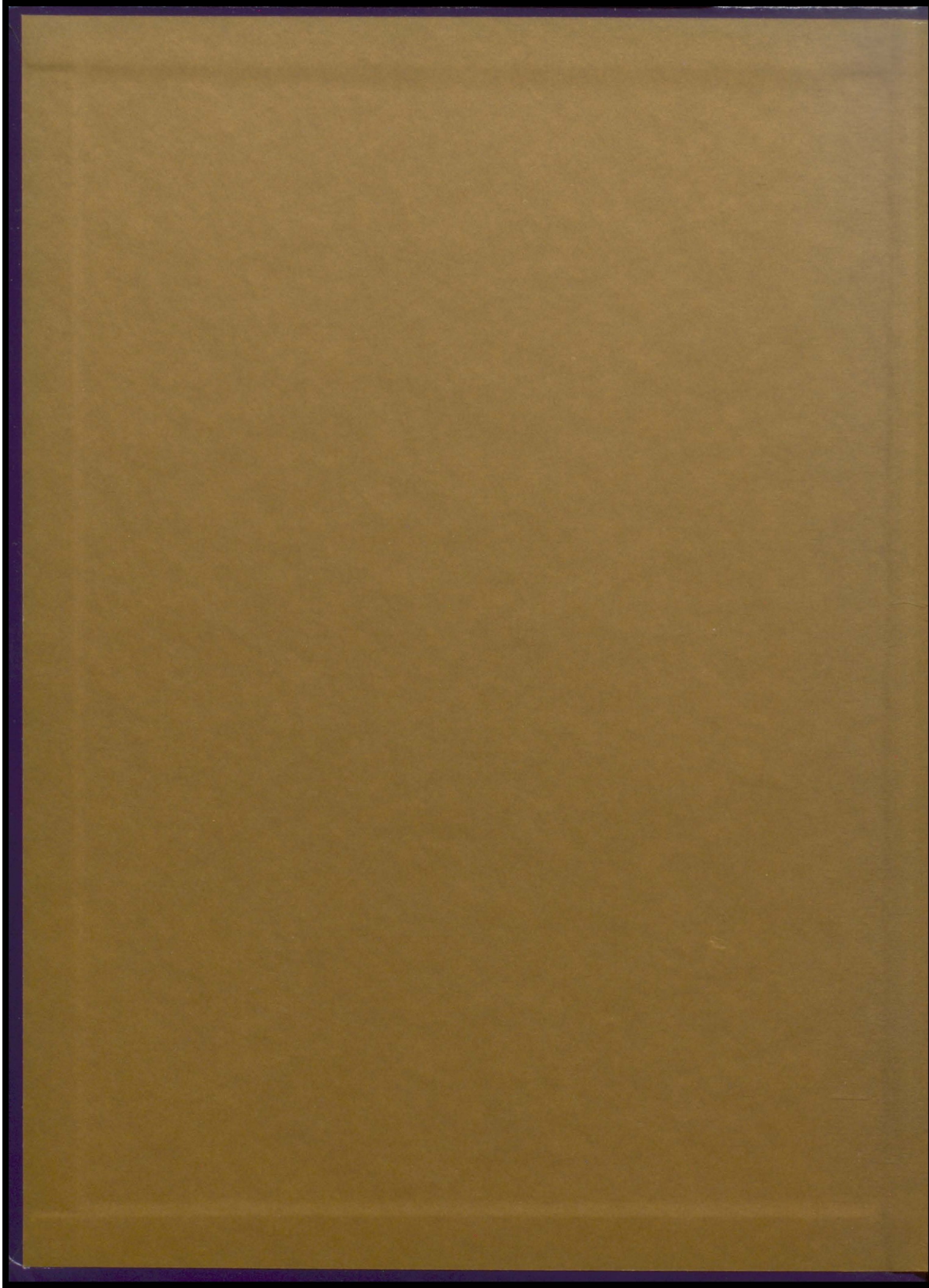
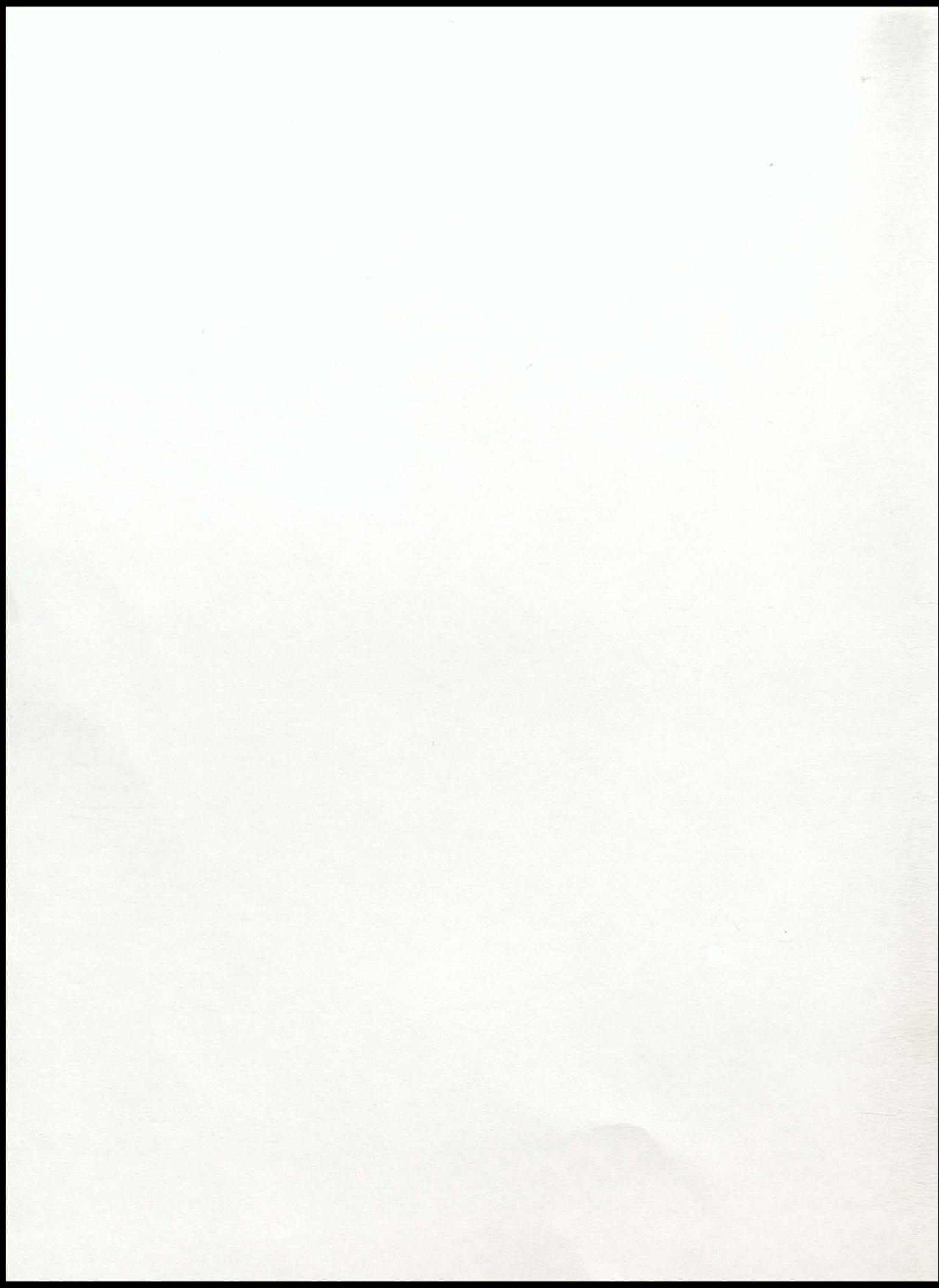




For the Moment...We Were







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preparing all students to be
contributing citizens to society."*

"Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world."

-Nelson Mandela

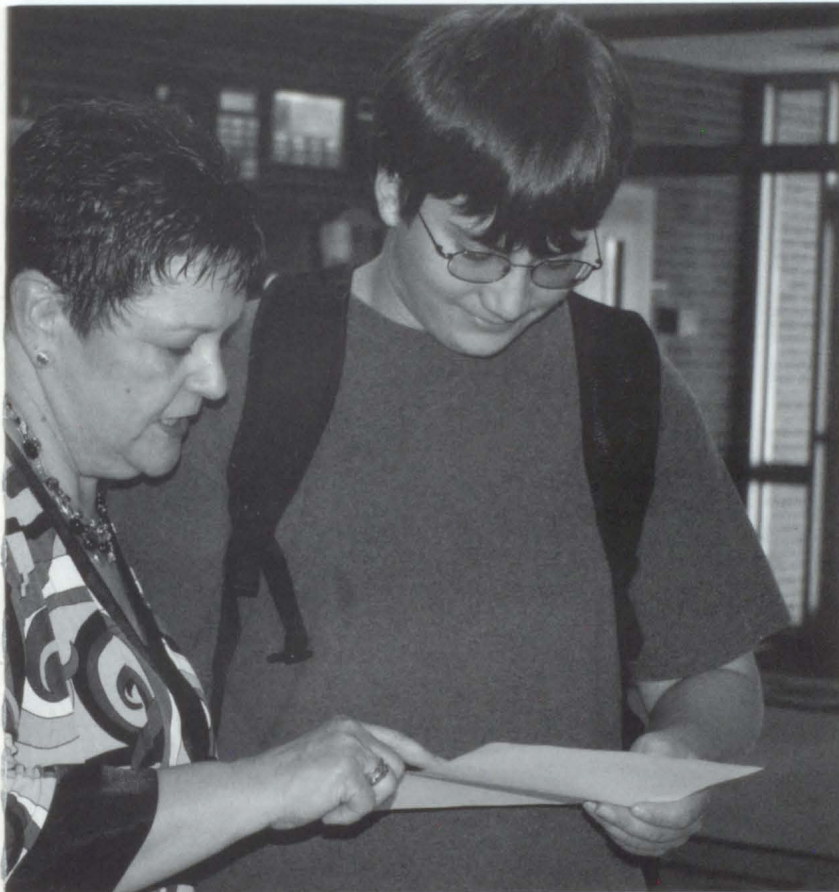
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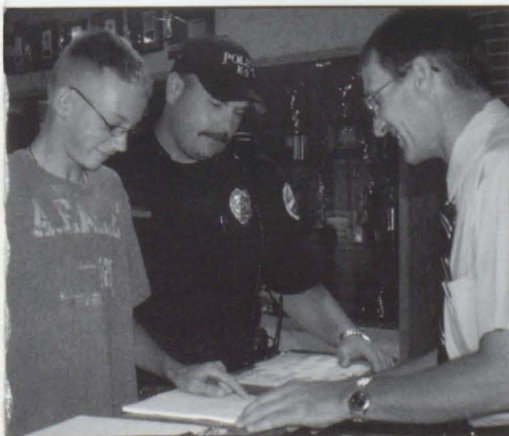
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Mrs. Ellingson, FHS Principal, assists Daniel Pank with his new schedule.

Beginning a new year at FHS...



Brandon Christensen, Deputy Mike Eisenbarth, Mr. Witt - Everybody shows up to get the school year off to a great start.



Angelica Contresceri and Lori Mittan adjusting schedules.



Kelli Powers putting on a big smile for her LAST first day of high school.



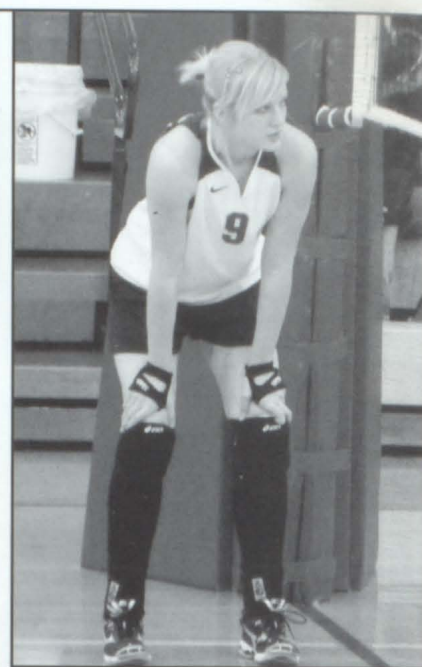
Tyler Plecity attempting to figure out his new schedule.

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Tyler Crantz, Joe Eng, and Hepi Flute Player looking sharp for Prom.



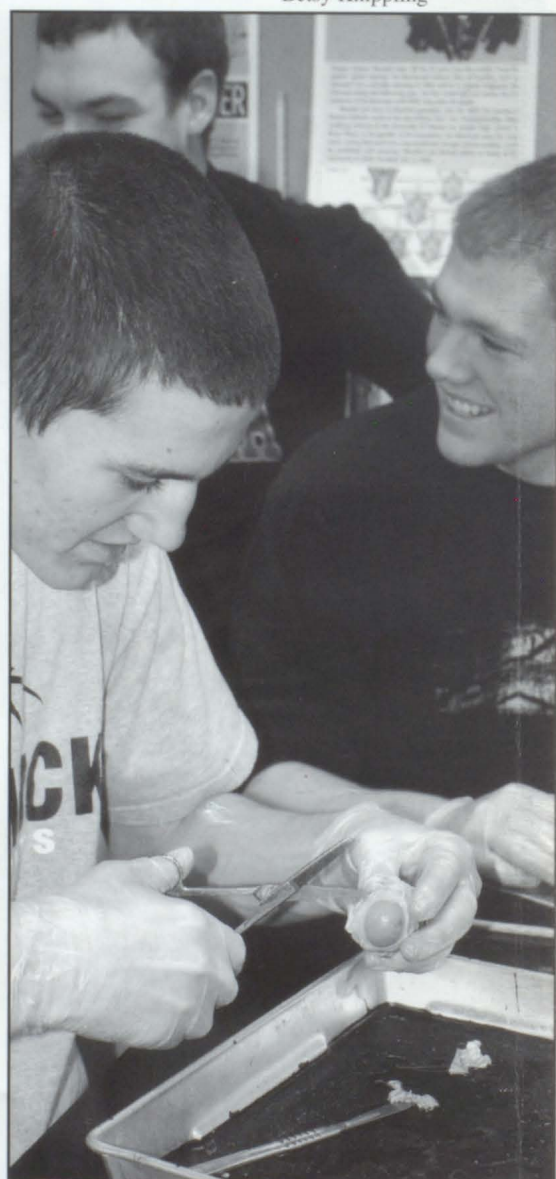
Betsy Knippling



Ben Christensen CTech class.



Ben Johnson and Ethan Haugen working at Concessions.



Scott Sanderson and Jordan Rusk during Anatomy class COW EYE (ick) dissection.



<<Daniel Wiechers and Kerri Hird at the Boys and Girls Club Dance.

"Fun is a state of mind. If you have a zest for life, you will never miss out on fun. Don't be uptight all the time. Drop your worries and just learn to chill-out. The key to a good life is to have fun."

-Simran Khurana



Sy Flute and Bob Hoffman "relaxing" at their Program Design Competition at USD.



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Jordan VonEye during C Tech class.



FHS Marching Band during Homecoming Parade.



Students struggle with piles of homework in the All-School Play "Miss Nelson Is Missing."



Betsy Knippling



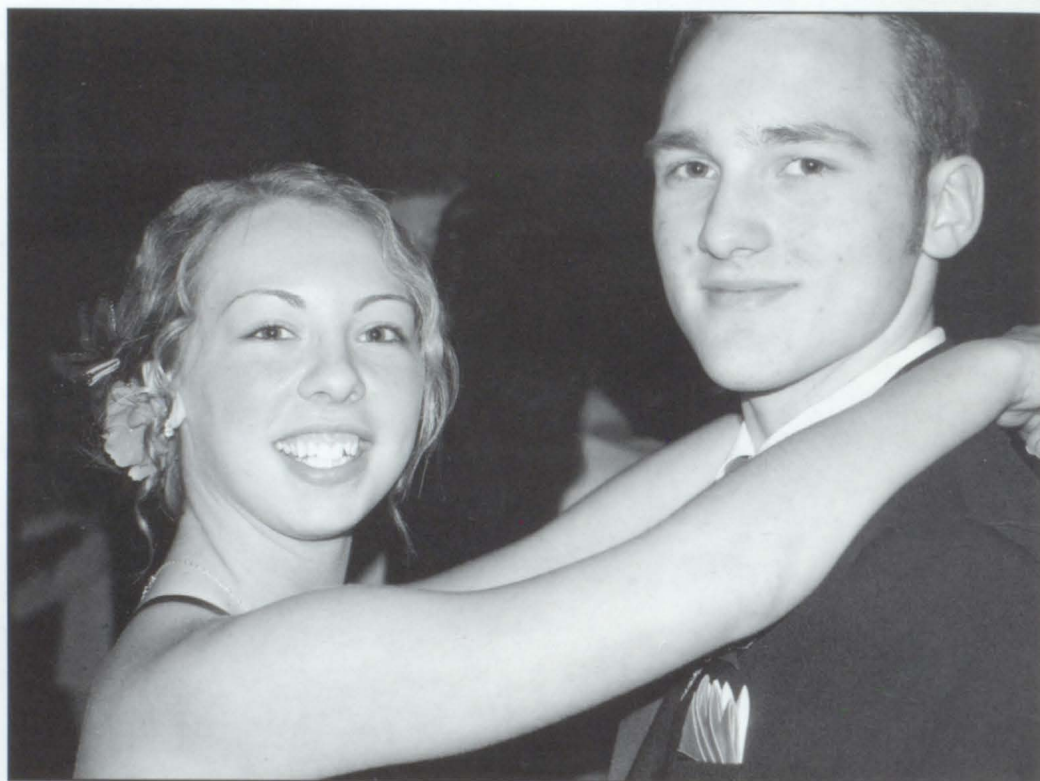
Bethany Ellefson



Jasmine Collins

2008-2009

Student Body



Jessica Eng and Bobby Kooiman share the first...and only dance at Prom.

"There's a big world out there. Bigger than prom, bigger than high school, and it won't matter if you were the Prom Queen or the quarterback of the football team or the biggest nerd. Find out who you are and try not to be afraid of it."

-George Carlin

SENIORS

For the moment, we were... ANXIOUS!

Finally, we had made it to our last year of High School. From the first day, we wished it was graduation, but if that had happened, we would have missed out on an AMAZING year.



Darylle Mae Asuigui

Activities: Band, National Honor Society, FCCLA, Upward Bound

My one lifetime goal is... to be successful in my pursuit of being a General Practitioner.

In ten years, I see myself... traveling around the world, helping those in need by offering my medical knowledge.

M'Lynn Marie Christensen

Activities: Student Council, Wrestling Stats

My one lifetime goal is... to have a successful job, be happy, and be debt-free.

In ten years, I see myself... married, raising a few kids in a beautiful home, and enjoying life to the fullest.



Jasmine Kay Collins

My one lifetime goal is... to make my family proud and be successful with a good job.

In ten years, I see myself... happy, married, and raising my children.



Jessica Lynn Damm

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Band, Yearbook

My one lifetime goal is... to complete college and find a well-paying job.

In ten years, I see myself... settling down with a husband, starting a family, and working for a distinguished business.



Calla Marie Duncan

Activities: Volleyball, Track, Band

My one lifetime goal is... to have a family and a good job.

In ten years, I see myself... in a warm state, married, and have a kid.

Skyler Eric Earley

Activities: Track, National Honor Society, Student Council, TATU, Natural Helpers

My one lifetime goal is... to get a stable job to comfortably support my family.

In ten years, I see myself... being a Second Lieutenant in the Army National Guard.





Bethany Ann Ellefson Sy Monday Flute

Activities: Cross Country, Volleyball, Chorus, Band, Oral Interp, One-Act Play, All-School Play, National Honor Society, Student Council, Yearbook, Natural Helpers, TATU

My one lifetime goal is...

to become a High School Science/Music Teacher.

In ten years, I see myself...

teaching in a small school, having a wonderful silly marriage, and raising two or three children.

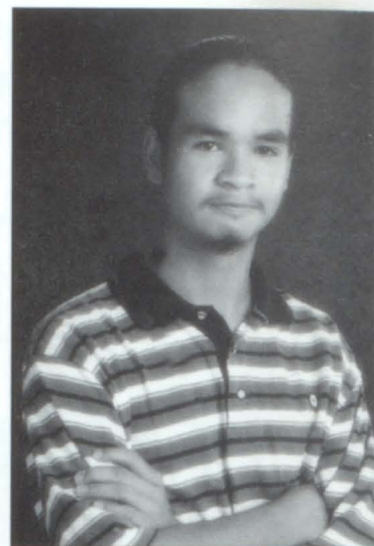
Activities: Cross Country, Track

My one lifetime goal is...

to own a restaurant.

In ten years, I see myself...

being successful in owning my own restaurant.



Bailey Jo Hagedorn

Activities: Band, All-School Play, Student Council

My one lifetime goal is...

to be happy with whatever comes my way.

In ten years, I see myself...

being married and maybe having a few kids.



Crystal Lynn Hanson

Activities: Track, Cheerleading, Band, FCCLA

My one lifetime goal is...

to be happy, have fun, and go to Hawaii!

In ten years, I see myself...

owning my own business, and settling down with a family.



Ashleigh Star Hare

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Chorus, Band, National Honor Society, Yearbook, FCCLA

My one lifetime goal is...

to find happiness, and be alive and breathing.

In ten years, I see myself...

having a well-paying job and being satisfied with life.

Brooke Marie Johanson

Activities: Chorus

My one lifetime goal is...

to make my family proud, and successfully make it on my own.

In ten years, I see myself...

travelling the world, and the settling down with a husband and a few children.





Alyssa Ellen Johnson

Activities: Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Chorus, Band, Student Council

My one lifetime goal is...
to die in a happy, calm state.

In ten years, I see myself... having no regrets of where I have ended up.

Megan Brooke Johnson

Activities: Wrestling Stats, Chorus, Student Council

My one lifetime goal is...
to be content and happy my entire life.

In ten years, I see myself... finishing college, being married, and possibly having a few kids.



Elizabeth Ann Knippling

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Golf, Band, One-Act Play, All-School Play, National Honor Society, Student Council

My one lifetime goal is...
to go somewhere no one knows me and be a different/crazy person for a week.

In ten years, I see myself... being happy with whatever comes my way.



Curtis J. Mueller

Activities: Church plays

My one lifetime goal is...
to become a living historian.

In ten years, I see myself... welding in my own shop.

Remember elementary school?

Of course we remember! It was a blast! Boys played basketball and football on the playground while girls collected pieces of glass embedded in the cement. That took up a humongous chunk of our time, but when that got old, we would perform fake marriages, or fight over who would get to play the Pink Power Ranger. If we had to stay in for recess, we still found a way to have fun. Some of us decided to run around with pieces of tape on our eyelids, or accidentally knock over bookshelves of dictionaries. Mrs. Leighton's class got in trouble when they decided to play "Bloody Mary" in the classroom. They are lucky they didn't get sent down to the dungeon, where all the spray cleaner and paper towels were stored. Miraculously, our teachers saw us fit to move on to Middle School...or maybe they just wanted to get rid of us!



Kelli Marie Powers

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling Stats, Golf, Band, All-School Play

My one lifetime goal is...

to graduate college and do something that I like. I don't want to settle for anything less.

In ten years, I see myself...

living somewhere far away from Flandreau in a mansion with my husband and kids.

Ravae Tanesha Kay Redhorn

Activities: Chorus



Scott Charles Sanderson

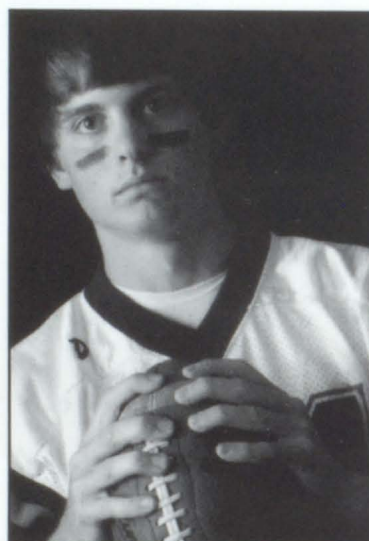
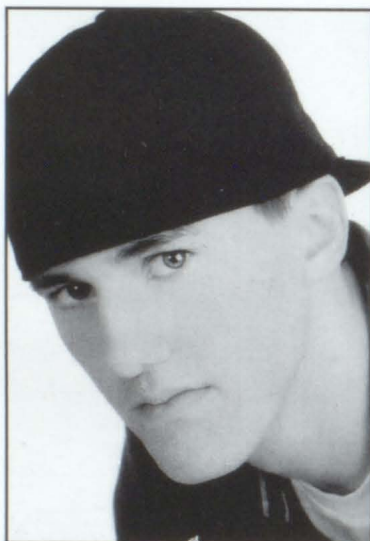
Activities: Football, Basketball, Track, Golf, Band, One-Act Play, All-School Play, National Honor Society, Student Council

My one lifetime goal is...

to be successful in my own eyes while doing something that I love.

In ten years, I see myself...

being 28 years old, doing something amazing with someone amazing while living someplace amazing.



Adam Lynn Stenger

Activities: Football, Basketball, Track, Chorus, One-Act Play, All-School Play, FFA

My one lifetime goal is...

to be successful and have a family.

In ten years, I see myself...

working hard in some automotive field along with being a soldier in the Army National Guard.

Remember middle school?

How can we forget the days of playing STREAK in the Armory Gym during morning and afternoon recess? The bragging rights for winning a game were amazing. Some of us chose to play Blind Mans Bluff in the bathroom instead. Tip: Don't lose track of time, or else the principal will come looking for you because you are missing class. These were the days where we would play Star Wars in the hallways, confuse substitutes for Mr. Relf wearing a coon skin hat, and go to Giggglebees for birthday parties. But Middle School wasn't all fun. It had its tragic moments as well. I'm sure we all remember September 11, 2001, sitting in a classroom on the floor, watching the planes crash into the Twin Towers. But whether the memories were good or bad, we will never forget Middle School.



**Brittany Ann
Stephens**

Activities: Chorus, Band, Yearbook

My one lifetime goal is...
to travel and meet new people.

In ten years, I see myself... still laughing away, being close to my family, and having 6 cats, 3 dogs, 2 turtles, and an otter.

**Brittney Nicole
Stephens**

Activities: Volleyball, Chorus, Oral Interp, All-School Play, Yearbook, FCCLA, Natural Helpers, TATU

My one lifetime goal is...
to succeed in whatever I do in my life.

In ten years, I see myself... working as a Registered Nurse, and starting a family in a wonderful home.

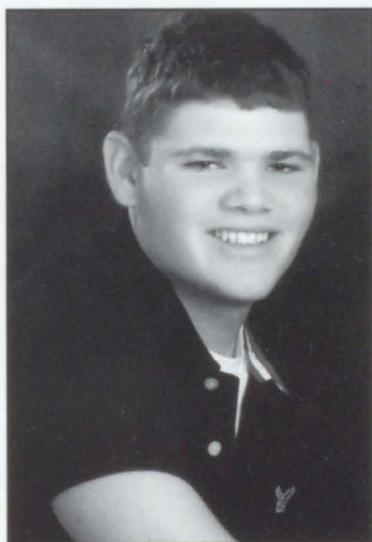


**Ryan Charles
Sutton**

Activities: Football, Basketball, Track, Chorus, Band, One-Act Play, All-School Play, National Honor Society, Student Council

My one lifetime goal is...
to be the best husband, father, and doctor I can be.

In ten years, I see myself... out of Medical School, getting married, and living in the Midwest.



**Elissa Faith
Marietta Wiese**

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Band, National Honor Society, 5th Grade GBB Coach

My one lifetime goal is...
to travel the world and see new places full of history.

In ten years, I see myself... happy.

Remember high school?

High School was where some of our best memories were made. Mr. Stadem's Personal Finance class was finally able to talk Mr. Weight into serenading them with his guitar. The word FRACK was a unique establishment in Mr. Ahrens' class. We rode around on 4-wheelers to celebrate Homecoming, as well as Senior Project presentations being over. We threw a baby shower for Mr. Ahrens, and almost got in trouble in the process. We would get off on "tangents" in Ms. Fischer's class, and end up talking about our favorite movies, or planning the script for "Beowulf: The Musical." By our Senior year, we were mature enough to have actual conversations with our teachers, and occasionally joke around with them. Our class also grew closer than we had ever been. Cliques disappeared, and by graduation, we were all able to celebrate our accomplishments as one huge group of friends.



Samantha Grace Williams

Activities: Chorus

My one lifetime goal is... to get a good job, and be able to take care of myself without depending on others.

In ten years, I see myself... being married with kids, or owning my own house and being independent.

Miranda Kay Wilts

Activities: Band

My one lifetime goal is... to be successful and make my family proud.

In ten years, I see myself... married with a family, and having a job that I love.



Marie Jane Ziebarth

Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Band, All-School Play, FFA

My one lifetime goal is... to graduate from Vet School and open my own practice.

In ten years, I see myself... married, and owning vacation homes all over the country, since I hope to be swimming in money.



MJ Ziebarth showing off her impressive product for her Senior Project.



Bethany Ellefson playing the piano for her Senior Project.



Bailey Hagedorn and Megan Johnson



Bailey Hagedorn playing a ditsy blonde in the All-School Play.

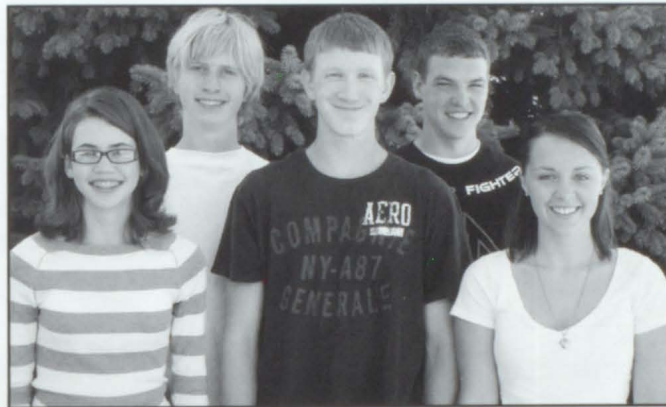
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Tyler Jones working on a cabinetry project.



Sandy Keating



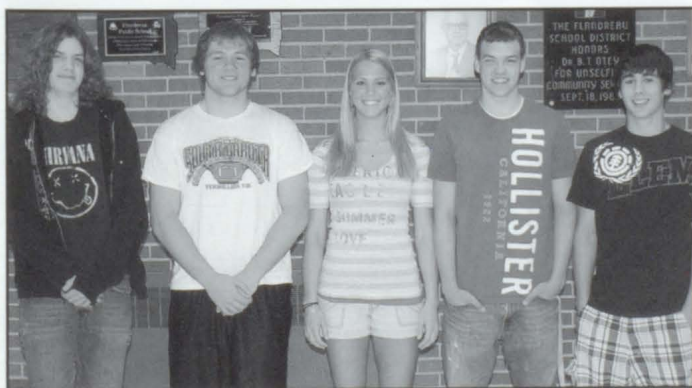
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Secretary: Sam Schmidt
Treasurer: Sam Schmidt
Student Council: Brandon Peters, Molly Rosheim



Academic Award Winners:

Nicole Veldkamp, Amanda Farrell, JR Hare, Sandy Keating, Jordan Rusk, Lexy Lunday, Michael Roy, Molly Rosheim



Boys and Girls State Representatives:

Tanner Dibbern, Jordan Rusk, Anne Parsley, Brandon Peters, Brant Rose



Derek Amdahl



Payton Canku



Tanner Dibbern



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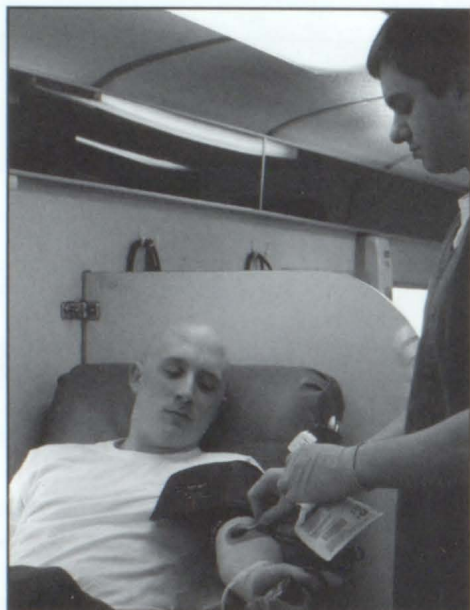


Amanda Farrell

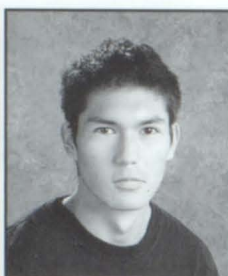


Dabbi Faulk

"It is not so important to know everything as to appreciate what we learn."
 -Hannah More



Bob Hoffman donates at FFA sponsored Blood Drive.



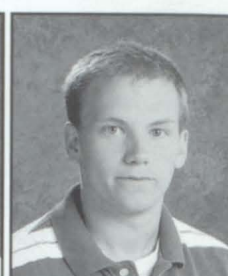
JR Hare



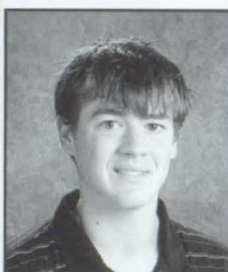
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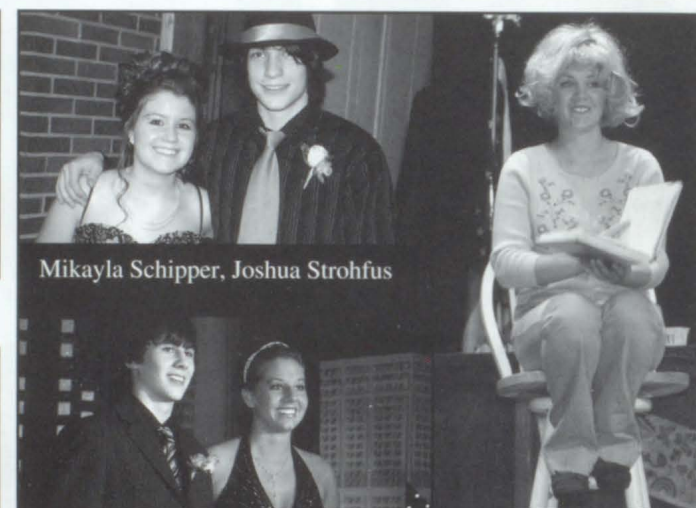
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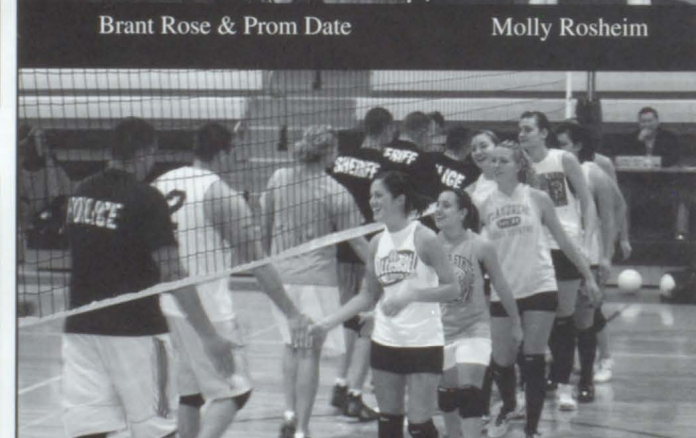
Sandy Keating



Bob Kooiman



Alexis Lunday



Police and FHS Volleyball Team Benefit for Wholeness Center



Ben Johnson: Hard At Work...or Playing Games?!

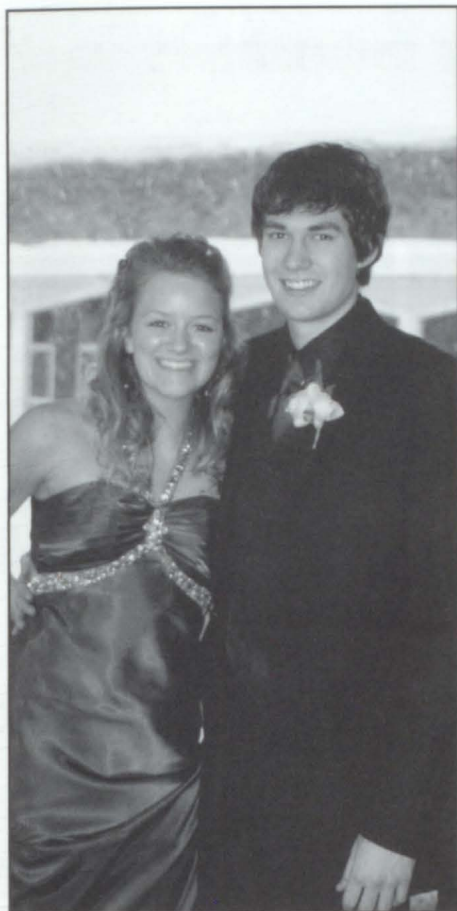


Molly Rosheim



Bob Kooiman

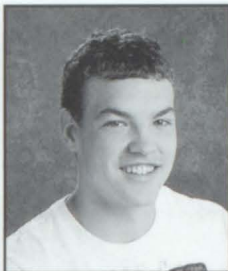
"Study as if you were going to live forever; live as if you were going to die tomorrow."
-Maria Mitchell



Amanda Farrell, Russell Hendrickson



Anne Parsley



Brandon Peters



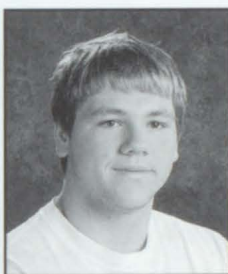
Brant Rose



Molly Rosheim



Michael Roy



Jordan Rusk



Mikayla Schipper



Sam Schmidt



Joshua Strohfus



Amy Taylor



Nicole Veldkamp



Jordan VonEye

What's your advice to the new Juniors?

Molly Rosheim

"For future juniors, don't stress about what you have to get done before the year is up. Yes, junior year is full of things to do, like prom and ACTs, but you will have time. It may seem that you have a million things to do and only a limited amount of time to get it done in, but it will all work itself out. You should really enjoy your junior year because after that, only one more year to go!"

Russ Hendrickson

"Stay focused on your schoolwork, academics are more powerful than sports."

Tanner Dibbern

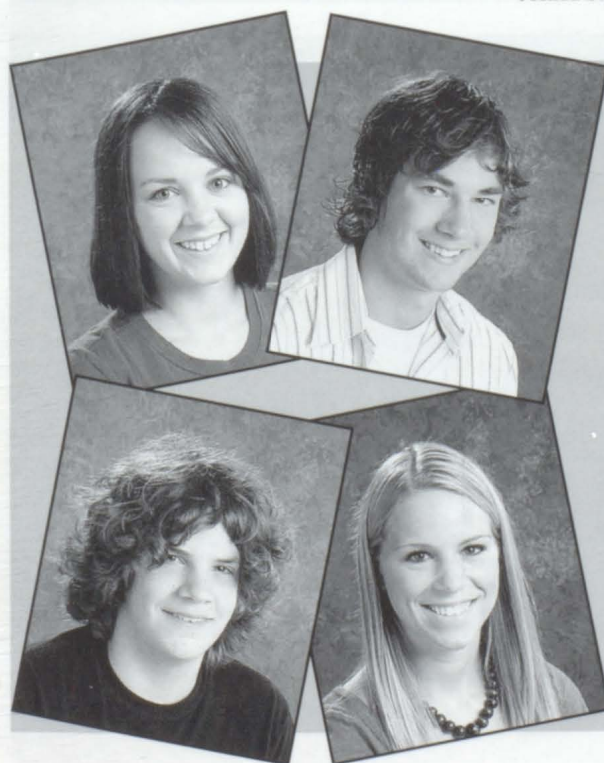
"You should study hard and try to make it to school every day because its easy to fall behind. Try your hardest on the Junior tests, because the ACTs are what get you into a good college, and the Dak Steps are what get you a full semester of senior privs if you do well. Try your best and really pay attention. Junior year is a really important year in high school."

Anne Parsley

"Once you're an upperclassman, you really start to realize that your time here is limited. Don't let a second go by where you aren't enjoying what you do."



Daniel Wiechers



SOPHOMORES

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 Secretary: Molly Schulte
 Treasurer: Molly Schulte
 Student Council: Spenser Foster, Lindsay Warner

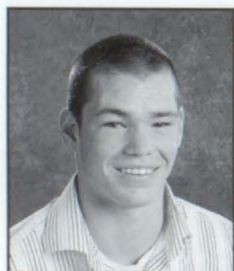


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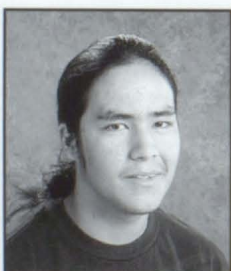
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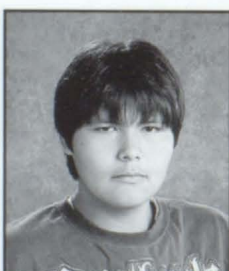
USD Leadership Award:
 Carter Ahlers and Spenser Foster



Carter Ahlers



Montana Armstrong



DeSean Bernard



Cody Bietz



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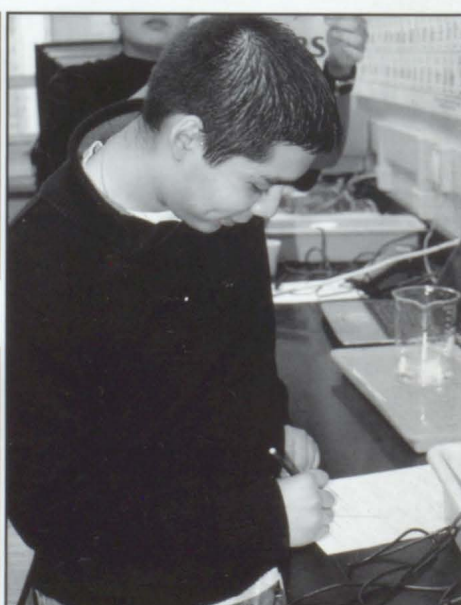
Hayley Burggraff



Garrett Carr



Ben Christensen

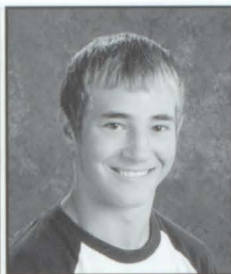


Arnold Matus during Chemistry class.

"To repeat what others have said, requires education, to challenge it, requires brains."
-Mary Pettibone Poole



Ande Demarrias-Bietz



Trevor Dietrich



Michaela Doyle



Joe Eng



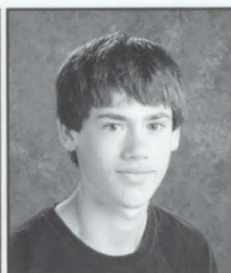
Cassie Feske



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Luke Gassman



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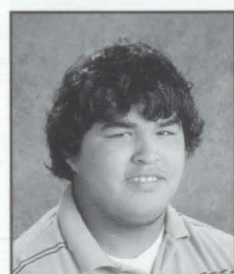
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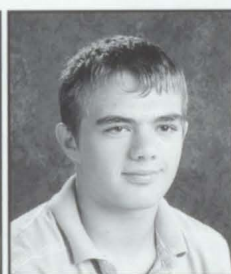
Raylene Holiday



Sheldon Johnson



Timmy Jones



Michael Jopson



Cody Jorgensen



Rio Lake



Arnold Matus



Kayla McMahon

What's your advice to the new Sophomores?

Hayley Burggraft

"If you get the chance to bug Mr. Bass, take it. It will distract him from class and its funny to listen to all the arguments happening at once."

Michael Jopson

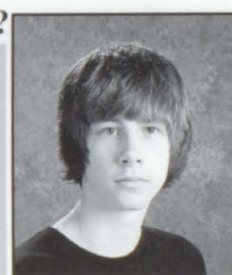
"Be prepared for lots of writing!"

Sheldon Johnson

"It gets tougher and if you want to play sports, this is the time to start chopping wood. Not next year or your senior year!"

Kayla Uilk

"You don't have too much homework... in Bio make sure you study for everything, since your grade is all about quizzes/ tests."



Justin Mears



Brittany Nelson

CLASS
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"The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live."

-Mortimer Adler



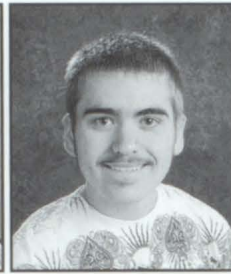
April Weber at the potter's wheel.



Daniel Pank



Duran Perry



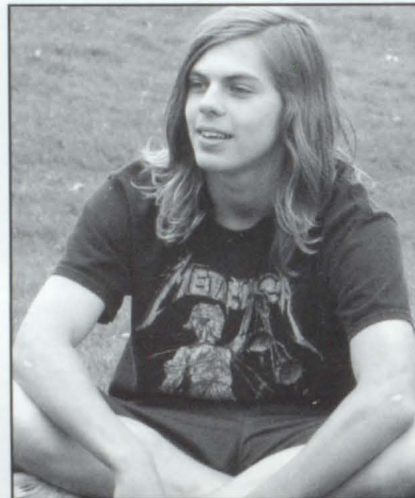
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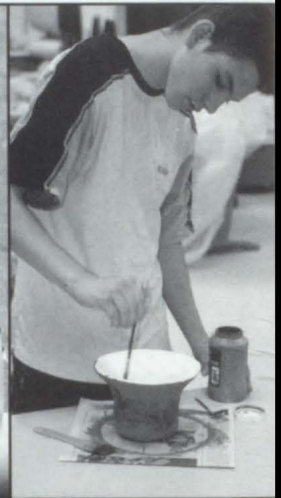
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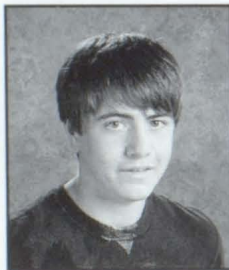
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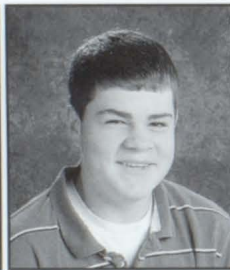
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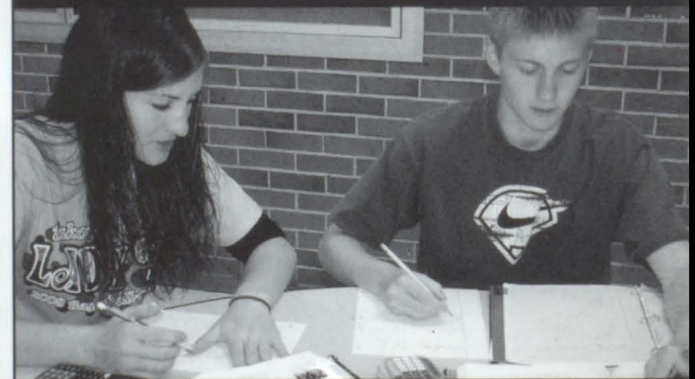
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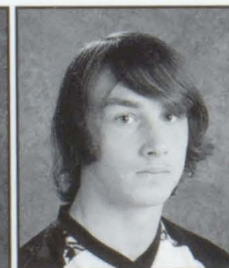
Cassie Feske and Spenser Foster spending their morning in the lunchroom finishing up some math homework.



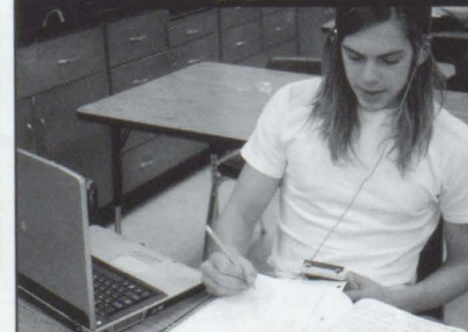
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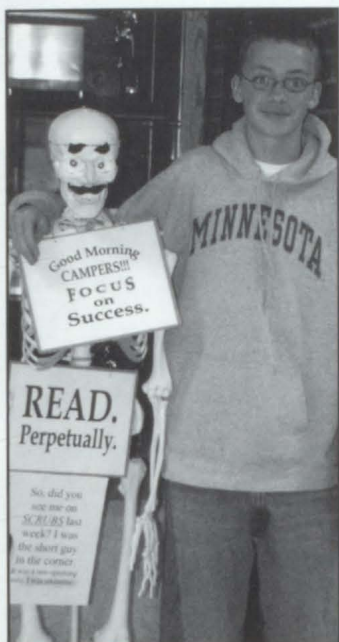


Joe Eng trying to decipher the complicated language of...MATH!

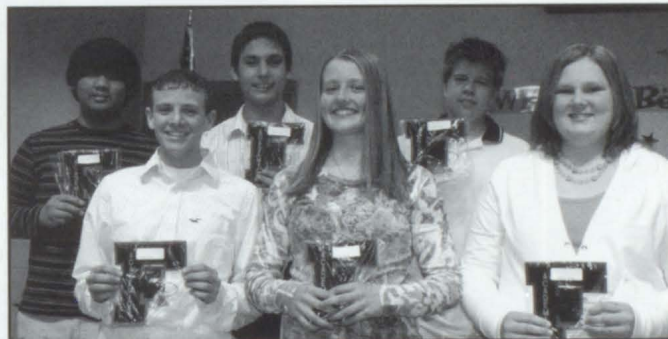
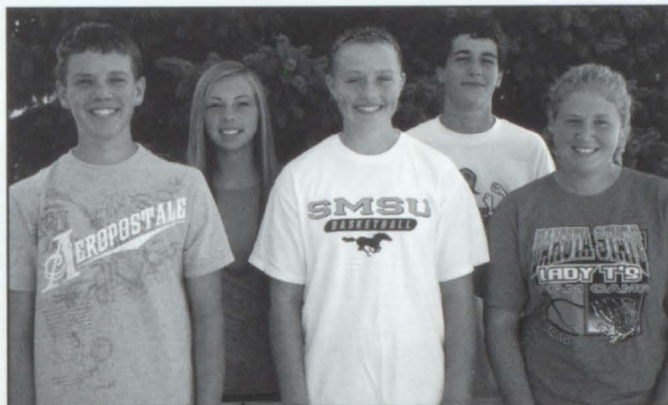


Brittany Nelson

FRESHMAN



Brandon Christensen poses with a relative, bringing attention to admirable skill of **READING!**



Class Officers

President: Jared Sutton
Vice President: Jessica Eng
Secretary: Brooke Relf
Treasurer: Brooke Relf
Student Council: Joe Parsley, Shelby Larsen

Academic Letter Winners:

Dane Asuigui, Jacob Sutton, Branden LaBatte, Brooke Relf, Tyler Plecity, Kristin Wiechers



Angelica Contresceri and Forestte Taylor during Science class.



Mae Allen



Dane Asuigui



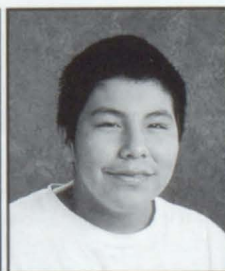
Devon Bearshield



Nic Behrens



Serenity Bianas



Bryton Billie



Keaneau Bowen



Taylor Brehmer/Boone

"Life is a succession of lessons, which must be lived to be understood."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Cody Bush



Stephen Cain



Brandon Christensen



Angelica Contresceri



Tyler Crantz



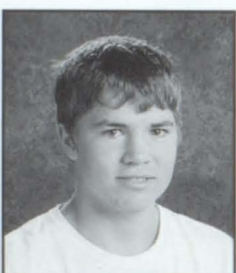
Doreen Dickey



Jessica Eng



Alyssa Gunderson



Ethan Haugen



Jake Johanson



Amos Jones



Branden LaBatte



Brendan LaBatte



Shelby Larson



Kaitlyn Latham



Kyndall Latham



Donna Long



Gareth Mestes

What's your advice to the new Freshmen?



Joey Moore



Meryl Nelson

Doreen Dickey

"They should know to not mess around and get to class on time."

Forestte Taylor

"Just do your homework and you'll be fine."

Jared Sutton

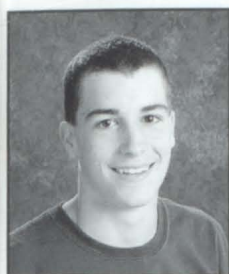
"As a freshmen you need to know that you don't have to show work on everything and you don't need to simplify all fractions to decimal form. You also need to know that you can't slack off in any classes if you want a good GPA."

Alyssa Gunderson

"Buckle down and get serious about school. This is when grades count. No going back! So Good Luck Freshmen :)"



"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."
-William Butler Yeats



Joe Parsley



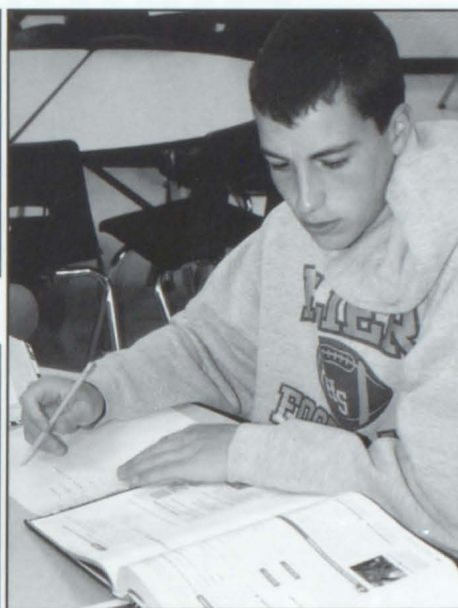
Dylan Peters



Tyler Plecity



Brittany Pulscher



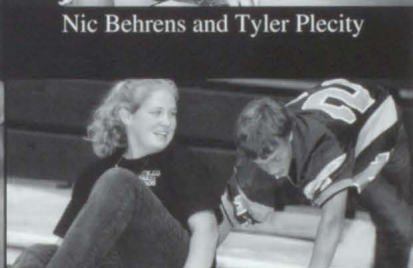
Joe Parsley solving some equations in the lunchroom, the homework hotspot.



Dylan Peters conducting an experiment during Science class.



Nic Behrens and Tyler Plecity



Shelby Larson and Cody Reed in the Scooter Race during the Homecoming Games.



Jacob Pulscher



Cody Reed



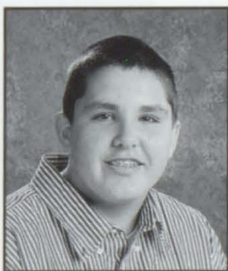
Brooke Relf



Isaiah Shortman



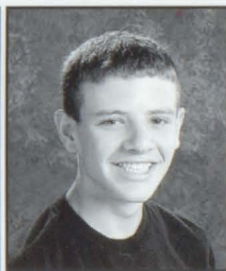
Ethan Haugen, Nic Behrens, Forestte Taylor, and Jesse Simon intrigued by something on that laptop.



Jesse Simon



Jared Sully



Jacob Sutton



Kristin Wiechers



Jacob Pulscher, Ethan Haugen, Branden LaBatte, Jake Johanson



Jared Sutton



Forestte Taylor



Kristin Wiechers

Flandreau Academics



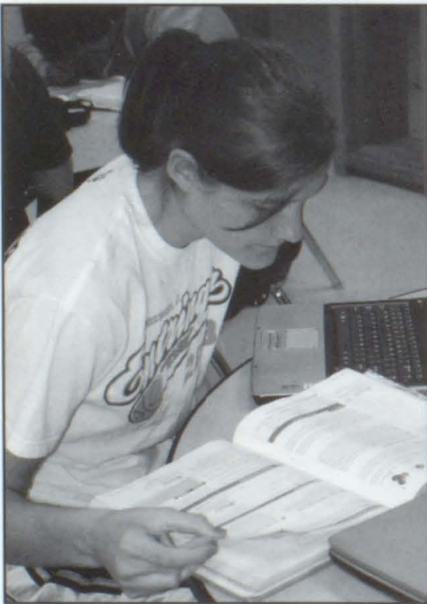
Mr. Weber congratulates Mrs. Ellingson on her retirement from FHS.



Joe Parsley challenges 'expert gamer' Mr. Weight at the LAN party.



Brittany Nelson finds a little music helps the school work.



Nicole Veldkamp working on her Science assignment.



Mr. Matt Gappa gives blood at the FFA sponsored Blood Drive. No Gappa, you can't keep it...that's the idea of donating.



Freshman scientists LOVE those protective glasses!

MJ Ziebarth and Amy Taylor playing with the "GOOP!"



Mrs. Joy Korman preparing "GOOP" for the class.



Ms. Kristi Fischer keeps watch over her rambunctious Study Hall students.

"Teachers open the door. You must enter by yourself."

-Chinese Proverb



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Not pictured: Dave Ahlers, Jeff Behrens



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Pfeiffer



Mr. Dave
Spolum



Mr. Pat
Weight



Wendy Schutte , Jacob Sutton, and Brittany Stephens
rocking the trumpet section during Pep Band.



From Left to Right:

~Mr. Spolum proudly showcasing some of his students' work at the Art Showcase.

~Mr. Weight was "shockingly" successful at being funny during his MONDAY NIGHT LIVE Homecoming Skits.

~Ms. Pfeiffer waiting for the signal to play.

~Mr. Weight way too hyped up on Mountain Dew at a Football Pep Band gig

ART is not simply painting with a brush, blowing through a horn, or singing as loud as you can.

ART is using that brush, instrument, or voice to express the feelings and emotions engraved on your heart to the world.

Language Arts



Mrs. Janna
Ellingson



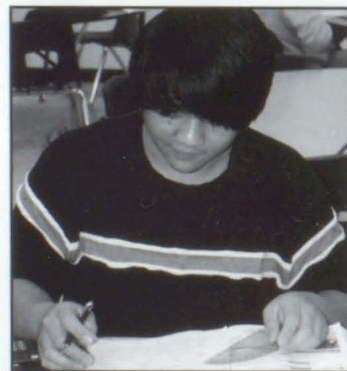
Ms. Kristi
Fischer



Mrs. Becky
Petersen



Mrs. Gail
Veldkamp



Dane Asuigui working on his
Literature homework.



Ms. Fischer dominated during the
Homecoming Scooter Race.



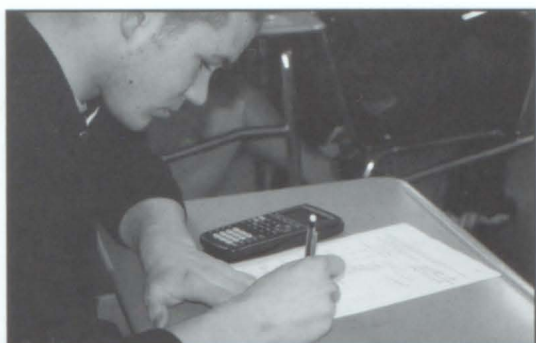
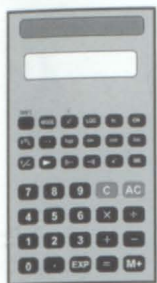
Mrs. E's Final Junior English Class: Cody Jorgensen, Dan Wiechers, Russell Hendrickson, Tanner Dibbern, Taylor Brehmer-Boone, Brittany Nelson, Mrs. Ellingson, Sandy Keating



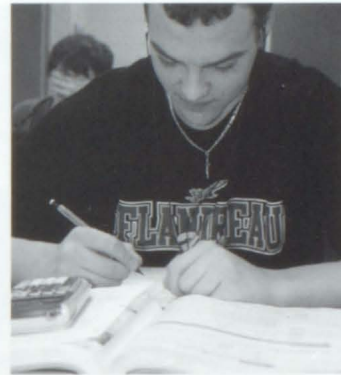
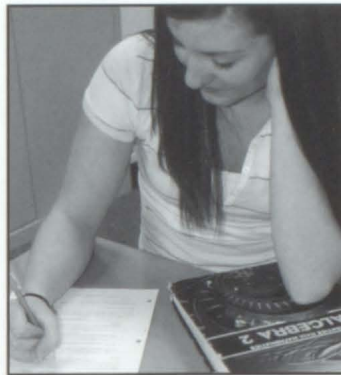
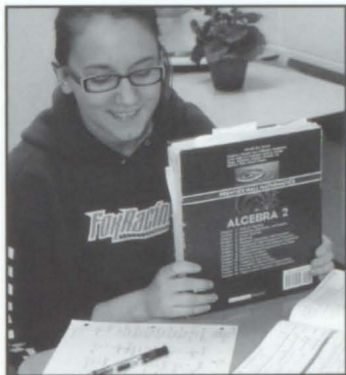
Amy Taylor, Jessica Eng, and Kelli Powers show their enthusiasm for
Language Arts. Of course, there is absolutely no sarcasm on their faces...

"The difficulty of literature is not to write, but to write what you mean; not to affect your reader, but to affect him precisely as you wish."

-Robert Louis Stevenson



Carter Ahlers during Math class.



From Left to Right:

Mikayla Schipper, Jessica Damm, Cassie Feske, and Brandon Peters seem to be getting the hang of their math, since none of them are looking scared of pulling their hair out...yet. Just wait until second semester.

"Do not worry about your problems with mathematics, I assure you mine are far greater."
-Albert Einstein

Math



Mrs. LeAnn Carr



Mrs. Roberta Luttmann



Mrs. Melissa Opsahl

Physical Education / Spanish



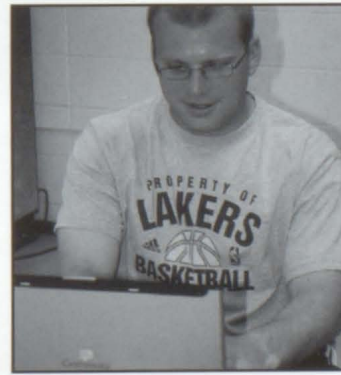
Mrs. Peg Fargen



Mr. Jacob Pettengill



Mrs. Jessica Lewis



"Winning doesn't always mean being first.
Winning means you're doing better than you've
ever done before."
-Bonnie Blair

In Mr. Pettengill's Physical Education Class...

Students not only learned how to play a number of sports including volleyball, basketball, archery, and many more. They also learned the importance of taking care of their body with exercise and healthy decisions.

Science



Mr. Eric
Bass



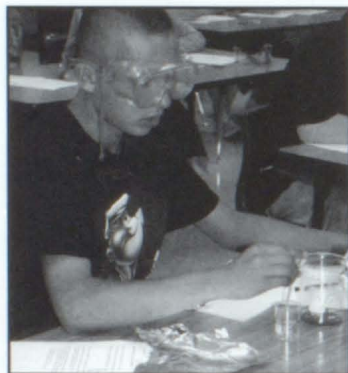
Mr. Jeremy
Haugen



Mrs. Joy
Korman



Mrs. Joy Korman working on correcting papers.



"Science progresses best when observations force us to alter our preconceptions."

-Vera Rubin

From Left to Right:

- ~Brendan LaBatte conducting an experiment.
- ~Adam Stenger and Amy Taylor during dissection day.
- ~Mr. Eric Bass making an explosion out of sawdust.
- ~Jessica Damm is having much more fun with the Cow Eye Dissection Lab than Adam and Amy.

Social Studies



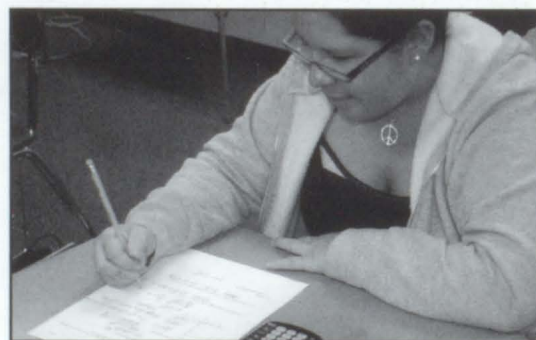
Mr. Travis
Ahrens



Mr. Josh
Bieber



Mr. Chad
Stadem



Payton Canku



From Left to Right:

- ~Mr. Josh Bieber judging the Homecoming Skits during Little Orpheum.
- ~Mr. Travis Ahrens gets back into a Wrestling singlet for one of the the Faculty's skits.
- ~Between teaching and coaching, Mr. Ahrens manages to help out the Pep Band by playing the tuba when begged by the students.
- ~Mr. Chad Stadem giving some insight during a game as Head Football Coach.

"Let any nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

-John Kennedy



C-Tech class: JR Hare, Skyler Earley, Michael Roy, Jordan VonEye, Ben Christensen



Mr. Streitz repairing ANOTHER laptop.



JR Hare

Technology



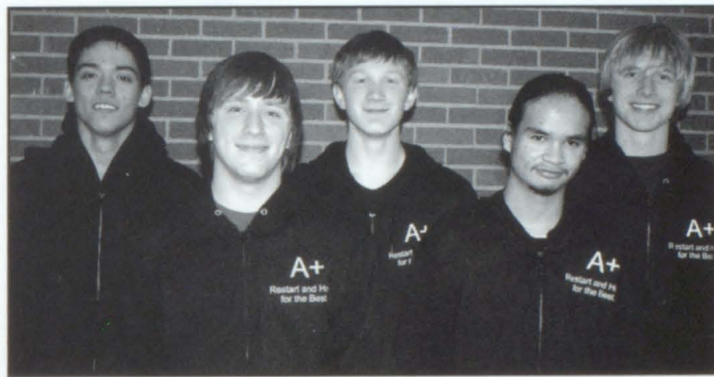
Mr. Matt Gappa



Mrs. Marda Olson



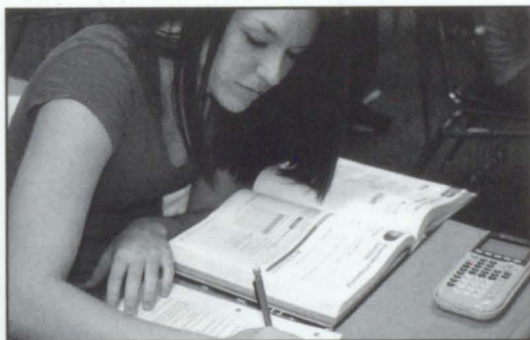
Mr. Brendan Streitz



Streitz's A+ class. Their OTHER motto:

"We have an algorithm that will destroy you!"

"Restart and hope for the best."
-Brendan Streitz



Hayley Burggraff

Vocational



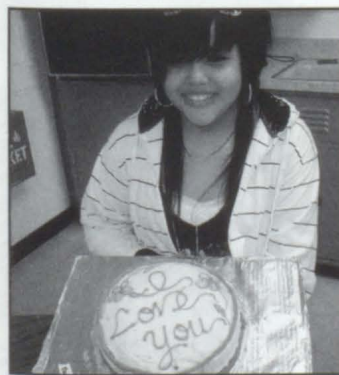
Mr. Josh Christiansen



Mr. Todd Foster



Mrs. Janelle Weatherly



From Left to Right:

- ~Raylene Holiday and her Mother's Day cake.
- ~Mr. Josh Christiansen modeling the Faculty Team's "mind control device" during an FFA Games challenge.
- ~Mr. Todd Foster during a Faculty Homecoming skit.
- ~Mrs. Janelle Weatherly preparing for class.

"All education is, in a sense, vocational, vocational for living."

-John Newsom

Academic Students

FHS

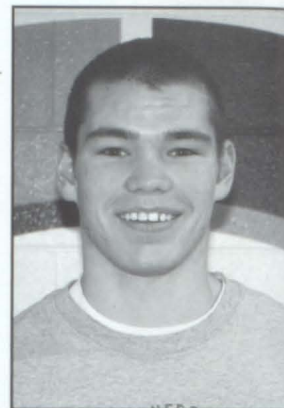
of the Month



FOREVER, we are...

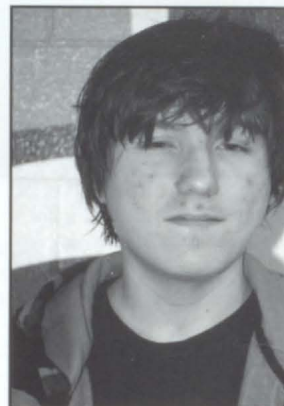
Carter Ahlers

"Carter is an outstanding student who is always prepared for class and is willing to help others. He participates in classroom discussions and has his work done on time and is always done well."



Michael Roy

"Michael is an inquisitive student. He has excellent attendance and works diligently to complete his assignments on time. He is polite, respectful and a pleasure to have in class."



Spenser Foster

"Spenser is an outstanding student who is always looking to better himself as a student academically and as a person. Spenser always has his work done on time, looks to do additional work and is always prepared for class. His study habits and the effort he puts into his school work is top notch. He is inquisitive and participates regularly in class. His leadership has been highly valued and appreciated in class."



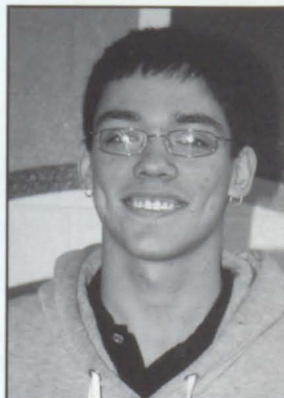
Jordan Wakeman

"Jordan has been doing quality work. She asks questions and is a diligent worker. She shows a sense of responsibility by getting work when she is gone and working ahead. She brings a great outlook to class, polite, hardworking and a joy to have in class."



Skyler Earley

"Skyler has been an outstanding positive individual all year. He has grown as a student to become focused on becoming a good National Guardsman and future college student. Skyler is a student that I look forward to seeing everyday because of a positive and up-lifting spirit."



Great Students!

Kristin Wiechers

"Kristin is a wonderful person and a very hard working student. She plays an active role in the classroom as well as in the community, school activities and her church."



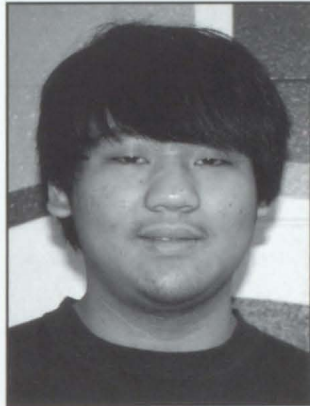
Jessica Eng

"Jessica always completes assignments, projects and tests with the best effort possible. She has a positive attitude and is accepting of all of her classmates. She is kind and respectful to peers and staff. She is both involved in and supports school activities."



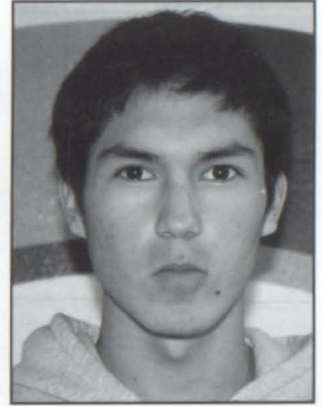
Dane Asuigui

"Dane is dedicated to doing his best at whatever is put in front of him. He is also accepting of all of his classmates as well as being well-liked by his peers. He is respectful in ALL ways."



JR Hare

"Good grades, straight 'A' honor roll! JR has made great strides on becoming an excellent student. He is positive in his approach on reaching for high learning skills."



Sandy Keating

"Sandy brings a positive attitude to class and it wears off on many people. She works hard to be the best student she can be. She is an individual that cares for others and has a wonderful sense of humor. Sandy looks at the best things the world has to offer and goes with it."



Kayla Uilk

"Kayla is always willing to help other students, assist teachers and always has a pleasant attitude. She has a 'Get'er Done!' attitude. She is a pleasure to have around and work with."



Bob Hoffman

"Bob works ahead of the class and goes beyond assigned class work. He completes assignments early and helps others with their work. Bob works hard, has fun and enjoys not only getting his work done but being creative and taking his work to the next level."



Daniel Pank

"Daniel is very attentive in class and toward his classwork. He has excellent attendance which demonstrates the importance of school to Daniel. His work is completed on time and is willing to ask questions."



"I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way
things I had no words for"

Georgia O'Keeffe

We were...

IMAGINATIVE

ART

"The aim of
art is to
represent not
the outward
appearance
of things, but
their inward
significance."
-Aristotle



April Weber - Best of Show at Art Show



Devin Drapeau



Adam Stenger



Daniel Wiechers



Gatlin Herrera



Matt Ziebarth



Amanda Farrell





Stephen Cain



Gatlin Herrera



Branden LaBatte



Kristin Wiechers



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Cody Bietz



Tony Ullom, Luke Gassman

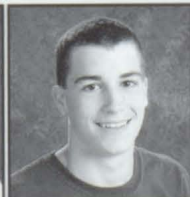


Sandy Keating



"My favorite projects are the painting projects. I love mixing colors for the sceneries."

~April Weber



"I love throwing a lump of clay on the potters wheel and being able to make a pot out of it. It's fun the be creative with the shapes."

~Joe Parsley



"Drawing is my best because I like to draw still objects. You have your subject in front of you and it's fun define the shading."

~Kyndall Latham



"Clay is my favorite. I like to create the designs when painting my pots."

~Kaitlyn Latham

CANDIDS



Jessica Damm and MJ Ziebarth enjoy dissecting the eyeball in Anatomy class.



Mr. Ahrens sports M'Lynn Christensen's creation.



Jacob Sutton, Brendan LaBatte



Mrs. Korman, Crazy Scientist



Skyler Earley punches down a 66-block in C-Tech class.



Mr. Johnson...Student Council Games - Good Sport!



>> Megan Johnson

Megan guzzles the rootbeer, while Sy Flute anticipates her choking on the fuzz!



>> Scott Sanderson, Tim Jones

Football buds at Homecoming.



>> Bethany Ellefson, Mr. Weight

Mr. Weight presents Bethany with the John Phillips Sousa Award.

Bobby Kooiman, Cross Country



Forestte Taylor, Basketball

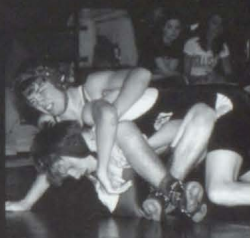


Amanda Farrell, Cross Country

Flandreau Athletics



FHS Lifting Club: Anne Parsley, Carter Ahlers, MJ Ziebarth, Tim Jones and Kayla McMahon



Ethan Haugen



Trevor Dietrich



Coach Stadem calls the play.



Forestte Taylor lines one up on the putting green.



Tyler Jones fills his plate at the potluck Spring Athletic Banquet.

Cross Country

For the moment, we were...SWIFT.

FHS



"The Cross Country athletes really showed great improvement across the board. Every runner ran a personal best at some point during the year and many athletes seemed to improve on an almost weekly basis. It was fantastic to see the boys varsity be rewarded for their hard work with a Lake Central Conference Championship. The girls hard work was also rewarded as the team placed a remarkable 5 runners on the All-Conference team and also placed two runners in the top 10 fastest times in school history. Our athletes should be very proud of all they have accomplished this season, I know that I am!"

~Coach Streitz



"It was great to have the numbers we did and watch the athletes push themselves from one race to the next. A great transition year!"

~Coach Gappa



Coach Gappa, JR Hare, Russell Hendrickson, Guy Zephier

2008 Cross Country

	Boys	Girls
McCook	Inc.	Inc.
Garretson	6th	Inc.
Milbank	Inc.	Inc.
Arlington	4th	4th
FIS	5th	Inc.
Howard	3rd	3rd
West Central	7th	7th
Lennox	3rd	10th
LC Conf.	1st	2nd
Regions	5th	5th

State - 2 Boys & 2 Girls Advanced



Conference Champions: Coach Streitz, JR Hare, Russell Hendrickson, Brandon Christensen, Coach Gappa, Guy Zephier, Sy Flute, Jared Sutton

Boys Team:

Joe Eng, JR Hare, Russell Hendrickson, Bobby Kooiman, Coach Streitz, Bob Hoffman, Sy Flute, Hapi Flute Player, Brandon Christensen, Coach Gappa, Kelby Mittan, Guy Zephier, Stephen Cain, Tyler Plecity, Jared Sutton



Russell Hendrickson



Sy Flute



Jared Sutton



Bobby Kooiman absorbed in his game during downtime.

Upper Right: Amanda Farrell, Anne Parsley & Coach Gappa



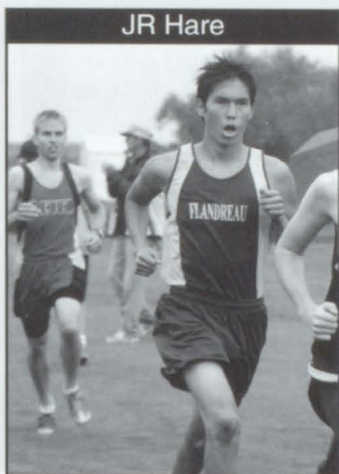
Bob Hoffman



Joe Eng



Amanda Farrell



JR Hare

Student of the Month



Anne Parsley
~October~

"Anne ran the fastest time in school history October 3rd in Lennox. She placed 10th in the Region meet, and qualified for State for the fourth time. She was our best runner this season."

-Mr. Brendan Streitz

Student of the Month



Jared Sutton
~October~

"Jared improved dramatically as the season progressed. He led our Boys' Team to the Conference Championship, qualified for State, and was the highest finisher there."

-Mr. Brendan Streitz



Girls Team:

Coach Streitz, themselves McKinney, Quinn Orlick, Lea Clark, Morgan Orlick, Coach Gappa, Larissa Rederth, Amanda Farrell, Anne Parsley, Bethany Ellefson, Leslie Clark, Theresa Flute Player, Caitlyn Dreitz



JR Hare, Jared Sutton,
Guy Zephier



Stephen Cain, Coach Streitz



Caitlyn Dreitz, Lea Clark, Amanda Farrell, Larissa Rederth, Quinn Orlick, Bethany Ellefson



State Qualifiers: Guy Zephier,
Anne Parsley, Quinn Orlick, Jared Sutton

Going out for Cross Country was possibly the best decision I made during high school. I hadn't been out for a sport since Freshman year, and after Streitz's amazing persuasion skills, I decided to join the team. The friends I made during the season are still some of my favorite people. I wasn't half as bad as I expected to be, and I was honored to be named Team Captain. It just shows that you don't have to be the best athlete to be important. You can just act silly and keep everyone's spirits high during tiring meets and practices. The Cross Country athletes really showed great improvement across the board. Every runner ran a personal best at some point during the year and many athletes seemed to improve on an almost weekly basis. It was fantastic to see the boys varsity be rewarded for their hard work with a Lake Central Conference Championship. The girls' hard work was also rewarded as the team placed a remarkable 5 runners on the All-Conference team and also placed two runners in the top 10 fastest times in school history. Our athletes should be very proud of all they have accomplished this season, I know that I am!

-Bethany Ellefson

Flier Football

For the moment, we were UNBREAKABLE.

FHS



"It was a year of change and we grew better each game. The kids worked hard, did what they were asked to do, and had fun doing it too."

~Coach Stadem



"Football season was an exciting season with a new head coach, a lot of young kids playing and a couple of last minute wins to get us to 3-5 and make the playoffs. It was a great season with the improvements and accomplishments that this young team made. They had a very successful season."

~Coach Foster



"A great bunch of guys, the seniors will be missed, but the underclassmen have a lot of potential if they stick together and work hard."

~Coach Ahrens



"The season went very well. It was fun to see the kids grow as a team from the beginning to the end."

~Coach

Pettengill



2008 Football Season

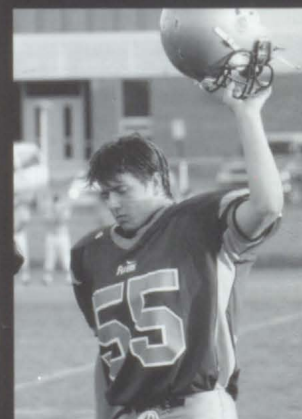
	<u>Us</u>	<u>Them</u>
Dell Rapids	7	40
TriValley	6	43
Tea Area	54	8
Dakota Valley	0	34
Sioux Valley	9	6
Garretson	6	22
Howard	13	21
McCook	16	14
Playoffs	7	35
vs TriValley		



Carter Ahlers



Joe Parsley



Chase Smith



Scott Sanderson



Football Statisticians: April Weber, Cassie Feske, and Elissa Wiese



FHS Football Team

Back: Garrett Carr, Scott Sanderson, Jordan Rusk, Adam Stenger, Ryan Sutton, Jesse Simon, Timmy Jones, Brandon Peters, Brandon LaBatte, Joe Parsley, Ben Christensen

Middle: Tyler Jones, Chase Smith, Trevor Dietrich, Matthew Ziebarth, Carter Ahlers, Sheldon Johnson, Luke Gassman, Brendan LaBatte, Ben Johnson

Front: Chase Westley, Brant Rose, Cody Bietz, Cody Reed, Spencer Foster, Zach Schulte, Jared Sutton, Ethan Haugen, Forestte Taylor, David Parsley



Fall Athletic Banquet

Good food, good friends and recognition...



Coach Foster, Tim Jones, Brant Rose, Adam Stenger, Joe Parsley, Spenser Foster

Student of the Month



Ryan Sutton ~September~

"Ryan has worked very hard to become a better player. He does everything you ask him to do, and does it for the benefit of the team. He is a good leader by example for all our guys."

-Mr. Chad Stadem



Football fans brave the cold to support the team.

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."

-Archie Griffen

We were...

WARRIORS

If you would have asked anybody who saw this years seniors when they were eighth graders, whether or not they would make the playoffs you probably would have gotten a resounding No. The 3-6 record with a first round playoff exit does not exactly sing a song of success, but we made the playoffs for a third consecutive season. Also for playing two state champions (class A Dell Rapids, and Class B Tri-Valley), a total of 5 playoff teams, and playing for a new head coach, we did pretty well for ourselves. From doing the electric slide after victories to mud-sliding after the McCook game, the 2008 Flandreau Flier football season was a fun one to be a part of. The most memorable moment of the season was when we ran the same play 30 times vs. Sioux Valley and they couldnt stop it. What made it an even better game was the field goal with under a minute left to win the game. This seasons team learned the value of hard work (both during the season, and in the offseason), and they learned how to have fun playing together. We have paved the way for success in upcoming seasons returning 16 total starters (8 on offense, 8 on defense) for next years squad, and by starting 18 underclassmen.

-Ryan Sutton



74-Adam Stenger



Nic Behrens



Flier line-up.



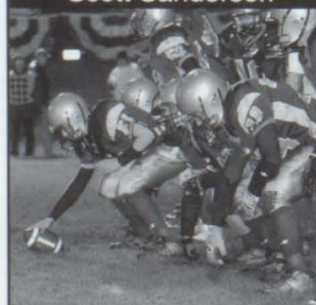
Sheldon Johnson, Coach Stadem



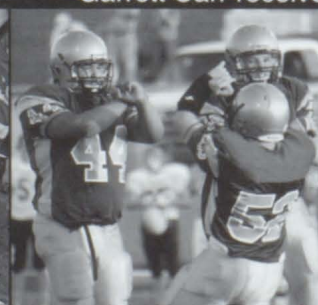
Scott Sanderson



Garrett Carr receives ball from Coach Ahrens.



Down, Set...



Tim Jones, Jordan Rusk, Ryan Sutton



Way to go Joe!

What do you think?

Q: What's most memorable of the season?



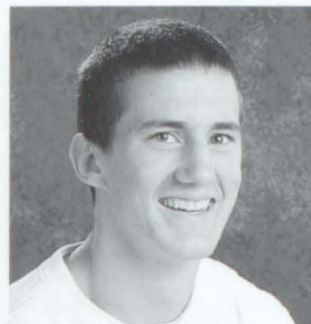
Spenser Foster

"Nic Behren's game winning field goal against Sioux Valley. It was the most exciting moment I've ever had in football and I'm sure Nic will never let us forget about it."



Brandon Peters

"The funniest thing that happened this year was when Ryan got laid out by Coach Ahrens in blocking drills practice."



Scott Sanderson

"It just might have to be mud sliding. We were all really excited to do it before practice but then once we start we realized that it was ridiculously freezing."



Ryan Sutton

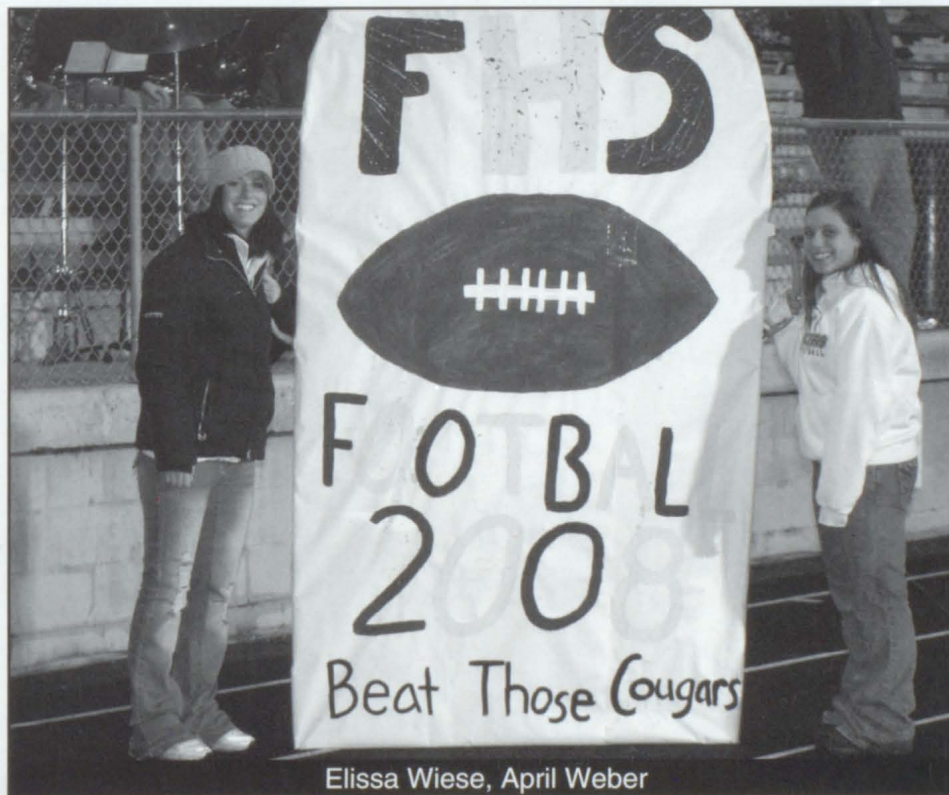
"Doing the electric slide after victories!"



FHS Seniors: Ryan Sutton, Adam Stenger, Scott Sanderson



Hand-off



Elissa Wiese, April Weber



Preparing to make the play...



Carter Ahlers



Brendan LaBatte, Coach Adolph

Girls Volleyball

For the moment, we were DEVOTED.

FHS

Title match game. Final Set.
Down by two. Dig Deep.



"Each of our athletes made personal gains as the season progressed."

~Coach Fischer

"The girls worked hard and were willing to dedicate themselves. This allowed all of them to improve, as an individual and as a team."

~Coach Gullickson



~Coach Bursheim



Kayla McMahon makes the set.

2008 - Volleyball Season

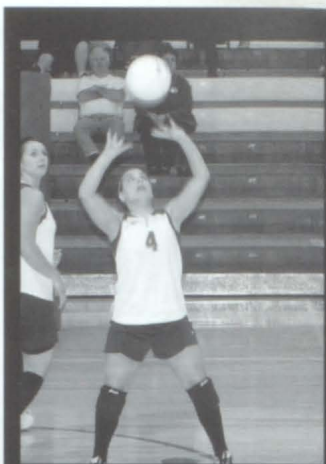
	<u>Us</u>	<u>Them</u>
Elkton	1	3
Madison	3	0
Alpha Tourney	2nd	
Castlewood	0	3
Colman-Egan	3	2
Chester	1	3
McCook	2	3
Dell Rapids	3	2
Sioux Valley	0	3
Howard	2	3
Tri-Valley	2	3
Clark	0	3
West Central	3	0
Hamlin	3	2
Deuel	1	3
FIS	3	0
Districts vs. FIS	3	0



VARSITY

Back: Jessica Eng, Elissa Wiese, MJ Ziebarth, Kayla McMahon, Amy Taylor, April Weber

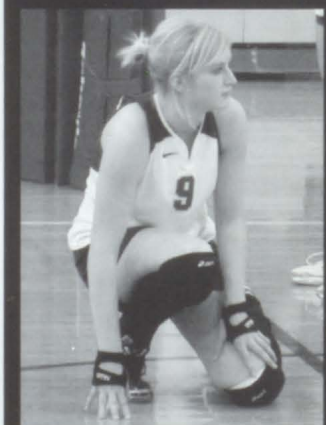
Front: Brooke Relf, Cassie Feske, Betsy Knippling, Nicole Veldkamp, Hayley Burggraft, Anne Parsley



April Weber



Kayla McMahon



Betsy Knippling



Amy Taylor



Coach Bursheim fixes the tape for Libero, Elissa Wiese



Freshman Kyndall Latham gets a good bump.



Student of the Month

Elissa Wiese
~November~

"Elissa has been an essential part of our defense since assuming the libero position. She expressed personal growth throughout the season and sparked the team with her aggressive spirit."

-Ms. Kristi Fischer

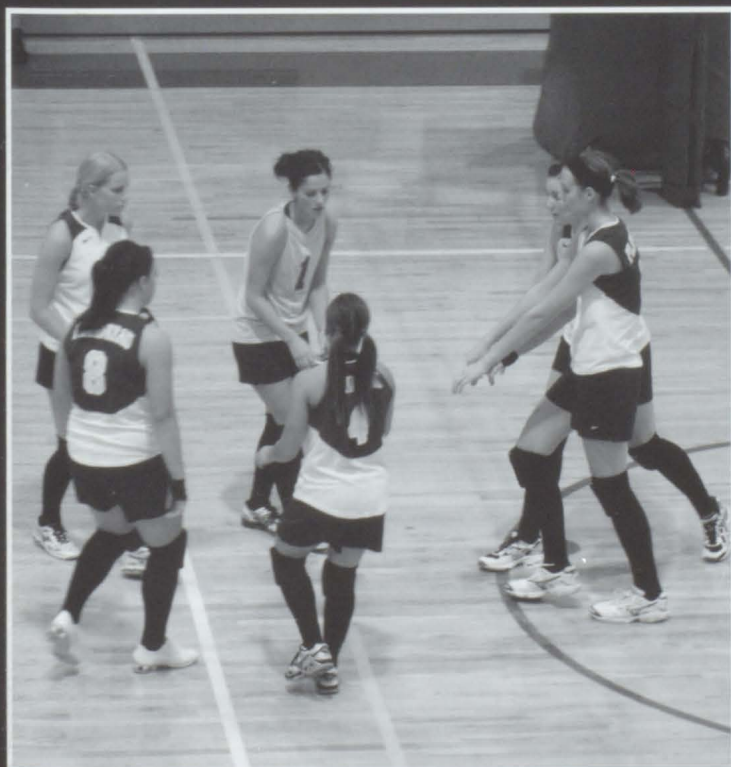


JUNIOR VARSITY
Back: Brooke Relf, Kristin Wiechers, Cassie Feske, Kerri Hird, Kayla McMahon

Front: Shelby Larson, Jessica Eng, Amy Taylor, Kyndall Latham

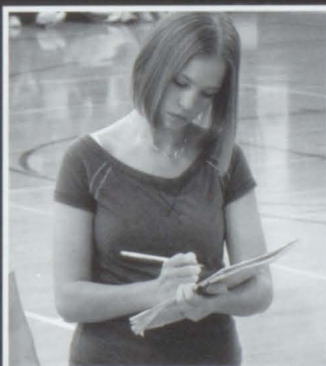


Intense score keepers & bench... Coach Bursheim, Brooke Relf, Jessica Eng, Kayla Uilk. Bench: Betsy Knippling and Amy Taylor



Aaaaah! ACE!

Elissa Wiese gets the bump as Amy Taylor looks on.



Kayla Uilk - Statistician



||

How about the last time we played Madison? Everybody on the team was trying very, very hard. We had fun with it... let everything go and just tried the best we could. It was crazy loud and just fun the whole time.

||

~Amy Taylor

"Team guts always beat individual greatness."

- Bob Zuppke

We were...

ENDURING



"Anyone can support a team that is winning - it takes no courage. But to stand behind a team to defend a team when it is down and really needs you, that takes a lot of courage."

- Bart Starr

There is no "I" in "TEAM", but some would like to retort that there is a "ME". Yes, personal goals and successes are a part of every sport, but the TEAM should be one's #1 priority. Along the way, between the dinners before games and long bus rides, your team becomes your family. You practice, play, celebrate triumphs, laugh, and even mourn losses with the team.

By the end of the season, YOUR greatest accomplishments reflect your TEAM's accomplishments, which is what being in a team sport is all about.



Team pose on Parent's Night



Nicole Veldkamp



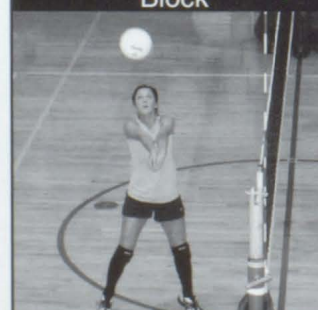
Amy Taylor, Cassie Feske, Kyndall Latham, Jessica Eng



Fans Ryan Sutton, Tim Jones, Joe Parsley, Scott Sanderson, Tony Ullom, Brant Rose



Block



Elissa Wiese



Hayley Burggraff



Anne Parsley

What do you think?

Q: What did you accomplish this season?



April Weber

"My accomplishment for the season was getting 'FLY' down..also known as a quick set"



Elissa Wiese

"I started to just have fun while playing and didn't let the stress of winning ruin the fun of the game."



Hayley Burggraff

"I finally got the timing down for the approach to my spike. "



Anne Parsley

"I worked all season on getting my hits to go where i wanted them to, and eventually I got much better at my accuracy."



Coach Fischer strategizes with FHS Varsity Volleyball team.



Betsy Knippling, Cassie Feske



MJ Ziebarth, Betsy Knippling



Amy Taylor



Coach Fischer warms up the team.



April Weber

Girls Basketball

For the moment, we were STEADFAST.

FHS

"Basketball is like photography, if you don't focus, all you have is the negative."

-Dan Fisby



"The girls fought hard through a very tough schedule. I was very proud of the effort they put forth on the court."

-Coach Relf

"Our players had a lot of opportunities to gain quality court experiences this season."

Fischer

-Coach



"The girls worked hard and were willing to dedicate themselves. This allowed all of them to improve, as an individual and as a team."

-Coach Gullickson

2008-09 Girls Basketball

	Us	Them
Chester	43	28
Deubrook	46	31
Elkton	28	45
Dell Rapids	31	63
Clark	45	58
Castlewood	35	60
Garretson	34	49
Madison	50	51
Deuel	44	57
McCook	53	41
SF Christian	47	27
West Central	43	52
DeSmet	52	36
Colman-Egan	41	53
Sioux Valley	36	46
Hamlin	38	54
Harrisburg	38	51
Tri-Valley	45	33
FIS	63	27
Howard	51	21
District - 1st Round (vs. Howard)	46	36
District - Finals (vs. Tea)	52	59



Kayla McMahon



Fearless... Betsy Knippling, Nicole Veldkamp, MJ Ziebarth, Coach Relf, Amanda Farrell, Kayla McMahon



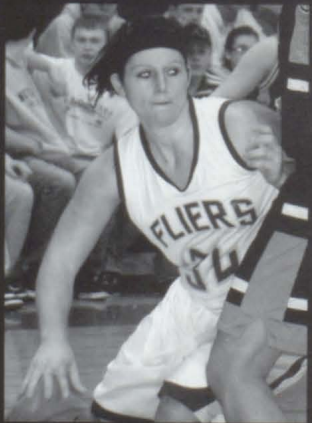
Elissa Wiese



Betsy Knippling



Cassie Feske



MJ Ziebarth



Varsity

Back: Brooke Relf, Cassie Feske, Hayley Burggraff, Kayla McMahon

Middle: MJ Ziebarth, Betsy Knippling, Nicole Veldkamp, Amanda Farrell

Front: Anne Parsley, Elissa Wiese, April Weber

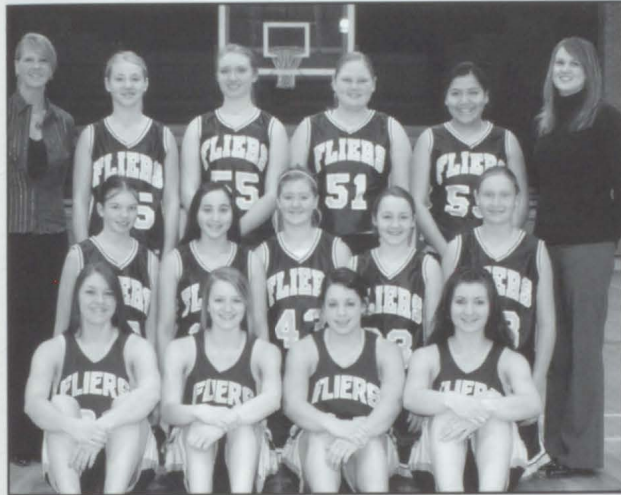
Student of the Month



Nicole Veldkamp ~January~

"Nicole is our starting center and has worked very hard to become a solid performer for our basketball team. She is leading the team in both scoring and rebounding."

-Mr. Brian Relf



Junior Varsity

Back: Coach Fischer, Makayla Dietrich, Alyssa Gunderson, Kristin Wiechers, Keisha Jackson, Coach Gullickson

Middle: Kara Uilk, Brice Rose, Kelly Johanson, Kendra Duncan, Kaitlyn Latham

Front: Hayley Burggraff, Amanda Farrell, Kayla McMahon, Cassie Feske



C-Team: Coach Gullickson, Kaitlyn Latham, Makayla Dietrich, Alyssa Gunderson, Kristin Wiechers, Keisha Jackson

Front: Kara Uilk, Brice Rose, Kelly Johanson, Kendra Duncan



Anne Parsley

FHS Senior Players:

Elissa Wiese, Betsy Knippling, MJ Ziebarth



April Weber



Best thing about basketball...

...just being a team and learning from each other and coming together.



~Kayla McMahon

"If you are going to take it to the bank, then you better cash it in."

-Shannon Fish

We were...

FEARLESS



We spent long hours in the gym, and some of us spent time in the summer making ourselves faster and stronger. We did this in hopes of a great season. Fearless. The 2008-2009 Girls Basketball Team had Fearless written across our wrists as we began our games. For us, fearless was a way to think as well as a way to play. This was just one of the ways that we united ourselves as a team. As many other teams, our season had its ups and downs. Some of the best times were before our games when we would watch Wife Swap and laugh at how crazy some people could be. Another good time was when April's grandparents made us some of the best spaghetti that anyone had ever tasted. Of course, we all enjoyed when the parents got together and made us meals for after our away games. Some of our practices were humorous as well. Sometimes Mr. Relf would happen to catch a conversation about girl stuff that he probably could have done without. One of our toughest games, the first game against Madison, is one that we lost in overtime. However, if anyone was to ask one of us girls, that was a W in our book. Throughout the season many of our games were close, and some we grabbed, while others slipped through our fingers. Nonetheless, we went out to do our best, and when we worked together our best was all that we needed. So for one last time. Fearless on three: 1, 2, 3 Fearless.

~ Elissa Wiese, Senior

Celebrating Parent's Night with a Team Photo

Back: Coach Relf, Amanda Farrell, Cassie Feske, Nicole Veldkamp, Betsy Knippling, Hayley Burggraff, Kristin Wiechers, Alyssa Gunderson, Coach Fischer Front: Brooke Relf, Anne Parsley, Elissa Wiese, April Weber, Kayla McMahon, MJ Ziebarth, Coach Gullickson



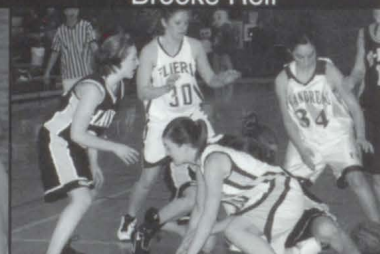
Parent's Night



Brooke Relf



Team Huddle



Scramble for that ball.



Amanda Farrell



Kristin Wiechers, Kendra Duncan

Be FEARLESS!



Nicole Veldkamp, April Weber

What do you think?

Q: What's most memorable about the season?



Kayla McMahon

"When we first played Madison because it was a very close game, we were challenged, and we should have won."



Brooke Relf

"Our theme, Fearless... It was on posters, written on our wrists, talked about in the huddle and on everyone's mind."



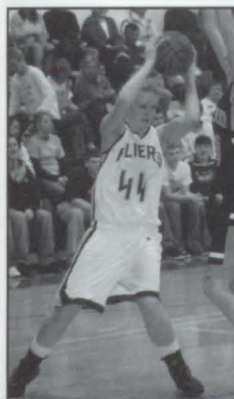
Kristin Wiechers

"One day during practice when April shocked us with her finger and it traveled through the whole team."



Anne Parsley

"Having my surgery! It was great to have the team there for me to support my recovery."



Betsy Knippling



MJ Ziebarth



Kaitlyn Latham, Amanda Farrell



Anne Parsley



Brooke Relf



April Weber



Kendra Duncan



Nicole Veldkamp

Boys Basketball

For the moment, we were UNCOMPROMISING.

FHS



"This was a very fun and successful year for the boys basketball team. We accomplished many of the goals that we set out to do at the beginning of the year and were able to double the win total from the previous year. We had a very young basketball team this year and are looking forward to the coming seasons and hope to continue and improve on the success we had during this year. Thanks to Scott, Ryan, and Adam for the enthusiasm and leadership they provided for us in their senior season."
~Coach Bass

"The boys worked hard and continued to make great strides. They are a fun group to coach."

~Coach Sheppard



"A good season over-all, a lot of maturing took place. It was very evident who put time in over the off-season."

~Coach Gappa



Adam Stenger



Russell Hendrickson



Scott Sanderson



Ryan Sutton



JR Hare driving past his opponent.



Joe Parsley heading out onto the court as part of the starting line-up.

2008-09 Boys Basketball

	Us	Them
Chester	65	49
Elkton	81	70
Dell Rapids	61	63
Deubrook	70	48
Castlewood	66	63
Clark	49	71
Madison	69	96
Deuel	49	48
McCook	67	61
SF Christian	37	73
Garretson	47	54
DeSmet	69	59
Colman-Egan	62	45
Sioux Valley	50	87
Hamlin	50	33
Harrisburg	57	64
Tri-Valley	63	73
FIS	79	51
Howard	61	71
West Central	66	76
Districts - 1st Round	64	71
(vs. Howard)		



Varsity Team

Back: Tim Jones, Scott Sanderson, Russell Hendrickson, Adam Stenger, Luke Gassman

Middle: Tyler Jones, Joe Parsley, Ryan Sutton, Spenser Foster, Garrett Carr

Front: Nic Behrens, Carter Ahlers, Tony Ullom, Brant Rose

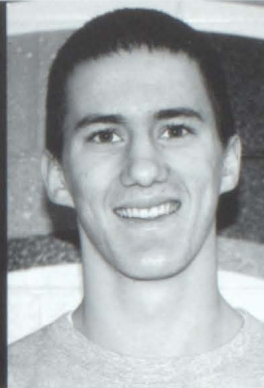
Junior Varsity Team

Back: JR Hare, Tyler Jones, Jacob Johanson, Garrett Carr

Middle: David Parsley, Nic Behrens, Spenser Foster, Tony Ullom, Branden LaBatte

Front: Tyler Plecity, Mitchel Foster, Jacob Sutton, Forestte Taylor

Student of the Month



Scott Sanderson ~December~

"Scott has been a great leader in practice and in games. His hard work has paid off and in influencing his teammates in a positive way."

-Mr. Eric Bass



<<Scott Sanderson preparing to drive after receiving a pass.



Nic Behrens driving in for a lay-up.



|| You don't play against opponents. You play against the game of basketball. ||

-Bobby Knight

"Never underestimate the heart of a champion."

-Rudy Tomjanovich

We were...

MIGHTY

"The 08-09 year was a memorable one for all involved. We got the basketball team back on track, doubling the wins from the year before and had a good time doing it. Even though we were not the best team in the state (some days) we established ourselves as the elite team at installing nicknames. With names such as "Big Dome," "Buzz Killington," "Bilo," and "Skeeter," a good time was never far away.

It wasn't really a good time at the moment but we can all look back at the time in Deuel when Russell fouled out and the ref mistakenly read his mouth and gave him a technical. We all know it was a misunderstanding.

In summary this season was awesome and thanks to all the guys for making it memorable. Oh ya... and the pre-game huddles were epic. Remember as many expletives as possible."

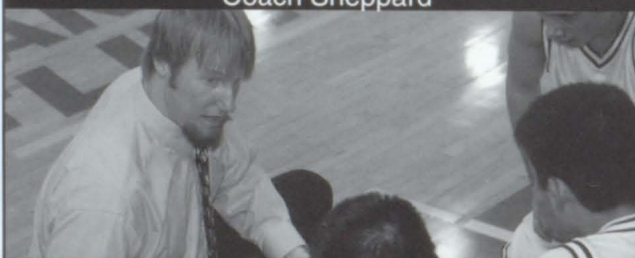
-Scott Sanderson



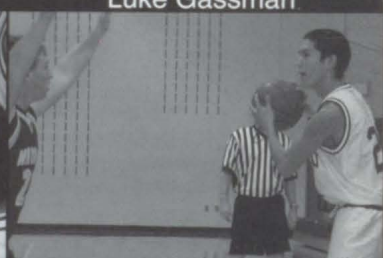
Coach Sheppard



Luke Gassman



Coach Gappa calling the plays.



JR Hare



Russell Hendrickson



Adam Stenger and Carter Ahlers

What do you think?

Q: What's the best part about basketball?



Tony Ullom

"I like the physical aspect of the sport."



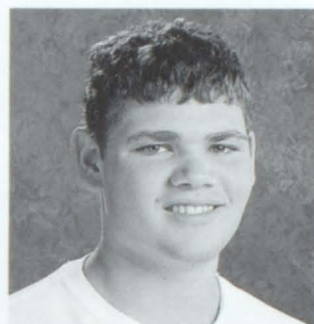
Spenser Foster

"Had a good time traveling to the games!"



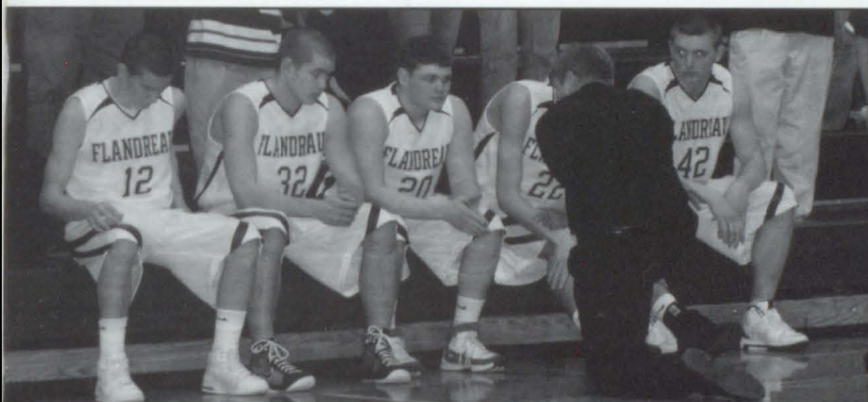
Adam Stenger

"Bus rides are always good. The guys have a great time as a team!"



Ryan Sutton

"Ummmm... Chillin' with the guys before games, getting ready to play."



Scott Sanderson, Carter Ahlers, Ryan Sutton, Spenser Foster, Adam Stenger



Spenser Foster



Nic Behrens



Tyler Jones



Coaches Gappa and Sheppard with the team during a time-out.



Tyler Plecity



Garrett Carr

Flier Wrestling

For the moment, we were QUICK-WITTED.

FHS



"We were young, but many of the guys were a year older and wiser. If the desire is there, the potential to do great things is there."

~Coach Ahrens

"I am very proud of the effort and dedication our wrestlers showed. We were a very young team, and at times, our inexperience showed, but everyone was willing to work hard, and as a coach, that is all I can ask. I thought that all of the wrestlers showed improvement throughout the year."

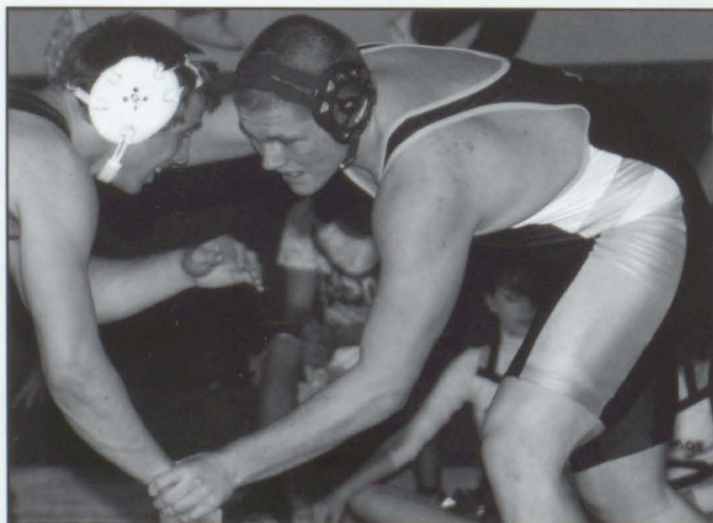
~Coach Smith



Coach Smith, Coach Ahrens

2009 - YEAR IN SPORTS

	W	L
Quad-Home	1	2
Flandreau Trny	4th	0
Triangle-Away	2	0
Quad-Home	2	1
McCook Trny	7th	0
West Lyon Trny	8th	0
Triangle-Away	1	1
Tri-Valley Trny	9th	0
Triangle- Away	1	1
Arlington Trny	4th	0
Quad-Away	0	3
Parker Trny	3rd	0
Triangle- Away	1	1
LC Trny-Home	3rd	
District 3B-Howard	4th	10 ql
Region 2B- Tea	7th	3 ql
State Trny- Aberdeen	28th	



Jordan Rusk



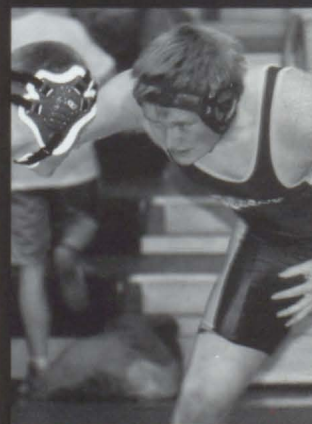
Ben Christensen



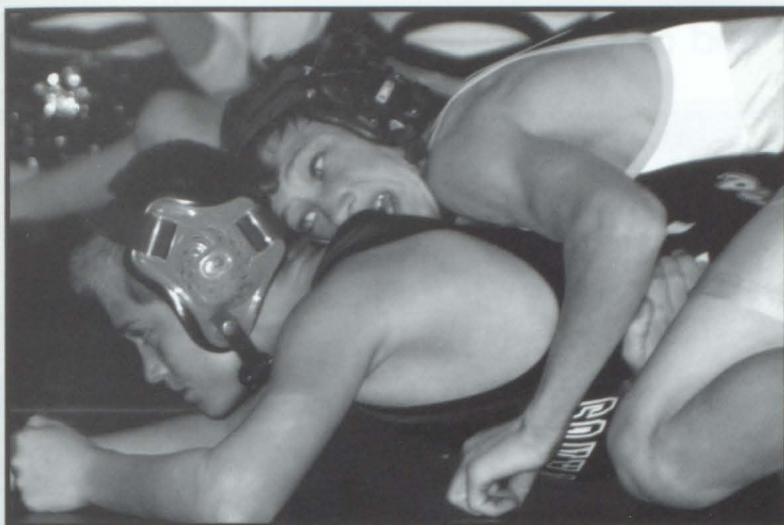
Jared Sutton



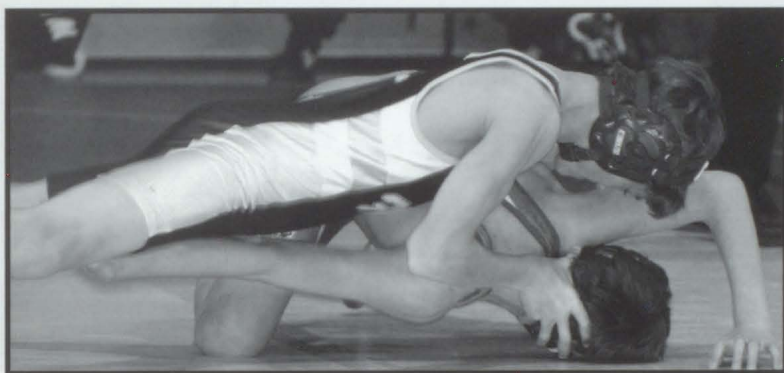
Trevor Dietrich



Sheldon Johnson



Freshman Cody Reed, above and below, finished 4th at the State B Wrestling Tournament.



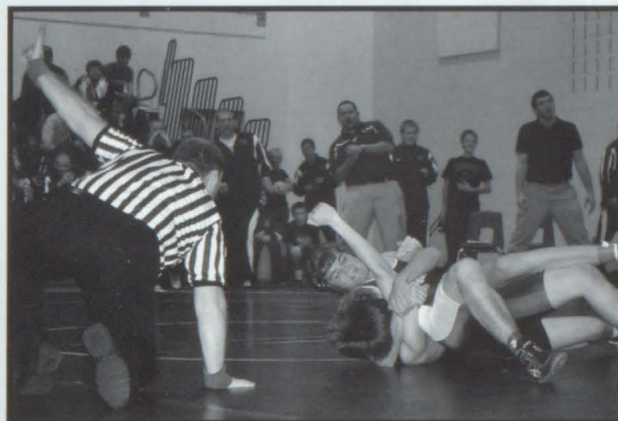
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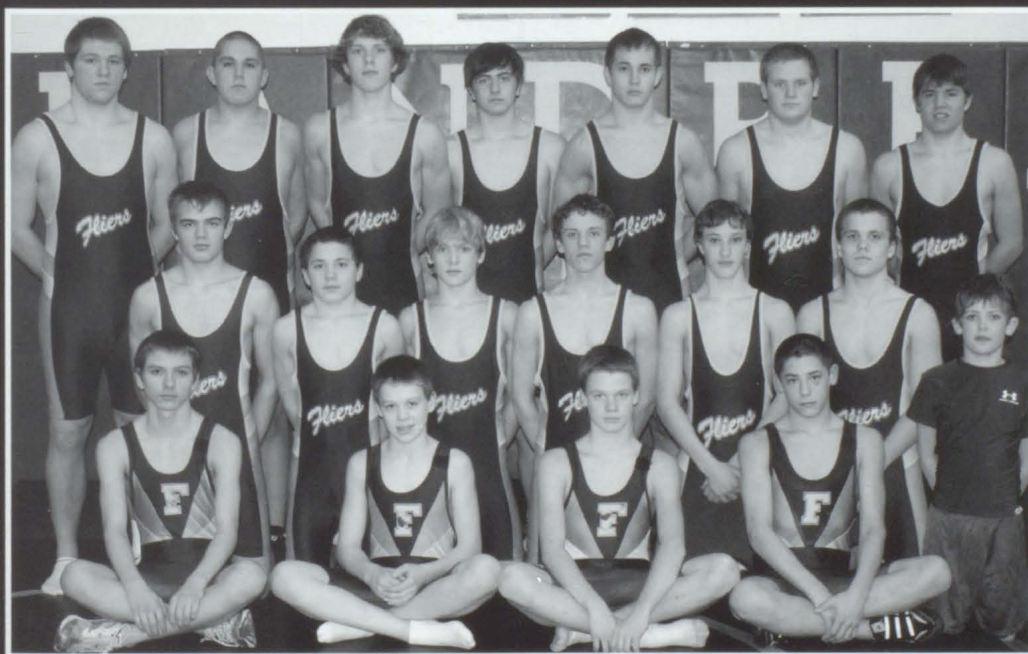
Cody Reed
~February~

"Cody has worked hard this season and has been a leader by example in practice. He recently finished 4th at the State B Wrestling Tournament at 103 pounds."

-Mr. Travis Ahrens



Above: Ethan Haugen holds his opponent in a head-lock to go on and win the match!



FHS 2008-2009 Wrestling Team

Back: Jordan Rusk, Jesse Simon, Ben Christensen, Chase Smith, Trevor Dietrich, Sheldon Johnson, Ethan Haugen
Middle: Michael Jopson, Jake Scofield, Tate Lacey, Jared Sutton, Cody Reed, Kyle Scofield, and Dylan Rice
Front: Cody Bietz, Jace Christiansen, Casey Johnson, Dakota Peterson



Jared Sutton

"When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."
-Franklin D. Roosevelt

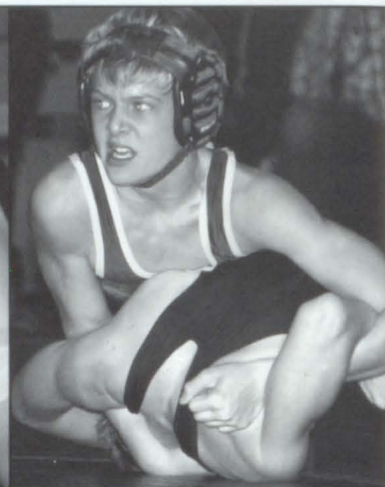
We were...

NIMBLE

"Wrestling is ballet with violence" was the quote Megan Johnson sported on the back of her t-shirt in support of our State wrestlers. Whether the guys like to admit it or not, that statement does have some truth in it. No, in no way does it mean that wrestlers are "girly." It means that they are swift, nimble, alert, and determination to keep fighting and bounce back from a defeat. That's what is needed from a great wrestler, and that is exactly what our team had.



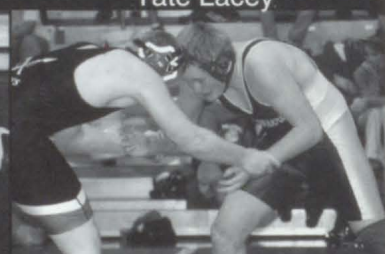
Trevor Dietrich



Tate Lacey



Tyrico Mason



Sheldon Johnson



Ben Chistensen



Jordan Rusk



Chase Smith

What do you think?

Q: What's the best part about Wrestling?



Jordan Rusk

"The one-on-one competition... Especially when you win!"



Ben Christensen

"Wrestling someone with a better record and beating them!"



Cody Reed

"The breakfasts that the parents make on Saturday morning after we weigh in!"

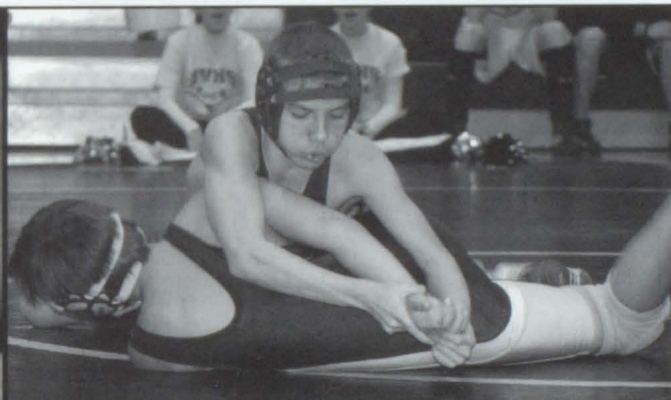


Jared Sutton

"Quads... You have the opportunity to wrestle each team and kids you usually know!"



Ethan Haugen



Cody Bietz



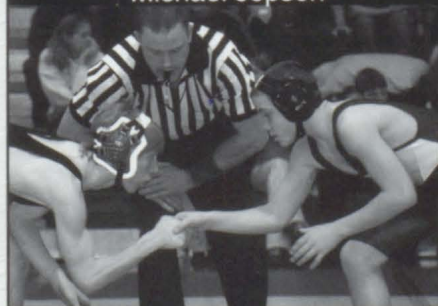
Michael Jopson



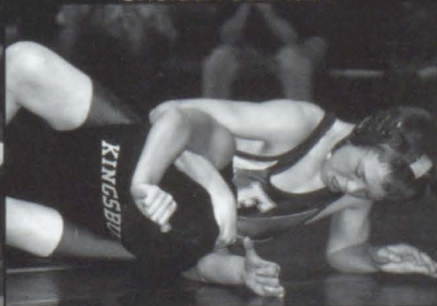
Sheldon Johnson



Ethan Haugen



Jacob Scofield



Jace Christiansen



Coach Ahrens

Kyle Scofield

Flier Golf

For the moment, we were ZEALOUS.

FHS



"As usual the weather played a large role again this year in our golf season as it got off to a late start. Even with the bad weather conditions we had to play in our kids continued to improve and work on their game. We saw improvement at all of our meets with the scores of many of the golfers dropping lower and lower with each meet. With the youth on the golf team this year it was important for our kids to get out and play in as many tournaments as we could to gain the experience. We will return all golfers next year and hope to pick up where we left off this season."

~Coach

Bass



2009 - GOLF SEASON

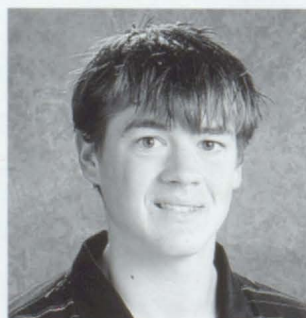
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Sioux Valley	Cancelled	
Hamlin	Cancelled	
Chester	Cancelled	
Garretson	3rd	Inc.
Dell Rapids	9th	Inc.
Hamlin	No points kept	
LC Conf.	4th	Inc.
Sioux Valley	6th	7th
Brandon	8th	Inc.
Regions	1 Boy Advanced	

What was most memorable?



Garrett Carr

"2nd Day of Golf .. We were in the armory swinging and Beuff throws his club and hits the roof."



Tyler Jones

"Half way back from Hamlin we realized Forrestte forgot his clubs and we had to go back and get them."



Garrett Carr



Tyler Jones



Forestte Taylor



Tyler Jones



Forestte Taylor

Student of the Month



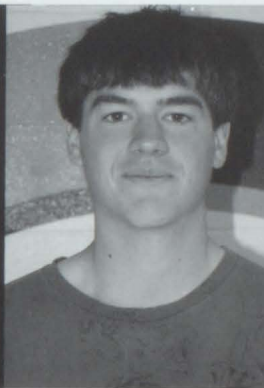
Payton Canku

~April~

"Payton has been very consistent and has really worked hard on her game this year."

-Mr. Eric Bass

Student of the Month



Tyler Jones

~April~

"Tyler has shown a lot of dedication and a very good work ethic. He has shown improvement throughout the season."

-Mr. Eric Bass



2009 Golf Team: Coach Bass, Mitchel Foster, Forestte Taylor, Makenna Thompson, Garrett Carr, KeAnn Lower, Tyler Jones, Payton Canku, Tyler Plecity



Tyler Jones

"Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course...the distance between your ears."

-Bobby Jones

Track & Field

For the moment, we were DILIGENT.

FHS



"We really had a fun season. We had a lot of successes on many levels and had a good season."

~Coach Stadem

"It was a great year with many meets at home and record setting performances. It was nice to see the numbers increase again."

~Coach Gappa



"I enjoyed watching the kids work hard to improve their times and distances."

~Coach Pettengill

"It was great to see the jumpers' personal records improve from meet to meet. Carter and Cassie both jumped well and had the opportunity to participate at the state meet."

~Coach Adolph



JR Hare

2009 - Track Season

	Boys	Girls
Vince Relays	Cancelled	
Quad	Cancelled	
Quad	No points kept	
Quad	No points kept	
Pipestone	No points kept	
Canton	5th	6th
Flandreau	Cancelled	
Hamlin	3rd	8th
Howard Wood	No points kept	
Sioux Valley	3rd	6th
Madison	6th	9th
LC Conf.	1st	4th
Last Chance	No points kept	
Region	5th	6th
State Meet	1 Boy & 4 Girls Advanced	



LLC Champs

Back: Joe Parsley, Brant Rose, Matt Ziebarth, Brandon Peters, Russ Hendrickson, Nic Behrens, Jordan Rusk, JR Hare, Jared Sutton
Seated: Spenser Foster, Carter Ahlers, Tony Ullom, Scott Sanderson



Tony Ullom



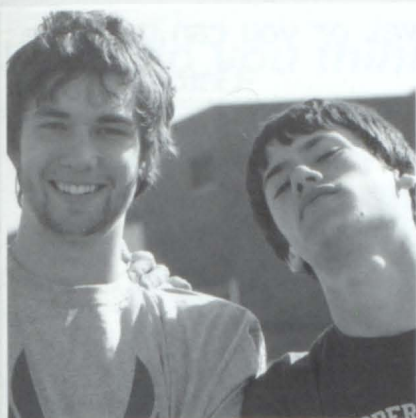
Betsy Knipping



Calla Duncan



Scott Sanderson



Russ Hendrickson, Luke Gassman



April Weber

Student of the Month



Amanda Farrell
~May~

"Amanda has worked to improve herself in all of her events. She is a hard worker that always does what is asked of her. She is fun to coach and always has a smile!"

-Mr. Chad Stadem



Anne Parsley



Cassie Feske

Student of the Month



Adam Stenger
~May~

"Adam works very hard and is so positive with his approach to all activities, that he is able to be successful. Adam consistently improves every track meet with Discus."

-Mr. Chad Stadem



2009 Track Team

Back: Carter Ahlers, Russell Hendrickson, Tony Ullom, Sy Flute, Cody Bietz, Skyler Early, JR Hare
3rd Row: Joe Parsley, Jared Sutton, Luke Gassman, Spenser Foster, Ryan Sutton, David Johanson, Sheldon Johnson, Hapi Flute Player
2nd Row: Jacob Sutton, Adam Stenger, Jordan Rusk, Brandon Peters, Nic Behrens, Tim Jones, Scott Sanderson, Brant Rose
Front: Betsy Knipling, Cassie Feske, Anne Parsley, MJ Ziebarth, Amanda Farrell, Brooke Relf, Nicole Veldkamp, Calla Duncan, Shelby Larson



Anne Parsley



Carter Ahlers, David Johanson, Coach Stadem, Scott Sanderson

Every runner has excuses, but a champion never uses them.

"You have a choice. You can throw in the towel, or you can use it to wipe the sweat off of your face."
-Gatorade ad

We were...

DARING

"It's very hard in the beginning to understand that the whole idea is not to beat the other runners. Eventually you learn that the competition is against the little voice inside you that wants you to quit."

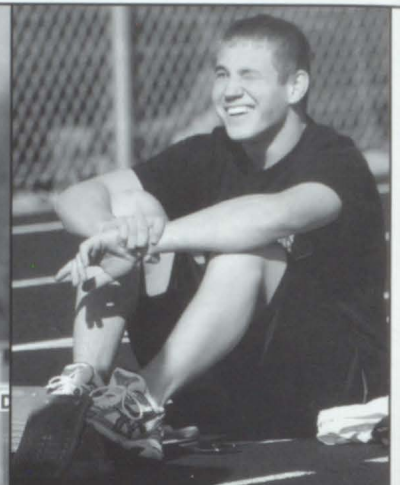
-George Sheehan

Track and Field is an interesting sport in the fact that there are so many activities to choose from.

Running,
jumping,
throwing...
everyone has something they can participate (and hopefully succeed) in.



Carter Ahlers



Trevor Dietrich



Teammates



MJ Ziebarth



Sheldon Johnson



Cassie Feske, Lea Clark



Alyssa Gunderson



Amanda Farrell, Anne Parsley



Tim Jones

What do you think?

Q: What did you accomplish this season?



Russ Hendrickson

"I had never cleared anything beyond 5'7 my whole life and this year i haven't jumped under that height ."



Sheldon Johnson

"Mr Gappa bet that I couldn't throw a 34 and I threw a 35 so he had to buy me a hot chocolate."



MJ Ziebarth

"I overcame my fear of messing up and making mistakes. I took risks and just threw."

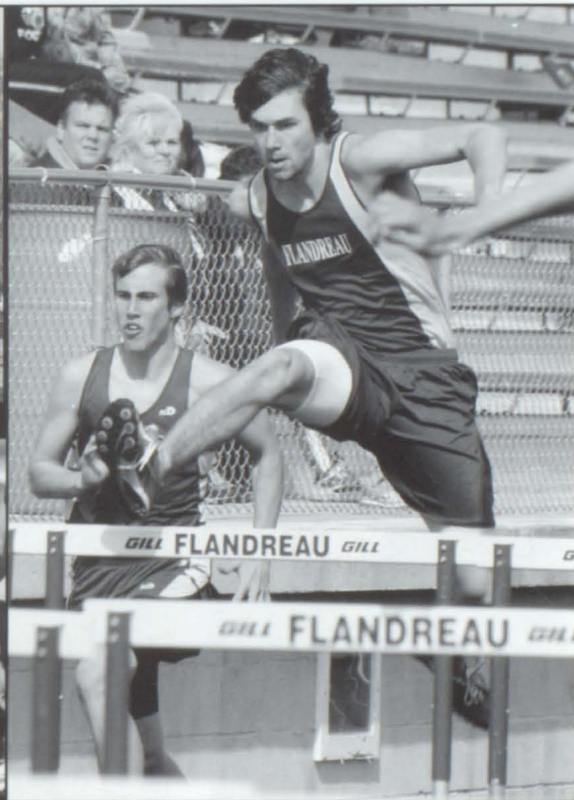


Amanda Farrell

"I overcame not being afraid of what I can do."



Russ Hendrickson



Russ Hendrickson



Cassie Feske



Ben Christensen, Trevor Dietrich



Nicole Veldkamp



Luke Gassman, Jared Sutton



Ashleigh Hare



Amanda Farrell

2008-2009

Activities



Tim Jones, Darylle Asuigui



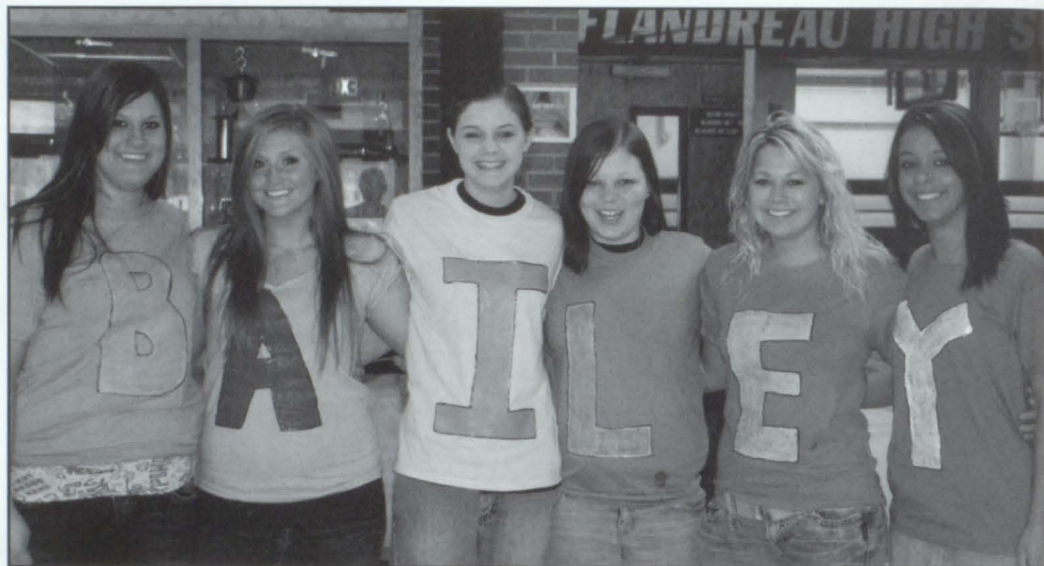
Mrs. Lewis



Bob Kooiman



All-School Play



Wrestling (or Bailey?!) Supporters Either way... Great art work girls.
Bailey Hagedorn, Alyssa Johnson, Kelli Powers, Lindsay Warner, Megan Johnson, M'Lynn Christensen

"Over the course of an average lifetime you meet a lot of people. Some of them stick with you through thick and thin, some weave their way through your life and disappear forever. But every once and awhile someone comes along who earns a permanent spot in your heart. "

-Anonymous

Natural Helpers/TATU

~Making our school a better place to learn~



Natural Helpers

Back: Skyler Earley, Ryan Sutton, Nic Behrens, Spenser Foster, Joe Parsley
Middle: Kristin Wiechers, Lexy Lunday, Bethany Ellefson, Ashleigh Hare
Front: Sandy Keating, Molly Rosheim, Crystal Hanson, Brittney Stephens, Shelby Larson

The members of the Natural Helpers and TATU team worked extremely hard to make Flandreau Public Schools a better place. Natural Helpers spent at least one Study Hall per week going down to the Elementary School to help out individual children, or even whole classes. They could read with the kids, help them with math, play games, or even just talk. Either way, the Elementary students enjoyed the help and company, and looked forward to seeing the High Schoolers each week.

TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use) was comprised of mostly the same students in Natural Helpers, so it was set up for definite success. The students set up at sporting events with a good mind set, startling information, free goodies, and Bethany Ellefson running around in the "Ciggy Butts" costume. They did an excellent job at making the public aware of the dangers of tobacco use.



Jacob Sutton



Skyler Earley



Kelli Powers, Bailey Hagedorn

"A good objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better."

-Jim Rohn

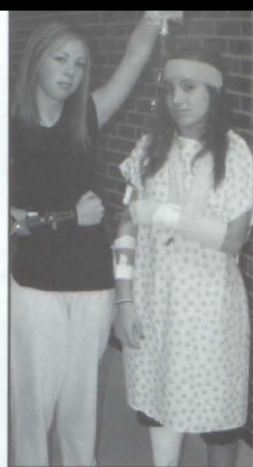
HOMECOMING

2008 Homecoming Royalty

Bailey Hagedorn
Betsy Knippling
Adam Stenger
Scott Sanderson
M'Lynn Christensen
Elissa Wiese
Ryan Sutton
Sy Flute



Mr. Gappa



Jessica Eng, April Weber



Jessica Damm,
Brittany Stephens,
RaShane Rubideaux,
Brittany Nelson



Bob Kooiman



Brendan LaBatte, Ethan Haugen, Jacob Johanson



Daniel Wiechers



Russell Hendrickson



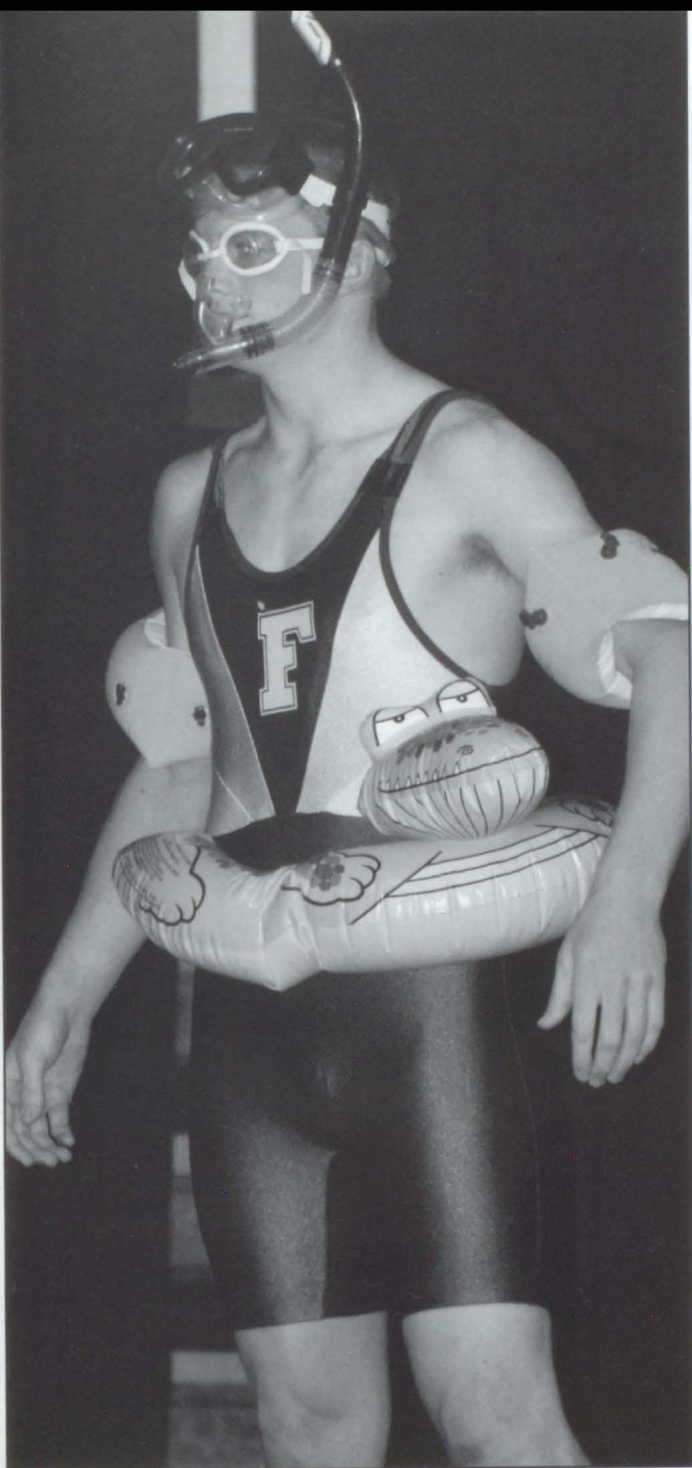
Michaela Doyle, Hayley Burggraff,
Molly Schulte, Kayla McMahon



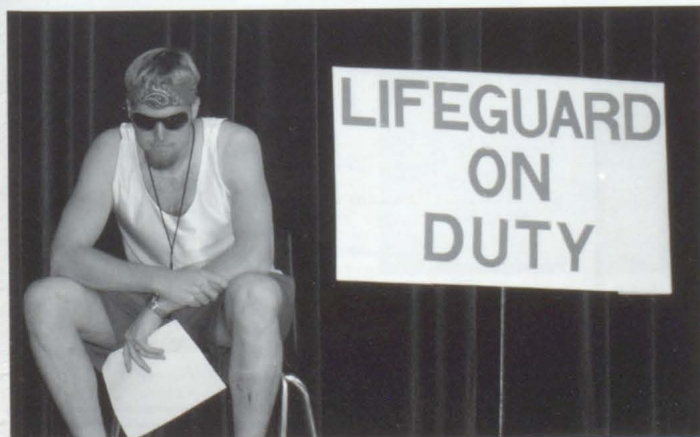
Bethany Ellefson



Bailey Hagedorn,
Megan Johnson



Adam Stenger - Scooba Steve



Mr. Gappa - Greatest skit EVER!

Memories...

What was most memorable about Homecoming this year?

**Sandy Keating,
Molly Rosheim**

"Sandy and I getting 'Pumped Up' for the Hans and Franz skit. Thanks Nicole for taping sheets to us!!"

~Molly Rosheim



**Zack Schulte &
Ethan Haugen**



Kayla McMahon

"Best part about Homecoming is watching all the skits! What they don't think of?!?"



**Russ Hendrickson,
Tyler Jones**

"How can I forget the game!"



Homecoming Games

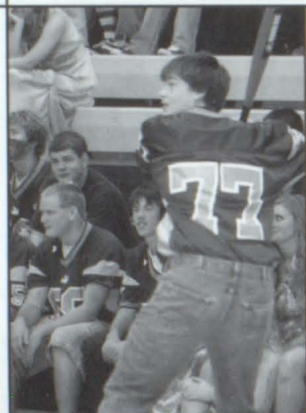
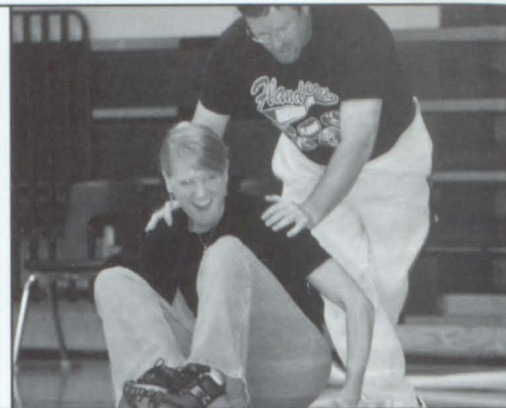


<<Pie Eating Contest

Mr. Ahrens dives into his first bite.

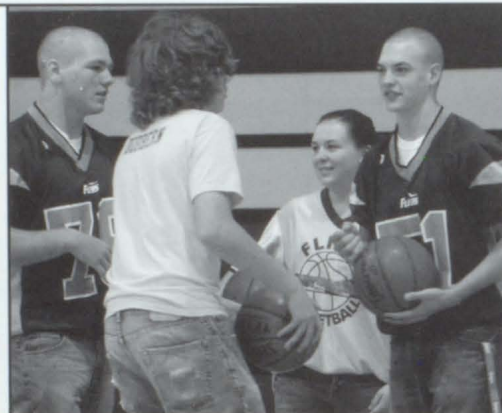
Scooter Race >>

Mr. Foster and Ms. Fischer race around the course.



<< Baseball

Tyler Jones winds up for a power-swing.



<< Basketball Shootout

Jordan Rusk, Tanner Dibbern, Amy Taylor, Brandon Peters exchange a little harmless "smack talk" session before beginning.



<< 3-Legged Race>>

Mr. Weber and Mr. Foster "skip" towards the finish line.

RaShane Roubideaux and Cody Bietz seem to be having some trouble.



Egg Toss >>

M'Lynn Christensen winds up for an example throw.



Alka-Seltzer Game



Taylor Brehmer-Boone



Bob Kooiman



Mr. Weight



Jesse Simon

Homecoming Parade



<< Sophomore Float

Michael Jopson,
Molly Schulte

Junior Float >>

Kenny Davis,
Jordan Voneye,
Kayla Schipper,
Michael Roy,
Cody Jorgensen,
Taylor Brehmer



Volleyball>> Float

Kaitlyn Latham,
Kyndall Latham,
Kayla Uilk,
Amy Taylor,
Jessica Eng,
April Weber



Faculty Float >>

Mrs. Lewis
"Going for the Gold."



<< Freshmen Float

Mae Allen, Meryl Nelson

FHS Royalty >>

Ryan Sutton, Scott Sanderson,
Elissa Wiese, MJ Ziebarth,
M'Lynn Christensen,
Skyler Earley,
Bailey Hagedorn
Not pictured: Sy Flute



Favorite Homecoming Activity...



"The Homecoming Dance... most of my friend were there and the music was all loud."

~Mae Allen



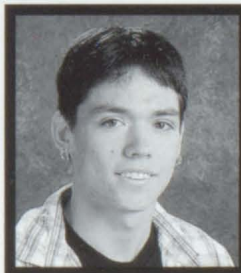
"The homecoming dance was awesome!!! I loved it because all of us were dancing and having fun."

~Meryl Nelson



"My favorite event was the football game when we killed Tea 54 - 8"

~Nic Behrens



"The student council games. They are always fun for seniors! We played totally fair!"

~Skyler Earley



"The lifeguard skit at Little Orpheum, Gappa did good."

~Tyler Tiedeman

FFA

**"True contentment is a thing as active as agriculture.
It is the power of getting out of any situation all that there
is in it. It is arduous and it is rare."**

-G.K. Chesterton

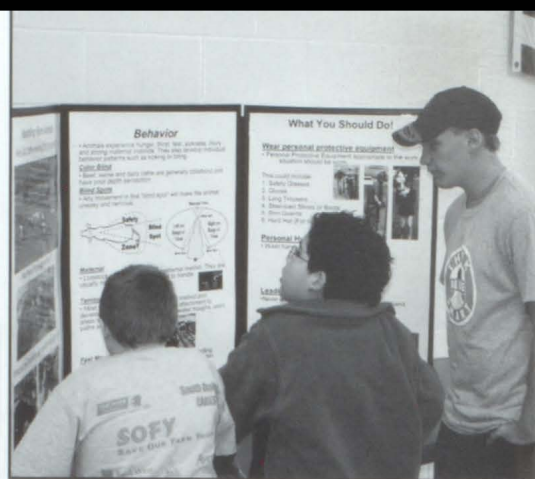


1. Class Officers: MJ Ziebarth, Jacob Johanson, Ben Johnson, Joshua Strohfus, Jacob Sutton, Jared Sutton

2. Jordan Voneye does some welding work.

3. MJ Ziebarth, Jacob Johanson, Jacob Sutton

4. Jacob Sutton, Ben Johnson, MJ Ziebarth, Joshua Strohfus, Jacob Johanson, Kyle Kramer, Jared Sutton



Ben Johnson assists with Ag projects teaching middle school students.



Mr. Josh Christiansen assists Tyler Tiedeman with a project.



Trevor Dietrich tends to the breezeway landscaping.



Ryan Sutton, M'Lynn Christensen



Jared Sutton, Jake Johanson, April Weber



Megan Johnson, Miranda Wilts



Ben Johnson, Carter Ahlers, April Weber



Jared Sutton, Megan Johnson, MJ Ziebarth, Kelli Powers, Bailey Hagedorn



Jared Sully



Joey Moore



Jordan VonEye



FFA members, Ethan Haugen, Jacob Johanson, and Joey Moore, dish up ice cream for Aaron Fisherman in the lobby over lunch hour.

Ag Olympics

What can you create with an empty egg carton, string, pencils, and an empty toilet paper roll? Nothing really useful, but the Freshmen claimed theirs was a plane, the Seniors' was a boat, and the Faculty's was a mind control device. There are always fun times to be had when the Ag Olympics roll around. The agricultural events are a blast, but the definite favorite is the Wheelbarrow Race. Nothing gets your adrenaline flowing like speeding around the gym, hoping you don't fall out...



Joshua Strohfus

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



Adam Stenger - Meats Judging



Ethan Haugen - Equine



Adam Stenger, Sheldon Johnson



Ben Johnson



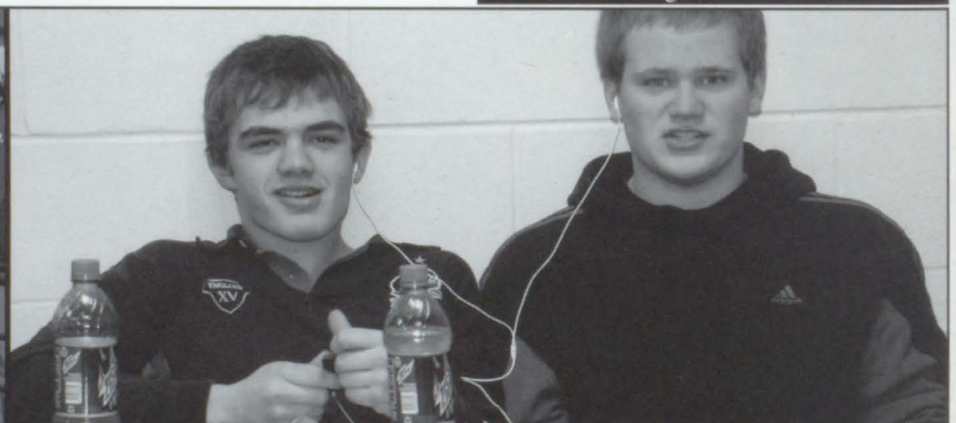
MJ Ziebarth



Jacob Sutton



Josh Strohfus - Swine Judging



Michael Jopson, Sheldon Johnson



Jake Johanson



Ethan Haugen



Jared Sutton

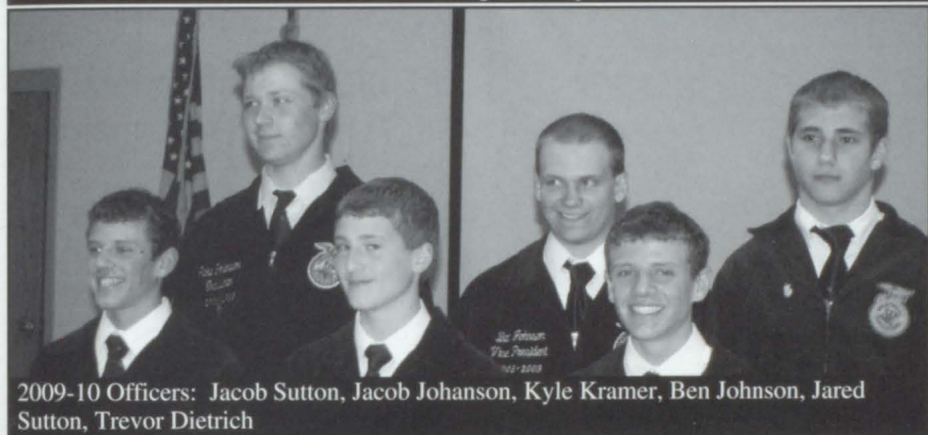
FFA Week: Drive an Ag Vehicle to School Day!



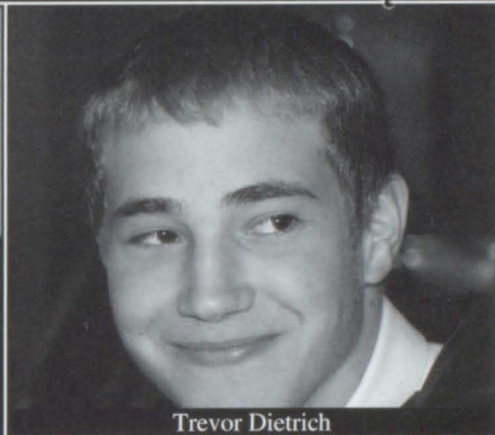
Green Hand Degree Recipients



MJ Ziebarth - Retiring Officer



2009-10 Officers: Jacob Sutton, Jacob Johanson, Kyle Kramer, Ben Johnson, Jared Sutton, Trevor Dietrich



Trevor Dietrich



MJ Ziebarth & Adam Stenger - Scholarship Winners



Administration enjoy FFA banquet.



FFA Chapter Members: Adam Stenger, Trevor Dietrich, Ben Johnson, Ethan Haugen, Cody Reed, Josh Strohfus, Jacob Johanson, Ben Christensen Middle Row: Jared Sutton, Kyle Kramer, Casey Johnson, Bobby Johanson, Jacob Sutton, State Officer Trent Thompson, State Officer Shad Christman Front Row: MJ Ziebarth, KeAnn Lower, Lea Clark, Leslie Clark, Kelby Mittan, Advisor Josh Christiansen



Jacket Winners: Tyler Tiedeman, Jacob Johanson, Cody Reed, Ethan Haugen

FCCLA

Flandreau FCCLA 2008-09 Activities

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) had a busy and fun year. Working VB concessions gave chapter members experience working with the public, handling money, and earning points for activities later on during the year. Nine students attended the fall Rally in Dell Rapids and four attended Leadership Training in Huron in October. They planned a Spooky Event for 28 middle and high school students on October 28, 2008.

Ashleigh Hare spent 6 weeks in Japan as an exchange student, living with a host family in Yokohama. She gave a 30 minute presentation at the district and state meeting with audiences of over 30 students discussing how to apply, requirements, and her experiences overseas. Crystal Hanson competed in district and state STAR Events besides taking an active part in planning fun activities for middle and high school students. Brittney N Stephens and Darylle Asuigui were active in district events as well as participating as seniors in playing VB against the teachers in March 2009. The Penny Wars brought in over \$250 for the local Breadbasket so they could restock their shelves. A spring social was planned where HS members ate Chinese food and then watched a movie in Brookings. After the state meeting, attendees visited the Falls Art Museum and the Minnehaha Court House Museum.

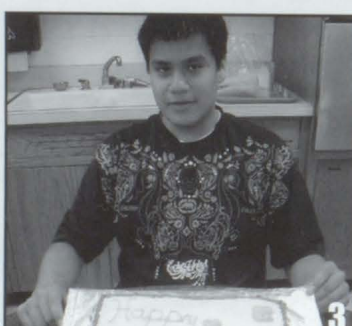
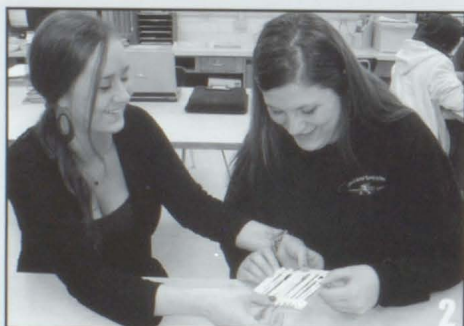
FCCLA is a student led organization for all students who have enrolled in any FACS course. The main focus is to strengthen the family, explore careers and improve their community with service-learning activities.



Daniel Pank shows off his master piece created in the Foods lab.



Student teacher and Dylan Peters plan a culinary delight with that pepper.



Mrs. Weatherly and Devin Drapeau show off the text for the Foods class.

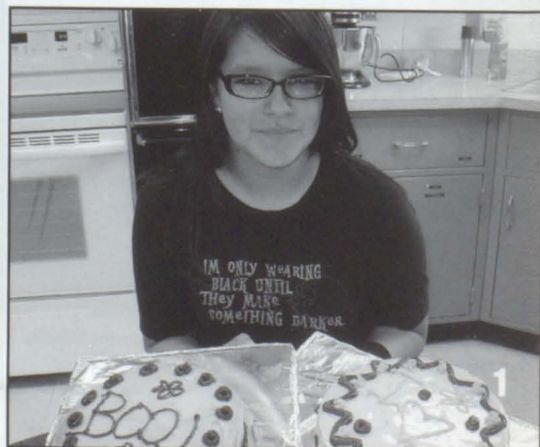


1. Ande Demarrias-Bietz - Cake Decorating (bottom-right)

3. Amos Jones - Foods class

2. Brooke Johanson, Bailey Hagedorn - Relationships Building

4. FCCLA: Daniel Pank, Ashleigh Hare, Brittney Stephens, Darylle Asuigui, Daniel Wiechers, Crystal Hanson





Trevor Dietrich has the right idea. Who cares how it looks? It's all about the taste!



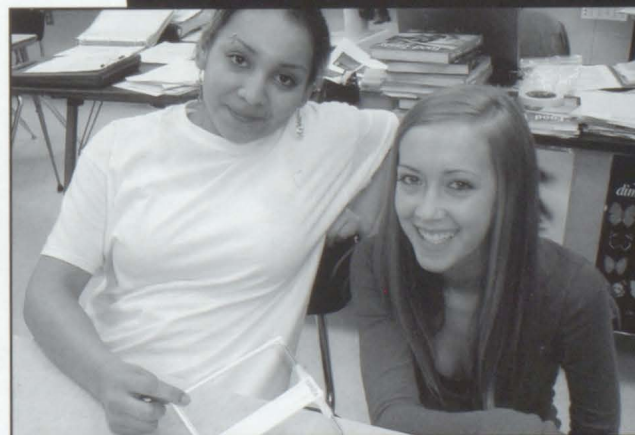
Samantha Williams preparing the fixings for great shishkabobs.

When baking, follow directions.
When cooking, go by your own taste.

~Laiko Bahrs



Brittney Stephens shows you the Child Development baby on his best behavior!



LaTia Roubideaux and Mo Wilts -
Relationship building exercise.

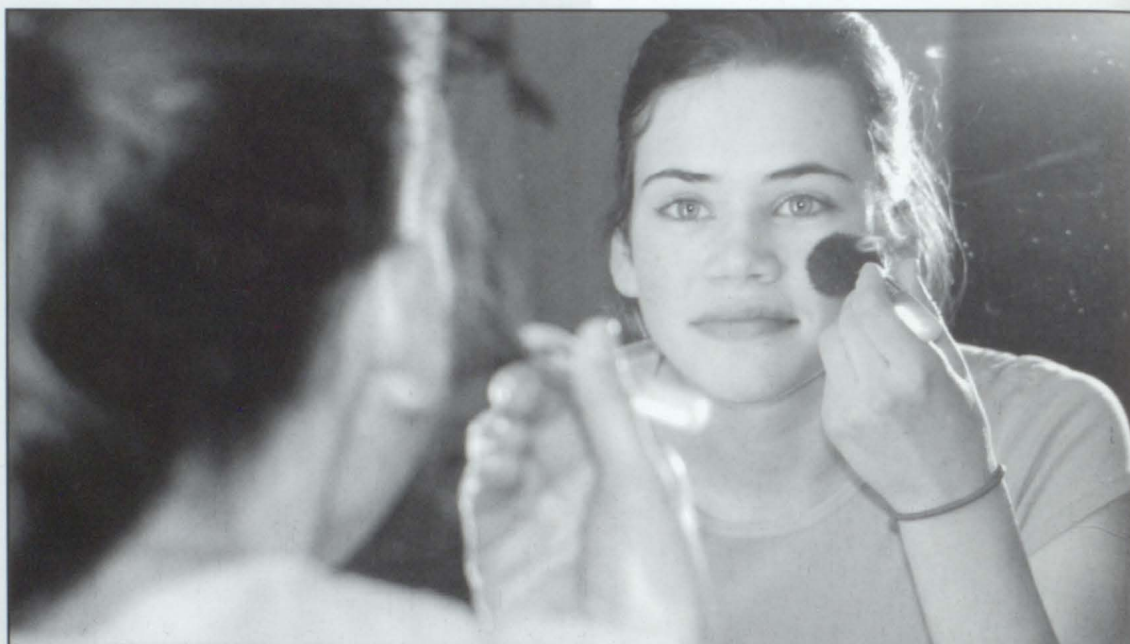
ONE-ACT PLAY



Daniel Wiechers

"15 Reasons NOT to be in a Play"

By Alan Heinel



Sandy Keating



Payton Canku and Jacob Sutton



Molly Rosheim having an emotional meltdown over programs.



Payton Canku and Sandy Keating griping about their bunions and arthritis.



Cast: Michaela Doyle, Lindsay Warner, Sandy Keating, Payton Canku, Bethany Ellefson, Jacob Sutton, Molly Rosheim, Ryan Sutton, Scott Sanderson, Adam Stenger

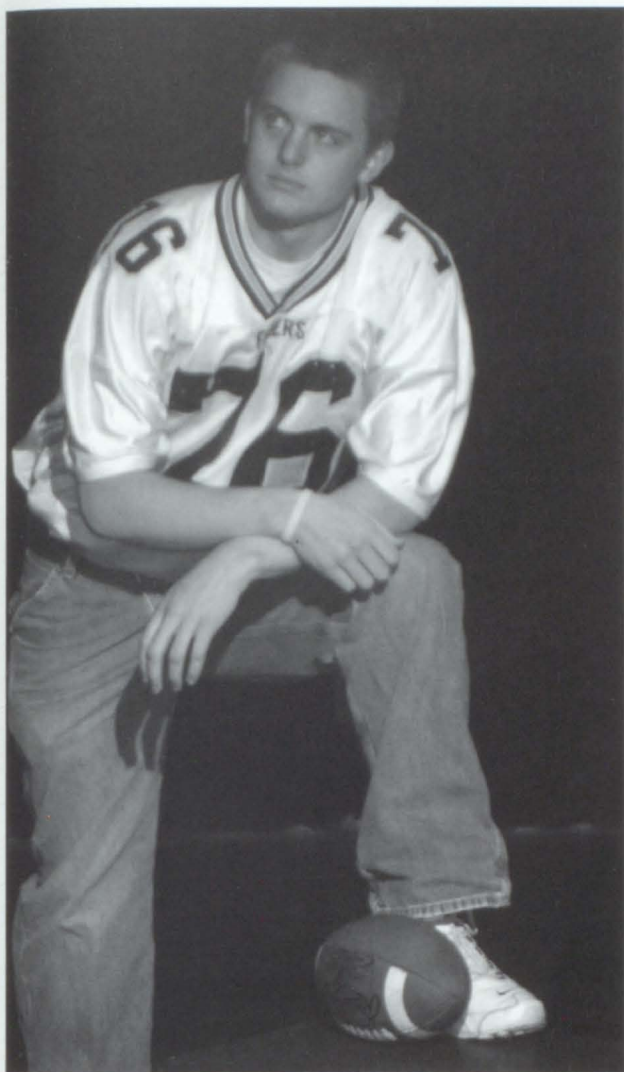


Lindsay Warner dolling up Adam Stenger for his acting debut.



Kristi Fischer, Director

For the moment...we were *ridiculous!*



"The best reason to be in a play is so you can stand on a box and have all the ladies woo over you!"
-Adam Stenger, 12



Lyndsay Warner, Bethany Ellefson, Molly Rosheim



Molly Rosheim
~January~

"Molly earned an Outstanding Actor Award at the Region IV One-Act Play Contest. Her energy and positive spirit shine both on and off stage."

-Ms. Kristi Fischer

Favorites of the Cast and Crew

Sandy Keating



Favorite Character

"Sandy's 'mom' character is what I hope she will be like someday. Mom's jeans and all."

-Lindsay Warner, 9

Sandy Keating,
Bethany Ellefson,
Jacob Sutton



Favorite Character

"I like Miss Griswold because Bethany pulled it off so well and made the character come alive."

- Michaela Doyle, 10

Jacob Sutton,
Ryan Sutton

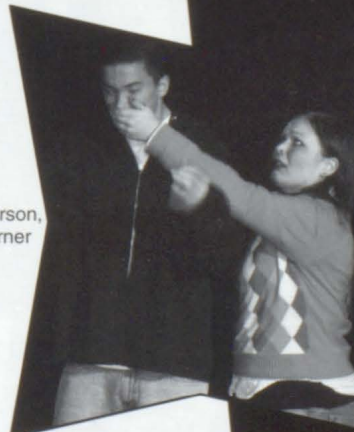


Behind the Scenes

"I was getting ready for my scene as the weatherman, and my right arm got caught in the lining of my jacket. I had to go on left-handed. The show must go on!"

- Jacob Sutton, 9

Scott Sanderson,
Lyndsay Warner



Best Acting

"I think Scott related to his part the best, because he isn't a big play guy!"

- Adam Stenger, 12

ALL-SCHOOL PLAY

"Miss Nelson is MISSING!"

By Harry Allard



1



2



3



4

1. Molly Rosheim in her role as sweetheart but pushover, Miss Nelson.

3. Adam Stenger and Tyler Plecity run the lights.

2. Lindsay Warner and Sandy Keating run lines one last time before curtain.

4. Molly Rosheim as Miss Swamp cracks down on this unruly class.



Dan Wiechers, Kelli Powers



Michaela Doyle, Bethany Ellefson



Bethany Ellefson, Bailey Hagedorn

"One way we can enliven the imagination is to push it toward the illogical. We're not scientists. We don't always have to make the logical, reasonable leap."

-Stella Adler

BEST Reasons to be in a Play...



M'Lynn Christensen



Nicole Veldkamp,
Brooke Relf



Dan Wiechers



Becki Landgren, Director



Brittany Nelson



Molly Rosheim



Michaela Doyle, Bethany
Ellefson, Bailey Hagedorn,
Jacob Sutton, Sandy Keating



Molly Rosheim



Bailey Hagedorn, Dan Wiechers, Jacob Sutton, Kelli Powers



"Acting allows you to step outside your comfort zone, so people can see how outgoing and talented you can really be."

-Bethany Ellefson, 12



"The best reason is the experience of being around all the other actors, and getting to put on a show for the audience, while you have fun doing it."

-Jacob Sutton, 9



"The opportunity to get to be up on stage and be a completely different person for a little while, getting to hang out with an amazing cast, and just all-around having fun."

-Michaela Doyle, 10

Sandy Keating



"You get to do really stupid stuff...It's probably the best reason to be in a play."

-Lindsay Warner, 10

2008-09

Oral Interp

Student of the Month



Lindsay Warner
~November~
"Lindsay was ready to step in at a moment's notice to support her teammates. Her love of Oral Interp shone through."
-Mrs. Jessica Lewis

I know what you're thinking. Reading from a paper...that must be SO hard. Well, no, reading is not hard, but doing it while trying to captivate the audience takes talent, which this year's Oral Interp team had an abundance of. The performances varied greatly, from Reader's Theatre with "Are You My Mother?" to Dan Wiechers, Brittney Stephens, and Kristin Wiechers arguing in "The Chocolate Affair", everyone's talent shone through. Performances weren't the only highlights though. The downtime at competitions was also a time where we could all let loose and be our hilarious and crazy selves.



FHS Regions Oral Interp Team
Lindsay Warner, Coach Lewis, Kristin Wiechers, Amanda Farrell
Front: Bethany Ellefson, Sandy Keating, Molly Rosheim



Amanda Farrell, Molly Rosheim



Bethany Ellefson, Sandy Keating, Lindsay Warner, Amanda Farrell, Molly Rosheim



State Qualifiers: Lindsay Warner, Sandy Keating, Molly Rosheim



Kayla McMahon, Hayley Burggraff, Jacob Sutton



Dan Wiechers, Brittney Stephens, Kristin Wiechers



FHS Oral Interpers: Hayley Burggraff, Brittney Stephens, Dan Wiechers, Kayla McMahon, Lindsay Warner, Sandy Keating, Amanda Farrell, Coach Lewis, Molly Rosheim, Bethany Ellefson, Kristin Wiechers, Jacob Sutton

NHS

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."
~Anonomous

National Honor Society

2009

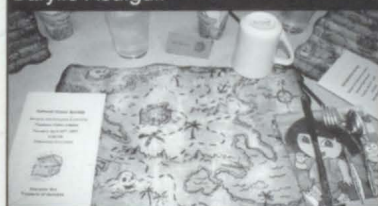


Sophomores Lindsay Warner and Luke Gassman wait tables, including Darylle Asuigui.



FHS 2008-09 National Honor Society

Back: Skyler Earley, Scott Sanderson, Ryan Sutton
Third: Bethany Ellefson, Betsy Knippling, Ashleigh Hare
Second: Lexy Lunday, Amanda Farrell, Anne Parsley, Nicole Veldkamp
Front: Sandy Keating, Molly Rosheim, Elissa Wiese, Darylle Asuigui



"Discover the Treasure of Success"

"It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts..it is to teach them to think, if that is possible, and always to think for themselves."
-Robert Hutchins

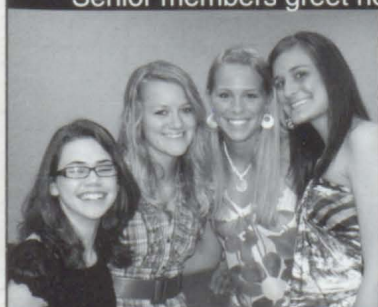
The Senior members of National Honor Society were proud to welcome in the new Junior members to recognize their hard work and accomplishments. With pirate-themed place settings and a delicious meal, the members and their families celebrated their academic success and accomplishments.



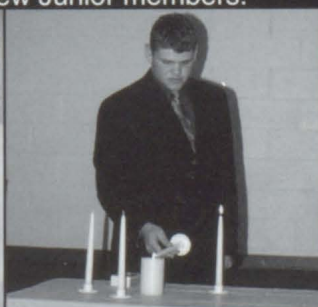
Senior members greet new Junior members.



Lexy Lunday, Molly Rosheim



Sandy Keating, Amanda Farrell, Anne Parsley, Nicole Veldkamp



Ryan Sutton



Molly Rosheim

PROM 2009

"Prom as a whole was great...but it would have been better if it had been all in the same night. I was ecstatic to be crowned Prom Queen, and the make-up dance was a blast, even though not many people were able to show up due to track meets and other conflicts."
~Bethany Ellefson



1. Prom King Ryan Sutton & Queen Bethany Ellefson

2. Amy Taylor & Jessica Eng

3. April Weber & Carter Ahlers
4. Spenser Foster, Brant Rose, Jordan Rusk, Brandon Peters, Scott Sanderson, Russell Hendrickson, Carter Ahlers



Adam Stenger & Cassie Feske



Hepi Flute Player & Payton Canku



Luke Gassman & Nicole Veldkamp



Spenser Foster & Sandy Keating



Taking a stretch Hummer Limo as your ride for Prom in a blizzard... Really was a STRETCH! Kudos to the driver for the safe trip.



Megan Johnson & Ryan Warner

Tyler Crantz & Dabbi Faulk

Joe BigLeggins & Samantha Williams



Michael Jopson & Bailey Hagedorn



Dan Wiechers & Lawren M.



Derek Amdahl & Melanie Bearheals



Brandon Peters & Anne Parsley



RaShane Roubideaux & Ashleigh Hare



Kelli Powers & Brad Farrell



Tanner Dibbern & Molly Rosheim



Elissa Wiese & Kyle Entringer

THEME:

"Midnight in Manhattan"

Dressin Up

What about that blizzard on Prom night?

Vine Drapeau

"What a night!"



Nicole Veldkamp & Amanda Farrell

"The snow definitely made for a very memorable prom! Having the dance and after-prom canceled was not cool! but the snow was totally different from what I expected for the day. I think we made the best of it, though. We all had a good time in the limo going out to eat, especially since our limo ride to and from Sioux Falls took FOREVER because the roads were so bad! We ended up pulling an all-nighter at April's eating lots of food and playing Wii the whole night...definitely a prom that I won't forget!"

~Nicole Veldkamp



MJ Ziebarth

"Prom was very interesting this year with the blizzard but we still managed to have a good time."



FHS BAND

"I'm not
going to tell
a joke...

OK, here's a
tasty one!"

~Mr. Weight



1. Brittany Stephens

2. Bethany Ellefson, Jacob Sutton,
Brittany Stephens

3. Nic Behrens on bass drum.

4. FHS Band's street routine.



Homecoming Field Show: Jared Sutton, Crystal
Hanson, Josh Strohbus, Bob Kooiman, Sam Schmidt



FHS Band Field Show



Honors Band: Bethany Ellefson, Brittany Stephens,
Hayley Burggraaf



Tanner Dibbern leads the football fans with a little noise.



FHS Marching Band leads the Homecoming Parade.

"In the great school of life, all halls
lead to the band room"

~Anonymous

Our Sound...

Darylle Asuigui

"Band is an experience
you'll never regret. I love
pumping up the crowd
with our pep-band
music."

Bob Hoffman

"Marching band is
always good. As a
group, we add our
own style."

Hayley Burggraff

"I love the competitions...
playing my solo,
ensembles and listening to
the other schools play."

Mr. Weight

"The band was great this
year. They worked hard,
played hard and never
cease to amaze me with
how crazy they could act
at 7:30 on a Saturday
morning. Break it down!"

We were...MUSICAL!



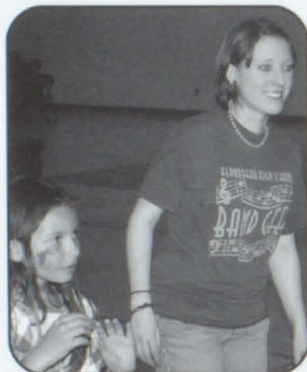
Josh Strohfus, Hayley Burggraff, Michaela Doyle



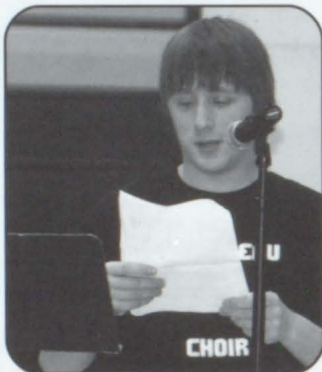
Wind Section



Junior, Bob Hoffman



Bethany Ellefson



Bob Hoffman



Jacob Sutton



Nic Behrens, Tanner Dibbern



Pops Concert

Student of the Month



Darylle Asuigui
~March~

"Darylle is an excellent clarinetist and has been a major contributor to our band's success this year. She is well prepared for class as well as lessons, and acts as a stable force in our woodwind section."
-Mr. Pat Weight

Student of the Month



Hayley Burggraff
~December~

"Hayley is an excellent flautist and a leader in her section. She goes the extra mile by auditioning for All-State Band and participating in solo competitions. She sets a great example for what an outstanding band member should be."
-Mr. Pat Weight



Senior Band Students: Darylle Asuigui, Bethany Ellefson, Crystal Hanson, Ashleigh Hare



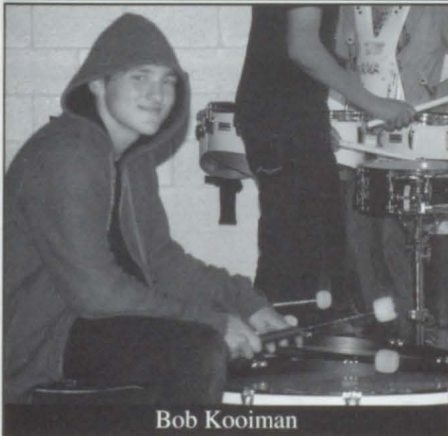
Brooke Relf, Sandy Keating



Spring Concert - Flute Section



Alyssa Gunderson - Band Carnival



Bob Kooiman



Kristin Wiechers and Darylle Asuigui sell Band Carnival tickets.

Pep Band



Shannon Van Liere, Bethany Ellefson, Justin Lacey, Dane Asuigui



Michaela Doyle, Cassie Feske, Molly Schulte



Mr. Weight and his legacy concert jokes!

FHS VOCAL



Flandreau High School Girls Choir

Back: Donna Long, Ravae Redhorn, Bethany Ellefson, Michaela Doyle, Ande Demarrias-Bietz, Brittany Stephens
Middle: Brittney Stephens, Lexy Lunday, Molly Rosheim, Anne Parsley, Brooke Relf, Seren Bianas
Front: Amanda Farrell, Kayla McMahon, Molly Schulte, Jessica Eng, Amy Taylor, Doreen Dickey



Ande Demarrias-Bietz, Sam Schmidt, Molly Schulte



Kayla McMahon, Amy Taylor



Molly Rosheim, Lexy Lunday



2008 All-State Chorus Members

Jacob Sutton, Bob Hoffman, Bethany Ellefson, Michaela Doyle, Kayla McMahon, Ande Demarrias-Bietz, Bob Kooiman and Sam Schmidt

Student of the Month



Bethany Ellefson
~October~

"Bethany is a great example to the younger Choir members. She is always at All-State practice on time, and displays a great attitude even when she is tired, and creates a positive environment for those around her."

-Ms. Tara Pfeiffer

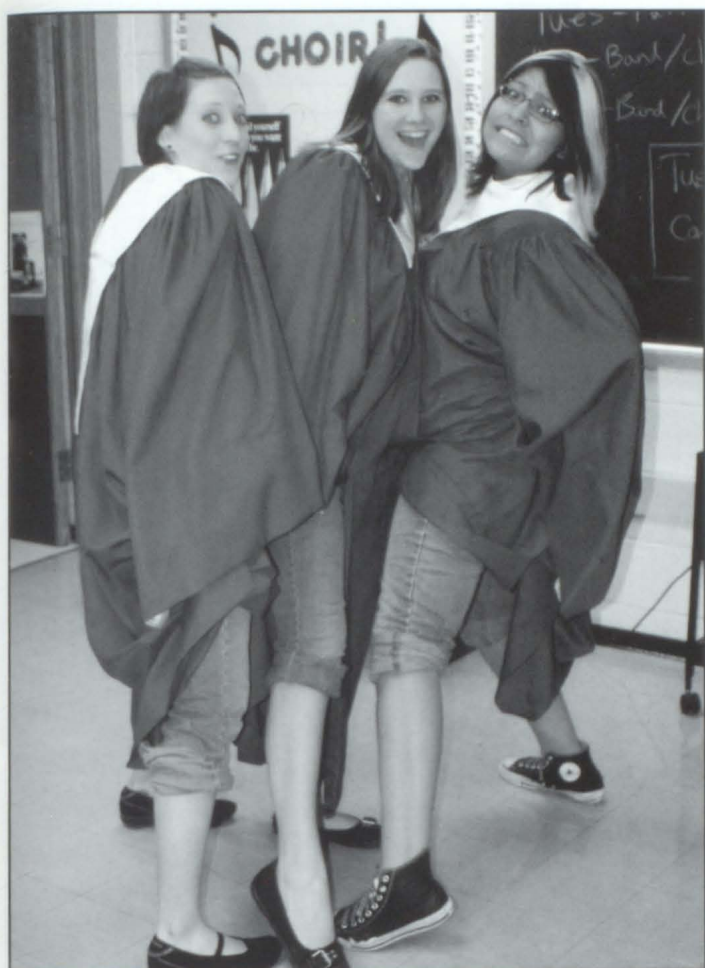
Student of the Month



Ravae Redhorn
~February~

"Ravae works hard during every rehearsal and takes her music home to practice. She has shown great improvement throughout the year, and always shows excitement about learning."

-Ms. Tara Pfeiffer



Bethany Ellefson, Michaela Doyle, Brittany Stephens



Kayla McMahon, Bethany Ellefson, Brittany Stephens, Michaela Doyle



Director Ms. Pfeiffer takes seniors Ravae Redhorn, Brittney Stephens, Bethany Ellefson and Brittany Stephens to Minneapolis for dinner, a Broadway show, and a little shopping.

"I don't sing because I'm happy; I'm happy because I sing."

~William James

Gotta love it...

What about chorus?



Amanda Farrell

"I love to come to chorus because I know that I am welcome there and that I will most likely have a fun way to start off my day :)"



Molly Rosheim

"I love to come to chorus because Ms. Pfeiffer challenges us and gets us to sing new things that we normally wouldn't."



Michaela Doyle

"It's something I'm very passionate about and Ms. Pfeiffer helps out a lot with the techniques and the skills I need to become better."



Sam Schmidt

"Goin to All-State was my great achievement and 'Tres Navitos' was my favorite piece. It was interesting and fun to sing."

Faculty Talent Show

The Staff of Flandreau Public Schools decided to shake off their teacher disguises and show the community their other talents for the 1st Annual Faculty Talent Show.

Throughout the night, the participants played instruments, sang, acted, and shared an abundance of bad jokes (courtesy of Tara Pfeiffer, Pat Weight, and Brendan Streitz.) Even if they weren't all that funny, the community had a blast watching the showcase, and was already looking forward to next year's show. But above all, the proceeds went to the Backpack Program, assuring community children weekend meals.



Winner: Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Wiese (not pictured)
Runners Up: Spice Girls - Mrs. Korman, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. McMillan and Ms. Fischer



Mrs. Lewis, Interpretive Reading



Mr. Weight & friend, Matt Diisher - Trumpet/Trombone Duet



Mrs. Korman, Mr. Christiansen



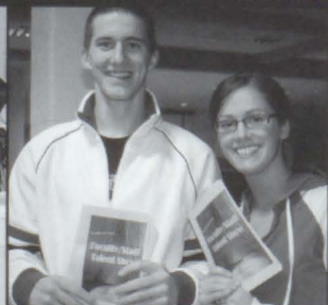
Ms. Pfeiffer



Spice Girls: Mrs. Korman, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. McMillan and Ms. Fischer



Betsy Knippling, MJ Ziebarth



Scott Sanderson, Elissa Wiese



Mr. Haugen, Interp Reading

We have talent...



Mrs. Ellingson played an enjoyable prelude to the show.



Mr. Streitz, MC of the 1st Annual Faculty Talent Show, rivalled Mr. Weight with his AMAZING sense of humor.

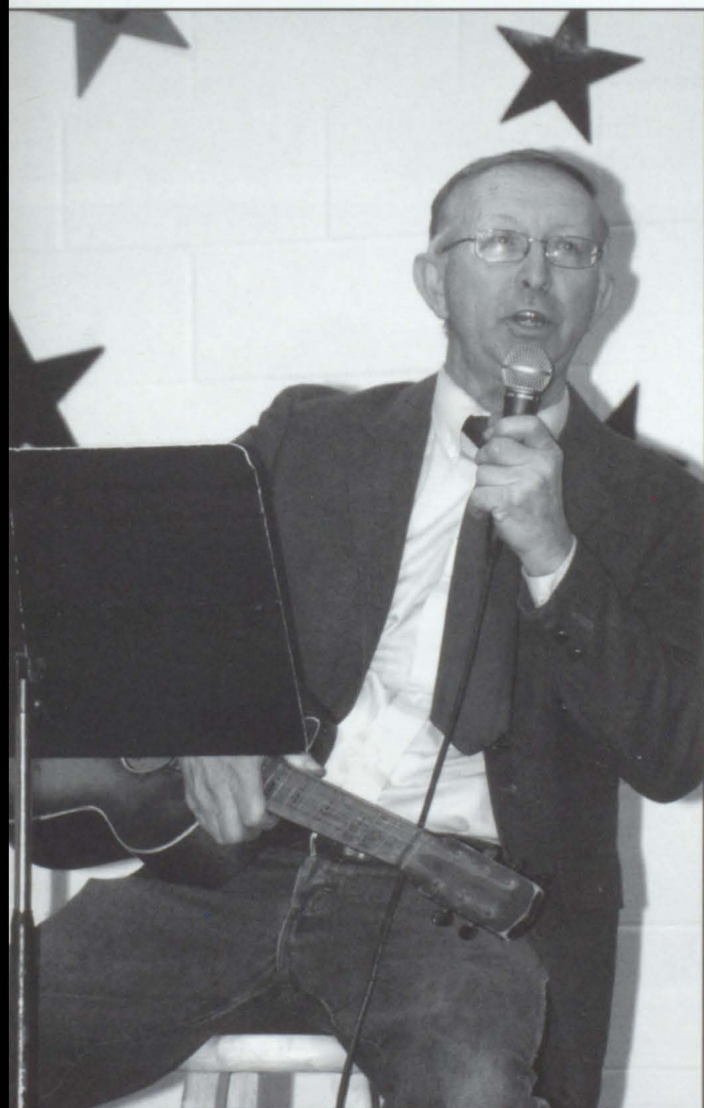
Flandreau Staff



Mrs. Joy Korman dances up a storm.



Ms. Kristi Fisher brings down the house with her karaoke.



Mr. John Wiese, Auctioneer Song



Mr. Weight put his trumpet aside for a moment to serenade the crowd with his talented guitar and vocal skills.

CLASS of 2009

CLASS OFFICERS

Ryan Sutton, *Student Body President*
 Bethany Ellefson, *Senior Class President*
 Adam Stenger, *Vice-President*
 Betsy Knippling, *Secretary/Treasurer*
 Skyler Earley, *Student Council Representative*
 M'Lynn Christensen, *Student Council Representative*

CLASS COLORS

Purple, Black & Silver

CLASS FLOWER

Red Lily

CLASS MOTTO

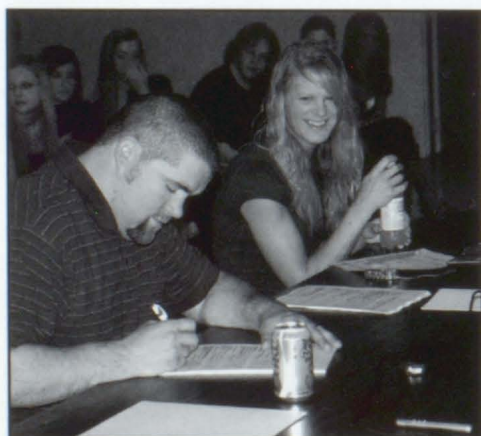
"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go."

~Dr. Seuss



Scott Sanderson - Elementary
Baseball Camp

Senior Projects



Evaluators Mr. Ahrens and Ms. Fischer



Adam Stenger - 4 Wheeler Rebuild



M'Lynn Christensen - Fashion
Design / Creation

Senior Class of 2009

"Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget."

~Anonymous



What's your advice to the new Seniors?

Jessica Damm

"Everything you do in school matters. ACTs... any tests like that... they matter. Befriend everyone and have fun. Senior year goes by fast and afterward sometimes you wish you could go back. So if you have a chance at something take it."

Sy Flute

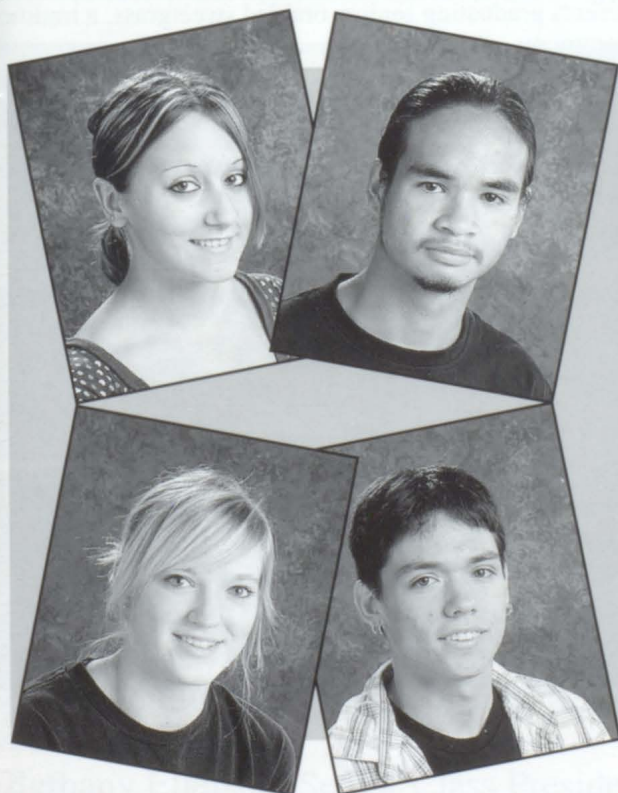
"The year goes by so fast so make the most of it."

Betsy Knippling

"Being a senior does not mean that you rule the school and everyone should bow down. Really, people remember how nice you were, not how great you were at the things you did."

Skyler Earley

"The juniors should know that this is not the time to procrastinate. If you have an assignment, get it done right away. Especially for your Senior Project, just get it done right away."





2009 Senior Class

Senior Honoring



Skyler Earley, Mr. Streitz



Ravae Redhorn, Mr. Weber



Mrs. Firman, Student Counselor, presents graduating seniors braided sweetgrass, a tradition to the Native American Honoring Ceremony.

"Friendship is held to be the severest test of character."

-Charles Alexander Eastman



Seniors and family shaking
EVERYONE'S hand.



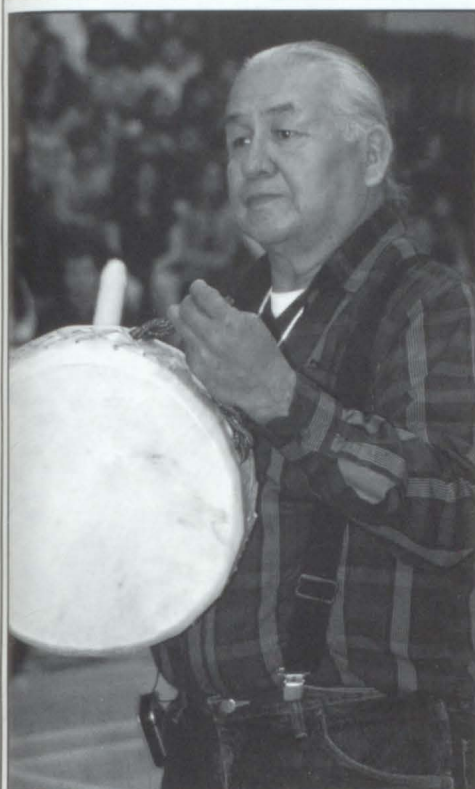
Greeting graduates and family.



Celebrating the Seniors' accomplishments.

"When you are in doubt, be still, and wait;
when doubt no longer exists for you, then go forward with courage."

~Ponca Chief White Eagle



Jerome KillsSmall, Professor at USD in Native American Studies and Lakota Story Teller, conducted the FHS Senior Honoring Ceremony.



Samantha Willams & Mother



Ashleigh Hare & Mother



Sy Flute & Mother



Ms. Pfeiffer & Ravae Redhorn



Members of community, high school, and middle school participate in Circle of Friends.



Miranda Wilts & Mother

"On behalf of the Seniors, I would like to thank the group Community Connections for having Mr. KillsSmall conduct our Senior Honoring Ceremony. It was a wonderful new experience for us, our families, and the community as a whole. It brought a new sense of culture to our school, and we hope this event continues on as a tradition in the years to come."

-Bethany Ellefson, Senior Class President

Scholarships

Awarded Monday, April 27th, 2009

"Education is not filling a bucket, but lighting a fire."
~William Butler Yeats



Senior Academic Letter Winners: Scott Sanderson, Ryan Sutton, Darylle Asuigui, Bethany Ellefson & Elissa Wiese



American Legion Award: Adam Stenger and Bethany Ellefson presented by Mr. Barry Kooiman



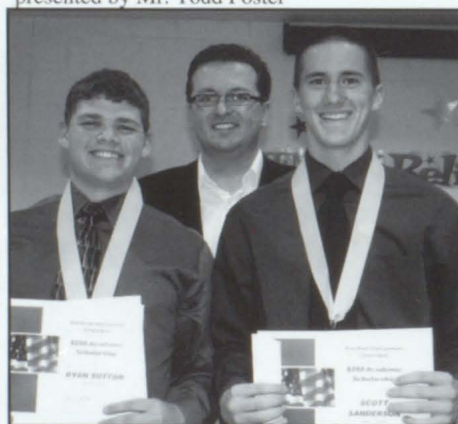
Armstrong Scholarship: MJ Ziebarth presented by Mr. Todd Foster



Vernon Bechen Scholarship: Scott Sanderson presented by Bechen family



Crystal Theatre Scholarship: Bethany Ellefson presented by Mrs. Emily Pieper.



Flandreau Development Award: Ryan Sutton and Scott Sanderson presented by Mr. Dan Sutton



Flandreau Kiwanis: Jessica Damm and Bethany Ellefson presented by Mr. Ardene Boysen



Robert Fuller Scholarship: Bethany Ellefson presented by Mr. Todd Foster



Wade Hursey Memorial Scholarship: Adam Stenger presented by Mr. Todd Foster



Jelliffe Scholarship: Bailey Hagedorn presented by Mr. Travis Ahrens



Jewett Memorial Scholarship: Skyler Earley and Adam Stenger presented by Jewett family



Governor's Academic Award: Elissa Wiese presented by Mr. Todd Foster



Masonic Scholarship: Scott Sanderson presented by Mr. Jim Gerlach



Moody County Enterprise Scholarship: Jessica Damm presented by Mr. Todd Foster



PEO Scholarship: Bethany Ellefson presented by Mrs. Janna Ellingson



George Rice Scholarship: Ryan Sutton presented by Mr. Travis Ahrens



Alice Rusch Scholarship: Jessica Damm and Elissa Wiese presented by Mr. Todd Foster



Trent Area Scholarships: Crystal Hanson, Bethany Ellefson, Bailey Hagedorn and Jessica Damm



US Army Scholar Athletes: Scott Sanderson and Elissa Wiese presented by Mr. Todd Foster



Wittern Scholarships: Darylle Asuigui, Skyler Earley and Betsy Knippling presented by FA Wittern III



Board of Regents Scholars: Scott Sanderson, Ryan Sutton, Betsy Knippling, Elissa Wiese, Darylle Asuigui, Bethany Ellefson

GRADUATION 2009

**"You have brains in
your head. You have
feet in your shoes.
You can steer
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the guy who'll
decide where to go."**

-Dr. Seuss



Brittany Stephens



Ryan Sutton, Scott Sanderson



Curtis Mueller

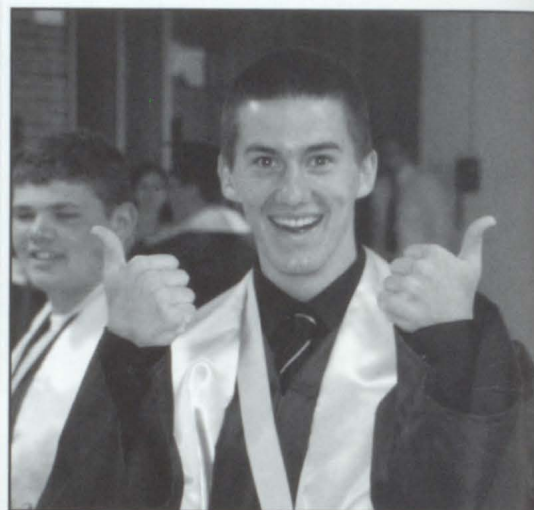


Elissa Wiese, Brooke Johanson, Jasmine Collins, Kelli Powers, Alyssa Johnson, Bailey Hagedorn, Adam Stenger, Skyler Earley, Ryan Sutton, Miranda Wilts, Megan Johnson, Curtis Mueller, Scott Sanderson

Flandreau High School

117th Commencement Exercises
Saturday, May 16th, 2009 * 4:00 pm

"And Wherever You Go" FHS Choir
Commencement Address Mr. Chad Stadem
Senior Farewell Bethany Ellefson
Presentation fo Graduates Mrs. Janna Ellingson
Awarding of Diplomas Mr. Jeff Behrens
"The Rose" Mrs. Brenda Whipkey



Ryan Sutton, Scott Sanderson



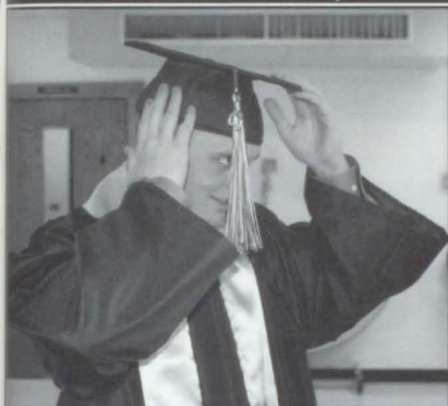
Miranda Wilts, Brooke Johanson, Jasmine Collins



Jessica Damm, Kelli Powers, Alyssa Johnson, Adam Stenger, Skyler Earley, Ryan Sutton



Mrs. Ellingson, Sy Flute



Adam Stenger



Jeff Behrens, Ravae Redhorn



Crystal Hanson, Brittany Stephens, Ashleigh Hare, Brittney Stephens



Skyler Earley, Mrs. Ellingson



Silly-String fight between Ryan Sutton, Adam Stenger, and Scott Sanderson.



Curtis Mueller



Brittney Stephens



Elissa Wiese

Michael Jopson



Pep Band



Brooke Relf, Jessica Eng, Kyndall Latham



Ryan Sutton



Brant Rose



Coach Stadem and look-alike, Bob Hoffman



Adam Stenger, Tim Jones



Derek Amdahl



Cousins... Calla Duncan, Mo Wilts



Alyssa Johnson, Bailey Hagedorn



Nicole Veldkamp, Lindsay Warner



Brittney Stephens



Adam Stenger with his parents on Parent's Night.



Brittany Nelson, Lindsay Warner



Bethany Ellefson



Mrs. E



Queen Betsy Knippling, Devon Drapeau



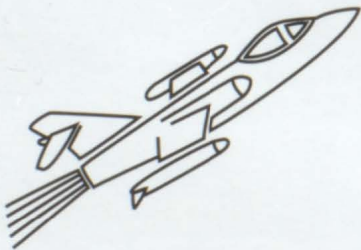
Elissa Wiese, April Weber, Cassie Feske



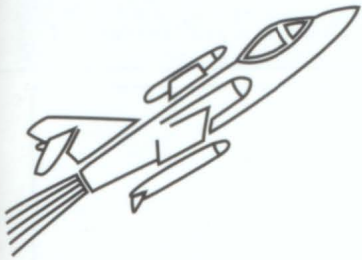
Trevor Dietrich



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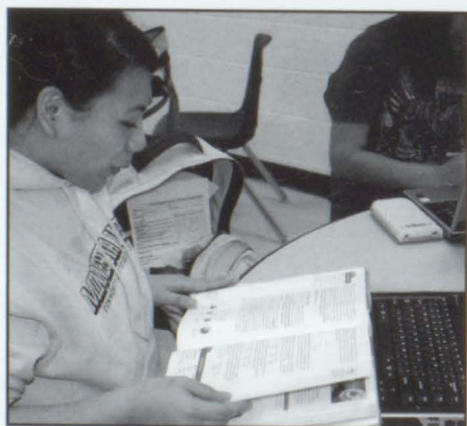


Autographs



"I didn't come here to tell you how this is going to end. I came here to tell you how it's going to begin. I'm going to show you a world where anything is possible. Where we go from there...is a choice I leave to you."

-Neo, *The Matrix*



Darylle Asuigui



Molly Rosheim and Kelli Powers

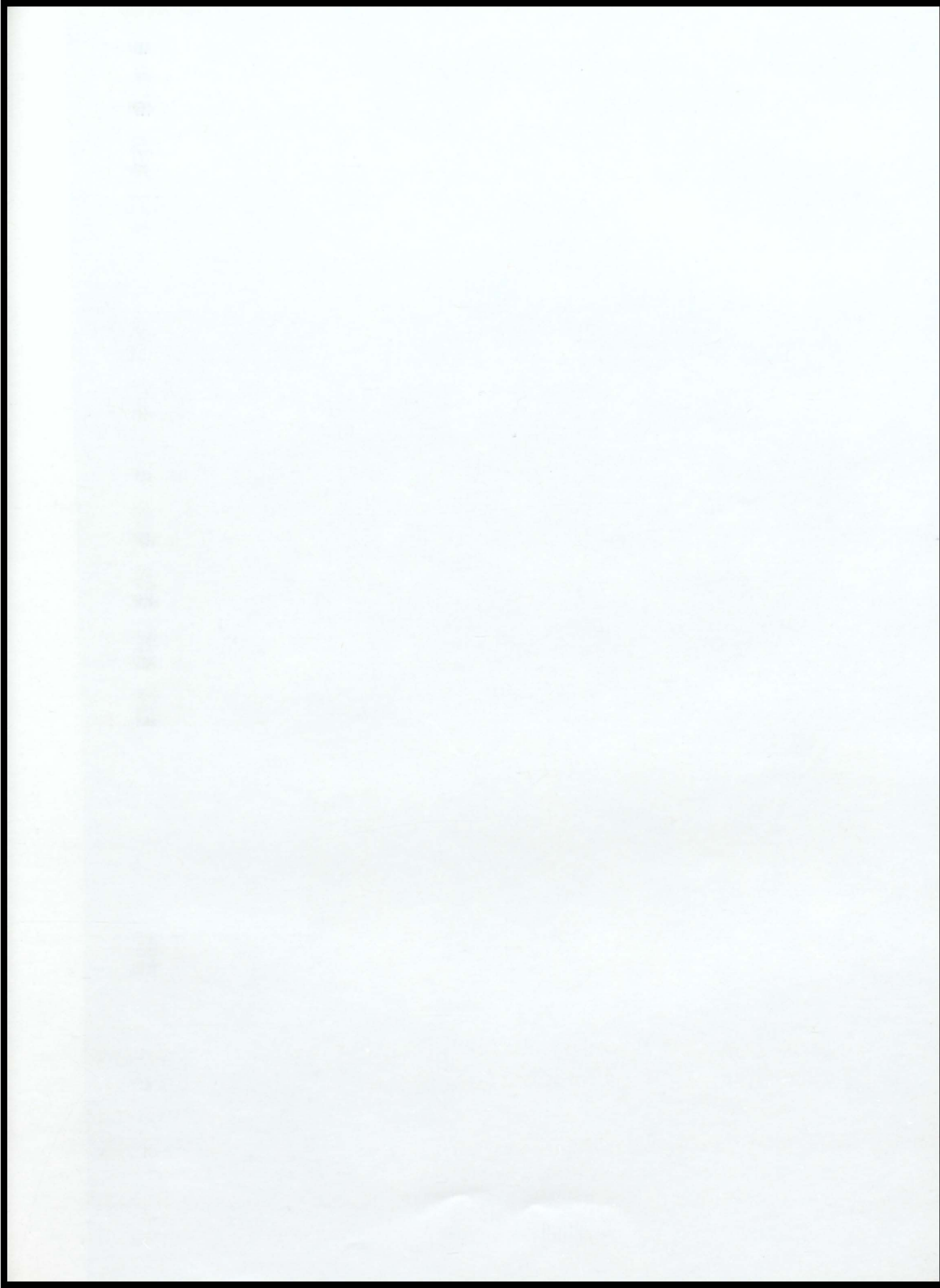
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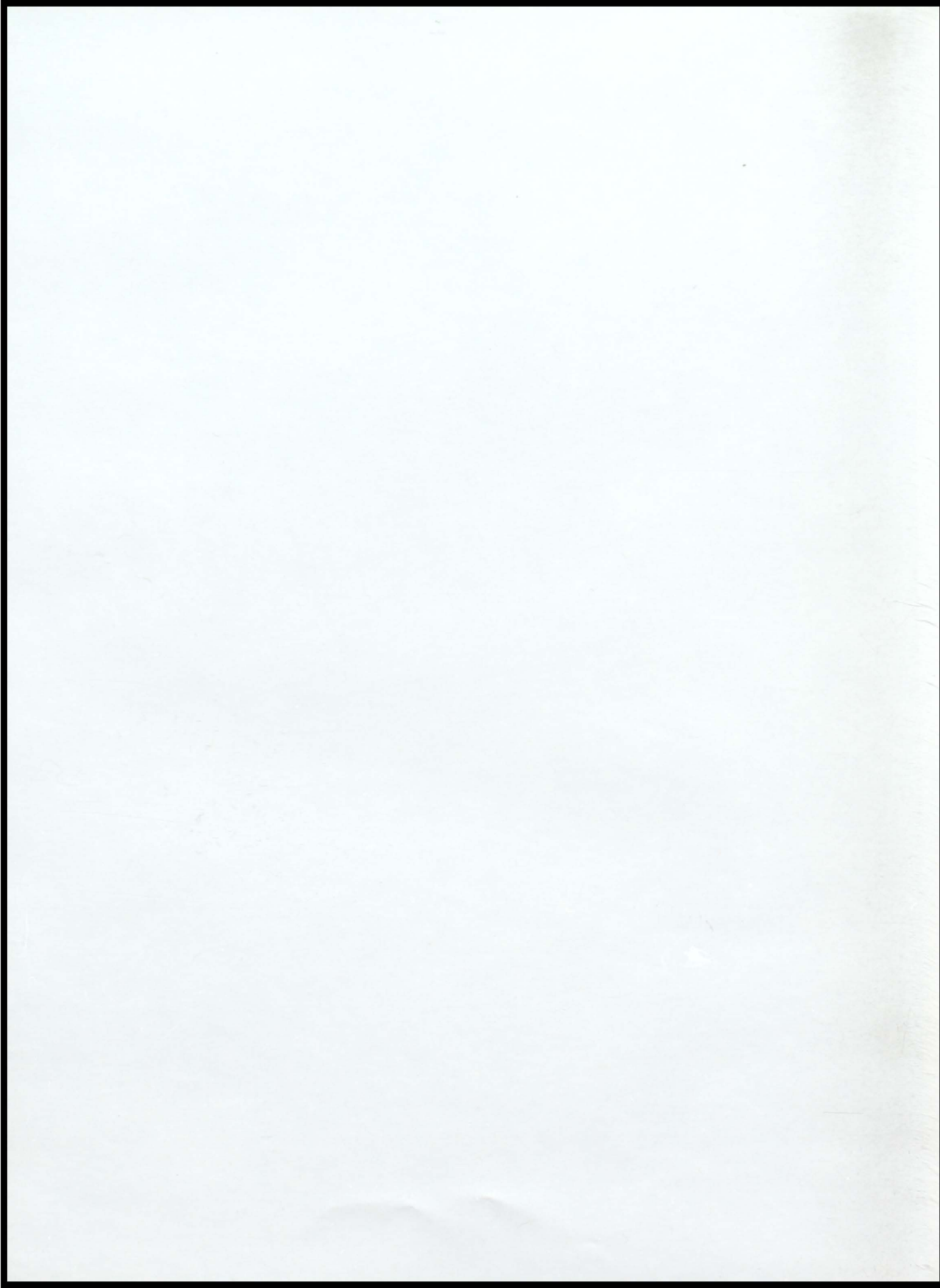
"I always knew that I would look back on the times I cried and laugh, but I never knew that I'd look back on the times I laughed and cry."

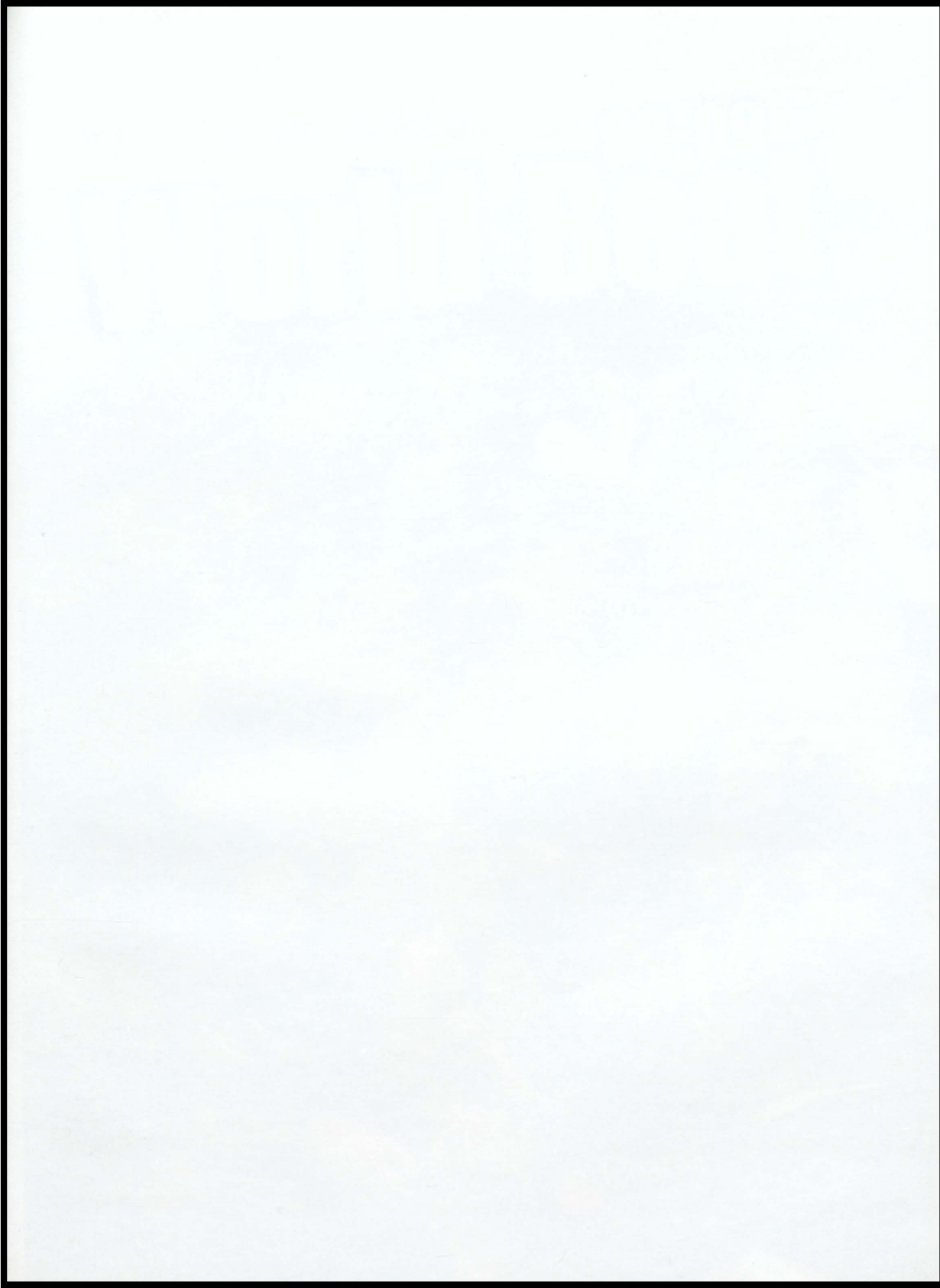
-Anonymous

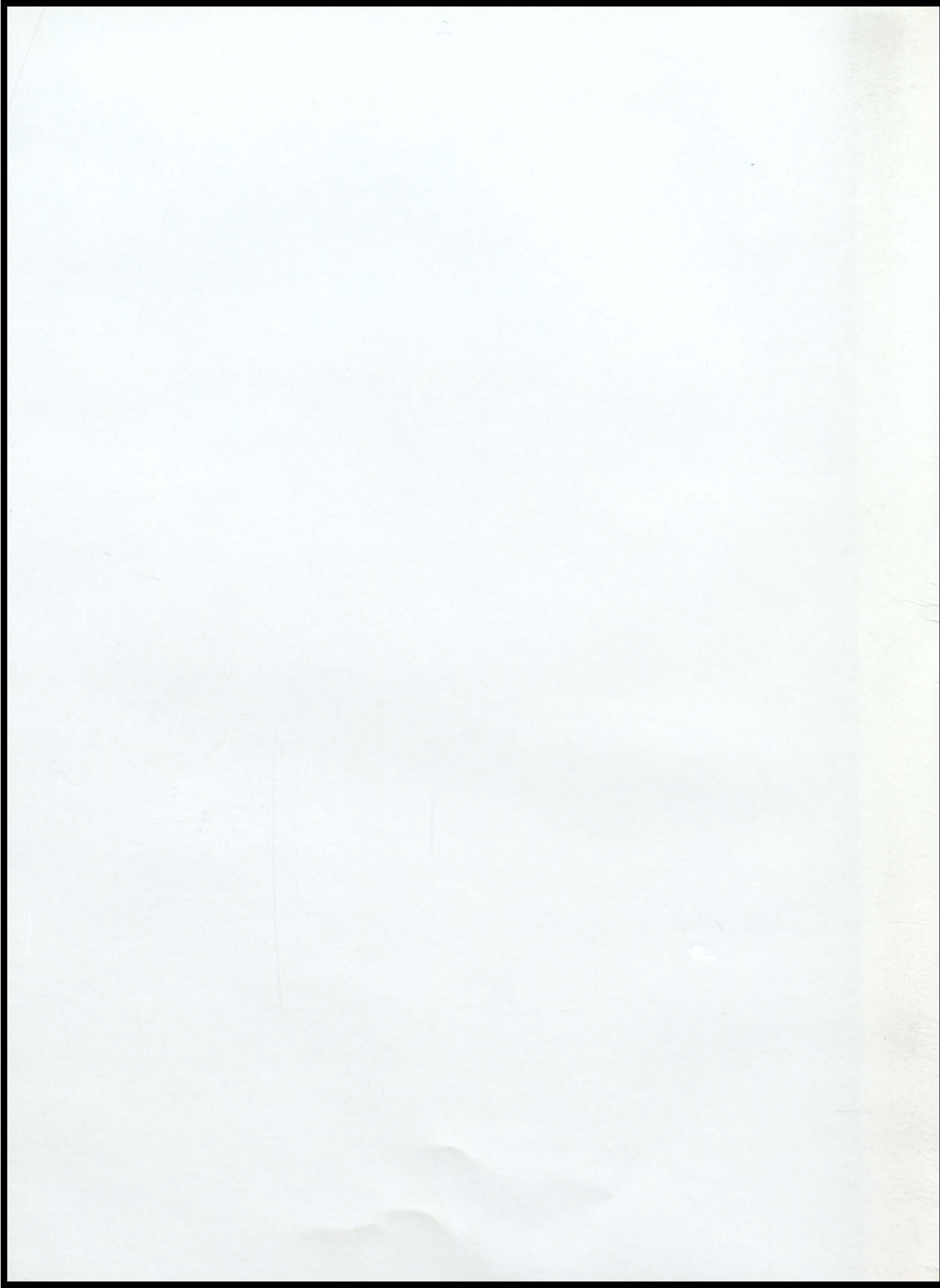
"High School is a different experience for everyone. It can be the best time of your life, or it can be a struggle to make it through each year. Either way, make sure to take advantage of all the opportunities, and above all, be yourself."

~Bethany Ellefson, Editor









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World Beat



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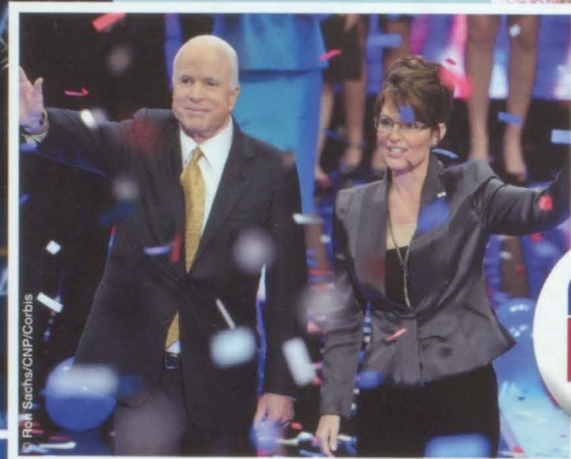
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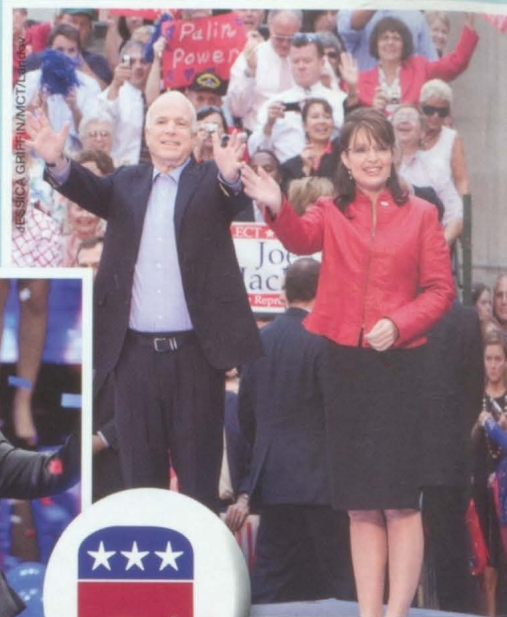


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▼ Arizona Senator John McCain wins the Republican nomination for president and names Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate. Palin is the Republican Party's first female nominee for vice president.



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Waves of Change



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Politics in pop culture

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▼ Democratic Senator Joe Biden of Delaware becomes the 47th vice president of the United States. A member of the Senate since 1973, Biden brings long-time Washington experience to the Obama administration.

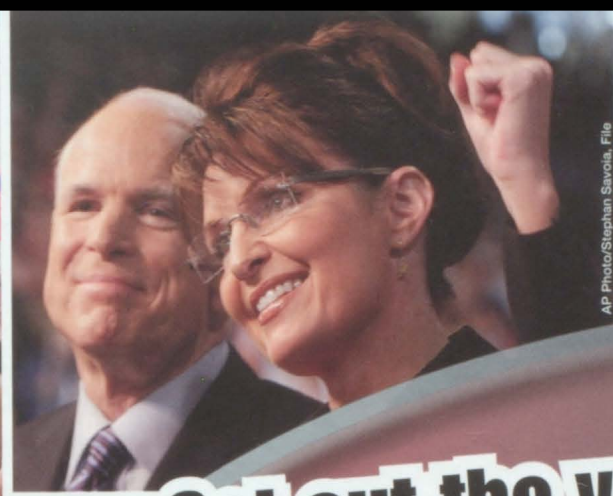


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Get out the vote!



Campaign volunteers



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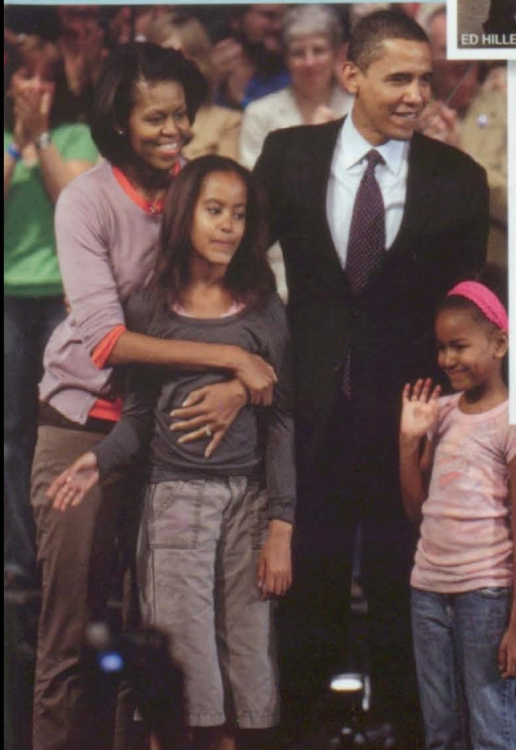


Obama's grassroots organization and innovative Web campaign is credited with inspiring young and first-time voters to participate heavily in the election.

First-time voters



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The values, fashion and personal vitality of the Obama family resonate with Americans. Public interest in the first family rivals that of the interest in the Kennedy family in the 1960s.

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Barack Obama makes history as the first African-American to win the presidency of the United States. The former Illinois senator promises an era of change that captures the imagination of voters nationwide.

Electoral Votes

Obama	365
McCain	173



New York Times

Obama Wins



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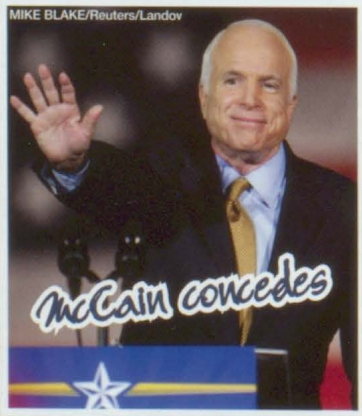
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McCain/Palin run a strong campaign, winning 22 states. But they are defeated 53 vs. 46 percent in the general election and by a substantial margin in the Electoral College.

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McCain concedes



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Celebrations around the world



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Obama's Cabinet nominations

REUTERS/Landov



In January 2009, president-elect Obama attends the ultimate power lunch in the White House, meeting and getting advice from President Bush as well as former Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

Getting prepared for office

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Souvenirs

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The inaugural parade

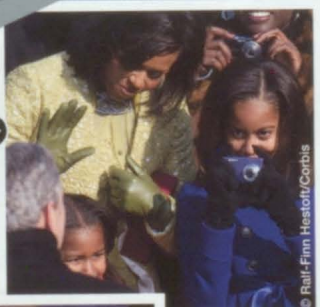
PUNAHOU MARCHING BAND ALOHA from Honolulu Hawaii

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During the inauguration ceremony, Malia Obama captures the moment from a unique point of view.

Inauguration 1-20-09

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Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States before millions in Washington, D.C. Obama's inaugural address calls for a "new era of responsibility" in the face of economic decline and a pledge to choose "hope over fear."

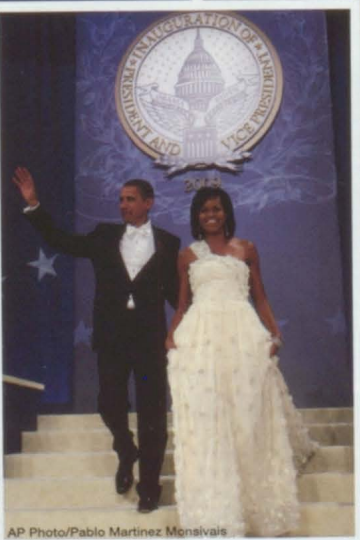
"We have chosen hope over fear..."



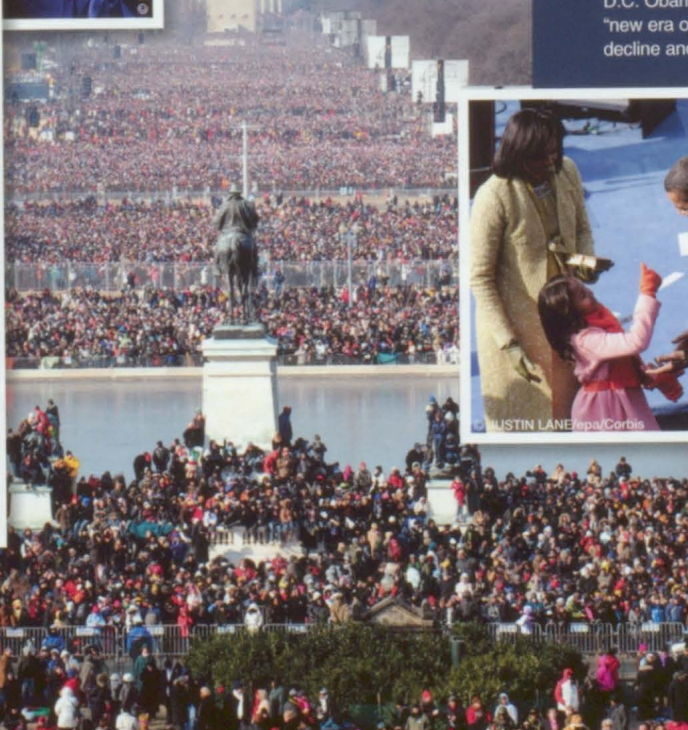
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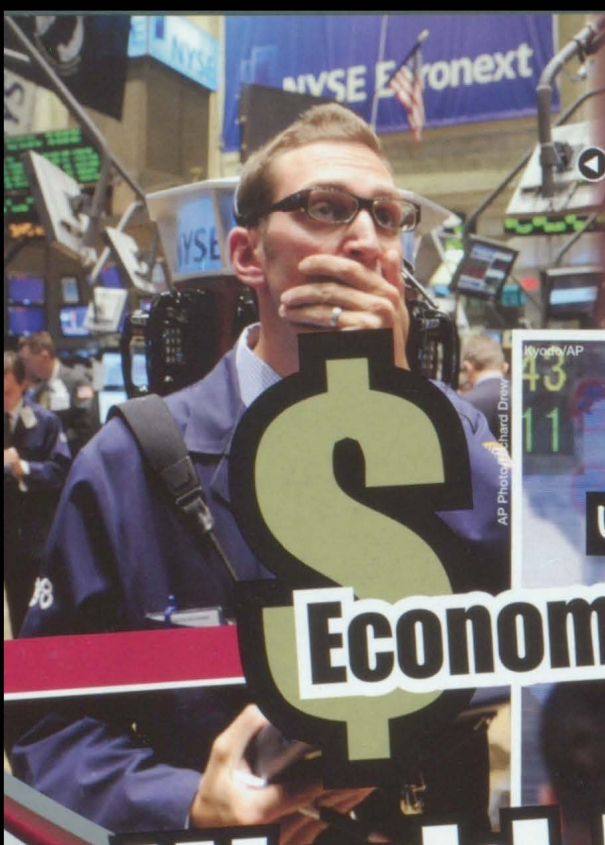


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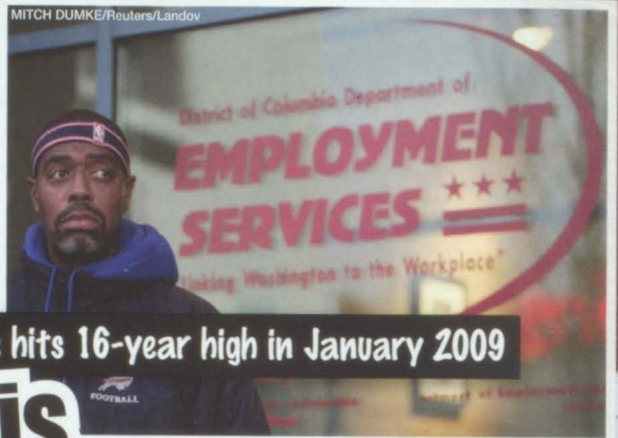
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Stocks plummet as years of excess in the U.S. housing market and lax supervision of financial institutions contribute to the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

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Unemployment rate hits 16-year high in January 2009

Economic Crisis

With buying power declining in the consumer marketplace, companies nationwide are forced to lay off workers. The national unemployment rate hits 7.2 percent in December and is rising steadily. The hardest hit states are Michigan, Rhode Island, California and South Carolina.

World News



Specialty coffee sales drop

Credit cards



Housing Foreclosures

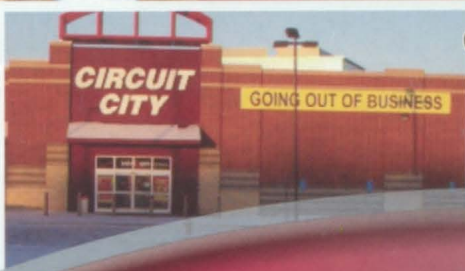


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Detroit's struggling "Big Three" automakers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, request and are eventually offered a bailout package of just over \$17 billion in December.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

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Many retailers are forced to file for bankruptcy or go out of business after being unable to rebound from the harsh economy and a very disappointing fourth quarter of 2008.

Teens work part-time

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Gas prices up and down

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The world's "hot spots" center around the Middle East. Israel mounts a major offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the United States continues to oppose the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq, and in August, Russia attacks its southern neighbor, Georgia, in a dispute over western influence in the area.



Support our Troops

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"Miracle on the Hudson"

GARY HERSHORN/Reuters/Landov



In January 2009, after both engines fail due to ingesting birds, US Airways Flight 1549 ditches in New York's Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members are saved, thanks to the skill and courage of pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger.



Changing our World

Reusable bags

Environmentally conscious consumers use items such as reusable cloth shopping bags and Klean Kanteen water bottles that don't leak harmful chemicals like BPA.

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HYBRID
SYNERGY
DRIVE

What is your carbon footprint?

100g

CO₂

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Tight money and high gas prices push auto manufacturers to investigate super fuel-efficient and electric cars. The Chevrolet Volt is an early contender and the tiny "Smart" car is already on American roads.



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Chevy Volt



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Public bicycle sharing systems, already popular in Europe, roll into American cities like Washington, D.C., to help fight traffic congestion and reduce pollution.



CLEAN ENERGY

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◀ In September, Google and General Electric partner to develop clean technologies. Modernizing the national electric grid to enable wider deployment of wind, solar and geothermal energy will be an early priority.

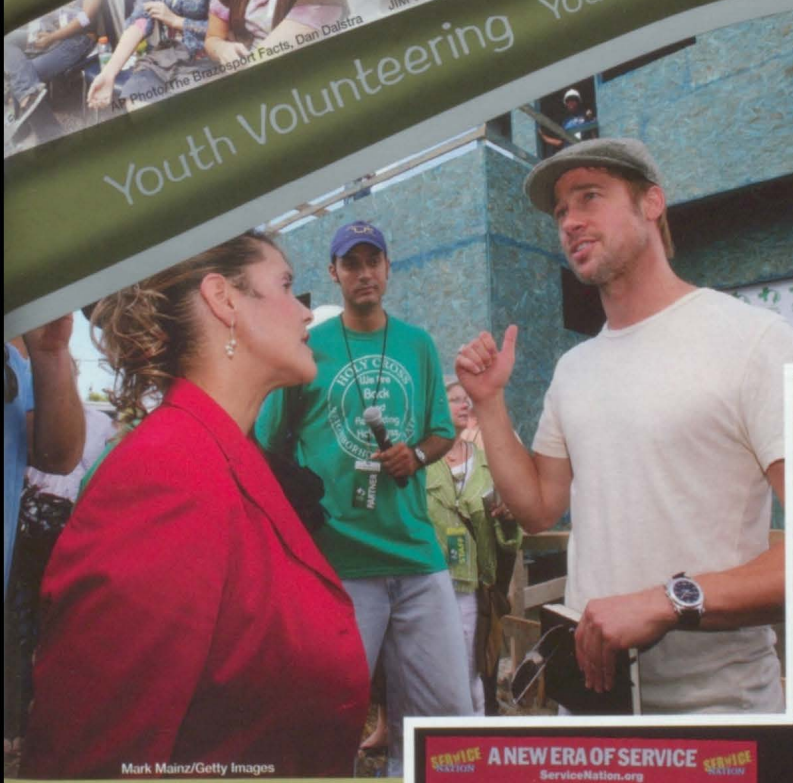


Environmentally friendly MacBooks

Courtesy of Apple, Inc.



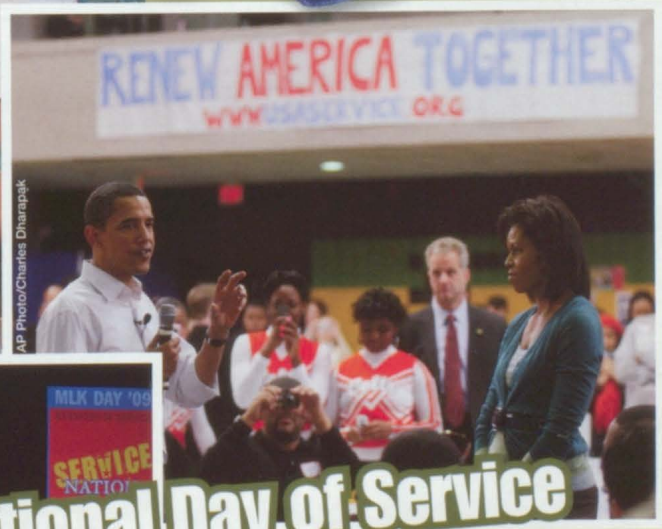
Youth Volunteering Youth Volunteering Youth Volunteering



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▶ The green cleaning movement gains momentum nationally as environmentally safe non-toxic cleaning products are used in many homes, as well as state and city institutions.



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▶ Brad Pitt launches the "Make It Right" project to build 150 green-sensitive new homes in the New Orleans Lower 9th Ward, which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Pitt contributes \$5 million to the project.



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National Day of Service

▶ President-elect Obama asks all Americans to volunteer their time on the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, January 19, and to continue throughout the year. More than 12,000 service projects take place across the country.

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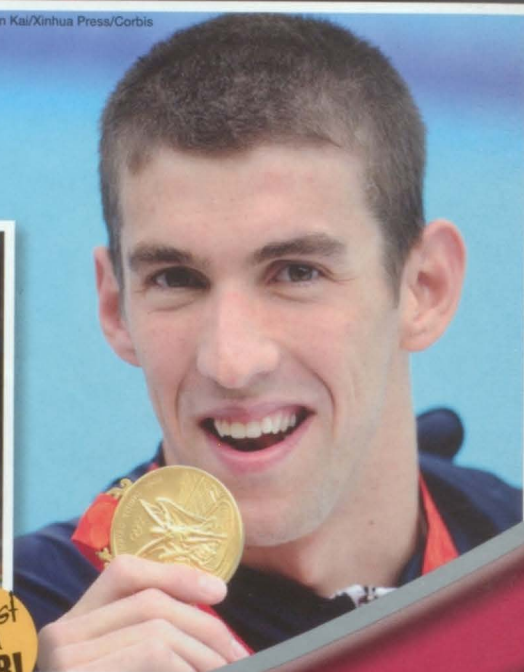
Summer Olympics

The Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics showcase some of the most amazing performances in Olympic history.

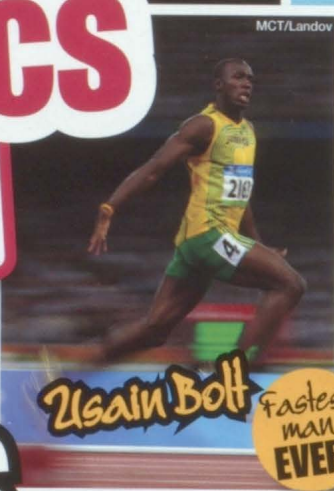
Sports

▼ American swimmer Michael Phelps makes Olympic history with eight gold medals. Phelps sets three world records in his five individual wins.

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The Olympic Opening Ceremony

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Cristiano Ronaldo

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Tiger Woods

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Karen Jones

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Red Wings win 2008 Stanley Cup

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World Series

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▲ The Philadelphia Phillies win their second World Series with a five game victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The fifth game takes three days to complete after a rain delay.



▶ The Chinese gymnasts take the team title, but Americans Shawn Johnson (floor exercise) and Nastia Liukin (all-around) take individual gold medals for the U.S.

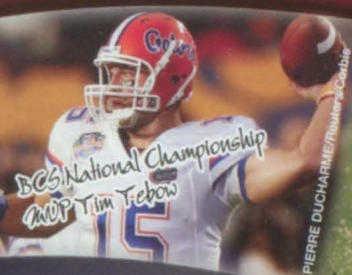
Gymnastics



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Heisman Trophy winner
Sam Bradford



BCS National Championship
MVP Tim Tebow

Padraig Harrington

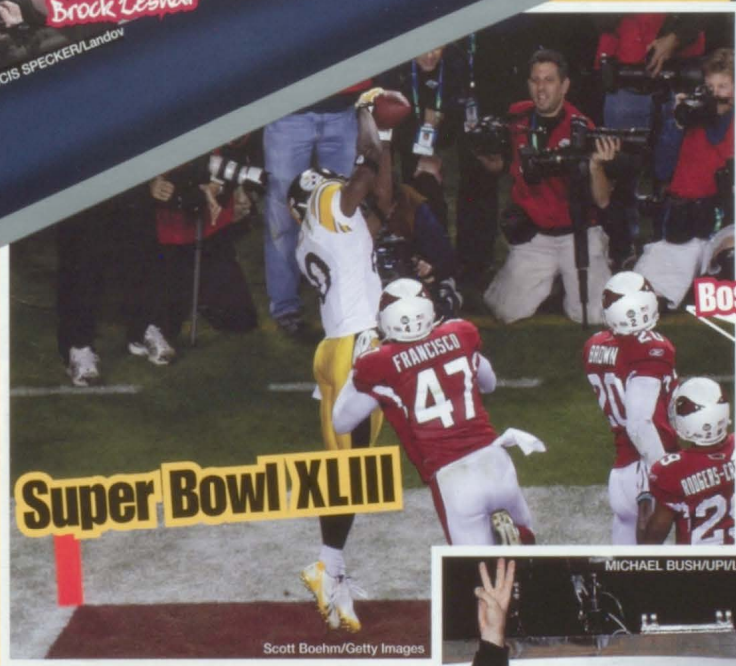


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Venus and Serena Williams

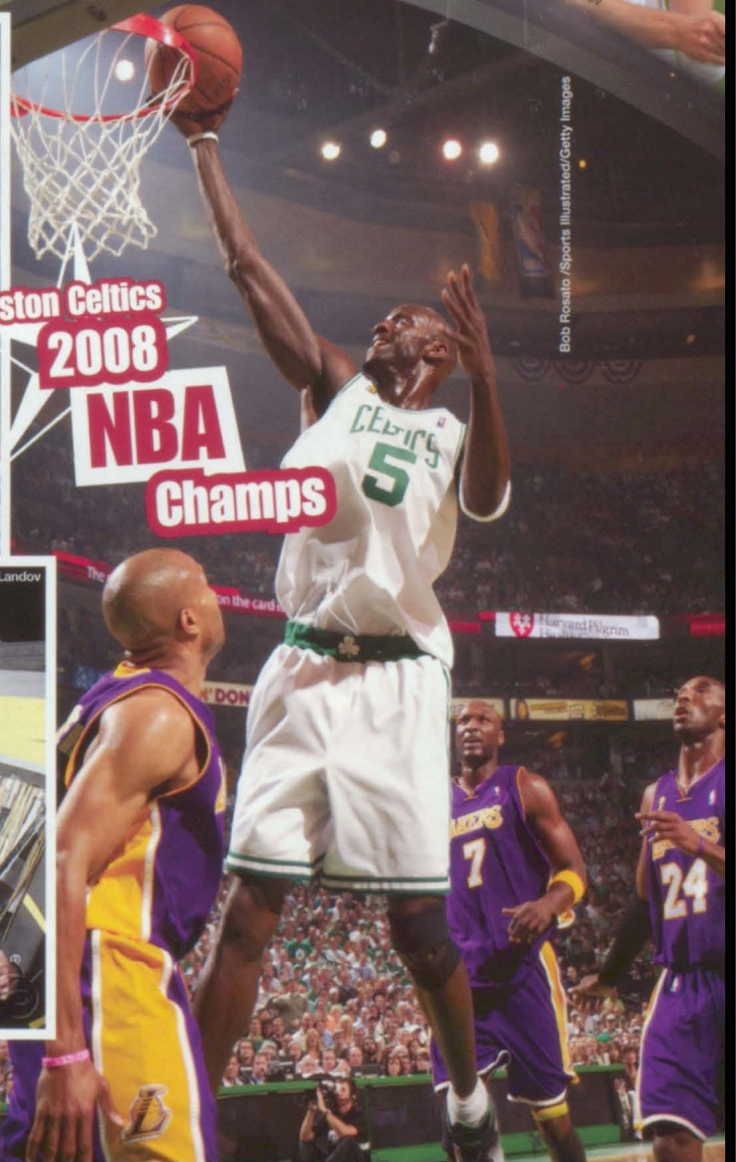
Brock Lesnar

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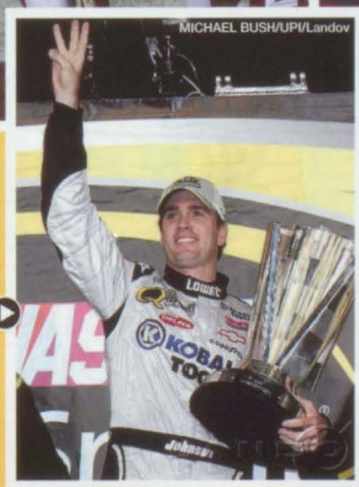
Super Bowl XLIII

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Boston Celtics
2008
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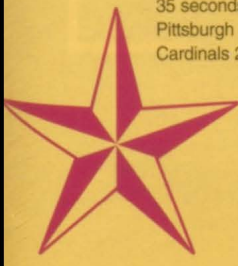
Bob Rosato /Sports Illustrated/Getty Images



MICHAEL BUSH/UP/Landov

▶ MVP Santonio Holmes makes a tip-toe catch in the corner of the end zone with 35 seconds remaining to lead the Pittsburgh Steelers past the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII.

▶ Jimmie Johnson captures the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship for the third straight year in his famous #48 Lowe's Chevrolet Impala SS.





▶ Stephenie Meyer's runaway best-seller, *Twilight*, becomes a hit movie starring Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart as Edward and Bella.



Tina Fey

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Nick and Norah's
Infinite Playlist

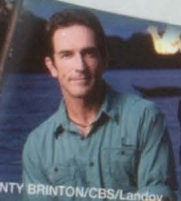
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ABC Family/Photofest



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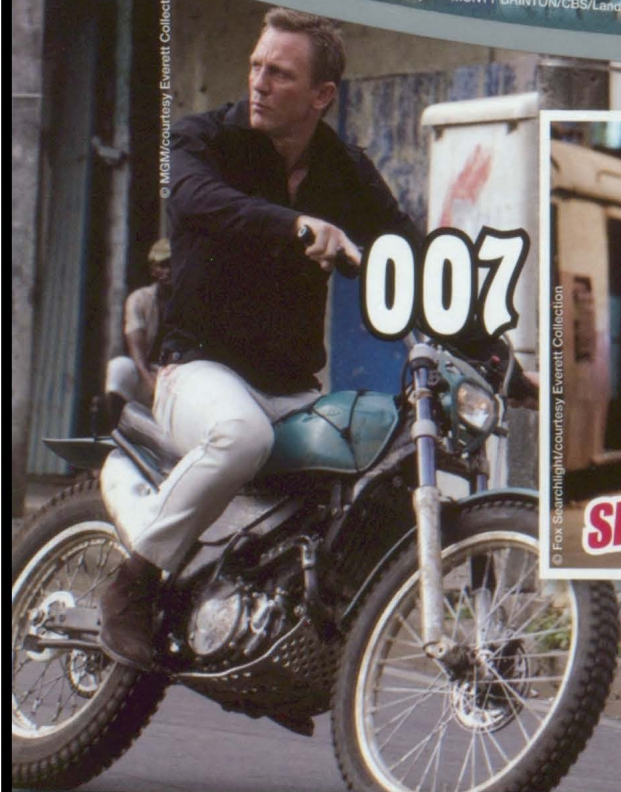
Reality TV



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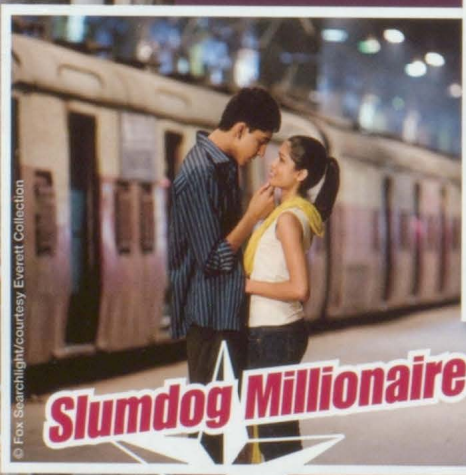
Grey's Anatomy

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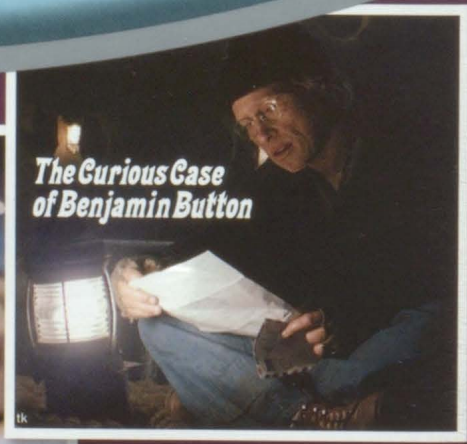
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Slumdog Millionaire

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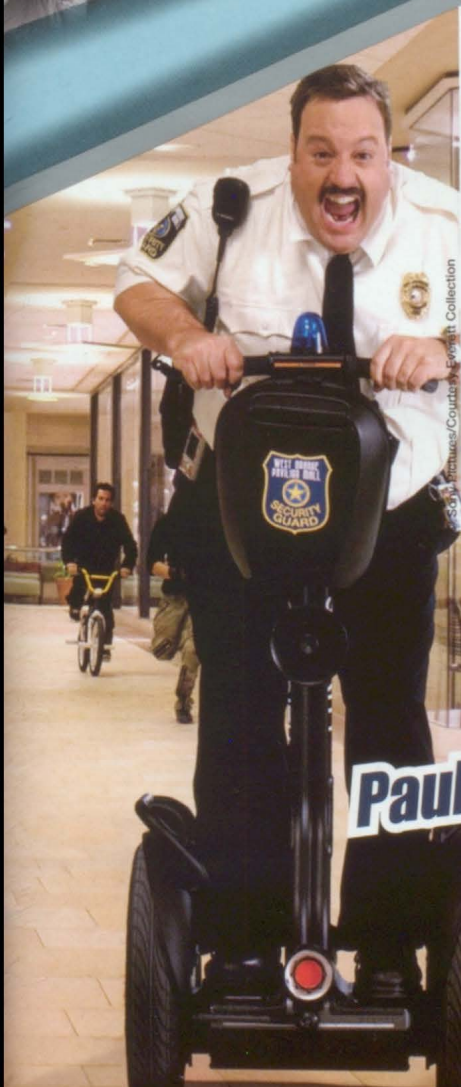
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Slumdog Millionaire, a surprise entry from India about teen life in Mumbai, and Brad Pitt's *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, about a man who ages backwards, monopolize Academy Award nominations with a combined total of 23.





▶ MTV spins off the reality show *The Hills*, following *Laguna Beach* star Lauren Conrad and her friends to Los Angeles.



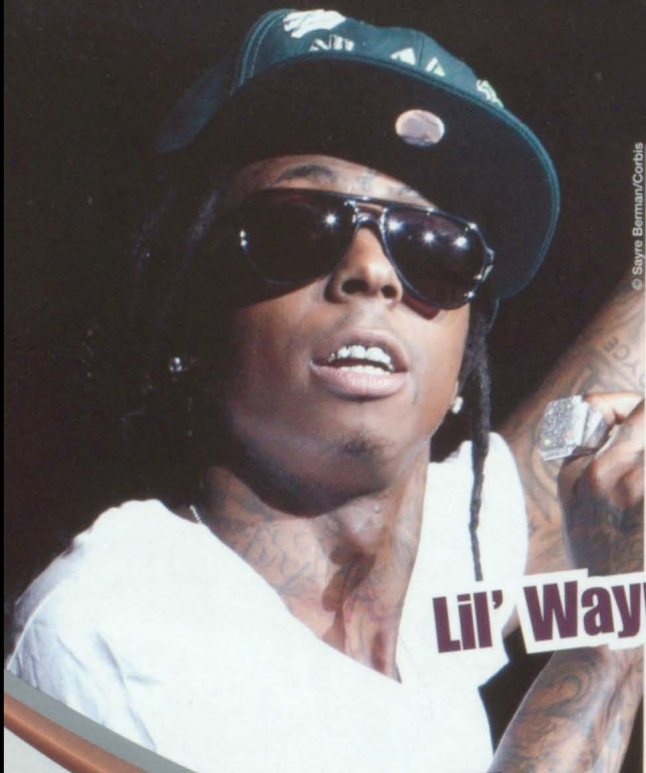
Paul Blart: Mall Cop



▲ Australian Heath Ledger, in his last film role as the Joker in the Batman epic *The Dark Knight*, wins a posthumous Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama.

Bedtime Stories





Lil' Wayne

▶ Rapper Lil' Wayne takes home four Grammys, including Rap Album of the Year for *Tha Carter III* and Best Rap Song.

MTV



▶ Due to low ratings, MTV's flagship show *Total Request Live* shuts down in November after a 10-year run.

Music



Jordin Sparks

Theo Wargo/WireImage/Getty Images



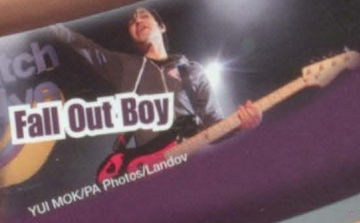
Bon Iver

Tim Mosenfelter/Getty Images



Leona Lewis

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Fall Out Boy

YUI MOK/PA Photos/Landov



▶ Britney Spears rebounds from years of personal challenges with her fifth No. 1 album, *Circus*. She becomes the only act in Nielsen SoundScan history to have four albums that debut with 500,000 or more copies sold.

JIM RUYMEN/UPI/Landov



Ne-Yo

▶ R&B singer/songwriter Ne-Yo brings out his third album, *Year of the Gentleman*, which debuts on the *Billboard* 200 at No. 2. The album garners six Grammy nominations.



Beyoncé

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The video for Will.i.am's song "Yes We Can" garners more than 1.3 million hits on YouTube and becomes an anthem for young voters during the presidential campaign.

Classic Rock



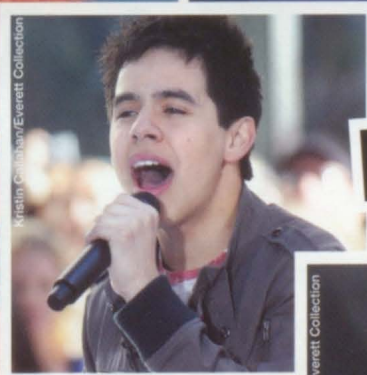
Alicia Keys

Jonas Brothers

Pink

Fox's *American Idol* adds a fourth judge to the popular show. Grammy-nominated songwriter Kara DioGuardi joins regular panelists Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.

Taylor Swift



David vs. David



Rocker David Cook, with 58 percent of the fan votes, beats balladeer David Archuleta in the 2008 finals of Fox's *American Idol*.



◀ Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.

Social Networking



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Digital TV

▲ The nation converts to all-digital TV in 2009. The Department of Commerce offers government coupons to make the conversion more affordable.

Lifestyle

Slippers to wear every day

Argyle & Plaid

Designer Purses & Shoes

Big Sunglasses

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◀ Top style trends this year include baggy pants, oversized sunglasses, designer purses, black nail polish and plaids.

Black Nail Polish



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