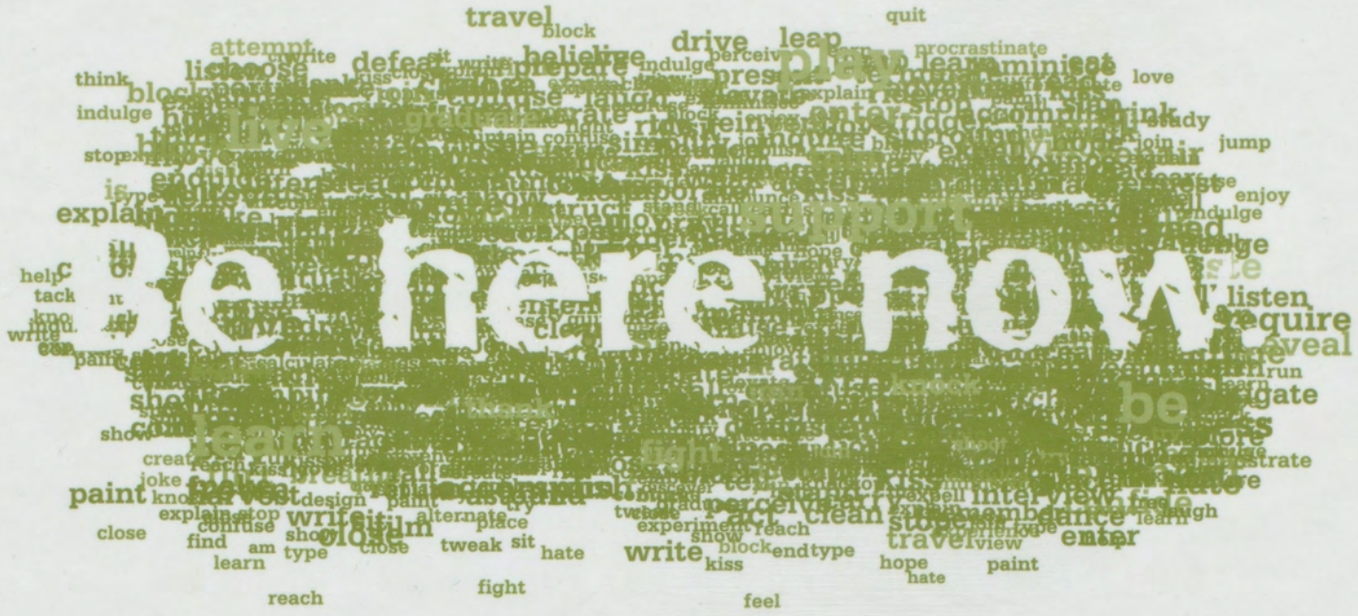

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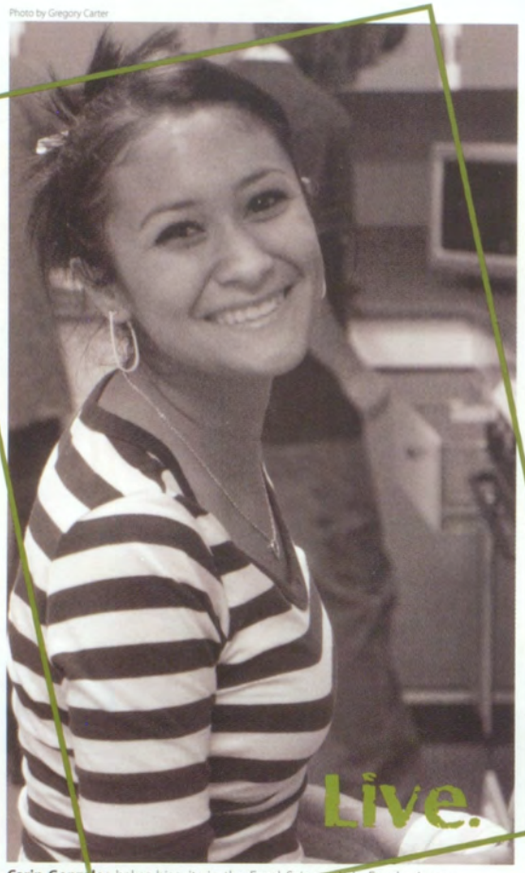
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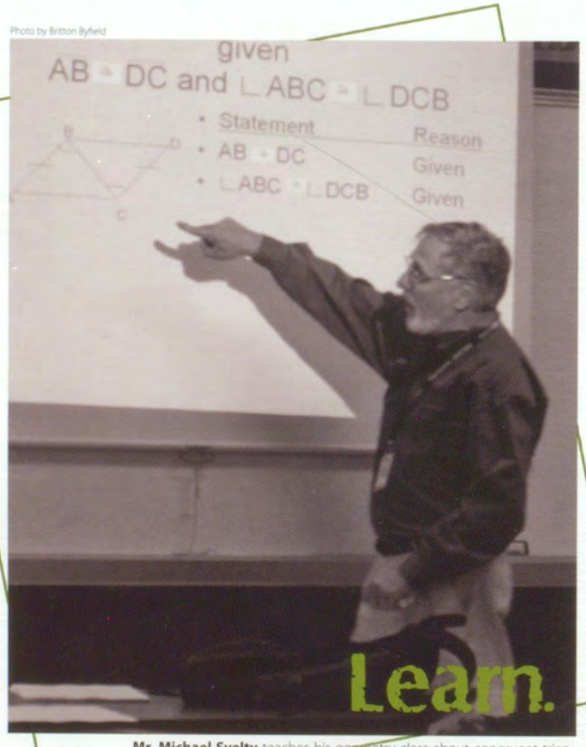
As we sit in class trying to find the answer to the various problems given by our teachers, thinking 'When are we ever going to use this?' or while we reminisce of times when life was simpler and we focused on naps and Cheerios, or when we daydream of college and jobs without the hassles of ID's or Tardy Tanks, we exist in this solitary moment with the ability to make a mark, a memory, a difference, and yet we are focusing on everything but what is going on around us right now, missing the moment as it flies by. Our happiness, our success, and what is to become of our lives could be decided right now. To be completely happy, we must enjoy this moment as we live it. Success will come from what we learn right here at Taylor High School. Support can come from the way the friendships we create now play out. The person we choose to be can affect everyone. Become the person you want to be. Be here now.

Photo by Gregory Carter



Carin Gonzales bakes biscuits in the Food Science Lab. Food science taught students how to make healty food that can benefit them later in life.

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Mr. Michael Svelty teaches his geometry class about congruent triangles. The students in calculus are required to reference and build upon theorems learned in geometry.

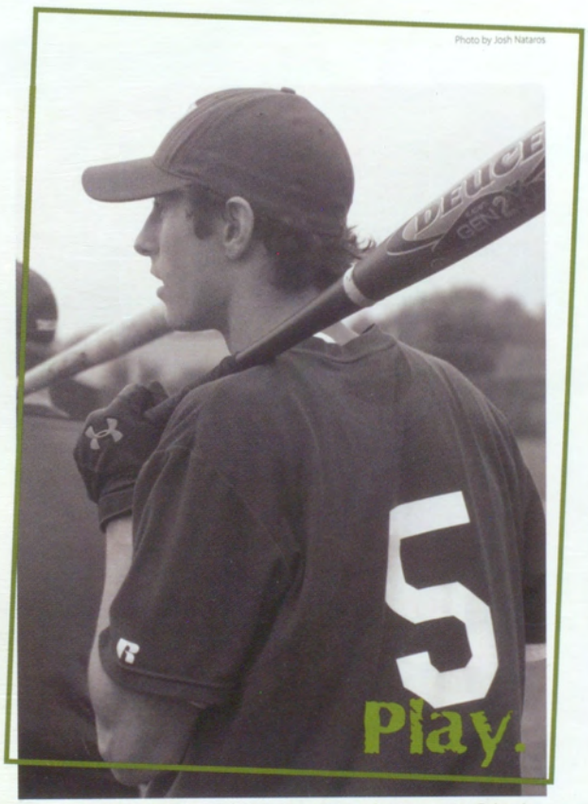
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Arabella Valladares cheers on the football team as the final seconds tick off the clock for the Ducks' first win against the Lampasas Badgers. The cheerleaders, marching band, propane gang, and Hi-Steppers supported the Ducks at every football game.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Dalton Marek waits for his chance to hit at batting practice. Dalton has played as varsity pitcher for three years.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Brandee Carlson does a cartwheel at practice for *John Lennon and Me*, the drama club's play for the spring semester. "In this play, I am the torturer," Brandee said. "I get to knock the phlegm out of Paula." The Drama Club has been a way for students to be characters even if only for a scene or two.

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Doing a handstand on his skateboard, Dalton Cummings plays around after school. "When I skateboard, I get an energy rush, and I feel like I can do anything," Dalton said. "The risk of getting hurt is a big part of the energy rush." He has been honing his skills on the skateboard since the age of twelve.
Photo by Taylor Savage

"This was the best summer of

Photo courtesy of Kayla Marek



Photo courtesy of Lawrence Caldwell



Photo courtesy of Andrea Wilkerson





Photo courtesy of Keegan Gross

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Braden and** Keegan Gross paddles along the Pidgeon Forge River in a raft with his family in Tennessee. "It was a coincidence that our guide was from Texas too," Braden said. "Everything was fun and it was all pretty cool." Braden and his family traveled to Nashville for a national pole-vaulting competition. **Kayla and** Kelsey Marek stand in front of the view from the Branson Belle Showboat in Missouri. "Branson was a memorable part of our road trip because of the shows," Kayla said. Kayla and Kelsey visited ten states as part of their summer family vacation. **Lawrence Caldwell** and his sister enjoy the scenic view of the Grand Canyon. "It was a fun trip, and being able to visit a place like this helped me to expand my horizons," Lawrence said. Colorado was just one of the 13 states Lawrence visited during his family's three-week trip. **Andrea Wilkerson** grips the rope tightly as she slides down from a high tree branch. "It was scary, high, painful, and exhilarating all at the same time," Andrea said. Andrea and a group of friends traveled to Cypress Valley, Texas to experience the

Leaving

the country for the first time, Sydney Savage had many thoughts running through her mind about the unexpected. It was already raining, and if the weather began to worsen, her flight could be delayed. As she waited patiently on her first plane ride, nothing seemed more exciting than her destination of Scotland. Not knowing what would happen, Sydney just hoped it would be a safe trip.

"I've seen movies when people have to ride on a plane and bad weather occurs," Sydney said. "It always looks scary, so it was just my luck to get on my first plane ride during a storm."

Although Sydney was taking a big trip without her family, she was traveling with a group of close, family friends, the Johnsons. The Johnsons had lived in Scotland before and upon returning for a visit, Sarah, the Johnsons' youngest daughter, invited Sydney to go along.

"I'll never forget it. It was so great to be with Sarah and her family," Sydney said.

Since the Johnsons had lived in Scotland before, they had acquaintances there. This made it a more welcoming trip for everyone. Instead of having different people as tour guides, Sydney was able to have her own personal tour guides to give her a personal look at Scotland. During the trip, there were many chances to learn about Scottish culture and history. Sydney had an opportunity to visit many of the Scottish castles to learn about their traditions and history.

"Visiting the castles was the best part because there is no history like this in America," Sydney said.

For the first four days of their trip Sydney and the Johnsons hiked the West Highland Way. The hike was 42 miles and included the difficult Devil's Staircase, which is the highest point on the West Highland Way.

"I'm glad to say I've done it, but I would never do it again," Sydney said.

Sydney had to adjust to the customs of the Scottish people. For example, before and after eating

my life. I'll never forget it." Sydney Savage



Sydney Savage stands on top of The Devil's Staircase. "The views were nothing like I've ever seen," Sydney said. "I felt like I was in *The Sound of Music*." Sydney hiked for more than forty miles around this Scottish landscape.

Photo courtesy of Sydney Savage

Sydney Savage visits Scotland

TRAVEL

a meal, hot tea would be served instead of a cold drink. Almost every drink is served at room temperature, and there is no need for air conditioners in Scotland because the temperature only gets up to about 65 degrees in the summer.

"They have their traditional Scottish dishes but they also have a lot of normal food like fish and french fries," Sydney said.

Throughout the trip, Sydney had the opportunity to get to know different people. She was able to enjoy the company of the Johnsons' friends since they were staying in their friends' home.

"The people who opened up their home for us were so welcoming and friendly," Sydney said.

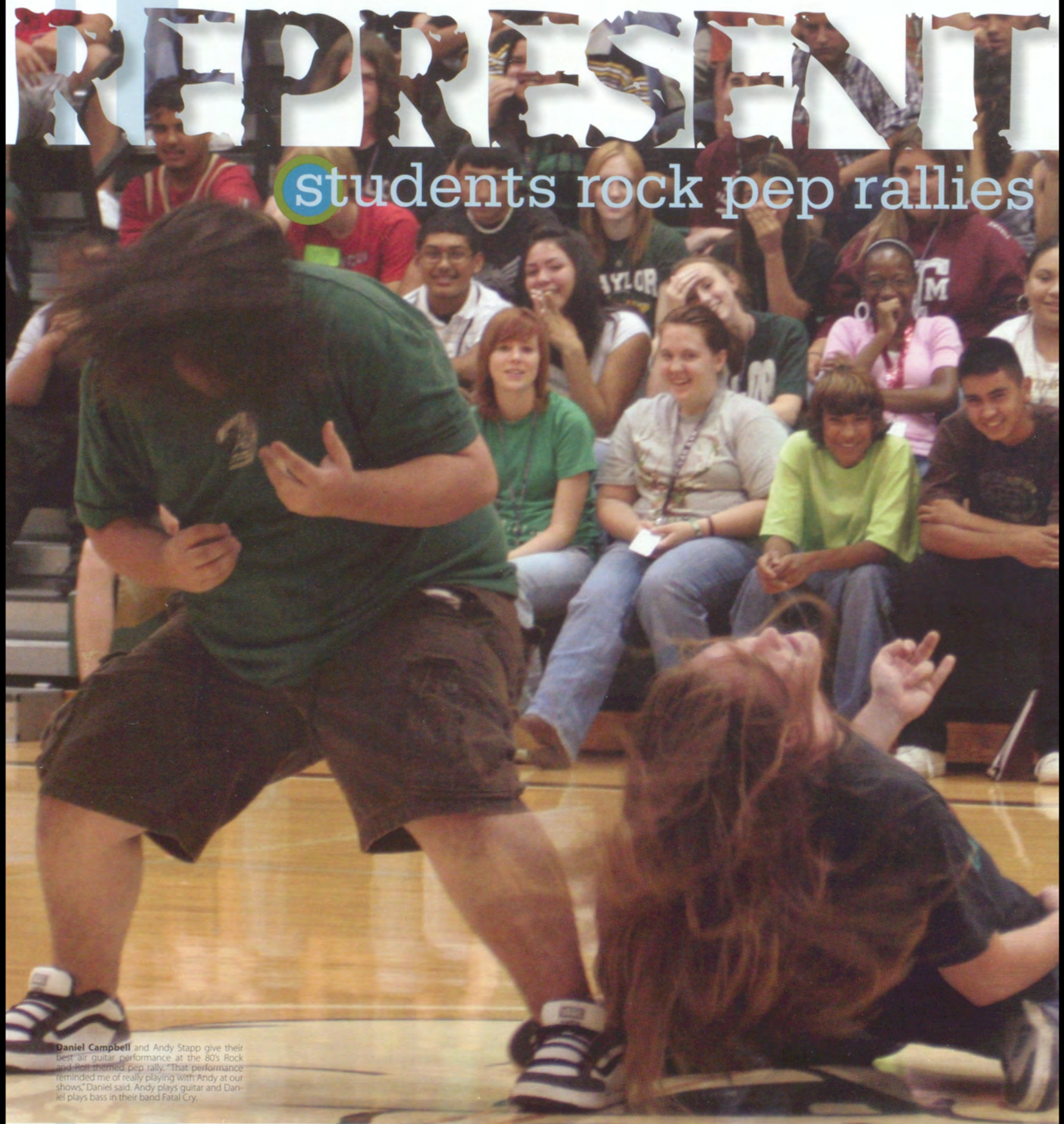
Sydney's eyes were opened to new possibilities through her journey. Seeing the different sights and learning about new cultures, Sydney realized a new passion for traveling. "Not only do I want to go back to Scotland some day, but I want to visit a bunch of new places," Sydney said.

Story by Rebecca Almazan

"Andy's air guitar solo made

REPRESENT

students rock pep rallies



Daniel Campbell and Andy Stapp give their best air guitar performance at the 80's Rock and Roll themed pep rally. "That performance reminded me of really playing with Andy at our shows," Daniel said. Andy plays guitar and Daniel plays bass in their band Fatal Cry.

the best pep rally ever." Alex Sarp



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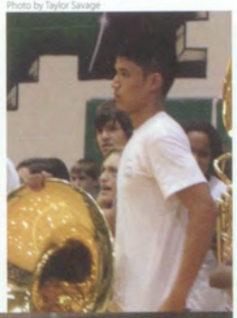






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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Alan Gonzales** holds his tuba anticipating the school song at the pep rally before the Burnet football game. "In the past years the school spirit has been really dull," Alan said. "But, this year it really has improved." This was Alan's last year in band. **Brandee Carlson** gets into her solo as she represented the teachers during the Rock and Roll pep rally. "I knew I didn't have the best air guitar but, I did have Skittles in my socks to throw to the crowd. Bribery is the best tool," Brandee said. **Rachel Weison** cheers at the 80's themed pep rally. "The themed pep rallies were a good idea because it gave us a theme to work off of," Rachel said. **The Hi-Steppers** dance at the Homecomming pep rally. "I like how the football players, steppers, and cheerleaders are spirited. The themes are a good way to bring the whole school together," Paige Kreidel said. After football season the Hi-Steppers immediately started working on their dances for competition. **Stacy Bubenik** gives it all during the cheerleaders' dance at the Homecoming pep rally. "Themed pep rallies were a good way to keep everything and everybody organized," Stacy said.

Every year the pep rallies seem to be all the same, but this year the cheerleaders decided it was time for a change. Instead of wearing the normal school colors to pep rallies, each pep rally had a theme.

"For try-outs I decided it would be a good idea to add a portfolio of different things for the next cheerleading year, including a pep rally theme and everything else that went with it," Ms. Harden said. Each cheerleader turned in a folder complete with a planned-out, themed pep rally as a part of the try-out process.

Pep rallies were a successful way to get those who aren't a part of the Friday night scene involved. The themes were the added shove that got more participation for the school, not only with students, but with teachers as well. For instance, the 80's themed pep rally had an air guitar contest that included teachers, aides, and students. The most memorable participants were seniors Andy Stapp and Daniel "Soup" Campbell. "I think us being in a band together made us truly sync together, so it was not fake. Also, playing guitar gave us an advantage over the other competitors because we put more feeling into it than everyone else," Andy said.

"The themed pep rallies are a really good idea," Junior cheerleader Ashley Rivera said. "The different themes seem to add pizazz to the already exciting Friday games. I definitely suggest we keep doing them to keep up the excitement."

Story by Cassie Stabeno

"I really almost died when

Spirit week

Photo by Mariana Ramirez



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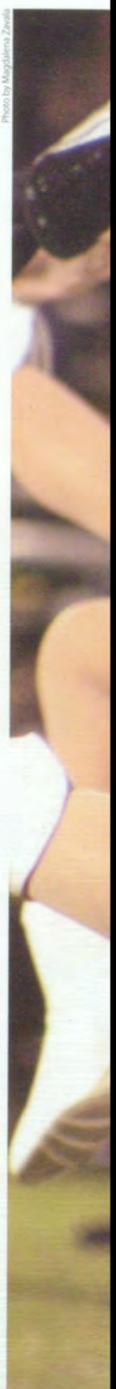


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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Standing tall**, the Hi-steppers smile breathlessly. "We put a lot of effort and time into all of our performances," said Mariah Dempsey. The Hi-steppers performed a dance with their fathers as well as well as their traditional kick line. **Amanda Smith** paints designs on children's faces at the community pep rally. "It was nice to interact with the kids," Amanda said. The community pep rally gave children a chance to play games and meet members of school clubs and sports. **Danielle Zavala** performs a hip hop routine at the Homecoming pep rally. "We had a lot of fun with this dance,"Danielle said. The Hi-steppers have created new dances for each pep rally. **The football** team runs out of the locker room after halftime during the Homecoming game against the Gatesville Hornets. "This was a big game for us," Daniel Jones said. "We had something to prove." The Ducks won the Homecoming game for the first time in five years. **Taylor cheerleaders** perform decked out in camouflage at the Homecoming pep rally. "I feel like we performed extremely well. We really worked hard to prepare for this pep rally," Stacy Bubinek said. The cheerleaders dressed differently because the theme of the day for Spirit Week was survivor day. **Oscar Rodriguez** dresses up for Halloween as his favorite holiday. "All the comments made me feel good. It was cool to hide myself for the day," Oscar said. Spirit Week's dress-up days included favorite football teams, favorite holiday, and masquerade themes. **Jasmin Estrada** colors a duck exterminator for the senior hallway. "I really liked how creative the theme for our hallway was," Jasmin said. "It was very different from all the other classes." The senior hallway was completely black and was filled with fake hornets killed by means of swishing, swatting, spraying, and zapping.

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Photos by Jordan Humphreys

LEFT TO RIGHT **Kyra Headrick** and Alan Gonzales accept their title as Homecoming King and Queen. "I was shocked and excited at the same time--my body was shaking," Alan said. Alan was nominated by the band, and Kyra was nominated by cheerleaders. **Rosa Gonzales** and Cullen Pick stand arm in arm after being named Senior Prince and Princess. "I was really surprised I got it," Cullen said. Cullen was nominated by the National Honor Society, and Rosa was nominated by the band. **Pearlie Gault** and Shawn Bradshaw stand together as Senior Prince and Princess. "I was really excited. My stomach dropped down to my toes!" Pearlie said. Shawn was nominated by the Hi-Stepper escorts, and Pearlie was nominated by the Mallard staff.

they called my name." Kyra Headrick

REMEMBER

Ducks return to nest for Homecoming



Brittany Seggern is held in her father's arms after their dance together. "I was very impressed with my dad. He did great!" Brittany said. The fathers had to attend to several practices to prepare for the first Father Daughter Dance together.



Photo by Kelsey Young



Photo by Jordan Humphreys



Photo by Gregory Carter

LEFT TO RIGHT **Gregory Carter** and Danielle Zavala were voted Junior Prince and Princess. "I was pretty nervous but still really excited," Danielle said. **Jacob San Migel** and Katie Yanez were named Sophomore Prince and Princess. "Standing in front of everyone was extremely nerve-wracking," Jacob said. **Chris Lucio** and Megan Matuke were the Freshman Prince and Princess. "My heart was racing," Chris said. "I was nervous."

"Warped tour isn't just a part of



Photo courtesy of Andy Stapp



Photo courtesy of Andy Stapp

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Andy Stapp** solos on the guitar while Taylor Martin waits for his cue to scream into the microphone at a local gig. "Playing at shows is fun," Andy said. "It's kind of nerve-wracking at first, but once you start playing, it's the greatest feeling in the world." Their band, Fatal Cry, has been together for three years. **Valkyrie Landrum** poses with Dan Hunter of Playradioplay! at Warped Tour. "He was so sweet!" Valkyrie said, "I thought his shirt was cute. I was really stoked to meet him!" Valkyrie attended Warped Tour in summer and saw over a dozen bands. **Kris Coombs-Roberts**, guitarist from Funeral For A Friend. **Bobby and** Adam Alt of Street Drum Corps. Both bands "were really awesome to watch; I really suggest seeing them live," Jordan said. **Conoley Reinhardt** plays his tenors for the school band. "I like going to competitions and beating the other drumlines," Conoley said. The Taylor High School band has been invited to play in the Sugar Bowl halftime show this year. **Cory Keith** hangs out on his tailgate playing his guitar. "I love my guitar," Cory said. "I just don't play it enough." Cory has always looked up to the guitar playing of Stevie Ray Vaughan. **William Stroud** shreds on his guitar at a Fatal Cry show. "I hurt my thumb in the mosh pit right before we had to go on," William said. "Playing the guitar feels funny with a hurt thumb."



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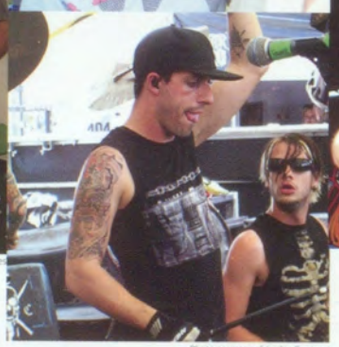


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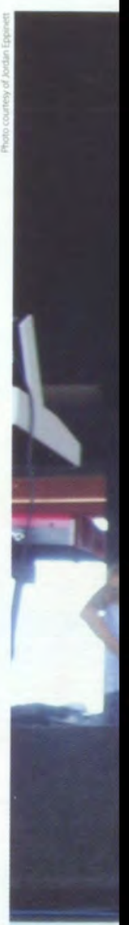


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Waiting

in the San Antonio sun for an hour and a half just to get inside the gates, Valkyrie Landrum, Cory Keith, and Jordan Eppinett were eager to see a number of up-and-coming bands play. At last, the gates opened, the lines started to move, and their adventure began.

"It was way better than I expected. I saw nine bands. It was phenomenal, "Cory said.

Unlike Jordan, Cory and Valkyrie had never attended the Vans Warped Tour before. Warped Tour was a time for people to get together, watch their favorite bands play, and actually meet them.

"I've been twice, and I'm definitely going again next year," Jordan said.

At Warped, fans can see big bands or small ones, walk around, see interesting people, buy some merchandise, meet their favorite band members, or mosh in the pits.

"Some crowd surfer landed on me and kicked me in the head," Jordan said. "It was pretty funny."

"I didn't get hurt, but I punched someone in the face in a mosh pit," Valkyrie said. "It was so great."

"I saw a guy crowd surfing in a cow outfit. Then I saw a dude in a hotdog suit walking around. It was pretty hilarious, but I wondered how hot it was in that costume," Cory said.

At ninety-five degrees in the shade, the heat was scorching, but that didn't stop people from waiting to see some bands onstage.

"I got pretty burnt," Valkyrie said. "But it was pretty worth it."

Story by Paula Reeves

my summer; it *is* my summer." Jordan Eppinett

ROCK

Fans explore the world of Warped



Valkyrie Landrum watches Playradioplay! singer Dan Hunter in awe as he climbs on the barricades to sing in the crowd. "He's so cute when he sings on his tip-toes," Valkyrie said. She enjoyed meeting Dan after the show.

"I hate my job because it



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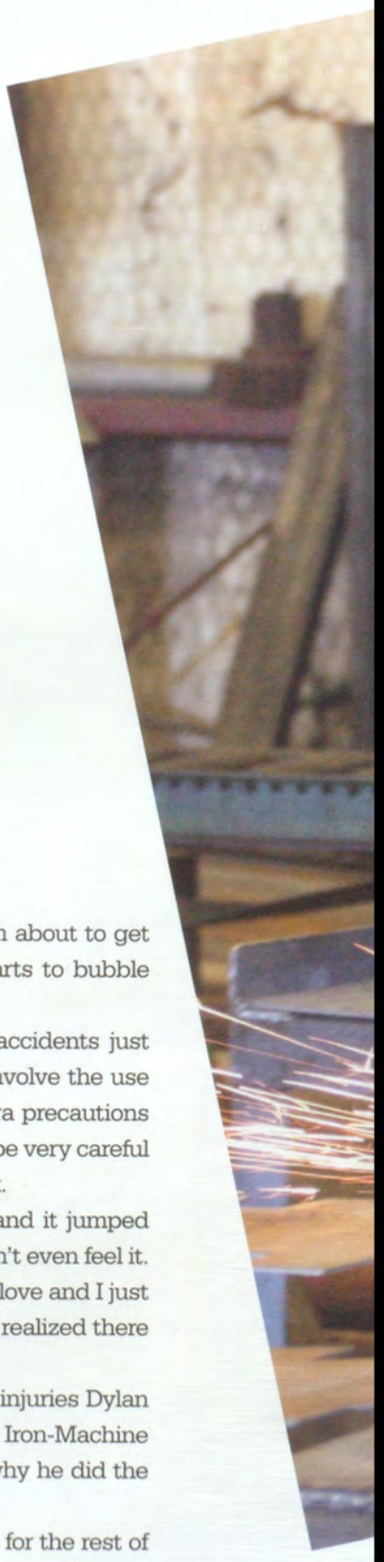


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Photo by Taylor Savage

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Britney Schneider** sits in the Counselors' office and prepares planners for students. "Filing papers really hurt because the papers cut my cuticles," Britney said. This year the school tried to incorporate planners more into students daily routine. **Jed Cotner** makes a T-shirt for a customer at Taylor Sporting Goods. "I have to be careful around the heat press," Jed said. "I've burned myself." Many students like to wear the shirts made at Taylor Sporting Goods to show school spirit. **John Estrada** digs a ditch while working for M & M Brothers Excavating. "I actually have to do work," John said. "My abs are sore from the raking motion." **Alan Gonzales** takes an order at Whataburger. "Rush hour is the worst part of the job," Alan said. "It is very hectic!" Working in the food industry has helped Alan with his customer service skills.



Pain

on his mind and sweat dripping down his forehead, he pulls off his glove to reveal the singed hairs on his arm. Senior Dylan Moerbe finds himself at the end of another day of work at Taylor Iron-Machine Works.

"I hate my job," Dylan said. "It's basically a sweat shop. My favorite part is my break."

Dylan is one of the students who works during the school day through the Co-op program to earn money. But working in a warehouse with concrete floors and no air conditioning is not a typical job for a high school student.

"I've seen him on the way home from work before and his face was just completely covered in black dust," Larry Pachicano said.

Part of Dylan's job consists of cutting large sheets of metal in half with a blow torch. The combination of this and the rust on the metal causes a lot of dust to collect on his face. Another result of the metal being cut with the torch is that it sparks when it hits the rust and burns his arms.

"I can see the rust and I know I'm about to get burned," Dylan said. "The metal starts to bubble and then it makes a loud pop."

There are other instances when accidents just sometimes happen. With jobs that involve the use of machinery and tools there are extra precautions that have to be taken and one has to be very careful when completing one's tasks at work.

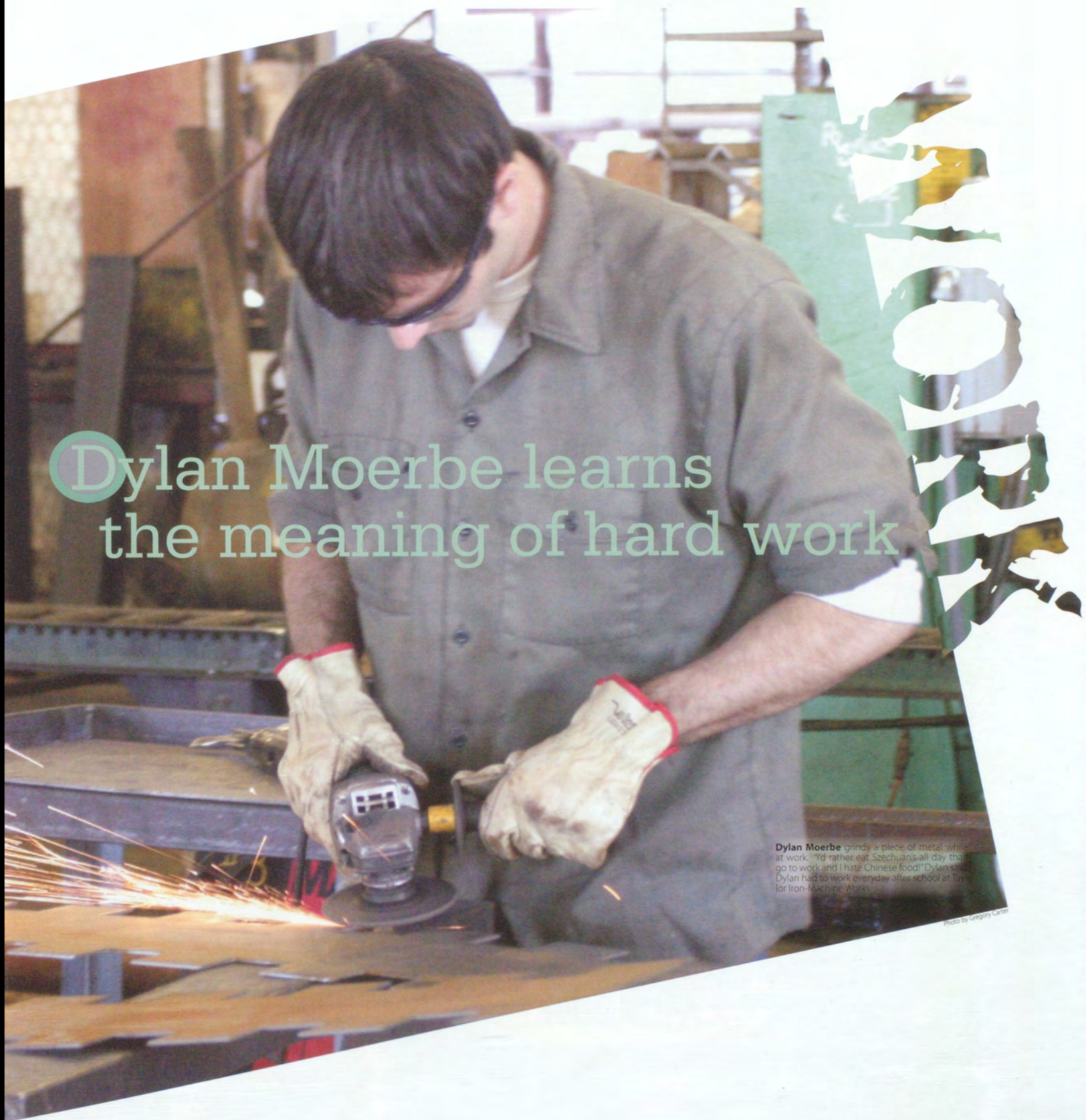
"One day I was using a grinder and it jumped and cut my finger," Dylan said. "I didn't even feel it. I thought it had just cut through my glove and I just kept on grinding. When I was done I realized there was a gash in my finger."

Despite these mishaps and minor injuries Dylan endured while working at Taylor Iron-Machine Works, he still got paid and that is why he did the work.

"There is no way I want to do this for the rest of my life," Dylan said. "I just want the money."

Story by Krista Seidel

is sooooo hot!" Dylan Moerbe



Dylan Moerbe learns the meaning of hard work

Dylan Moerbe grinds a piece of metal while at work. "I'd rather eat Szechuan's all day than go to work and I hate Chinese food!" Dylan said. Dylan had to work everyday after school at Taylor Iron-Machine Works.

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"Paintball is not a team

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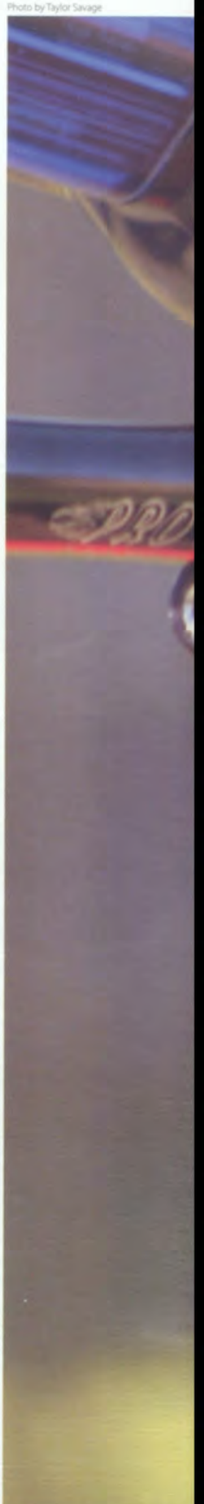
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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Keegan Gross** takes aim at a wild hog. "It was a long shot, over 250 yards, but I got him in the end," Keegan said. **Colt Ging** puts paintballs into his hopper to get ready for the next match. "I have to refill my hopper so we can whip," Colt said. The Punishment didn't follow the game plan and lost in four matches. **Justin Latham**, Colt Ging, and Julian Sanchez get ready to break out for the first match. "It gets our adrenaline pumping," Julian said. **Larry Pachicano** smirks at the Packers and Redskins game because his favorite team is winning at the time. "I love watching the Packers smash the Redskins," Larry said. Larry bought his cheese-head online from the official cheese-head manufacturer in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Photo by Taylor Savage



Sweat

running down his face and his heart skipping beats, he raced to the bunker to hide out. The time was running out and the enemy had an advantage. Travian James, Matt Lopez, Julian Sanchez, Justin Latham, and Colt Ging play a game of paintball, a popular hobby for THS students.

"I knew the finale would be a win for us," Travian said.

As Travian sat behind the bunker, waiting for the perfect time to come out and shoot, he had victory on his mind. Even though the other team was ahead, he would play hard until the end.

"I felt winny type," Travian said. "I knew we clinched the game."

Paintball is a hobby that these boys loved to play. They enjoyed playing this game because it gave them something to do and helped them stay away from trouble. "It's not a game, it's life," Julian said.

Thinking it was the appropriate time to pop out from behind the bunker and attack his enemies, Travian ran out to fire. He just knew it was his time to eliminate one of his opponents and capture the flag.

"That team was about to be owned," Travian said.

Paintball is not an easy game to play. Two teams of ten players each are the necessary components for a paintball game. Both teams strive to eliminate their opponents by shooting them with paintballs, and then capturing the flag. They play fifteen minute rounds, and the best three out of five. To win a round, the team eliminates the most opponents or captures the enemy's flag.

"If you stop to think, then it's too late," Justin said.

Travian looked around the field for an opponent, but saw no one. As soon as he started to run up to a closer bunker, he was suddenly struck by a sharp pain in his chest. He looked down at the yellow paint splattered on his team shirt. Hurting, he made his way to the holding tank with the rest of the eliminated players to wait for the next match.

"He basically beasted me," Travian said.

Playing and practicing together for a long time gave these guys an opportunity to bond. As the guys played more and more, they learned their teammates' strengths and weaknesses, and were able to help one another in their game.

"You can't just play it, you gotta live it, eat it, and sleep it, and the more you play together as a team the closer you get to a brotherhood," Travian said.

Story by Pearlie Gault

sport, it's a brotherhood." Travian James

PUNISH

Paintball fanatics feel the pain



Travian James points his Dark Timmy paint ball gun at the enemy. "They shoot, we shoot we win. Team Punishment owns you," Travian said. Team Punishment has played paintball together since 8th grade.

"I don't really know many



Photo by Brandee Carlson

Dancing, pointed toes, and c-jumps are what Sandra Rangel's life is about.

"When I was 7 and 9 I danced at Melissa's Academy, and now I am a Hi-Stepper," Sandra said.

She considers her freshman year to be full of insightful lessons.

"You have the freedom to find out what you like in high school," Sandra said. "For me, it is being a Hi-Stepper."

Sandra is nothing short of a girly-girl when it comes to being primped and pampered.

"My perfect day would be spent in New York City at a spa, and then I would do some shopping," she said.

Some day, Sandra hopes to find herself in bigger places, meeting different people, but for now she is in her 6th period Health class, donning her Hi-Stepper jacket.

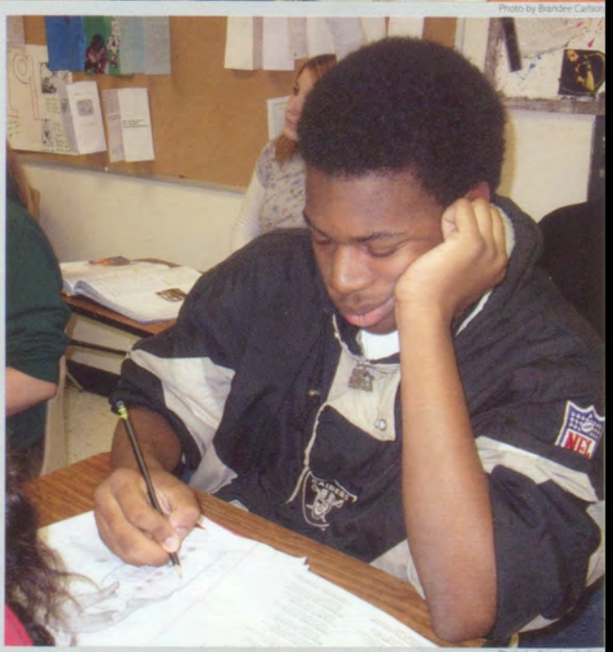


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Flipping through TV channels two years ago, Cardray Payne, landed on the Anime show Inyusha. Since then, he has been recreating the characters on Anime shows with pencil and paper.

"The coolest picture I've drawn was a dude performing a special Ninja technique while he is standing in a field during really bad weather," Cardray said.

When Cardray is not drawing, he is hanging out with his friends.

"The best days of my life are the ones I spend with my friends," Cardray said.

Cardray's vast array of interests include doing handstands and listening to music, however, he is picky about what radio channel he sets.

"I have to listen to rap because my sisters always play it. I can't escape it," Cardray said.

Any third period Cardray brings his artistic self to sit in the desk he shares with a lover, a film maker, and a dancer.

IN MY PLACE

All they have in common is a desk.

In room 708, the classroom where Coach Melvin Jenkins teaches Health Education, a parade of students from all grade levels and social groups makes its way through the doors. To the second desk in the first row, these four students bring their individual personalities and experiences. One seat, four stories.

Stories by Brandee Carlson and Paula Reeves

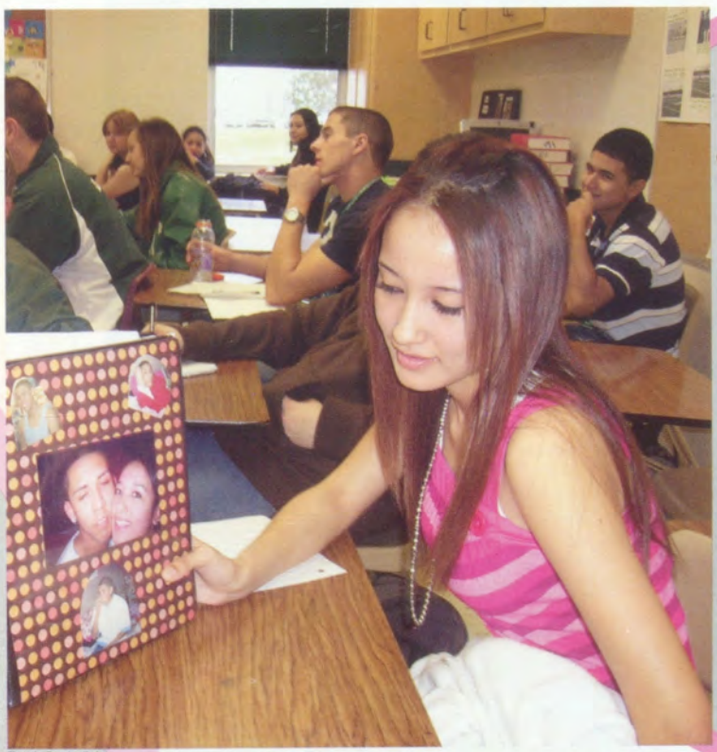


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Heart beating to the tune "Cryin' Out to You" by Mario, Alysia Castillo loves any song that reminds her of her boyfriend, Bobby.

"He always smells like chemicals because he works at Alliance Chemicals," Alysia said.

Alysia looks forward to seeing Bobby every day, despite his pungent smell. She spends her days going to movies and Fuddruckers with him, and at night he controls her subconscious.

"I dream about Bobby seeing other girls, and it's awful," Alysia admitted.

Alysia hopes to visit New York City in her future, has an uncontrollable fear of roller coasters, and loves a certain gummy candy.

"Sour Patch kids are the best candy ever," Alysia exclaimed.

Alysia walks through life in her Air Force 1's, and lands her Bobby-loving, movie-going self in her health desk every 2nd period.



Photo by Paula Reeves

Walking the halls of Taylor High School could be the next president, the person to find the cure for cancer, a new face in the magazines, but what about the next Steven Spielberg?

"I love to film things, especially stop motion stuff," Roman Diaz said.

Roman is a fourteen year old freshman with a fear of breaking bones, hospitals, and growing up.

"If I could stay fourteen forever, I would. I love not having a lot of responsibilities, but also being allowed to do more than what I would be able to if I were younger," Roman said.

When he was asked if there was a joke that was special to him, Roman said that none he knew were suitable for school.

"To be honest, all of the jokes I know are kinda bad," Roman said.

Roman looks at his 5th period desk as a director's seat, wishing he could stay forever young, and thinking of dirty jokes to tell his health class.

"I just don't want to go to



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Marissa Chavana**, Andreina Calzada, David Rodriguez, and Erica Gutierrez from Our Lady of Guadalupe bow their heads in prayer. "We read about how people think that they are good, but realize they are normal," David said. Our Lady of Guadalupe's religious education class read a story called "The Beast" with a moral of humility. **Justine Lorentzen**, Jessica Dale, Noah Corn, and Britney Schneider raise their hands as they sing religious music from the Austin Edge. "You feel like you're more involved," Jessica said. Singing and dancing during services added to the intensity of these students' worship. **At First** Baptist Church, John Estrada, Nick Abbott, Tyler Volek, and Sydney Savage play a game. "We talked about building yourself up, and keeping your self esteem high," Tyler said. The game that they played encouraged participation among the youth group members.



Photo by Taylor Savage



Photo by Brandee Carlson

Walking

into a church puts some at high risk of falling into an inevitable slumber, brought on by the repetitive rituals common to traditional worship. Take that notion, twist it, turn it, and rewind it. The product is the Austin Edge.

"People of our generation sitting in padded pews, listening to an old guy, are less motivated to live a spiritual life than if they were directly and individually helped with their spiritual growth," Austin Edge member Noah Corn said.

Breaking away from the idea of focusing on a religious community, the Austin Edge is a nondenominational worship group that focuses on the individual, spiritual relationship with God.

"There are no certain prayers, and no rituals. The point is to do what it takes to enhance my relationship with Christ," Jessica Dale said.

Prior to joining the Austin Edge, Noah, Jessica, and other Taylor students who attend belonged to other churches ranging from Catholic to Baptist. Rather than stained glass windows and a steeple, they practice in the pastor's house. Going to a typical worship group as compared to a nontraditional one allowed them to develop a better idea of what they wanted out of their faith.

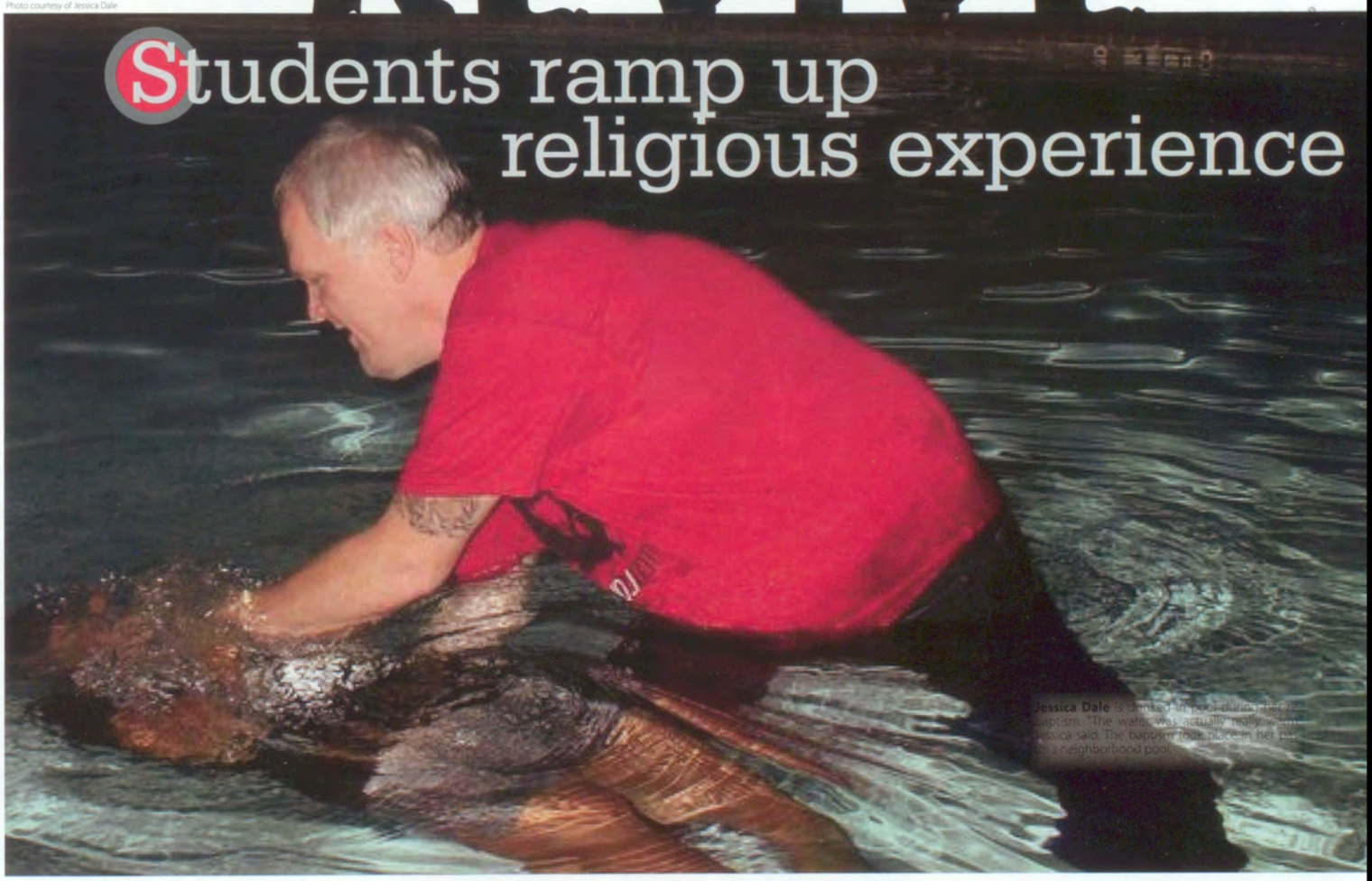
"Practicing in a traditional manner with a church and a priest may work for some people, but it is becoming increasingly apparent that our generation favors a more personalized and intimate

a traditional church." Jessica Dale

REVIVE

Students ramp up religious experience

Photo courtesy of Jessica Dale



Jessica Dale is dunked in pool during her baptism. "The water was actually really warm," Jessica said. The baptism took place in her family's neighborhood pool.

relationship with their religious group," Noah said.

Though the Austin Edge is located a half hour away in Round Rock, members are devoted enough to deplete their gas tanks weekly. They spend between five and six hours a week at the meetings they have every Wednesday and Sunday.

"One particular Wednesday, the Cotton Boll needed tweaking for publishing the following day, [but] I had to give it up. I put the Austin Edge in front of everything, and I would always do that," Noah said.

One of the few things that the Austin Edge has in common with other Christian churches is a form of baptism. Theirs, however, is called a rebaptism, since the majority of the participants have already been rebaptized. Those who wish to be baptized are dunked in a pool while the pastor confirms their faith in Christ.

"It's like a regular baptism, but this time you understand what it is," Jessica said.

"Rebaptism is a public statement that this person has affirmed their relationship with God," Noah said. "Faith is the key to a beneficial relationship with God."

"I went to First Baptist until two years ago," Jessica said. "In between the Austin Edge and then, I didn't believe in God. I started believing again after going [to the Austin Edge], but it took me a long time to open up. I now have a much closer relationship with God."

The Austin Edge has given an outlet to these rebels in the name of religion. The non-conservative approach has fulfilled their needs in their Christian devotion enough for a few to sketch their futures around staying a part of it.

"[Before the Austin Edge] I was just walking through my existence without direction," Noah said. I was left with a void that I thought I would fall into any day. I am now going to arrange [my life] in a way that I can stay in the Austin Edge."

Story by Brandee Carlson

"I like being fresher



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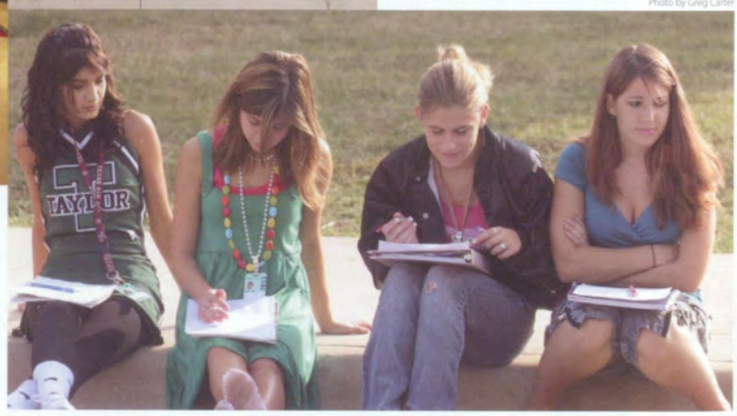
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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Morgan Ward** shows off her moccasins in the hallway. "A lot of people have been asking me where I got them," Morgan said. Being stylish has been Morgan's way of getting noticed at a new school. **Bryanna Guerrero,** Victoria Ochoa, Krissy Hicks, and Victoria Fail show their style outside. "My cheerleading uniform doesn't really feel any different from what I usually wear because I dress very simple. The only difference is I look like all the other cheerleaders when I wear it," Bryanna said. Cheerleaders were required to wear their uniform on game days to show school spirit. **Hi-stepper officers** participate in a dress up day during homecoming week. "I like dressing up. I'm not used to it, but when I do, I feel like a different person," Justine Lorentzen said. During homecoming week, school clubs and groups are encouraged to dress up and support the Ducks. **Bobby Villanueva** poses to call attention to his jeweled t-shirt. Lately rhinestones have made their way into urban clothing as a way to imitate diamonds to show wealth.

Photo by Greg Carter



In case you haven't heard, there are many new trends circulating the globe this year. Back in the old days, style had a strict code that one had to follow. But as years have gone by, it is no longer about looking the exact same as everyone else. It is about personal style and expressing oneself. Out with the old and in with the new.

Students adopted many new changes. It is no longer uncommon to see shoes untied, baggy pants, black nail polish, or guys with earrings. Of course these new statements might not be pleasing to some adults, but they've already had their time to shine.

Taking a look around, it is easy to see that THS is filled with many diverse students who have no trouble expressing themselves through the way they dress.

"I don't care what anyone else likes. I wear my moccasins or crocs when I want to be comfortable," Morgan Ward said.

Whatever the reason, people are going to wear what they feel good in whether it be clothes, or accessories.

Trends can even be started completely by accident. Trey Ancira bought a children's style backpack for school this year and sparked a trend that has taken over at THS.

"We were at the mall in Temple. There were backpacks like Dora the Explorer, Superman, Spiderman, and Hello Kitty. I got a Superman. Travian got a Spiderman," Trey Ancira said.

Since day one, these bags have been catching people's eyes and sparking many questions.

"People ask, 'Why do you wear children's

than the produce aisle." Trey Ancira



Photo by Jordan Humphreys

students define style

Trey Ancira, wears his Superman mini back pack and Gino hoodie with pride. "I needed a backpack for school and I just chose that one instead of a regular Jansport," Trey said. Mini backpacks have become a popular trend at Taylor High School.

backpacks?'. I just say because no one has worn them in the past and me and Travian like being different," Trey said.

All it takes is for one person to think a fad is cool before the whole school catches on and likes it too. The number of mini backpacks in the hallway has grown steadily.

"I started seeing other people with mini backpacks a week after school started. I'm just glad we were the first ones to have them." Trey said.

Projecting an attitude through style is exactly what fashion is all about. Starting new fashion trends is a way to be set apart, while following trends is a way of fitting in. Although it might not seem like it, high school can go by fast so get noticed, go bold, and become a trendsetter.

Story by Alex Sarp

"I start my day by

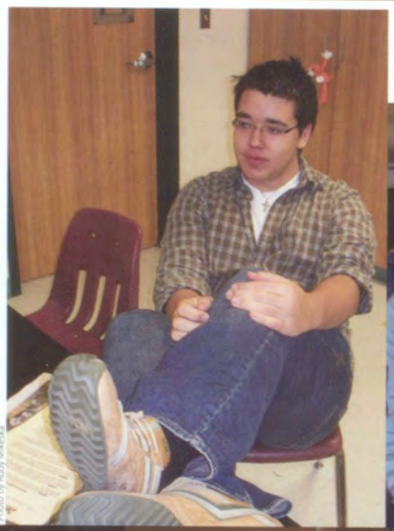


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FROM TOP **Nick Abbott** lounges in his AP Chemistry class. "We're pretty laid back in this class," Nick said. **Mariana Ramirez** searches the internet for ideas to use on the Spanish video project. "We have been really busy because of the video deadline and it's getting really close," Mariana said. Students were divided into groups to work on different parts of the video. **Travis Hyzak** takes a spelling and vocabulary quiz in Mrs. Rowe's AP English IV class. Students were quizzed over AP vocabulary and commonly misspelled words every two weeks. **Natalie Ochoa** works on an assignment in the Distance Learning Computer Class. "It's fun learning different things you can do with the computer," Natalie said. **Carin Gonzales** fills out an evaluation sheet in the Principles of Food Science and Technology Class. "I like the presentations the best because we get to judge other groups presentations," Carin said. The groups have limited time on lab days. **Mrs. Rowe** explains the reading material to her AP English IV students. "I'm proud that my scholars are capable of staying conscious in the early hours of the school day," Mrs. Rowe said. Mrs. Rowe is sure to keep her students informed of the announcements. **Heath O'Banon** works on his pre-calculus equations. "Most of the time I'm half asleep during this class," Heath said.

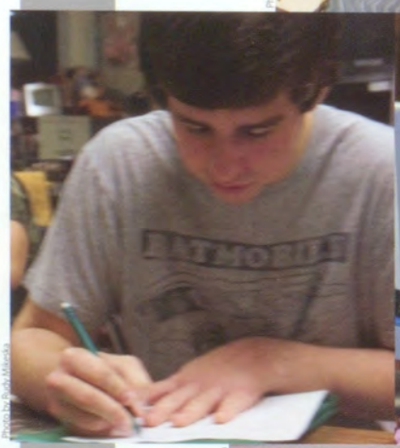


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During

the morning hours, with the day just beginning, second period can seem like such a hectic time of the day. By having a block schedule, students do not have the same classes everyday. Because of co-op and other activities, second period is the only time of the day where most of the students are at school at the same time of the day. Students are enrolled in various classes ranging from fine arts and athletics to foreign languages and technology classes causing everyone to have a busy schedule for the first class of the day.

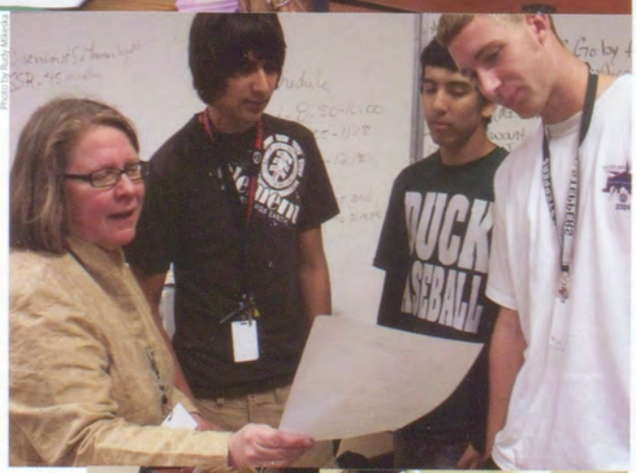


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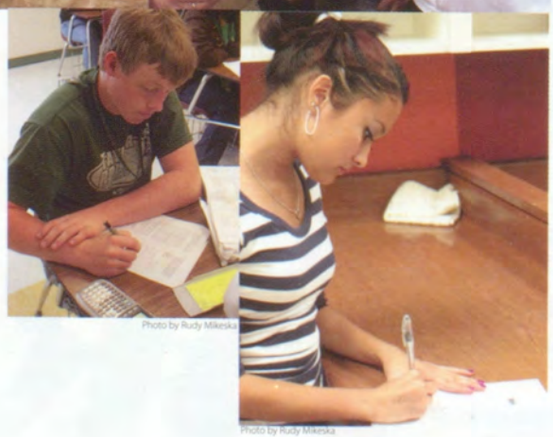


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8:55 am. Room 216 Mr. Gray Art I

Art class is just beginning and the students are getting situated in the classroom. A normal day in this class would include doing a variety of things such as getting out the necessary materials and searching for the assignments previously started on. When class actually begins, students follow the daily routine doing what they are supposed to. Many students work in different ways because art is an individual activity and so each person works at their own pace.

"We normally spend about one to one and a half weeks on an assignment," Holly Frazier said.

thinking positively. Natalie Ochoa

RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW

What's going on?



9:15 am Room 303 Ms. Crider Food Science

Coming into Mrs. Crider's class on a Thursday would reveal that it is a lab day. On lab days, students come into the classroom, write down daily objectives and journals, get recipes back and then go to the lab as a group. Upon entering the lab, each group knows what the routine is and where to get started. From there, every group is on their own to cook and clean up with guidance and assistance from the teacher if needed.

"The lab days usually tend to be more fun," Crystal Carillo said.

9:35 am Room 210 Mrs. O'Quinn Spanish III PAP

Walking into a Spanish III class, one would imagine students buried in books or studying continuous grammar rules, but Mrs. O'Quinn's classes have the opportunity to learn in a more interactive way. Students are busy in groups writing outlines, scripts, public service announcements, and short shows that will be made into a video all in Spanish.

"I think it's going to be fun because everyone has their own ideas and a lot of effort is being put into it," Mariana Ramirez said.

9:55 am Room 229 Distance Learning

Distance Learning class has only a few students enrolled in it, but the few that are there know the importance of the phrase "work now, play later". In this class, students are busy working on assignments on the computer that help with the production of their own web page. Although assistance is available from the teacher through emails or in person every other Friday, students complete the work at their own pace in time for quizzes and tests.

"When I come into this class I try to think positive and get something finished," Natalie Ochoa said.

"I know that people judge me



Photo by Taylor Savage



Photo courtesy of Melanie Carozzo





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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **David Lopez** looks at the blankets, changing pads, and other baby accessories that were sewn in the parenting and child development classes. "Going to school and raising a baby is hard, but I want to be able to give my children the best father they can have; something that I never had as a kid." Rising up to the challenge of taking care of a baby is something that only a fraction of teen parents do while still in school. **Sonogram of** baby at 13 weeks old. **AJ Gonzales** takes notes in Geometry. "It is a hassle doing school work, baseball, and then taking care of a baby," AJ said. Balancing school work with a child is a challenge for many teen parents. **Lidia Kemp** changing her daughter's diaper at the Even Start Daycare Center. "One of the hardest things to adapt to is getting up in the middle of the night to feed or change her, especially when I am half asleep, and she is crying," Lidia said.

Once

again, the alarm clock is blaring; lazily a hand reaches over to hit the snooze, ten more minutes of sleep before getting ready for the hectic school day and everything that goes along with it: classes, homework, teachers, friends, and a baby. This is the reality for some students who attend Taylor High School, minus the ten extra minutes of sleep.

For many the thought of taking responsibility for another individual is unfathomable. Most teens have enough to worry about with just themselves and their social life. Adding the challenge of raising a baby to one's high school career is something that the student body often sees at school, but doesn't really understand, or care enough to understand. People are quick to make judgments about what and who they see, especially on a sensitive subject like teen pregnancy.

"One of the most challenging things about being a teen mother is balancing school with the baby. It is exhausting taking care of the baby and then turning around and dealing with school work," Jacqueline Luna said.

"It is even harder when the baby is sick and I have to stay up late to tend to him, or take him to doctor appointments. When I can't find anyone to watch him it makes it almost impossible to do what I need to for school," Jacqueline said. She also said that Even Start, the school daycare program that is offered for teen parents attending Taylor High has been very helpful for both her baby and herself. Even Start is a daycare located on campus that helps teen parents with childcare. There are strict rules at Even Start that teens who have children in the program must abide by. One aspect of the program is that a child is taken care of as long as the student is in class. Once a student is released from school they must pick up their child from the daycare center. This insures that the parent is taking complete responsibility for their child and not taking advantage of the program.

Aside from finding care for the child, there are also expenses to think of. While most teens are spending money on going out to eat, clothing, or gas, these teen moms are putting everything towards their children. Considering all that come with having a child--like diapers, clothing, formula, medical appointments before, during, and after the birth--things can get extremely expensive.

"The doctor bills are outrageous. If it were not for my mom I don't know how I would get through financially," Mistie Carpenter said.

One of the most challenging thing to deal with, along with the money and sleep deprivation, being judged by peers.

"I feel like I am looked down at because I am pregnant, like people have the impression that I will be a bad parent just because I am still a teenager, or that I will put the baby off with my parents. But I don't think that parenting skills should depend on age, but rather the maturity level and willingness of the person to take responsibility for what they have created," Mistie said.

"I know that people judge me because I have a child, they say I am too young--and yes I am young, but I have someone to be proud of, and I have taken responsibility for him," Jacqueline said.

Playing the role of both the student and the parent is not easy. However, these two teen mothers are determined the best of the path that they are on.

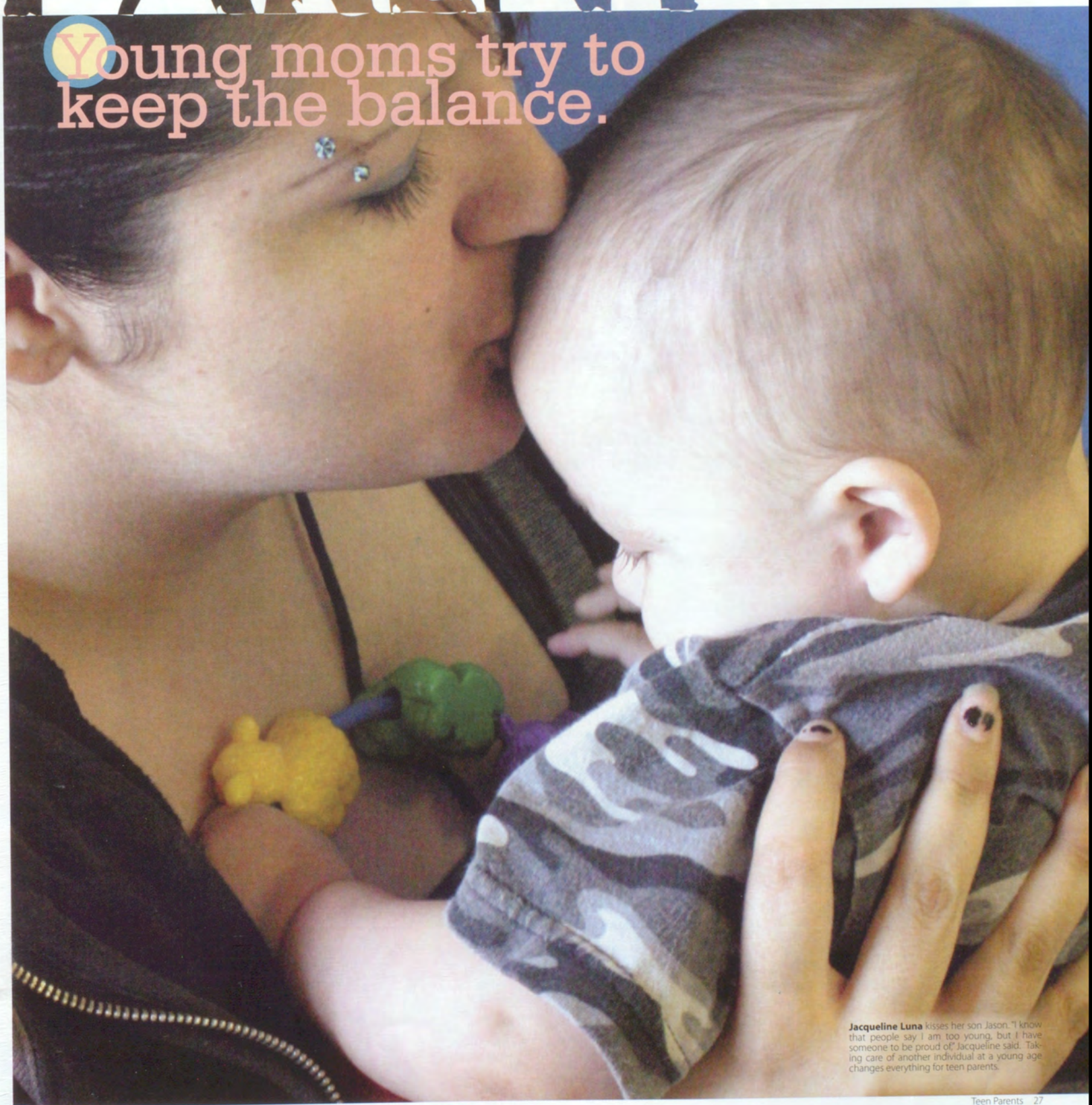
SOME FACTS ABOUT TEEN PARENTS: **One million** teens in the US will become pregnant over the next twelve months. Ninety-five percent of those pregnancies are unintended. About one third will end in abortion; one third will end in spontaneous miscarriage; and one third will continue their pregnancy to term and keep their baby. **More than** half of them are 17 years old or younger when they have their first pregnancy. **40 % of** young women become pregnant before they reach 20 years old. **The US** has double the adolescent pregnancy and birth rates of any other industrialized country. **Less than** one third of teens who have babies before the age of 18 finish high school. **Almost half** of all teen mothers end up on welfare. **Less than** 25 percent of births to teens occur within wedlock. **The birth** rate for teens has been declining in recent years.
(www.coolnurse.com/teenparentinginfo)

Story by Lauren Connors

because I have a child." Jacqueline Luna

PARENT

Young moms try to keep the balance.



Jacqueline Luna kisses her son Jason. "I know that people say I am too young, but I have someone to be proud of," Jacqueline said. Taking care of another individual at a young age changes everything for teen parents.

"Watch out. They call me



Photo by John Estrada

I really gotcha good this time.



Photo by Alex Sarp

Stinky. John Estrada left a can of tuna fish open in Bryan Mundkowsky's truck. "I will never leave my truck unlocked again. It smelled so bad!" Bryan said.



Photo by Abel Rincon



Photo by Alex Sarp

Sticky. Abel Rincon vandalized Tristan Meyer's truck by squirting syrup on the windows then throwing flour at them. "I was only mad for a second, then I realized it was just a harmless prank," Tristan said. Sometimes prank materials would damage people's cars.



Photo by Alex Sarp



Photo by Trudy Savage

Orange. Daniel Campbell filled Taylor Savage's yard with Cheetos. "It was a pain to go and pick snack food up out of the yard in the morning," Taylor said. Daniel "Soup" Campbell also enjoyed sticking donuts on people's cars.



Go on and just admit it. Everyone has pulled a prank before, and if someone has not, then they've been the victim of one. So why do people pull pranks? Many think they are funny, but sometimes it is easy to get carried away with a joke. In recent years, Taylor High School students have had their share of the silliness. Senior Richard Alford recalls when he found his truck parked in the middle of the TH Johnson Gym.

"I couldn't find my truck outside and I started freaking out. I went inside the gym to tell Coach and it was right there by the garage doors," Richard said.

Practical jokes are usually unexpected, which adds to the effect. Before surprising a person though, make sure they can be mature about it and will think of it as funny. It is not successful if the person gets mad.

"I don't know what happened, people usually pick on Cory. I guess they got my keys out of my locker at the field house."

Although it is hard to actually carry out the prank, it is much harder to get away with the act. When people gossip, someone is bound to find out who the culprit is.

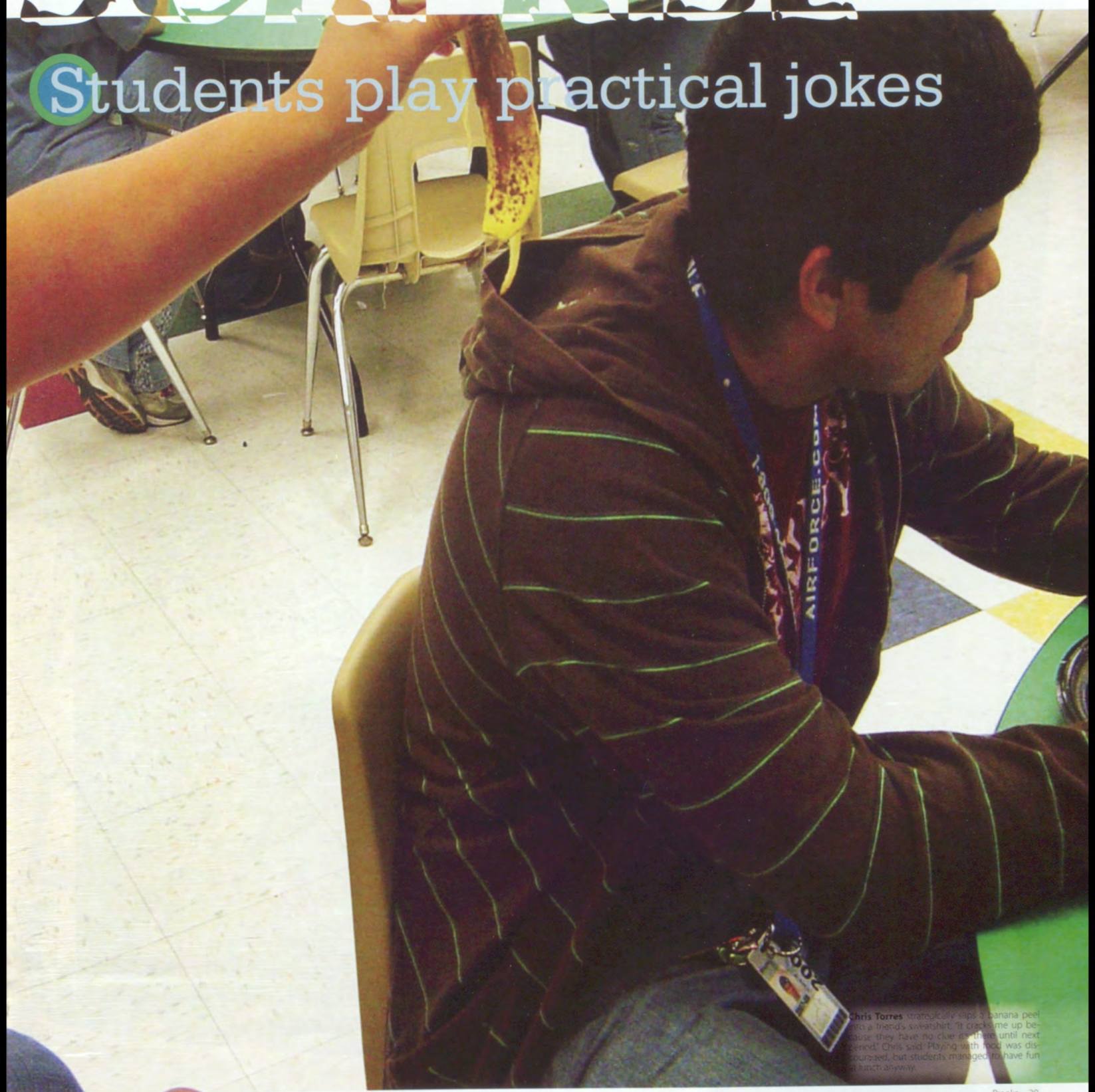
"No one ever told me who did it," Richard said, "but I know it was Coach Schneider because every time I see him he starts laughing!"

Story by Alex Sarp

the banana bandit." Chris Torres

SURPRISE

Students play practical jokes



Chris Torres strategically slips a banana peel into a friend's sweatshirt. "It cracks me up because they have no clue it's there until next period," Chris said. Playing with food was discouraged, but students managed to have fun at lunch anyway.

"I woke up and saw snow

Christmas



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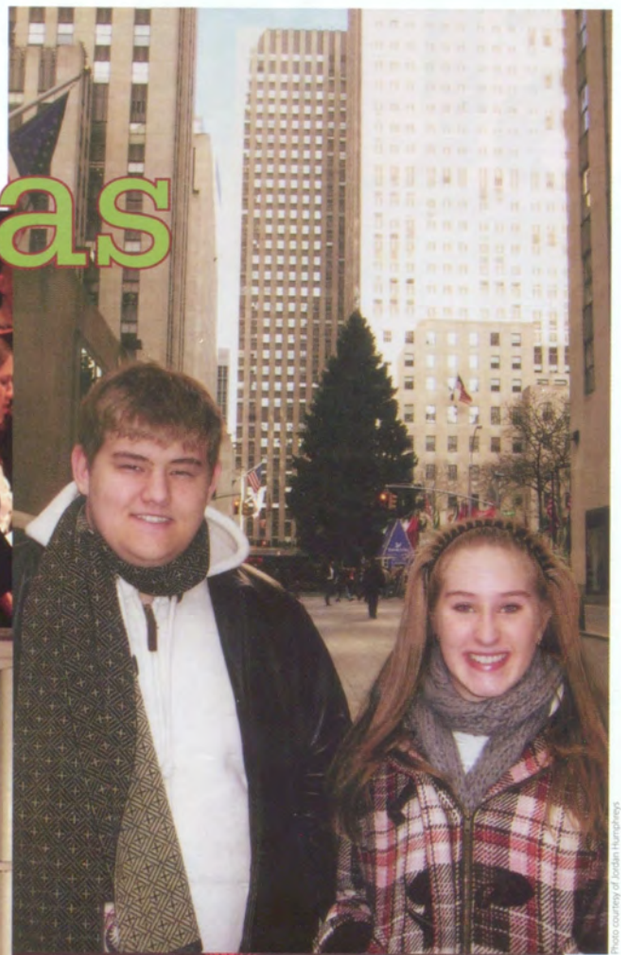


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Photo courtesy of Jillian McQuillen



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Photo Courtesy of Jonathan Gonzales

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Jillian McQuillen** stands at the entrance of the Alcatraz prison in California. "We took a tour of the prison and actually got locked in the jail cells," Jillian said. "They were very small and there was blood all over the walls. It was creepy." Alcatraz is no longer in use but it still leaves an eerie feeling with the tourists that visit. **Jillian McQuillen** stands in a cell on Alcatraz Island with her brother. "The water around the island is really shark infested," Jillian said. "That is why it was built there. So the prisoners couldn't swim away." Jillian visted California with her family over winter break. **The THS** choir performs for their Christmas concert. "We sang a lot of our UIL pieces and mixed in some carols to make it Christmas themed," Brandy Foster said. The choir prepares months in advance for their concerts. **Jordan Humphreys** and his sister stand in front of the giant Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center on their trip to New York for the winter break. "It was amazing how many people there are in New York," Jordan said. "It's the biggest city in the world and its crazy that we still found places where we could get away from the fast pace." Jordan could see the tree from their hotel in Rockefeller Center. **Jonathan Gonzales** takes a picture of himself on Halloween. "Halloween is my favorite holiday because it allows people to change up their normal style," Jonathan said. Jonathan was dressed up as an aspiring model.

Halloween

for the first time!" Kelli Aiello



Photo courtesy of Kelli Aiello

Kelli Aiello poses on her sled after going down a hill. "It was so much fun but I was afraid of hitting trees on my way down," Kelli said. This was Kelli's first time to go sledding.

Students enjoy the holidays.

"It was a time to eat,



Photo Courtesy of Brittni Gola



Photo Courtesy of Courtney Hyde



Photo Courtesy of Brittni Gola



Photo Courtesy of Jillian McQuillan



Photo Courtesy of Jackie Orozco

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Jackie Orozco** plays with her little cousin on Easter sunday. "Easter is always fun because I get to do whatever I gave up for Lent," Jackie said. Most students spent Easter with their families. **Jillian McQuillan** gets ready to go on the Scream at Fiesta Texas. "That is my favorite ride by far, Jillian said. "It makes your stomach feel funny." Amusment parks are a favorite spot to go on Spring Break. **Shamu leaps** as part of the "Believe" show at Sea World in San Antonio. **Brittni Gola** and her sister watch a show at Sea World during spring break. "I loved watching the whales swim," Brittini said. The San Antonio theme parks attracted Taylor students over the break. **Courtney Hyde** tries her skills at skim boarding in South Padre. "I fell so many times, but it was fun to try something different," Courtney said.

Spring

Break is a time for relaxation and a break from all the stresses of school. Some students relaxed at home and others ventured off to different places with their families. Reese Hall went to New Orleans, Louisiana with a friend to see the sights, like Bourbon Street and the French Quarter.

"It was really interesting to see all the things you always see on TV, Bourbon Street was really cool. There were tons of different kind of people," Reese said.

Also, Harmony Lorentzen and some of her friends went to Six Flags to spend the day.

"It was really packed with all the spring breakers but it was really fun--better than spending the day at home," Carla Hoffman said.

Courtney Hyde went to South Padre with a group of friends and decided to get a tattoo on her back.

"I was so nervous, but I'm really glad I got it," Courtney said.

Brittni Gola took a trip to Sea World with her family and saw the Shamu show, "Believe."

"We had planned to go to Fiesta Texas but the line was way to long to get in, so we went to Sea World instead, it was suprisingly a lot of fun," Brittni said.

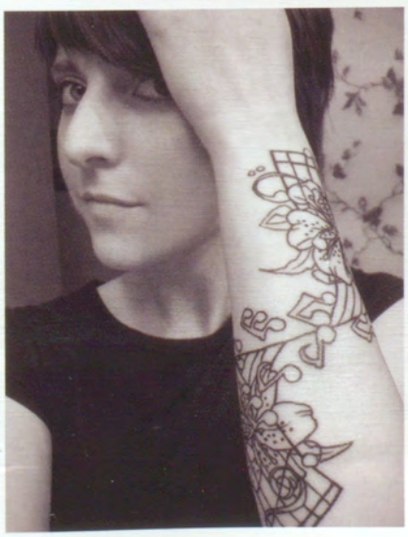
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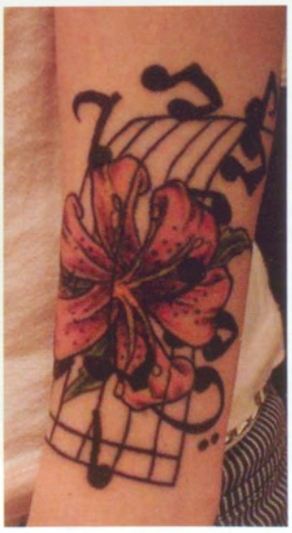
sleep and chill." Andreina Calzada

RELAX

Students take advantage of Spring Break.







Courtney Hyde sits still as she gets her first tattoo in South Padre. "I've always wanted to get wings on my back and I had finally built up the nerve so I figured why not," Courtney said.

Jacqueline Wolf shows off the tattoo she got over Spring Break. "I was so happy about the tattoo that I tried to be a man about it," Jacqueline said. "But the tattoo artist said I was braver than most guys." Jacqueline had her tattoo outlined at the start of the break and went back at the end to get it filled.

'This summer I went through

Technology changes rapidly; students keep up.



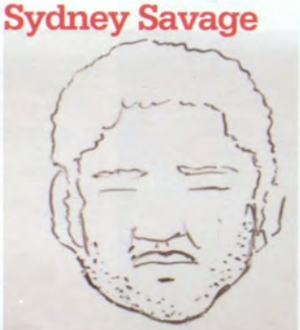
Justin Seigmund kicks his Sidekick to make a call. "I love the way it flips up because it kicks to the side. You know—Sidekick," Justin said.

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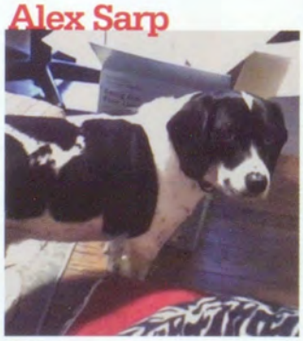
Students **shoot** cell phone photos to capture the moment.

Sydney Savage



"It's Larry's face! Soup drew it on the board."

Alex Sarp



"My dog Scooter is soooo cute!"

Britton Byfield



"My little sister McKenzy loves her American Girl doll."

like three phones." Brittany Blank



Photo by Pearlie Gault

Alvaro Alderete slides his Apple iPod Touch over to change his song. "I'm so glad I got this iPod because there's MySpace on it and the pics come up clear as day," Alvaro said. The iPod Touch is the only iPod with internet access. **Johnny Epperson** slides his Apple iPhone to look through his emails. "What I love about this phone is that I can get on the internet easily without teachers noticing," Johnny said. The iPhone not only lets you call or text people but you can also go online and save music on it. **Matthew Hernandez** jams on his iPod as he works on his video project after school. "I don't listen to it during school hours," Matt said. "That's against the rules." **Sonya Schmidt** searches for "Lip Gloss" on her iPod so her group can use the song for their music video project. Students in Video Tech snagged mp3's off their listening devices and imported them into the video editing software. **Chelsey Boykins** slides open her LG Chocolate to reply to a text message. "The best thing about this phone is the touch pad, it's better because you don't really have to push the button down like on a regular phone," Chelsey said. The Chocolate phone came out in all different colors and it also has an mp3 player on it. **Dillon Pfluger** sends a text message on his new Blackberry Pearl. "The keypad is the best part of this because the letters are all in different spots," Dylan said. The Blackberry Pearl is an upgrade to the regular Blackberry in the AT&T and Sprint services.



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Amanda Cannon



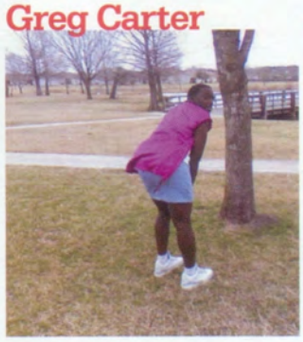
"It's my face!"

Jonathan Gonzales



"You can see the reflections of people's legs as they went by."

Greg Carter



"I was in costume for our music video."

Jacob San Migel

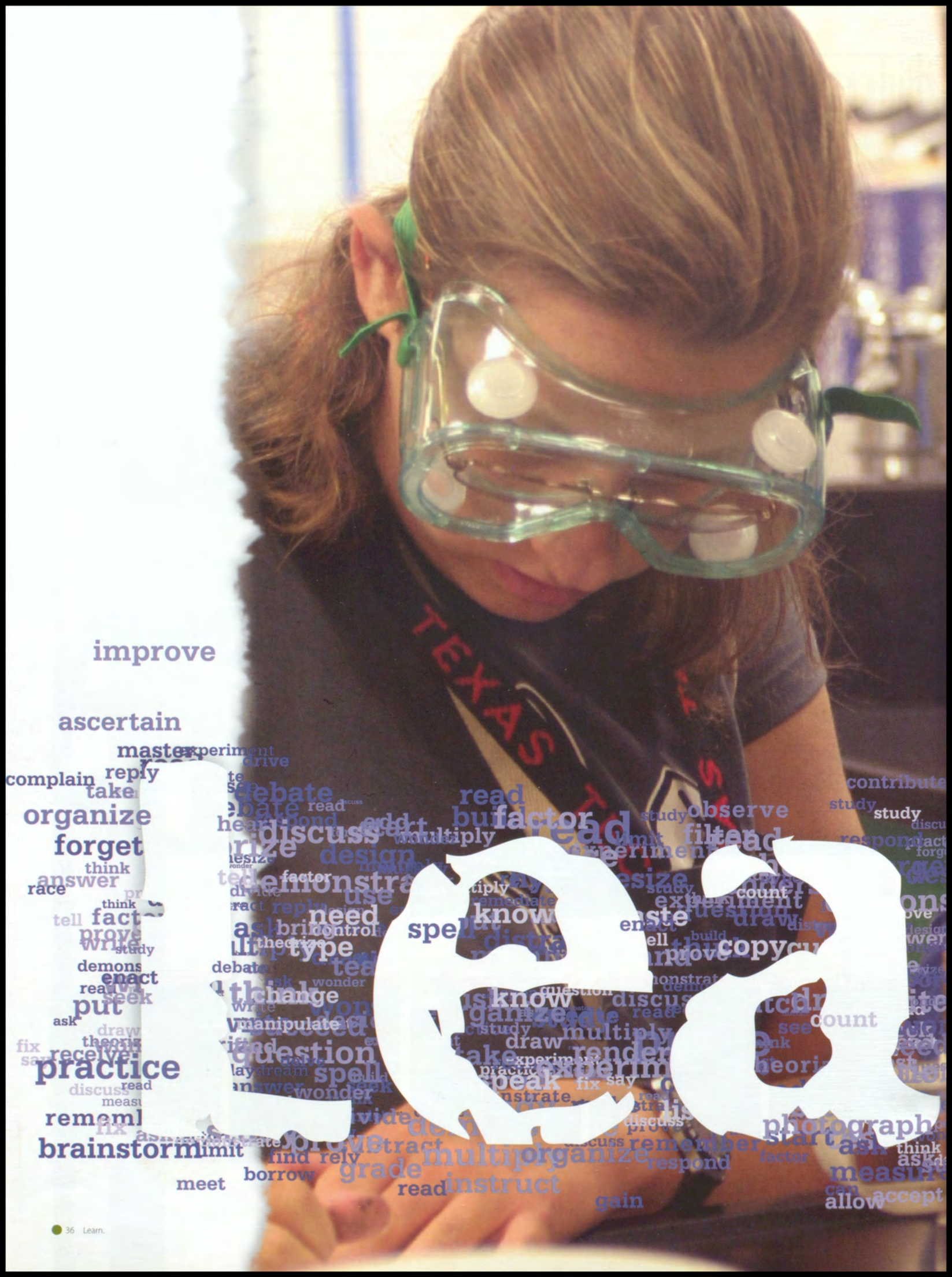


"I got hit in the head with a baseball."

Claire Berger



"My cat Moe."


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Ashley Lantzsch writes an AP Chemistry Lab as Mrs. Schuldt observes. "It's quite a bit more work than I had expected originally, but I like this class because it's a lot of fun," Ashley said. Members of the AP Chemistry Class have taken time out of their weekends to come to the school and perform lengthy labs.

Photo by Gregory Carter

Perform. Students build character.



Krista Seidel and Paula Reeves unpack their belongings in their new residence for sick children. "I like my part because I get to die and won't have to memorize as many lines," Krista said. Krista, who was a cheerleader in the play, is also one in real life.

Photo by Josh Nations

Story by Paula Reeves

"Okay, black out! Curtains up! And start!" You might think that directing a play is hard work, but just choosing a UIL One-Act Play for competition is difficult. Just ask the drama teacher, Mr. Jonathan Alonso, who's been doing this for Taylor High for four years.

"Choosing scripts to read, then reading all of them is a hassle and time consuming at times, but you have to look for something you can relate to, and something that can be understood by the students performing, which is why I chose, "John Lennon and Me" to be our One-act play," Mr. Alonso said.

> "I didn't want any particular part. I'm just really glad that I got two parts, instead of just one."
> Jennifer Townsend

Many people would think that when you put on a show, it would be to please the audience, but not for Mr. Alonso. He's more concerned with what the students will get out of the play, rather than the audience he shows it to.

"Even though we're going to competition for 'John Lennon and Me' and the judges' reactions are important, I really want the students to learn good work ethic, as well as appreciation for the theater, and have a whole lot of fun," Mr. Alonso said.

Not only is it difficult to find a script you want to use, it is also hard to cast the play. Auditions were held before the winter vacation, and the students found out their characters the day school let out. Because of the lack of people auditioning, the play had to be double-cast.

"It's extremely difficult to cast the plays because on one hand, you have a job to do, and on the other, you want everyone to participate in the theatrical performance, plus you have to worry about cast size, and the number of each gender trying out," Mr. Alonso said.

For Jennifer Townsend, this was not



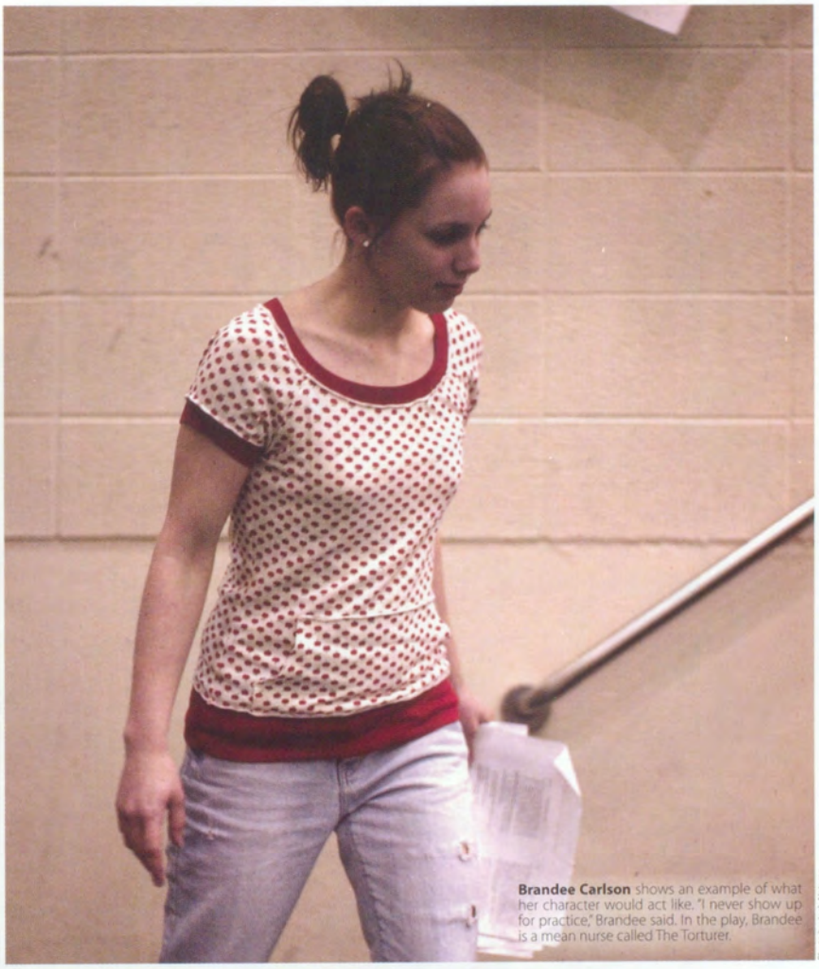
Kristina Bourdeau jumps onstage to reveal her character's energy. "I really like any part I get because I love acting," Kristina said. Kristina plays Sally, who is a little diabetic.

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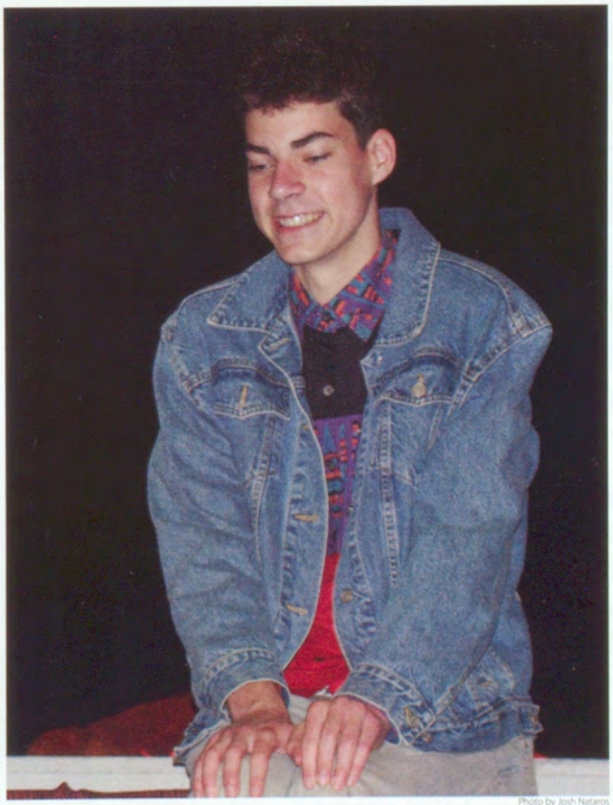
Paula Reeves cringes after getting an award for All Star Cast. "I wasn't expecting to get an award. I mean, I felt onstage. You're not supposed to do that," Paula said. Seth Marcey joined her onstage for the same award.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Brandee Carlson shows an example of what her character would act like. "I never show up for practice," Brandee said. In the play, Brandee is a mean nurse called The Torturer.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Kevin Lindsay looks bashfully towards Krista Sediel. "I like being Krista's boyfriend onstage," Kevin said. Unfortunately for Kevin, Krista died in the play.

Photo by Josh Nataros

her first play to audition for. She was well prepared for whatever parts she received, which were Claudia Grubner, and the Torturer.

"The auditions took a long time, but I'm glad I got two parts. I only expected to get one. Its weird playing two characters that aren't even that close to how I am. Claudia is a hip, cool, young mom of the main character, and the Torturer is this evil nurse that no one likes," Jennifer said.

It takes a good show, and even better acting to make the play move the audience. Whether it makes the audience laugh or cry, those are both signs that the play was a success.

"This play has a combo of humor with a healthy dose of drama. I really enjoy shows I can laugh with, and also learn from," Mr. Alonso said. "I hope the audience learns that life and its lessons are universal, and we can all relate to each other in some manner."

Make a change.

Noah Corn redesigns school newspaper

Story by Alex Sarp

The light radiated through the window at the UIL regional competition for writing. Noah Corn had been immobile for the past few minutes, his mind trapped in space with rapt contemplations about the year ahead for the Cotton Boll. Eureka! He shot up suddenly as a quick surge of excitement overtook him. It was an idea capable of altering the way Taylor High School students viewed the newspaper forever. The Cotton Boll was in for a change.

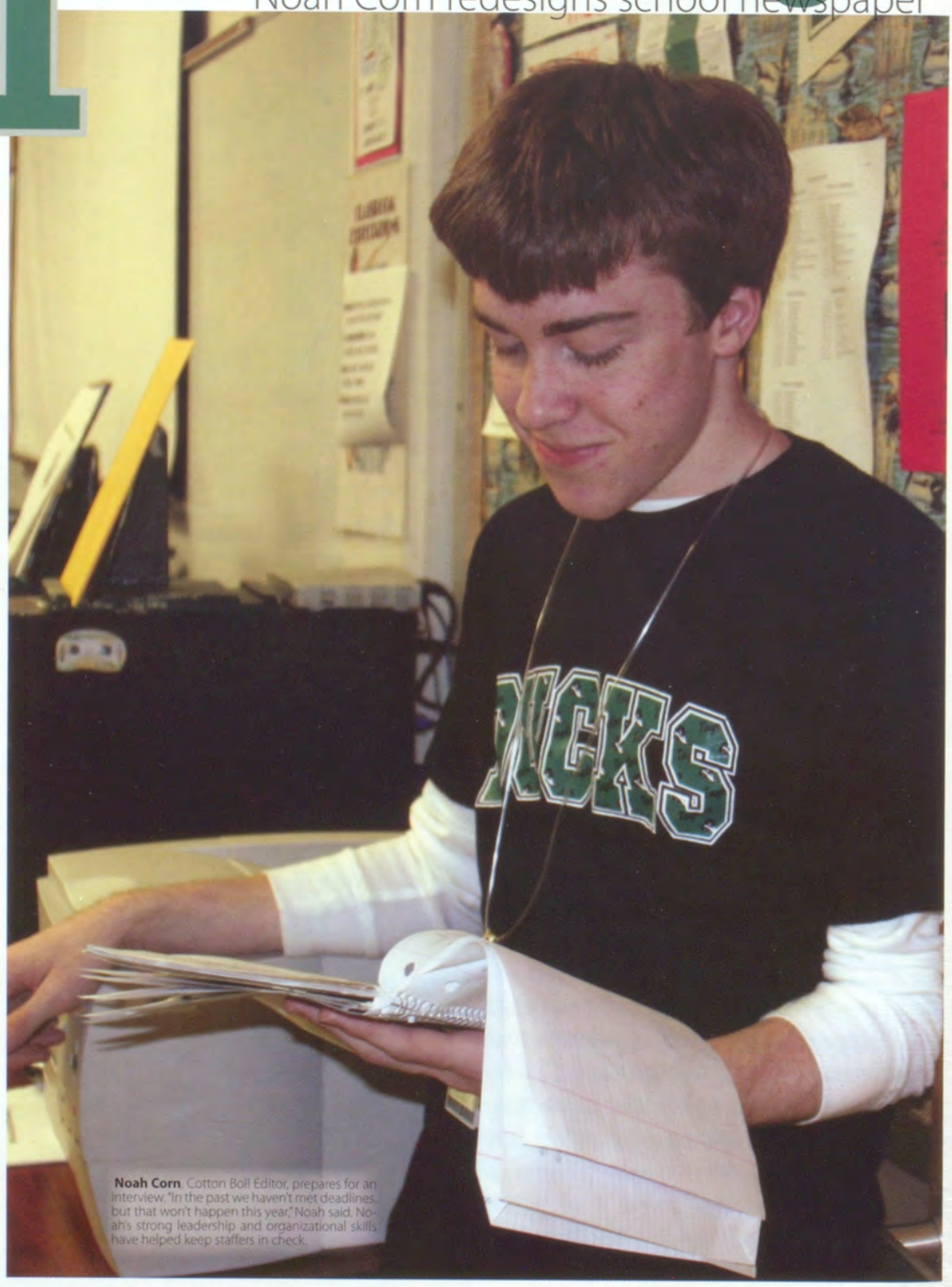
"My favorite thing about the Cotton Boll is being able to see how far I can take an idea," Noah said.

That was exactly what he did. It did not take long to pick up an issue and see what was different about the "new and improved" Cotton Boll.

"It looks like a magazine now. I'm much more interested in reading it," Brittany Blank said.

Although the decision to redesign has been costly, the twenty five staff members are working together to sell ads that will pay for it. The most noticeable changes were the front and back pages that are now printed in color. Additionally, the issue was bigger, and a magazine format replaced the traditional design.

"My favorite thing about the Cotton Boll is being able to see how far I can take an idea and write it." Noah Corn



Noah Corn, Cotton Boll Editor, prepares for an interview. "In the past we haven't met deadlines, but that won't happen this year," Noah said. Noah's strong leadership and organizational skills have helped keep staffers in check.

"My whole purpose is for the students to be in charge," adviser Dawn Fischer said. "We run like a business."

"I felt it needed something new--that since I was Editor I should take advantage of the position and add my own flare," Noah said.

The school's new block schedule split the Cotton Boll into two class periods. This was difficult because each person had to contribute to the publication. However, monthly meetings and effective communication helped to keep the staff in order.

The staff expected nothing short of excellence in the six issues they created.

"I have kids who have a lot to offer," Mrs. Fischer said. "I'm excited."

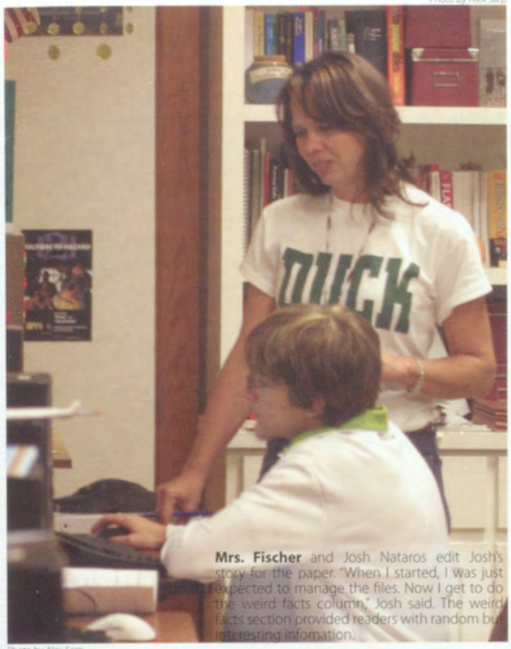


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Mrs. Fischer and Josh Nataros edit Josh's story for the paper. "When I started, I was just expected to manage the files. Now I get to do the weird facts column," Josh said. The weird facts section provided readers with random but interesting information.



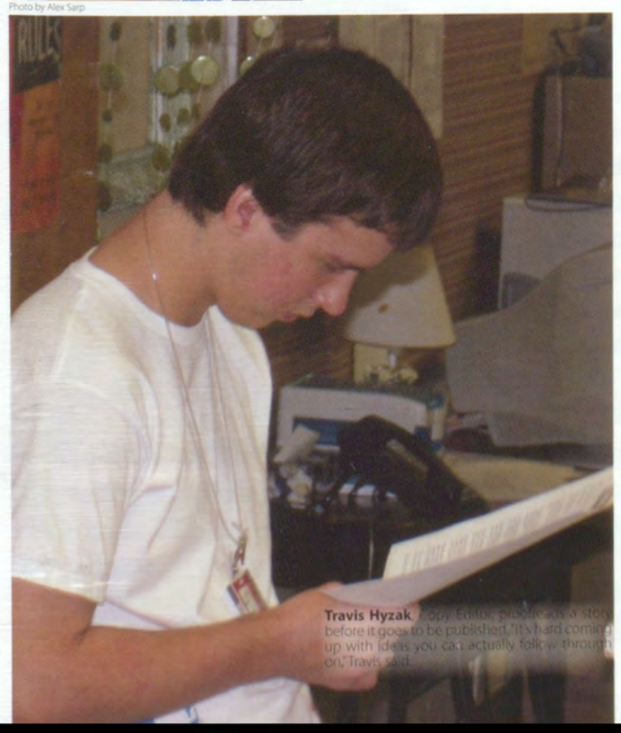
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Meghan Chacon conducts an interview by telephone in the Cotton Boll office. "It's convenient to have a school phone available to use," Meghan said. It was sometimes necessary to interview people over the phone because a personal meeting could not be scheduled.



Photo by Alex Sarp

Andrew Jones analyzes music for his upcoming story in the newspaper. The Cotton Boll's entertainment section covered recent music, movies, and TV shows.



Travis Hyzak, Copy Editor, proofreads a story before it goes to be published. "It's hard coming up with ideas you can actually follow through on," Travis said.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Brittany Blank** experiments with a camera in Photojournalism. "I love photography, and sometimes I take pictures of my friends or at events," Brittany said. Students learned how to properly use professional cameras in Photojournalism. **Kelsey Walton** and Ms. Zavala browse pictures on the computer in Photojournalism. All pictures had to be looked at thoroughly to ensure the best quality photo. **Brooke Gabel** and Jenna Howard enthusiastically raise their hands to participate in journalism. "I'll probably join the journalism club, Global Voices, because I love writing," Jenna said. The journalism club went around the school and spent time getting to know more about students with different interests, and from different cultures. **Mrs. Lawson** double-checks a presentation in her BCIS class. "I just wait for that look in their eyes--that 'now I get it' look," Mrs. Lawson said. "And I'm patient about it because that makes my job worth it." The students in BCIS learned basic skills for the business world which included taking pictures and designing fliers. **Ms. Zavala** teaches Nekey Miller how to roll film properly. "It was my first time rolling film, and it was difficult," Nekey said. In journalism, students learned about all of the aspects of writing, interviewing, and taking pictures.



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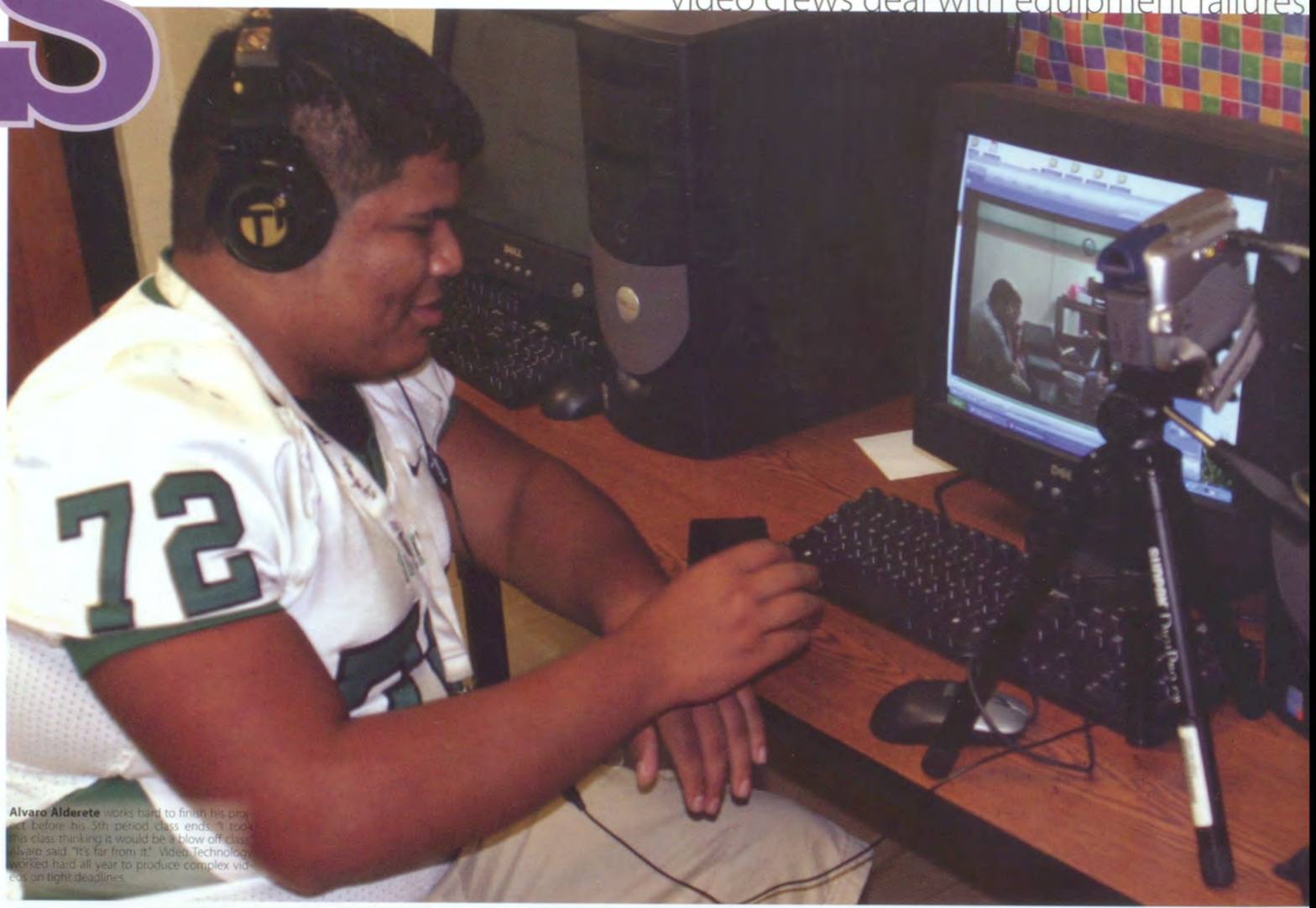
Go beyond.

Josh Nataros:

"I joined Cotton Boll just this year because it wouldn't fit into my schedule last year. I like being able to put something on paper I know someone will read. It's a good feeling."

Shoot me now.

video crews deal with equipment failures



Alvaro Alderete works hard to finish his proj[illegible] before his 5th period class ends. "I took this class thinking it would be a blow off class," Alvaro said. "It's far from it." Video Technology worked hard all year to produce complex videos on tight deadlines.

Story by Britton Byfield

Three different computers, four new video cameras, and five different fire wires; eventually, students in Mrs. Catuogno's Video Technology class find the right combination of equipment to start working on their video projects. The Video Tech classes and TV staff have both had their fair share of trouble with the school's equipment and software.

"Technology tends to start working on its own time, with no respect towards human deadlines," Taylor Savage said.

> "Actually, I don't freak out anymore like I used to." Mrs. Catuogno



Taylor produces the weekly news show for THS-TV and has had several run-ins with technology that prevented him from getting the show broadcast on time or at least caused him "a lot of stress" as he spent hours performing tasks that should have taken a few minutes.

"It's very frustrating for the staff," adviser Melanie Catuogno said, "when they do everything right and it still doesn't work. But that's just reality. Professional movie crews and news crews have the same issues--they just have more time and money to deal with those issues."

The first show of the year is a perfect example. THS-TV's brand new staff shot and edited three news packages; Taylor edited the show and burned it to a DVD which he took to the library. With much fanfare, classroom teachers were directed to turn on their TV's. The show began . . . and about ten seconds into the first package, the screen went blank.

"It wasn't our fault," said THS-TV station manager Andy Stapp. "The Channel One equipment in the library failed to broadcast. But to everyone out there watching, we're the ones who look bad."

Even to students in Video Technology, one of the biggest challenges of video production was not the filming or editing, but getting the equipment and software to work. Throughout the course of the three years the high school has had video equipment, ten cameras have periodically been sent off to manufacturers for repair. Stress levels continued to rise throughout the classes as more and more of the aging equipment began to fail. Experienced students have helped develop new strategies for dealing with technology issues.

"We've started a list of combinations of cameras, fire wires and computers that work together, so when it is time to start the projects, endless trial and error with different combinations won't be needed," Matt Lozano said.

"Actually," Mrs. Catuogno said, "I don't freak out about it anymore like I used to. I've just accepted that when it comes time to teach capturing, that's when everything is going to go wrong. I've adjusted my expectations and I can better prepare the students so they don't freak out either."





Photo by Taylor Savage

Checking the camera angle, Britton Byfield sets up the shot for his partner's intro to a news package for THS-TV. "I really prefer editing, but being behind the camera is a lot of fun too," Britton said. The TV staff filmed hours of footage to make their news packages as good as possible.

Looking professional, Seth Marcon gives the intro to his news package. "Being on camera is easily the most nerve-wracking thing about being on TV staff," Seth said. Seth was in Video Tech as a sophomore and became a member of THS-TV as a junior.



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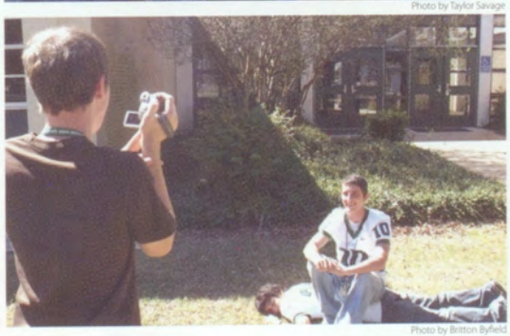


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Daniel Jones sits on Ryan Gonzales while being filmed during Video Tech. "It's weird being out of the classroom for class," Daniel said. "It's nice to be out of the school, away from the teachers." After students and parents signed a contract detailing the risks and responsibilities of the coursework, students were trusted throughout the year to be away from the class to film their projects.

Learning how to use the different equipment, Krystal Estrada and Youqing Ouyang work together to figure out how to use the microphone kits. "When you see it all together, it looks confusing," Krystal said. "But it's actually all pretty easy." Students used microphone kits to get the best quality sound for their video projects.

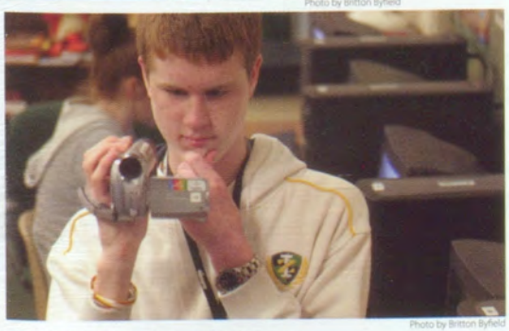


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Filming during class, Matthew Ballard works on his techniques so he can continue to improve his film making. "It's a lot of fun being a filmmaker," Matthew said. "It takes a long time to become a great one, so I have to keep practicing." Students like Matthew strove to make their films the best they could during their Video Technology classes.

what it takes to Produce an episode of THS-TV



Photo by Taylor Savage

5 BRAINSTORM & WRITE INTRO, OUTRO, AND QUESTIONS

The TV staff works together to come up with ideas for their next TV packages. "We all sit down and brainstorm different ideas," Preston Eschberger said. "New movies, video games, anything that is interesting, we talk about it." Some of the best ideas were just words until the staff turned them into informative TV shows.



Photo by Britton Byfield

4 SHOOT FOOTAGE OF EVENT OR INTERVIEW

Kari Jahn films author April Henry during her presentation to an English class in the library. "Its fun being behind the scenes," Kari said. "We get to see stuff that other students don't get the chance to." TV staff filmed different school activites and events throughout the year.



Photo by Britton Byfield

3 EDIT FOOTAGE INTO COMPLETE NEWS PACKAGE

Andy Stapp edits a package for TV Staff. "Editing is usually the most stressful part; it takes a lot of patience," Andy said. Deadlines were the biggest obstacle staffers faced in finishing TV packages.



Photo by Britton Byfield

2 SHOOT ANNOUNCEMENTS & EDIT COMPLETE SHOW FOR DVD

In front of the green screen in the tiny studio, Taylor Savage records the day's announcements for THS TV. "I never get it on the first try," Taylor said. "Sometimes it takes ten minutes, sometimes an hour." The TV Staff worked hard to make sure everything ran smoothly during the production of a show.



Photo by Britton Byfield

1 BROADCAST FROM LIBRARY DURING 6TH PERIOD ON TUESDAY

Students in Mrs. Rowe's class watch THS-TV. "It's cool hearing the news and announcements from the students' perspective rather than from the teachers or principals," Ryan Hill said. The show was broadcast once a week, usually on Tuesdays.

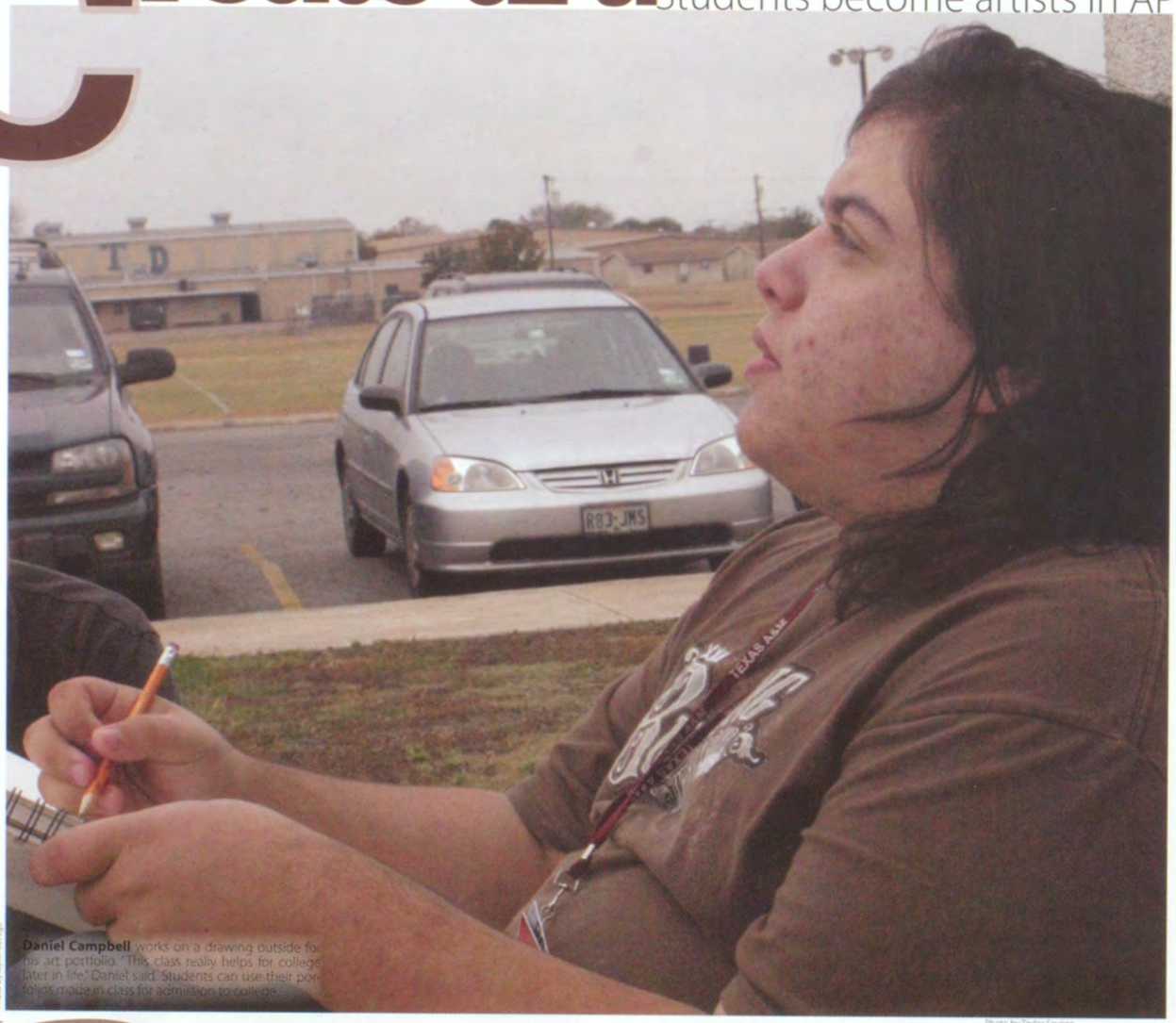
Go beyond.

Matt Lozano:

"I took Video Tech and I've been on TV staff for two years... and I hate technology. I hate cameras. I hate microphones. I hate cables and computers. Most of all, I hate batteries."

Create art.

Students become artists in AP Studio Art.



Daniel Campbell works on a drawing outside for his art portfolio. "This class really helps for college later in life," Daniel said. Students can use their portfolios made in class for admission to college.

Photo by Taylor Savage



Photo by Taylor Savage

Story by Krista Seidel

Behind every canvas splattered in paint is an artist. For the students who have mastered artistic skills, there is a new AP Studio Art class offered. It allows students to improve their skill and prepare for careers in art.

"This class is a great opportunity," Art teacher Nathan Gray said. "There are a lot of talented young artists at this school who haven't gotten to explore their abilities. I'm glad to give them that opportunity."

> "This class is great; it's Heaven on Earth."
> Daniel Campbell

This class is very different from other art classes at this school. Because it is a two-dimensional art class, the projects are only drawn or painted rather than being sculpted or constructed. And unlike beginner classes, which must teach basic skills, this class gives students freedom to explore their own concepts through art.

"It is a faster-paced class," Daniel Campbell said. "You work on your own stuff and are not really told what to do."

AP Studio Art students are required to submit a description to Mr. Gray before starting a project so that they plan each project. They compile their artwork into portfolios that they send to a committee in order to earn college credit. The students' portfolios can also be used when applying to art schools.

"A piece of work is never done to me so it's hard to have all the due dates," Kari Jahn said.

The due dates for the artists are stressful enough not to mention the large number of students in the classroom. AP Studio Art and Art III share the same period so it can be difficult for for AP Art students to get work done with distractions from the class.

"I don't like the kids in there who goof off," Kari said. "It takes time away from the serious kids. I sit in the corner so I can concentrate better."

This class has opened up a lot of opportunities for the students in it. Some just can't seem to get enough art.

"I love art," Daniel said. "Art is my life."



Photo by Gregory Carter



Brittnay Fail finishes a project in Mrs. Barnett's Art II class. "I enjoy this class a lot," Brittnay said. "It gives me an opportunity to express myself." Many students use their art as a form of self expression.



Chris Hill finishes a drawing in his Art III class. "I really like the freedom that Mr. Gray gives us with our art," Chris said. The Art III and AP Studio Art classes were combined giving Chris a head start on college-level art.

Photo by Taylor Savage



Untitled by Crystal Lopez

Photos by Kat Jahn

Photo by Gregory Carter



Chase Williams works on a design in Digital Graphics. "This class is really fun," Chase said. "I enjoy drawing on the computer." Digital Graphics is a class that many students take to earn their required technology credit.





Hunter Wilson concentrates on a drawing for Mr. Gray's Art I class. "I like this class because I get to be creative," Hunter said. There is no experience needed to be in Art I so many students take the class.

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Kimberly Flores works on a drawing for Mr. Gray's Art III class. "I like this class because you get to draw what you want to draw and express yourself how you want," Kimberly said.

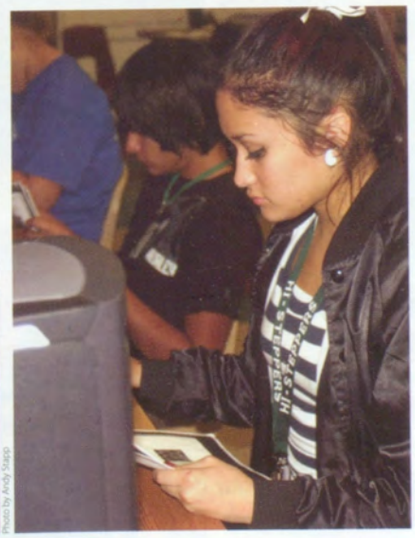


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Shane Mundkowsky asks Mr. Gray a question about an assignment. "I love the freedom to be creative and I love inspiring kids to be creative," Mr. Gray said. The motivation Mr. Gray gives to the students helps them with their art.

Carin Gonzales works on an assignment in Desktop Publishing. "I like this class because it is easy to do and I like all the people in it," Carin said. Desktop Publishing is a way for students to earn their technology credit.

Go beyond.

Brittnay Fail:

"I do all types of art outside of school. I did an album cover for a band named Tangled Path. They told me what they wanted on it and now it's their cover and on their webpage. Also when I get bored I doodle."

Go for gold.

THS Band receives "Best in Show" for performance at Sugar Bowl.



Stephanie Bourdeau conducts the band at Jackson Square in Louisiana. "It was actually a small place for four people to be conducting and there was a lot of pressure with people watching us," Stephanie said. Bands were scheduled to play throughout the day at Jackson Square.

Story by Rebecca Almazan

As the years progress, the success in school organizations progresses as well. With all of the hard work put into it, the THS Band has had many accomplishments and been recognized many times. As a result of their participation in the Texas UIL State Marching Contest, the band was invited to play in the Allstate Sugar Bowl Half-Time show in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 1, 2008.

"It was a very good trip because it gave me the opportunity to do something that most people don't have the chance to do in their lifetime," Tyler Volek said. "It will be a memory that sticks with me forever."

In half-time rehearsals and the actual performance, the field was covered with other students from all across the country. Having the opportunity to play in the Superdome with thousands of other students offered the chance to meet new people from different places.

"The rehearsals that we had were more relaxed and there were so many people that I had never met before," Kayla Marek said.

Performing in a different place for such a large event would normally make one very nervous, yet playing for 74,383 people in the Superdome did not bring as much anxiety as expected.

> "It gave me the opportunity to do something that some people won't do in a lifetime." Tyler Volek

"Being in the Superdome was cool because it was really big. Surprisingly I wasn't nervous because the rest of my section was there right by me," Kayla said.

Rehearsals and performing were not the only exciting parts of the trip for the band. As part of other entertainment involved with this trip, the band was able to play at Jackson Square where many tourists stopped by to hear the music they were playing.

On Sunday, December 30, 2007 the band participated in the Sugar Bowl Contest of Champions and also placed in the contest. The band received "Best of Show" in their class division and many other trophies as well.

"Although I didn't want to do the competition, it turned out that it was an opportunity to show what hard work and dedication can do for an organization," Tyler said.



Lorena Gonzalez sits patiently as the girls next to her get their face painted at Michaud's Restaurant in New Orleans. "The face painting was inexpensive and didn't take long," Lorena said. Face painting and free dance lessons were offered while dining at the restaurant.

Photo courtesy of Felicia Alderete

Go beyond.

Alan Gonzales:

"Band is really under-rated. It takes more work than people think. It's a passion for many people."



The color guard gathers together to discuss their routine during a rehearsal break. "We had fun learning the new routine and everyone seemed to be very focused," Krystal said. The Taylor band performed with bands from around the country at the Sugar Bowl.

Photo courtesy of Felicia Alderete



Photo Courtesy of Jessica Stegall



Lindsey Teggeman moves gracefully across the field during the Homecoming halftime performance. "The best part of the night is the final pose of the performing piece where everyone claps for us all," Lindsey said. The theme of the marching season show was Da Vinci's Dream where the band and color guard combined music, costumes and props that honored the legendary genius.

Photo by Magdalena Zawisa



Band members are welcomed home by members of the community. "It was exciting to be escorted by police and knowing that the parents were waiting for us to return," Rosa Gonzales said. The THS Band returned from their trip with many trophies from their competition.

Photo Courtesy of Erica Gutierrez



Matt Lozano stands in place during the halftime marching show. "When we are marching the adrenaline is pumping and you begin to feel really intense about performing," Matt said. The band spent countless hours practicing the marching show that won them a chance to perform at the Sugar Bowl.

Photo by Taylor Savage

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Rosa Gonzales, Tiffany Jensen, Felicia Alderete, and Stephanie Stegall pose for a picture with members of the Hawaii Band. "They were really nice and they complimented us for a great job on the field," Stephanie said. The football game was the highlight of the New Orleans trip.

Nick Abbott conducts the band as they play in New Orleans. "Performing downtown was a unique venue and it was weird having people watch me conduct other than at a football game," Nick said. Playing downtown offered the chance to have tourists listen to the music being played .

Sing. • Small choir allows personal expression.

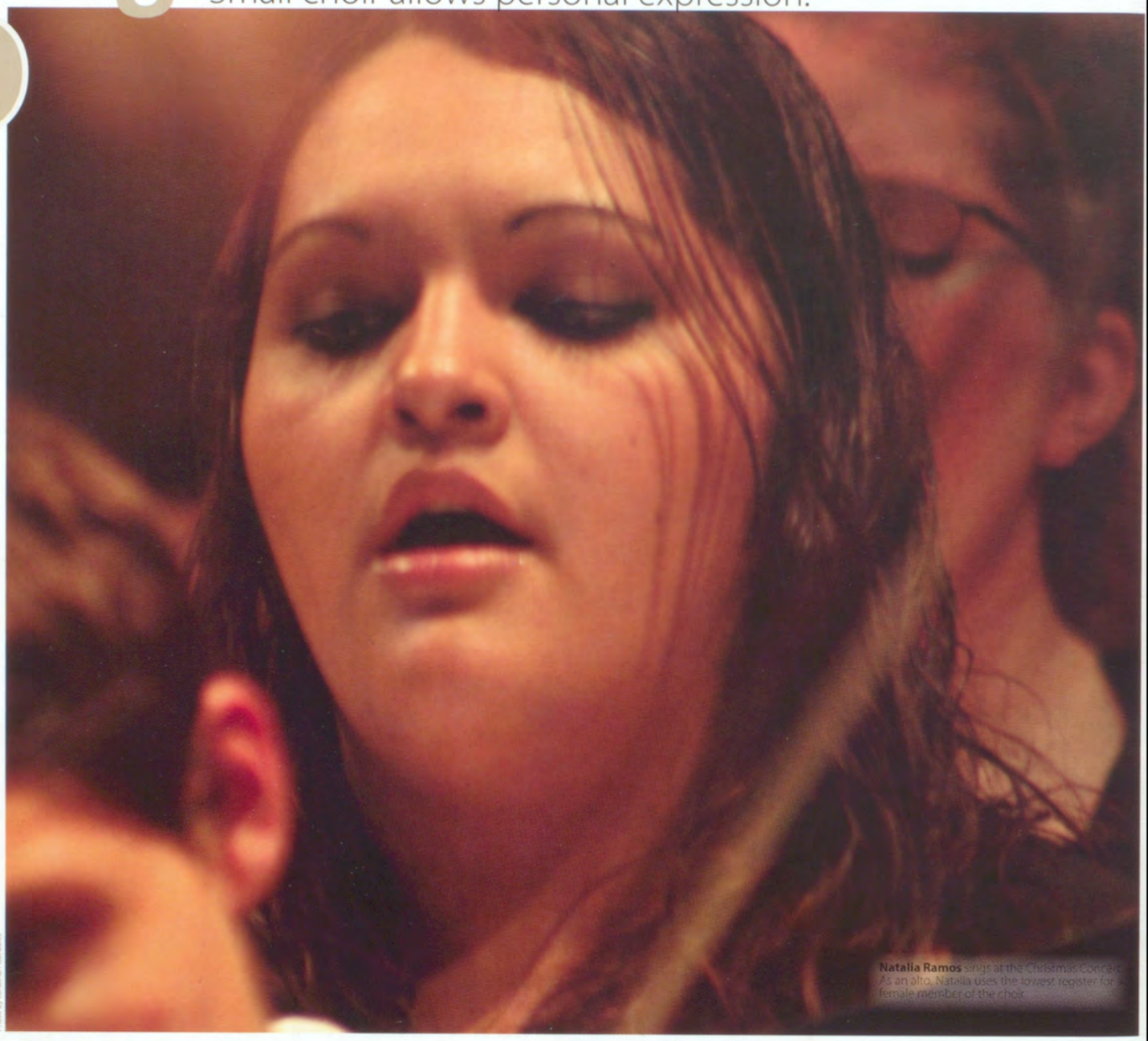


Photo by Jonathan Gonzalez

Natalia Ramos sings at the Christmas Concert. As an alto, Natalia uses the lowest register for a female member of the choir.

Story by Kelsey Young

No matter how long you have pursued it, no matter your style, no matter the language there is a connection and release through music. Students like Shawn Bradshaw, Mareli Greyling, and Justine Lorentzen understand it. Students with different backgrounds, different beliefs, and different tones all come together in their choir class and leave the superficial things out of the room.

Mareli, a new student this year, transferred from South Africa and somehow made her way to Taylor. Being a member of choir at her old school since the fourth grade she had become accustommed to how they do things. "It was hard to feel like I made any impact in the sound and quality in such a large number of students," said Mareli. In a small choir every voice makes a difference in the overall outcome of the song. Mareli said, "I prefer a small choir. They make you work harder and after a competition you know each voice made the song better." Letting your voice be heard is not always easy, not many people putting themselves out there and joining choir. "You will never know unless you try, take a few voice lessons to gain confidence and see if it is something you would like to pursue," Mareli said. "And if so join choir."

Choir has been "one of the best organizations" Justine has been a part of in high school. Even though this year is only Justine's second year in choir music has always been apart of her life. And although she has never been a part of choir at any other school she realizes the benefits and down sides to being in a small choir. "I feel like I know everyone on a personal level for the most part which I love," Justine said. Pursuing music could be in Justine's future. She plans to attend UMHB and try out for their choir. "Even if I do not end up being a professional singer I am always going to have a song in my heart," Justine said.

"If music is in you, it will come out," Shawn Bradshaw said. "Music is a way of expressing yourself and what you have to say." High school choir has been a part of Shawn's life for two years now.

Go beyond.

Shawn Bradshaw:

"Don't be afraid to try out for choir. Too many people are scared to try out. Find the confidence and go for it. You will never know if you do not try."



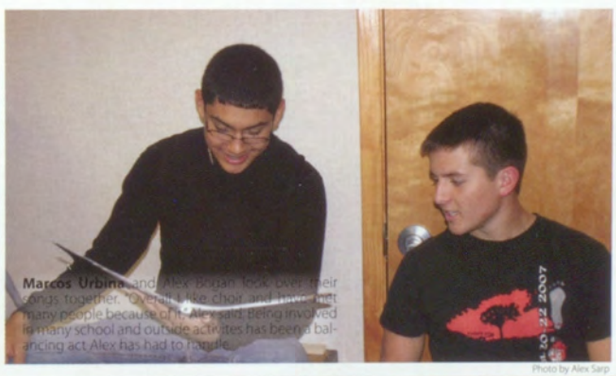
Choir sings their hearts out at the Christmas concert. "We always put on a good show," Shawn Bradshaw said. The concert has been a yearly event many look forward to.

Photo by Taylor Savage



The varsity choir draws their attention to Mr. C.W. practicing a new song. "Changing teachers was a struggle at first but we have come together nicely," Alex Sarp said. The choir has excelled through out the years and accepted the change of a new teacher.

Photo by Alex Sarp



Marcos Urbina and Alex Bolain look over their songs together. "I love the choir and have met many people because of it," Alex said. Being involved in many school and outside activities has been a balancing act Alex has had to handle.

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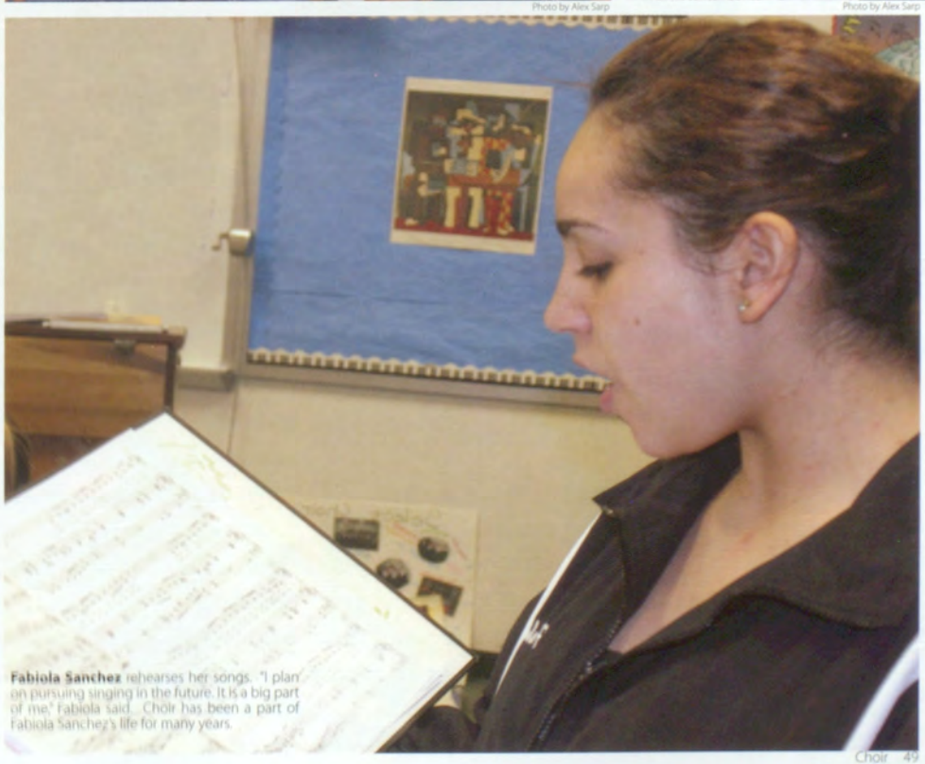


Justine Lorentzen looks through her music in choir. "I like learning new songs and seeing how they sound," Justine said. Choir has been known to sing songs in different variations and languages.

Photo by Alex Sarp

A career as a professional singer is not an interest of Shawn's but being in high school choir has had an effect on his life. "Choir has provided me with knowledge of music as well as myself, many great experiences, and many friends I would never have had the time to meet," Shawn said. The varsity choir took a trip to South Padre last May to participate in a choir festival. Although they did not place in the competition they walked away with motivation for next year's meet. "I experienced so much in just one trip I am looking forward to go-

"Take a few voice lessons to gain confidence." Mareli Greyling

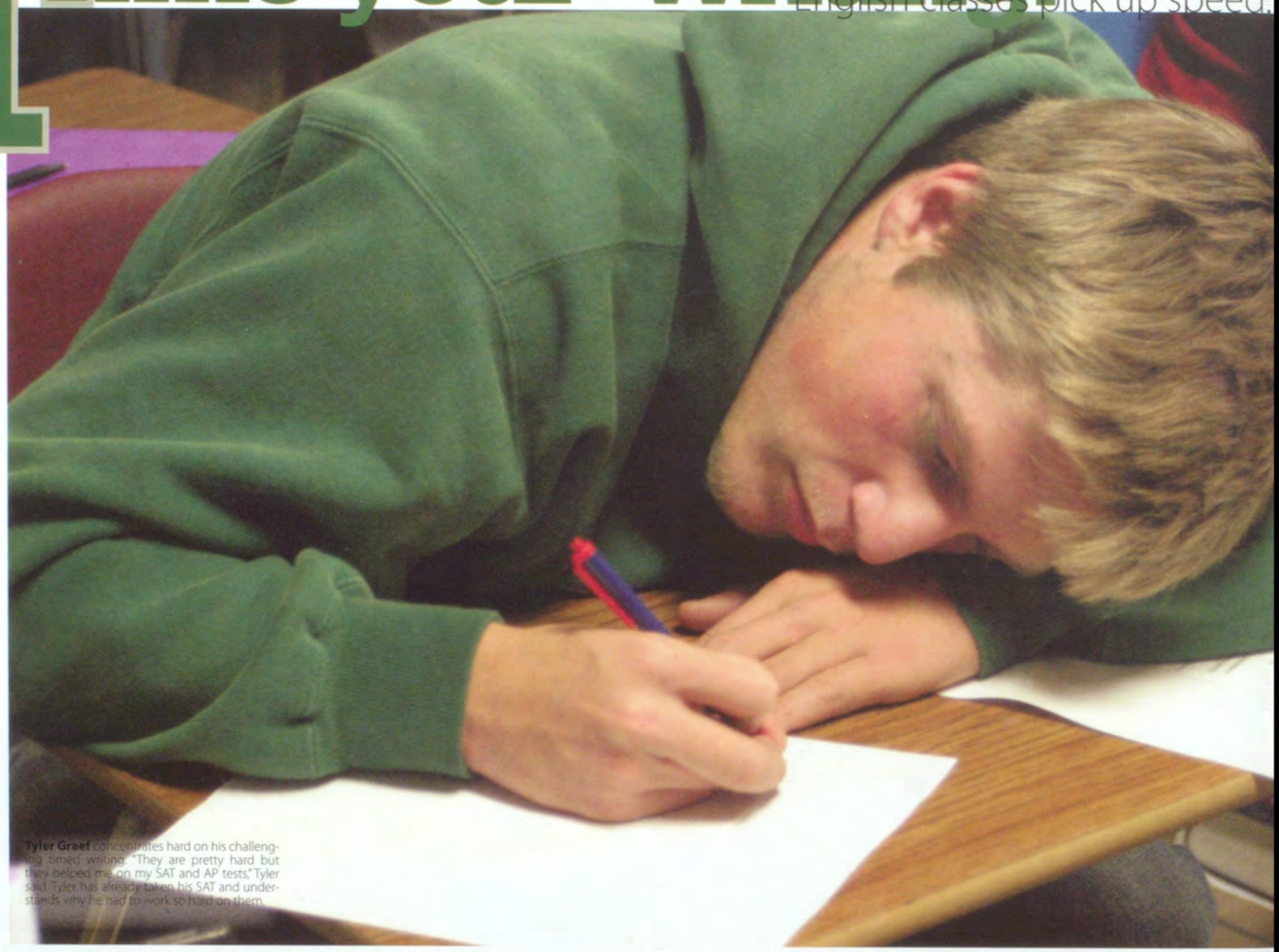


Fabiola Sanchez rehearses her songs. "I plan on pursuing singing in the future. It is a big part of me," Fabiola said. Choir has been a part of Fabiola Sanchez's life for many years.

Photo by Alex Sarp

Time your writing.

English classes pick up speed.



Tyler Graef concentrates hard on his challenging timed writing. "They are pretty hard but they helped me on my SAT and AP tests," Tyler said. Tyler has already taken his SAT and understands why he had to work so hard on them.

Story by Kelsey Young

Timed writings can be pretty strenuous and frustrating, but there is no way of escaping them. Whether it be in an AP III class or an AP IV class, every student will eventually be faced with one. Among each English class, the curriculum always includes timed writings.

"I don't think my students came into this class expecting to do quite as much work as they have done," Ms. Johnna Childress said.

> **"The hardest part** of timed writings is writing about things that I can not relate to." Seth Samuelson

A student's English class is rather vital to their learning experience in high school as it prepares them for college, the AP Exam and the SAT. Particularly, a student's junior and senior year they focus mainly on learning how to write and perfecting their writing skills.

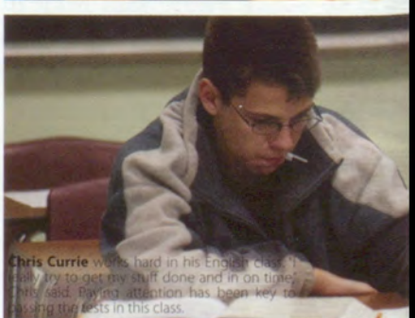
"My writing has definitely improved after working on these timed writings for so long," Ryan Jaecks said.

Mrs. Rowe says she expects her students to improve and practice on their timed writings. "The timed writings are done for them to get prepared for the AP test and SAT," Mrs. Rowe said. The only way to improve on anything is to practice and that is exactly what Mrs. Rowe's and Ms. Childress's classes do.

At the beginning of the school year Mrs. Rowe says her students were not up to the writing standards she had expected. Many teachers blame TAKS testing for this weakness. "Students are given so much time and there is so much emphasis on TAKS and that type of writing that it hurts them on their other tests," Mrs. Rowe said. However, students have improved since August. "I have seen a tremendous increase in formality," Mrs. Rowe said. "They have also improved greatly on embedding quotes and other writing techniques."



Amanda Nardecchia takes AP English with Mrs. Rowe her senior year. "There is not nearly as much pressure this year as there was in previous years," Amanda said. Students who had Mrs. Rowe for more than one class were familiar with her high expectations.

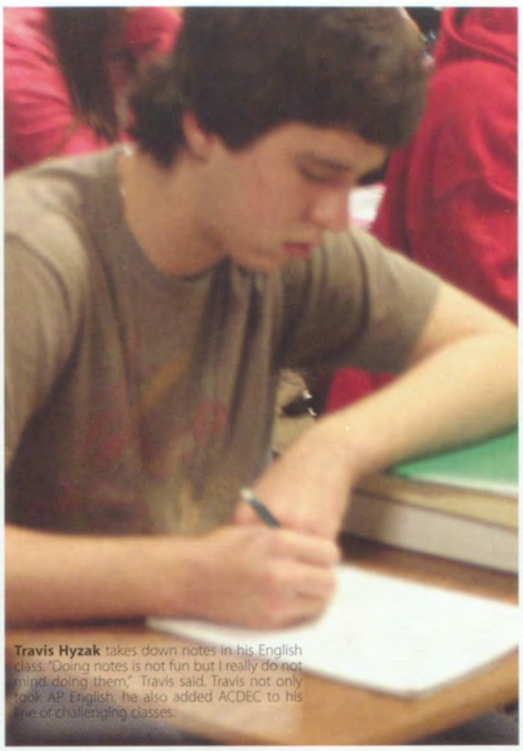


Chris Currie works hard in his English class. "I really try to get my stuff done and in on time," Chris said. Paying attention has been key to passing the tests in this class.

Go beyond.

Mariah Dempsey:

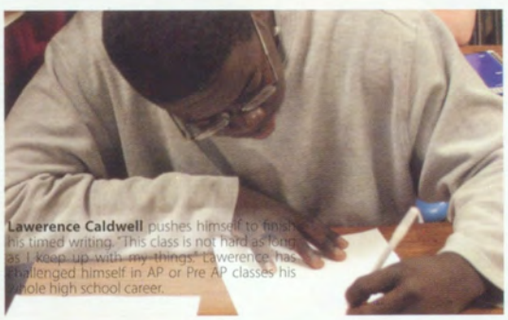
"I love to read! I feel like I can get away from everything when I read. My favorite books are the Harry Potter books . . . I wish I was magical."



Travis Hyzak takes down notes in his English class. "Doing notes is not fun but I really do not mind doing them," Travis said. Travis not only took AP English, he also added ACDEC to his line of challenging classes.



Glenna Tharp prepares for an upcoming test. "I do a lot more in this class than in any other English class," Glenna said. English was one of Glenna's best subjects.



Lawerence Caldwell pushes himself to finish his timed writing. "This class is not hard as long as I keep up with my things." Lawerence has challenged himself in AP or Pre AP classes his whole high school career.



Taking notes is nothing new in Mrs. Rowe's classes. "I get tired of taking them but I do them because I know they will help me on my tests," Brandie Jackson said.



Brittany Wilkerson lounges in class while listening to their audio taped book. "Reading is the hardest thing for me in this class, I just never feel like doing it," Brittany said. Not paying attention in class has cost her on her tests this year.

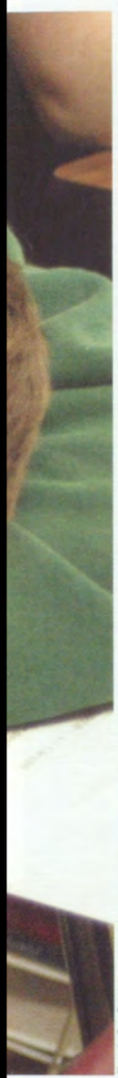
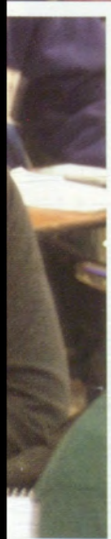


Photo by Jenny Carter







April Henry talks to classes about her novel. "I truly believe that tenacity is as important as talent," Henry said. Her books were turned down numerous times before she caught her break.

author inspires students to Read.

Story by Kelsey Young

Author April Henry visited Taylor High School to introduce the newest book in the "Read It Forward" campaign, *Shock Point*. Students were asked to give feedback on the book at a website. Each student was invited to an end-of-the-year party celebrating coming together to read and discuss the teen novel.

Henry also spoke to students about the importance of perseverance.

"I faced over a hundred rejections before my first book (*Circles of Confusion*) was printed."

Henry told students that if they wanted something, they needed to work hard to make their dreams a reality.

"I try to write an hour a day and it takes me about nine months to finish a book."

Volunteer.

Students give back to the community.



Photo courtesy of the MAPS program

Jordan Humphreys helps a second-grade student pick out a book while mentoring in the MAPS program. "It's great to see kids that are proud of themselves and their abilities" Jordan said. The MAPS program helps second grade students with their reading and comprehension skills.

Story by Brandee Carlson

While most high school students spend their free time sleeping and eating potato chips, a small minority is willing to spare several hours a week working for the betterment of others. For years, several clubs, such as National Honor Society and Interact, have offered structured environments to complete hands-on tasks leading down a positive path. The latest addition to these clubs is the Silver Cord program. It originated in Nebraska and found its way to Taylor after an Interagency Counsel decided that the adolescents of Taylor needed another outlet to put their energies toward.

Overachievers in the world of community service, members are expected to complete forty hours of community service per school year. Students graduating in 2011 will have racked up a total of 160 hours. Each student who completes the task will have the honor of wearing a silver cord along with his cap and gown at the graduation ceremony.

"I want my silver cord so that people know that I was active in the community," Jasmin Estrada said.

From volunteering at Head Start to wrapping presents for Green Santa, students help out by performing services that give them personal satisfaction, as well as provide for others.

> "We have a handful of kids putting their heart into their work and the community is loving it." John Matthews

"Habitat for Humanity is coming to Taylor so we plan on having an overwhelming response from our participants. Helping families is one of the most gratifying feelings one can get," John Matthews, the Silver Cord sponsor said.

An acceptable college resume not only consists of decent grades, but also of community service hours. Many students see the Silver Cord as a way of attaining enough hours to impress colleges.

"Colleges want to see the big picture," Mr. Mattews said. "Wanting a good job is important, but colleges want to know that you will do your part to help the community."

To become involved , there are no grade requirements. Students merely have to take the time to sign up in the Student Center during lunch on Fridays and from there, they must complete their hours. Taylor expects to see fifteen seniors graduate with a silver cord this year.

"If being in the Silver Cord program was easy, everyone would do it," Mr. Matthews said. "We have a handful of kids putting their heart into their work and the community is loving it."



Jenna Howard carries meals to diners at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. "The aisles were so crowded with chairs, I didn't want to hit anyone in the head when I walked through," Jenna said. The NHS members were responsible for serving the diners and clearing the tables.

Photo courtesy of NHS



Brene Washington and Frances Dewitty add the finishing touches on the presents they will give to the children in the Green Santa program. "It feels really good to do something kind," Brene said. Many clubs and organizations participate in Green Santa to make sure local families have a bright holiday.

Photo by Brandee Carlton



Reese Hall serves dinner to a group of Taylor's business owners at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. "The students were so mature and helpful," Robin Fotenot, a diner at the banquet, said. The NHS students participate in the banquet every year for community service.

Photo courtesy of NHS



Zachary Wilkins tutors a child in the MAPS reading program. "The kid I tutor gets help on reading, and at the same time it makes them feel good when she runs up and hugs me and takes my hand," Zach said. Zach mentored students every Monday during his athletic period.

Photo courtesy of the MAPS program



Brandon Peschke volunteers his time by reading along with a second grade student every week in the MAPS program. "I am passionate about reading and children," Brandon said. Brandon has been helping children read for three years.

Photo courtesy of the MAPS program

Go beyond.

Brandon Peschke

"I earn community service hours by reading with elementary kids. The six weeks average of the second grader that I read with goes up five points a six weeks."

Prepare for the future.

Ag students help out around the campus



Paige Kreidel adjusts the acetylene to allow her to cut better with the torch. "The torch tends to get hot when you cut for long periods of time," Paige said. Students learned from the very beginning of the class how to operate the cutting torch.

Story by Keegan Gross

As the Ag Mechanics students headed for the shop, they were eager to get to work on the new bike rack and barbeque pit. The mechanics class focused on creating structures that would benefit the school.

"I divided the class into groups because there were two different projects that needed to be done at the same time, and only so many people can work on a project before there are too many," Mr. Scott Bishop said.

The students had two tasks to accomplish; rebuild a barbecue and build a bicycle rack. The class began by removing rust from the metal.

"The rust wasn't too bad to scrape off," Paige Kreidel said.

Paige and Chance Whisenant worked for two days with wire brushes, scraping the rust off. However, welding in the bottom of the barbecue was a different story.

"The bottom was annoying to weld in," Cory Keith said. "The splatter kept popping up and the sparks would always land on me."

Cory and Justin Latham helped weld in the bottom of the pit with the MIG welder. It was difficult welding in the bottom because of the awkward and tight angles that they had to work with. The bike rack, on the other hand, came together smoothly.

"The MIG welder is very helpful for welding because it is easy to use," Justin said.

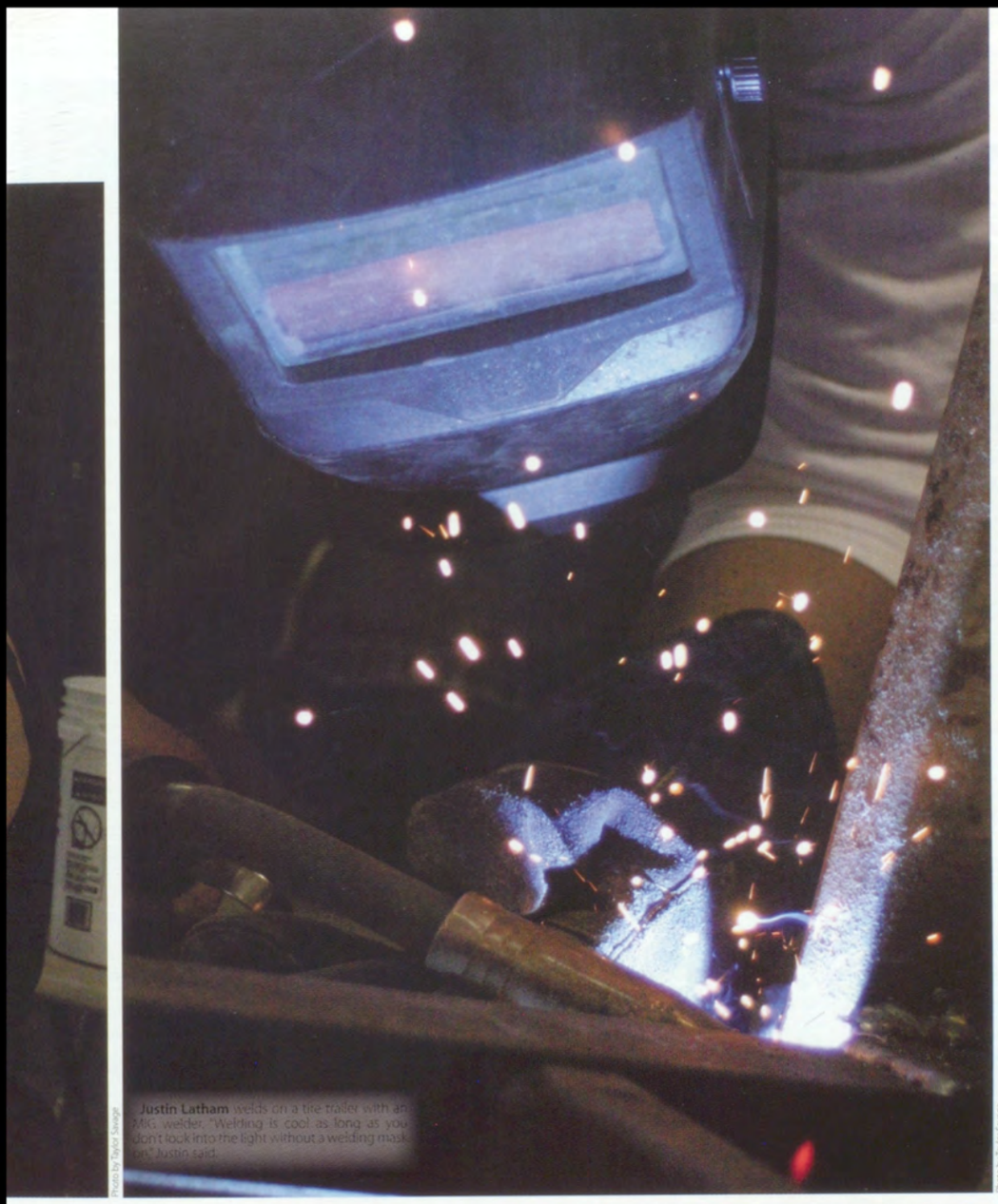
The students did a lot of welding to make the bike rack. They also used hammers, grinders, two-by-fours, and the chop saw to put it together.

Both projects took the class about two weeks to finish. However, with all the students working together, they finished a lot faster than they would have if they worked on them separately.

"I signed up for this class to have new challenges," Paige said.

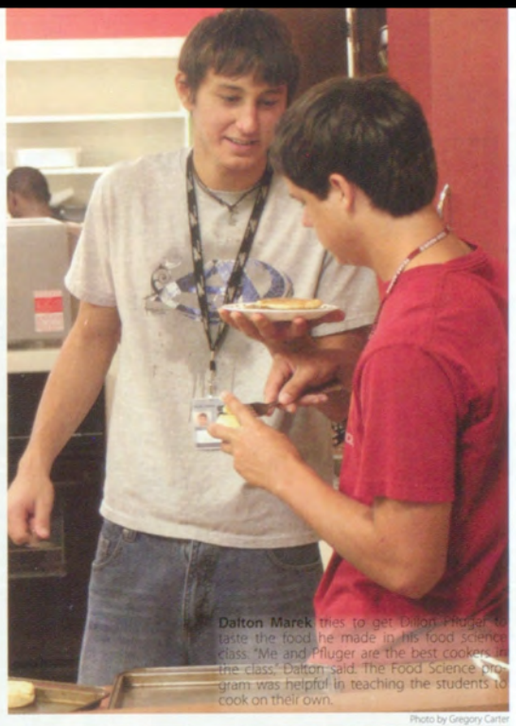
The students all agreed; they were excited to be working on real projects that would be beneficial to the school.

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Justin Latham welds on a tire trailer with an MIG welder. "Welding is cool as long as you don't look into the light without a welding mask on," Justin said.

Photo by Taylor Savage



Dalton Marek tries to get Dillon Pfluger to taste the food he made in his food science class. "Me and Pfluger are the best cookers in the class," Dalton said. The Food Science program was helpful in teaching the students to cook on their own.

Photo by Gregory Carter



Photo by Taylor Savage

Colt Ging and Mr. Bishop measure angle iron for the tire trailer the class is making. "You have to measure good so you don't waste metal. Mr. Bishop always says 'Measure twice, cut once,'" Colt said. Because they had a limited supply of metal, accurate measurement was particularly important.

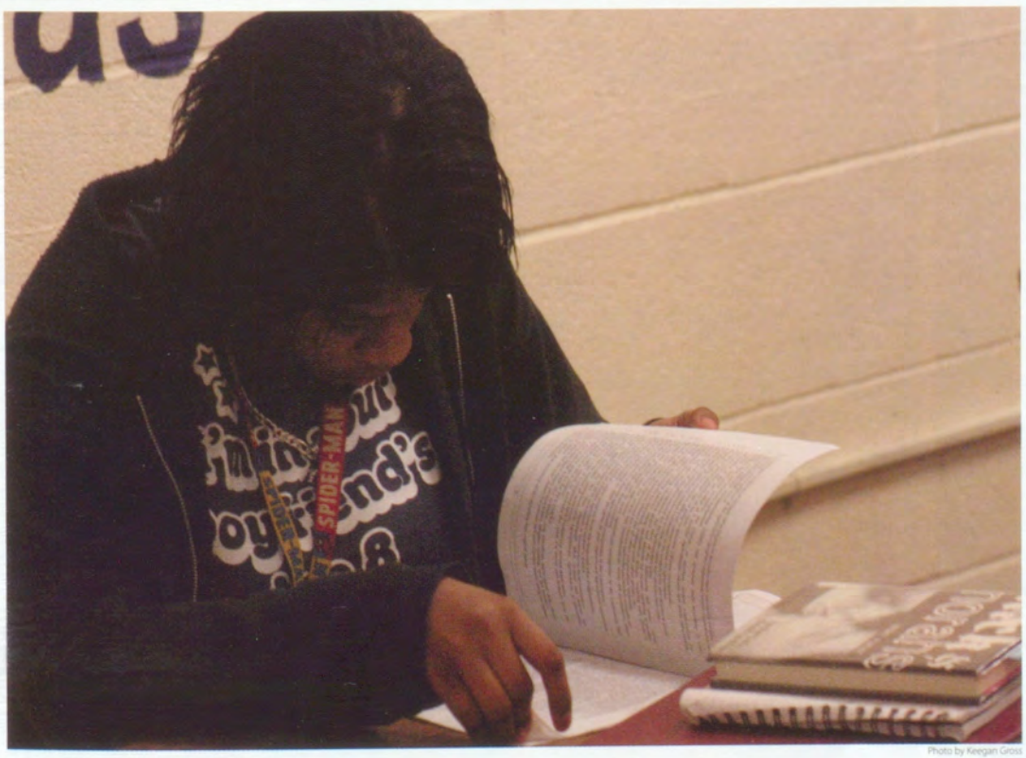


Photo by Keegan Gross

Monica Milligan looks over her work in Ag to make sure that there are no mistakes. "I got in this class to learn about animals and to burn stuff up," Monica said. The students completed a lot of paperwork in their first year Ag classes.

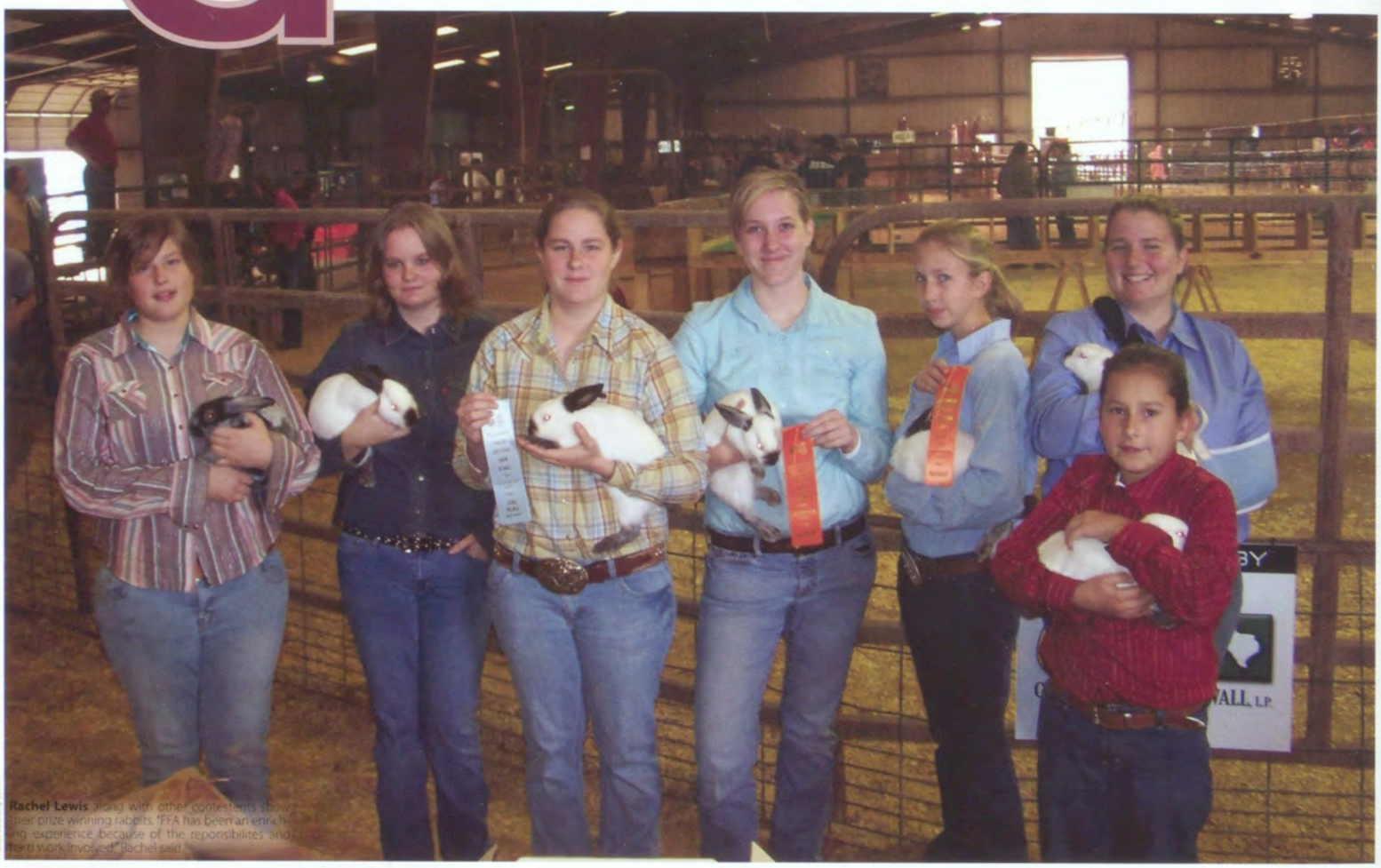
Go beyond.

Nathan Balusek:

"Most of the time I just work around the house and do small jobs on the side. I've done a lot of stuff; from welding to wiring to repairing almost anything. I like working outside and working with my hands."

Get your hands dirty.

Ag program provides authentic learning experiences.



Photos courtesy of FFA

Rachel Lewis along with other contestants show their prize winning rabbits. "FFA has been an enriching experience because of the responsibilites and the hard work involved," Rachel said.

Story by Lauren Connors

How many times has the question of 'when are we going to use this in real life' been asked in a classroom? Probably hundreds on a daily basis. And the truth is that eventually there will come a day when we have to reach back past the cob webs of our minds and recall what we were taught in English IV, or AP Physics. But for some students, there is a need to be able to apply what they have learned in the classroom directly to their lives right now. These students have the opportunity of learning in a more hands on environment and utilizing their skills in their own lives in the Agriculture Department along with participating in the classes extra curricular organization FFA.

"I've grown up around this. It's what I am used to. It is my comfort zone," Camryn Stoll.

In the Ag Dept, various Ag courses are offered. These include Intro to Ag, Ag mechanics, and Wildlife and Fisheries. It is in these classes that real life skills are learned and applied, and for some serving as preparation for the future.

"Taking Intro to Ag and the Wildlife and Fisheries classes is definitely helpful for my future because I plan to attend A&M and get an Ag degree," Camryn Stoll said.

Other students hold the same appreciation for the classes. "Taking Ag classes is beneficial to my future. It helps me to gain a better knowledge of the environment," Colton Anderson said.

And while a handful of students take the classes for future plans, some join because the Ag classes that are offered pertain to their own life and hobbies.

"I've grown up around this, it's what I'm used to, and it is my comfort zone," Camryn said.

"Being in an Ag class and participating in FFA is something I have always wanted to do since I was little, and my dad would talk about himself being in it," Kaleb Chambers said. Braeden Gross agreed and added that his older brother Keegan was the inspiration for him joining FFA and taking an Ag course. "He said it was a lot of fun in Bishop's class, so that made me want to join," Braeden said.

So whether it be for training for future plans in life, a comfort zone amongst conventional classes, or just a new and entertaining elective and organization, Ag classes and FFA seems to satisfy all students that join. For these students learning is not just theories, formulas, and scribbling on a white board, but a total hands-on experience.



Aubrie Stewart poses with her show rabbits at stock show. "I've learned so much about animals through FFA and Ag classes," Aubrie said.

Photos courtesy of FFA



Justin Latham welds with the MIG welding the tire trailor. "I like Ag because we learn by hands on work," Justin said.



Keegan Gross hard at work in Ag Mechanics. "It is a fun class that also helps you learn important skills for life," Keegan said.

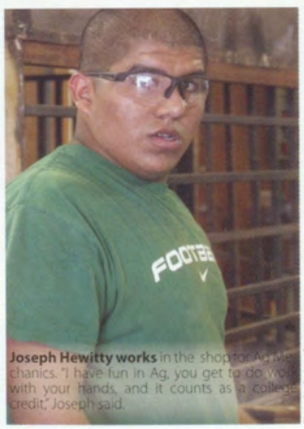
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Photo by Sydney Savage

Go beyond.

Addie Turner:

"When the judges shake your hand after you are announced grand champion, it just gives you a rush, it is the best feeling in the world to win."



Joseph Hewitty works in the shop for Ag Mechanics. "I have fun in Ag, you get to do work with your hands, and it counts as a college credit," Joseph said.

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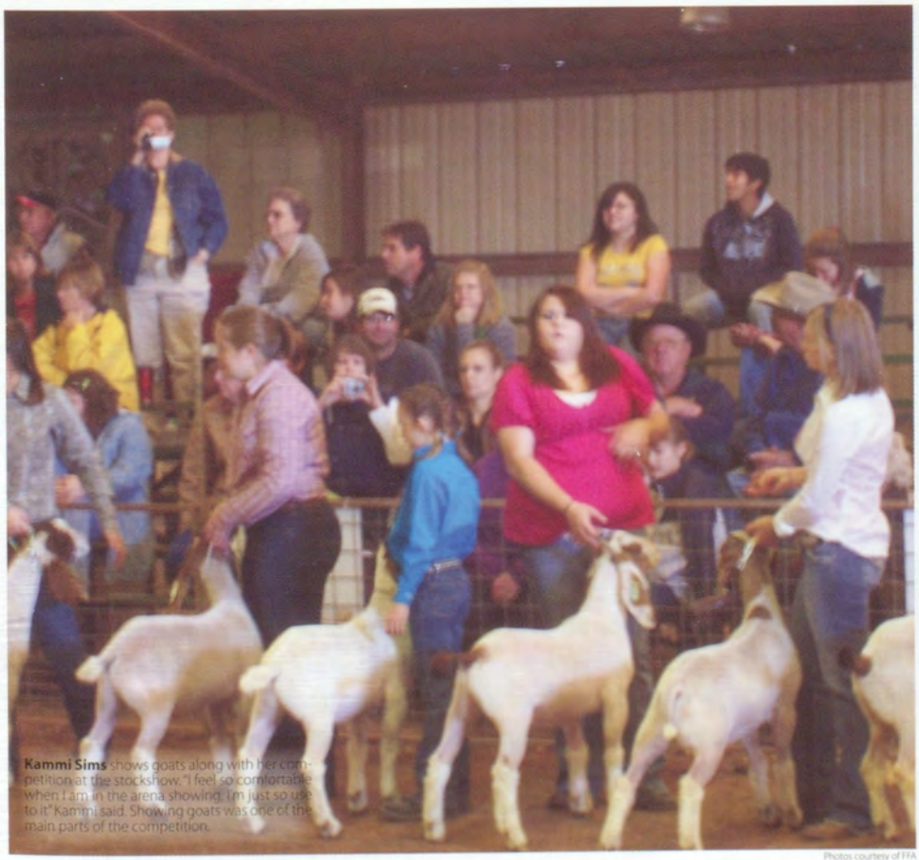
Candace Smothermon shows off her ribbon for her show rabbits. "I love to show animals and being in FFA is a great way to get out of the house and compete against other students. It's not your ordinary extra curricular activity," Candace said.

Photos courtesy of FFA



Seth Marcon stands with his first place banner for broilers at the stockshow. "When you get first place it makes all the early mornings and late nights worth it. Seeing all of the animals weigh worth it," Seth said.

Photos courtesy of FFA



Kammi Sims shows goats along with her competition at the stockshow. "I feel so comfortable when I am in the arena showing. I'm just so used to it," Kammi said. Showing goats was one of the main parts of the competition.

Photos courtesy of FFA



Jordan Samuelson shows his chicken along with the rest of the competion. "Showing it at the competion isnt the hard part, raising it and keeping it clean is," Jordan said.

Photos courtesy of FFA

Study abroad.

foreign exchange students brighten THS



Thiess Lorenz works on a lab in his AP Chemistry class. "There are some terms I wasn't familiar with like scientific notation," Thiess said. Thiess faced challenging problems because of the language barrier.

Story by Rudy Mikeska

Thiess woke up mid-flight on his way to America, imagining his host family and how he would handle the unfamiliar culture. The United States, which he had willingly chosen to visit, evokes many stereotypical impressions, but those were flying out the window at 500 miles an hour. His home in Germany was thousands of miles away and growing more distant.

"It's really hard, but I hope many people can do it because it's really important. Everywhere in the world, you can find people who are similar to you." Ario Zulini

Along with Italian student Ario Zulini, Thiess Lorenz participated in a foreign exchange program which brought him to Taylor.

"I wanted to learn English better. My brother was an exchange student and I knew it would be a great experience," Thiess said.

Ario and Thiess came to love their new families. They have both picked up new hobbies from staying with their host families.

"We do a lot of stuff together. We play tennis, kayak, and we recently took a trip to Atlanta," Thiess said.

"I have started practicing Martial Arts and I have been rowing," Ario said.

Thiess and Ario enjoy attending Taylor High and say that it is preferable to their schools back home.

"I like it because it's much smaller than my school in Germany." Thiess said.

"It's good, it's really different and more fun. Personally, I think it's better," Ario said.

Thiess and Ario both enjoy the non-academic aspects of the American school system. School sports are not as popular in Europe as they are in America. Ario and Thiess never knew of anything like homecoming, class elections, or Academic Decathlon before arriving in America.

"It's funny seeing people dress up for homecoming week," Ario said.

Although both Ario and Thiess are excellent English speakers, through this experience, they expect to speak English more fluently while also growing and learning more about themselves. Being able to experience another country at a young age has given them the rare opportunity to grow up quickly on many different levels.

"I want to grow up mentally and experience all that I can," Ario said.

Upon arriving in America, numerous characteristics immediately stood out to Ario and Thiess.

"The cars, the people, the walking style, and everything seems to be bigger," Ario said.

"Trucks! There aren't many trucks in Hamburg. There are probably two million people in Hamburg and only about two Hummers," Theiss said.

Thiess expected to see cowboys



Photo by Taylor Savage

Ario Zulini sits in class, listening to Mrs. Stevens lecture. "So far we studied sign language and writing presentations," Ario said. Students learned important language skills in Speech class, which particulary benefits Ario because he is from Italy.



Photo by Gregory Carter

Rachael Voytek finishes a test in Mrs. Bustamante's Spanish class. "Mrs. Bustamante is a great teacher. She uses songs to help us learn Spanish," Rachael said. Singing was a popular [illegible] Mrs. Bustamante used to teach her students.



Photo by Sydney Savage

Jordan Brogan gives his attention to Ms. Decker as she teaches class. "German is a little confusing because the words sometimes have double or triple meanings," Jordan said.

Go beyond.

Brandee Carlson:

"The judges at Houston Fest are extremely intimidating and critical. They really push us to be correct on our presentations. It makes us want to do better next year."



Photo by Keegan Goss

Marcy Rodriguez reviews her German lesson in Ms. Decker's German class. "I really like talking in German because I like the way it sounds," Marcy said. "One of the first requirements for German students was to learn pronunciation."

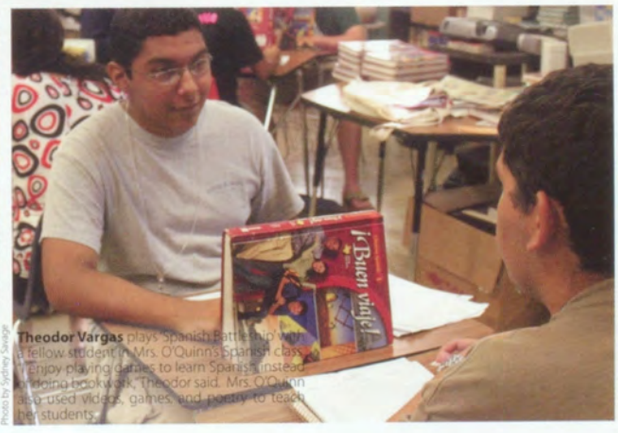


Photo by Heather Savage

Theodor Vargas plays Spanish Bingo with a fellow student in Mrs. O'Quinn's Spanish class. "I enjoy playing games to learn Spanish instead of doing textbook work," Theodor said. Mrs. O'Quinn also used videos, games, and poetry to teach her students.

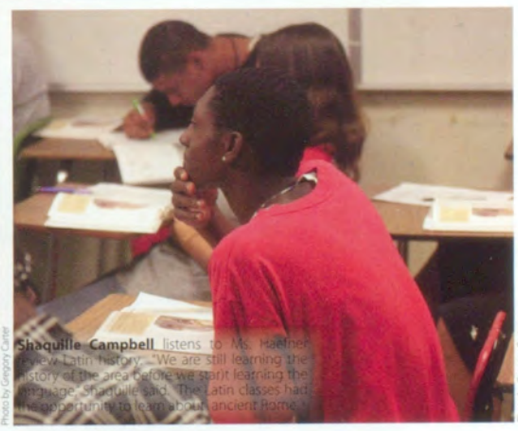


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Shaquille Campbell listens to Ms. Haefner review Latin history. "We are still learning the history of the area before we start learning the language," Shaquille said. "The Latin classes had an opportunity to learn about ancient Rome."

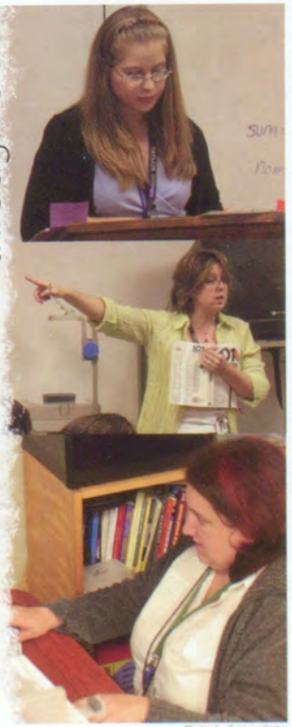
when arriving in Texas. "I thought Texas would be a bunch of ranchers and farms," Thiess said.

Ario and Thiess have broken boundaries and proven wrong the misconceptions on both sides. They have experienced new things and now have enlightened opinions.

Thiess and Ario are proof that we can find companions in any country. Ario and Thiess highly recommend foreign exchange to people who are looking to further their knowledge and gain an understanding of foreign countries.

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foreign language classes continue through clubs



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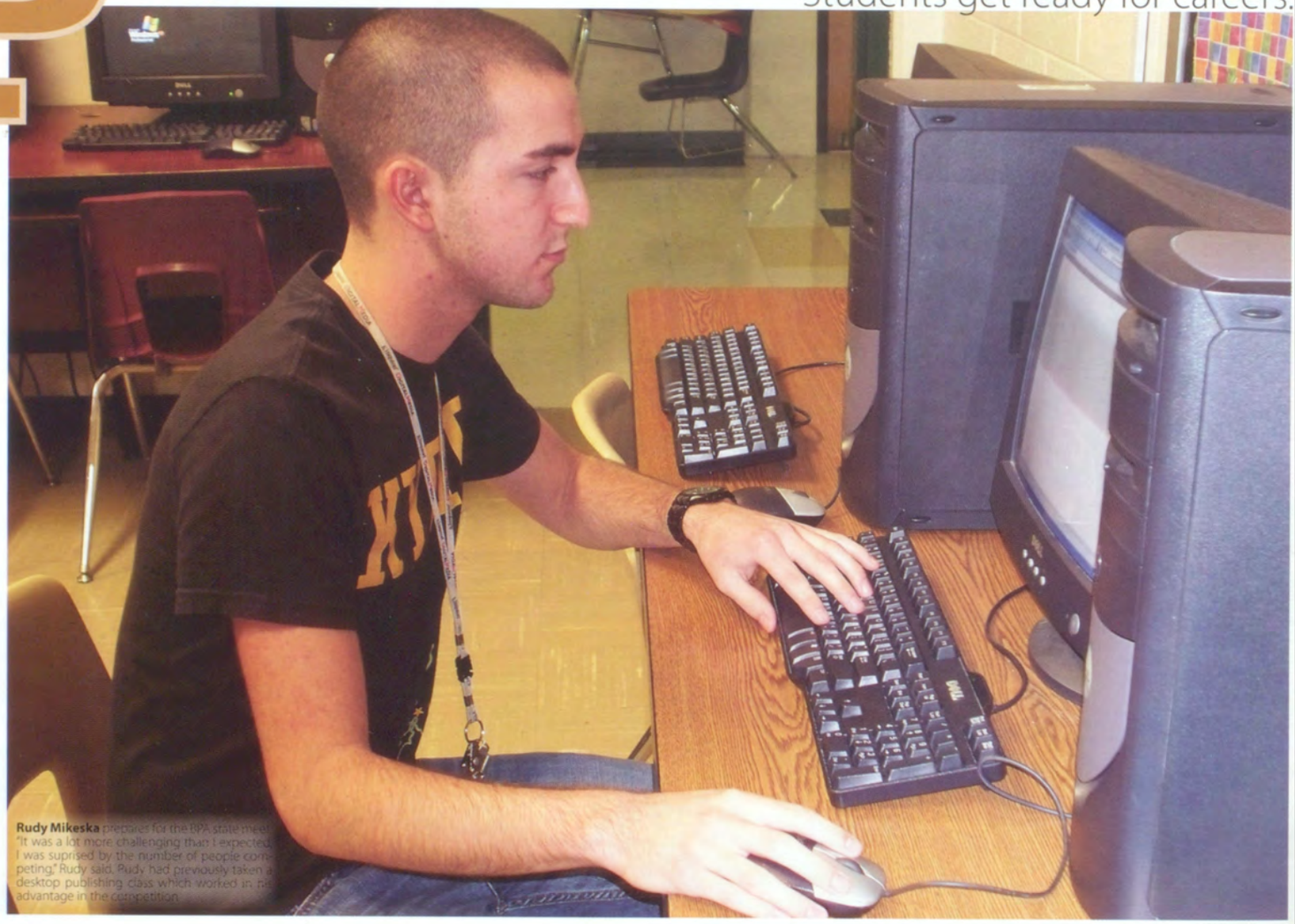
Latin. "This year we are continuing to fundraise for a trip to Italy this summer," Ms. Haefner said. "We are going on a trip to Houston to see artifacts from ancient Pompeii in the spring."

Spanish. "Our goal is to promote the use of Spanish among native speakers as well as non-speakers. We are trying to promote service and volunteerism amongst our club members," Mrs. O'Quinn said.

German. "We are looking forward to attending Wurst Fest this year as well as making state at Houston Fest. This year we are working at the Moody Museum and we are in charge of the water feature in the school courtyard," Ms. Decker said.

Prepare for the future.

Students get ready for careers.



Rudy Mikeska prepares for the BPA state meet. "It was a lot more challenging than I expected. I was suprised by the number of people competing," Rudy said. Rudy had previously taken a desktop publishing class which worked in his advantage in the competition.

Story by Kelsey Young

From the classroom to the real world, Business Professionals of America prepares students for the challenges of a high profile job. Individuals competed against several other schools at Pflugerville High School in hopes of advancing to state. Three of Mrs. Barbara Leschber's students qualified for the state meet. Rudy Mikeska, Ray Rojas, and Lucas Alderete all advanced to the state meet that was held on March 6th in Dallas.

"I was pleased, that so many students participated even though it was on a Saturday."

Mrs. Barbara Leschber

"I really got a lot out of the experience and will take it with me to my next job interview," Kyra Headrick said. Kyra participated in the strenuous interview section of the competition which requires strong social skills. Although she did not advance to the state meet, it was a growing experience. "I appreciated the time and effort the kids took to prepare for the meet," Mrs Leschber said. "Participating in a school event on a Saturday is never a highlight for the students so I was pleased that so many participated." After much preparation, the students were ready to compete. "We were all very confident going into the competition with our events after numerous hours of preparing," Ray said.

Go beyond.

Johnny Roman:

"In FCCLA we all come together as one. It's really interesting to see how we help each other to make a better product. I'm glad to be a part of such a great group."



Photo courtesy of BPA

Mrs. Barbara Leschber, Ray Rojas, Rudy Mikeska and Lucas Alderate take time out for a picture at the state meet in Dallas. "It was a shock to see so many people. You never saw the same person," Rudy said. The students performed their best.



Photo by Sydney Savage

Omar Ventura and Cindy Arriaga finish decorating their cake with gumdrops. "It was fun decorating our cake because we wanted to win," Cindy said. The students were allowed to use any candy that Ms. Candice Crider provided for the class.



Photo by Sydney Savage

Emily Thorpe decorates the cake her group has just made. "This class is a good opportunity to learn how to make new things," Emily said. Ms. Candice Crider's class had a cake decorating contest.



Photo by Gregory Carter

Mercedes Lerma purchases a beef jerkey stick before school. "It's good that certain grounds offer food to buy because students get hungry," Mercedes said. BPA fundraised by trying to sell healthy snacks instead of candy.



Photo by Susanna Lawson

Lucas Alderete shows off his plaque after the regional meet. "I had a lot of fun and met new people," Lucas said. Lucas has advanced to the state meet for two years.



Photo courtesy of Susanna Lawson

Mrs. Susanna Lawson sets up for BPA's annual barbeque and bake sale. "The event was held to raise money for the scholarship BPA gives," Mrs. Lawson said. The fundraiser was a very successful event.

Vote.

Students prepare for the 2008 Presidential election.

Story by Krista Seidel

As debates about the upcoming presidential election were heating up, students and teachers at Taylor High School were soaking up as much information about the candidates as possible. Opinions were being formed and people prepared themselves for big decisions to be put on the ballot.

"I'm undecided still but leaning toward Ron Paul," Ray Rojas said. "He seems like he would bring about a lot of change and that is what we need."

Political parties played a huge part in some people's decisions. There were extremists who supported only the Republicans or only the Democrats. On the other hand, there were those who considered themselves to be moderates or supported people from both parties.

"I consider myself to be a Democrat but I can see myself going to either party," Andy Stapp said.

The field of candidates was quite different from previous elections. There were a lot of changes brought about with the possibility of a woman or African-American President. Were people ready for this?

"After what we have had, it would not hurt," Shawn Bradshaw said. "A woman offers another view on how to handle things and that might be good for us."

"I don't know if America is ready, but I am leaning toward Obama," Mrs. Maureen Gray said. "He is a fresh voice in the government."

There were many issues concerning voters and each candidate had different topics that they were passionate about. Many people had to research each candidate in order to form an educated opinion on whom to vote for.

"My main concern is the economy and the numbers of jobs Americans are losing to workers overseas," Mrs. Gray said.

Voting is a personal choice people have to make.

"It is a free country and we can vote or we can not vote," Andy said. "Not voting is basically saying you don't care about the United States at all and that you have no opinion or voice."



Ray Rojas shows his appreciation for Ron Paul. "People who don't vote are just taking the country for granted," Ray said. Ray was excited about exercising his right to vote. "The war is definitely my number one concern and immigration laws would have to come next."

Photo by Jordan Humphreys







Photos by Morgan Ward

FROM TOP: **Jordan Humphreys** signs in at the polling site before casting his first real vote as an adult citizen. **Considering carefully**, Jordan marks his choices. **Casting his** ballot, Jordan is assured his vote will be counted in the primary for the 2008 Presidential election. "The process was surprisingly simple," Jordan said. "I wonder why more people don't bother to vote."



Kristina Bourdeau de[s]out remote answer[ing] devices for the class to use to take a qui[z]. I like the clickers because it is faster and you don't have to waste paper," Kristina said. Mr. Jo[e] Underwood's class was is the first to use tha[t] [t]echnology.

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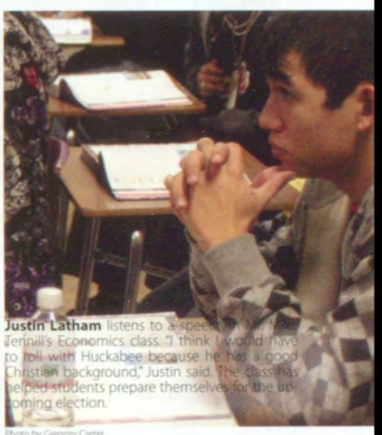
Dalton Cummings focuses on a debate in Government. "Whoever is elected, the majority picked them and in the past the majority has done pretty well because we are still America today," Dalton said. Dalton's view on the election contrasts with many of his peers.

Photo by Gregory Carter



Heather Hegar assembles a booklet in Mr. Craig Miller's World Geography class. "I would love to visit Italy because I have always wanted to try their food, because Italian is my favorite," Heather said. "I would also like to ride on a gondola." The booklets are designed to help students study and learn the given subject.

Photo by Gregory Carter



Justin Latham listens to a speech [in] Jennifer's Economics class. "I think I would have to [v]ote with Huckabee because he has a good Christian background," Justin said. The class has helped students prepare themselves for the upcoming election.

Photo by Gregory Carter

Go beyond.

Glenna Tharp:

"I'm excited that I finally get to vote and actually make a difference. I'm still undecided though because I want to do more research and make sure I'm voting for the right person. I don't just want to pick anybody."

Students Choose

Presidential nominees in mock election.



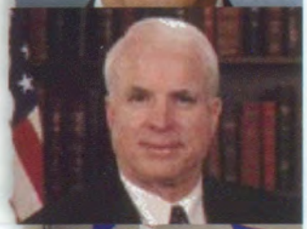




Photo by Melanie Catuogno

Barack Obama. Obama won 79% of the Democratic primary vote with 307 votes. Hillary Clinton received 21% with 80 votes.

John McCain. McCain won 65% of the Republican ballots with 61 votes. Mike Huckabee received 26 votes for 28 % of the ballots, and Ron Paul received 7 write-ins.

Young Democrats. "Interesting that 80% of students who voted voted in the Democratic Primary rather than the Republican," Mrs. Maureen Gray said, "indicating they seek change for the future. Conducting the mock election was inspiring because so many of the students wanted to participate. They want their voices heard; that's what the democratic process is all about."

Prepare.

Students get ready for college.

Story by Rudy Mikeska

Students might look forward to the smooth sailing nature of the senior year, but there is one priority that interrupts this long awaited time, college applications. Some begin almost immediately while others put it off until January. It's hard to avoid such a monumental process, especially when it is being constantly advertised over the announcements, through letters, and emails full of college information.

The process of applying for college has changed significantly over the past few years. Applications can be completed and submitted online. Students can also check the status of their applications online. Instead of receiving an acceptance letter, students can determine their acceptance through online college status pages. The process starts with research, usually online or with the help of a counselor. The majority of students have no idea where they want to go or what they want to major in when they begin their application process, so it is up to counselors to help narrow down their choices in universities by finding the student's interests.

Some universities might have a better business school than others while some have a better communications school. It all depends on a student's interests and the type of college experience they want to have. The vibe of a university can only be found by first-hand exposure. Students often take a college day during the school year to visit a school and learn what they are really all about.

"I went to Bobcat Day at Texas State and we got to walk around the entire campus and see the dorms," Jed Cotner said. "I'm glad I visited before I applied."

While most students apply to local universities such as Texas State, University of Texas, and Texas A&M, some look out of state to find the right fit. Senior Rachel Lewis chose Pennsylvania State University.

"I visited Penn State and I really liked it. Some of my family went there and it seems like it could be the right place for me," Rachel said.

Once a student has found the right university, they confer with their counselor and begin filling out the application and get a copy of their transcript to be sent to the university or universities where they desire to apply. They then complete the application and stay up to date on its status. Students came in droves to talk with Mrs. Tennill or Mrs. Burk about college and scholarship information. Transcripts were a hot commodity during the months of October and November when students were in the midst of the "college hustle".

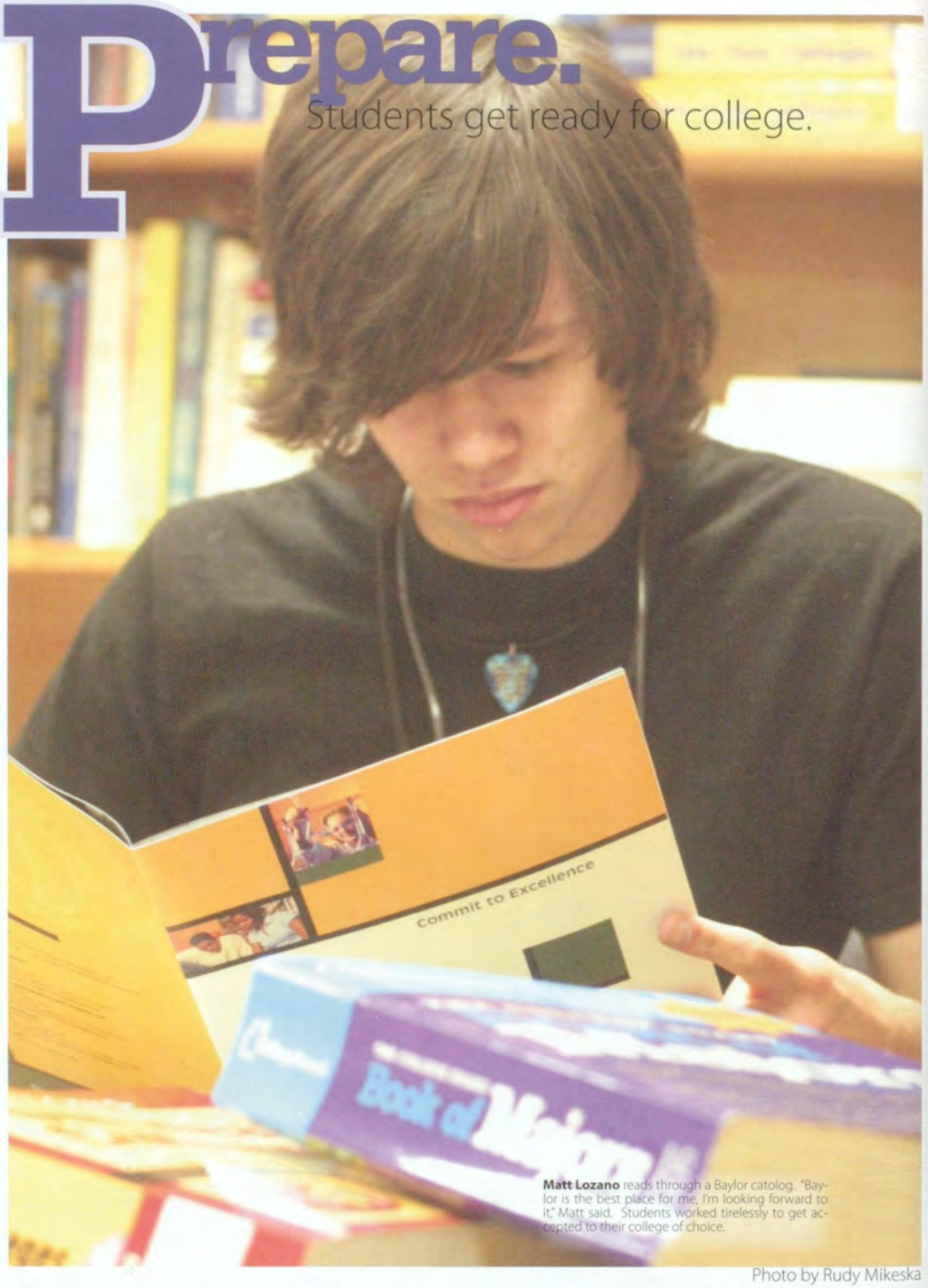
"I think I got about five transcripts printed for different colleges," Tyler Graef said.

The application process can seem strenuous, but once it is over, a sense of liberation quickly ensues.

"I was so glad to be finished with my applications," Andrea Wilkerson said. "Between writing essays and filling out pages of info, it was nice to be done."

One giant obstacle in the life of a student has been overcome. All that is left after that is the remainder of the senior year and perhaps the biggest hurdle, waiting for acceptance. After a student has gained acceptance into a university, they are anxious to graduate, move away from home and start their new lives.

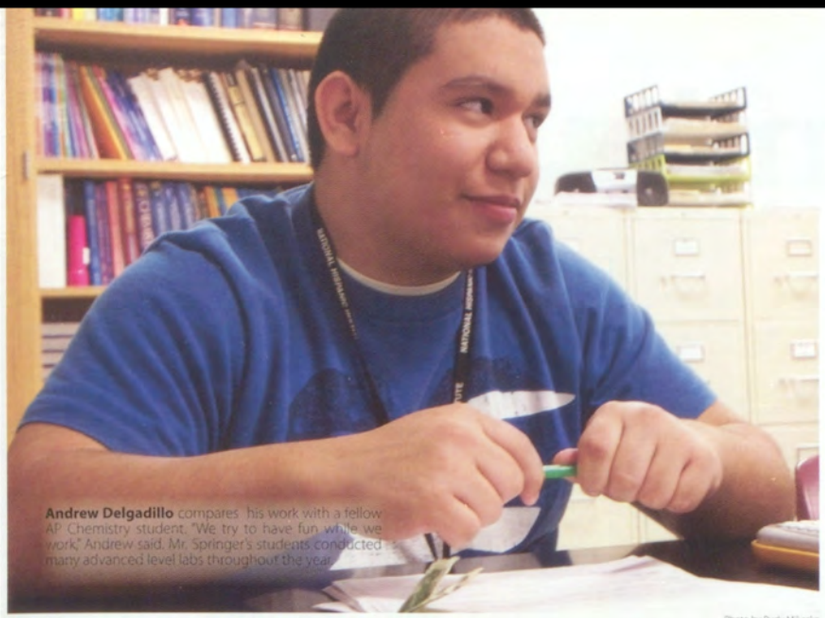
"I'm pretty much counting down the days," Britton Byfield said. "Whenever I get annoyed with something at school or home, I constantly remind myself that I only have a few more months until I'm out of here and on my own."



Matt Lozano reads through a Baylor catolog. "Baylor is the best place for me, I'm looking forward to it," Matt said. Students worked tirelessly to get accepted to their college of choice.

Photo by Rudy Mikeska

"I'm pretty much counting down the days." Britton Byfield



Andrew Delgadillo compares his work with a fellow AP Chemistry student. "We try to have fun while we work," Andrew said. Mr. Springer's students conducted many advanced level labs throughout the year.

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Go beyond.

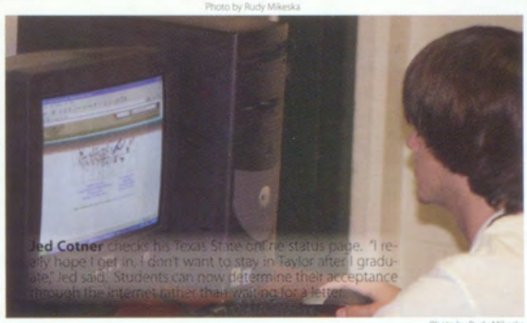
Stacy Bubenik:

"If I hadn't taken Pre-AP and AP classes, I would be a completely different student. They are definitely preparing me for college.



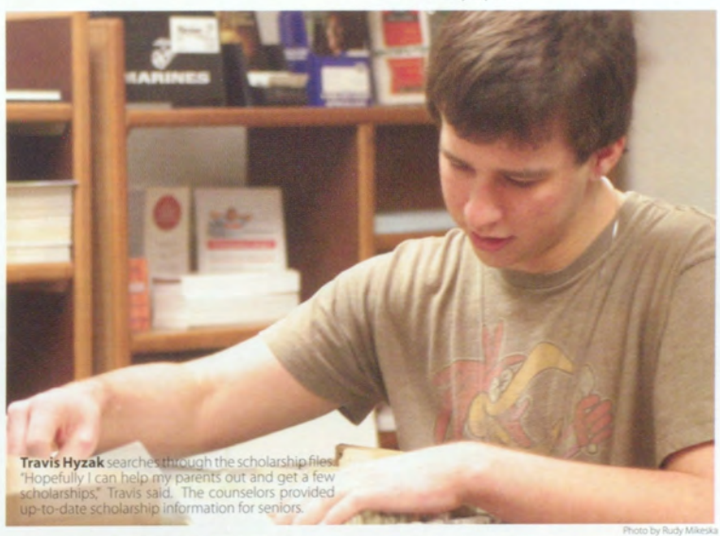
Brittney Schneider seals an official transcript for a university while working in the counselor's office, like helping other students out with the application process," Brittney said. Brittney made countless copies of transcripts for college-bound students.

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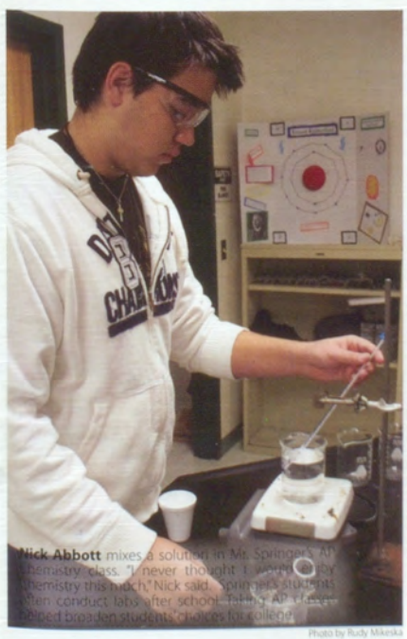
Jed Cotner checks his Texas State online status page. "I really hope I get in. I don't want to stay in Taylor after I graduate," Jed said. Students can now determine their acceptance through the internet rather than waiting for a letter.

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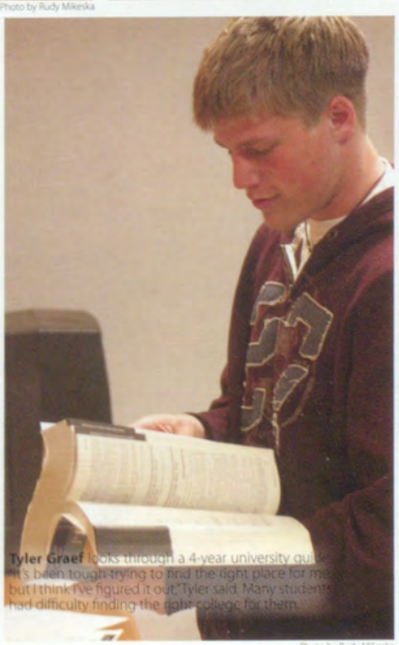
Travis Hyzak searches through the scholarship files. "Hopefully I can help my parents out and get a few scholarships," Travis said. The counselors provided up-to-date scholarship information for seniors.

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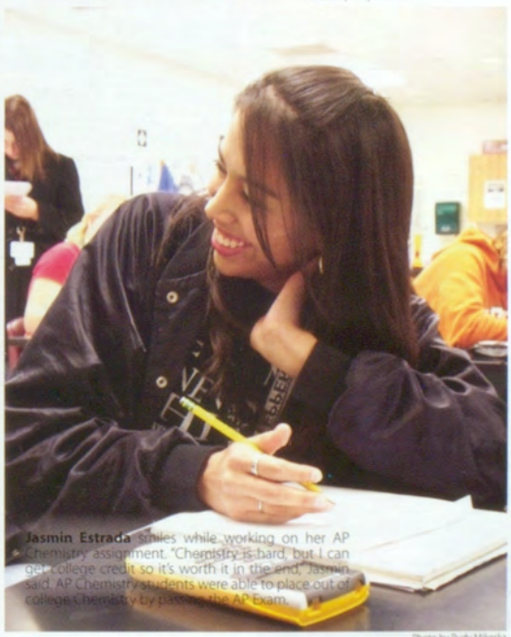
Nick Abbott mixes a solution in Mr. Springer's AP Chemistry class. "I never thought I would enjoy chemistry this much," Nick said. Springer's students often conduct labs after school. The AP classes helped broaden students' choices for college.

Photo by Rudy Mikeska



Tyler Graef looks through a 4-year university guide. "It's been tough trying to find the right place for me, but I think I've figured it out," Tyler said. Many students had difficulty finding the right college for them.

Photo by Rudy Mikeska



Jasmin Estrada smiles while working on her AP Chemistry assignment. "Chemistry is hard, but I can get college credit so it's worth it in the end," Jasmin said. AP Chemistry students were able to place out of college chemistry by passing the AP Exam.

Photo by Rudy Mikeska

Set your limits.

AP Calculus BC tests students mentally.



Jed Cotner and Andy Flores work hard on a Calculus problem. "Calculus questions don't take just a minute," Jed said. "It usually takes the whole class." Students spent countless time in class working on problems during the year.

Photos by Gregory Carter

Story by Britton Byfield

With the strenuous work of the AP Calculus BC class, students in Ms. West's class struggled while they pushed forward in the year. The class started with around twenty people and eventually sifted down to only nine.

"I'm learning," Taylor Savage said. "Just slowly. I don't regret taking the class, I just have to devote a lot of time to it."

Time is the most important factor for students in Calculus. Work outside of the classroom was necessary to do well in the class. Ms. West's policy on homework for Calculus has become one of not grading homework; she leaves it up to the students to do the homework so they can learn the material. Although this makes some of the students feel that there is no need to do homework.

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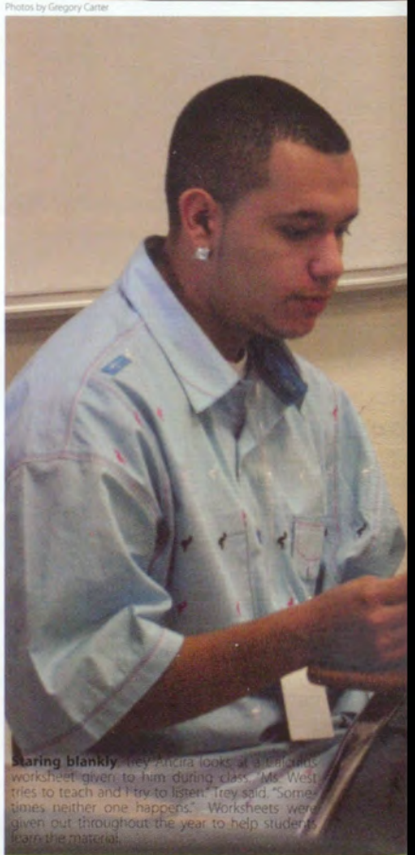
"The students who do well on quizzes and tests, are the same people who do their homework," Jordan Humphreys said.

Students asked to be removed from Calculus because they had a tough time handling the fast pace and rigor the class faced them with. Some students got out the first week, and some got out at the end of the first semester. Not all students feel that dropping the class is a loss.

"I was having trouble with the class," Rudy Mikeska said, "so I went over my degree plan and realized I didn't need it for college, so I decided to cut my losses and get out."

While many struggled, there were still the few that were able to handle the advanced class. Some students learn differently and were able to keep up with the fast pace of the class.

"Everyone usually got mad at me when I ruined the curve on some tests," said Travis Hyzak. "I felt bad, but I couldn't really help it."



Staring blankly Trey Arcira looks at a Calculus worksheet given to him during class. "Ms. West tries to teach and I try to listen," Trey said. "Sometimes neither one happens." Worksheets were given out throughout the year to help students learn the material.

Go beyond.

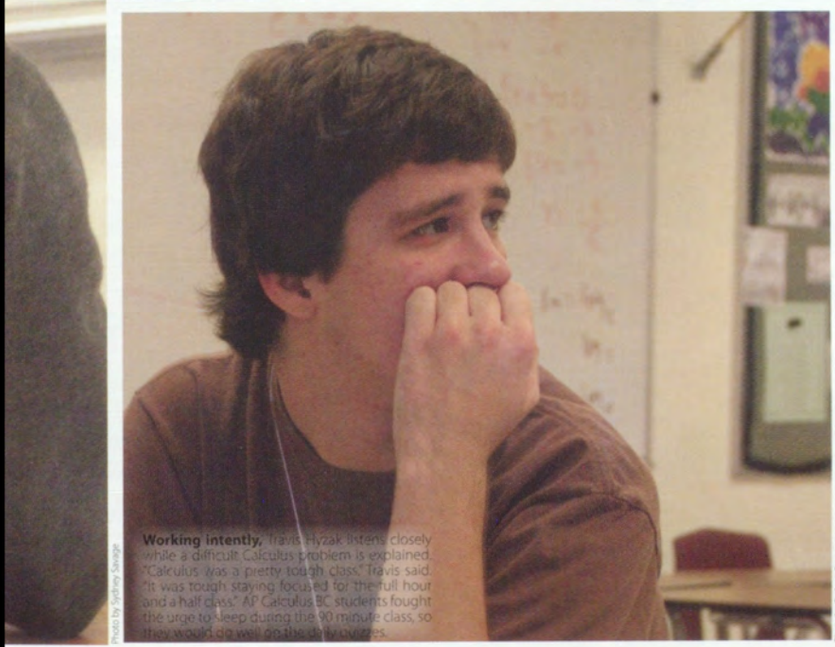
Heath O'Banon

"I never thought I would have to work that hard outside the classroom to do well in a class. Pre-Cal made me realize that I did. Unfortunately, that didn't come 'til the third six weeks."



Kayla McCarley takes a test during Mr. Thomas' Algebra 1 class. "Tests are always tough," Kayla said. "But with the hour and a half to finish, it makes it a lot less stressful." Students found the extra time good for tests but difficult when trying to keep up with homework.

Photo by Britton Byfield



Working intently, Travis Hyzak listens closely while a difficult Calculus problem is explained. "Calculus was a pretty tough class," Travis said. "It was tough staying focused for the full hour and a half class." AP Calculus BC students fought the urge to sleep during the 90 minute class, so they would do well on the daily quizzes.

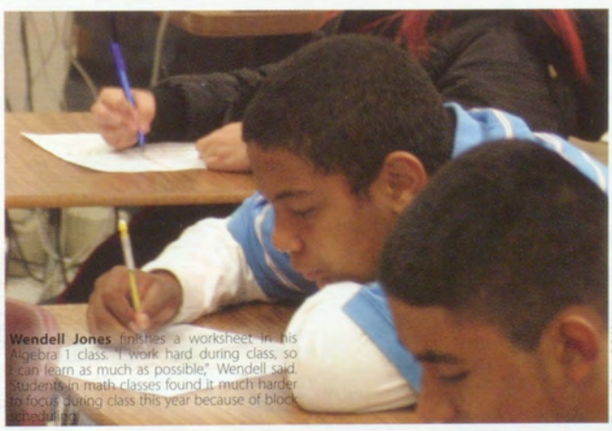
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Brooke Selby gets help from Mr. Thomas during class. "It's smart to ask for help when you don't understand something," Brooke said. "Otherwise, you won't learn it." Being a new teacher, Mr. Thomas brought fresh teaching ideas to THS.

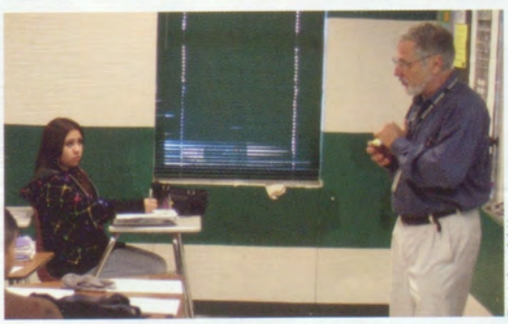
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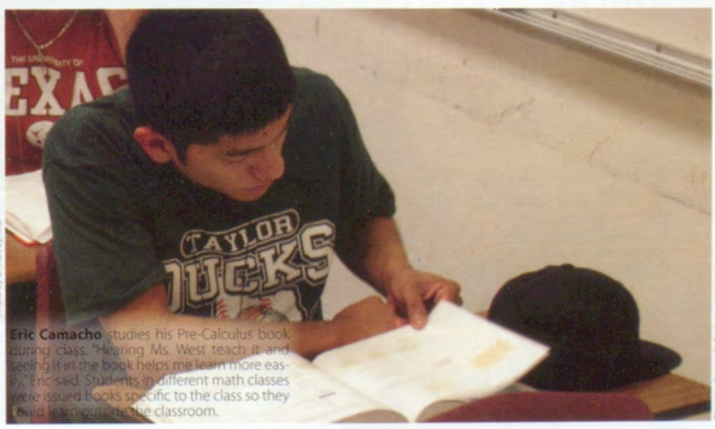
Wendell Jones finishes a worksheet in his Algebra 1 class. "I work hard during class, so I can learn as much as possible," Wendell said. Students in math classes found it much harder to focus during class this year because of block scheduling.

Photo by Britton Byfield



Students listen while Mr. Svetly lectures about Geometry. "Mr Svetly teaches really well," John Horsey said. "He is able to explain it so we can understand it." Mr. Svetly not only taught Geometry, but he also taught Algebra 1 and AP Statistics.

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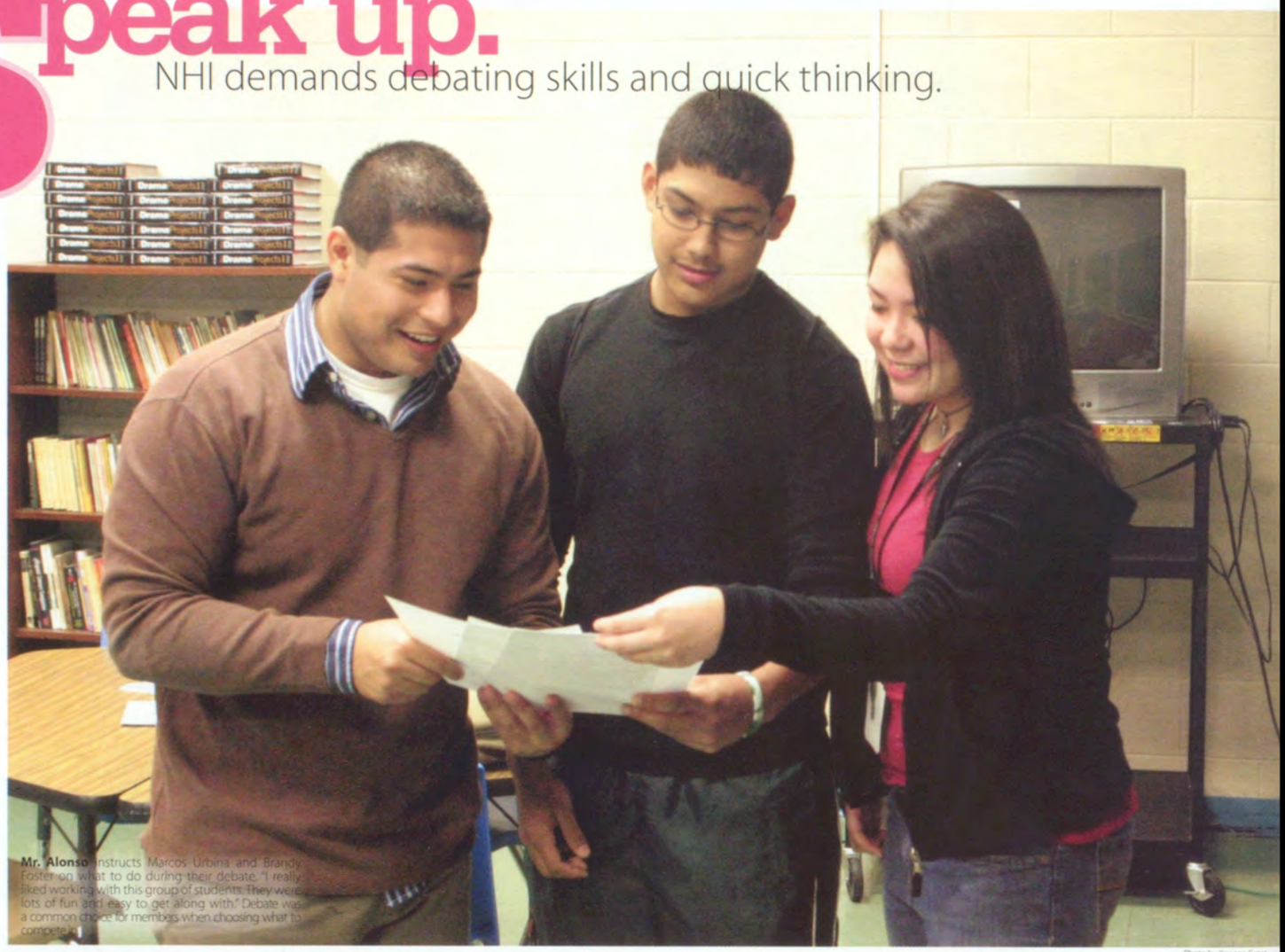


Eric Camacho studies his Pre-Calculus book during class. "Hearing Ms. West teach it and seeing it in the book helps me learn more easily," Eric said. Students in different math classes were issued books specific to the class so they could learn outside the classroom.

Photo by Britton Byfield

Speak up.

NHI demands debating skills and quick thinking.



Mr. Alonso instructs Marcos Urbina and Brandy Foster on what to do during their debate. "I really liked working with this group of students. They were lots of fun and easy to get along with." Debate was a common choice for members when choosing what to compete in.

Photo by Keegan Gross

Story by Keegan Gross

In July, thousands of kids in NHI (National Hispanic Institute) came from all over the country to Bryan College Station to compete against one another. Brandy Foster competed in Judification and received the most improved award. She ended up getting 3rd in State.

"Judification is really, really hard," Jacob Sandeigel said. "It's not hard; it's just fun," said Brandy. The event requires students to work with people from different schools to prepare a speech for or against a topic. Judges assign topics for debate from a possible fifteen, and teams have only one minute to prepare. "We had to research all fifteen topics the night before," Brandy said, "and we only had an hour before the curfew."

> **"Practicing for the competition wasn't easy;** I had to stay up late and get up early in order to get as far as I did." Brandy Foster

"Practicing for the competition wasn't easy; I had to stay up late and get up early in order to get as far as I did," Brandy said. The students spent eight of their summer weeks practicing for competition, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. However, it wasn't just all work and no fun.

"After almost every practice we got to play basketball. This helped me to relax and get studying off of my mind," Ryan Gonzales said.

"One of the best things that NHI taught me is to become more outspoken and confident about myself," Brandy said.

NHI teaches many people to become friendlier and easier to talk to. "I've met a lot of new people and I've also gotten a lot of phone numbers," Jasmin Estrada says with



John Estrada falls asleep after long hours of studying. "NHI took up a lot of time so I had to catch up on sleep sometime," John said. The members spent hours preparing for their competitions.

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Go beyond.

Andreina Calzada:

"NHI was a bonding experience for me. I got to meet some new people and we all became really close."



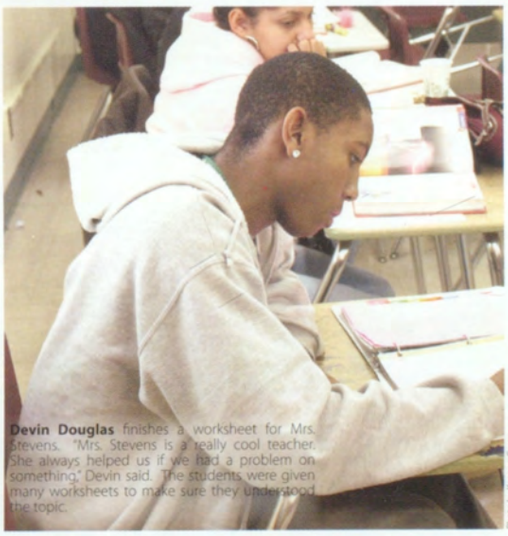
Daniel Jones works on a word search in Speech. "The word searches were fun and they helped us learn a lot," Daniel said. These word searches helped the students to understand the vocabulary better.

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Pointing for emphasis, Colt Ging delivers his speech for the class. Typically students would spend a couple of class days preparing their speeches and then another day presenting them.

Photo by Jessica Dale



Devin Douglas finishes a worksheet for Mrs. Stevens. "Mrs. Stevens is a really cool teacher. She always helped us if we had a problem on something," Devin said. The students were given many worksheets to make sure they understood the topic.

Photo by Keegan Gross



Mrs. Nisa Stevens grades papers on her birthday. "Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind." The students had many worksheets to do so there was a lot of grading to get done.

Photos by Gregory Carter



Ryan Gonzales goes over information for his debate. "I liked doing debate because I learned a lot of cool information," Ryan said. Ryan was a big asset to the debate team.

Photo by Keegan Gross

Dominate.

ACDEC team continues winning streak.



The Team poses for a picture [illegible] was crazy how close the [illegible] and "We beat the second [illegible] which is less than two [illegible] hard work has resulted [illegible]

Photo by Jeff Rose

Story by Rudy Mikeska

Few can lay claim to the number of achievements made by the Academic Decathlon team. Their hard work has resulted in the team winning four state competitions in the last five years. Over the years, the team has gained the support of the Taylor community.

"We were on a billboard and featured in the Austin American Statesman," Senior Travis Hyzak said.

The defending state champions dominated regionals this year to go on and win back to back state championships.

"It was awesome seeing everyone on the stage with their rewards, we set a team record for state," Junior Courtney Svatek said.

Courtney Svatek set an individual record with over 8000 points in the regional competition.

Although last year's team dominated the state competition, it wasn't quite as easy this year.

"It was crazy how close the score was this year. We beat the second place team by 31 points, which is less than two test questions," Travis said.

Of course, all of this success requires a substantial amount of practice. The team practices everyday, whether it is individually or at Mrs. Rowe's house.

"I practiced on my own for about an hour every night. We had practice after school and practice at Mrs. Rowe's house about four times a week," Travis Hyzak said.

"We spent countless hours studying. It drove me nuts before the state competition," Courtney Svatek said.

The ACDEC competitions cover a broad spectrum of learning, but each member has a strong point.

"Art is my strong point. It's just natural to me," Courtney said.

"I like Super Quiz because I'm a huge history buff and the material covers the Civil War," Travis said. Now that the state competition is over, the team can relax.

"I'm happy that it is over because I won't ever have to open that enormous binder again, but I enjoyed reading and learning and earning money for college is nice."

> "Before ACDEC, I didn't know how to study."
> Courtney Svatek

Not only will Academic Decathlon win awards, but it will prepare these students for the future.

"Before ACDEC, I didn't know how to study. It also helps with my speech skills," Courtney said.

The ACDEC team is proud to have Mrs. Rowe as their coach. The team would not have the same success if it was not for her brilliant leadership.

"She's pretty amazing. She's patient because sometimes we get off topic while practicing and she's fine with it, not like some coaches," Travis said.

Mrs. Rowe is a mentor for these ACDEC students as well as all of her regular students.

"Mrs. Rowe is awesome to the infinite power. And she makes us pasta," Courtney said.

Go beyond.

Courtney Svatek:

"Art is my strong point. It's just natural to me compared to the other subjects. I believe we all have a strong point. Everything else just takes more work."



Nick Abbott is hoisted up by his teammates. "We had plenty of brotherly love on the team this year," Nick said. Graduating seniors will miss having AC/DEC in their lives.

Photo by Jeff Rowe



Mrs. Rowe plays video games with the rest of the team. "I'm a great gamer," Mrs. Rowe said. Mrs. Rowe and the team bonded well during the state competition.

Photo by Jeff Rowe



The Team waits to order at Denny's. "It was really the only place open that late," Taylor Savage said. Food brought the team together at the state competition.

Photo by Jeff Rowe



Travis Hyzak composes a song on his guitar for the rest of the ACDEC team. "Taylor, Nick, and I are awesome song writers," Travis said. Travis loved to play his guitar for other team members.

Photo by Jeff Rowe



The cup sign heralds the arrival of the new state champions. "The team has received plenty of local support," Taylor Savage said. The team was recognized by the Houston Chronicle for winning State.

Photo by Jeff Rowe

Mix chemicals.

AP Chemistry gives experience and tools to aspiring scientists.

Story by Paula Reeves

Students don't just take AP Chemistry for the hiss of bunsen burners and the rotten stench of sulfer, the class acts as a stepping stone to a career in science, but this stone takes a little extra work to get over.

"The tests are really difficult. Mainly they're over two chapters, and its hard to understand all the material," Ashley Lantzch said.

But Ashley is willing to put in the time to be successful in the class because she knows she will need the information in the career she is pursuing as a registered nurse.

"That's mainly the reason why I took this class. Also, my older brother took it and he said it was a lot of fun."

The labs for AP Chemistry are the reason for the fun. The most rhapsodized lab required students to create mirrors out of pure silver inside of test tubes. Each student was able to keep their mirrors as a reminder.

"The silver mirror lab was my favorite. We got to make silver mirrors out of chemicals in test tubes, and it was fun to see the final product that we got to keep," Ashley said.

Many students agree that taking AP Chemistry is hard, but for Ashley it's her hardest class.

"I have a lot of hard classes this year, but I think that this is definitely my hardest," Ashley said. "The most difficult lab we did was the Aqueous Solutions lab."

For the Aqueous Solution lab, the class combined two chemicals and watched them react. They then made three equations from the products of the reactions.

"I love the labs, and the Aqueous Solution lab was my favorite because we got to play with chemicals," Matt Solbach said. "And that's always fun."

The labs are only a part of the incentive for taking AP Chemistry, but some students are mixing chemicals just because they enjoy it.

"I don't plan on using this class for my career because I want to be an elementary school teacher and I don't think young kids need to know chemistry," Matt said.

Whatever the reason, AP Chemisty seems to attract attention for no other reason than the crazy things they do with chemicals.

"I really suggest this class. It's just a lot of fun, and really helps you, no matter what you plan on doing in your future," Ashley said.

"I think that this class is **definitely my hardest.**"

Ashley Lantzsch



During a lab in AP Chemistry, Nick Abbot and Matthew Solbach carefully measure their solutions. "It seems like some of the best times were in labs," Nick said. Students enjoyed the challenge of the college-level course work, and they depended on Mr. Chad Springer to guide them through it.

Photo by Gregory Carter



Brandon Negus pulls a genotype card out of a bag to simulate the way genes are randomly distributed. "We pulled R's out of the bag to see whether the fake mice in our experiment would live or die," Brandon said. "Different things happened with dominant and recessive traits." The class also rolled dice in the experiment for another random aspect, and then tallied up the dead mice.

Photo by Morgan Ward

Go beyond.

Jasmin Estrada:

"My favorite thing about this class is all the work that I have to do, and all the self discipline it has taught me. I know it sounds weird, but I like that."



Coming to the [illegible] Taylor Paramedic [illegible] to assist an "injured" Analisa Trevino during the annual disaster drill. Students in the EMT program played the "victims" so that city emergency professionals could test out their [illegible]

Photo by Jacqueline Luna



Ashle Cochran reviews her lab book while writing up her results for the commercial bleach lab in AP Chemistry. "I love Chemistry," Ashle said. "I'm planning to minor it in college."

Photo by Gregory Carter

Take a trip.

Students learn outside the classroom.



Photo by Josh Nunez

Story by Cassie Stabeno

This year the field trips have been more of an eye opener rather than just a day off. Several field trips have exposed students to the real world and shown them what's waiting for them in college

Mrs. O'Quinn's Spanish class traveled to the University of Texas in Austin where they actually got to be a part of a UT student's daily schedule. They sat in a Spanish I class all the way through a Spanish III class. Although some of the students skipped the classes, others said that it was an eye opener for what's ahead.

"This field trip helped me to get an idea of what college would be like. We changed classes with the normal students, and it was our responsibility to get to our next class on time", Junior Ashley Rivera said.

Going on this field trip really helped the students to see the benefits there are to being able to speak Spanish.

"The Portuguese department gave us a presentation, and in that presentation they mentioned that there are 700 majors just at UT, and I think when the kids heard that it really impressed them," Mrs. O'Quinn said.

Another group of students, Mrs. Fischer's Digital Graphics class went to the Teco Westing House in Round Rock.

The students not only got to compare a wind turbine blade to their bus, but also received tips on how to improve their graphics.

"The demonstrations that were given to us were extremely helpful on how to make our graphics more appealing", Senior Bryant Cigales said.

"I was really surprised how well they treated a group of about 100 high school kids. The help and information they gave the kids really was genuine and not just memorized facts," Mrs. Fischer said.

Other students took field trips to compete against other schools for boasting rights and also in some cases to win scholarships.

On February 2, the German club participated in what is known as Houstonfest. This is a huge competition all relating to German where schools from all over come together to compete against each other. The categories range from Pas Auf, which is the German version of Jeopardy to making videos and posters.

"Finals really messed up the schedule for studying for this competition. Instead of focusing on nothing but Houstonfest, we had to spilt our time to study for the finals after the break," Ms. Leslie Decker said.

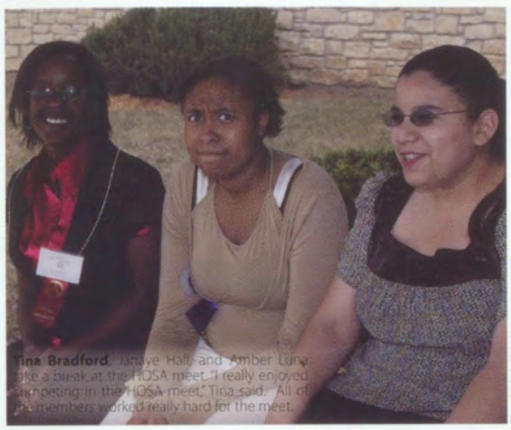
One student stood out from the rest though. At Houstonfest, Courtney Svatek managed to bring in 49 points for the team, resulting in a major win for her, a $400 scholarship.

"Regardless of how much time it took up,



Heather Hegar and Maia Richter display their future health career poster for the HOSA Area conference. "The class prepares me for my future in the healthcare field," Maia said. "HOSA is the competition to go to."

Photo by Josh Nataros



Tina Bradford, Janaye Hall and Amber Luna take a break at the HOSA meet. "I really enjoyed competing in the HOSA meet," Tina said. "All of the members worked really hard for the meet."

Photo by Josh Nataros



Courtney Svatek takes one more devious look before she runs over Brandee. "I had a lot of fun working on this video," Courtney said. The video had to be seven minutes long.

Photo by Josh Nataros

Go beyond.

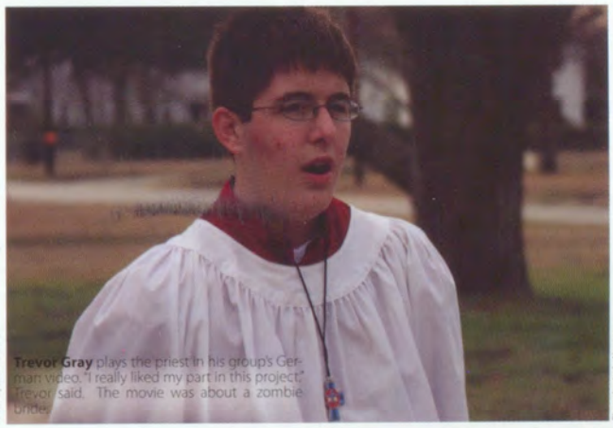
Brandee Carlson:

"The judges at Houston Fest are extremely intimidating and critical. They really push us to be correct on our presentations. It makes us want to do better next year."



Amber Luna takes time to pose for a picture. "I had so much fun at the meet," Amber said. Some HOSA team members did not know what to expect at the competition.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Trevor Gray plays the priest in his group's German video. "I really liked my part in this project," Trevor said. The movie was about a zombie bride.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Brandee Carlson plays dead in her group's video for their German competition. "I was extremely excited when I found out I was going to be killed," Brandee said. The whole movie had to be in German.

Photo by Josh Nataros

"Regardless of how much time it took up, and how much more time I needed, all the work was definitely worth it." Courtney Svatek

and how much more time I needed, all the work was definitely worth it," Svatek said.

Students from HOSA, Health Occupation Students of America, also got to participate in competition of their own. The Taylor HOSA team got to participate for the first time. There were tons of people and the team really didn't know what to expect.

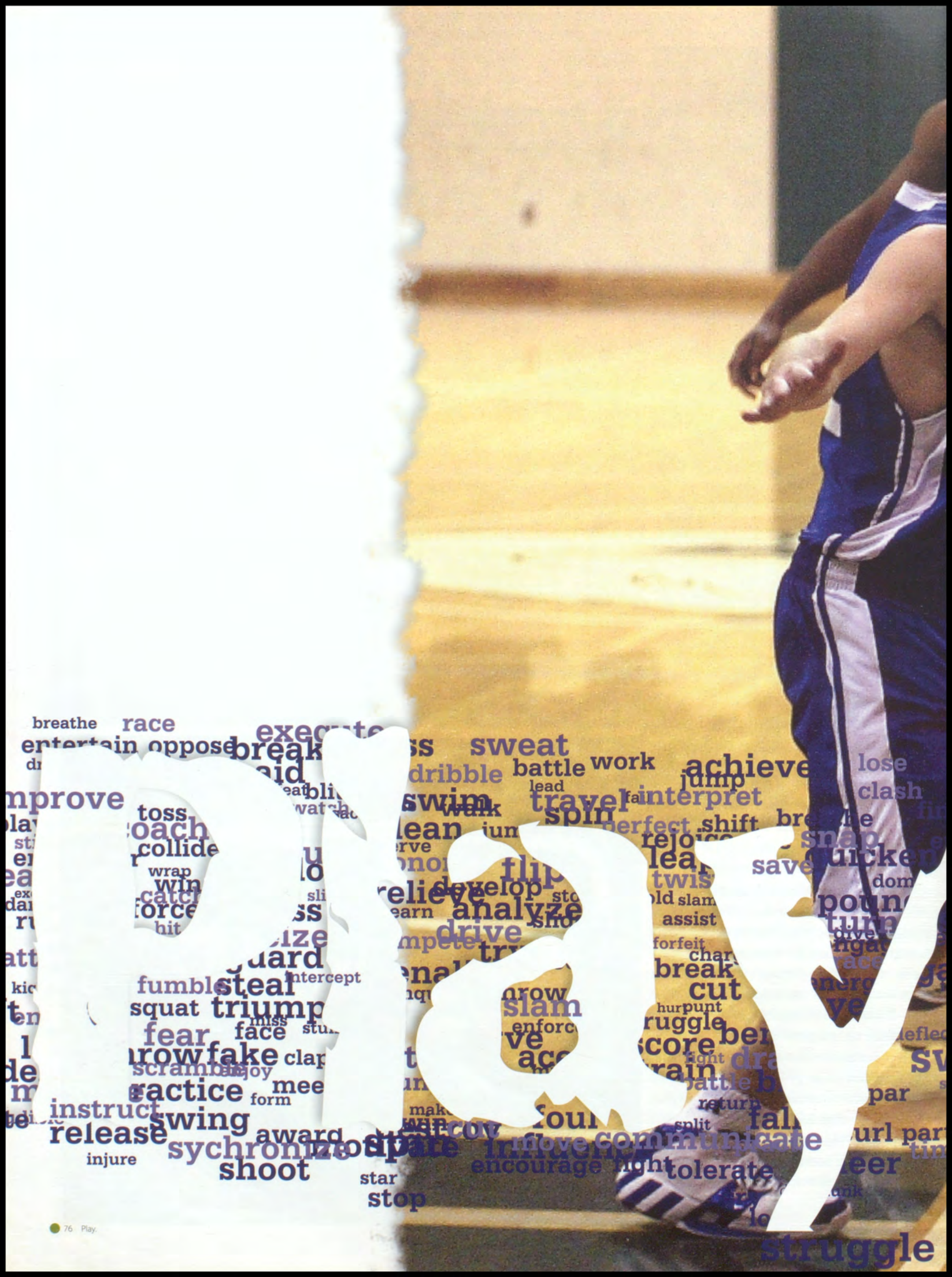
"The team did really well and worked really hard, but next year we will be much more prepared because we now know what to expect," Senior Josh Nataros said.

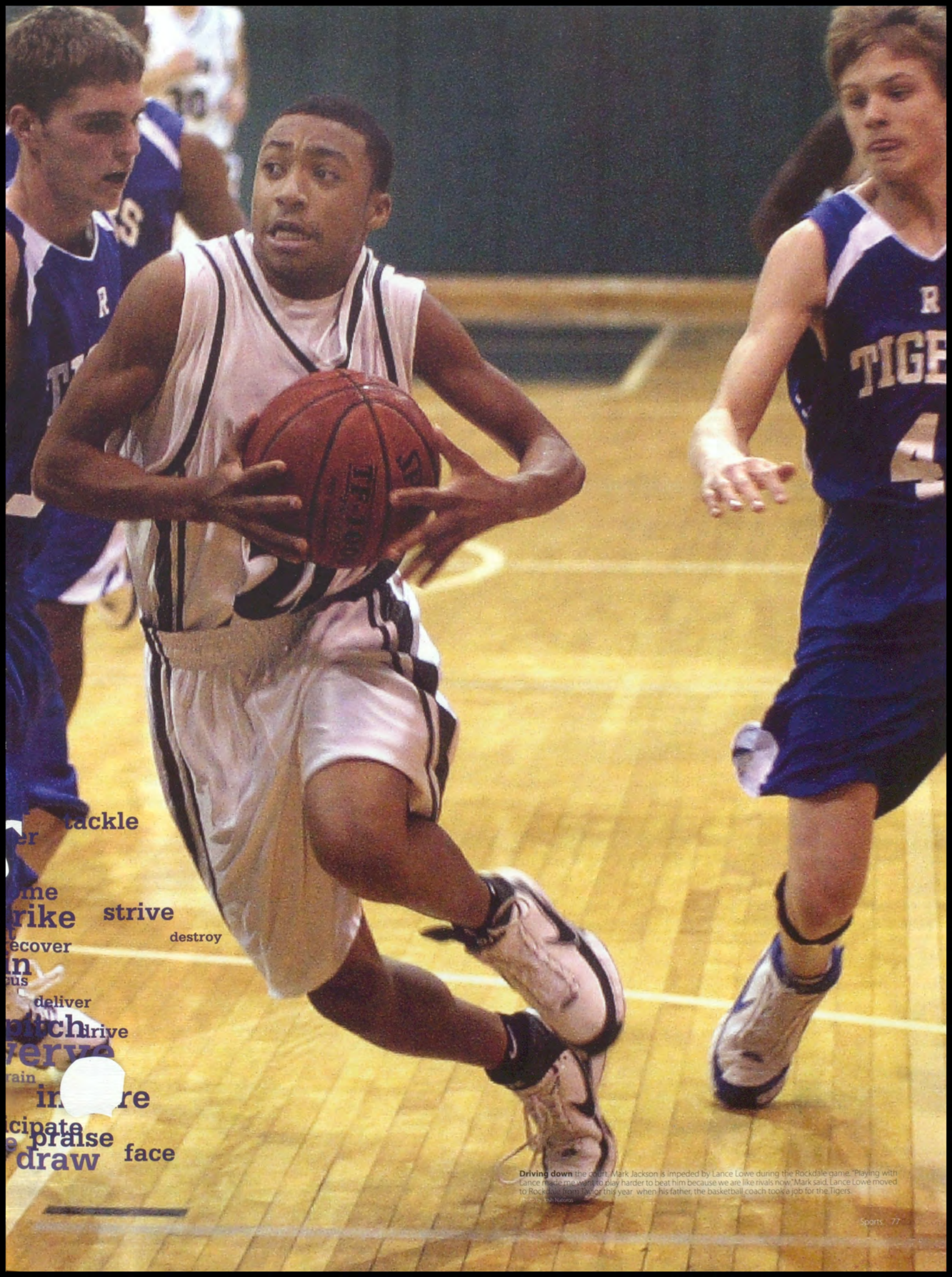
From these field trips and others, students that go on them come back with much more than they were anticipating.



HOSA members pose during their trip to Mattle Falls for a competition. President Josh Nataros enjoyed being supported by his friends.

Photo by Josh Nataros


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Driving down the court, Mark Jackson is impeded by Lance Lowe during the Rockdale game. "Playing with Lance made me want to play harder to beat him because we are like rivals now," Mark said. Lance Lowe moved to Rockdale from Taylor this year when his father, the basketball coach took a job for the Tigers.





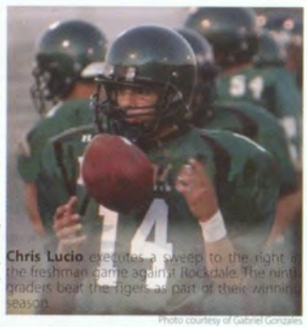
Alvaro Alderete and the Ducks march onto the field. Playing football through this tough year has taught me leadership, Alvaro said. The Ducks fought hard throughout the season.

Photo courtesy of Gabriel Gonzales



Bobby Sovil [illegible]

Photo by Jordan Humphreys



Chris Lucio executes a sweep to the right in the freshman game against Rockdale. The ninth graders beat the Tigers as part of their winning season.

Photo courtesy of Gabriel Gonzales



Issac Aparicio sets up for the opening kickoff of the JV game against Cameron.

Photo courtesy of Gabriel Gonzales



Tristan Meyer runs past a Gatesville defender. "Being able to play running back has given me a chance to lead the team," Tristan said. Tristan had a great season as running back and punter.

Photo courtesy of Gabriel Gonzales



The Ducks face out of the brand new tunnel through tunnel donated by the football parents booster club. "Now we can come out in style," Richard Alford said. Football parents raised over $14,000 for the tunnel and helmet for the Ducks' entrances.

Photo by Magdelena Zavala



The Ducks [illegible] before football [illegible] me close to the [illegible] and other [illegible] fought [illegible] before [illegible] games this season.

Photo by Jordan Humphreys

As the Hutto band played their fight song after handing the Taylor football team their eighth and final loss, players and fans struggled to keep their composure as they huddled around Coach Cobia. Players voiced sentiments about the year and the teammates that would be moving on. Running back Tristan Meyer was surrounded by friends and teammates.

"This was supposed to be the year," Tristan said. "We worked so hard for it. Now I'll never play with y'all seniors again."

For the players who spent the off-season and summer working out in the weight room, the season didn't go the way they wanted it to.

"Sometimes I felt like no matter how good I did, we would still lose," defensive end Patrick Garrett said.

Members of the team weren't seeing eye to eye on the philosophy and work ethic required to play football, so the sting of losing hit some players harder than others.

"I took losses pretty hard," receiver Corey Strimiska said. "I felt like I was putting forth all my effort and other people didn't care and gave up when we started losing."

Members of the community tried to find scapegoats for the losses, but players agree that they resulted from a lack of preparation and execution.

"The coaches tell us exactly what we need to do to be successful," linebacker Trent Rojas said. "But the players need to listen to it."

The coaches often compared Taylor to the state champion Liberty Hill team in the district to show that the level of work and dedication the Ducks were putting in paled in comparison. The voluntary summer workout program was used by some players everyday while others didn't attend.

"If I had known no one would show up," Tristan said. "I'd have worked twice as hard as I did."

While some players weren't willing to give up their time, others continued to work out and to play for the love of the game.

"Playing football in high school is about having fun," Patrick said. "It's the last chance you have to play it where it's just to be fun."

Underclassmen took the year as a learning experience for how to better their chances for the next year and for their lives.

"This year I learned how important it is to be a leader. And how hard it is to be a leader," Trent said.

"Working hard in practice doesn't just help you be a better football player," Corey said. "It helps you to be a better man. Being tough now can help you to be tough later."

Story by Jordan Humphreys

SOLDIER ON

with or without their teammates, players



Photo by Taylor Savage



Photo by Taylor Savage



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Cullen Pick** watches the team from the sideline after breaking his collar bone. "It wasn't so bad to be out of football for the rest of the season," Cullen said. Cullen has learned a lot during his football tenure. **Greg Carter** runs past his opponents during the Rockdale game. "Football isn't just what I do, it's my life," Greg said. Greg played running back as well as defensive end this season. **Tristan Meyer** powers his way through two Manor defenders. "The best part is running over people," Tristan said. Tristan was the rushing leader thoughout the season.



Photo by Taylor Savage

Jonathan Cervantez lines up against Rockdale. "I've become good friends with the other players on the offensive line," Jonathan said. "The offensive line had a huge responsibility this season."



Photo by Taylor Savage

Mark Jackson drops back to pass against Rockdale. "Running the ball was definitely more of a team thing," Mark said. Mark awed crowds with his running ability this season.



Photo by Gabriel Gonzalez

Ryan Gonzales blocks a Burnet player. "I enjoyed playing wide receiver this season," Ryan said. Ryan was enthused about playing every game this season.

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flip focus chant
lift tumble encourage
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compete practice
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with help from guys, cheerleaders learn to FLY

Story by Cassie Stabeno

"I'm fearless and on top of the world," Brandee Carlson said. "Okay, maybe not the world, but I'm up there! And flying is less of a strain on my rotator cups."

Flying, in which a male base assists a single cheerleader by hoisting her into the air, was a new experience for the cheerleaders and a new treat for the crowd. Due to greater upper-body strength, a guy can lift a cheerleader by himself and eliminate the need for an elaborate set-up by several cheerleaders preparing to lift one of their own.

"The new stunting is great!" Kari Jahn said. "It gives new opportunities for more frequent stunts that the crowd really enjoys."

Not many guys will admit that they actually wanted to join the cheerleaders, but the girls recruited them from the Propane Gang (the guys known for shaking noisy propane tanks full of rocks on the sidelines). According to the guys, the stunting isn't always as easy as it looks. And when things don't go exactly right, people can get hurt.

Sometimes "the girls hit us in unfriendly spots," Alex Bogan said.

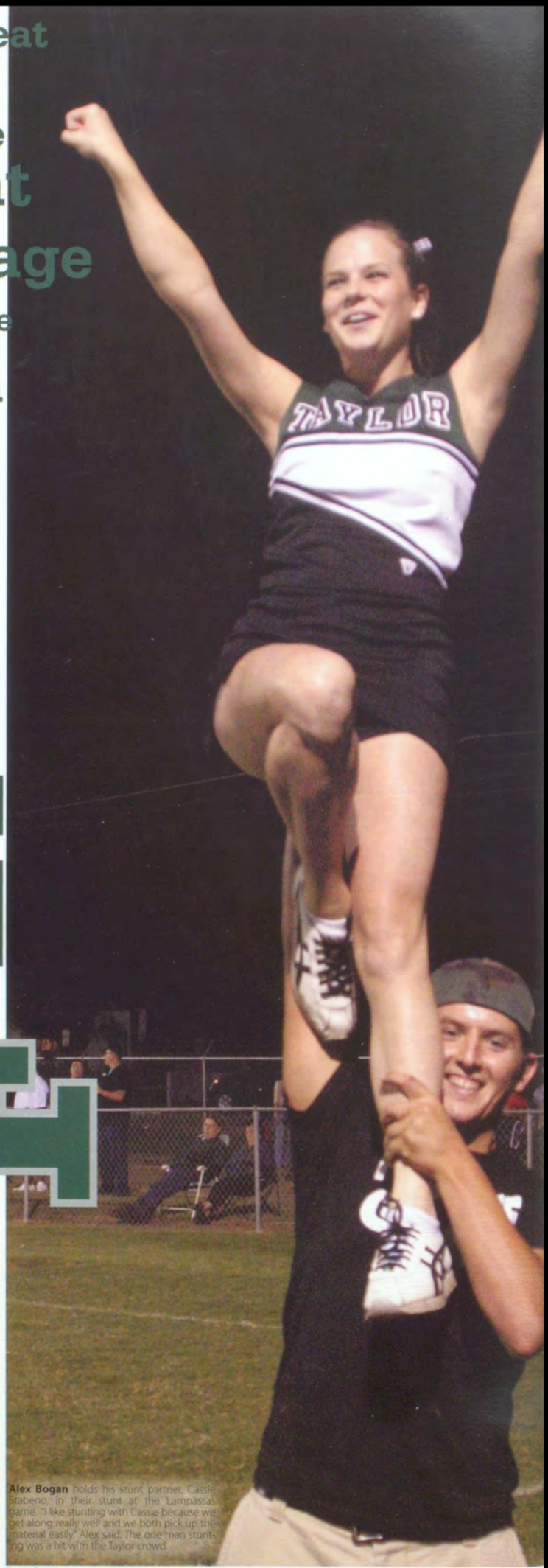
"It takes a lot of strength, as well as technique and balance . . . considering there is a full-sized person on top of your hands," Alex said.

Sometimes the stunting places the girls and their male counterparts in awkward positions.

"One time . . . Ryan's hand placement was a little off and . . . it was very uncomfortable," said Kari.

But from the stands, the crowd only sees a polished stunt.

"People have said that the one man stunting looks very professional and collegiate," cheerleading coach Ms. Kate Harden said.



Alex Bogan holds his stunt partner, Cassie Stabeno, in their stunt at the Lampasas game. "I like stunting with Cassie because we get along really well and we both pick up the material easily," Alex said. The one man stunting was a hit with the Taylor crowd.

Photo by Taylor Savage



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Photo courtesy of Kate Harden

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Ryan Gonzales** holds Kari Jahn high in the air. "Even though the stunt feels weird, we both know that it looks appealing to the crowd," Ryan said. It took time and concentration to learn this stunt. **The Taylor** Ducks come together after the game to sing the fight song. "Singing the fight song after the games is something that the whole community can come together to do, not just the football players," Tyler Graef said. This was the first year that Taylor has had two community pep rallies. **Rachel Weison** performs the school song at the end of the Homecoming pep rally. "The school song is an important tradition that we do after every pep rally," Rachel said. **Cassie Stabeno** practices her one man stunt in the morning. "Doing the one man stunts are really fun, it's so easy to coordinate one guy and one girl instead of four," Cassie said. The one man stunt groups have really been a hit with the crowd. **Varsity cheerleaders** perform during the pep rally for Homecoming. "The pep rallies are getting so much better as time goes on," Andrea said. The pep rallies weren't just for the high school kids, a lot of parents came too. **Both JV** and Varsity perform in first pep rally of the year. "I was really nervous for my first pep rally as a high school cheerleader," Amanda Williams said. With both squads, the cheerleaders accomplished much more.

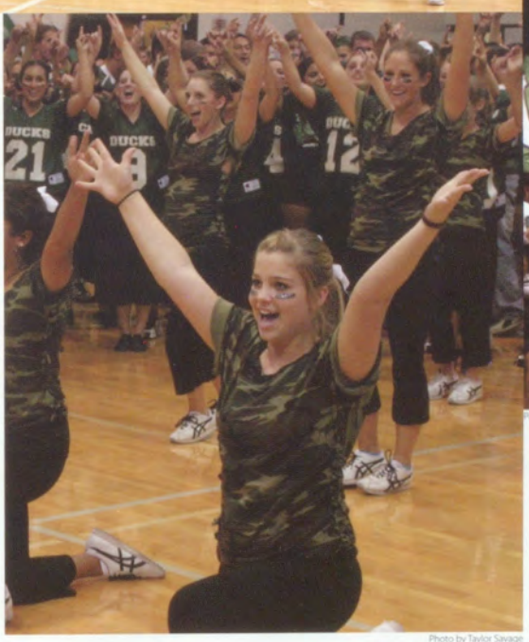


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Rebecca Carnes cheers for the crowd. "Cheering for JV was a lot of fun, but I'm ready for Varsity," Rebecca said. The JV squad bonded well together at the ST cheerleader camp.



Photo courtesy of Kate Harden

Heather Hegar yells into her megaphone during the JV game. "It really is exciting when the crowd gets involved," Heather said. Getting the crowd involved always made the games so much better.



Photo courtesy of Kate Harden

Mariah Ojeda waits for the next cheer to be called. "There were more cheers to learn than I had realized," Mariah said. Even as the football season ended, there were still more cheers to learn.



Photo courtesy of Kate Harden

JV Cheerleaders cheer on the football players at the JV game. "We have a lot of fun on the track at the football games," Heather Hegar said. The JV squad had eight freshmen and only two sophmores on their squad.



INTENSITY

to get to the top the Hi-Steppers



Drained from exhaustion, battered, bruised, every single muscle aching, and knowing that they still have to put everything they have into the dance. This is what it takes to prepare for a competition. Now, more than ever is when the Hi-Steppers need to suck it up and put on their big girl tights!

The Hi-Steppers, as much as any other team, know that the road to the top is not a paved one. For them, it is a road that began in mid-summer. While many other students were lying lazily on the beach, or traveling to exciting summer getaways, the Hi-Steppers were practicing at the football field.

"We knew that in order to reach our goal of doing well at nationals, the team would have to have tougher, longer, and harder practices," director Ashley Sengsouvanh said.

That is exactly what they have done. "Hi-Steppers is my schedule, it makes for long nights and sleepy days, but in the end it's all worth it," Major Mariah Dempsey said.

But long hours alone are not enough to put the team at the top. It takes extreme dedication, discipline, perseverance, and above all, heart. This is especially evident in the results of the twenty-four rookies that have joined the Hi-Steppers, creating a 34 member team, placing the Taylor Hi-Steppers in the Large Team category for competition. A first for the Hi-Steppers. In most cases a team will gain approximately ten to twelve new members. But having twice as many, most of whom are freshmen, doubles the challenge of bringing the new team to the previous team's standards. It is a challenge that this team is more than willing to take on.

"I was very excited about freshmen being able to try out not only because I am a freshman, but also because I knew that it gave us an additional year on the team to grow, and work up to the Hi-Stepper standard of performing," Tori Ochoa said.

And while this is true, some did not feel quite the same at the thought of freshmen being on the team.

"At first I didn't think it was a wise choice. I didn't know if the freshmen would be able to handle coming to a new school, and be on a team; but now I see it brings a whole different vivacious vibe to the team," Junior Andreina Calzada said.

A new team, a new year, a new goal. This has been one of the most challenging years for the team as they tried to make a name for themselves on a national level. This is a difficult feat for any team, but even more so for one that has a majority of dancers that are starting from scratch. But the spirits of everyone one on the team were hopeful and determined.

"If we keep working as hard as we are and the progress continues at the same rate, I expect to do just as good, if not better than last year's team did at contest." Mariah said.

"Everyone dances their heart out every single practice, and has the drive for it," Andreina said.

So while the season for many other sports starts and ends within three months, the Taylor Hi-Steppers trained eight months for a performance that will last less than three minutes; but will leave memories that will last a lifetime. It was a hard, toiling year for them, and come what may, win or lose, the team can walk away proud and know that they defeated all challenges, and wore their big girl tights all year 'round.

Story by Lauren Connors

Photo by Taylor Savage

Paige Kriedel poses during the halftime show of a football game. "Football games are just the beginning of the year. It helps us build up for spring show," Paige said.



Photo by Josh Nataros



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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Lauren Connors** finishes off her dance routine. "We all love performing during contest season. The routines are a lot of fun but take a lot of dedication and practice. But in the end, it's all worth it," Lauren said. It was important for the team to practice long and hard in order to do as well as they planned. **Carin Gonzales** poses for the end of her jazz dance at Showoffs. "I absolutely love jazz dancing. It's just my thing," Caryn said. Caryn performed to *Feeling Good* by Michael Buble. **Justine Lorentzen** finishes her leap during her solo dance. "I dance to express myself. I do it for the people that I love," Justine said. Justine placed 1st Runner-Up in her solo dance.



Photo by Jordan Humphreys

Jackie Orozco cheers on the Ducks during the ... compas as game. "I absolutely love Hi-Steppers ... don't know what I'd do without it. You make ... memories that will last you for the res... of ..." Jackie said.



Photo by Taylor Savage

Andreina Calzada stands at attention waiting for the Hi-Stepper jazz routine to begin. "I love performing; it's the best feeling in the world," Andreina said. The Hi-Steppers give a halftime performance every football game followed by the fight song.



Photo by Jordan Humphreys

Kari Alderete applies her makeup in prepa... tion for the halftime performance. It is a ... High tradition to play the school song wheth... the Ducks win or lose.

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a strong team of runners strives to TRIUMPH



Feeling the pain and the adrenaline pumping through their blood, the cross country boys try their hardest to finish the race. Matthew Solbach, Kyle Leeper, Seth Samuelson, Ryan Jaecks, Jordan Kiewit, Nathan Burrow, and Drew Weise all work hard to uphold their varsity positions.

"I run cross country because it's fun and it gets me ready for track," Seth Samuelson said.

For many, cross country is a tough sport. It is a competition between 15 and 120 teams running a 5-mile obstacle. The teams have as many players as they want but the judges only score the first five runners of each team.

"Cross Country is a hard and challenging sport that seems like it takes forever and gets you tired," Kyle said.

"Knowing that we are the only guys in the whole school that would do it is what motivates me," Ryan added.

Coach Shelli Cobb pushes her runners to do their best. She always has encouraging words that help boost their confidence.

"Coach Cobb's encouraging letters before District and Regionals really help us do our best," Kyle said.

Practices are held in the morning and in the afternoon. The goal of the hour-long practices with no breaks is to train the runners for the long distances required for cross-country running.

"Practices are miserable," Jordan said. "They last about 45 minutes, and we get no break, but practice makes perfect."

Running cross country is something most people would do for fun. Runners have to have a set mind to keep going. Some runners think of a song they enjoy, some work out their problems, and others think about what's going to be at the concession stand.

"While I'm running, I pick a song that I like, and I sing it over and over, about 20 or 30 times. It makes my run go faster," Kyle said.

All physical and mental conditioning led the guys to a third-place position in District and they went on to Regionals.

"I didn't like cross country in the beginning because it was just too hard. Now I love it. It was worth all the hard work at the end," Jordan said.

Story by Pearlie Gault



Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Townsend

Matthew Solbach gives it his all on the course to finish as quick as he can. "Coach Gabel motivated me to run cross country. He said it would help my track time and I eventually did it for the fun," Matthew Solbach said. The boys dug deep to finish the race on top.



Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Townsend

Zoey Howard keeps her pace as she finishes up the race. "I run cross country to be better than my sister," Zoey said. This was Zoey's first year in cross country and she has had help from her older sister Jenna on form and good running practices.



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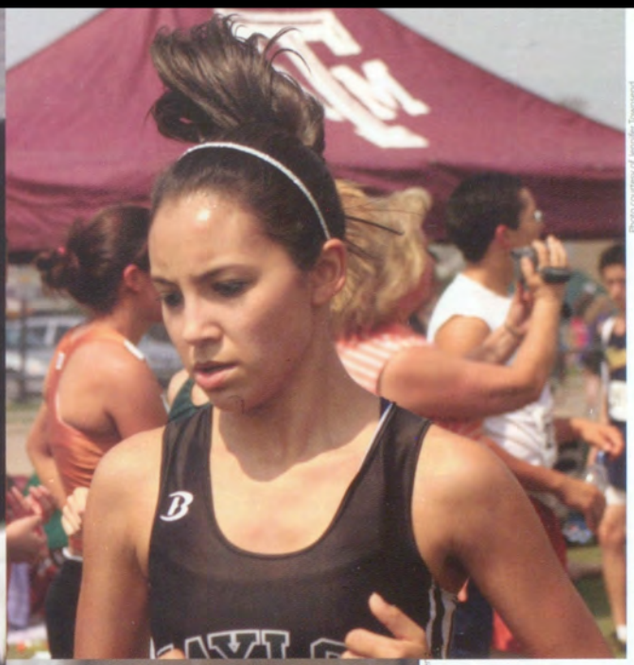


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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Seth Samuelson** and **Kyle Leeper** keep up with each other as they finish up the District meet. **Kelly Dominguez** runs with ease, doing what she must to finish the race knowing she did her best. "I concentrate real real hard on my form while I'm running," Kelly said. The girls gave it their all in Bryan College Station and came home happy. **Nathan Burrow** focuses on finishing the meet with a medal. "Cross Country is a harder workout than I would have thought," Nathan said. The boys finished third in District and went on to Regionals.



Devyn Tone listens to coach Cobb as the girls cross country team prepares for their meet in Bryan-College Station. "I have a passion in running because I want to succeed in something," Devyn said. Coach Cobb's encouraging words helped the girls do their best.



Photo Courtesy of Jennifer Townsend

Briana Yanez pushes hard to pass her opponent and get to the finish line. "My definition of cross country is pain, but the rush of the competition motivates me to keep going," Briana Yanez said. "But I mainly do it to stay in shape." Briana received a medal for 13th place in the Bryan-College Station meet.

a team comes together and learns to SUCCEED



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After the previous year's promising play-off run and brutal loss to China Springs, the team was ready to pick up right where they left off and go even further.

"Starting off 8-0 gave us confidence for the rest of the season," Britney Schneider said.

With the taste of play-offs fresh in their mouths, the girls wasted no time stepping up their game and earning a 6-2 district record, losing only to Hutto.

The team played the Lorena Leopards in the first round beating them in four games. In the second round, Taylor faced the Mexia Black Cats and easily beat them in three games. And then came the true challenge; making it past the third round, the same round lost in in the previous year. To top it all off, they faced the same team that had defeated them in that very game one year before, China Springs.

"There was a lot of hype the week before," Brittni Gola said, "Everyone knew it was going to be a good game."

It was an even match and was fought hard taking them to five games but in the end, they couldn't pull off the win.

"I'm proud of what we accomplished and making history again this year," Kelsey Marek said.

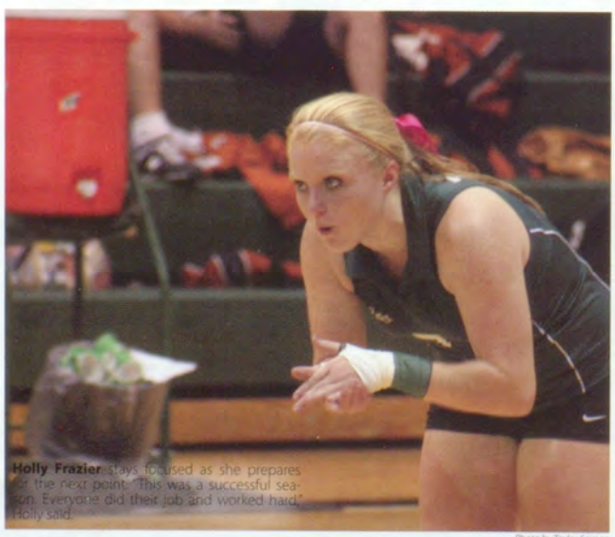
Though the season ended with some disappointment, the team had matched what they had achieved the previous year and formed a very close bond in the process.

"We are all really close," Reese Hall said.

How well the team did this season goes to show how much the relationship among teammates actually affects play.

"We were much closer this year and I think our success had a lot to do with that," Jessica Dale said.

Story by Jessica Dale



Holly Frazier stays focused as she prepares for the next point. "This was a successful season. Everyone did their job and worked hard," Holly said.

Photo by Taylor Savage



The Lady Ducks keep up their spirit as they joke around on the court. "This was a fun year and I hope that we do as well or better next year," Jillian McQuillen said. The huddle helped the team to relax and stay calm.



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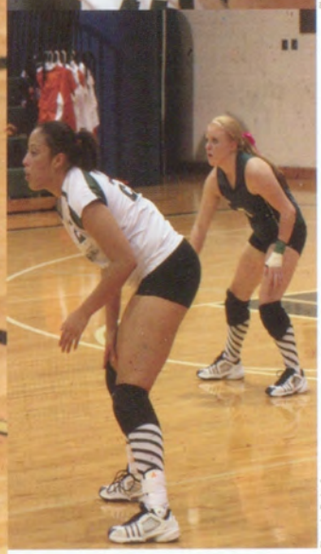


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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Coach Rogers** talks to the girls during a timeout. "Coach Rogers always got us to calm down and helped us relax," Brittni Gola said. The volleyball team would always pray in the huddle before the game started. **Carla Hoffman** concentrates as she gets ready for the next point. "It was a good year," Carla said. The level of concentration that the team had helped them achieve a winning record. **Holly Frazier** and Amaris Jones watch intently as they wait to return the ball. "It was fun while it lasted," Amaris said. The Lady Ducks ended up losing in a close game against Hutto.



Photo by Taylor Savage



Shelby Johnson talks to Reese Hall about the previous point. "We got just as far as we did last year so I was happy," Shelby said. The girls talked to each other to help keep their motivation up.

Photo by Taylor Savage



Photo by Taylor Savage

Reese Hall watches the ball as it soars through the air. "I'm really going to miss the team next year because we were all close friends," Reese said. Reese is one of the five seniors who will not be returning next year.

players give heart and soul to OVERCOME

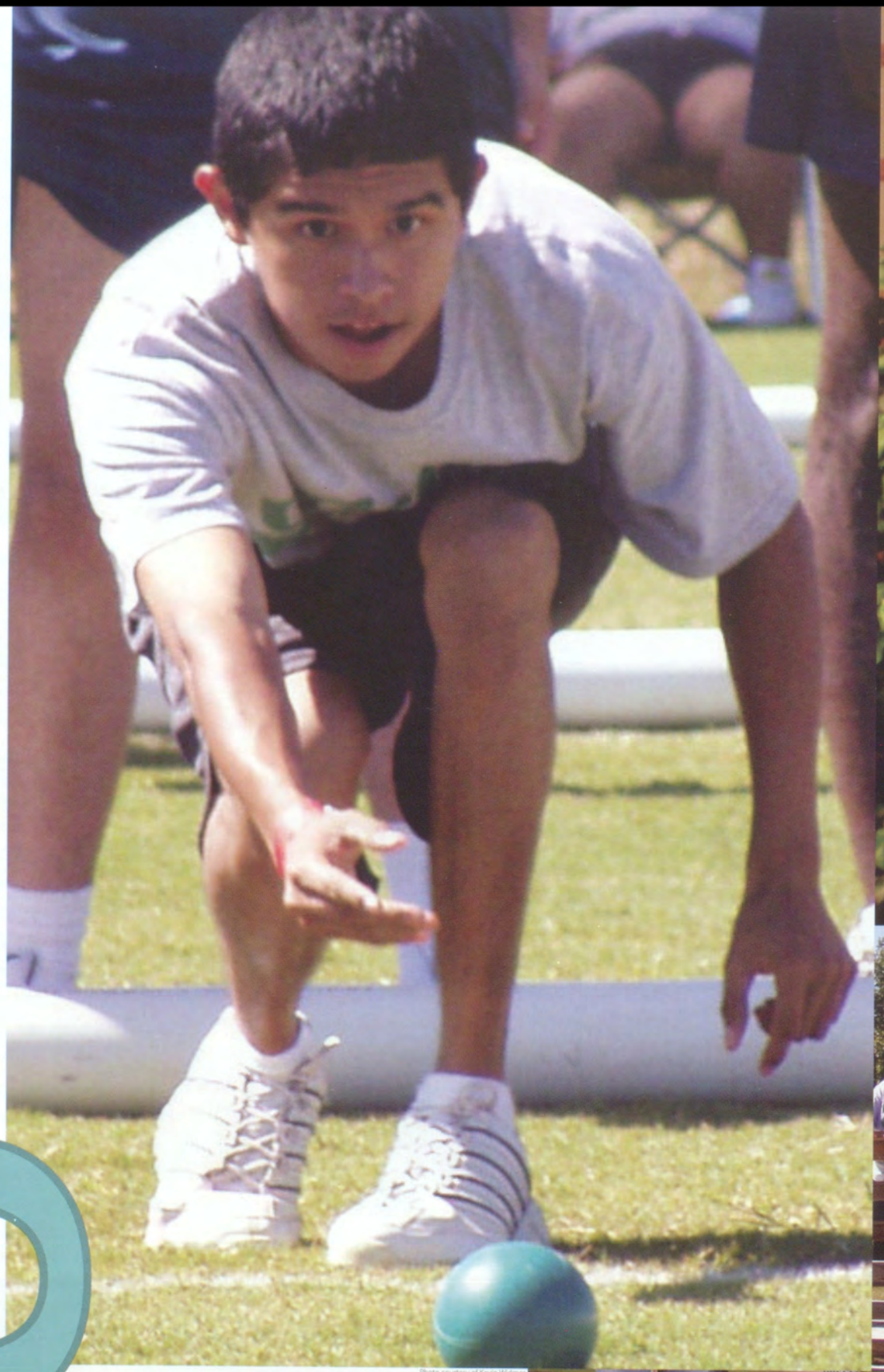


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Clockwise from above: **Michael Rodriguez** leans in to get the perfect pitch on his Bocce Ball. "I always practice at home," Michael said. Michael's effort was paid off with a first place win. **Barry Jackson** gives a speech at the opening ceremony of the bocce ball tournament. **The Taylor** Co-op Comets stand as a team. "The students do all of the encouraging," Mr.Widmer said. **Anita Garza**, Roland Meyers, and Keila Amleva watch their bocce balls lead the way to victory. Eight of the Comets got gold medals, and the rest recieved silver.



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When it comes to school sports, Taylor manages to accumulate a decent amount of cheering fans. We spend our time giving our praise to already-glorified students; however, we sometimes forget one very important group.

The Special Education program of Taylor competes year round in various sports including basketball, bocce ball, bowling, and track and field, calling themselves The Taylor Co-op Comets. The past two years this group of about a dozen students has advanced to the state level.

"[At the state meet] we had the best performance we've ever had," Head of Delegations Mr. Kevin Widmer said. "Out of thirteen kids, eight came home with gold medals and the rest got silver."

Not only do these students show an impressive amount of effort during their sport, but they also find a way to help their fellow teammates from the sidelines.

"During track and field, the entire team stands at the finish line and screams at the top of their lungs," Mr. Widmer said.

Special Olympics is one of the most important things in many of these kids' lives. For Michael Rodriguez, the thirst to participate was so strong that though his appendix ruptured one week before his competition, all he could think about was how badly he wanted to be there for his team. Unfortunately he wasn't able to participate, but he gave an amazing amount of encouragement to his teammates.

When it comes to the day of their event, the students show off what they have been practicing all season.

"I like to compete, and I like to win," Donald Frederick said.

To celebrate, everyone goes out for a nice dinner to cool off from a hard-working and sweaty day. What many of the Special Olympic competitors look forward to is the Victory Dance after the state track meet. The competitors come looking their finest, clad in suits and formal dresses.

"A lot of the students don't get out very often. After a meet, that's how we rejoice," Widmer said.

Hours of practicing has allowed these students to form a sense of belonging with each other.

"All of the people on the team are my best friends," Stacy Ramlochan said.

Often overlooked, this dedicated group of students has formed a sanctuary among themselves. Said Mr. Widmer, "They play their hearts out. They are their own cheerleaders. Taylor should be proud."

Story by Brandon Carlson

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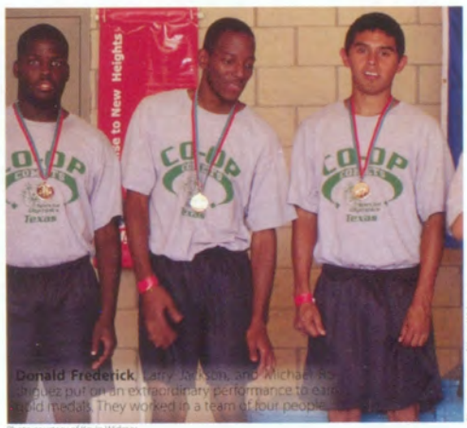


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Donald Frederick carry Joseph and Michael Rodriguez put on an extraordinary performance to earn gold medals. They worked in a team of four people.

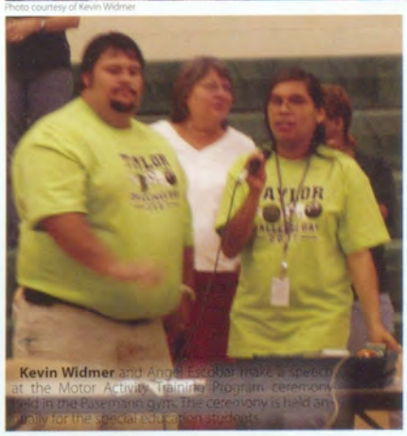


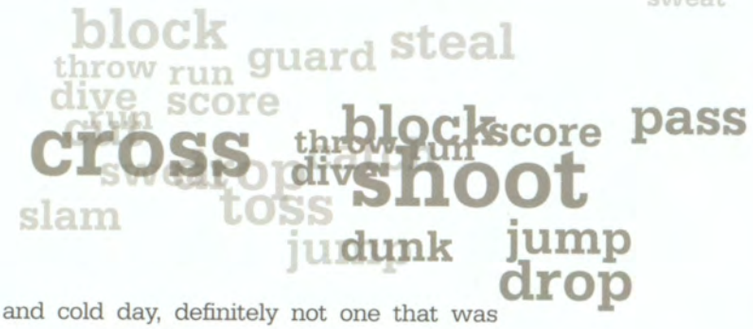
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Kevin Widmer and Angel Escobar share a special moment at the Motor Activity Training Program ceremony held in the Pasemann gym. The ceremony is held annually for the special education students.



Photo courtesy of Kevin Widmer

Roland Meyer and Keila Amleva attend the celebration dance after the Bocce Ball meet. A night of dancing rewarded the hard-working students.



RISE ABOVE.

through trouble, a good team will

With more than just a few bumps in the road, the girl's basketball team continually worked hard to reach the success they had in last year's season. With a rough start, the girls finally pulled together this year and were a tough competitor during district play.

"We were really confident going into district, but not overconfident," said Holly Frazier. "The competition was strong, but we knew we had a chance to take district and make the playoffs."

The first half of the team's season was very disappointing to the girls. With a six and twelve record, tensions rose between the players.

"All of the frustration from the losses created a lot of drama between us." Crystal Lopez said. "But, we were able to work through it all and start district off strong."

Battling injuries and tough losses, the girls also went through a bus accident while on their way to a game in Snook. It was a rainy and cold day, definitely not one that was good for traveling. Nearing the light at an intersection, the bus driver ran the red light and the bus was hit by a truck.

"I sat up and saw the red light." said Chelsey Boykins. "It looked like she wasn't going to stop, and then I thought she would stop, but she kept on going, and a truck hit us."

Pulling over to the side, as a safety precaution, the girls had to get out of the bus and be checked out. Holly was taken to the hospital because of a minor neck injury.

Overcoming adversity during the season, the girls finally overcame their greatest challenge and took an outright district championship. With a three way tie going into their final game, the girls defeated Hutto to take the first place spot in district. For the second consecutive year, the girls made the playoffs, but instead as a third place team, they were in control as the first place team.

Story by Britton Byfield



The varsity team huddles together before a game. "We really have good team chemistry on and off the court," Crystal Lopez said. "The team came together mid-season and took flight when district came around."

Photo by Josh Nataros



Drawing up a play, Coach Turnbough helps the JV move past a defensive unit. "Coach always has something encouraging to say, no matter what the score of the game was," Kristin Martinez said. At the end of the season, the Freshman Team and JV team combined for the last few games.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Crossing over. Stephanie Zachary dribbles by a defender during the Cameron game. "Basketball has always been one of my favorite sports," Stephanie said. "Ever since I was little, I have always been playing." Experience fueled the team's success during the season.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Kelsey Marek shoots the ball over a defender at a home game. "I was really excited when we won district," Kelsey said. "It was sort of like a weight was lifted from our shoulders. With all the hard work, the girls finished strong in third place, winning first place.

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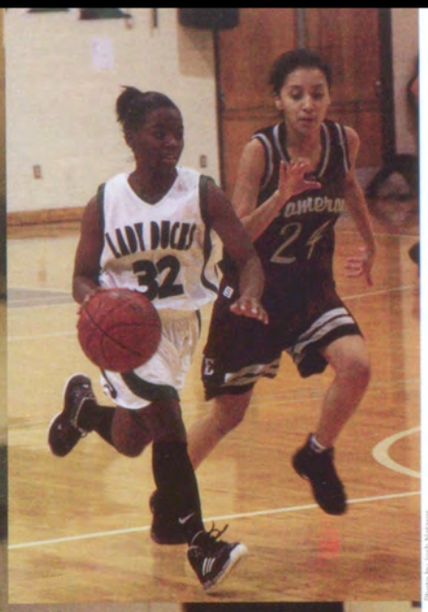


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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Chasity Douglas** rips down a rebound over several defenders. "I love the intensity of the games." Chasity said. "The adrenaline rush is crazy." The home crowd played a role in some of the team's key victories. **Setting up** her shot, Jesse Hilscher shoots the ball during a district game. "We played pretty good during district." Jesse said. "We had some tough competition, but we rose to the occasion." The girls had their share of ups and down throughout the year, but came together when necessary. **Courtney Fields** leads the freshman team down the court. "I like being a leader on the team." Courtney said. "The added pressure helps me do well." The freshman girls worked hard to better prepare them for the years to come.

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Britton Byfield's leadership teaches players to RESPECT

Through the inconsistencies of three different basketball coaches and a myriad of graduated players, Britton Byfield has honed his skills and developed his character to a level that matches his staggering height.

"Britton's a great leader because he's been on the team the longest," Mark Jackson said. "So he has the most experience."

Britton has led the team in scoring since he joined the varsity team as forward at the beginning of his sophomore year and was ranked third in blocks in central Texas.

"Britton is one of the top players in our district," Coach Justin Boswell said. "He's been successful because he plays smart and works hard on his inside game as well as his outside game, not just lay-ups."

Because of his work ethic and love of basketball, Britton has raised the expectations of the team to a new level. He has helped the players understand the game more, and have more respect for him.

"Playing with Britton is good," Heath O'Bannon said. "He's somebody we all can depend on."

For his senior year, Britton has worked his way up to the top two or three players in the district. His hustle and his leadership have really helped to increase his game.

"Britton leads by example, plays hard, and doesn't gripe or complain," Coach Boswell said. "Even though he's not a 'rah rah' kind of leader, the team still respects him."

The players all respect Britton to a higher level. They look up to him as a role model. He has grown to be a very respectful, dependable, and unselfish teammate on and off the court.

"I kind of have to look up to Britton," Heath said. "He's like 7 feet tall."

Story by Pearlie Gault



John Horsey dribbles to the 3-point to look for an open post. "I always try to keep my head up and look for any open players," John said. The sophomore team had a winning record this year.



Travian James goes up for the shot and draws the foul. "I know I'm just better than he is," Travian said. Travian has played basketball since he was a little kid.



Terrence Jackson pushes his way down the court as the time runs out. "When Coach Rohan talks mess to me, I put that in my mind and it makes me play even harder," Terrence said. "The JV team played well against Rockdale and came back with a win.



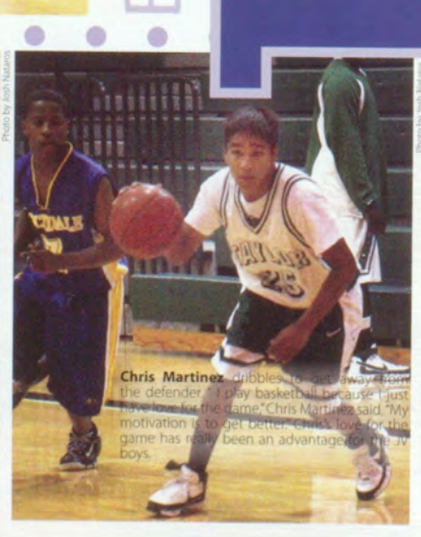
Mark Jackson uses his long wing span to steal the ball from the opponent. "I like to play ball with Britton. He's a great player and I wish we were in the same grade, Mark Jackson said. "But I can say as long as Britton and I have played together he has not yet blocked my shot."



De'Marea Kerley uses the basketball technique to lay the ball up. Although just a freshman, De'Marea proved to the coaches that he was varsity material.



Robert Brenson spots up and shoots the jumper. Asked to comment on his action, "No words needed," Robert said. The varsity boys came up on top at the end of the Rockdale game.



Chris Martinez dribbles to get away from the defender. "I play basketball because I just have love for the game," Chris Martinez said. "My motivation is to get better. Chris's love for the game has really been an advantage for the JV boys.



Photo by Josh Nataros



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Photo by Josh Nataros

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Game face** on, Britton Byfield drives in for a basket. "Basketball is truly a game of life," Britton Byfield said. The boys gave it their all in the game against Liberty Hill. They came out on the bottom but kept their heads up high. **Struggling with** defenders, De'Marea Kerley tries to pass the ball down inside. "Playing on varstiy as a freshman is a real big responsibility and a great experience at the same time. All I got to do is put my mind to it and get the job done," De'Marea said. **The basketball** team huddles together to discuss the previous play. "In the huddles, Coach Boswell keeps us focused and explains to us what we need to fix in the game," Shermane Caldwell said. The varsity boys all make sure they understand the coach's next plan, then they go out on the court and execute it. **Mark Jackson** drives in and flys over his opponent to get to the goal. " I really don't have a motivation, I just love the game. " Mark Jackson said. "It's the greatest game in the world." Mark stayed in the game all four quarters to help the team to a victory.

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years of sweat and toil finally PAY OFF



"I've had good teams before, but I really believe y'all have a shot," head coach Vicki Hall told the players at a team party before the state team tennis tournament. The Taylor High School tennis team had been in this same place a year before, but had a different mind set the second time around. The tennis team enjoyed success throughout the entire year, and for all their hard work, earned a first place regional championship and a chance to win state.

"It's been a tough year, but we've fought hard and came out on top," Jed Cotner said.

With a first place regional championship, the Ducks had one of their best opportunities to do well at the state tournament. With sixteen teams from across the state meeting in Waco, the tennis team was seeded sixth and determined to go far.

"Being seeded sixth gave us even more confidence," Keegan Gross said. "We wanted to do better than Taylor ever had."

On a cold, snowy morning in March, the tennis team rose early to get ready for their first match against Rio Hondo. Without any problems, the team rolled over them, winning, 18-1. Later that day, the team would face one of their toughest competitors from the whole year, Canyon. Canyon was the returning state champion and would show to be just too much and too deep for the Ducks to handle.

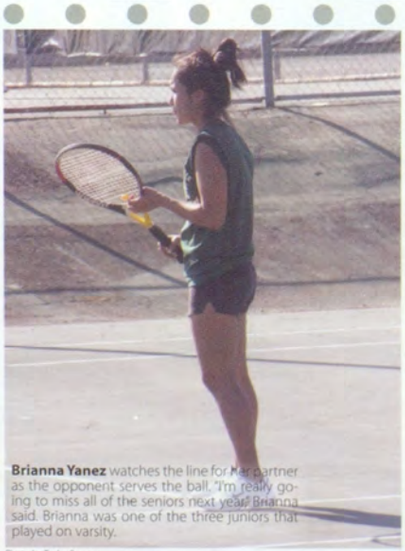
"It came down to close matches, but we weren't able to come out on top," Reese Hall said. "We still had a chance to get fifth place, so we were still excited."

With another win against Center, the team played Sweetwater for a chance at fifth place in the state. Coming down to the last match, the Ducks lost 9 to 10, taking home 6th place.

"It was tough to lose," Kyra Headrick said. "And for it to be our last match, made it even harder."

With the team's success throughout the year, not one player is disappointed in how it turned out. With nine seniors graduating this year, the team will have to work even harder in the coming years.

Story by Britton Byfield



Brianna Yanez watches the line for her partner as the opponent serves the ball. "I'm really going to miss all of the seniors next year," Brianna said. Brianna was one of the three juniors that played on varsity.

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Britton Byfield returns a serve with a strong forehand. Britton is one of the nine seniors that will not be returning next year.

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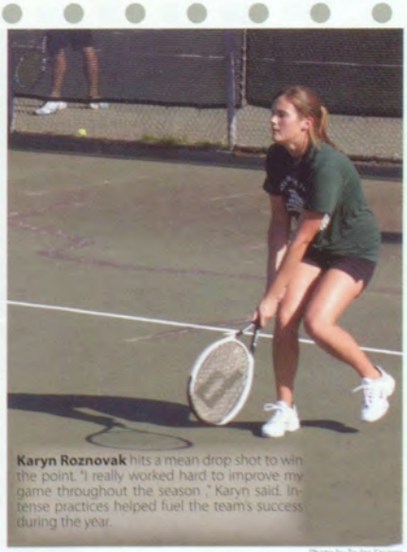
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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Jed Cotner** drops back to hit a lob. "Lobs are my kind of game," Jed said. The team practiced lobs every day to make sure they had them down. **Zach Wilkins** hits a powerful serve against Liberty Hill. "I've got games to give," Zach said. "But I still didn't like losing any of them." One of Zach's strongest areas of his game was his serve. **Jessica Dale** serves the ball in a district doubles match. "I really like playing doubles because you have someone to talk to during the match," Jessica said. In team tennis, the players had to play both doubles and singles.



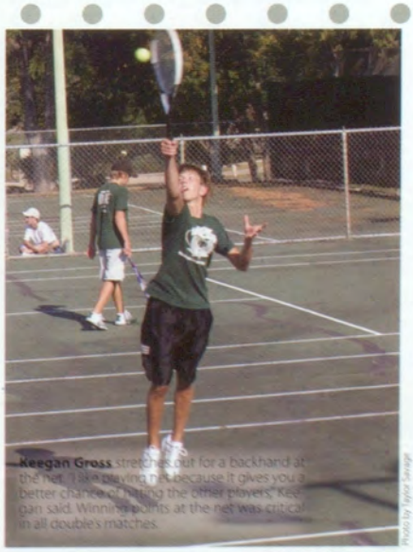
Brittni Gola positions herself to hit a forehand. "If you work hard, it will pay off," Brittni said. Hard work helped the team win regionals for the first time in five years.

Photo by Taylor Savage



Karyn Roznovak hits a mean drop shot to win the point. "I really worked hard to improve my game throughout the season ," Karyn said. Intense practices helped fuel the team's success during the year.

Photo by Taylor Savage



Keegan Gross stretches out for a backhand at the net. "I like playing net because it gives you a better chance of putting the other players," Keegan said. Winning points at the net was critical in all double's matches.

Photo by Taylor Savage

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run sprint run
dive pull kick shoot
toss throw push
score

UNITY

a high school soccer team begins to



Bright lights illuminate the field. The game is happening so fast, but suddenly, time stands still. The cold wind chaps his face, his cheeks turn red, and adrenaline rushes through him. Wearing jersey #11, Wei Li kicks and scores. Time resumes.

Moments like these are nothing new for foreign exchange student, Wei Li. He had been playing soccer as a forward for six years in his native country of China .

"Last week we had a tournament," Wei said. "I shot for a goal, and scored." Despite their efforts however, the Ducks were defeated in this game against Giddings, 7 to 5.

"Soccer is just my personal interest. I feel proud when I score, or my team wins," Wei said.

Although soccer at Taylor High School is not considered a UIL sport yet, diversity is present among the thirty four players on the boys' team, and twenty one players on the girls' team. Adjusting to any new setting can be difficult, but Wei insists that people have been nice and welcoming. Apparently, there are no real differences between soccer in China and soccer here in Taylor, except the teammates and the coaches.

"Coach Shuck is awesome. He's very funny and everyone on the team loves him," Wei said.

A big team allows for split amounts of playing time on the field. However, after ruling out the people who have become ineligible due to failing or injuries, it is crucial that everyone works together to make up for the lack of bodies. Forward Irving Miravete broke his fibula in practice.

"Sometimes when people get injured, it's very bad. During a scrimmage someone's head hit my nose," Wei said.

With the season already underway, the Ducks are able to say they have improved since the program first began last October. There is no 'I' in team, but there is in unity. When the team works together is the time it will become complete and the best it can be.

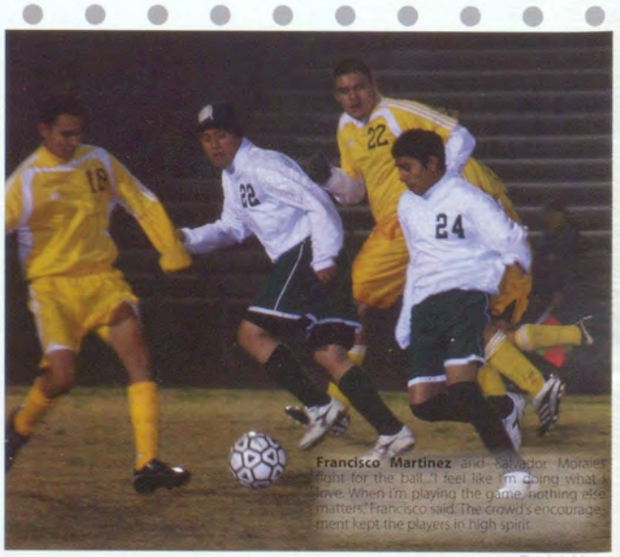
"Of course it is challenging, but we have good players," Wei said. "The team is getting better."

Story by Alex Sarp



Aurelio Lopez runs with the ball during warm ups. "I have learned to listen to other players and work as a team," Aurelio said. In soccer it's essential to have good ball control.

Photo by Taylor Savage



Francisco Martinez and Salvador Morales fight for the ball. "I feel like I'm doing what I love. When I'm playing the game, nothing else matters," Francisco said. The crowd's encouragement kept the players in high spirit.

Photo by Josh Nataro



Photo by Brooke Gabel



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Photo by Jenna Howard

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT **Rosa Gonzales**, Megan Holman, Alicia Pachicano, Jenna Howard, and Melissa Sanchez huddle up before a game. All of the teams have demonstrated school spirit to pump them up before the clock starts. **Jenna Howard** gears up in her shin guards on the bus. "I'm really tired when it's early, but if I listen to music loud enough I can get pumped for anything," Jenna said. Sometimes the soccer teams had to wake up early and stay out late. **Rosa Gonzales** goes for the ball in the Vista Ridge tournament. "It's very exciting to know we play better this year. We know what we're doing now, and we can work together," Rosa said. Running is a key ingredient to playing soccer and having endurance on the field.



Photo by Taylor Savage

Mark Chaidez dribbles the ball before shooting it into the net. "My favorite thing about soccer is being able to compete with other teams," Mark said. Taylor has played against teams with years of experience.

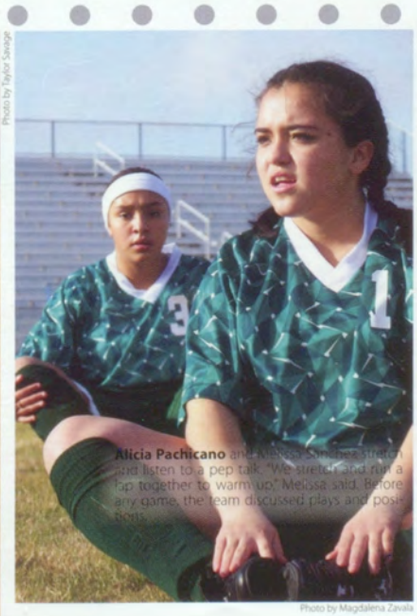


Photo by Magdalena Zavala

Alicia Pachicano and Melissa Sanchez stretch and listen to a pep talk. "We stretch and run a lap together to warm up," Melissa said. Before any game, the team discussed plays and positions.



Photo by Taylor Savage

Dachathon Sinprasong eagerly plays during a game. "I play a lot of different positions, but Coach Shuck is good at talking us through a game," Dachathon said. In his native country of Thailand, soccer is called "futbol" just like it is in Mexico.

All District Honors
Inside Linebackers 1st Team
Tyler Graef
Inside Linebacker 2nd Team
Trent Rojas
Outside Linebacker 2nd team
Jake Farr
Tackle 2nd Team
Brian Mundkowsky
Backs 2nd Team
Mark Jackson
Cory Kruse
Running Back
Tristan Meyer



Front: Abel Rincon, Ryan Gonzales, Lawrence Caldwell, Andrew Barry, Lucus Orozco, Trent Rojas, Chris Seigmund, Daniel Jones, Roberto Morales, Maia Richter. **2nd:** Jenna Howard, Cassie Rozacky, Chris Bogan, Tristan Meyers, Amador Yanez, Bobby Sovil, Chris Rodriguez, Terrence Jackson, Julian Sanchez, Greg Carter, Adam Barry, Ashley Rivera, Michelle Campos. **3rd:** Kammi Sims, Jacob Valverde, Emilio Pachicano, Shawn Bradshaw, Chris Martinez, Selmo Oranday, Tommy Longoria, Johnathan Ortiz, Mark Jackson, Jesse Shaw, Aurelio Lopez, Matthew Hernandez, Cory Kruse, Trainer Nikki Ray. **4th:** Josh Herrera, Coaches Justin Boswell, Blake Schneider,Will Janson, Rusty Rohan, Mark Rogers, Rick Cobia, Ryan Vrabel, James Proctor, Matt Walker, Robert Marak, and Doug Kuhl, Alvaro Alderete. **Back:** Davey Pepper, Johnathan Cervantez , Jake Farr, Tyler Graef, Cory Strmiska, Richard Alford, Matthew Winchester, Scott Lute, Cullen Pick, Bryan Mundkowsky, Pat Garrett, Joe Hewtty.

Varsity Football

Burnet: 6-58 (loss)
Manor: 10-15 (loss)
Lampasas: 21-16 (win)
Llano: 8-22 (loss)
Alamo Heights: 0-51 (loss)
Gatesville: 12-7 (win)
Cameron: 17-35 (win)
Rockdale: 21-35 (loss)
Liberty Hill: 7-52 (loss)
Hutto: 22-51 (loss)
Season Record: 2-8

"Football is a challenging sport; it keeps you in shape. And it feels good when you hit someone."

Issac Aparicio



Front: Dylan Saucedo, John Paul Gonzales, Chris Leal, David Rodriguez, Jordan Orta, Ryan Montalvo, Issac Aparicio. **2nd:** Marcos Urbina, Jacob Doss, Zach Talavera, Matthew Gonzales, Joshua Gonzales, Victor Cardenas, Simon Martinez, Isador Ortiz **3rd:** Ryan Gonzales, Christino Arazola, Charles Dominguez, Cody Alderete, Concepcion Moreno, Johnny Reyna, Johnathan Holman, Jacob SanMigel, Dimitri Perez, Alex Bogan, Shaqulle Campbell. **Back:** Ricky Cobia, James Fields, Joseph Welton, Chaston Matta, Devin Carpenter, Jordan Stefek, Samuel Jirasek, Robert Brenson, Davonte Taylor, Tyler Suson, Devin Douglus, Justin Seigmund.

JV Football

Burnet: Rained out
Manor: 29-18 (win)
Lampasas: 18-6 (win)
Llano: 15-30 (loss)
Alamo Heights: 14-21 (loss)
Gatesville: 42-7 (win)
Cameron: 22-20 (win)
Rockdale: 29-14 (win)
Liberty Hill: 31-38 (loss)
Hutto: 7-12 (loss)
Season Record: 5-4

"I love football because its a contact sport and hitting people is the best."

Kelbie Stifflemire



Front: Marvin Cantwell, Chase Richter, Jacob Jenson, Victor Ramirez, Paul Luna, Ulises Avalos. **2nd:** Edward Barrera, Cade Samuelson, Max Garcia, Rodney ross, Wendal Jones, Edward Murray, Joshua Moreno, Eric Estrada, Colton Anderson, Patrick Gamez. **3rd:** Coach Justin Boswell, Tre Budd, Lorenzo Crawford Sanford, Andrew Makare, Chris McFarlin, Matthew Reyna, Josh, Ian Rucker, Josh, Kelbie Stefflemire, Seth Olivarez, Coach Kuhl. **Back:** Jared Collins, Johnny Eperson, Eric Triche, Jaçoy Barber, Carter Sakewitz, Salvedor Robles, Steven McAllister, De-Marea Kerley, Justin Fitzgerald, Gregory Mixon, Dylan Malan, Daniel Hyzak.

Freshman Football

Burnet: 30-7 (win)
Manor: 28-44 (loss)
Lampasas: 40-6 (win)
Llano: 24-14 (win)
Alamo Heights: 28-0 (win)
Gatesville: 55-28 (win)
Cameron: 41-22 (win)
Rockdale: 50-21 (win)
Liberty Hill: 51-38 (win)
Hutto: 8-20 (loss)
Season Record: 8-2



Front: Brittni Gola, Holly Frazier. **2nd:** Jessica Dale, Jillian McQuillan, Britney Schneider. **Back:** Amaris Jones, Kelsey Marek, Carla Hoffman, Shelby Johnson, Reese Hall.

Varsity Volleyball

Elgin:
Match 3-1 (win)
26-24 (loss) 24-26 (win)
23-25 (win) 6-25 (win)
Dripping Springs:
Match 3-2 (win)
25-21 (win) 23-25 (loss)
25-23 (win) 20-25 (loss)
15-5 (win)
Thrall:
Match 2-0 (win)
15-8 (win) 15-0 (win)
Robinson:
Match 2-0 (win)
15-9 (win) 15-6 (win)
Salado:
Match 2-0 (win)
25-15 (win) 26-24 (win)
Rogers:
Match 2-0 (win)
25-18 (win) 25-10 (win)
Cameron:
Match 2-1 (win)
25-15 (win) 24-26 (loss)
25-18 (win)
Killeen Ellison:
Match 3-0 (win)
21-25 (win) 25-11 (win)
8-25 (win)
Lockhart:
Match 3-1 (win)
26-24 (win) 25-16 (loss)
25-18 (win) 23-25 (win)
Crockett:
Match 2-0 (win)
14-25 (win) 25-23 (win)
Brenham:
Match 0-2 (loss)
10-25 (loss) 21-25 (loss)
Shoemaker:
Match 2-0 (win)
25-11 (win) 10-25 (win)
Crockett:
Match 3-0 (win)
15-25 (win) 25-11 (win)
20-25 (win)
Hays Tournament
Lake Travis:
Match 0-2 (loss)
25-18 (loss) 20-25 (loss)
San Marcos:
Match 2-1 (win)
22-25 (loss) 22-25 (win)
15-25 (win)
Poth:
Match 0-2 (loss)
19-25 (loss) 14-25 (loss)
Anderson:
Match 2-0 (win)
21-25 (win) 25-21 (win)
Liberty Hill:
Match 3-1 (win)
25-17 (win) 14-25 (win)
18-25 (loss) 19-25 (win)
Caldwell:
Match 1-3 (loss)
25-23 (loss) 28-26 (win)
25-16 (loss) 13-25 (loss)
Llano:
Match 3-0 (win)
16-25 (win) 25-10 (win)
11-25 (win)
Moody:
Match 3-0 (win)
25-8 (win) 24-18 (win)
25-18 (win)
Rockdale:
Match 3-0 (win)
14-25 (win) 25-14 (win)
12-25 (win)
Cameron:
Match 3-0 (win)
18-25 (win) 25-19 (win)
13-25 (win)
Hutto:
Match 0-3 (loss)
25-22 (loss) 22-25 (loss)
27-25 (loss)
Rockdale:
25-18 (win) 22-25 (win)
25-8 (win)
Liberty Hill:
Match 3-0 (win)
14-25 (win) 25-15 (win)
19-25 (win)
Cameron:
Match 3-0 (win)
12-25 (win) 25-19 (win)
19-25 (win)



Front: Miressia Steele, Kelsey Aunspaugh. **2nd:** Kelly Dominguez, Lauren Tucker, Leah Morales, Katie Yanez, Brittany Buckman. **Back:** Harmony Lorenzten, Karyn Roznovak, Stephaine Zachary, Tara Eulenfield, Sonya Schmidt

JV Volleyball

Killeen Ellison:
Match 2-1 (win)
25-22 (loss) 20-25 (win)
25-12 (win)
Lockhart:
Marth 2-0 (win)
26-25 (win)22-25 (win)
Shoemaker:
Match 2-0 (win)
25-16 (win) 11-25 (win)
Crockett:
Match 2-0 (win)
25-17 (win) 6-25 (win)
Brenham:
Match 2-1 (win)
25-22 (win) 25-17 (loss)
18-25 (win)
Hutto:
Match 2-1 (win)
28-25 (loss) 19-25 (loss)
Hendrickson:
Match 1-2 (loss)
16-25 (win) 12-25 (loss)
25-27 (loss)
Brenham:
Match 0-2 (loss)
14-25 (loss) 26-25 (loss)
Crockett:
Match 2-0 (win)
14-25 (win) 25-12 (win)
Rockdale:
Match 2-0 (win)
8-25 (win) 25-13 (win)
Jarrell:
Match 2-0 (win)
25-14 (win) 25-18 (win)
Thorndale:
Match 2-0 (win)
20-25 (loss) 25-19 (win)
23-9 (win)
Liberty Hill:
Match 2-0 (win)
25-7 (win) 21-25 (win)
Cameron:
Match 2-0 (win)
13-25 (win) 25-18 (win)
Cameron:
Match 2-0 (win)
15-25 (win) 25-21 (win)
Hutto:
0-2 (loss)
25-15 (loss) 19-25 (loss)
Rockdale:
Match 2-0 (win)
25-2 (win) 12-25 (win)
Hutto:
Match 0-2 (loss)
11-25 (loss) 25-11 (loss)
Liberty Hill:
Match 2-1 (win)
26-24 (loss) 25-23 (win)
22-25 (win)
Hutto:
Match 1-3 (loss)
23-25 (loss) 25-16 (loss)
26-24 (win) 25-19 (loss)
Lorena:
Match 3-1 (win)
25-22 (win) 19-25 (win)
19-25 (loss) 23-25 (win)
Mexia:
Match 3-0 (win)
25-16 (win) 22-25 (win)
26-24 (win)
China Springs:
Match 2-3 (loss)
25-18 (loss) 25-20 (win)
25-19 (loss) 26-24 (win)
15-8 (loss)



Front: Kayla Baran, Megan Matuke. **2nd:** Brittany Torres, Stephanie Flores, Brittany Maddux, Jessi Lopez. **Back:** Erica Estrada, Addison Turner, Ashley Heselmeyer, Sloane Cotner, Kristen Cuba, Lauren Standifer, Coach Melvin Jenkins.

Freshman Volleyball

Killeen Ellison:
Match
20-17 (win) 8-25 (loss)
Lockhart:
Match 2-0 (win)
25-11 (win) 12-25 (win)
Crockett:
Match 2-0 (win)
19-25 (win) 26-24 (win)
Caldwell:
Match 0-2 (loss)
25-14 (loss) 21-25 (loss)
Llano:
Match 1-2 (loss)
25-22 (loss) 25-7 (win)
26-28 (loss)
Rockdale:
Match 2-0 (win)
17-25 (win) 25-8 (win)
Liberty Hill:
Match 0-2 (loss)
20-25 (loss) 25-23 (loss)
Cameron:
Match 1-2 (loss)
25-19 (loss) 25-18 (win)
26-24 (loss)
Hutto:
Match 0-2 (loss)
25-13 (loss) 22-25 (loss)
Rockdale:
Match 2-0 (win)
25-19 (win) 13-25 (win)
Liberty Hill:
Match 1-2 (loss)
25-27 (win) 16-25 (loss)
10-25 (loss)
Cameron:
Match 2-1 (win)
25-18 (loss) 27-25 (win)
22-25 (win)
Hutto:
Match 0-2 (loss)
25-10 (loss) 25-18 (loss)



Front: Shermane Caldwell, Mark Jackson, Tonny Longoria, David Rodriguez, Charles White, Lawrence Caldwell **Back:** Robert Breson, Greg Carter Tim Haskins, Britton Byfield, Travian James, Heath O'Banon, Coach Justin Boswell.

Varsity Boys' Basketball

Smithvile: 58-60 (loss)
Lexington: 42-41 (win)
Lorena: 32-58 (loss)
Lampasas: 35-49 (loss)
West: 46-39 (win)
Vanguard: 32-53 (loss)
Rockdale: 61-48 (win)
Salado: 58-35 (win)
Cameron: 40-43 (loss)
Lexington: 45-39 (win)
Robinson: 49-39 (win)
Gonzales: 50-55 (loss)
Vista Ridge: 54-50 (win)
Navasota: 55-64 (loss)
Waller: 28-63 (loss)
Rogers: 58-42 (win)
Bellville: 74-70 (win)
Copperas Cove: 44-55 (loss)
Caldwell: 52-37 (win)
Rockdale: 40-48 (loss)
Liberty Hill: 53-66 (loss)
Hutto: 66-102 (loss)
St. Andrews: 55-63 (loss)
Cameron: 47-58 (loss)
Rockdale: 69-54 (win)
Liberty Hill: 52-75 (loss)
Hutto: 83-87 (loss)
Cameron: 65-52 (win)



Front: Jennifer Townsend, Devyn Tone, Zoey Howard, Manaya Miller, Brooke Anders. **2nd:** Christian Tone, Sabrina Atkinson, Isabel Yanez, Jenna Howard, Brianna Yanez, Kelly Dominguez. **Back:** Coach Shelli Cobb, Kyle Leeper, Seth Samuelson, Ryan Jaecks, Matthew Solbach, Nathan Burow, Drew Wise, Johnthan Holman, Thomas Solbach.

Cross Country

Temple Meet:
Girls - 11th Place
Boys - 15th Place
Texas State Meet:
Girls - 4th Place
Boys - 6th Place
Cedar Park Meet:
Girls - 3rd Place
Boys - 4th Place
JV Girls- 14th Place
Texas A&M Meet:
Boys - 7th Place
JV Girls - 14th Place
Cameron Meet:
Girls - 9th Place
Boys - 6th Place
JV Girls - 5th Place
McNeil Meet:
Boys - 21st Place
Georgetown Meet:
Girls - 8th Place
Boys - 4th Place
JV Girls - 12th Place
District Cameron:
Girls - 4th Place
Boys- 3rd Place
JV Girls - 2nd Place
Regional Meet:
Brianna Yanez 51st Place
Kyle Leeper 23rd Place
Seth Samuelson 25th Place
Matt Solbach 54th Place
Ryan Jaecks 93rd Place
Jordan Kiewit 103rd Place
Drew Wise 122nd Place
Nathan Burrow 153rd Place
Team - 10th Place



Front: Coach Kevin Ramm, Brittni Gola, Jessica Dale, Reese Hall, Coach Vicki Hall. **2nd:** Brandon Peschke, Zach Wilkins, Britton Byfield, Jed Cotner, Keegan Gross. **Back:** Braden Gross, Koby Huckabee, Kristen Cuba, Addison Turner, Isabel Yanez, Sloane Cotner, Brianna Yanez, Karyn Roznovak, Drew Wise.

Tennis

District Team Champs
Regional Champs
6th in State
Over all Team Record 22 - 5



Front: Shelby Johnson, Chelsey Boykins, Brandie Jackson, Holly Fraizer, Crystal Lopez. **Back:** Jessie Hilscher, Stephanie Zachary, Kelsey Marek, Carla Hoffman, Chasity Douglas.

Varsity Girls' Basketball

Elgin: 67-46 (win)
Waco University: 57-67 (loss)
Connally: 39-68 (loss)
Burnet: 58-52 (win)
Austin Crockett: 65-61 (win)
Llano: 66-68 (loss)
Marlin: 51-68 (loss)
West: 55-51 (win)
Salado: 60-66 (loss)
Thorndale: 36-57 (loss)
Salado: 27-38 (loss)
McGregor: 26-58 (loss)
Faith Academy: 26-56 (loss)
Bartlett: 53-30 (win)
McNeil: 44-71 (loss)
Flour Bluff: 56-58 (loss)
Caldwell: 66-30 (win)
Cameron: 65-43 (win)
Rockdale: 54-30 (win)
Liberty Hill: 60-66 (loss)



Front: Kristen Martinez, Kaneisha Griffin, Devyn Tone. **Back:** Mariana Ramirez, Lakeisha Simien, Manayah Miller.

JV Girls' Basketball



Front: Kiera Maddox, Courtney Fields, Brittany Maddux. **Back:** Lauren Standifer, Brandie Walls, Tanea Bailey, Kasi Lozano.

Freshman Girls' Basketball

"Overall we are a very young team, and Coach Kuhl has challenged us to step up."

Samuel Jirasek

Varisty Baseball



Front: Samuel Jirasek, Chad David, Johnathan Ortiz, Dylan Fluger, Ryan Gonzales, Eric Camacho. **Back:** Cullen Pick, Tyler Volek, Jake Farr, Jordan Stefek, Dalton Marek, Eric Brooks, Adam Barry.

"We have been playing together for a long time so we have grown together as a team."

Johnny Reyna

JV Green Baseball



Front: Concepcion Moreno, Arnulfo Gonzales, Jacob Doss, David Rodriguez, Chris Martinez, Matthew Gonzales. **2nd:** Jacob SanMigel, Cody Alderete, Heath O'Banon, Kyle Sakewitz, Ryan Jaecks, Johnny Reyna, Bradley Nemec, Ryan Gonazales.

"It's good to finally play high school baseball."

Cade Samuelson

JV White Baseball



Front: Chase Richter, Colton Anderson, Xavier Martinez, Seth Olivarez, Cade Samuelson. **Back:** Wendall Jones, Carter Sakewitz, Steven McAllister, Alex Jewett, Ian Rucker, Chris Lucio

Softball



Front: Brianna Yanez, Kasey Lozano, Megan Matuke. **2nd:** Katie Yanez, Crystal Lopez, Sabrina Atkinson, Brittany Wilkerson, Jessi Lopez. **Back:** Tara Eulenfeld, Brandie Walls, Shelby Johnson, Karyn Roznovak, Jillian McQuilen, Lauren Standifer.

Girls' Track

"Track is the only sport where you can test yourself to the outer limits and see what you're truly made of"

Brandie Jackson



Front: Zoey Howard, Miressia Steele, Courtney Fields, Brittany Maddux, Brandie Jackson. **2nd:** Kelly Dominguez, Angel Gonzales, Kaneisha Griffin, Sabrina Atkinson, Brittany Buckman, Michelle Campos, Chelsey Boykins. **Back:** Manayah Miller, Jessie Hilscher, Stephanie Zachary, Kelsey Marek, Chasity Douglas, Jazzsmen Martinez, Jennifer Townsend, Devyn Tone, Kiera Maddox.

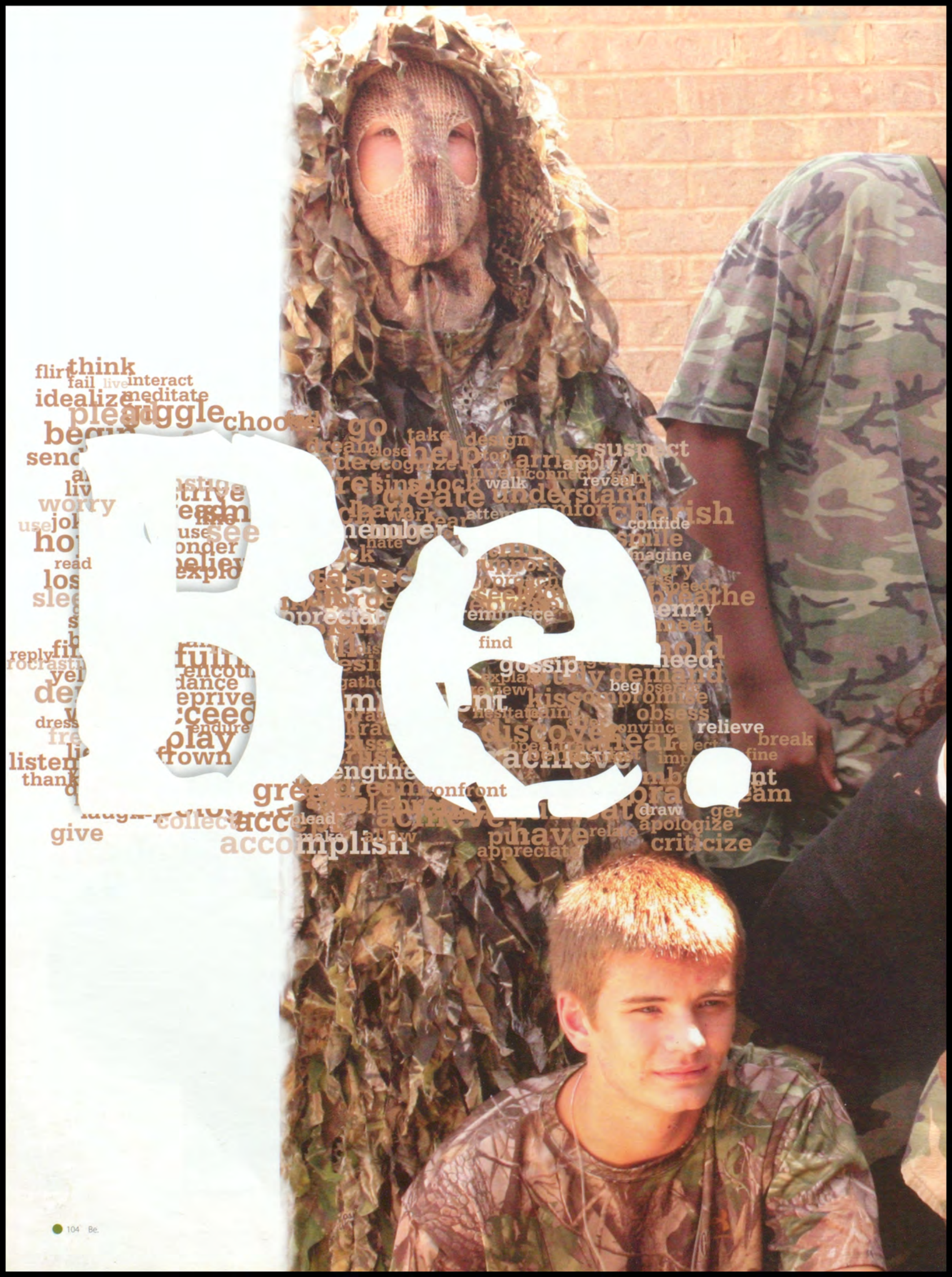
Boys' track

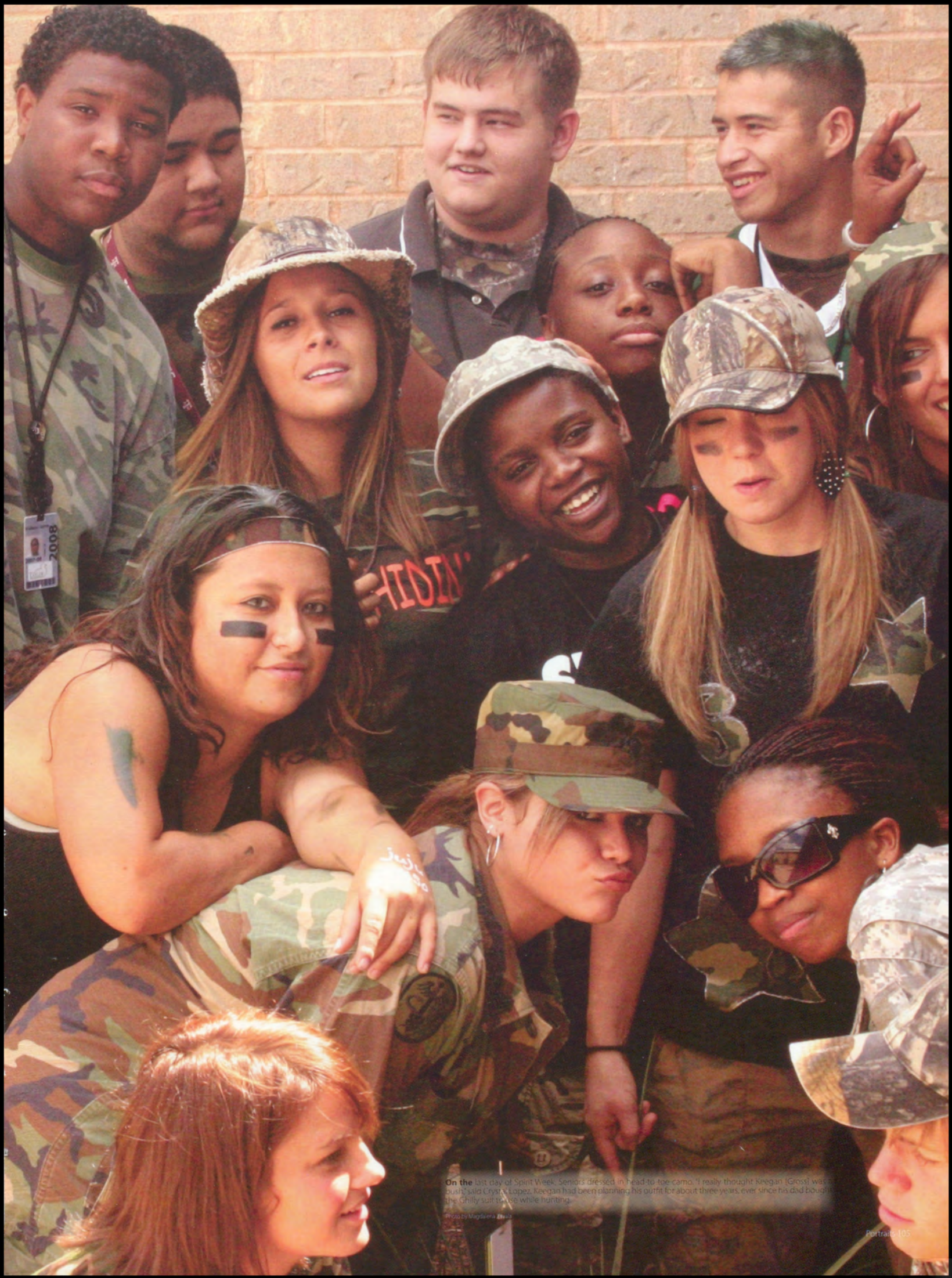
"My sport is your sport's punishment."

Seth Samuelson



Front: Nathan Burow, Marvin Kinwell, Christian Tone, Kyle Leeper. **2nd:** Josh Hinkle, Thomas Solbach, Christopher McFarlin, Mark Jackson, Freddie Garcia, Gregory Mixon. **Back:** Koby Huckabee, Robert Benson, Jacoy Barber, Seth Samuelson, Brandon Dupy, Jordan Kiewit, Cory Terwilliger, Derek Rumel, Brandon Negus.


Be.



On the last day of Spirit Week, Seniors dressed in head-to-toe camo. "I really thought Keegan [Gross] was a bush," said Crystal Lopez. Keegan had been planning his outfit for about three years, ever since his dad bought the Ghilly suit to use while hunting.

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Motto

Our lives are before us,
Our past is behind us,
But our memories are forever with us.

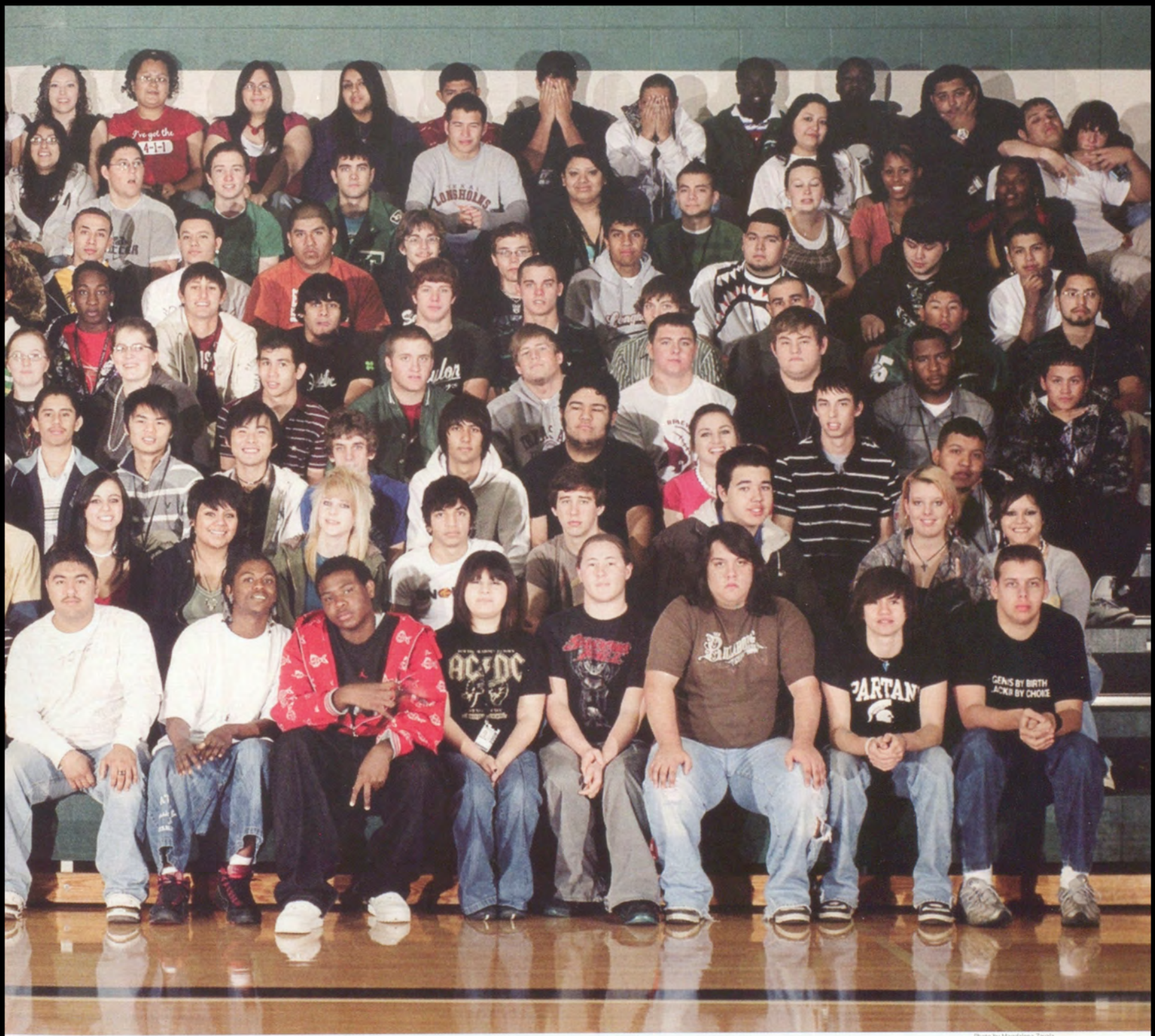


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Colors
Green & Silver

Flower
Stargazer Lily

Song
Good Riddance
(Time of Your Life)
by Green Day

Seniors.

class of 2008

most friendly

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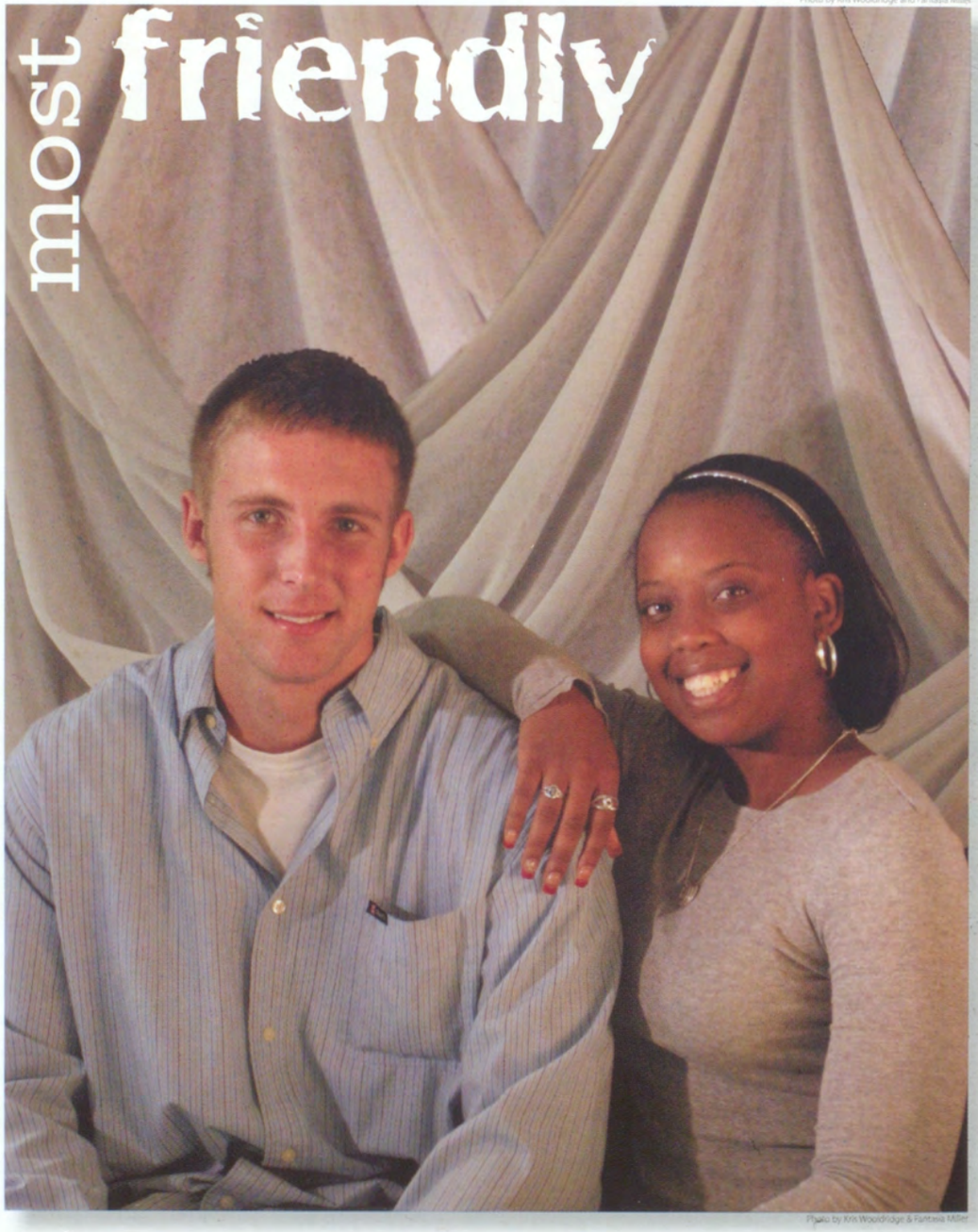


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Zach Wilkins

"Pearlie is one of the most friendly people I know."

Pearlie Gault

" Zach is friendly to people he doesn't even know."



Kelli Aiello



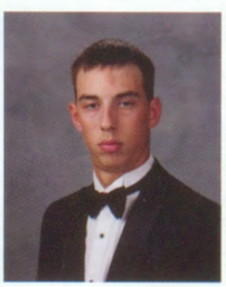
Jeremiah Aldama



Ana-Lisa Alderete



Thomas Aleshire



Richard Alford



Rebecca Almazan



Kimberly Amado



Jesse Ancira



Brooke Anders



Nathan Balusek



Adam Barry



Andrew Barry

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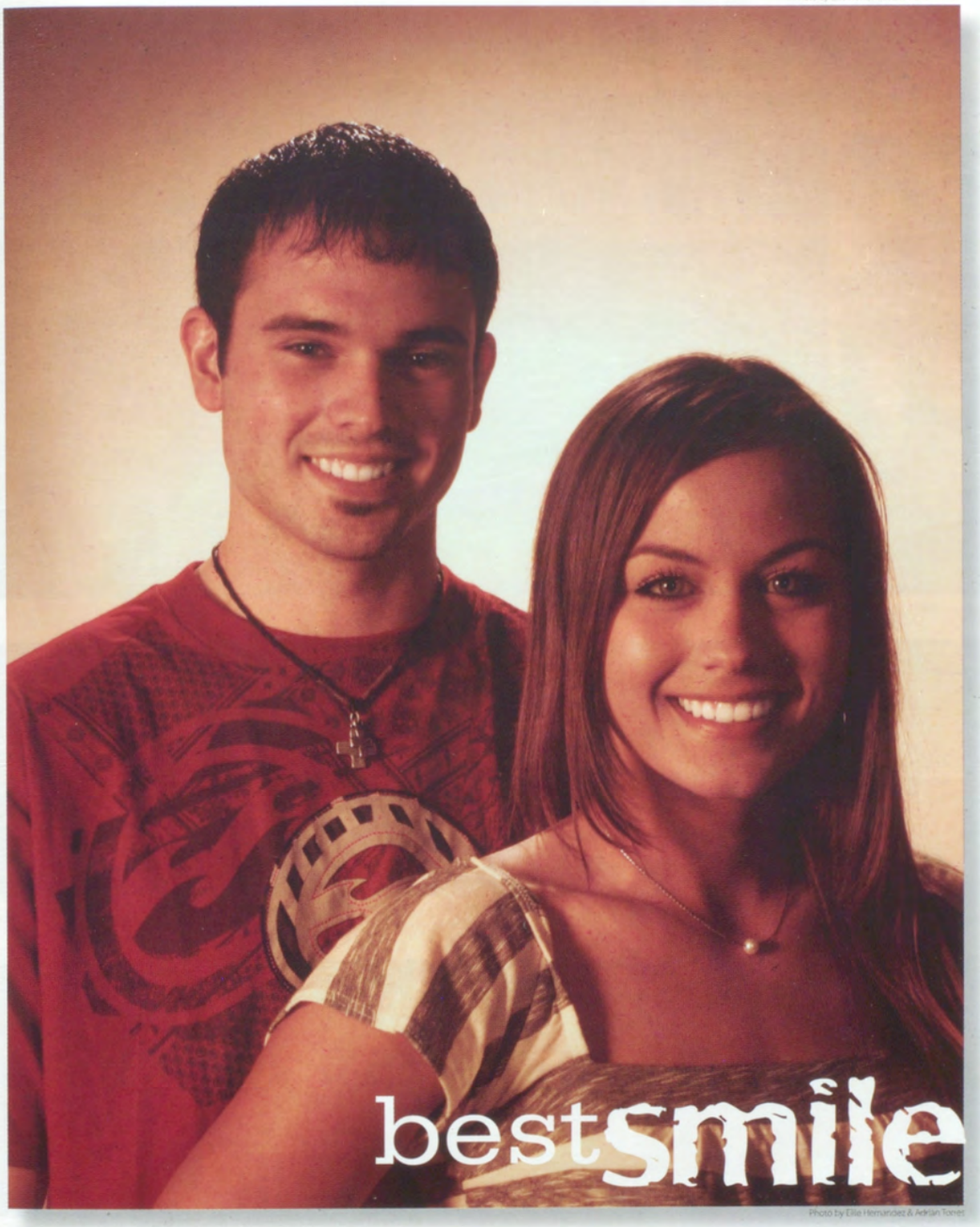


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Brittni Gola

"Cheese."

Dylan Moerbe

"I just like to smile."



Bradley Bogan



Christopher Bogan



Stephanie Bourdeau



Chelsey Boykins



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Daniel Campbell



Christopher Campos



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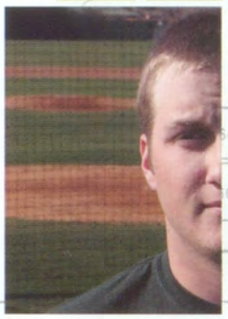
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Krueger Field



"The field is nice and green, and it's much nicer than other fields we play on."




Mistie Carpenter


Crystal Carrillo


Lidia Cavazos


Ana Karen Chaires

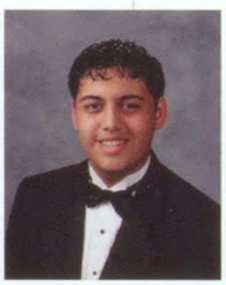

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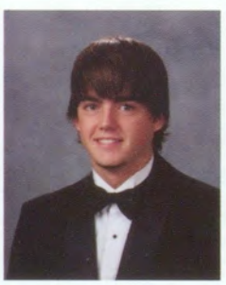

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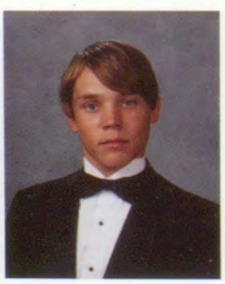

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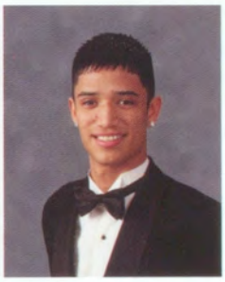

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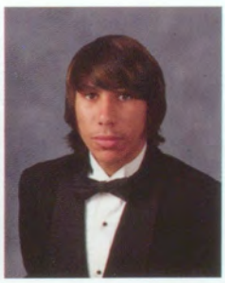

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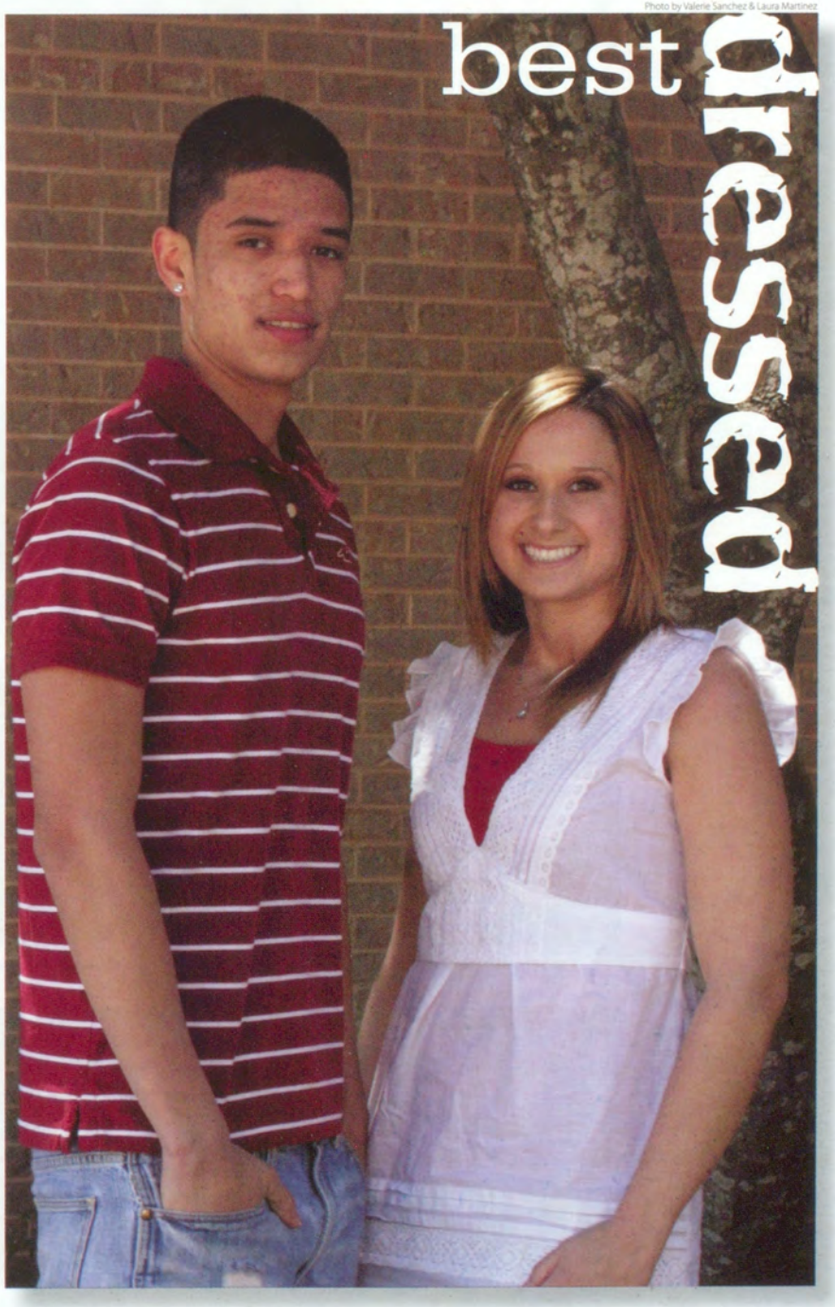
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'I just really like to dress up."

Alan Gonzales

"It's pretty cool to have that status."

Photo by Valerie Sanchez & Laura Martinez



most athletic

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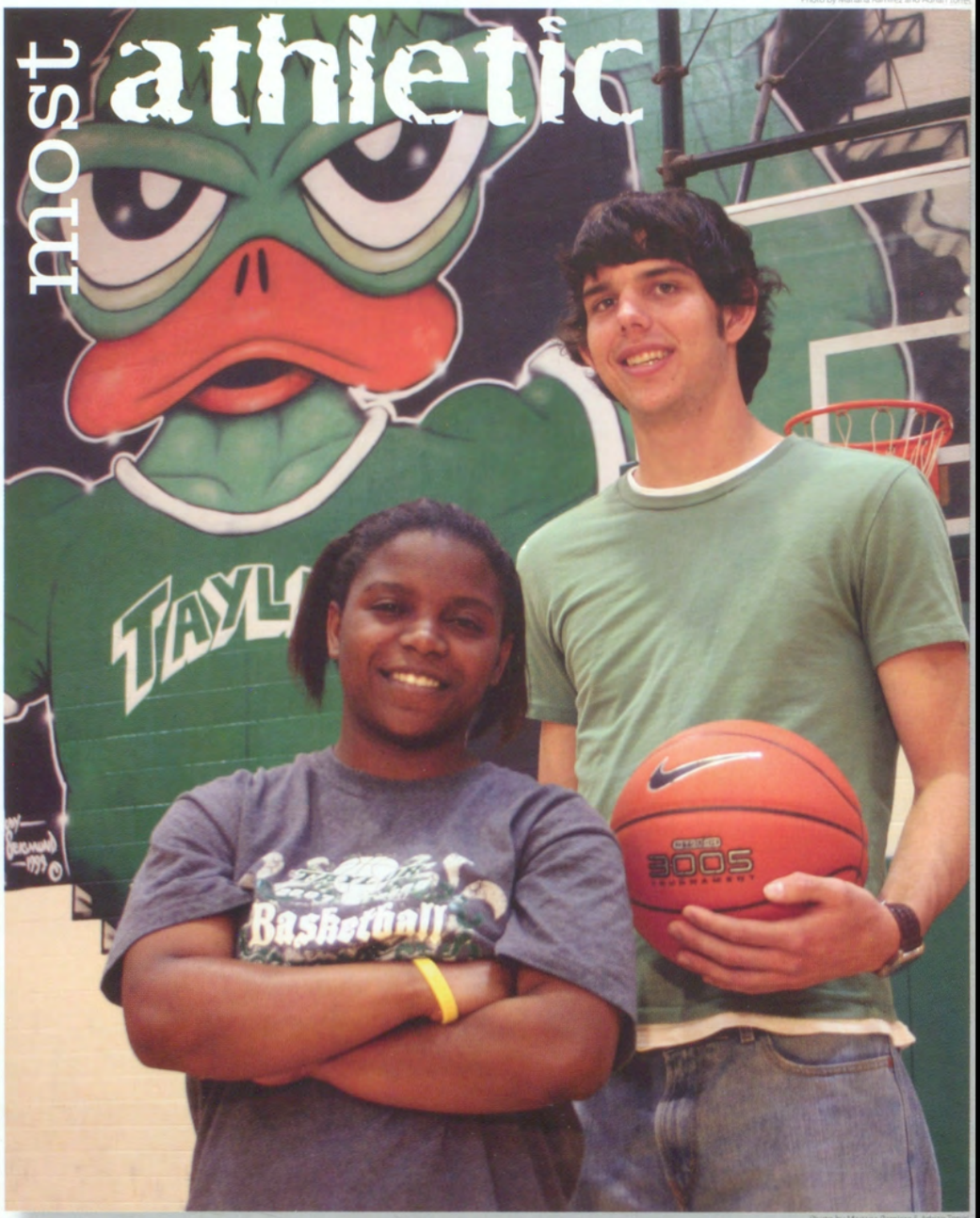


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Brandie Jackson

"I'll dunk on you."

Britton Byfield

"Probably not but if you did it wouldn't be the first tme."



Timothy Haskins



Kyra Headrick



Danielle Hernandez



Elvira Hernandez



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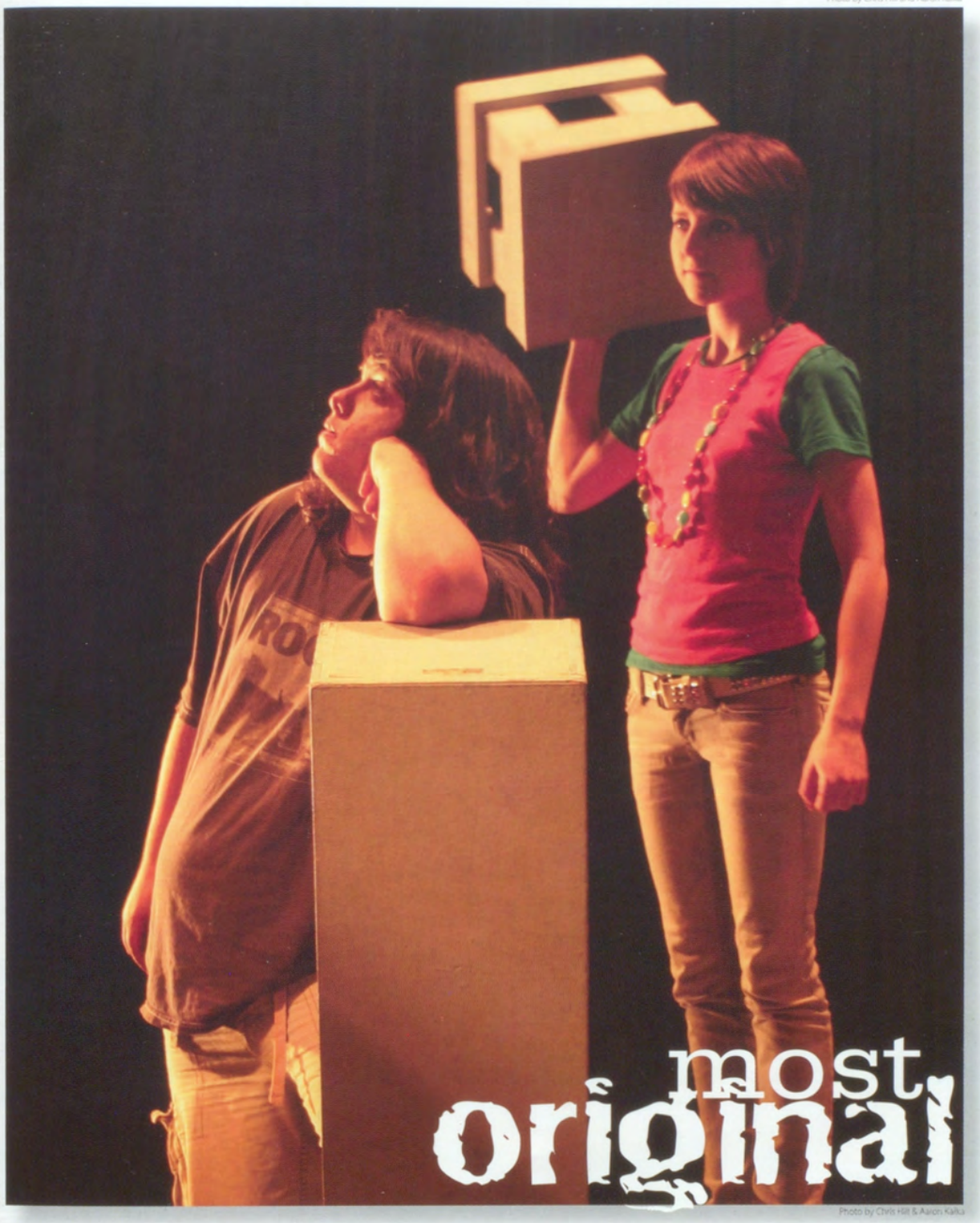


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Jacqueline Wolf

"I roll out of bed this way."

Daniel "Soup" Campbell

"I've been here for four years to make memories. I've made lots of memories and I'm glad I made them."


Brittney Jefferson


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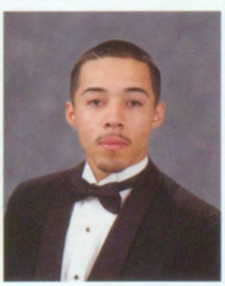

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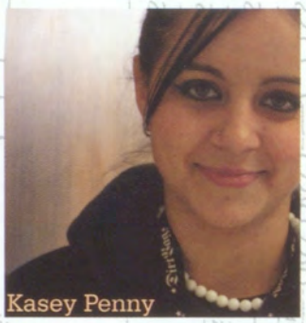

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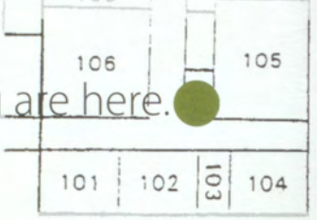
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Kasey Penny

"It's hard because you are being rushed and you only have so little time."



Rest Room



Savannah Lerma



Rachel Lewis



Casandra Leyendecker



Tommy Longoria



Crystal Lopez



David Lopez



Matthew Lopez



Vaudelia Lopez



Justine Lorentzen



Matthew Lozano



Joe Maran



Dalton Marek



Kayla Marek



Francisco Martinez



Jazzsmen Martinez



Johnathan Martinez



Priscilla Martinez



Rudy Mikeska


Irving Miravete


Dylan Moerbe


Josh Montgomery


Roberto Morales


Jose Moreno


Manuel Moreno


Amanda Nardecchia


Josh Nataros


Bobby Olivarez


Sylvia Olivarez


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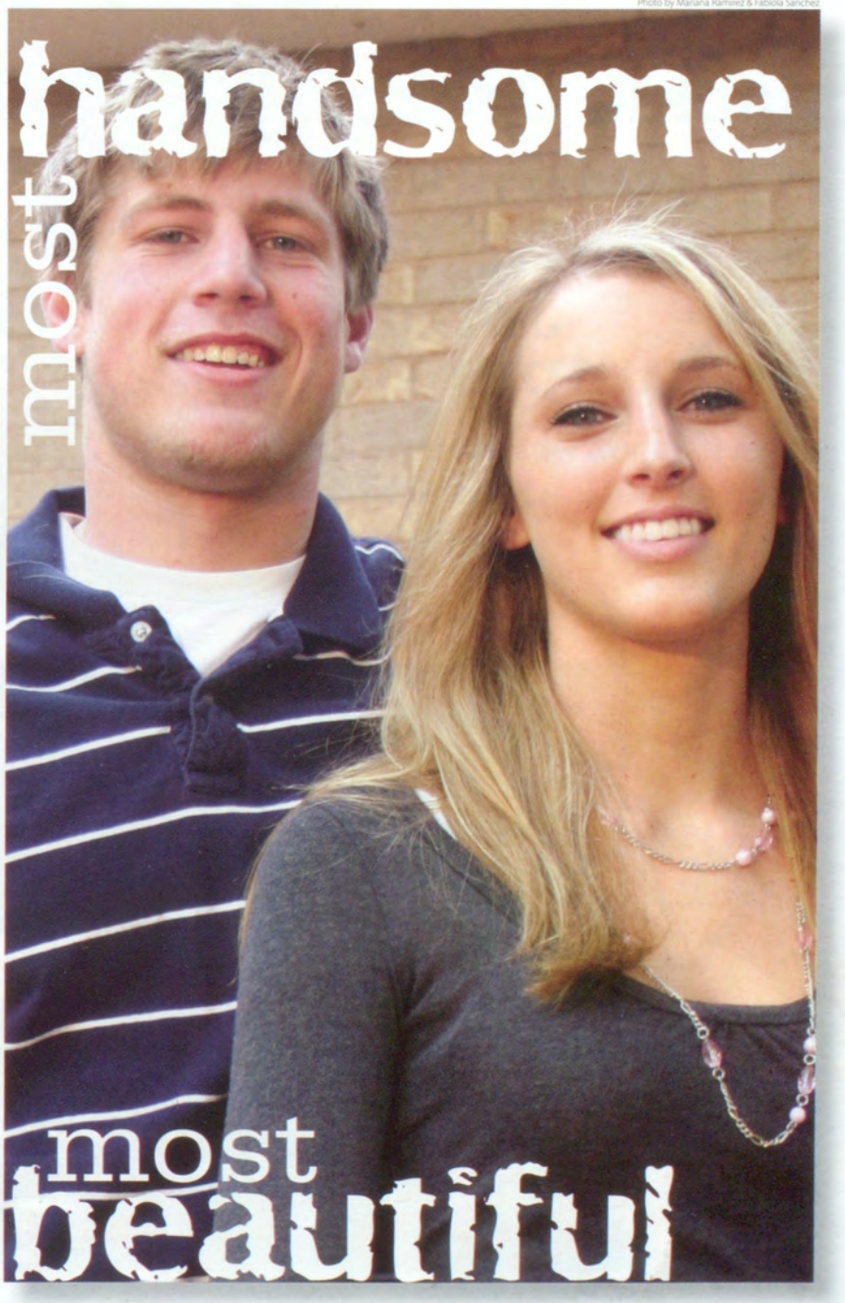
Kelsey Young

"I think Tyler is sexy and I voted for him."

Tyler Graef

"I have good genetics."

Photo by Mariana Ramirez & Fabiola Sanchez



most likely to succeed

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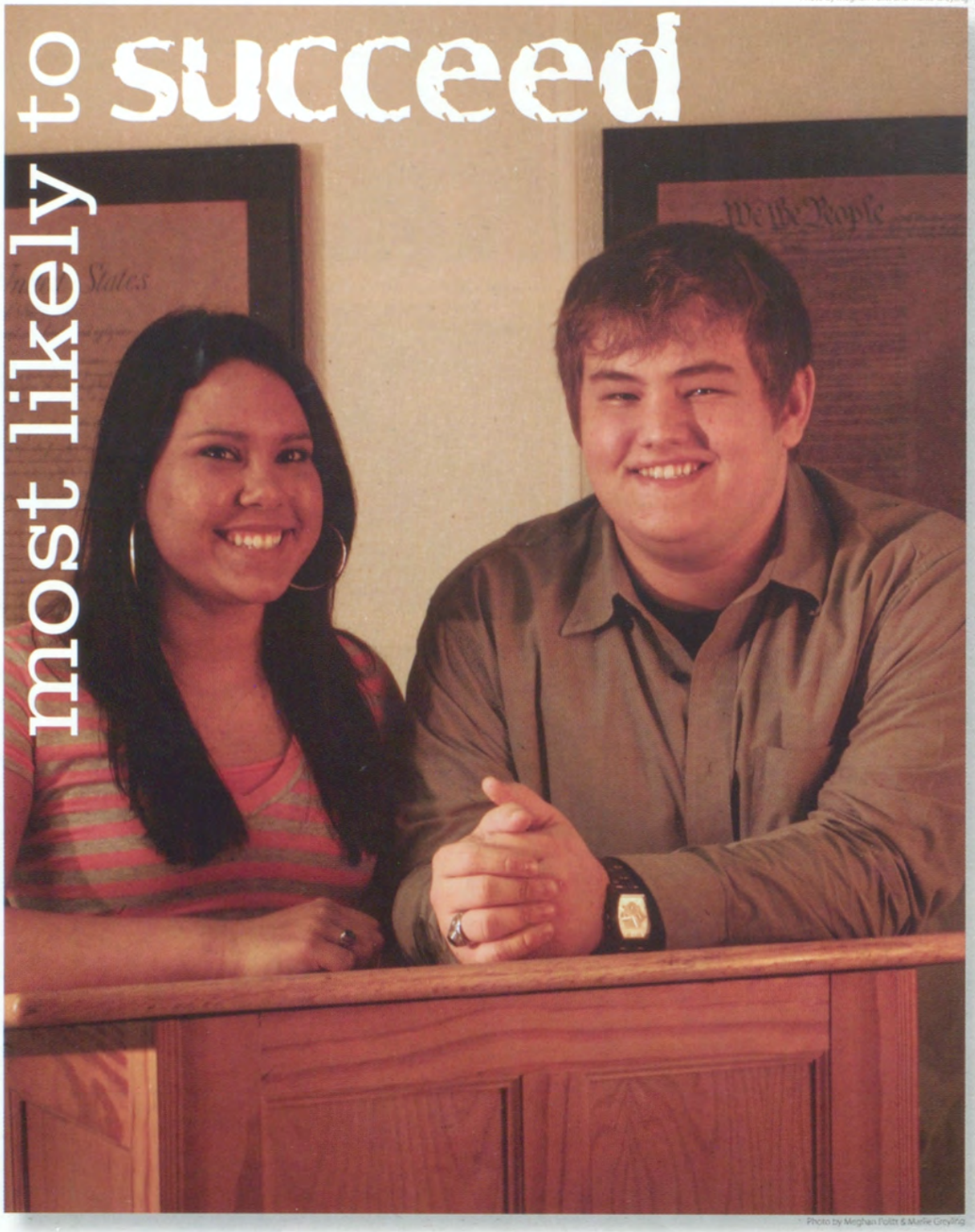


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Jackie Orozco

"I feel honored and pressured at the same time."

Jordan Humphreys

"I don't know what I want to do yet, but I at least hope I can be successful."



Cullen Pick



Aaron Ramirez



Aaron Reyes



Laura Reyna



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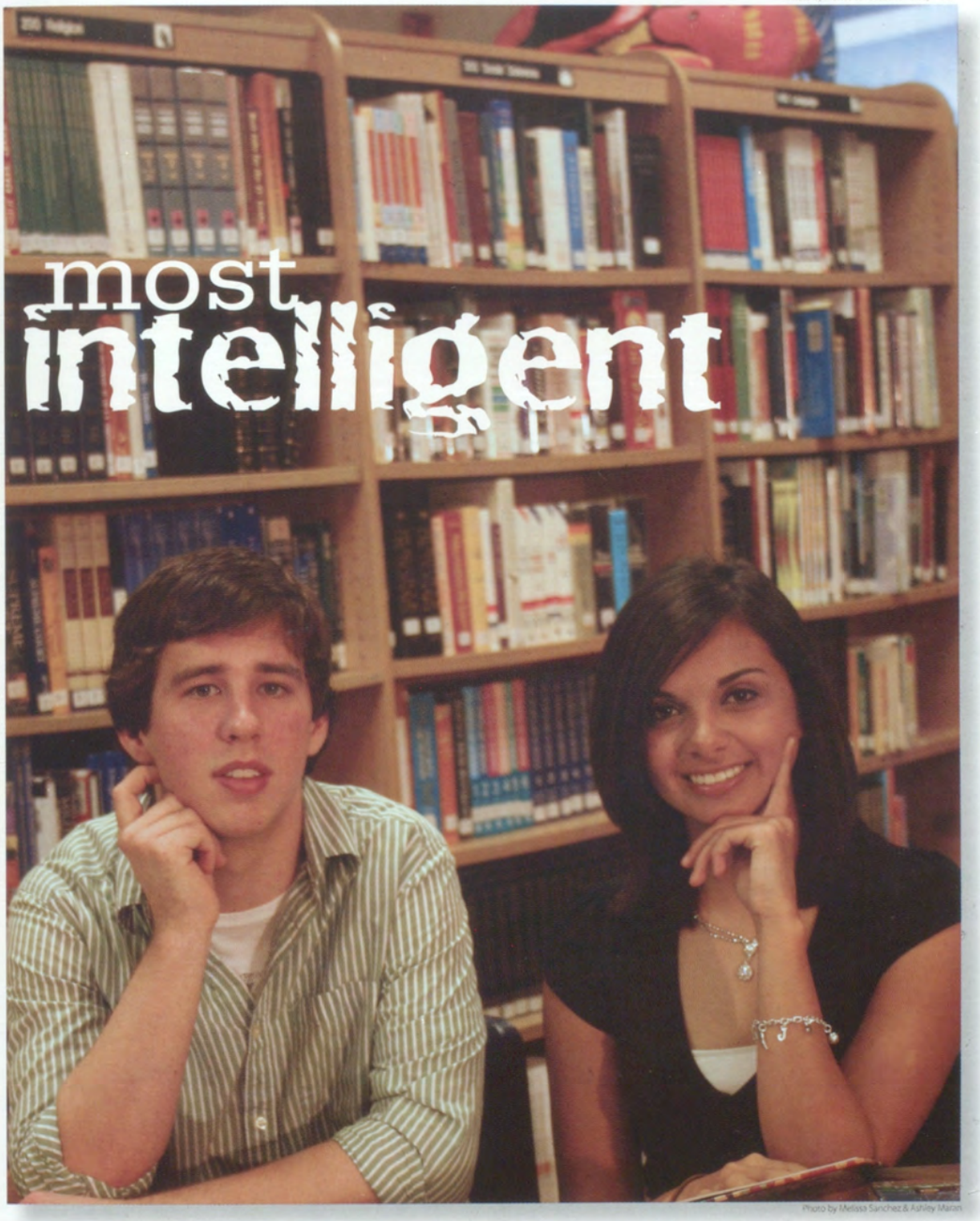


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Travis Hyzak

"I feel like I should say something intelligent."

Jessica Dale

"I guess my procrastination and laziness have finally paid off."


Cassandra Sanchez


Julian Sanchez

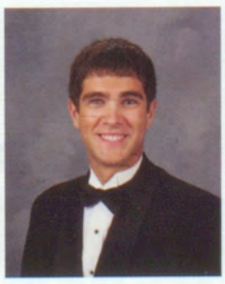

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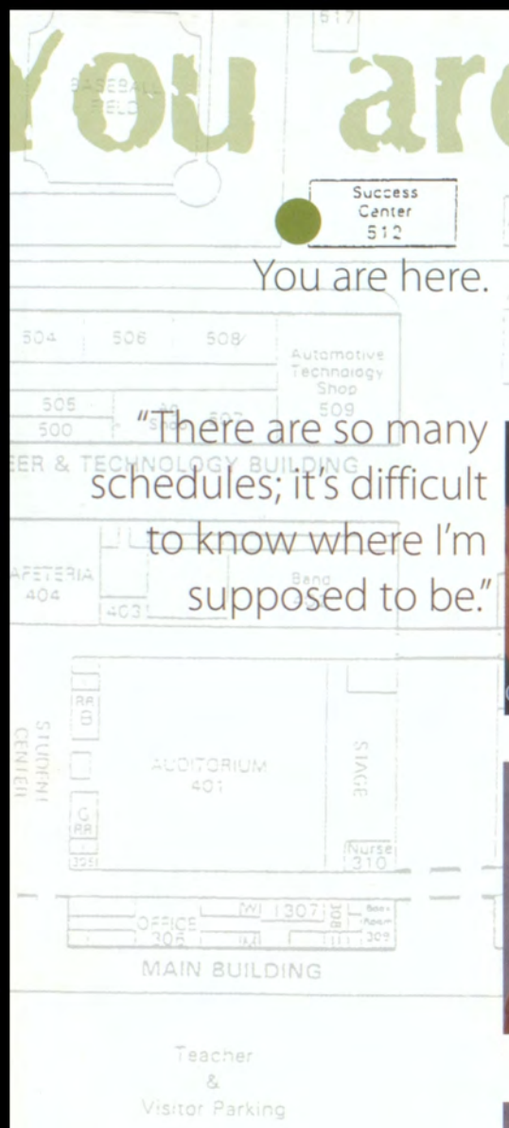

Eric Solis


Bobby Sovil


Cassie Stabeno


Andrew Stapp

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"There are so many schedules; it's difficult to know where I'm supposed to be."


Chris Bogan

Tardy Tank




Jessica Stegall


Aubrie Stewart


William Stroud


Stephen Taylor


Lanija Thomas


Stephen Torres


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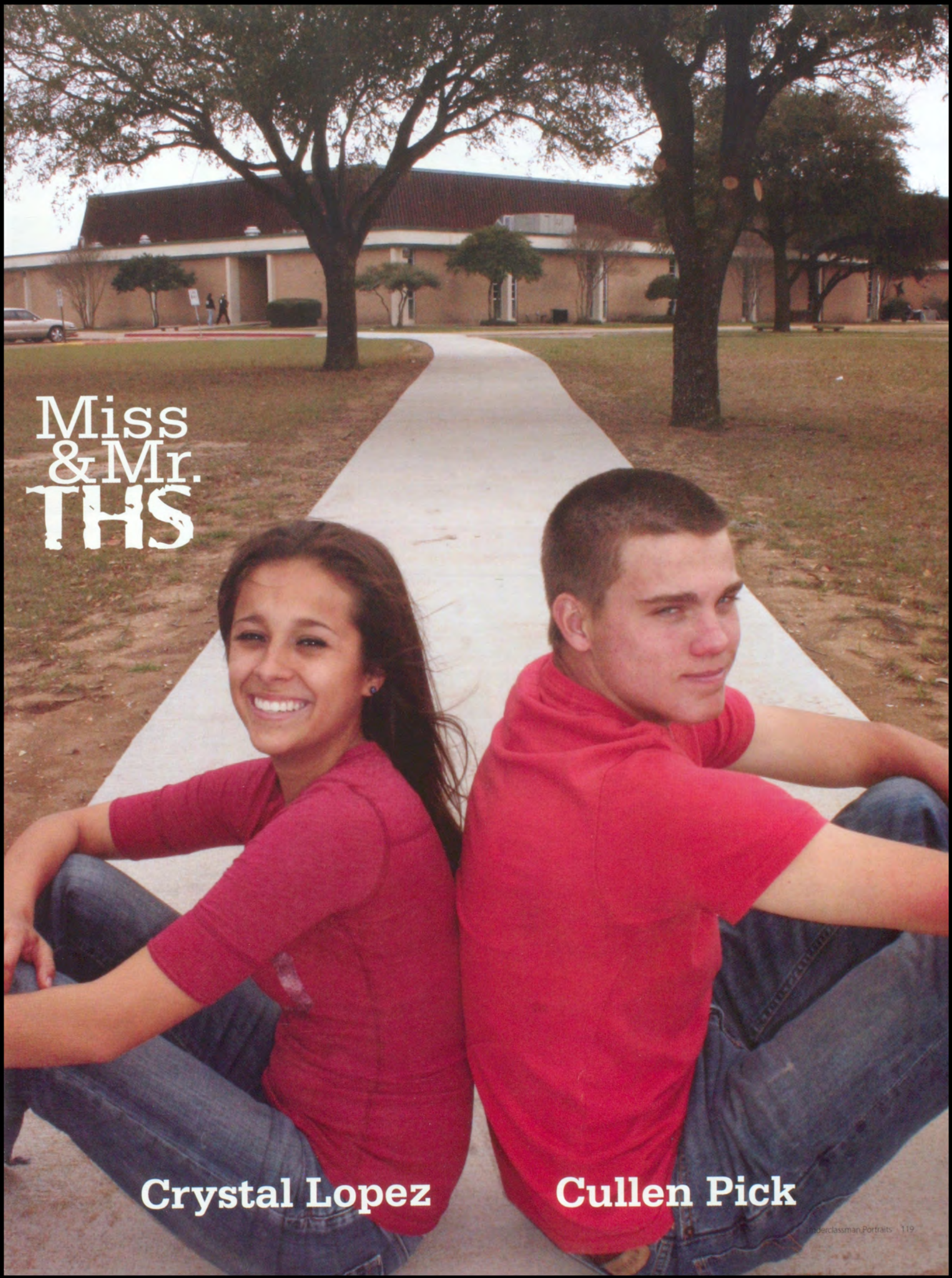

Jacqueline Wolf


Stephanie Wolf


Lee Wright


Kelsey Young

Miss & Mr. THS Photo by Valerie Sanchez & Laura Martinez


Miss
&Mr.
THS
Crystal Lopez
Cullen Pick

Juniors. Sophomores. Freshmen.

2009 ● 2010 ● 2011



Meghan Miller
Photo by Andriana Carrizales



Kate Barley
Photo by Magdalena Zavala



Jonathan Gonzales
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Lucas Alderete 11


Ricardo Aleman 9


Samantha Allmon 9


Julian Alonzo 10


Keila Amieva 9


Alexander Aminzadeh 10


Samantha Anderson 11


Colton Anderson-Rodriguez 9


Kendal Andrews 9


Issac Aparicio 10


Tyler Arabie 9


Carolina Araujo 9


Dulce Araujo 10


Siliva Araujo 11


Andrea Arroyo 10


Christino Arzola 10


Sabrina Atkinson 10


Kelsey Aunspaugh 10


Ulises Avalos 9


Estevan Aviles 9


Tanea Bailey 9


Matthew Ballard 10


Kristyne Baran 10


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Kathleen Barley 9


Edward Barrera 9


Antoinette Bell 10



Alfred Beltran 10


Kayla Beran 9


Claire Berger 10


David Bishop 10


Brittany Blank 11


Charles Bogan 9



David Bogan 10


Briana Bohac 11


Jered Boney 9


Joseph Borek 9


Kristina Bourdeau 10


Arthur Boussart 9


Tina Bradford 11


Robert Brenson 10

Can't live without it.

Students tell what they ***had to have*** to survive this year.

by Kelsey Davis

My Clothes

"I'm out of middle school. I have to prove that I'm 'in' and that I don't wear hand-me-downs."



Photo by Kelsey Davis



Photo by Kelsey Davis

My Phone

"My cell phone is my life. I couldn't live without it. I talk a lot."

Candy

"Candy helps me in my classes. It keeps me from sleeping."

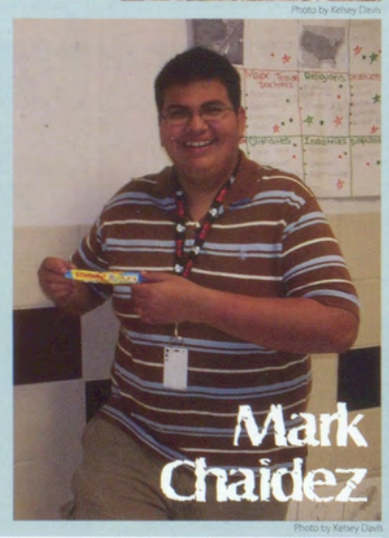


Photo by Kelsey Davis



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My Best Friend

"I couldn't live without my best friend Valerie because she always spices up my day."



Photo by Kelsey Davis

My Driver's License

"It's freedom. It's like a rite of passage. I can go wherever I want when I want."



Photo by Kelsey Davis

Xbox Live

"Xbox Live, I like it because it's like a real-life adventure."



Sports

"My life would be boring without soft-ball, cross country and track."



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Anntwanette Brooks 11



Eric Brooks 11



Janette Brown 9



Joshua Bucek 9



Brian Buckalew 9



Dell Buckalew 10



Paige Buckalew 9



Stevie Buckalew 11



Brittany Buckman 10



Treanthoni Budd 9



Nathan Burow 11



Rachel Burr 9



Kandi Cain 9



Shermane Caldwell 11



Andreina Calzada 11



Eric Camacho 11



Cathy Camarda 10



Juan Camarillo 9



Christian Campbell 9



Alondra Campos 10



Michelle Campos 10



Milagros Campos 9



Amanda Cannon 10



Mayra Cansin 10



Marvin Cantwell 9



Victor Cardenas Mata 9



Julie Ann Carey 10



Brandee Carlson 11



Rebecca Carnes 10



Deavin Carpenter 10



Travis Carpenter 10



Clarrissa Carrillo 10



Adriana Carrizales 10



Gregory Carter 11



Jose Castanon 9



Alysia Castillo 11



Deyanira Castillo 9



Caleb Cavazos 9



Augustine Cervantes 10



David Cervantes 10



Jesse Cervantez 11



Jonathan Cervantez 11



Megan Chacon 10



Mark Chaidez 9



Kaleb Chambers 9



Kaitlin Chance 10



Heather Chapa 9



Marrissa Chavana 10



Mariah Cisneros 9



Richard Cobia 10



Rebecca Cocke 10



Tanda Collinson 10



Jose Contreras 9



Manuel Cornejo 10



Jose Correa 9



Andrea Cortez 10



Adrian Costilla 9



Sloane Cotner 9



Brittany Covey 9



Erica Crabb 9



Desiree Crathers 10



Lorenzo Crawford-Sanford 9



James Crayton 11



Skylar Crayton 10



Kristen Cuba 9



Dalton Cummings 11



Valasha Cummings 9



Daniela Davis 9



Jesus De Hoyos 9



Angel De La Rosa 11



Gustavo Dehoyos 11



Zuleica Dela Cerda-Ordaz 9



Yesenia Delgadillo 10



Jared Delony 10



Joshua Devaul 11



Denise Diaz 9



Jordan Diaz 9



Roman Diaz 9



Gerald Dobbs 10



Charles Dominguez 10



Kelly Dominguez 11



Jacob Doss 10



Devin Douglas 10



Adrian Draine 9



Brandon Dupy 10



Matthew Earley 11



Megan Earley 9



Catherine Emery 10



Johnny Epperson 9



Jordan Eppinett 11



Anacareen Esquivel 9



Ramon Esquivel 9



Ashley Estrada 9



Eric Estrada 9



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Joshua Estrada 9



Krystal Estrada 11



Tara Eulenfeld 10



Brittnay Fail 11



Victoria Fail 9



Cody Farmer 9



Tiffany Farr 10



Maricela Fernandez 9



Courtney Fields 9



James Fields 10



Marki Fischer 11



D'Vonte Fisher 9



Justin Fitzgerald 9



Stephanie Flores 9



Kyle Fontenot 10



Ryan Fontenot 11

For the first time ever, the Ducks begin to Swim.

Story by Taylor Savage



Morgan Ward takes a moment to rest after one of her races. "It's exciting when I race. My adrenaline is pumping," Morgan said.

Photo by Josh Nataros

It can be hard to stand out at a new school, but one student got noticed by forming Taylor High School's brand new swim team. Morgan Ward, coached by Gloria Schuldt, was not only new to the school, but also decided to bring a new swim team for the first time in Taylor's history.

"I had back surgery, so I wasn't allowed to play any other sports" Morgan said. "Swimming is just enjoyable--I like it." Morgan has been swimming from a very young age and used her developed talent against other swimming teams in the area. Swimming coach, Gloria Schuldt, has been involved in judging all levels of swim competition for over 20 years and saw the new coaching position as a perfect opportunity. "Having been involved in this sport for so long, I've grown to love the people, the competition, and the sport itself," Mrs. Schuldt said.

"Morgan is trying to be involved in a sport that is really individualized, yet she is willing to practice and work at it." Due to the lack of resources at Taylor High School, Morgan was forced to drive to Cedar Park in order to practice sufficiently. Though this proved to be inconvenient at times, she persevered. Though different, a new avenue was opened for Morgan and for other future students. "To be good at it, you have to live it," Morgan said.



Morgan Ward back paddles down her lane. "Either you have the technique or you don't," Morgan said. Learning how to swim fast takes times time and practice.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Morgan Ward gives one last push to beat her competition. "I feel weightless when I hit the water," Morgan said.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Pausing between sets, Morgan Ward receives instruction from her coach about what to do next.

Photo by Josh Nataros



Photo courtesy of Gloria Shuldt

Morgan Ward waits for the signal to begin. "It gets pretty intense at times," Morgan said. After jumping off a starting block, swimmers are required to race down a 25 meter swimming lane.



Photo courtesy of Gloria Shuldt

Morgan Ward and Gloria Schuldt plan for the next race. "Even improving your time by a one-hundredth of a second is successful," Mrs. Schuldt said. Improving is important because competitors usually finish within seconds of each other.



Morgan Ward takes off at the Round Rock Invitational. "Swimming requires you to use muscles that you never thought you had," Morgan said. Morgan has been competitively swimming for over thirteen years.

Photo courtesy of Gloria Shuldt



Brandy Foster 10



Holly Frazier 11



Abery Fuentes 10



Brooke Gabel 11



Kevin Gabriel 9



Amber Gamboa 10



Patrick Gamez 9



Andrew Garcia 9



Luis Garcia 9



Naomi Garcia 9



Ryan Garcia 9



Alfred Garcia-Arzola 10



Alyssa Garza 9



Anita Marie Garza 9



Freddie Garza 10



Isabel Garza 11



Nicholas Gault 11



Steven Gibson 11



Cameron Gomez 10



Angel Gonzales 9



Arnulfo Gonzales 10



Carin Gonzales 10



Crispin Gonzales 9



Cruz Gonzales 9



Devinity Gonzales 9



Jonathan Gonzales 11



Kara Gonzales 9



Matthew Gonzales 10



Richard Gonzales 10



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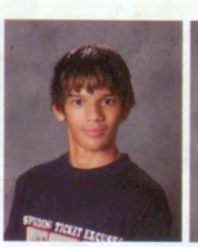
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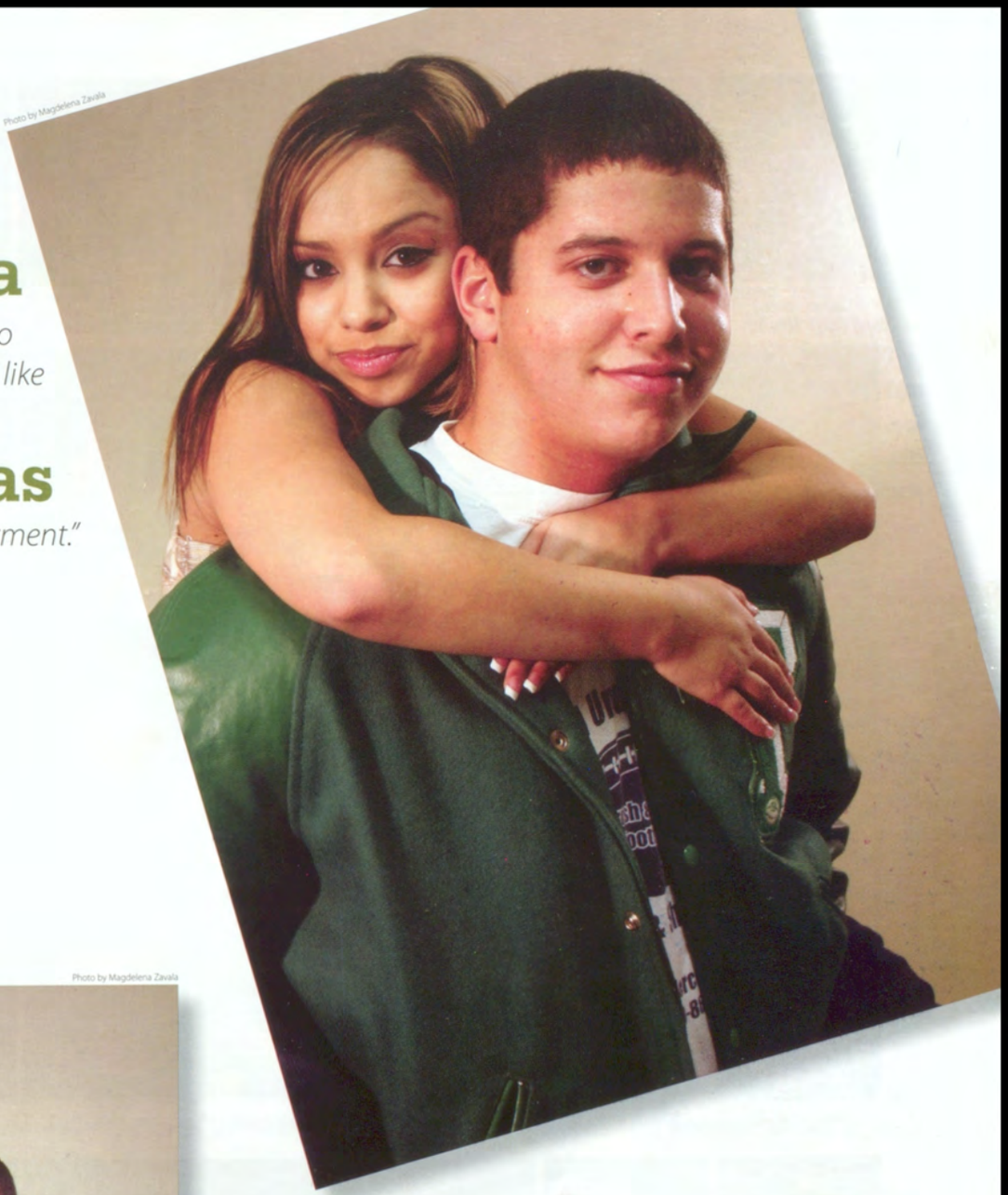


Photo by Magdelena Zavala

Danielle Zavala

"I want to be known as someone who was polite and made people laugh. I like that."

Trent Rojas

"Hard work will bring great achievment."

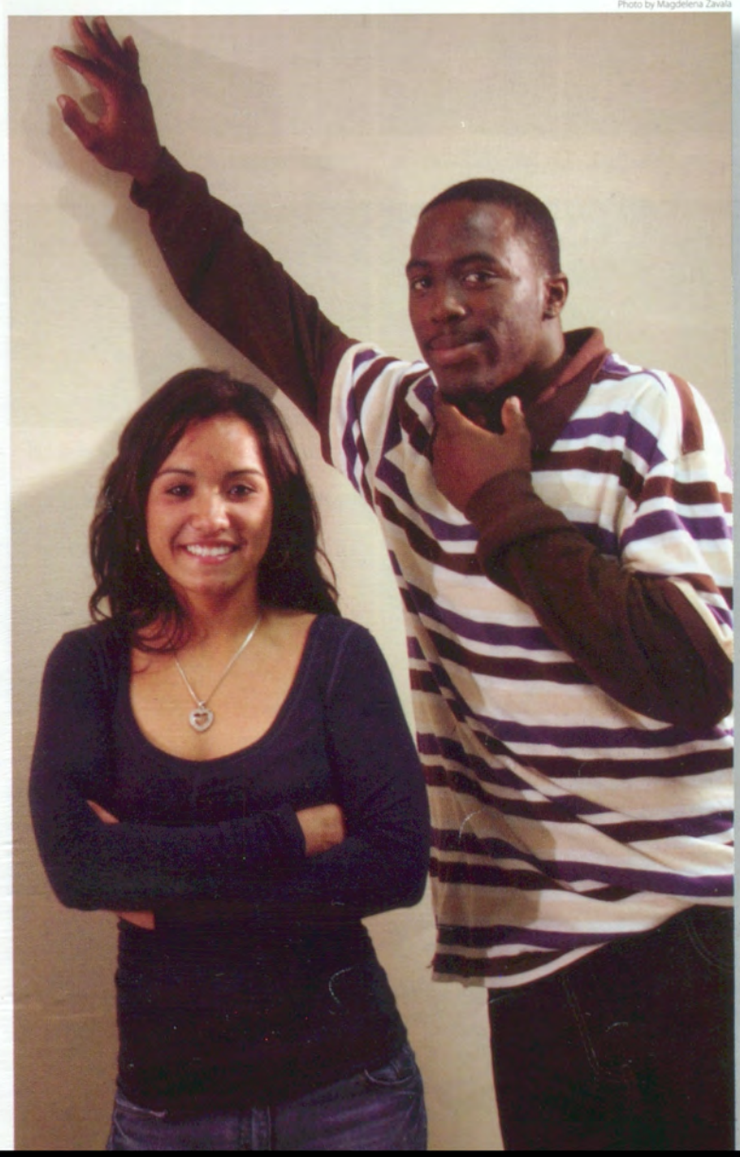


Photo by Magdelena Zavala

Brianna Yanez

"Go for what you want."

Gregory Carter

"My friends are what keep me coming back for more."

Junior Class Favorites


Ieshia Hernandez 10


Jeremy Hernandez 10


Jonathan Hernandez 9


Lucy Hernandez 9



Matthew Hernandez 11


Noel Hernandez 11


Ramon Hernandez 9


Santiago Hernandez 10


Gabriel Herrera 10


Justin Herrera 10


Monica Herrera 10


Ashley Heselmeyer 9


Kristina Hicks 9


Christine Hill 10


Christopher Hill 11


Ryan Hill 11


Shaneka Hill 9


Jessica Hilscher 11


Joshua Hinkle 10


Kameren Hodnett 10


Carla Hoffman 11


Gail Holman 9


Jonathan Holman 10


Megan Holman 11


Jason Holt 9


John Horsey 9


Jenna Howard 11


Samantha Howard 11


Zoey Howard 9


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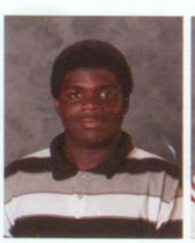

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Jacob Jensen 9


Tiffany Jensen 9


Douglas Jewett 9


Samuel Jirasek 10


Hope Johnson 10


Justin Johnson 9



Shelby Johnson 11


Andrew Jones 10


Wendell Jones 9


Christopher Kalka 9


Milton Keith 11


Jamal Kelley Shaw 10


Chelsea Kemp 9


De-Marea Kerley 9


Jordan Kiewit 10


Monique Klepac 12


Kalen Kruse 10


Connor Kutach 10


Michael Lafler 9


Dylan Lambert 10


Valkyrie Landrum 10



Naptally Laprade 9

When a fight breaks out, students are forced to Wait.

Story by Lauren Connors

"Attention all staff and students, we are in a lock down situation," was how the students of Taylor High School were greeted on Friday November 16th. An altercation between two girls broke out as the bell to commence first period rang, and due to the large number of the students in the vicinity of the fight, it quickly escalated to something much more serious.

What was initially two students arguing became more complicated when ten additional students interfered with school employees and police officers who were attempting to quell the fight. Principal Kimberley Mason quickly took control and an announcement to go on emergency lock down was made as a safety measure to keep other students from becoming involved. "We as a staff did everything within our ability to ensure safety for all of the students," Assistant Principal Patricia Calhoun said.

The majority of students simply went to their first period classrooms where they would remain for the duration of the lock down, but by chance a handful of students were placed in the conference room of the main office.

"It was like something out of *The Breakfast Club,*" Cullen Pick said. There were students from every clique of the school. All placed there by pure coincidence, some late to their first period, some walking back from tutorials, and some just swept up in the chaos. Regardless of how the students got there, they were there for what would be two and a half very long hours, and whether they liked it or not, they would be together for the entire time.

Photo by Jordan Humphreys


Mary Smith sits and talks with other students in the conference room. "I had a lot of fun talking with people I had never met before," Mary said.

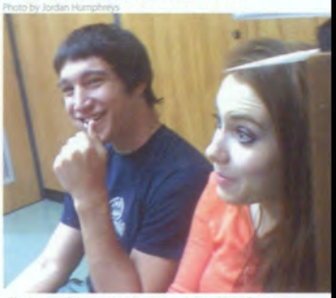
"I had no idea what was going on; I was just yanked into the conference room. No one told us why though," Justine Lorentzen said. The initial reaction was the same amongst the students located in the conference room: shock and confusion.

"Everyone just shared what they knew and that's really how we got our information," Cullen said.

During the two and half-hours the students passed the time by talking, playing charades, cards, and shared food that they had brought. It was for the most part, an unexpected bonding experience.

They managed to make the most of a long wait out, and all seemed fine until they heard things starting to get out of hand in the office which was just separated from them by a wall. A student was out of control, yelling and resisting officials who were trying to restore the school enviroment back to its usual harmonious state. But with tempers escalating there was no stopping the outraged student and eventually the police department had to resort to using a taser on the student. And although the use of a taser was controversial, most of the students in the conference room said that by just the sound of things it was a necessary action.

Photo by Jordan Humphreys


Chris Rodriguez is humored by Alex Sarp as they pass time during lockdown. "It was hot in the conference room, and the lockdown was really long, but Alex made it interesting," Chris said. The students locked in the conference room even resorted to playing charades in order to escape boredom.

"Hearing someone scream like that was the worst sound I've ever heard," Brooke Anders said. Justine also stated that the things that could be heard from the conference room were disturbing.

"Brooke and I were just sitting there crying, everyone else was just sitting in dead silence," Justine said.

But just as they had come together to pass the time they came together to comfort each other.

"It was pretty scary, I just kept trying to tell them it would be okay though," Zach Wilkins said.

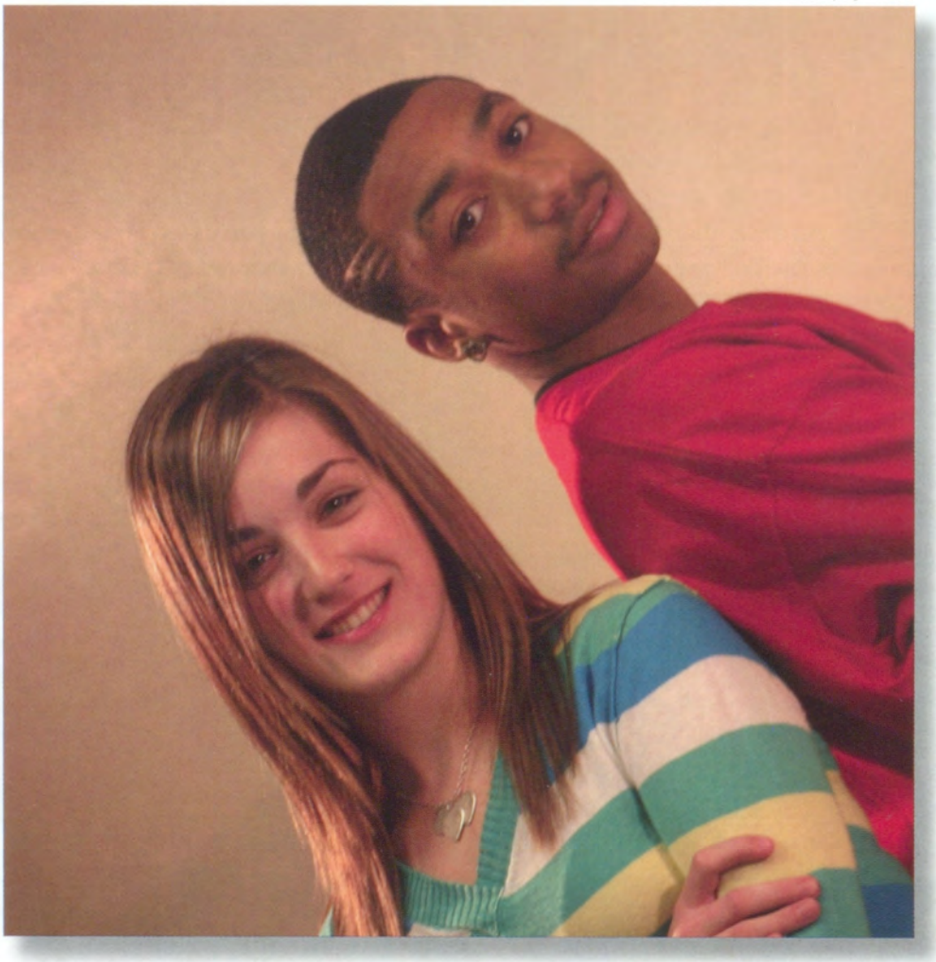
Around 10:45 all students were released from their lockdown rooms and were able to continue their classes. The day's events were some that will not be quickly forgotten by the students at Taylor High School, but especially for that handful that spent their time in the conference room.

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Cullen Pick

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Mark Jackson

"I just do me."

Claire Berger

"Don't do anything for anyone but yourself."

Jeremy Hernandez

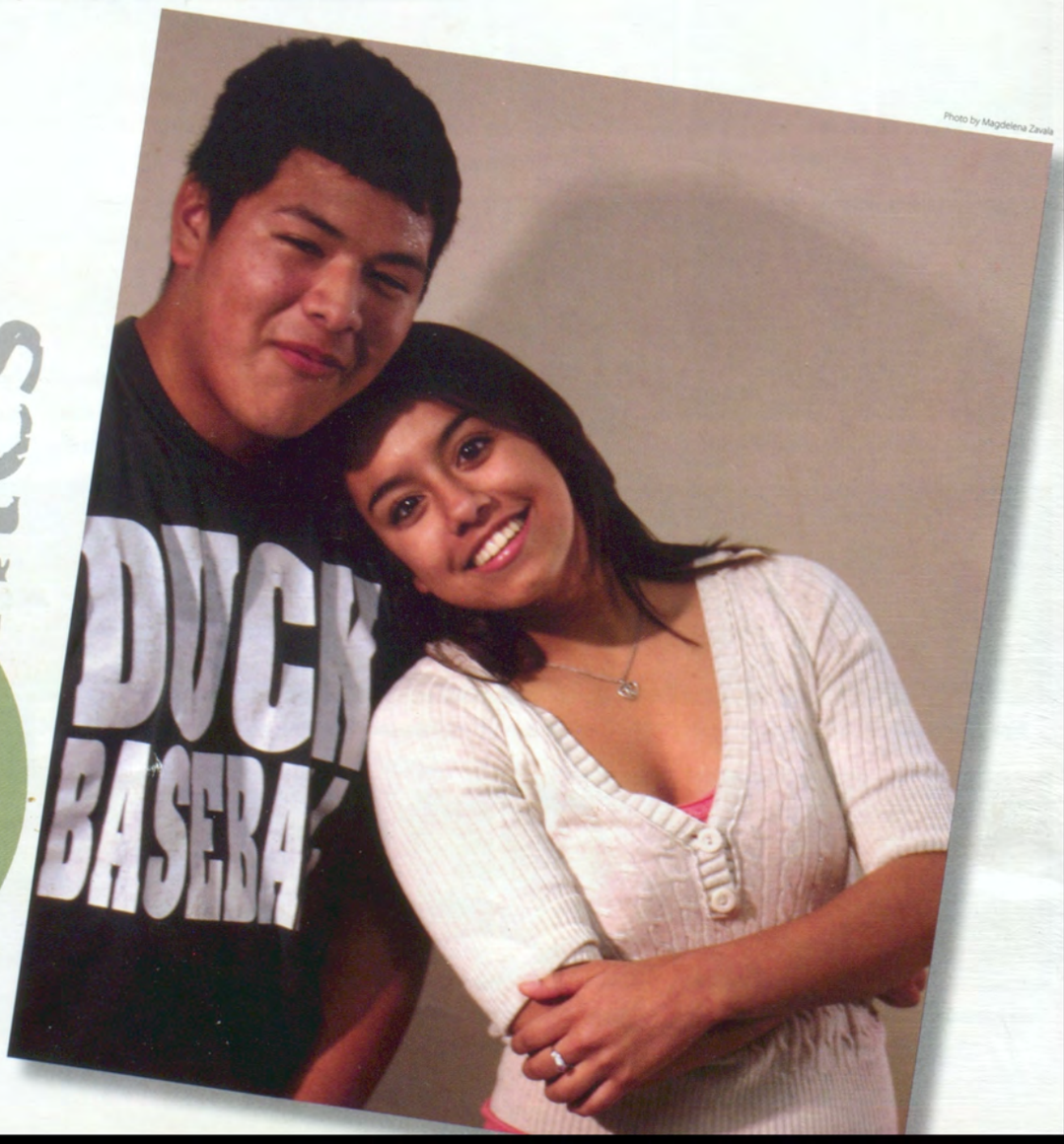
"Money, girls and football make me happy."

Katie Yanez

"Don't have any regrets about anything and always be yourself."

Sophomore Class Favorites

Photo by Magdelena Zavala




Leonel Lavalle 10


Sandy Lavalle 9


Maisen Lawhon 9


Steven Lawler 11


Jairo Lazaro Diaz 9


Chris Lea 10


Daniel Leatherman 9



Kyle Leeper 11


Mary Lefner 9


Seth Leland 9


Christopher Lerma 11


Kevin Lindsay 11


Zachary Lindsay 9


Ariel Lopez 11


Aurelio Lopez 11


Blanca Elena Lopez 9


Brittany Lopez 10


Christopher Lopez 9


Claudia Lopez 11


Jessi Lopez 9


Jose Lopez 10


Manuel Lopez 9


Maria Lopez 9


Valerie Lopez 11


Destiny Lorentzen 11


Harmony Lorentzen 11


Thiess Lorenz 11


Brad Lovelis 9


Kasi Lozano 9


David Luce 9


Christopher Lucio 9


Abigail Luna 11


Amanda Luna 9


Amber Luna 11


Heather Luna 9


Raymond Lute 11


Daphne Macauley 10


Quade MacCauley 10


Josefina Macedo 11


Charles Mackey 9


Bryan Macklin 9


Kiera Maddox 9


Brittany Maddux 9


Trenton Makare 9


Dylan Malan 9


Adela Mancera 9


Ashley Maran 10


Rajnesh Maran 10


Seth Marcon 11


Kelsey Marek 11


Christine Maresh 11


Leticia Marmolejo 9


Maria Marmolejo 10


Taylor Martin 10


Anthony Martinez 10


Christopher Martinez 11



Bryanna Guerrero and her father dance the traditional father-daughter quinceanera dance. "It was really special to be able to share that dance with my dad," Bryanna said. The father-daughter dance was something she will remember true for the rest of her life.

a time to Remember.

Story by Andrea Wilkerson

"It takes so much planning and work," Bryanna Guerrero said.

Putting on a quinceanera (sweet 15) is a big job. You have to think of every last detail from the dress to the food. It's like a mini wedding.

"We started planning about a year in advance, because everything had to be perfect" Bryanna said.

The tradition of having a quinceanera came from the idea that at the age of fifteen, a girl becomes a woman. The whole process consists of a ceremony, usually at a church, and most have a reception afterwards to celebrate. At the ceremony, the main girl is joined by fourteen of her closest girl friends and fourteen of her closest guy friends and her escort.

"I've been in a few and now I'm planning mine. It is tons of work," Jessie Lopez said.

Each person who participates in the ceremony represents a year of the girl's life. Also, there are traditonal gifts given at the ceremony including, a ring, necklace and tiara. A "last doll" is also given to symbolize the end of childhood. After the ceremony comes the reception, where each girl and her escort gets announced as they walk into the party and most people do a group dance sometime during the reception.

"The dance is always really fun to learn but it is a little weird to do it in front of all those people," Heather Hegar said.

"This is something that a girl looks forward to for a long time, the whole process can be very stressful but when I walked into the ceremony and the reception, it was exactly what I had envisioned. I will never forget my day,"



Julia Moody shows off her crown and birthday button. "It's always fun to get these little things from your friends on your birthday, it makes you feel special," Julia said. Showing off your birthday stuff has become a tradition at our school.



Bryanna Guerrero is presented at the reception of her quinceanera. "It was really fun to see everyone there and that all our planning paid off," Bryanna said. Even though quinceaneras are mostly traditional, Bryanna put her own spin to hers with a masquerade theme.



Elric Martinez 9



Felisa Martinez 9



Julie Martinez 9



Kristin Martinez 10



Patricia Martinez 10



Simon Martinez 10



Xavier Martinez 9



Chaston Matta 10



Allyson Matthys 11



Megan Matuke 9



Steven McAllister 9



Kayla McCarley 9



Christopher McFarlin 9



Darlene McFarlin 10



Melanie McFarlin 10



Laura McGrew 9



Douglas McNeil 9



Jamie McNeil 9



Jillian McQuillen 11



Joshua David Medaris 10



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Lilian Mendez 9 Angel Mesta 10 Jared Meyer 9 Tristan Meyer 11 Fantasia Miller 10 Manayah Miller 11 Meghan Miller 10 Monica Milligan 9



Nigel Milligan 10 Gregory Mixon 9 Ryan Montalvo 10 Julia Moody 9 Jose Morales 9 Leah Marie Morales 10 Adan Moreno 10 Concepcion Moreno 10



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Roland Myers 11 Brandon Negus 9 Bradly Nemec 10 Andre Nevins 9 Dylan Noel 9 Eric Noel 10 Heath O'Banon 11 Natalie Ochoa 10



Victoria Ochoa 9 Mariah Ojeda 9 Selena Olguin 9 Seth Olivarez 9 Abraham Oranday 9 Lucas Orosco 11 Jordan Orta 10 Ana Ortiz 11



Briana Ortiz 10 Erica Ortiz 10 Esperanza Ortiz 9 Isador Ortiz 10 Jonathan Ortiz 11 Jose Ortiz 9 Mandy Ortiz 9 Victoria Ortiz 9



Alicia Pachicano 11



Emilio Pachicano 11



Paul Pachicano 9



Antonio Pack 9



Justin Patschke 9



Christopher Patterson 10



Jacob Patterson 9



Cardray Payne 10



La'Star Payne 10



Mario Pena 9



Davey Pepper 11



Dimitri Perez 10



Raymond Pesina 9



Dillon Pfluger 11



Stacey Platz 11



Rufina Polasek 11



Meghan Pollitt 9



Ruby Pumphrey 9



Ana Ramirez 9



Ashley Ramirez 9



Joseph Ramirez 10



Marcella Ramirez 9



Mariana Ramirez 11



Victor Ramirez 9



Stacy Ramlochan 11



Natalia Ramos 11



Sandra Rangel 9



Chris Recendis 11



Eric Recendis 10



Paula Reeves 10



Conoley Reinhardt 10



Ashley Reyes 11



Casper Reyes 10



Jaime Reyes 9



Javier Reyes 9



Kristian Reyes 9



Leon Reyes 9



Mikaela Reyes 9



Richard Reyes 9



Victoria Reyes 10



Cristina Reyna 10



Jennifer Reyna 9



Johnny Reyna 10



Mathew Reyna 9



Chase Richter 9



Maia Richter 11



Abel Rincon 11



Maria Rios 9



Ashley Rivera 11



Shelby Jo Roan 10



Christopher Robles 9



Rene Robles 9



Salvador Robles 9



Amanda Rodriguez 9



Andrew Rodriguez 10



Christopher Rodriguez 11

Carter Sakewitz

"Don't get into trouble. Try to be a good student."

Isabel Yanez

"Better do your work or you'll get some pretty bad grades."

Freshman Class Favorites

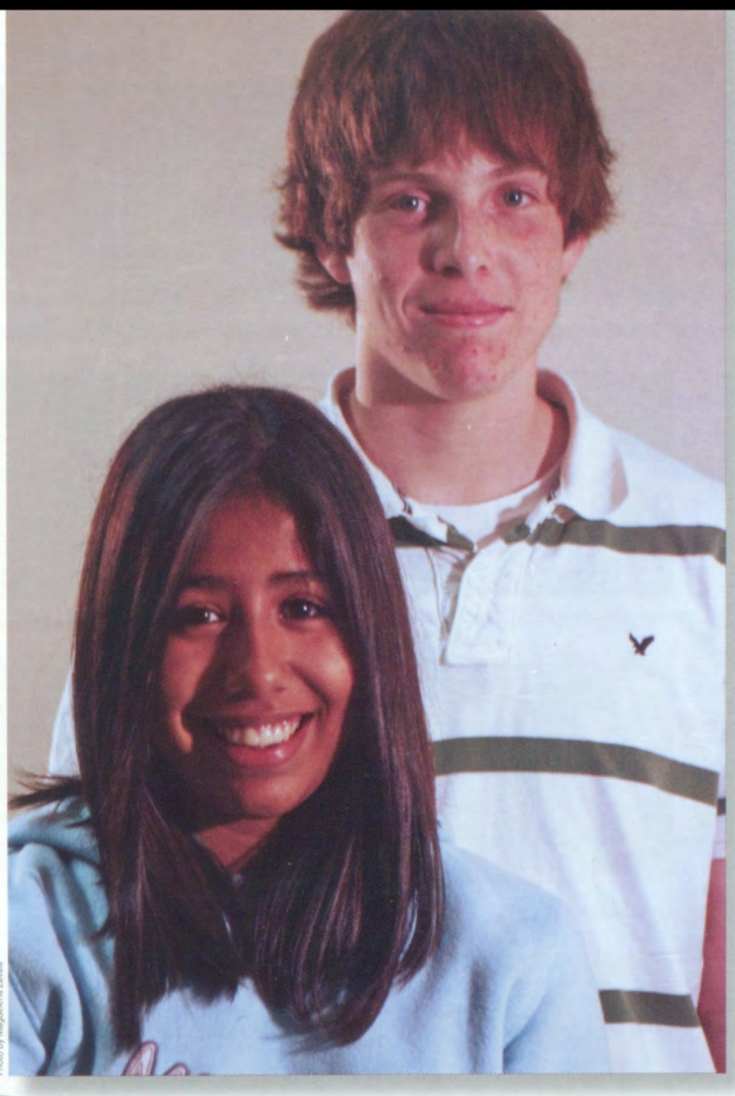
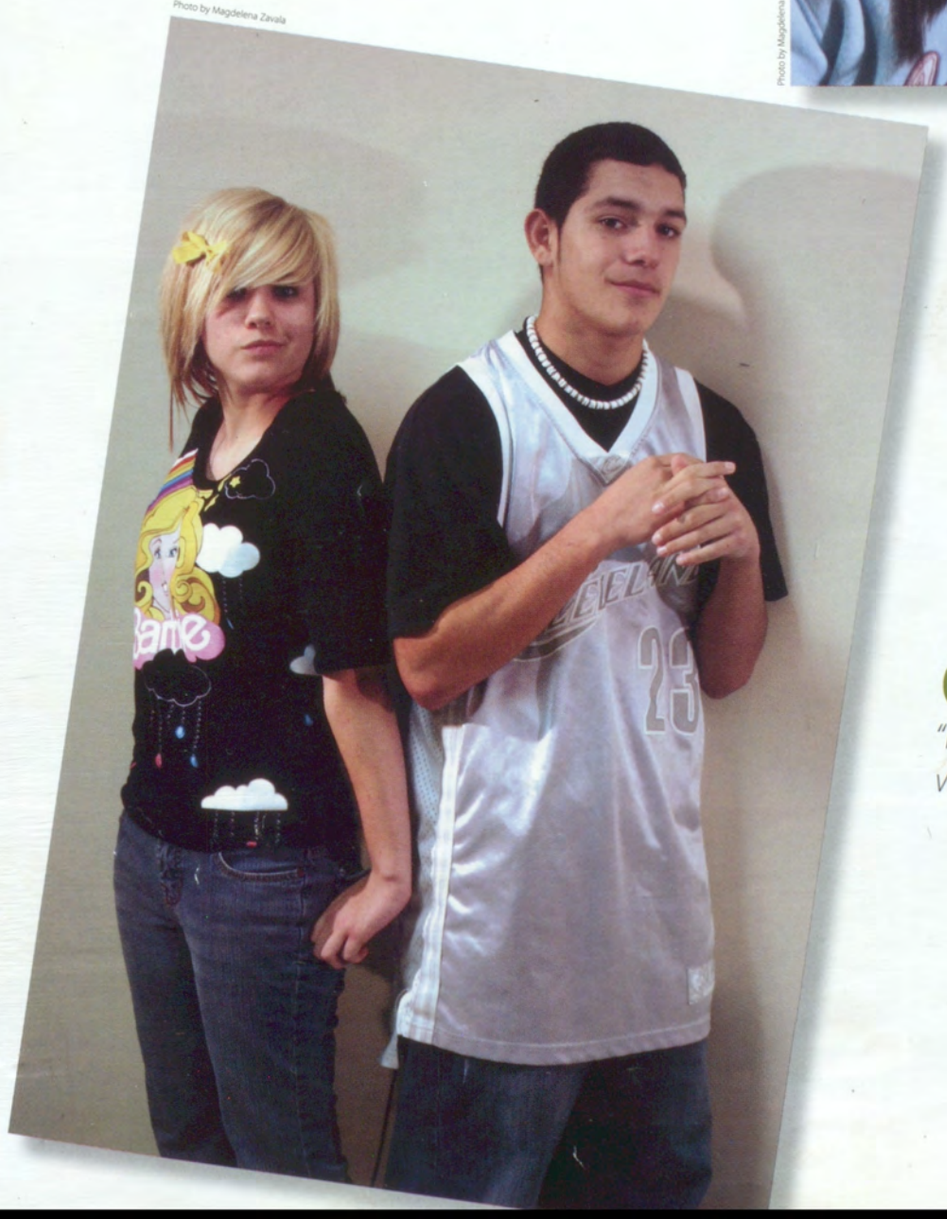


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Meghan Pollitt

"Friends, music, and choir are three things that make me happy."

Chris Lucio

"I want to be known as a great athlete who kept his grades up."



David Rodriguez 10



Isaha Rodriguez 9



Juan Rodriguez 9



Katherine Rodriguez 9



Marcy Rodriguez 9



Michael Rodriguez 11



Oscar Rodriguez 11



Rolando Rodriguez 9



Yanira Rodriguez 10



Daniel Rojas 9



Eric Rojas 9



Trenton Rojas 11



Adriana Romayor 11



Diamantina Romero 9



Miriam Romero 9



Rodney Ross 9



Cassandra Rozacky 11



Karyn Roznovak 11



Ian Rucker 9



Grindelia Rueda 9



Derek Rumel 10



Carter Sakewitz 9



Kyle Sakewitz 11



Amy Salazar 10



Emiilio Salazar 9



Kelly Salazar 10



Matias Salazar 10



Jaime Saldana 9



Christian Saldana-Gaona 9



Joseph Salgado 9



Tiffany Salinas 11



Cade Samuelson 9



Seth Samuelson 11



Jacob San Migel 10



Alejandro Sanchez 9



Alexis Sanchez 9



Elaine Sanchez 10



Fabiola Sanchez 11



Glianne Sanchez 10



Jacob Sanchez 9



Joannie Sanchez 9



Valerie Sanchez 11



Xavier Sanchez 9



Leo Sandoval 9



Candan Sarp 11



Dylan Saucedo 10



Sonya Schmidt 10



Rowdesha Scott 10



Terrence Scott 9



Brittany Seggern 11



Krista Seidel 11



Christopher Seigmund 11



Justin Seigmund 10



Brooke Selby 10



Jess Shaw 11



Mildred Shaw 10

A new program allows freshmen to Begin college early.

Story by Cassie Stabeno



Photo by Jordan Humphreys

Most students start thinking about their future plans of college a year before they really need them. But a handful of students have started to process of getting their associates degree in their freshman year of high school. The program is called Early College.

With the new plan, freshmen who applied last year and were chosen could take a full schedule of classes at the Temple College at Taylor center. The guidelines the students have to follow included good grades, an interview with the principal, and taking (and passing) all Pre-AP classes. After being accepted, the new students had to attend a two week academy during the summer.

Early College students had their own principal, Richard Kolek, and their own counselor, Sonja Baker. With the new Early College plan the students were hardly at the high school.

"The students only take their elective classes here at the high school," Counselor Marilynn Tennil said, "everything else is taken at the TCAT campus. The downside was that these students were not able to participate in any sports or school clubs, since they were not on the THS campus that much. Eventually, the Early College students would have their own campus for activities and clubs.

The first semester the students took the regular classes that all freshmen took, just at the TCAT campus. After January they started Dual Credit classes, which counted as a credit for both high school and college. After the students had started the new plan, they were required to stick with it all four years of their high school career, even if it was hard.

"I probably would get out if I could, but I'm not because my parents wouldn't be too happy with me," Spencer Nevins said.

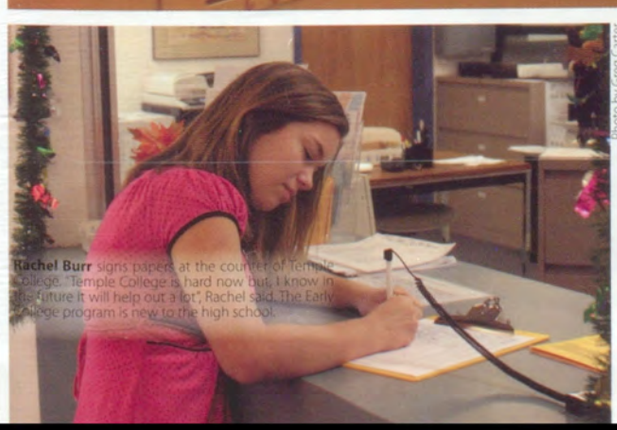
Others think the program is a really smart decision for their future.

"By the time they graduate high school, they can have earned their associates degree," said Mrs. Tennill. "This can truly be a perfect fit for the student who will be the first generation college bound child in the family and who has a strong academic goal."



Boarding the bus, Jared Collins leaves THS and heads over to TCAT for his afternoon classes. Students in the Early College program had to watch the clock and leave class a few minutes early in order to have time to eat lunch before the bus left.

Photo by Sydney Savage



Rachel Burr signs papers at the counter of Temple College. "Temple College is hard now but, I know in the future it will help out a lot", Rachel said. The Early College program is new to the high school.

Photo by Greg Carter



Photo by Greg Carter

Joseph Borek works on his papers for Temple College. "There always is work that can be done here", Joseph said. The students have to stay with the program until they graduate.

How do you get here?

Students dish about their means of transportation.

by Jessica Dale



Photo by Jessica Dale

Andy Flores 12

Driving for: 1 month

'02 BMW 325ci

Best thing: *"It just works."*

Worst thing: *"Button to unlock the driver door doesn't work."*



Photo courtesy of Jonathan Ortiz

Jonathan Ortiz 11

Driving for: 8 months

'00 Camaro

Best thing: *"It's really fast."*

Worst thing: *"I always have to clean it."*

Jordan Stefek 10

Driving for: 6 months

'98 Chevy Malibu



Photo by Jessica Dale

Best thing: *"It gets me around."*

Worst thing: *"Half the time it doesn't start."*

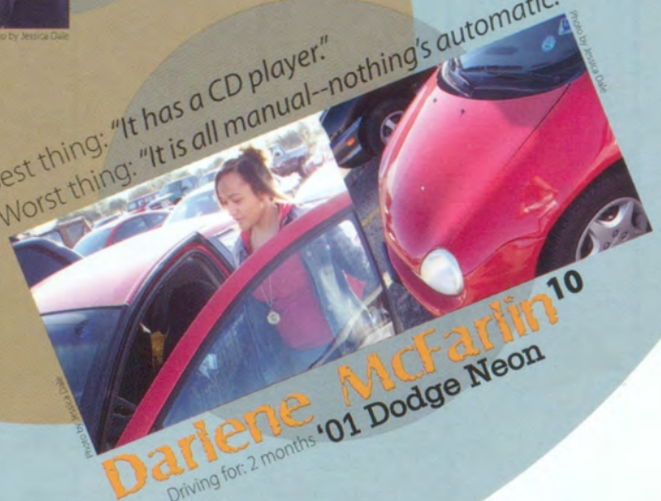


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Darlene McFarlin 10

Driving for: 2 months

'01 Dodge Neon

Best thing: *"It has a CD player."*

Worst thing: *"It is all manual--nothing's automatic."*

Christine Maresh 11

Driving for: 11months

'02 Chevy Cavalier



Photo by Jessica Dale

Best thing: *"It fits a lot of people for lunch."*

Worst thing: *"Pretty much everything else."*



Eric Sherek 9



Ashlee Silva 10



Lakeisha Simien 9



Cole Sims 10



Cody Slavych 10



Brian Slivensky 10



Amanda Smith 9



Mary Smith 9



Michelle Smith 11



Paul Smith 9



Candace Smothermon 10



Thomas Solbach 9



Gabrielle Solis 10



Martin Solis 10



Tonya Sorrells 9



Ethan Speer 10



Courtney Sprenger 10



Lauren Standifer 9



Jonathan Steele 10



Miressia Steele 10



Jordan Stefek 10



Shelbie Stegall 9



Stephanie Stegall 10



Catherine Stewart 9



Kelbie Stifflemire 9



Camryn Stoll 10



Corey Strmiska 11



Mallory Strmiska 10



Alexa Suarez 9



Chardonnay Suarez 10



Tyler Susan 10



Gabriel Sutton 9



Courtney Svatek 11



Austin Talavera 10



Jessica Tapia 11



Ransom Taylor 10



Lindsey Teggeman 11



Corey Terwilliger 10



Glenna Tharp 11



Matthew Thompson 10



Trinia Thompson 11



Emily Thorpe 10



Christian Tone 9



Devyn Tone 10



Adrian Torres 11



Brittany Torres 9



Christian Torres 9



Darrian Torres 9



Maria Torres 10



Olivia Torres 10



Jennifer D Townsend 9



Anna-Lisya Trevino 9



Eric Triche 9



Jesus Trujillo 10



Lauren Tucker 10



Addison Turner 9



Marcos Urbina 10



Marcela Valladares 11



Jacob Valverde 11



Connor Vanecek 11



Theodor Vargas 11



Jason Vasquez 9



Luis Vasquez 10



Raquel Vasquez 9



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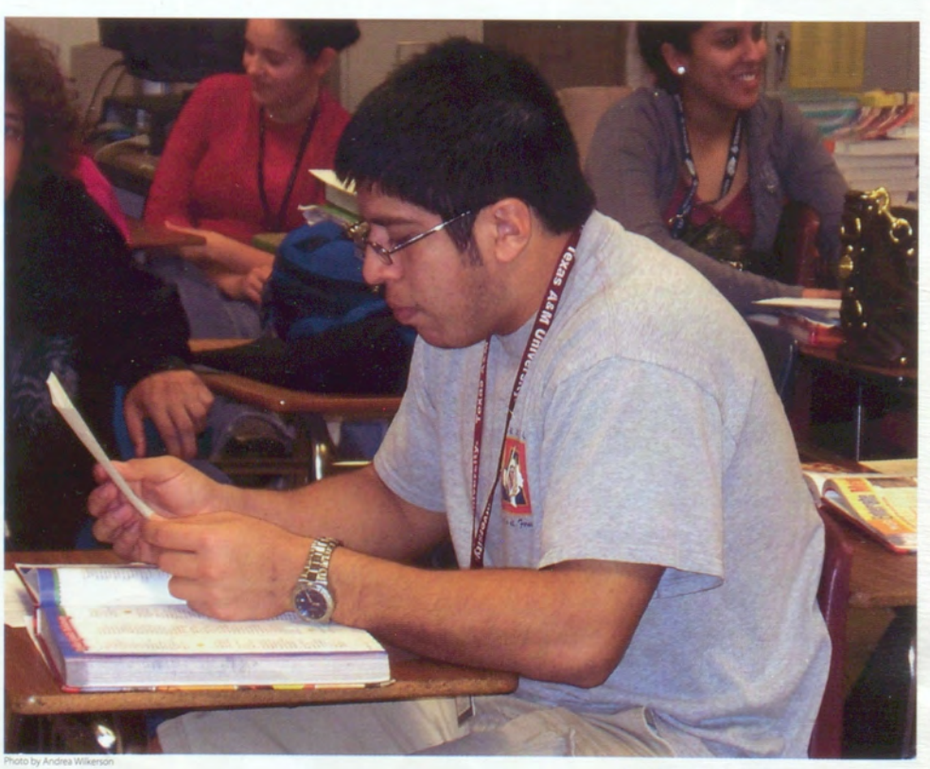


Photo by Andrea Wilkerson

Matt Hernandez looks up a word in the glossary of his Spanish III book. Teachers were able to focus on more project-based lessons because of the added time from block scheduling.

With new academic policies and schedules, students must get used to Change.

Story by Andrea Wilkerson



Zach Wilkins rushes to get to his 2nd period. "Being late now means an hour and a half in the tardy tank," Zach said. The block scheduling has proven to have its ups and downs.

Photo by Andrea Wilkerson



Brittany Palomo delivers papers in the mornings. Students and teachers had to keep track of which of the nine schedules the school would be following on any given day.

Photo by Andrea Wilkerson

New Year, new rules. Block scheduling and a variety of new procedures kept everyone on their toes. The biggest change was the alternating days of block scheduling; instead of attending every class every day, students attend only four–for 90 minutes each–on Monday through Thursday, and all eight on Friday. The longer block of time in class is a struggle for some.

"I don't like to be in class for so long. I lose concentration," Kayla Beran said.

Students had to be extra careful about times and days, especially since some students had different lunches on different days. To make matters more confusing, there were different schedules for pep rally days, early release days, and weeks with a Monday holiday.

"I'm not really a fan of the block schedule. I think everyone gets mixed up on which schedule we have on which day," Stacy Bubenik said.

There are some advantages that come along with block scheduling, though. Having one class for a full hour and a half gives more time for the teacher to give one-on-one help with the students. More complex and time-consuming activities, like science labs and video shoots, can be completed in the block.

"It's much better for my classes," Video Tech teacher Mrs. Melanie Catuogno said. "We spend a lot less time getting out equipment and putting equipment away, and a lot more time actually shooting video. It's much more productive with fewer interruptions."

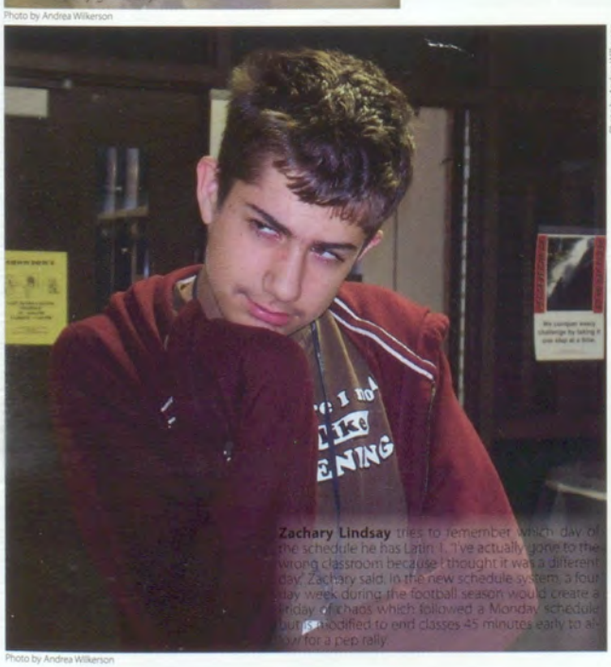
Early in the year, there were several outbreaks of violence which were attributed to overcrowding in the cafeteria and student center before school. Starting in January, students had to show a teacher their report card upon entering the building and if they were failing they were required to attend tutorials for that class. If they were passing all classes, students were offered games, skateboarding, basketball and computer lab activities.

The purpose of the organized activities was to make the school a safer place to be and to increase the number of students attending tutorials, but some students were not impressed with the new arrangements.

"I don't like the idea of all the games," Tristan Meyer said. "I try to just come to school right before the bell rings."

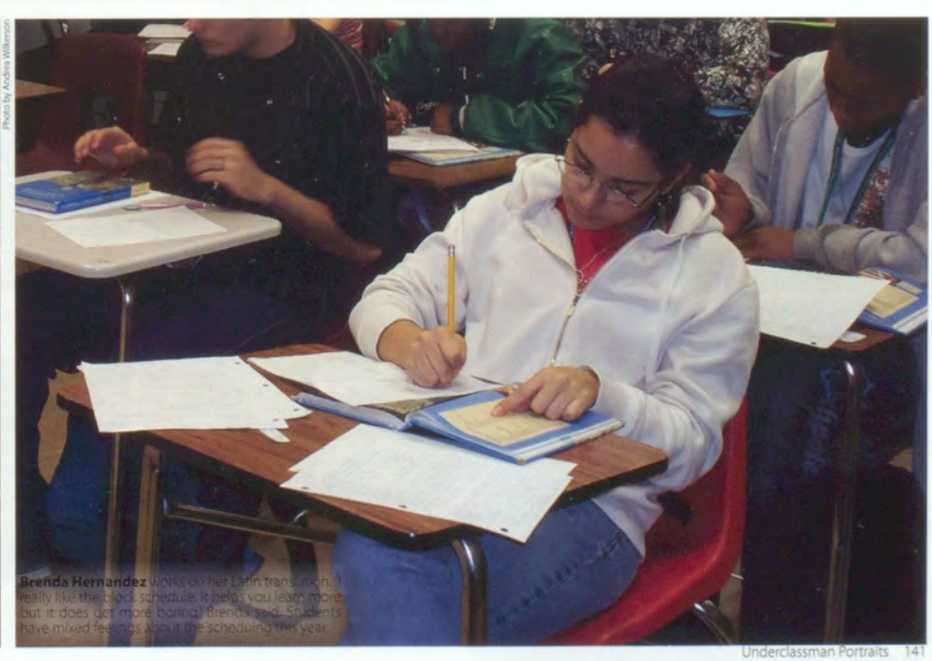
"I think forcing people to go to tutorials won't really help, they have to want to get their grade up," Jackie Orozco said.

Administrators hoped the longer class times and more organized mornings would contribute to an increased level of student success. As with any new procedure, people resisted but eventually got used to it.



Zachary Lindsay tries to remember which day of the schedule he has Latin I. "I've actually gone to the wrong classroom because I thought it was a different day," Zachary said. "In the new schedule system a four day week during the football season would create a Monday of chaos which followed a Monday schedule, but is modified to end classes 45 minutes early to allow for a pep rally."

Photo by Andrea Wilkerson



Brenda Hernandez works on her Latin translation. "I really like the block schedule, it helps you learn more, but it does get more boring," Brenda said. Students have mixed feelings about the scheduling this year.

Photo by Andrea Wilkerson

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Theater Arts 1-4



Jean Barnett
Art 1-2



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Intro Ag, Wildlife, Ag Mechanics, Floral Design



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Special Education Aide



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At-Risk Specialist



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Lifeskills



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Cafeteria Staff



Kimberley Mason
Principal



Mary Mathew
DL Lab, Algebra 1, Geometry

"What improvement can be made on what I did yesterday and what I'll do tomorrow? I don't know unless I can **be here now**." --Mrs. Patricia Calhoun

"John Lennon said 'life is what happens to you while you're **busy making other plans**.'" --Mr. Joe Underwood

"Sir Winston Churchill said, 'It is a mistake to look too far ahead. The **chain of destiny** can only be grasped one link at a time.'" --Mrs. Nisa Stevens



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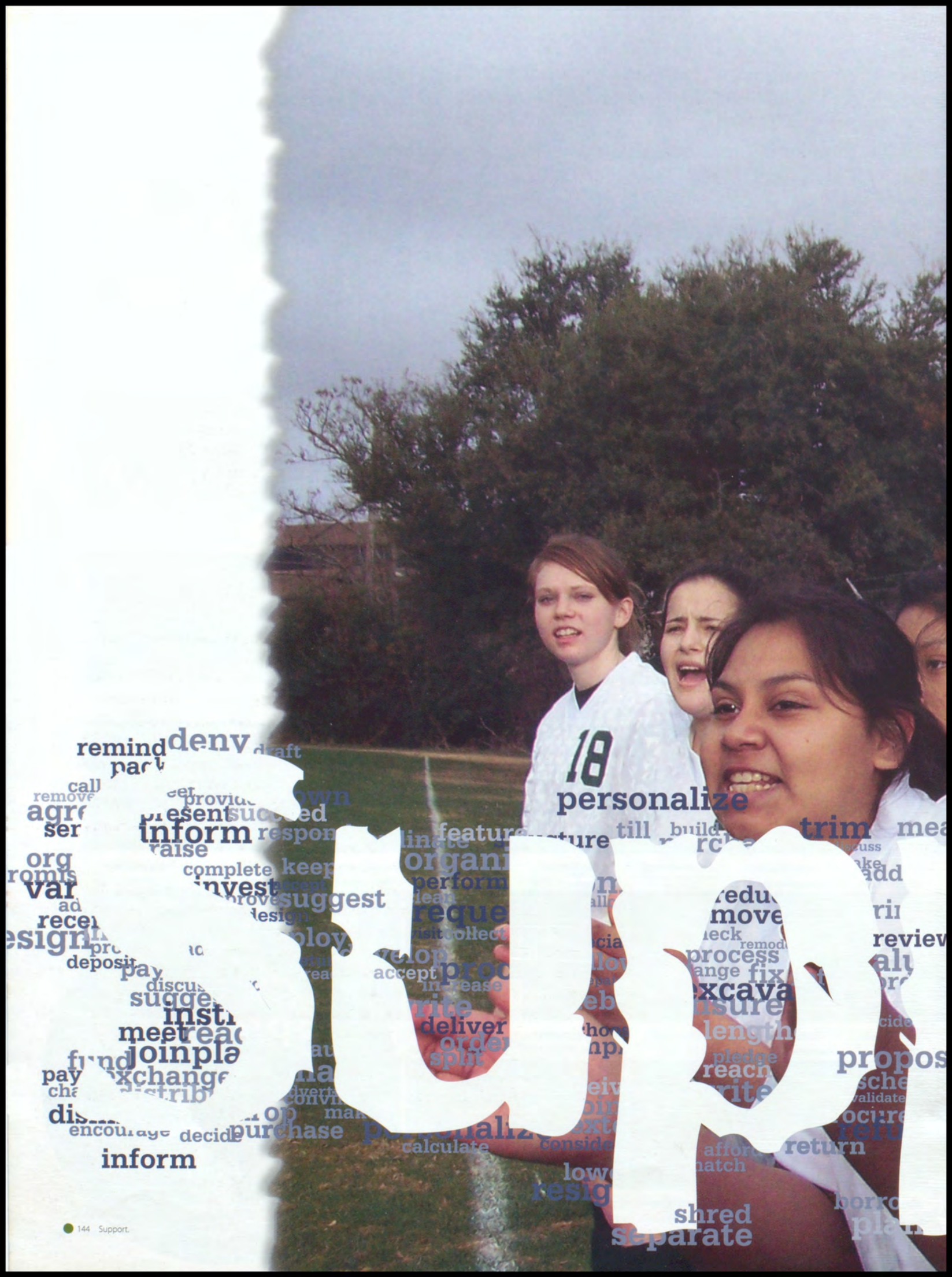


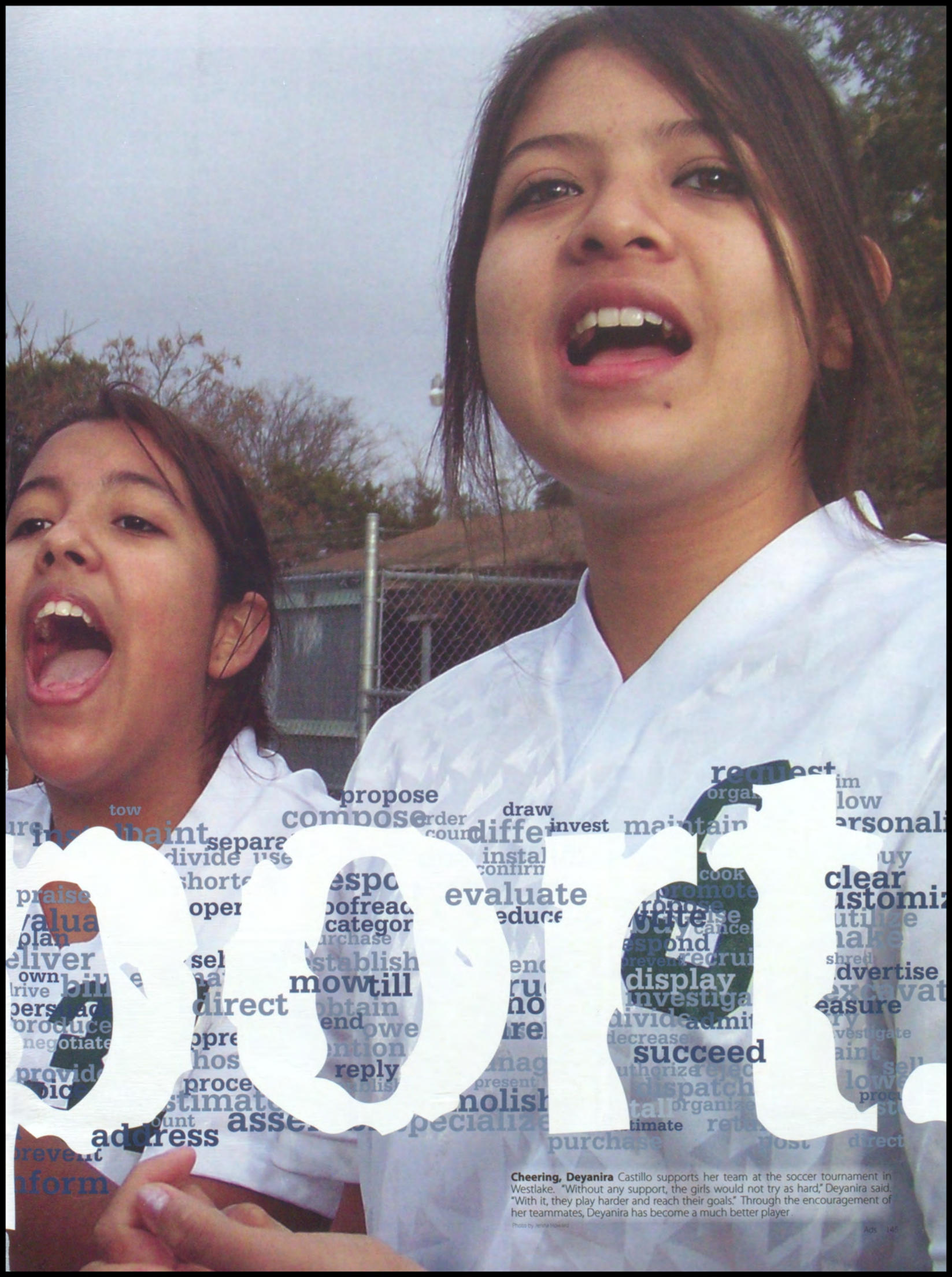
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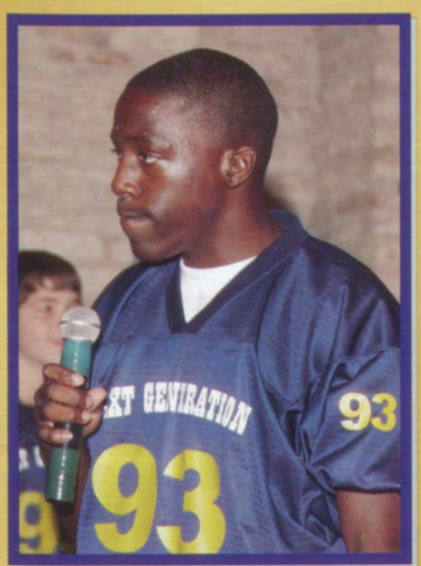
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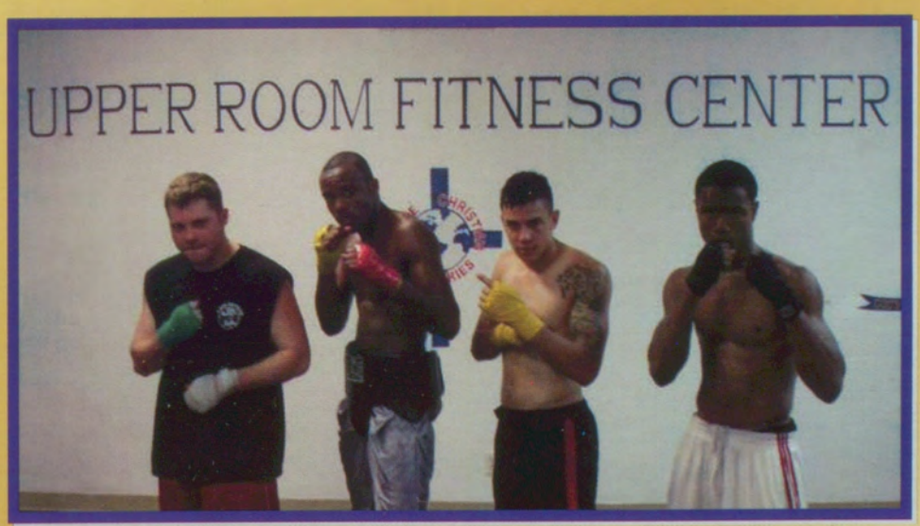
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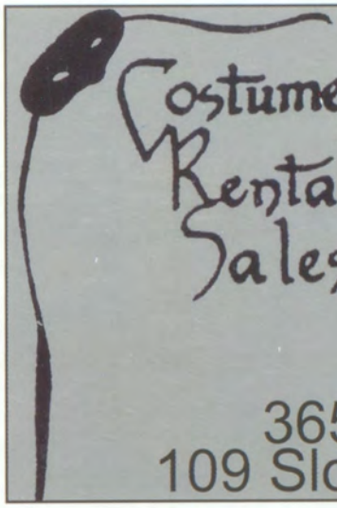
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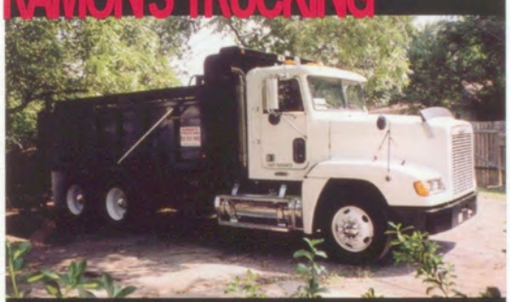
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My Wish by Rascal Flatts

May God continue to bless you in all things.
Love, Mom



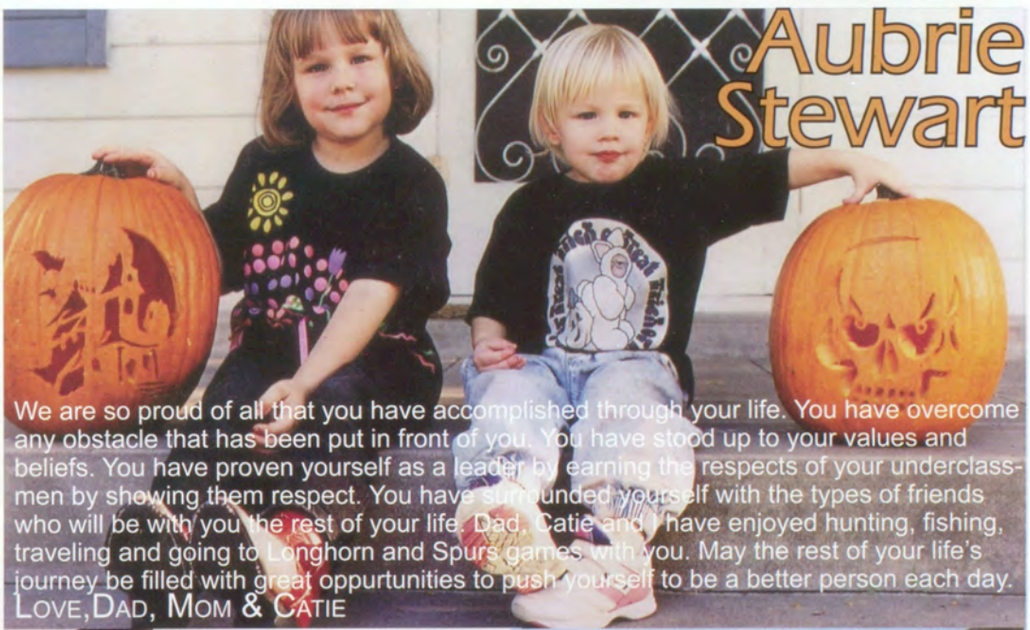
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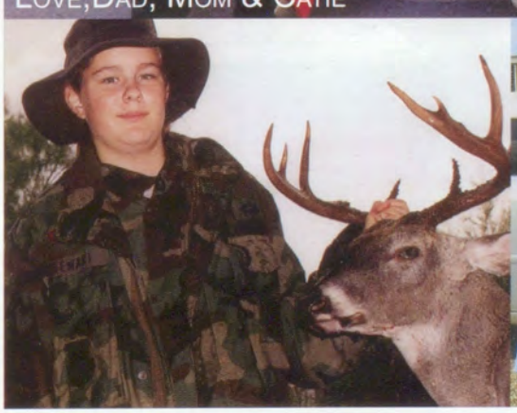
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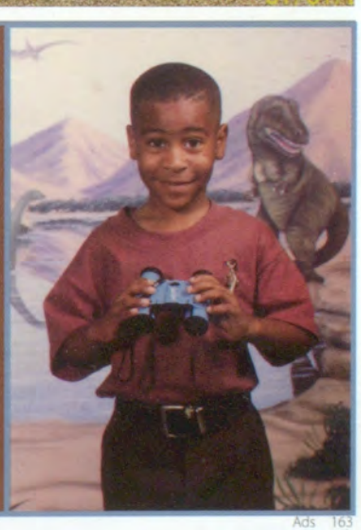




Shawn Bradshaw

Enjoy the life God has given you and live with a sense of gratitude everyday. I'm proud of you!

Love, Mom



Kelsey Young

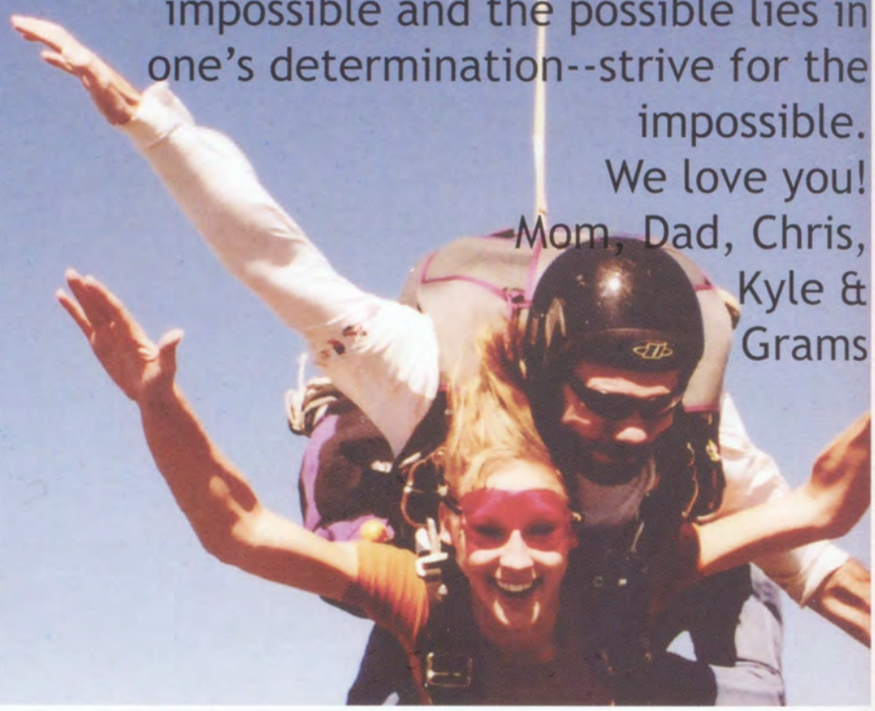








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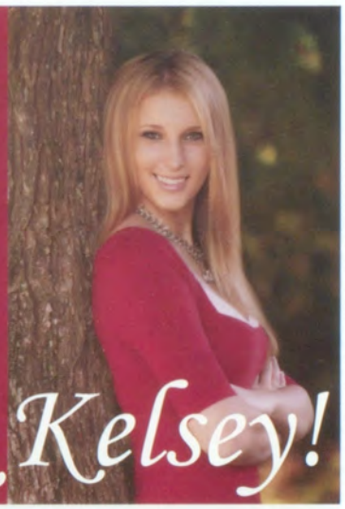
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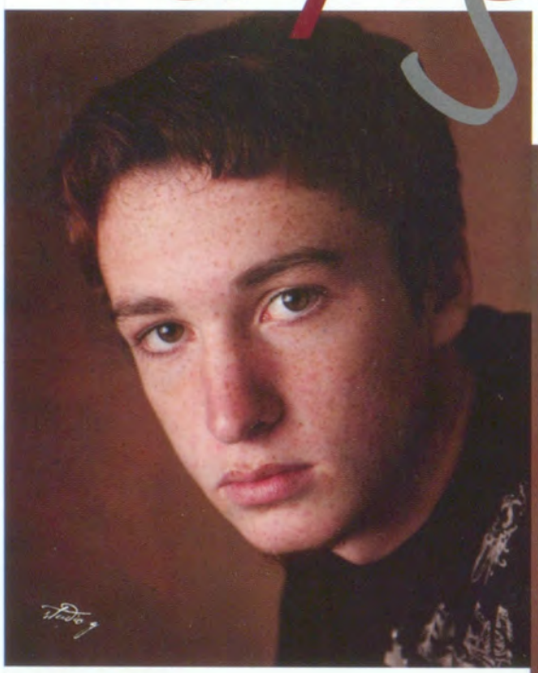








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All Our Love,

Dad, Mom, Connor and Rainer





Jasmin,

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Love,

Mom, Dad and the kids



Jessica Dale & Jasmin Estrada



Andy Flores

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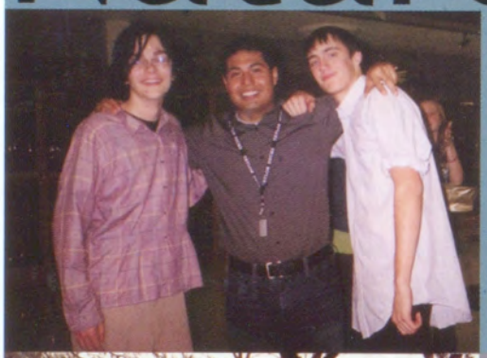


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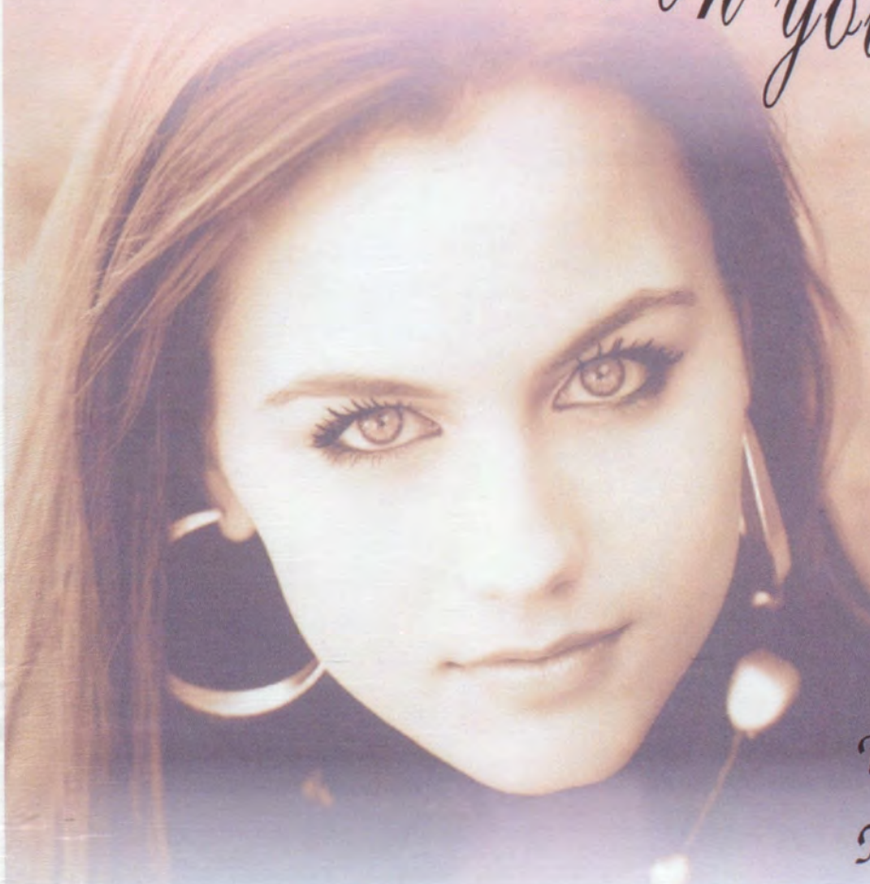
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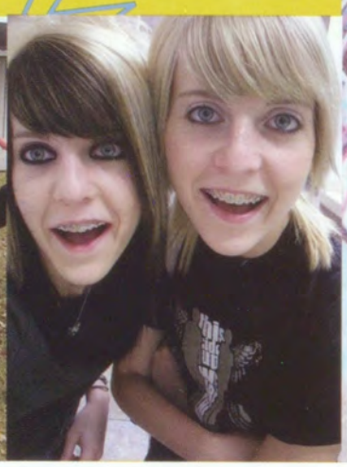
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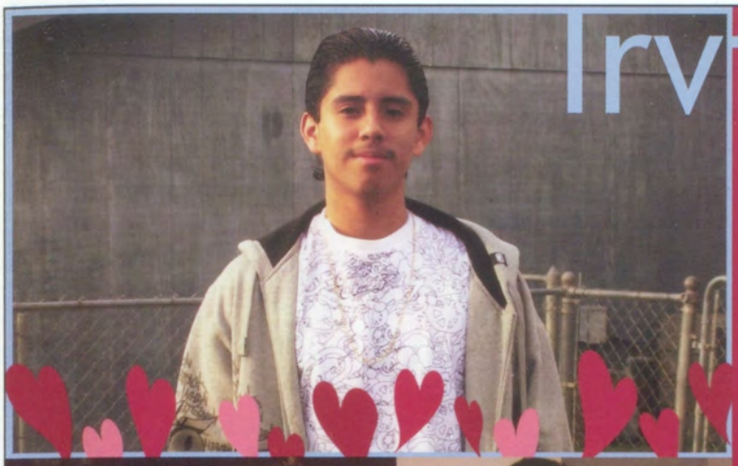


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Congratulations on a job well done. Love always,
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Now comes the hard times.
But be strong and keep your goals in mind
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Your Bawma, Papa, April, & Oohma









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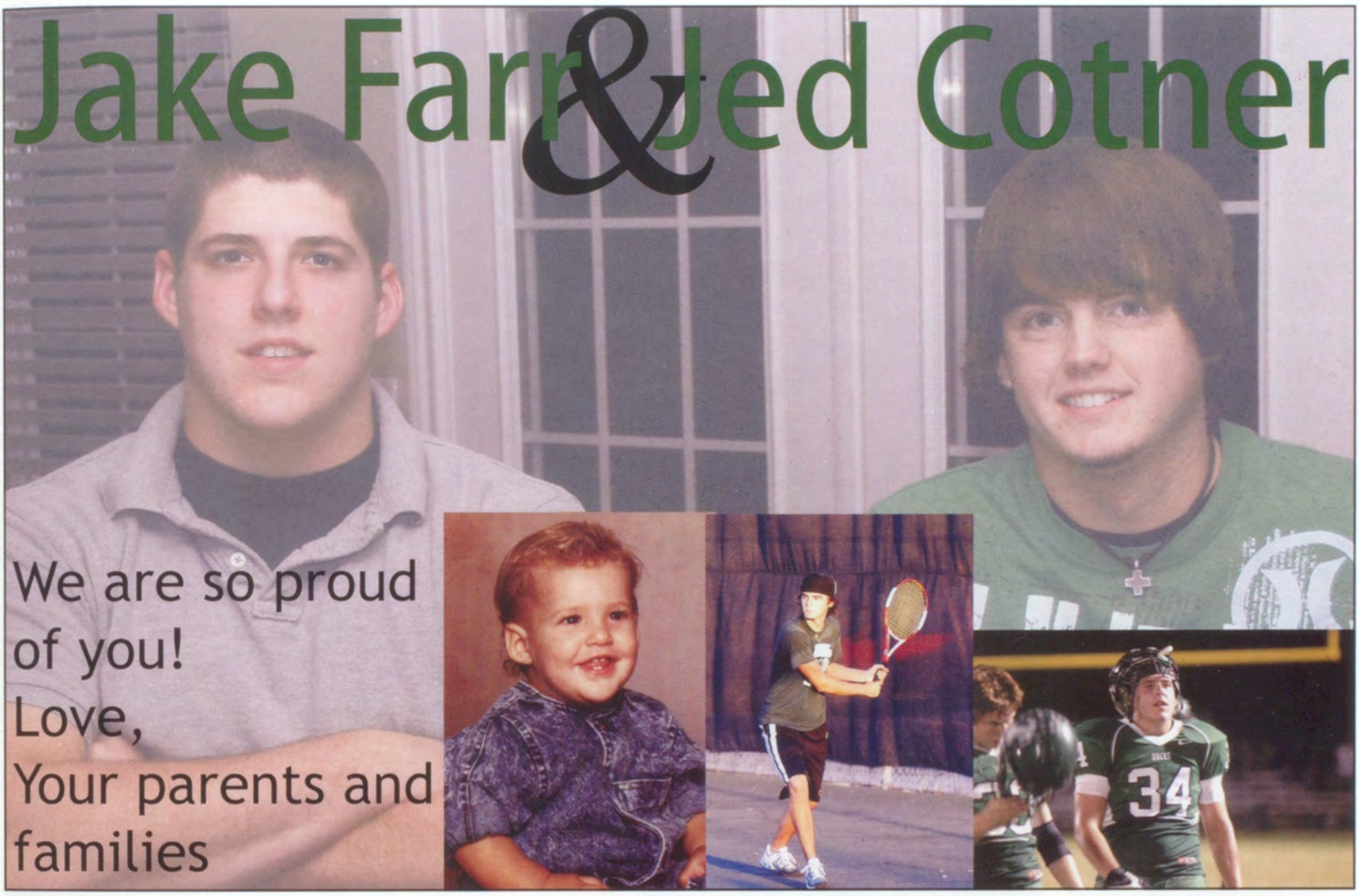


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Love,
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Love,
Your parents and families

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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

Congratulations!
We are so proud of you!
We love you,
The Hewtty family









Jordan Humphreys

Jordan,

Then and now; forever in our hearts!
You are such an extraordinary person,
and we couldn't be more proud of all
your accomplishments.
Congratulations, your future awaits!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, & Jessica

























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"For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, To give you hope in your final outcome. Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you."
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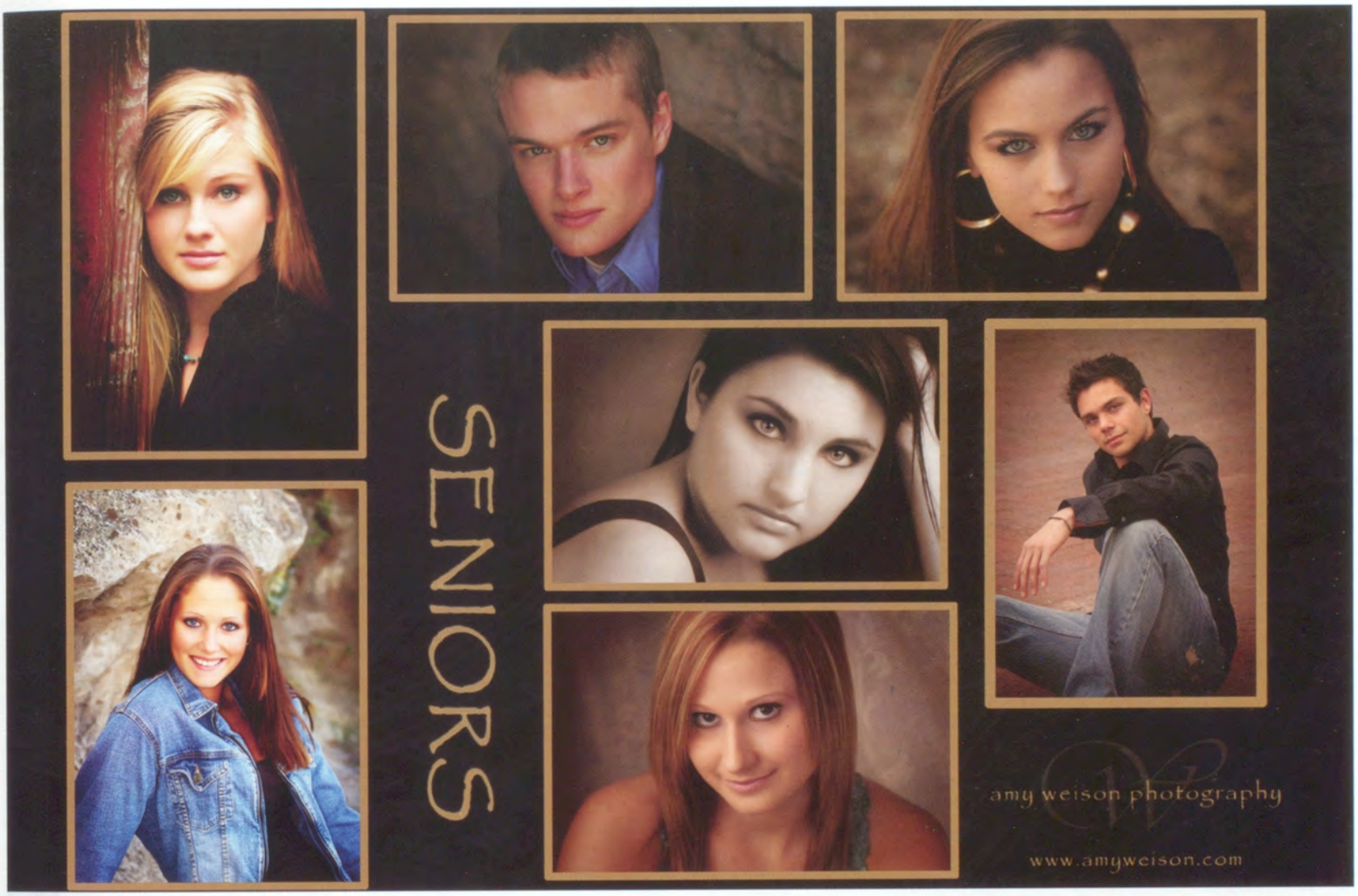












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2008 Mallard Policies

Statement of Purpose

By virtue of the fact that the yearbook is a student conceived, planned, and produced publication, as well as a product of an academic program,there are certain legal and ethical guidelines which the staff follows. The 2008 Mallard and its staff are protected by and bound to the principles of the First Amendment and other protections and limitations afforded by the Constitution and the various court decisions implementing those principles. By not interfering with the publication content; school officials are therefore not liable or responsible for the content.

Journalistic in nature, the yearbook informs and entertains its audience in a broad, fair, and accurate manner on all subjects that affect readers in the areas of academics, community, groups, sports, and student life. The entire student body of 1000 prospective readers constitutes the book's target audience. Secondary audiences include school personnel, community members, and scholastic journalism groups.

Since this policy is revised and updated each year, all parts of the policy apply only to the 2008 Mallard, Volume 62 of the Taylor High School Yearbook.

Coverage

Content focuses on coverage which will meet the wants and needs of the majority of the student body, so long as those wants and needs are not contradictory to the principles of scholastic journalism.

The staff encourages constructive criticism of any part of the book, both before and after publication. However, final authority for the content of the yearbook rests solely in the hands of the yearbook students under the guidance of their adviser.

No material which is libelous, irresponsible, and/or an advocate of illegal activity will be published. No material which the editor and/or adviser deems in poor taste will be printed. The content coverage period lasts from the summer before school starts to early March,when the yearbook is completed. Events occurring past this date are included in a summer supplement which is mailed to all purchasers of the book and which attaches to the book in a seamless and professional manner. The yearbook staff strives to include Mallard staff members no more than any other student would be covered; that is, only through class portraits, group photos, and in pages specifically about the yearbook staff. The staff strives to include every student in the yearbook at least once; it is not always possible to do so. While the yearbook staff strives to include all official school sports and organizations as equitably as possible, the ultimate decision for page allocation is decided by the editor and adviser. All faculty, coaches, and staff are notified of publication deadlines and the yearbook staff makes its best effort to work with all groups to maximize coverage.

Portrait photography

All students and school personnel must have their portraits taken by the official school photographer,Photo Texas, to be included in the yearbook. All students and school personnel are afforded at least two opportunities to have their portraits taken or retaken. Seniors who do not have their portraits taken on or before the announced deadline in January will not have their portrait included in the yearbook. Seniors are given the opportunity to select their yearbook pose from among their proofs. If no pose is selected, the studio selects one. The yearbook staff does not have the ability to change this selection. Occasional errors may occur at the photography studio that are not the responsibility of the yearbook staff.

Sensitive issues

Should a student or school personnel die during the current coverage period, the staff will treat the death in a professional, tasteful, and respectful manner. A 1/4 page ad space will be allocated to a memoriam. Family and friends may also purchase advertising space for additional tributes.

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All advertising accepted by the staff must meet the same guidelines as editorial content. Acceptance of advertising does not constitute an endorsement by the Mallard staff or adviser, Taylor High School's administration, faculty, staff, or students, or the Taylor Independent School District. Senior advertisements are sold from the beginning of the school year until December. The Mallard staff discourages advertisements which include boyfriends/girlfriends because advertisements cannot be removed or changed after submission. Advertisements will be designed by the yearbook staff. Collages will not be accepted. Photos and content may be provided in print or digital format. The quality of photo reproduction in the advertisement will depend upon the quality of the photos provided.

The yearbook staff does not guarantee the safe return of photos submitted for advertisements.

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Because the yearbook is a student production, complete satisfaction is not guaranteed to the purchaser. Refunds will not be given for minor errors such as poor portrait quality, misspelled names, etc. Occasional printing errors may occur at the publishing house that are not the responsibility of the yearbook staff. Books returned for refund must be free of damage or writing. Once returned, the book becomes property of the staff and can be resold at the current price. Exchanges can be made for books with flaws if no writing appears in the book. If a book has been written in, then no exchange can be made unless the adviser determines the flaw in the book is of major proportion, i.e., page missing or upside down. All refunds and exchanges are made at the discretion of the adviser. It is the responsibility of the buyer to provide proof of purchase if the yearbook staff has no record of a sale. Valid proof of purchase includes a valid receipt, cancelled check, or credit card statement. The staff cannot hand out any yearbook without proof of purchase. Yearbooks will not be mailed unless the postage is paid by the purchaser. Buyers may be asked to provide photo identification when picking up a yearbook.

Pricing

Students who do not purchase a book prior to April 1 will not be guaranteed to receive a book. A limited number of books are sold upon delivery for $60 on a first-come, first-served basis. A letter including details of yearbook pricing, advertisement, and deadlines is included in the first-day packets given to each student. Several purchase offers are mailed to students' homes by the yearbook company. This information is also available from the yearbook office or on the district website (www.taylorisd.org) at any time.

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Photographs will only be altered or manipulated by the staff to improve the quality of the photo or achieve a specific artistic effect; i.e. desaturating the background of a photo to black and white, feathering the edges. Photos may be combined to create a montage background; these montages are labeled as photo illustrations. No photos will be manipulated in a manner that changes the meaning of their content.

Editor's Note

2008 Mallard Readers,

As I edit your stories and place your pictures, I am reminded of how diverse our school is and how important each person is to making this school year what it has been. I hope you enjoy reading this book as much as I enjoyed creating it, because it has been such a privilege to work on.

Having such a capable staff has made my job much more managable. Our staff this year has been so good about doing what it takes to come through when it counts. Kelsey, you have gotten so good at finding all those little things that I've missed and correcting them. Erica, I don't know how we would have gotten all the portraits and information and club pictures that you organized with only a day's notice. Sydney, thank you so much for managing the spreads from planning them to checking up with the staff to doing the everything needed to get them done. Jacqueline and Ray, thanks for staying late to finish every ad. Jessica and Frances, thanks for doing those things that I do not understand how to do. Larry, thank you for keeping me from getting too much work done during a class day. I am grateful for everyone on staff who was able to crank out a story and gather together pictures for each deadline.

Working on this book has been the one thing that I can just keep doing without getting tired of. I love the design and writing and organization that it requires. I have met almost all of the custodians by staying here to work on it and have, more than occassionally, been the last car in the parking lot. But that wasn't always just me having a so much work to do, I was too caught up in editing these pages to keep track of time. This book has been my greatest challenge and my greatest accomplishment.

This is a book of our memories of our year--the confusion of block scheduling, the fight and the lockdown, the last football game--it's here for us to remember next year and twenty years from now. It was written for you. Enjoy it.

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Editor-in-Chief

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Don't talk to me.

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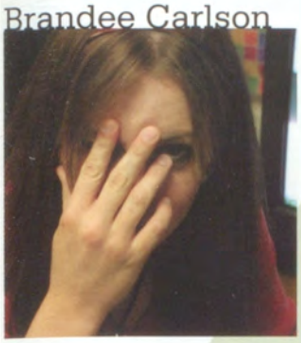
Where's me Pearlie?

Mrs. Catuogno
Adviser



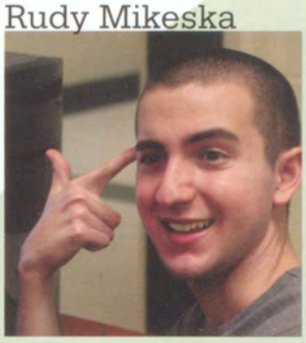
Another year, another baby, another yearbook.

Brandee Carlson



Nothing I have to say is school appropriate.

Rudy Mikeska



I'm thinking Fajita on Wheels, you?

Krista Seidel



Why did Helen Keller's dog commit suicide?

Rebecca Almazan



Pearlie, I need help.

Andrea Wilkerson



I like how Andy pretends he's in Mallard.

Paula Reeves



I'm not as loud as Aaron.

Keegan Gross



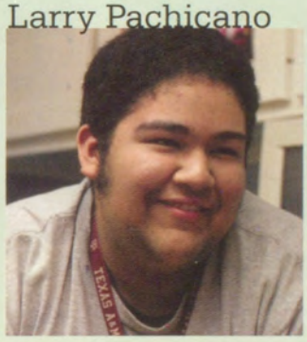
It's only illegal if you get caught.

Pearlie Gault



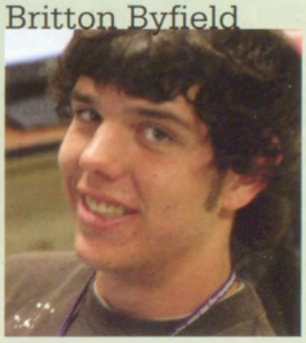
That's too rough.

Larry Pachicano



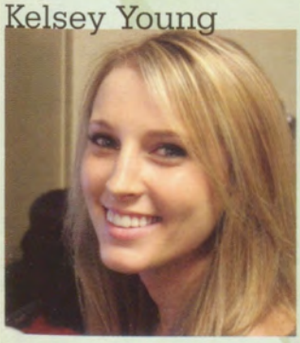
I did the impossible. I failed Mallard one six weeks.

Britton Byfield



That's what she said.

Kelsey Young



I hate quotes.

Lauren Connors



You're the rootbeer to my triple meat, triple cheese burger.

Cassie Stabeno



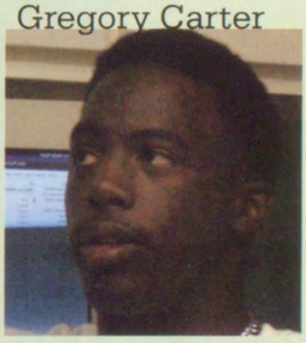
Ladies, I'm going to be honest, but this has got to stay in the truck.

Alex Sarp



Britton looks like a giraffe.

Gregory Carter



Photographer

Live life free.

Jacqueline Wolf



Ads Editor

This is intense. You don't even know.

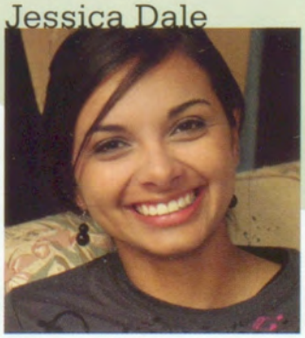
Taylor Savage



Photo Editor

Yeah, Rudy. I'll drive.

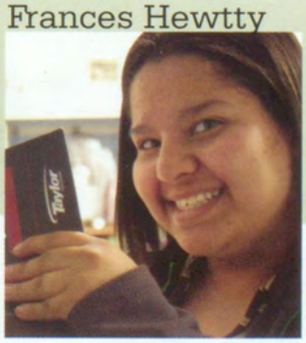
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Elementary Editor

I'm hungry. Where are my Poptarts?

Frances Hewtty



Business Manager

Live life to its fullest potential.

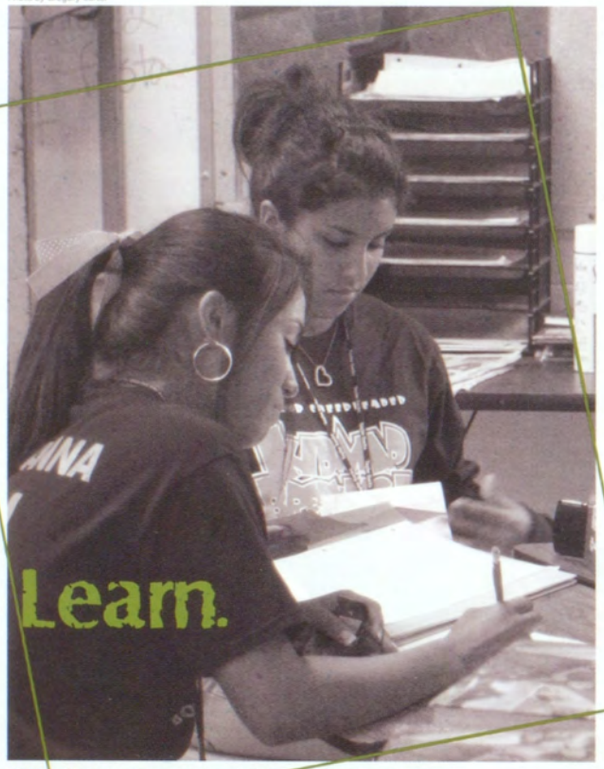
Ray Rojas



Ads Designer

Quit being bunk.

Photo by Gregory Carter



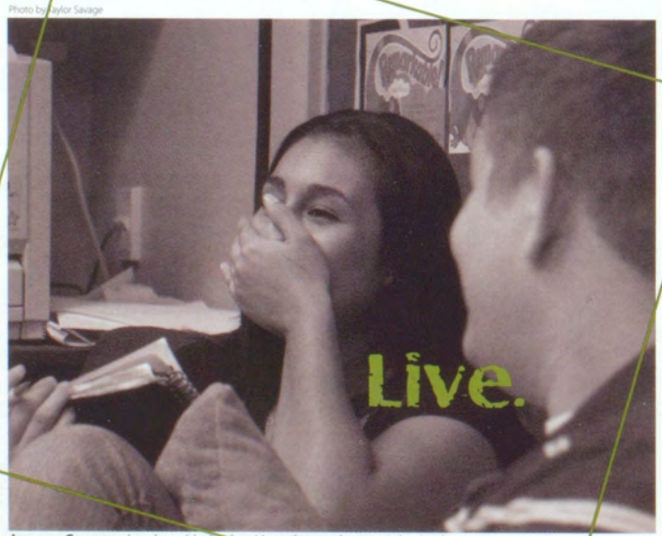
Ashley Rivera studies in her Spanish class. "Learning Spanish helps you in the real world. It helps you get jobs and it helps you become more culturally aware," Ashley said.

Photo by Jenna Howard



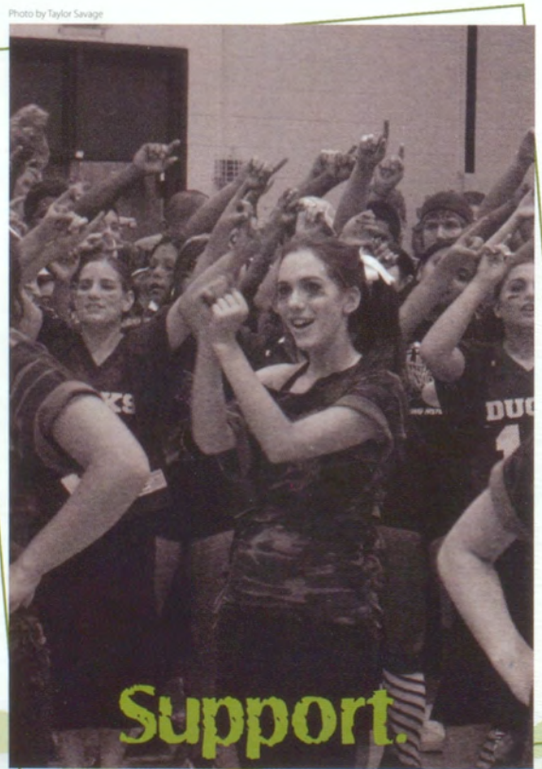
Rosa Gonzales takes the ball downfield in a soccer game. "My teammates and my coach really help me to play better. I know if I don't play to my fullest potential, it woud be a disappointment to them," Rosa said.

Photo by Taylor Savage



Lauren Connors laughs with Jordan Humphreys about a joke in the yearbook office.

Photo by Taylor Savage



Alex Sarp leads the audience in the school song at the end of a pep rally. "I think the teams benefit from support because it motivates them to do their best at the game," Alex said.

where you now

Photo by Susanna Lawson



Brad Bogan holds up a copy of the issue of Texas Monthly in which he was featured in a story about high school mascots.

Where are you now? As you read this, are you an adult living in the past? A child, excavating your parents' identity from their high school exploits? An almost-graduate, daydreaming of your future dorm room and relative independence? The point of this book has been to emphasize the importance--and the impermanence--of each passing moment. We have captured some of those moments here. Perhaps some of them were important to you. Perhaps the moments that were important to you are not in this book. But whatever those moments were, they have passed. Memories are precious, but not more precious than the present. Remember your good times. Remember lessons you've learned. But don't cling to the past. Let the past be a part of you, as you are **now**. Wherever you are now,

be there.


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