intimacy. This helped to ease the jitters before going on stage to start off the evening in which they would both steal the show. *Photo by Keely Rucker*

LADIES of the evening

by Joe Hernandez

The Miss Lucky Duck contest has been a Taylor tradition for decades, but it used to be called the Mr. Miss Pageant.

On a cold night in November, the THS auditorium was filled row by row, and entertained by young "female" students of THS, competing for the title of 2003's Miss Lucky Duck. With Mrs. Tennil again hosting the annual Theatre Department sponsored event, the stage was adorned with the presence of pure elegance and grace.

To kick off the night, the lovely contestants presented the awaiting audience with a choreographed number to the music of Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman". Laugh after laugh roared through the audience as there were many close calls up skirts, and also plenty of untamed masses of hair--creeping, it seemed, from every crevice of these young ladies.

As the curtains fell, Mrs. Tennil stalled and the ladies prepared for the talent portion of the contest. There was everything from a streamer-twirling blonde by the name of Lola Lopez, to a head-banging drummer named Bubbles.

Soon after, the the stage was adorned with the sportswear competition. Bathing suits, windpants, sundresses, and everything else under the sun was shown off to the fullest with grace and dignity. With bouncing curls and wavy locks, the contestants pranced and skipped along the stage.

Then the finale came, and what a finale it was. Presenting themselves in the most elegant of evening gowns, the contestants would strut their stuff and then answer a randomly drawn question that they would reach way down deep into their soul to answer. Although "World Peace" is an obvious answer, the audience was left with many plaguing paradoxes. More memorable than any question or answer, however, was Eddie Menchaca's way too tight dress that revealed the deepest parts of his...um...personality. Eddie took the embarrassment in stride while the crowd laughed until their sides hurts and their cheeks were wet with tears.

It has come and gone, but will not be forgotten. Thanks to all the guys who were willing to humiliate themselves, 2003's Miss Lucky Duck was one to be remembered and looked back on, as one reminisces through the days of old.





"I think Lopie should have won something, he humiliated himself for nothing." -- Rey Garza.

Eddie "Elsa" Menchaca, Jacob "Bubbles" Glover, Matt "Matti" Jinkins, Andrew "Tabitha" Gonzales, Enrique "Ozzlyn" Gutierrez, and Jose "Juanita" Gonzales wait for their turns to answer the interview question. The guys were posing all night. *Photo by John MacMullen.*



Ray Wallace rapturously displays his crown afterwinning the coveted title of Miss Lucky Duck.

Lola Lopez twirls her heart out as the audience laughs their lungs out. She soon after captured our hearts with a high flying toss and catch. *Photo by Bryan Zak*



Matt Jinkins concocted a special umbrella dance to entice the judges. His leopard print gloves were too cute!!! *Photo by Bryan Zak*



Heart-throb Daniella Thomas breaks it down with some adopted moves from the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, and steals the hearts of Taylor's studs in a stunning black cocktail dress. *Photo by Bryan Zak*



Ray Wallace and Rey Garza perform the original ballet that won them the talent award for the night. *Photo by John MacMullen*



Photo by Ms. Catuogno

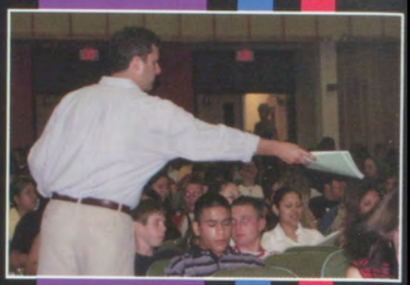


Photo by Ms.Catuogno

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

--Malcolm Forbes



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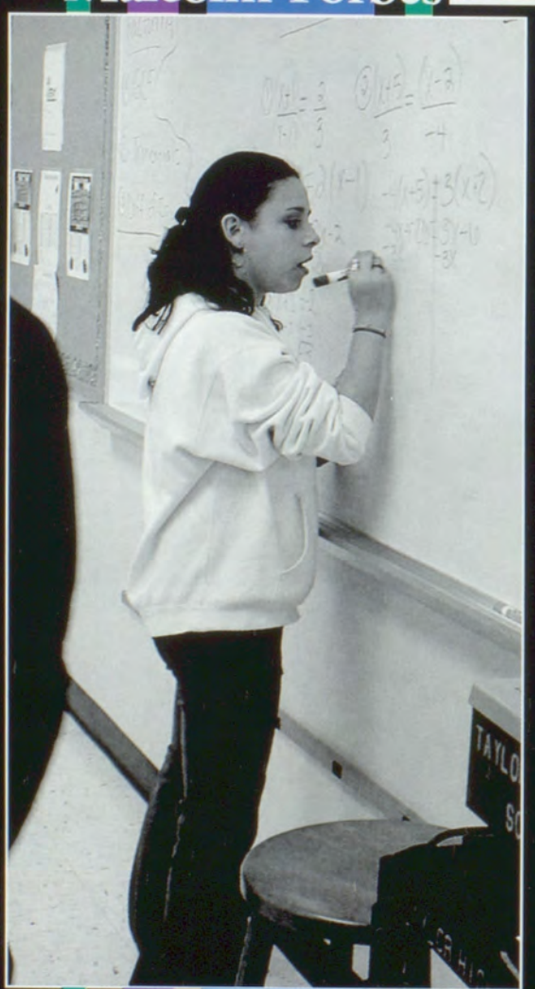

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Learning Curve

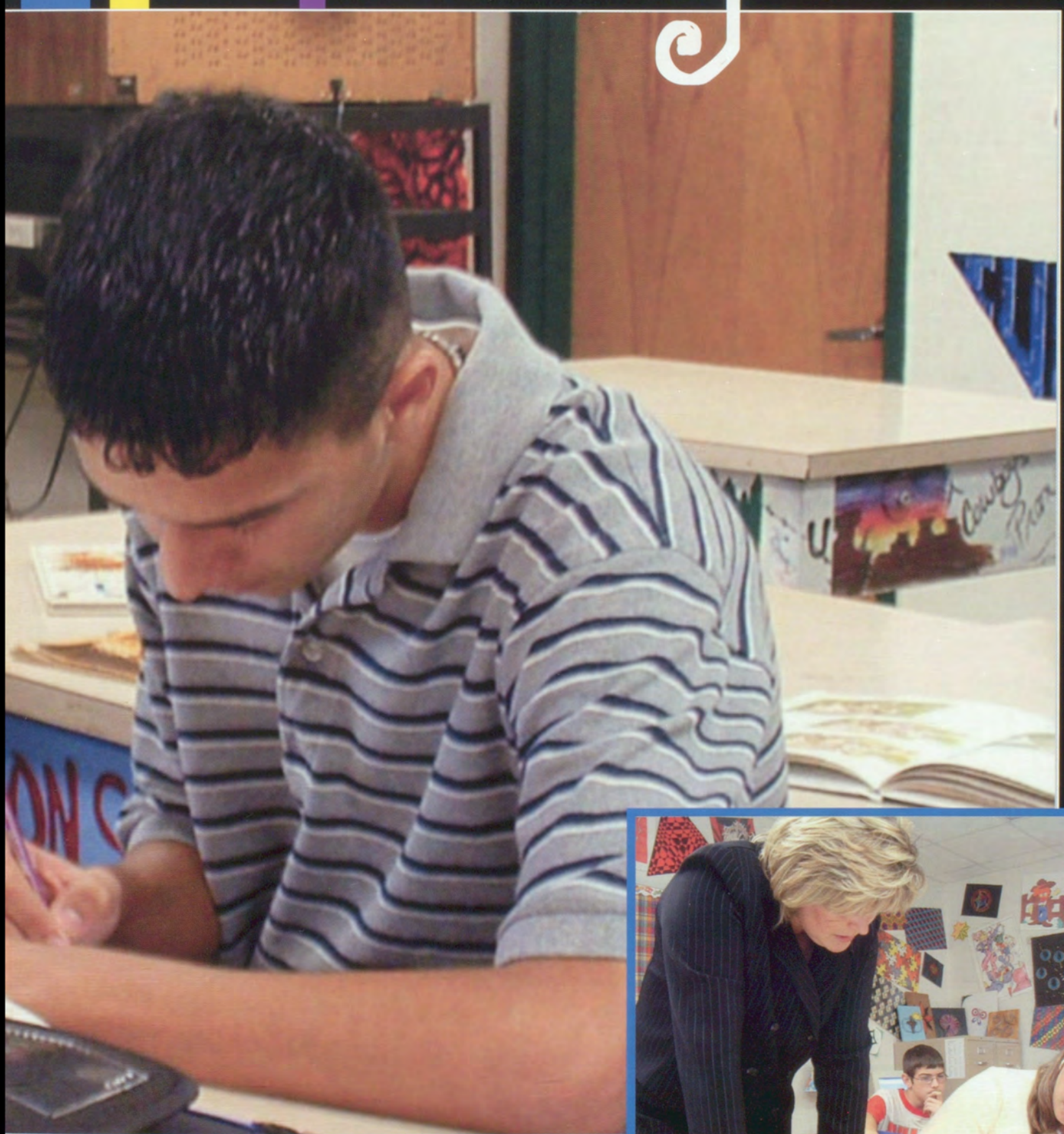


Photo by Brianna Gross

new COMPUTERIZED Generation

by Analicia Chapa

A new technology class was introduced last year. It is now being recognized and has flourished into Desktop Publishing! In this class, students work with computers using Photoshop, Pagemaker, and parts of the internet.

"It is very interesting because you get to design your own thing," Nydia Rodriguez said.

There is always a project in the making, and with that comes accomplishments and difficulties, because computers cannot always be trusted. For Desktop Publishing, using basic computer skills and technology is essential. One of the most difficult projects is coming up with original ideas and having to make them perfect.

"It is a very educational class and it expands your horizon on computers," Bradley Starks said.

At the beginning of the year, Desktop students received an old, faded picture and had to fix it by trying to make it look new. They had to gather all of their knowledge of the program and tools, and use them to finish this project. Many times, the colors didn't match with the others, and it could end up looking like one enormous smudge. Other times, a mistake was made and couldn't be fixed, so they had to start it all over again! But the most common mistake was not saving the work. Even if they run into a lot of disasters or mishaps, the final product is always an accomplishment, especially when they have a teacher like Mrs. Catuogno or Mr. Powell. Technology is a fast paced subject, and sooner or later everyone is going to meet it in their future. "This is a real life class,"said Mrs. Catuogno,"The skills learned here will make the students more employable."



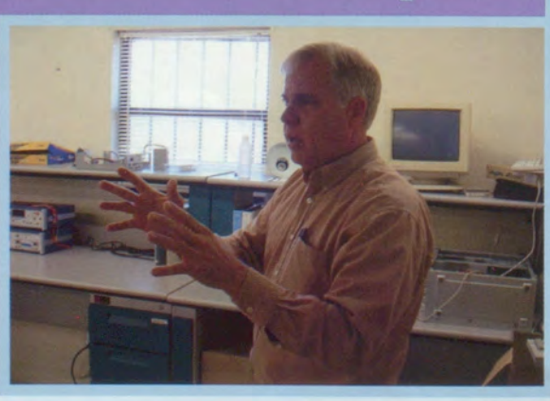
NEW AGAIN
MinJoo Park finishes the final touchups needed on her photo. Students recieved an aged, torn up picture, and were instructed to make it look like new in Desktop Publishing.

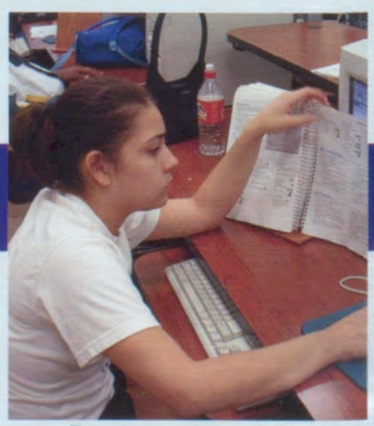
Q & A with Mr. Downey

What do you think of Technology?
" Technology is the way of life, it has always been here. Technology is an ongoing thing, it changes with demand."

Where do you think Technology will take us 15 years from now?
" More deeper into space age, solar power, wind power, and natural resources."

What do you like about Technology?
" It is always changing, I like change."





Lorena Avalos works through her assignment in BCIS. BCIS students had to fine-tune their typing skills for class.





Tired David Velazquez concentrates on his computer in BCIS. Students learned how to type letterheads throughout the year.

Matthew Taisler works on his project in Mr. Downey's class. Electronic students worked on many technology projects throughout the year.

"Computers are a great thing because you can have the whole world in your hands in a matter of seconds."
--Stephanie Fuller





Working hard on his assignment in BCIS, Derek Thompson types away on the computer. In regards to his teacher, Derek feels that " Mrs. Kreuger is awesome."

"TO ERR IS HUMAN, BUT TO REALLY FOUL THINGS UP REQUIRES A COMPUTER."



Lindsay Green concentrates on finishing her worksheet during Algebra 1. Many students had to use calculators for their assignments.



Lindsay Nevins compares a handmade dummy sheet to a layout done with PageMaker software. Students in Desktop Publishing learned basic rules of page design before beginning to design on the computer.

"It is just the truth and what I like to do."
--Robert Medrano



Robert Medrano displays his artistic collage in Mrs. Reisiner's speech class. The project was to show the truth that lies within each student.

How To avoid fright

Be prepared: know your topic and your audience.

Look your best: have an outfit that speaks, but not louder than you.

Pause before you begin: make a connection with audience.

Memorize the opening: diving right in makes it easier.

Be healthy: rest, eat, and exercise. Energy helps you to be at your best.

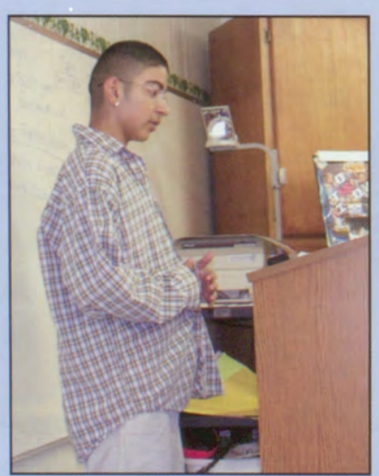
Mingle: it helps to make you feel at home.

Translate fear to energy: label fear to excitement, *move*.



"I think it is cool seeing the students present and also seeing how their visual aids look funny most of the time."
--Ebony Lewis





Keith Medina talks about his personal experience in speech class, while presenting himself and his story. Every student was required to take a speech class.



Evan Gerren tries to remember his lines for the vocabulary presentation in Spanish II. Vocabulary presentations were done every Friday in the advanced classes.

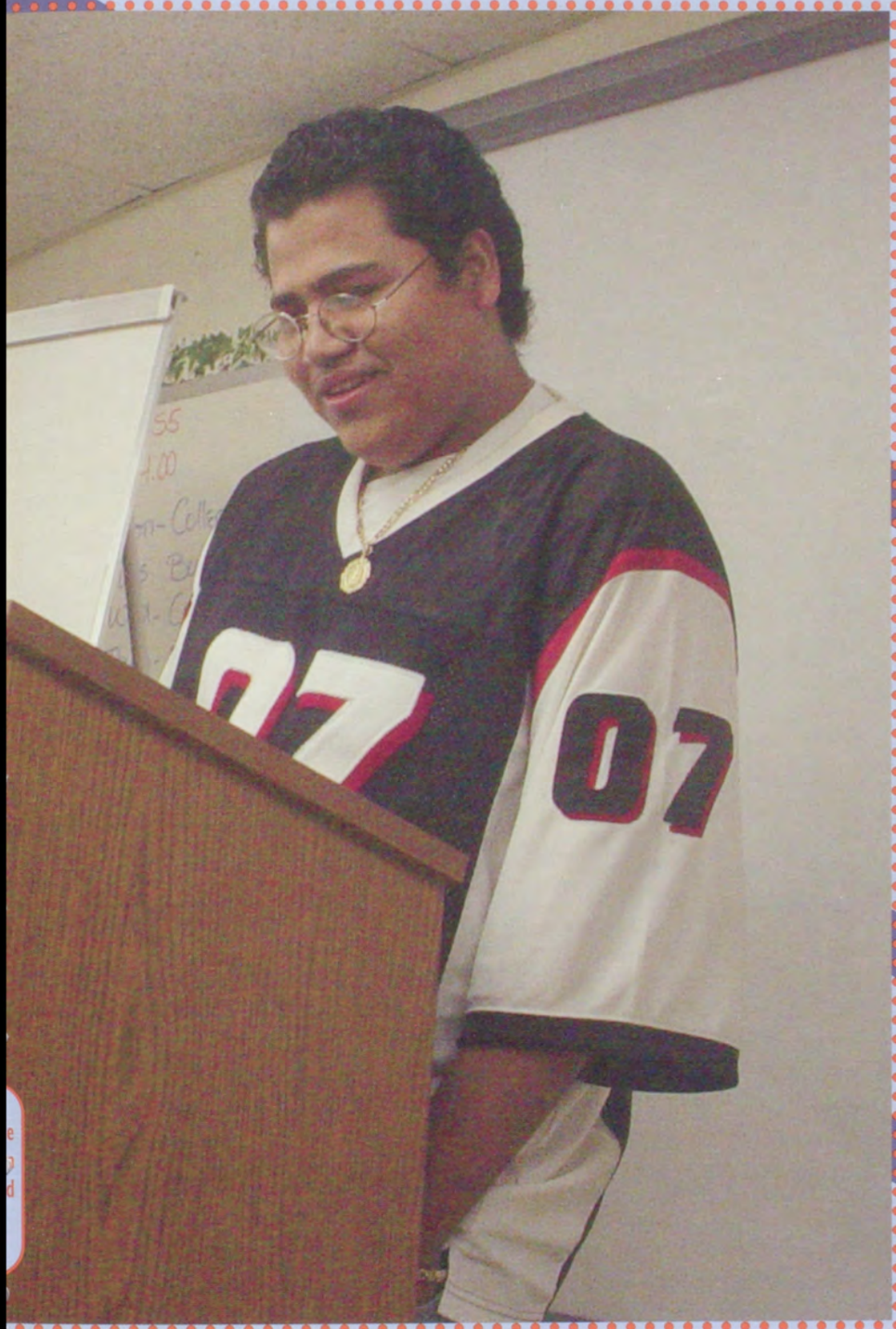


Derrick Salazar looks to the sky for help while trying to recite his lines before presenting in front of the class. Spanish II students were required to make oral presentations for vocabulary.



THE PRESSURE IS ON...
Venus Cervantes is showing his u style, while also trying to stay during his speech presentation. He not to appear afraid and nervous.

In Latin III, the students gather their teacher, Mrs. Schafer, for information on their upcoming presentations. *Photos by Brittney Washington.*



a fear all its own

by Brittney Washington

The way people speak portrays who they are and determines how they are viewed by others. Not only that, but the way they react to a certain environment determines the reaction of others. Speech class prepares people to know how to present themselves in front of peers and the outside world.

Many people fear presenting and being criticized by people. Venus Cervantes, a senior, is among the majority of people who have stage fright and a sense of shyness in front of strangers.

"Plenty of times I feel like screaming afterwards," said Venus. " I also receive butterflies when presenting."

There are several speech assignments given throughout the semester. Many students including Venus, enjoy the speech about personal experiences the most.

"I wasn't afraid that much when I told the story of my broken bone," said Venus.

There are many techniques that people with stage fright use while presenting in front of an audience. Venus commented that he has no technique; he just reads his notecards.

Venus is not the only one in his family with shyness and a fear of speaking out loud. He gets this from his father.

" It's easier speaking in front of my family than the teacher because they don't judge me," Venus said.

Venus is a bilingual student whose native language is Spanish, yet he feels English is easier to speak in front of the class with.

He says there is no reason why, but he knows he will never get over his nervousness.

" I hate speeches. I get nervous in front of everyone because too many people look at me. I hate it, but moving makes me more comfortable."



4 type of Stage Fright

There are four common types of stage fright: fear of fainting, fear of boring the audience, fear of your mind going blank, and fear of being judged.

The REAL World

by Stephen Haskins

Students are told on a daily basis that they must abandon their childish ambitions of constantly joking around and playing all day, to become more focused on their futures and become part of the so-called "Real World". Making the transition from childhood to adulthood can be harder on some than for others. Even though everyone relies on their parents somewhat, classes such as Co-op and Food Science Technology can make this transition easier. These classes teach students how to interact with other people and personalities unlike their own. Courses like these also teach skills to be used in their home life.

In Co-op, students get to experience the double duty of school and work. Most students get into co-op so they can make money and get out of school earlier. Working at this age gives students a chance to figure out what they want to do with their lives, not to mention that it looks good on college applications.

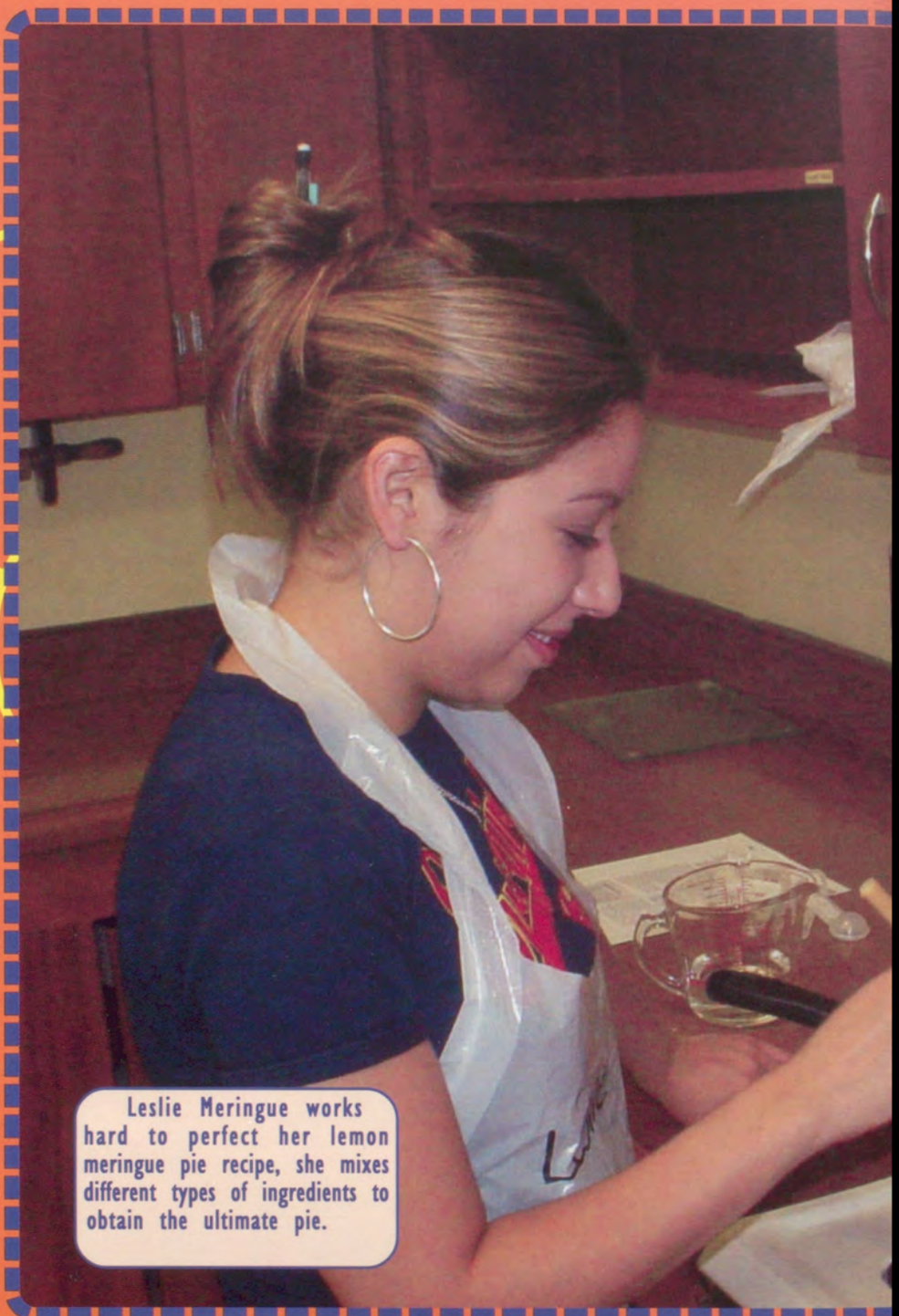
"I chose to work for my dad because it's convenient, and a family business, so one day, when I own it, I will be rollin' in the dough," Adam Pfluger said, who works at the Pfluger Shell Station.

Many students find it hard to enjoy their jobs so much, beacuse of their very embarassing moments. But you live and you learn.

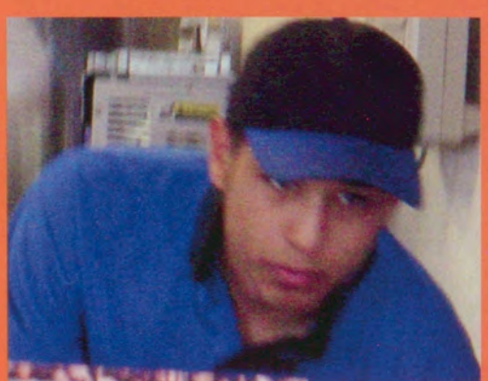
"While at work one day, I was a car hop at Sonic, when a man was ready to order. I asked "Can I have your number" instead of "What would you like order?" said Diana Captilleo. The man responded "I have a girlfriend, and can I can order now?" .

With many of these "Real World" classes, students are preparing Taylor's youth to be ready for life out side of high school.

> Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work another day in your life.
>
> --Confucius



Leslie Meringue works hard to perfect her lemon meringue pie recipe, she mixes different types of ingredients to obtain the ultimate pie.



Manuel Perez helps out a customer at Jack in the Box. Manuel manged to find time to make a little money inbetween school and football practice. While working at Jack in the Box, Manuel gets to experience the world in the food industry.

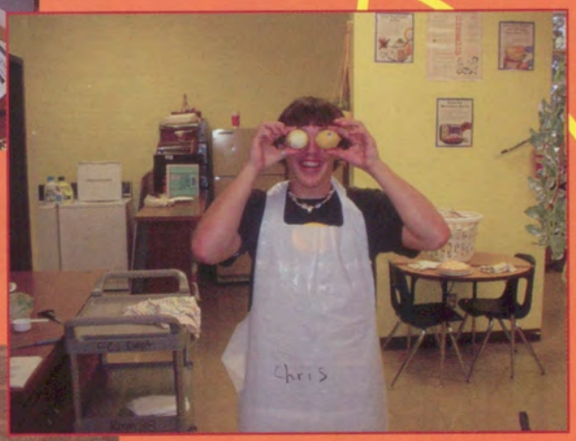


Sierra Hewtty and Katie Brooks stop to talk to each other in the hall to discuss what they did at the hosptial today. They were in the Health Science Technolgy class, which helped them prepare for a job in the medical field.

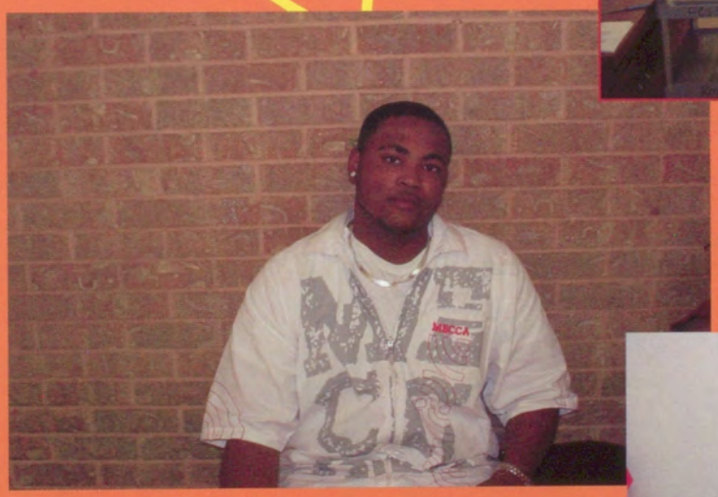




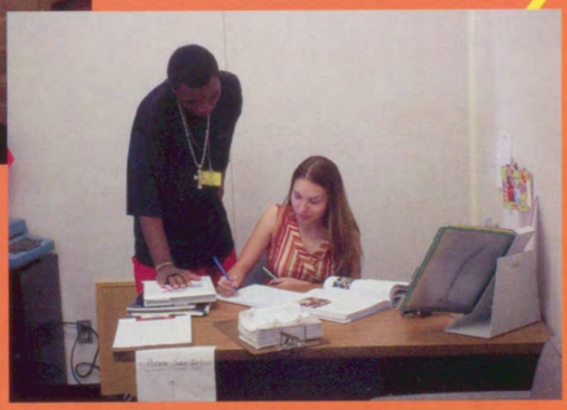
Ashley Montez works diligently in the office for her Co-op. By working in the office, students learned communication skills that will help them in the future. Having good communcation skills allows people to work better with others.



Instead of making lemon meringue pie, Chris Wilkerson plays around with the lemons while in Food & Science Technology. I was able to take the picture before he got snapped on by the teacher.



Le'Nerick Mitchell sits in the student center before going to work at Golden Chick. Many students find fast food restaurants to be ideal for their working situation. "I don't really mind working there," said Le'Nerick. "Plus, I like their food."



Micheal Rossell and Soyla Rodriquez work hard on paper work given to them by Mr. Rucker. Soyla os an employee for Mr. Rucker sixth through eighth periods, while Michael is an aid during sixth to make the work load less for Soyla.

Photos by Stephen Haskins

What is the *craziest* thing that has ever happened to you at work?

One time at work I **slipped** on the wet floor and **fell** in front of **everyone**.

~ Jarrell Tolliver

Getting the fork lift **stuck** in the mud.

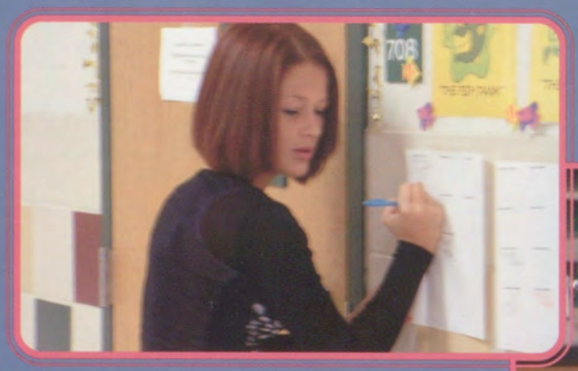
~Matt Kolinek

While welding at work one day, **sparks** started to fly and caught my pants on **fire**.

~Ashton Teague

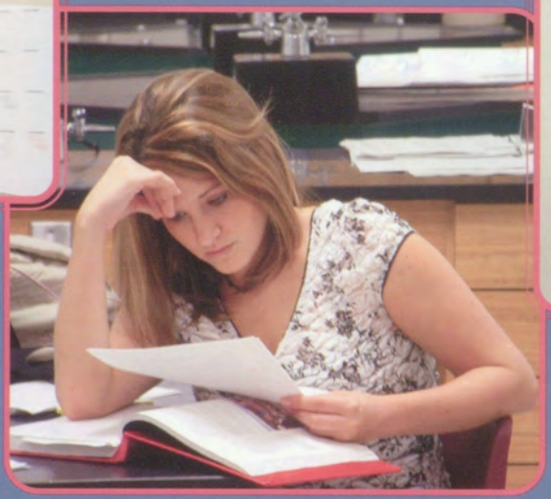
An old lady cursed me out because I **bumped** into her and made her almost **drop** her groceries.

~Keith Hehmann



Early in the morning, Kikki Lopez signs in before tutorials for athletics. Athletes were required to attend if their average slipped below 80.

In Mr. Plybon's only AP Physics class, Brandi Moerbe skims over her book, while trying to complete an extensive worksheet.





During Mr. Quarles's sixth period class, Josh Lopez avidly reads his U.S. History book. This AP class, with only eight students, left no one without plenty of one-on-one time with Mr. Quarles.



On the computer, Ashley Jones types away in the library, researching information for her sixth period class.



In AP Physics, Roanna Evans looks over her notes, and works on some very confusing problems.



Stiles Parker is looking through a book in the library to find information for his speech class.



Completely absorbed in his book, Rex Brinkmeyer sits in the library, quietly reading despite the noise around him.



COLORFUL CHEMISTRY

Carefully measuring chemicals for a lab, Tiffany Samuelson steadily handles these substances in order to create quality lab results. Her serious concentration was helpful in this attempt.

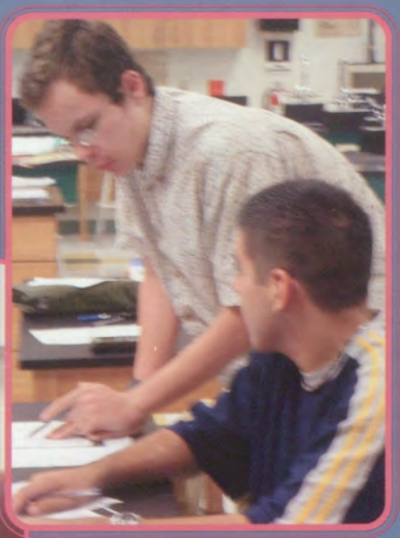




Emily Quinn and Sarah Johnson search for information about famous athletes in the library during their Speech class.

Intently listening to Mr. Quarles lecture about the history of the United States, Aaron Vanecek takes notes during this sixth period class.





Jonathan Hall is trying to explain the reasoning of Physics to Alejandro Alderete during their sixth period class. *Photos by Anna Johnson*



EXTREME Learning

by Anna Johnson

Students have all heard of extreme sports, like skateboarding, surfing, and snowbording. They have even heard of extreme religious groups or extreme political viewpoints. But how many of us have heard of extreme learning?

A prime example of this intense dedication is sophomore, Tiffany Samuelson. A tenth grader in twelfth grade classes, Tiffany is the epitome of rigid study habits and serious scrutiny. For the students that don't know Tiffany, she is already in her third year of Spanish and is taking Pre-AP Precalculus. Having attended school in Coupland until her ninth grade year, Tiffany was required to take Spanish I in eighth grade, moving her ahead of all her peers after she transferred to Taylor. As for her Pre-Cal class, math has always come easily for Tiffany. In seventh grade, her teacher noticed that Tiffany was becoming bored with their Pre-Algebra class, so she started giving Tffany Algebra I work. When she went into eighth grade, the school had to create a geometry class specifically for her.

"I wouldn't call Coupland School boring, but there was much less work there," Tiffany said.

Despite these advances, Tiffany is not planning on graduating early. All the extra-curricular activities that she is involved in keep her planted firmly in the ground. Tiffany is active in Science Club, Surf, Spanish Club, Inter-Act, AcDec, she plays the flute in band, and she is a third period representative for student senate. Mounds of homework also help to consume her time. Every night, Tiffany spends four to five hours working on school work, going to bed around 1:30. All this hard work is paying off though. Her average grades are high A's, around 97's or 98's.

> **" Academics is having the ability to get into any college I want to. What I do now is important, but what I do later is more important."**

"I am able to study so much because I don't consider my homework, work. I mean, math for instance, I actually like solving the problems, and even if that problem is hard, the work isn't hard to do," Tiffany said.

The title of valedictorian is not something Tiffany is desperately yearning for, but she certainly wouldn't mind getting it. Some of Tiffany's drive for learning is made by her parents. Her mother, Kandice, was valedictorian of her graduating class, so there are some expectations for Tiffany to continue in her mother's footsteps. In addition, Tiffany puts a lot of the pressure on herself. Now that she knows she can do this well, she gets disappointed in herself when she doesn't try her hardest, or make the grade.

"Don't let making a grade consume your life, it doesn't matter in the long run. But don't tell me that, I'll ignore you," Tiffany said.



Veronica Pacheco gets ready to throw, as she pulls the ball over her head.

Alex Bracamontez finishes up her last few sit ups. In P.E. the students were tested often on their abilities.





Clarissa Kelley is ready to take control, as she prepares herself for her serve. In P.E. the students were able to do all kinds of sports, such as volleyball, basketball, and track.

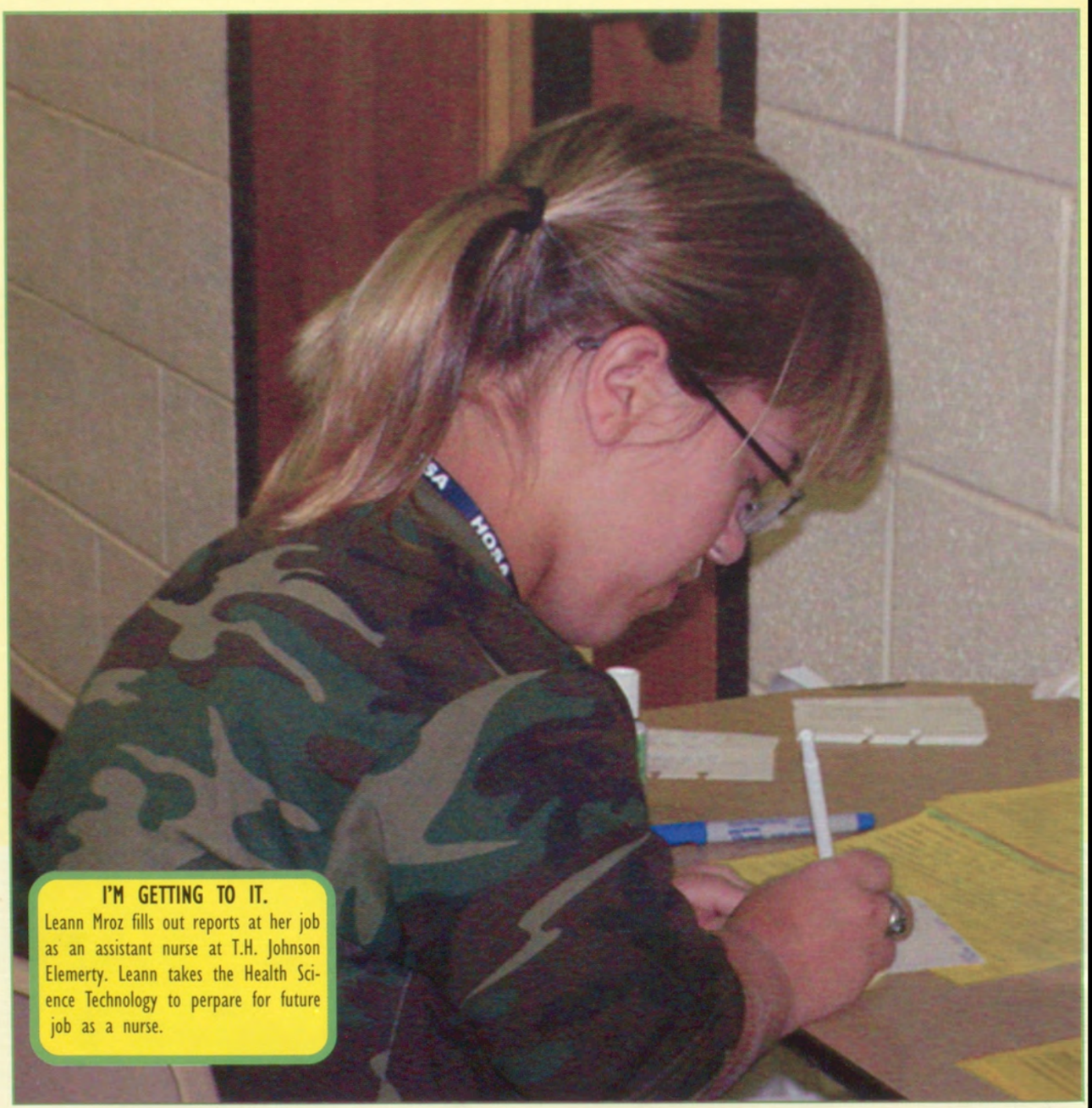
Health Tips... from Coach Potts

Eat three meals a day at regular times.

Exercise daily for 30 minutes, 3 times a week.

Do not smoke or drink alchohol.

Maintain your recommended weight.



I'M GETTING TO IT.
Leann Mroz fills out reports at her job as an assistant nurse at T.H. Johnson Elemerty. Leann takes the Health Science Technology to perpare for future job as a nurse.





Everything is under control. Verenice Salgado checks Geanna Mccallie's blood pressure. In second year HST classes, students learned how to take vital signs, blood pressure, and pulses, for when they go to work at the hosptial.

Heather Hennington sits and watches her classmates play ball, while enjoying P.E. Physical Education keeps students in shape and get to play all the different sports.



Working towards a healthly future

by Chloe Washington

Leann Mroz, a senior, works as an assistant nurse at T.H.Johnson Elementary. To prepare for her job, she has taken Health Science Technology 1 & 2. She has been through the certified nurse aide program and procedure. She feels that it is helping her with her future career as a nurse.

"So many people need medical help, which is why we need more people in the medical field"

She learned about her career in the health field through Health Science Technology as well as asking professionals about their careers. She feels that health is important because,"so many people need medical help."

"Leann loves to help people in anyway she can," Deborah Wooldridge said.

"Life goes by pretty fast, so we have to cherish the fun and special moments before it's too late," Leann said.

She feels strongly about being healthy, although she admits she is not the best example of being healthy.

"Don't let yourself get too stressed out, because that can also lead to sickness," Leann advised.



"It's important to take care of your health so you won't regret it later. A healthy life is a happier life."
-Casey MacMullen

Hippocrates said:

"Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there also is love of humanity."

"It is good for the guys to be in shape, because that's what girls like."
-Shay Thomas





Brittney Tamez holds up her negatives to see the great results in the light. Perfectly processed negatives are as rare as pearls. Great skill is required to roll and develop film correctly.

Photos by Brianna Gross

Heather Hennington works with colorful construction paper in art. Mrs. Hendriex worked hard to insure that everyone was included in the classroom activities.





Allen Jackson, Dustin Naivar, and Enrique Gutierrez study their subject who poses for a sketch. The class learned how to create life-like pictures by etching posed models.





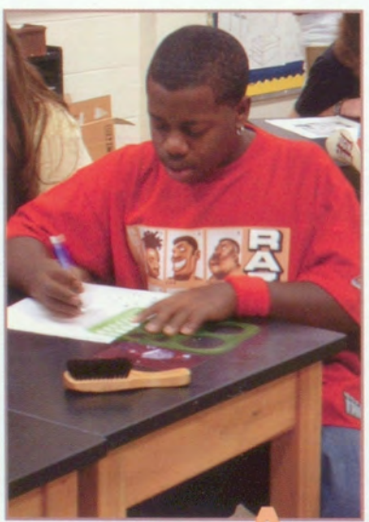
Art by Cherie Kruse

Nathan White concentrates on a CD cover in Art II. Detail was an important focus used to portray design in illustrations.





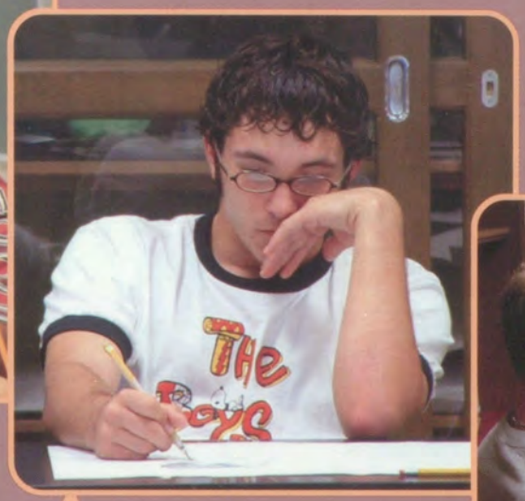




JR Cathey studies his sketch in Art I. The class studied Joan Miro's art and used his technique to blend objects together.







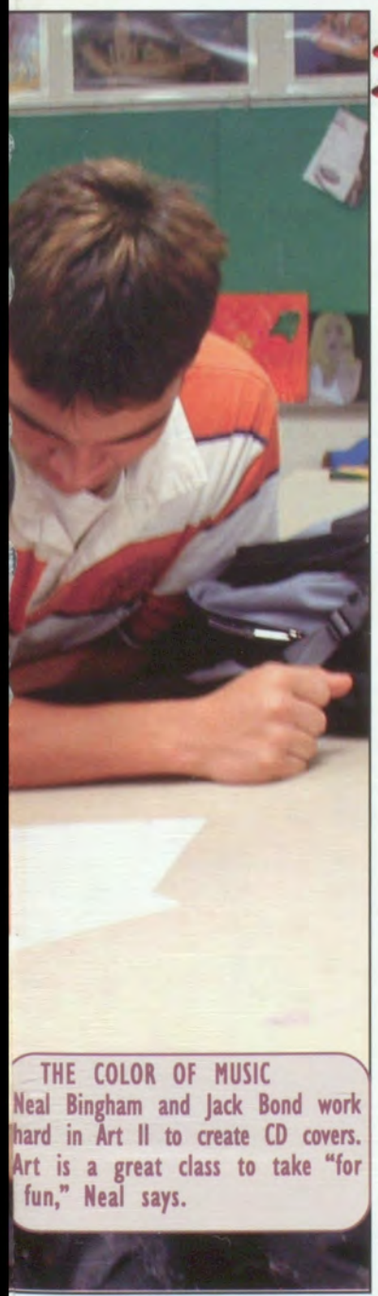
Joe Strelsky works intently on his sketch. Art I provided a welcoming atmosphere for eager beginning artists.

Mr. Powell teaches Keith Hehmann to mix chemicals used for developing film. In Photojournalism, students created pinhole cameras from tin cans. As the year progressed, they learned to not only take quality pictures, but also to roll and develop their own film.





Brittney Killingsworth selects shimmery silver ribbon for her homecoming mum. In Floral Design, each student created both a mum and a garter for the game.



THE COLOR OF MUSIC
Neal Bingham and Jack Bond work hard in Art II to create CD covers. Art is a great class to take "for fun," Neal says.

Heartfelt Undertones

by Brianna Gross

Whether taking pictures, designing bouquets, or painting a canvas, our high school is flooded with brilliant talent and vibrant colors. Some type of art class is offered every single period of the day, and the majority of these classes are jam-packed with students. To some, art is a hobby, a class taken only for fun. However, to a select few, art is more; a way of self expression, and a release from the daily pressures of life.

Great art doesn't just happen over night.

"I have to be in the mood to draw. It's therapy for the most part," seven-year art student, Mary Elms said.

Whether taken as a class, or done on the side as a hobby, art is definitely refreshing.

"It helps me forget about things," Art II student Sarah Almazan said.

For some students, art is a release from the daily pressures of life.

"It relaxes you to get over all your stress," second year art student, Yvonne "Bunny" Trevino said.

Even beginning seniors enjoy the emotional concepts that art offers.

"I bring in school, friends, church, and put it down on paper so I can admire it later," first year art student, Priscilla Grau said.

Criticism is not frequently a problem, because art is such a personal class.

"I do what I can. I do my best," Bunny said.

Masterpieces come from the heart, so judging other's work is not an option.

"Everybody appreciates that we put forth our best effort," Priscilla said.

"Best effort", however, is not an easy accomplishment. Artists strain their minds for good ideas, then flow with them once they are achieved.

"[Inspiration comes] through God and Mrs. Hendrix," Neal Bingham said with a smile.

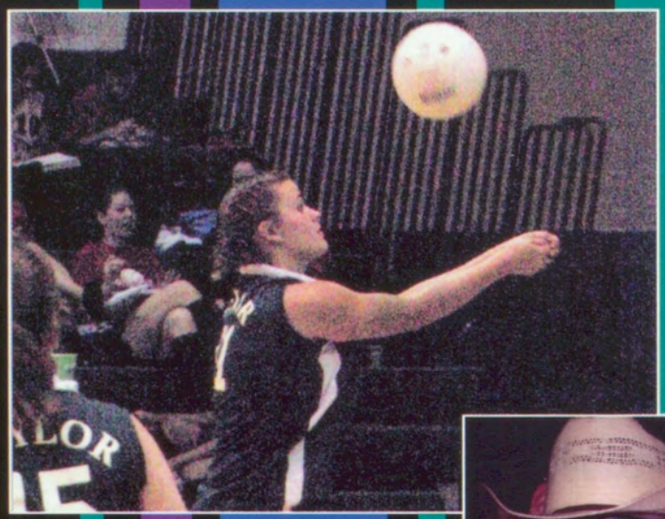
With art being such an emotional subject, it would be easy for an artist to get caught up in the dreary dolefulness of life. However, to Priscilla, the glass is half full.

"I try to draw things that reflect a positive image of myself and of what God wants me to share with other people. Art helps me to figure out who I am," Priscilla said.

Art is an "easy" class for the majority of students, because the class allows them to express themselves, and make their projects personal, an opportunity that most teens would jump into immediately.

One of Neal's favorite projects was "a dove with flames coming off of it," Neal said."The dove represents peace."

Artwork goes far beyond a piece of paper or a dressed up canvas. Each and every creation is meaningful and serves a purpose as a masterpiece created from the heart.



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Becoming number one is easier than remaining number one.

--Bill Bradley



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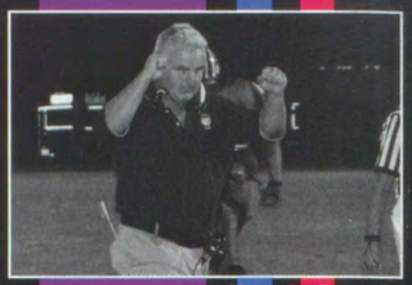

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Color us Green



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Varsity



Scores	
KerrvilleTivy	23-14
Hillsboro	49-6
Rockdale	41-0
Connally	14-17
Marble Falls	53-17
Ellison	40-18
Killeen	33-24
H. Heights	13-19
Lampasas	33-10
Shoemaker	49-46
Waller	26-54
opponent	00-00
opponent	00-00
opponent	00-00
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opponent	00-00

Front: William Brown, Ian Wooldridge, Aurelio Rodriguez, Mark Eckhardt, Ernest Miller, Rex Brinkmeyer, Marcus Bunton, Jonavon Wooldridge **Row 2:** Joseph Samaniego, Daniel Thomas, Corey Jahn, Ryan Leschber, Manuel Perez, Enrique Gutierrez, Michael Saverse, Benjamin Jirasek, Manuel Pachicano **Row 3:** Shay Thomas, Michael Campos, Chris Carrizales, Tony Metoyer, Duane Whittaker, Corey Graef, Chris Hernandez, Philip Gamez, Jacob Ness **Row 4:** Joe Hernandez, Rey Garza, Adam Pfluger, Ricardo Ramirez, Eric Krumm, David Downs, Chris Lamar, Daniel Filla, Matthew Jinkins



JV

Scores	
KerrvilleTivy	12-7
Rockdale	30-16
Connally	8-21
Ellison	28-6
Killeen	14-22
H. Heights	20-6
Lampasas	28-21





Front: Tommy Ross, Brandon Davis, John Guerrero, Ryan Green, Tyler Talley **Row 2:** Humberto Salgado, Brandon Palomo, Justin Bigon, Maximo Sanchez, Michael Campos **Row 3:** Joseph Strelsky, John Estrada, Derek Thompson, Torry Harrison, Chris Baisley, Tony Metoyer **Row 4:** Deral Milliken, Jon Hernandez, Daniel Torres, Chris Lamar, Eric Krumm, Tyler Klotz

Freshmen



Scores	
Kerrville	12-7
Hillsbro	36-0
Rockdale	32-14
Connally	32-7
Marble Falls	48-38
Ellison	36-21
Killleen	22-8
H. Heights	46-0
Lampasas	28-12
Shoemaker	28-8

Front: Delain Rollie, Sergio Tovar, Adam Janak, Ronald Gibson, Michael Martinez, Robert Aikens, Kyle Vanecek **Row 2:** Lashon Young, Braeden Lawhon, David Olivarez, Martin Aguirre, Justin Gonzales, John Michael Juarez, Jarvis Fitzerald, Andrew Herrera **Row 3:** Johnathan Wooldridge, Kenneth Jackson, Nick Avalos, Aundrais Draine, Nicholas Pachicano, Stephen Ballard, Adelmo Torres, Reynaldo Pachicano, Alfredo Romayor **Row 4:** David Chaidez, Matthew Milliken, Eric Camacho, Andrew Lopez, Sisto Gonzales, Ricardo Villarreal, Kevin Aleman



mean green

by Brianna Gross

Taylor's past football history has been filled with memorable plays and glorious games. This year's team had high expectations to live up to, and they worked hard to once again, return to the playoffs. Despite electrical problems, injuries, and a couple of rough losses, the guys dealt with it and played like champions.

"I would run cross-country, but I don't look good in tights," Daniel Thomas joked.

Although the team could be quite comical, football games were not a laughing matter.

"When the team loses, especially when it's close, it's always hard, but we are a tight-knit group who work really hard," kicker Matt Jinkins said.

Despite a few rough games, the team only played harder, and grew closer together.

"Loses change our team, and I think made us a better team," senior Ernest Miller said.

Practice after practice, the guys built strong friendships both off and on the field.

" They aren't just my teammates, they are my brothers," Thomas said.

All photos taken by Bryan Zak



Leaders o
Aurelio Rodrigu
Ness, and Mark
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show that tean



Marcus Bunton dashes for the end zone for the touchdown against Killeen High. Corey Graef assists with the block to help win the game.

the Pack
David Downs, Jacob
ckhardt demolish the
back. That goes to
ork pays off!



Daniel Thomas sprints towards the endzone against Killeen. Daniel Thomas was team captain for the '03 season.



After catching the intended pass from Rockdale's quarterback, Earnest Miller darts downfield to try to score a touchdown. Earnest was the leading receiver for the '03 season.

plenty of Pain for her Gain

by Hannah Carnes

The most important lesson of character taught in volleyball, or any sport, is determination.

J.V. volleyball player Sabrina Stefek has taken that lesson to heart. She underwent a traumatic knee surgery in the early spring of last year, forcing her to miss volleyball season.

"I enjoy playing volleyball. Sitting and watching was a true test of patience. I swore to myself that I wouldn't miss another sports season because of injuries again," Stefek said.

Since the surgery, she has undergone extensive physical therapy in an effort to be back and ready to go by this year's season.

Just when she thought things were looking good, she suffered yet another injury. This time it was to her shoulder. She saw the trainer , put on a huge ice pack, and gritted her teeth. She refused to let it slow her down. Many people would have sat out or quit, but Sabrina wouldn't give in.

"Sometimes you have to prove to yourself just how strong you can be," said Stefek.

She is still suffering from knee problems, and her shoulder is still bothering her. However, Stefek says, "As long as they're both attached, then I see nothing standing in my way or holding me back."



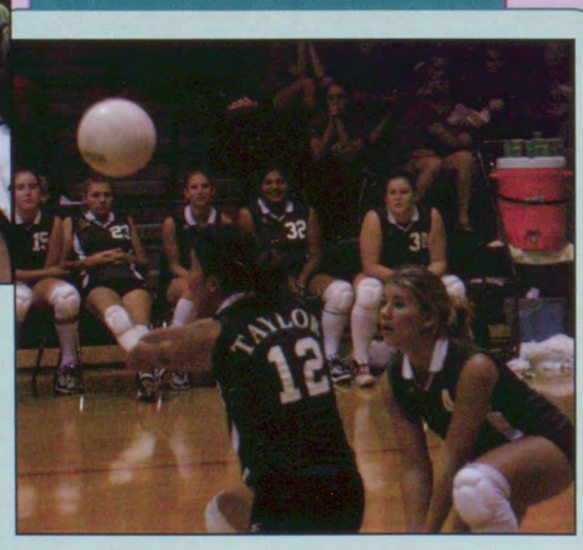
HURTS SO GOOD
Sabrina Stefek ices her knee. "Every time I see her she has ice or a bandage on her someplace!" said Sabrina's English teacher, Mrs. Catuogno.



Bump...Set...SPIKE!
Marci Winkleman proves girls can j as she blocks a shot at home. "Block become an instinct after six years doing it, but every time is still excit says Winkleman.



Amy Whittaker proves JV can do just as well as varsity with a backset over to Rockdale.





Coach Stansbury explains their new strategy at a time out against Connally High. "We tried a lot of different plays and formations but just couldn't seem to find one that worked for us."





Varsity



Top: Kim Heeke, Jamie Pausewang, Cody Ging. Middle: Ashlee Vrana, Marci Winklemann, Sarah Kolinek, Tracy Stewart. Front: Katelyn Gola, Hailey Ruzicka, Tera Eulenfeld.





JV

Top: Sabrina Stefek, Jonna Schmidt,Katie Engelke, Emily Downs, Kylie Stanford. Middle:Sandra Alderete. Janice Barker, Amanda Pepper, Amy Whittaker. Front: Jackie Luna, Lindsey Wilson, Ericka Jackson, Jessica Seggern, Jenni Walton.





The JV team shows that team work is the most important aspect of the game. Jackie Luna calls her team off as she sets it up for the hit.

Freshmen



Top: Mallory Janek, Brittney Behrens,Hailey Mokry, Devyn Rucker, Amber Johnson. Middle: Tracy Collins, Melanie Klotz, Ashley Lopez, Monica Jefferson. Front: Lindsey Walton, A. Shautai Jackson, Ashley Torres, Brittney Chavana, Duvelsa Murguia.

Flying without Wings

by Keely Rucker

Basketball season started with a surplus of players. Various reasons brought the team from twelve to eight. However, the players left in the game pulled through, represented the school, and showed their ability to manuever not only on the court, but with the problems they faced within the team. "Even though we didn't have the people we wanted to have, we still did our best with what we had. Even though we didn't come out on top, we still had a fun season," said Ernest Miller. The Ducks continued to ride out the season along with the coaches. "The team this year really needs to work on fundamentals and skills," said Coach Guardiano. The team made it through the season showing that the fighting ducks can still fly together even if a few Ducks go astray.

Ernest Miller receives a pass under the basket against Bastrop. The team practiced everyday to work on fundamentals to make their plays work.

Photo by Brian Smith



Chip Ivany leaps to catch the overthrown pass during the Killeen game.

Photo by Brian Smith





DUCKS SOAR HIGH

Jatem Curtis hurdles towards the basket as the defender from the Killeen team tries to block the shot.

Photo by Brian Smith



Michael Campos drives past a Harker Heights opponent. This was Michael's first game on varsity and played with much intensity.

Photo by Bryan Zak



Charging the court, Marcus Bunton searches for an open player. Marcus led the team with 15 points to beat Lampasas. *Photo by Bryan Zak*

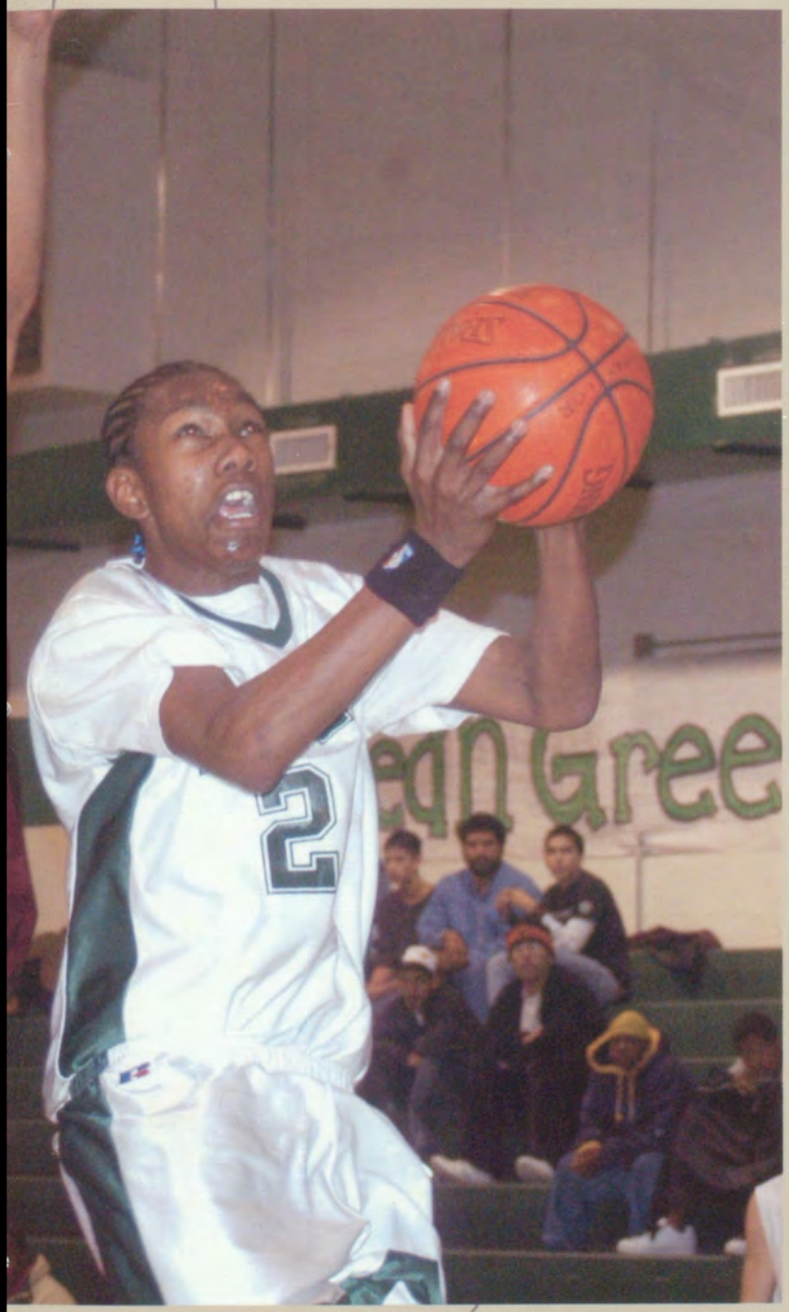


Ernest Miller goes for the lay up against Harker Heights. Ernest is one of the most aggressive and top scoring players on the team.

Photo by Bryan Zak

Micheal Rossell dribbles down court looking for an open Duck to pass the ball to. "Playing basketball was a learning experience for me this year," said Micheal Rossell.

Photo by Bryan Zak





Varsity



Scores	
Ellison	34-62
Killeen	50-66
H. Heights	33-65
Lampasas	43-37
Shoemaker	54-65
Connally	50-62
Marble Falls	35-57
Ellison	30-61
Killeen	31-66
H. Harker	49-58
Lampasas	38-46
Shoemaker	48-64
Connally	00-00
Marble Falls	00-00
opponent	00-00
opponent	00-00

Front: Tremanine Deary, Marcus Bunton,Michael Rossell,Chip Ivany, Jonavon Woolridge, J.R Martinez **Back:** Manuel Perez, Cayton Green, Patrick Brown, James Holly, Jatem Curtis, Stephen Haskins, Ernest Miller, Bryant Crayton



JV



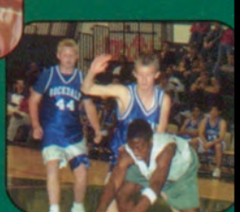


Front: Brandon Davis,Johnny Leal,Alan Jackson, James Washington, Eloy Rodriguez **Back:** Chris Baisley, Aubrey Killingsworth, Tommy Ross, Kyle Baran, Howard McCallie, Michael Campos, Bryan Vrana

Freshmen



Front: Michael Jones,Julius Collins, Omar Rodiguez, Jarvis Fitgerald,Michael Martinez, Bill Ruden **Middle:** Justin Williams, CJ Johnson, Jonnathan Wooldridge, Sergio Tovar, Coleman Eiben, Delain Rollie, Edward Stringer, Daniel Lopez **Back:** Scott Polomo,Erik Garcia, Robert Akins, Sisto Gonzales, Caleb Owens, Joe Gipson, Thomas Garcia, Nathan Niche



"T" UNIT

by Brianna Gross

The following poem was donated by starting post/wing, Kimberly Heeke. She was a huge team leader, and her contributions were numerous to the team, both off and on the court! Thanks Berly!

See we are called "T" UNIT;
cause we wreckin' shop with no one stoppin it.
Tyra, we call her "sleep",
she make you look like you can't ball, you weak.
Shiba, called "cookie",
she been playing since she was a baby, she ain't no rookie.
Marci, we like to call "smoove",
you never know which way she's gonna move.
Cody, has that "face",
she'll mug you and smack you in yo place.
Ashley, body made of "bones",
never stop guarding her cause she don't postpone.
Sarah, that girl called "flippa",
she'll get in your face and "ball, ball, ball" ya.
Crystal, we call her "body",
she'll ball around all y'all and have her own party.
Brianna, see she's "slick",
you don't know who she's gonna ball, just stand in line, she'll pick.
Kendra, aww "little bear",
she'll break your ankle and won't care.
As for me, Kim, they call me "word of mouf",
cause like all these girls, I wreck the dirty south.



Tyra Ramirez recovers a loose ball looking to score.



Sarah Kolineck and Vershiba Cook break from a timeout, pumped and ready to play!

Kendra Deary dribbles down the court, leaving other players in the dust.

Junior Kim Heeke drives to the goal against a Connally player. Kim was one of the leading scorers for the team, and she said, "this year's been way better than last!" *Photo by Bryan Zak*









Kendra Deary dribbles down the court with sophomore, Ashley Harmon not trailing far behind. Kendra was not only the youngest member of the team, but also carried an "ankle breakin'" reputation.
Photo by Bryan Zak

Senior Vershiba Cook stretches to block the shot of Connally's 6'4" post. Shiba always jumped for the jumpball and was one of the team's lead rebounders.
Photo by Bryan Zak



Teammates Kendra Deary, Tyra Ramirez, and Marci Winklemann hustle down the court with eyes looking to steal a pass. "I think that our heart and intensity has picked up a lot this year and we have improved a lot from the beginning," Kendra said. Photo by Bryan Zak



Senior Marci Winklemann prepares to block out on the free-throw line. She was a starting post for the team, and was known for crashin' the boards.
Photo by Keely Rucker



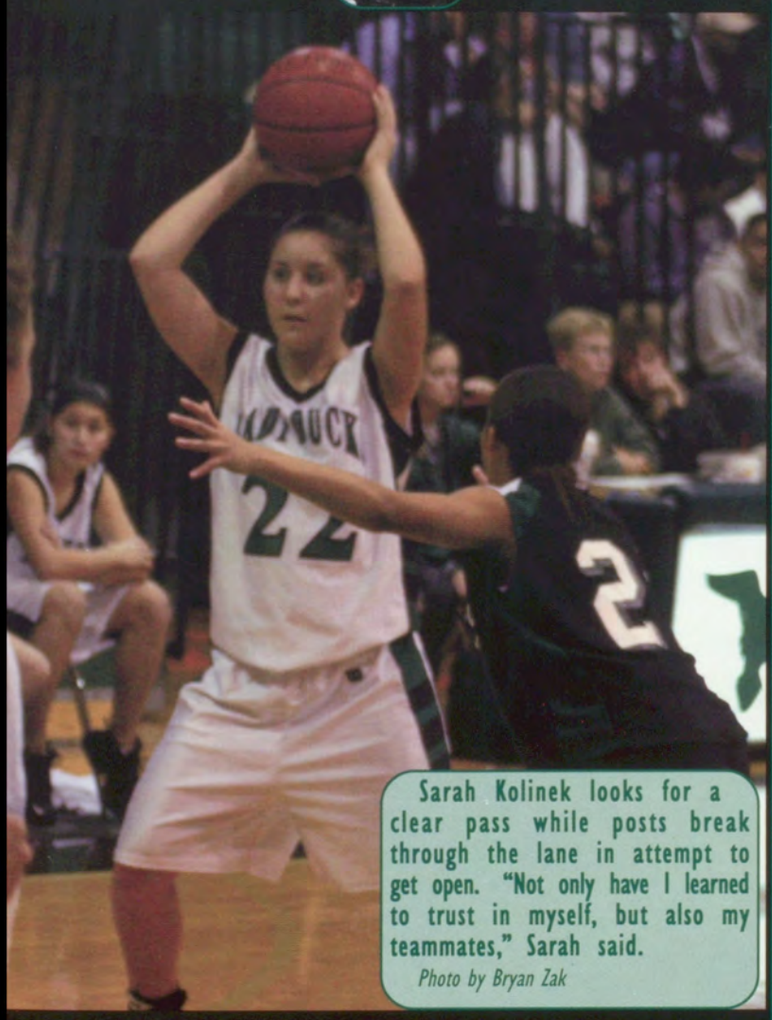
The team is kept on the edge of their seats during a close game.

Sarah Kolinek drives to the hole with a quick pump fake.



Cody Ging and Tyra Ramirez stare in awe of the offical's horrible call.





Sarah Kolinek looks for a clear pass while posts break through the lane in attempt to get open. "Not only have I learned to trust in myself, but also my teammates," Sarah said.
Photo by Bryan Zak



The team huddles for a quick time-out and a bit of a boost from their coach. Coach Jones was full of new and interesting plans to help the team improve their game. "Coach Jones and Thweatt have helped to make this year fun and exciting, and have lifted our spirits" wing, Crystal Sanchez said.
Photo by Bryan Zak

Varsity



Front: Ashley Harmon, Sarah Kolinek, Tyra Ramirez, Crystal Sanchez, Kendra Deary **Back:** Kimberly Heeke, Brianna Gross, Cody Ging, Marci Winklemann, Vershiba Cook. *Photo by Melissa Meaker*

Scores	
P Connally	11-50
Marble Falls	42-50
Killeen Ellison	39-43
Killeen High	33-52
Heights	**53-45**
Lampasas	25-40
Shoemaker	35-68
P Conally	41-69
Marble Falls	42-50
Killeen Ellison	31-48
Killeen High	27-61
Heights	48-52
Lampasas	17-33
Shoemaker	54-73

JV

Scores	
P Connally	29-71
Marble Falls	41-67
Killeen Ellison	21-35
Killeen High	24-45
Heights	33-36
Lampasas	19-61
Shoemaker	22-50
P Connally	25-73
Marble Falls	22-50
Killeen Ellison	21-43
Killeen High	4-29
Heights	37-33
Lampasas	25-50
Shoemaker	23-55





Front: Shaunta Davis, Jenni Walton, Katelyn Gola, Tracy Collins, LaNika Ross **Back:** Ynobe Miller, Ashlee Varana, Jamie Pausewang, Krystle Luconic, Not pictured: Nikki Smith
Photo by Melissa Meaker

Freshmen



Scores	
P Connally	18-40
Marble Falls	31-19
Killeen Ellison	24-39
Killeen High	20-53
Heights	17-36
Lampasas	21-29
Shoemaker	20-53
P Connally	27-63
Marble Falls	37-23
Killeen Ellison	17-31
Killeen High	06-46
Heights	30-31
Lampasas	14-25
Shoemaker	23-45

Front: Jazzlyn Robinson, Ashunta Robinson, Victoria Gonzales, Duvelsa Mungia **Back:** Christi Hilischere, Shatera Scott, Emily Downs, Nicholette Gault, Mallory Janak
Photo by Melissa Meaker



STRETCHING the GREEN mile

by Brittney Washington

Through much turmoil and sweat, the girls' cross country team was a huge success. With many talented athletes on the team, there was one young lady who stood out above the rest. Junior Ashley Harmon, besides helping in leading her team to victory, also advanced in her competitions to regionals and state.

Waking up around 5:30 and making it to practice at 6:00 on time was stressful, but necessary for all cross country runners. Ashley had more practices than usual while trying to achieve first place at the state competition, finding herself running all the time.

"For district we had many practice meets, and we really took those to heart," Harmon said.

Though the practices were long, they had all made up their minds that they weren't going to lose at regionals this year. The team ended up in third place. The Varsity team advanced and ended up in eighth place, and Ashley Harmon ended up eighth in the individual competition.

"It was good enough to be a state qualifier," Harmon said.

Ashley genuinely admires two of her teammates, Lauren Pick and Jenna Thornton. They practiced with her and stood behind her all the way through her state competition, from beginning to end.

"Seeing Ashley after she qualified for state made the season. I was as happy for her as I would have been for myself," Lauren said.

Ashley ended up placing 45th out of the 105 athletes competing in state. She made her best time ever for two miles, 12:34. The school was very proud and honored by Ashley's success.

"It's a big honor to go to state. I also want to say that if it wasn't for the great coach that I had, I wouldn't have gotten that far. She pushed us, and people complained, but I knew it was for our own good. Thanks Coach Cobb," Ashley said.



Ashley Harmon poses with the many medals she won this year.



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Top row: Jenna Thornton, Joan King, Paige Wilkerson, Tara Ramirez, Katelyn Gola, Aubrey Medaris, Christina Reyes. Middle row: Crystal Sanchez, Sarah Kolinek, Emily Downs, Ashley Harmon, Nikki Smith. Front row: Cristal Alderete, Lauren Pick, Tera Eulenfeld.



WOMEN OF HONOR
The varsity girls pose for a shoot with their medals they received at the district meet after crushing the competition.

"The past four years have been a challenge waking up at 5:30 to run every morning, but qualifying for regional this year made it all worth it."
-Lauren Pick





The team shares a heartfelt hug of relief following their qualification into the regional meet to be held at Sam Houston State Unverisity on November first.

Trying to maintain a good speed, Jenna Thornton only thinks about receiving her medal and crushing the competition. She was one of the many competitors to receive an award. *All photos courtesy of Lauren Pick.*

Fall Tennis



Front: Devyn Rucker, Keely Rucker, Katie Quinn, Priscilla Grau, Brianna Gross, Emily Quinn **Middle:** Justin Felder, John Kasper, Josh Kiewit, Luke Kasper, Stiles Parker **Back:** Reyna Yanez, Mallery Strolsky, Halley Mokry, Gretchen Richter, Laura Gross

Spring Tennis



Front: Reyna Yanez, Devyn Rucker, Katie Quinn, Keely Rucker, Priscilla Grau, Brianna Gross, Emily Quinn **Back:** Justin Felder, Josh Kiewit, Arther, Baisley, Corey Graef, Derek Stefek

Tennis Whites

by Brianna Gross

"Love...15..30..40..match!" Shouts are heard across green asphalt courts. The sun is shining, but there is no time to worry about sock lines; tennis is all about winning.

"Winning is the most fun when you come back from behind, especially when you don't like the people," Keely Rucker said.

Tennis not only involves a lot of endurance, but also brain work.

"Tennis really isn't about physical strength; it's really all mental. You've just got to put your mind to it," Reyna Yanez said.

Although Taylor was competing as the smallest 4A in the state, the team picked up on their practices, and as a result, their playing improved.

"Even though the tennis team is small, we give our best, we give our all. We play with our racket and our tennis ball," Josh Kiewit said.

Despite the spring season's slow start, the team ended it with a lot of heart.

"We've faced a lot of tough competition this year, but everybody worked hard during the practices and it showed a lot on the court," Katie Quinn said.

Even though tennis involves a lot of individual work, whether playing singles or doubles, everyone plays as a part of the team.

"Having someone to take the win or the loss with you makes the game," Emily Quinn said.



Emily Quinn and Devyn Rucker are a great pair, both off and on the court. The two friends were doubles partners for the spring season. *Photo by Brianna Gross*



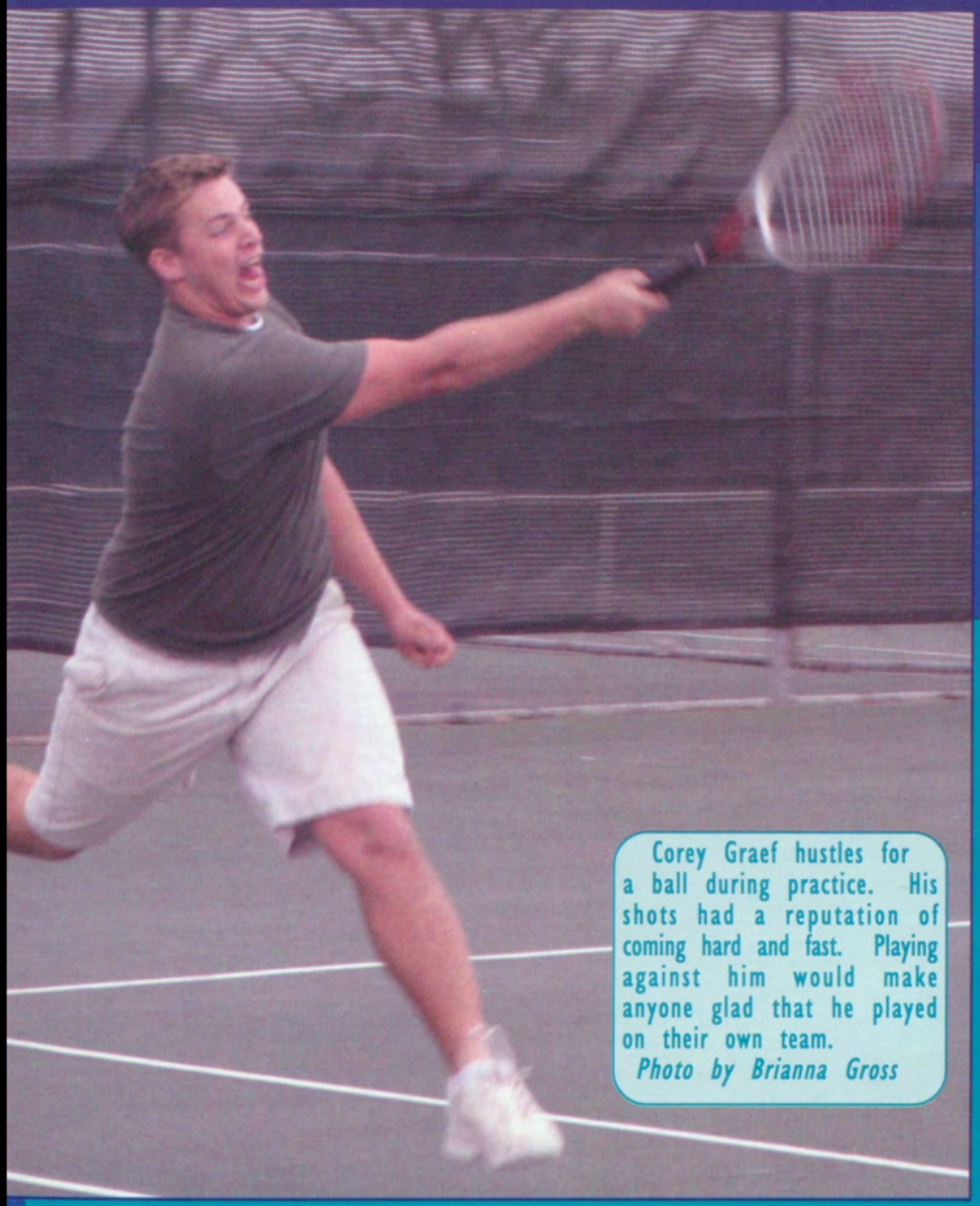
Josh Kiewit winds up for a forehand shot during warm-up. Josh's consistency was a key factor in many of his winning matches. *Photo by Brianna Gross*



Teammates, Priscilla Grau, Justin Felder, and Josh Kiewit enjoy snacks after a hard work out. The team brought the food for a party wishing Coach Hall good luck on her surgery. *Photo by Brianna Gross*



A few members of the spring team group together donning their new T-shirts. Although the shirts were new to the team, they were actually discovered to be about twenty five years old and folded neatly in their tennis shed! *Courtesy Photo*



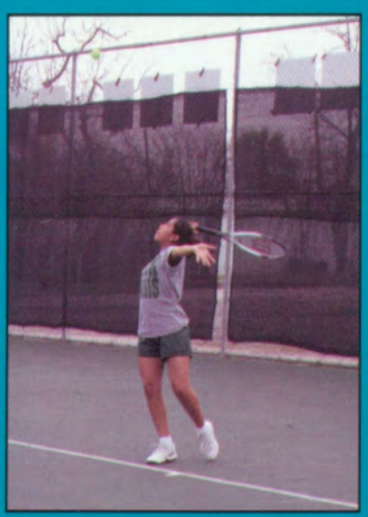
Corey Graef hustles for a ball during practice. His shots had a reputation of coming hard and fast. Playing against him would make anyone glad that he played on their own team. *Photo by Brianna Gross*

Keely Rucker tosses up a ball for another one of her killer serves. She was one of the two experienced seniors on the team. "Practice is a great time to become closer to your team. Priscilla, you're my homegurl" Keely said. *Photo by Brianna Gross*





Derek Stefek cranks out a great shot from the base line. Base line shots were very difficult shots to hit, but great coaching could make all the difference from a win and a loss. "I just love Coach Miller," Derek said. *Photo by Brianna Gross*

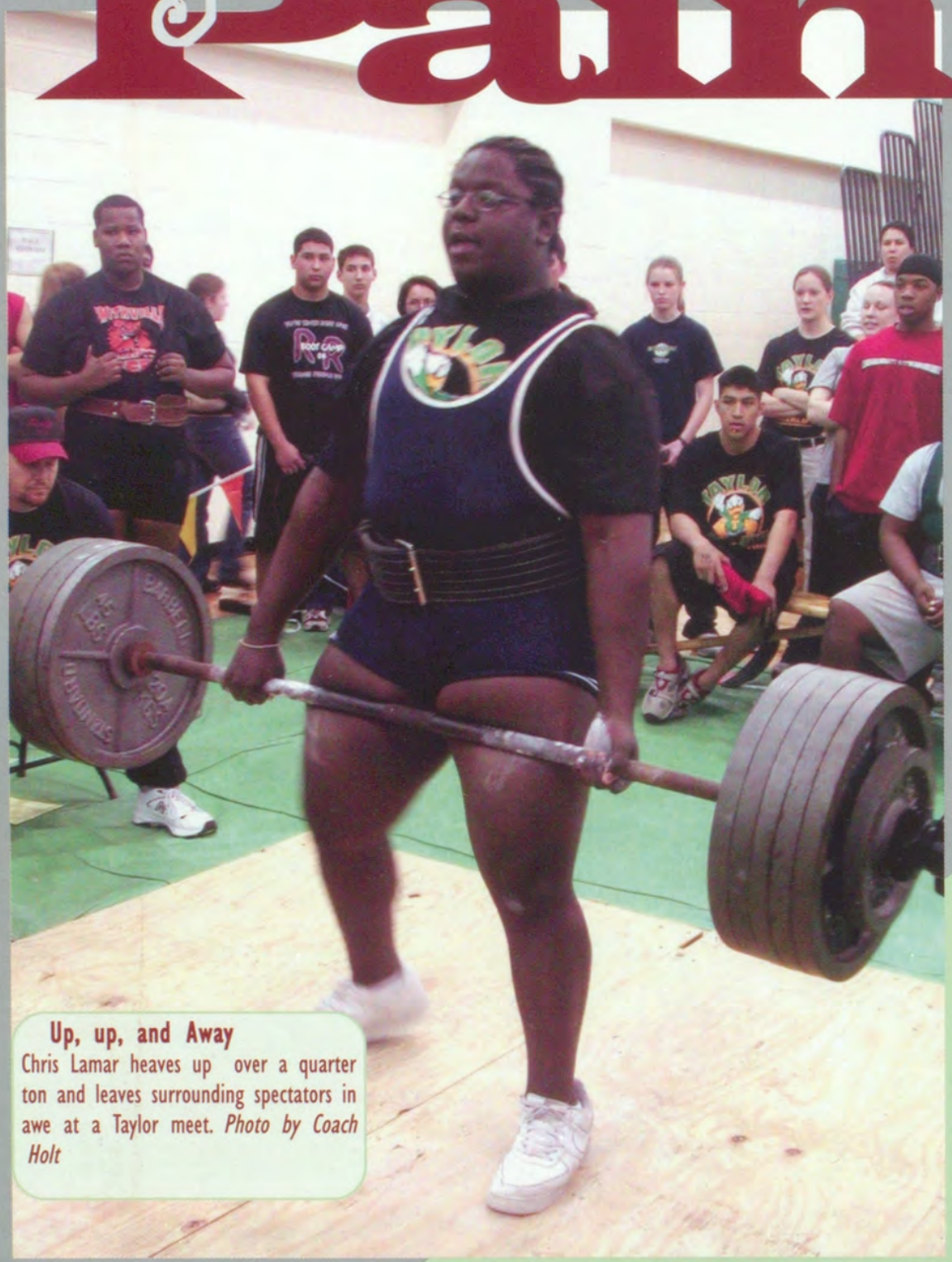


Reyna Yanez takes a swing at a serve on the base line. She was one of the many freshman who stepped up to the varsity level to help the team out in numbers. *Photo by Brianna Gross*



Dressed in their sporty tennis uniforms, the fall tennis girls are lined up on the bleachers to show support for one of their teammates who competed in one of the day's final matches. Support was a vital key in many of the close matches. "I like tennis because the outfits are cute," Katie Quinn said. *Courtesy Photo*

Bring on the Pain



Up, up, and Away
Chris Lamar heaves up over a quarter ton and leaves surrounding spectators in awe at a Taylor meet. *Photo by Coach Holt*

By: Joe Herandez

Weightlifting is normally used in prepartion for other sports in order to tackle harder, jump higher, throw, swing, and run faster than our bodies would normally allow us to perform. When you apply that same concept with a competitive edge then you are left with Powerlfiing. Week after week our athletes push harder, work longer, and lift heavier in order to climb up the rankings in hope of getting state recognition among their peers and judges.

With lifts in bench, squat, and deadlift our boy and girl lifters seem to be getting stronger and stronger each year. Three outstanding competitors stick out above the rest: Senior Daniel Thomas, Junior Tony Metoyer, and Sophmore Chris Lamar.

These three prime examples of the blood and sweat that is being put into out athletic program. Striving each week to rise above and beyond what they had reached the previous week. While neighboring lifters slack off and sit on their glutius maximus, our boys and girls are hard at work improving their bodies.

"I'm glad we have this powerlifting program because it is very fun and I love to compete people and beat them", Chris Lamar says laughing.

One of the most impressive obstacles these athletes overcome is the weekly struggle with pain. "I just focus on the weight and lift and ignore the pain to push further than I could if I let the pain overcome me", comments Tony Metoyer. It is constant and troublesome issue all athletes must deal with, and they constantly meet and overcome it day after day.

As powerlifting continues to shape and push our lifters it will continue to give us that competitive edge in all sports. Excellence and winning wil continue to be a growing and proud tradition of Taylor Athletics.



Daniel Filla shows no strain as he steps up and hoists the bar along with over 400 hundred pounds up and above his knees. *Photo by: Coach Holt*



Tori Harrison feels the burn as he hits bottom and fights against momentum and gravity as he squats. *Photo by: Coach Holt*



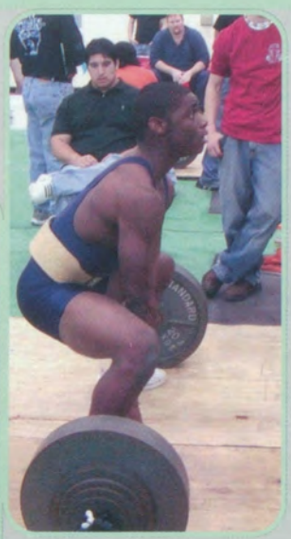
Daniel Thomas bench presses his way into the rankings to reach state recognition at a Taylor meet. *Photo by :Coach Holt*



Awaits his turn to step up under the bar to raise the weight to advance onwards into the competition. *Photo by: Coach Holt*

Jacob Ness rears backs as he completes his deadlift. *Photo by: Coach Holt*





David Stoglin displays his proper form as he drives his heels down and elevating his lift at a Taylor meet. *Photo by: Coach Holt*

"I JUST FOCUS ON THE WEIGHT, LIFT AND IGNORE THE PAIN TO PUSH FURTHER THAN I COULD IF I LET THE PAIN OVERCOME ME",

--TONY METOYER.

State Qualifiers

Nikki Smith
Daniel Thomas
Paris Shirley
Chris Lamar
Tony Metoyer

State Rankings

Daniel Thomas
2nd place
181 lb weight class
Accumaltive score: 1465

Chris Lamar
4th place
Super Heavy Weight
Accumaltive score: 1710



State recognized lifters know how to break it down to blow off a little stress. *Photo by Coach Holt*

Striving to be the BEST

by Lauren Pick & Stephanie Fuller

This year's team consists haevily of seniors, and they are ready to carry the team on their shoulders.

"We've always been good, but this year as seniors we're having to take on more of a leadership role; we have to take more responsibility," senior Matt Jinkins said.

By good he's referring to the seversl times the Duck baseball team has represented Taylor in post-district play, including the past two seasons.

Of course, a steadily successful program is usually the result of dedicated coaching, and this year's seniors will be the first to say that their accomplishments work directly with the coaching staff.

"Coach Kuhl does a great job with us. Taylor has always been a big baseball town and everyone wants to win," senior picther Brady Ribbons said.

Ribbons, who was the sole varsity sophomore of the 2002 regional semi-qualifying team, holds his spent time as a Duck baseball player in high regrad.

"As a kid you always dream of being [on varsity]. When you get there it's almost like a dream come true," Ribbons said.

Two of this year's seniors, upon finishing the season , will go to play at the collegiate level. Drew Farr will be pursing a baseball at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, and Brady Ribbons has signed to play at Texas State University in San Marcos.



Varsity member, Drew Farr gets ready to steal a base.



Ashton Teague meets Ryan Leschber at the picthers mound to find out what is being thrown next.



Varsity



Front: Ricardo Ramirez, Richard Platz, Brady Ribbons, Dustin Naivar, Ryan Leschber, Matt Jinkins, Drew Farr, Ashton Teague **Back:** Tyler Talley, Cayton Green, Aaron Vanecek, Corey Jahn, Jack Bond, Braden Lawhon.



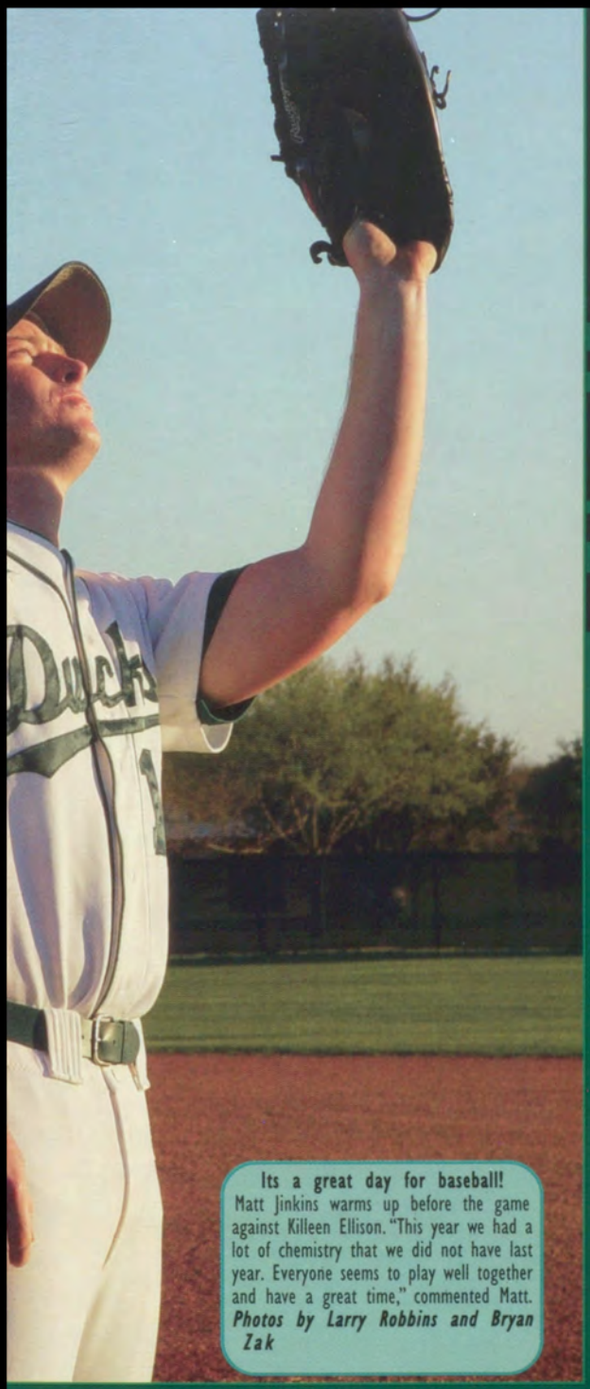
Jv Green

Chris Baisley
Corey Beran
Micheal Campos
Ryan Green
Johnny Guerrero
Jon Hernandez
Brent Holman
Ben Jirasek
Luke Kaspar
Tyler Klotz
Trey Milliken
Stiles Parker
Holden Schroeder
Logan Tucker
Bryan Vrana









Its a great day for baseball! Matt Jinkins warms up before the game against Killeen Ellison. "This year we had a lot of chemistry that we did not have last year. Everyone seems to play well together and have a great time," commented Matt. ***Photos by Larry Robbins and Bryan Zak***



Hey batter, batter. Richard Platz scores another run for the ducks to defeat their opponents from Killeen.



Going for another stike. Picther Corey Jahn continuosily throws strikes during the Elgin tournament.





No one will see me! Ryan Leschber is getting ready to sneak by his opponents to steal first.

Aaron Vanecek catches a breath and talks strategy with Coach Kuhl while on thrid base.





Three strikes your out! Ashton Teague catches another fastball to strike out his oppentent from Marble Falls.

Sinking in. JV green member Stiles Parker makes baseball look easy while catching a fly ball.





Jv White

Noah Brinkmeyer
Chase Danek
Sisto Gonzales
Lance Janak
John Kaspar
Andrew Lopez
Juan Martinez
Nathan Neitsch
Caleb Owens
Michael Platz
Bill Ruden
Matt Schwettman
Edward Stringer
Kyle Vanecek













Bouncing Back

by Chloe Washington

varsity



From left: Hailey Ruzicka, Kim Heeke, Tera Eulenfeld, Jenna Thornton, Lesley David, Lauren Lopez, **Back of Truck, Front:** Taryn Schroeder, Ashlee Vrana, Jessica Seggern, **Back:** Katelyn Gola, Kiki Lopez, Coach Tonya Cargill



JV





From right: Brittany Chavana, Hailey Mokry, Sabrina Stefek, Joanna Schmidt **Top of Truck:** Jenni Walton, Coach Cargill, Ashaunta Robinson, Erika Jackson, Robin Gonzales, Amanda Pepper, Amber Johnson **Bottom:** Amber Martinez, Kylie Standford, Aubrey Medris, Jackie Luna

The Taylor lady ducks started off on the wrong foot with a 2-3 lose against the Wichita Falls Ryders, the first game in the Corsicana Tournament.

"Our first game was kind of a wake up call. We came to the field not knowing what to expect, but as soon as we figured it out, we were able to handle whatever came," said Tera Eulenfeld.

Soon they would turn it around and leave the Corsicana Tournament with five wins and one lost.

"After working through our 'jitters' during our first game, we were able to eliminate costly errors and forces on our game; not only physical, but also mental. We got through our next five games with a win by staying focused & ready for anything. We work together to reach one goal; to win," said Tera Eulenfeld.

Through it all the ladies worked as a team to come out on top and win their next five games and while they walk away with that the also walked away knowing " the sky is the limit: anything is possible," said Taryn Schroeder.

Sabrina says, " she knew that the girls would pull through all they need was a little team work."

Photos by: Cliff Dungan



Sophmore, Jenni Walton swings with all her might as she trys to bring in one of her teammates.



Jackie Luna gets a catch and returns it for an out.

HEADS UP
Brittnay Chavana shows our oppents what we're made of with a lighting fast pitch.



Kylie Standford stays put with her eye on the ball as she gets ready to give it her all.



Jackie Luna takes a swing.



Sabrina Stefek gets ready to give the opponents a good one as she brings in her teammates.

The BIG boys club

by Bryan Zak

The rolling greens. The utter quiet. The satisfying *ping* as the club connects perfectly with the ball. These are the elements of golf's siren song. The gentleman's sport twines its inexorable grip around the hearts of men, women, and children alike. Ask any golfer, and he'll tell you that golf is not a mere sport, but a passionate way of life. Ask any non-golfer, and he'll tell you he doesn't get it. He thinks golf is boring.

Until you have tried golf, you can't possibly understand its appeal. And for some, even trying it doesn't answer the question. Golf is a love-it or hate-it proposition. You don't spend four hours walking around in the sun, carrying a heavy golf bag, unless you really love the game—there's no such thing as "kind of" liking golf.

Golf can be a game of companionship—walking between the greens, you talk to your partners, maybe make a new friend. It can be a game of solitude; lacking the in-your-face competitive quality of basketball or football, golf challenges one to improve to beat one's own best score, not someone else's.

After a long day of classes, a small group of pilgrims led by Coach Potts treks to the local course, ready to release their stress and continue their search for perfection. In life, perfection is elusive. In school, it is impossible. On the golf course, it seems always within reach, if not in one's score, then at least in the surroundings and in the balance and structure of the game itself.

Adam Roznovak hits a wonderful bunker shot out of the sand. Adam had a some difficalty in some of his tournaments because of bad weather.





THE EXTRAVAGANT SWING
Adam swings his driver precisely to keep his ball in the fairway. Adam's superb driving keeps his round low.



Cooper Ward skillfully finesses a chip shot from the rough. Cooper did well in most of the team's district tournaments All photos by Bryan Zak.

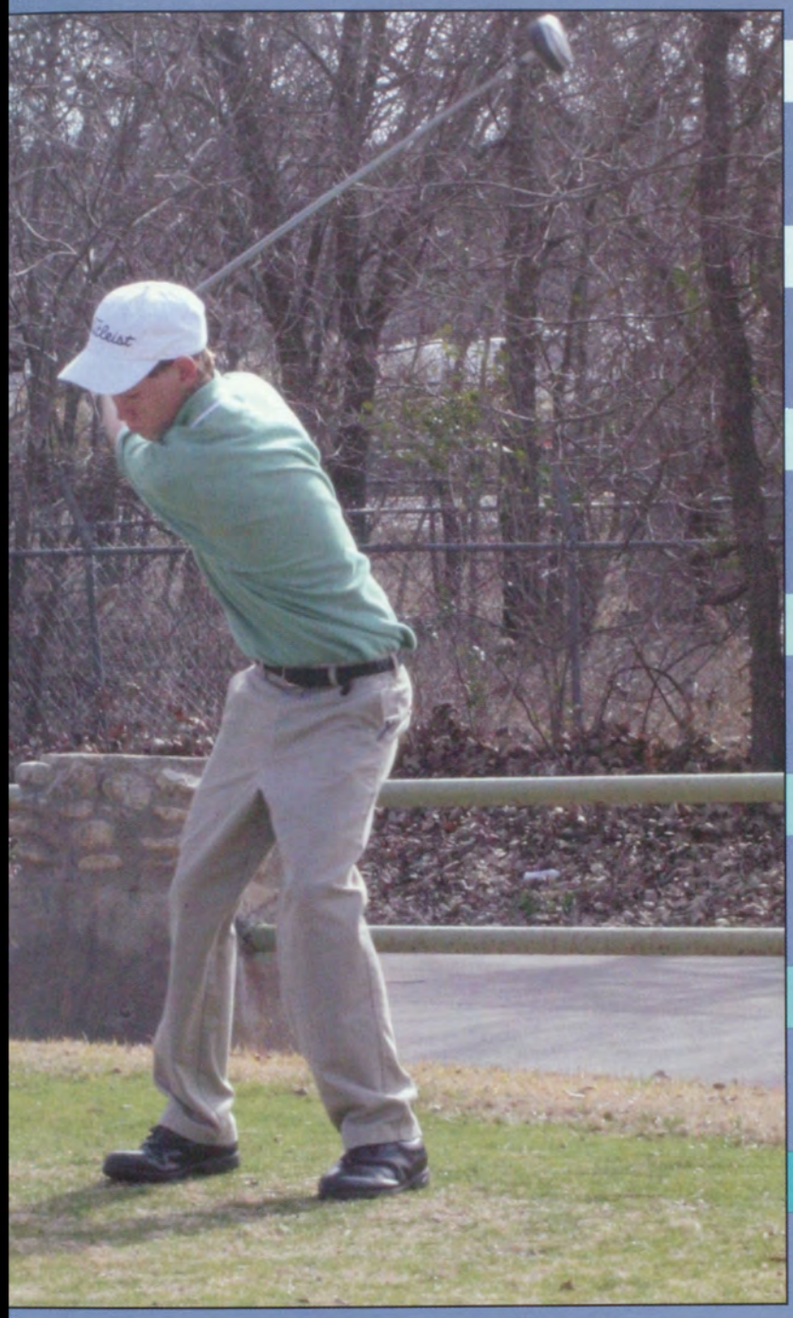


"It requires a surgeons touch," says Adam Roznavak of his "short game" on the green.



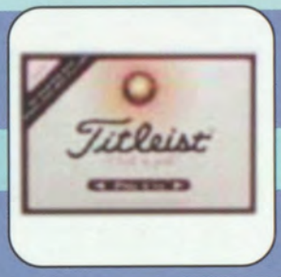
Joseph Cantu hits a chip shot on to the green. Chipping is an essential element of golf. This skill is displayed by Joe on the course.

Luke Cavo is making all the winnig puts. "Green play is where the game can be won or lost," said Luke.





Front: Even Gerren, Joseph Cantu, Blake Jirasek, Adam Konarek, Raul Avalos, Luke Cavo **Back**: Adam Roznovak, Kyle Young, Cooper Ward, David Chaidez, Bryan Zak, Derek Terwilliger















That's a mulligan! Cooper Ward takes a practice swing in preparation for a great shot.

Exceeding Expe

by Stephen Haskins



Back: Ernest Miller, Eric Krumm, Jovovan Wooldridge, Aubrey Killingsworth, J.R. Martinez, Marcus Bunton, Adam Janak, Lamar Rollie, Alfredo Romayor, Justin Bigon, Chris Lamar, Daniel Filla, David Staglin, Javier Barrientos, Jacob Ness, Chris Baisley **Middle:** Brandon Davis, Johnathan Wooldridge, Jarvis Fitzgerald, Sergio Tovar, Ian Wooldridge, Daniel Thomas, Micheal Martinez, Joe Gipson **Front:** Justin Ware, Micheal Wooldridge, Clarence Johnson, Maximo Sanchez.

This year in track and field both the boys and girls coaches are looking forward to great things from the student participating in track.

From the boys team, junior, Jonovan Wooldridge looks to break his old record from last year in the 300 meter hurdles which was a 38.10. Besides the hurdles he parpacites in the long jump where this year he broke Taylor's record of 21.4 feet in the long jump; he reached 22.4. "It feels good to have broke the record becuase my name gets put on the charts and everyone will see it," Jonovan says. He says that he has high hopes of attending the state meet this year which will be held in Austin.

From the girls team, Ashley Harmon, Sara Kolinek, Victoria Gonzales, and Erica Alderete all anticipate going to state inthe mile relay. They all feel as though they really have a shot at making it to state this year, in part due to the new additions to the team (Fr. Victoria Gonzales). Good luck to everyone participating in track and field this year.



Sophmore, Daniel Fila gives it his all as he attempts to throw for a shot a first place. Fila is one of the top shot-put competitors for the Taylor Ducks.

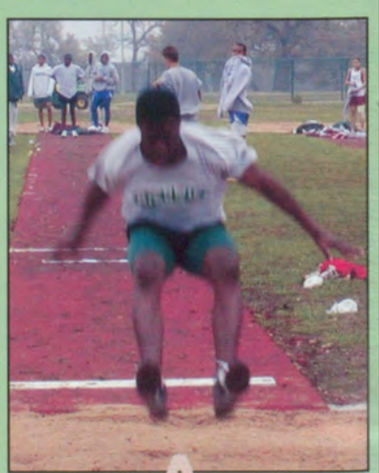




Johnathan Wooldridge sprints to the next hurdle trying to keep ahead of the other runners. "Practicing for this event was a pain but it was worth it," said Johnathan.



Displaying his medal after the meet along with his duck teamates, Johnathan is all smiles.



Freshman Robert Aikens atempts his third and final jump into the long jump pit for the win. Aikens is one of the best freshman long jumpers Taylors has had in a while



Senior Daniel Thomas explodes for the last 100 meters in an atempt to win the race for his relay team. Our boys sprint relay team is one of the fastest around. *All photos courtsey of Stan Gabel and Ms. Meaker*



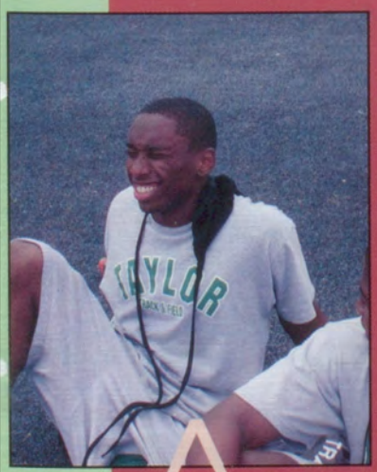
Back: Sarah Kolinek, Tracy Stewart, Ashley Harmon, Krystal Staglin, Brittney Wyatt, Lorna Gould, Nicolette Gault, Lanika Ross, Erica Alderete, Sha'tera Scott **Middle:** Victoria Gonzales Paris Shirley, Ericka Jackson, Shanta Davis, Sarah Johnson, Maegan Kidwell, Lindsey Wilson, Kendra Deary, Aubrey Whittaker **Front:** Mallory Dykowski, Jenni Walton, Jaon King, Ericka Wooldridge, Ashunta Robinson, Duvelsa Murgia, Tempest Blakely, Sandra Samaniego, Cristal Alderete.



Krystal Staglin paces around the track with a grin to warm up. She is one of Lady Ducks top sprinters this year and is only a junior.



Two of the fastest lady ducks, Krystal Staglin and Kendra Deary go head-to-head in practice in order to make themselves serious contenders in district.



Showing his rivals what it looks like to eat his dust Marcus Bunton awaits his turn to run.



The Distance Medley Relay team consist of Victoria Gonzales, Sarah Kolinek, Tracy Stewart, and Erica Alderete. They were the runner-ups at the Georgetown Relays.



Ready to run! The 4X100 meter relay team poses before the ran at the Georgetown meet. The team consists of: Kendra Deary, Shauntai Davis, Krystal Stoglin, and Sandra Samaniego.

Sign on the X

By Stephanie Fuller
Courtsey photos

Brady Robbins
Texas State Unversity Baseball



Three year varsity picther, Brady Ribbons, will be pursuring his baseball career at Texas State University in San Marcos.

"I've always wanted to go to Texas State; both of my parents graduated from there and they have a great coaching staff. I also like the fact that its close to home and my family can come watch me play," Brady said.

Brady, who was the sole varsity sophomore of the 2002 season semi qualifying team, holds his spent time as a Duck baseball player in high regrad.

"As a kid you always dream of being on varsity and when you get there its like a dream come true," Brady said.

Brady was infuleneced to play baseball mostly by his dad and a coach of a select team that he meet about four years ago who took hin under his wing.

Brady held many honors for Duck baseball including: first team all district twice, new comer of the year sophomore year, Honorable Mention All State, and Honorable Mention All Centex.

"Playing for Taylor has been a great experience but now I'm ready for the college level. Good Luck to the future Duck baseball teams," Brady said.



Daniel Thomas
San Angleo State Football





Daniel Thomas, this years head team captain and tailback, signed to play for the San Angleo Rams.

"I choose San Angelo because I want a degree in business mangment and they offered interships. They have a very good program there and its a great place to play football," Daniel said.

Daniel's football career took off when he was in elementry school and like others played in pop warner. Daniel's insirpation came from all the older kids in his neighborhood that played varsity football.

"Everyday we would get off the bus, throw our backpacks down grab the football and play for hours," Daniel said.

Throughout high school Daniel has recived many awards including first and second all team district for football. Daniel also has many other interest that he has recived reginotion for including: Outstanding Powerlifter, Who's Who's, Class President, Upward bound President, and team captian.

"Being a Duck is a challenge, but it has made me a better person because I now have the leadership skills to take to college with me. I also got introduced to hard work, loyalty, and playing hard. I lived, loved it and will miss it but now its time to take those qualities to Angelo State," Daniel proclaimed.

Duck Athletes take their Ability to the Next Level

Ernest Miller

University of Houston Football



Ernest Miller (or, as we call him, Ram Rod) is continuing his football career at the University of Houston in Houston, TX.

"I chose U of H because I get a full ride and it's closer to home then most schools that offered me a scholarship," said Ernest.

Ernest has been a member of the Ducks varsity football team for three consecutive years.

He started his football career at the age of eight. The first team he ever played for was the Pop Warner team, the Dolphins, where he also played with current teammates Daniel Thomas and Marcus Bunton.

"When I was little, football was just something I was interested in and Daniel and I would always play in our front yards. I enjoy it and its fun; its just something I love to do," Ernest said.

Ernest played free safety and has been named to Second Team All Centex, Defensive Player of the Year, and was elected as a team captain his senior year.

"Playing for the Ducks is something I have always wanted to do since I was little, and its something I'll miss a lot--but I look foward to becoming a Cougar," Ernest said.



Marcus Bunton

Texas Tech Football





Our three year varsity quarter back, Marcus Bunton, is remaining on the playing field but not with us; he signed to be a Texas Tech Red Raider.

"I've always wanted to go to Texas Tech and the visit I had there was great,"said Marcus.

Marcus has played ball since the days of elementry school in popwarner.

"I always watched football on television and asked my parents to get me involoved in football so i joined the pop warner Dophins," commented Marcus.

This year Marcus was on top of his game and reached the 1,000 yard rushing mark. He has also recieved many awards including New Comer of the Year, First Team All District, Most Vauleable Player, and Honerable Mention All American.

" High school football it something I've always looked towards since I was young and I had a great time playing the Ducks. Duck football is something I will miss very much and always remember; but I am very honored to now call myself a Texas Tech Red Raider," Marcus said.

The Real Stars

by Analicia Chapa

Although movie stars, and Hollywood are only dreams for the majority of the student body, the same cannot be said for the Special Olympics team that was featured in "The Ringer," a movie, staring Johnny Knoxville. Unlike the regular show of Johnny Knoxville on MTV, this movie was about Johnny Knoxville participating in the Special Olympics. Angel Escobar and Michael Rodriguez auditioned for the movie by performing a dance, reinacting a victory during the Special Olympics.

"They filmed us and it was really fun," Angel Escobar said.

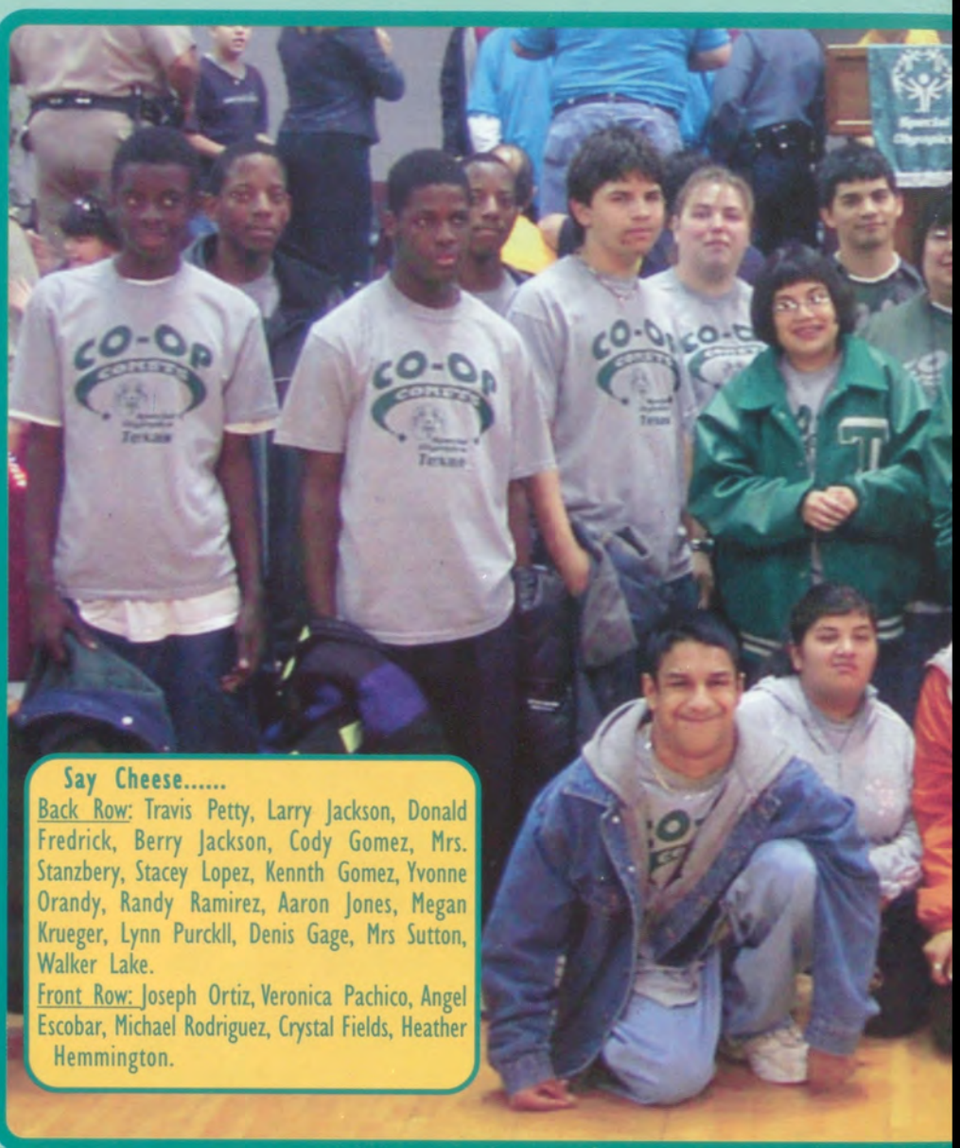
Traveling was another great experience and the road took the team to Texas State University in San Marcos. Finally their hard work paid off after seeing the production on the big screen.

"Johnny Knoxville was so nice, and he just loved the kids," Mrs. Sutton said.

The Special Olympics participants have also been featured in an advertising catalog that was delivered nationwide. Now people all over America can see them too.

"It was a beautiful movie," Heather Hennington said.

In the Special Olympic's competition the team did very good and participated in events such as basketball, bowling, and track. This year they had a handful of stories to tell and great experiences to share.



Say Cheese.....

Back Row: Travis Petty, Larry Jackson, Donald Fredrick, Berry Jackson, Cody Gomez, Mrs. Stanzbery, Stacey Lopez, Kennth Gomez, Yvonne Orandy, Randy Ramirez, Aaron Jones, Megan Krueger, Lynn Purckll, Denis Gage, Mrs Sutton, Walker Lake.

Front Row: Joseph Ortiz, Veronica Pachico, Angel Escobar, Michael Rodriguez, Crystal Fields, Heather Hemmington.





Randy Ramirez, Berry Jackson, Donald Fredrick, Michael Rodriguez, and Aaron Jones pose with Miss Teen Texas. Miss Teen Texas was there to help present the awards. *Courtesy Photo.*



Relaxing in the sunshine is Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Delatorre, and Aaron Jones. The competition was very entertaining and hard work was needed. *Courtesy photo*





Waiting for the bowling competetion to begin is Donald Fredrick and Kenneth Gomez. The competetion was really fun for them and they placed.



"It was good, and I met a lot of actors."
-Veronica Pachico



Angel Escobar, Donald Fredrick, and Crystal Field recieve 3rd place while the team consisting of Michael Rodriguez, Randy Ramirez, Heather Hemington, and Veronica Perchio recieve 2nd place. The competition was held at Bryan College Station at A&M. *Courtesy photo*



Smiling for the camera are Cody Gomez and Donald Fredrick.
Courtesy photo

Waiting for their next contest are some of our Special Olympics team. It was very important that the participants stayed comfortable and ready to compete. *Courtesy photo*

Aaron Jones stands on the 1st place stand at the awards ceremony. Erin had placed 1st at the competetion in Bauchie. *Courtesy photo*



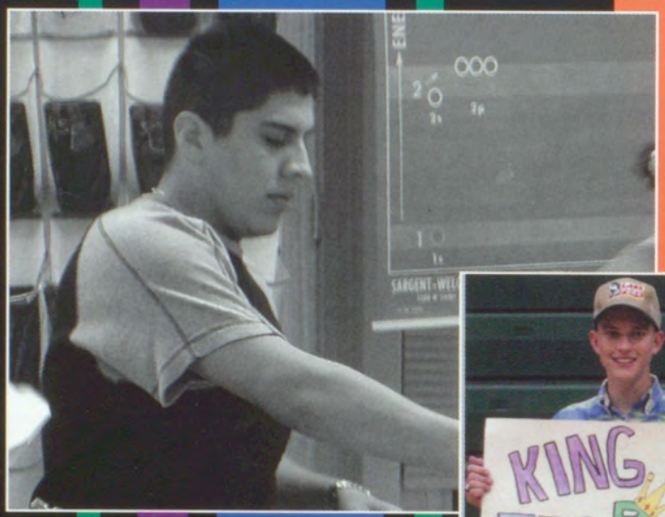


Photo by Brainna Gross



Photo by Bryan Zak

I would not want to belong to any club that would have me as a member.

--Groucho Marx

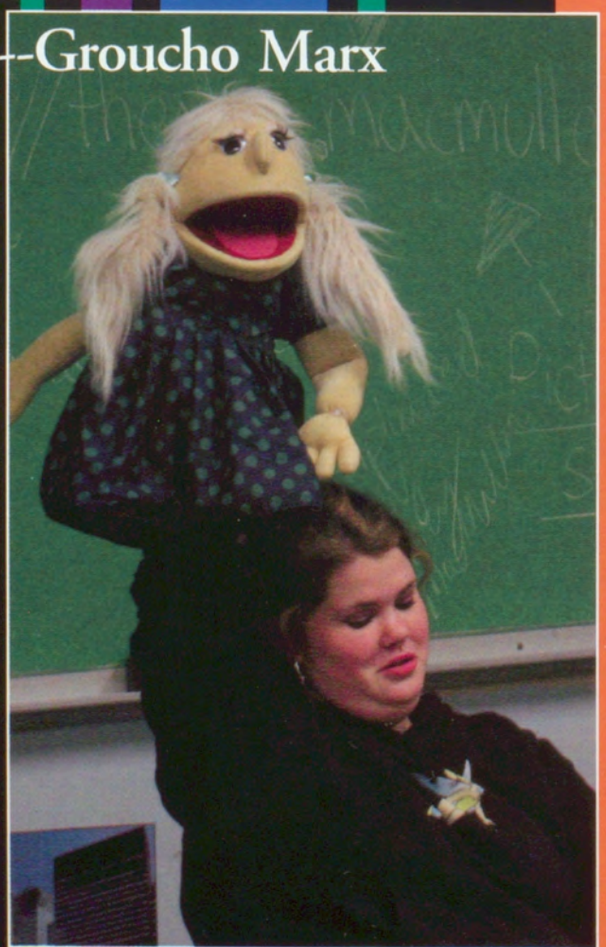


Photo by Bryan Zak



Photo by Brianna Gross



Photo by Megan Kirkwood

Color Families



Photo by Stephanie Fuller

Symbolic shades

By Megan Kirkwood

"There's more to Color Guard than just the flag work. The color brings life to the performance," Christina Gaudin said.

The Color Guard brings life and significant symbolism to the meaning of music. With many options to choose from, Mr. Brown decided to stick with an unforgettable selection from Jesus Christ Superstar.

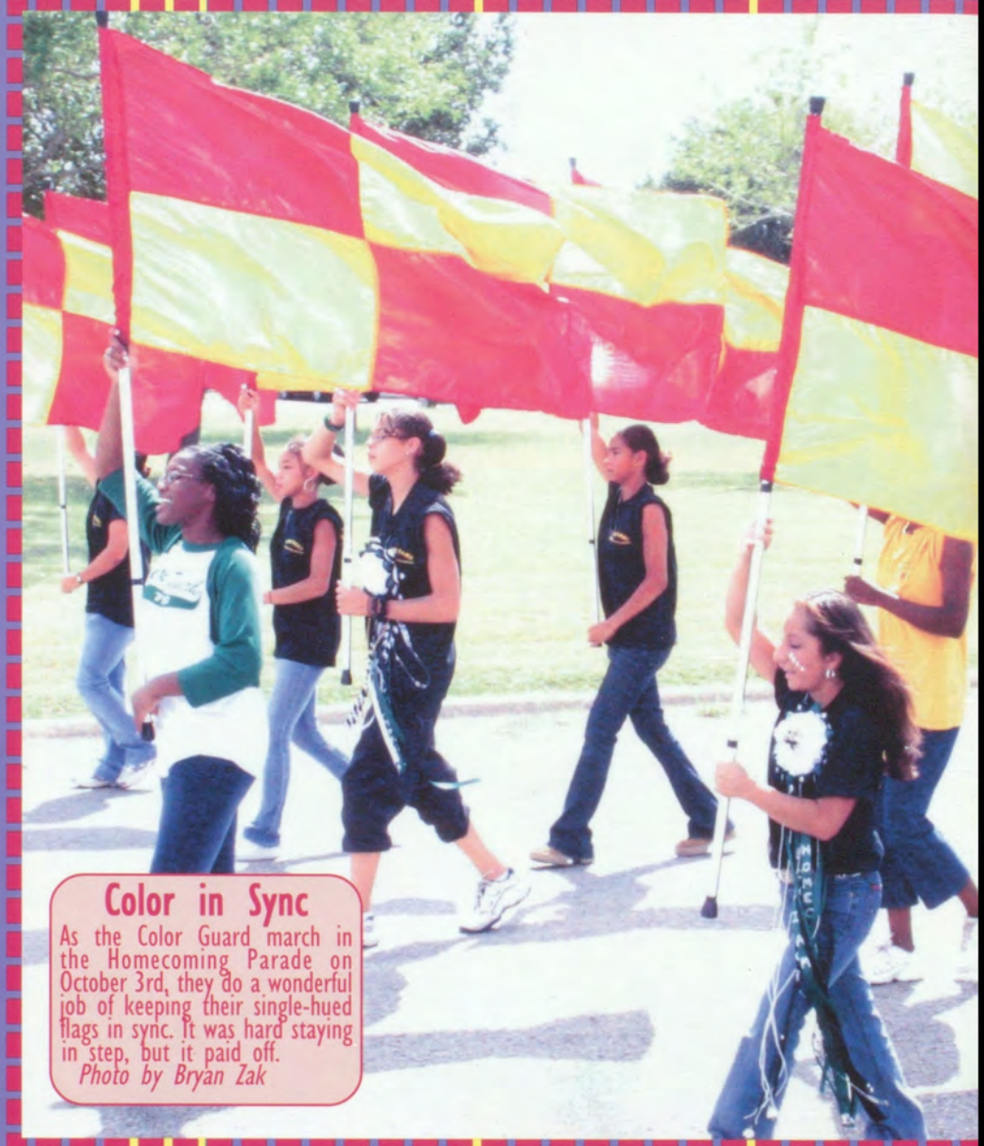
The guard members performed throughout marching season with heart-filled emotion. Movement wasn't the only aspect that their organization focused on. Aside from an eyecatching routine, the colors in the flags and uniforms helped distinguish the personality, uniqueness, and meaning of the carefully chosen music.

"The first thing that we tried to do was to add some color to the field that would make a direct impact to the audience. For that reason, we chose red as the primary color for the guard uniform. Each color used is related to the music as we see it. For example, in the opening piece, we have a big, majestic beginning. Therefore, we wanted something that would capture the attention of the audience. We wound up with a flag that made use of the red in the Color Guard uniform, and we added gold to off-set it. For the second piece, we needed a color that suggested royalty. Of course, purple represents royalty, and we settled on that color. To make it more interesting, we highlighted it with a bronze strip at the end. Finally, the last piece is a very soft and flowing ballad. Therefore, we needed a color to represent that feeling. We decided on a gold that fades to a lighter shade towards the end of the flag," Mr. Brown said.

The students also favored the colors of the uniforms and flags.

"The colors of our materials express the theme and the music of our show in a symbolic manner to portray religion," Jennifer Bogan said.

The different hues in this year's presentation are represented by verses in the Bible. All of the colors used throughout the vibrant show, mirrored the meaningful story behind the music of Jesus Christ Superstar.



Color in Sync
As the Color Guard march in the Homecoming Parade on October 3rd, they do a wonderful job of keeping their single-hued flags in sync. It was hard staying in step, but it paid off.
Photo by Bryan Zak







Shivering in the chilly October atmosphere, Kristina Gaudin sought warmth within the confines of her practice flag. Dressing out for rehersal was a hastle, especially when it was cold!





Taping her flag, Ashley Montez takes her time to assemble her equipment before an important performance. "As Color Guard Captain, I had the opportunity to be a leader that our organization needed. It wasn't exactly what I expected, but I wish I could do it over again."

Jennifer Bogan applies her make-up before the Pflugerville Connally game. She strived to match her eyeshadow with her uniform in a monocromatic fashion.

Leanne Teggeman rolls up her flag, preparing for a Friday night football game. She commented that "putting up the flags takes our mind off of being nervous before each game." *Photos by Megan Kirkwood*





Listening to announcements before Color Guard practice, Miriam Macedo stares off into space dreading the soon to come rehearsal. Her groggyness tended to wear off before Friday night showtime.

Crickets vs. Color Guard





During the Rockdale vs. Taylor game, Brittany Wyatt had a little dilema with the uncontrollable cricket tragedy. Her uncaring colleagues refused to help her escape from the pesky insects. Yet, despite the ever-present bugs, Brittany still enjoyed color guard because she delighted in spending bonding time with her good friends. "Even though we spend almost nine long hours a week, learning and practicing our routine, I don't mind it because I am good at something that I never thought or knew I would be good at," Brittany said.





Assistant Drum Major Sarah Kuntz blows her whistle giving commands to the band. "I love being Drum Major because it gives me a sense of control and power" said Sarah.





Messing around before leaving for a game, Brice Block makes goofy faces.

At a Killeen football game, Cindy Arias and Kelly Portillo cuddle up together to keep warm from the harsh winter chill. "And I thought staying warm in Texas would be easy!" Cindy said.





Unmistakably hungry after a long after-school practice, Aubrey Byfield chows down on a BIG Mac.. "This is what band leads me to... starvation!"



by Megan Kirkwood

Percussion: the backbone of music. Everyone dreams of being a percussionist. Senior Keith Hehmann has not only been a percussionist since the seventh grade, but has been playing the tenor drums since the first chance he had to join the band. Playing the quints is a privilege for a percussionist. It shows strong leadership and natural talent. Although Keith does not hold the position of section leader, which is taken by junior, Cameron Haight, he helps the percussion section grow stronger each season.

"Helping the drumline perform well makes us only want to get better," Keith said.

Helping the drumline become better is vital to the entire band.

"The drums staying on tempo help the whole band stay on beat," Sherrie' Stringer said.

Counselor Danny Volek comments,"I believe that people are gifted in certain areas, and the challenge early in life is to discover those things that come naturally to us. Once we make that discovery, we should pursue that because it's what truly will make us happy." That is exactly what Keith has done.

Keith isn't only in band for the love of music, but this class comes along with many surprisingly appealing benefits.

"Band gives me the opportunity to hangout with my friends when I normally wouldn't have the chance to," said Keith.

If someone is involved in band, that person must be devoted because band consumes uncountable hours of hard work and long rehearsals. Although many band members complain about the 'never-ending' practices, it all pays off in the end.

" You never realize how much you're going to regret leaving, until you find out how much you've left behind," Keith said.

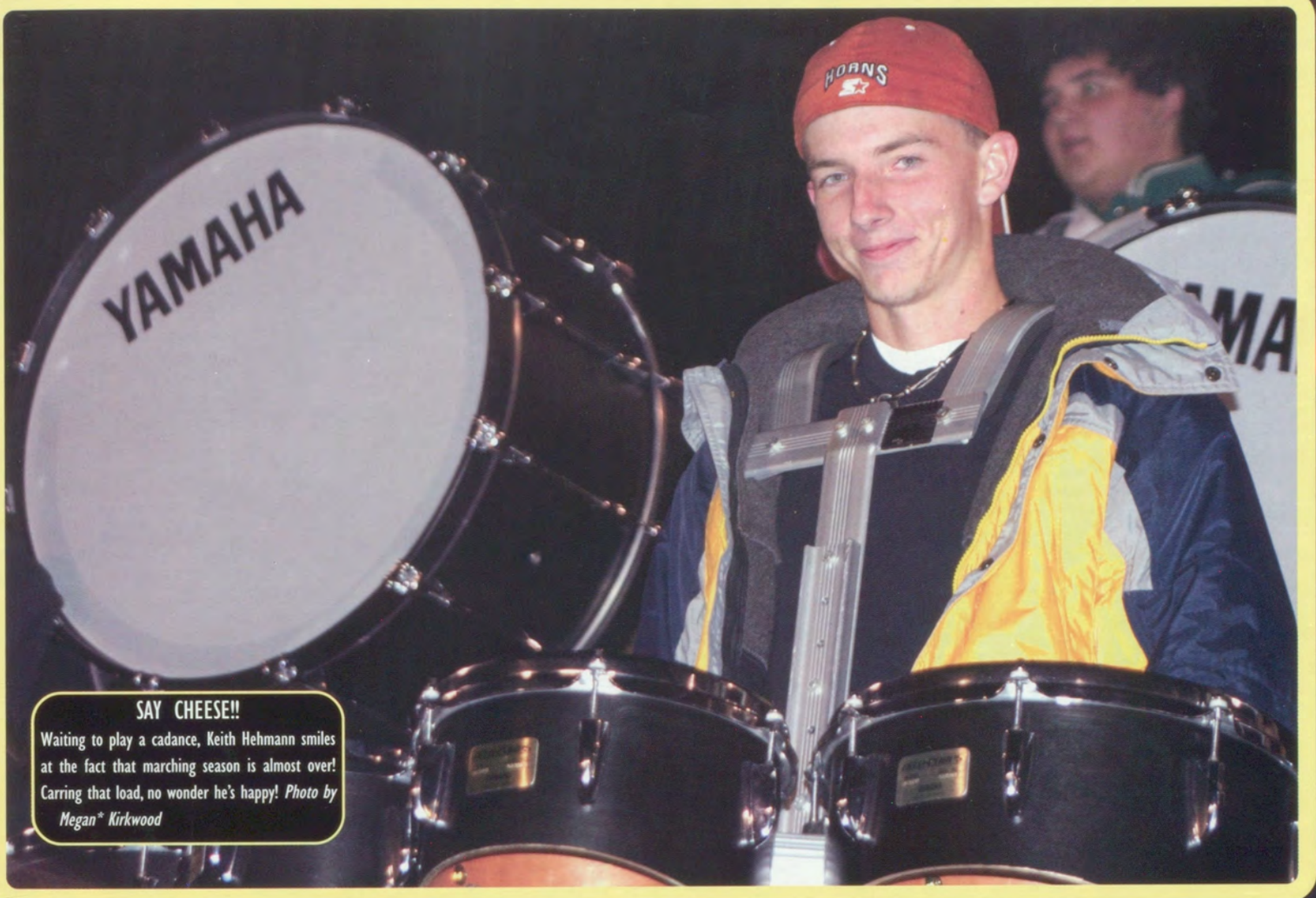
He has many memories imbedded in the walls of THS Band Hall; some unforgettable, some he's hoping to forget, but in the long run, he'll always cherish the memorable occasions and significant lessons learned through his outstanding four years of his high school career.

Band Council

Back Row:
Sherrie' Stringer- Equipment Manager
Aubrey Byfield- Librarian
Sarah Kuntz- Asst. Drum Major and Historian
Mark Zucknick- Vice President
Nicole Block- Head Drum Major
Kara Kerlin- Librarian
Becca Gray- Secretary
Front Row:
Cameron Haight- Equipment Manager
Cara Garcia- Treasurer
Alec Gonzales- President
Megan Kirkwood- Historian
Not Pictured:
Joseph Debus- Historian







SAY CHEESE!!
Waiting to play a cadance, Keith Hehmann smiles at the fact that marching season is almost over! Carring that load, no wonder he's happy! *Photo by Megan* Kirkwood*

In Every MEASURE a BEAT of Color





Getting out his saxaphone, Alec Gonzales prepares to play his long-practiced music. Alec not only plays the saxaphone in the Jazz Band, but also plays the clarinet in the marching and concert band.

Cramped on the bus, heading to another Killeen football game, Rebecca Bauerkemper sits closer to people than originally planned. When the Hi-Steppers' bus broke down, they were forced to share the band bus, much to the discomfort of both groups.

Varsity







Front: Ashley Anders, Cassie Floyd, Katie Brooks, Joanna Jahn, Krystal Travers **Back**: Kristen Sanders, Tessa Tidwell, Stephanie Fuller, Lorena Avalos, Stephanie Garrett

JV





Front: Brooke Johnson, Jenni Walton, Haley Hughes, Tosha Copple, Matti Mott. **Back:** Stephanie Ponkoney, Sharna Mitchell, Ashley Bedsole, Hannah Carnes.

Freshmen





Front: Paige Vanecek, Kelly Banner, Brianna Lopez, Elisabeth Garry **Back:** Erin Tomei, Kelsey Christiansen, Ashton Baran









With Flash & Substance

by Hannah Carnes

Cheerleaders are exactly what their name states- leaders of the cheers. Cheerleaders are in charge of keeping the spirit of the school alive, and now more than ever they work hard to do that.

In the past few years, cheerleading has changed from a mere hobby to the equal of any other sport.

"We change out, do three of every jump(that totals 18), and we do any combination of lunges, running, push-ups, crunches, wall sits, and for some of us tumbling. I leave the gym sweating every day," senior Ashley Anders said.

Cheerleaders work out every day, cheer for football and basketball, and try to support other sports too. "I don't really think people understand how much work goes into everything we do, including games and pep rallies. I think that if people tried to do what we do all year, they'd have a little more respect for our effort," sophomore Sharna Mitchell said.

While wearing skirts and being cute is a part of cheerleading, 95% of the sport is the same concept as athletics.

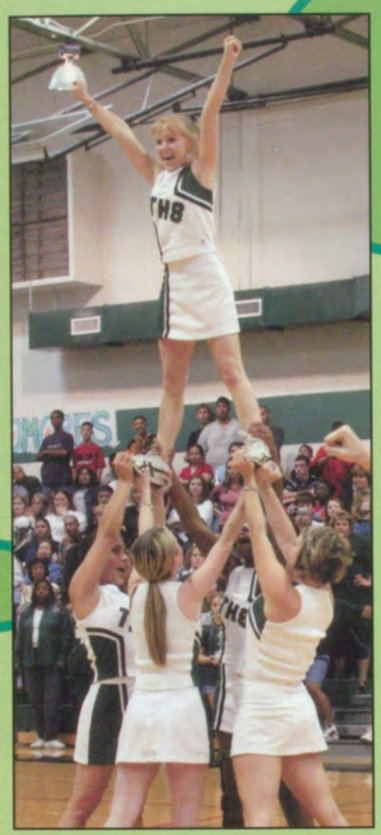
"I'm a cheerleader and in athletics, and work hard at both of them. In cheerleading, you have to look happy about it though," sophomore Jenni Walton said.

Most people think that cheerleading starts when football does, but for the cheerleaders, the season starts as soon as they make the squad.

"We went to two weeks of summer practice before a week long camp. Camp was a blast, but I guarantee no one leaves without being sore," said Freshman Brianna Lopez.

A lot of the girls are on All-Star squads, or go to intense tumbling lessons at private gyms, on top of high school cheerleading.

"I'm also a member of the Cheer Station squad where I compete and teach. Cheerleading is a full-time sport for me. I'm looking into several scholarship options just like athletes in other sports," senior head cheerleader Tessa Tidwell said.



Show 'em how it's done! Freshman Ashton Baran performs a dance at one of the football pep rallies.

The varsity cheerleaders show off their stunting skills as they build an extension at the homecoming pep rally. "It was hard rebuilding stunt groups since we were all so used to our groups with last year's seniors," senior Stephanie Fuller said.



Waddles (Brittany Tamez) helps raise Taylor spirit during a pep rally.

J.V. cheerleaders Brooke Johnson, Stephanie Ponkoney, Jenni Walton and Matti Mott go through the daily jump sequence while doing a right front hurdler. They start practice with the same sequence.

Seniors Tessa Tidwell and Stephanie Fuller perform the school song before the first district game against Connally. They cheered despite the scores.





Senior Ashley Anders and Sophomore Jenni Walton demonstrate the correct sequence to a standing back tuck. "The girls were perfectly in sync. I'm not sure why they didn't tumble together during competition last year," said senior Stephanie Fuller.

Underclassmen fill big shoes

By Jenni Walton

For the first time, the Hi-Stepper lineup features not a single senior.

"It seems hard at times because you don't have the more experienced girls, who know what they are doing to lead you along the way, but we always mange to to get through it and have a lot of fun," commented the officers.

This year the Steppers also had a home camp due to the lack of maturity on the team. In years past, the steppers have gone out of town to learn their routines for the upcoming football season. Most of the girls said that they preferred to have an away camp opposed to having a home camp, because they could meet a lot of people and would be in a completely different enviroment. While at camp, which was held here, at THS, the girls learned three to four dances a day.

"Not having seniors meant that I and the other officers had to learn the correct techniques and remember the dances to reteach at a later date," captain Sarah Werchan commented. "It is more pressure, but I really like dancing and being a role model for the younger steppers."

It seems like nothing can hold the Steppers down, even having no seniors to lead the team. They really know how to take charge and conquer anything that might come their way.





These steppers dance their hearts out at the last home game. The steppers put on one of their best performances during this game, and left the field with enthusiasm. *Photo by Jenni Walton*



Paris Shirley is exhausted after another superior routine on Memorial Field. This is Paris' second year on the team. *Photo by Jenni Walton*



Amy English strecthes it out into the splits during their half-time performance. Amy is the president of the Hi-Steppers. *Photo by Jenni Walton*





After the fight song, these Hi-Steppers end with nothing but smiles on their faces because they know they have performed well.
Photo by Bryan Zak

The Hi-Steppers pump up the crowd with a dance that they learned at camp during the summer. They performed a hip-hop routine to "The way you look at me."
Photo by Bryan Zak



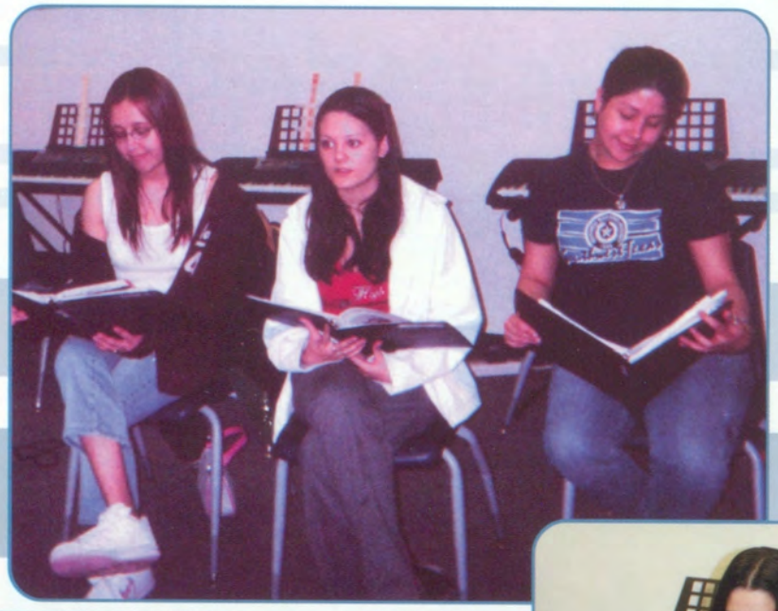


Brianna Cantu and Kelly Martinez strut their stuff at the Homecoming pep rally. "We have had many obstacles to go through, but it all pays off in the end when we go out there and do our best," commented Brianna.
Photo by Bryan Zak

These steppers kick to the sky during the fight song at halftime. It has been a tradition for many years that the steppers do a traditional kick line for the fight song.
Photo by Bryan Zak



Front to Back: Kaye Bauer, Jennifer McQuary, Sarah Werchan, Krystal Luconic, Alex Bracamontez, Amy English, Ashley Robbins, Araceli Alderete, Suzannah Curik, Megan Gipson, Courtney Permenter, Audry Arredondo, Shauntai Davis, Jill Gaswint, Kailey Taylor, Ashley Maddoxx, Ynobe Miller, Melissa Mokry, Paris Shirley, Lindsey Green, Jessica Rodriguez, Brianna Cantu, Amanda Eckhardt, Samantha English, Brittney Wolf, Kelly Martinez, Amanda Moss, Kara Jane, Ms. Anderson



Making the day better, Cristal Bracamontz, Ashley Quarry, and Veronica Chaidez prepare to sing the next song. *Courtesy Photo*



Practicing for UIL, Laura Gross sings her part. With 6 songs to memorize, practicing is vital. *Photo by Brianna Gross*



Alexia Patterson, Ashunta Robinson, and Kristal Yanis are laughing together during choir. Being off task is an easy thing to do when your friends are in your class. *Courtesy Photo*

Singing the Blues

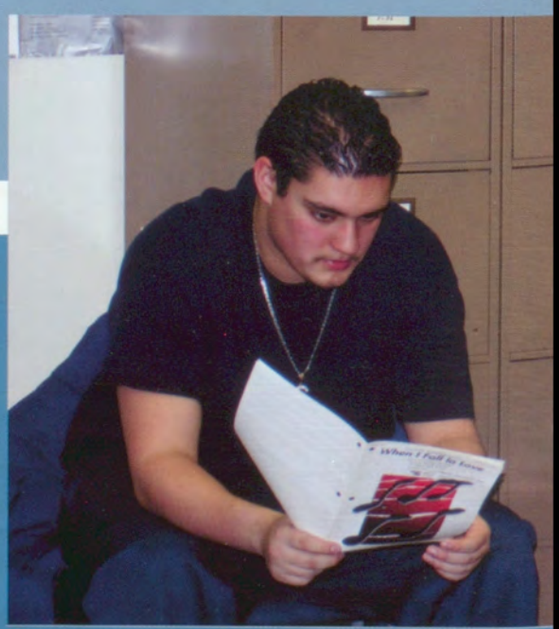


Killing Me Softly

As senior Chase Hughes sings Flying Without Wings, the thought of his last year in choir weighs heavily on his mind. Not only will choir be a thing of the past for him but for all of Taylor High. *Photo by Kristen Sanders Illustration by Megan Kirkwood*



At UIL contest, Sarah Samuelson smiles at the camera. Good days don't come often. *Courtesy Photo*



Sightreading music, Stephen Guana and Aurelio Rodriguez spend another day in the wonderful class of choir. Sightreading is essential to practice because it is a phase of the UIL competition. *Photo by Brianna Gross*

by Megan Kirkwood



Choir is just like every other elective, people go to contest and come back with a proud smile. This year, a hand ful of students went to UIL and returned dignified. Chase Hughes placed first; Sarah Samuelson and Ashunta Robinson placed second.

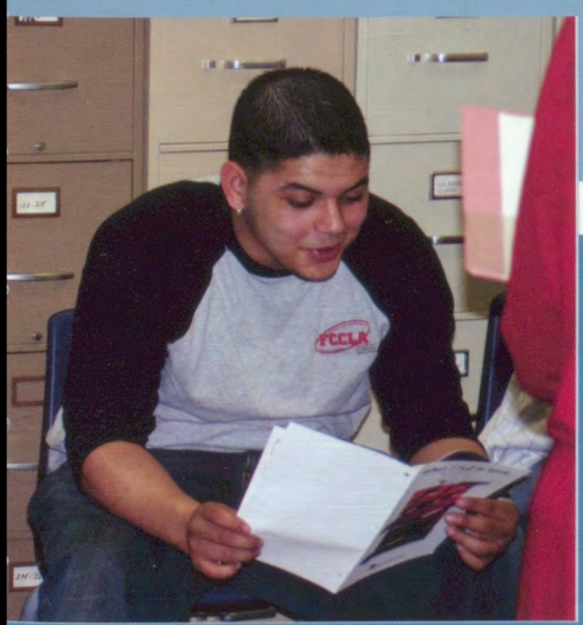
"Practice, lots of practice. It's what it takes," Chase Hughes said. Placing at UIL is definately something to be proud of, it's not that easy.

"I went to great links, including driving to Georgetown for voice lessons" Sarah Samuelson said. It takes hard work, dedication, and a leader to guide one through the difficult steps that it takes to be a great musician, a leader like Mrs. Figele. Not only does Mrs. Figele help students to place at UIL, but she also prepares the entire choir to go to contest. Mrs. Figele is not dedicated to just the high school, but she also spends the day teaching music at Taylor Middle School.

"Even though I have only been here a short time, Mrs. Figele has left a great impression on me. I'll be sad to see her go" Stephen Gauna said. Mrs. Figele will truely be missed as well as the choir program.

Going to UIL, Sarah Samuelson, Ashunta Robinson, and Chase Hughes all placed at competition. *Courtesy Photo*







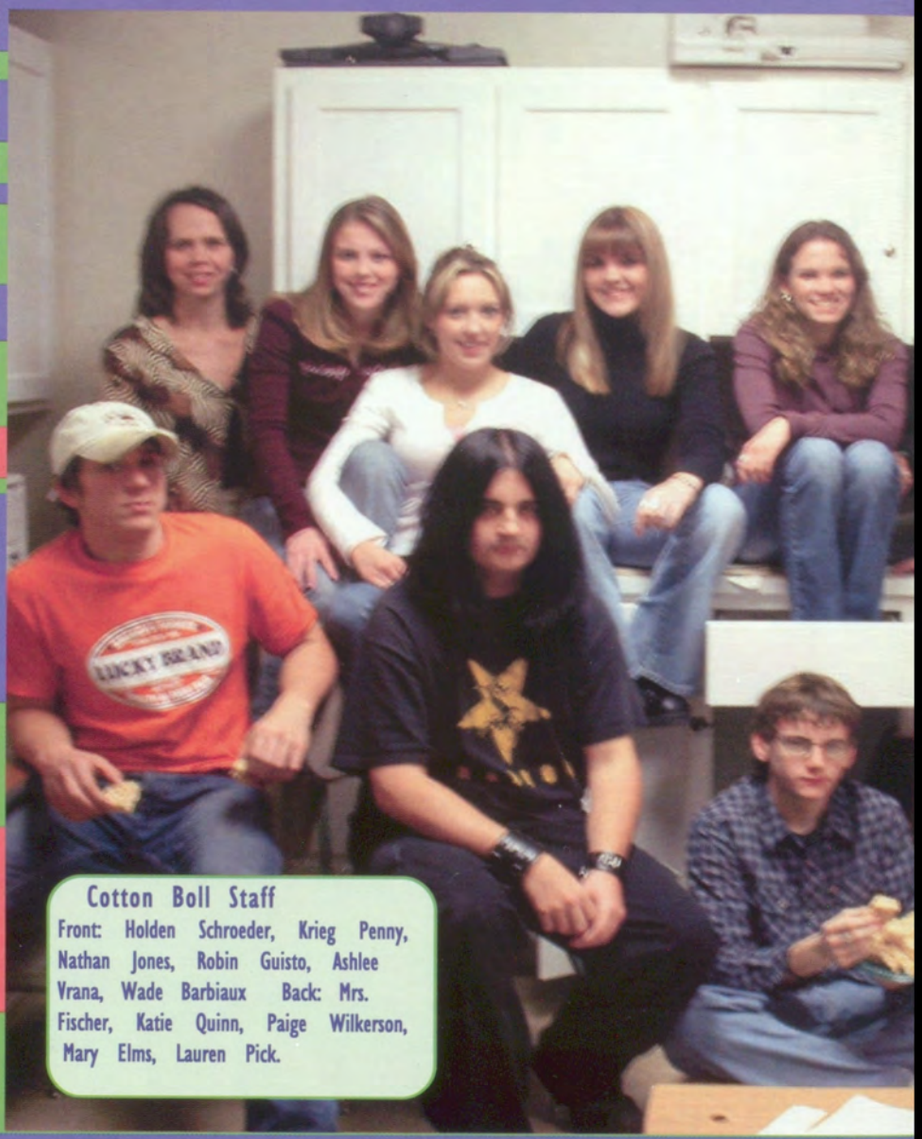
Choir Officers

President Chase Hughes, Vice President Sarah Samuelson, Secretary Crystal Brocamontez, Treasurer Alexia Patterson, Robe Chairman Ashunta Robinson, and Librarian Colette Shurtz. *Courtesy Photo*



Junior assistant editor Katie Quinn concentrates on figuring out what happened to the recorder for her interview.

"The strength of the leadership in the staff has been the source of success this year. The majority of the staff will be returning next year, so I expect even greater success in the future."
--Mrs. Fischer



Cotton Boll Staff
Front: Holden Schroeder, Krieg Penny, Nathan Jones, Robin Guisto, Ashlee Vrana, Wade Barbiaux Back: Mrs. Fischer, Katie Quinn, Paige Wilkerson, Mary Elms, Lauren Pick.



Adviser Mrs. Fischer gives junior business manager Nathan Jones her advice on how to improve his article for the upcoming issue.
"I love getting to read what the staff has worked so hard to write. I don't try and change what they've done, I just try and help them more clearly express their ideas," said Mrs. Fischer.



Senior opinion editor Mary Elms and junior layout designer Paige Wilkerson enjoy eating rice krispie treats to celebrate fellow staffer Nathan Jones' seventeenth birthday.



Filling in the Blanks

by Hannah Carnes

Most high school students tend to think that they can do pretty much anything by themselves. They to tend to believe teachers' advice is unneccessary and sometimes annoying. The Cotton Boll staff didn't think their advisor, Mrs. Fischer's advice was needed either, until they didn't have it.

After the staff didn't meet their first deadline, it became even more of a priority to get the Homecoming issue done and perfected on time.

"After coming to school on a Sunday for two and half hours and working hard in class on Monday we thought the paper was ready for press and we could rest easy," senior editor-in-chief Lauren Pick said.

The next couple of days were to be anything but easy for the staff as it turned out. They received an email from the press that read: "The good news is...your layout looks great: the bad news is...your pages are the wrong sizes".

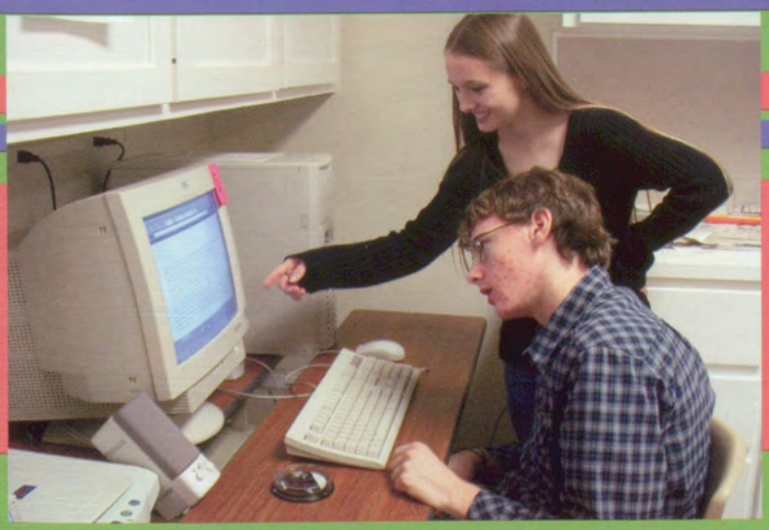
"We were in big trouble. The paper was supposed to be distributed in three days, and to make matters even worse, Mrs. Fischer was unavailable at a conference for the next two. It was all up to us," sophomore Ashlee Vrana said.

After a couple more very stressful days , it looked like the staff might not be able to pull things off.

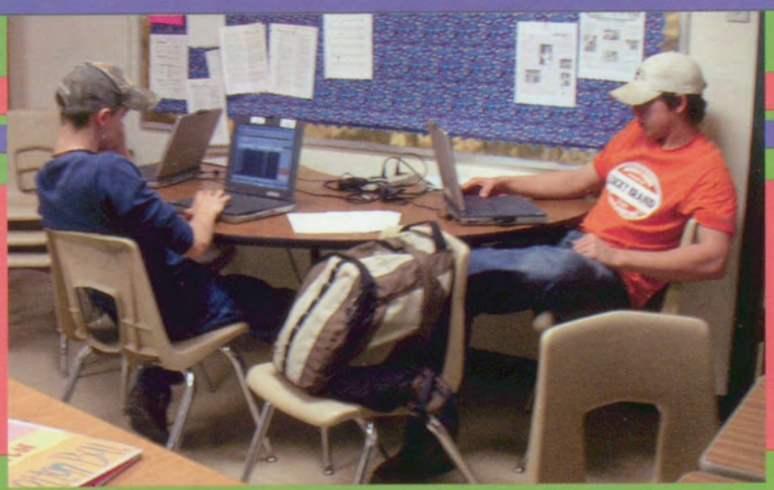
"We all worked through our 6th period class trying to to change all of our layouts to fit the new dimensions, and were still nowhere close to to being finished. I stayed through 7th period and was joined my Lauren 8th period and by 4 o'clock, it looked like we had actually done it," junior layout designer Paige Wilkerson said.

Now all the staff had to do was pray that they had done everything right.

"Everthing worked out great except that the last sentence of Lauren's article had been cut off and some of my favorite center spread fonts had been changed. It taught us to really appreciate the help we get, even though we learned we could handle it,"junior Katie Quinn said.



Sophomore reporter Robin Guisto and junior business manager Nathan Jones edit Nathan's latest hard hitting article on self-mutilation. "It's cool to have a staff where we're able to help each other out. Sometimes someone else catches the mistakes you might miss," said Robin.



Sophomore ad-designer Wade Barbiaux works hard on a cotton boll ad for Golden Chick, while sophomore reporter Holden Schroeder finds an internet picture for his latest article on mud bogging.

Mallard Staff

Front: Joe Hernandez, Ashley Anders, Kristen Sanders, Mrs. Catuogno, Chloe Washington, Stephen Haskins, Bryan Zak, Analicia Chapa, Hannah Carnes, Stephanie Fuller, Chris Copple, Ben Jirasek, Anna Johnson, Keely Rucker, Jacob Glover, Brianna Gross, Megan Kirkwood. *Photo by Mrs. Fischer*







Ben Jirasek tries to find someone to pass the ball to during the Mallards staff's problem solving game. The staff learned to cooperate, organize, and communicate in order to make the production process go more smoothly. *Photo by Bryan Zak*

"It's a good day if nobody cries, nobody quits, and all the computers are working.".

--Mrs. Catuogno



"What? The spread is due in five minutes?!" Hannah Carnes looks lost as she diligently types away at the computer. *Photo by Keely Rucker*



Keely Rucker and Jacob Glover take time out from the stress to make funny faces. *Photo by Megan Kirkwood*



Amidst all the hustle and butsle of Mallard business, Joe Hernandez found plenty of time to draw on the board. *Photo by Megan Kirkwood*

Bringing the Color to Life

by Mallard Staff



MAKING IT ALL HAPPEN
Stephanie Fuller and Chloe Washington tackle the daunting task of looking over spreads to make sure they are error-free.

Since July, the Mallard staff has been hard at work taking pictures, conducting interviews, and locking memories from the 2003-2004 school year in this book. We have come to fear deadlines but not let them kill us. From surviving the summer workshop in Dallas to the frustrating computers, from the planning stages to the designing, writing, and editing, the Mallard staff is quite possibly the hardest working organization in the school.

"This year we wanted something different, something the 03-04 staff could be remembered for, and that was an all color book that would come out before spring finals," said editor Stephanie Fuller. "The *Mallard* has never produced a book like this, but with the help of our advisor, we knew it could be possible. Seeing the book in all color helps us recapture the moments we lived through. These moments only happen once in our lives. Yes it was very stressful at times but we always had someone to make us laugh like Bryan for example who would always whine, hit the computer and mumble when something went wrong. I am very proud to be the editor this year beacuse of a great hardworking staff. I am shocked to see that sixteen new people that have never been in yearbook could pull together and have such an awesome outcome." Fuller was one of only two returning members of the Mallard staff this year, since the previous staff was mostly graduating seniors. She and Business Manager Keely Rucker pulled together to train the new staff and get the book out on the earlier deadline schedule.

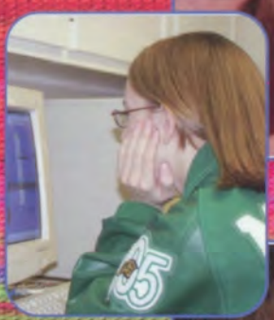
Rucker faced the daunting task of keeping track of the year's financial activities, including yearbook and ad sales, equipment purchases, and fundraisers. "The year started out tough but after a while it was a breeze," she said.

"This year's staff," commented Mrs. Catuogno, "excelled at having fun and getting work done at the same time. They managed to pull together and meet their deadlines even when I was out on maternity leave. I'm very proud of the way they have grown up since August."

Through the hours and hours of staring at computer screens, hoping that it would not cause any permanent brain damage, the eclectic group that is the Mallard staff hopes to have captured every aspect of this past year. We hope you enjoy this book.







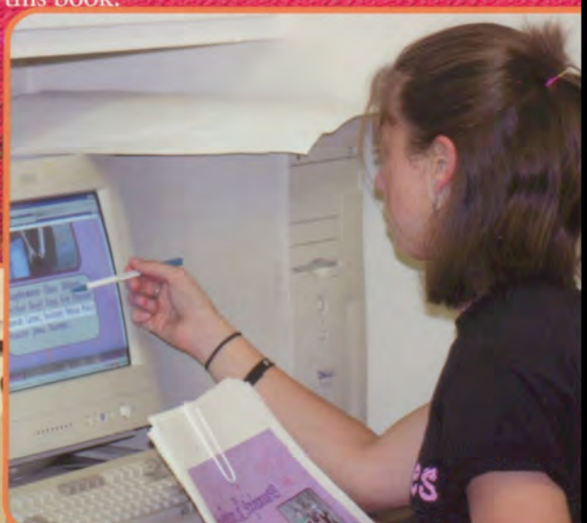




Anna Johnson bursts into tears when she realizes that she has to do another spread for someone else. *Photo by Brianna Gross*



Bryan Zak shakes the computer and mumbles incomprehensibly. "Marhwooo marh marh muuur, the camera ain't working, it's a piece," said Bryan, who often speaks a different language from his co-workers. *Photo by Keely Rucker.*



Brianna Gross like many other copy editors found themselves trapped in front of a computer screen revising and fixing mistakes on spreads. *Photo by Keely Rucker*

Structuring the School

by Stephanie Fuller

Keeping the school organized and the community involved is what the student senate does. Members of the student senate are a selected group of students that are chosen to represent our student body. They listen to students' issues at monthly meetings, along with making everyones' high school years more enjoyable.

Chris Copple, the student senate president, commited himself to help making our school and better and "livlier" place. He took charge after a tense election held by the student body last spring.

"The one great thing about choosing the officers for student senate is that you get to pick who you want in charge of the school," Hannah Carnes commented.

Even though Chris stated in his campaign speech that he is a "man of few words" and "wasn't for sure what he was gonna do exactly", he convinced his fellow students that he could handle the pressure.

This year a state law was passed that every student in a Texas public school must say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas every morning, followed by a moment of silence.

"The government fears dissention among its people, thus they wish to instill forced patriotism," Chris explained.

Every morning Chris recited the pledges. But to spice things up one November morning, Chris decided to sing the pledge. Along with the moment of silence at school, Chris also gave the moment of silence at every Friday night home football game.

Student senate did numerous things to keep up school spirit, especially during the week of homecoming. They hosted most of the festivities from the Hall decorating contest (which the seniors won with their "Rope the Mustangs" theme) to the dress up days and the parade in which many students walked or rode bikes down Mallard Lane.

"We did what we could to make it a fun experience for everyone who attended," Chris said. Student senate also managed the voting for the homecoming queen and king. On the night of the game, student senate walked across the field to exchange their tree with Marble Falls. Baby trees were given at each game to represent unity and growth.

During the month of December, it is a tradition for the student senate to get all the club oragnizations together for a good cause called Operation Green Santa. Student Senate assigned each club and organization a needy family to help out during the holiday season. They gave toys and clothes to the children, and turkeys for them to eat.

"Helping those in need makes me proud to be a part of this great nation," Chris said.

Overall, the student senate is there to set an example for all the students attending this school. They are a successful group. They're not there just to be leaders, but to go above and beyond their call of duty to do whatever it takes to structure THS into a better place.



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE...
Student senate president, Chris Copple and fellow student Nathan Jones honor the United States and Texas flags during second period announcements. *Photo by Bryan Zak*

What Do You Think?

-189 out 280 students felt that saying the Texas pledge makes you patriotic.

-Only 51 out of 280 students disagree with the pledge in school.

-223 out of 280 students felt that this should not be a law.



The German club poses with their family that the student senate gave them for the Green Santa Operation. "Green Santa is a great program here at Taylor High School. It gives me a chance to reach out and help somebody," commented German club president Keely Rucker. *Photo by Ms. Jackson*

Student Senate Officers

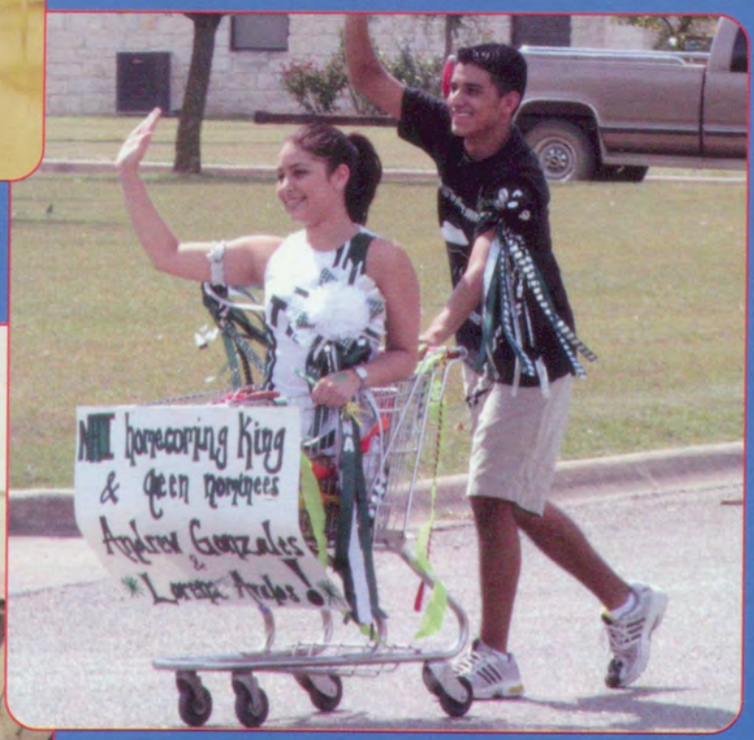
President Chris Copple, Vice President Matt Jinkins, Secretary Katie Quinn, Treasurer Minjoo Park, Repoter Stephanie Garrett, Not Pictured Parilimentrian Priscilla Grau Grau. *Photo by: Larry Sutton*

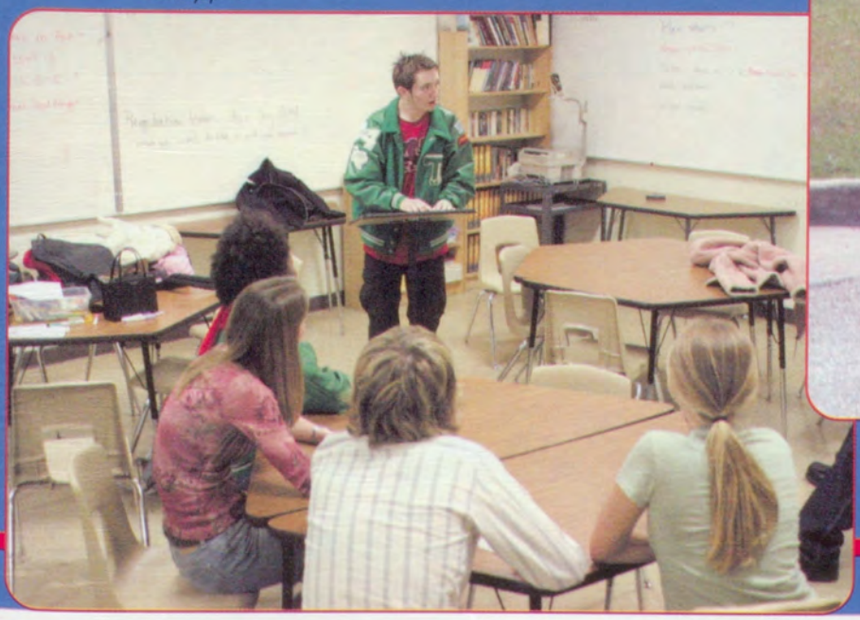


Ashley Bedsole and Brandy Covey sport their kicker outfits on he-haw day. The cheerleaders worked with the student senate to organize all the crazy days on homecoming week. Having dress up days shows how much duck pride is really at this school. *Courtesy photo*



NHI homecoming nominees, Andrew Gonzales and Lorena Avalos, participate in the parade put on by the student senate. "I think the parade down Hallard is a great way to show school spirit and get fired up for the big game," commented Lorena. *Courtesy photo*





Chris Copple leads a meeting at 7:30 in the morning before school starts. *Photo by Stephanie Fuller*

NHS Officers

Parliamentarian Priscilla Grau, Reporter Marci Winklemann, Secretary Lesley David, President Lauren Pick, Not Pictured: Vice President Brandi Moerbe, Treasurer Minjoo Park

Photo by Stephanie Fuller





NHS sponsor Ms. Foley prepares for another meeting before school to discuss issues of community service. "I am very surpised to see the amount of community service that has been done this year," Ms. Foley commented.

Photo by Chloe Washington



Senior, Deborah Woolridge, doing a little office work for Mr. Rucker. "I enjoy taking a little time from classwork to help out in the office," said Deborah.

Photo by Chloe Washington

Marci Winkelmann and Lauren Pick, seniors, discuss up-coming events for NHS.

Photo by Chloe Washington



NHS is a great way to interact with others

--Matt Jinkins



Best and ighest



One on one NHS
Senior Matt Jinkins listens while Iris Davis explains what they will be doing for the next NHS event, which is the dinner that they have scheduled.

by Chloe Washington

With memerbership in the National Honor Society, there comes responsibility, leadership, sevice, and honor among students. Students must meet the requirements of maintaining good grades, be in a least one AP or Pre-AP class, and in three clubs or orginaztions.

"The best part about NHS is being able to give back to your community," Deborah Wooldridge said.

This year, around Christmas time, NHS set up several stations in town to ring the bell in order to make an effort to raise money for the Salvation Army.

"Although it was cold and wet, I enjoyed helping out," Iris Davis said.

NHS also sponsored a family for Green Santa and that turned out great. They bought gifts and food for the needy family.

"I was glad to be of help," Priscilla Grau said.

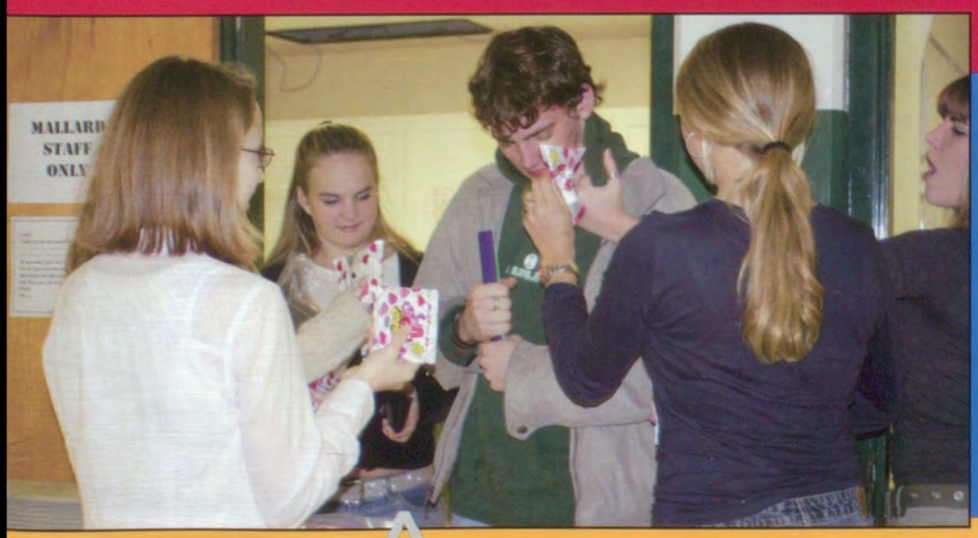
In the spring the NHS has their annul Chamber Banquet followed by the ceremony for new members to be inducted into the club.

All in all, NHS isn't just about making the grades, it is also about giving back to the community.



" NHS is greate experiance if you love to help out."-Minjoo Park

Photo by: Chloe Washington



Nathan Jones is bombarded by NHS members to buy candy. The money raised from the candy is put towards their scholarships.
Photo by Stephanie Fuller



" Responsibility plays a key part in NHS." -Priscilla Grau
Photo by Chloe Washington

Club Officers

President Joe Delgadillo, Vice President Alfonso Delgado, Secretary Kylie Stanford, Historian Aracelie Alderette, Head Recruiter Jackie Luna, Sr. Represenatives Lorena Avalos and Andrew Gonzales, Jr. Represenative Sherrie Stringer, Soph. Represenative Jon Hernandez, Chief Of Fun Alec Gonzales.

What is National Hispanic Institute?

NHI is a national organization that is in the business of recruiting leaders of the future by equipping them with leadership skills and culture awarness. Awareness on Latino issues and topics." -Joe Delgadillo

What Are These Programs?

LDZ Lorenzo de Zavala

YLC Young Leaders Conference

MLP Mexico Language Program

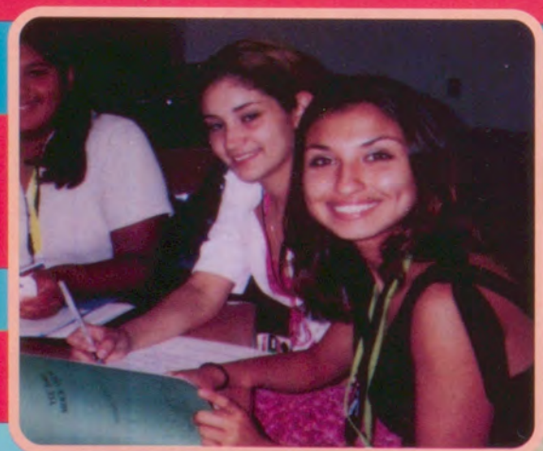
CWS Colligate World Series

YLC is the first program you go to during your freshman year. During the summer you prepare by researching on a topic. During the Conference you compete aganist others. LDZ is done in summer, sophmore year. You are placed in a government surrouding while you run for office. For CWS, you go in the summer during your Junior year. You try to sell yourself to colleges to be on their team, it is a baseball setting. In MLP you go to Monterey, Mexico for four weeks in the summer your Senior year and study at the Institute there. You earn 3 college hours.



Presenting.....

Mrs. Balderas presents awards at a ceremony held in the cafeteria. NHI students wore red and white cords reflecting the colors of the National Hispanic Institute.



YLC perticipants Kylie Stanford, Vannesa Cuellai, and Lauren Lopez take time to smile. They had to perfect their work for the Mock Trial competitions. *Coutersy Photo*

Posing for a photo is the CWS Crew. The students had to sell themselves to the colleges present to be selected on their team. *Courtesy Photo*





The YLC group and JCs pose for a picture in Corpus Christi, TX.. "It is an experience you will never forget," said Alec Gonzales. *Courtesy Photo*



Pain in Parting

by Analicia Chapa

" She will be missed. Nobody will be able to fill her shoes," said Andrew Gonzales.

Stela Balderas has been the sponsor and mother of the Taylor area NHI. Everybody was saddened when they heard the news of Ms. Balderas departing for Dallas during the winter. Ms. Balderas has been sponsoring here for four years.

" I am really proud of the growth for the past four years. We've gone from four freshmen to thirty-five freshman for this summer 2004," said Ms. Balderas.

Ms. Balderas is a part of the NHI family, and now, NHI welcomes a new addition, baby Balderas. Alyssa Raquel Holcombe was born on December 11, 2003.

> " We finally found a place where we can call home."

It is really hard when a family member leaves. Ms. Balderas has love and support from all of NHI, and these members will never forget her.

"She is the coolest person in the school. She is always there for you," said Jackie Luna.

Although they will miss Ms. Balderas, NHI members are pleased to welcome their new sponsor, Magdalena Zavala. Ms. Zavala joined the THS staff in January as a counselor and NHI sponsor.

Adrian Gonzales, Sherrie Stringer, and Alec Gonzales participate in the College function at the 2003 LDZ. Many Colleges came from different states.



NHI Since 1979

The National Hispanic Institute was founded in 1979 in response to the leadership needs of a growing Latino community faced with the modern 21st Century world. NHI is a new leadership mission for Latinos, distinct in its philosophy and approach, different in its focus, and a departure from other Latino organizations. The institute guides its youth to craft new civic, social, and political organizations that build on the Latino community, not its liabilities and limitations. NHI constantly supplies its programs with young staff to refresh the perspective of the participants.





Cara Garcia plays her guitar at the YLC camp. Finding leisure time was key in the middle of all the competetions. *Courtesy Photo.*

Alec Gonzales and Araceli Alderette take an opportunity to chill at LDZ. The entire day was filled with conferences.





Homecoming nominees Lorena Avalos and Andrew Gonzales were also boyfriend and girlfriend. *Courtesy Picture.*

BOUND for the Future

by Stephen Haskins

The Upward Bound program has been a wondeful experience for a few select students at Taylor High.

They toured many college campuses during the summer such as Southern Methodist, Texas Tech, and even Texas Christian University. While at these schools, they interviewed several different collegiate students to find out the pro's and con's of attending college.

Upward Bound is also requiring everyone who is supposed to graduate this year apply to at least four different universities to help further their education.

"Upward Bound is helping me decide what profession I want to go in to" Brittany Wyatt said.

The Upward Bound program encourages all of its students to go to college and better themselves as scholars and as people. The students in Upward Bound feel as though Upward Bound was an uplifting experience and has really helped them mature as adults.

All photos courtesy of Ashley Montez



Ashley Montez looks up college information on the internet. She plans on attending Sam Houston State Unverisity in the fall.

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence."
--Robert Frost



The Upward Bound group conversates while on their way to Huston-Tillotson college in Austin. They make this trip every Wednesday to learn about how to succesful in college.



Christi Woolridge nonchalantly sits on the bus with a hushed anticipation of arriving at Huston-Tillotson. She is role model to the younger kids in Upward Bound.



Upward Bound Visits Texas Tech
Ashley Montez, Daniel Thomas, Lasondra Corley, and Christy Woolridge visit Texas Tech with the Upward Bound program. They all wanted to get a better understanding on what college life is really like.



DECA Members Recieve Awards
Seniors, Katie Dennis, Brandi Moerbe, Michael Ray, and juniors, Kari Dennis, Brooke Schneider all recieve awards for their research accomplishments while at the Fall Leadership conference in Bastrop.



Keri Dennis and Brandi listen attenitivley at the leadership conference. While at the conference learn many marketing ideas and planning.



"And the winner is..." Micheal Ray walks proudly across the stage after recieving his award at the district DECA competition held in Killeen.

Experiencing the business world

by Stephen Haskins

In October, the students in DECA went to a Leadership Conference at Bastrop McKinney Roughs Environmental Park where they competed with many other DECA students from other cities with research reports.

Kari Dennis wrote an advanced research paper over the Covert Hippoplex in Hutto which she entered into the contest, while Brandi Moerbe entered a ten-page report on the advertising of the new fun spot, Austin Parks & Pizza, in Round Rock. Brooke Schneider entered to ten-page report on the advertising at Wet Seal, while Michael Ray entered his survey on the student opinion of the current Sonic in Taylor. Katie Dennis wrote a thirty-page research paper on Ulta in which she entered into the contest.

In late January the team competed in Killeen for their regional meet where Katie, Keri, Brandi, Micheal, and Brooke advanced to state in Galvastiuon.

"Being in DECA helps me realize what the business world is really like", commented Brooke.

DECA members will have many memories as they look back at with all thier great experiences.

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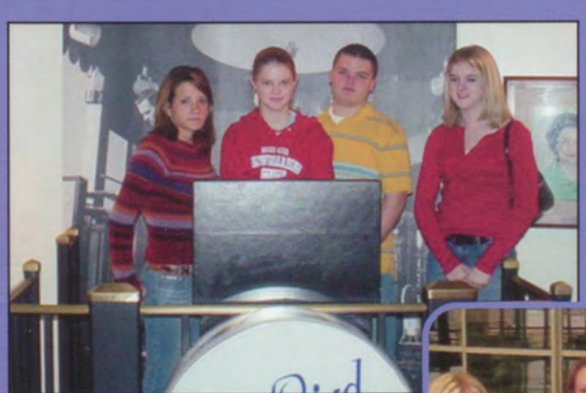

Brandi Morebe, Sabrina Steffek, Micheal Ray, and Keri Dennis pose for a picture during their free time in between conferences.



DECA officers: reporter Keri Dennis, repersentative Brooke Schinder, vice-president Brandi Morbe, president Katie Dennis, (not pictuered) Micheal Ray.



DECA members sit in their group discussing their research reports at the leadership conference.

state your BUSINESS

by Analicia Chapa

Everybody has their own business, and Business Professionals of America welcomes them all. BPA students train and compete in business skills that range from computers to book work. On Wednesday, March 3, 2004 BPA traveled to their state meet held at San Antonio.

The team had a lot of fun but when it came to the meet they had to get down to business. When they got there they learned their competition was fierce. There were technical high schools there and much more. " You know you're going downhill when they pull out the thousand-dollar laptops and printers," said Marci Winkelmann.

In spite of the competition, the team placed in every division they entered. They were very excited to have done well and received awards. They were proud their hard work had finally paid off. By preparing and perfecting their skills, BPA students help secure their future career goals. "BPA teaches you good computer skills.", said Lindsay Rozacky

BPA members usually practice during class periods on the computers and paperwork such as filing and typing headlines. " I usually practice by doing daily tasks.", said Candi Salazar.

BPA Club Officers
President Erin Konarik, Vice President Leanna Mroz, Secretary Krystal Travers, Treasurer Cooper Ward, Reporter Jake Richter, Parliamentarian



Candi Salazar does some filling to help prepare her for her competetion. Filling was part of her catagory shecompeted for. Candi was also in BPA last year. *Photo by Analicia Chapa*



Mrs. Leschburg talks to her members about their competetion. Mrs. Leschburg has been the proud sponser of BPA through its succes. *Photo by Analicia Chapa*

Lindsay Rozacky works on her competetion piece on her computor. BPA is a program that teaches you good working skills and that will help you in your future career. *Photo by Analicia Chapa*



"BPA teaches you good computor skills."
-Marci Winkelmann

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Nicole Cuzzort
Erin Konarik
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Jennifer McQuary
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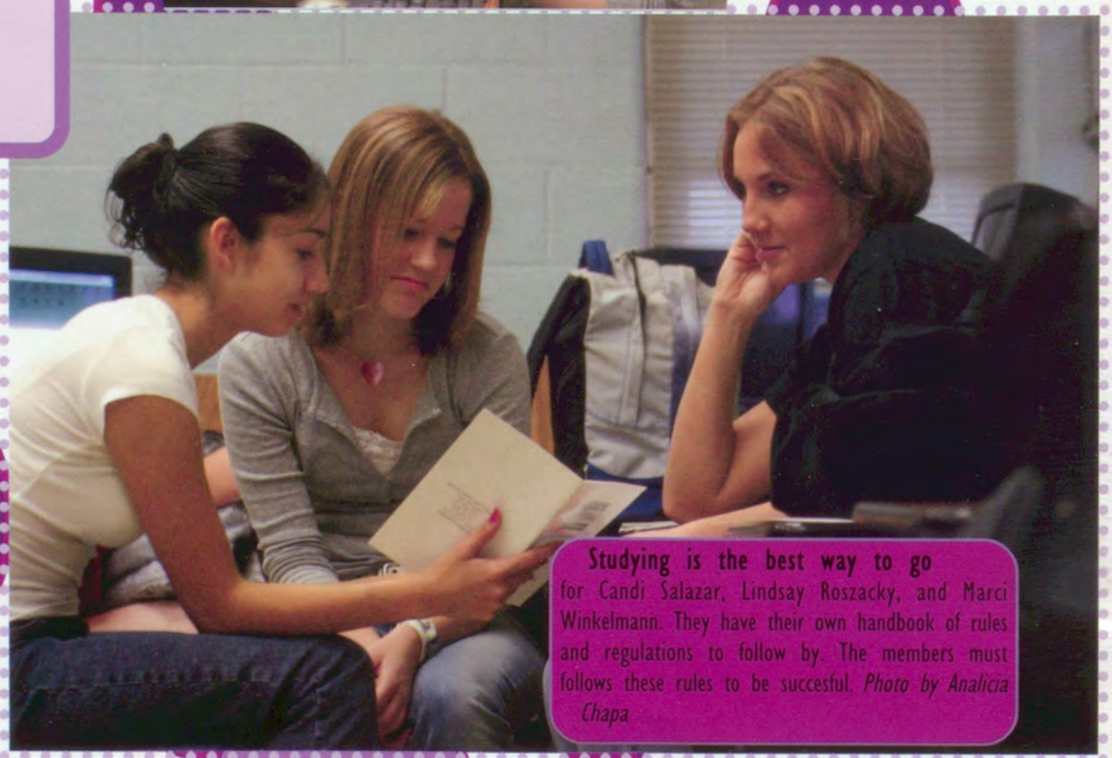


Studying is the best way to go for Candi Salazar, Lindsay Roszacky, and Marci Winkelmann. They have their own handbook of rules and regulations to follow by. The members must follows these rules to be succesful. *Photo by Analicia Chapa*

The New Curfew

by Analicia Chapa

When one is in a club one looks forward to going to the field trips. FCCLA went to Corpus Christi this January to learn more about their club.

The group arrived in Corpus on a Friday afternoon. They were supposed to go to a dance that night, but they had forgotten to register. They didn't get to go to the dance but instead went to a local carnival and mall.

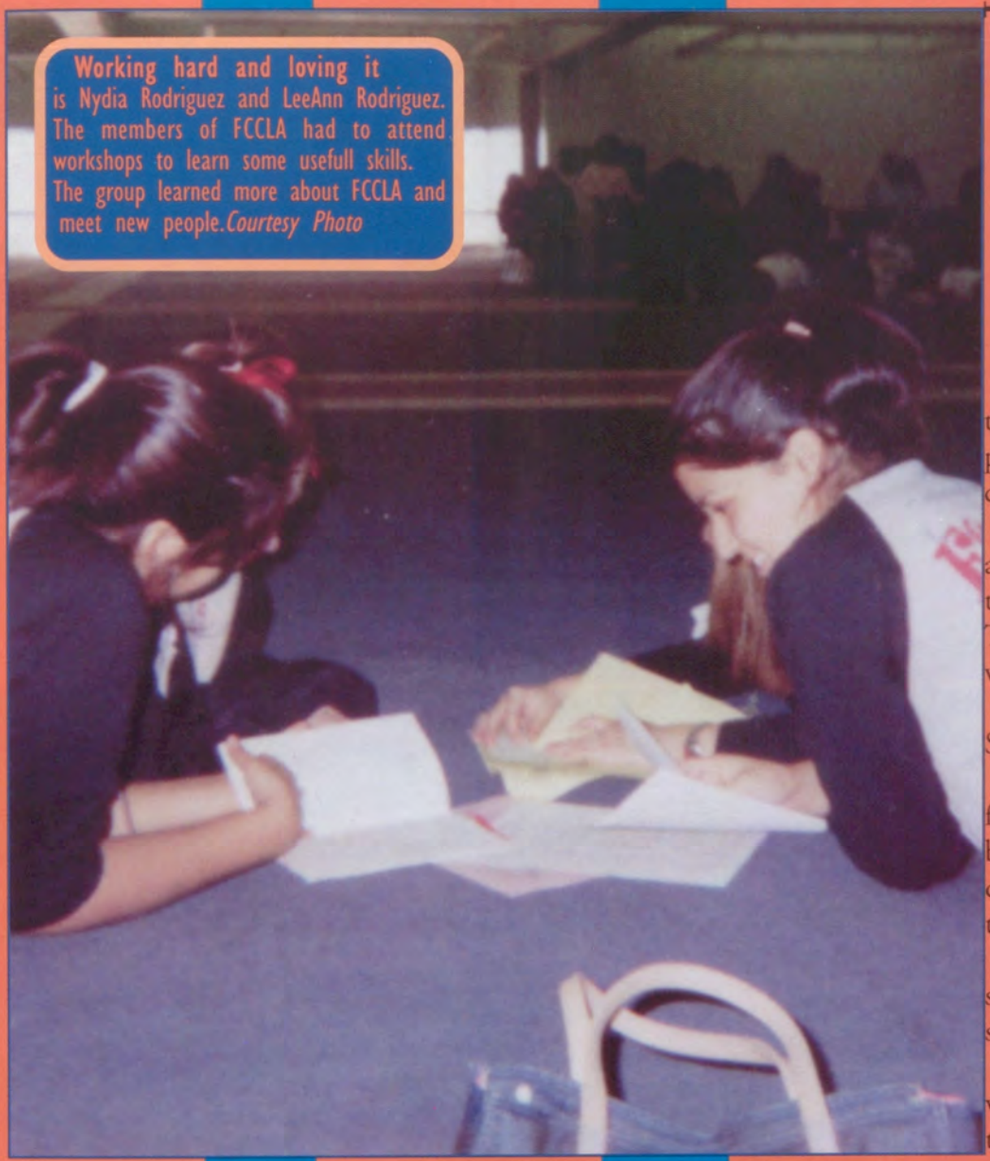
" It was alright...it was better than the dance." Sophi Martinez said .

When they got back to their hotel, they found that an early curfew of 11:00 p.m. had been imposed because during the dance some students from other schools were misbehaving, throwing water balloons off the balcony and such.

" We were mad that we got punished also for something we didn't even do." LeeAnn Rodriguez said.

On Saturday FCCLA members attended workshops and participated in other planned activities. There were numerous classes to chose from and much to learn. On the trip, students met lots of new and interesting people with whom they shared a common interest.

" It was Kool-Ade." Deborah Wooldridge said.



Working hard and loving it is Nydia Rodriguez and LeeAnn Rodriguez. The members of FCCLA had to attend workshops to learn some usefull skills. The group learned more about FCCLA and meet new people. *Courtesy Photo*



The proud sponsers posing are Mrs. Ramirez. and Mrs. Schneider. Just to think they had to keep track of all those members. *Photo by Sarah Almazan*



Esperanza Alderete, Sarah Almazan, Nydia Rodriguez, and Ashley Maddox have dinner at a local resturant. The FCCLA group got the chance to spend a lot of time together. *Courtesy Photo*



Kylie Stanford, Esperanza Alderette, Mrs. Ramirez, Sarah Almazan, and LeeAnn Rodriguez pose for a night out in Corpus Christi.. The members had a very interesting time at the FCCLA conference. *Courtesy Photo*



This is the wonderful hotel that the FCCLA members stayed at while in Corpus Christi. *Photo by Sarah Almazan*

Club Officers

President: Aurelio Rodriguez, V.P: Patricia Perez, Secratary: Tyra Ramirez, Treasur: Christine Galvan, V.P. Project: Kylie Stanford, V.P. Mem: Cdette Shurtz, Historian: Jennifer Lindsay



Enjoying a victory, Dallas Cummings and Grant Carter admire thier robot and trophy. "You use alot of duct tape and (pvc) pipes," says Matt Drummond.

The man, the legend. Mr. Downey helps his students interested in electronics and engineering to be able to have some experience with robotics to fuel their passion for these subjects.





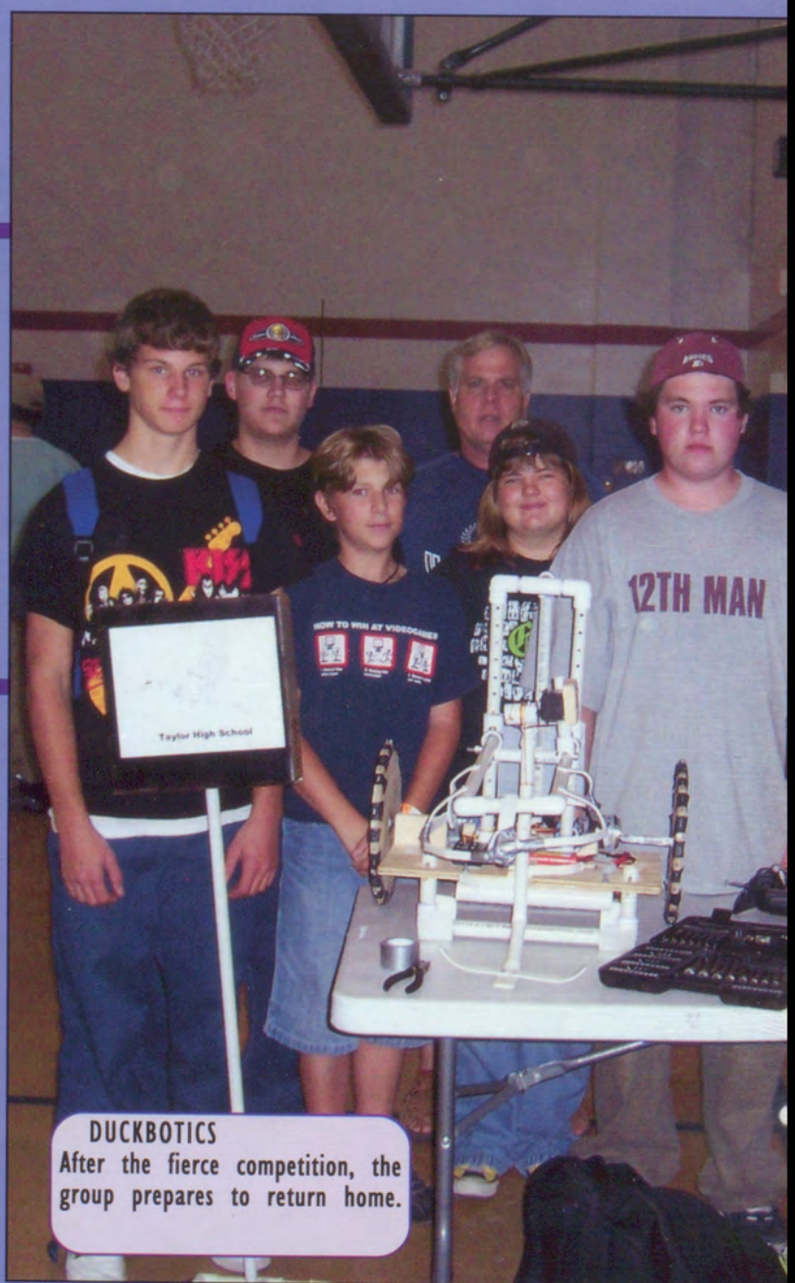
The Taylor Robotics Club awaits their turn to compete. All their preparation and planning pays off here. This is the moment when the newly built and programmed robot must manuever through the obstacle course and complete its task.

William Bellemare and Dallas Cummings put their game faces on before the competition. After they worked out the problems, it is time to put their intuition to the test.





Dressed in a white lab coat and clutching his remote control, Kyle Nevins awaits the cue to begin his turn in the arena.



DUCKBOTICS
After the fierce competition, the group prepares to return home.

"Robotics makes me all warm inside."
- Matt Drummond





The arena in which the competition is held requires the created robots to travel through an obstacle course and pop balloons. "To prepare, we basically practice by planning out strategies and excercising them." said Kyle Nevins.



Working as a team to get out the kinks, Dallas explains the building process. "Building robots is a lot of work. You have to make the main frame, then you add the rest of the pieces, make a program to run it with, then test the robot to see if it works."

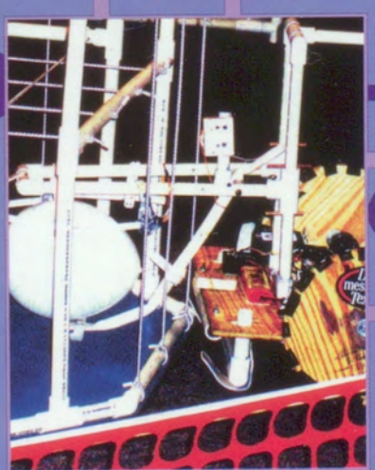


Anthony Gonzalez begins constructing a robot for the competition. Kyle Nevins looks on to give extra instructions.



Putting the Pieces Together

by Jacob Glover





"It's no snap on kit," Mr. Downey says as he describes the future of Taylor's mascot. During pep-rallies, the gym floor, already crowded with football players, cheerleaders, and the marching band, now has a few students with lab coats on. These are the members of the Robotics Club. They steer their robotic duck around the gaggle of people in the gym. But the future holds something more than a mere duck on wheels. Not only has the Robotics Club taken an innovative approach to remodeling the mascot, but they have been gathering ideas that will help their club get off the ground.

"It's more of a hobby," Kyle Nevins says, "It's just fun if you like to learn more about electronics and engineering." From PVC pipes, these few club members are able to make their dreams come alive. In upcoming years, be sure you see the new robotic duck, equipped with lasers, flashing eyes, and flapping wings. It is sure to steal the show.

All Photos courtesy of Mr. Downey

HOSA Club Officers

Historian Stephanie Fuller, Treasurer Liz Hill, Vice President Stacey Dubec, Presidant Cale Hall, Repersentative Sierra Hewtty, Parliamentarian Laura Guzman, Secretary Leanna Morz





Every year HOSA students work with the ER at John's Community Hospital to run a disastar drill. A disaster drill is a fake emergancy. HOSA created a scerino so that the parademics could practice thier techniques. This was when the baseball stands callopsed and students pretened to be injured.

Photo by: Danille Zimmerman



Halley Gay and Stephanie Fuller practice feeding Katie Brooks in Mrs. Dodson's HST 2. It is a requirment for all Ceritified Nurse Aid students to learn how to feed properly before performing the task on pataients at the nursing home.

Photo by: Ms. Dodson



Liz Hill shows off her fake bruises and blood after the disaster drill. "The disaster was an experience I will never forget." Liz Hill said.

Photo by: Bryan Zak



This won't hurt a bit...

Sabrina Steffek practices taping Dodson's wrist for contest. "Sabrina wor so hard the past four months and really showed at the area one con when she took first place," Ms. Dod said. ***Photo by: Stephanie Fuller***



Diana Captellio, Brandi Meyer, and Erin Aladerete walk down Mallard with pride in the homecoing parade This year's theme was "Medicate the Mustangs".

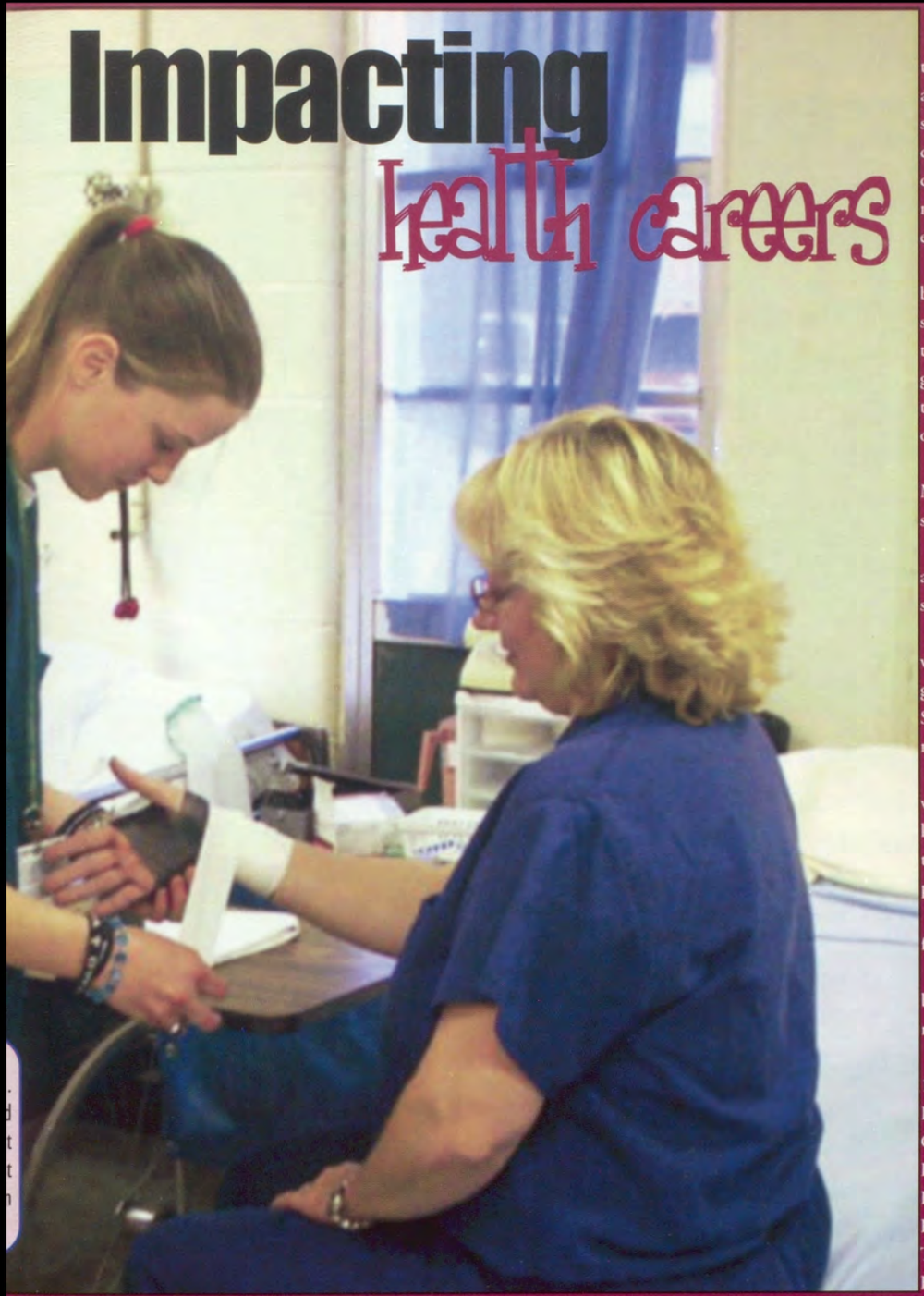
Photo by: Bryan Zak



HOSA members that competed at the area I regional HOSA contest posed for a picture outside of the Unveristy of Texas at San Antiono medical school held in January.

Photo by: Ms. Dodson

Impacting health careers



by Stephanie Fuller

Health Occupations Students of America is an orginzation that impacts healthcares. So many people are in need of healthcare and the students in HOSA are the ones who will one day cure the sick, save lives, and stop diseases. HOSA was established for students who would like to seek a poistion in the health care world one day. Most HOSA students take one of three Health Science Technology classes taught by Ms. Dodson. In HST you get to experience every aspect of the medical field.

Students in HST learn the basics like CPR, how to take blood pressure, medical terminolgy and all the bones and muscle sin the body. Second year students go on rotataions and go through the Cerifted Nurse Aid program. Rotations give one the chance to go to different places to see what might interest them like physical therapy, resperiatiory thearpy, nursing, vetraian, emergency room or to the sports trainer.

"When I was in the ER on roatations I was an assitant to Dr. Maxwell while he was putting in stiches to a little kid." second year student Katie Brooks said.

While the knowledge learned in any of the HST classes are applied at the area one regional HOSA contest. This year thirty students went to San Antinio to compete in different catorigies.

Many studenst have practiced for months because they were determine to win so they could advance to state and hopefully go to nationals in Florida. One student inparticlaur was Sabrina Steffek. She competed in the sports medicine divison and spent months with the atletic trainer.

"I chose sports medicine for my catoregy because thats what I want to be in the future a sports trainer. I really like sports and I know what its like to be injured and not play, I want to be the person to help some one else through their journey of recovering and putting them back in the game." Sabrina said.

Needless to say her hard work paid off and was the only one from Taylor to win first.

"It was a long five and half months of studying and taping but being called on stage to claim my first place medal made it all worth my while." Sabrina said.

Other winners include: Medical Math - Jenna Thornton 10th, Diana Capetillo 12th, Sports Medience- Liz Hill 3rd, CPR- Elizabeth Jonse and Rosalba Martinez 13th, MA Clinical- Cody Ging 2nd, Administrative MA- Leann Morz 2nd, MLT- Stephanie Fuller 4th, Danielle Zimmerman 5th, NA- Stacey Dubec 12th, PT-Sierra Hewtty 6th, Vet- Cale Hall 7th, Sarah Pence- 8th, Poster- Brittany Killingsworth 9th & 11th, Gabriel 6th & 12th, Andrew Tovar- 15th, Writing- Leticia 9th, Creative Problem Solving- Laura/ Kara Kerlin/ Leanne Teggeman 9th, Lynsday Wilson, Katelyn Gola, Kyle Young, Drake 11th.



Jenna Thorthen crawls under the bus to find her belongings at contest. "This was my first year at contest and it was awesome. I now know what to expect for next so I can place higher." Jenna said.
Photo by:Stephanie Fuller



Cale Hall gathers all his thoughts while waiting patiently to take his test. Cale's category was veterinaran assisting.
Photo by: Stephanie Fuller



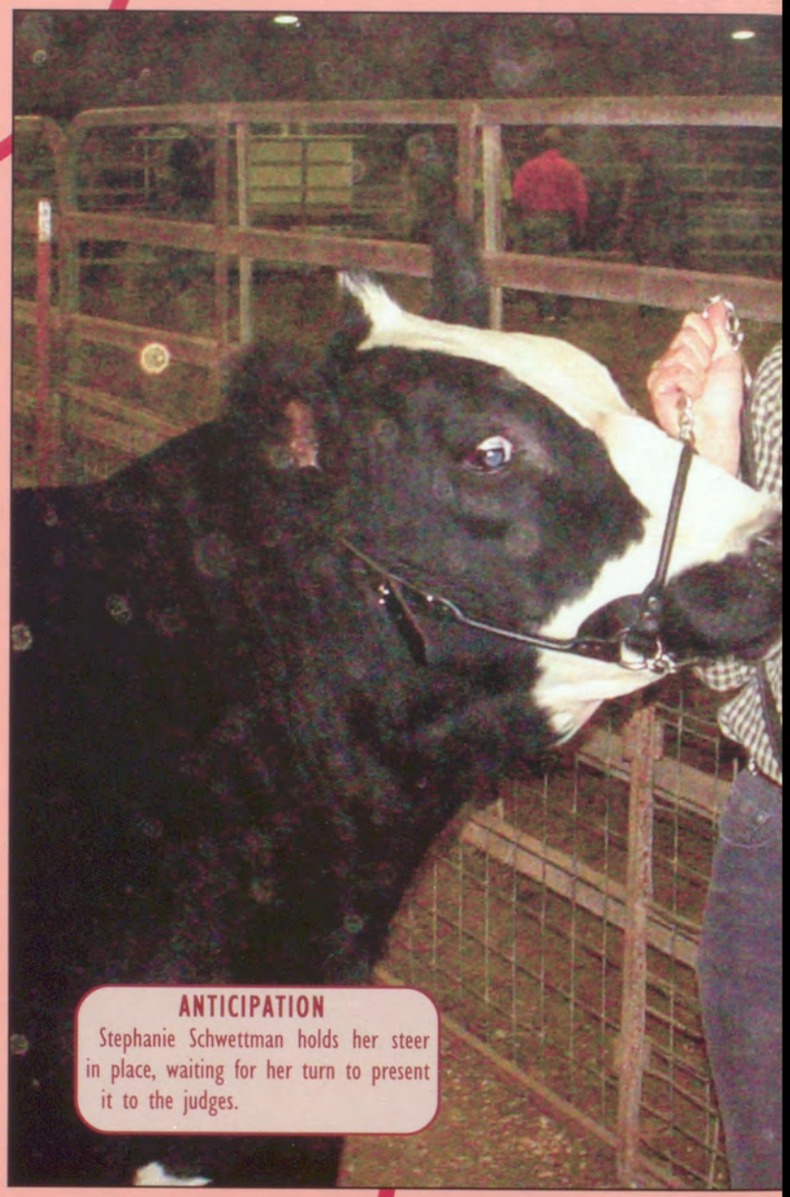
Leanna Morz strikes a pose before the homecoming parade begins. Leanna was choosen by the HOSA club to represent them. She was one of the eighteen finalist to walk across the field on game night.
Photo by: Bryan Zak

FFA Officers

Sentinel Rusty Rhodes, Vice President Matt Vrana, Treasurer Stephanie Schwettman, Reporter Duane Whittaker, President Spencer Schneider, Secretary Ashley Jones (not pictured)

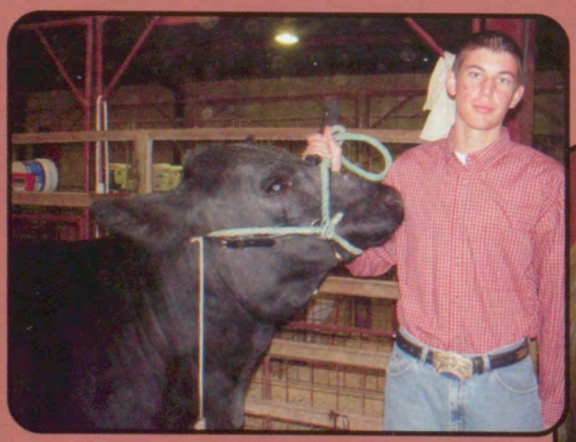


I was very interested in the rodeo, and since the school didn't provide any clubs like that, FFA was the next best thing. I've learned how to raise my own cattle, pigs, and many other animals. Going to the stock show is a lot of fun too.
--Barret Wygant



ANTICIPATION

Stephanie Schwettman holds her steer in place, waiting for her turn to present it to the judges.



Matthew Schwettman shows off his steer at the Williamson County Stockshow. Students raise many animals in an attempt to sell them at these stockshows, as well as earn possible awards and scholarships.

Roanna Evans studies mad cow disease on the computers in their agriculture class. The computers are some of the newest technological advances in FFA.





Holden Schroeder leads his steer at the Williamson County Stockshow. "Showing cattle and going to stockshows year round is a fun thing to do," Holden said.



milk cou blues

by Jacob Glover

Dusty denim Wrangler jeans and cow manure-stained shoes may make someone look the part of a farmer, but few know how to apply their dresswear to the culture. Future Farmers of America is a club that specializes in horticulture, agriculture, and animal science. It helps students, like Stephanie Schwettman who is interested in a future of farming to "learn more about [her] intented major in agricultural business."

Most clubs sell candy and other products for fundraisers, but FFA sells fruit, meat, and bakery items to raise money for their competitions.

"FFA has taught me to have responsibilty and dedication, which help me to be a good leader," Matt Vrana said.

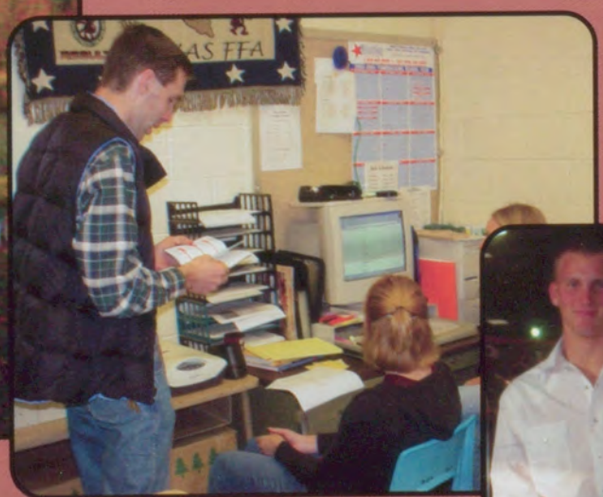
Helping students get introduced into the agricultural world, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Hanke push their members to be responsible and continue feeding their minds along with their animals to become future farmers for all America's needs.

Some die-hard FFA members like Rusty Rhodes have prepared for competitions by, "practices after school and many hours of work at home." Showing off chickens, cows, hogs, and more importantly their knowledge of farming, helps these FFA members pave a path for themselves, along with others, in a future of farming.



Barret Wygant proudly diplays the club banner.





Mr. Bishop's second period class listens attentively as he explains the day's activities. Among teaching Agriculture classes, he also teaches floral design, aquaculture and natural science.

Holden Schreoder and Tyler Talley find time to pose for the camera in the midst of all the fun and excitement going on around them. Tyler shows off his ribbon while Holden plays with his stick.





At the Williamson county livestock show, students compete by raising animals and presenting them in front of judges for awards. Barret Wygant admires a pig to pass the time.

So Many Choices

by Analicia Chapa

Having instant reactions and off the top ideas is key in this fast-paced competetion. The TACO team rehearsed everyday during 8th period performing instant challenges to perfect their skills. You have to have a wild imagination to come up with unique ideas.

" It makes me feel kind of stupid," Kevin Cox said.

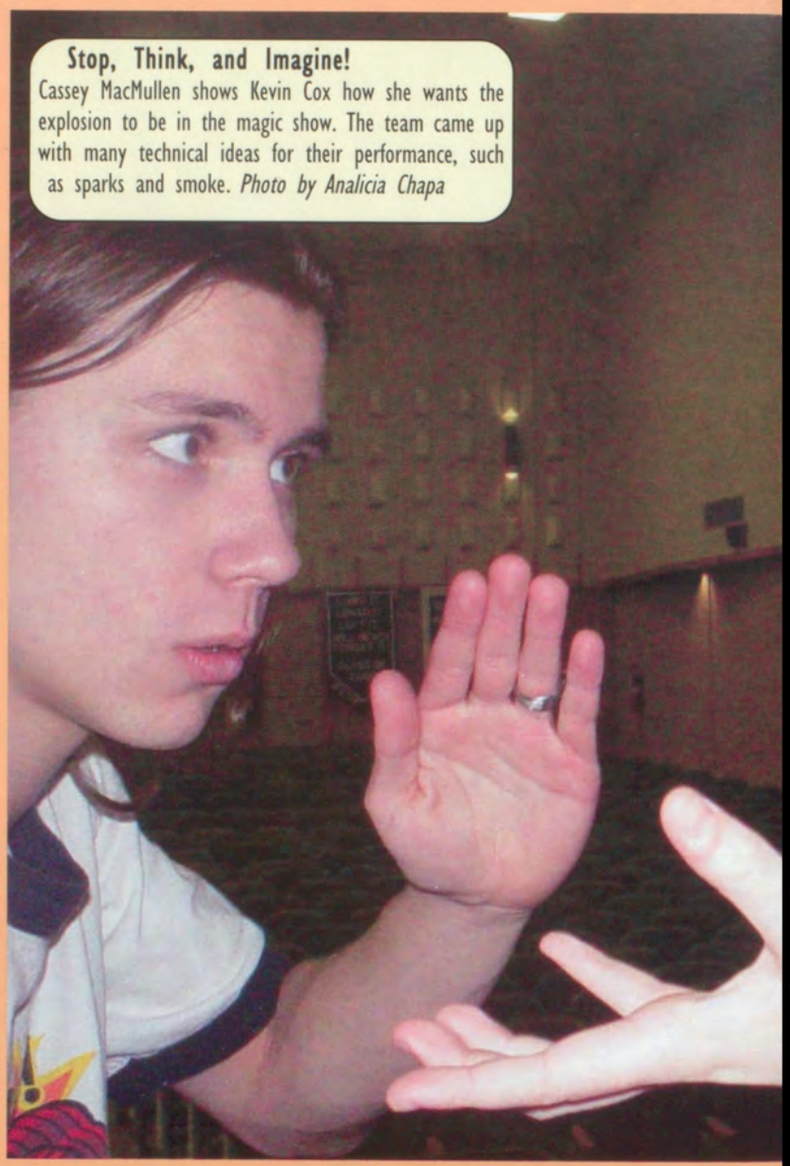
It was really hard for the team on instant challenges because they weren't accustomed to coming up with themes, ideas, and performance within 4 minutes. The team would spend 30 minutes coming up with ideas and putting them together. Mrs.MacMullen would get onto them to hurry and stop disagreeing on everything.

" It's fun, if I was given 30 miutes," Justin Bigon said.

The TACO team started coming up with their story to perform at the contest, "The Pendulum". The whole team tried to be serious at some points, but would then be side-tracked by Ray Wallace's purple tongue from his lolly pop. The team would joke around and tried to come up with weird ideas. They came up with the ideas of Chinese cartoons, a gang of old people, all portraying the hardships of teenage high school students in one idea. Most of Casey MacMullen's story ideas ended up with somebody dying or somebody killing. After all that they came up with the idea to perform a magic show.

" Yeah! We can do that, and he ends up dying!" Casey MacMullen said.

The DINI team finally came up with their idea of their magic show to perform. The team spent many 8th periods to do so. Then the team had even more choices to chose from when it came to costumes, lines, and the pendulum. Well the team finally got through it, it was so hard making those finall choices.



Stop, Think, and Imagine!
Cassey MacMullen shows Kevin Cox how she wants the explosion to be in the magic show. The team came up with many technical ideas for their performance, such as sparks and smoke. *Photo by Analicia Chapa*

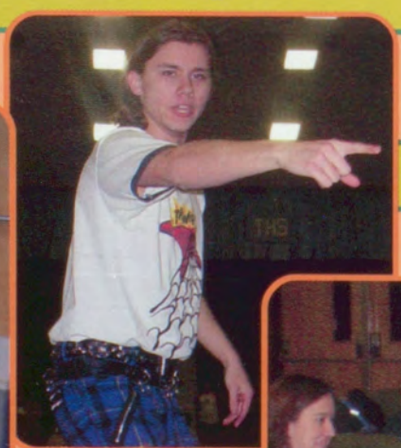
Giving an example of how to make an impression is Kevin Cox. Theatre skills are very usefull in Dini. *Photo by Analicia Chapa.*



LeeAnn Teggeman laughs with Justin Bigon about him being a 'bunny' in the skit. LeeAnn was the pro of Dini on the team. *Photo by Analicia Chapa*



Analicia Chapa listens to her teammates in the auditorium while coming up with ideas. This was Analicia's first time in Dini. *Photo by Cody Jones.*



Casey puts in her idea of portraying all teenage drama and of people dying. Casey came up with many ideas and stories. She also wrote the script for the scene. *Photo by Cody Jones.*



LeeAnn Teggeman and Ray Wallace think about how funny the show is going to be, while Justin Bigon makes suggestions about the costumes. *Photo by Analicia Chapa*









LeeAnn Teggeman, Justin Bigon, Analicia Chapa, and Ray Wallace take a break from rehearsing in the auditorium. Dini was fun and stressfull all at once. *Photo by Cody Jones.*

Ray Wallace listens to his team for ideas while sucking on a lollipop. Ray helped bring life and laughter to the team. This was Ray's second time in Dini. *Photo Cody Jones.*

Our DINI Members



" Dini is a great way to express your creativity."- Casey MacMullen



" It is kind of freaky."
-LeeAnn Teggeman



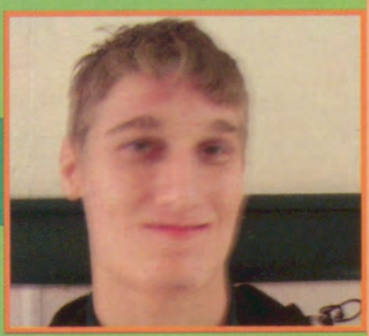
" Dini is the best organization in the world!"
-Kevin Cox



" I'm just here to build it."
-Justin Bosley



" Dini is unique and challenging all at once."
-Analicia Chapa



" Good luck! Dini is challenging."
-Justin Bigon



" It's a fun way to show my creative side."
-Ray Wallace

Veterans' Day

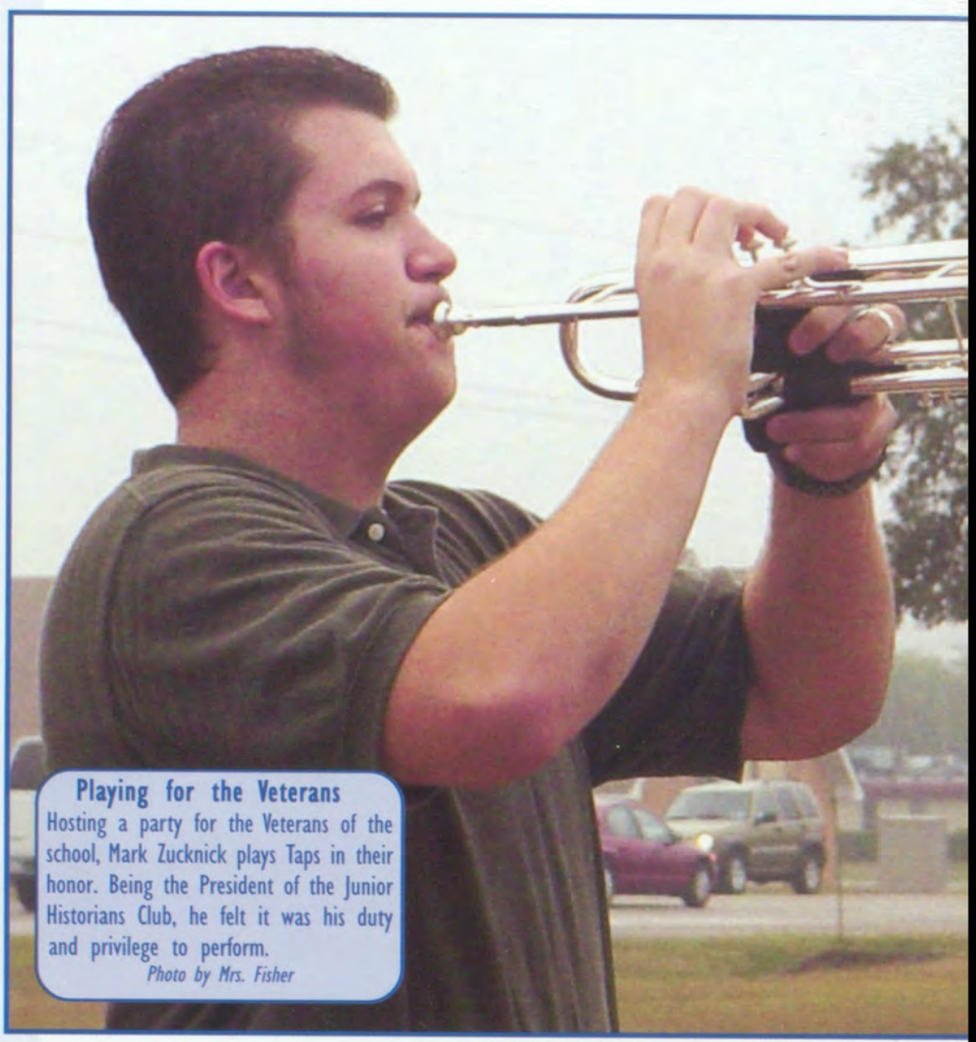
by Megan Kirkwood

On November 11, 2003, the Junior Historians Club honored the Veterans of the school with a small party. At the party, poems were read by Nikki Smith, Taps was played by Mark Zucknick, and the speech below was also written and presented by our club president, Mark Zucknick.

We are here this morning of November 11, 2003, to honor all the Veterans that have fought so bravely to protect our beloved country. This day lives inside everyone directly and indirectly related to someone who has served in the American armed forces. On this day, you, the Veterans, represent the hundreds of thousands of men and women who, throughout our history have served this country with distinction, dignity and valor. You have committed yourself to defend the democracy of this nation and of any other country that cries out in need and terror.

But, the most important people to honor today are the men, women, and comrades who have fallen throughout our many conflicts. These men and women have paid the ultimate price to protect our ways of life and to preserve the hopes and dreams of liberty loving citizens. These soldiers live in the minds of everyone. These fallen soldiers show us the harsh realities of conflicts and the ultimate sacrifice any human, soldier, or citizen can make.

Therefore, we, here today, pay homage to these veterans alive and in spirit. These men and women have made great and noble sacrifices for our country then, and are still making them now, even as we speak. The ongoing conflict in Iraq consumes more and more American lives. That is why days like today are so important. They allow us time to reflect upon and remember all of the veterans who are no longer with us. We must never forget the importance of all the men and women who have fought so bravely for this country. Veterans, thank you very much for you service. Today is your day.



Playing for the Veterans
Hosting a party for the Veterans of the school, Mark Zucknick plays Taps in their honor. Being the President of the Junior Historians Club, he felt it was his duty and privilege to perform.
Photo by Mrs. Fisher

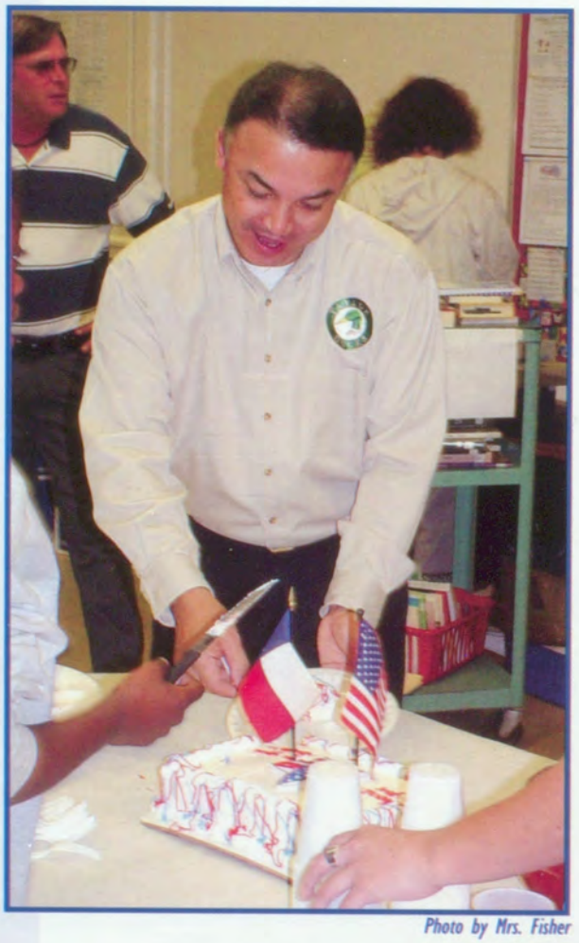


Photo by Mrs. Fisher



Presenting published Veterans Day poems for the Veterans Day party is Nikki Smith. This is a new tradition started by the club at THS.

Cutting the cake, Mr. Bonilla is celebrating the Veterans Day party along with the club and the Veterans throughout the school. This celebration was a great way for the student body to show their appreciation for the Veterans' sacrifices.

Junior Historians Club Officers
President Mark Zucknick, Vice President Bryan Zak. *Photo by Megan Kirkwood*





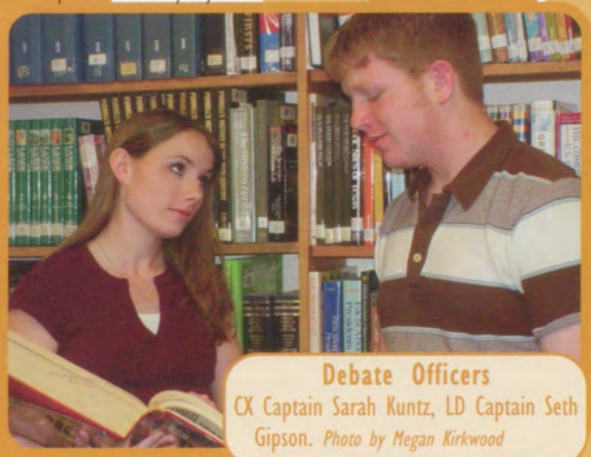


While presenting her speech, Sherrie' Stringer takes a moment to take a breath. She needed to muster up the courage to prove her point. *Photo by Mr. Brush*

Practicing for contest, Josh Kiewit gives a rebutal to Sarah Kuntz's argument. The Debate Club is an important organization that encourages the competitive spirit. *Photo by Mr. Brush*

Competing on Saturday, Jackie Luna and Lorena Avalos placed in a debate competition in Round Rock. They were thoroughly excited when they received their trophies. *Photo by Bryan Zak*





Debate Officers
CX Captain Sarah Kuntz, LD Captain Seth Gipson. *Photo by Megan Kirkwood*



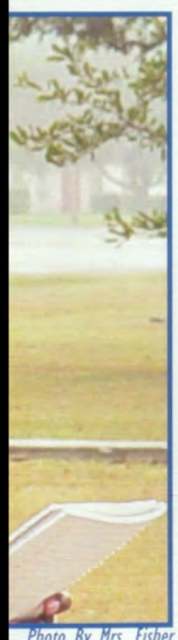


Photo By Mrs. Fisher



IMPORTANT INFO
At Debate practice, Jackie Luna discusses important information relevant to their argument with Joan King. Complete concentration and supurb study is vital to the team. *Photo By Mr. Brush*

Q & A

by Sarah Kuntz and Seth Gipson

Sarah: What do you do in Lincoln Douglas (L-D) Debate?

Seth: I argue over moral topics, for example, how much should one value the environment over businesses?

Sarah: What's your worst L-D moment?

Seth: When I missed regionals by one speaker point... That asperated.

Seth: What kind of debate is Cross Examine (C-X)?

Sarah: The most technical, difficult, frustrating form of debate there is. Everything you say has to be backed up with evidence and every word has to be defined. Sometimes you have to tell the judge the rules of debate, and how your opponents don't follow them.

Seth: What are some important things to remember?

Sarah: Use all C-X time and prep-time. Always take your gum out before each speech. Even Mr. Brush counts points off in class rounds!!!



Science Club Officers
President Joe Delgadillo, Secretary Jackie Luna, Treasurer Chris Hernandez. (Not pictured) Vice President Mark Zucknick, Historian Minjoo Park.



Jamie Pauswang counts the money that Science Club collected from selling candy. The club made a pretty good profit off of this fundraiser.
Photo by Anna Johnson

Shady Secrets

by Anna Johnson

Everyone has embarrassing moments and mishaps that they hope to keep secrets forever. This year Science Club has had its fair share, and maybe more. Luckily, the Mallard was there to catch and remember those moments forever!

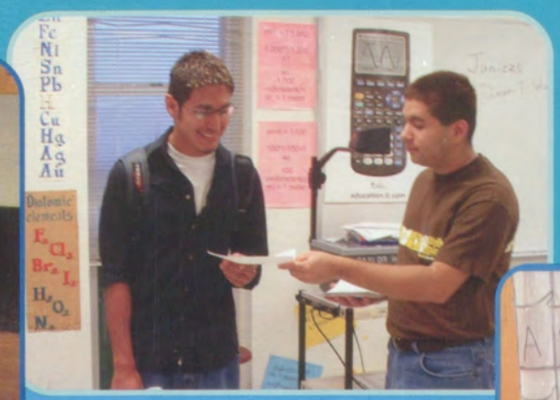
The first item on the list of painfully embarrassing moments probably hits closer to home with the "painful" part. On the day of the Trash Off, Science Club teamed up with Interact, and they proceeded to pick up trash all around the highschool. Juniors Andrew Tovar and Brianna Gross were cleaning up around the portables near the entrance to the freshman wing, and because of the rainy weather, the ground all around them was muddy. To ensure a mud-free escapade, Andrew jumped from a grassy patch to a discarded piece of wood, completely unaware of a 2-inch nail sticking straight out of the wood. Unfortunately, he landed right on top of the nail, which unavoidably went through the sole of his shoe and into the bottom of his foot. As painful as that sounds, Andrew's foot is just fine, now.

"It's alright now. I'm just glad I had a tetanus shot before it happened," Andrew said.

Next in line comes another junior, Kristen Sanders. Everyone complains at least a little when they have to pay club dues. But when the sponsor asks, you'd better deliver, or you might just get kicked out of the club. Kristen was a mere 25 cents from full-fledged membership, when Mrs. Sutton kicked her out for not having paid all of her dues.

"I was devastated and hurt by their actions. But if I could tell Science Club one thing, I still love them, and I'll be back next year with my quarter," Kristen said.

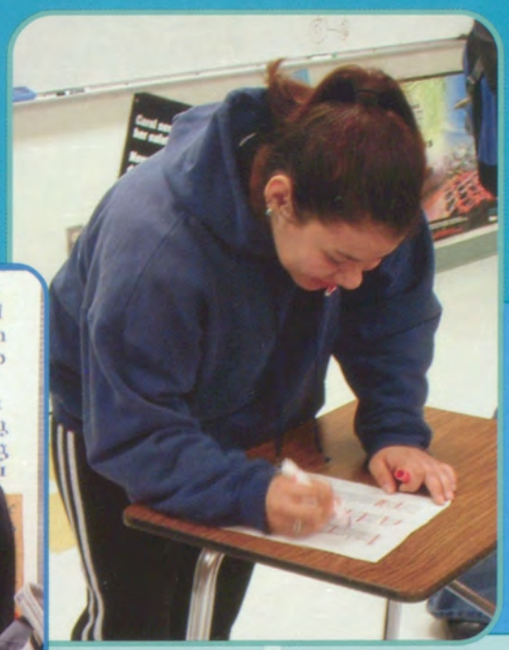
Finally, on our list of unforgettable moments, comes not just one person, but the club as a whole. On October 8, Science Club went on a field trip to visit a museum in Houston. Museums usually are met with a calm, quiet attitide. That didn't happen this time. Taylor High's own Science Club was almost kicked out of the Museum of Natural Science for their crazy behavior. Way to represent Taylor!



Andrew Tovar receives a handout from club president Joe Delgadillo. Club meetings were during tutorials on the first Wednesday of every month. *Photo by Anna Johnson*



Chris Hernandez hands Eric Carpenter a bag of candy to sell for the Science Club fundraiser. Each member was required to sell at least one bag. *Photo by Anna Johnson*



Sophomore Jackie Luna highlights names of candy recipients. Jackie's organization as club secretary really benefitted the club. *Photo by Anna Johnson*



TOP SECRET

Mrs. Sutton, one of the Science Club sponsors, helps Stephanie Ponkoney, Melissa Mokry, and Gretchen Richter with some confidential club information. ***Photo by Anna Johnson***

No Strings Attached

By Brianna Gross

Dedicated to service and the benefit of others, Interact is a club that has been around since the 70's. This year, the group, as Mrs. Tennill says, "is an inspiration!"

Interact is not a massively popular club, however, the devoted members are firm believers that every little bit counts. Everyone involved in the club is out there to make a difference. Interact's sole purpose,

"Is to help our community," president Priscilla Grau said.

The club participates in various community service projects including Taylor's Trash Off, Green Santa, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, and Pennies for Polio. Pennies for Polio is a program supported by the Rotary Club which raises money to buy polio vaccines for developing countries.

"People collect pocket change from schools and Interact students collect the money. Rotary converts the change into money for third world countries," club sponsor, Mr. Rogers said.

The oral vaccines are fairly new, not being introduced in the United States until the late 50s. They contain a weakened form of the polio organisms that have been genetically selected so that the actual disease would not be produced. Although America doesn't suffer extremely from the disease, poorer countries are frequently plagued by polio.

"I like to help people; I am very fortunate, and I have things that I can give back to people," Priscilla said.

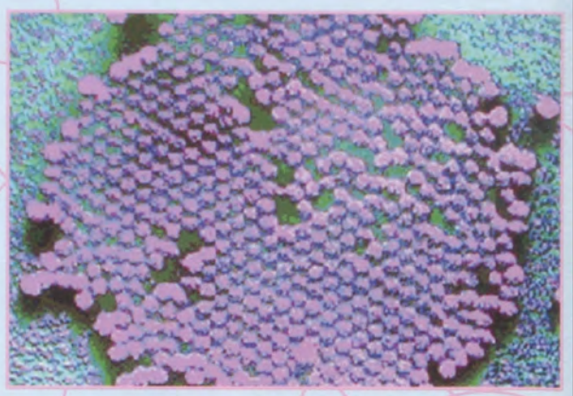
Interact is not only a great way to earn community service hours, but it is one of the few clubs that does not collect dues.

"We don't have dues because we want people to give out of their own free will," Priscilla said.

Interact is also an excellent way to help people who are less fortunate.

"This group is really motivated. They are initiators, not just thinking about it, but willing to carry it through," Mrs. Tennil said.

Interact is a club that takes a stand for others, purely motivated by service, not their own benefits.



This is a close up of Polio bacteria, a disease that Interact fights yearly fundraising by buying vaccines for developing countries. With the help of the vaccine, Polio has been eliminated from many countries.



Vice president Anna Johnson, Treasurer Stephanie Garrett, President Priscilla Grau, Represenative Brianna Gross, and Secretary Amy Whittaker show their smiles for the camera. The officers helped organize the club's numerous activities. *Photo by Bryan Zak.*

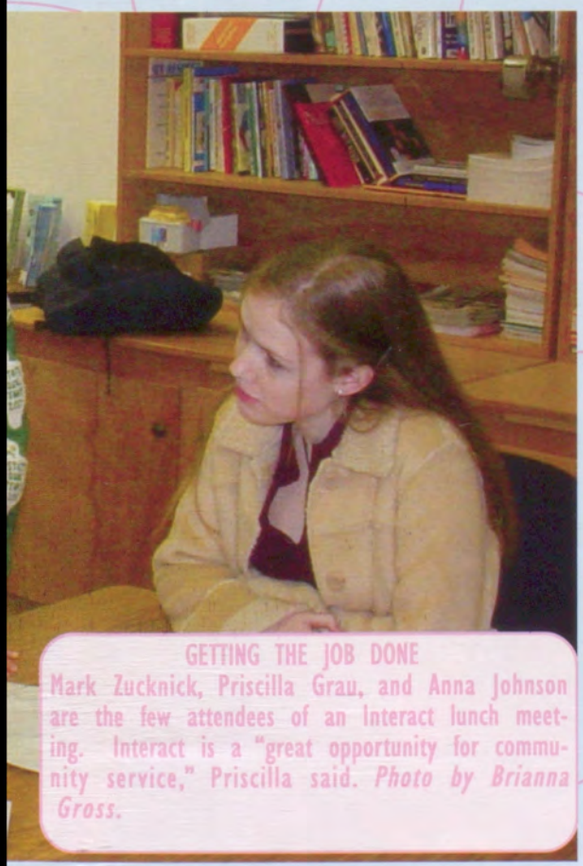




Anna Johnson listens attentively as Mrs. Tennil explains the details of Green Santa. Interact played an active part in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. *Photo by Brianna Gross.*

Raquel Salinas and Leanne Teggeman wrap Christmas presents for Interact's Green Santa family. Green Santa is a program that the club participates in yearly to help less fortunate families. *Photo by Brianna Gross.*





GETTING THE JOB DONE
Mark Zucknick, Priscilla Grau, and Anna Johnson are the few attendees of an Interact lunch meeting. Interact is a "great opportunity for community service," Priscilla said. *Photo by Brianna Gross.*



Eager club members don safety vests before grabbing trash bags. The early-risers participated in Taylor's annual Trash Off. *Courtesy Photo.*



Sophmore Derrick Salazar takes a Spanish quiz. The quizes were known to be extremely difficult, and required ample studying. *Photo by Brittney Washington*

One on one with Deborah Wooldridge



Q: What language did you choose and why?
A: Latin, because most of my friends are in it.
Q: How important is Latin to you?
A: Very important because everyone needs a lauguage to graduate, and Latin I think is the krunkest.
Q: What makes Latin better than other languages?
A: Mrs. Schaefer!
Q: What is something or someone that helps you with Latin? and how?
A: Chloe and Iris because we always help each other out with our work, and it makes it easier.
Q: Will you study Latin outside of high school? If so how?
A: I'm planning on studying it in college so that I could bust out with a little "ubi qua bow vow!"



Studenti Romani
Mrs. Schafer and her Latin 3 students gather around her desk to discuss their planned design for a Roman house. Photo taken by Jacob Glover

Kristen Sanders and Angie Martinez enjoy the bus ride back from Nuevo Laredo with the Spanish Club. *Courtesy Photo*





Katie Quinn writes questions about German culture in preparation for Pauß Auf, a German game show at Houstonfest. *Photo by Chris Copple*



Hilda Lopez and her partner go over the vocabulary for their Spanish presentation. Presentations could be nerve-racking if not rehearsed. *Photo by Brittney Washington*



using colorful language

by Chloe Washington

Around the world there are hundreds of different languages, but to us Americans, the most common is English.

Although English is used frequently throughout the United States; it is used in very different ways. For example, "Texas is known for its hillbilly talking accent," said Paris Shirley. Some words have different meanings in different parts of the country, and pronunciation varies with the time zones. Just ask Mrs. Rowe, she'll be glad to demonstrate how they talk in Minnesota.

Students learn foreign languages in order to broaden their horizons, get college requirements out of the way, and make world travel easier. Although the methods of study may be similar, every language is different. Spanish, for example, has its own trade mark.

"Rolling the R's is what makes it stand out," said Liz Hill.

Even though each language has its own trademark, there are still other things that make it a unique language, besides the pattern of speech. "Latin is the root of all the Romance languages," said Kristen Sanders. "That includes Spanish, Portugese, Italian, and French." Latin is also useful for those pesky scientific terms you'll see in biology and the pharmaceutical world, as well as legal terms, and the text on the back of that twenty dollar bill in your wallet. It can also help you recognize word parts and figure out the meaning of words you've never seen before,which is useful for upping your SAT score.



A few Latin Club members gather before the the long walk down Mallard Lane for the Homecoming parade. "The best part was dressing up as the Romans did," said Daniel Thomas. *Photo by Chloe Washington*

"I never thought I'd need to know German," said principal Larry Sutton, "but I've been to Germany three times in the last two years." The Suttons visit their son Matt, his wife Jamie, and their daughter Madison in the German town of Butzbach. Sutton continued, "I feel so stupid not being able to communicate. I *wish* I knew German--I should have taken it in school."

Language is something we really take for granted, but it's one of those things that we couldn't get along without. It's the basic tool of communication, and by learning a foreign language, students give themselves more options for getting their ideas across to a variety of people in a variety of places.





Gathered around Mrs. Jackson's desk, Priscilla Grau and Lauren Pick consider options for the Houstonfest competition. The competition is an annual tradition. *Photo by Keely Rucker*



Douglas Alexander begins to give his oral presentation in Spanish. Spanish students were allowed to go over their vocabulary with a partner. Photo taken by Brittney Washington



Adam Pfluger studies German history and culture in preparation for Houstonfest. Photo taken by Keely Rucker

a mixed palette

by Joe Hernandez

When we think of clubs, we may think of expensive dues and ridiculous before-school, early-morning meetings. Art club is none of those. A mere three dollars, present enrollment in Art, and an attitude of being a less-than-perfect salesperson is all that is required of you to be an honorary member. Having fun and helping out is the



Field trips are an important part and motivational incentive for the students. A trip in the fall and another in the spring, each equally entertaining and memorable, is what the affiliates expect each and every year. And this year would be no different. As the leaves warped into the warm and subtle colors of fall, those lucky enough to be a part of the Art Club headed out to the Museum of Modern Art in Houston to experience and marvel at some of the world's greatest works of art included in a once-in-a-lifetime display. After awing at pieces such as "Starry Nights" by Van Gogh and "Existence of Time" by Dahli, they headed out to the Texas Science and History Museum.

their ventures to appease their appetite for art. Come mid-January, boxes on top of boxes are stacked in Ms. Hendriex's room as they await their eager consumers in the halls and classrooms. Suckers, gummi worms, gummi lips, and all sorts of sugar coated delicacies are packed into clear plastic bags and given to the students to sell among their fellow students and sometimes teachers. These funds would go straight to funding trips and Green Santa for current and later years.

On another look, Art club does its part to give back to its surrounding community. By the end of the year, Art club will give several scholarships to students in memory of the Martin and Morrison Fund totaling $500. They also took great pride in helping a local needy family during the holidays by donating gifts, money, and food. They were more than thankful for the work, time, and money that the members had given in order to make their holidays happy.



THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO ROUND AND ROUND
With smiles that even Rembrandt himself couldn't touch, Art club members gather on the bus heading to Houston. *Photo by Esparanza Alderete*

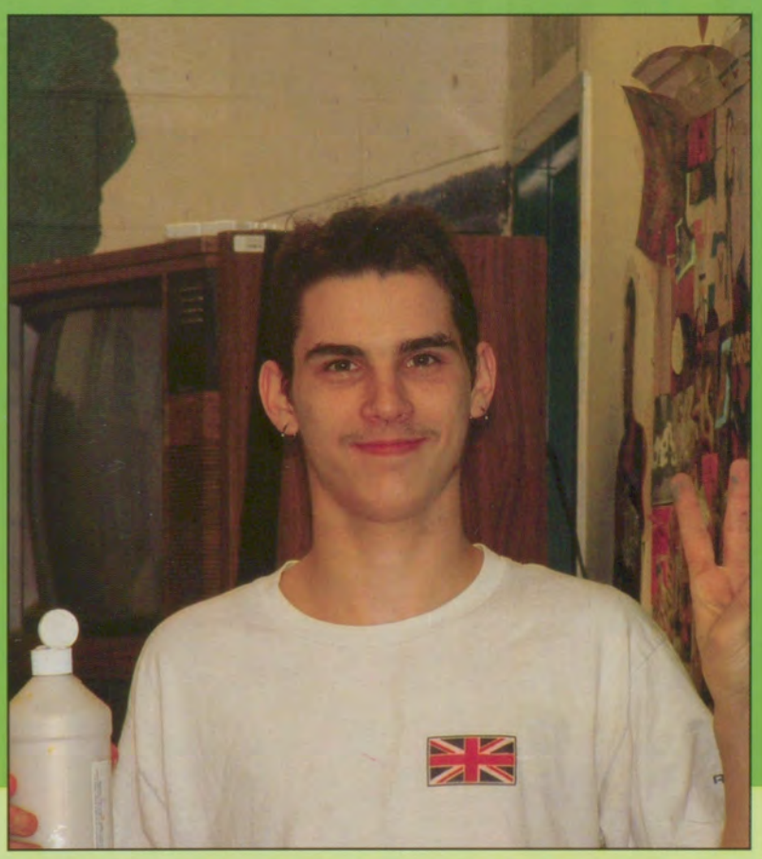


Ashley Anders and Tessa Tidwell are hard at work on their mosaic that they adorn Ms. Hendriex's cabinet door with. *Photo by Joe Hernandez*

Art Club Officers

President Ashley Anders, Vice President Joe Hernandez, Secretary Robert Medrano, Treasurer Tessa Tidwell, and Historian Archie Fields. *Photo by Brady Marshall*







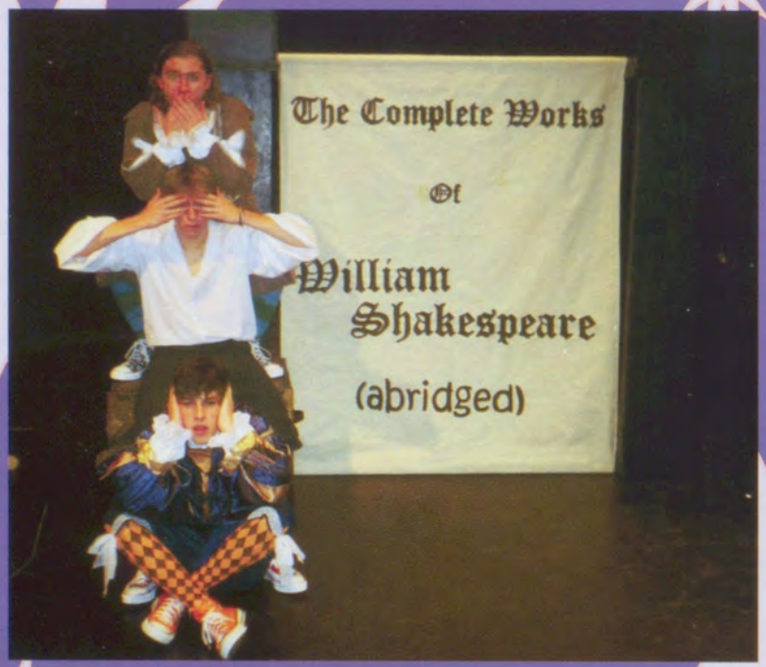
David Eddins gives a wave while pondering the different hues of the rainbow that would bring out the life in his next masterpiece. *Photo by Joe Hernandez*

Ryan Leschber studiously strokes away at his canvas as he concentrates to stay in between the lines. *Photo by Joe Hernandez*

"Some of my best memories in high school have been on Art club field trips," said President Ashley Anders.



"I love art and its many different forms," said Jeremy Lopez.



Kevin Cox, Jacob Glover, and Chris Lopez made up the cast for "The Complete Works Of William Shakespeare (abridged)". The combination of these three goofballs made for a great show.



"Home, Home On the Range!" Jacob is serenaded by his mentally handicapped friends during his going away party in "The Boys Next Door."



Much Ado About Nothing. This play by William Shakespeare gives its cast a very challenging experience to perform. "Qoute" Mrs. Macmullen



It's that same look you've got on your face! The village of idiots in "Fools" realize that their new school teacher has also become a fool.

Julius Ceaser is murdered by a soothsayer and one of his subjects. "I think what makes a show work is the people you are in it with. Get three of the craziest people you know in a room together, and you get "The complete Works of William Shakespeare," said Jacob Glover.

Kevin, Jacob and Chris enact "Titus Andronicus". Kevin the villian awaits his death while Chris explains the cooking methods to Jacob. "This was my favorite show to work on because it gave me a chance to whip out my... manuscript onstage," said Chris Lopez.







Joe Delgadillo (Norman) argues with Chris Lopez (Barry) about cheese while Jacob Glover (Jack) intervenes. "This was a very diffcult scene to do, because Lopie had the cutest mouth," said Joe Delgadillo.

"An appropriate play for this cast," said Mrs. MacMullen when asked about the show "Fools". Here (Leon) Kevin Cox holds a letter that supposedly makes him eligible to marry his love (Sophia) Gretchen Richter.

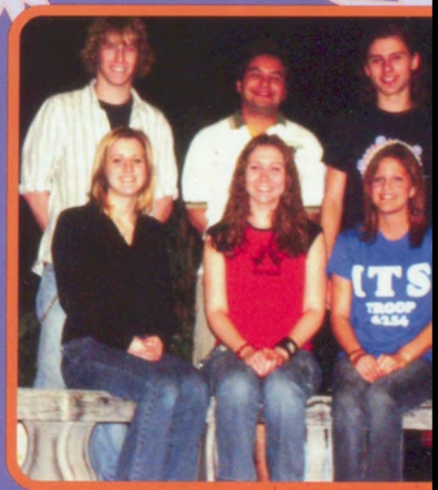


Shake it up

by Jacob Glover

From portraying the mentally handicapped to making complete fools of themselves in order to please thier audiences, the Taylor High School theatre department has been known to do an odd assortment of plays. Still, who would have thought the 2004 Thespian Society would decide to take on Shakespeare. From the flock of veteran seniors always eager to devote their time to the stage, down to the newcomers ready to test the waters of the unknown, as we go to press they prepare to enact "Much Ado About Nothing" (a tale full of deceit, humor and love) for thier UIL One Act Play competition. "I think theatre is a great opportunity for a group of people to come together to work on creating a product from start to finish," said Mr. Volek the drama-teacher-turned-counselor. There is such a variety of people that take part in all these shows, everyone's opinion matters and everyone helps bring a show to life. "Since I was a little kid I liked to imitate things, so I decided I would take it a step further," said Matt Jinkins. Through hours and hours of rehearsal and preparation to hopefully acheive an outstanding performance, the theatre department of Taylor High School is more than dedicated to providing thier audiences with the best shows ever.

Thespian Society Officers
President Jacob Glover, Vice President Casey MacMullen & Kevin Cox, Secretary Kaye Bauer (not pictured), Treasurer Laurie Raesz, Historian Joe Delgadillo, Social Chairman Cassie Floyd



Photos by John MacMullen



Shakespeare's best known tragic love story "Romeo and Juliet" is played somewhat...*differently* by Kevin and Jacob. Romeo finds his lovely Juliet dead, and soon after kills himself. He knows what he is missing, Jacob is a sexy girl. HAHA! The boys remarked that



Lauren (Hero) is wronged by Kevin (Claudio) at their wedding. "One Act has been a big part of my life, and getting to do it again my senior year really means a lot to me," said Ray Wallace during rehearsal.





Gretchen Richter and Kevin Cox woo during the balcony scene in "Fools" ."Theatre gives me a chance to be someone I'm not," said Gretchen.

awards

Essay- Chris Copple/ gold medal
Joan King/ silver medal

Speech- Chris Copple/ silver medal

Science- Joan King/ bronze medal
Chris Copple/ bronze medal

Music- Chris Copple/ silver medal

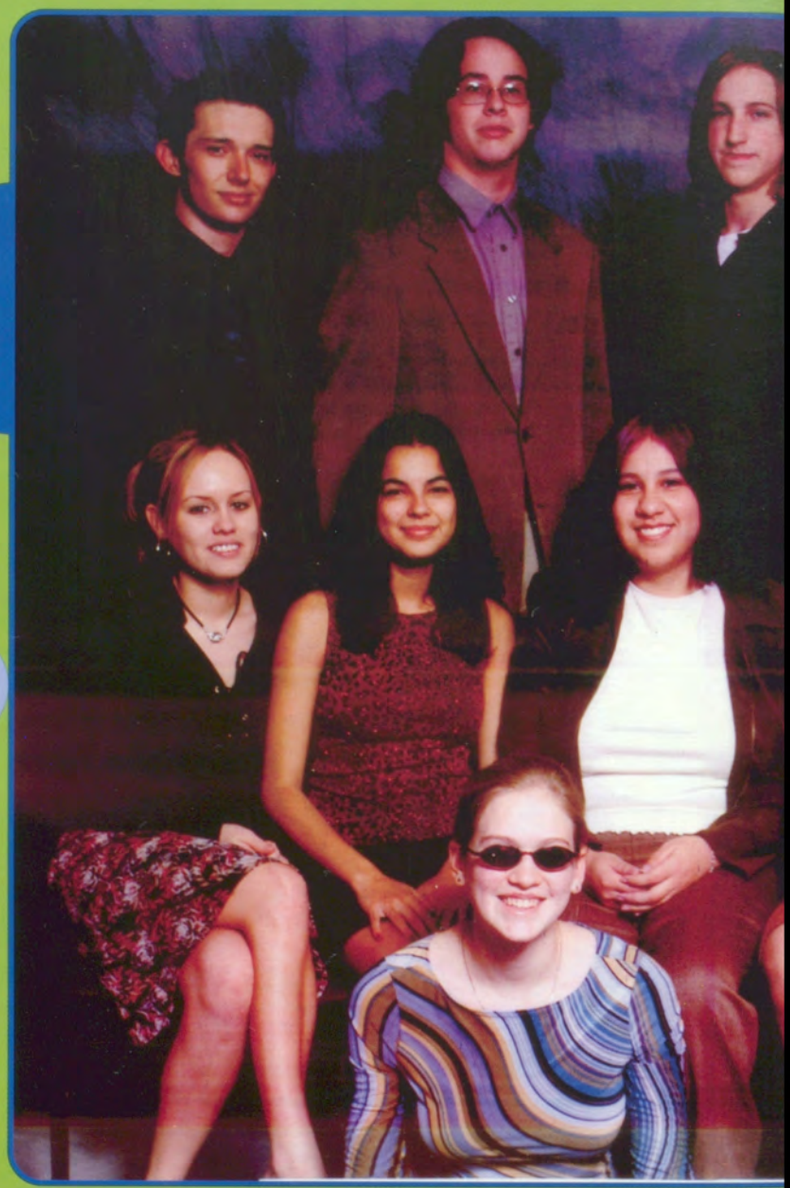
Art- Nathan Campbell/ bronze medal

Economics- Chris Copple/ silver medal

Language and Literature- Raquel Salinas/ silver medal

Super Quiz- Chris Copple/ gold medal

Best Overall- Chris Copple/ gold medal



Joan King basks in the glory of success after winning numerous medals while supporting our school.

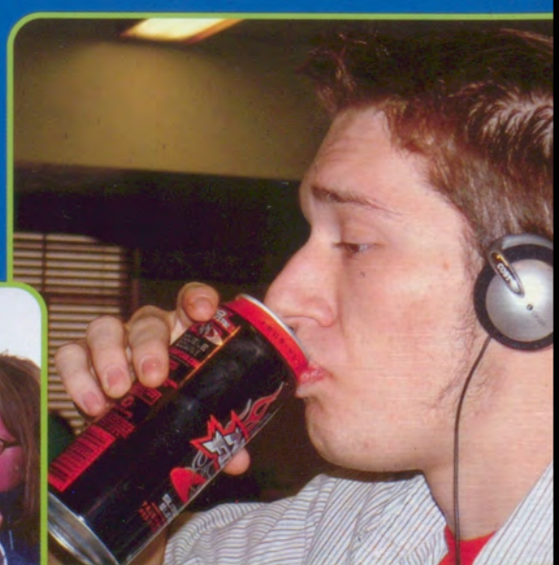




Junior Heather Hosking takes a break from the vigorous competition to eat some Cheetos and make jokes with the team.

Tiffany Samuelson prepares for her events while Ms. Rowe gives her last minute tips for stealing the competition.





Senior team captain Chris Copple gets hyped up for the big competition with a little help from a SOBE energy drink. "I could never have made it without my liquid friend," said Chris.

Golden Victory

By: Hannah Carnes

The academic decathalon team at Taylor High school has a long running tradition of victory. Although the team didn't go to state this year they definately upheld the honor of our school at the Region IX competition.

The team coached by Ms. Rowe, recieved tons of individual medals in separate events. Nathan Campbell won a team gold for high points, Chris Copple won a team GOLD in the Scholastic division, and Joan King won a team GOLD in the Honors division.

The national topic given this year was, "The Corps of Discovery: The Lewis and Clark Expedition." It was chosen since this year marks the bicenntenial anniversary of their historic journey.

The team looks forward to next year's topic, "The Medieval Period."



ACADEMIC DECATHALON TEAM
Back: Chris Copple, James Fuentes, Byron Lantzch, Nathan Campbell Middle: Heather Hosking, Kristina Gaudin, Raquel Salinas, Tiffany Samuelson Front: Joan King



"I learned more about Lewis and Clark than I ever wanted to know." - Chris Copple





Sophomore Byron Lantzch braves the cold, bitter wind at the competition in San Marcos at the newly renamed Texas State University. He left his jacket back in Taylor so Kristina Gaudin let him model her color guard letterman.

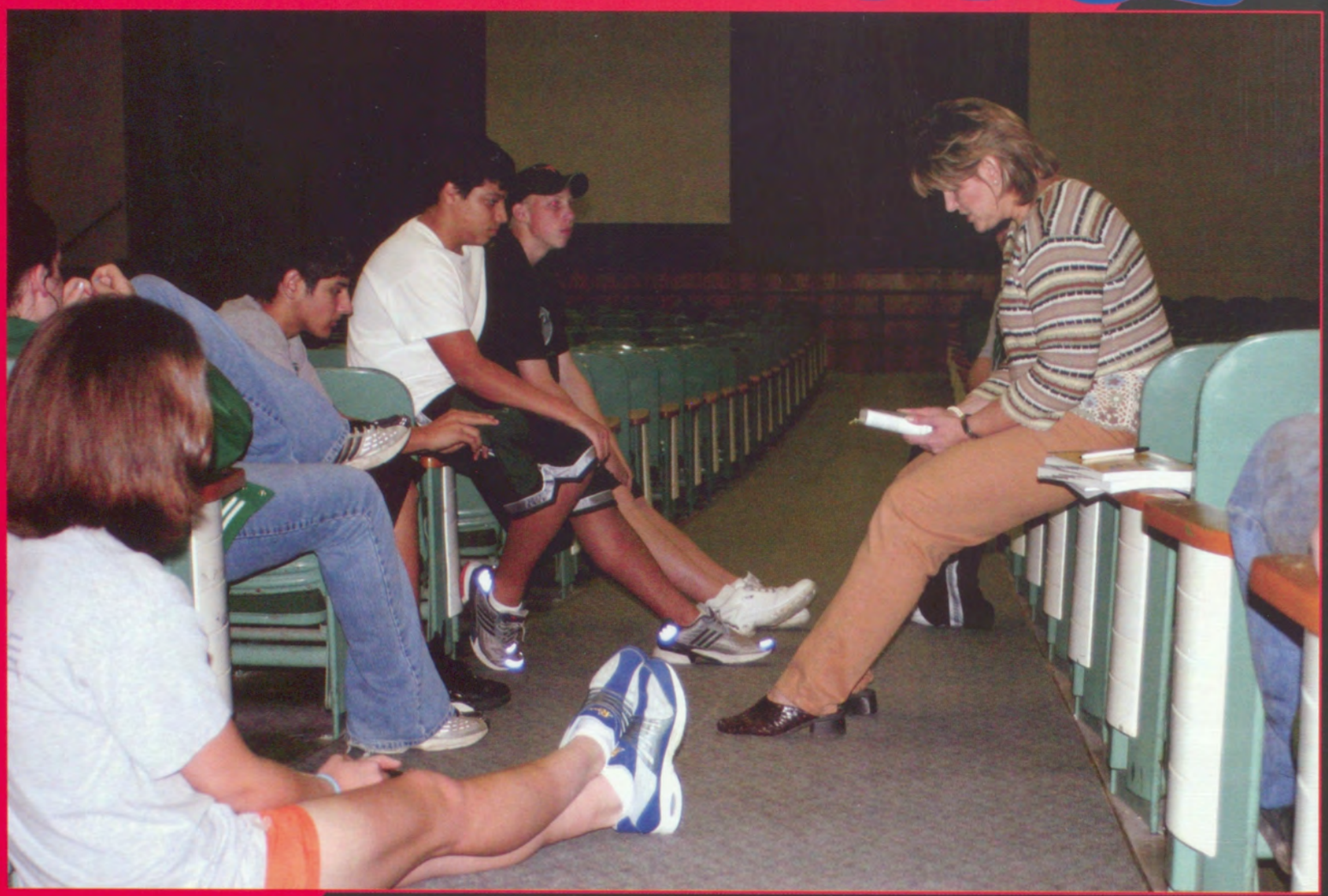
Senior Raquel Salinas and junior Heather Hosking make time for last minute crunch time before their competition. They're busy taking turns listening to eachother's speeches on their personal experiences.





James Fuentes contemplates his answer while practicing for the super quiz event at competition.

Good for the heart and SOUL



Sports and a belief in a divine power that is Jesus Christ is the driving force that brings together groups of student athletes every other Monday in order to burn off some energy and help them to express and word their beliefs. Nights on the football practice fields, in the gym, auditorium, and out on the basketball courts at night gives students a chance to come together and play with others who feel that their Christian belief aides them in home life, academics, and sports.

President Brianna Cross said, "FCA is the best club because anyone can participate, whether you are an athlete or just a supporter, this club is for you!"

And veteran sponsor states, "It gives kids a positive alternative to hang out and have fun."

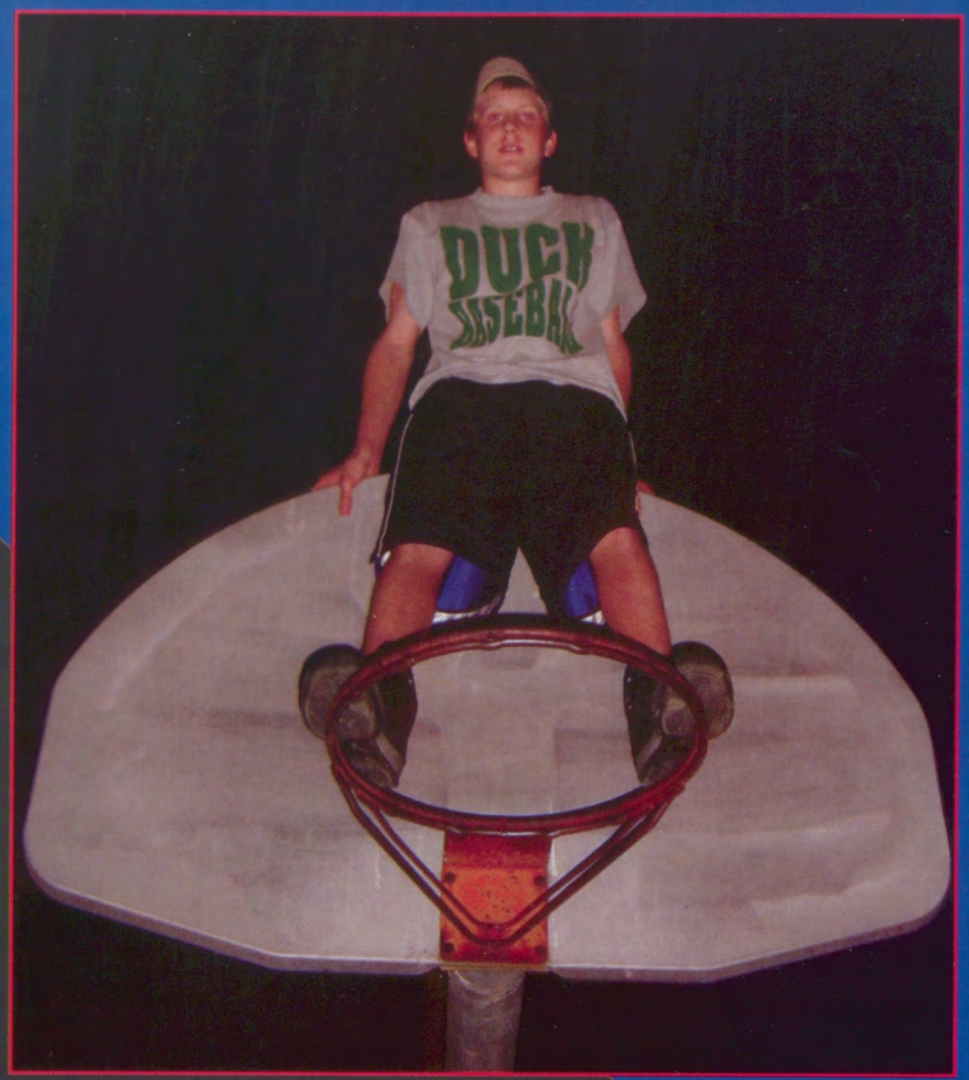
FCA accepts all of those with a positive attitude and are just willing to have fun with other people who share some of the same beliefs they do.Its much easier to talk about to people when you know they are on the same page as you are.

So if you are ever looking for clean fun with fellow students and are willing to get a little sweaty, FCA is always the place for you. It gives both your body and spirit some exercise so that they are in prime shape when it comes time for you to use it to its potential.



FCA

John Kasper finds an ideal hiding spot during a game of hide-and-seek in the dark. *Photo by Brianna Gross*

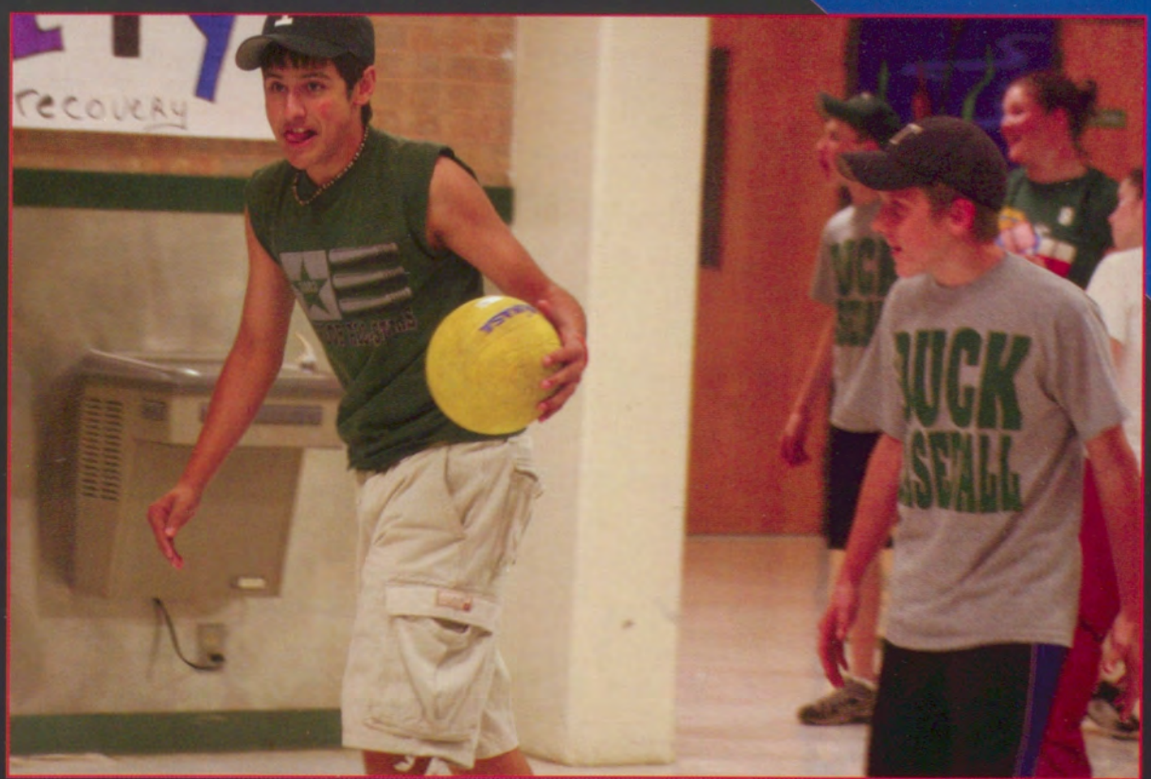




FCA Club Officers
President Brianna Gross, Vice President Ashlee Vrana, Secretary Katie Engelke, Treasurer Emily Downs, Recruiters Josh Kiewit, Sabrina Stefek and Shay Thomas. *Photo by Joe Hernandez*



"We play sports and learn about God. What more could you want?"
- Brianna Gross



Edward Stringer "balling out of control" in the student center as he leaves Luke Kasper in awe at a FCA gathering at the high school. *Photo by Joe Hernandez*

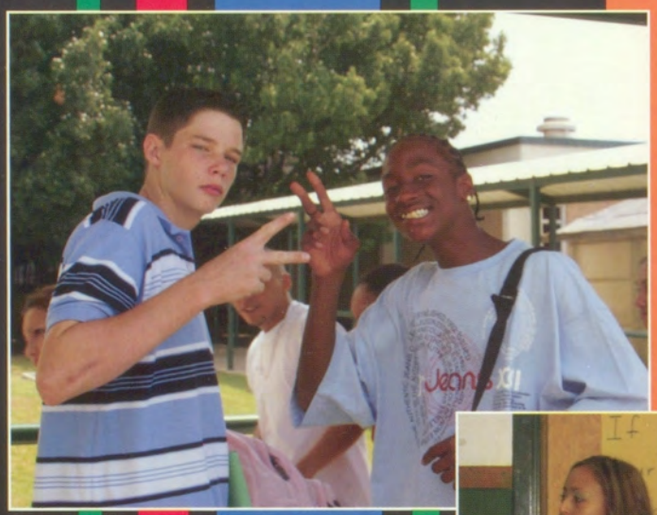


Photo by Mrs. Catuogno



Photo by Keely Rucker

You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans.

--Ronald Reagan



Photo by Mrs. Catuogno





Photo by Megan Kirkwood



Staff photo

Colorful Characters



Photo by Megan Kirkwood



The first of the last.
Seniors Marcus Bunton and Ernest Miller are memorized by their wild fans reactions to their arrival at the homecoming pep rally. This was the first, and last, homecoming peprally for the class of 2004.
Photo by Bryan Zak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Alejandro Alderete


Cristal Alderete


Elias Alderete


Erin Alderete


Esperanza Alderete


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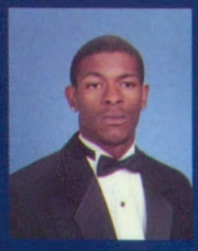
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Only NEW Beginnings

by Kristen Sanders

2004 Seniors

Although they may wish to cling to this final moment of their childhood, the seniors in the class of 2004 are just beginning a new chapter of their lives. In what seems like a matter of moments they will be thrust into the cold reality of the "adult world". Some will go on to college in order peruse their dream of a comfortable life with a college degree. Others will venture into various branches of the military, devoting their lives to the security of our nation. Still others will decide to start a family or obtain a job on a more local basis. No matter what they choose to do, there will only be new beginnings for the class of 2004.

In these last few weeks of school the hallways are abuzz with seniors divulging their plans for the very near future. Most of their plans are pertaining to final school events. "I've got an art club trip next week, I ain't missing that for nothin', it'll be my very last one," said Krystle Travers.

Others anticipate the moment of transistion itself. "When I walk across that stage I'm gonna have the biggest smile… I can't wait to get outta here!" Chloe Washington exclaimed.

But there are seniors who have enough foresight too think about their first day in college."I am so ready for college. I know that I will enjoy these next four years more than anything else in the world," proclaimed Roanna Evans.

Even though many people won't say it, there is one permeating thought that transcends even words. Just the notion of distance and time scars gentle souls of our beloved seniors. Parting with their closest friends and taking off to see the world with eyes that are fresh with the newness of adulthood is a task that, at times, seems insurmountable. But the thought that must come to mind is that in every end there is a new beginning. Years will pass before some classmates ever see each other again.Couples the will be divided by cities, states, and maybe even oceans. No matter the distance that divides us. Never mind the time that will pass. In every ending there is a beginning and someday the class of 2004, will meet again. For a group of strong young adults there only be new beginnings.


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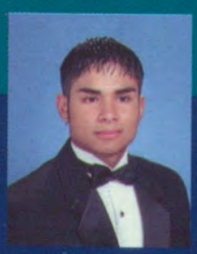
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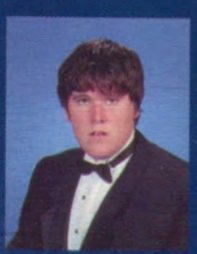
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"My senior year was different than any other year . I've never experienced anything so unique in my life."

Stacey Dubec



"Finally through, yeah!"



Andrew Farr



Archie Fields



Crystal Fields



Maria Flores



Matthew Ford



Christopher Frias



James Fuentes



Stephanie Fuller



Stephanie Garrett



Reynaldo Garza



Cody Ging



Amanda Glenn



Jacob Glover



Philip Gomez



Andrew Gonzales



Daniel Gonzales



Jose Gonzalez



Priscilla Grau



Cayton Green



Christine Guerrero



Enrique Gutierrez



She works hard for the money. Marci Winkelman takes a break from her multiple duties as a counseler's aide to chat with her fellow co- workers.



Get it, girls! David Downs, Mark Eckhardt, and Manuel Pachicano show off their cheerleading skills during the homecoming pep rally.



Laura Guzman



Amy Hall



Cale Hall



Jonathan Hall



Michelle Harris



Stephen Haskins



Keith Hehmann



Courtney Hejl



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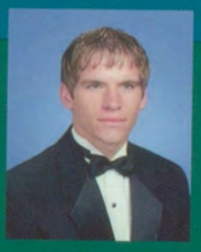


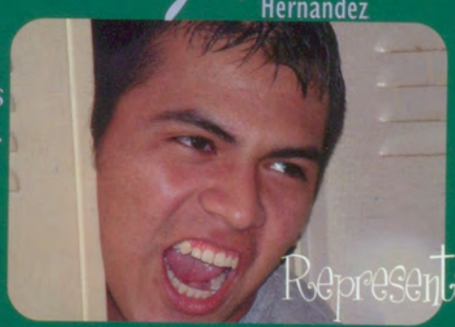
Corey Jahn



Montoya Jefferson

"Your senior year goes by really quickly and is very stressful. Try your best to do the right thing."

Joe Hernandez



Representative

Senior Superlatives


Jamie Jimenez


Matthew Jinkins


Jonathan Johnson


Joshua Jonas


Elizabeth Jonse


Brittany Killingsworth


Matthew Kolinek


Erin Konarik


Jacinto Leal


Ryan Leschber


Ebony Lewis


Chris Lopez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Angela Martinez


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Marcus Martinez


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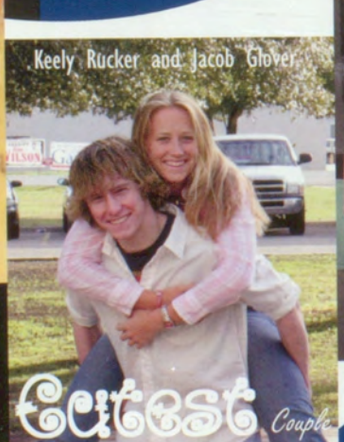
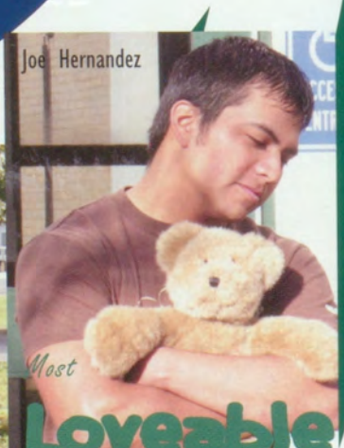
And the winner is...













Senior Superlatives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James Mcdaniel


Roberto Medrano


Martin "Eddie" Menchach


Maria Mendez


Brandi Meyer


Ernest Miller


Lenerick Mitchell


Brandi Moerbe


Ashley Montez


Mario Moreno


Kendall Mott


Leanna Mroz


Derek Mundkowsky


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Veronica Ochoa


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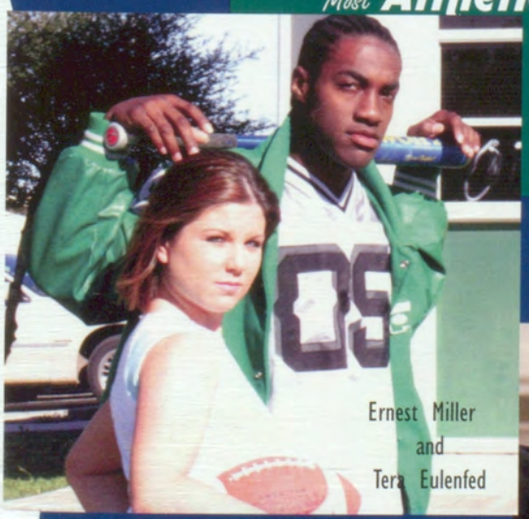
Manuel Pachicano

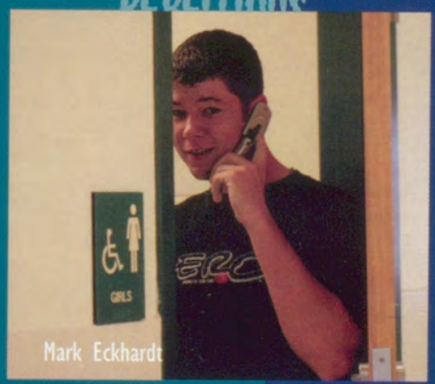
Most Friendly



Most Athletic


Ernest Miller and Tera Eulenfed

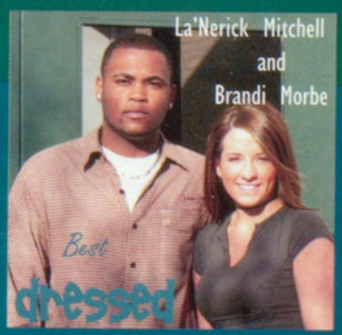
Most REBELLIOUS



Mark Eckhardt

Most Original


Stephanie Garrett




Jonathan Hall

Most Likey to take over DELL



Min Park



Manuel Perez



Patricia Perez



Adam Pfluger



Lauren Pick



Richard Platz



Veronica Pulkrabek



John Pyle



Laurie Raesz



Crystal Ramirez



Hilario Ramirez



Nicole Ramirez



Randall Ramirez



Ricardo Ramirez



Ah, beloved reasearch. Here are a few seniors seen doing what they do best, goofing off. Although many seniors spend countless hours studying, down time is an important part of every senior year.

Say GRADUATION! Keely Rucker and Stephanie Fuller ham it up in the hallways in between classes.



Brandi Moerbe

"My senior year wasn't everything I expected but...juggling classes and partying left me with a lot of memories."





Tyra Ramirez



Gary Ray



Russell Rhodes



Jacob Richter



Brady Robbins



Rachee Rodin



Aurelio Rodriguez


LeeAnn Rodriguez


Soyla Rodriguez


Michael Rossell


Keely Rucker


April Ruiz


Candida Salazar


Raquel Salinas


Joseph Samaniego


Sandra Samaniego


Frances Sanchez


Gabriel Sanchez


Jacob Sanchez


Spencer Schneider


Taryn Schroeder

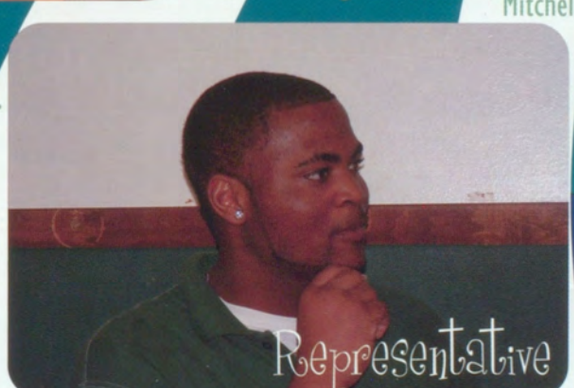
Deborah Wooldridge

"Senior year is expensive. Watch out for freshmen!"



La'Nerick Mitchell

"Live life to the fullest. Carpe Diem."

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Beatriz Seda


Patrick Strabeno


Bradley Starks


Tracy Stewart


Erica Strait


Ryan Tamez



Tiffany Taylor



Ashton Teague



Manuel Tellez



Daniel Thomas



Devron Thomas



Tessa Tidwell



Jarell Tolliver

A Final Word of *Advice*

"When you were born the world rejoiced. Live your life in a manner that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice."
-Anonymous



Dana Torres



Krystal Travers



Yvonne Trevino



Tracy Tschoerner



Joe Vargas



Onica Vasquez



Cindy Vega



Leslie Vega



David Velasquez



Florinda Villafuerte



Leticia Villanueva



Abigail Villarreal



Armando Villarreal



Jonathan "Matt" Vrana



Ray Wallace



Cooper Ward



Brittany Washington



Chloe Washington



Rachel Welton



Duane Whittaker



Marci Winkelmann

MinnJoo Park

"I am glad that it's over."



Daniel Thomas

"The fruit of a leader feeds many."





Deborah Wooldridge



Ryan Wooldridge



Cristi Woolridge



Jessica Worley



Julie Woytek



Danielle Zimmermann

Aged To Perfection

by Kristen Sanders

The class of 2005 has climbed the rough side of the mountain. They have toughed out long nights of homework, seemingly endless days of testing, and climbing the social ladder for eleven long years. There is only one huge, gigantic, colossal event that awaits them: senior year.

For most people, senior year is one of the best experiences of their lives.

"It is finally the year you get to take a break from all the hard work that you've been doing your whole high school career," said senior Chloe Washington.

But with the class of 2005 facing the prospect of a seven period day, their dreams of "blow off" classes and off-periods may come to a screeching halt.

The question of changing the flow of the school day has been around for at least the last eight years. Taylor High School has made the transition from an eight period day to a modified block schedule and back again. The purpose of all this change is to create an environment conducive to learning.

"The way we schedule classes is not for anyone's benefit other than the students. We are not trying to make school a place that is convenient for teachers, although others may think differently", Mrs. Tennill said.

Amongst the students there is some strong support and some serious opposition to the possibility of change. If the school went to a seven period day, students would arrive at eight- thirty and be dismissed at three-thirty. The problem comes once a student decides to take three or four years of the same class, such as Health Science Technology. On average, each would have to give up one elective. This could mean the difference between taking a Calculus class or a fourth year of Theater Arts. Other students worry that if we were to lose a period in the day, they would not get all of their credits to graduate.

"Some people are on a five or six year plan to graduate," Mr. Volek said, "it's not about the credits, sometimes there is just not enough time in the day to get it all done."

There is also a lot of concern with not making some type of change to the schedule. There are students that feel that eight classes a day are too many for one day. For some students, the homework load is almost unbearable. Even worse, for students who choose to work, homework is not even an option.

But for now, the class of 2005 only has to worry about making it to the end of this year. There's no need to stress over things that may never come to pass. The junior year is a year of reflection. Every junior should take a moment to evaluate his accomplishments and look forward into the blinding light of the future.



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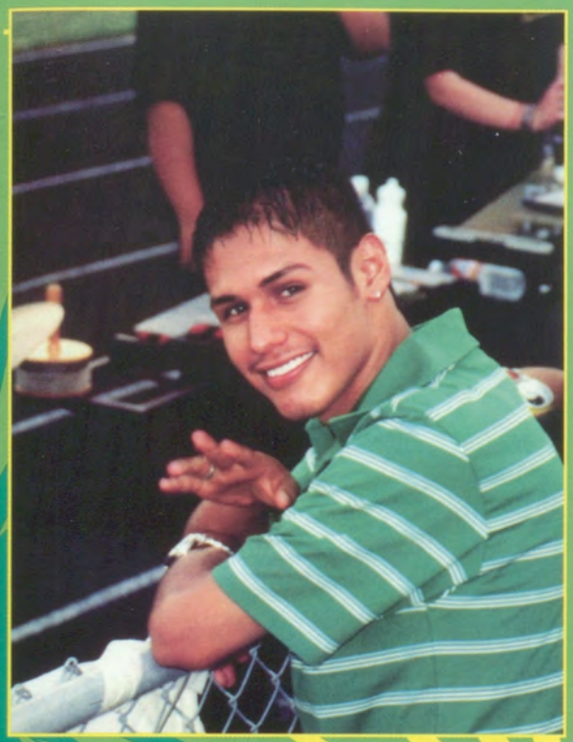

Andrew Tovar gets his mack on at one of the many varsity home football games. A friendly smile is something you can always count on from a fellow duck. *Photo by Megan Kirkwood*



Cassie Floyd uses her imagination to paint a pretty picture. The students in this art class were using a brand new " water color resist" technique *Photo by Kristne Sanders*





Josh Salazar checks his schdule looking for his classes on the first day of school. *Photo by Mrs. Catugno*

Derek Steffek sits pensively in his IPC class. "I love IPC!" Derek said. *Photo by Kristen Sanders*



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Araceli N. Alderete
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Herman L. Anderson

Geneva Arredondo
Lucio L. Arredondo
Christopher A. Baisley
Joshua A. Balduff
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James R. Bennett
Jimmy Bigon
Justin W. Bigon
Nicole R. Block



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Jack C. Bond
Justin T. Bosley
Kenneth R. Boswell
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Rex B. Brinkmeyer



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William K. Brown
Aubrey L. Byfield
Keshia L. Camacho
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Kari L. Dennis
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Shelly D. Dloughy
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Trey T. Dunn
Homer Espinoza



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Cassie A. Floyd
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O Brien C. Frazier
Deanaa Gabgei





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Jason L. Klotz
Sarah I. Kolinek
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Cherie Kruse
Sarah C. Kuntz
Jillian A. Leslie
Jennifer M. Lindsay



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Cristine M. Lopez
Hilda A. Lopez
Jacob A. Lopez
Jeremy Lopez
Joshua S. Lopez

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Raymond Lopez
Marcus Lucio
Cassandra M. Macmullen
Brady C. Marshall
Krystal R. Martinez



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Norberto A. Martinez
Kevin Massar
Geanna McCallie
JJ McDaniel
Keith Medina



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James Nudlin



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Amy N. Parker
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Krieg A. Penny



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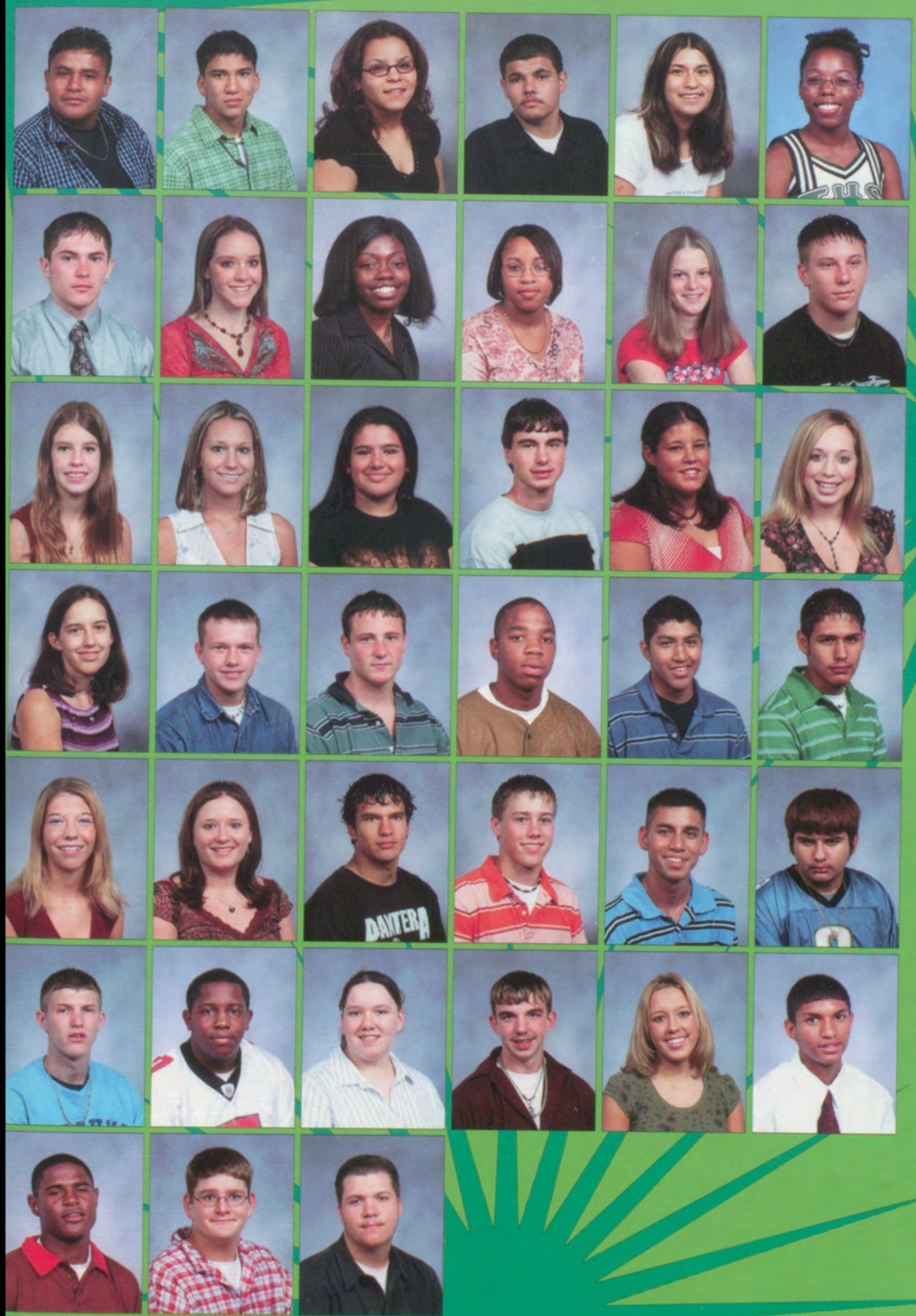

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Katy White
Nathaniel W. White
Paige Wilkerson
Ian Wooldridge

Jonovan D. Wooldridge
Bryan L. Zak
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Seriously studious. Paris Shirley is working hard on a typing assignment for her Business Computer Information Systems class. B.C.I.S. is one of the many classes offered to fufill the local technology credit needed to graduate.
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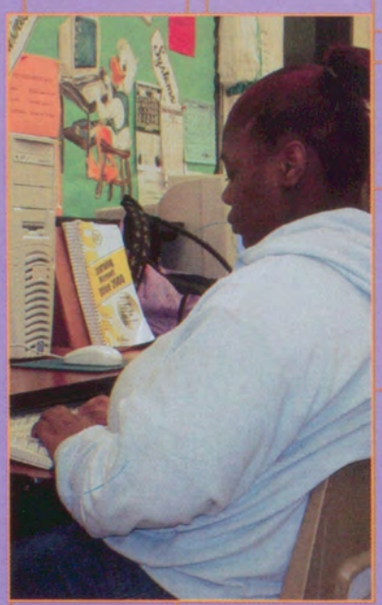
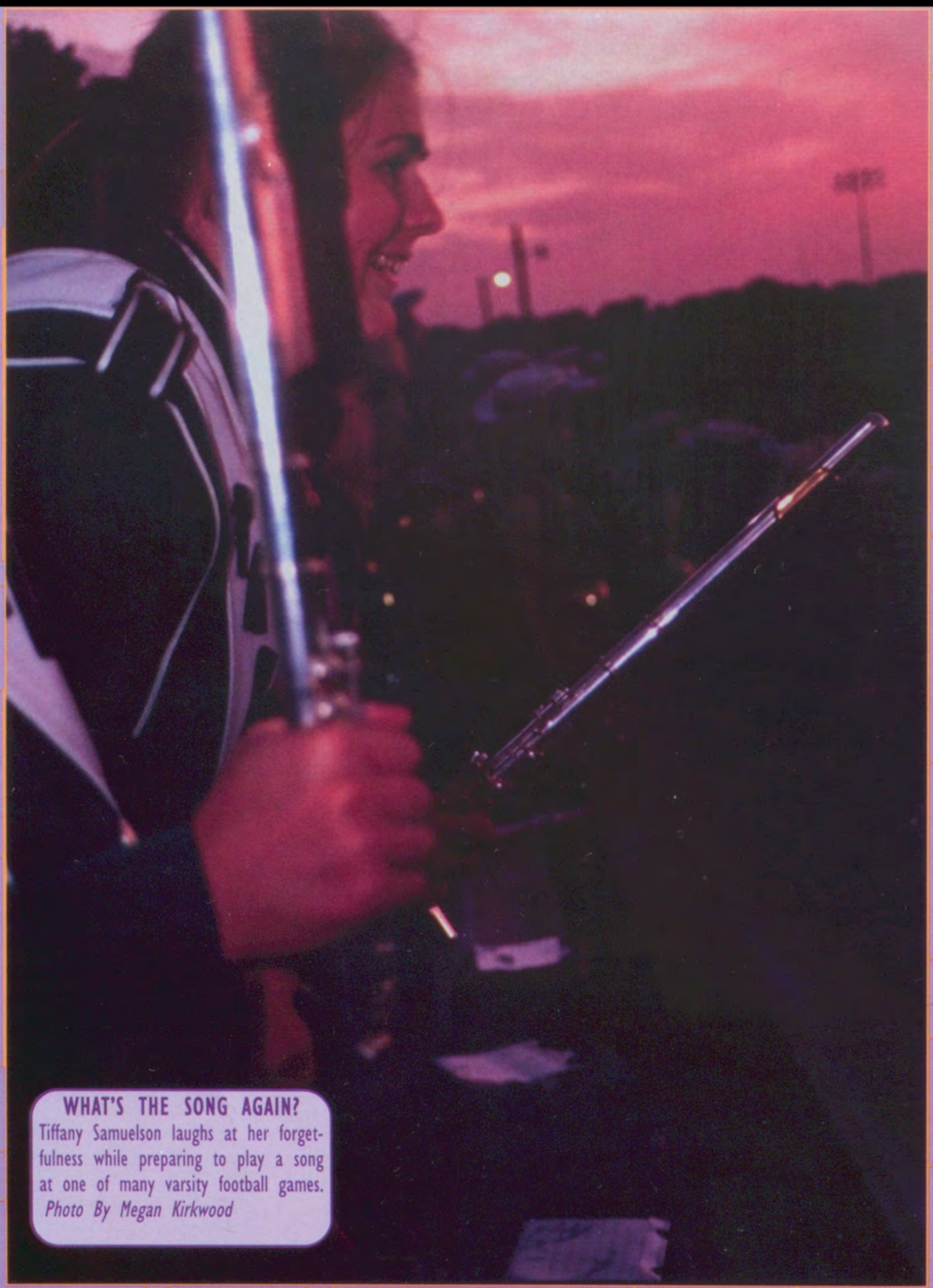
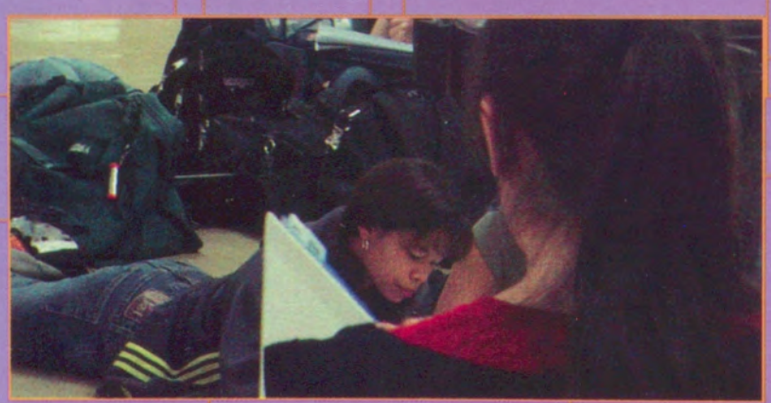




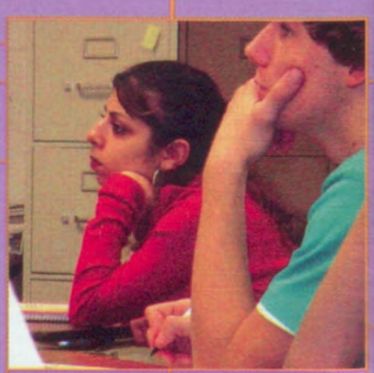
Look at the boy run! Haley Hughes certainly won't miss the play of the night. She pauses from searching for a scrunchie in order to watch the Ducks get a first down.
Photo By Cody Eastman



WHAT'S THE SONG AGAIN?
Tiffany Samuelson laughs at her forgetfulness while preparing to play a song at one of many varsity football games.
Photo By Megan Kirkwood



Jennifer Salazar concentrates intently on a quiz in her dance class. Mrs. Ray, the new dance teacher, issued the quiz to test her students knowledge of dance terminology.
Photo By Kristen Sanders



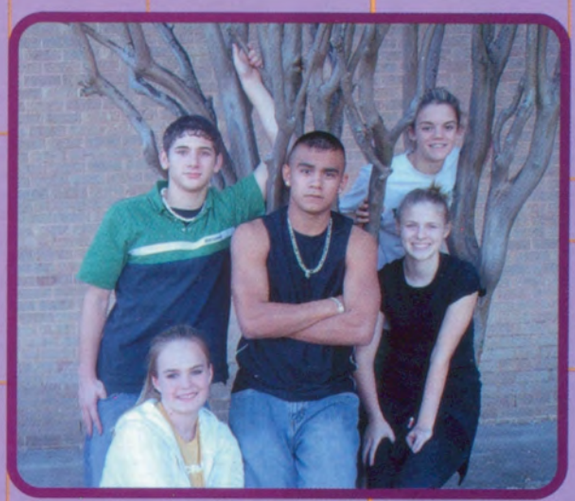
Just don't fall asleep. Staying awake in class seems to be a difficult task for Sandra Alderete. But, she's not the first and certainly not the last to duke it out with the "Sand Man" in any class.
Photo By Kristen Sanders

spectrum of sophomores

by Kristen Sanders

You Know You're A Sophomore When...

You have to stay on campus for lunch.The word college becomes increasingly scary. You stay up for more than an hour each night for homework. You have Mrs. Bennett. You begin to call freshmen "fish". The counselors beg you to take the PSAT. You slam on your brakes because you're just learning to drive. You're not able to go to prom. You get concerned about your class rank. You STILL haven't made Varsity. You still have to have eight classes. You can't be in Co-op. You have to take the TAKS. You still get grounded. You are still a minor. You are not new and there's no end in sight. You know almost all of the seniors' names. You can't go to the club. You hang out at church. You still think farting is cool. You put money on the ceiling for fun. You still don't win first in the homecoming hallway decorating contest. Upper classmen still think you're a freshmen. By the end of the year people start moving out of the way for you. You have tons more fundraisers. You start to feel sorry for the freshmen who are lost or jammed in a locker. But you really know you're a sophomore when you come to realize the inner growth that has ensued in a year that has gone by ever so expedicously. Now the class of 2006 can proudly say, "you know, when I was a sophomore..."



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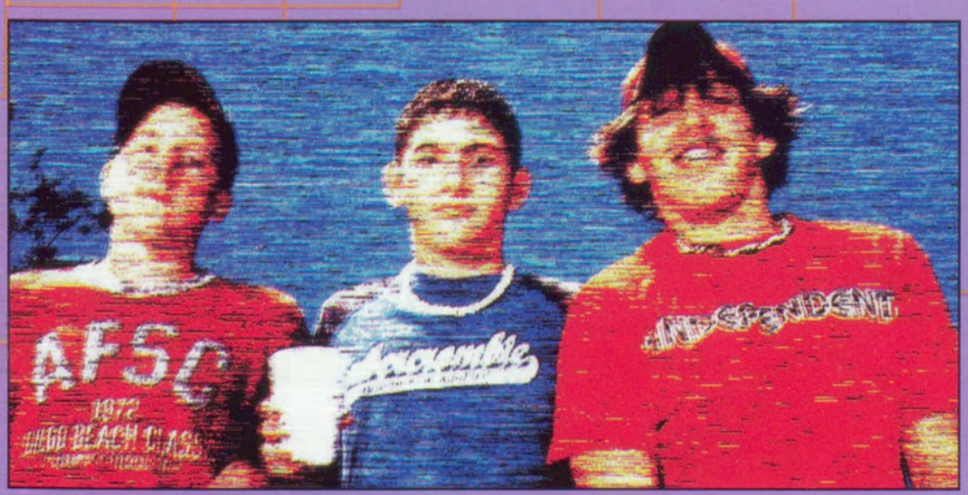

A Kodak moment turns into a work of art. Sophomores Luke Kaspar, Brent Holman, and Christopher Wilkerson pause for a moment of reflection during the National Anthem at a Varsity football game.
Photo Illustration by Kristen Sanders

Sophomores



Shake it like a salt shaker! Junior varsity cheerleader Ashley Bedsole is performs a hip hop routine for a rowdy crowd at the Homecomig peprally.
Photo by Bryan Zak

Mario A. Abundiz
Jose I. Alamilla
Christopher J. Alderete
Cindy Arias
Glenn Arnold
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Paulo G. Arredondo



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Kyle J. Baran
Wade M. Barbiaux
Chelsea M. Barchuch
Javier Barrientos
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Michael B. Campos
Vanessa M. Campos
Regina Cantu



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Johnny R. Cathey
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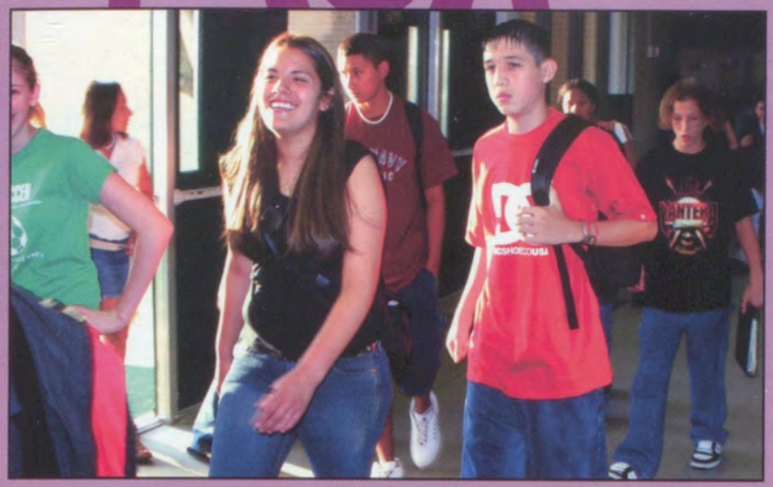



Strolling with a smile Victoria Pickerill shows her pearly whites on the way to her first class on the first day at school. Photo by Mrs. Catugno

How many meters in a kilometer? Shanta Davis is concetrating intently on a Chemistry lab to ensure that her results are picture perfect.
Photo by Anna Johnson



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Amy A. English
Jeffrey L. Farr
Daniel D. Filla
Joe L. Fitzgerald
David A. Flores
Devin M. Fontenot

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Testing The waters

As the students in the class of 2007 advance in their high school careers, they will surely create many memories for themselves. Within the next three years, they will be able to reminisce about the first games of star student athletes that are going on to excel in college sports and possibly beyond. As they flip through the pages of their Mallard, memories of "hated" teachers will surely flood their minds. They will muse over an exquisite prom and liberating graduation. But there is undoubtedly on thing that will forever be fused to the memory of the class of 2007, even hundreds of years after these students have gone far beyond the confinements of these hallowed halls. The class of 2007 encompasses the first group of freshman to ever have to stay in the Fish Tank.

The birth of the Fish Tank was the result of much turmoil and many tribulations. The freshman failure rate was at an all time high, and this was not tolerable. It seemed that few, if any, freshman were even applying themselves in their core subjects. Something had to be done. Basically, the thought was that if freshmen were not in an environment to be tempted by the freedoms of upperclassmen, such as off periods and open campus privileges, they wouldn't try to take advantage of them before their time. Some upper classmen love this idea.

"I have less people to bump into {in the hallways}," junior Nikki Smith shared.

"I think it's pretty stupid that I have all my classes out here," ranted one freshman who chose to remain anonymous. At press time, there was no way for the efficiency of the Fish Tank to truly be tested. The rate of freshman skipping their core classes is definitely down. It also must be noted that there have been fewer freshmen caught going off campus that in previous years. If nothing else, the Fish Tank cleared the halls, prompted a few passionate discussions, and gave the class of 2007 a way to test the waters of the big duck pond.



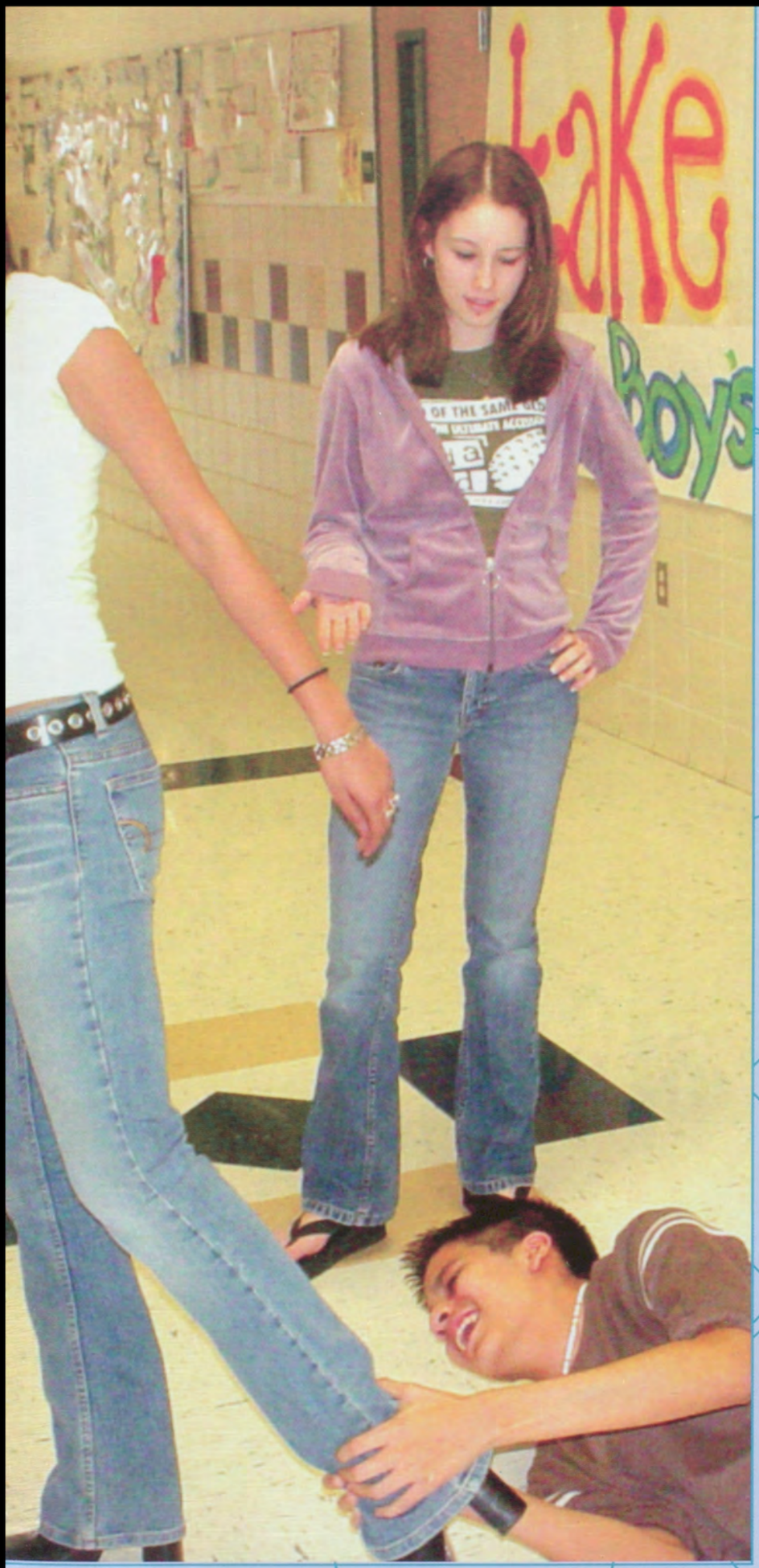
See, Freshman are from a different planet! Name Name studied his lines for theater until he was purple in the face.



Fish Cathers. These are the dedicated workers of the Fish Tank. Each day they show up bright and early to fill each freshmen's mind with all of the knowledge of the world.

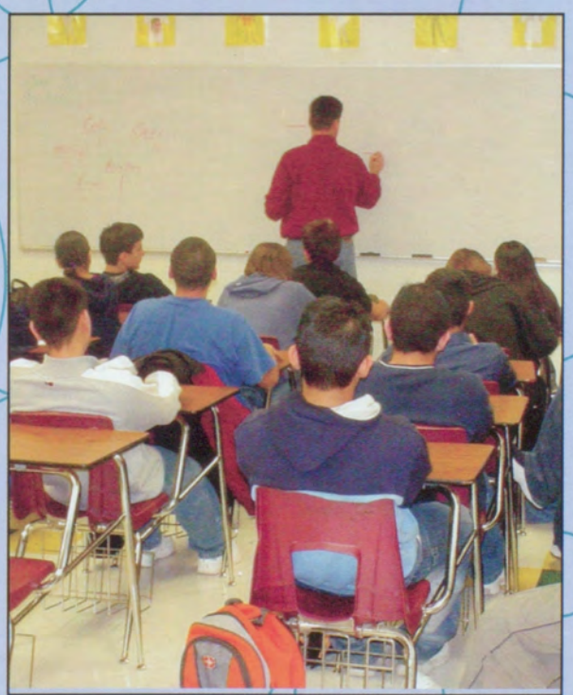


Soome like it weird.
Name Name just can't let go of his fellow classmate Briana Lopez, who is just trying to make it through the Fish Tank with out getting mauled. Paige Vanaceck, Briana's best friend, looks on in wonder as her buddy gets attacked. *Photo By Jacob Glover*



Nekivia Miller takes her time to work it out right in Biology. All students are required to take this class in order to give them a firm foundation in the scientific department.





Coach Kuhl schools a few fish in the art of science. Students played a game yo help them learn about the composistion of a cell. *Photo By Jacob Glover*



Freshmen

Just us girls. A group of freshman officers take a break from a heated discussion surrounding collecting class dues to pose for a quick pic. *Photo by Kristen Sanders.*

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Jose S. Aguirre
Martin Aguirre
Salomon Aguirre
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Tracy M. Alamilla
Kevin Aldeman

Aaron M. Alderete
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Luke A. Cavo



Robert Aikens is a man on a mission. He's headed to his first period class, in the Fish Tank, on the first day of school. This fish really knows how to swim. *Photo by M. Catuogno*



"One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time."

-Andre' Gide



"I'm ready for my close up." Danny Villafuerte gets "G.Q." style between classes. He struck this pose just steps away form the Fish Tank doors. *Photo by M. Catuogno*



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Dr. Phelps' Message

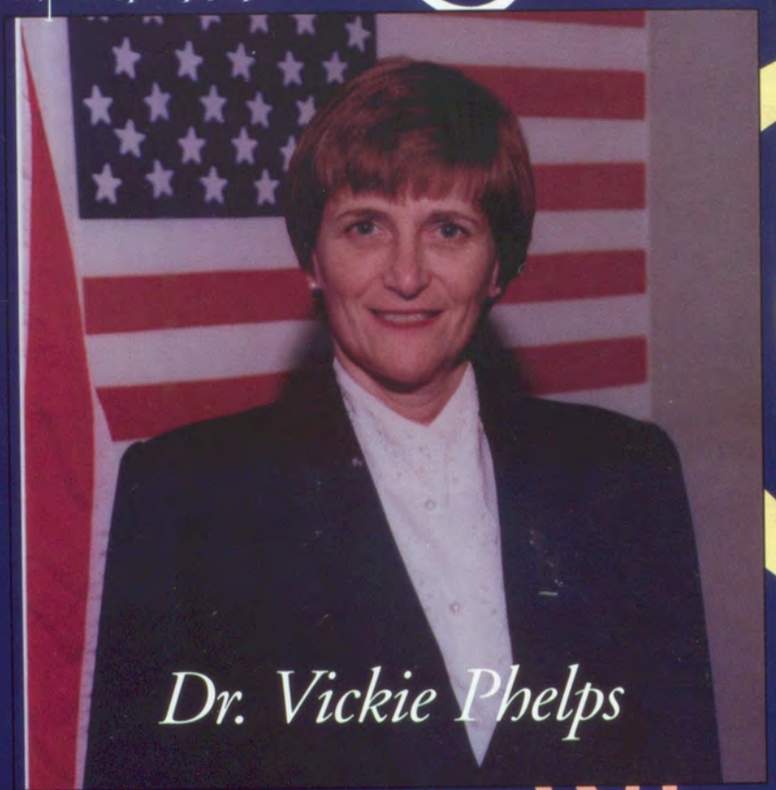
I am proud to represent Taylor ISD and Taylor High School as the district superintendent. I am continually impressed with the quality of the accomplishments of the students at Taylor High School.
Students who choose to take advantage of what Taylor High School has to offer--in academics, career and technology, extra-curricular, and co-curricular activities--consistently tell me that they enjoy high school. Several years after they graduate, they also tell me that THS prepared them for their next step, whatever they decide to do after high school.

Students, in general, need two main things in school: good, healthy relationships with other students and adults, and schoolwork that is satisfying, challenging, and interesting. I believe it is my responsibility as superintendent to help principals and teachers build systems so that we can do these two things: develop good relationships with you and design the kind of work for you to do in school that you will find worthwhile using your time and energy to do--and from doing this work, you learn the things that we know it is important for you to learn.

It is my hope for you that the 2003-2004 school year was a good one. It is my dream for you that your future is bright, holding all you want it to hold.

In case you ever wonder about what you, one person, one student at Taylor High School, can do, remember the words of Margaret Mead, who once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. In fact, it's the only thing that ever has." I have a poster with those words hanging in my office. And, of course, also remember the words of Naomi Pasemann, "Once a duck, always a duck." You are all ducks--be proud to be ducks.

Superintendent



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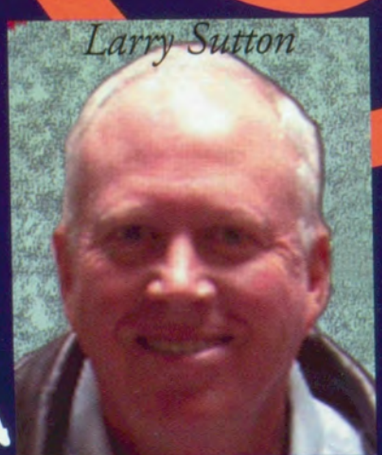

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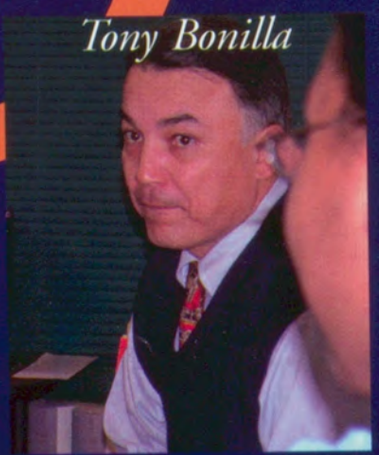

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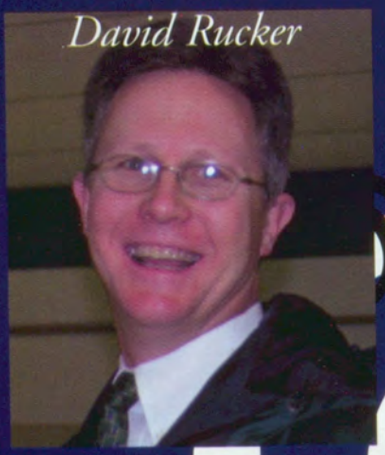

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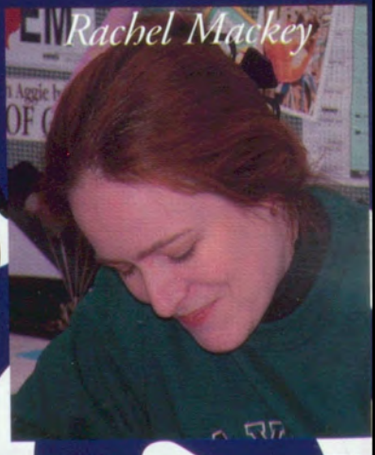

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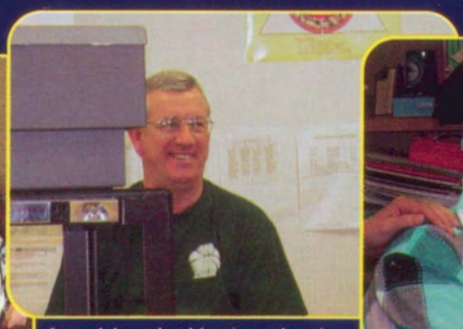
QUARLES & QUARLES
Ray Wallace imitates his hero, Mr. Quarles, and assists the sage instructor in his customary hallway supervision.





Some of the students' favorite teachers, from left: Vickie Bennett, Danny Potts, Kaye Schaefer, David Rucker.





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William Beasley


Vicky Bennett


Tony Bonilla


Eliza Boyd


Arlene Boyer


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Herlinda Brown


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Shelli Cobb


Donna Curtis


Liz Delaterre


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Arlene Schneider


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Carin Shaughnessy


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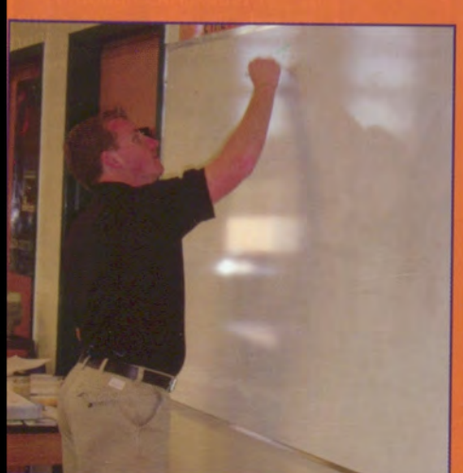

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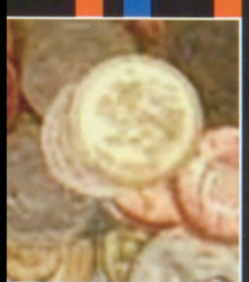



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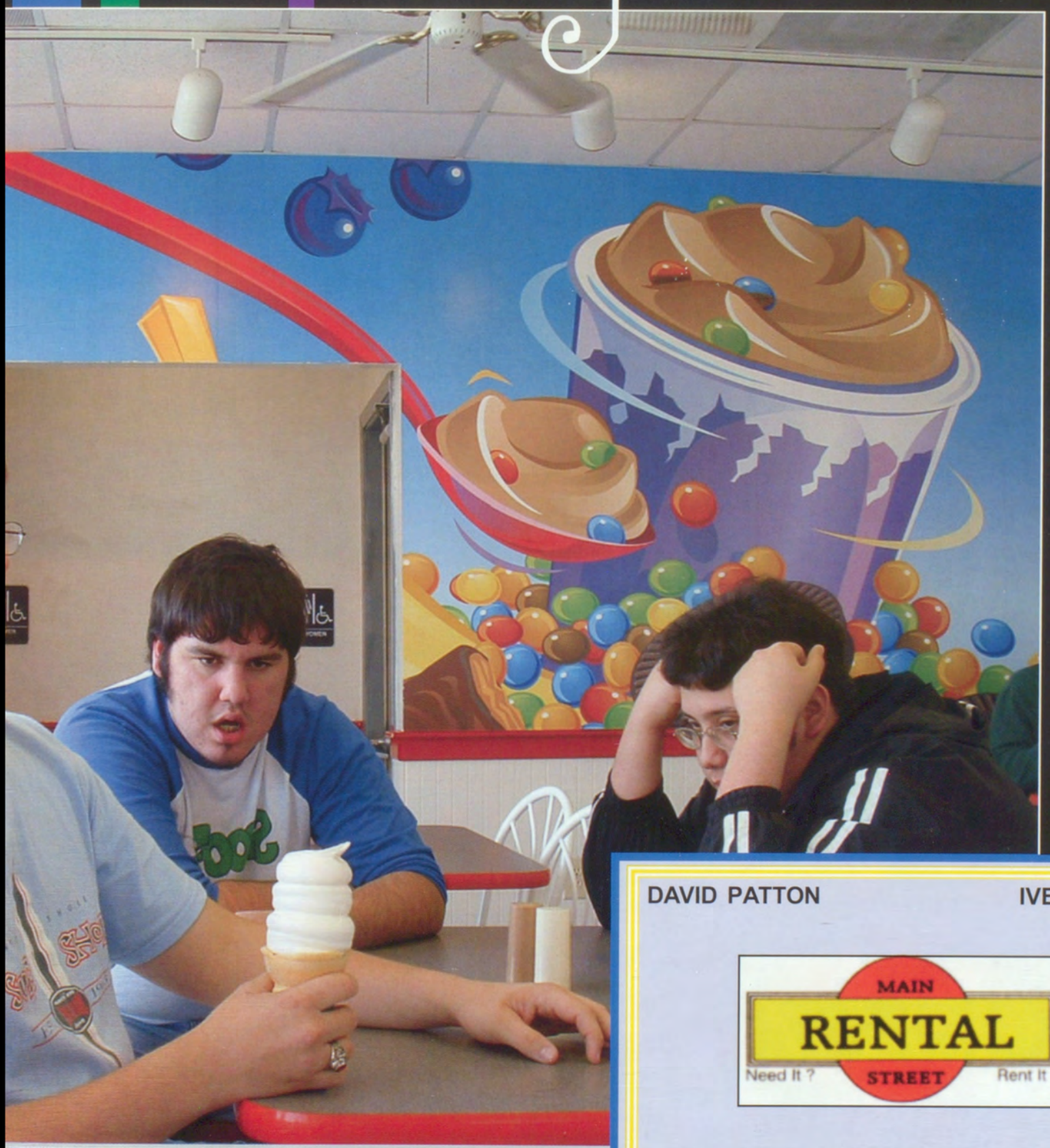

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We Love You,
Mom, Dad, and Chad

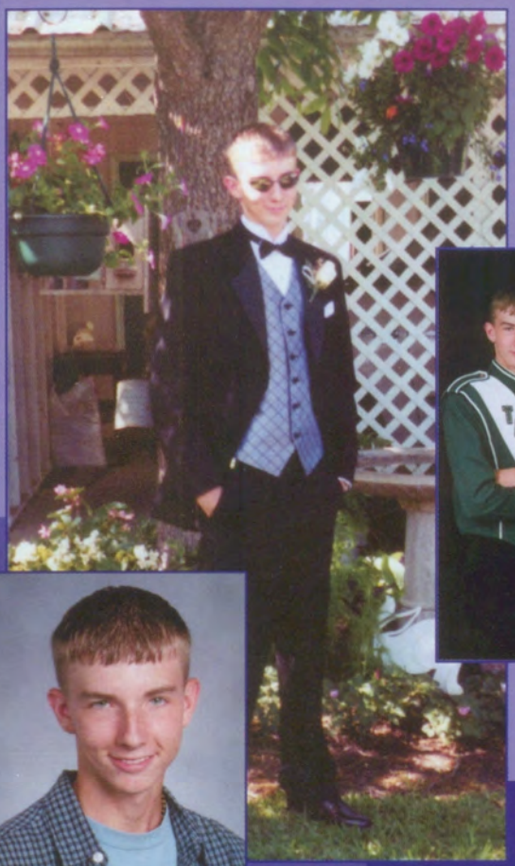








Keith Hehmann





Keith,

There are no limts to what you can do. Your talents and abilities, your uniqueness and warmth, your strength and dedication in everything you do- all of these will help you reach your dreams. There are no limits to what life has to offer you. You are filled with promise so believe in yourself and you will always know success.

Love,
Mom and Dad

P.S.-I am proud of you little brother
-Dawn

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We are so proud of you!
May all your dreams come true!!
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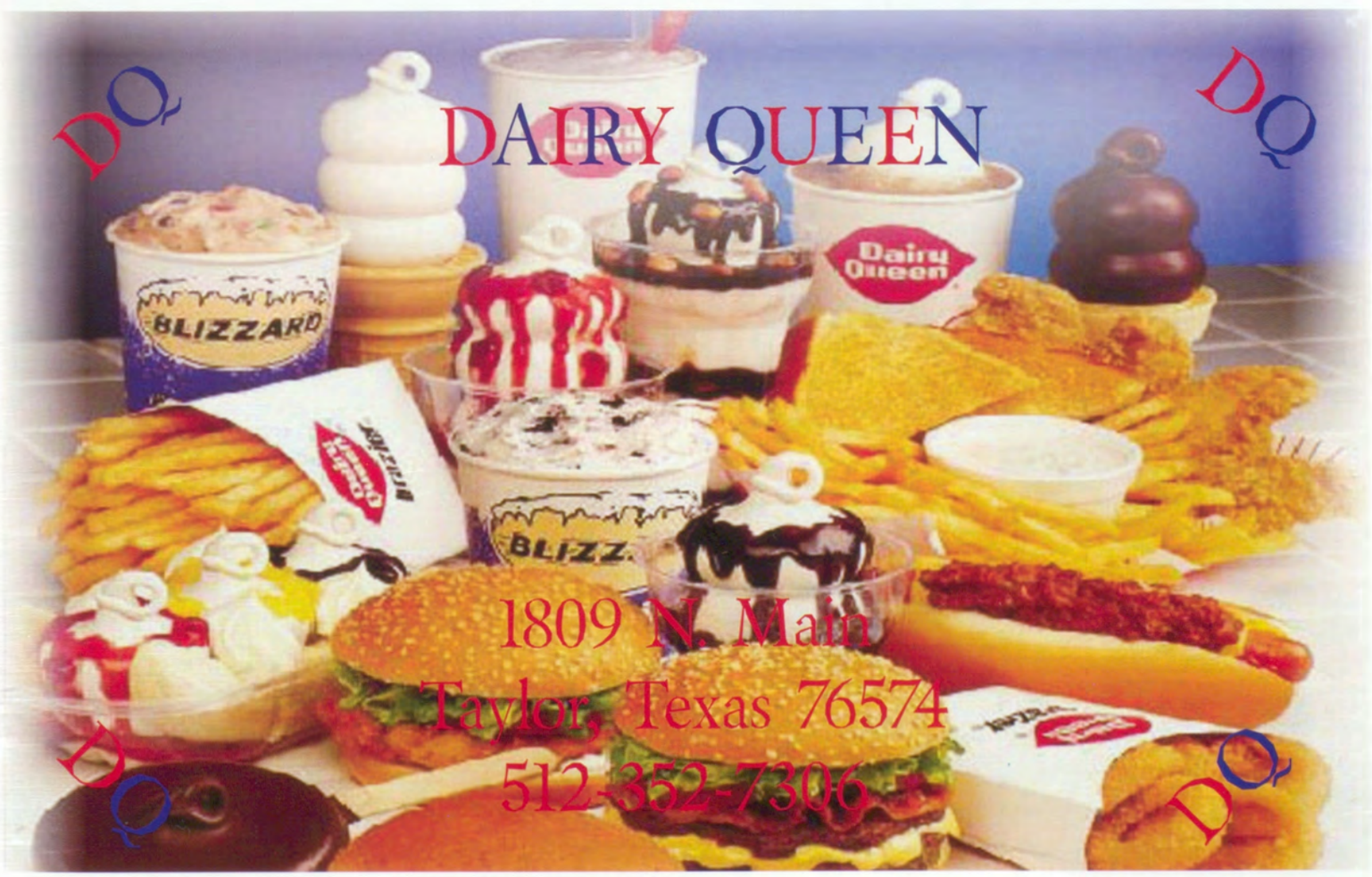

Cale Ryan Hall









Be strong, be courageous, do not be terrified or discouraged. For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.- *Joshua 1:9*

Congratulations, Cale!

We always knew that you could do it. Always look to the stars, dream big, and follow your heart. You made us proud. We love you, Bubbie, so very much.

Mom, Dad, Haley, Reese,
Nanny, Nana, and Charlotte













Lauren Pick











"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams and never fear to live the life you've ever imagined."
--Henry David Thoreau

We're proud of you, Lauren!
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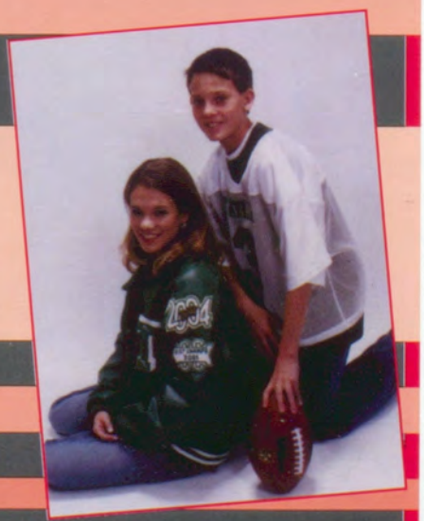


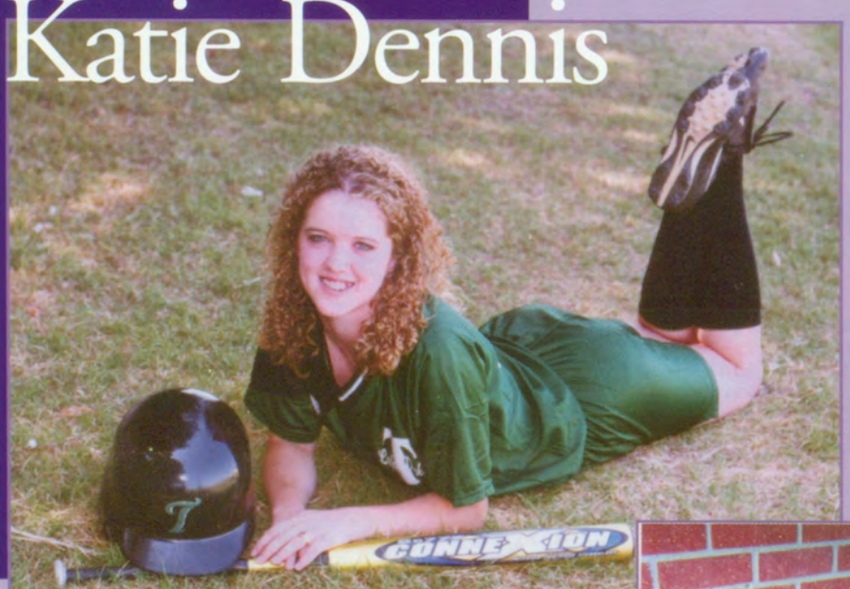
Brandi Moerbe



We are truly proud of your extraordinary achievements.
Your dedication and determination are genuine qualities
that have helped prepare you for the future.
We are wishing you the very best,
And want to share our words of encouragement
and loving thoughts.
Take on and welcome new challenges.
Free your thoughts and have an open mind to the endless
opportunities of this magnificent world.
Believe in yourself and know
we will always be here for you.
Share in people's lives and accept them for who they are.
Be responsible, have fun, and enjoy your life.
As you set out on your journey to define yourself,
never let there be a moment where you forget
you are always in our thoughts,
and how much we love you.

Wishing you the Best!

Katie Dennis







Katie,

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Love,
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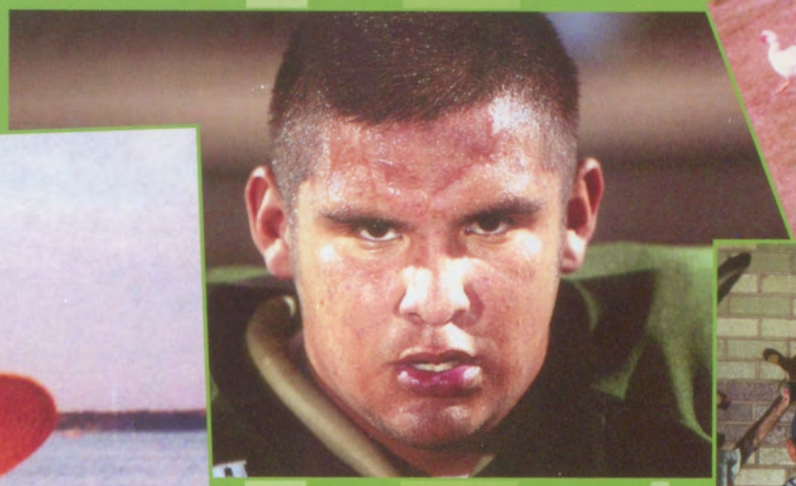



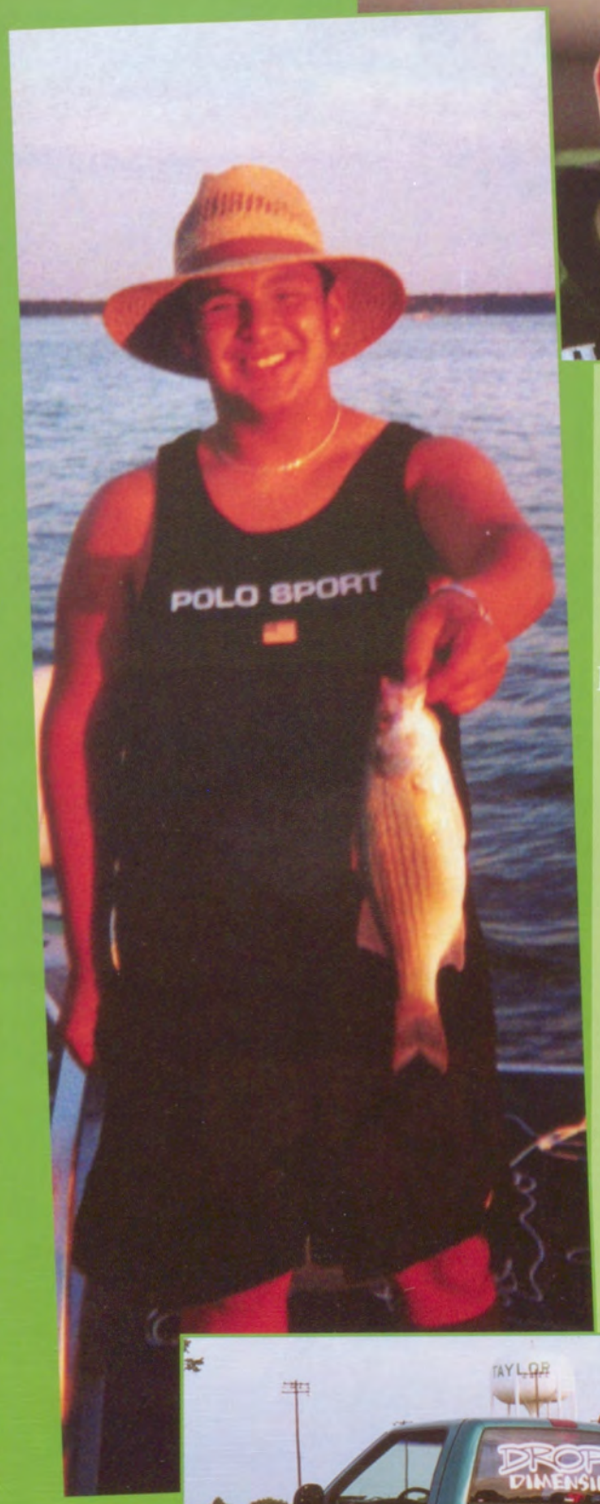



Congratulations Philip! We are very proud of you. You have given us many wonderful memories. May all your dreams come true.

Love,
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Taryn Schroeder







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Taryn,

We love you and are very proud of you! God Bless you in your future!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Stanci

Jacob Sanchez







You did it!
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom and Jaime

Neal Bingham











Always remember that we love you very much. You have grown up to be a fine young man and you've always made us so very proud! Now you are beginning a new chapter in your life, and we know the Lord has good things in store for you!

Congratulations Neal!
Love, Mom and Dad

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

-Jer. 29:11







Keely Marie Rucker











When we held you for the first time, the pride and joy we felt was indescribable. We feel the same pride and joy today at the person you have become. You are a kind and caring person, both sensitive and strong, with the courage to take your own path. Always follow your heart and do what you know is right. We congratulate you and wish for all your dreams to come true.

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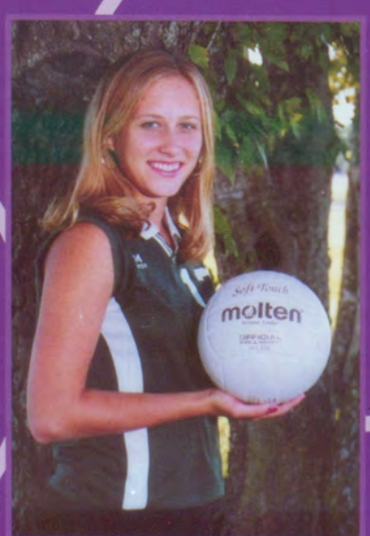

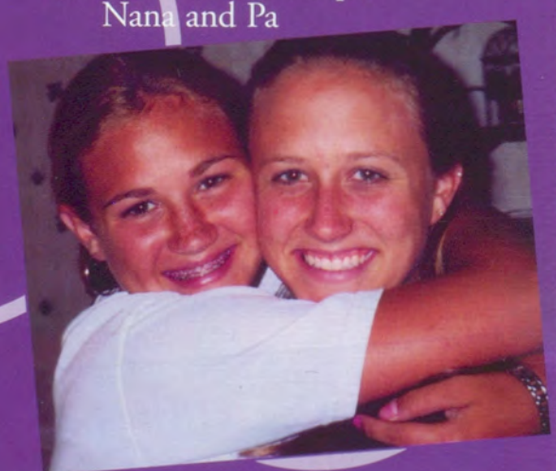

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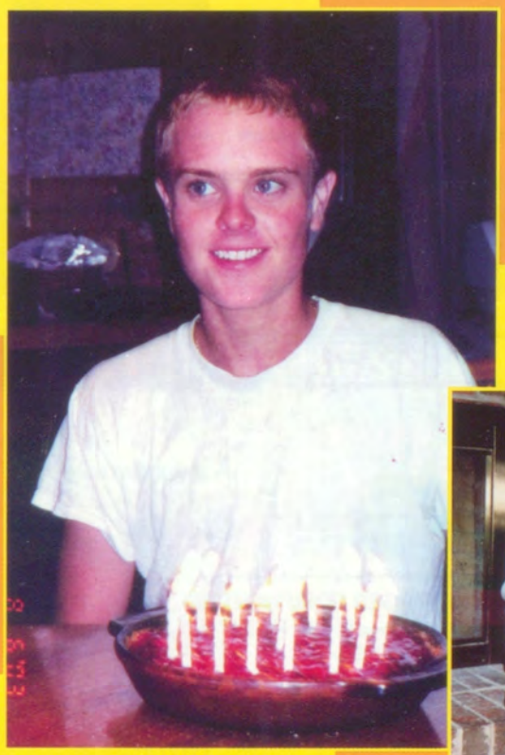





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a wonderful sight appears
the beautiful sunrise
gleams in the distance



We reused some of your chosen words into our poem to you.

As we're looking back at the years that have passed us so fast,
We thank the Good Lord for the wonderful blessings that will forever last.

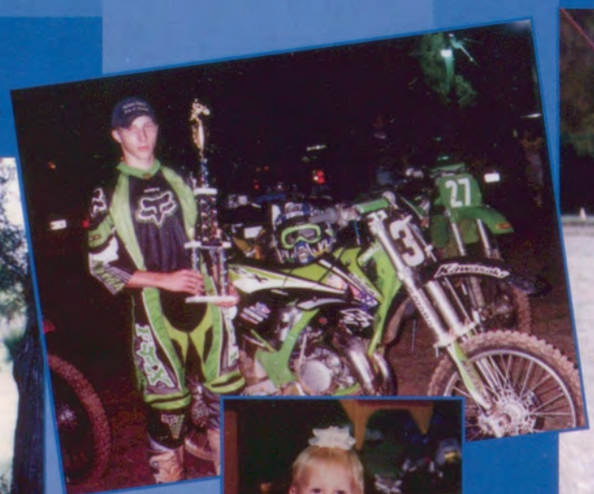
Your future will be that beautiful sunrise shared with God's loving gleams,
Even though it appears there will be distance as you seek your dreams.

Thank you for making us so proud and sharing your laughter and peaceful love,
Now, as you seek new beginnings we pray for guidance from above.



Love,
Your Proud Family
Mom, Dad, and Brandon









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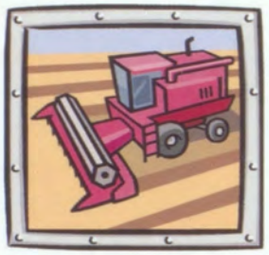

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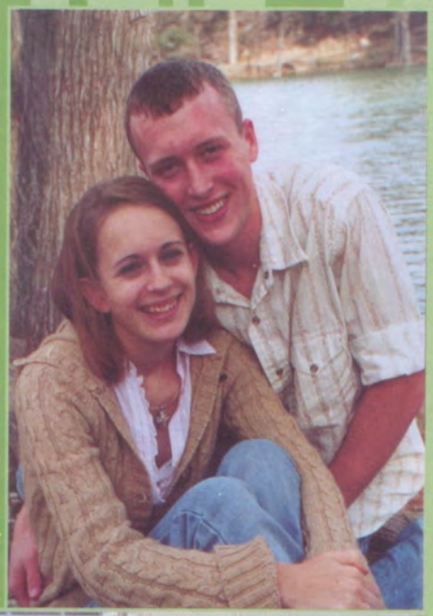




Congratulations Matt!
We are very proud of you!
Love,
Your Family

Ashley Anders
Stephanie Fuller





A friend is the best gift
you can give yourself.
Here's to ten wonderful years of fun and memories. Always remember... the road goes on forever and the party never ends!

Leslie Vega

Be strong, be courageous, do not be terrified or discouraged, for the Lord, your God, will be with you wherever you go. -Joshua 1:9



We are proud and grateful to have a daughter like you. You are a light in our lives that will always endure.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Rey Garza Jr.









A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter,
he who finds one finds a treasure.
A faithful friend is beyond price,
no sum can balance his worth.
A faithful friend is a live-saving remedy,
such as he who fears God finds;
for he who fears God behaves accordingly,
and his friend will be like himself.
Sirach 6:14-17

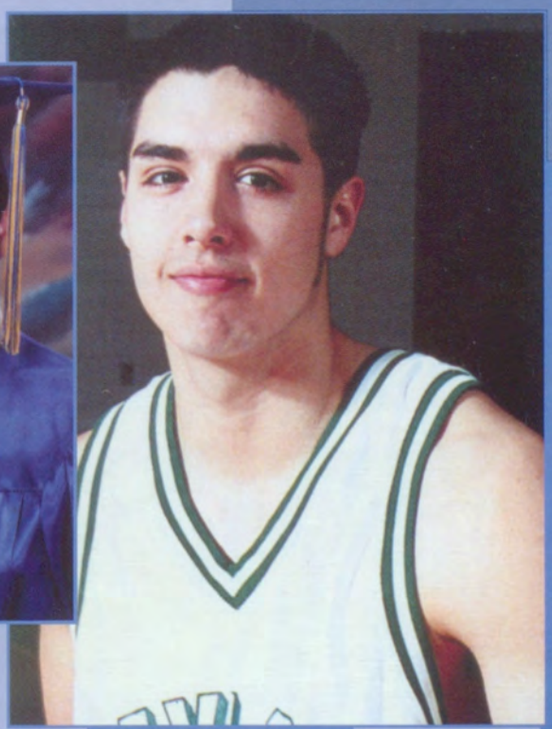
Love,
Your Family

Chris Ozuna









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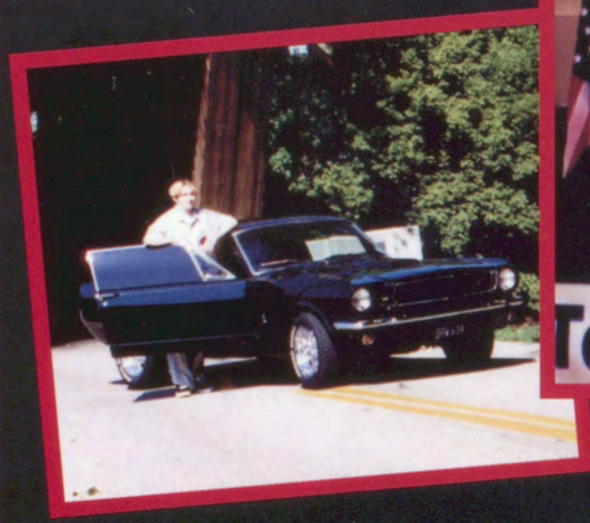



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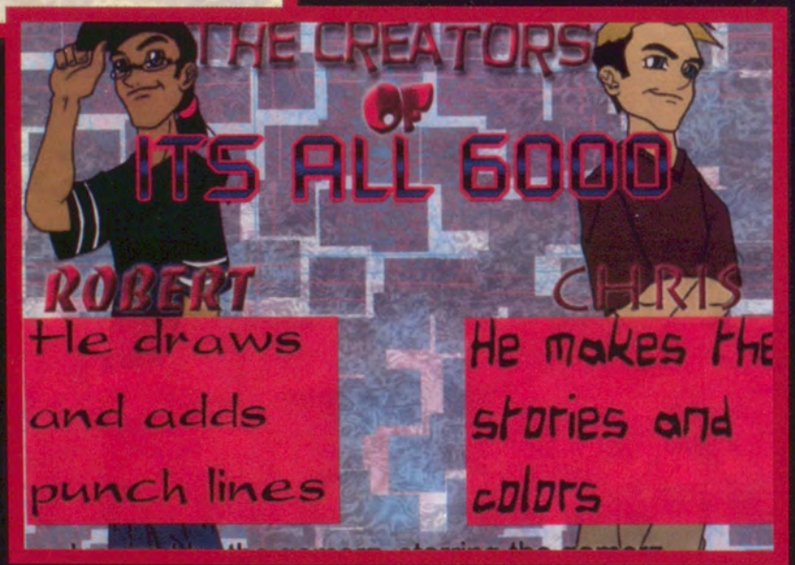
Or dream you can, begin it.
--Goethe

Love Mom, Dad, Tim, and Tasha







Drew Farr Matt Jinkins



Good friends and good times make great memories!

Stephanie Fuller













The joys and the pleasures you've brought through the years are too deep and special to measure. You always have been and will always be a daughter to love and treasure.

I am so proud of you and your accomplishments.

Good Luck at college and may God bless you!

Love Always,
Mom



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Jo Ann and Ricky

Joe Hernandez













Congratulations Joe!
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Thanks for the memories.
May all your dreams
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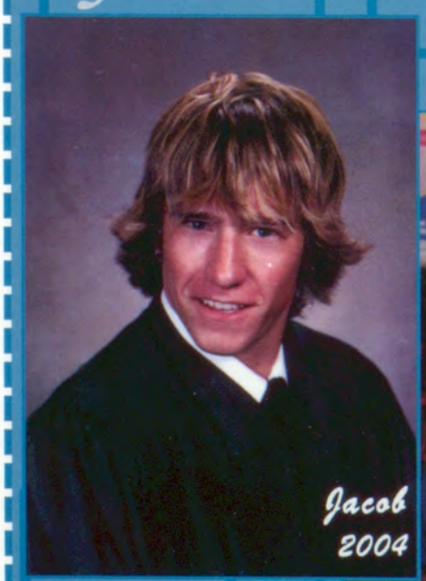



Always look to the stars, dream big, and follow your heart. Congratulations on your hard work and accomplishments. You have made us very proud. We love you, Jacob, very, much.

Mom, Dad, and Joshua

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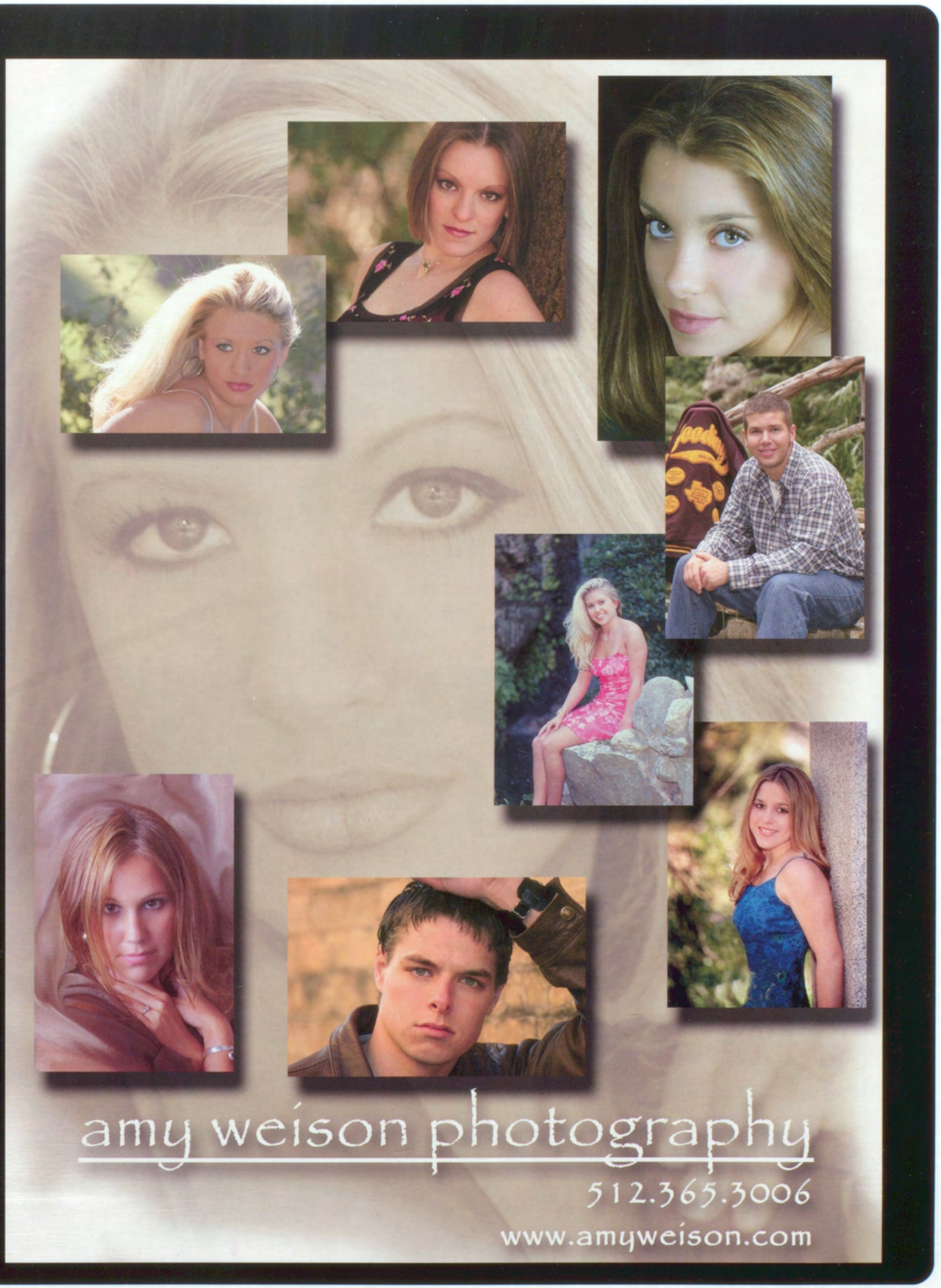
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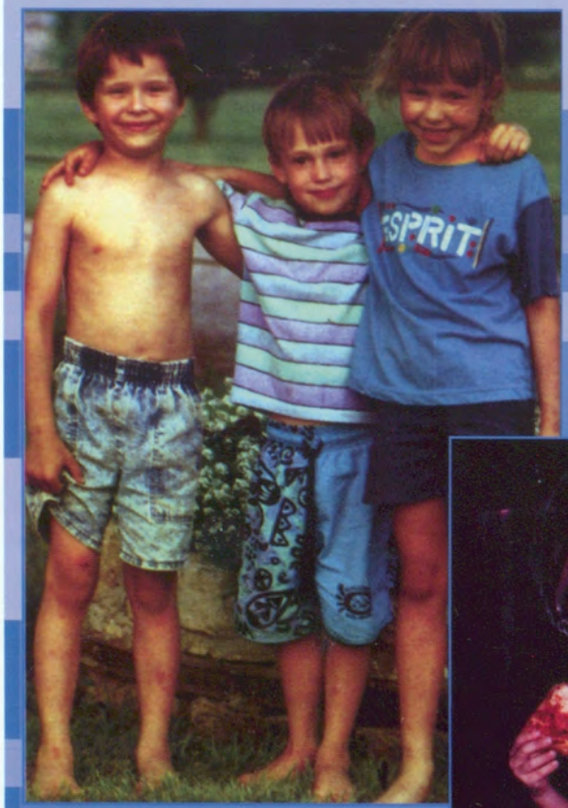











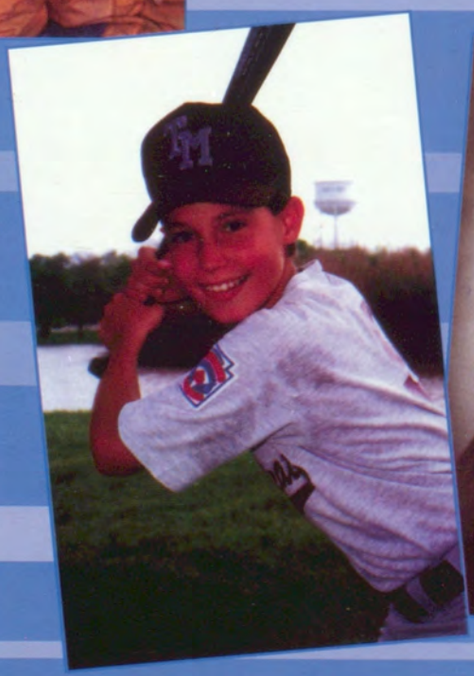



Spencer,

You are a unique and special person. Never lose your smile-- it brightens everyone's day. May all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Autumn

Ashley Anders











Ashley,

You have truly been a blessing to us from the day you were born. You have filled our lives with love, laughter, and so many wonderful memories. We know that you will succeed no matter what direction life takes you. Always remember that we love you and will always be there for you. Best of luck in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brooke, Craig, Nanny, and Baby

Adam Pfluger







Of all the wonderful things in the wonderful universe of God, nothing seems to me more surprising than the planting of a seed in the blank earth and the result there of.
-Celia Thaxter

Adam, we are so proud of you.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Dillon

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"Ad Designers (Ben and I) are just as important as editors!"

Ashley Anders-
Senior Ads Designer

Ashley produced pages 10-11 and all 29 Senior Ads.

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"Worry about nothing. Pray about everything."

Chloe Washington- Staff

Chloe produced pages 30-31, 52-53, 80-81, and 102-103.

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"Mallard makes all other stress minute (and I'm not talking about time)."

Megan* Kirkwood- Photo Editor

Megan produced pages 64-65, 66-67, 72-73, 96-97, and corrected all the proofs, which is really hard to do with your foot in your mouth.

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"If you leave people long notes about what they should do, it gives you a sense of control."

Mrs. Catuogno- Adviser

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Hannah Carnes- Staff

Hannah produced pages 38-39, 68-69, 74-75, 108-109, and tried to keep Ben out of trouble as much as possible.



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"Do monkeys taste like gummy worms?"

Joe Hernandez- Staff

Joe produced pages 14-15, 18-19, 48-49, 104-105, 110-111, and dispensed sage advice to all who would listen.



I've never seen Jim!

Ben Jirasek-

Business Ads Designer

Ben produced all 39 business ads, looked at pictures of trucks on the internet, and played with his friends Holden and Wade from next door.

"Kids, be free. Do whatever you want. Do whatever makes you happy. Just as long as you don't get caught."

Chris Copple-

Graphics Designer

Chris produced the cover, created graphics, and kept the computers running most of the time.

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"Actually, they're called omnivores because they eat greens and meats. Great stuff, eh?"

Anna Johnson- Copy Editor

Anna produced pages 28-29, 98-99, and the index, and proof-read every word on every page.

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"If you judge people, you have no time to love them. Fighting is bad. Mallard is good."

Kristen Sanders- People Editor

Kristen produced pages 12-13 and 114-145. She also managed school pictures and senior portraits, and tried to keep the staff in line.



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"Future Mallard editors should remember these words ...Motivate! Motivate! Motivate!; We're not here for a long time, we're here for a good time."

Stephanie Fuller- Editor-in-Chief

Stephanie produced pages 6-7, 8-9, 20-21, 34-35, 44-45, 50-51, 58-59, 62-63, 68-69, 70-71, 78-79, 84-85, 112-113, 146-146, index, and made corrections to all 184 pages numerous times. She has a headache.



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"yes joe, monkeys do taste like gummy worms. I love you all very much!"

Jacob Glover- Lead Feature Writer

Jacob produced pages 16-17, 88-89, 92-93, 106-107, edited stories, and made trips to Wal-Mart to buy batteries.

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"Do what makes you happy and you'll never have any regrets."

Stephen Haskins- Staff

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"Eat your ice cream before it melts; never pass up an opportunity to smile and enjoy the day!"

Brianna Gross- Lead Feature Writer

Brianna produced pages 32-33, 42-43, 46-47, 100-101, edited stories, and made proof corrections. She never, ever missed a deadline.



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"I'm not gonna give a quote. You don't want to know what my quote is!" Bryan Zak- Digital Photo Editor

Bryan produced pages 54-55, took thousands of photos, and edited just about every photo in the book.

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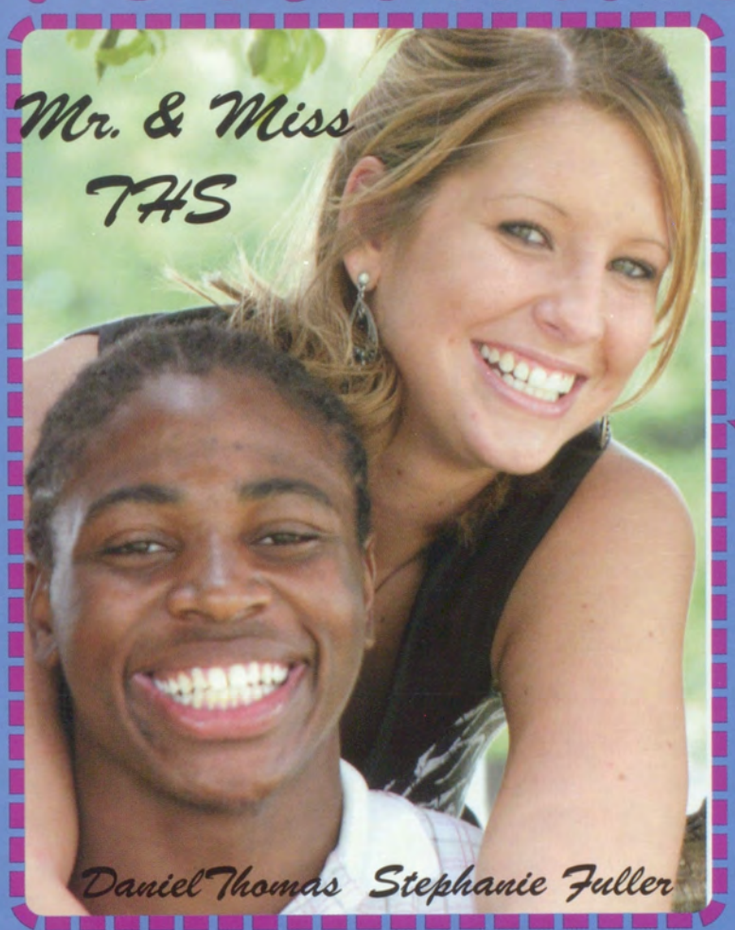

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Brady Marshall, Katie Quinn,
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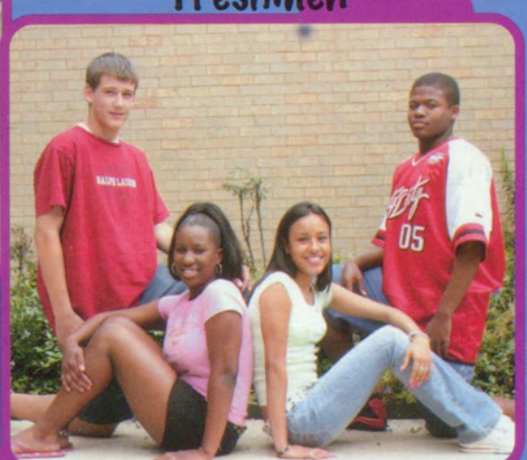
Joseph Strelsky, Chelsea Barcuch,
Shanta Davis, Brandon Davis

Freshmen



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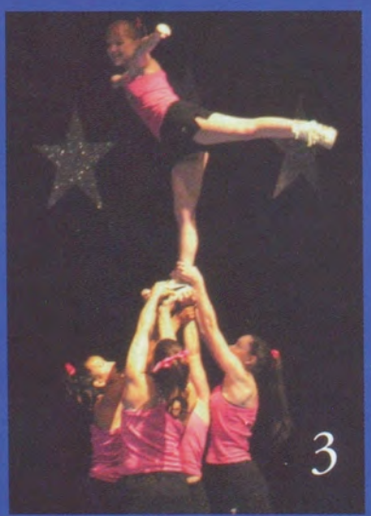

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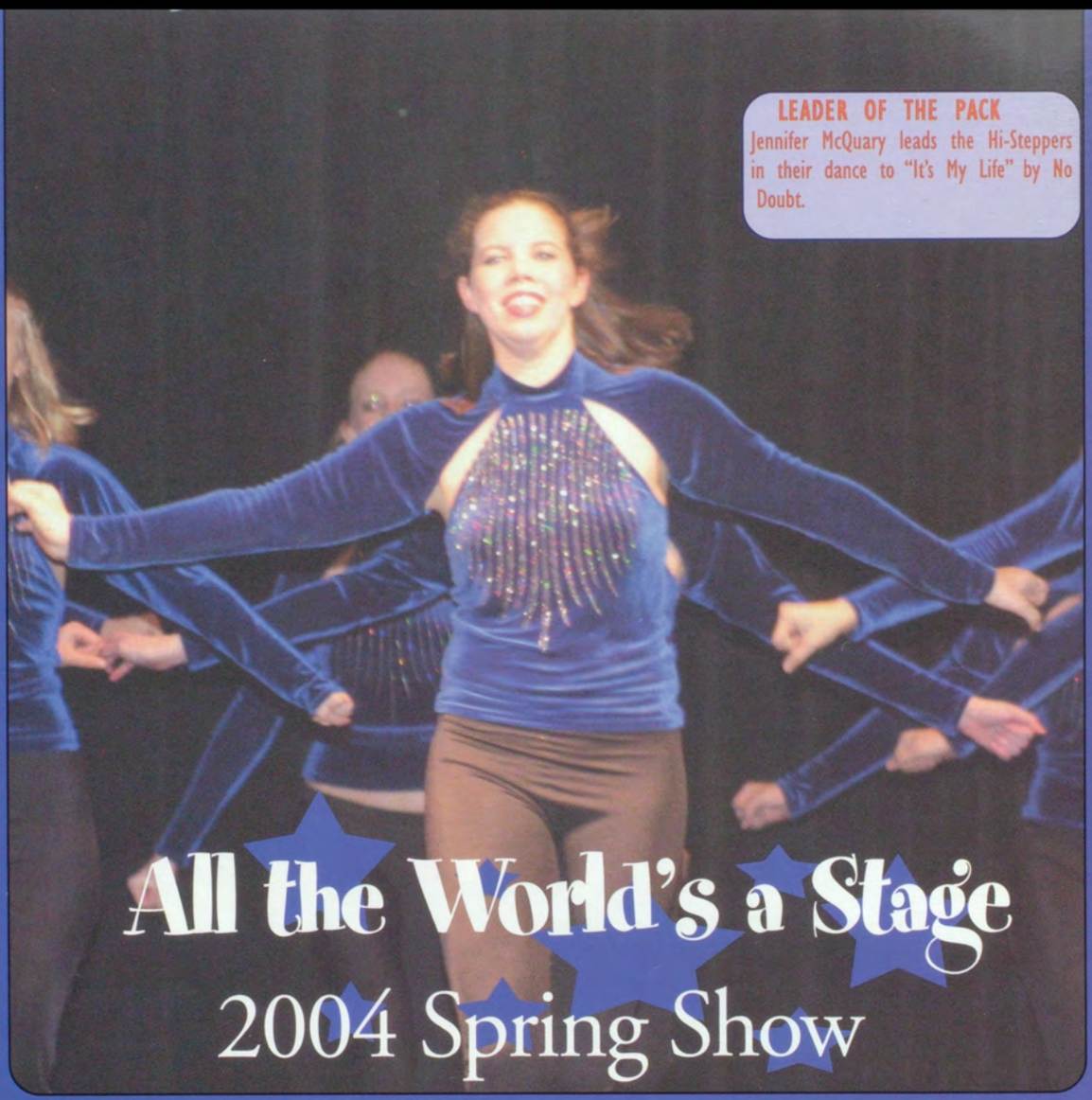

LEADER OF THE PACK
Jennifer McQuary leads the Hi-Steppers in their dance to "It's My Life" by No Doubt.

All the World's a Stage

2004 Spring Show



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1. Amy English and Suzannah Curik pump up the crowd during their high energy pom routine. 2. Kaye Bauer gives it her all in her intense routine to Evanescence's, "Going Under." 3. The THS cheerleaders reach new heights with their revolving stunt. 4. "O Mickey you're so fine, you're so fine you blow my mind, hey Mickey!" Rey Graza and Krystal Luconic ham it up. 5. The competition team heats things up with their award-winning routine. 6. Jennifer McQuary shows off her beautiful arabesque in her solo. 7.The Hi-Stepper Spring Show featured a variety of talents this year, including the color guard and break dancers.



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Lady Duck Softball
District Champs



Bi-District Champs defeating Marble Falls 4-3
Area Qualifiers

UIL Winners

Spelling
Stephanie Garrett-5th
Anna Johnson-2nd
Melissa Mokry-1st
Newswriting
Suzanna Hernandez-3rd
Amy Whittaker-4th
Feature Writing
Aubrey Medaris-6th
Ready Writing
Tiffany Samuelson-2nd
Literary Critism
Tiffany Samuelson-4th
Brianna Gross-3rd
Prose Reading
Matt Jinkins-3rd
Casey MacMullen-5th
Computer Science
Stephanie Garrett-6th
Computer Applications
Stephanie Garrett-4th
Mathematics
Tiffany Samuel-3rd
Lincoln-Douglas Debate
Seth Gipson- Quater finals

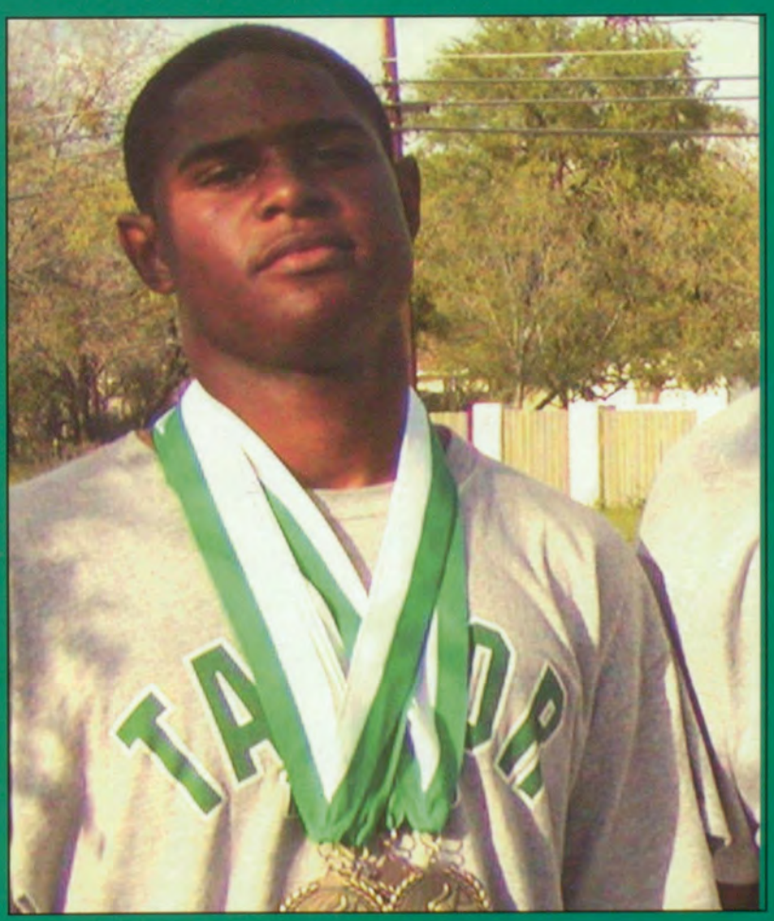
One Act Play Cast and Crew
Zone and District Champs; Alternate at Area
Joe Delgadillo
Matt Drummond
Casey MacMullen-zone ASC, district BA, area ASC
Lauren Pick-zone, district, and area HMASC
Matt Jinkins
Jacob Glover-zone BA, district and area ASC
Travis Stewart-district ASC, area HMASC
Kevin Cox-district HMASC
Chris Lopez-zone and district HMASC, area ASC
Nathan Campbell
Archie Fields
Justin Bosley
Leighanne Volek
Ray Wallace
Cassie Floyd
Laurie Raesz
Kaye Bauer
Becca Gray
Jennifer Lindsay-district Crew Award

BA: Best Actor/Actress
HM: Honorable Mention
ASC: All Star Cast

Keely Rucker and Prisclla Grau
Tennis Regional Qualifiers



Jonovan Wooldridge
7th in the 300M hurdles & 8th in 110M dash at the Texas State Track Meet held in Austin.





The Secret Garden Prom 2004





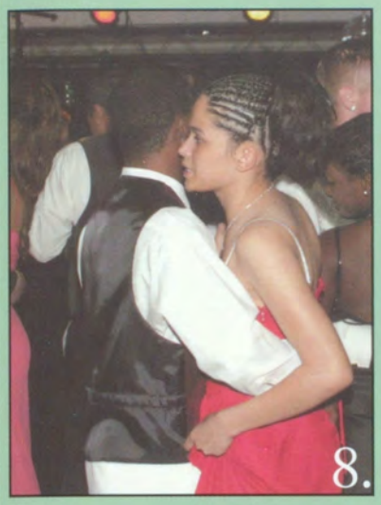


1. Corey Graef and Ashley Robbins have fun dancing together. 2. Duane Whittaker, Brianna Gross, Anna Johnson and Andrew Tovar smile as they enjoy their evening. 3.Ernest Miller and Mark Eckhardt share a slow dance together. 4. Stephen Nevins bursts into laughter after watching one of his friends strike a goofy pose. 5. Jacob Glover blocks the hit to head from Chris Lopez during the jousting competition at the After-Prom Party held at Pasemann Elementary. 6.Chris Hernandez and Jackie Luna smile for a quick snapshot before getting on the dance floor. 7. Tracy Stewart gets crunk on the dance floor. 8. Amanda Olivarez and her date enjoy their last dance together. 9. Cale Hall and Jenna Thornton take a break and watch people doing the electric slide on the dance floor. 10. Kendall Mott, Halley Gay, Stephanie Fuller, Ashley Anders, Cassie Floyd, and Tiffany Taylor pose for a quick picture. 11. Tera Eulenfeld and Daniel Thomas are crowned Queen and King of the prom. 12. Jeremy Lopez and GretchenRichter make their way out to the crowded dance floor. 13. This group of friends has fun doing the traditional "Cotton Eyed Joe". 14. Armando Villarreal and his date take a break from dancing. 15. Lindsey Rozacky and Rex Brinkmeyer enjoy one of the few country songs that were played.16. The many unique shoes of prom.





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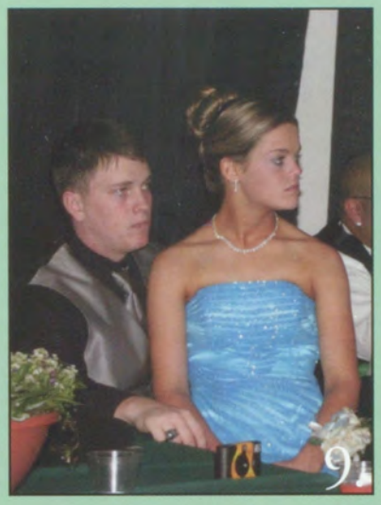
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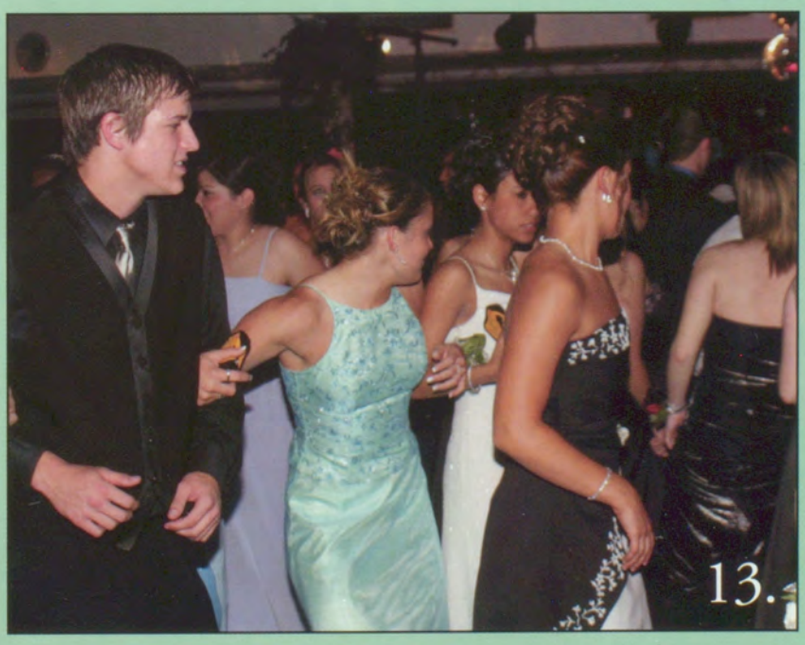
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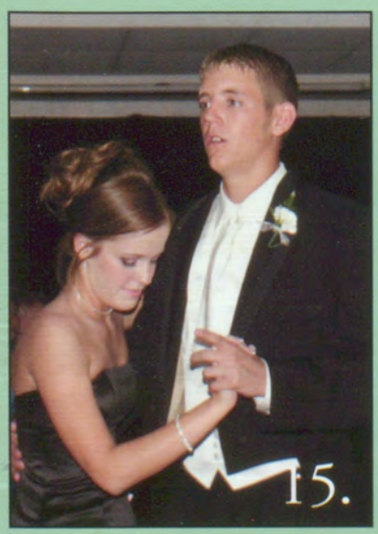
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Class Motto

"Behind us are memories,
beside us are friends,
before us are dreams that
will never end."

Class Song

"Remember Me This Way"
by Jordan Hill

Class Colors

Cobalt Blue & Orange

Class Flower

Gerber Daisies

Class size

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Honor Graduates

Alejandro Alderete
Siomara Buentello
Chris Copple
Lesley David
Iris Davis
Joe Delgadillo
Katie Dennis
Stephanie Garrett
Priscilla Grau
Amy Hall
Jonathan Hall
Courtney Hejl
Erin Konarik
Ryan Leschber
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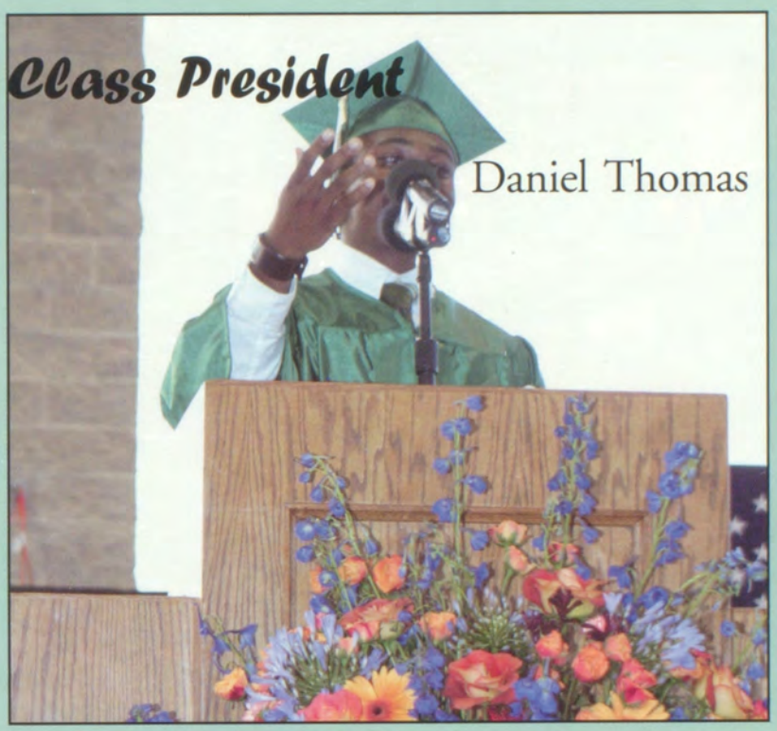


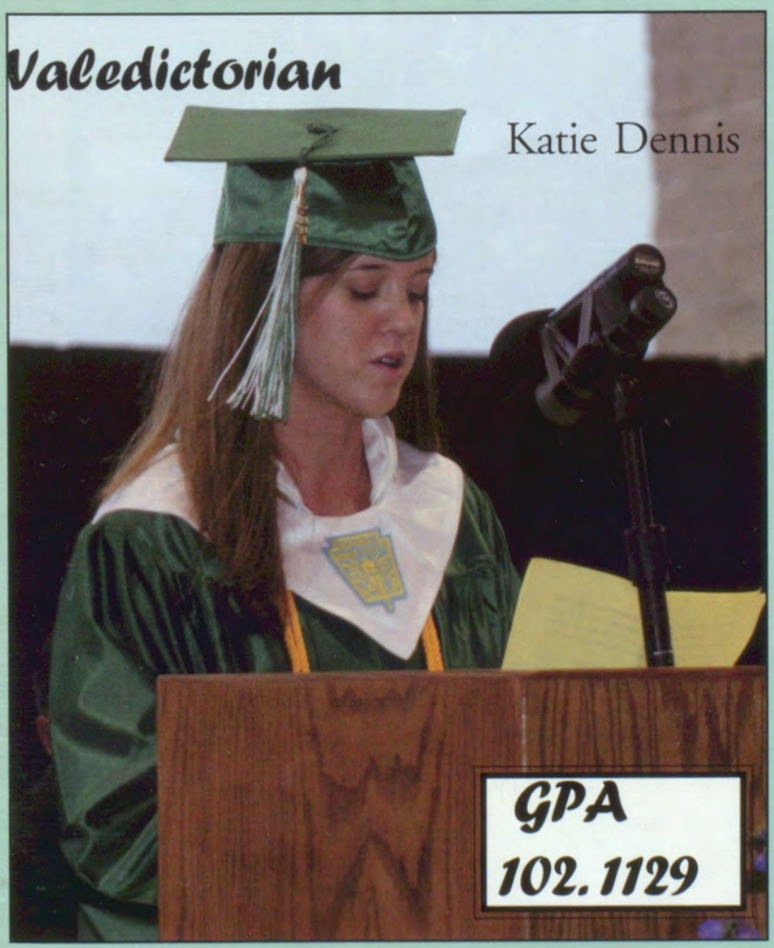
Class President

Daniel Thomas

"Most people spell it congradulations instead of congratulations."
-Stephanie Garrett

"These people are my family."
-Daniel Thomas

"Aim high, act bold, and believe in your potential."
-Katie Dennis



Valedictorian

Katie Dennis

GPA
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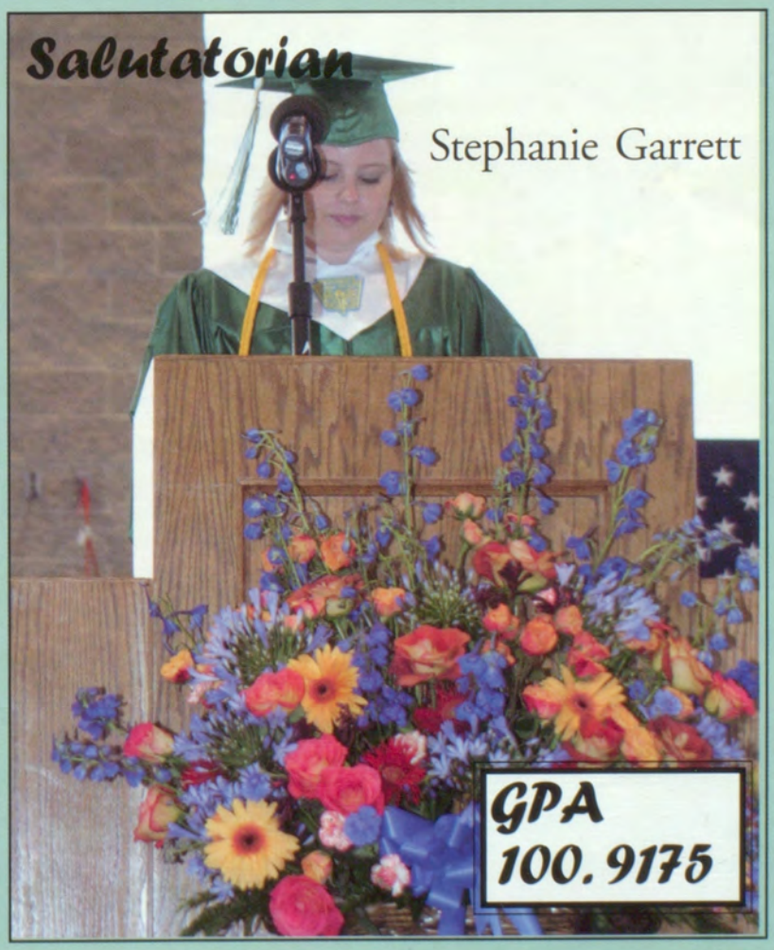

Salutatorian

Stephanie Garrett

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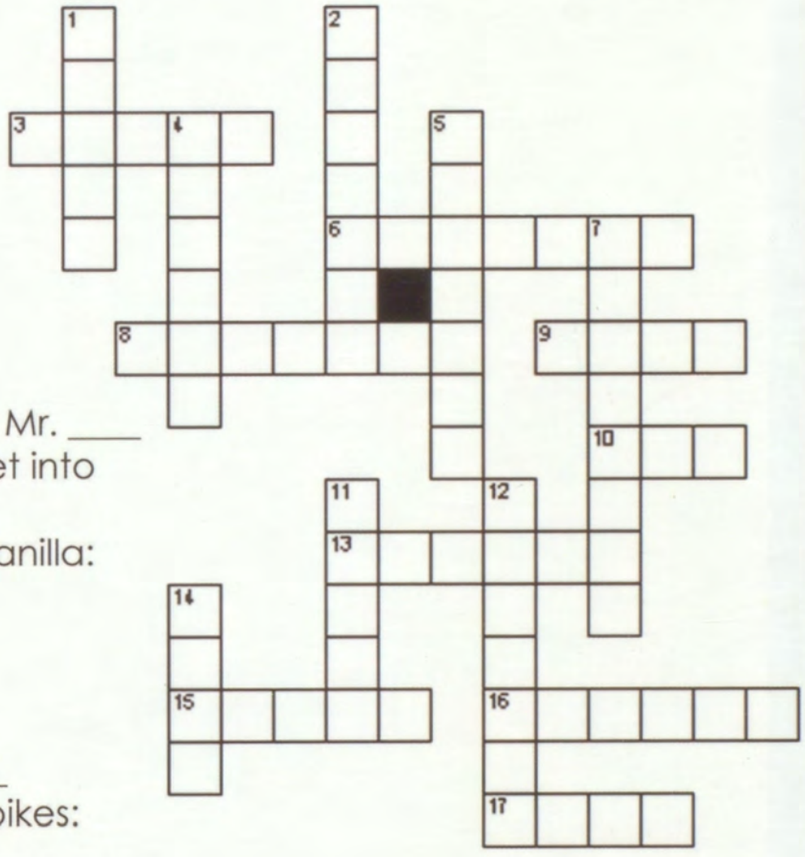

Across

3. Author of Post Cards From Nowhere: Mr. ____
6. Academics is having the ability to get into any ___
8. Principal whose name rhymes with vanilla: Mr.____
9. Still waters run _____
10. Miss Lucky Duck, __ Wallace
13. Home of the fighting Ducks:___
15. Teacher with Irish obsession: Mrs. ___
16. Guru of photoshop and mountain bikes: Mr. ___
17. Duck pride never ____

Down

1. Wore lemons, ____ Wilkerson
2. So many people need ____ help
4. Teacher who celebrates Mole Day: Mrs. ___
5. Title of this Yearbook: ___
7. Attendance attendant: Mrs. ___
11. Fashionable way of dressing ___
12. Jarell Tolliver ___ at work
14. Technology is a way of ___

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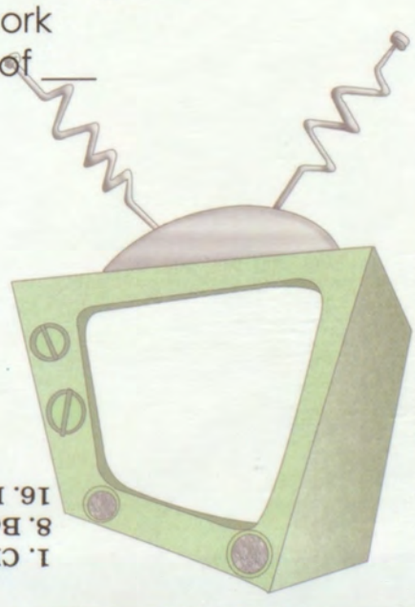

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