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When the fifth hour bell rang, Hugh Jones, band teacher, began to quiet down the more excitable freshmen band members while the others start to warm up with their instruments, preparing themselves to play *Chorale and Shaker Dance* for an upcoming concert. Among the bass clarinets for the first time was Sin-ae Kim, senior.

In 2009, Kim moved to the United States from South Korea, much like the other twenty-five foreign exchange students that attended WCA this year. Although she missed her family, friends, and favorite Korean foods, Kim loved the "opportunities and chances that America [had] to offer everybody."

She originally came to the States to experience a different culture, but while she was here, Kim discovered another interest. "Band is my favorite class. I just started playing the bass clarinet this year," said Kim. Even though she did not play a musical instrument in Korea, her interest for music has grown since the year started. Did you know that?

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At the pep rally on September 17, Elizabeth Simakoff, senior, and Emily Bick, sophomore, teach Sin-ae Kim, senior how to execute a basic cheer stunt. After performing a dance routine for the crowd, the cheerleaders taught anyone who was willing.



Daniel Moore, senior, shoots footage for his movie, "Unrequited Love" in Warren Smith's room on the first day of school. Moore decided to start directing movies after working with Mike Rohlfing, WCA alum, during the summer.



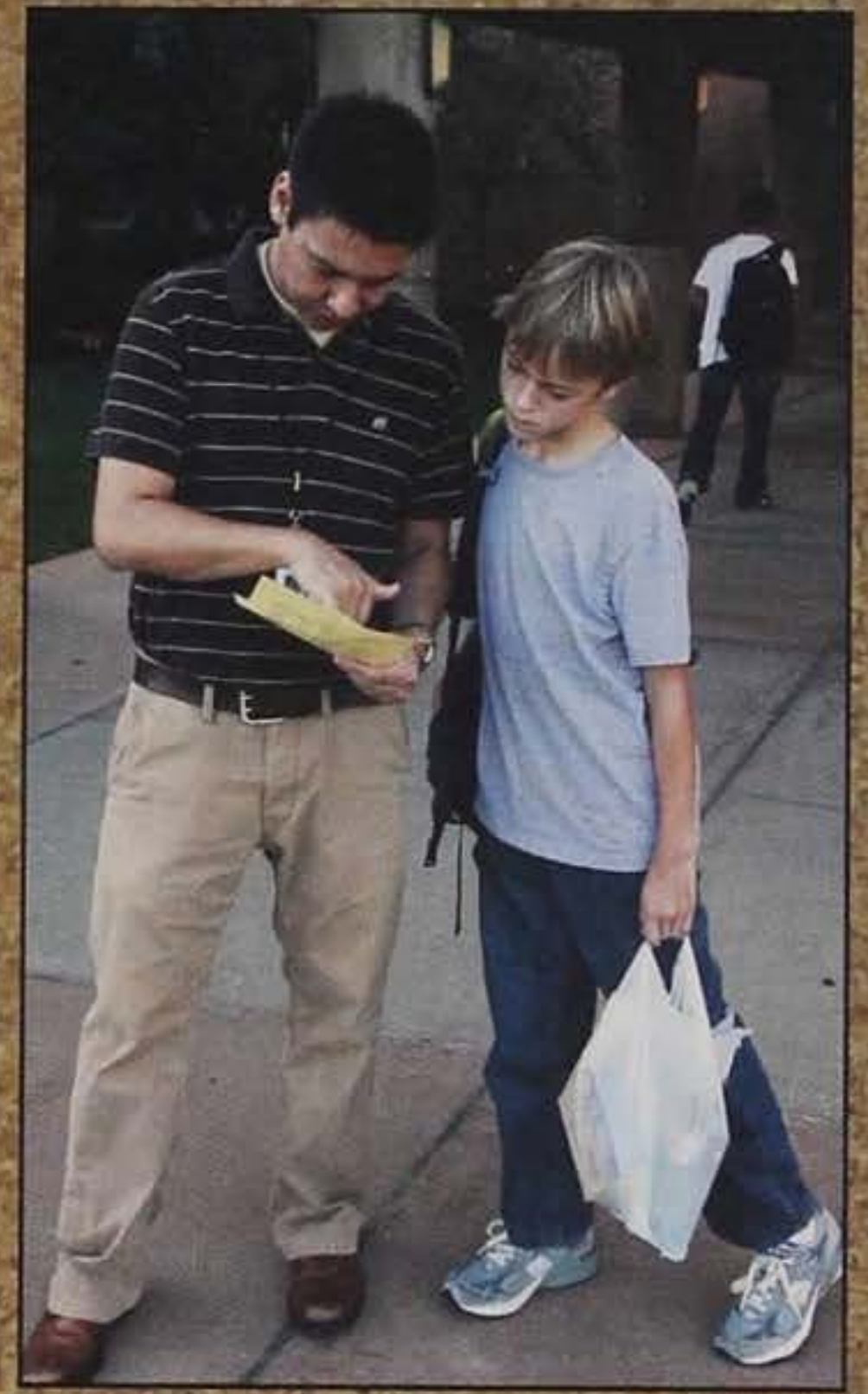
Morgan Grimm, freshman, plays with a bubble wand during free time on the freshman retreat. The class of 2014 traveled by bus to Kirkwood park on August 27 for bonding time with their small groups.



Jeremy Hall, junior, listens to the instruction from Christopher Pederson, offensive line coach, during the Priory football game on September 10.

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Before the bell rings on the first day of school Mr. Craig Walseth, middle school guidance counselor, shows Jack Southwell, eighth grade, where his new classes will be.



During the first chapel on August 18, senior boys worship with the chapel band. "My favorite part about chapel is having the opportunity to worship God with songs, and my favorite worship song is definitely Prince of Peace even though we've only sung it once this year," said Matt McDaniel, senior.



Lauren Alldredge, Elizabeth Schmidt, and Hannah Geisz, eighth graders, play the game Ninja at the PC retreat on September 3. All three of the girls were in Elizabeth Duesenburg's PC group and called themselves Lizzie's Loch Ness Monsters.



Micah Theus, senior, carries on a conversation with Steve Williams, a member of his seventh grade PC group. While eating lunch, the two debated whether Mac or PC was the better computer.



Joseph Burzinski, senior, works the sound board at the first chapel.

At 11:30 on a Saturday morning, while many high school students were enjoying their weekend by sleeping in, Rachel Hart, junior, was sitting on the floor surrounded by toddlers, spending as much time as she could at Hand in Hand Pregnancy Center. "I know that there are people out there who are struggling and I am called to help," Hart said. Whether she was playing with kids or talking with people, Hart found time to help young, single, pregnant mothers with their choice to keep their child. Hand in Hand Pregnancy Center is a Christian shelter that offered counseling, Bible studies, and a temporary "safe place" from the struggles of life.

Volunteering at Hand in Hand Pregnancy was a part of Hart's daily routine during the summer but she "struggles to find time to help because of my busy schedule during the school year."

Ever since she heard about this non-profit organization from a church friend, Hart felt a calling to serve because she has "known people that have been pregnant and felt alone and helpless." Through Hart's months of service she learned "the skill of being humble. Once you meet these people you want to help them."

Instead of relaxing at home on Saturday mornings, Hart was out in the community helping those who can't help themselves because Rachel believes that, "In the Bible, Jesus said to serve the least of these and he said when I serve the least of these, I am serving him." Did you know that?

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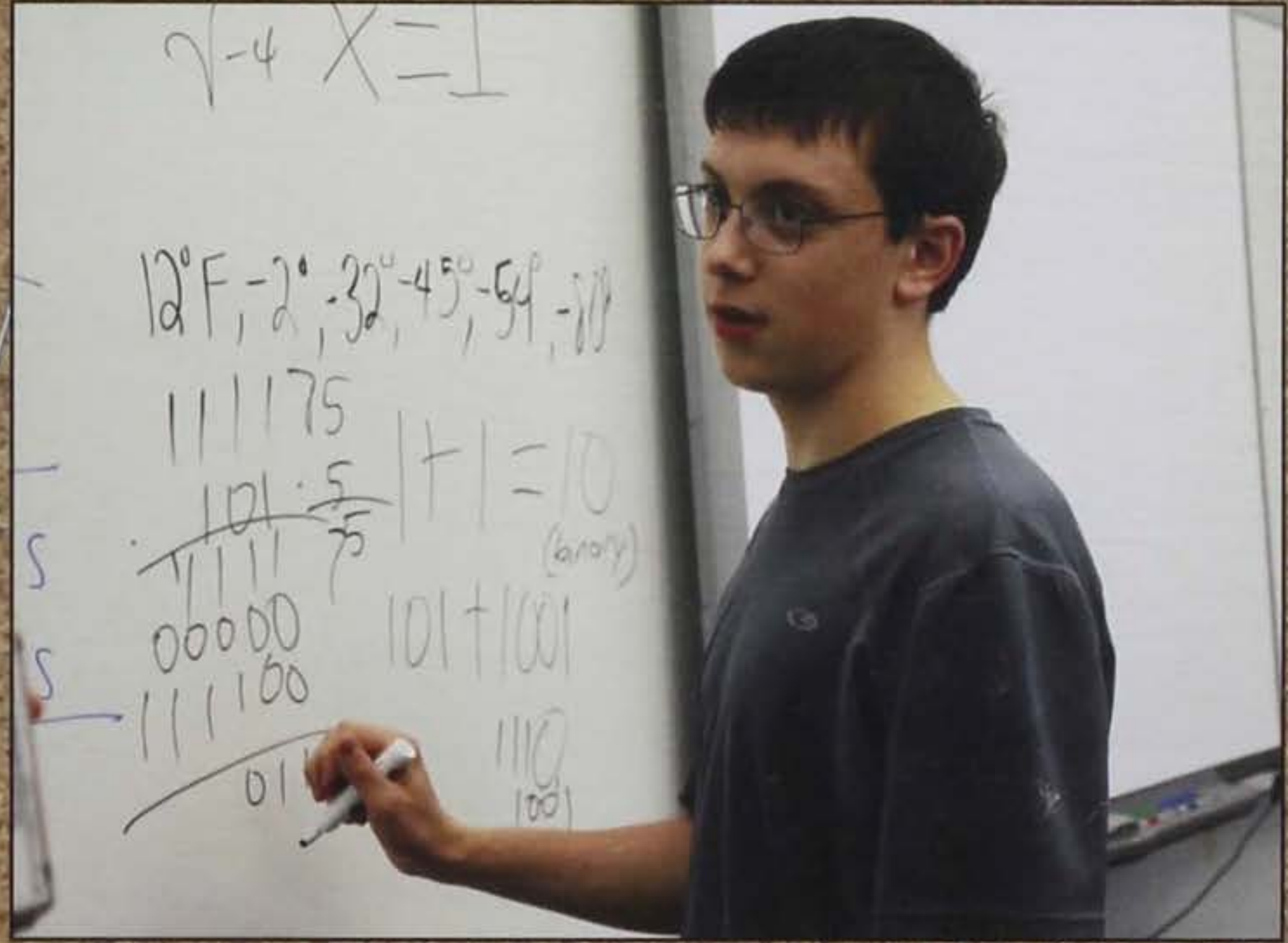
Chances are on August 16, 2010 at 10:23 AM, you were sitting in class on your first day of school. For some of you, it was the beginning of your scholastic career at Westminster while for others of you, it was your last first day of high school. If you were in middle school, you were getting ready to go to lunch, while if you in Dr. Winchester's 3rd hour anatomy class, you were mentally choosing your lab partner for the cat dissection that would be occurring in just a few short weeks. However, Sheridan Hentrich, senior, was lying in bed sick with a fever instead of worldviews with Dr. Nichols, her third hour class. "I got sick from one of my piano lessons because one of the kids who took a lesson before me was sick. It was pretty much miserable; I was so exhausted," said Hentrich. Not only did she miss the first day of school, but also she missed the entire first week. Did you know that?

Probably not. These stories that make up daily life go untold. Avoid the pull of society to be consumed by the bigger picture. Let the little moments define your life. Pay attention to the flashes, snippets, and winks of life. And for your story, don't let it go untold.

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John Hancock, junior, performs at the first IMPROV show as a member of the white team. The group started out the show by dancing to a medley of popular songs.



Evan Miller, junior, discusses a math problem with Mr. David Haas, math teacher, during a Math Club meeting. The club met on August 20 after school to solve extensive math problems.



At the seventh grade PC retreat, Rebecca Harding's, senior, group plays tug-of-war against Kayla Gebhardt's, senior, pc group. The group called themselves "Harding's Darlings". Along with tug-of-war, the seventh graders could choose from kickball and many other active games.

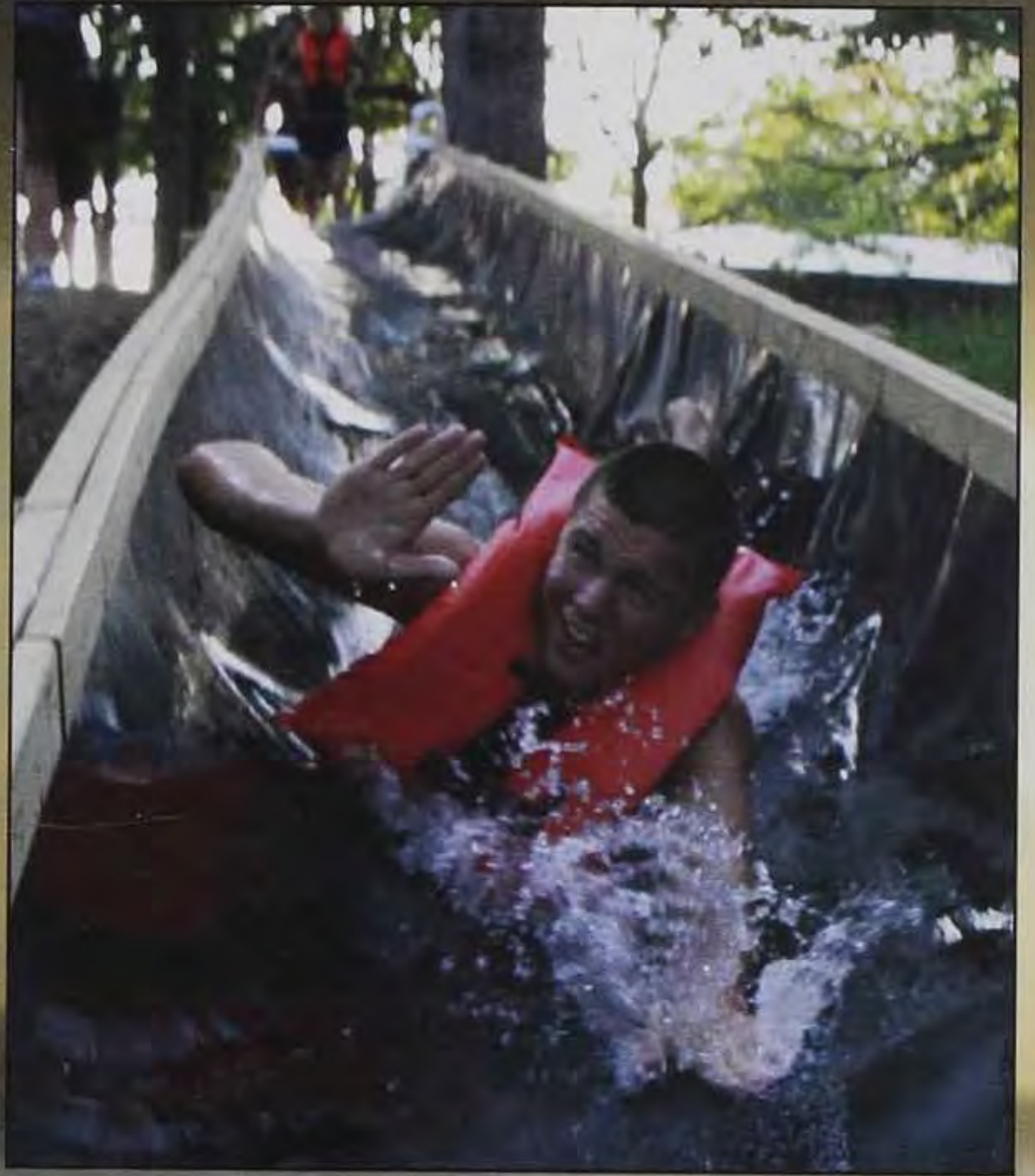


Lizzie Nester, senior, talks with Lauren DeRousse, senior, after the first chapel. The two were discussing the high emotions they each felt at the first chapel of their senior year.

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Splashing his way down the slide, Cole Norman, junior, makes use of the newest addition to High Hill Christian Camp, the location of the leadership retreat.

Sarah Davis and Taylor Hoskins, seniors, and Nick Ramos, junior, sport the German soccer jerseys they bought on the Europe trip.



Taking a breather on the Washington Senior Summer Seminar, a group of seniors observe the beauty of Washington on top of Mount Rainier. This particular summer seminar consisted of hiking over the Pacific Northwest while members of the other summer seminar biked 107 miles in South Dakota.



At a summer church retreat called the Zone, Miles Heiner and Darrion Ellison, seventh grade, listen to a talk by Drew Wilkins. The retreat was for middle schoolers to attend but some upper schoolers went to be counselors.



Timothy Burgess, sophomore, hangs on the zipline while sliding over the lake during free time at the leadership retreat. When there weren't any meetings, some students made use of their free time by participating in water activities.



GRADUATION

Groggy, sore, and half-awake, Grayson Everhardt, freshman, stepped off of his front porch and entered his carpool's Nissan Sentra at 8 in the morning on a cool summer morning. His mind raced, like the highway under the car, about what Coach David Schall had in store for his morning strength and conditioning program. "I dreaded going to max-out days," said Grayson.

After fifteen minutes, he arrived at school and shuffled his feet down the steps to the weight room. He laced up his shoes and took a jump rope off the hook. For the sake of his soccer team, Grayson pushed himself to the limit again. His goals would not be denied, and his story would not go untold.



Brooke Siebenman, Jordan Weaver, Abigail Becker, and Elizabeth Blackwell, seniors, jump off a fish sculpture in a sculpture park in South Korea. Prior to visiting a sculpture park, the group went to their first Korean church service. The pastor brought the group Burger King whoppers. In fact, this was the groups' first "American" food of the trip.

Jake Hughes and Nick Ramos, juniors, stand in front of a statue in Vienna, Austria. They had been messing around all day and someone finally took a picture. The two remained humorous throughout the entire trip.



The Europe trip team stands in Vienna, one of many places on the list to visit. "It was one of the best trips I have ever been on. I was amazed by some of the buildings and places. The amazing architecture and almost movie like history of the places we went to astounded me," said Levi Marshall, sophomore.



Culture Shock

The countdown began the moment they were airborne. Eight students and four teachers awaited the moment the flight to South Korea would end...sixteen hours later.

"There was a small TV screen in the seat in front of me, it had a map with an hourly countdown 'till we would land in Korea. It seemed as if the plane was never going to land," said Steven Lillenberg, senior.

Upon landing, the Westminster team met their host families, some with little to no understanding of English. All families were ecstatic to host Americans and welcomed them like family.

"The first night my host family said 'today you will be treated like guests, tomorrow like family'," said Matthew Baldwin, senior. Baldwin expressed how welcoming and giving his family was, shocked with their level of hospitality.

After a two hour car ride to their home for the next two weeks, some students faced the beginning of a whole new culture.

"When we got home I was expecting to feel refreshed by air conditioning hitting my hot humid skin, but instead I was not relieved nor was I refreshed! Jordan [Weaver] and I were shocked to walk into a home that was so humid," said Brooke Siebenman, senior. Due to Korea's large population air conditioning is very expensive, thus many families choose to go without. However, the students adjusted to the culture shock because the families were very accomadating, offering all they could to make the WCA travelers feel at home.

Jordan Weaver, Chelsea McConkey, and Steven Lillenberg, seniors, and Nathan Talley, middle school teacher, snap a picture while waiting to get on a subway to head to a street market in another part of South Korea.



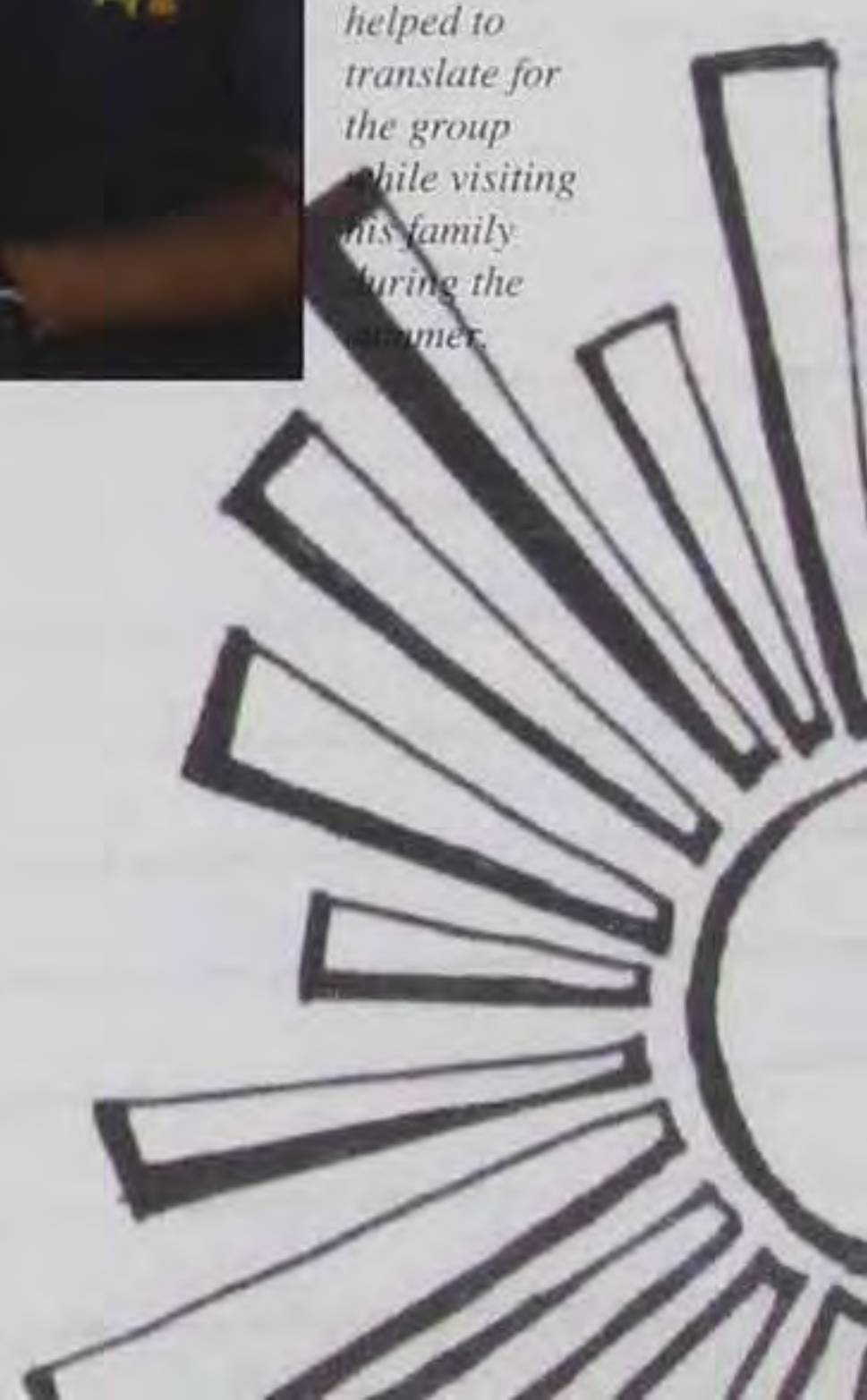
The South Korea team takes a break while hiking up a mountain on a nature reserve. At the bottom of the mountain on the reserve, there was a massive waterhole that was used for swimming.

Emily Paulk, senior, pushes Jessica Wyrzynski, sophomore, around the supermarket in Prague, Czech Republic. The students chose to explore the European supermarket during their free time.

Morgan Nixon, junior, sits on the top shelf of her closet at their hotel in Berlin, Germany. "It was an experience of a lifetime. We visited several museums, had gelato, walked a ton, went to mineral pools and market places on the street, tried interesting food, and overall had the best time. I will never forget it," said Nixon.



Sang-A Park, senior, shows off his ice cream cone at a store in one of the market streets, in South Korea. Park was one of Westminster's South Korean exchange students. He helped to translate for the group while visiting his family during the summer.



Lauren DeRousse, senior, takes her turn sliding down the side of mountain. "That my butt was hurting like crazy, and that I would run into the tree, but at the same time I was thinking how fun it was!" - Lauren DeRousse, senior



On the first hike of the Washington trip, the group came across a snowy area, which prevented them from hiking further. Before turning around, the students decided to glissade with a backpack and shorts for a thrill.

What were they thinking?

"Well to be honest, my shorts went completely up my butt and then I unfortunately flipped over onto my stomach. The whole time I was just saying a little prayer that I was not mooning everyone."
-Abbie Clark, senior

"Holy crap, I'm dead. Who the heck was the first person that decided this was a good idea?"
-Becky Canfield, senior

"Why didn't I put on my pants?"
-Marci Penning, senior

Emily Mitchell and Jordan Klein, seniors, and Warren Smith, biology teacher, bike along the Mickelson trail. The teachers broke the 109-mile ride up into three days of riding.



At Mossy Rock, a tidal pool, Marci Penning, Elizabeth Nester, Daniellé Roberts, Kira Stewart and Elizabeth Simakoff, seniors, show off one of the many starfishes lying around. At night, students would sit around the campfire, sing and have hot spot discussions.

Billy Goat Club

Andrew Beck, senior, shares his favorite memory from the South Dakota Summer Seminar :

"The best memory [from the South Dakota Summer Seminar] was the guys making the Billy Goat Club. There were lots of rocks and crevices that we could jump over, kind of like hard core par core. Then we went on a hike. It rained that morning and the mountains were made out of mud, so they all turned pretty much into mudslides. So us Billy Goats were in a Billy Goat playground heaven. We would climb up these mountains and slide down them in everyway possible, completely covering ourselves with mud.

"Each Billy Goat member earned a name for how they approached the climbs and slides. I was called "Crazy Billy" because I attacked everything at 100 miles an hour and slid down head first with no fear. Steven Lillenberg was called "Billy Long Legs" because his legs flailed around every time he slid down. Nathan Smallwood and Luke Schroeder were the "Founding Billys" because they were the two that started hopping from rock to rock. Bennet Bell was Daddy Billy and Jacob Appelbaum was "Smooth Billy" because he somehow did everything gracefully. Then after we were done, we were to muddy to sit in the cars, so we had to sit on the back of a truck. It started raining and was cold. We were being pelted by raindrops going 60 miles an hour and it was 35 degrees outside, and we were in the back huddled together in agonizing pain. When we got back, we had to go clean off in the stock dam. The stock dam was a pond that was 60% cow poop and had leaches in it. The one rewarding thing was that when we got back we sat in the heated van in our underwear while the girls waited on us and brought us all the food we wanted. Best memory ever!"



The senior boys show off how muddy they are after mud sliding. "I looked up and saw what could have been the perfect mud slide, an 870 foot mountain with a perfect path to slide all the way down. I slowly scaled the treacherous cliff knowing that if I slid in the mud I could potentially suffer a fatal injury. After receiving a warning from the guide, I slid down the hill. It was one of the most thrilling, enjoyable times of my life," said Luke Schroeder, senior.

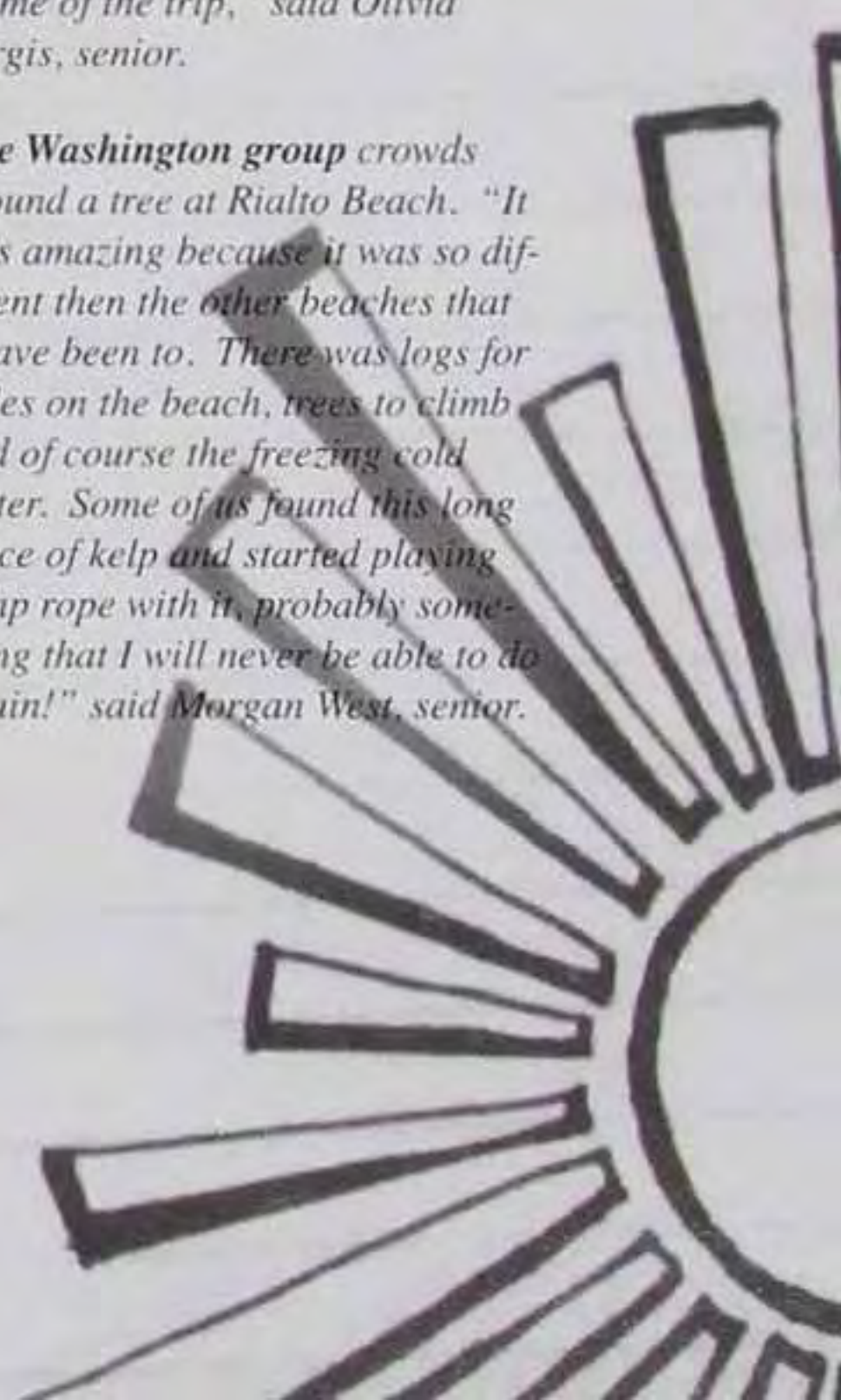
After hiking on Mt. Rainier, Parker Moore, senior, reaches out his hands towards a chipmunk. Though hiking was challenging at times, the view was worth it. "I think that climbing 4,000 feet up was physically challenging at times, but I definitely learned about creation and beauty through all the insane scenery," said Moore.



The South Dakota group takes a picture at the top of Bears Butte. "I learned a lot about myself and how I naturally react in stressing situations. I figured out that the most stressing things, like the bike ride and the hike, are all mental, and as long as you have the right mind set, you can get through it. Mental toughness was kind of the theme of the trip," said Olivia Girgis, senior.



The Washington group crowds around a tree at Rialto Beach. "It was amazing because it was so different than the other beaches that I have been to. There was logs for miles on the beach, trees to climb and of course the freezing cold water. Some of us found this long piece of kelp and started playing jump rope with it, probably something that I will never be able to do again!" said Morgan West, senior.



NIGHT OWLS

Students look forward to their summer every year. It means the ability to stay up late and sleep in. Some students took this freedom to an extreme.

"I stayed awake till like 4:00 a.m. watching Romantic Comedies," said Anna Hagan, eighth grade.

"I stay up until 5:00 a.m., most nights just messing around online," said Kimmy Munoz, senior.

"I got to bed at 1:30 a.m. I just played video games until I got tired," said Aaron Gion, seventh grade.

Tick-Tock

The dreaded moment approaches, 7:55 a.m., Monday, August 16: the line at the bookstore is out the door, friends are reuniting after their summers apart, and students are rushing to class, but everyone is remembering what their days were like during the summer.

5:30
AM

On week days I woke up at 5:30 to go to Tae Kwon Do. On weekends though, I slept in as much as I could, and woke up around 11 or 12 p.m. My favorite part of the summer is that I can do whatever I want and just relax, hardly any schedule.

-Blase Bell, seventh grade

11:59
AM

I spent a lot of time in the car going to and from concerts. At the beginning of the summer I went to Farmington for a graduation party, and I went to Warped Tour, Six Flags, and Columbia. I ended up being in the car a lot between 11:00 and 1:00 p.m.

-Taylor Wiggins, senior

12:42
PM

I woke up late, like 12 or 1 p.m. during the summer, which means that I would be in fifth hour during the school year. My favorite part of summer is that there is no homework, nothing to fail, nothing to stay on top of, it's just relaxation and fun.

-Ryan Kelly, sophomore

3:15
PM

I spent most of my summer afternoons watching my little sisters so my mom could catch up on errands. We worked out a deal. If I watched them for a couple hours during the day, then I could go out at night. We made it as fun as possible.

-Victoria Palmer, freshman



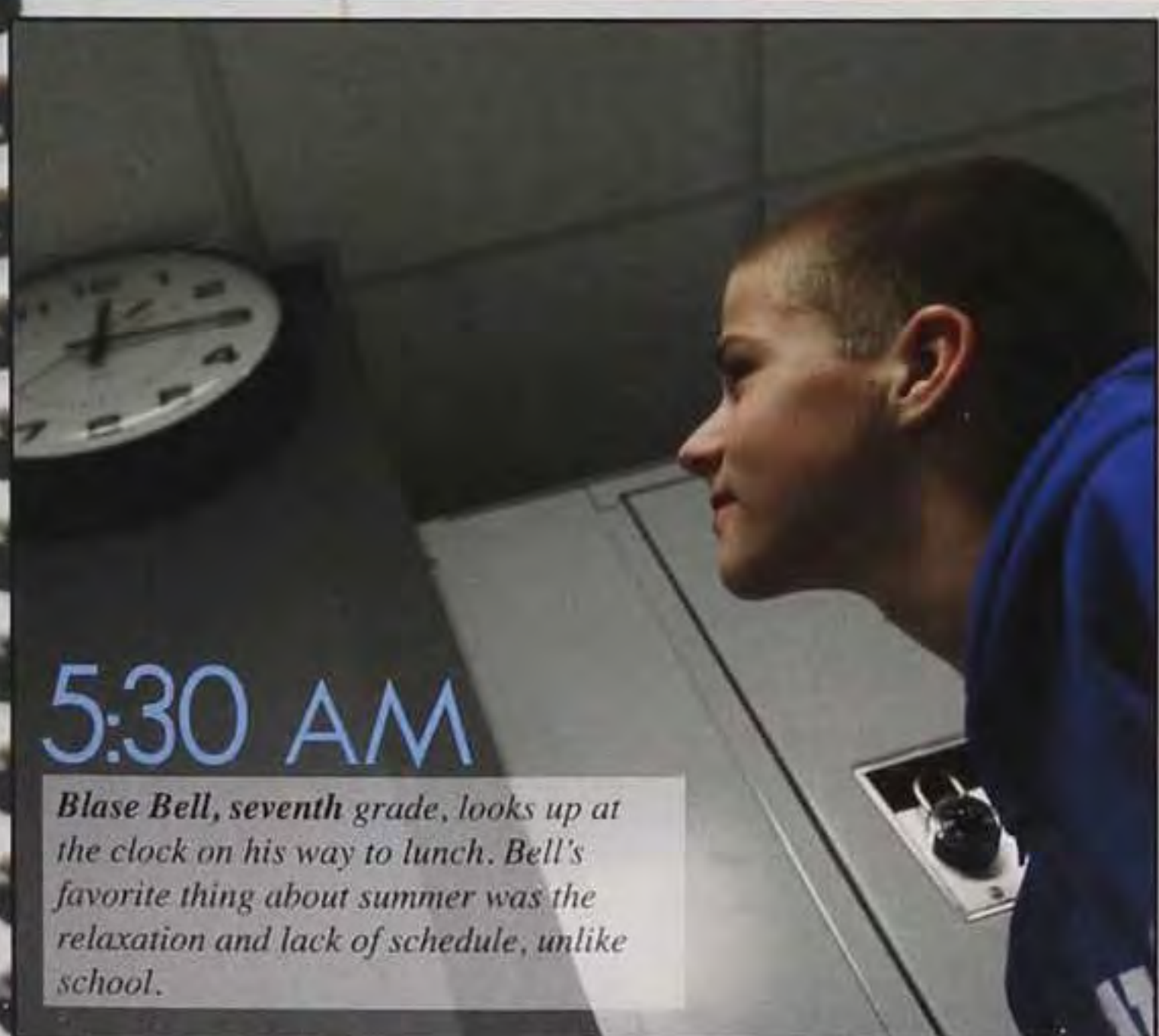
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On her way to a concert, Taylor Wiggins, senior, leans out of her friend's car. Wiggins has been to over fifteen concerts in the past year. In the summer of 2010 she attended Warped Tour 2010, There for Tomorrow, Sing it Loud, and The Maine.



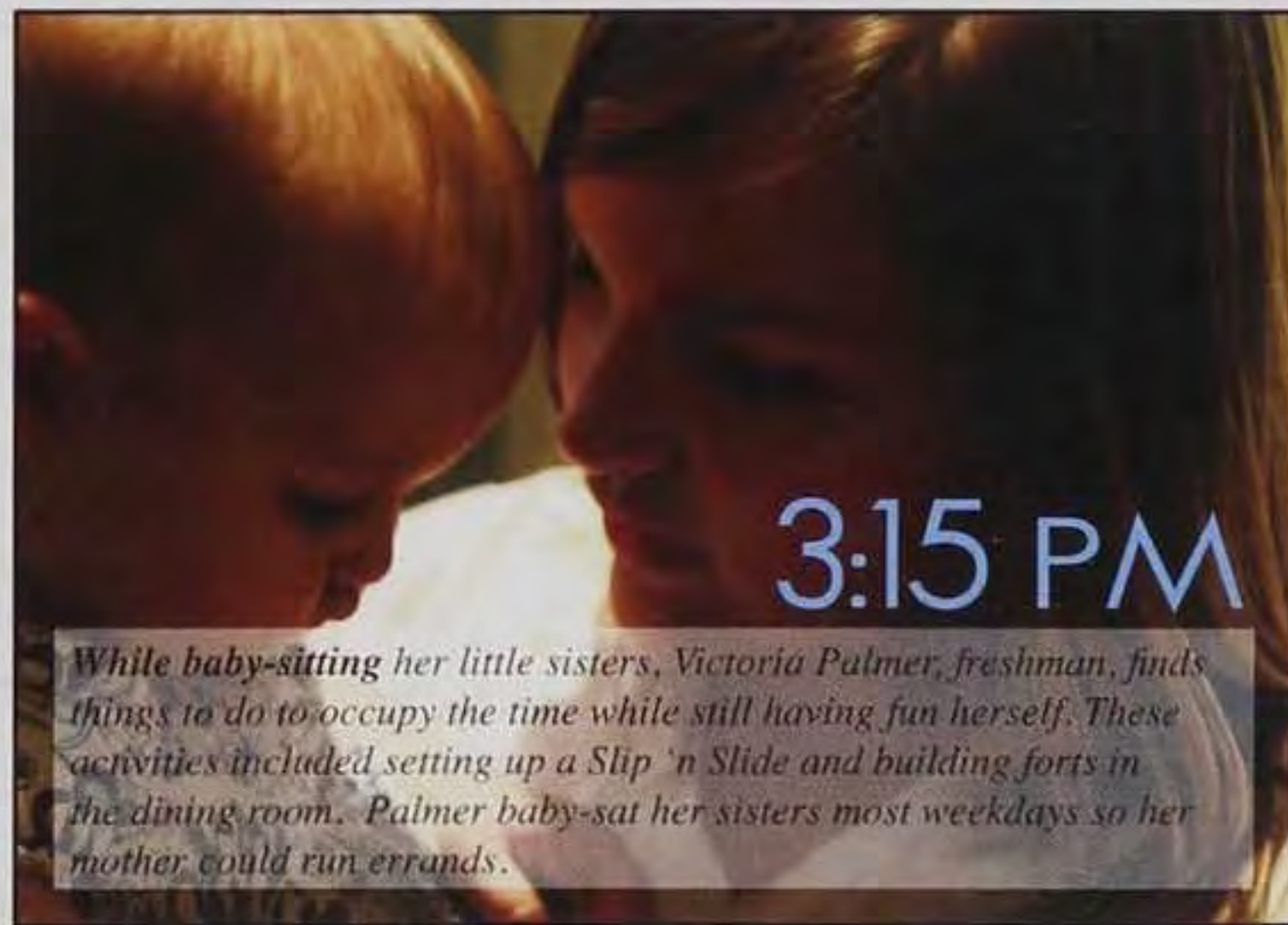
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Ryan Kelly, sophomore, relaxes in a tree during his spare time. Kelly spends much of his free time climbing trees. Kelly also enjoyed riding bicycles when he was not relaxing with friends during the summer.



5:30 AM

Blase Bell, seventh grade, looks up at the clock on his way to lunch. Bell's favorite thing about summer was the relaxation and lack of schedule, unlike school.



3:15 PM

While baby-sitting her little sisters, Victoria Palmer, freshman, finds things to do to occupy the time while still having fun herself. These activities included setting up a Slip 'n Slide and building forts in the dining room. Palmer baby-sat her sisters most weekdays so her mother could run errands.



David Thomas, junior, goes down a natural water slide at Shenandoah National Park during the backpacking portion of the Junior Leadership Seminar. "It was cool to start the hike on the first day and be like 'aw, man I need a rest', but then we got to the swimming hole and it was awesome having the natural slide," said Nicholas Norman, junior.



During the Leadership Retreat, Hunter Hughes, sophomore, sits in the outdoor worship building reflecting on the talk made by Tim Holley, coach and history teacher. This was the third year the retreat was held at High Hill Christian Camp. "What really stuck out to me from the speeches was that you have to be able to step up, like what Mr. Marsh said 'for such a time as this'," said Hughes.

Highlight of the Junior Summer Seminar

The sunlight is beating down on the backs of 16 energetic juniors.

Everyone is hiking and climbing, as they've been for the past two hours.

It almost seems as though the top of Old Rag will never come. "We're

almost there," is repeated constantly for one last inspiration, and the group

is enjoying their company and blisters. Practicing skills they learned at

the battlefields of Antietam and Gettysburg, students are lending a hand

while climbing the steep rocks. And just as it seems the end is not near, the

climbing gives way to a most gorgeous view, catching the attention of the entire group.

Change of Pace

Every year, it was a tradition to have a bonfire at the leadership retreat where students shared stories and advice with their peers. Due to an unexpected rain storm, the bonfire on Friday night was rained out, but the students decided to continue this tradition under the awning of the cafeteria at High Hill Christian Camp. In past years, the bonfire had been a place to offer insight to younger students. This year, however, was a time when many shared their struggles, asking for support from their leadership community. This inspired Andrew Waeckerle, senior, to get up and share his testimony with the underclassmen.

"I accepted Christ in 6th grade, but after my 6th grade year, my life ironically started going down hill, fast" said Waeckerle. "Starting in 7th grade, I got into drugs, alcohol, and just stuff that was not pleasing to the Lord. I decided to rededicate my life to Christ at a summer camp freshmen year, but this only lasted about two or three days. I continued to displease the Lord, and it only got progressively worse as high school went on. The middle of my junior year, I realized that after four years I just was not happy with what I was doing.

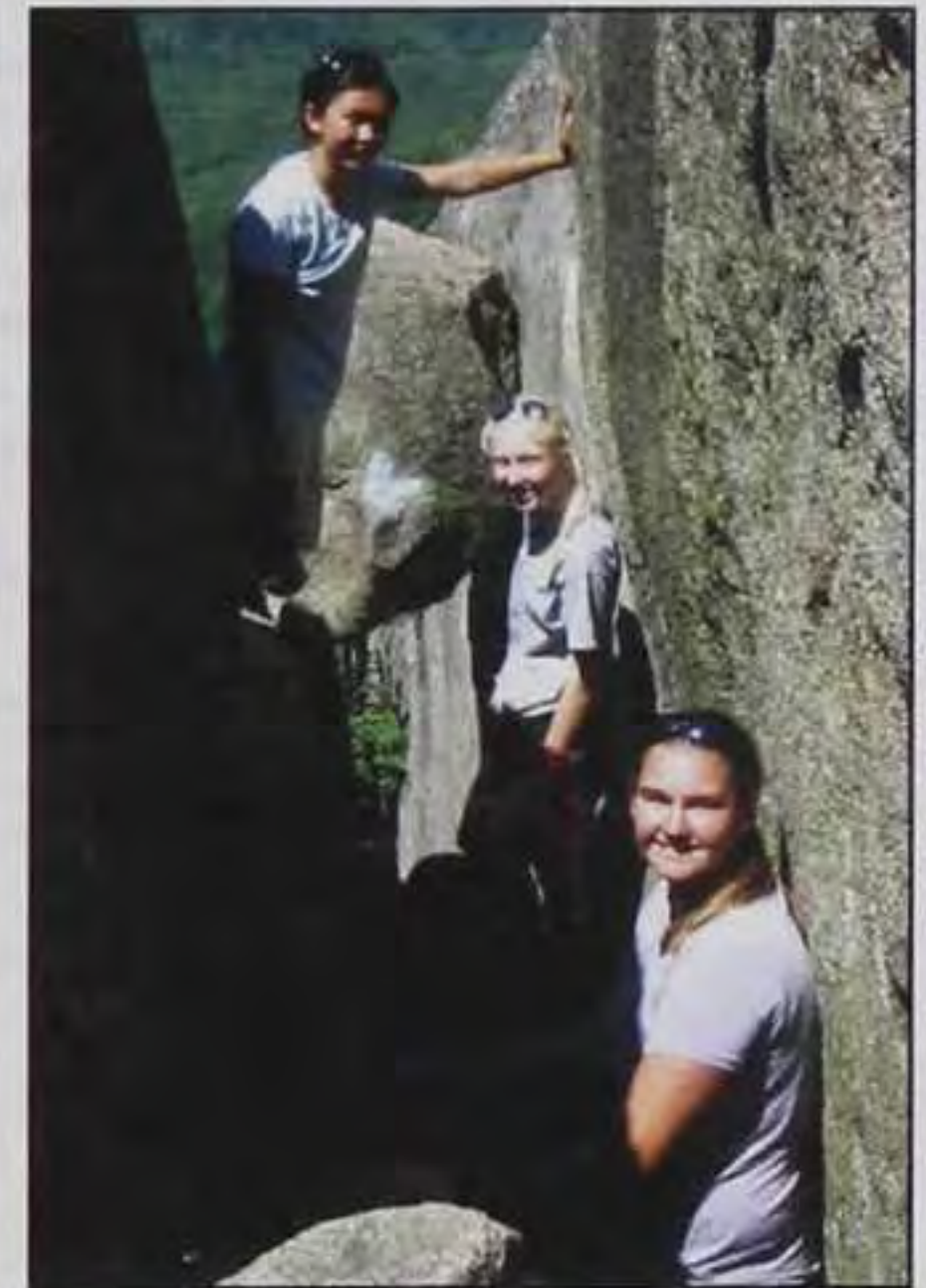
"The summer of 2010 a friend of mine, who was the director of ZOE ministries, asked me if I wanted to go on a Florida trip with the youth group. I didn't really want to go because I literally did not know anyone, but I went on the trip. While on it, people were getting baptized. At this time I realized that the previous time I was baptized it didn't really mean anything. I decided to make that day, June 25, 2010, the day that I started living for the Lord and really run away from my sinful nature. I am a changed person to say the least."

Waeckerle's change of heart surprised many people. His testimony, along with the challenges asked by other Westminster students, affected the leaders who attended. "It really showed me that anyone can be a Christian, no matter what their reputation is," said Grace Linton, sophomore. "It was really cool to see all the challenges asked by the students, and to listen to what they had to say," said Laura Brands, junior.



Andrew Waeckerle, senior, decides to ripstick during his free time at the Leadership Retreat. Along with ripsticking, there was a lake with a blob and zipline, a pool, open fields, and ping-pong to choose from.

Near the summit of Old Rag, a mountain in Shenandoah National Park. Brittany Zee-Cheng, Lucy Wynn, and Rachael Gantner, juniors, climb over and around large boulders to reach the top. On the four hour hike to the top, the group practiced leadership skill such as patience and humility.



After venturing the wrong way on a trail, Megan Rasche, Margaret Moore, Avery Anderson, Nicholas Norman, and David Roling, juniors are reprimanded for not waiting for the rest of the group. "I learned how to lead by putting the people I was leading in front of me," said Davis Vermillion, junior. Students were able to practice the skills they learned during the backpacking portion of the seminar.



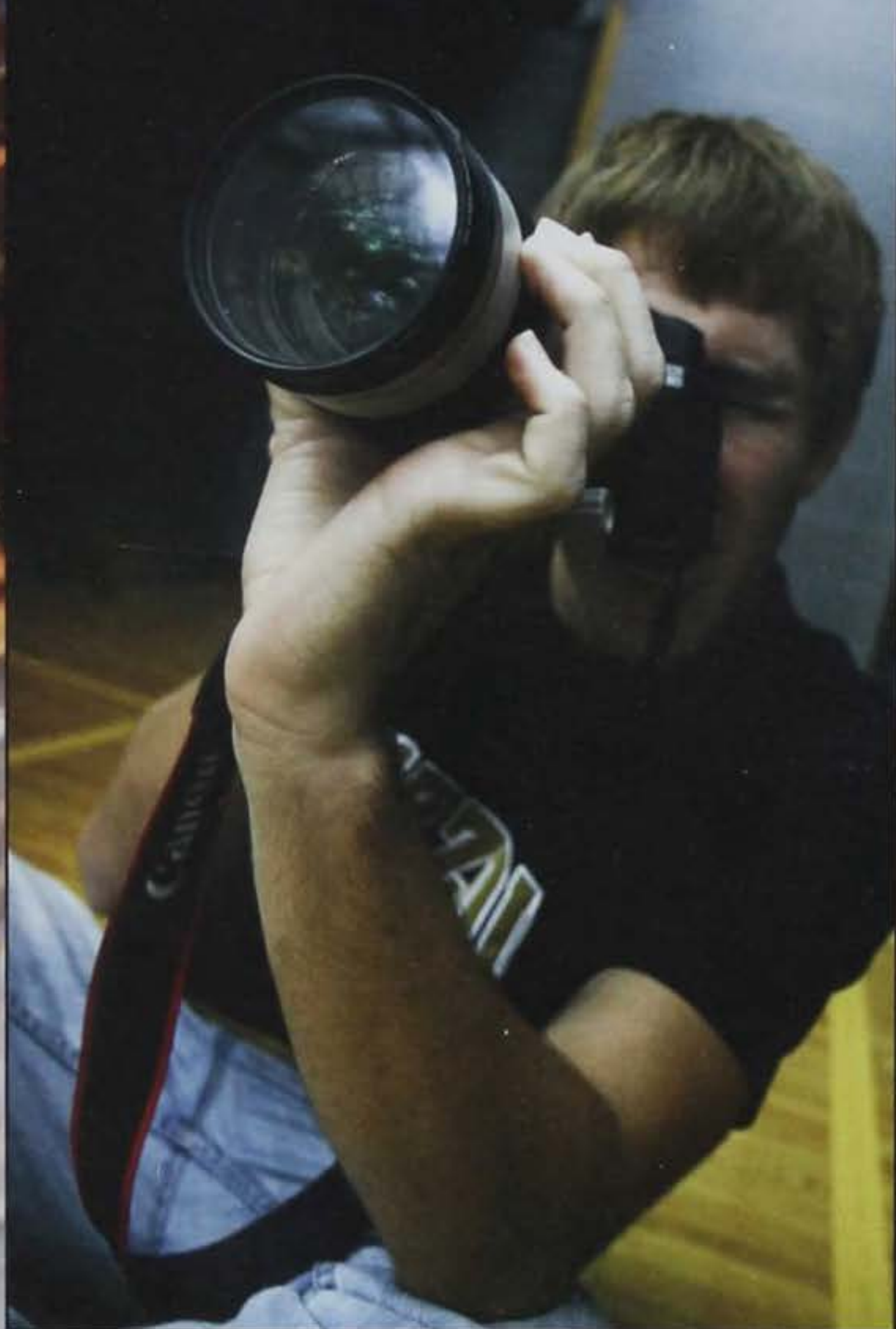
FALL

As the phone rang at 6:24 AM on the morning of October 26, many students were rolling out of bed, surprised by the familiar voice on the other end of the line. A recording of Mr. Todd Fuller, director of operations', voice informed them that school was cancelled that day due to a power outage. "I didn't even believe [my mom when she told me about the power outage] at first! I was really excited and it took me a while to realize it actually happened," said Chloe Carnahan, junior.

Instead of sitting through a normal Tuesday at school, Carnahan and her friends went to Theis Farm, a pumpkin patch in Maryland Heights, and she said that they did "all of the little kid things" like hay mazes, big slides, hay rides, and zip lines. Afterwards, the group went to lunch at El Maguey, making the most of the cool fall day.

While some students slept in, others worked ahead on homework. But Carnahan and her friends made sure that the story of their day off school would be a story that shouldn't go untold.

Steven Fitzgerald, senior, focuses his camera on Dr. James Sefrit during the fall student assembly. Fitzgerald took photography to fulfill his fine arts credits. "The world feels perfect when a camera's in my hand," said Fitzgerald.



Natalie Bell, sophomore, does Zumba, an aerobic workout, in her small group. Originally an activity in the Lifetime Fitness class, Zumba took off as a fun program for girls to do in their spare time. "I really like how you get to move and dance, but it is a workout at the same time. And Westhoff makes it really fun," said Taylor Cole, sophomore.



Nathan Cox, senior, waits as Helen Scott applies make-up for the fall musical, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. He played the role of Pig Pen in the play. "It was the smallest role I've ever had, but it was a neat opportunity and I enjoyed every single minute of it," said Cox.



Bailey Benes, sophomore, paints a child's face at the carnival on October 9. The sophomore class sponsored the face painting booth this year.



Emily Adkisson, seventh grade, gives baby supplies on Wednesday of ITSOG week. Adkisson's favorite part about ITSOG week was the special chapel devoted to telling the student body about the importance of giving.



Drew Pfyl and Brink Thompson, sophomores, watch Chris Knerr, history teacher, smash fruit with his "Hammer of Doubt." Pfyl said that this fruit smashing was his favorite lesson of the year, and he "really likes Knerr's teaching style because of his random remarks."

Football 101



Morgan West, senior, pursues Chloe Carhahan, junior in the powderpuff game. This was West's second year playing powderpuff. The seniors beat the juniors 32 to 12.



Drake Norman, sophomore, performs "The Luckiest" by Ben Folds during the annual Variety Show. "I have been playing piano for ten and a half years," said Norman.



Justin Henry, sophomore, plays the electric guitar with the jazz band at school. The band played near the bleachers during the powderpuff football game.



Christian Thompson, sophomore, gets her face painted by Abbey Andres, sophomore, at Carnival.



Kathryn Langley, senior, sells a drink during the Student Council-sponsored Carnival. Langley had been a member of STUCO since her junior year. "I love being in STUCO because you get to bounce off ideas with other people to create amazing events," said Langley.

To prepare for the big annual powderpuff game, it took a lot of hard work and training. Each year, girls of the junior and senior class recruited football players from their grade to teach them the tactics of football. This was a big task for the football players because it was many of the girls' first time playing powderpuff.

They realized that it was not only a difficult feat to teach the girls the game of football, but it was also hard work for the girls who were training. In order to make practice more enjoyable, the junior coaches allowed the girls to have some "fun at the end of practice if they work hard," said Jonathan Roth, junior. They brought out the tackling dummies, which were used for the football players, and let the girls give it a shot.

"I think tackling was tight and it was a great way to relieve any anger... it was just fun!" said Kristen Franke, junior.

Roth, one of the junior coaches, explained the use of the tackling dummies.

"We did it just to have the girls get into the physicalness of football. Also, just to have some fun and relax at the end of practice," said Roth.

At first, people were stiff towards the idea of running up and tackling an object in front of everyone, but after a while people began to loosen up and have fun with it.

"I loved tackling the tackling dummies! They were a great way to release at the end of practice," said Samantha Giltner, junior.

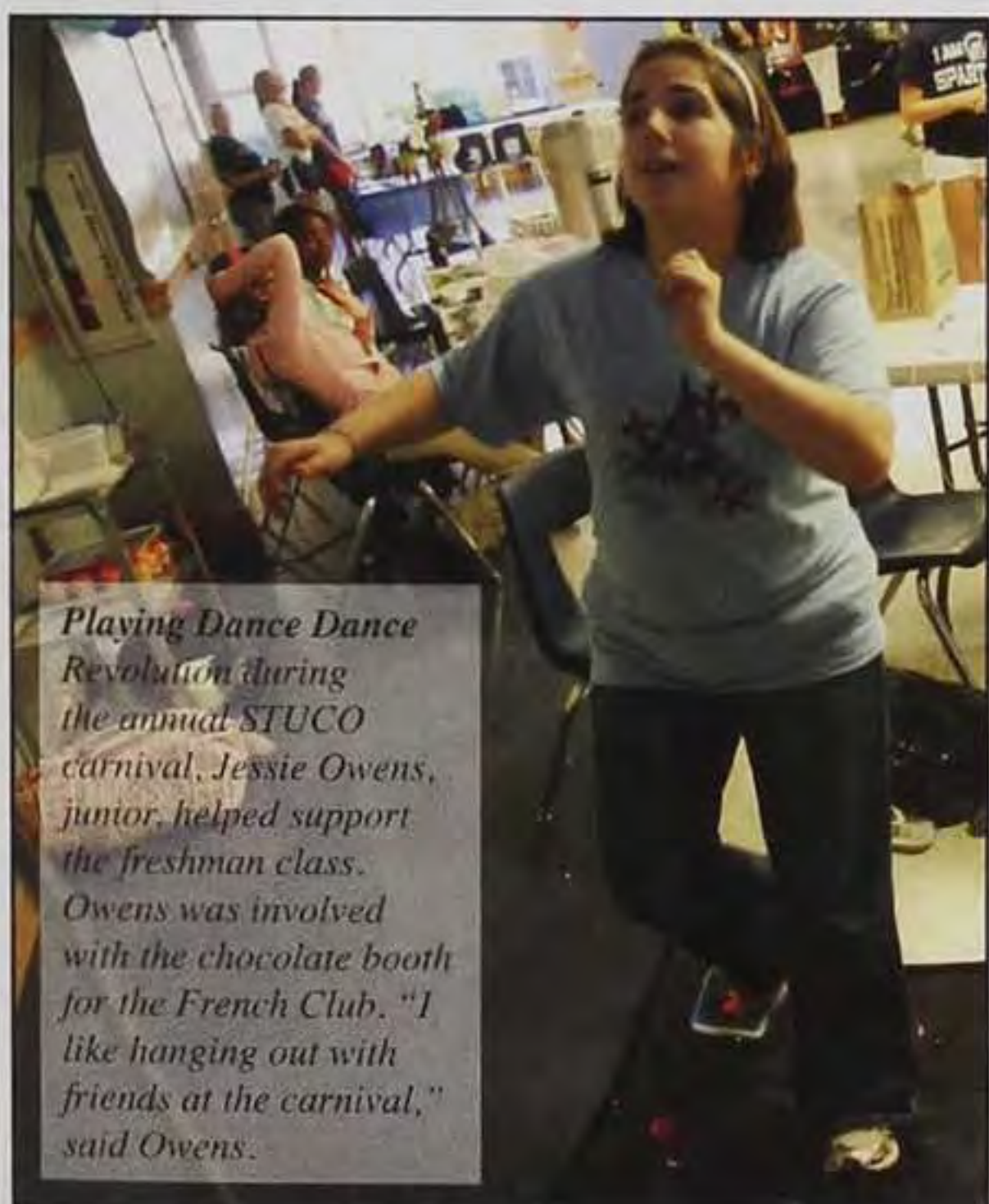
The senior class this year also used the tackling dummies as juniors to get more comfortable with the idea of pursuing an opponent. Who knew? Maybe this would be a tradition that carried on with the juniors as they train for their senior year of powderpuff.



The senior powderpuff team celebrates after winning the powderpuff game.



Hannah Geisz, eighth grade, performs "The Happy Little Working Song" from the musical Enchanted at the Variety Show. "I thought it was a fun song, and I wanted to give the audience a comic relief in the show," said Geisz.



Playing Dance Dance Revolution during the annual STUCO carnival, Jessie Owens, junior, helped support the freshman class. Owens was involved with the chocolate booth for the French Club. "I like hanging out with friends at the carnival," said Owens.



Andreae Bradley, junior, dodges the seniors as she makes her way down the field. Bradley was one of the running backs for the juniors' team. The running backs called themselves the "TMNT."



Nathan Arnold, sophomore, competes in the annual pie eating contest at the carnival. "I definitely felt sick after eating all that pie, but I tried not to think about it till after it was over," said Arnold. The pies were frozen before the contest, adding to the challenge of the competition for the pie-eaters.

Mary Snapp, sophomore, brings a nine pack of toilet paper on Thursday during ITSOG. "I love giving to people, so I definitely liked ITSOG week," said Snapp.

In The Spirit Of Giving



New P.J.'s for 1♥

In The Spirit Of Giving, also referred to as ITSOG, took place the second week of November. Each year, every grade competes against each other in an effort to raise money and collect items for ministries around St. Louis. This year, Westminster raised items for ten different charities. Out of these ten organizations, four of them were new to ITSOG. These new charities included Doorways, Gateway 180, One Heart Family Ministries, and Isaiah 58 Food Pantry.

Many students favorite ministry to raise items for was One Heart Family Ministries. On Friday of ITSOG week, each grade brought in new pajama's to donate to the organization.

"Altogether, Westminster brought in over 400 pajamas for One Heart Family Ministries. I thought that this was pretty amazing," said Susie Brown, assistant to the deans.

One Heart Family Ministries was an organization that sought to find Christ-centered homes for orphaned children. "It was different and something we've never done before and we were helping other kids some of our same age which I thought was really cool!" said Dani Evans, junior, about pajama day. Other organizations Westminster raised items for included Angels Arms, Circle of Concern, St. Louis Crisis Nursery, Shalom House, Thrive St. Louis, and Whole Kids Outreach.

Jessi Wydrzynski was the sophomore class service chair, and her "favorite part about helping out with ITSOG week was contacting all of the ministries to find out what they needed and then being able to give it to them." Each day Westminster collected different items that the charities were in need of. Monday the students brought in food, Tuesday was baby items and new toys, Wednesday was cleaning supplies and paper towels, on Thursday people brought in toiletries and toilet paper, and Friday was pajama day. Every day students had the chance to bring in shoes and spare change.

One of the motivations for students to bring in items each day was the competition between grades. The grade that brought in the most items throughout the week won ITSOG. This year theseventh grade came in first place, the freshman came in second place, the seniors came in third, sophomores were in fourth place, eighth grade came in fifth place, and the juniors were in sixth place.



During ITSOG, Alissa Dywer, seventh grade, helps out at the seventh grade table. This was the second consecutive year the seventh grade won ITSOG.



On Thursday, Zach Wibbenmeyer, sophomore, brings in toiletries to support his class. "The most interesting part of ITSOG was bringing the stuff in and knowing that it would help someone," said Wibbenmeyer.



Alex Hagemeyer, freshman, takes items out of the bags that were dropped off at the freshman table. Each day, a couple of students from each grade would count up the total number of items brought in by their grade.



Brennen Almus, freshman, counts the baby items brought in by the freshmen class. Overall, 20,000 items were brought in by Westminister students and teachers.

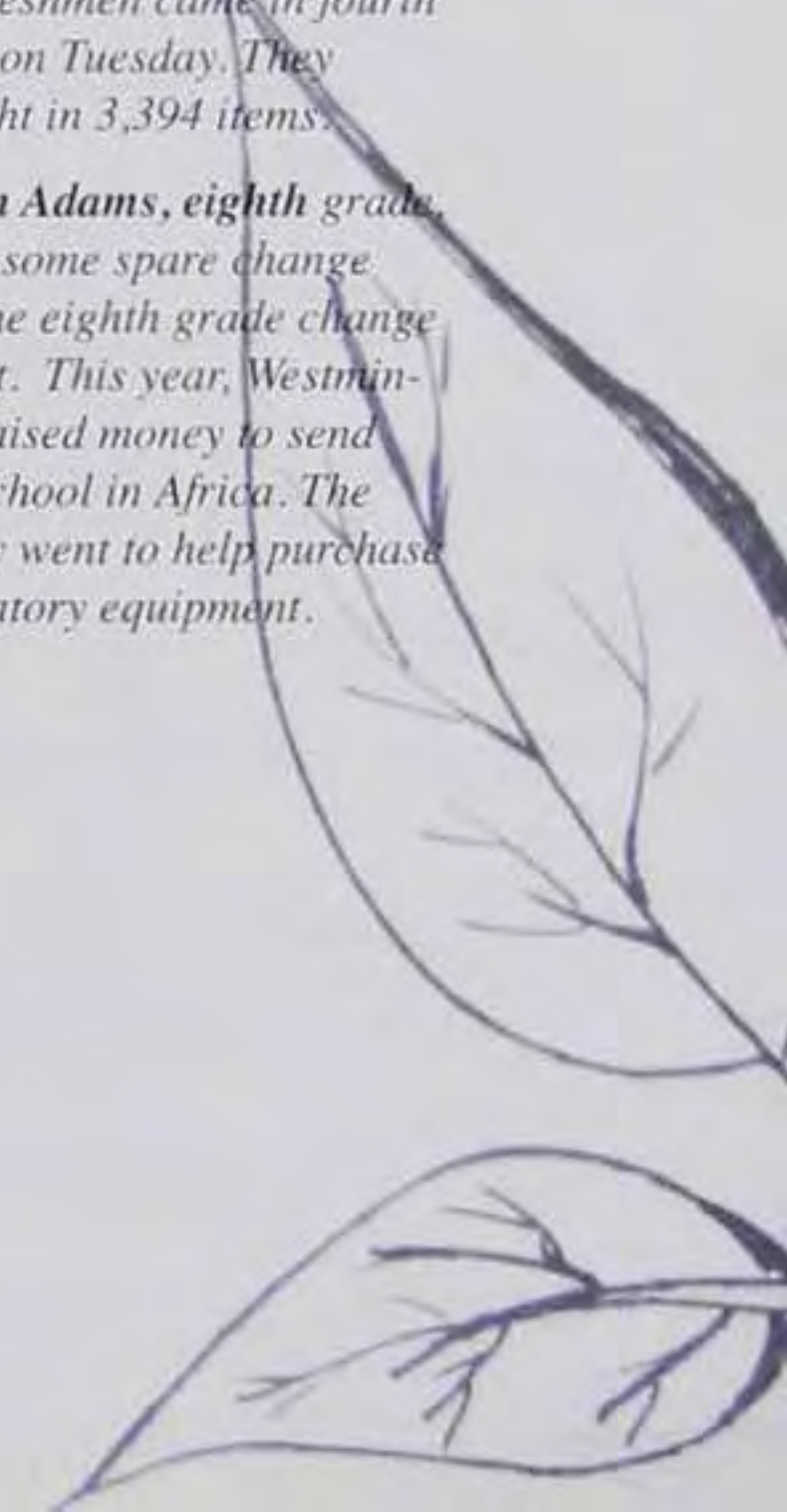


Claire Kopsky, freshman, brings in baby items on the Tuesday of ITSOG week. The freshmen came in fourth place on Tuesday. They brought in 3,394 items.



Julian Adams, eighth grade, drops some spare change into the eighth grade change bucket. This year, Westminister raised money to send to a school in Africa. The money went to help purchase laboratory equipment.

After dropping off some items on her grade's table, Megan Sexton, freshman, chats with her friend. "I love bringing in all of the stuff and hearing how all of the items we brought helped others out," said Sexton.



Leaving Our Mark

This year marked the last musical to be performed at the Ladue campus. For most of the seniors, it was "a sad ending." As a way to remember the old campus and the memories that were made there during the countless plays and musicals, the seniors of the cast decided to sign their names under the stairs. "It was our last musical here and we thought we should leave our mark. We figured it wasn't a problem because they are tearing it down anyway," said Abbie Clark, senior.

Some of the cast members were sad to be leaving while others were not. "It doesn't bother me that much because the musicals I usually do are outside of school. I have always been too busy to do them here. I'm going to miss being a part of the new theater. I've seen the pictures and blueprints and I'm excited because they're thinking about doing alumni performances. It will be exciting to be apart of that if I can," said Ashley Lokey, senior.

Both of these seniors agreed that they were looking forward to the new campus and what it had to offer the drama department. "I'm kind of jealous and happy for my younger friends. It will provide a lot of great opportunities for the drama industry," said Clark.



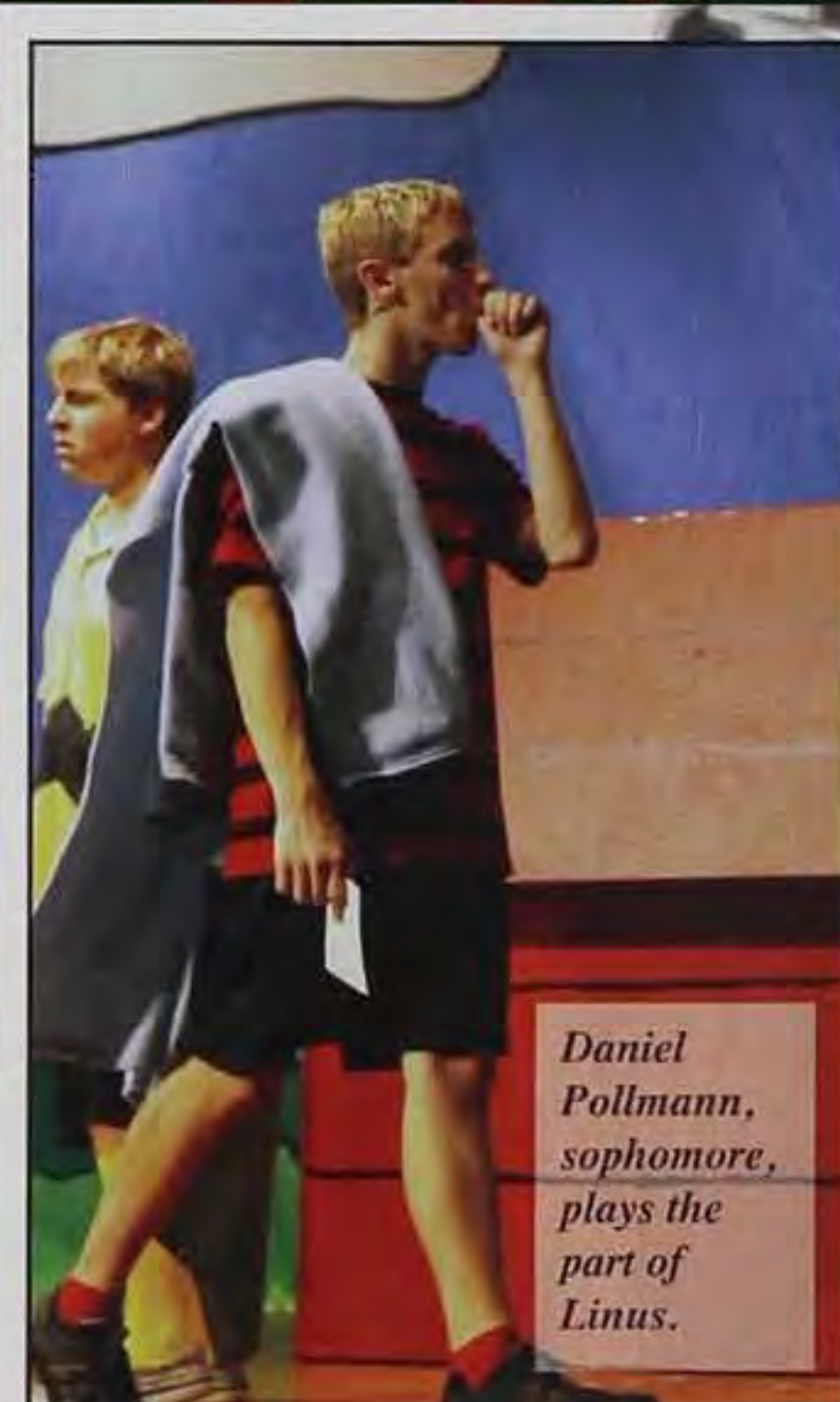
Justine Doiron and Andrew Gordon, juniors, practice their duet during dress rehearsals. "Sitting on the piano was fun even though I thought it would fall," said Doiron.



Margaret Johnson, senior, performs a rap with Abigail Clark, senior, and the two played the roles of Sally and Snoopy respectively. "I think she played the best Sally ever!" said Ashley Lokey, senior. This was Clark's first musical at Westminster.



During the musical, Ian Farmer, senior, played the role of Charlie Brown. "My favorite part of the musical was watching Ian and Nate attempt to dance," said Lokey. Farmer had been a part of the Drama Club since his seventh grade year.

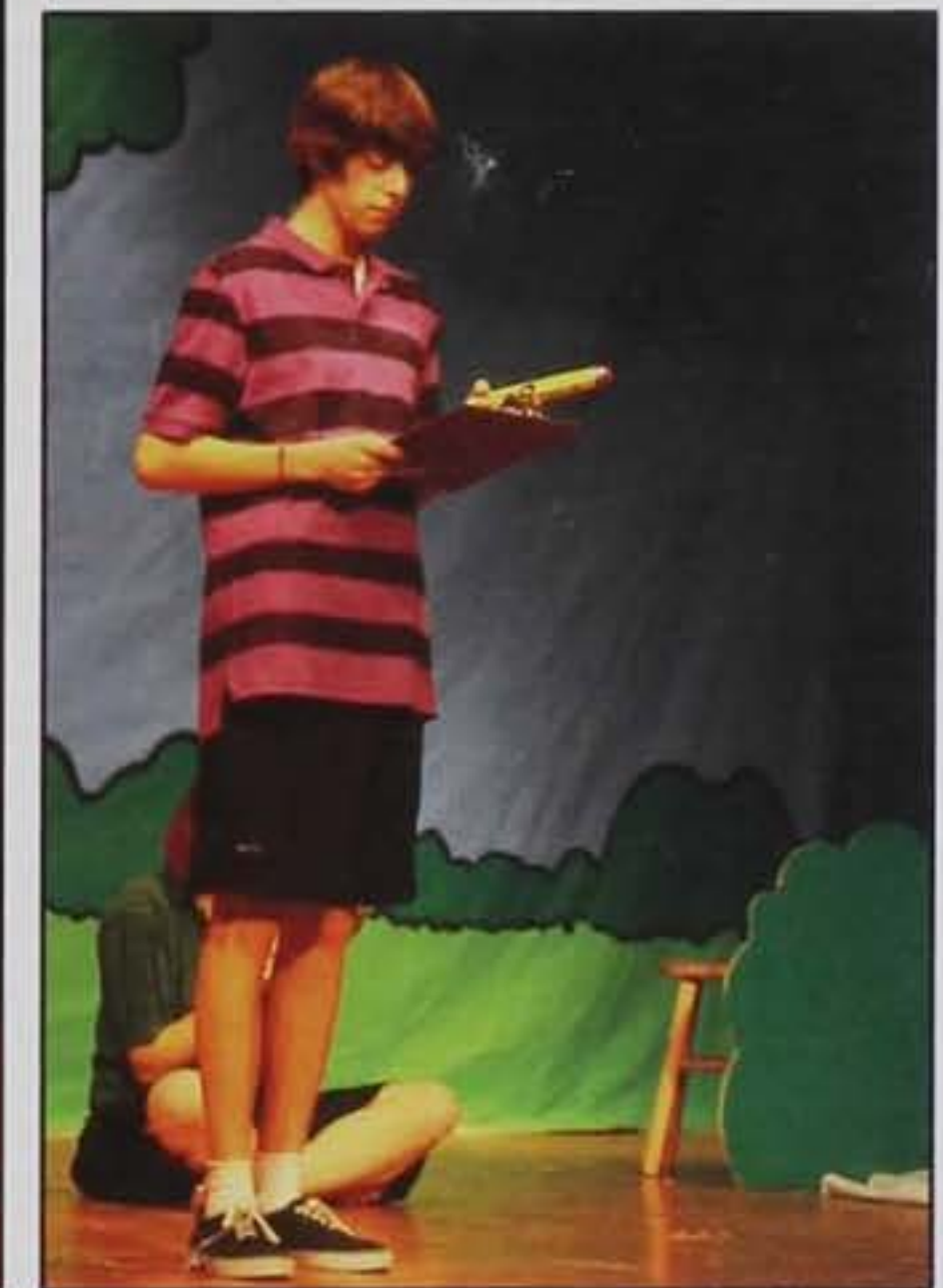


Daniel Pollmann, sophomore, plays the part of Linus.

During the performance, Margaret Johnson, senior, played Snoopy. Johnson also starred as Eliza Doolittle in the previous year's spring's musical, My Fair Lady. Not only was Johnson involved in theater, but she also sang in Chamber Choir.



Andrew Gordon, junior, played the character Schroeder. "I enjoyed being with the cast everyday and becoming good friends," said Gordon.



Practicing for the upcoming performance, the cast sings "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown". "The cast was small so it was a lot of fun hanging and going to Bread Company before practice," said Abigail Clark, senior.



seventh grade

Faith Adamson
Emily Adkisson
Joseph Albertson
Michael Alldredge



Nathan Appelbaum
Anne Backs
Myles Bakewell
Clark Bartholomew



Blase Bell
Nicholas Bell
James Bissell
Tyler Borst



Kayla Brown
Brooke-Ellen Brugner
Caleb Buffa
Sterling Burton



Caira Butler
Nicholas Cacciarelli
Wilson Canfield
Macy Catlett



Kendreala Cobb
Caleb Curry
Allyson Dalby
Maggie Dare



Cortez Davis
Rashon Davis
Robert Davis
Ryan Davis



Mason Davitt
Marleigh Dickerson
Avery Drury
Nathan Duke



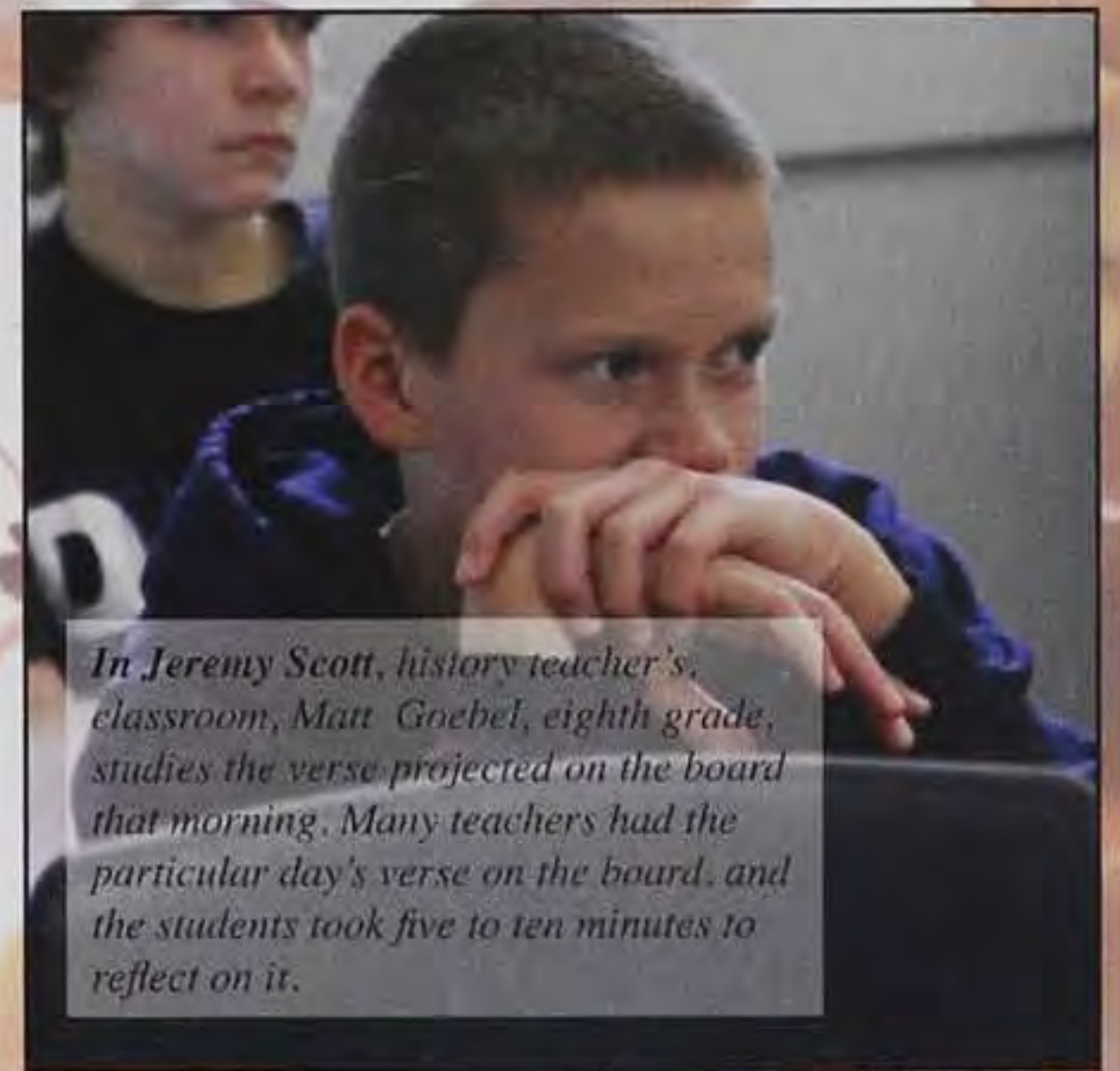
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Maggi Eachus
Nicholas Ebel



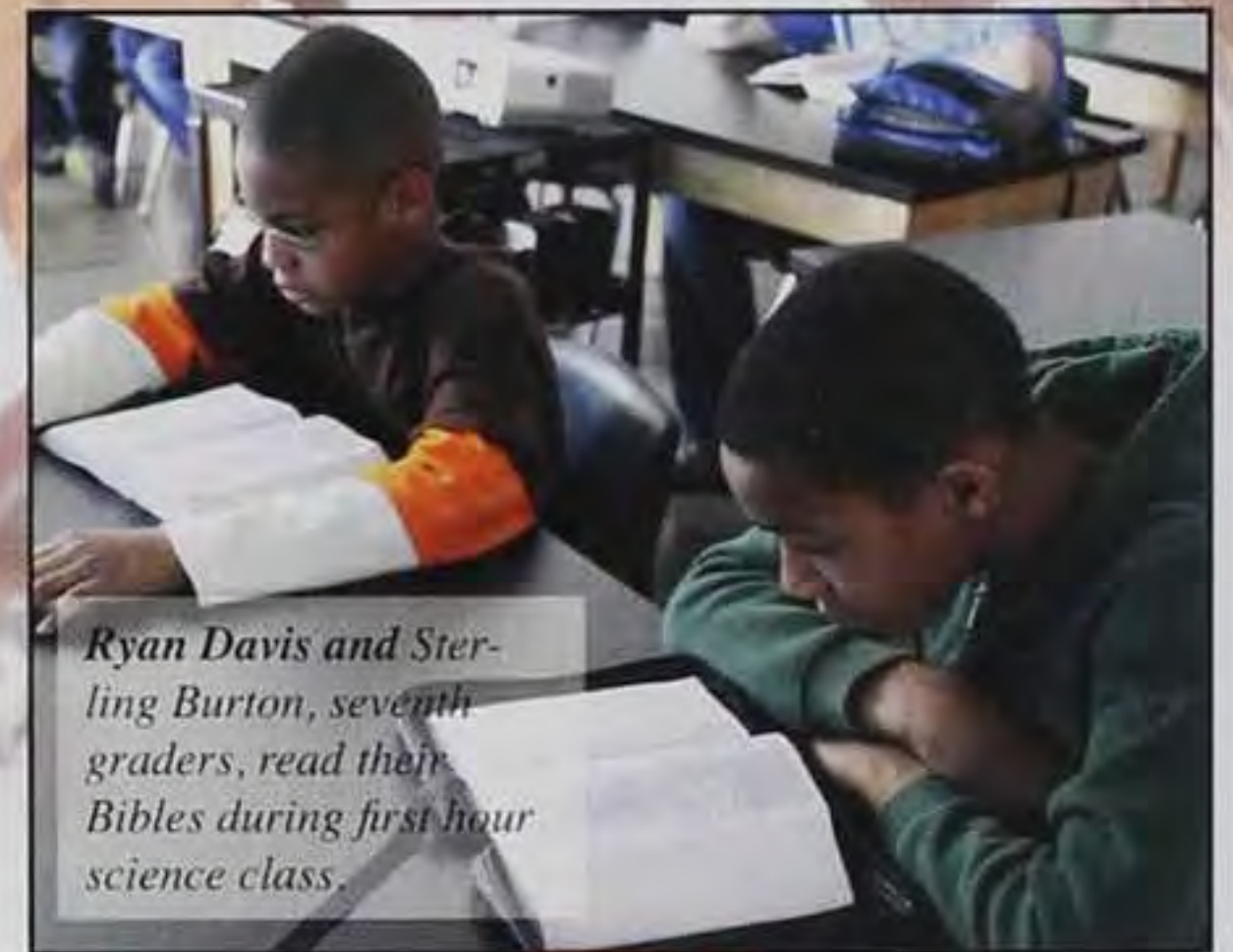
Megan Wibbenmeyer, seventh grade, closes her eyes during prayer on a Thursday morning



McKenna Montgomery, seventh grade, turns to Jonah 3 during RISE.



In Jeremy Scott, history teacher's, classroom, Matt Goebel, eighth grade, studies the verse projected on the board that morning. Many teachers had the particular day's verse on the board, and the students took five to ten minutes to reflect on it.



Ryan Davis and Sterling Burton, seventh graders, read their Bibles during first hour science class.



Parker Mitchem, Soyoung Lee, and Seoyoung Pyi, eighth grade, reflect on the verse for the day during first hour.

Audrey O'Neill, Elisabeth Harding, and Kayla Brown, seventh grade, read their Bibles during RISE. "I like it, but I think other people who don't like it distract people who are actually using the time," Brown said.



Change with Choice

The middle school teachers tried something different in the mornings for the 2010-2011 school year; it was called RISE.

Instead of having a teacher read a devotion to the class, the students were given some verses to look up and reflect on. The new devotions were met with mixed reactions from the students. Some really enjoyed the new tradition. "My teacher makes RISE really fun because she goes over the verse with us and asks us questions," said Caleb Buffa, seventh grader. An increased student involvement was viewed by some students as a positive aspect of RISE.

As with any change, reactions were inevitably going to be mixed. Unfortunately, because the new structure required students to take their own initiative, many did not get much out of the time.

"Some people get done early and then they just sit there," said Megan Wibbenmeyer, seventh grade.

Some students even claimed that being forced to spend time with God caused them to think of it as a chore.

"It's really boring and I don't want to be forced to do a devotion in the morning," said Sarah McFarland, eighth grade.

Those not happy with RISE believed that because it was not by choice, RISE created a mind-set that reading the Bible is something they had to do, like a checklist, instead of something to be enjoyed.



Ben Isaacs, seventh grade

"For the most part, I look forward to RISE, but it depends on the reading."

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"I enjoy the 7 minutes in the morning when Mr. Kerchoff reads the Bible."



Maggie Dare, seventh grade

seventh grade

Harrison Farmer, eighth grade, aims an arrow at his kidnappers during the opening night of the play "Ransom of Red Chief". Christian Meeks and Alexander Kessel, eighth graders, played the role of the kidnappers.

Andrew Eichelberger
Alexandra Einertson
Darion Ellison



Sam Everhardt
Lindsey Falkner
Claire Fellows



Hannah Fiala
Azaria Foster
Nick Frogge



Isabellah Garcia
Aaron Gion
Scott Goldfarb



Andrew Graham
Harrison Greer
Lauren Griesedieck



Paul Griesedieck
Clara Gruneisen
Bel Guariglia



Connor Hafenrichter
Nathan Hall
Ciarra Hampton



Elisabeth Harding
Sofia Harjoe
Julia Harre



Issy Haupfear
Jordan Hawkins
Miles Hehner



Break-through Performance:

Chrissy Talent

Ashley Lokey, senior, helped the cast throughout the production. "Chrissy Talent didn't have a huge main part but she totally came through. She got into her character so well, and every line and action was spot on. I was blown away by the talent and how well they all worked together. It was really a blessing to watch them," said Lokey.



Hannah Geisz and Andrea Biermann, eighth graders, perform opening night. Biermann played a mother of three and Red Chief's aunt.

Lights, Camera, TIMBER!

Mary Kathryn Hancock, eighth grade, plays with a balloon during a scene shortly before intermission. "I played a six year old girl so I always had a toy to play with; it was pretty fun," said Hancock. This was Hancock's second production in middle school.



It was opening night. After weeks of practice, the hour had come for all the middle school actors and actresses to really shine at the middle school play, *Ransom of Red Chief*. Mary Kathryn Hancock, eighth grade, said that the cast had all become really close.

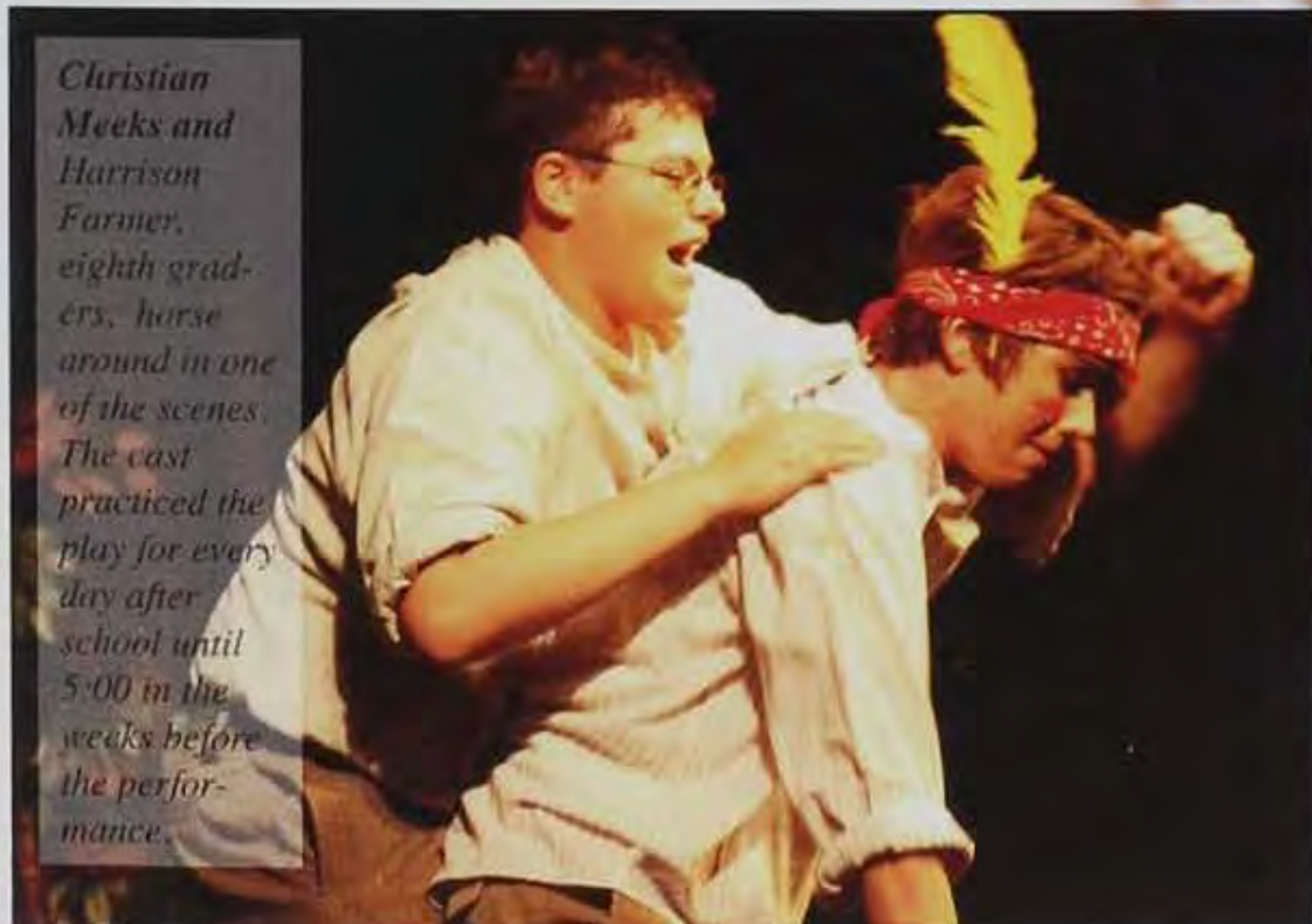
"We're not all from the same friend group, so we all met new people and we became so close we started calling each other family."

There were big crowds, and everyone was anxious backstage. The first scene went perfectly, just as planned. The first scene change started to take place, and these scene changes should be quick, precise and only last a few seconds. All of a sudden the audience let out an unexpected chuckle: one of the trees on stage, used as props, had fallen over.

Christian Meeks, eighth grade, was first to reach the fallen plant. "We were trying to hurry so I rushed to get it back up. The second I set it up, it fell down again." The tree resisted to stand up, so the stage manager had to sneak behind the curtain to prop it up. The middle school students were directed to continue on with the play. The play got right back on track and finished with an uninterrupted performance.

The next night, for the second performance, the stage crew had to change the props so the tree would be completely out of the way of ever falling again.

Christian Meeks and Harrison Farmer, eighth graders, horse around in one of the scenes. The cast practiced the play for every day after school until 5:00 in the weeks before the performance.



Erin Hunt, seventh grade, Trent Briden, eighth grade, and Maggi Eachus, seventh grade, stand together on stage. "It was my first play and I was extremely nervous, but I pulled it off. I tried to remember to just have fun," said Hunt.

seventh grade

Hannah Heintz
Chris Heyl
Casey Hinds



Caroline Holden
Zach Hughes
Alec Hungerford



Sam Hunsicker
Erin Hunt
Ben Isaacs



Joel Johnson
Lucy Kehr
Margaret Koby



James Kouzes
John Linton
Rebecca Liu



Lauren Massot
Jake Matheny
Andrew McCracken



Alyson McKie
Kaitlyn Mehlhouse
Kaylah Meredith



Joel Montgomery
McKenna Montgomery
Brennan Murphy



Claire Nichols
Ashton Nye
Audrey O'Neill



MEET AND GREET

For four sophomores, Bria Baumgartner, Olivia Willis, Melissa Kingma and Jessica



Johnson, the Forever The Sickest Kids concert turned into a rare opportunity to meet and interact with the band putting on the show. Kingma commented, "It was super crowded. They were good live, and we were really close to the stage." The concert was held at a local venue, Firebird, on November 16th.

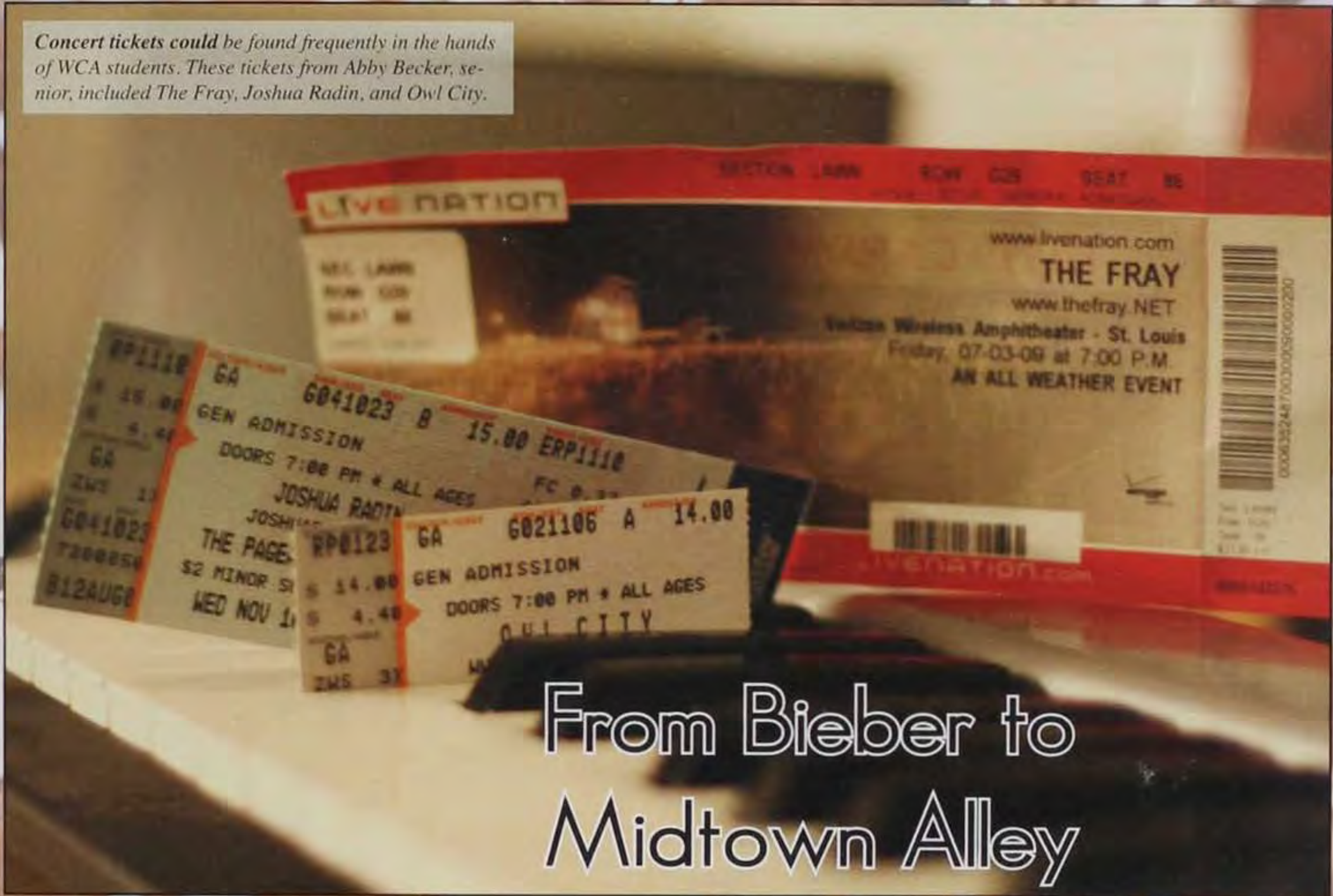


Cailyn McCarthy, freshman, stands in the front row of the Justin Bieber concert. "The concert was like a giant party. I loved it because not only did Justin Bieber sing, but he was really good at dancing and putting on a show," said McCarthy.

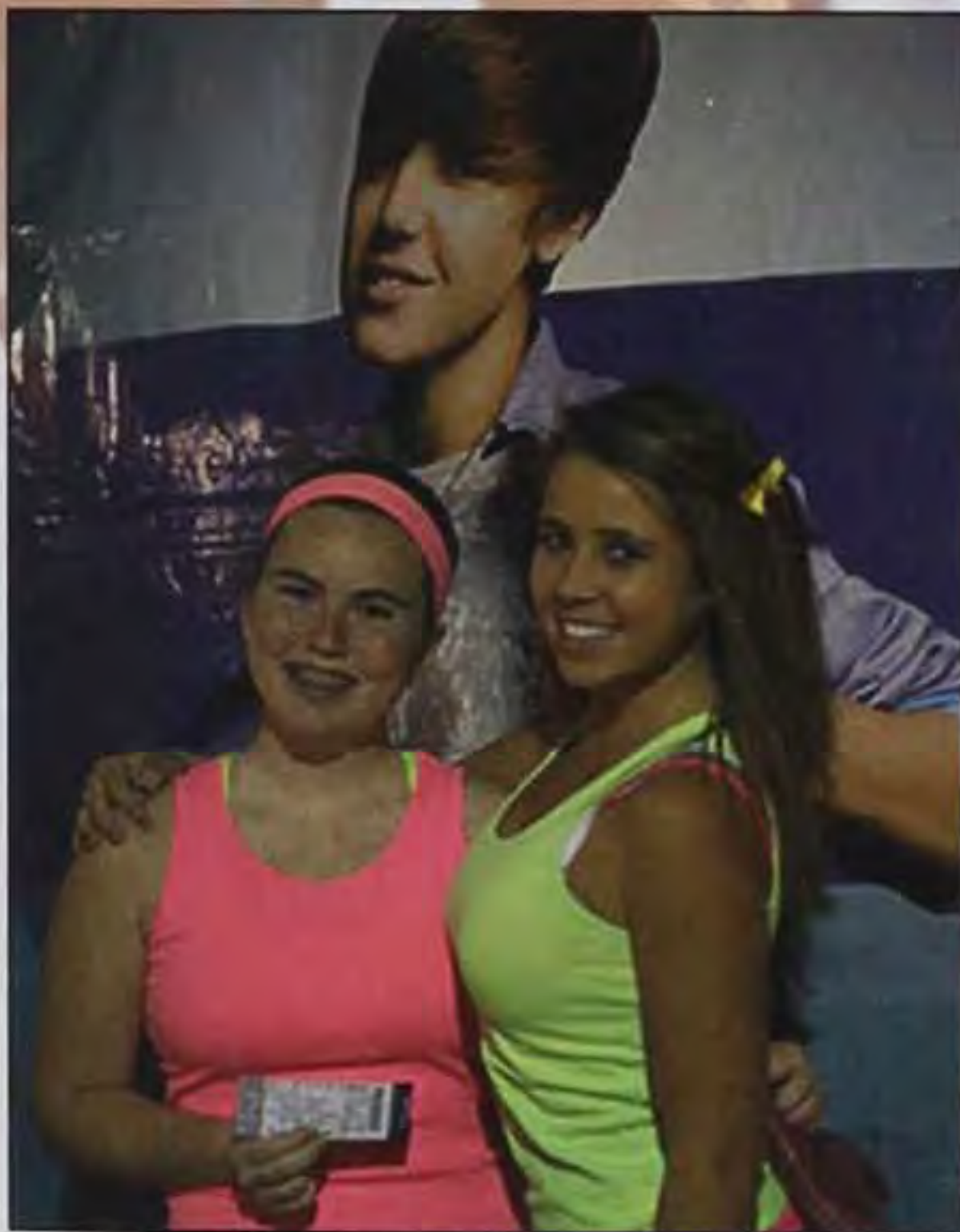


The Westminster chamber choir participated in Westminster's very own concert on December 9, 2010. Art à la Carte showcased the artwork, drama, and music of the students.

Concert tickets could be found frequently in the hands of WCA students. These tickets from Abby Becker, senior, included The Fray, Joshua Radin, and Owl City.



From Bieber to Midtown Alley



In front of a poster of Justin Bieber, Sarah Levenhagen, sophomore, poses with her friend at the pop star's concert. Levenhagen went because of her friend, and she soon caught "Bieber fever."

The thrill of concerts and the love of music drew many Westminster students out to venues that supported their interests. Many students flocked to concerts of both nationally known and local artists in their spare time outside of the Academy. Bria Baumgartner, sophomore, spent her time at a Forever The Sickest Kids concert with her friends.

"Everyone was trying to get as close to the bands as possible. There was a lot of pushing, shoving, and crowd surfing going on. Overall, the concert was really fun," said Baumgartner.

Superstar Justin Bieber drew Westminster students to his concert as well. Sarah Levenhagen, sophomore, was in attendance.

"It was really fun! Right when he came on stage the girl in front of me started bawling. I went because my best friend is a huge Justin Bieber fan and my parents bought her tickets, so I ended up going and now I'm obsessed," said Levenhagen.

Students also showed support for their fellow students by showing up at a local music spot, Fubar, located in St. Louis' "Midtown Alley" area to hear Lost Continent, a band formed by a group of juniors at Westminster. Andy Munoz, junior and guitarist for Lost Continent, enjoyed seeing Westminster students at their concerts.

"I think it's awesome. I realize that the majority of people at our school probably haven't been to a concert at all in their lives, so to see people at our shows is great. We've gotten a lot of support and it's always fun to see people in the crowd and talk to them afterwards about the show," said Munoz.

seventh grade

Lauren Ramos
Claire Rebbe
Dane Reed



Thomas Regan
Nathan Sanders
Lilly Sansone



Matthew Schlafly
Timothy Sell
Zach Shultz



Gavin Smallwood
Hannah Grace Smith
Stewart Snapp



Maddie Sturr
Neil Sutherland
Alysse Tarantino



Kaitlin Terschak
Cameron Tucker
Haley Weinberg



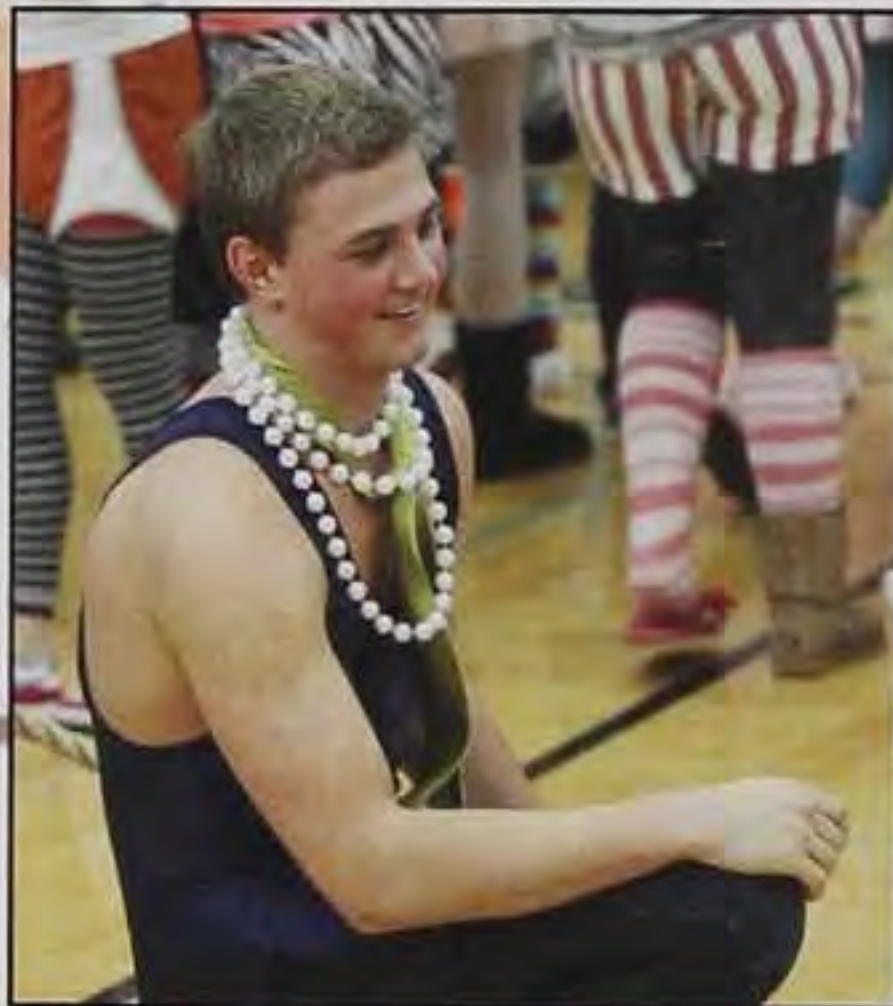
Trevor Weststeyn
Megan Wibbenmeyer
Steve Williams



Jacob Wilson



Morgan Koetting, freshman, runs when she has time and belongs to Renaud Spirit Center. Koetting had a hard time finding the time to go to the gym due to being a member of swim team and schoolwork.



During spirit week, Blake Weaver, eighth grade, participated in the tug-a-war for his class. Weaver was motivated to stay fit "to get in shape for sports." He often did chest, back, core, and arm work outs along with eating a healthy diet of protein shakes, meat, and eggs to give his body the nutrition it needed.

"I do 200 push-ups, eat 3 servings of fruit and vegetables, and eat 6 meals a day to stay fit for wrestling."

Jeff Camp, freshman

"Obesity runs in the family and I want to avoid that. Eating healthy also makes you feel better."

Amanda Scott, sophomore

"It makes me feel good inside and out."

Leah Janssen, sophomore

"I make sure I stay fit so that I can play well in the sports I'm involved in."

Courtney Beat, 8th grade

What is your motivation?



Eating an apple, Steven Bosch, junior, studies for his AP biology class after school. When Bosch was not studying or exercising, he enjoyed writing song lyrics and playing his guitar.

Fitting in Staying fit

Balancing schoolwork while maintaining a healthy lifestyle was a constant challenge for teenagers. Steven Bosch, junior, recognized the importance of being healthy and staying physically fit.

"I try to maintain a healthy lifestyle so that I can be in shape and ready for whatever I am called to be in life," said Bosch.

For many students, it seemed like life was extremely busy; it was a struggle to find time to fit extra activities such as working out. As most teenagers in today's world would agree, "It is difficult to make time for working out or running and sometimes schoolwork has to take priority. However, I try to manage my time well and complete projects in advance to make time for lifting," said Bosch.

Bosch did not participate in a particular team sport but that did not stop him from staying fit and active.

"I have enjoyed taking the Advanced Fitness course here at WCA and also participating in the after-school lifting program, both of which are lead by Coach Schall," Bosch went on to say, "He is both experienced and encouraging and has helped me to push myself harder and further."

Staying fit did not only include staying active; eating healthy was also part of it. "Although it is sometimes difficult and more expensive to find healthy snack choices, in the long run it makes me feel and perform better so it's worth it," said Bosch.



Cole Norman, junior, eats chicken with beans and rice during lunch. Norman had become known for the meals he packed for lunch because he ate the same healthy meal everyday. The only time Cole didn't follow his diet was on Thanksgiving because he considered it a major celebration.

eighth grade

Julian Adams
Lauren Alldredge
Sean Appelbaum
Janet Auclair



Ellie Bacon
Will Barry
Olivia Bauer
Courtney Beat



David Becker
Josh Behm
Sarah Betz
Andrea Biermann



Erina Biermann
Madilynn Blum
Brendan Bognar
Sam Breitigam



Ricky Breneman
Trent Briden
Emily Broyles
Carson Burke



Grace Burzinski
Brendan Carnahan
Jacob Chimento
Callie Christen



Kayla Clay
Justin Creighton
Bryan Curtis
Josh DeGroot



Christopher Doll
Alyssa Dosmann
Lily Duell
Alex Ebel



Amanda Ebert
Andrew Eichenlaub
Becca Eis
Baxter Estes



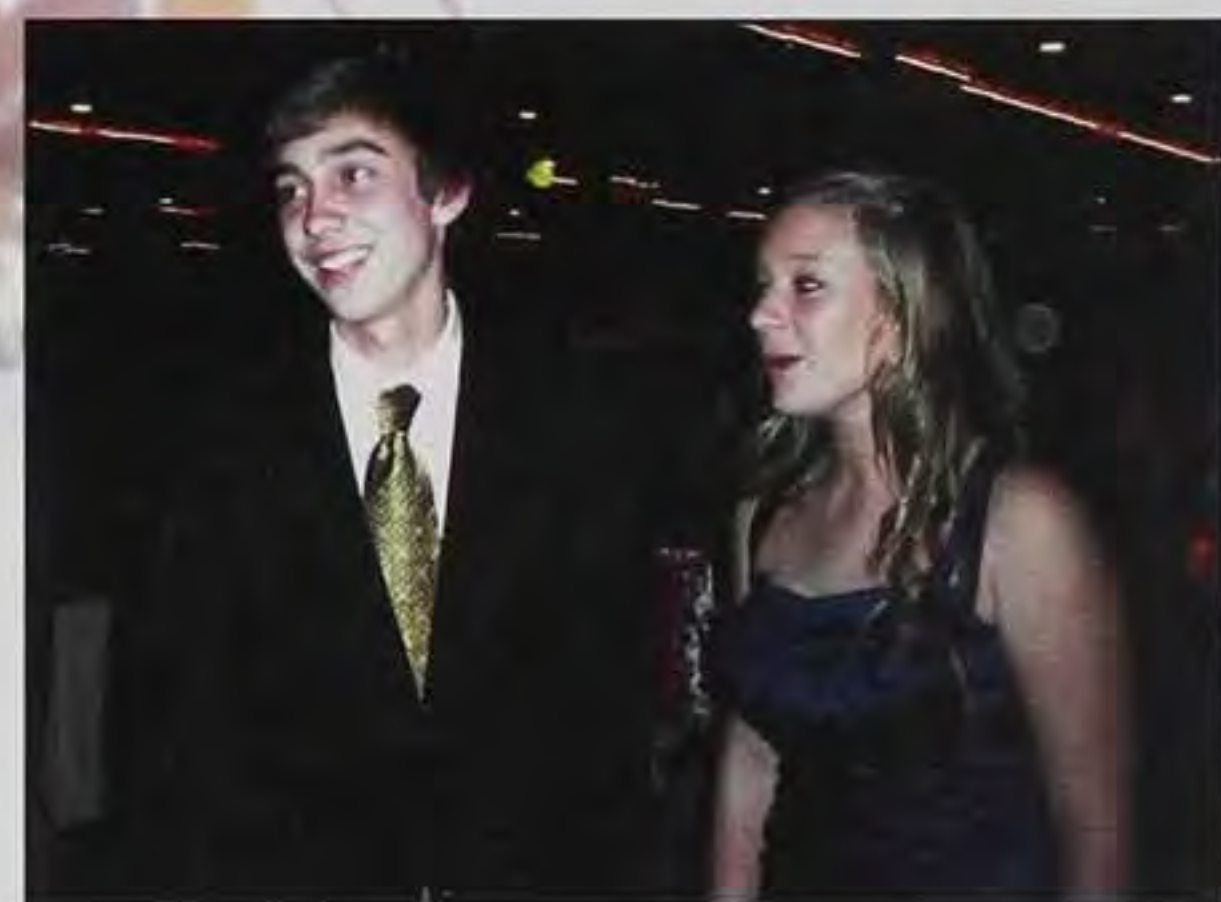
Studying the week before finals, Matt Brugner and Morgan Nixon, juniors, review in the commons during junior privilege. "We have a few handshakes that we do a lot. M & M is our nickname so we get each other that candy all the time. We try the best we can and make God first in everything we do. God really has used her in my life," said Brugner.



Caroline Moore and Tyler Catlett, freshmen, chatted in the hallway before school. Moore and Catlett started dating after a football game. "We were walking back to the fan bus and I asked her out," said Catlett.



D.J. Groce and his girlfriend Della Woodard, sophomores, attend Brooke Cusumano's, sophomore, birthday party "We talk on the phone almost every day so we're pretty close," said Groce. In addition, their families got together often "[and] we do dinner a lot with our families and my parents like him so it's good," said Woodward.



Giving 30 Seconds a try

dating 35"



Andalee Ardnt and Justin Probst, seniors, help Mrs. Copeland out by passing out flyers onto the tables in the commons. The two dated all of their senior year.

May 4th, 2010. Justin Probst, senior, had his first date with Andalee Ardnt, senior. Two weeks prior, the two were on the phone when Probst spontaneously asked Ardnt to go to a 30 Seconds to Mars concert with him.

"I didn't know the band, but I told Justin that I liked them anyways, so I rushed and got their CD and listened to every song as much as possible everytime I was in the car," said Ardnt.

The night finally came and Probst drove to pick Ardnt up and brought her to his house for dinner.

"When I picked her up, I met her mom for the first time," said Probst.

When they finally arrived at the Pagent, they had to wait in line for 40 minutes.

"We kind of ran out of things to say. When we actually started listening to the show he would always say 'Oh I don't know this song,' or 'This is the one song I know.' That is when I realized that he didnt know the band either, so it was funny but I didnt tell him that I lied until a few weeks later," said Ardnt.

Probst and Ardnt started officially "dating" after a few more dates. "She was hard to get," said Probst.



Lucy Kehr and Nick Ebel, seventh grade, talk after lunch. Since they only had one class together, "[they] got to know each other by hanging out after school," said Ebel.



Ashton Kratky and Trent Briden, eighth graders, sit in the commons. "Trent treats me better than any of my guy friends. We've been best friends since seventh grade," said Kratky.

First Dates

Haley Bergman, senior: "Cooper Dunlap and my first date was **Christmas Banquet** junior year."

Dylan Andres, junior: "The first date Haley Bettlach and I went on was in middle school. We **went to see 'Surfs Up'**; my parents had to pick her up and drove both of us there since we couldn't drive."

Connor Sullivan, junior: "I asked Andreae Bradley out while we were in Florida during a sunset one night, so our 'real' first date was in **Florida**."

Rachel Becker, junior: "Glen Calvin and my first date was at **IHOP**. It was really fun so now we go there for dinner as a tradition. The waiters know us because we go so much. It's funny."

eighth grade

Nathan Estock
Anna Evans
Michael Failoni
Harrison Farmer



Sarah Jane Fiala
Ethan Finn
Hannah Geisz
Ben Gienke



Hannah Gilmore
Matt Goebel
Trevon Gooch
Jay Green



Anna Hagan
Britt Hagemeyer
Mary Kathryn Hancock
Allison Handler



John Hardin
Jordan Harvey
Brittany Hayes
Mary Heyl



Bailey Hiatt
Steven Howell
Janie Hughes
Nathaniel Jackson



Megan Johnson
Si Eun Joo
Joshua Keane
Amon Kehr



Alexander Kessel
Juhyae Kim
Taylor King
Ashton Kratky



Soyoung Lee
Ye-Eun Lee
Christian Linhoff
Madison Massot



Learning to Love Like Crazy

Every Friday morning before school during first semester, a group of senior girls met in Dr. Gibson and Mr. Holley's room in the seventh grade hallway for a Bible study. The girls read and discussed the book *Crazy Love*, by Francis Chan, during the first semester.

"When I was a sophomore, some junior friends of mine started a 'girls prayer group (GPG)' and invited me half-way through the year. I then continued the new tradition and as a junior by having Bible study every Thursday morning before school. Then Abbie Clark texted me during the summer before senior year, and she requested to do the same thing. Amidst the crazy schedule, we have been able to meet every Friday morning before school," said Kayla Gebhardt, senior.

While a certain group of girls attended during their junior year, a very different group attended senior year. This is because Gebhardt and Clark put a note in every senior girl's locker at the beginning of the school year. Abby Becker, senior, was one of these new members that the locker note attracted.

She said that the book "is all about how to love God completely and wholly. One of the hardest things we have discussed is 'serving leftovers' to the almighty God. This chapter talked about how much God deserves and how little we give back to God. That was the most difficult chapter, for me personally, to read."

These girls have benefited from their weekly discussion in numerous ways. Clark said that she had "gotten to know many of my classmates at such a deeper level. And by hearing their perspectives on the deep questions of Christianity, I believe I have started looking at my relationship with God more seriously and I desire to get to know Christ more intimately. I have not only been inspired by the writings of Francis Chan, but also by the words of the girls involved in the Bible study."

Through the Bible study that Clark and Gebhardt started, many of the girls have grown spiritually. They have also grown closer as friends because of this experience.



Gebhardt, senior, reads the book Crazy Love by Francis Chan. "Crazy Love is not about things you like to hear about. But it's honest about where the church is, and where Christians are in this world, and where God wants us to be. It's redefining Christianity and what it means to really love God," said Gebhardt.

Abby Becker, senior, searches through Do Hard Things to find a quote that goes along with the Bible study's lesson. One of Becker's favorite ideas from Crazy Love, the first semester book, was "how much we owe to God with our love. [The book] made me realize how much a don't honor God as I should."

Becky Canfield and Haley Bergman, seniors, converse during small groups. Canfield was a member of GPG during her junior year, and Bergman was a part of the group her senior year. "I liked that it was a community of girls who could come together every Thursday morning. It was a place where would could not only get to know about each other but God, too," said Canfield.

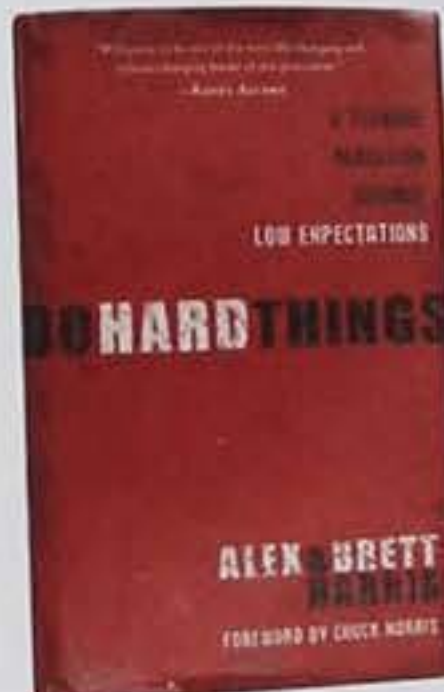


Elizabeth Miller, senior, reads Do Hard Things on a Thursday in preparation for the Friday Bible study. Between the two books that the group read, Miller liked Crazy Love better because "even though both books were [spiritually] challenging, the [lessons] in Crazy Love were more clear cut and straight forward."

During the second semester, the group read a book called *Do Hard Things* by Alex and Brett Harris.

“Most people don't expect you to understand what we're going to tell you in this book. And even if you understand, they don't expect you to care. And even if you care, they don't expect you to do anything about it. And even if you do something about it, they don't expect it to last. We do.”

— Alex and Brett Harris



eighth grade

Lucas Matheny
Steven Matzig
Megan McDaniel
Sarah McFarland



Christian Meeks
Thomas Meyer
Parker Mitchem
Alexandra Montgomery



Caleb Mundorf
Joel Perkins
Samuel Peterman
Ciarra Peters



Austin Port
David Pruitt
Seoyoung Pyi
Tierra Reese



Brianna Richards
Michael Richardson
Rachel Ritter
Karagen Rogers



Rebecca Ross
Hannah Ruckman
Bryan Sanders
James Schick



Elizabeth Schmidt
Emma Schoch
Dean Schreiber
Nathan Scott



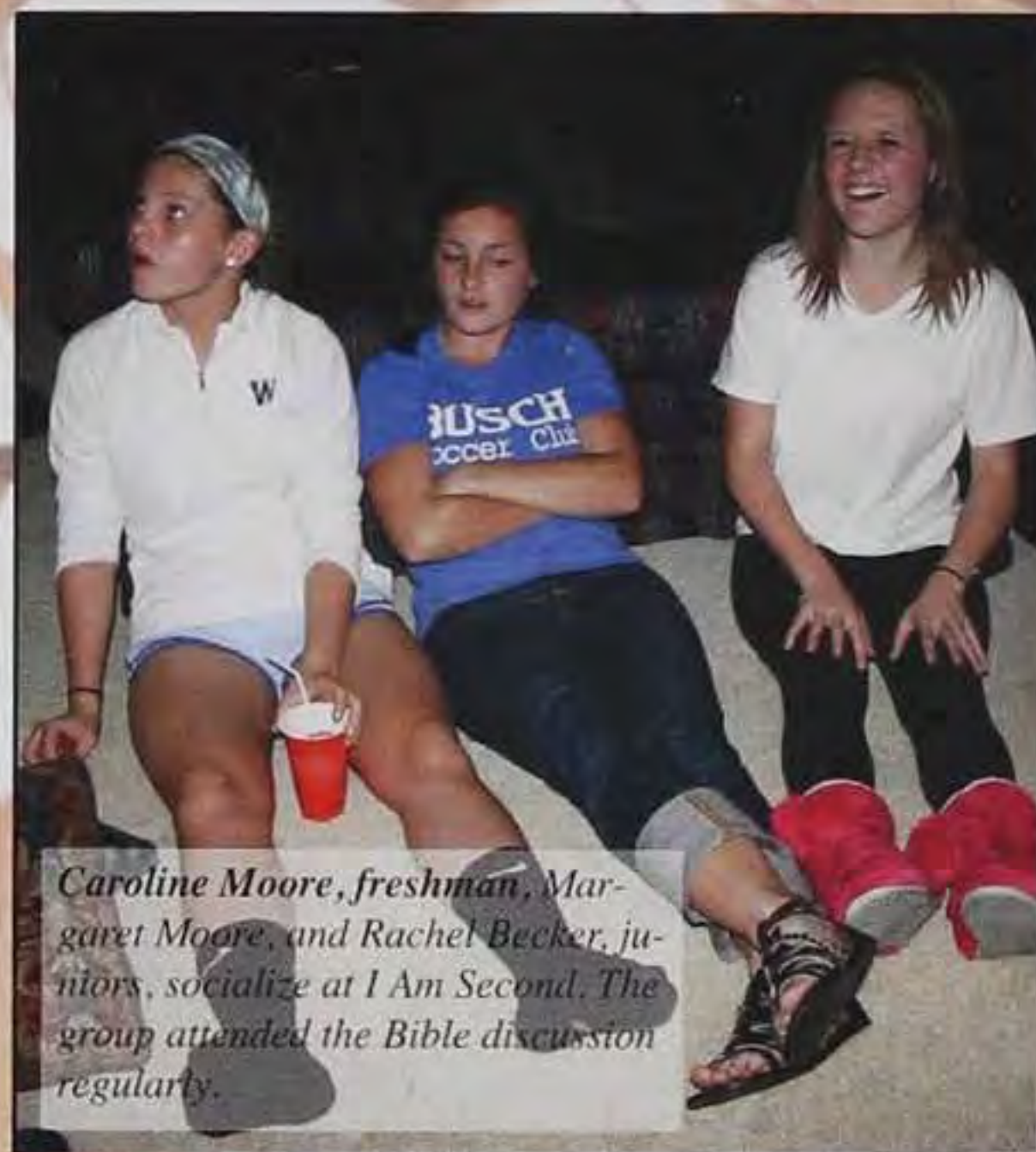
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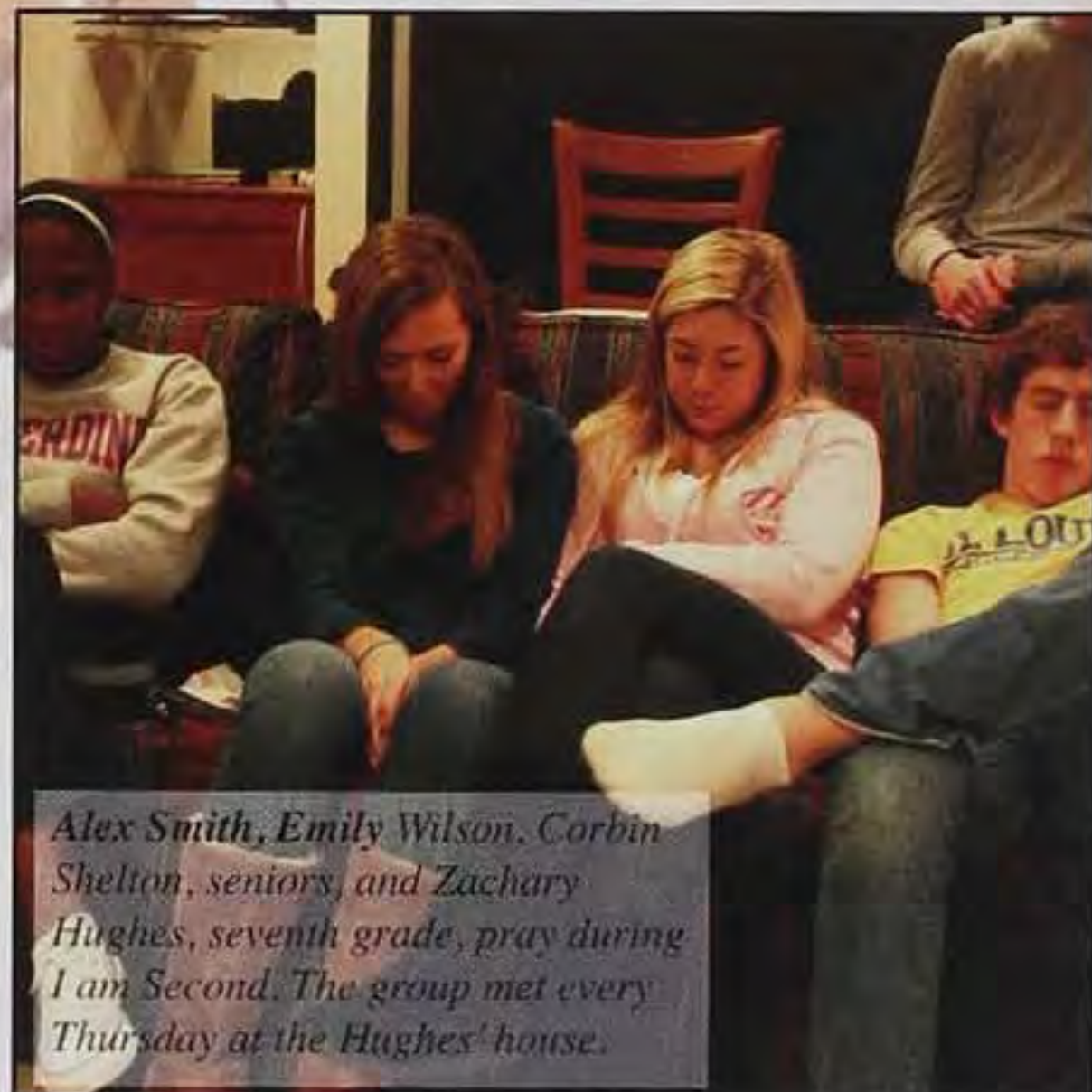
Andrew Southwell
Graham Stanfill
Angelina Steck



Connor Larson, junior, talks with Sam Bezjak, junior, during I Am Second. During the particular day, the group watched The Passion of Christ, and afterwards they talked about the impact it had on their life.



Caroline Moore, freshman, Margaret Moore, and Rachel Becker, juniors, socialize at I Am Second. The group attended the Bible discussion regularly.



Alex Smith, Emily Wilson, Corbin Shelton, seniors, and Zachary Hughes, seventh grade, pray during I am Second. The group met every Thursday at the Hughes' house.



Taylor Hughes, junior, and Zach Schopp, senior, talk among themselves as they prepare for the worship song section of I Am Second. "We turn the lights off during this time, so that it eliminates the pressure of knowing others may be looking at you while you're worshipping. We wanted this time to be between just us and God, and no one else," said Hughes.

Why do we need to engage in Bible related activities outside of church and school?

"It's important especially for high schoolers because soon we'll be heading to college, which is often where we may lose sight of God. Engaging in bible related activities helps us to keep our focus."
-Joseph Collins, junior.

"We need to keep our faith and trust in God continuously growing."
-Caroline Moore, freshman

"We need to have a place to talk about our faith with other believers, with any questions we may have. Westminster may not necessarily have the answers we need"
-Zach Schopp, senior.

no longer first

"Christianity should not be merely a religion, but also a relationship with Christ. I Am Second gives us an opportunity to keep that relationship strong; by encountering God and taking his word seriously," said Taylor Hughes, junior.

Hughes was one of the four leaders of a new Bible discussion group started this past year called I Am Second. The leaders also included Zach Schopp, Elizabeth Nester, and Drew Waeckerle, seniors. "We got the idea from our youth group leader. He wanted all of us to start an I Am Second group at all of our schools. So now I Am Second is at pretty much at every school in the Rockwood school district," said Waeckerle.

Nester also helped Waeckerle to begin I Am Second within the Westminster community.

"Our pastor told us he wanted it to be a place for students to come comfortably, and not feel ashamed of anything. We wanted it to be a place where we could trust one another, and build relationships based on that of Christ," said Nester.

I Am Second was not meant to be just another Bible study, but a discussion for anyone who wished to talk about their faith.

"A lot of times, non-believers, and even Christians, get turned off by the term 'Bible-study'. So we try to just make it more of a time to talk about what we're struggling with; to be real and open with each other," said Waeckerle.

I Am Second gave all students at Westminster an opportunity to express themselves in ways that the school may not necessarily approve of; an opportunity to be genuine and to unmask their true selves.

eighth grade

William Straub
Stephanie Strothkamp
Kevin Stump



Emily Sulewski
Josh Sumner
Blake Sutphen



Christine Talent
Quentin Tate
Amber Terlouw



Sydney Thomas
Ally Trakas
Jacob Waller



Blake Weaver
Corey Weinberg
Caroline Welch



Michael Weston
Ashlyn Wiggins
David Williams



Saenea Williams
Erika Wilson
Jennifer Winkelmeier



Tripp Worley
Brendan Yeager
Lara Yeast



A Grandfather's Message

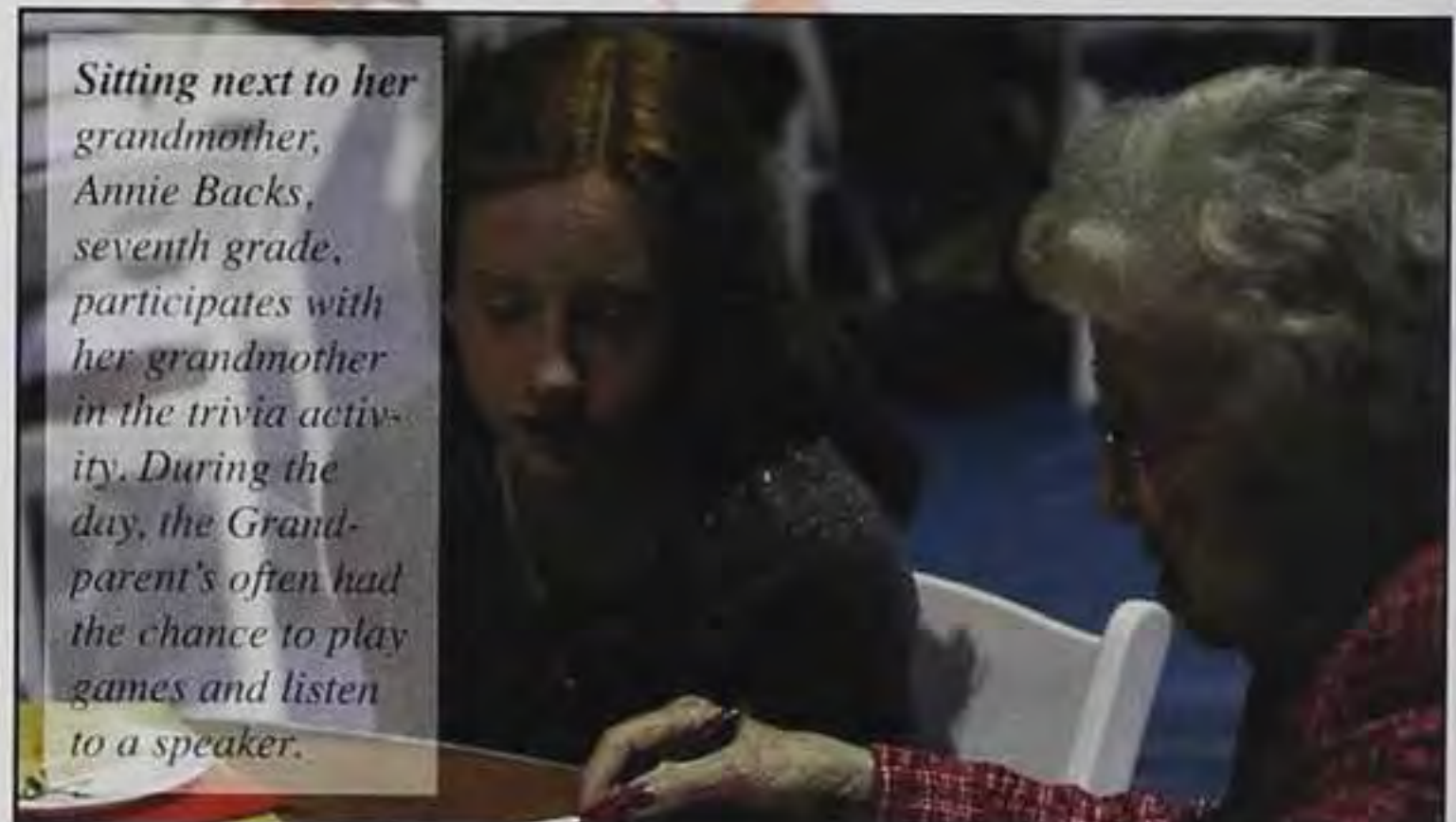


Larry Collett, grandfather of Christian Linhoff, spoke about Westminster and its new campus. "He talked about spreading the idea of

a Christian School throughout America," said Linhoff. This was Christian's last Grandparent's day; once he moves to upper school he will no longer experience his Grandparents coming to visit him during the school day. "Yes, I will miss seeing and showing my Grandparents around my school," said Linhoff.



Dean Schreiber, eighth grade, along with the other grandparents, listens to information about the new campus.



Sitting next to her grandmother, Annie Backs, seventh grade, participates with her grandmother in the trivia activity. During the day, the Grandparent's often had the chance to play games and listen to a speaker.

Working with her grandmother, Alyson McKie, seventh grade, completes the trivia activity given out during Grandparent's Day.



Moving On Up Has its Downsides

Whether it be saying goodbye to an old house or saying goodbye to a friend moving to another city, one component of growing up is learning to say goodbye. For the eighth graders, this year was their last Grandparents' Day, and some students were sad to see it go.

"I like Grandparents Day because when all the grandparents talk with each other it is just interesting to hear what has happened in their lives since so much has changed throughout the course of their lives. I think it is one day that I will miss having," said Luke Matheny, eighth grade.

However, some students did not have grandparents available to come to this event.

"Since I don't see my grandparents that often, it's a little disappointing not being able to share with them my school day and who I am spending most of all my days with, including just spending a part of my day with them," said Andrea Biermann, eighth grade.

Whether a student had a grandparent or did not have a grandparent to come to this event, this day was still a constant reminder to not take your grandparents for granted. Eighth grade's last Grandparent's Day provided encouragement for everybody to savor the times they have available with their existing grandparents.



After listening to Larry Collett, the speaker for that morning, Kaitlin Terschak begins the trivia game. Collett spoke to the grandparents about the new campus and his experience as a Westminster grandparent.



Hunter Sells and Hannah Ruckman, eighth graders, talk during the announcements to the grandparents. Because the girls were moving on to high school the next year, they would no longer be able to celebrate Grandparent's Day.

42 freshmen

Kristen Ahlbrand
Jennie Albertson
Bradley Almus
Brennen Almus
Julia Alpert



Kayla Armstrong
Paige Arnold
Michael Backs
Emma Bailey
Catherine Bakewell



Jenny Baldwin
Emily Baum
Beau Beattie
Sarah Becker
Tristan Becker



Celeste Beckman
Derek Bell
Austin Benefield
Shane Benes
Anna Bergman



Samuel Bettlach
Melissa Blackwell
Tyler Burns
Heather Burt
Elise Burton



Jeffrey Camp
Annabeth Canfield
Edward Canfield
Andrew Cannon
Logan Cantagi



Hannah Caple
Ana Cataldo
Tyler Catlett
Kyle Cline
Andrew Colgrove



Anna Cordray
Jill Coyne
Taylor Davidson
Eichel Davis
Micah Degler



Madison Deves
Audrey Dodds
McKinzie Duesenberg
Daniel Dwyer
Anna Eichelberger



Collin Einertson
Grayson Everhardt
Corey Falkner
Greg Fleissner



Abby Smith, freshman, meets with the GPS Bible study at lunch on Friday, December 10th. Smith was one of the many freshmen girls in the Bible study. The freshmen loved being in this study because it helped them adjust to the many changes that high school brought.



To Study
God's Word,
I...

"read my bible every morning while drinking coffee and eating cereal. It's my favorite part of the day."
-Peter Johnson, junior

"read through a never-ending list of verses that I've written down throughout my life whenever I've heard them and they stuck out to me."
-Aubrey Dosmann, senior



Joann Johnson, junior, and Jill Coyne, freshman, discuss with the group how to prepare for finals without too much stress consuming their lives. A possible solution Joann came up with was to deactivate her Facebook page during finals week, ridding herself from that distraction.

So Long Insecurity

A common struggle that girls were forced to face, especially in high school, was finding peace and security. Over the summer, guidance counselor Carla Meyer read the book *So Long Insecurity* by Beth Moore. It was based solely on struggling to find security in Christ, and it inspired her to form a Bible study, with guidance counselor Kathleen Karigan, focused completely on guiding girls through high school as they fought through this struggle. The group met every other Friday at lunch, allowing the girls involved to have a break from the hectic school day.

Having this time to break away from "school-mode," they were able to open up to each other.

"It was really neat to hear how other people think and cool that we could all relate to each other and help each other with this issue," said Jennie Albertson, freshman. In addition to a wide variety of opinions and perspectives, this Bible study was open to all high school girls who showed interest, causing the group to have a wide variety of personalities and ages.

"All the girls were different which was cool because it allowed me to get to know people that I normally wouldn't have," said Abby Smith, freshman. Also, the older girls in the group took initiative to help out the freshmen that were struggling through difficulties that freshman year brought. "I was able to be a mentor for the younger girls. I really wanted to help them know that they're not alone and I understand," said Joann Johnson, junior.

Through the leadership of Karigan and Meyer as well as the willingness to be open that the students brought to the group, these girls grew closer to each other as well as closer to God, helping them find their security in Christ.



GPS creators and leaders, Kathy Karigan and Carla Meyer, high school counselors, discuss with the GPS group.



Jennie Albertson, freshman, eats pizza at a GPS meeting. For this meeting, leaders Kathleen Karigan and Carla Meyer, counselors, provided pizza and cupcakes for the girls.

freshmen

Dominic Franceschelli
Aaron Geesey
Andrew George
Nicolas George
Steven Gierse



Khiley Giles
Emma Glasgow
Kelly Goebel
Morgan Grimm
Sheldon Gruender



Abby Gustafson
Alex Hagemeyer
Kayla Hampton
Olivia Harre
Mihaela Hasting



Anastacia Hathaway
Brennan Hehner
Catrina Hickerson
Hannah Hickman
Caleb Hicks



Jensen Holt
Cole Hoskins
Clayton Hubler
Jacob Huelskoetter
Benjamin Huffman



Edward Jackson
Seung Chan Jang
Se Ryeon Jin
Catherine Johnson
Jennifer Jurgenson



Leigh-Ann Kaup
Jonathan Kinney
Grant Kitchens
Jackson David Klein
Kailynn Kneibert



Morgan Koetting
Claire Kopsky
Caleb Krumsieg
Anna Kuiper
Christian Lindgren



Anna Lindstrom
Robert Loaney
Morgan Loynd
Kendall MacDonald
Chalres Maurer



Dribbling the ball up the field, Mackenzie Yeager, freshman, takes a shot on goal. Yeager was a forward for her team.



Mary Wynn, freshman, dribbles the ball down the field.



Aly Nichols, freshman, plays defense during an indoor soccer game. Nichols had only played soccer for three years, and she was a defender.

Soccer Sisters



Westminster has prided itself on offering many different sporting options for its students. Then why did so many play sports outside of school?

A group of freshman girls played on an indoor soccer team during the winter. Most of them had played together since kindergarden and decided to keep the team together even after they left for different schools. In seventh and eighth grade, they continued to play for the Twin Oaks team even though none of them attended the school.

"We all keep playing together because we had so much fun together and we've gotten better together over the years," said Madison Deves, freshman. Melissa Blackwell, freshman also played on the team and believed that playing with the same people over the years helped them in the game.

"We know how everyone else works so we can play better together," said Blackwell.

While the majority of the girls planned on playing for the girl's soccer team at Westminster, the winter league was a good way to stay in shape while being with friends. By only playing games instead of having daily practices, the girls were able to enjoy playing soccer without an intense time commitment in the winter season. Morgan Siebenmann freshman said she played on the team each year because "it keeps me in shape. I'm playing with my friends and its only an hour a week."

On defense, Mellissa Blackwell, freshman, kicks the ball away from the goal. Blackwell had been a defender since the beginning of the team.

During a game, Jensen Holt, freshman, takes a shot on goal. "I love my indoor team. We aren't that great of a team, but we don't care," said Holt.



Through the Years

"We've played together since kindergarden."

-Madison Deves, freshman

"We have all known each other since like kindergarden, so we love playing together."

-Jensen Holt, freshman



freshmen

Chad Maxey
Kristine Maxey
Cailyn McCarthy
Ashley McConkey
Elissa McCracken



Esther McGowan
Chloe McQuillan
Christopher Meeks
Bailey Merkel
Moriah Miller



Michael Montgomery
Caroline Moore
Jared Muenks
Theodore Muschany
Alyson Nichols



Avonna Nienhuis
Abby Nixon
Joshua Nkonge
Kaylee Noel
Maren Osterholt



Madeline Ottsen
Victoria Palmer
Wesley Park
Julia Peistrup
Taylor Pfeifer



Emma Pohlman
Austin Raines
Travis Ralls
Robert Rasche
Andrea Reed



Jacob Regan
Lance Richards
Rachel Rogers
Nicholas Rosen
Scott Rupprecht



Brendan Sabadell
Ann Schlafly
Michael Scott
Sydney Seabaugh
Chase Seiller



Megan Sexton
Eric Shaffer
Bekah Sharp
Matthew Sheehan



Gary Tilley, Megan Tilley, sophomore's, dad (back right), attempts to safely escort his client out of danger. "He has a pretty important job, but we can't know all the details," said Megan Tilley, "[and] that can be scary because we can't know where he is located."



In order to prepare himself for being a part of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), Mike Hall, senior, works out daily. ROTC is a college-based officer commissioning program. "I want to go through the ROTC program in order to eventually be a part of the Air Force," said Hall.

Davis Vermillion, junior, reads a letter his brother sent to him from the Marine Corps. Vermillion's brother had left in October, and it had been a "difficult transition," said Vermillion. However, the letters sent to and from his brother had helped Vermillion adjust to the situation.

Megan Tilley, sophomore, holds a picture up of her dad. Tilley and her dad communicated through email, sending updates and with pictures of their life. "He doesn't really know me fully, but emails and the occasional call help us both share parts of our lives," said Tilley.



Live to Serve, Love to Serve

"I want to be in the ROTC program because it helps set you up for life as an adult- financially and in many other ways." - said Mike Hall, senior.

"I think its a big ultimate sacrifice putting so much before himself and its been a hard adjustment for me." - said Davis Vermillion, junior, about his brother joining the Marines.

"I wish to spend my entire life serving others. The life that God has given us is too short and too valuable to spend trying to fulfill our own wants and desires." - said, Danny Keith, senior, about attending West Point.

The Tilley family celebrates their father's return after being in Afghanistan for a year.



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Gone to War

"Are there any prayer requests?" asked Larry Hughes, Biblical ethics teacher. A hand raised in the back of the room is called on. "Just for my dad again," said Megan Tilley, sophomore.

This was a normal prayer for Tilley because her dad worked overseas in Afghanistan. Tilley's dad worked for a private contractor and for the state government protecting state department personnel. He was home 3 months the entire year for one month at a time, which could be very hard for Tilley as a daughter. Over the years, she had to learn how to cope with her dad having a very time consuming job in a very dangerous part of the world.

"I don't remember the first time he had to leave, but I do remember one time when I was particularly worried," said Tilley about the time her dad was to leave for a year after the events on September 11, 2001. Megan, a first grader at the time, remembered every detail of his depart, "I remember hugging him and not wanting him to leave because I was afraid he wouldn't come back," recalled Tilley. When she was younger, she cried every night worrying about her dad's safety. She now understood, through her maturing and dad's explanations, that he stayed very safe, so her fears of him being caught in a bombing or not returning were settled.

Although Tilley struggled with the fact that her dad may not know her as well as he could, their ongoing email conversations and phone calls satisfy her. When Tilley's dad was in town, she learned to be overly grateful for him because the time they spend together was special and rare. Also, the fact that her dad was serving the country made her glad.

"I am glad he does this because he loves what he does and that makes me happy!" said Tilley.

freshmen

Zachary Shikles
Morgan Siebenman
Abby Smith



Abigail Smith
Jordan Smith
Ryan Smith



Samuel Snapp
Caleb Spencer
Hannah Stipanovich



Maya Taylor
Andrew Thomas
Niaira Tilson



Miles Tucker
Lauren Vanek
Daria Vonderahe



Leah Votava
Jordan Weber
Victoria Weldon



Alexander Wendt
Brandt Wieberg
Andrea Williams



Demetris Williams
Jordan Wolf
Haley Woolbright



Mary Wynn
Mackenzie Yeager
Nicholas Zintel



Behind the Curtain



While the acting happened onstage, behind the curtain the actors and actresses prepared for their roles. "While waiting for our cues to go on stage, most of us are going over lines and getting into character," said Nathan Theus, sophomore. "Another thing we do is help improve one another's acting skills by giving some tips for their performance," said Theus.

With sword drawn, Austen Crim, junior, attacks Nathan Theus, sophomore, while T.J. Noa, sophomore, holds Crim back. "Crim's character and mine did not really like each other," said Theus. "Crim's character was not very trusting of mine."



Annie Rebbe and Sarah Yousef, sophomores, sit down to count the money which they recently stole from a casino. "It was really fun to play such a different character. The aunt was so interesting because she was so sweet yet deceiving," said Yousef.



One Night Only

Falling on the couch, Austen Crim, junior, plays Charlie in the play. "Charlie was one of my favorite characters to have ever played. He was a very energetic character which made him very fun to play," said Crim.



After weeks of preparation and hard work, the cast of the fall play had a sudden surprise. The play had been canceled and seemed as if it would not be performed. "I was very sad to see that the play had been canceled," said Annie Rebbe, sophomore. After a couple weeks of patient waiting, the play was rescheduled to be performed in November. For one night only, the actors and actresses performed the play *Larceny and Old Lace*.

"The play was kind of nervewracking, I even had to do a little improv just to fully add to the performance," said Austen Crim, junior. Some of the actors were having a difficult time readjusting to the play again.

"Before the show ever happened, practices were tough. I accidentally kept looping one part over and over until I finally figured it out," said Drew Pfyl, sophomore. But before the show ever happened, the actors finally got everything nailed down and prepared for their only performance. After the performance the actors were relieved that everything went well. "I was glad that we finally did the show. It was fun to have performed. I especially liked the character I played," said Rebbe.



The F.B.I. agents Drew Pfyl, sophomore, and Ben Stratton, senior, investigate the house of T.J. Noa, sophomore, due to a nearby bank robbery during the upper school play. In this scene, Noa was covering for his aunt who had stolen from the nearby casino.

sophomores

Jonah Anderson
Abigail Andres
Nathan Arnold
Sarah Barker
Dominic Barresi



John Barry
Bria Baumgartner
Alexander Beard
Michael Becker
Bryce Bell



Natalie Bell
Bailey Benes
Eloise Bettlach
Emily Bick
Kathryn Boesch



Erin Bognar
Michelle Bonacquisti
Christine Bosch
Jabri Boyd
Travis Brandt



Robert Breneman
Parker Briden
Keegan Brown
Timothy Burgess
Christopher Cacciarelli



William Campbell
Samuel Canfield
Kaitlin Chapell
Valerie Chavez
Nathan Cherian



Hongyoung Choi
Taylor Cole
Ryan Conaghan
Brooke Cusumano
Julia Davis



Steven Davis
Brianna DeGroot
Taylor Deves
Anna Dieckgraefe
John Dohr



Amber Draper
Madison Drury
Michael Dudley
Kaylie Duke
Robert Dykhouse



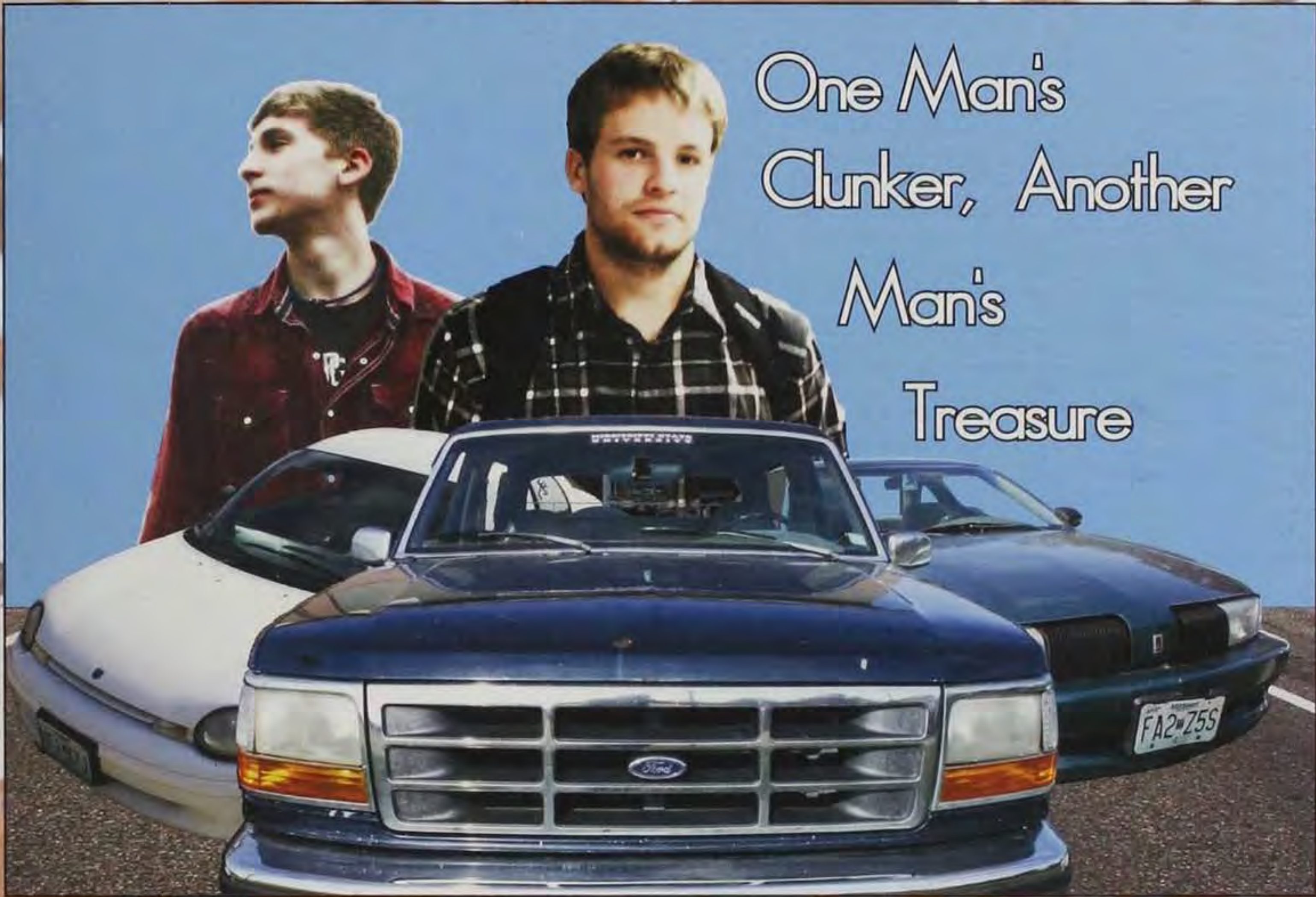
Liz Simakoff, senior, prepares to leave school in the winter weather. Simakoff owned a car that was almost as old as she, so the commute to school was an everyday battle.



After school, Luke Kuiper, senior, rests on his Ford Bronco. Kuiper's car had been in his family for 3 years.

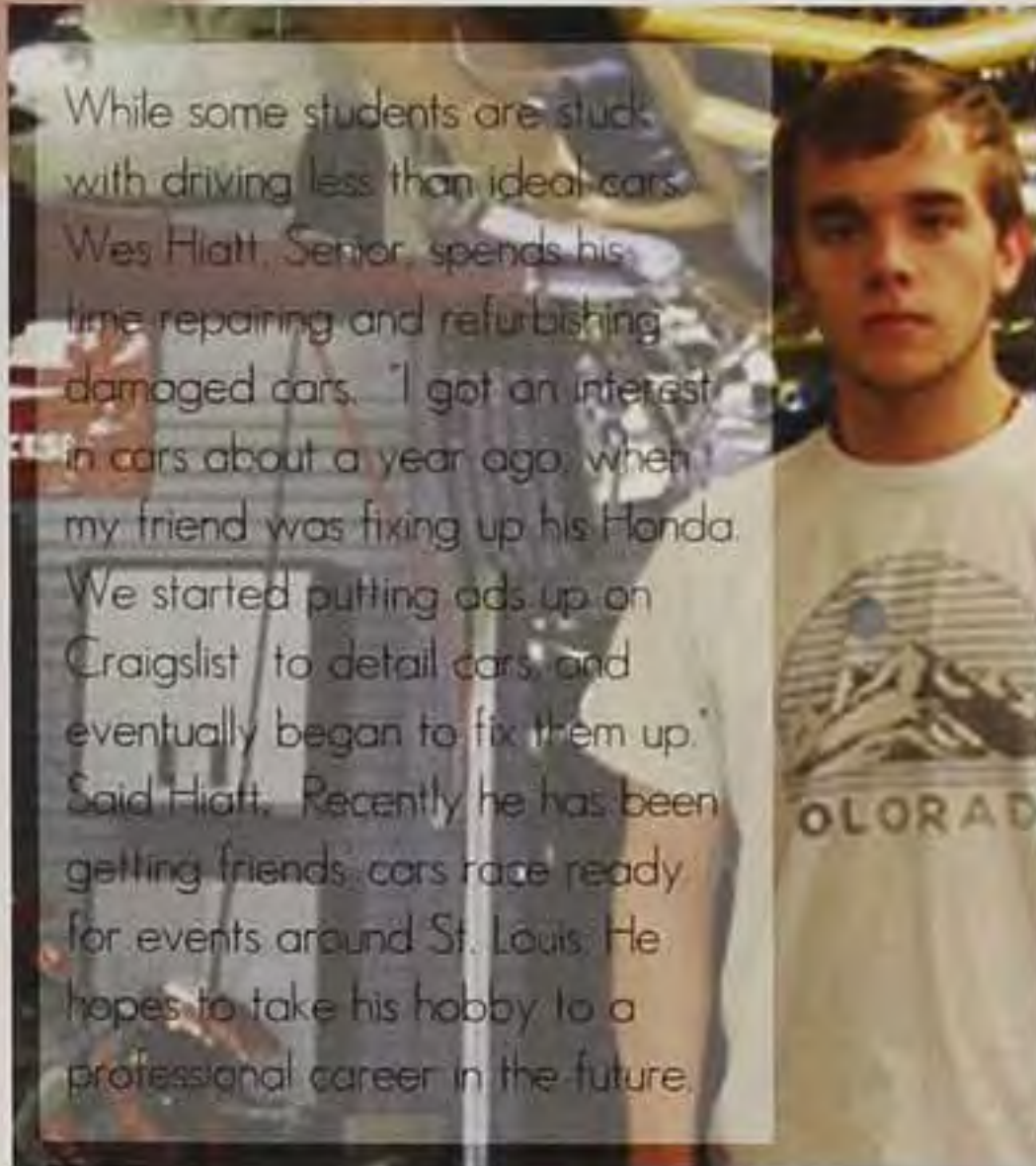


Glen Calvin, junior, diagnoses the problem in his engine after school. "This hasn't been the first time this has happened," said Calvin.



One Man's Clunker, Another Man's Treasure

Motor Vehicle Redemption



While some students are stuck with driving less than ideal cars, Wes Hiatt, Senior, spends his time repairing and refurbishing damaged cars. "I got an interest in cars about a year ago, when my friend was fixing up his Honda. We started putting ads up on Craigslist to detail cars, and eventually began to fix them up," said Hiatt. Recently he has been getting friends cars race ready for events around St. Louis. He hopes to take his hobby to a professional career in the future.

It's late at night, and Glen Calvin, Junior, has been driving home for almost 30 minutes. Ten minutes before his arrival his brakes cut out on his 1995 Dodge Neon. Calvin had to scoot along home only using his emergency brake to stop. But this isn't the first time he has had trouble with his car. Calvin has dealt with situations like this and much more with his loyal, but unreliable white Dodge Neon.

"Most people say that man's best friend is a dog, but for me my car is my best friend. Even though my car is old and has had some trouble, it's never left me and will stick with me till the end," said Luke Kuiper, senior who owned a Ford Bronco that was made in the 90's. Even though these students had troubles with their cars, they also shared good memories with their devoted vehicles.

"Some of my favorite memories with Butch would probably be all the times we've been lost together, and the several times we've run out of gas because the speedometer was stuck on a 1/4 of a tank," said Liz Simakoff, senior. Her 1997 Oldsmobile Achieva grew on her shortly after they met, and thereafter her green car was named Butch. Butch had just over 140,000 miles on him, and Simakoff owned one of the last models because General Motors stopped making them.

For some kids, choosing a car isn't a choice, and students often received their sub-par vehicles reluctantly. Glen Calvin's Dodge Neon was forced upon him because his other car was totaled. Regardless of how students get their cars, the rusty vehicles usually had a way of growing on their drivers.

sophomores

Jeremy Ebert
William Egan
Brandon Estock
Patrick Farmer
Brian Fellows



Taylor Freiner
Anna Gaffney
Donald Groce
Jesse Gruneisen
Eunna Gu



Julia Guzdial
Matthew Hall
Janay Hardy
David Hartmann
Annie Hartwig



Alexis Harvey
Elizabeth Hearne
Justin Henry
Emily Heyl
Jacob Hicks



James Hinrichs
James Hoekzema
Emily Horak
Hunter Hughes
Joseph Isaacs



Leah Janssen
Briana Jennrich
Jessica Johnson
Lucas Johnson
Jacob Keane



Jake Kehr
Shelby Kehr
Ryan Kelly
Zachary Kessel
Sori Kim



Melissa Kingma
Grant Koby
Violet Kouzes
Dongjae Lee
Soo Yong Lee



Sarah Levenhagen
Bennett Lewis
Grace Linton
Zackary Lokey
Benjamin Lovell



On a hunting trip with her family, Corbin Shelton, senior, holds her gun. Shelton not only hunted with her family, but also hunted with her friends.



Avery Anderson, junior, shows off the huge black bear that she shot in Alaska.



Displaying her latest kill, Michelle Bonacquisti, sophomore, holds a dove in her hand. "A dove is my favorite animal to shoot," said Bonacquisti.



Welcome to the Gun Show

Michelle Bonacquisti, sophomore, aims her gun at a dove flying by. Bonacquisti hunted with her sister and dad, but preferred to hunt with her father. "I love to dove hunt because you can move around more and you do not have to be quiet," said Bonacquisti.

Most people viewed hunting as a man's sport, but according to some Westminster girls, it could also be a woman's sport.

Michele Bonacquisti, sophomore, and Anna Kuiper, freshman, both participated in hunting mostly as a father-daughter activity.

"My sister used to hunt, too, but she doesn't anymore. But I like hunting with my dad because I get to spend more time with him and plus it makes him really happy when I go with him," said Bonacquisti.

On the other hand, Kuiper explained how she mostly went hunting for the nature part of it. "It's nice to sit and just think about stuff," said Kuiper.

These girls both liked to hunt doves, deer, and turkey.

"I like dove hunting the most because I can move around more and talk more," said Bonacquisti. In addition to hunting, Bonacquisti also loved to dance. She said that her friends would have never guessed that she hunts with her dad outside of school because of this usually "girly" habit. Hunting was no longer looked at as simply a man's sport, but as a sport that women could also participate in.

What's your shot?



"My gun is a Remington BDL 700,"

said Shelton.



"These are my 243, 22, 20, and 12. I use my 243

for Deer & Coyotes, 22 for squirrels, 20 for doves and ducks, and my 12 for pheasant and turkeys," said Anderson.



"My main gun is a 20 gauge,"

said Bonacquisti.

sophomores

Gannan Loynd
Lauren Mansfield
Levi Marshall
Katie Matheny
Sierra Mathews



Mark McFarland
Courtney McGhee
Benjamin Mitchell
Emily Mitchell
Hannah Mitchell



Cole Montgomery
Tomorrow Mundy
Rebecca Nixon
Timothy Noa
Drake Norman



Michael Nothum
Cobern Nye
Morgan O'Brien
Melinda Oliver
Emily Orf



Joshua Ortiz
Thomas Osterholt
Jonathan Pannkuk
Mitchell Penning
Drew Pfyl



Daniel Pollmann
Matthew Powers
Daniel Prada
Anne Rebbe
Nicholas Ridenhour



Eric Rideout
Emilie Schroeder
Amanda Scott
Michael Seifert
Samuel Sherman



Lucas Silkey
Megan Smith
Summer Smith
Mary Snapp
Brenden Solomon



John Eric Steiner
Sadie Stipanovich
Hannah Stone
Ellie Straub
Holly Sumner



Luke Johnson, sophomore, tackles his opponent during the Priory game. "We really didn't get much participation because no one seemed to care," said Johnson.



During study hall, Nathan Wheeler, senior, watches the TV in the commons. "I felt that [Westminster] could have done better [in participating] in the can drive," said Wheeler.

Cameron Clay, junior, coaches the junior girls in the powderpuff game. "It worked when people brought cans. I think it was a good idea to help charities in a fun way," said Clay.

Stop and Drop!

Even though a football team's focus is normally on winning games, practices and remembering plays, Westminster's football team decided to shake things up this past year. The rivalries between the grades on ITSOG week tends to keep everyone in a competitive spirit. However, Westminster's football program strived to try something new this past year along the lines of ITSOG, minus the competition.

The players decided to hold a can drive throughout the entire football season where students brought canned goods from home and dropped them off in the Commons by the Athletic Conference Room.

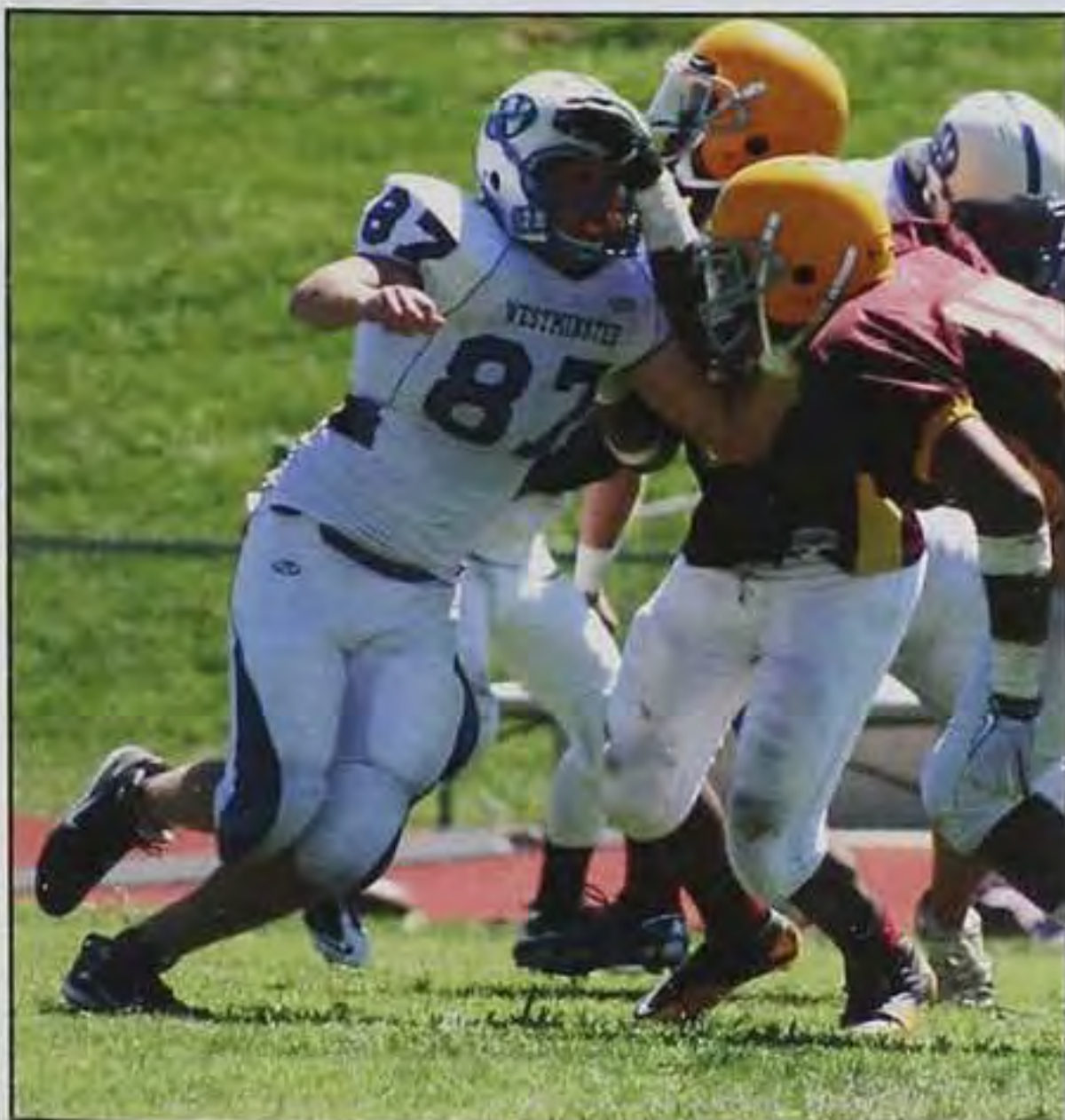
"I got the idea from a Christian school in Denver I visited during the summer," J.D Perona, varsity head coach said. "We wanted to combine our cans with the others that are given during ITSOG week who give them to the charity Isaiah 48." So as the coaches announced the new idea, the players also accepted the challenge.

"All of us had required amounts we had to give at certain deadlines," said Luke Kuiper, senior and co-captain.

However, even as cans started to come in, some felt they could have done better.

"Probably if we would have talked it up more, it would have had more success," Landon Burke, junior, added, "But I also do believe we did better than we thought we would for the first year."

So even though these feelings about the candrive surfaced, when the question was asked if there should be a can drive expected next year; "Of course we are doing it again," said Perona.



When we got to the place to drop off the truck load of cans, the people stood us up. No one showed up, so we just left after waiting for a while.

-Shane Moylan, senior

sophomores

Ian Sutherland
Edward Sutphen
Laura Tarantino



Brendan Terbrock
Amber Terschak
Nina Thampy



Nathan Theus
Lauren Thoenen
Christian Thompson



Scott Thompson
Megan Tilley
Kaylee Trost



Davis Vanderslice
Austin Walker
Paris Watson



Joseph Welker
Zachary Wibbenmeyer
Olivia Willis



Eric Witherspoon
Della Woodward
Jessica Wydrzynski



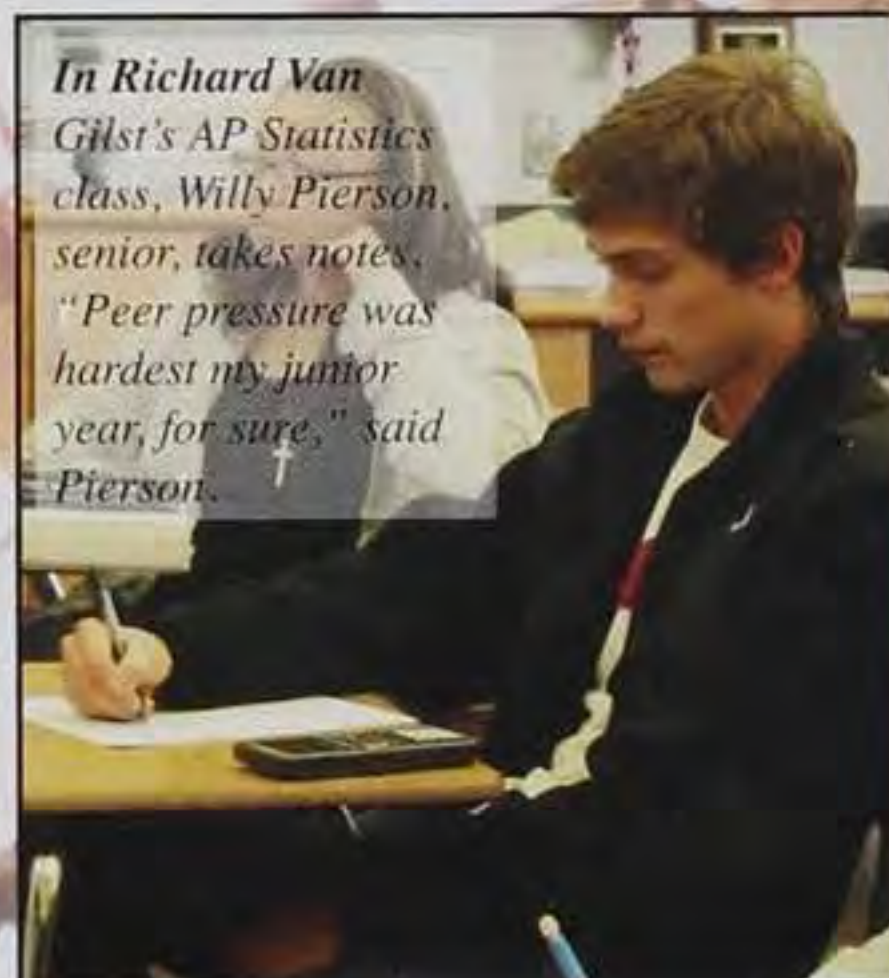
Brooke Yeager
Sarah Yousef
James Zandstra



At the Set Club party, Holly Sumner, sophomore and president of the club, begins to throw paint at Ian Farmer, senior. Getting involved in school clubs or sports helped some students resist peer pressure.



In Richard Van Gilst's AP Statistics class, Willy Pierson, senior, takes notes. "Peer pressure was hardest my junior year, for sure," said Pierson.



Jeff Meyers, junior, gets ready to leave after volleyball practice. "I don't fall into peer pressure because my dad is a pastor, and I had a morally based upbringing," said Meyers.



At Lizzie Blackwell's, senior, New Year's Eve party, Dylan Andres, junior, and Michael Rojewski, senior hang out with each other. "I love having parties because it's fun to have all my friends in one place," said Blackwell.



The Pressure is On... Or Not?

Growing up is not as fun as it seems. At Westminster, it brought harder academics and more peer pressure. As a freshman, the pressure was low and manageable. However, as teens progressed through their high school years, the pressure got higher and harder to manage: "There's hasn't really been a lot of pressure to do anything bad freshman year," said Chloe McQuillan, freshman. Jonah Anderson, sophomore said that "our grade is pretty good about it. We rarely hear about drinking and drugs."

However, junior year seemed to be when the pressure arose. As students, got their licenses, they discovered a new freedom and often abused it.

"This year has been harder than any other year with peer pressure. When you're young you're 'supposed' to obey your parents, but as you get older, you're 'supposed' to experiment and see what doing different stuff is like," said Allie Calhoon, junior.

Rather than happily accepting the new freedom of being able to hang out with friends, without having a parent driver, students "often seem to abuse it" said Willy Pierson, senior.

How Can I Say No?

"Knowing who I am in **Christ** really helps me to know that I don't need to give into that stuff to be **good** enough."

-Tiffany Thompson, senior

"It really helps to just **surround myself** with people who aren't into that stuff."

-Dominic Franceschelli, freshman

"I always ask myself, 'what's going to be the **consequence** of this? Will it **benefit or harm** me or anyone else?'"

-Tiffany Hennings, junior

Breakdown St. Louis poses during their photoshoot. Break-Down STL is a peer-to-peer performing arts outreach organization that empowers teens to make positive choices regarding sex, relationships, drugs and alcohol. "Being on Breakdown and surrounding myself with these people really helps me resist peer pressure," said Anna Franceschelli, junior.



juniors

Avery Anderson
Dylan Andres
Blake Armstrong
Yoon Ho Bae
Rachel Becker



Brynn Benes
Meg Betz
Sam Bezjack
Taylor Bookout
Jonathan Bopp



Steven Bosch
Andreae Bradley
Laura Brands
Camden Bridges
Matt Brugner



Jacob Buffa
Taylor Burch
Landon Burke
Allie Calhoun
Glen Calvin



Chloe Carnahan
Min Cha
Selah Chappeau
Cameron Clay
Joseph Collins



Erin Cox
Austen Crim
Keith Degler
Marshall Dickerson
Justine Doiron



Peter Duell
Elizabeth Duesenberg
Maggie Duffy
Dani Dykstra
Connor Einertson



Harold Ellis
Dani Evans
Aimee Farquhar
Connor Fleming
Anna Franceschelli



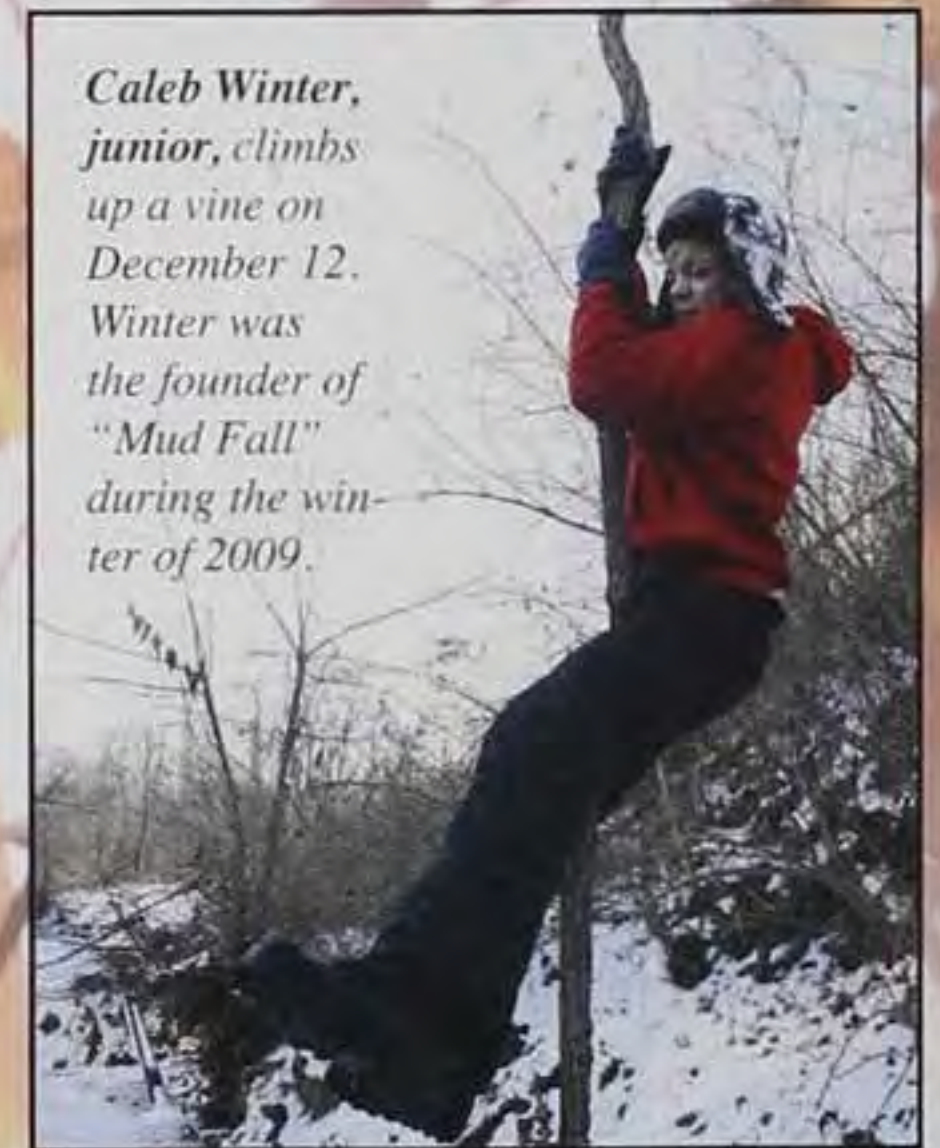
Kristen Franke
Wes Froeschner
Alex Frogge
Katie Ganninger
Rachael Gantner



During winter break, David Rohlfing, junior, jumps across a stream in "Mud Fall". Rohlfing made videos of the boys' adventures, and it took about 3 hours to watch and edit the footage for each journey.



Caleb Winter, junior, climbs up a vine on December 12. Winter was the founder of "Mud Fall" during the winter of 2009.



In "Mud Fall: Leap of Faith," Brendin Loveland, Caleb Winter, and Taylor Bookout, juniors, jump into the lake at the edge of Mud Fall. "[Jumping into the lake] with Brendin and Caleb was the craziest thing I've done," said Bookout.

Leap of Faith

Taylor Bookout

**AKA
Gooney**

"I got the name Gooney when we were at Caleb's house playing



Halo and I picked [a picture and profile] that was already made. The name was Gooney and I always played with the name on Halo. The nickname stuck," said Taylor

Bookout, junior.

During the winter of 2009, four sophomore guys ventured out in the icy conditions of Caleb Winter, junior's, wooded backyard with a camera.

Kevin O'Leary, David Rohlfing, Brent Stump, juniors, and Winter spent over three hours on a Saturday afternoon exploring the large expanse of woods, bridges, creeks, and ponds. Their afternoon consisted of attempting long jumps across crevices and leaping down from high ground. After the boy's adventure, Rohlfing edited their footage to create a video. The boys called their first adventure "Adventures in Caleb's Battle Creek." Besides the four guys, no one had ever seen the video because of its length. "I didn't put it online because it's 25 minutes long," said Rohlfing.

On their second adventure, the boys attempted all the same stunts of high leaps, jumps, and falls. Just as before, the boys filmed their journey, yet this time Rohlfing created a shorter video and uploaded it online. Its name: "Mud Fall: In Battle Creek." Over time more of the boy's friends viewed the video, and they asked if another one would be created. Since the first journey into Winter's backyard (AKA Mud Fall), three more voyages have been taken. Online, students could find "Mud Fall: A New Beginning" and "Mud Fall: Leap of Faith."

In the year of 2010, a total of nine people had the privilege of visiting Mud Fall and appearing in the online videos. "My favorite part is watching the videos of everything we did and hearing all the funny things that were said," said Taylor Bookout, junior, who had been to Mud Fall more than five times. Connor Einertson, junior, had been to Mud Fall one time.

"My favorite part of Mud Fall is when somebody is about to try a jump that I know will end in failure," said Einertson. By putting their videos online, the boys were able to share their success and failures with their friends.



Walking on the stream in Mud Fall, Caleb Winter, David Rohlfing, and Brent Stump, juniors, the founders of Mud Fall, skate across the ice. These three, along with Kevin O'Leary, junior, started Mud Fall during the previous winter.

juniors

Samantha Giltner
Brian Goldfarb
Andrew Gordon
Andria Graeler



Alexis Grasse
Chris Griesedieck
Ramya Gruneisen
Martha Guariglia



Brandon Hafenrichter
Jeremy Hall
Laura Hammann
Zach Hampton



John Hancock
Olivia Handler
Marissa Harjoe
Rachel Hart



Brittany Hawkins
Ryan Haxel
Karlee Heinemann
Tiffany Hennings



Drew Hillemeier
Hannah Hoekzema
Jessica Holt
Yoojin Hu



Ellie Huffman
Jake Hughes
Taylor Hughes
Evan James



Inyoung Jang
Caleb Janssen
Min-Gi Jin
Joann Johnson



Peter Johnson
Adrienne Kaup
Robert Kinsinger
Melissa Knappenberger



Ryan Conaghan, sophomore, runs during a game against the Priory Rebels. "I like fantasy football because it gives me and my friends something to talk about. Also, when you win, you get bragging rights," said Conaghan.



Schaeffer Bell, senior, prepares his roster for the upcoming week. Bell was in last place of his division but caused frequent upsets in the league. Overall, he felt that fantasy football gave him a reason to be involved with his friends for good, healthy competition.



During football practice, Nicholas Cacciarelli, seventh grade, communicates with a teammate. Cacciarelli won his fantasy league with a record of 13 wins and 2 losses. "Fantasy football is a lot of fun and keeps me interested in the NFL season. It also makes me want to know more about what football players are having a good season," said Cacciarelli.

During lunch, a group of seniors discuss what happened in the past weekend of football. When the NFL season started, Fantasy Football was a frequent conversation and was usually talked about at least once a day. Every once in a while, the table got in heated debates and asked Tim Holley, upper school history teacher, for his "expert opinion."



Back to the Playbook...

Fantasy Football Season *The Beautiful! ...and the Ugly.*

"One of my smartest moves had to be drafting both Michael Wallace (WR) and Deshaun Jackson (WR) who both gave me 20 points a game."

-Ryan Conaghan, sophomore

"I traded Fred Jackson (RB) for Tom Brady (QB). Jackson played awful for the rest of the year, but Brady got me over 30 points a week!"

-Zachary Kessel, sophomore

"My draft was horrible. I didn't really care during the draft and just put together a team that wasn't that great. I regretted that choice the entire season."

-Brenden Terbrock, sophomore

"I needed a kicker, so I traded Dwayne Bo (WR) for Matt Bryan. Bo was off to a slow start, but ended up getting 15 touchdowns at the end of the season."

-Brandon Hafenrichter, junior

When the fall season begins, people get excited for many different reasons. Some might be ready for the leaves to fall off of the trees, some might be ready for the brutal heat of the summer to end, and some might be ready for the great fall sports to take off including one of the most anticipated sports, football. Football is hyped up for many reasons including the great atmosphere, tailgates, and one of the newest activities, fantasy football. In fantasy football, a group of about 8-12 people form a league. Sometime before the NFL football season starts, people get together to draft players for their team.

This past year, a group of senior guys, headed by Mike Hall, senior, formed a league for fun and competition. Schaeffer Bell, senior, participated on the draft and ended up on the low end of the selection.

"I picked DeAnjelo Williams in the first round. He was a bad decision because he barely gave me any points," said Bell.

On the other end of the spectrum, Matthew McDaniel, senior, had a great draft and stayed in the lead throughout the season.

"My secret was drafting Peyton Manning, he averaged big points a game and never let me down," said McDaniel.

Many people recognized McDaniel's team to be a "wise draft" for having the majority of his team be from the Indianapolis Colts.

Overall, Fantasy Football has turned more into than just winning but gives great conversation with the guys at the lunch table.

"The best part of fantasy football is competing with friends and keeping more involved in professional sports," said Connor Zielonko, senior.

The tradition of Fantasy Football is something that these guys enjoy and look forward to in the fall season. When putting their teams together in the draft, the men hope to defeat their friends and come away a champion for the incredibly fun Fantasy Football season. At the end of the season, however, Drew Menzel, senior, came out on top and won the playoffs. Nathan Terschak, senior, finished in 2nd place.

juniors

Louis Kohrs
Rebecca Krause
Connor Larson
Jihoon Lee



Kelsey Leib
Abi Leibovich
Stephanie Lieber
Max Lindstrom



Ellie Linhoff
Emmanuel Logan
Brendin Loveland
Alexander Loynd



Jerett Maass
Tate Matheny
Maggie Mauze
Bryn McKie



Jeff Meyers
Aaron Miller
Evan Miller
Max Miller



Spencer Moergen
Margaret Moore
Seth Mundorf
Andy Munoz



Maegan Nelson
Paton Nix
Morgan Nixon
Cole Norman



Kevin O'Leary
Kristen O'Leary
Sean O'Neill
Forrest Obenhaus



Jun Young Oh
Jessie Owens
Sun Park
Devin Payne



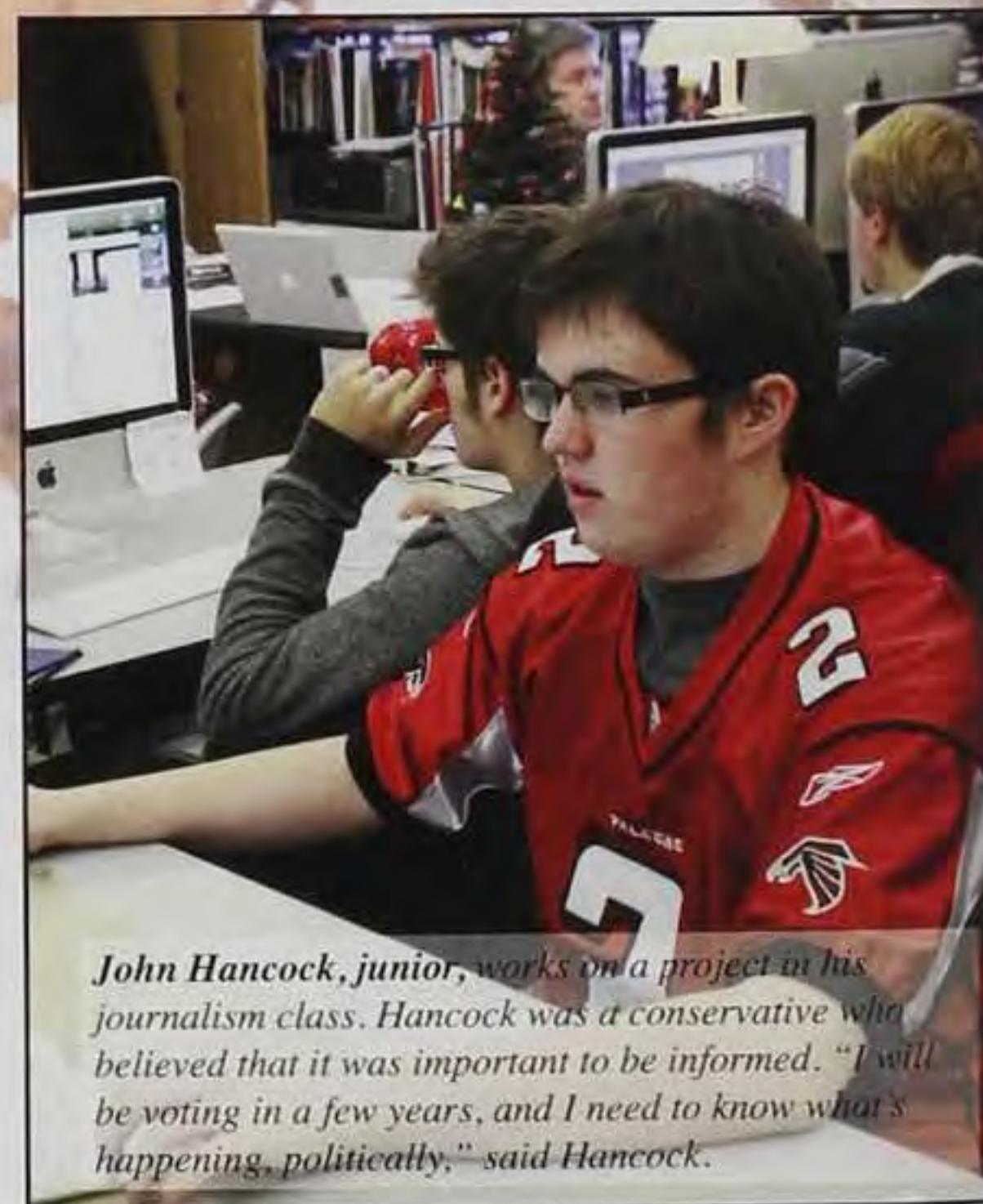
What's The Difference?

"Conservatives, or Republicans, are more traditional in values and beliefs where Democrats are more liberal in their way of thinking."
-John Hancock, junior

"Democrats view government's role as a very public one, where Republicans see it as more private and independent."
-Olivia Girgis, senior



Working on a photography project, Abby Bakersmith, senior, chats with another classmate. Bakersmith leaned Democrat because she believed that all races, sexes, and orientations should have equal rights.



John Hancock, junior, works on a project in his journalism class. Hancock was a conservative who believed that it was important to be informed. "I will be voting in a few years, and I need to know what's happening, politically," said Hancock.

Rock the Vote

Religious persecution was an idea that people at Westminster were more than familiar with; and to a degree, even embraced. There were lectures, devotions, and lessons that focused on how religious persecution was a part of Christianity. WCA did not focus, however, on political persecution as strongly. Since the student body Westminster was predominantly conservative, those who sympathized with liberal views were often ostracized.

"The most difficult encounters I've had are people saying they're disappointed in me for my views, as if my political views somehow makes me a bad person or bad Christian," said Abby Bakersmith, senior.

Bakersmith had been active in the political world since middle school. She interned at *The Young Democrats of America, Missouri Chapter* for three years and worked on various campaigns, including one for Robin Carnahan.

"I am a Democrat because I believe everyone deserves a chance, regardless of their race, gender, or sexual orientation. I fervently believe that tolerance is the basis for our society. Every voice is equal, regardless of party," said Bakersmith.

Olivia Girgis, senior, was one such active voice from the other end of the spectrum.

"I am a Republican because I believe in a strong government that allows for people to be private and independent, and that allows for small businesses." Girgis had never felt particularly persecuted for her political views: "Westminster is a predominantly Republican school, so I have not had very many encounters with Democrats. I have heard about people being persecuted for their views at WCA."

When taking a stand on any issue, one could face controversy and persecution; both sides of the fight felt tension. Even still, there were those in Westminster who stuck to their guns, those who fought for what they believed in.

"If we don't get involved, we lose our voice. Elections are there to give the people a say. We must take advantage of that right," said Brianna McIntyre, senior.

Brianna McIntyre, senior, laughs with a friend at lunch. McIntyre felt some degree of heat concerning her political views: "When [President] Obama was running, I would wear t-shirts in support, and people would make comments," said McIntyre.



Olivia Girgis, senior, chats with Elizabeth Miller and Rebecca Lambert, seniors, at lunch. Girgis felt most strongly about healthcare reform, and saw it as taking away from doctor's jobs and salaries.

juniors

our
favorite
spaces

Rachel Porter
Courtney Powell
Anthony Pritchett
Amanda Radasch



Graham Ralls
Nick Ramos
Meg Rasche
Jackie Rea



James Richardson
Noah Roberts
Becky Rogers
David Rohlfling



Jonathan Roth
Auri Salem-Turvold
Jocelyn Sheffield
Madeleine Smith



Jesse Sneed
Nell Spencer
Brent Stump
Connor Sullivan



Tim Svoboda
Brandon Terlow
David Thomas
Caroline Thompson



Luke Turner
Kevin Vande Kamp
Davis Vermillion
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Rebecca Waller
Becky Weiss
Addison Williams
Caleb Winter



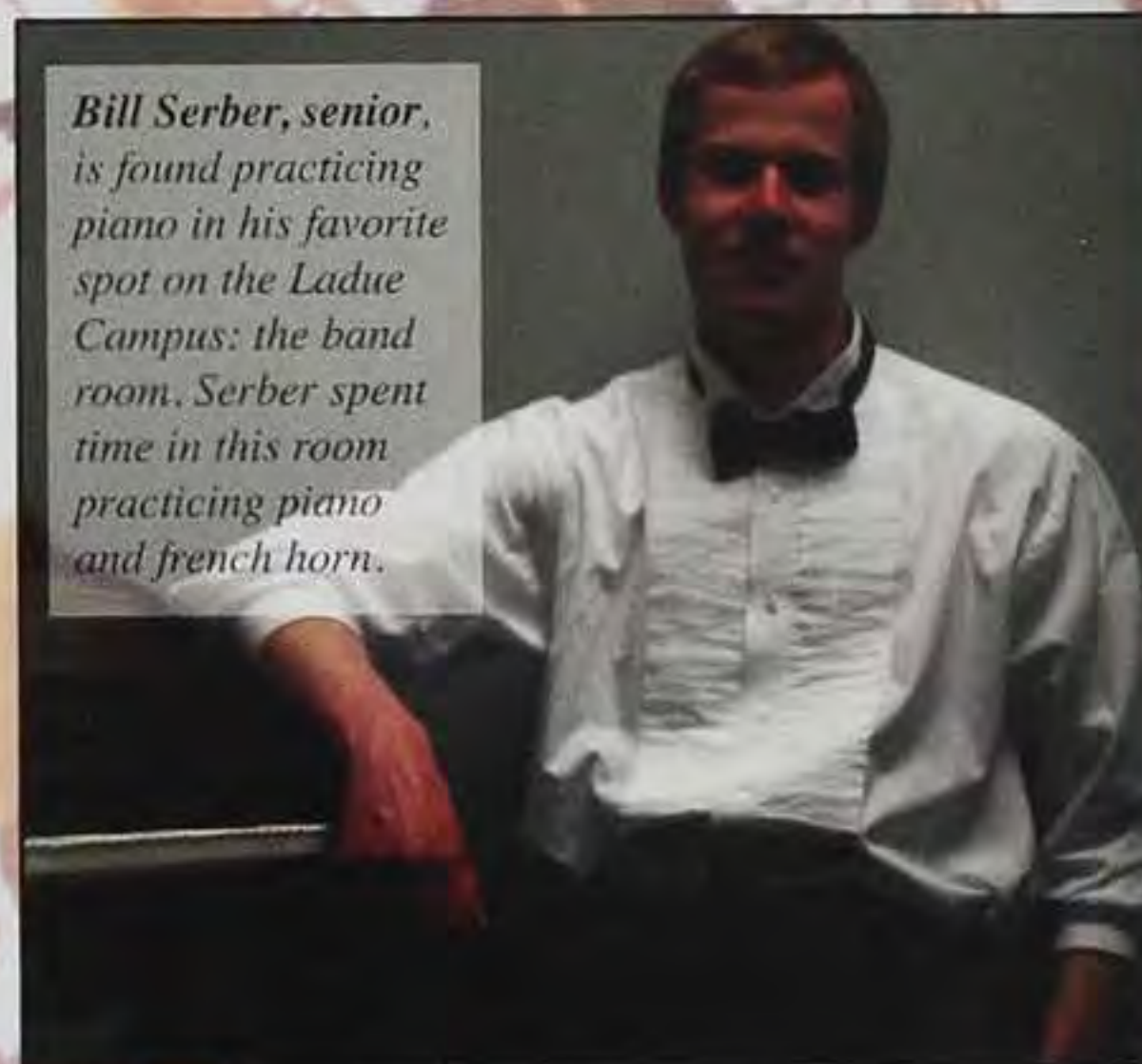
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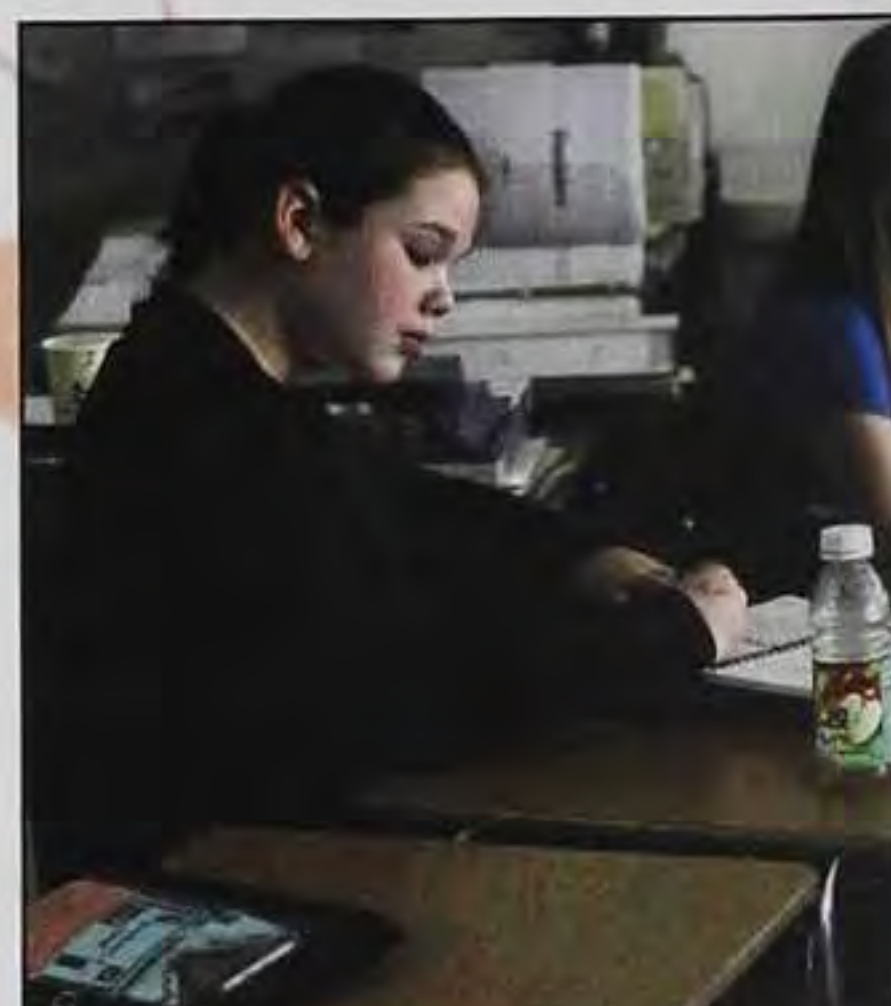
On the first day of school, Amon Kehr, eighth grade, walks into school through the commons entrance. The commons was built during the campus expansion that began in 1998. Prior to that it was a breezeway back to a field where the new gym was built.



Bill Serber, senior, is found practicing piano in his favorite spot on the Ladue Campus: the band room. Serber spent time in this room practicing piano and french horn.



During history class, Margaret Koby, seventh grade, doodles in her notes. "My favorite place at school is Ms. Woodall's room or outside the commons," said Koby.



"A farewell
is necessary before you can meet
again...."



American writer Richard Bach once penned, "Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again."

Westminster students in 2011 had to bid farewell to the over-crowded, old place they knew as home. For some, saying goodbye meant leaving a place very familiar to them. Sam Bezjak, junior, spilled out his thoughts on the Ladue Campus. He said, "My favorite spot on the Ladue campus is probably the band room, just because of all the good memories from freshman and sophomore year. The thing I'll miss most about the campus is going to be Spirit Week in the new gym."

Despite the negative feelings that flowed from leaving a loved place, all students were faced with the prospect of meeting again, this time in a brand new building and a brand new environment. Lily Duell, eighth grade, said the change of campus, "Freaks you out. Being a freshman at a new campus is a big change. I am excited. The new campus will be brand new, bigger, and much cooler."

Seniors possibly had the most difficult struggle of all: not being able to return to the place at which all of their memories had been etched into their heads and onto their hearts. Bill Serber reflected on his time at the Ladue Campus, "I am very excited for this new chapter in Westminster's history. While I'll certainly miss the school where I spent six years, the best memories are with the people, not with the building."

Goodbyes are changes for all, and Westminster students experienced that firsthand. Perhaps they had taken Bach's words to heart in being part of a historic change for Westminster Christian Academy.

One And Done

While most people were excited and saddened over leaving the Ladue Campus, the seventh graders, just getting settled into a new place, were faced with the prospect of adjusting once more into the new campus.

Sophie Dunlap, seventh grader, said that she knew the Ladue campus, but was not very attached to it. She enjoyed the Westminster atmosphere, though.



"It is a really friendly environment, and the teachers are loving and caring," said Dunlap. She especially liked the homey environment of her favorite place to be: Ms. Woodall's room.

faculty

Karen Aaberg
Sarah Ammen
Rosemary Anderson
Eric Bain
Andrew Bateman
Dale Beachy



Carrie Beard
Carol Becker
Mary Becker
Larry Birchler
Ken Boesch
Katie Boggs



Evelyn Bowman
Steve Bradley
Joy Breneman
Susie Brown
Kim Bruhn
Sherry Buis



Dan Burke
Brian Burkey
Dani Butler
Doug Butte
Carson Carrington
Doug Coleman



Laura Copeland
Monique Cusumano
Luke Davis
Sharon Degnan
Anne DeRousse
Sarah Devries



John Dickerson
Emily Dierking
Kim Doyle
Joan Dudley
Craig Dunham
Kathy Eichelberger



Lucy Erdman
Traci Everett
Jim Farmer
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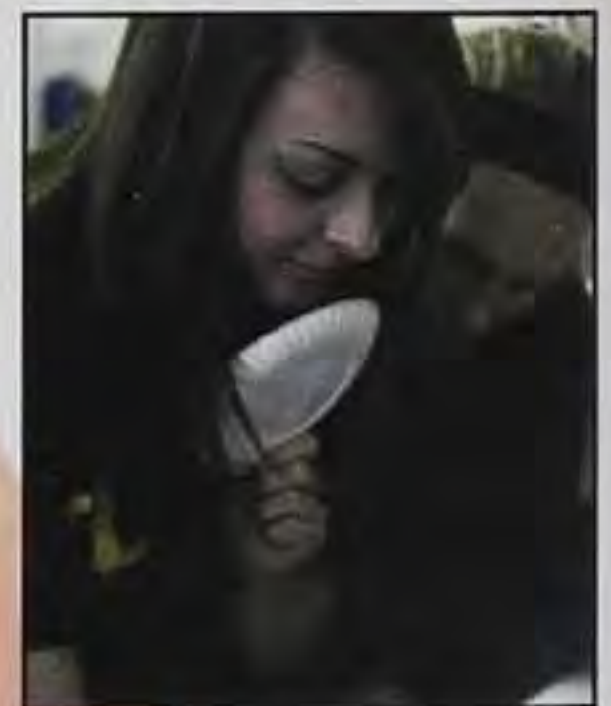
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Steve Hall
Susan Hall
Tim Hall
Lisa Harding



Taylor Cole, sophomore, does Zumba during small groups. "We did Zumba last year and everyone loved it, so we decided to do it again," said Annie Hartwig, sophomore.



James Hinrich and James Zandstra, sophomores, tell their classmates what dessert they would like. Among the choices were peppermint fudge, decorated cupcakes, and chocolate covered pretzels.



Amanda Scott, sophomore, tries to decide what dessert to choose during the sophomore's cookie competition. "The chocolate covered pretzels were my favorite! I loved them because chocolate is amazing," said Scott.



Abby Becker, Kira Stewart, and Lauren Sulewski, seniors, build gingerbread towers during neighborhoods. It was a competition between the boy and girl neighborhood groups, and the boys won. "We had better foundations, more patience, and we were more strategic," said Luke Kuiper, senior.

The Favorite Senior Small Group Memory

"I really liked the bake-off that we did this year. My group didn't win, but I had fun tasting all the desserts!"

-Angela Cannady, senior

"Probably the bake-off! It was really fun to spend time together out of school doing something random. Also, we won, so that was fun too."

-Tori Urban, senior

Don't Lose Your Cookies

On Thursday, December 9, the sophomore class had a dessert competition between all the small groups. Each group was asked to make a delicious dessert that would feed 24 students. The night before many groups got together to make and bake their desserts since there was a late start the next morning.

The morning of the competition, Annie Hartwig and Mary Snapp, sophomores, met other sophomores in the commons to collect their desserts. Then, after fourth hour, every sophomore made their way to the cafeteria where each judge tasted a little bit of each dessert.

While waiting for the judges to make up their mind, students listened to Christmas music and talked with friends. Sara Keeton, sophomore English teacher, then announced the winner: Drake Norman's small group. His group brought in white chocolate peppermint fudge which won over the judges.

After the first place group was announced, each dessert was rated and the groups got to eat accordingly. Desserts ranged from burnt cookies to intricately decorated cupcakes. Although each student was only allowed one dessert, many got back in line numerous times. "All the plans for the bake off came together really well and the food was delicious," said Jessi Wydrzynski, sophomore.

faculty

Sue Haverstick
Teri Haxel
Nicky Hensley
Ann Heyse
Scott Holley
Tim Holley



Judy Honeycutt
Larry Hughes
Harry Hyndman
Rex Janssen
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David Johnson



Peggy Johnson
Slade Johnson
Hugh Jones
Kathy Karigan
Abby Karsten
Sara Keeton



Kent Kehr
Jill Keith
Andy Kerckhoff
Han Kim
Kate Kindbom
Ila Klemm



Shari Kleyn
Chris Knerr
Aaron Layton
Dan Legters
Mike Ma
Julia Maurer



Susan Maynor
Laura Kate McKee
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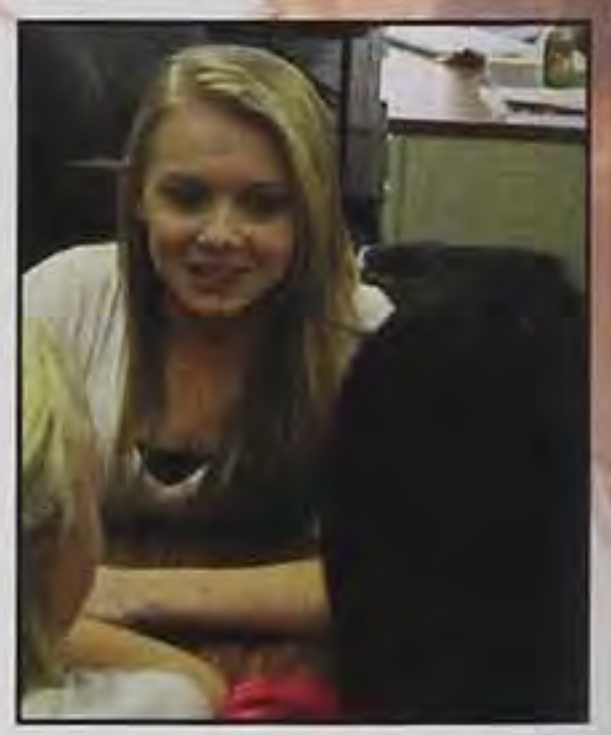
Chris Pederson
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Marty Peters
Laura Pettay
Susie Pike
Judy Powell



Pam Reed
Betty Richardson
Carolyn Roche
Emily Roig
Joseph Roth
Spencer Savory



Jesse Gruneisen, sophomore, Ramya Gruneisen, junior, Leah Gruneisen, senior, and Clara Gruneisen, seventh grade, gather together before school. Leah Gruneisen was adopted from Kentucky soon after she was born. Her younger sister, Ramya, was also adopted from India at fifteen months.



Lexie Einertson, seventh grade, talks to her friends during Bible class. Einerston was adopted from Fargo, North Dakota. "Both my parents are still in Fargo and I plan on meeting my half sisters [who are in Fargo] when I turn eighteen," said Einertson.

Morgan Loynd, freshman, was adopted from Kerch, Russia. "I had close friends in the orphanage, but most of them got adopted. Some live in St. Louis and we still hang out," said Loynd.

A New Home at 12

At twelve Morgan Loynd, freshman, was adopted from Kerch, Russia and moved to the states having to learn English, make new friends, and attend a new school.

"In the orphanage, there were about 2,000 kids. A picture of ourselves would be taken and sent to the states for families to look at. At one point, about thirty kids and I flew to the United States to meet potential homes for us. At first, I didn't know I was going to be adopted because there were 30 kids total. It was not until when I was back in Russia that I found out I was going to be adopted.

"I do know my birth parents, but my dad was into drugs. But over the summer, the orphanage would let us visit our parents, so I still stayed in contact with them. Before I was officially adopted, my adoptive parents met my biological parents.

"When I came back to the United States with my new family, I had to learn English, because all I could speak was Russian. In fourth grade, I attended a class where they taught kids to learn a new language," said Loynd. Because of this language barrier, Loynd is sixteen and in ninth grade. Loynd planned on visiting Russia with her mom when she turns eighteen. If possible, she planned on meeting up with her biological parents as well.

"My family adopted my little brother, AJ, when he was just three days old. He's three now. I was 11 years old at the time and I was excited, but it was a change for our family. We had been fostering for four years previously, though."

-Sydney Seabaugh, freshman



Talking to one another during school, Marleigh Dickerson, seventh grade, and Marshall Dickerson, junior, were adopted at age four and six, respectively. "I was adopted from Arizona. I knew my parents and my mom had some mental disorder, so it was a controversial issue. At first, Marleigh went to the Newberry family, then the Dees family. But in the end, we both were adopted by the Dickersons," said Marshall.

faculty

David Schall
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Mallory Scholten
Allen Schwamb



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Jim Sefrit
Janet Sell
Mark Sell



Andrew Shaw
Jeff Shultz
Warren Smith
Cory Snyder



Sarah Stanfield
Nathan Talley
Don Tiemeier
Jessica Toh



Amy Turner
Rich Van Gilst
Becky Van Valkenburg
Deana Vandergriff



Scott Vonder Bruegge
Craig Walseth
Kelsey Walton
Howard Warren



Katie Weinberg
Josh West
Annie Westhoff
Andrea Wilcox



Anne Williams
Paula Williams
Sandra Winchester
Ashley Woodall



Cindy Zavaglia
James Marsh



way back
when...

"I like that I can drive myself to [the golf club] now to practice instead of having to get a ride on the weekends."

-Peter Sippel, senior



"I like that my parents don't have to take me places on Friday Nights."

-Cameron Clay, junior



Saenea Williams and Lucy Sell, eighth grade, were dropped off at the mall to help with gift wrapping. They spent a few hours on a Saturday morning wrapping gifts during a busy sale time.



Megan McDaniel, Morgan Winkelmeier, and Erika Wilson, eighth grade, hang out in the eighth grade hallway after school. Typically their Friday nights were spent at the mall shopping or just hanging with friends.



Blake Sutphen and Will Barry, eighth graders, hang out at Barry's house on a Friday night. Most of their night was spent on Facebook friending new people they met earlier at the mall.



Brendan Carnahan and Kevin Stump, eighth grade, were driven to the mall on the day of the power outage.

Life as You Know It

The life of a middle schooler were often predictable. "I hang out with friends at the mall," said Sarah Betz, eighth grade. Within a few years, they will gain "freedom" to drive themselves around, along with a set curfew. "I know you are supposed to look forward to high school and all the freedom, but honestly I miss being driven around," said Danielle Evans, junior.

Middle school was the time where students had limited freedom, especially on Friday nights. From sleepovers, watching a movie to hanging out at the mall, seventh and eighth graders had to make sure a parent was available to pick them up at the end of the day. At this point in life, life seemed pretty predictable to most middle schoolers.

That all changed once they graduated from eighth grade and walked the high school halls. They continued to hang out with the same people, but more opportunities to hang out on their own time was presented. They no longer had to rely on the availability of their parents; they only had to keep track of their new curfew. Moreover, Friday nights were no longer predictable and students could do anything on a whim.

Typically, parents liked the predictable. They liked to know when to pick up their child and the exact location. Fortunately, in years time, no longer will middle schoolers have to rely on their parents for car rides. The time will come when they can randomly choose to attend a party, go out to dinner with friends or drive to a friend's house. In no time at all, life as one knows it will never be the same once he or she holds a license in his or her hand.

72 athletics Small & Simple

During the seventh grade volleyball season, the team had many comeback games that encouraged them as a whole.

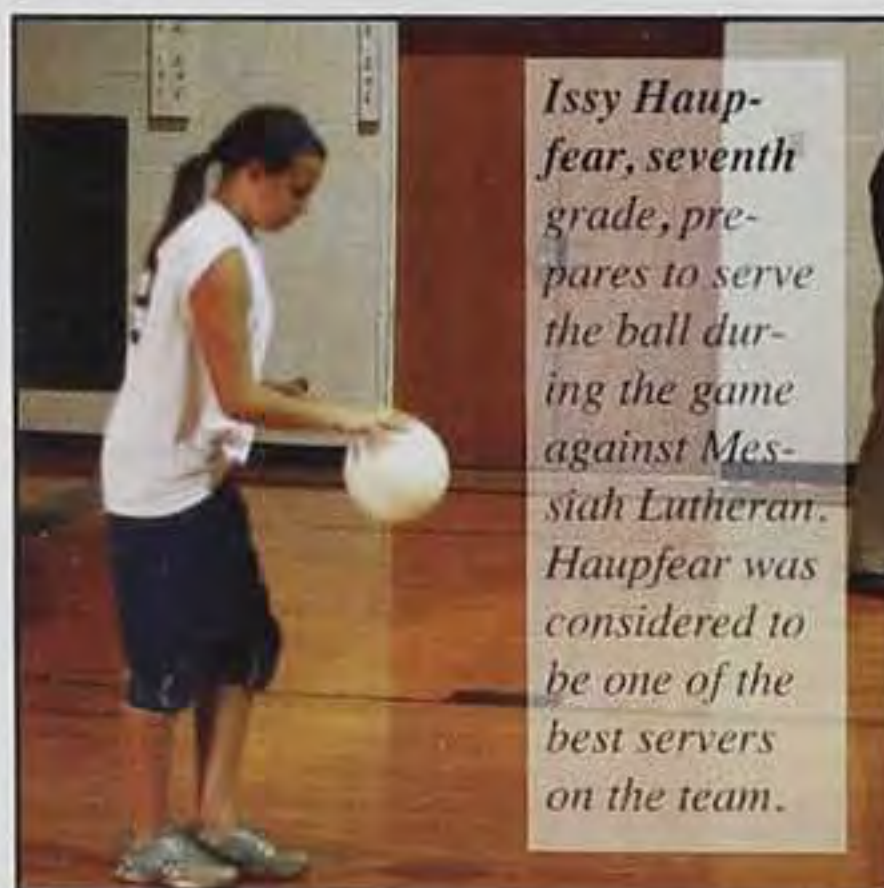
“Comebacks during a game happen a lot and when they do happen, it is pretty exciting,” said Lauren Lindgren, seventh grade.

Although some comebacks were small, they were still able to pump the team up.

“It was 25 to 12 and the Westminster team started to talk and come together,” said Clara Gruisen, seventh grade. This decision by every member of the team to work harder instantly changed the team’s view on the game ahead of them. Hannah Ruckman, who played on the eighth grade A team, described one of her teammates diving for the ball during a game and how this gave the team and opportunity to come back.

“I felt really excited at that moment in the game,” said Ruckman.

The seventh grade white and blue teams also earned some wins for their team in this manner. The white and blue teams both beat Whitfield, winning all three of their matches. The blue teams’ game was very similar to the white’s game, as they won the first two matches through using consistent serves and passes.



Issy Hauptfear, seventh grade, prepares to serve the ball during the game against Messiah Lutheran. Hauptfear was considered to be one of the best servers on the team.



Caroline Welch, eighth grade, focuses on the ball as she serves it over the net. Welch was known to scream as she ran to the ball. Her team beat Messiah Lutheran during their third match of the tournament.

During the match against Green Park Lutheran, the eighth grade A team pumps each other up. Lara Yeast, eighth grade, had just added a point to the team's comeback. The team won 2 of the 3 games.



Rachel Ritter, Megan Johnson, and Amanda Ebert, eighth grade, all wait for the ball to be served from their Green Park Lutheran opponent. The Wildcats won 2 of the 3 games that night.



Watching the eighth grade volleyball game against Messiah Lutheran, Lauren Griesedieck, Kaitlyn Melthouse, Lauren Lindgren, Macy Catlett, Elisabeth Harding, and Clara Gruneisen, seventh grade, wait their turn to play. Their game immediately followed the eighth grade's.

Elisabeth Harding, seventh grade, prepares to serve the ball. Harding played during the home game against St. Paul's Lutheran.

Sweet Screaming Caroline!

"I got it! I got it! I got it!" screams Caroline Welch, eighth grade, as she runs across the court towards the ball. Welch's teammates all laugh as she screams for the ball. In their practices, the whole team mimics her deathly scream. Her team also sings the chorus to Sweet Caroline every time she scores a point for their team. As they do this, Welch just smiles and serves the ball over the net.



Rebecca Liu, Isabellah Garcia, and Clara Gruneisen, seventh graders, sit on the stage to watch their fellow teammates. With such little space in the Old Gym, both teams used the stage as their bench.

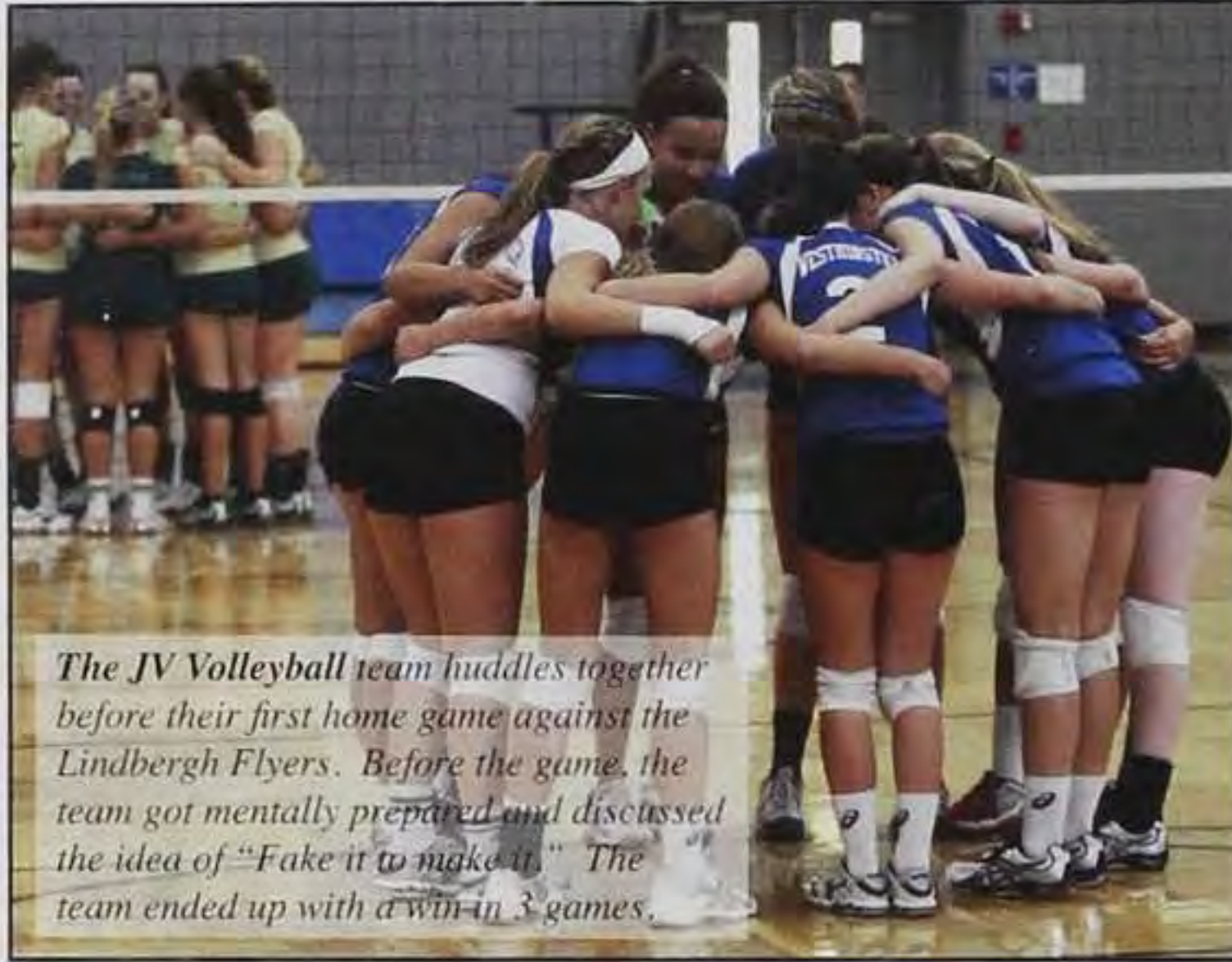
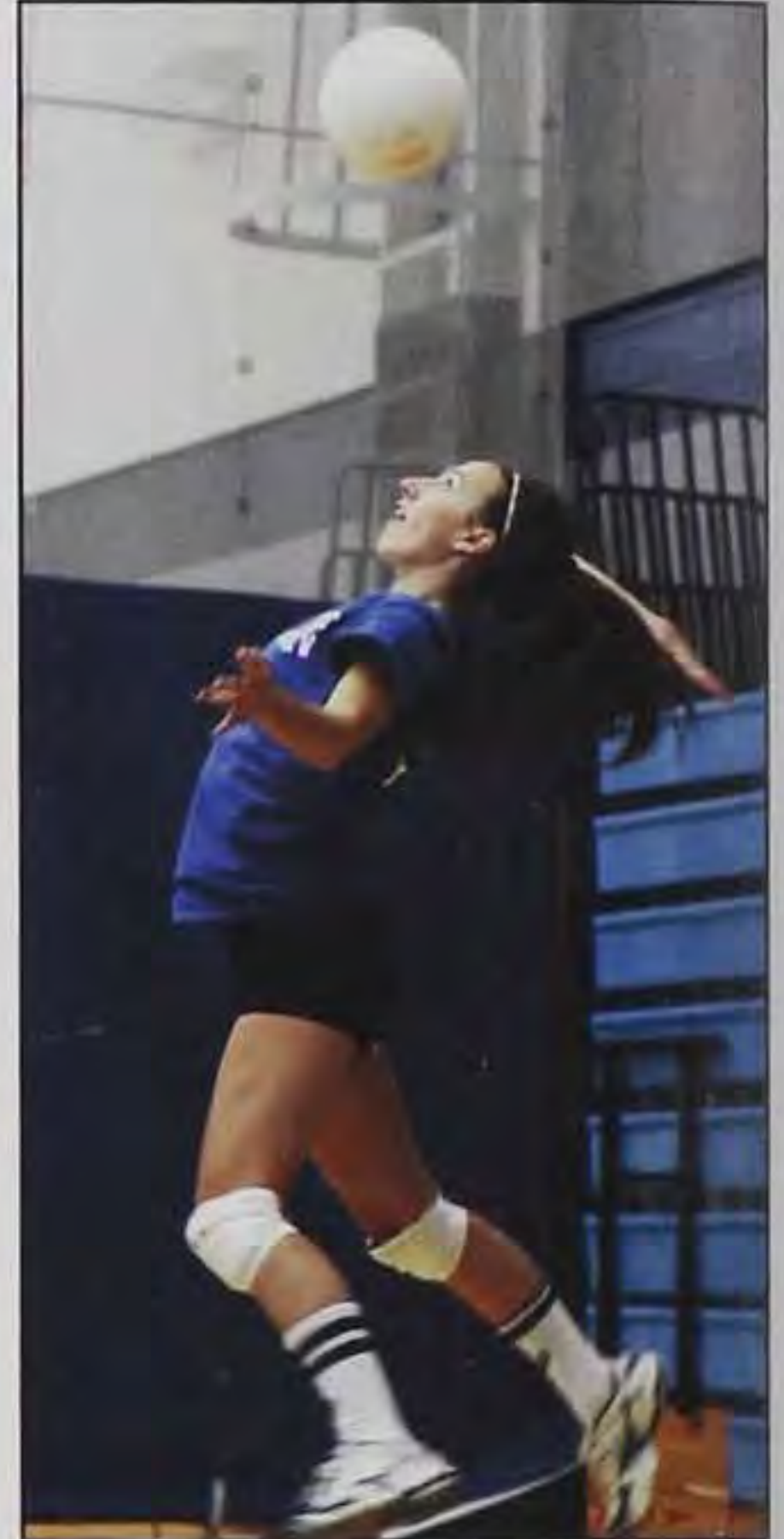
In the freshman team's game against Villa Duchesne, Celeste Beckman, freshman, keeps the ball in play after a spike. The team ended up victorious against Villa, winning in three games.



Alexis Harvey, sophomore, blocks against Lindbergh. Her favorite moment of the year was the victory over Villa. "We came together and pulled off a comeback victory," said Harvey.



During practice, Taylor Pfiefer, freshman, serves the ball. Pfiefer was one of the two freshmen on JV. "Playing on JV is a dream for me. I love playing with the older girls because they have more experience and push me to be even better," said Pfiefer.



The JV Volleyball team huddles together before their first home game against the Lindbergh Flyers. Before the game, the team got mentally prepared and discussed the idea of "Fake it to make it." The team ended up with a win in 3 games.



Jenny Baldwin, freshman, serves the ball during the game against Villa. Baldwin joined the team because she enjoys the game. "Volleyball is the one sport I enjoy playing because you have to work together," said Baldwin.

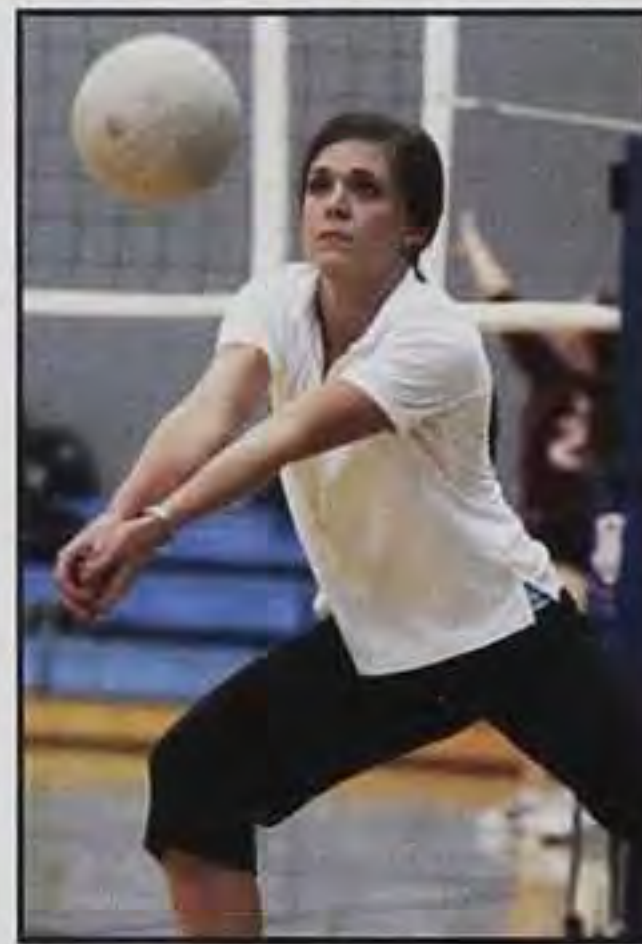
Coach Kelsey Walton

Volleyball Experience:

Libero on Calvin College Top 10 Volleyball Team 2006-2009

A Player's Perspective:

"She is a lot of fun, knows the game well and is incredible at volleyball. Since she is younger she is also really easy to relate to," said Ellie Bettlach, sophomore.



Heather Burt, freshman, sets the ball during the Freshman team's game against the Lutheran South Lancers. Burt played middle hitter and had played volleyball since 5th grade. "When playing volleyball, I think about where I need to put the ball, the follow through, and slamming it in their face," said Burt.

Spiking the ball, Logan Cantagi, freshman, gets a kill during the girls match against their rivals, Villa Duchesne. The game against Villa was Cantangi's favorite moment of the season. "The team worked hard and played well to pull off a great victory," said Cantagi.



Fake It to Make It

After the JV volleyball team came in from losing their first game in their match against Lutheran South during the Lutheran St. Charles Volleyball Tournament, Kelsey Walton, the new JV coach, decided to motivate the girls with a saying that became their motto for the season: "Fake it to make it."

"Even when you feel like there is no way you can possibly win, you have to believe and tell yourself that you are going to win," said Ellie Bettlach, sophomore. "When you think this way, a win is easier to come by."

This idea caused the team to take a new perspective on games, encouraging the girls to play their hardest no matter the scenario. "Even if you are losing, you must play your best in every point that you play," said Natalie Bell, sophomore. This idea was a motivation in all of the games they played and gave the girls a reason and an excitement to play their tougher opponents. "I've found this to actually be true. When I do fake it, it does make it. This opens up my mind and allows me to play to the best of my ability," said Alexis Harvey, sophomore.

The team carried the "Fake it to make it" motto into their next game against Lutheran South. Through encouragement and determination, the team came out victorious against the Lancers, winning the second game of the match.



At the Visitation Academy game on October 11, Kaylee Rosen, senior, jump serves the ball. The lady Wildcats pulled out a win with the final scores of 19-25, 30-28, 25-22.

The Ultimate Defeat

The time for the much-anticipated game against Arkansas' largest high school and defending state champions, Bentonville High School, had arrived at the Springfield Classic Tournament. Since the Cats split the first two games with Bentonville, a third game was needed to determine the winner.

As game three progressed, the Wildcats lagged behind at 19-24, and it appeared unlikely that they could walk away with a victory. "I thought it was a given that we were going to lose," said Hannah Stipanovich, freshman.

However, Erin Bognar, sophomore, felt differently.

"We split games with them in the tournament last year so I was determined to beat them this year. I knew we could do it."

The Wildcats stayed composed, gaining a point from a Bentonville spike landing out of bounds. Bognar then blocked a free ball straight down onto the Bentonville court, allowing the score to be 21-24. After this, a long, nerve-wracking rally began. However, Danielle Evans, junior did not let the nerves overcome her. She gave a set to Bognar who spiked the ball and got another point for Westminster.

At this, Bentonville called a time out to try to recompose. However, it appeared that they would need more than just a time out to defeat the wildcats. Bentonville gave a powerful spike right to Sarah Hall, senior, who dug it out and passed perfectly to Megan Tilley, sophomore. Tilley set it to Bognar who got another great spike. Only three points away from a victory. Bentonville tried to fight back with a powerful spike, but Hannah Stipanovich, freshman blocked it to the floor, tying the game.

It was then Tilley's turn to serve. The opponents could not return her powerful serve, so the Cats took the lead. Finally, Bentonville spiked the ball out of bounds giving the Cats the final point they needed.

"Now when we're down in other games we say 'Bentonville' in our team huddle knowing that we can come back in any situation" said Kristen O'Leary, junior. In addition, not only did the Varsity Volleyball team defeat Bentonville, but they also went and finished first place in the tournament – the best that any Westminster women's varsity volleyball team has ever done. In doing this, the lady Wildcats showed that, even under unlikely circumstances, anything can happen when you're a Wildcat.

Prior to the senior night game against Christian High School, Mari Knehans, senior, passes the ball. This was the last home game for the senior girls. They went out on a high note defeating Christian High School 25-11, 25-13.



Stipanovich sisters:

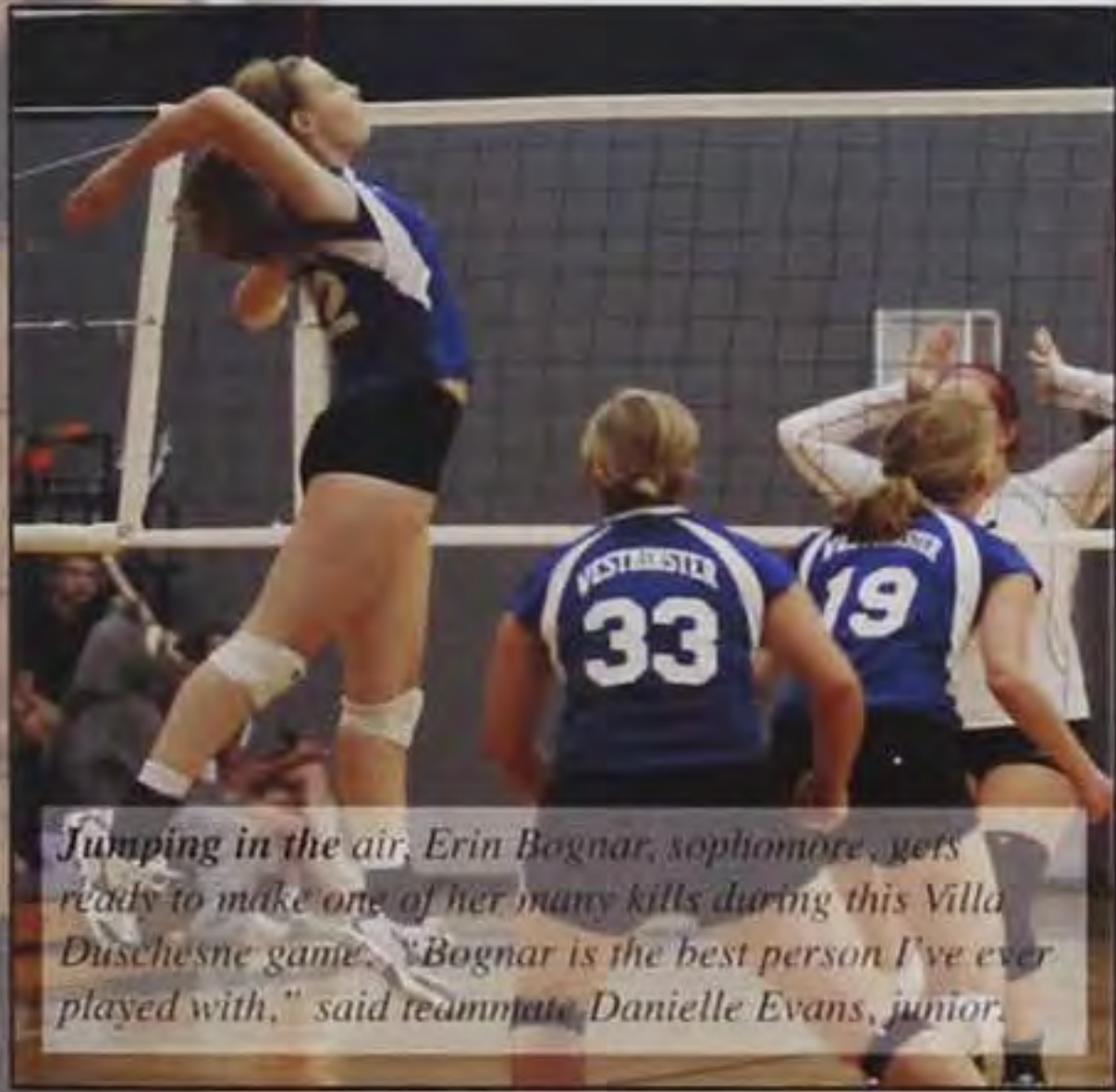
Just how similar are they?

-Encourages through her excited actions
-Has better passing footwork

-Encourages through her words
-Has a better passing platform

Sadie
Hannah

Kira Stewart, senior, sets the ball to outside hitter, Erin Bognar, sophomore, at the sectional match against Borgia on October 30. Stewart moved from outside hitter to setter her sophomore year. "I love being a setter because I love being the leader and controller of every play," said Stewart.



Jumping in the air, Erin Bognar, sophomore, gets ready to make one of her many kills during this Villa Dushesne game. "Bognar is the best person I've ever played with," said teammate Danielle Evans, junior.



Captain Sarah Hall, senior, digs a spike from Visitation Academy. "Sarah really stepped up this year and led by example," said Mari Knehans, senior.



Sisters Hannah Stipanovich, freshman, and Sadie Stipanovich, sophomore, chest bump each other. "Both girls are extremely fired up and funny," said Karlee Heinemann, junior. They brought tons of energy to the team.

Kristen O'Leary, junior, races to save the ball at the Villa Dushesne game on September 21. It was O'Leary's second year playing on Varsity. Though she played Defensive Specialist last year, this year she was moved to libero.

In the game against St. Dominic, Leigh Ann Kaup, freshman, catches a high pitch. This was Kaup's fifth year playing softball.



Katy Chapell, sophomore, swings at the ball during the game against St. Joseph. "Even though we lost most of our games, we still were a completely different team by the end of the season. It was fun seeing the team, as well as each girl, improve everyday. We kept encouraging one another to not only to do well, but also to have fun," said Chapell.



Hitting It Home

This was the first year for Westminster to have a women's JV softball team. Although the team only won two games, they were still able to make some memorable plays.

During the season both Kelly Goebel, freshman, and Katy Chapell, sophomore, hit home runs. At the season opener against Ritenour, Goebel hit a grand slam. "After I hit the ball, I could feel by the way the ball went off my bat that it was going to be a good solid hit," said Goebel. "I was not really expecting to get a home run, all I was expecting was just to make solid contact. And I thought, 'Oh my gosh I think I just hit a home run!' I was super excited!" The team beat Ritenour 29 to 2.

The second home run was Chapell's in-the-park home run. "Coach Scholten actually gave me the bunt sign at first, but then I hit two foul balls," said Chapell. "I did not see her giving me the bunt signal again, so I swung hard at the next pitch and the ball went through the center fielder's legs." Chapell then ran as fast as she could and ended up making it back to the home plate. "I was so happy and surprised because I didn't think that I would have been able to get a home run," said Chapell.

At the end of the season, the women's JV softball team had a record of 2-6. "Being on the JV softball team has been really exciting! And it was awesome to see the team expanding since this is the first year of having two teams," said Violet Kouzes, sophomore.

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Pitching the ball, Kailynn Kneibert, freshman, throws a strike against a St. Dominic player. Kneibert started playing softball when she was in Kindergarten. "Technically I didn't start softball until first grade because in kindergarten I played t-ball," said Kneibert.

In the team's last game of the season, Melissa Blackwell, freshman, catches a ball and throws it to first base for an out. The team played St. Joseph for their last game.



After hitting the ball, Caroline Moore, freshman, sprints to first base. Moore played in the field as the team's short stop.

Daria Vonderahe, freshman, bunts the pitch during their game against St. Joseph. Vonderahe was the JV softball team's only left-handed batter.



Kelly Goebel, freshman, prepares to hit the ball during the last game of the season against St. Joseph. The umpires ended the game early because the sun was setting and there was not enough light to keep playing.

A few of my favorite things...

"I actually liked playing in the field more than I liked hitting the ball. I played 2nd base which was fun."

-Jennifer Albertson, freshman.

"Well I'd have to say that the coaches were really encouraging and fun, which made practice a lot more fun!"

-Jenni Jurgenson, freshman.

"I really liked our Friday practices. We scrimmaged each other 7 on 7, and it was really fun."

-Julia Alpert, freshman.



Jordan Klein, senior, throws the ball to home while warming up before a game. This was Klein's fourth year on the Varsity softball team. She was captain with Ellie Huffman, junior.

A Season to Remember



The last home game of the regular season was an important one for the Varsity softball team.

Defeating Visitation, however, for Jordan Klein, senior, was much more than that. Klein put on her glove and took the field for the last time. Recognizing the game as Klein's last on the Wildcat field, the softball team overwhelmed her with flowers and posters. "At first I didn't feel old enough to be a senior, but when Coach Benes took me out, it hit me that this was the last time I was going to be playing at Westminster. I started crying thinking about how much I was going to miss these girls," said Klein.

With four years playing on Varsity, Klein was sad to see the season coming to an end. "During districts, before every game she would tell us, 'If this is my last game I'm going to smack you all in the face,'" said Jensen Holt, freshmen. Klein played short-stop for Westminster since freshman year.

She also took advantage of the opportunity to influence her last softball team, setting an example for her younger teammates.

"Jordan is always encouraging and she never gives up. Even when we were losing to Kennedy 21-2 she still tried her hardest in the field and at bat," said Bryn McKie, junior. No matter what the circumstances, the team agreed that Klein made the most of her last season.



Second baseman, Summer Smith, sophomore, tags a runner for an out at the last home game of the season. Smith had a multiple RBI game. In addition, the team defeated Visitation 9-1.

too blessed to be stressed

T. "Before each practice we go around and say something good that happened to us that day," - Jessica Johnson, sophomore.

B. "It helps us to know that we aren't only a team on the field but a team in life as well," - Sydney Seabaugh, freshman.

B. "Someone always has a bad day, so when we say something positive and tell funny stories it helps to make the team brighter,"
S. -Brynn Benes, junior.



Jessica Johnson, sophomore, tries for her third strike. She was the team's main pitcher this season after being a backup pitcher the year before. Johnson had been pitching since she was three years old.



Before the first game of the Kennedy tournament, Bryn McKie, junior, practices her swing. McKie had played softball since she was four years old and played on two different softball teams throughout the year.



Racing the ball to home, Ellie Huffman, junior, brings another run to the team. Huffman, the team's catcher, was unable to catch for most of the season due to a shoulder injury. However, she came back and caught for the team at districts.



Smacking the softball over the fence, Jocelyn Sheffield, junior, adds two runs for the team. The Wildcats defeated Villa 11-5 during their first home game of the season. "I love when you hear the ball hit the bat and you know that you hit that sweet spot," said Sheffield.

A Different Kind of Leader

"It's weird because I'm not the best or the oldest but I still have to be the leader," said captain, Margaret Moore, junior. This year the Varsity golf team was without senior experience and leadership. Margaret Moore was asked by coach Steve Bradley to step-up to the plate and be captain. However, she struggled with the awkwardness of feeling the same age as the other members of the team and not being the number one golfer.

Rachael Gantner, junior, who is older than Moore by four months, still loved having Margaret as a captain. "I always score well when I play with Margaret," said Gantner. "She is younger than me but still more experienced and she constantly pushes me to play my best."

Margaret knows that being around the same age as her teammates provides extra challenges in her leadership role. Instead of being an older influence, like most captains, she led the team through her encouragement.

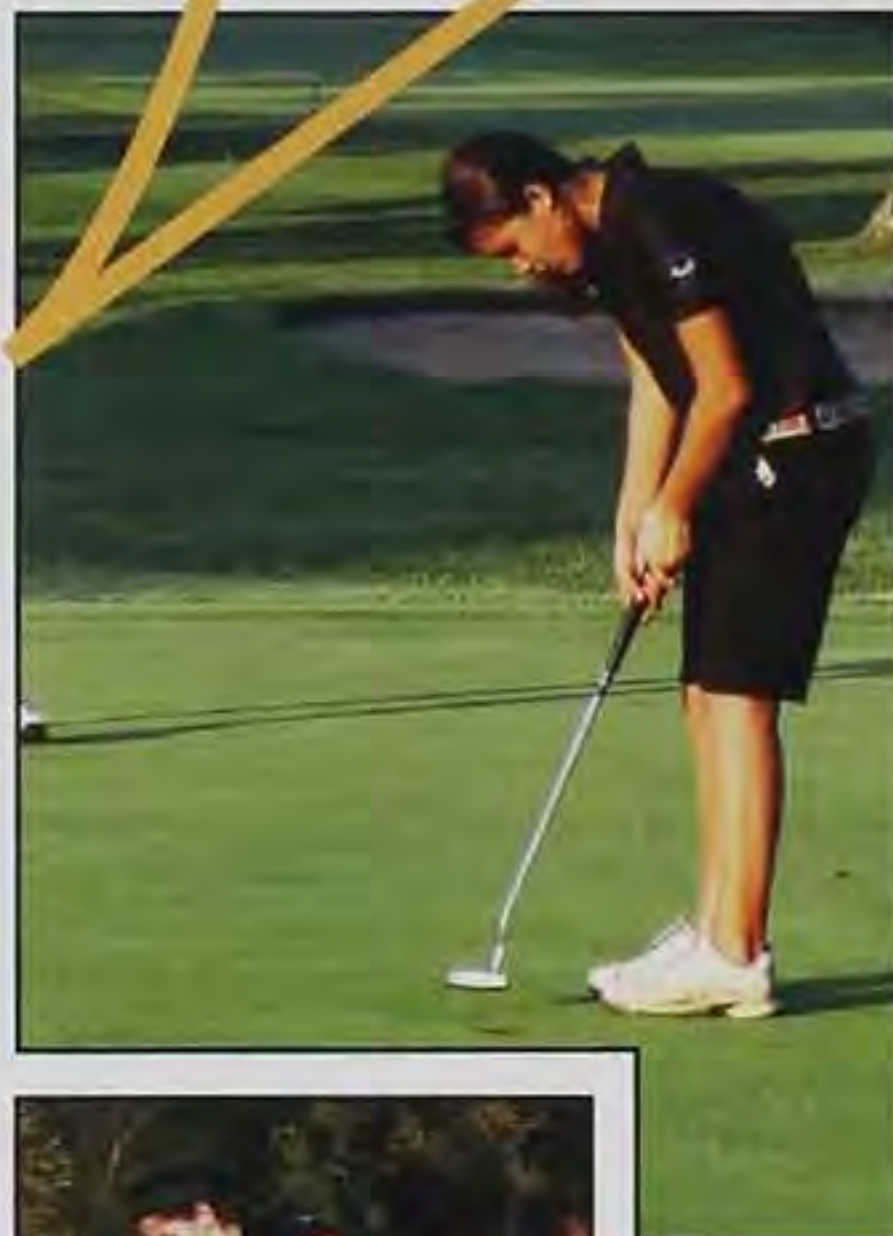
"You can't give up and sit on the bench in golf, you have to keep playing. You have to finish," said Moore.

Brooke Cusumano, sophomore, was the number one scorer with Jordan Wolf, freshman, in the number two spot, close behind was Moore, dominating the third spot. Being captain, more often than not, means you are the best on the team.

"Not being the best on the team does not make me mad at all. It makes being captain more about leading the other girls and helping them to do their best, opposed to me always scoring better than them," said Moore. Brooke Cusumano said, "I'm a goofball, and Margaret helps me calm down before a match. She knows how to get me focused."

Moore, confronted the awkwardness of trying to be a good leader despite not being the oldest or the best and handled it like a pro. She took the opportunity as a captain to be a different kind of leader. "I want to be a mentally strong leader, because golf is the most mentally challenging game," said Moore.

How did the team score?
District Champions
Four State Qualifiers
Third Place in State
 Jordan Wolf, freshman, tied for 2nd in State
 Brooke Cusumano, sophomore, tied for 6th
 Margaret Moore, junior, 15th
 Maggie Mauze, junior, qualified for state



Watching her putt drop, Maggie Mauze, junior, finishes up a hole at Glen Echo Country Club. Mauze was off and on the 4th scorer with Rachael Gantner, junior. She put up the best scores of her career this season.

In a match at Family Golf Complex, Kristen Franke, junior, chips the ball in for a birdie. Franke was not just new to the golf team but also to Westminster. She, along with seven others, were a part of the largest women's JV golf team in Wildcat history.

Jordan Wolf, the only freshman on varsity golf, takes her club back during the state golf match. Wolf dominated during state and tied for second place individually. She trailed the first place golfer by a slim margin.

Displaying the third place state golf trophy and their individual medals are Jordan Wolf, freshman, Margaret Moore, junior, Brooke Cusumano, sophomore, and Maggie Mauze, junior. This was the second year in a row that the golf team placed third in state.

Captain Margaret Moore, junior, warms up her putting at Ruth Park. The team played MICDS and won 165-167. This was the lowest score women's golf at Westminster had ever recorded for 9 holes as well as the lowest 9-hole score in the St. Louis area this year.



Top scorer for JV, Jessica Wydrzynski, sophomore, follows through with her stroke off a tee-box at Family Golf Complex. Wydrzynski was a returning member to the JV team. She, along with Emily Orf, sophomore, were the top scorers on JV.



Brooke Cusumano, sophomore, lines up her put in a match at Ruth Park. Cusumano was the first girl in Wildcat history and one of two St. Louis varsity golfers to shoot an eagle (two under par) this season. She held the number one seed the entire season.



Walking to her ball from the tee-box, Rachael Gantner, junior, talks with Margaret Moore, junior, about the hole. Gantner took her sophomore year off from the Varsity golf team. Despite her break, she came back junior year and was the 4th highest scorer on the team.

Wimbledon Future Champ?

As the bell rang for 5th period on a Monday afternoon, a class of eighth grade students rushed out to the tennis courts for the Advanced Tennis Class. For some girls, like Mary Heyl, eighth grade, tennis was "something new that they wanted to try." For others, like Sarah Betz, eighth grade, "it was a sport that ran in the family." However, for Janet Auclair, eighth grade, it was "something she could not live without." Auclair started to play tennis at the age of 6 and experimented with other sports as a child, such as soccer, but realized that those activities did not catch her interest.

"I tried to like soccer, but it just wasn't my thing," said Auclair. Her father, a former tennis player, began to teach his young daughter the game he fell in love with. The more Auclair learned about the game of tennis, the more she improved. With dozens of coaches and hard work, Auclair earned her rank as 50th in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"She probably has the most competitive spirit I've seen in a eighth grader," said Nathan Talley, the Advanced Tennis coach and also the Upper School Varsity coach. Auclair stood out from those in her class with not only her skills, but also her persona as a player.

"She's a team player, she's definitely going to bring out the best in all the girls," said Talley. Not only did her coach see her talent, but it was evident to her teammates as well. "She's really good," said Tierra Reese, eighth grade, while another player, Ashlyn Wiggins, eighth grade, described her as "amazing".

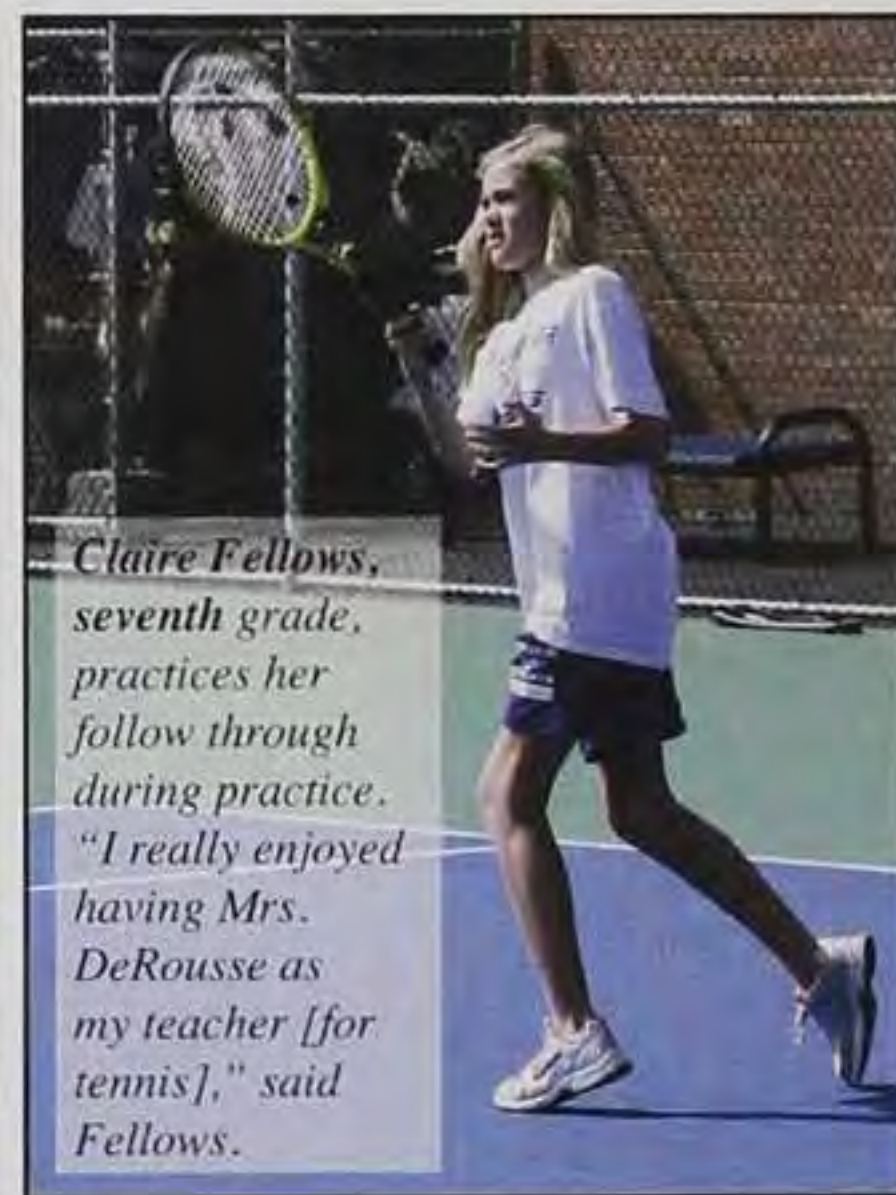
As Auclair continued to work hard, her coach believed she could give the Upper School Women's Tennis team a spark for next year. "I honestly believe she could make Varsity as an eighth grader now," said Talley.



Getting ready to lob the ball, Hannah Grace Smith, seventh grade, waits for her opponent to hit the ball. "I hope to play for the Upper School varsity team," said Smith.



Lauren Massot, seventh grade, volleys the tennis ball over the net. During practice, the girls would warm up, volley with each other, and play court games.



Claire Fellows, seventh grade, practices her follow through during practice. "I really enjoyed having Mrs. DeRousse as my teacher [for tennis]," said Fellows.



During Queen of the Court, Caira Butler, seventh grade, returns a volley. "My favorite part about the class was being able to play with my friends," said Butler.



"I prefer doubles instead of singles, because I like working together as a team."
-Sarah Betz

Sarah Betz, eighth grade, keeps her focus on the ball as she prepares to swing. Betz had played tennis since she took her first step. Her older sister, Megan Betz, junior, had played on the varsity team since she was a freshman.

Mary Heyl, eighth grade, prepares to serve the ball across court during class. This was the first year Heyl played tennis, and her goal was to play on the Upper School team. "The best part of tennis is the sound the ball makes as it hits your racket," said Heyl.



"I really liked Mr. Talley. He is a really good coach and he makes tennis fun."
-Mary Heyl



Janet Auclair, eighth grade, rushes towards the ball during practice. "I want to achieve a tennis scholarship for college," said Auclair.

Sarah Levenhagen, sophomore, warms up for her match against Visitation Academy. During the match, Levenhagen and her partner Haley Woolbright, freshman, beat their opponents with scores of 8-1 and 8-0.

Before the match against Clayton, Elise Hearne, sophomore, practices her serves while warming up. Hearne and her partner, Esther McGowan, freshman, won their game and helped lead the team to an 8-2 victory.



Warming up before her match, Maddie Ottsen, freshman, returns a pass from her partner, Sarah Barker, sophomore. Later in the season, Ottsen and her partner were able to play with the varsity team in a match against Whitfield.



Smoothie King Fridays

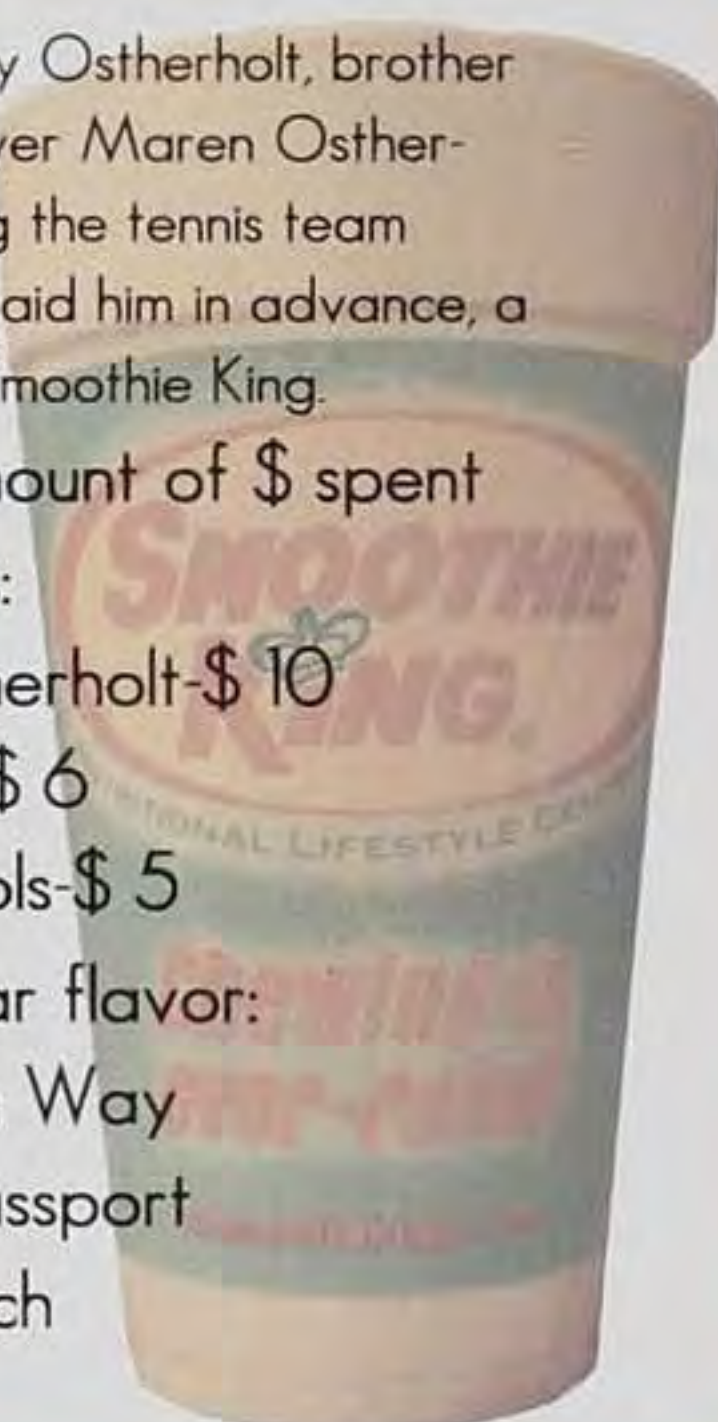
Each Friday Trey Osterholt, brother of JV tennis player Maren Osterholt, would bring the tennis team members, that paid him in advance, a smoothie from Smoothie King.

Average amount of \$ spent on smoothies:

- Maren Osterholt-\$ 10
- Olivia Willis-\$ 6
- Alyson Nichols-\$ 5

Most popular flavor:

1. Caribbean Way
2. Passion Passport
3. Berry Punch



Getting pumped for the match ahead against Clayton, Emily Horak, sophomore, volleys the ball. Horak and her partner, Alyson Nichols, freshman, won their game against the Clayton Greyhounds at a home match on August 27.

Esther McGowan, freshman, gets ready to lob the ball back to her doubles partner. McGowan joined the tennis team fresh out of knee surgery.





Jumping to return the ball, Mary Snapp, sophomore, defends against her Parkway West opponents. Snapp and her partner Emily Heyl, sophomore, won their match on September 17 and added to their team victory against Parkway West.

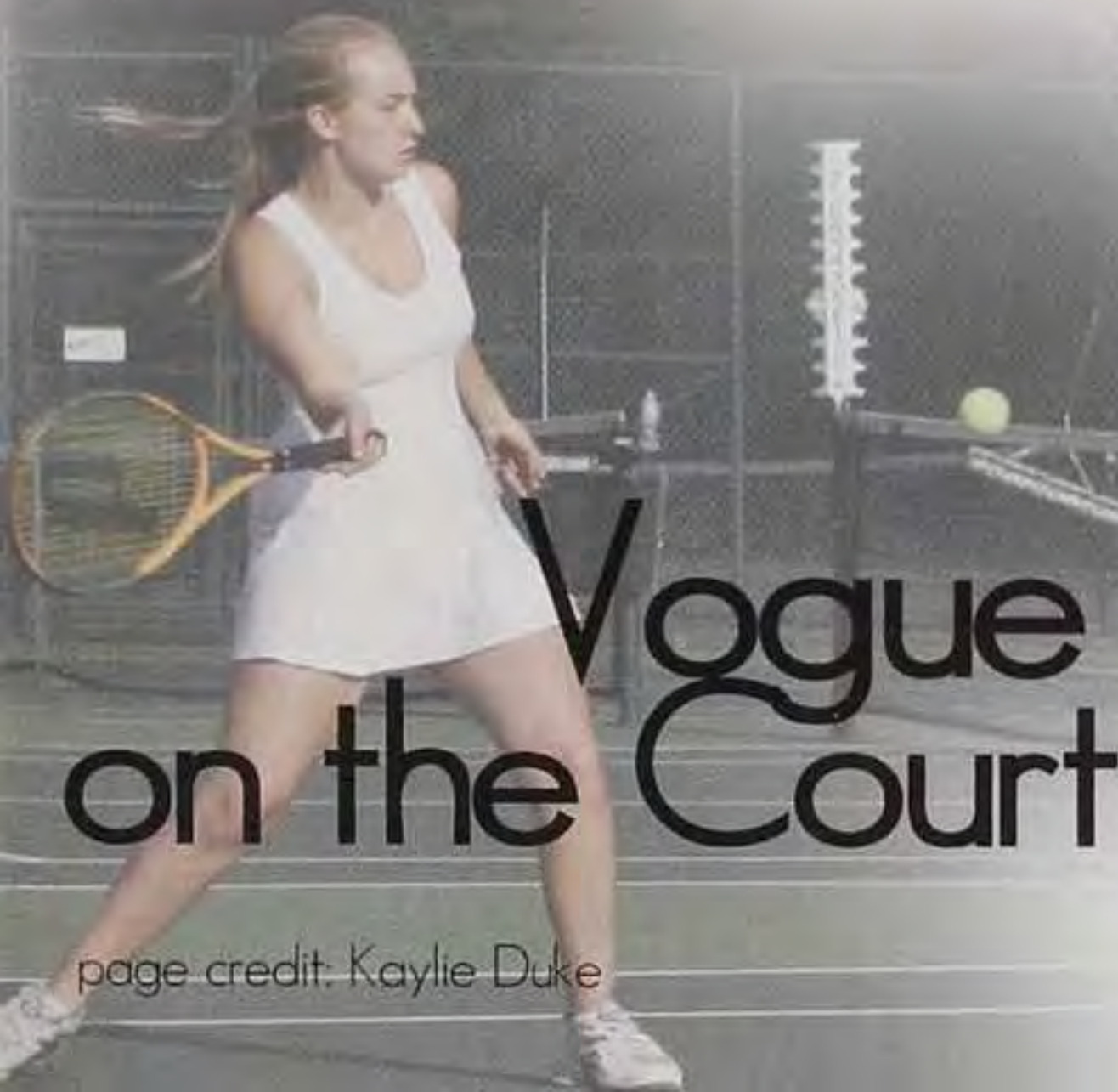
Most Westminster girls wear dresses to school, to Christmas Banquet, and now on the tennis courts. For one team member the dresses were a great change. "I like the dresses better than the skirts because they are comfier and feel really light making it easier to focus on playing well," said Amber Tershack, sophomore.

The dresses were approved by most of the players, but they still had their downsides. "I like them a lot, but they are kind of see-through," said Elise Hearne, sophomore.

Although the JV team wore the dresses, it was the Varsity teams' captains that came up with the idea to buy them. "It was the captains' idea to get dresses this year and we had never tried them before," said Varsity tennis coach, Nathan Talley.

"We purchased the dresses from a Prince representative, and I think our girls look like the real deal now," said Coach Talley.

The team arrived to their away games in style and, "they make us look so professional, and we look like a true team," said Sarah Barker.



Maggie Duffy, junior, knocks out the number one seed in the district tournament. Duffy had been playing tennis for six years and this was her third year playing for Westminster.

1-2-3... Nell!

Nell Spencer and Caroline Thompson, juniors, have been doubles partners for the whole season. "I love playing with Nell!" said Thompson. This was the first year they played together as a doubles team.



Rebecca Waller, junior, steps into a volley as she warms up for her match against Incarnate Word. The Wildcats defeated Incarnate Word 7-0.



"1-2-3 NELL!" Shouted the team as they cheered on Nell Spencer, junior. This Varsity tennis cheer began during a match against Parkway West.

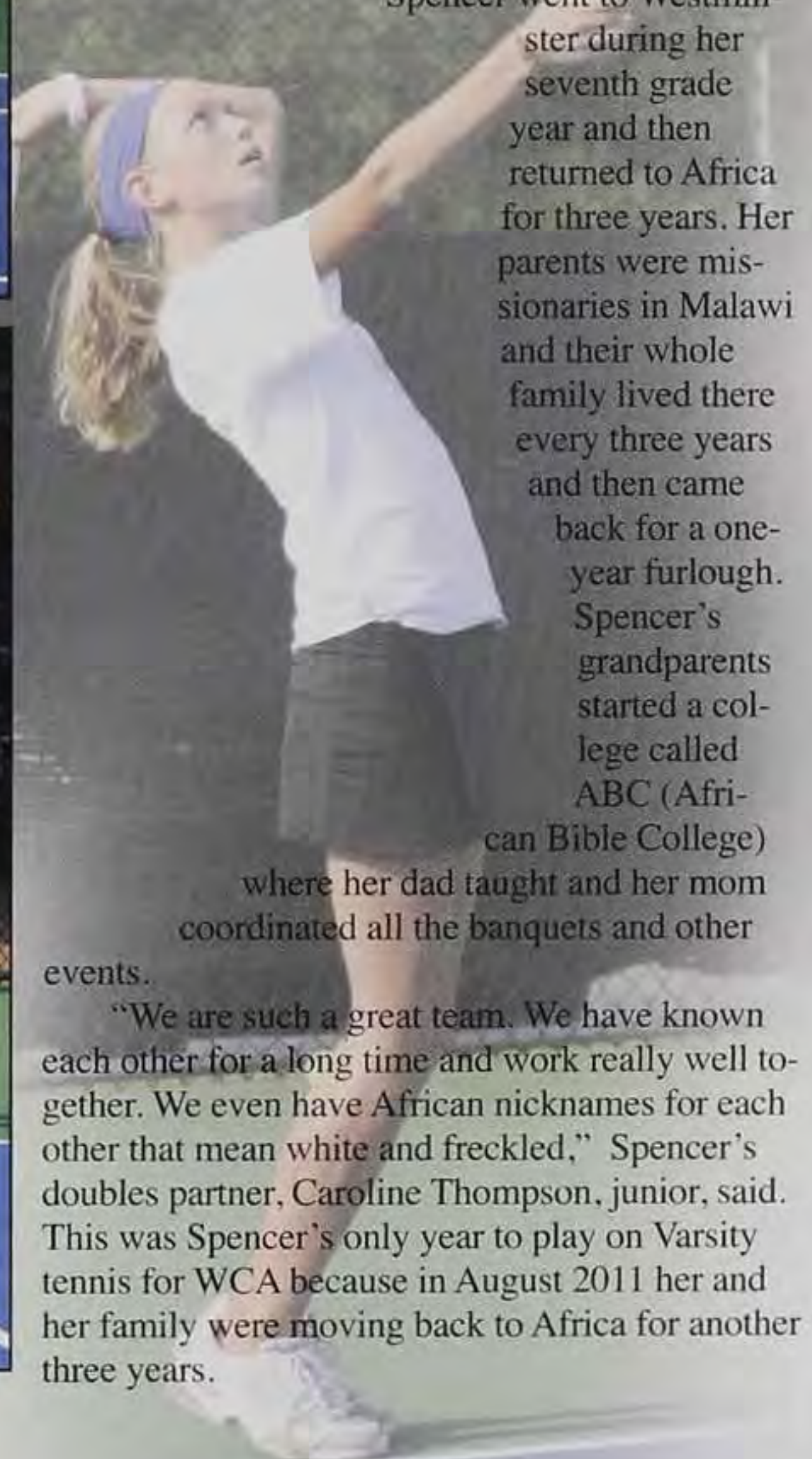
"Christine Schlafly was not going to be there, so coach Talley bumped me up to the number four spot. I was playing singles and I guess it is a tradition to yell the name of the number four player," said Spencer. She ended up winning the match and the team defeated Parkway West that day. "We say '1-2-3 Nell' because it is intimidating and it is just an awesome name and she is just an awesome person!" said Morgan Nixon, junior.

Spencer played tennis for a year and a half before she began to play for the Wildcats. "During that year and a half, I played almost every day," said Spencer. "My whole family knows how to play, so I can do something fun with them and it is such a good way of spending time with the family." Since it was Spencer's first year playing tennis for a high school team, she had to experience the pressures of trying out for the first time. "The first week was so crazy and I was so scared trying out. Everyone already knew everyone so I was the stranger," said Spencer.

Spencer went to Westminster during her seventh grade year and then returned to Africa for three years. Her parents were missionaries in Malawi and their whole family lived there every three years and then came back for a one-year furlough. Spencer's grandparents started a college called ABC (African Bible College)

where her dad taught and her mom coordinated all the banquets and other events.

"We are such a great team. We have known each other for a long time and work really well together. We even have African nicknames for each other that mean white and freckled," Spencer's doubles partner, Caroline Thompson, junior, said. This was Spencer's only year to play on Varsity tennis for WCA because in August 2011 her and her family were moving back to Africa for another three years.



Preparing herself for a match against John Burroughs, Olivia Handler, junior, hits the ball. Her match ended in a tie of 4-4. During the summer, Handler taught children how to play tennis.

During practice, Danielle Cicka, senior, warms up her serve. The day after that particular practice, the team beat St. Joseph's 6.5-4. That particular match was the first time that the Wildcats had been able to defeat St. Joseph's in many years.



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Lauren DeRousse, senior, returns the ball during a match against John Burroughs. DeRousse had played on the Varsity tennis team all four years of high school. During her high school career, DeRousse had the opportunity to compete at the state tennis finals three times.



What do you look forward to about the **new** courts you will get to use at the **new** campus?

Anna Bergman: "It will be so much nicer to have more courts available so that both JV and Varsity have more room to practice!"

Megan Betz: "Our tennis team has really stepped up our game this year, so it will be exciting to look the part more so than now."

Maggie Duffy: "Matches will go by a lot quicker because people won't have to wait for an open court."



Returning the tennis ball, Christine Schlafly, senior, warms up for a match against Visitation. "Lauren and I will always be doubles partners. It makes me sad to think that we're almost done with high school tennis, but looking at how much we've grown as a doubles team brings back so many memories," said Schlafly.

That Jell-O Feeling

It was her first-ever cross country meet. Running down a dirt path at the Principia, Kayla Brown, seventh grade, could only think of how much she “loved the sport.” “Even though my legs felt like Jell-O I still kept running,” said Brown.

Stephen Howell, eighth grade, ran his first meet despite having a broken arm and having missed several days of school and practice.

Even though the team only had four meets, they ran two miles a day during their seventh and eighth hour gym classes or if they were in the eighth grade, during their fifth and sixth hour class periods.

Alyson McKie, seventh grade, “felt nervous in the days leading up to the meet and before every meet.” However, running “calmed her nerves and helped her to think clearly about life.” She even “enjoyed the bus rides to meets”, since there were “only four of us girls, so we hang out together and just talked about running and everything while the guys goofed off.”

Coach Andrew Kerckhoff brought a cooler full of Gatorade to every meet. Everyone looked forward to drinking their favorite flavor after the meet, especially McKie. “I love the Fruit Punch flavor,” she said, “because it really refreshes me.”

Every person who competed in the meets got a ribbon for participating; there was no particular scoring at middle school meets.

Cresting a hill near the finish line, Michael Alldredge, seventh grade, sprints through the end. The course at Principia was fairly average: it wound around the campus and went both uphill and downhill over the span of the race.



Gearing up for his first race, Ethan Finn, eighth grade, tells a joke to his teammates while waiting for the race to start. The boys also liked to goof off during the bus rides to meets.



fall



Making the final push, Kayla Brown, seventh grade, nears the finish line at Principia. The girls and the boys ran their meets separately.

The team runs barefoot on the grass during their eighth hour gym period. Andrew Kerckhoff, seventh grade cross country coach, liked to have his students warm up barefoot before going for a two-mile run.



running is....

Besides track, cross country was the **only** co-ed middle school sport. One of the things that **both** the boys and girls agreed on was that cross country was a time to **forget** about hectic schedules, enjoying a sport with friends. Joshua Sumner, eighth grade, said that his favorite part of cross country was "laughing with [his] buddies," while Kayla Brown, seventh grade, said that cross country was her "stress reliever."



Coming in third, Ellison Darrion, seventh grade, runs across the finish line on September 27. Darrion also participated on the football team during his seventh grade year.



Thomas Meyer, eighth grade, sprints to the finish line during the first cross country meet on September 27. The Westminster runners managed to stay in the middle of the pack throughout the race.

Adrienne Kaup, junior, opens up on a downhill at her first cross country meet. Kaup had been running on her own but recently decided to join the team. "I decided, since I was running by myself every day, to join the team. It's been a lot of fun, and I love it," said Kaup.



During her first meet at First Capital, Mary Wynn, freshman, passes the first mile mark. The girls' team placed 4th overall at the meet.



Crash Course

fall



"I thought we died for a second," said Adrienne Kaup, junior. On the way to their first cross country meet, Danielle Roberts, senior, and her car full of girls got into an accident. Even though there were no injuries, thoughts of fear and excitement ran through the girls' minds. "I was excited because I thought I didn't have to run but I felt bad for the other girls because I thought we wouldn't make it on time," said Roberts.

"I was just freaked out and my mind was wandering. I just got to the meet and had to focus on running," said Kaup. "I was like oh great, we don't have to run and then I was worried about Dani's car," said Valerie Chavez, sophomore.

"I smelled the smoke at first but I thought we'd stop soon enough. I just put my hands on the seat because I felt like I didn't have any control," said Laura Tarantino, sophomore.

Thankfully, no damage was done to the man's car but Robert's car was a little beat up. The girls in the accident decided that the man they crashed into may have been an immigrant and did not have insurance because he made sure everyone was okay and then drove off right away.

Despite the slight shake up, the girls placed fourth in the meet. "We got there and we were all a little out of it and our coach told us to forget about it and run our race. Turns out, we did really well," said Kaup.



Laura Tarantino, sophomore, sprints the last 400 meters of the race at Queeny Park. "I want to make all-state honors this year," said Tarantino.



Emma Bailey, Annie Canfield, Mary Wynn, and Mackenzie Yeager, freshmen, relax before their meet at Sioux Passage. Yeager ran a 27:12.70, Wynn ran a 28:35.60, and Bailey ran a 39:13.00. Mary's sister Lucy also ran this year. "I enjoy having Lucy on the team. She's a good encourager and I want to be as good as her," said Mary.



During the Rim Rock cross country meet in Kansas, Valerie Chavez, sophomore, Danielle Roberts, senior, Adrienne Kaup, junior, Laura Tarantino, sophomore, and Lucy Wynn, junior, prepare to run their first 4k of the season. The team drove up together and stayed in a hotel the night before.



The girls' thoughts on early Thursday morning practice...

Mary- "I like it because we get a good breakfast and we get to go home after school."

Mackenzie- "I don't really like it because I like sleeping in and I don't like showering at school."

Annie- "I like it because it gets me energized and it's fun getting ready with the team."

Abby- "I like it better than running after school because you get to go home right away."

Emma- "I like not having practice in the afternoon but it's hard taking everything to school."



Lucy Wynn, junior, and Annie Canfield, freshman, take a picture together at dinner on the Kansas trip. The team went to Pizza Hut and bought lots of bread and pasta the night before their meet. The cross country team usually tried to eat foods high in carbohydrates before meets.

At the Queeny Park meet Abby Nixon, freshman, runs downhill to gain speed. Nixon ran a personal best time of 22:48.

During the home game against Christian High, Zach Shultz, seventh grade, throws the ball in. The Wildcats won their game against Christian High by a score of 8-1.

During the away against MICDS, Matt Goebel, eighth grade, attempts to break up the play. This was Goebel's second year playing for Westminster.



How do you deal with stress?

"Usually I just take a nap and try not to lash out at other people."

-Jordan Hawkins, seventh grade

"I like to go to a place alone without a whole lot of noise."

-Luke Matheny, eighth grade

"Gummy Bears or just gummies in general. There's just that certain flavor burst that is freakin' awesome, you know?"

-Brendan Carnahan, eighth grade



Joey Albertson, seventh grade, attempts to score during a home game. Albertson had played soccer since he was five years old.



Andrew Montgomery, seventh grade, plays in the home game against Whitfield. In the first half of the game, the team scored 5 goals.



Carrying the ball up the field, Jordan Hawkins, seventh grade, plays during the September 22nd game against Whitfield. The team won by a score of 6-1.



Kevin Stump, eighth grade, dribbles the ball down the sidelines. "He has very good decision-making skills when making plays on the field," said Josh West, coach.



Sam Hunsicker, seventh grade, plays defense against Christ Community Lutheran School. "Sometimes I sort of get pressure from my brother [John Hunsicker, senior], and his friends to play really well" said Hunsicker.

From Pre-Game Anxiety To Game-Time Calm

Although anxiety could often distract athletes from achieving successful game play, Nathan Duke, on 7th grade A and B team, let all of his stress go away the moment the referee started the game. "I might be a little nervous before a game, but when I hear the whistle I'm no longer nervous and just go out and play," said Duke.

Anxiety is a common emotion for numerous athletes, but not every player on the middle school soccer teams experienced this trait. "Most of the time I'm really confident in the game and try not to be nervous," said Jacob Waller, eighth grade. Carl Simakoff, eighth grade, experienced enthusiasm as opposed to anxiety. "I'm usually really excited for the game, especially if we're playing a team I know we can beat," said Simakoff. Numerous types of thoughts and feelings ran through a player's mind while on the field, court, pool, or rink- all which can either build a player up or tear a player down.

The seventh and eighth grade boys on the middle school soccer teams all had rituals they underwent to mentally prepare themselves for the game. These rituals helped them to get in their best game mode and play to the best of their abilities- despite who or what stood in their ways.

"When we're stretching we try to pump each other up and get ready to play our best," said Waller.

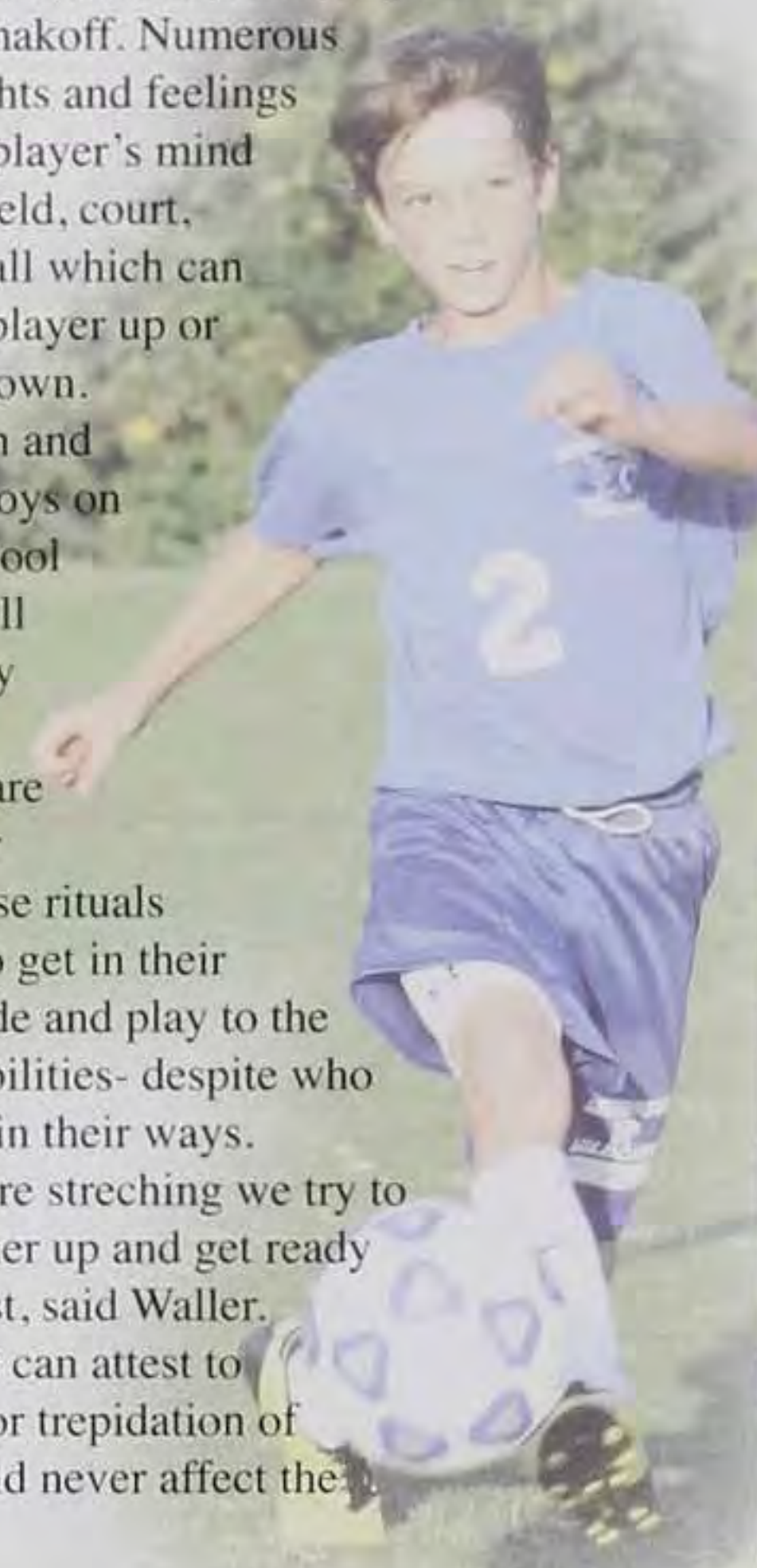
Any athlete can attest to this fact: fear or trepidation of anything should never affect the game.



Nathan Duke, seventh grade, watches his team play from the sidelines during a home game against Christian High. "My favorite part about soccer is being able to hang out and play with my closest friends," said Duke.



Jack Southwell, eighth grade, steals the ball from a MICDS player. The team was victorious, ending the game with a score of 4-1.





Rising to the Challenge

Some say that age is proportional to skill. There is an exception to this perception: The Westminster's JV boys soccer team.

"We are mostly a freshman team playing against a lot of schools that have mostly sophomores and juniors in their line-up. Which makes us play harder, smarter, and faster to the ball," said Kyle Cline, freshman, when discussing his season as a whole.

Facing tough teams like Priory, Lutheran South, and Whitfield, the Junior Varsity Cats stepped up to the plate and fought hard throughout their short fall season. Freshman Corey Falkner said, "This year is a much faster pace than anything I've ever played in. You have to make quicker decisions and get rid of the ball faster."

The team had intense conditioning during practices to increase endurance and prepare for the tough teams they faced.

"Most of the freshmen hope to play throughout the year and play Varsity next year," said Bryce Bell.

Despite the challenge of playing teams older than they were, the JV soccer team had a successful season preparing to play for Varsity.



Heading the ball, Tristan Becker, freshman, plays forward during the home game against Priory. The JV Cats fought, but lost to Priory 1-0.

Ben Huffman, freshman, seeks to move the ball up the field. Ben had played forward for the majority of his soccer career.



Chase Seiller, freshman, gains possession during the Lutheran South home game on Sept. 7. "We're serious about soccer but also have a lot of fun together," said Seiller.



Passing the ball to his teammate, Dongjae Lee, sophomore, plays in the home game against Lutheran South. Lee, an exchange student from Korea, was known to play defense well.

FAVORITE

International Soccer Teams



Carrying the ball up the field, James Hoekzema, sophomore, passes the ball to a teammate. During the game against Priory, James played on the defensive side of mid-field.

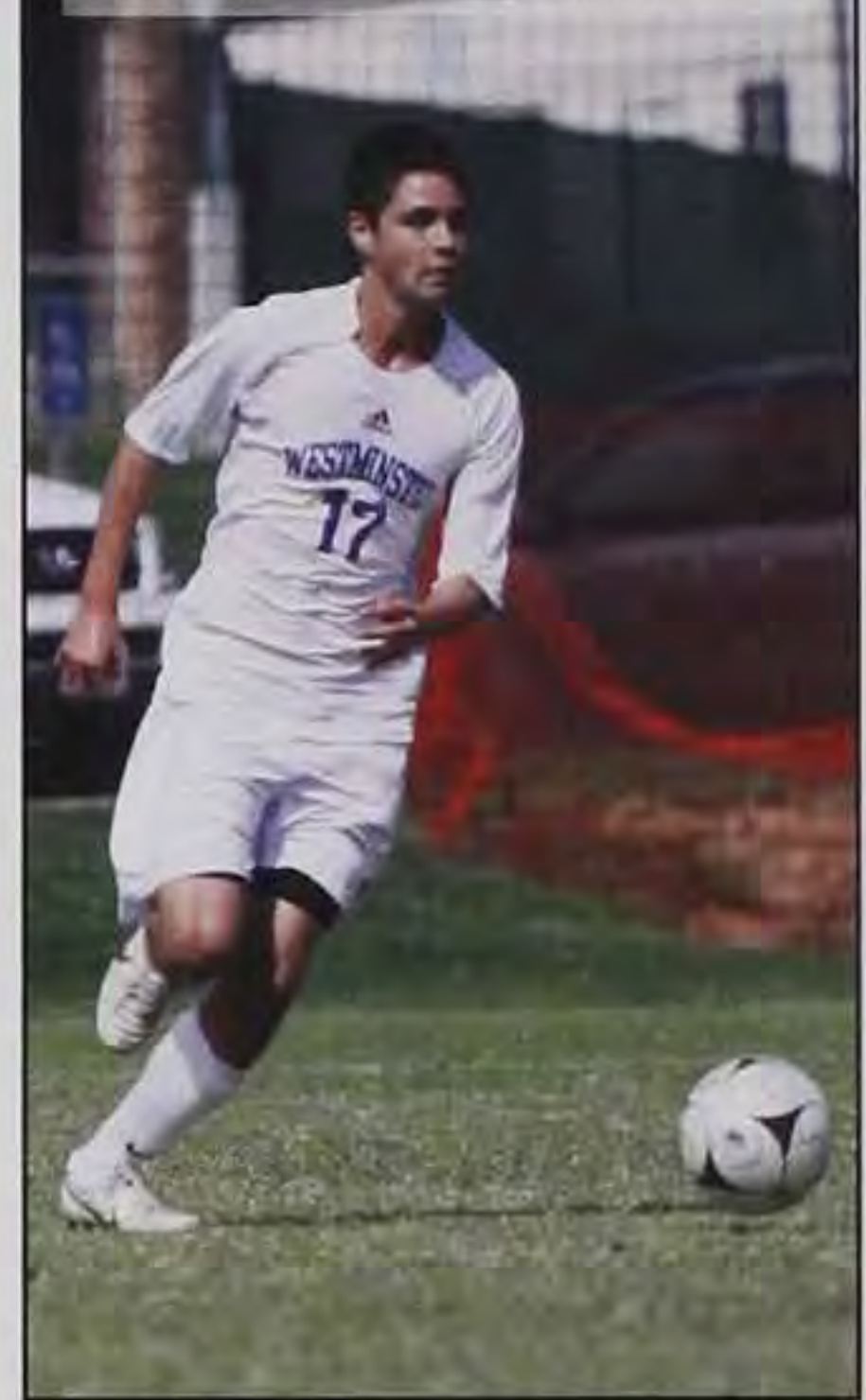
Caleb Spencer, freshman, works his way up the field against Lutheran South. "It's been a rough season, but we've fought hard and played well," said Spencer.

At the final game of the first tournament in Mehlville, Graham Ralls, junior, protects the ball from his opponent. After a much anticipated game the Cats tied Mehlville. This was Rall's first year on Varsity.

Michael Dudley, sophomore defender, brings the ball up the field. The team played Eureka in the second game of the season. Dudley was one of the four sophomores on Varsity.



Anthony Pritchett, junior, runs down the field, during a game against Cape Notre Dame. Pritchett scored two of the total four goals. He assisted Miller and Stump with both other goals.



Best Attitude

"David Rohlifing's jokes have a lighthearted fun mood." -Jacob Buffa, junior

"David Rohlifing always keeps people smiling." -Mike Hall, senior.



Best Sportsmanship

"John Hunsicker helps me up when I fall down." -Jacob Appelbaum, senior

"John Hunsicker is a good role model in games." -Nathan Cherian, sophomore.



Best Game Face

"Timmy Miller is always ready for game time." -Steven Lillenber, senior.

"Timmy Miller is tough and never gives up the ball." -Jun Young Oh, junior.



The Wildcats huddle up before the start of the game against Affton High School. The team won 6-0, with two goals by Timothy Miller, two by Anthony Pritchett, one by Brent Stump, and one by John Hunsicker.



During the first tournament in Mehlville, Timothy Miller, senior, crosses the ball to Graham Ralls, junior. Miller, Jacob Appelbaum and John Hunsicker, seniors, were captains for the season.



Fighting with a Mehlville opponent, Andrew Beck, senior, receives the ball after a throw in. Beck, was able to obtain the ball before passing to Miller. This was the final game of three at the Mehlville Tournament.



Brent Stump, junior, sprints with the ball towards the MICDS goal. This was the last game the Wildcats would play against long time rivals MICDS at the Ladue campus.



Jacob Appelbaum, senior, crosses the ball to Anthony Pritchett, junior, during the game against Cape Notre Dame. It was Appelbaum's first game of the season after a sprained MCL, which caused him to miss the first ten games. With Applebaums return the team went on to a five game winning streak, winning this game 4-2.

Captain John Hunsicker, senior, charges with the ball down the field to pass to Andrew Beck, senior. In their second home game the Wildcats played rival MICDS.



Broken Dreams and Bones

Broken Dreams

It was the first game of the season. Wildcats against Triad. Jack Dohr, sophomore, took his position: left back on defense. Feeling nervous was as gone as last season, this was Dohr's second year on Varsity and he was "excited and ready to play with the team again."

As the whistle blew the intense fast pace of Varsity sports turned on. The first few moves were "chippie" and "rough", but in under ten minutes the play that would define the game occurred: As a defensive back from Triad attempted to play the ball over Wildcat defenders, Dohr jumped to head the incoming ball. While in mid air, a forward, from Triad, ran and crashed into Dohr pushing him down backwards. "The instant my foot hit the ground I heard pop and I knew something was wrong. I fell screaming then I looked at it. I knew I was out for the season," said Dohr.

Coach Legters and Dohr's father were first to accompany Dohr on the field, followed by a Triad trainer. After thirty excruciating minutes



of pain, the paramedics arrived and carried Dohr away in a stretcher to the emergency room. Dohr was diagnosed with a broken and dislocated ankle, as well as torn ligaments. He was going in for surgery two days later, to get a pin and screw inserted. Dohr would be out for the rest of

the season.

After the surgery Dohr attended the next Varsity game. It was the first game of his high school career that he would sit out. "It was hard to watch knowing I won't be able to play with that team," said Dohr.

"He's injured, but still has a smile," said teammate, Anthony Pritchett, junior. Timothy Miller, senior, described Dohr as, "A hero, a man, and a friend." Nevertheless, Dohr continued to train in preparation for the next season.



Next in Line

Football skills seemed to be genetic because the Burke family could not get enough of football. Tackling one another “just for fun” happened often in this household. Eighth grader Carson Burke’s older brother was a key influence in Carson’s decision to play football.

“Landon used to tell me how fun it was,” said Burke, who has now been playing football for two years. He was a left tackle, center offense, and defender for Westminster.

The football legacy also lived on in the Smallwood family. Gavin Smallwood, seventh grade, grew up watching his older brother Nathan Smallwood, senior, play football and continued to support him.

“I go to most of his football games and I get happy when he gets a touchdown,” said Smallwood.

Nathan had also helped Gavin to develop a deep appreciation for this sport when they would practice together. “We play catch and he tackles me, which helps me get ready for games. I did it because people expected me to play since my older brother played,” said Smallwood.

The same went for the Cacciarelli family. Nick Cacciarelli, seventh grade, played football because he said his older brother, Alex, class of 2010 graduate, was “really good and it made me think I would be good too.” He would play catch with his older brothers Alex and Chris to help him get ready for the team. He was very excited to be playing the game that his brothers played, proving that the football skills were definitely in the genes.



Zach Hughes, seventh grade, plays in the game against Lutheran High school on September 14. This was his fourth year playing football, along with golf and basketball. “I love to keep busy, keep in shape, being on a team and I love to be competitive,” said Hughes.



Nathan Sanders and Cortez Davis, seventh grade, tackle their opponent during the September 14 game. Nathan Sanders "was a hard worker, a hard hitter and I look forward to watching him play in the football program this year," said Coach Steve Bradley. This was Cortez's second year. He liked contact sports because he got to "play with guys my age."

Myles Bakewell, seventh grade, blocks after the snap at the Lutheran Highschool game. "It's more athletic and I get to tackle people which I do not do in baseball," said Bakewell. This was his first year on football but his sixth year playing baseball.



Who is your favorite football player?

"Kurt Warner. He is a good example of how a Christian athlete should act on and off the field."

-Alexander Kessel, eighth grade

"Sam Bradford, he's a Christian and a stud"

-John Linton, seventh grade

"Donald Driver, he is a good wide receiver."

-Zachary Shultz, seventh grade

"Mike Sims-Walker, who plays for Jacksonville."

-Amon Kehr, eighth grade



Michael Failoni and David Williams, eighth grade, participate in the kick-off. To get ready for games, "Failoni practices with his dad to prepare for games. We go over plays and practice passing," said Failoni.



Preparing to pass the ball, Trent Briden, eighth grade, looks to the defense end. It was the second win of the season for the eighth grade team.

Snagging a Little Overtime

The freshman football team, was playing against one of their rivals, Priory and warming up on their intricate field, there was a distinct feeling of anticipation and a few nerves.

"They were one of the tougher teams we played," said Samuel Snapp, freshman.

Slightly jittery, the freshman players begin to file out onto the field and into position. After the captains exchange greetings, participate in the coin toss, and shake hands, both teams review their starting play and position themselves to begin.

Within their first ten minutes, the Wildcat freshman team intercepted the ball, and consequently scored a touchdown off that turnover.

Fired up with the excitement of their last play, the team went on to snag two more interceptions, and eventually played into a tie, forcing overtime.

The teammates attribute their total of three interceptions during the game to the intensity of their practices.

"I like the plays because they really get us in shape for our games, so we can hold our own, even in the tough ones," said Jackson David Klein, freshman.



Jackson David Klein, freshman, receives the ball, and attempts to run to the 20 yard line. He made the play during the second down, right behind the 30 yard line. He had played football since his seventh grade year.



Caleb Krumseig, freshman, tackles a Lutheran North player. Krumseig played as the freshman quarterback.



Tyler Burns, Demetris Williams, and Christopher Meeks, freshmen, tackle one of their opponents at the Priory game on an early Saturday. The Wildcats intercepted three of Priory's passes throughout the game.

Sneaking the ball past Lutheran North defenders, Caleb Hicks, freshman, demonstrates why his teammates look up to him. "Caleb is one of the most influential players on the team because he always plays hard, and stays dedicated to the game at hand," said Samuel Snapp, freshman.



Catching a pass from his teammate, Chris Cacciarelli, sophomore, defends against a Priory receiver. Cacciarelli's position on the team was wide receiver.

Mark McFarland, sophomore, pushes through a defensive block set up by the Priory junior varsity team. The JV team played against Priory on September 14th. McFarland's favorite play was the 22-C.



Brandon Hafenrichter, junior attempts to intercept a pass from the Priory quarterback. Hafenrichter played on both the junior varsity and varsity teams during the season.

What is it Like to Play Swing?

"It's fun but challenging at the same time. You play at least two games a week, and your body is really sore. But even with that I'm really honored that they let me play with some of the older guys."

Joshua Ortiz, sophomore

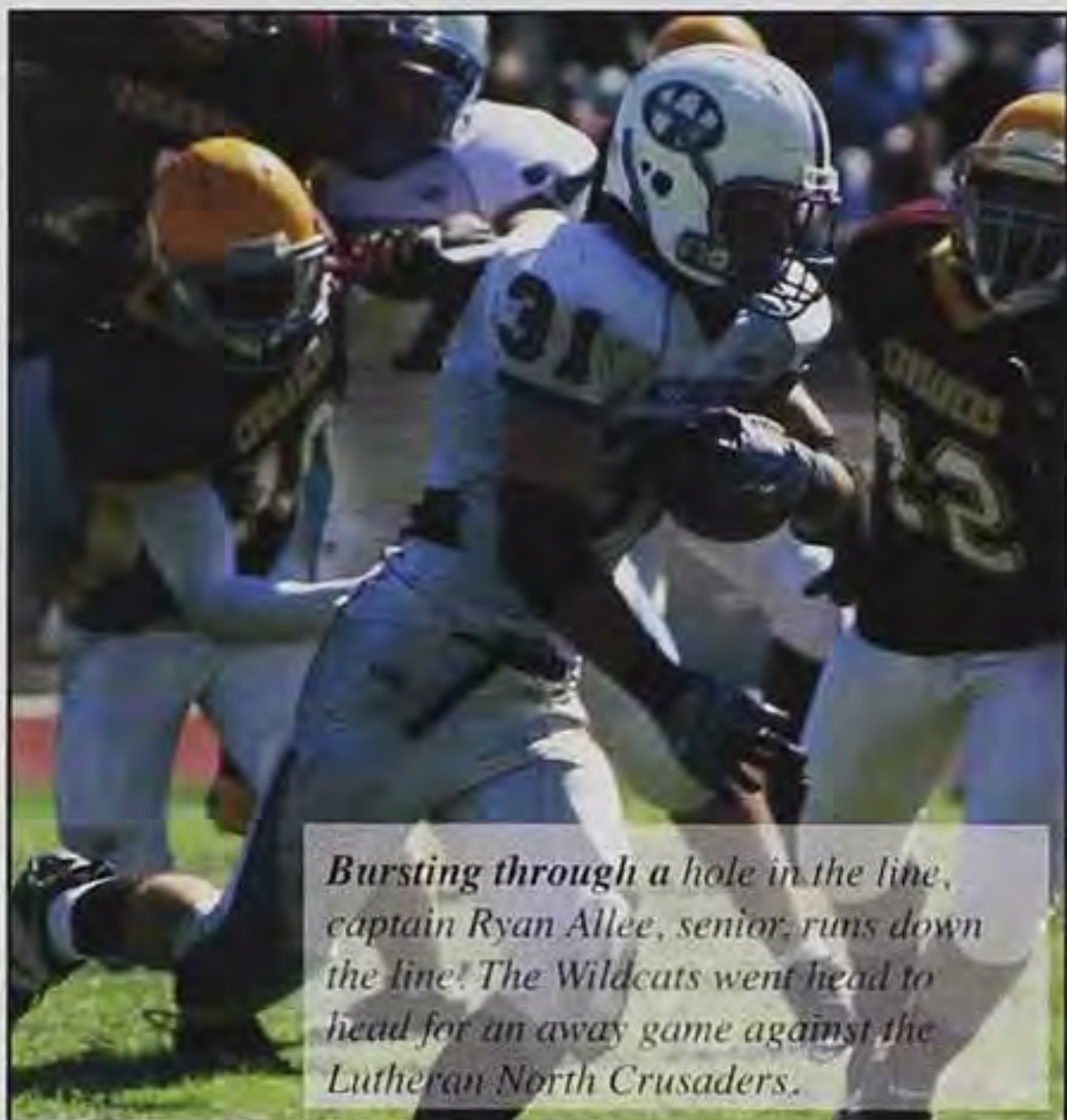
"It can be fun because you grow close with the young and old guys because you play with both on the different teams."

Jacob Hicks, sophomore

Windy City Football



Sprinting towards the line, Nathan Smallwood, senior, tracks down the Wheaton ball-carrier across the field in Chicago. Smallwood suffered an injury in the game against Wheaton and still played on.



Bursting through a hole in the line, captain Ryan Allee, senior, runs down the line! The Wildcats went head to head for an away game against the Lutheran North Crusaders.

“High school football is a big deal up there,” said senior captain, Cooper Dunlap, as the Westminster bus rolled up to Chicago on August 27. The Wildcats were headed to the first ever out-of-state football competition in their history as a program.

The team printed the slogan, “Respect all, fear none,” across their sweatshirts. “Each team we play, we are going to go in confident and not scared, yet respect our opponents as other football players. We are going to take them for who they are and play hard,” said Ryan Allee, senior captain.

As they watched the Wheaton Academy players march off their professionally groomed field in a magnificent stadium, the Wildcats began to mentally prepare for the match. Sophomore quarterback, John Eric Steiner, described it as “nerve-wracking.” It was time for him to step “into the role of a leader,” he said. The time had come for the team to represent themselves and their school in foreign territory. The Wildcats then took their very first steps onto the turf.

The Wildcats took their first steps off of that very same turf with a defeat of 28-6 hanging on their heads. Despite the loss, however, the boys then took part in something different from what high school football normally knows as they knelt to pray with their opponents from Wheaton Academy. Dunlap described the Wheaton players as, “a good team, but at the same time, nice, with good sportsmanship.” These two teams, who had just battled it out on the grid-iron in a different state, were now side by side with arms around each other.

The display was a testament to the fact that Christian sportsmanship, and Wildcat sportsmanship, was being brought across state lines in the words, “Respect all, fear none.”

A Kid's Name Is Jeans?

Jonathan Roth, junior, better known by his nickname, Jeans, stepped out of his backup quarterback position into the starting job when John Eric Steiner, sophomore, suffered an ankle injury. When Jeans watched Steiner fall, he thought, “This is not going to be a good season.” However, Jeans maintained a positive attitude. Jeans said, “It has been fun...I've done well.”



Quarterback John Eric Steiner, sophomore, looks to an open receiver at Wheaton University. This was Steiner's first year starting on varsity after quarterbacking the JV team during his freshman year.



Gang-tackling the Priory ball-carrier, captain Cooper Dunlap, senior, and his comrades strongly attack on defense. The Wildcats faced Priory and their fans on September 10 at an away game.

The front line of the Wildcats defense boldly faces their opponents on the line of scrimmage at Wheaton College. Forrest Oberhans, junior, and number 44, lined up alongside his teammates.



Respect all,
fear none...



Joining their Wheaton opponents, the Westminster players kneel to pray after the game in Chicago. Defeated as they were, they still found time to show whom they really play for.

Taking advice from his coach, Steven Fitzgerald, senior, listens to Coach Mark Schopp. Fitzgerald was a receiver on the team and Coach Mark Schopp was the team's receiver coach.

At the peak of his jump, Coby Nye, sophomore, grabs an interception from the Priory quarterback. This was Nye's first interception of the year there.

State qualifier Michael Seifert, sophomore, swims the 200 I.M against Missouri Military Academy on Sept. 29. "When I swim I push myself to beat the person in the lane next to me, while I swim I am not concerned about my time but rather that I swim as hard as I can." said Seifert. Westminster won both meets against Missouri Military Academy.



Matthew Sugg, senior, swims the 200 butterfly during the relay meet October 7. "This was my first specifically butterfly event for the season," said Sugg. The 200 butterfly event was unique to the relay meet and was not typically part of swim meets.



Brett Baumgartner, senior, takes his mark at the start of the 500 freestyle during the meet against Wentzville Holt on August 31. In addition, Baumgartner also swam in the 200 free relay in the meet. The 500 freestyle was the equivalent to 20 lengths of the pool.

Emerging from the water, Eddie Sutphen, sophomore, takes a breath while swimming the 100 breaststroke at the Ladue Invitational. Westminster took fifth place overall in the Ladue Invitational.



Olympic-style Comeback

Nathan Terschak, senior, watched the relay knowing that Westminster and Wentzville Holt were close in points. A first place finish would mean a victory in the first meet of the season. Terschak noticed that the team had fallen behind half a length to the Wentzville relay team. After looking at Wentzville's final swimmer of the relay, Terschak then looked to Matthew Sugg, senior, and asked one question, "Do you think the Wentzville swimmer is fast?" No answer came from Sugg. Terschak stepped up on the starting block preparing himself for the next 100 yard sprint. "I was hoping that their [Wentzville's] swimmer was not fast, I knew I just had to give it my all," said Terschak.

Terschak dove in close behind Wentzville's swimmer.

"It was incredible to watch especially since I knew that he was tired from earlier events," said Brandt Wieberg, freshman.

There was a feeling among the Westminster swimmers that Terschak could make a comeback. "As soon as I saw Terschak dive into the water, I knew it would be a comeback. Getting excited, I started pointing it out to the other swimmers on what Terschak was doing," said Sugg. Terschak came from behind, "I swam as fast as I could," said Terschak. This closed the gap between him and the Wentzville swimmer. As soon as Terschak finished, he looked back to discover he had taken the lead and won the race by three seconds. "As soon as I finished my only thought was whether we had won the meet," said Terschak. The race was over but the final points of the meet came down to this one race. Terschak had done it, he pulled out the victory for Westminster winning the meet against Wentzville Holt on August 31 by two points.



Waterlogged, Jonathan Bopp, junior, swims in the t-shirt relay in the relay meet on October 7. The t-shirt relay was uncommon for any swim meet. The t-shirt relay was part one of two unique relays in the meet, along with a mystery relay.



Nathan Terschak, senior, prepares to swim the 100 backstroke at the Ladue Invitational on September 11. Terschak qualified for state in the 200 I.M. in the meet against Ladue on October 14. Terschak, as well as Matthew Sugg, senior, was a team captain.



Grant Kitchens, freshman, swims the 100 backstroke at the meet against Wentzville Holt on August 31. "My favorite event to swim is the 100 butterfly," said Kitchens. "I know when I step up on the block I have to pace myself, especially on the 100 butterfly."

A New Addition

As a new event to the team's schedule, a relay meet was added. To most the meet was a change of pace. "It was a very new and different experience," said Cole Montgomery, sophomore. Instead of the usual events, all events were relays which included a 400 backstroke relay and the 400 I.M. relay. As well there were two unusual relays which were the t-shirt and the mystery relay. "The t-shirt relay was very difficult. The t-shirt made it really hard to swim, but it was really fun," said Jonathan Bopp, junior. Medals were rewarded to first, second, or third places in each event.

The End of the Road

The past four years were filled with countless workouts, practices and meets, and the end of the road brought a victory that had not been achieved by the team yet.

This year the men's cross country team brought home an overall third place finish from the state competition in Jefferson City. Contributing to this placement, Daniel and David Everett and Daniel Keith, seniors, qualified for all state, placing in the top twenty-five.

Daniel Everett finished first, becoming the first cross-country state champion at Westminster.

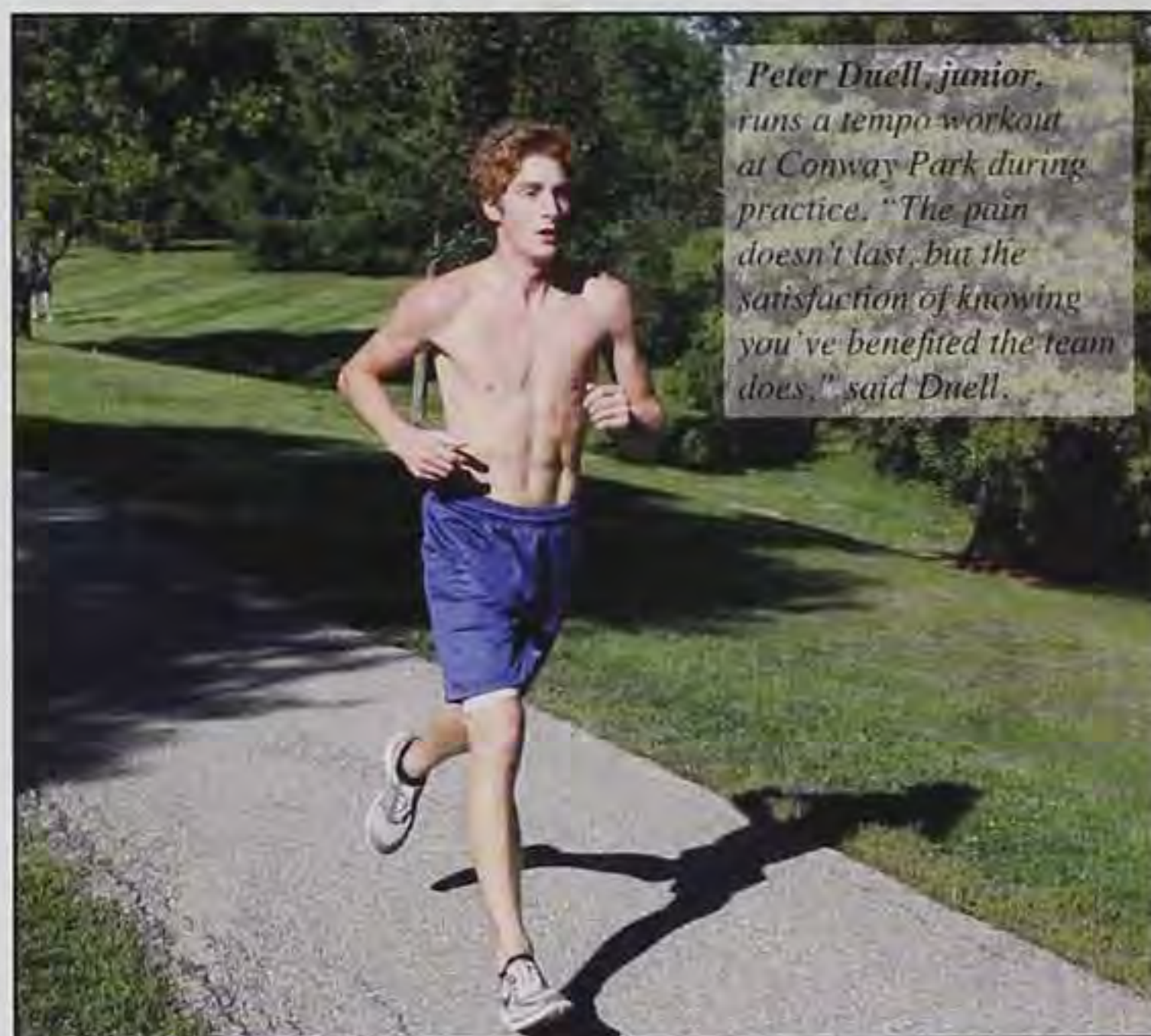
"The thought that I was going to win really didn't cross my mind until about 5 meters to go," said Daniel. The next to finish was David, who took third, followed by Daniel Keith who finished in 14th. As each runner finished, it became evident that the chances of getting on the podium were very high. Once it was announced that the team got third, "I was shocked. Our coach said it could happen but the thought of it actually happening wasn't real. When it did I was really excited, proud of my teammates for their hard work, and thankful to God for helping us achieve 3rd," said Brendan Solomon, sophomore.

"As far as the team getting on the podium it was also a very cool experience. It was something that David and I had always talked about and dreamed of," said Daniel Everett. As the men returned to St. Louis, it became reality that the Everetts and Daniel Keith would be heading off to college and no longer running with the team.

After asked about his feelings on the three leaving, Reagan Dykhouse, sophomore, said, "Those three men portray a leadership that is so unprecedented that it seems nearly impossible to replicate it." "The four of us that are left will hopefully be improving and if we do, we can return to state next year. I also hope some new good runners will come to help us get to state again. I'll miss the Everetts and Danny and I wish they could stay. They have taught me a lot in the world of running," said Solomon. As state ended and reality hit for Daniel he said, "It was just a great experience getting to go out there and lay it all on the line for 6 of my closest friends and know that they did the same for me."

During the Forest Park race on September 11, Danny Keith, senior, runs to the finish line. Keith had ran on the varsity cross country since his freshman year.

At the first meet of the season, Wes Hiatt, senior, participates in the First Capital 5K. This was Hiatt's first season in the cross country program.



Peter Duell, junior, runs a tempo workout at Conway Park during practice. "The pain doesn't last, but the satisfaction of knowing you've benefited the team does," said Duell.

What is your favorite workout?

Reagan Dykhouse- 200 meter repeats at 32-34 second pace

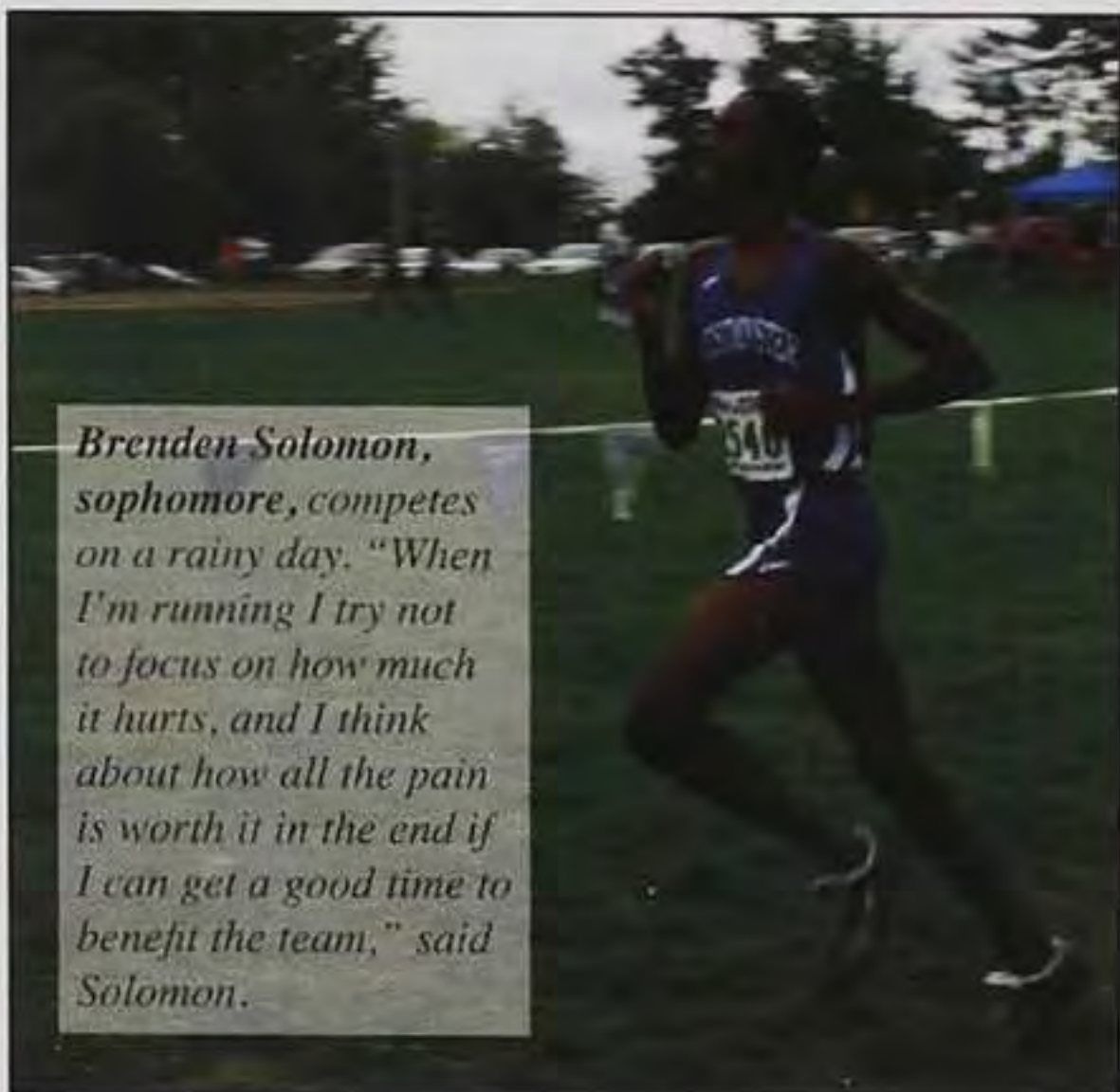
David Everett- 5 mile tempo at 5:35 pace

Brenden Solomon- 800 repeats at 3:00 flat pace or the hill workouts

Daniel Everett- 5 mile tempo



During the September race at Forest Park., David and Daniel Everett, seniors, compete together. "It's just nice to have a teammate with me pushing me to be my best. The times I want to drop back or slow down I will remember that I don't want to have to lose to Daniel which oftentimes will make me run faster," said David.



Brenden Solomon, sophomore, competes on a rainy day. "When I'm running I try not to focus on how much it hurts, and I think about how all the pain is worth it in the end if I can get a good time to benefit the team," said Solomon.



Reagan Dykhouse, freshman, runs at Conway Park. "When I am at the starting line I am really nervous and usually I don't think about anything until the race starts," said Dykhouse. While at practice, Drake Norman and Brenden Solomon, sophomores, run together. With no freshmen on the team, the three sophomores were the youngest members for the second year in a row.

A Fortunate Mistake

While the band anticipated leading worship for Central Christian School on January 7, the school, however, did not expect their arrival. The principal mixed up the date and thought they were coming the following week.

"It was funny because the principal told us we were coming one week, but then planned on having us come the week after when he told us. Ironically though, the week that we came, which was the week before he expected us, he had no speakers planned and nothing scheduled. It was very fortuitous that we came that week instead of the following one," said Taylor Hughes, senior and lead vocalist.

In order to accommodate for the small school setting, the band brought an acoustic setup. Andy Munoz, junior, played the acoustic guitar while Matt Sugg, senior, played with a light drum set along with brushes.

"The kids were really excited and enthusiastic, especially in 'Marvelous Light.' They were raising their hands and spinning around like twenty times," said Sugg. Although they were not expected until later, the band continued to play and were in fact needed that Friday worship.



Emily Roig, Sarah DeVries, and Dan Legters, upper school foreign language teachers, sing various songs during the International Day chapel. Some songs were sung in other languages.



Caroline Holden and Maggi Eachus, seventh graders, stand during the worship section of chapel. This was the first chapel of the school year.

Josh Flori, senior, tunes his bass during chapel band practice. Flori had been in the chapel band for three years playing the bass. "The bass has its moments," said Flori.



"I enjoy chapel because it's one of the only times the whole school gets together." Nate Appelbaum, seventh grade



"My favorite song is 'Our God is Greater' the band makes it sound really good." Olivia Bauer, eighth grade



"Chapel in the new gym is more spacious, but I like the music during chapel the most." Taylor Friener, sophomore.



"I really liked the Invisible Children chapel because it gets us thinking about more than just ourselves." Derek Bell, freshman.



"The music is really good this year, the people in the band just work really well together." Erin Cox, junior.



"I like hearing students talk and share about their lives, and how the whole school sing together, its feels spiritual." Sung Min Cho, senior.



Peter Johnson, junior, plays, "How Great is our God," during a chapel practice before a song and scripture chapel. "We get a lot of good responses from the students about song and scripture chapels because they are more involved," said Kayla Gehhardt, senior and spiritual life team member.



Students from the senior class worship during the first chapel of the year. Seniors always had occupied the front rows of chapel. Chapel was held in the new gym for the first part of the school year, instead of the old gym like previous years.



Upper School Chaplain, Reverend Davis reads a passage of scripture during a song change. This was the first chapel of the 2010-2011 school year and the theme "Trial by Journey", was presented. "We related the theme to climbing a mountain. It is a long, hard way up, but once on top, you feel wonderful," said Nina Thampy, sophomore, and spiritual life team member.



Matt Sugg, senior, rocks out on the drums during chapel. Sugg also played percussion in band. He had played drums for over six years.

Andy Munoz, junior, warms up in chapel band practice. The band normally met Tuesday night before chapel. Munoz was also in his own band named Lost Continent.



Lizzie Nester, senior, and Taylor Hughes, junior, sing during chapel planned by the student spiritual life team. "It was a priority for us on the spiritual life team to mix up what kind of chapels we planned. We always looked for interesting student speakers or for speakers with an exciting message," said Kayla Gebhardt, senior.



Students from the senior class worship during chapel in the new gym. Later in the year, chapel moved back to the old gym to accommodate winter sports team schedules.



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Eddie Sutphen, sophomore, prepares to shoot a basket in the pool during the leadership retreat. Sutphen arrived a day early with all the other STUCO members.



Dani Evans, junior, holds the role of service chair for the junior class. "I love being the service chair! I love being involved in planning ITSOG", said Evans. She was planning to be service chair again next year.



Brett Baumgartner, senior, gets ready for the pie eating contest he is about to participate in at Carnival. Baumgartner was on STUCO during his sophomore and senior year.



Landon Burke, junior, and **Brittany Wilson, senior,** play the roles of people that would live or work in the Buckingham palace. The royal residence was the theme of the 2010 Christmas Banquet.



Paul Wheeler, senior, sits and reflects on what he just studied from his devotion. Wheeler was among the many students who attended the leadership retreat.

Sam Bezjak, junior, begins his descent down the enormous slide at the Leadership Retreat. Bezjak was president of his junior class.



Who Wants to Play Signs?

Ask every member of Student Council [STUCO] what their favorite memory was and most of them said, "playing the game 'signs!'" One of their favorite pastimes, members of STUCO carried on the tradition of playing this game.

"One of my favorite parts of STUCO was playing signs. That's our STUCO 'thing.' On all the retreats and at STUCO parties we always play signs," said Rebecca Lambert, senior. Lambert had been on STUCO for four years. Two of those years, both senior and junior year, she held the position of class treasurer.

Along with several other Student Council members, Lambert graduated at the end of year.

"I definitely will miss STUCO next year as I move on to college. It has been a great bonding experience and a fantastic way for me to get to know other students from different grades," said senior Anna Becker.

However, being on the Student Council also entailed a lot of planning and work. Members of STUCO planned out school events like Christmas Banquet, Spring Event, and Carnival. "I love planning social events for our high school," said Anna Becker, senior. This was Becker's first year on STUCO, but she participated as a class officer last year.

STUCO members saw the game of Signs as their thing to do. These STUCO members would always remember playing this game whenever they had free time. The STUCO club allowed students to be a leader but in a behind-the-scenes kind of way. Without the yearly t-shirts they design, nobody would probably know that they were members in this club. However, if one went up and asked them if they would like to continue in STUCO, most of them would probably have said "yes" in a heartbeat.

Even though STUCO did not get to plan Junior-Senior Banquet, they were still able to plan most of the other student events for the school.



"I have been on STUCO for two years and I love it! I will miss it a lot, it is so much fun to work with everyone and plan amazing events."

-- Alex Langley, senior



"I am mostly a video guy and help video tape from the crow's nest during Spirit Week."

--Nathan Estock, eighth grade



"I am currently class treasurer. I manage the money, and make sure we are spending within our budget. I enjoy leading my peers and classmates."

--Chad Maxey, freshman



"I enjoy being my class's president because I am able to lead my class through the best year possible."

---Eichel Davis, freshman



"I really like leadership at WCA. It is a great opportunity to serve at school."

--Conner Hafenrichter, seventh grade



"I enjoyed being on STUCO. It was fun planning all the events and seeing how they turned out. You really get a different view of the events."

--- Drake Norman, sophomore



Parker Briden, sophomore, assists some of his fellow classmates with Sarah Keeton, English teacher's, facebook project. Briden, as a member of Spirit Club this year, was able to roll the dice during the daily assemblies.



Rock climbing at Upper Limits. Allie Calhoon, junior, puts her climbing skills to work. Calhoon was the junior class spirit chair and one of the founders and leaders of the Outdoors club.



Timothy Burgess, sophomore, gives a pep talk to Brett Baumgartner, senior before he participates in the pie eating contest at this year's Carnival. Burgess and Baumgartner were both in STUCO.

At the Olivette Bowling Lanes, Laura Kaup, senior, goes bowling with the SWAT club. A handful of SWAT members went bowling one day after school to support the business' decision to become smoke-free.



Annie Schlafly, freshman, prepares for SWAT's trip to Jefferson City. This group of students spoke to government officials about the harmful effects of tobacco use.



Practicing for their trip to Jefferson City, Rachel Hart, junior, and Haley Bergman, senior, learn how to be an advocate. At the end of March, the SWAT club sent some members to Jefferson City to advocate smoking bans.



Modeling a potential outfit for next year's uniforms, Brooke Cusamano, sophomore, recruits new ambassadors for the 2011-2012 school year.



One of the jobs for Taylor Deves, sophomore ambassador, was to try on one of the possible uniform suggestions for the next school year. With changes happening with the school's location, the administration decided to investigate changing the dress code.



Austin Raines, freshman, assists a parent in finding a room during IGNITE. During IGNITE, parents followed their student's schedule, and sat in for 8 minute periods with their child's teachers.

Speaking Hard to the Man

SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) had some kind of activity to participate in every month this year, whether teaching students at schools across the St. Louis area, or advocating to the government on ideas towards new laws. Most students could talk about how it would be a good idea to push for new laws within the government, but the students of Westminster's SWAT team got the opportunity to go out and make the difference. On March 29 – 30, twelve of SWAT's participants went to Jefferson City to learn about different types of harmful drugs as well as talk to the Government about pushes in new laws.

When the team first arrived in Jefferson City, they were immediately exposed to multiple ways to expand their knowledge in how to communicate with State Senators. "A lot of students from schools around the St. Louis area went to a conference with a group called Speak Hard. Their mission is to prepare students to talk with state legislators as well as give leadership training," said Abby Becker, senior

At the end of the trip the group got the unique opportunity to put their training into action and go talk to the Government officials on ideas for new laws. "We went throughout the capital building and talked to different representatives. We discussed a bill that would require a prescription for receiving Pseudoephedrine. If passed, the bill should have an effect on reducing the number of methane labs," said Mattie Drury, sophomore. The groups were separated by districts, so the team was not all together for this part because of the variety of cities in which the Westminster students lived. However, the students used the skills that they used earlier in the trip to make a difference in the State of Missouri.



"I don't mind when other people do it, but I wouldn't do it myself," said Claire Rebbe, seventh grade, about smoking.



"If (smoking) can kill you, and others around you, and it's like committing suicide," said Emily Brayles, eighth grade, on secondhand smoke and the dangers of smoking.



"The best part of ambassadors is meeting new people, as well as representing the school," said Johnathan Kinney, freshman.



"The best part of Ambassadors is meeting new people and getting to know those checking out the school," said Lauren Mansfield, sophomore.



"Ambassadors is fun because you get to interact with the new students who will be attending Westminster," said Anthony Pritchett, junior.



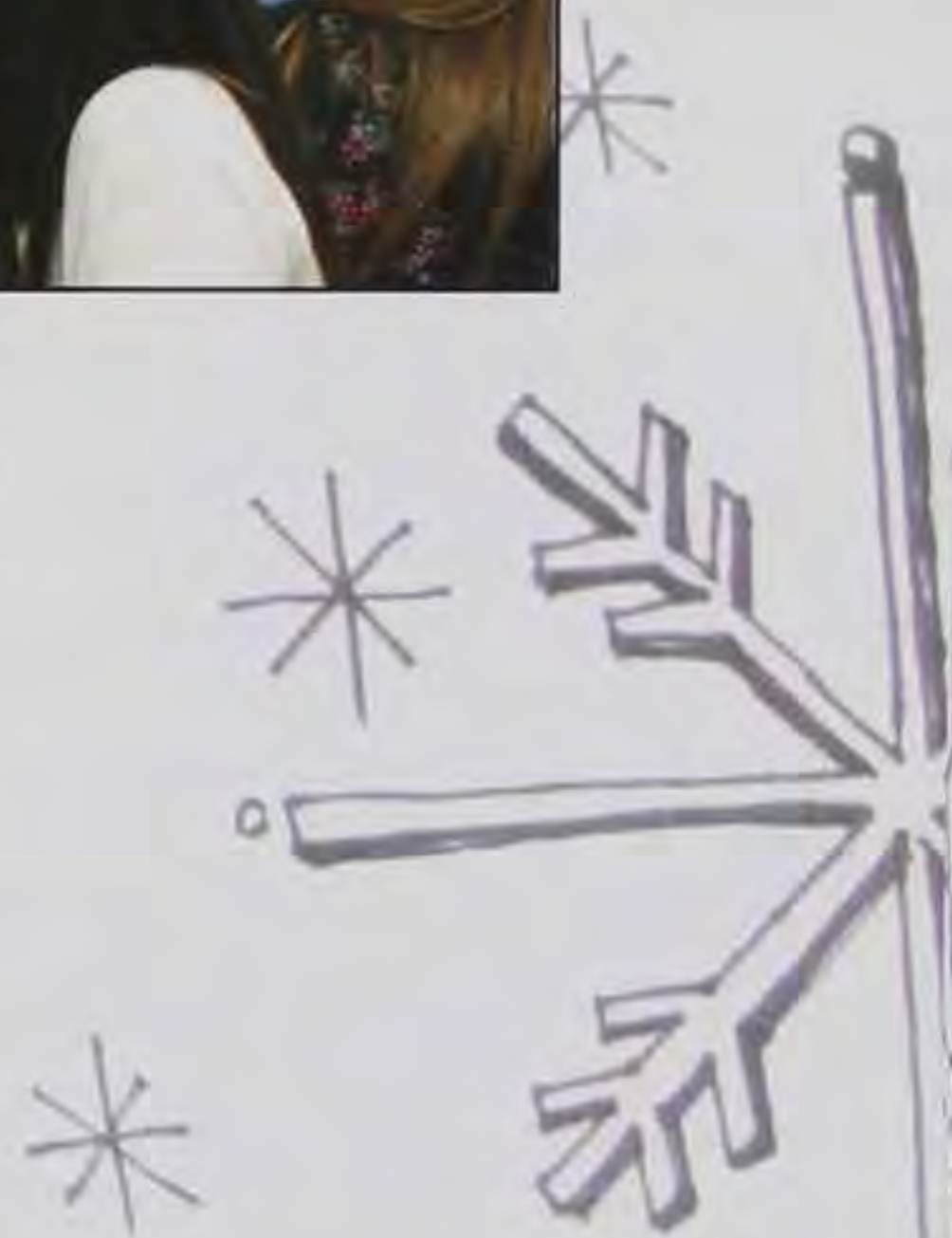
"I joined SWAT because smoking is bad and I wanted to spread the message," said Erin Flowers, senior.



Kristen O'Leary, junior, goes down the large slide during the leadership retreat. O'Leary chose to represent the school as a student ambassador. "I saw [ambassadors] as a good opportunity to serve," said O'Leary.

Olivia Harre, freshman, attends a lunch meeting to be trained for the SWAT trip to Jefferson City. During this meeting, SWAT members worked on what they would present to Missouri lawmakers.

Locating a schedule for a parent, Evona Franceschelli, senior, serves at the welcome table during IGNITE. "My favorite event was helping at graduation last year because I got to see my friends who I've grown close to graduate," said Franceschelli.



Megan Johnson, eighth grade plays in ripped up boxes during a service project. This year, a few eighth grade girls were selected to be in a small group that was led by Ashley Woodall and Allison Pautler, middle school teachers. The Bible study met every Tuesday morning from 7:00 to 7:40.



A few eighth grade girls, who were involved in a Bible study, volunteered at a soup kitchen. Hannah Ruckman, Rachel Ritter, Megan Johnson, Megan McDaniel, and Madison Massot worked for hours unpacking and tearing apart empty boxes. "Some days the girls will eat lunch in our classroom and have fellowship time," said Allison Pautler, middle school teacher.



Sarah Davis, senior, makes a bed during Room at The Inn. Davis was one of a group of students that stayed overnight to make dinner, breakfast, and play with the kids of parents who were staying at the church.

Members of NHS work during Room at the Inn, an event that took place one Friday a month. Students volunteered to make dinner and play with the children of the parents that were staying overnight at the church. Students were also required to spend the night at the church and make breakfast the following morning.



Hannah Grace Smith, seventh grade, helps at Wee Wilcats by playing with some of the teacher's kids. This was Smith's first time doing a service project. "It was fun playing with the kids. They are so cute," said Smith.

Olivia Bauer, seventh grade, and Alyssa Dossman, eighth grade, read books and play with Westminster teachers' children at Wee Wilcats. Dossman was also involved in NJHS. "My favorite part is playing with kids," said Dossman.



Christine Bosch, sophomore, plays with Fisher Knerr, son of Westminster history teacher, Chris Knerr. Not only in NHS, Bosch was also involved in the art club.



Martha Jang, junior, gives a stroller ride to a little girl while serving at Room at The Inn. "I enjoy helping families that need it and playing with the kids," said Jang



A group of NHS students work to help during Room at the Inn. Jacob Mohler, Upper School math teacher, was in charge of planning the service project.



Serving Sleepy

The morning after Christmas banquet, most of WCA's upper school students could be found sound asleep in their beds. However, some students gave up their morning hours to help hand out Christmas presents to needy families.

The Mission Gate Christmas Party started at 10 a.m. Saturday morning on Dec. 19. However, most students who volunteered had stayed up late at the mixer the night before.

"I was about to die, I was so tired," said Katie Boesch, sophomore.

At the party, students were assigned a family to walk around and collect presents from others. The families that came were ones who could not afford presents for their family. Families and students from all over St. Louis donated gifts to Mission Gate to be passed out to the children.

Not only did the students walk around with the family, but they played games with the kids. This year, a Christian rapper attended and sang for the families. Along with collecting presents, the families were treated to lunch.

"It was really fun. I enjoyed meeting new people and the children were all so cute," said Annie Hartwig, sophomore. While some students slept in the morning after a long night, others woke up early to serve.

"I loved it, and it was so worth it," said Boesch.



"I packed so many boxes at the food bank and it was cool that I helped feed so many people."
-Hannah Ruckman, eighth grade



"I worked at a Food Bank with my bible study. We had a lot of laughs. We still had fun ripping open boxes."
-Madison Massot, eighth grade



"I volunteer at the National Charity League, it's a good way to meet people and make a difference in the community."
-Amanda Radasch, junior



"I work with kids who have different disabilities at Equine Assisted Therapy. I walk beside them as they ride horses and do activities."
-Addy Williams, junior



"I volunteer at my church, Windsor Crossing. I work with 3rd-5th graders and lead small groups."
-Meg Smith, sophomore



"I've worked with Service International for about 3 years. We feed the hungry and entertain kids all day in the summer."
-Christian Thompson, sophomore

Chris Griesedieck, one of the few juniors in a Bible class, investigates a project. "I enjoy being in a mainly sophomore class, because it's good to get to know new people," said Griesedieck.



Camden Bridges, junior, presents a project in Biblical Ethics. The project required students to find at least twenty articles in the newspaper that related to the ten commandments.



Andrew Eichelberger, seventh grade listens to his partner while working in small groups in class. The class project was to look at all of the responsibilities of the priests in Leviticus.



"I loved the project we had to do a project on ourselves and our faith and talk about what inspires us." - Kendrea Cobb, seventh grade.

"Our favorite project was when we made videos about a topic we think the world needs to hear about. We liked making videos." - Emily Sulewski and Ali Montgomery, eighth grade.

"I liked the salvation project because it is easy and fun to work in a group." - Madison Deves, freshman.

"I thought the song project was really fun because we got to be creative and listen to music." - Lauren Theonon, sophomore.

"I liked the Newspaper project because I learned how to view the Ten Commandments in a different way." - Paton Nix, junior.

"My favorite project was my sophomore year bible class's Newspaper project because I enjoy reading the newspaper." - Connor Zielonka, senior.



Hannah Fiala and Kaitlyn Mehlhouse, seventh grade, work on a packet in Ms. Vandegriff's bible class.



Growing Athletes

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This year, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), experienced major growth in attendees. In previous years a regular group of about eight kids came to FCA, but now there are at least fifteen each meeting. When asked about the sudden increase, senior leader, Marci Penning, said, "I think that we just got the word out better. Not a lot of people knew about it last year, but this year we are doing a better job of letting people know what FCA is."

Students loved FCA for a number of reasons including the down-time before the girls and guys separated into small groups. "I really like just sitting and talking with people and playing ping-pong even though I am not very good at it," said Madeleine Smith, junior.

Along with the increase of attendance, FCA's goals included growing as Christians in an environment that let kids feel comfortable about sharing their faith. This year, the bible study was taken more seriously and allowed many athletes the opportunity to open up and share their stresses. "Sometimes life can be really hectic and it is nice to just relax and get to know other people who are like you," said Penning. One reason for this change in seriousness is the dedication and determination of the leaders Jordan Klein and Marci Penning, seniors, and Dylan Andres, junior.

"I was motivated by the idea that learning about God and your classmates could be enjoyable while still being spiritually beneficial," said Andres, the men's student leader.

The girls group and Andres' group was successful in their goals.

"I was really proud of all the guys this year, they grew a lot closer each meeting, and a lot of them opened up at one time or another throughout the year," said Andres.

Penning added that the girls also made huge leaps in the discussions they held. The leaders were a significant part of this year's success for FCA.

"I am happy with the progress we made this year as an FCA group and I pray that we can repeat, if not better, the progress next year with some of the underclassmen that are getting ready to become the leaders of FCA. I think we can do it, and I'm really excited for it," said Andres.



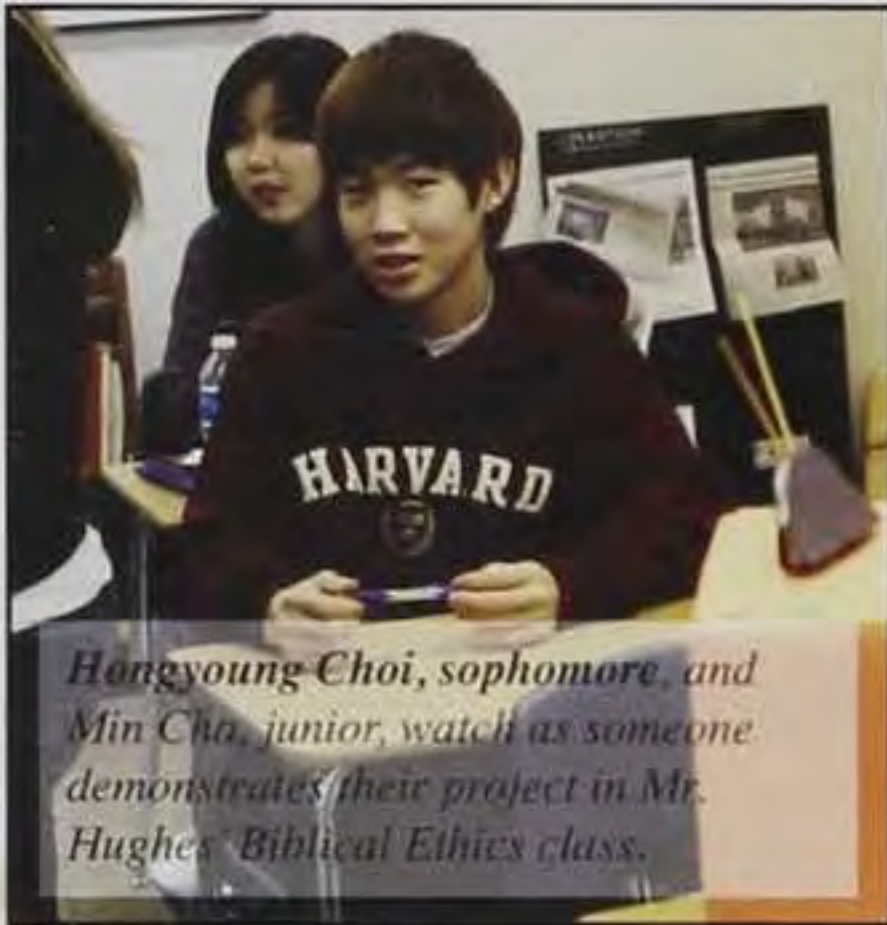
Before the start of FCA, Madeleine Smith, junior, attempts to toss the ball onto sophomore opponent Mitch Penning's, paddle in a ping-pong match.



Enna Gu, sophomore, looks through a friend's Bible project. All Biblical Ethics classes designed a unique project on the Ten Commandments third quarter.



Bryce Bell, Grant Koby, and Davis Vanderslice watch a project designed to look like a television. Kids that participated in this project got to show off their creative side because it was an open-ended assignment, leaving the possibilities endless.



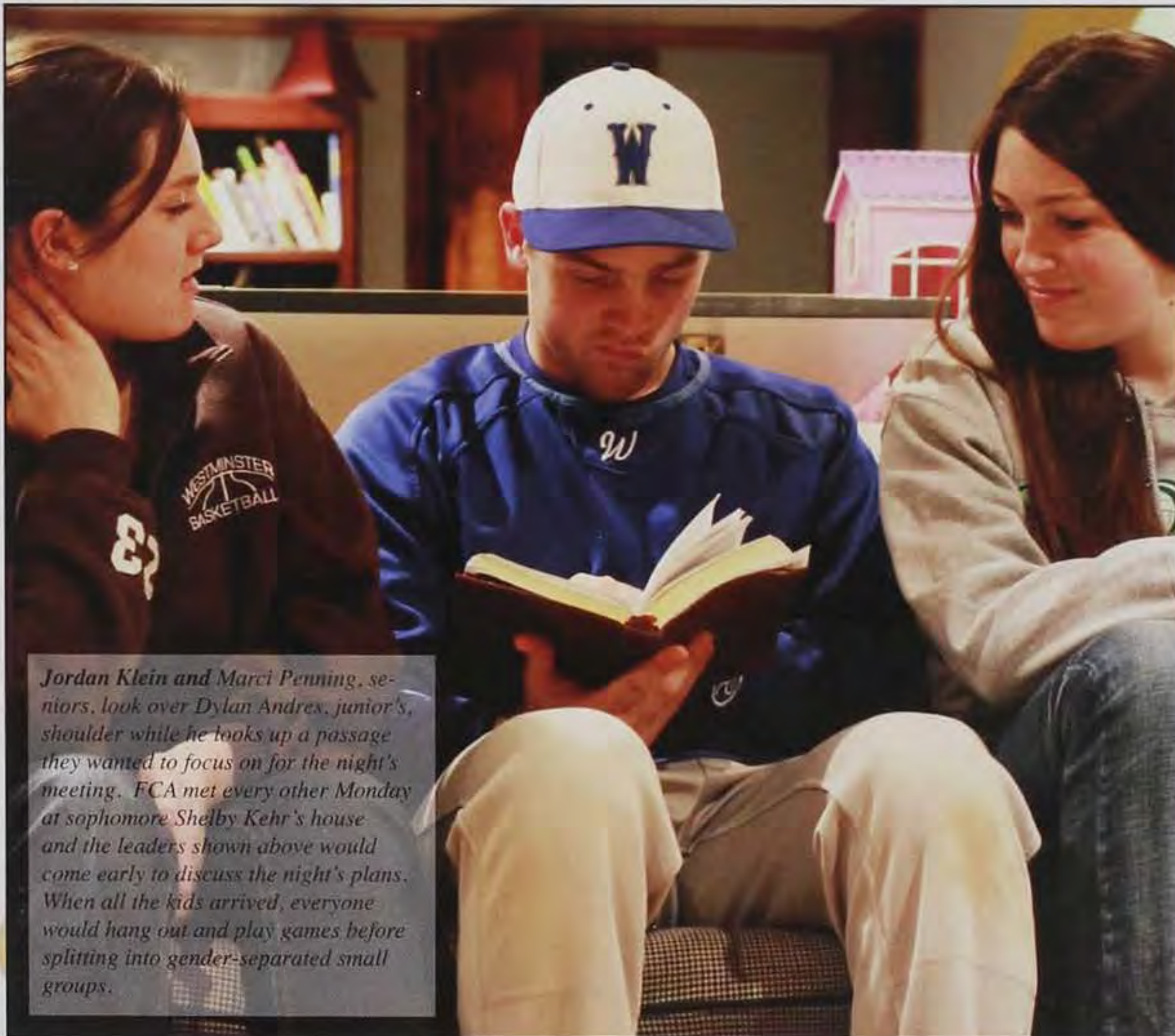
Hongyoung Choi, sophomore, and Min Cha, junior, watch as someone demonstrates their project in Mr. Hughes' Biblical Ethics class.



Sitting on a couch in Shelby Kehr, sophomore's, basement, Mitch Penning, sophomore, listens to the conversation being held at FCA. The casual ambiance FCA created allowed to students to feel comfortable sharing their thoughts and participate in discussions.



Margaret Koby and Hannah Grace Smith laugh together while working on a Bible project. Kids enjoyed working in groups because it gave them a chance to socialize and get work done more efficiently.



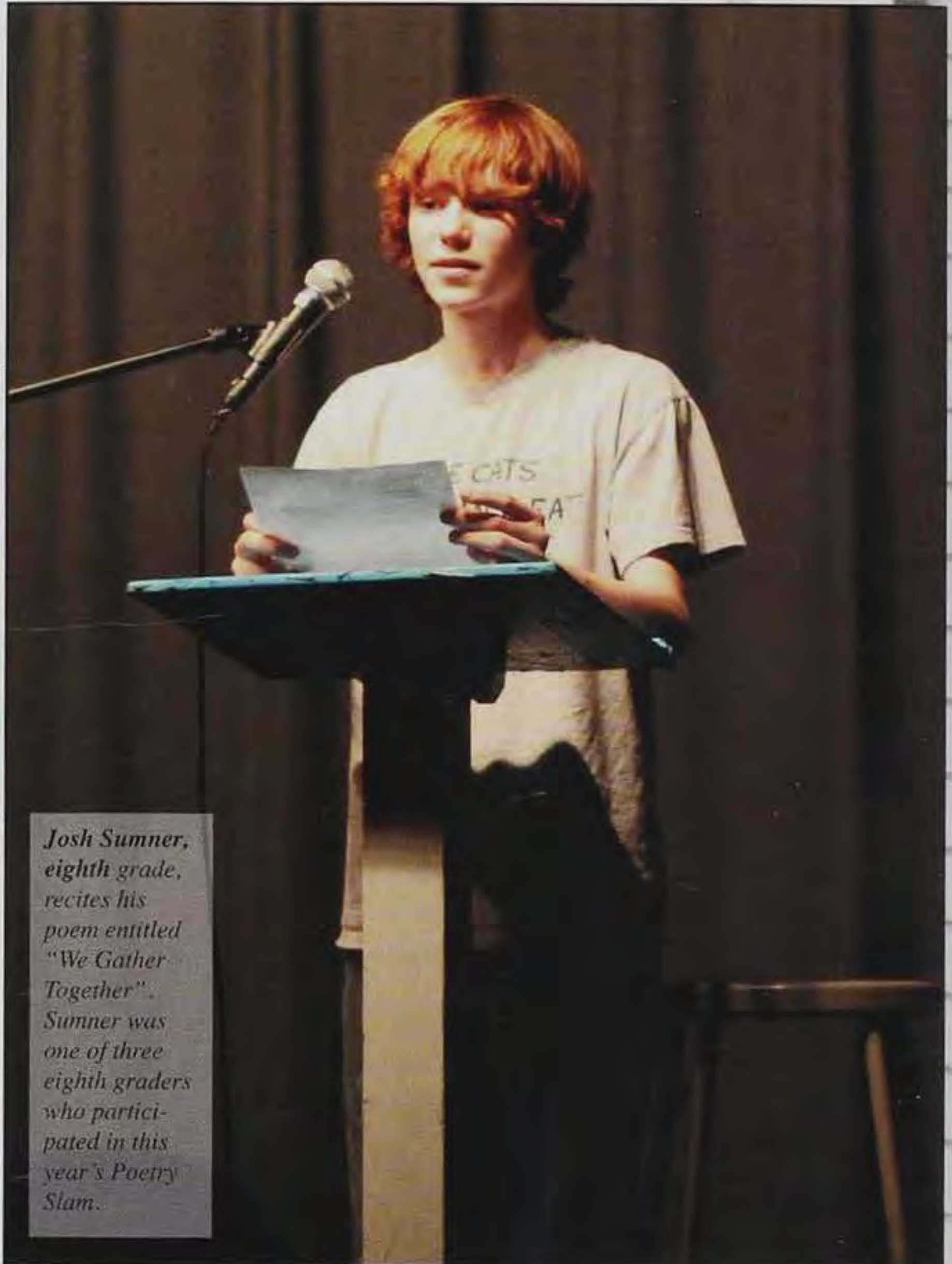
Jordan Klein and Marci Penning, seniors, look over Dylan Andrex, junior's, shoulder while he looks up a passage they wanted to focus on for the night's meeting. FCA met every other Monday at sophomore Shelby Kehr's house and the leaders shown above would come early to discuss the night's plans. When all the kids arrived, everyone would hang out and play games before splitting into gender-separated small groups.



With the help of Deana Vandegriff, seventh grade bible teacher, Gracie Nye, seventh grade, works on a Bible packet project. Vandegriff decided to let the class work on projects together before spring break.

66120 classes & clubs

During Miss Keeton's english class, Brendan Solomon, sophomore, works on an essay. "English is great- it forces me to master my basic grammar rules; I struggle with comma use."



Josh Sumner, eighth grade, recites his poem entitled "We Gather Together". Sumner was one of three eighth graders who participated in this year's Poetry Slam.



Della Woodward, sophomore, receives help on her paper from Sarah Levenhagen, sophomore. "The more I write papers, the easier they become." said Levenhagen.

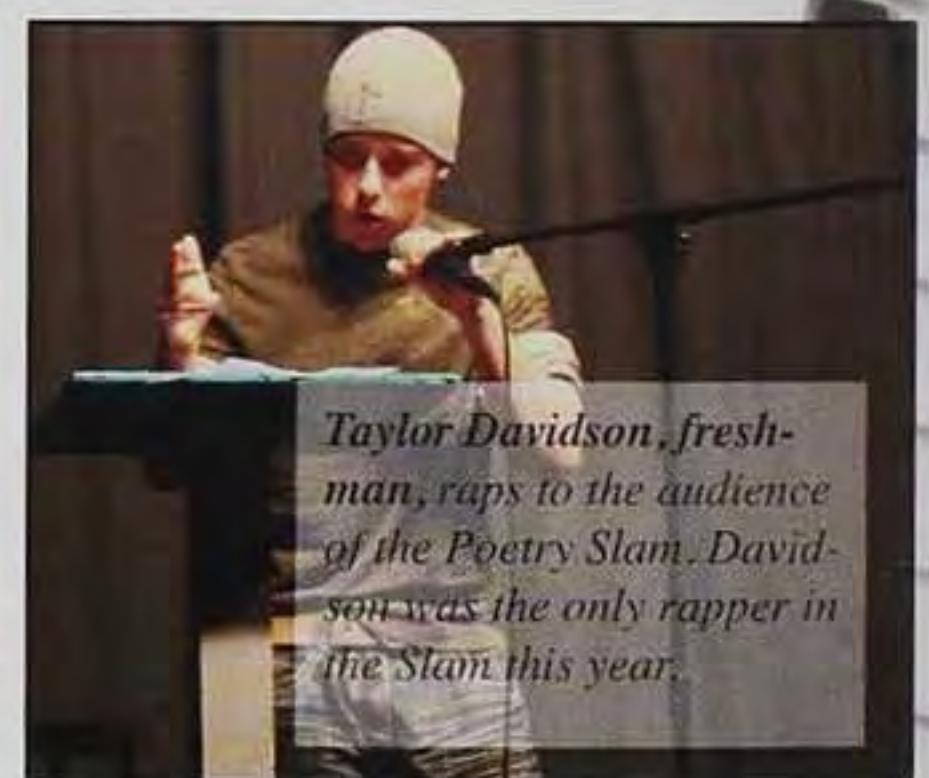
Alex Langley, senior, reads her poem at this year's Poetry Slam. Langley was Vice President of the club this year.



Anthony Marr, senior, reads his poem from his personal journal. Marr was a second-year member of Literary Rogues.



Jake Hughes, junior, recites his poem in front of Rogues, potential Rogues, and their family and friends. Hughes also conducted the filming of the Poetry Slam for the AV club.



Taylor Davidson, freshman, raps to the audience of the Poetry Slam. Davidson was the only rapper in the Slam this year.



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What do you like about poetry, and where do you find inspiration?



"I find inspiration from video games or other books I read."
-Clark Bartholomew, seventh grade



"I like how poetry has a rhythm, and it tells a story. It sounds good when its put to music too."
-Josh Behm, eighth grade



"I really get inspiration depending on how I am feeling and love to think deeper on many different topics."
-Mimi Hasting, freshman



"I find inspiration to create art from whatever I'm doing at the time...especially listening to music. Or maybe from things I see."
-Christine Bosch, sophomore



"I'm inspired to create from hard times and other difficulties... that's when my best work comes."
-Joann Johnson, junior



"I enjoy reading poetry a lot, but I don't write too much myself."
- Auri Salem-Turvold, junior

More Than "Just Words"

Literary Rogues, an english club established in 2008, is known to "be bold and go rogue." Headed by Timothy Gibson, junior and senior english teacher, the club gave english students the opportunity to be creative and write outside the class. The club lost quite a few of their most influential members when the senior class of 2010 graduated. Those included alumni Julie Sharp and Grace Smith. However, members this year have taken the initiative to fill in these crucial roles, and keep the spirit of the Rogues alive and strong.

"Writing to me is not just some hobby, but it's actually therapeutic. Despite the fact that we lost some seniors, I was determined to keep the club alive, and really tried to stretch both my poetic and people skills this year, hopefully drawing other people to the club," said Rachel Hart, junior. Hart, secretary of the club, worked in close proximity with Tiffany Thompson, senior and president, in not only the weekly meetings but also the second annual Poetry Slam. While it was a great way to inform students and faculty members, it gave students the opportunity to see what Literary Rogues is all about.

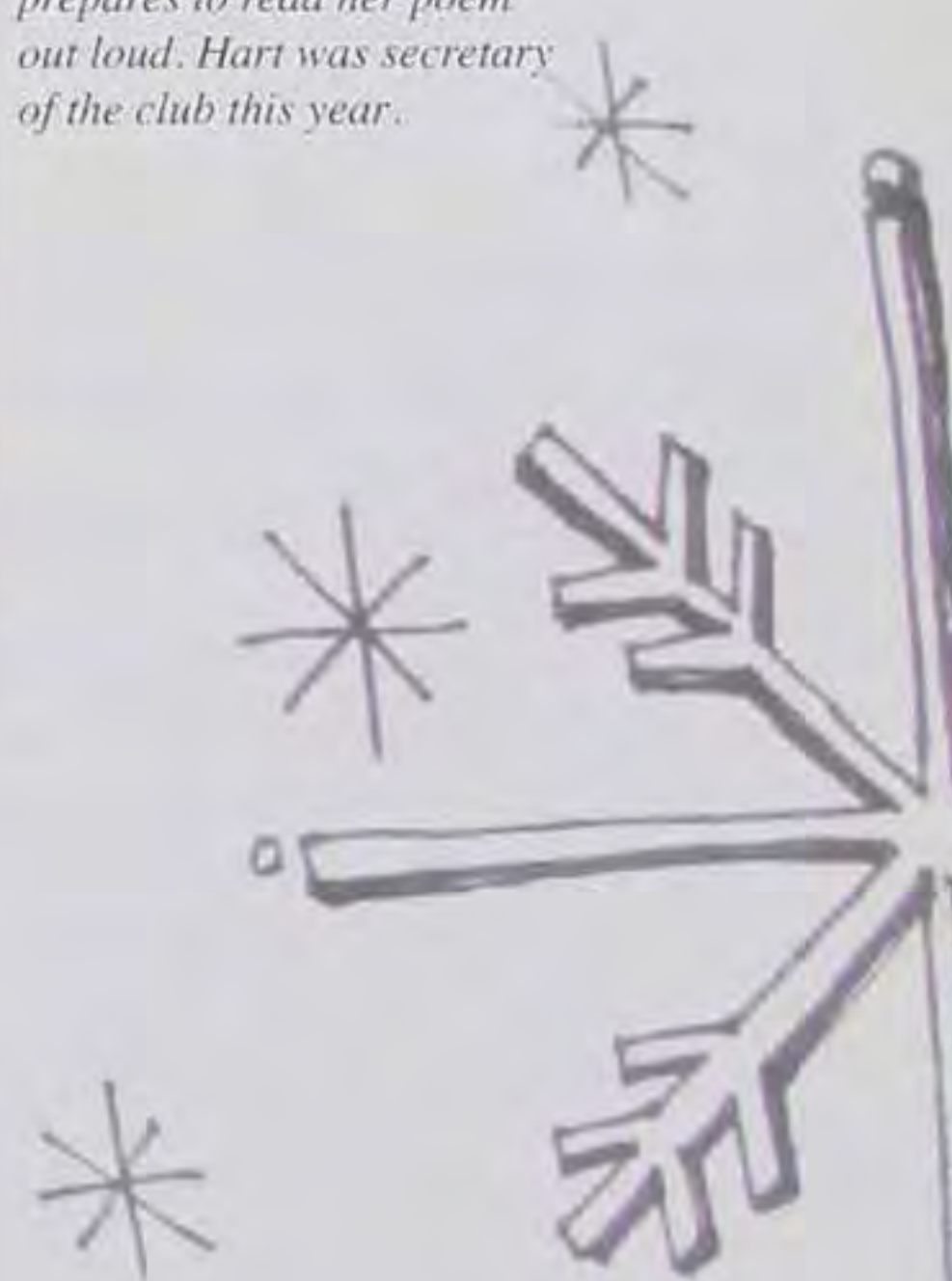
The hope of this year's club was to improve, mold, and challenge the creative talents of young writers. "It's a really open environment and anyone and everyone is welcome, whether you're a writer or not. Actually, we encourage people who aren't writers to come and engage as well," said Jocelyn Sheffield, junior. "As a senior this year, it was tough to see so many of my good friends go last year. However, it only motivated me to try and strengthen the club for the next few years before I leave. Hopefully, between the poetry slam and our amazing remaining members the club will stay strong!" said Thompson.



President of Literary Rogues, Tiffany Thompson, senior, brainstorms for an essay due for Dr. Holley's Language class. Thompson also used her writing skills as a member of the newspaper staff.



Sharing one of her original works during a lunch meeting, Rachel Hart, junior, prepares to read her poem out loud. Hart was secretary of the club this year.



Brandon Terlouw, junior, attends a chess club meeting after school in March. Brandon earned a medal during the state competition.



Abi Leibovich, junior, figures the cost of food into her budget during the Mad Money City simulation. "I don't like math, but I work hard because I know it will be important in the future."



Kelsey Lieb, junior, participates in the Mad Money Simulation. Students learned math concepts relative to life in Advanced Math Concepts. "It's not your typical math class where you never think you will use it again. It's math that is necessary for paying bills, interest, and mortgages. It's a very helpful class," said Lieb.



During the Mad money city simulation, Aaron Miller, junior, checks his funds to ensure he does not spend over his budget.

Mad Money

While some students spend their time daydreaming about the future during math class, a group of students, on an afternoon in March, spent some time living their future. On March 8, students participated in the Mad Money City simulation. During the simulation students were assigned a job, a family, and an income. This simulation was used to teach the students about the future and how to spend their money wisely.

"During the simulation we had to learn how to wisely spend our money on necessities like a house, clothing, food and on entertainment such as televisions and other electronics. The simulation was a very good way to show us what the future would be like," said Spencer Moergen, junior. Students were expected to buy the necessities such as food clothing and shelter.

"I liked that it was all with real people who were 'selling things' to us because it made the whole process more realistic talking with the salespeople and them trying to persuade us to buy certain items," said Abi Leibovich, junior. "It was a very fun way of learning what comes your way as an adult," said Leibovich.

At the end of the simulation the students sat down to discuss what they had learned. They discussed how budgeting one's money is not as easy as it seems and how to spend one's money responsibly. The goals of the simulation was to teach students how to wisely spend and budget their money.



"Math is not my favorite class mostly because it is hard and boring."
-Hannah Gilmore, eighth grade



"I'm in pre algebra, in Mrs. Pautler's class, I like her class because our teacher explains it well. She is a fun, active, and always trying to make math fun."
-Ryan Davis, seventh grade



"I like math because my dad likes it, and he showed me shortcuts in math."
-Jacob Wilson, seventh grade



"I love math, it has been one of my favorite subjects since I was little. I get math, that is why I love it."
-Tissy Mundy, sophomore



"I don't like math, I am more of a science person."
-Hannah Stone, sophomore



"This year I am in Geometry, in Mrs. Wilson's class, there were some interesting art themes we did during spirit week."
- Catherine Johnson, freshman



Caleb Mundorf, eighth grade, studies the board during Mr. Beachy's math class. "I like math, it's good because Mr. Beachy is a great teacher," said Mundorf.



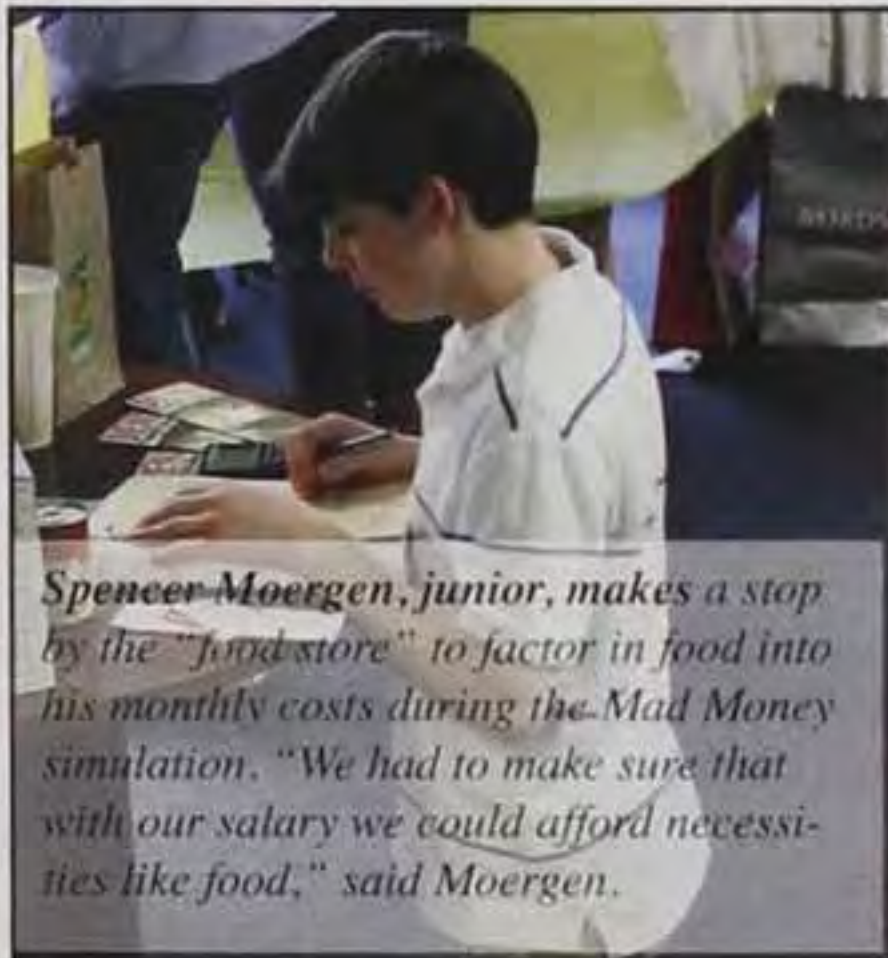
Karlee Heinemann, junior, visits the "mall" during the simulation. During the simulation students learned to budget their funds for the future.

Eric Witherspoon, sophomore, laughs with a friend during math class.



Evan Miller, junior, contemplates his next move in a game of chess. Miller was a member of the chess club and eventually went to a state competition.

During the first math club meeting on August 20, Mu Alpha Theta graduate Alec Miller stops by to visit the math club. The club commenced their first meeting with sodas and worked complex equations.



Spencer Moergen, junior, makes a stop by the "food store" to factor in food into his monthly costs during the Mad Money simulation. "We had to make sure that with our salary we could afford necessities like food," said Moergen.



Harold Ellis, junior, and Neil Sutherland, seventh grade, play a game of chess during a chess club meeting in March. "My favorite part of chess club is the atmosphere. Being able to laugh and have a good time with others," said Ellis.



Watching a fellow student work out a cosine equation, Julia Guzdial, sophomore, takes notes during her Geometry class.



Cooking Class? Or History?

It was the first day of school and as the bell rang, students shuffled into Chris Knerr's Rise of the Modern World history class. Knerr wasted no time and immediately began the lesson on the fall of Rome. There were no handouts or notes sitting on his podium; instead, a blue plate and a carton of eggs. He had students take the plate and write down what the Romans were known for. After the students returned the plate to Knerr, as if completely normal, he threw it on the floor, shattering it to pieces. Then, one after another, he removed eggs from the carton and launched them at the students.

"I was surprised, but excited about what else we were going to do in the class. He makes me laugh everyday," said Katy Chapell, sophomore. These types of demonstrations were used to give students a visual for the fall of Rome.

Then, later in the year, students walked into a room filled with more food, except this time, it was fruit. To other students, this might seem strange, but after the egg demonstration, the presence of food seemed normal. Cantaloupes, watermelons, pumpkins and other fruits were gathered together and the class walked outside. Knerr, leading the group with his surgeon smocks and giant hammer, brought the class to the soccer benches behind the school. Then, the lesson began. He placed the fruit on chairs, threw it in the air, and smacked it with the hammer. Tiny pieces of fruit flew towards the students. The "Doubt Hammer" was used to show how Descartes subjected ideas to doubt in order to get clear and distinct ideas. As the class came inside, some were covered in watermelon juice while others had hands filled with fruit to eat.

"Knerr just has a way of capturing your attention in creative ways," said Daniel Pollmann, sophomore.



Bel Guarigila, seventh grade, looks for a country on a map of the Middle East. To help teach students where countries are located Ms. Woodall, middle school geography teacher, painted a giant map of the world on her wall during the summer.



Drew Pfyl and Alex Rideout, sophomores, gather around Mr. Knerr as he finishes his lesson. Many students enjoyed the fruit from the lesson afterwards and took it as an opportunity to have a snack.

Cameron Tucker, seventh grade, takes notes on North Korea in Andy Kerckhoff's history class. "My favorite part about class is that we don't get much homework," said Tucker.



Bringing down the doubt hammer, Chris Knerr, upper school history teacher, destroys a cantaloupe for his sixth hour class. Knerr offered extra credit to students who brought in fruit for this demonstration.



Issy Haupfear, seventh grade, listens to Andy Kerckhoff, history teacher, explain the movie they are about to watch. During this class period, students learned about North Korea.



Sarah Eis, senior, prepares to answer a question at Scholar Bowl practice.



Peter Williams, senior, listens to the question in a scholar bowl practice after school. "In practice we come up with funny team names and laugh a lot," said Sarah Eis, senior.

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During history class Ben Gienke, eighth grade, gets ready to participate in an immigration reenactment. Each person got assigned a different role and Gienke, assigned to be an immigrant, was not allowed to speak unless spoken to.



"My favorite part about World Geography is Ms. Woodall and the exciting things she does in class," said Lindsey Falkner, seventh grade.



"I think APUSH (AP US history) is challenging because we have to talk a lot in that class," said Jihoon Lee, junior.



"My favorite part about APUSH is Mr. Warren and I like the racial diversity in my class," said Jacob Buffa, junior.



"I really enjoy when we do war simulations because it helps me understand what the actual people who made the decisions might have been thinking," said Ian Sutherland, sophomore.



"I really like Knerr's passion for history, which makes it all really interesting and the little field trips we take around the school help make the lesson easier to understand," said Emily Heyl, sophomore.



"My favorite part about class is when we talk about Justin Bieber," said Sofie Harjoe, seventh grade.



Preparing to smash a pumpkin, Alex Rideout, sophomore, raises the "Doubt Hammer." "I remember Knerr telling us to sit in the front so that the fruit would actually hit us," said Rideout.



Katie Matheny, Coby Nye and Courtney McGhee, sophomores, listen to Chris Knerr, history teacher, talk about the activities that are about to begin. On the day that Knerr took the class outside, it was cold and many students were unprepared for the weather.



Tori Urban and Nathan Wheeler, seniors, get ready to compete at the state We the People competition in Jefferson City. The political science students suffered their first loss in years and did not progress on to nationals. "There is no pressure now, and I think we bonded in our losing," said Urban.

Sam Giltner, junior, turns in her food on Wednesday. "I tried to make these French cookies, but that failed, so I made this dessert topping," said Giltner.



Sarah Becker, freshman, chats with a friend while waiting to get Biscotti, a dish made by Kaylie Duke, sophomore. It took Duke about an hour to make her dessert.

Josh Nkonge, freshman, eats a slice of cheese quesadilla in the Old Gym. International Day was held in the Old Gym to accommodate the large amount of food.



Filling up her plate with international goodies for herself and a friend, Martha Jang, junior, waits at the dessert table. Jang brought rice balls, but her favorite part of the lunch was the dessert table.



Ian Farmer and Rebecca Gee, seniors, reenact the killing of Julius Caesar during their Ides of March meeting for Latin Club. The 15th of March was supposedly the day that Caesar was murdered by his fellow statesmen.



Turning in his sauerkraut and sausages before ju si hou, Travis Brandt, sophomore, checks in with Sra. Dudley. "My favorite part of International Day was the dessert," said Brandt.

Crayons & Espanol

Formerly known as Refuge of Nations, this school year the program was renamed Engage St. Louis. Engage St. Louis had partnered with Westminster for years, bringing language students and immigrants together. The students met at school the first Wednesday of the month and then drove over to the host church. Once there, they took the children of Spanish-speaking immigrants to a gym while their parents had a Bible study and worship service.

"I like knowing that while we're with the kids the parents have some time to themselves to not worry and just learn about God," said Lauren Sexton, senior. The group did everything from coloring books to playing with hula hoops.

While anyone was invited to go, a regular group of students went every month and played with the kids. Once they went, they kept coming back. The students formed strong relationships with the kids, coming to know them by name.

"You get to know the kids and have your favorites," said Holly Sumner, sophomore. "It also gives you a better understanding of immigrants."

Engage St. Louis was also a way for the kids from Westminster to practice their Spanish outside of the classroom. Most of the children had grown up in a home where Spanish was their first language. The Wednesday nights became a fun way for the kids to expand their English vocabulary and the students to learn more Spanish.

"I love kids and I love Spanish, so this is the perfect place for me!" said Sumner.



"It [Spanish] is awesome! My teacher has us play games to learn in class."
-Megan Wibbenmeyer, seventh grade



"My favorite part of Spanish is the food. I've taken Spanish for a few years, but I don't really remember anything but the last few units."
-Dominic Franceschelli, freshman



"One time Mrs. Karsten said something like 'fat-poo' and everyone in class thought it was really funny so it was our class joke."
-Ashlyn Wiggins, eighth grade



"Labs are a pain in the butt, but I'm going to take Spanish all four years because [Senior Legters] is a fun teacher."
-Nathan Cherian, sophomore



"Seniorita Roig is an awesome teacher. Ella canta bien."
-Luke Turner, junior



"In class we draw these turkeys and the different forms of a verb go on the feathers. The turkey is always doing the verb."
-Brendan Yeager, eighth grade



Selah Chappeau, junior, talks with her friends before the annual Latin Club bonfire. Even though Latin Class was not offered, students still wanted to keep up the tradition of a Latin Club.



Holly Sumner, sophomore, decorates a box during a Spanish Club lunch meeting. The boxes were filled with books for the refugee children at Engage St. Louis.



Bringing her food for International Day, Katie Boesch, sophomore, sports an African dress. The students could dress in international garb for extra credit in their language classes.



Nina Thampy, sophomore, enjoys her dessert at the French Club Christmas party. The club made their own "Bouche de Noel" cakes and then ate them.

Jane Im, senior, cuts through the abdomen of her feral cat during her seventh hour anatomy class.



Elizabeth Miller, senior, laughs at Anna Becker, senior, during seventh hour anatomy. Throughout the year, they had multiple 'cat days', where they would be assigned feral cats, and before dissection, some students would play with them or hold them up to make them look like they were talking.



Leaping off the storm-water grate, Matthew Zandstra, sophomore, escapes the explosion of Diet Coke. During their March 1 meeting, The JETS crew went outside and put Mentos in soda to see how high the plume of soda went.



Holding her frog in place, Avery Drury, seventh grade, identifies the posterior leg as Claire Fellows, seventh grade, writes it down on their lab sheet.

Opening his feral cat up, Andrew Beck, senior, gets used to the smell of the formaldehyde. In addition to dissecting cats, the Anatomy class also explored sheep brains and even did a lab on a sheep eye.



On the first day of frog dissections, Andrew Montgomery and Nick Cacciarelli, seventh grade, react in disgust when Montgomery opens the frog's mouth.

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Smashing Eggs, Exploding Coke

Science was what you knew, and in the case of the JETS club, engineering was what you did with what you knew. This was the first year of the Junior Engineering Technical Society, or JETS for short. Lisa Harding, upper school physics teacher, had noticed an increasing number of her students who were interested in exploring science beyond their textbooks. After doing some research, she decided to start a JETS branch at Westminster. The Junior Engineering Technical Society was a national organization for students who were interested in engineering.

In addition to having clubs at schools, they also sponsored youth engineering competitions during the summer and late spring. Westminster was not involved in any of these competitions, but at their meetings, they experimented with physics and chemistry. These experiments consisted of smashing eggs, putting mentos in Coke, and dropping random items, and seeing how fast they fell over.

"Next year I plan to focus on three or four main activities during meetings," said Harding.

In addition to playing with velocity and mass, the JETS members also visited different science places around St. Louis, such as the energy labs at UMSL or the Science Center. When JETS members experimented, they filmed everything they did.

"Mr. Kim gave us one of his high-speed cameras to use in the lab. Most cameras take 25 frames per second, but this one takes 100 frames per second, so we have a lot of fun slowing our experiments down and figuring out the math behind it," said Harding.



"My favorite dissection was when we looked at the lungs and the heart of the cats," said Abby Finn, senior, who planned to study pediatric medicine in college.



"We just started studying animals, which are my favorite to study because they're more interesting than plants or cells" said Melissa Knappenberger, junior, of her Honors Biology course.



"I'd like to be in engineering because I enjoy physics and chemistry," said Zak Kessel, sophomore, who wanted to continue studying science beyond high school.



"I don't like all the work [in Physics] but having friends in my class is fun. It can get distracting sometimes though" said McKinzie Duesenberg, freshman.



"I like science. The experiments are interesting and it's fun to learn about planets and earthquakes and stuff" said Drew Straub, eighth grade.



"I very much like science, it's been fun and enjoyable. My favorite part was the frog dissection even though it was kind of gross and smelled bad" said Trevor Weststeyn, seventh grade.



Crowding around the video camera, Matthew Zandstra, sophomore, Andrea Williams, freshman, Brianna DeGroot, and Violet Kouzes, sophomores, watch the high-speed replay of one of them shaking their hair.



About to drop a penny, Andrea Williams, freshman, waits for Zandstra to start the camera. After all the "topplings" were done, they replayed it at the next meeting.



Violet Kouzes, sophomore, holds a coin in her hand while observing other JETS members' experiments.



Sophomore James Hoekzema throws a ruler down on a table in the physics lab.



Holding on to a worksheet, Brianna DeGroot, sophomore, watches the high-speed camera that Han Kim, AV Club sponsor, loaned to them specifically for their experiments.



A Different Side Of Westminster

Most events that students and parents go to at Westminster were sports games. But this year the Westminster community got to see a different side of the school. Westminster hosted their first art show, called Art A' La Carte. One of the reasons guests enjoyed this art show was because it offered a different side of Westminster. This year, visitors had the opportunity to see the artistic side of Westminster.

Art A' La Carte showcased projects from each art department at Westminster. Guests were able to view students drawings, paintings, ceramics, and photographs. Drama classes welcomed guests with a Nativity scene; they also performed some short skits, and Improv put on a show. The middle school band and the high school bands performed some songs for the crowd's enjoyment. Lastly, Art A' La Carte showcased the concert choir and the chamber choir. Guests were able to choose which activities to view and they also got to snack on sweet treats provided at each activity.

Many people enjoyed Art A' La Carte and being able to view different aspects of Westminster's art programs.

"I really liked Art A' La Carte. I think that it is a really good idea and the whole event had a fun setup and atmosphere. And I look forward to going to it again next year," said Katie Boesch, sophomore. Boesch volunteered to help set up and do odd jobs at Art A' La Carte.

Art A' La Carte was a good experience for many guests and lots of people would love to have it again next year. James Bissell, seventh grade, said, "I would definitely come next year so I could see some other students perform."



"My favorite project in art class was the perspective drawing, it was really fun." -Kaitlin Terschak, seventh grade



"My favorite project was when we learned about cool and warm colors and organic and geometrical shapes in art class." -Madilynn Blum, eighth grade



"I'm taking art survey because I have to, but I do like it." -Leah Votava, freshman



"I have definitely liked art class a lot more than planned, and Mrs. Dierking is a great teacher." -John Barry, sophomore



"So far I've liked the tie project. I thought it was really cool how we got to design our own ties, and I would so wear the tie I made." -Aimee Farouhan, junior



"I like Design class because it's really relaxing and I get to hang out with my friends. I also like how creative I get to be." -Erin Guthrie, senior



Meg Smith, sophomore, sketches the model for drawing class. Students learn ed to use shading, perspective, and proportions to draw still lifes and portraits in drawing class.



Matt Powers and Olivia Willis, sophomores, work on sketching a still life during art class.



In pottery class Julie Wiens, senior, puts the finishing touches on her pot. In pottery/ceramics class, students made pots, houses, cars, and many other projects.

Anna Dieckgraefe, sophomore, works on the set for the Winter Play. When working on a set, the club members met 3 times a week for about an hour and a half.



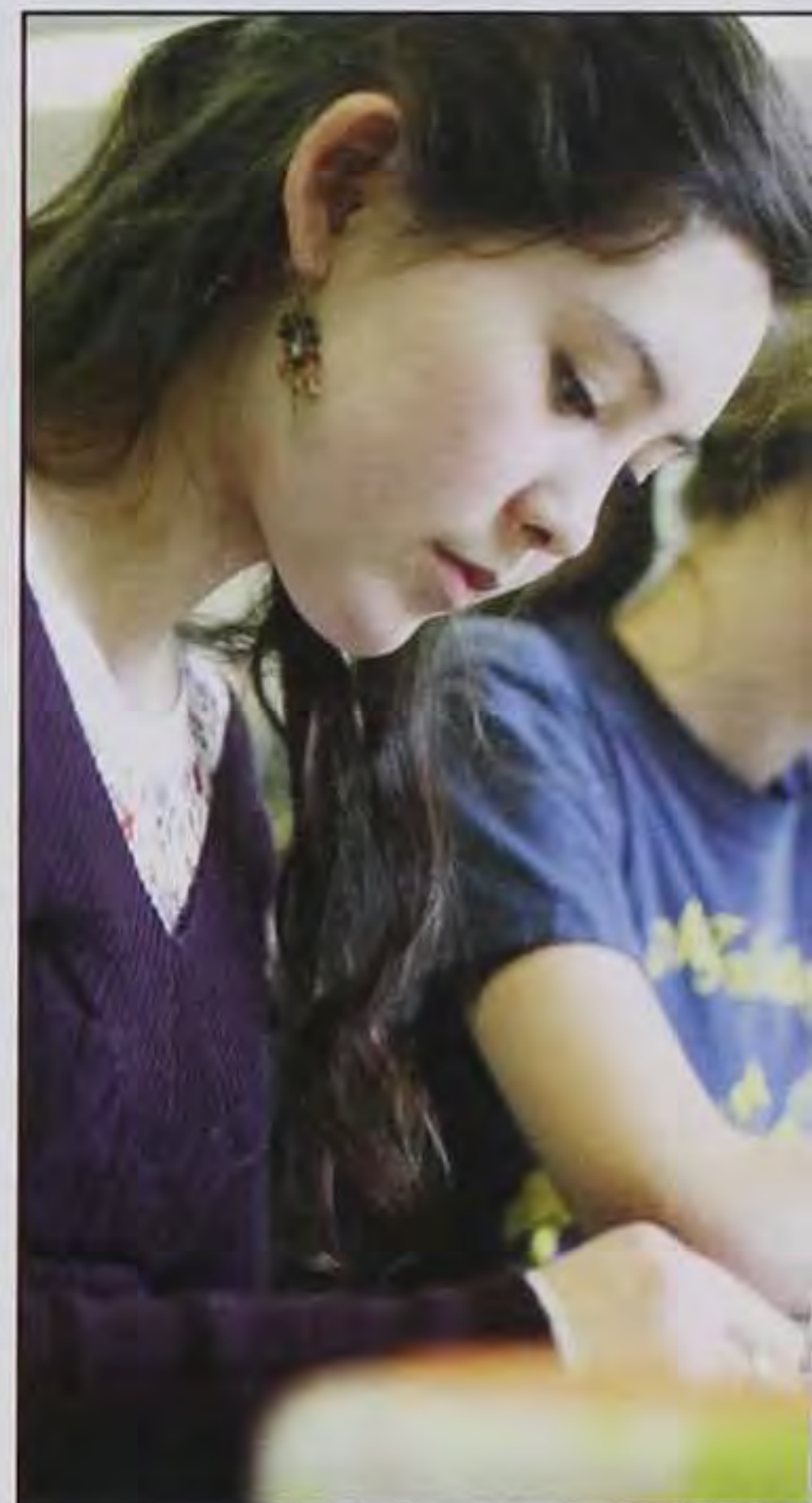
At Art A' La Carte, Auri Salem-Turvold, junior, models for students in the drawing class. At the beginning of the semester, students started drawing still lifes and later on they learned how to draw portraits.



At Art A' La Carte, Christine Bosch, sophomore, paints a garden gnome she made during pottery/ceramics class. Bosch started the Art Club this past year and also was the president of the club. Some activities the Art Club did included a field trip to Luauamier Sculptor Park, art sessions on Friday afternoons, and going on a field trip to the house and studio of artist Bob Byerley.



Annie Schlafly, freshman, works on a project for art survey class. Students got a sampling of each of the different art classes during art survey.



During fifth hour design class, Angela Cannady, senior, works on her logo project. The requirements entailed creating your own company, writing a paragraph about it, and then designing the actual logo.



Over this past summer, Josh Sumner, eighth grade, hosted a set club party at his house. The members of the Set Club who went to the party splattered and smeared paint on each other.

Bree Jennrich, sophomore, paints the van during Art A' La Carte that she made during first semester pottery/ceramics class.



Amber Draper, sophomore, talks with Paris Watson, sophomore, during the set club party at the end of August. "My favorite sets to work on are always the musical sets. It's always exciting when everything is complete and we get to see our final sets on stage," said Draper.

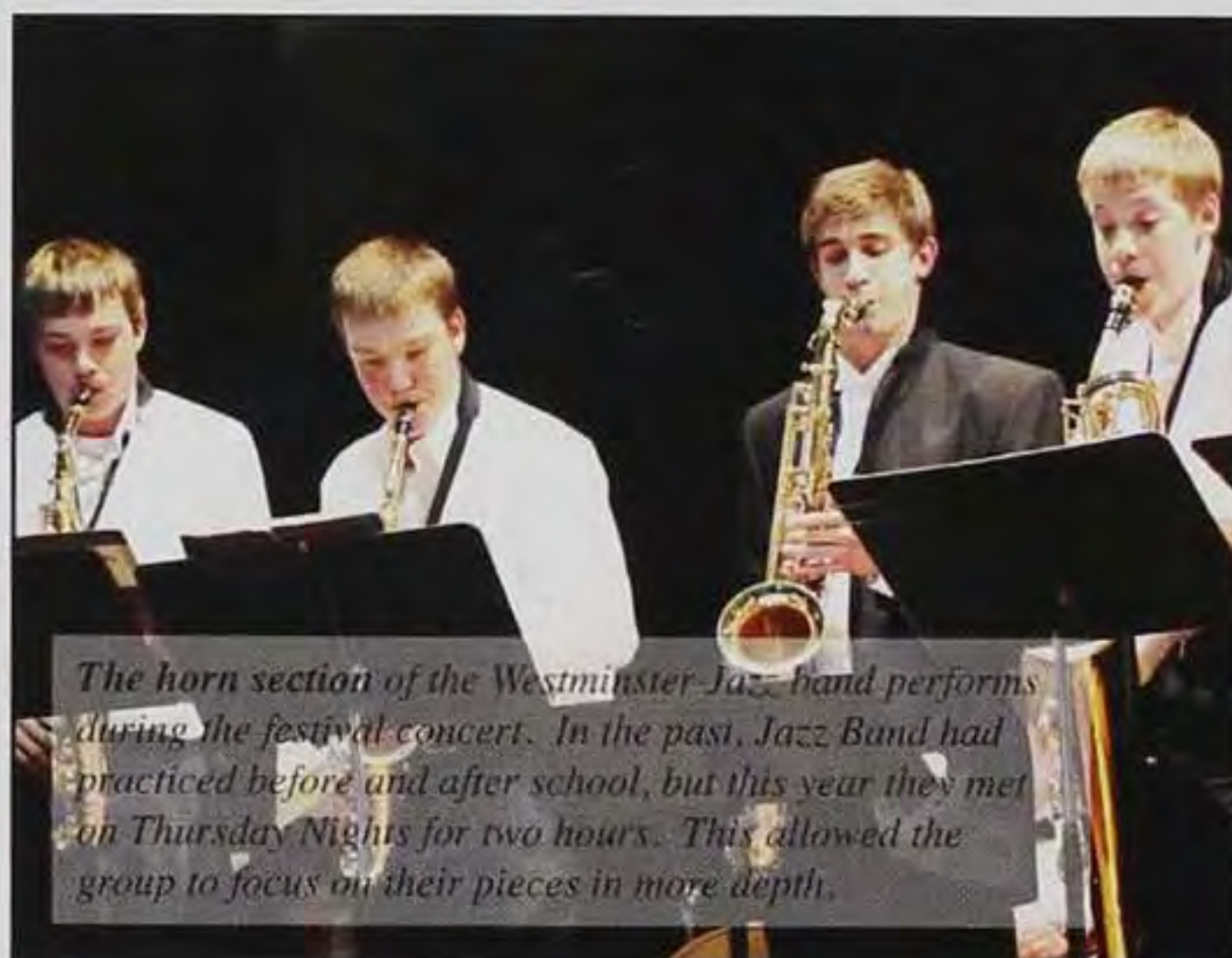


The Westminster Choir, Concert Band, and String Orchestra take a group picture by a cathedral in Prague. Over the course of their spring break trip, the group got excellent chances to explore the old cities as well as perform in various concert halls.

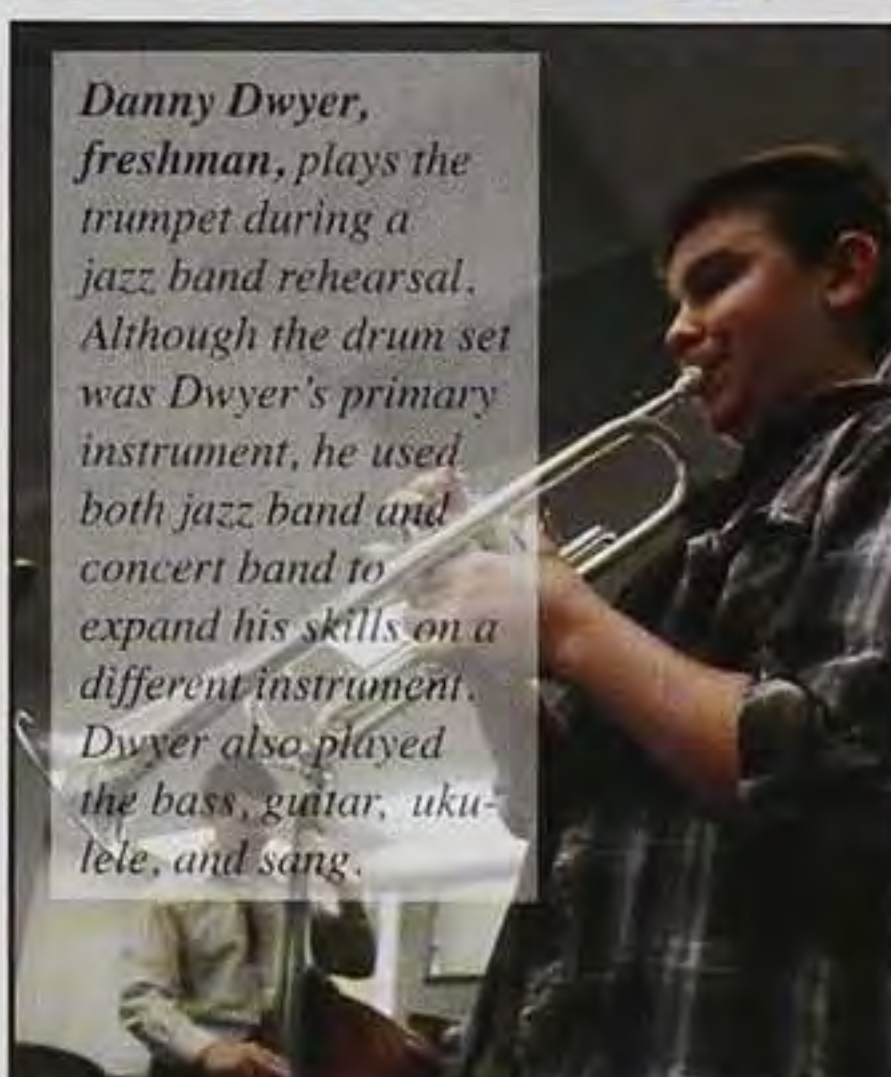


During band class, Evan James, junior, practices Choralle and Shaker Dance II. This particular song featured a long solo note which James, the first chair alto, held without ever losing air. The band worked up this piece and performed this at the State Band Festival.

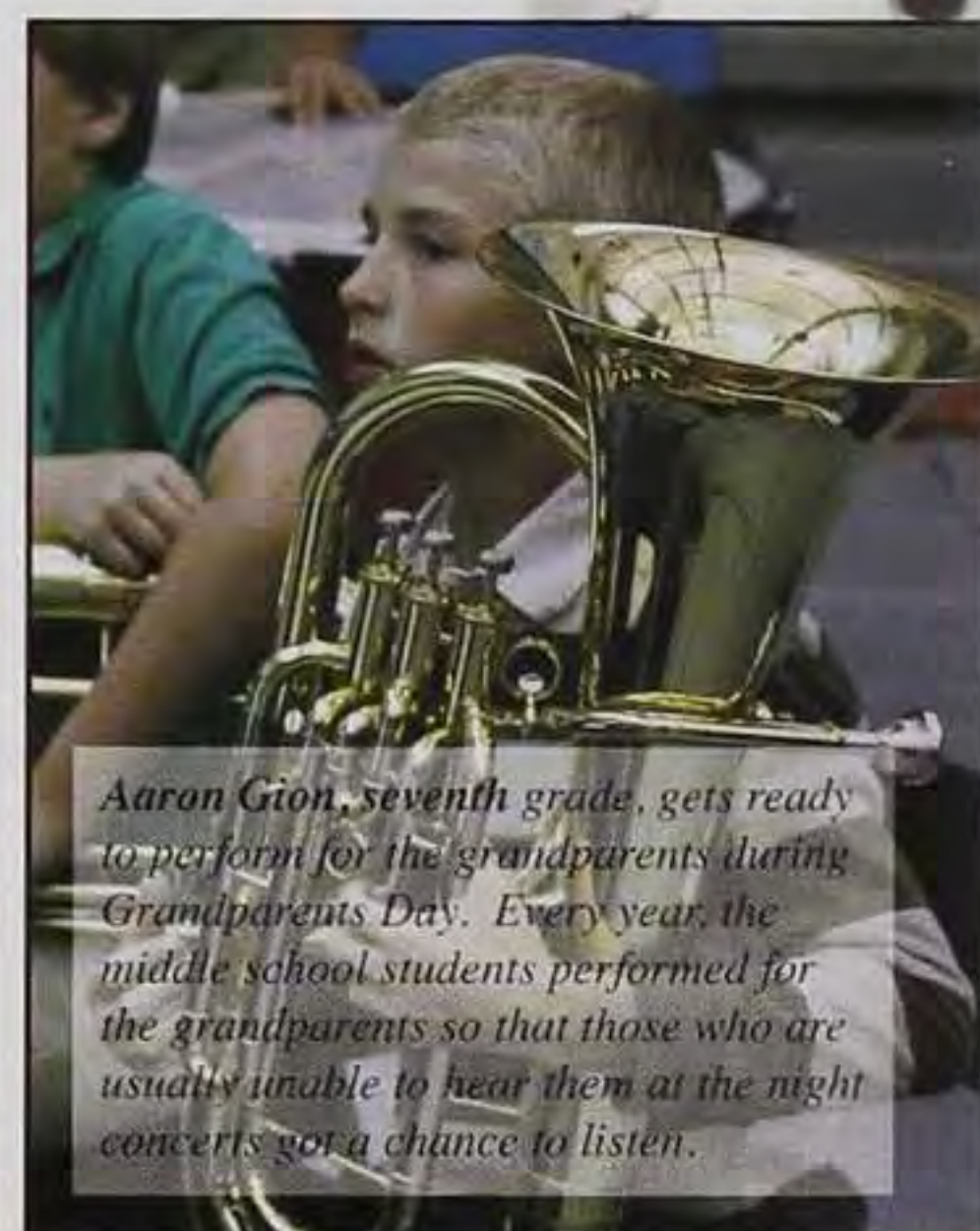
During Grandparents Day, Michael Weston, eighth grade, rolls on the timpani. Weston played percussion in the band for the past two years. Weston was also a member of the jazz band. When not playing drum set during the jazz band, Weston played the trombone to add to the low-end sound of the group.



The horn section of the Westminster Jazz band performs during the festival concert. In the past, Jazz Band had practiced before and after school, but this year they met on Thursday Nights for two hours. This allowed the group to focus on their pieces in more depth.



Danny Dwyer, freshman, plays the trumpet during a jazz band rehearsal. Although the drum set was Dwyer's primary instrument, he used both jazz band and concert band to expand his skills on a different instrument. Dwyer also played the bass, guitar, ukulele, and sang.



Aaron Gion, seventh grade, gets ready to perform for the grandparents during Grandparents Day. Every year, the middle school students performed for the grandparents so that those who are usually unable to hear them at the night concerts got a chance to listen.



Sabrina Hammond, senior, James Hinrichs, sophomore, and Brett Baumgartner, senior, perform Sousa's Fairest of the Fair during the festival concert. The group played this for the judges and received a II [Excellent] rating overall.

Tommy Regan, seventh grade, plays the baritone at a church in Germany. Regan was the only seventh grader to go to the Czech Republic. Although not initially having friends on the trip, Regan joined and became friends with a group of senior guys.



Bill Serber, senior, and Nathan Theus, sophomore, jam with David Scott, a professional jazz trumpet player. This was Scott's second time at Westminster where he held a small seminar on improving the art of jazz.



The Westminster Concert Choir sings Ave Verum by Philip Stopford during the concert at the Aldis Theater in the Czech Republic. The choir sang this song in public places such as a cathedral, the town square, outside the king's castle, and others. Many people standing around stopped where they were to listen to the beautiful a-capella tune.



Czech Us Out!

The students raised their instruments, ready to conclude the longest and greatest concert of the year. Hugh Jones, band director, raised his baton and counted, "One, two, three, four." The theater was then instantly filled with the instrumental opening lines of the song He Never Failed Me Yet. However, unlike any other concert that the Westminster Band has had, this performance took place at the Aldis Theater in Hrtic Krlave, Czech Republic. This year, the Westminster music department got the opportunity to go to the Czech Republic and play four concerts, as well as do some sight seeing in the country. The trip was organized through Dr. Michael Sust, a local pastor at Harvest Presbyterian Church.

The last concert, however, had a different twist. Instead of only performing with only the Westminster Music Department, the students got to perform with various musicians from Zu's Art School. Both the jazz band and the orchestra were tripled in size with the addition of these determined musicians. The string orchestras combined to create one large group.

"It was really cool to join up with the Czech musicians because it added power. We had one huge sound that we usually don't get from the string section," said Peter Duell, junior.

The jazz band also got the unique opportunity to join up with the B.T.O. Jazz Orchestra, a group from Zu's Art School. Instead of the small combo of seven people that the Westminster Jazz Band contains, the group was expanded to around forty musicians of all different instruments, some that cannot be found in Westminster's own combo. This added both volume and energy to the finished product.

"We have a small little combo but when combined with the bigger band we had a larger, fuller, and warmer tone," said Michael Becker, sophomore.

Even though there was a language barrier, music was able to reach across it.

"The power of music allows us to see beauty together. We are both able to understand and see the glory of God through the music," said Matt Baldwin, senior, while sharing a testimony during the concert.

Music was the way to communicate. The jazz band students got to communicate with the Czech musicians. In the final three songs, the full group – the powerful orchestra, the large jazz band, the Westminster Concert Band, and the Westminster Concert Choir combined their talents to create one large beautiful sound. The concert ended with an encore and a five minute standing ovation.

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"I love how I am able to get to know and become really close with people from other classes."
- Rachel Bates, senior.



"It's a lot of fun to sing with a bunch of friends. Mr. Schwamb also makes the class a fun experience."
- Jessie Owens, junior.



"I like how after every concert, we get to chill in the band room and watch a movie."
- Emily Orf, sophomore.



"Band is relaxed and a class where you can talk to all of your friends in the class."
- Andrew George, freshman.



"I like how we get the opportunity to get better at our instruments and it's a lot of fun with Mr. Jones conducting."
Brittany Hayes, eighth grade.



"My favorite part about band is the different styles. We play a variety of music from different countries."
Scott Goldfarb, seventh grade.

A graphic of stylized winter trees, consisting of several black-outlined evergreen shapes of varying sizes, positioned to the left of the word 'winter'.

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Screams. Gasps. Cheers. Relief. Tears. Exhaustion. The final announcement for Spirit Week had been made...and the senior class placed second. Many students thought that the judges were kidding when they said that the juniors had won, while others such as Jesse Gruneisen, sophomore, thought that “the judges let the juniors win so that people would stop saying spirit week’s rigged.” Allie Calhoon, spirit chair for the junior class, “didn’t expect the juniors to win overall. [She] accepted the fact that the seniors would win so [she] didn’t even think about the thought of the juniors winning.”

The most unified moment of Spirit Week, though, was after the awards had been given. While the juniors took their picture with the coveted Spirit Week plaque, the seniors suddenly started a final we-got-spirit cheer from the opposite bleachers. The cheer reached its point of highest energy, and the seniors leaped off the bleachers and bowled through the crowd of parents to the other side of the gym, making a giant mass of juniors and seniors.

“It was the funniest thing ever when we lost; it was so much fun. Most of the juniors were good sports. A lot of their Facebook statuses were respectful, and we handled it with class,” said Brittany Wilson, senior.



Claire Fellows, seventh grade, eats a slice of cheese pizza for lunch at the middle school Christmas party. The middle school students went to see The Chronicles of Narnia in theaters and then went bowling at Olivette Lanes on December 10. The senior PC's also attended the event with their PC groups.

Ashley Lakey, senior, sculpts a bust in the play, "The Proposal." Lakey had been an active participant in the drama scene at Westminster. She was in various roles this year, including Peppermint Patty from "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Steffano Chavez, Mike Hall, Andrew Beck, Daniel Moore, Matthew McDaniel, and Benjamin Stratton, seniors, perform during Spirit Week Boys Poms. The routine was centered around a creepy clown theme that featured maniacal laughter and the popping of balloons. The routine earned them third place.



Lauren Massot, seventh grade, shoots a lay up during a game. Massot played on the seventh grade C-team.



Hannah Hoekzema, junior, sketches a person during the Art a la Carte event. Hoekzema spent many after-school hours in the art room drawing. "My favorite thing to draw is people because of their facial expressions," said Hoekzema.

During a girl's basketball home game, Grace Linton, sophomore, performs the varsity dance team's pom-pom routine. The team won first place for that routine in both the Lindbergh and St. Charles High School competitions.

Ashley Lokey and Nate Cox, seniors, converse in the upper school play. Cox played the meddlesome father Bret, and Lokey portrayed Josie who was one of the main characters in the play.

Acting the part of Josie's ex, 'Ray', Jake Hughes, junior, chats with Nate Cox, senior, while Cox plays golf. "It was so much fun to work with people who were really passionate about what they were doing!" said Hughes.



Drama Class Plays



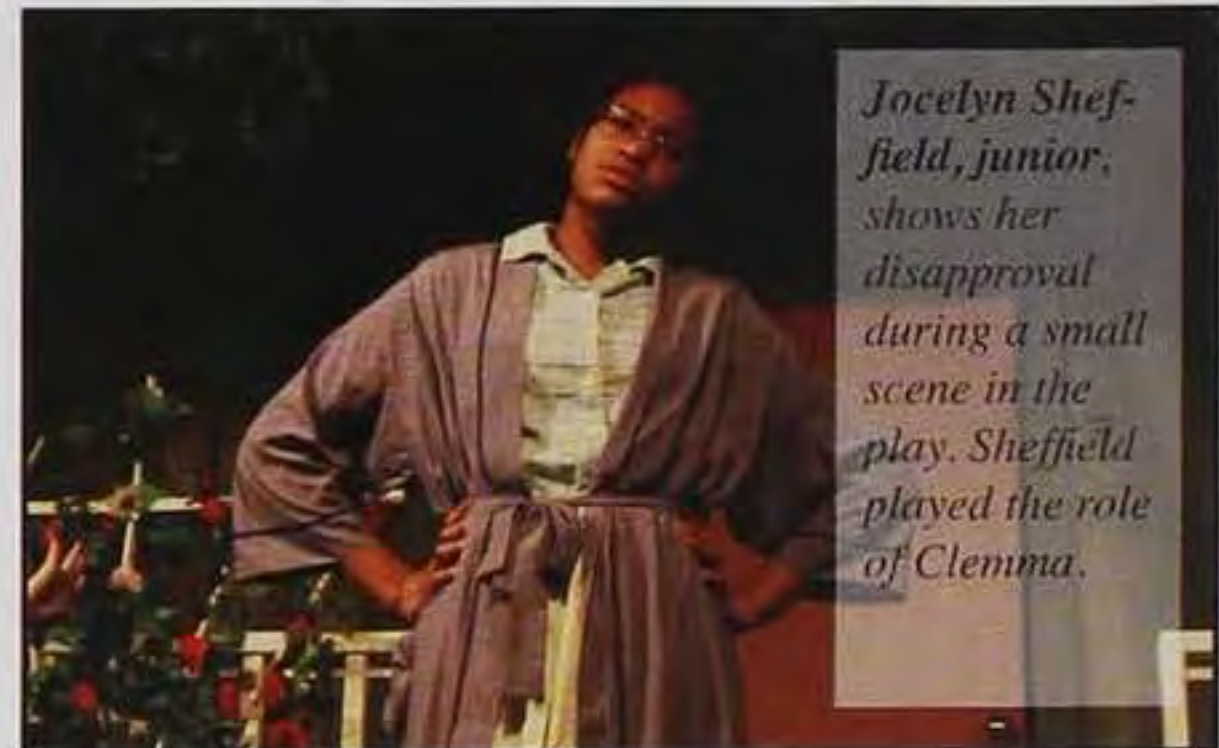
"It's the way I express myself when I'm in drama that gives me a feeling of satisfaction. Something I don't feel when I'm not in drama."
-- Graham Stanfield



"I took Drama I, I performed the small play Larceny and Old Lace, and I enjoyed taking the class, because we were all able to bond over it."
-- Elizabeth Duesenburg



Arguing with Lokey's character, Josie, T.J. Noa, sophomore, lists the finer points of his proposition.



Jocelyn Sheffield, junior, shows her disapproval during a small scene in the play. Sheffield played the role of Clemma.

Proposals

This year's winter play was called *Proposals* created by Neil Simon. "Proposals was about looking past people's shortcomings and working out differences" said Nate Cox, senior. Cox played the meddlesome father Bret. Abby Smith, freshman, played a ditzy model Samii.

"Playing Samii was extremely fun and my first choice for this play" said Smith. Another role in the play was Ray, who was Josie's (Ashley Lokey) ex and Kenny's (T.J Noa) best friend. Ray was played by junior Jake Hughes.

"It was a lot of fun!" said Hughes. In the future, Jake hopes to "participate in more school plays." One of these plays was the *Madwoman of Chaillot* which took place near the end of the school year, in April.

"Being in plays is so special for me - especially in a play like *Proposals* where I connected so deeply with my character. I found that Josie and I had a lot in common," said senior Ashley Lokey.

Students who participated in some of the school's past plays said that they used school plays as a way to express themselves and the role they played throughout the production. Most of the students who performed in any of this year's school plays would love to continue their participation in theatre in the near future.

"I would like to continue acting maybe in a community theatre or finding a local college that would take me," said Lokey. Other people like Jake Hughes, Abby Smith, and Andrea Reed said that they would love to participate in more school plays during their last couple years of high school. "I will most definatley be in more plays throughout high school at WCA, the play was soo fun! We had such a great time and we had the best cast you could ever want!" said freshman Andrea Reed.

Westminster's drama and theatre programs allowed students to have an outlet from school and stress. Next year at the new campus, Westminster planned to expand these programs even more. The drama students would be able to act on a even bigger stage than they were used to at the old campus. Whether it was a small or big play, every student who participated had the chance to express themselves.



Jake Hughes, junior, practices his role the Tuesday before the play's opening weekend. Hughes played the role of Ray.



Nate Cox, senior, holds his iron and prepares to make a hole in one during the dress rehearsal of 'Proposals.' Since Cox was a senior, he took every opportunity to perform each play offered at Westminster.



On the small stage of the Little Theatre, Ashley Lokey, senior, works on Josie's pottery while Jocelyn Sheffield, junior, looks on. In college, Lokey planned to major in fashion.



Bemoaning the latest misfortune in Josie's life, Ashley Lokey, senior, shows off her theatric talent. "This is the first play that we have had a stage manager who was in middle school," said Lokey. Harrison Farmer was their stage manager.

T. J Noa, sophomore, sits on a porch while pondering the next step in his character's life in the play "Proposals". "I enjoy participating in Westminster plays and I plan to continue participating," said Noa.



Improv Everywhere

As the lights dimmed, darkness engulfed the Little Theater. The doors were closed, everyone was in their place, and silence ensued. These were the subtle beginnings of Friday Night Improv. As every fan of Improv knew, the next hour and a half would erupt from its subdued start into wild antics, crowd-interactive games, heavy doses of comedy, and overall expressions of self through improvisation.

Improv, though, is not an average academy-sanctioned event. Those who run Friday Night Improv decided to throw in the usual twist: splitting open the normal rules for extra-curricular activities and allowing alumni to compete. Improv hosted separate nights that showcased the talents of Old Alumni versus New Alumni, as well as nights that pitted the alumni against the students themselves. Improver Andrew Gordon, junior, described alumni Improv as when, "WCA Improv alumni, from a span of around fifteen years ago or less compete against the Improv alumni of last year."

Improv students also patiently awaited the time when they would get to face the alumni. Before competing against the alumni, Ryan Kelly, sophomore, said that, "So far we are all pretty stoked." Gordon also gave his insight on working with alumni, "The more mature the people are that you work with, the more in-depth the scenes can become. You learn that improv is really a group effort, and not an individual effort to shine. Also, the alumni are more experienced in life, so they bring all sorts of new ideas to the table."

Whether working with alumni or not, those in Improv took their class to heart. "I would say that my favorite part of Improv is the people that I get to work with. It's amazing to see what we as a group can come up with on the spot on stage. To get better and better with many of the improvers is awesome. You can say many of us 'grew up' together learning improv, and it's just awesome when we do amazing because everybody has a certain gift they can give and nobody shines above each other. I'd say the guys and girls I work with is my favorite part," said Zach Hampton, junior.

Perhaps one day Hampton and the other improvers would receive the chance to compete in what they love, an improv event, as a returning alumni. Until that day they would continue to yell, make faces, jump, make jokes, have fun, and express themselves through the art of improvisation.



"I think that it's amusing and fun." -- Bryan Sanders, eighth grade



"Drama is like third grade recess all over again." -- Michael Nothum, sophomore



"I absolutely love it. It's a great part of my day." -- Trey Osterholt, sophomore



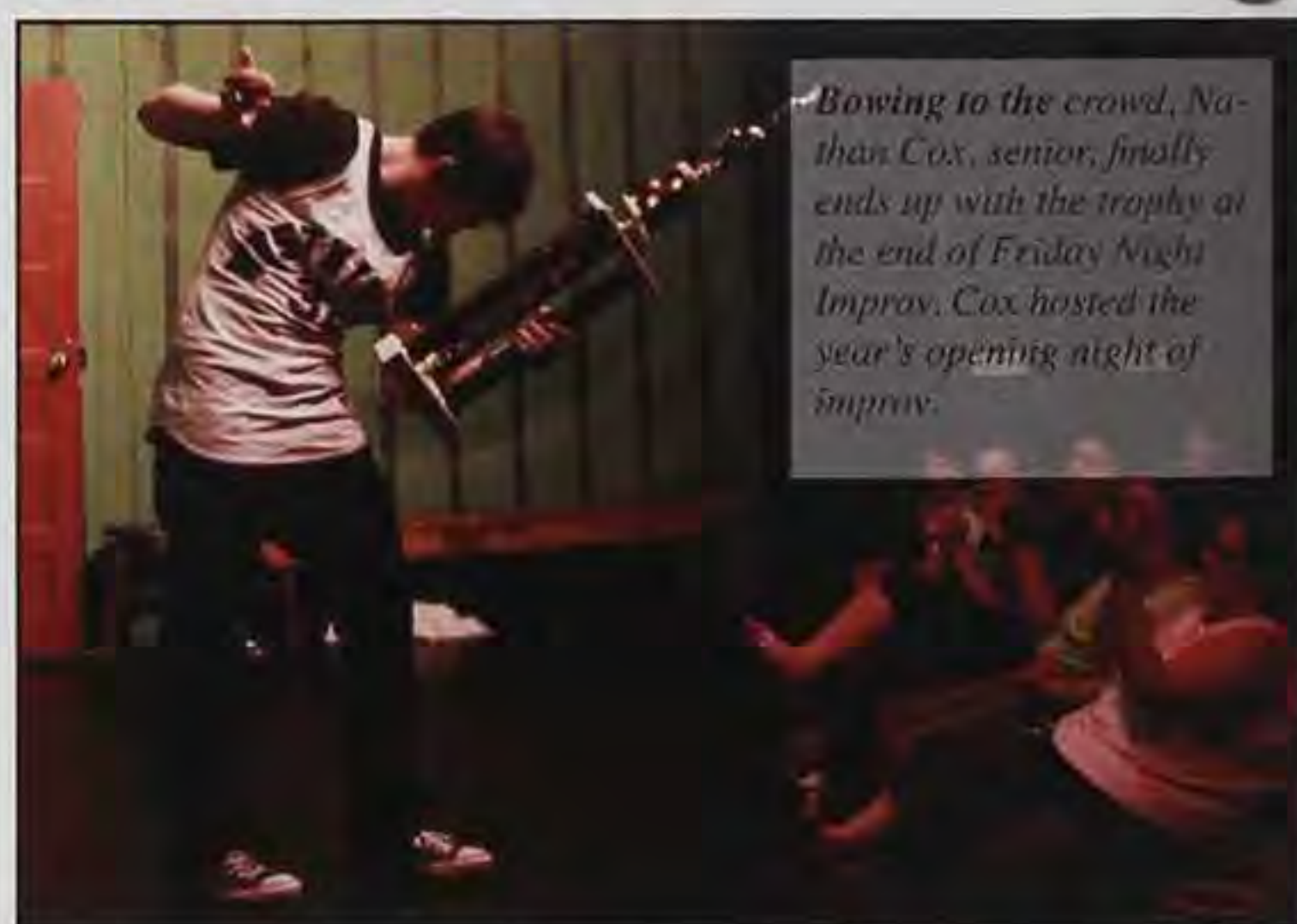
"The games are really funny. Everybody's really good." -- Jennifer Testrake, senior



"I like it. I like watching the plays. Overall, it's great." -- Lucas Silkey, sophomore



"Improv is fun because it's new every day. The variety is what makes it interesting." -- Jacob Chimento, 8th grade



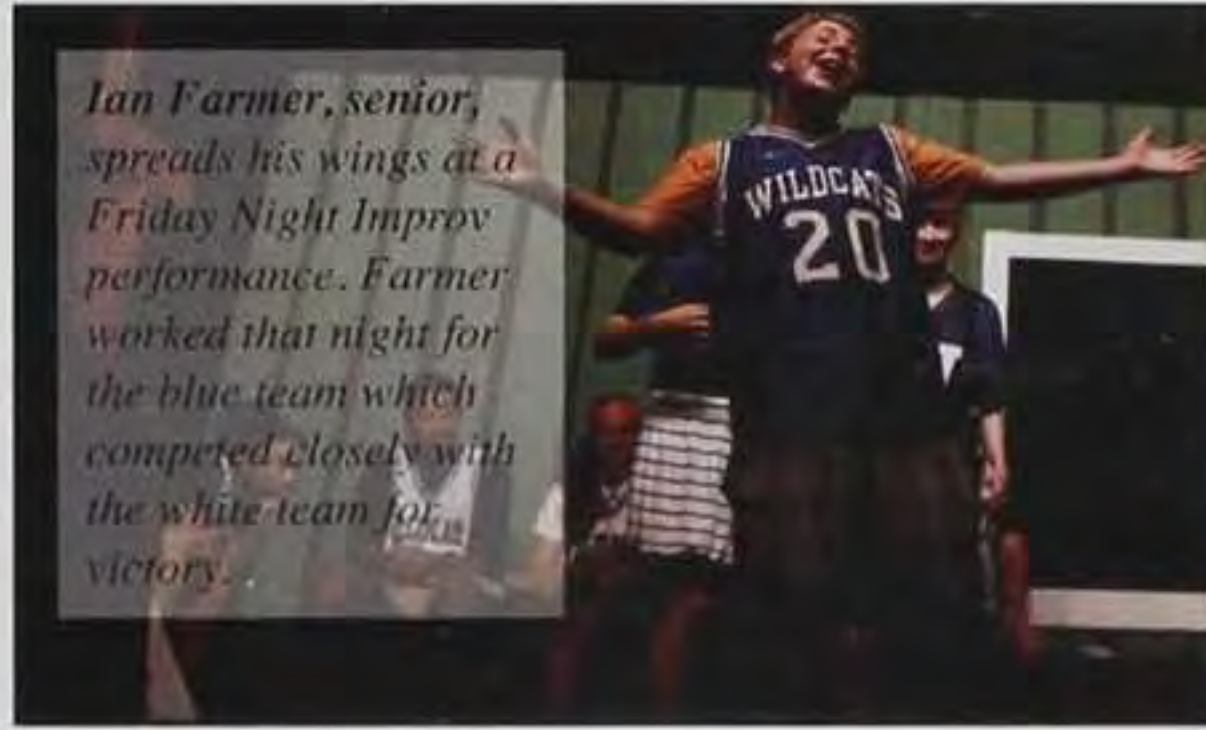
Bowing to the crowd, Nathan Cox, senior, finally ends up with the trophy at the end of Friday Night Improv. Cox hosted the year's opening night of improv.

Leaping off the stage, Ryan Kelly, sophomore, puts his emotion into action. Kelly and the team practiced the delivery of their punch lines during class.





Daniel Moore, senior, puts on the face of improvisation as he participates in an improv class. Ila Klemm, drama teacher, supervised and ran the class and all of the practices.



Ian Farmer, senior, spreads his wings at a Friday Night Improv performance. Farmer worked that night for the blue team which competed closely with the white team for victory.

Dropping low and cruising in his improv car, Zach Hampton, junior, takes part in a skit during Friday Night Improv. Hampton appeared in this opening scene on the first Improv night of the year.



Justine Doiron, junior, spends time consoling a friend during a skit at an Improv practice. Doiron participated in Friday Night Improv for the second year in a row.

Paris Watson, sophomore, practices on stage during class. Watson took part in a game in which the improv actors had to read an imaginary card that would be awkward or funny to receive.



Raising her finger at a friend on stage, Sarah Yousef, sophomore, practices for improv. The improv group would split up into two teams on Friday nights which competed against each other and used the crowd's suggestions for games.



Katherine Hickman, senior, participates in a pep rally after school on the practice field. "I am proud to be a Westminster Wildcat because of the school spirit we have and school unity even during intense competition," said Hickman.



Caleb Krumsieg, freshman, celebrates the completion of Spirit Week by eating pizza at a Spirit Club meeting. Krumsieg was the freshman class Spirit chair.



Erinn Flowers, senior, relaxes after another successful year of Spirit Week at a meeting. Each year, one week after Spirit Week ended, the Spirit Club got together to hang out and have pizza.



Nick Frogge, seventh grade, dances in boys poms during Spirit Week. The seventh grade placed fifth in boys poms. "One funny thing that happened was when all of the moms had to practice the dance in front of us," said Frogge.



Brianna DeGroot, sophomore, cheers for the girls' varsity basketball team. A large portion of the school showed up to the game because the winners of Spirit Week were announced right after the game.



Celeste Beckman, freshman, runs down the gym during the beach ball and noodle race. The spirit club worked extremely hard to plan all the new games that took place this year during Spirit Week.



Jonathan Kinney, freshman, participates in a spirit week game called Chocolate Unicorn. The goal of the game was to stack all six of the cookies on your forehead the fastest.



"I like being a Westminster Wildcat because our school has so much school spirit!"
-Claire Nichols, seventh grade



"My favorite part about spirit week is getting out of class early and going crazy."
-Maegan Nelson, junior



"My favorite part about going to a school sports game is getting quality bonding time with my fellow school members."
-Nathan Jackson, freshman



"I love going to school games because I get to see my friends and the games are always exciting to watch."
-Shon Davis, 7th grade



"I love going to school sports games because of the whole atmosphere. It's great to see everyone outside of the school day."
-Blake Armstrong, junior



"I like being a wildcat because we have so much spirit... especially during spirit week!"
-Brandon Estock, sophomore

The Tale of 6 Men

Why make a typical entrance to a boys Varsity basketball game when you can come hours before the game to camp out? That is exactly what a group of junior and senior guys did before the last home basketball game of the men's varsity season. Steven Fitzgerald, Zach Schopp, and Daniel Moore, seniors and Kevin Vandekamp, Landon Burke, and David Thomas, juniors trotted into the new gym in the middle of a jv girls basketball practice. They walked up to Mallory Scholten, jv girls basketball coach, and asked her if it was okay if they set up their tent in the gym. Scholten gave them her approval and they began to set up.

Once they were settled in the tent, they entertained themselves by making a video where they acted like they were in the wilderness and the girls outside the tent practicing were the bears. The guys even got the chance to play defense on the girls as the team practiced in-bounds plays.

"They definitely made it harder and revealed our weaknesses but it was a lot of fun!" said Hannah Caple, freshman.

By the time the actual basketball game began, the group of guys was already there and ready to cheer on the team with an abundance of school spirit.

"Our goal was to build a new Blue Crew tradition after some slower years, and I think we succeeded," said Kevin Vandekamp, junior. "The tent might just become a spirit night tradition as long as the coaches and teachers let us put it up again," said Vandekamp.

The team pulled out a win, defeating Duchesne.



The Westminster Wildcat cheers on the Varsity football team at a home game. As their class gift to the school, the class of 2008 gave the school a new Wildcat mascot uniform when they graduated.



Julia Harre, seventh grade, performs "Joyful, Joyful" during the seventh grade lip sync. "I liked the final performance because it was exciting and I loved being with friends," said Harre.

Audrey O'Neill, seventh grade, throws her hands in the air during the Friday assembly of Spirit Week. "I really love watching the other grade's blue man stomp, lip sync, and boys poms performances," said O'Neill.



Steven Davis and Patrick Farmer, sophomores, cheer on their fellow classmates. "My favorite part of Spirit Week is in between hallways which I have been part of since seventh grade or blue man which is what I am doing next year," said Farmer.

Steven Howell, Alex Kessel, and Julian Adams, eighth grade, fill up their plates at the buffet prepared by the parents. The students had choices of pizza, cookies, chips, and a soda.



Concentrating on the road, Jack Linton, seventh grade, drives during an arcade game. "I enjoyed the day and had a lot of fun with my friends," said Linton.



Nick Frogge and Cortez Davis, seventh grade, wait their turn to bowl at Brunswick Bowling Alley.



Christian Meeks, eighth grade, eats food while waiting to bowl. The parents provided an all-you-can-eat buffet during the bowling session.



Claire Rebbe, seventh grade, celebrates as if she gets a strike. In actuality seven pins were left standing.



Taking her turn, Morgan Winklemeyer, eighth grade, prepares to bowl. "I really liked cosmic bowling. It was better than regular bowling," said Winklemeyer.

Two Parties, One Night

Movies, pizza and bowling were the only things on the minds of the seventh and eighth graders that attended the Annual Middle School Christmas Party. "It was fun and very entertaining," said Caleb Mundorf, eighth grade. He was one of the many middle schoolers who was high off sugar and ready to have a good time.

Starting the night off with bowling at Brunswick Bowling Alley, students hung out for a couple of hours by eating pizza and competing in games. Later, students headed to the Des Peres Movie Theatre to watch the *Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*.

"Though I enjoyed bowling, I wish we would have been able to do something else besides watching the movie," said Mundorf.

"It seemed like we were only able to bowl and watch the movie, and that was it," agreed Mason Daitt, seventh grade.

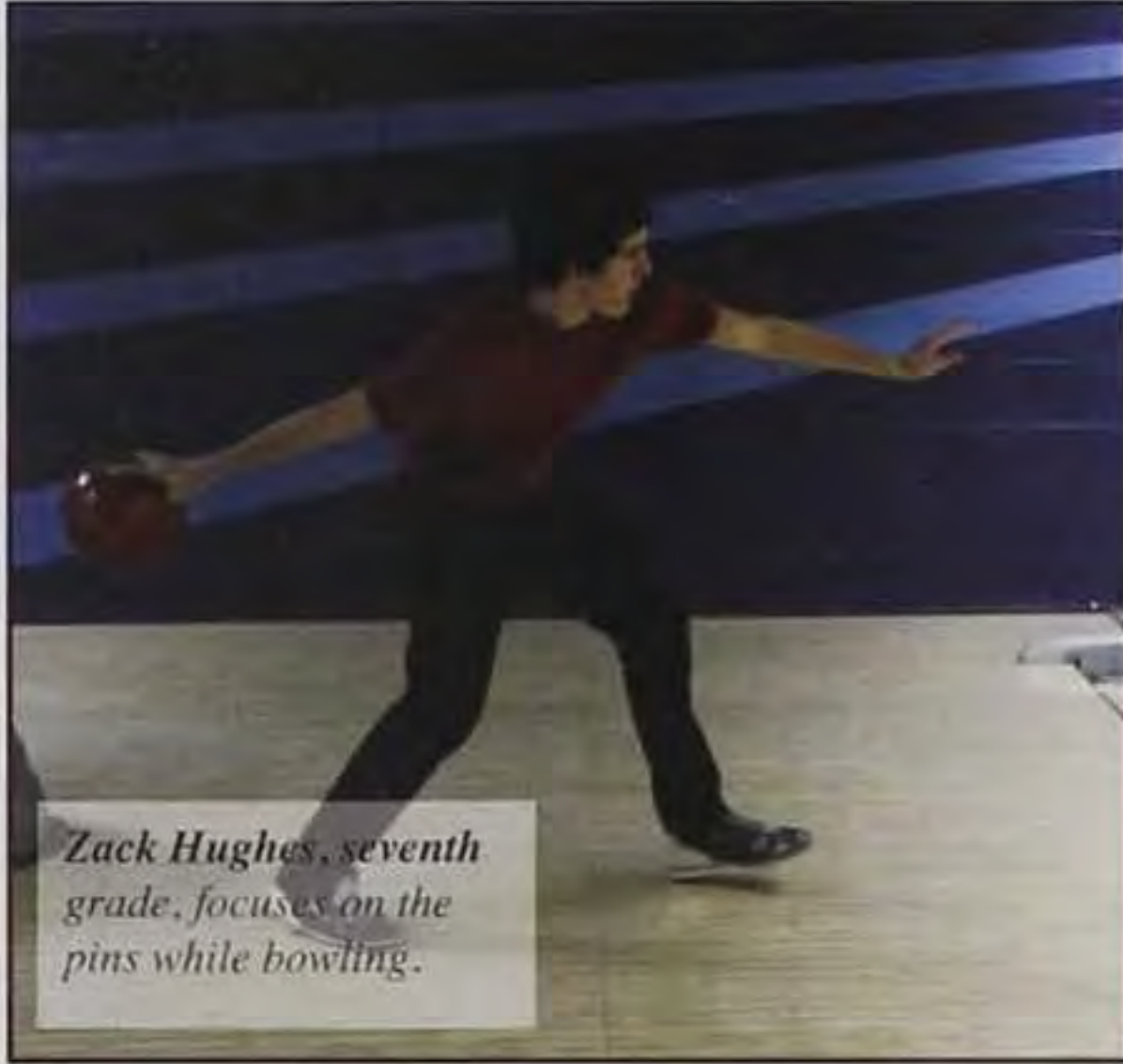
Though most students attended the party, there are always some students who wished that the night could have been better. Students last year felt like there was more of a plethora of activities that they all enjoyed participating in. Despite fewer activities but more venues, the middle school Christmas party still succeeded in giving students the opportunity to hang out and get to know others outside of the usual school atmosphere.

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Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader at the Des Peres Theater
Bowling at Brunswick Bowling Alley

2009

Lock-In at The Incredible Pizza Company



Zack Hughes, seventh grade, focuses on the pins while bowling.



Bennett Bell and Matt McDaniel, seniors, talk with the other senior peer counselors. The senior peer counselors were present at the middle school party as chaperones.



Before entering the movie theatre, Lexi Einertson, seventh grade, hangs out with her friends. Both the seventh and eighth grade classes went to see "The Voyage of the Dawn Treader" before heading off to the bowling alley.



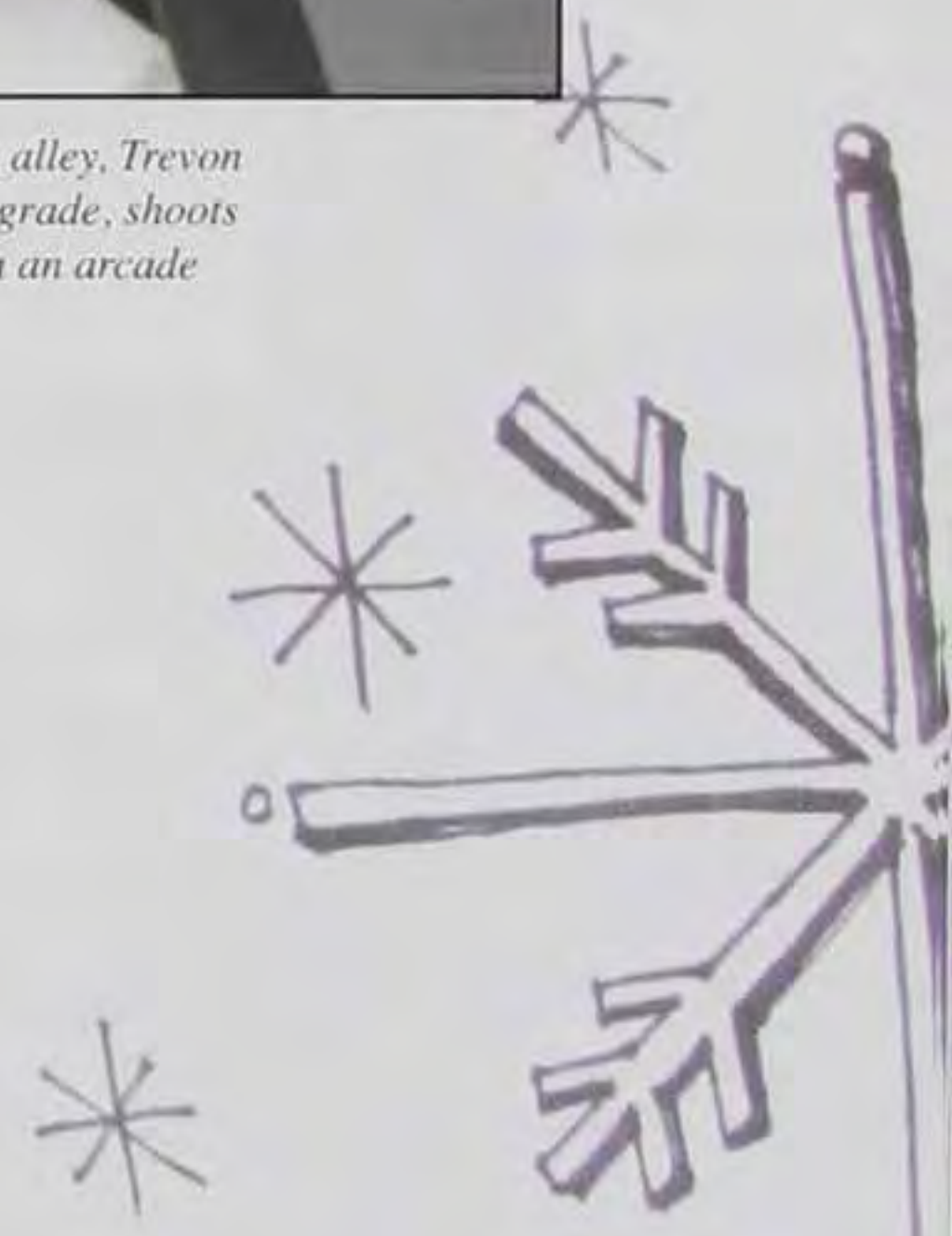
Faith Adamson, Maggie Dare, and Caroline Holden, seventh grade,, choose their bowling balls. "The Christmas Party was really fun this year," said Adamson.



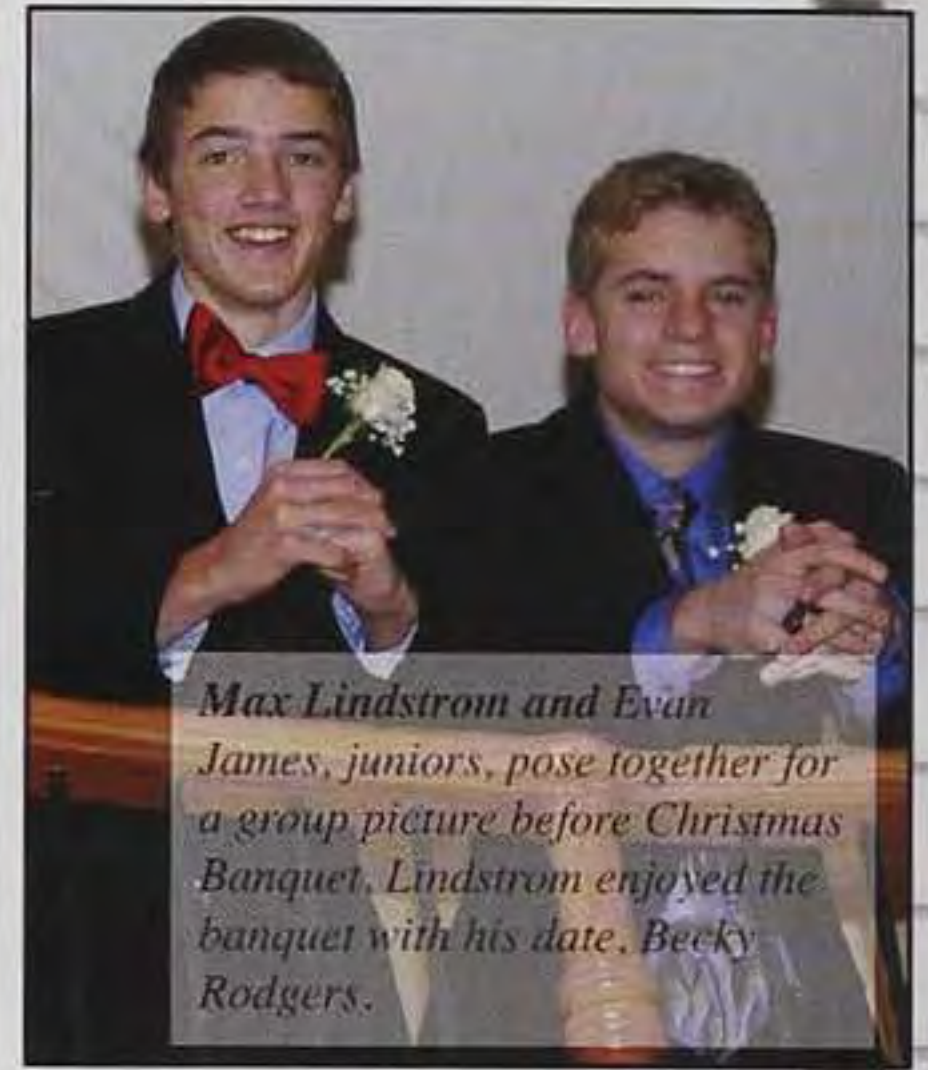
Jacob Wilson, seventh grade, prepares to bowl. "I wish we would have been able to have the week before to just hang out and have fun," said Wilson.

Zack Schultz and Mason Daitt, seventh grade, accumulate more snacks before the movie. "I really wanted to bowl more, but it was still fun," said Daitt.

At the bowling alley, Trevon Gooch, eighth grade, shoots his opponent in an arcade game.



During the Rock Band parody video, Gordon Younkin, junior, plays the drums. Younkin enjoyed preparing for the parody.



Max Lindstrom and Evan James, juniors, pose together for a group picture before Christmas Banquet. Lindstrom enjoyed the banquet with his date, Becky Rodgers.

Joann Johnson and Becky Rodgers, juniors, take pictures at a friends house before heading out to Christmas Banquet. They gathered at Rebecca Krause's house with seventeen of their friends before the banquet.



Annie Hartwig, Mattie Drury, and Jabri Boyd, sophomores, pose for a picture at Hartwig's house. After the banquet they came back to Hartwig's house to hang out and have some more fun.



The Varsity baseball team poses together at Christmas banquet. They anticipated a great season together in the spring.



Dani Dykstra and Hannah Hoekzema, juniors, take a picture together before Christmas Banquet. "It was fun to dress up for CB because we don't get to dress up that often," said Dykstra.



Bursting into laughter, Elise Hearne, sophomore, hangs out with her friends at her Christmas Banquet table. This was Hearne's second time attending Christmas Banquet.



Maegan Nelson and Rebecca Krause, juniors, stand arm in arm before heading out with their friends to the banquet. Nelson had fun getting ready with Krause before the banquet.



Tim Burgess, sophomore, stands guard at the entrance of the banquet. He volunteered to dress up and take the character of a London Guard at the beginning of Christmas Banquet. "It's a lot more challenging than it looks", said Burgess.

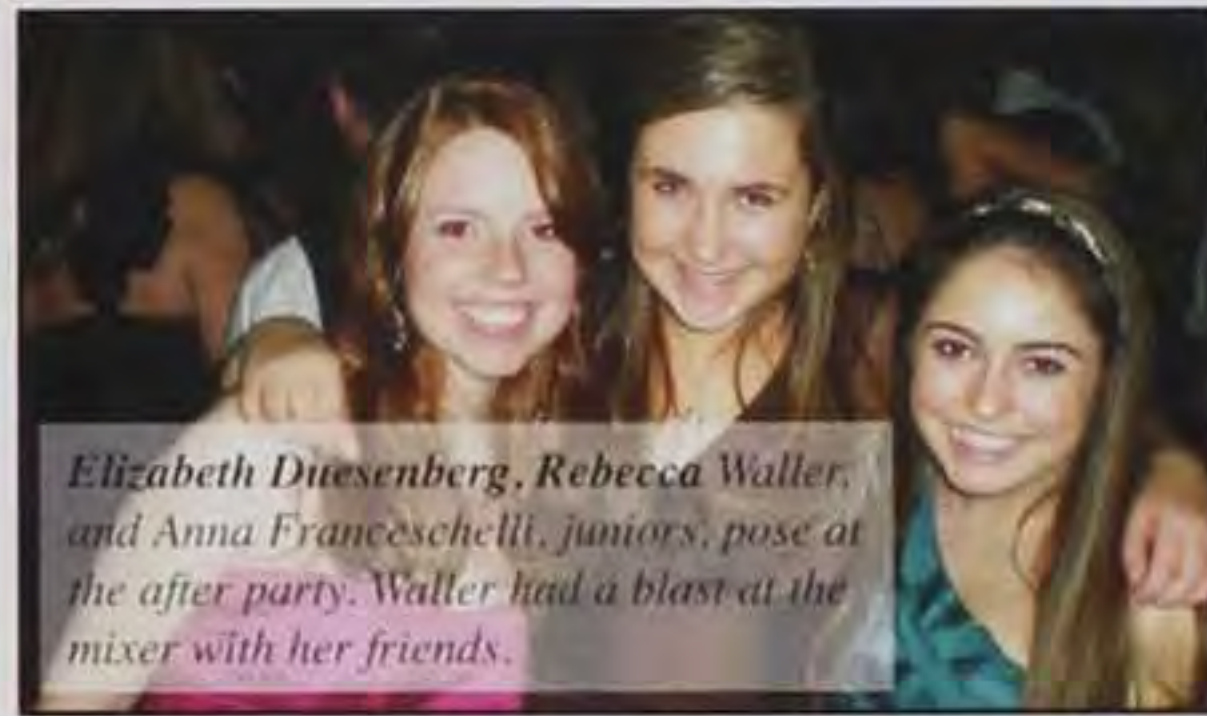
Martha Guariglia, junior, looks for her table seating at The Sheraton at Westport before the banquet. Guariglia liked getting dressed up with her friends.



Steven Bosch, junior, strums a guitar during the music video. He enjoyed the chance to perform at the banquet.



Kevin O'Leary, junior, walks in to the foyer at The Sheraton at Westport before the banquet. This was O'Leary's third year attending Christmas Banquet. He enjoyed the banquet and planned on attending next year.



Elizabeth Duesenberg, Rebecca Waller, and Anna Franceschelli, juniors, pose at the after party. Waller had a blast at the mixer with her friends.



Emily Horak and Emily Schroeder, sophomores, strike a pose before leaving to attend the Christmas Banquet. They enjoyed getting ready together before hand.

Kiss the Guard

Imagine dressing up as a Buckingham Palace guard and standing poker-faced for thirty minutes. Tim Burgess, sophomore, proved this to be a difficult task during this year's Christmas Banquet, while many students tried to make him smile or move.

The theme of the banquet revolved around the Buckingham Palace with a "missing crown" video, London guards and The Beatles. Burgess volunteered to make the theme as realistic as possible by impersonating a guard.

"The weirdest thing that happened was a guy tried to kiss me. It was awkward, but very funny," said Burgess. Besides kissing, others played around with his hat and unbuttoned his shirt. Many took pictures with him and acted as if he were a real guard in London.

"It was very hard to stand still, and the thirty minutes went by slow for me," said Burgess.



"The best part of the banquet was when John Hancock rapped, poking fun at students. It was really funny" -Mari Knehans, senior



"The after party was definitely the best part of the night. I had so much fun with all of my friends" -Anna Cordray, freshman



"I really enjoyed getting dressed up with all my friends, but the dance after the banquet was by far my favorite part of the night" -Lauren Vanek, freshman



"The mixer is one of my favorite parts of the night. I love to act silly with my friends and have a good time." -Amber Draper, sophomore



"I didn't attend CB this year, but I am excited to experience it senior year" -Isaac Wachsmuth, junior



"I had a ton of fun with my date. We went on this awesome party bus- definitely the highlight of my night." -Reid Keech, senior



"Because Christmas Banquet is one of the few times we get to dress up, I'd have to say I really enjoyed that part" -Kimmy Munoz, senior

Displaying the Self-Defense category of Tae Kwan Do, Dong-Jae Lee, junior, exhibits a side-kick. "I love Tae Kwan Do because it just makes me feel happy," said Lee.

Sang-A Park, senior, flips Dong-Jae Lee, sophomore. Park did Tae Kwan Do for seven years while living in Korea. "Kicking people is a good way to relieve stress, so I really like Tae Kwan Do," said Park.

Jun-Young Oh, junior, and Sang-A Park, senior, perform a choreographed fight for the student body during Spirit Week. These were Oh's favorite techniques to show, but he admitted they were dangerous. "I've gotten hit a lot because I forget a move or am not fast enough. It really hurts," said Oh.



Jun-Young Oh, junior, breaks two boards of wood with his feet. "The Westminster students and I enjoyed their performance. Most of us had never seen anything like it, so it was awesome to see something different from their culture," said John Barry, sophomore.



Jun-Young Oh, junior, performs a "Yup-Chagi." While in South Korea, Oh practiced Tae Kwan Do for 9 years.



Dong-Jae Lee, sophomore, prepares mentally. "Tae Kwan Do has made me stronger because it's just as mental as it is physical," said Lee. Lee practiced Tae Kwan Do for eight years while living in Korea.



Dong-Jae Lee, sophomore, exhibits his form while doing a move called "Ap-Chagi." While living in Korea Lee focused on form called Tae Kwan Do.



Tae Kwan Show

As Dani Butler, head of Westminster's International Admissions, told Dong-Jae Lee, sophomore, Jun-young Oh, junior, and Sang-A Park, senior, they would be performing for the Westminster community, the three Tae Kwan Do competitors knew they had a lot of preparations to take care of.

They decided to go to a Tae Kwan Do gym at the Mills mall to choreograph a routine displaying Tae Kwan Do's three parts: sparring, form, and breaking. As the long day of practicing progressed, the three decided it was time to take a break by satisfying their hunger at the food court.

As they got closer to their destination, a mall security cop stopped them and asked for their ages. Though Park was seventeen, the others were only sixteen and fifteen, meaning that they needed to be accompanied by an adult. "You all need to leave now," said the officer. But Park would not accept this answer: "I was so mad," said Park, "so I asked if we could we please go get our food and then go straight back to the gym." The cop refused to grant this request and, in frustration, called two more mall cops to come and talk to the three boys.

"This is so weird that we're getting in trouble for this. Why do they care?" said Oh, as the other cops approached. However, the cops made it clear that this was a "big deal," and they sent them back to the gym to continue practicing with no food in their bodies.

"I just wanted them to take it easy on us," said Lee, "but it was kind of fun to have our first interaction with American cops."

Nevertheless, through their highly anticipated Tae Kwan Do performances, they proved that they could produce incredible routines even without eating dinner: "Everyone at Westminster was so amazed. These students are generally reserved, so to see them out there breaking boards and kicking everywhere was pretty cool," said Elise Burton, freshman. Even under inconvenient circumstances and through awkward interactions, Lee, Oh, and Park amazed the Westminster community and exhibited a large part of their Korean culture.

HOW TAE KWAN DO WORKS:

SPARRING: This is all about the fighting. Opponents put on armor and kick each other. They get 2 points for kicking opponent in the head, and 1 point for kicking in the stomach.

FORM: Competitors display some of the 20 plus forms of Tae Kwan Do. They get points for having strong, sharp, perfect form.

BREAKING: No points are distributed in this area. Competitors must break boards by using the proper etiquette of kicking.



Sang-A Park, senior, kicks a wooden board in front of the student body. "[This move] really amped up WCA. It was really exciting," said Brendin Loveland, junior.



Doing a back flip, Jun-Young Oh, junior, kicks and breaks two apples with his feet. "[Oh's flip] was my favorite part of the entire performance. It was really neat that he could do that considering how hard it was," said Caleb Curry, seventh grade.

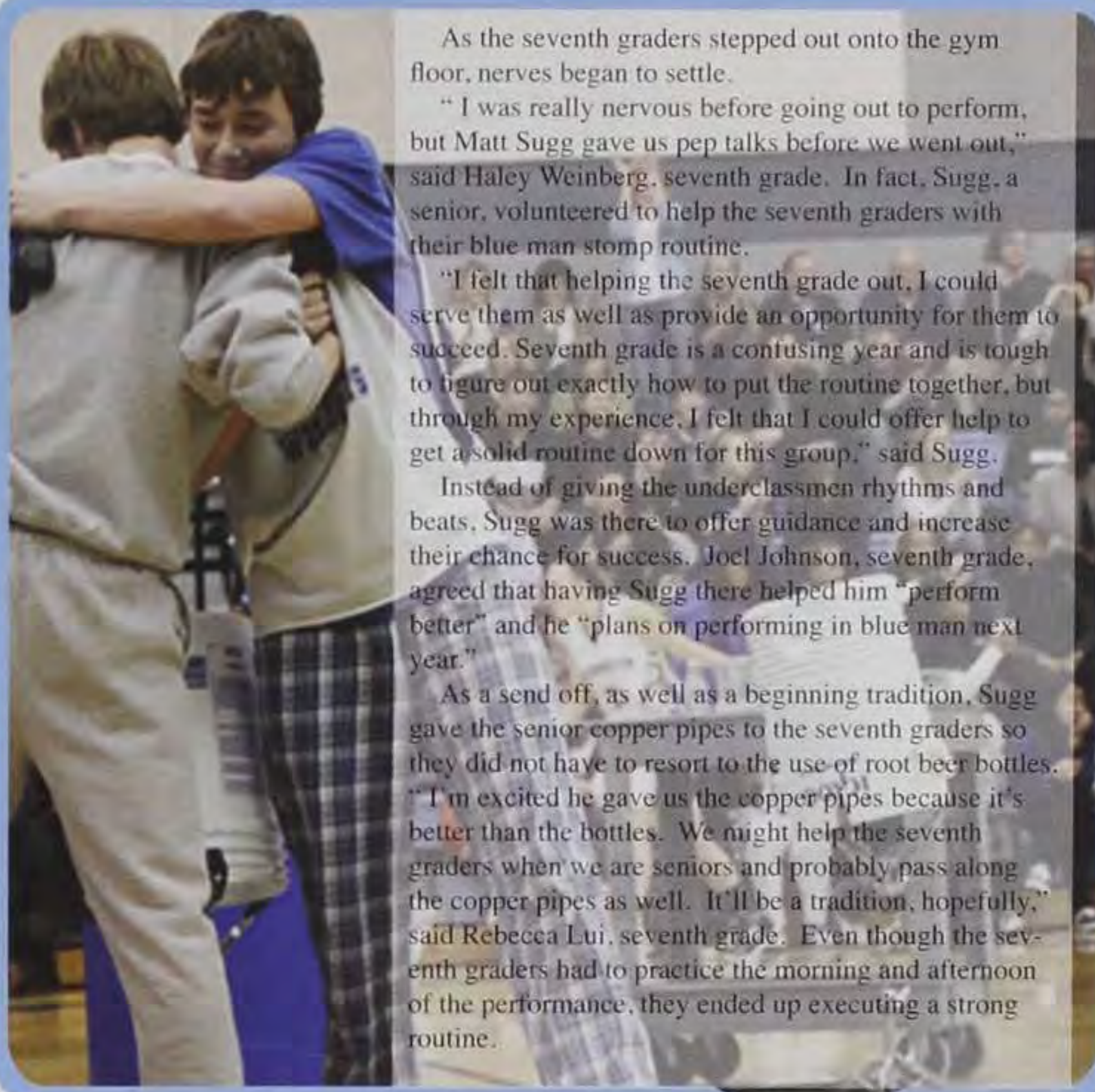


On Community Night, Nick Ramos, junior, performed in blue man stomp for Westminster parents. The juniors did a Michael Jackson medly including the songs of "Thriller," "Smooth Criminal," and "Billie Jean." Ramos and Matt Brugner, junior, had been leading blue man for 5 years.

Haley Weinberg and Zach Hughes, seventh grade, perform on Friday for Westminster. The seventh grade came in fourth place, edging out the eighth grade.



During school, Matt Baldwin, John Hunsicker, and Timmy Miller, seniors, present their blue man stomp for the student body. Spirit Week 2011 was the fourth consecutive year that the class of 2011 came in first place for blue man stomp. Matthew Sugg and Andre Cataldo, seniors, had led the class to victory every year.



As the seventh graders stepped out onto the gym floor, nerves began to settle.

"I was really nervous before going out to perform, but Matt Sugg gave us pep talks before we went out," said Haley Weinberg, seventh grade. In fact, Sugg, a senior, volunteered to help the seventh graders with their blue man stomp routine.

"I felt that helping the seventh grade out, I could serve them as well as provide an opportunity for them to succeed. Seventh grade is a confusing year and is tough to figure out exactly how to put the routine together, but through my experience, I felt that I could offer help to get a solid routine down for this group," said Sugg.

Instead of giving the underclassmen rhythms and beats, Sugg was there to offer guidance and increase their chance for success. Joel Johnson, seventh grade, agreed that having Sugg there helped him "perform better" and he "plans on performing in blue man next year."

As a send off, as well as a beginning tradition, Sugg gave the senior copper pipes to the seventh graders so they did not have to resort to the use of root beer bottles. "I'm excited he gave us the copper pipes because it's better than the bottles. We might help the seventh graders when we are seniors and probably pass along the copper pipes as well. It'll be a tradition, hopefully," said Rebecca Lui, seventh grade. Even though the seventh graders had to practice the morning and afternoon of the performance, they ended up executing a strong routine.

1 Bobby Breneman, sophomore, rips his shirt off during blue man stomp. "We decided to go out with a bang," said Breneman.

2 During Community Night, Becky Weiss, junior, performed for the 4th time in blue man stomp. It took Weiss 3.5 hours to create her contraption.

3 Ricky Breneman, eighth grade, runs around during blue man stomp on Friday. The eighth grade came in fourth place.

4 Louis Kohrs, David Thomas, and Drew Hillemeier, juniors, cheer for their class during ballon stomp. The juniors came in first place.

5 On the first Monday of Spirit Week, Nick Rosen, freshman, participates in the hula hoop race. The freshman came in 5th place.

6 Shaking salt and pepper on their "meals," Robert Rasche and Abby Smith, freshmen, perform blue man stomp. "I loved how the hard work paid off," said Rasche.

7 Julian Adams, eighth grade, cheers for his class after eighth grade performed their blue man stomp. Eighth grade came in fifth place.



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Carl Simakoff, eighth grade, pretends to be a puppet during eighth grade's marionette themed boys poms routine. The eighth grade was led by Rachel Ritter and Emily Broyles, eighth graders, and they came in fourth place.



During the sophomore's boys poms, Bryce Bell, sophomore, is carried by Cole Montgomery, sophomore. The sophomore's received first place with their Superman themed routine.



Hayden Harper, senior, stacks Oreos on his forehead for the "Minute to Win It" challenge. The seniors came in first place.

On the second Monday of Spirit Week, Josh Bae, junior, dances to the junior's airplane themed routine. The junior boys were led by Anna Franceschelli, Maggie Duffy, and Meg Rasche, juniors, and they came in second place.



Andy Thomas, freshman, performs a back-flip in the center of the floor. "I learned how to do a backflip from youtube, and practicing on a trampoline," said Thomas.

Winter



Benjamin Stratton, senior, jumps over Steffano Chavez, senior, during their boys poms routine. "My favorite part of the routine was jumping onto Ryan Alice's shoulders from the ground," said Stratton.



1 *The seventh grade boys poms dip in a circle during their first performance. Their theme was Hawaiian surfers, they placed 5th overall.*

2 *Ben Lovell, sophomore, completes a jump during boys poms. "My favorite part was ripping open our shirts to reveal the Superman logo," said Lovell.*



3 *Estelle Harrington, freshman, talks to Jenni Jurgenson, freshman, during the balloon stomp on Tuesday. Harrington was a Fresh exchange student second semester.*

4 *Anna Becker and Elizabeth Miller, seniors, cheer after the senior's blue man routine. "[The senior's performance] on Friday was absolutely fantastic and did not disappoint our high expectations," said Becker.*



5 *Andrea Reed, freshman, races down the court during the beach ball and swim noodle race. "[The game] was kind of challenging because the noodle was unstable," said Reed.*

6 *Caleb Curry, seventh grade, cheers after the seventh graders performed their blue man stomp. The seventh grade came in fifth place.*



Walking into the gym on Monday afternoon, most sophomores were reminded of their boys poms disqualification from the previous year. This would be the year for a comeback. "Everyone wanted to make up for last year and show that our grade could come together and create something awesome. The first place this year wouldn't have been as sweet without the last place last year," said Parker Briden, sophomore.

While the goal was to get a second or third place standing, the sophomore class topped their goal with first place. Led by Grace Linton, Valerie Chavez and Emily Mitchell, sophomores, the sophomore boy's poms put in many hours in order to prove their full potential as a class and make a lasting impression. "We put a lot into the practices. We had some one hour practices that were great, but we also had some 3-4 hour practices that really helped us get the routine down and make us better," said Jay Pannkuk, sophomore.

Moreover, the theme helped the grade lock in their first place standing. Linton came up with the Superman theme which conveniently tied in with their lip sync as well, with "I Need a Hero," from Shrek 2. "It's pretty funny because I was spending so much time thinking of what to do that sometimes I would wake up in the middle of the night with ideas. That was one of the better ideas that I came up with," said Linton. Once Linton confirmed the idea with Hughes and the other leaders, they began to work hard to accomplish the overall theme and routine.

Once the boys started performing their routine, the girl's began to feel proud of their hard work. "I definitely thought we were going to win, I thought the boys did amazing and I got chills just watching them perform. I thought the juniors were really good too but I had a feeling we would win," said Chavez. The first place win was the "icing on the cake" and everyone started screaming and jumping on each other. Everyone was going insane in our big huddle. It was such a great feeling!" recalled Emily Mitchell, sophomore.

Zero to Hero

Snowpocalypse

As spirit week approached, students anticipated a full week of games, performances and competition. However, with the sudden snow and ice storm, the week was postponed. Students showed up to school dressed up as fictional characters on Monday, January 31, but school was dismissed at noon due to the weather. Many students felt discouraged by the postponement of spirit week and wondered how the rest of the week would play out.

"I felt it ruined spirit week. Spirit week is not the same if it is not done in all one week. But I am happy that [the administrators] allowed us to actually have it with the snow days," said Addison Williams, junior.

In fact, Dr. Jim Sefreit and the rest of the administrator team put in hours of hard work to come up with a flexible schedule.

"We felt like we had to put something out that Tuesday, so we made contingency plans. It was difficult to find a balance between involving the most students, parents and catching up on schoolwork; it was demanding," said Sefreit.

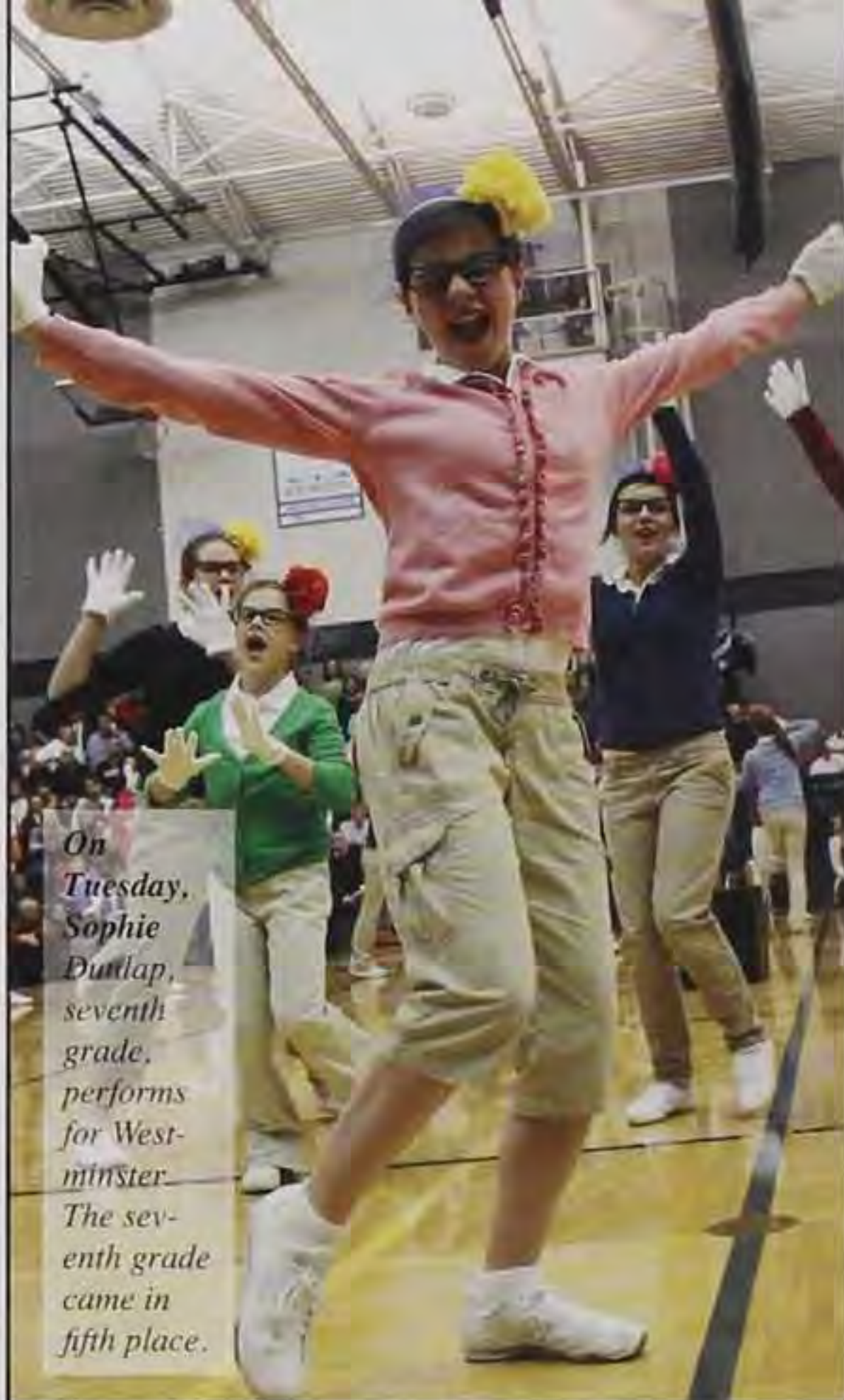
While stuck at home, conversations circulated the Internet about whether spirit week should be moved to the following week, rather than splitting the week in half. Having an older brother, Andy Thomas, freshman, had experienced parts of spirit week. But since this was his first spirit week, he "would have rather had spirit week all in one week" and "homework derailed the spirit week." However, Sefreit and other faculty members would not consider moving it all to the following week.

"There were a lot of problems doing it the next week. It was a matter of involving most of the community; it worked out that the big spirit night would be the night of the last Varsity girl's home game. It worked out perfectly that way," said Sefreit.

Many changes had to be made in order to fit most of the spirit week activities. A few games were omitted from the schedule, thus only having one full afternoon of games. Students came back to school that Thursday, February 3, as if it were a Tuesday. Competitions continued in the same order, but the big spirit night was moved to the following Tuesday. Instead of watching the men's varsity basketball compete on a Friday night, students gathered to support the Lady Wildcats. To most, this year was a let down for the senior boys on the varsity team.

"We were mostly upset for the seniors, because every year the basketball team, especially seniors, look forward to that game. So for it to be moved to the next week, I felt for the seniors. But the girls deserve it, most of them come to our games so it was our turn to support them," said Connor Fleming, junior and varsity basketball player.

Even though that Friday wasn't spirit night, the team still had a large turnout due to the ongoing support of the student body.



On Tuesday, Sophie Duttlap, seventh grade, performs for Westminster. The seventh grade came in fifth place.



1 On Pride Night, Kori Schlitt, senior, performs the senior lip sync. The Seniors came in first place with their Newsies theme.

2 Joseph Collins, junior, runs out as the song begins. Collins was portraying the character Timon.

3 Janie Hughes, eighth grade, jumps and claps to the beat. "I liked our neon outfits. They were cool" said Hughes.

4 Entering during the freshmen lip sync, Audrey Dodds, Beckah Sharp, and Emily Baum, freshmen, perform during school. The freshmen danced to a song from "The Goofy Movie."



5 Dancing to "I Need a Hero," the sophomore class performs their lip sync during school on Tuesday. The sophomores were led by Annie Hartwig, Natalie Bell, Mary Snapp, and Shelby Kehr, sophomores. They tied for second place with the juniors.





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Laura Hammann, Martha Guaglia, and Rachel Porter, juniors, dance to the Lion King medley. "My favorite part of lip sync was the music. I thought it was really good this year," said Hammann.



On the first Monday of Spirit Week, Tim Svoboda, junior, Participates in the game "Minute to win it." The juniors tied for fourth place.

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Azaria Foster, seventh grade, participated in tug-of-war. The seventh grade girls came in third place for tug-of-war.



On Community Night, the seventh grade presents their lip sync to Westminster parents for the first time. Seventh grade placed fifth place in lip sync.



The seniors perform their lip sync on Spirit Night. Seniors placed first in lip sync, and were able to perform after the girl's basketball game against Duschene High School.

Jaw Dropper

The press was on. With just fifteen seconds left in the first half, the girls of the 8th grade A Basketball team wanted to gain some points before they took their half-time break. As the Greenpark Lutheran School team brought the ball down and time clicked away, Kayla Clay, eighth grade, snatched the ball away from the point guard.

"The team was so excited when I stole the ball but I tried to gain composure and focus," said Clay.

Quickly and calmly, she passed the ball to Caroline Welch, eighth grade. Realizing there was only 2 seconds remaining, Welch thought, "dangit, I have to shoot even though it's not going to go in," but she shot from her half-court position anyways. Hearts of the audience dropped and voices raised as

the buzzer went off and the half-court shot found its way inside the basket.

"We all went crazy and got super hyped up when the ball went in," said Emily Broyles, eighth grade. However, not only did it fill the team with sheer joy, but it also gave them "hope that [they] could win the game," said Broyles.

Though they were unable to pull out a victory in the end, this became the highlight of the season and the girls ceased to forget the once in a lifetime shot that was made.

Annie Backs, seventh grade, goes up for a lay up before the game on February 11.



Alysse Tarantino, seventh grade shoots a lay up during warm ups.



The eighth grade girls' experiences with coach Josh West:

"He acts like a 5 year old, it's hilarious."
-Allie Handler, eighth grade

"One time when his team scored he jumped off the stage and started jumping up and down like a monkey."
-Emily Sulewski, eighth grade

"He makes jokes a lot which I like because instead of being embarrassed about making a mistake, he makes me laugh about it."
-Ali Montgomery, eighth grade

CRAZY WEST



Sarah McFarland, eighth grade dribbles past the Zion Lutheran opponent. She played a "small forward" for the eighth grade A team. "Sarah is a fun, strong player," said teammate Lauren Aldridge, eighth grade.



Caroline Welch, eighth grade shoots before the Rockwood opponents can block her shot. Welch played "point" for the eighth grade A team. This was her first year playing in this position.



Lauren Lindgren, seventh grade, looks for someone to pass to at the game against Parkway South. "We can always count on Lauren to give us strong passes" said teammate, Hannah Fiala, seventh grade.



Quickly, Madaline Ross, eighth grade, shoots the ball. "Whenever an opponent is trying to block my shot I feel a lot of pressure and just try to shoot as fast as I can," said Ross. This method worked for her and she scored two points for her team.

On a breakaway, Sarah Jane Fiala, eighth grade dribbles the ball down the court. Though the eighth grade B team lost this game, game coach Josh West "helped the girls learn from their mistakes" said West.



Azaria Foster, seventh grade, shoots over two defenders on February 11. Foster played post for the seventh grade A team. She was able to "create more plays and get more playing time because [she] was taller and had an advantage," said Foster.

Lauren Massot, seventh grade dribbles past the Webster opponent. Though she normally did not play point guard, the team enjoyed it when she did because she "switches up which side she dribbles to" said teammate, Ciarra Hampton, seventh grade.

Watching the action, Haley Woolbright, freshman, sits out a game because of her broken foot. "Some girl stepped on it in a game against Ursuline," said Woolbright of her injury. Fortunately, she was able to return to regular gameplay and practices by late January.



Looking to her post player, Kaylie Duke, sophomore, passes around her John Burroughs opponent. "Regardless of the record, it was the best team, and season, I have ever had," said Duke.



On the **SOUTH SIDE**:
Basketball in South Africa

"It's a lot different. We played on outside courts in Cape Town, and we played with rubber balls, not leather indoor balls. The referees didn't call very much and sometimes were biased... and it was therefore much more rough and a lot of uncalled fouls went down," said Calla McGinty, sophomore and South African missionary.

Practicing her dribbling, Mackenzie Yeager, freshman, warms up during the Feb. 8 practice. Warmups consisted of sprints, dribbling, and relays.



Anna Kuiper, freshman, penetrates towards the basket as she prepares to take a shot during the home game against Lutheran North.



Sophomore Calla McGinty sprints back and forth across the gym during the Feb. 8 practice.



Pushing her opponent aside, Hannah Stipanovich, freshman, penetrates towards the basket to take a shot.



Moving around her John Burroughs opponent, Hannah Caple, freshman, dribbles toward the center of the court to begin a play.



Going for a lay-up, Kristen Ahlbrand, freshman, jumps over her opponent. "I had a great time this season, our team got along so well," said Ahlbrand. Ahlbrand played as a guard for the team.



Guarding her Lutheran North opponent, Esther McGowan, freshman, attempts to steal the ball. The team beat Lutheran North 58-7.



Kayla Hampton, freshman, drives down the court past her Lutheran North opponents. At the end of the season, the team got together for dinner and a sleepover at one of the manager's houses.

Double? Triple? Nope, Triple? Quadruple

Just before the buzzer went off to end the game, Anna Kuiper, freshman, nailed a three-pointer that ended up tying the score between the Wildcats and McCluer North High School. "It was crazy and nerve-wracking," said Kuiper about being the one to tie the game. From then on out, the game continued to increase in intensity. Four buzzers later, an exhilarated, but exhausted team emerged victorious: the Wildcats had pulled out a win. "It was so crazy, and the best game of my life. But I was so exhausted and it was really tiring," said Hannah Stipanovich, freshman.

This win came as a surprise to some players. Things were not looking good at the half time; the team was falling behind McCluer North. Once the third quarter rolled around, the Wildcats started catching up. "At the half time I felt like we were going to lose big time. Then, we had a great 3rd quarter and 4th quarter, and we tied the score. Before the over times even began, I just knew we were going to win," said Stipanovich.

"I was really proud of my girls, they stuck in there mentally. I talked to them before the game and they had seen the opponents and already been intimidated; but I reminded them to not let their minds win and to play their best. And they did, because we won 35-28 after four overtimes," said Mallory Scholten, coach.



During pre-game warm up, Lauren Sulewski, senior, goes up for a lay up. Sulewski was a key post player bringing 3 years varsity experience with her. "I just love the girls on the team! It's great to get to know everyone and the friendships that I have now are amazing!" said Sulewski.

Starting center, Sadie Stipanovich, sophomore, follows through on a free throw, swishing it. Stipanovich almost did not play basketball this season; however, she ended up being a major contribution to the team. "I chose basketball over club volleyball and I do not regret it at all, and I did not even expect to start!" said Stipanovich.



In a home game win against Lutheran North, Brooke Cusumano, sophomore, defends a pass. Cusumano was the teams best three point shooter with 39 three pointers this season.



Courtney Powell, junior, looks to the post players in an attempt to pass the ball. Powell led the team in steals this season with 53. "I just love ripping the ball from somebody and getting a fast break," said Powell.

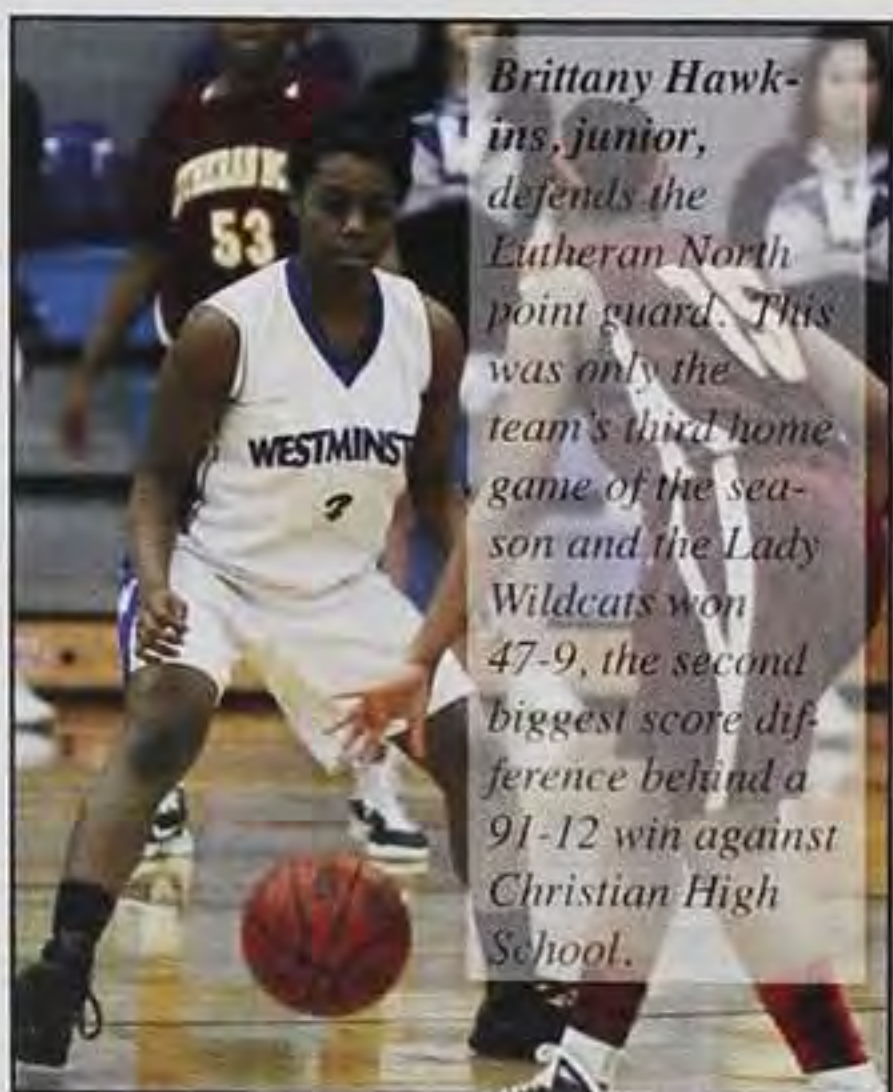
Pre-Game... Party?

There were multiple reasons why the varsity girls basketball team seniors liked to go to Brooke Cusumano's house before a game:

"It is close and there is a ping-pong table. Also, we enjoy dancing in their theater room." said Jordan Klein, senior.

"We all have so much fun! There are a lot of things to do and we bond as a team!" said Lauren Sulewski, senior.

"I love hanging out with Italians. We have moved beyond the days of around the world ping-pong and now just read about how not to stink at basketball." said Marci Penning, senior.



Brittany Hawkins, junior, defends the Lutheran North point guard. This was only the team's third home game of the season and the Lady Wildcats won 47-9, the second biggest score difference behind a 91-12 win against Christian High School.



In the paint, Jackie Rea, junior, goes up strong for a shot and gets fouled. This year the posts learned a lot of new techniques from Coach Steve Stipanovich, a former NBA post player. "Coach shows us moves he did in the NBA and we constantly work on them until we perfect them," said Rea.



Alexis Grasse, junior, sets a pick for Courtney Powell, junior. Grasse was apart of the varsity team her sophomore year, but this year she started as a post player. "Alexis is a very hard worker. I know she will always put forth a huge effort whenever she steps onto the court," said Annie Westhoff, coach.



Starting point guard, Kayla Armstrong, freshman, dribbles around the defense in a home game. Armstrong, the only freshman on varsity, was the starting point guard all year long despite her wrist surgery. "I got surgery last year because I tore a tendon playing soccer. It defiantly hurts during games, but I try to play through the pain," said Armstrong.

After stealing a ball, Jabri Boyd, sophomore, glides down the court on a break-away. Boyd was a swing player last year, and this year emmerged as a key shooting gaurd for the varsity squad. One of her best games was against MICDS (47-41 win) when she came off the bench to score 18 points including three 3-pointers.



This year, the girls varsity basketball team shocked all other schools with their new coach, Steve Stipanovich. Stipanovich, father of starting center Sadie Stipanovich, sophomore, was a former post player in the NBA for the Indiana Pacers. After a few minutes asking for autographs, opposing teams would have to face Westminster's new coach in a game. His basketball experience lead the girls varsity to one of their best records. This included two wins against undefeated MICDS, a strong Notre Dame team by one, and an overtime win against a 7th ranked Principia team.

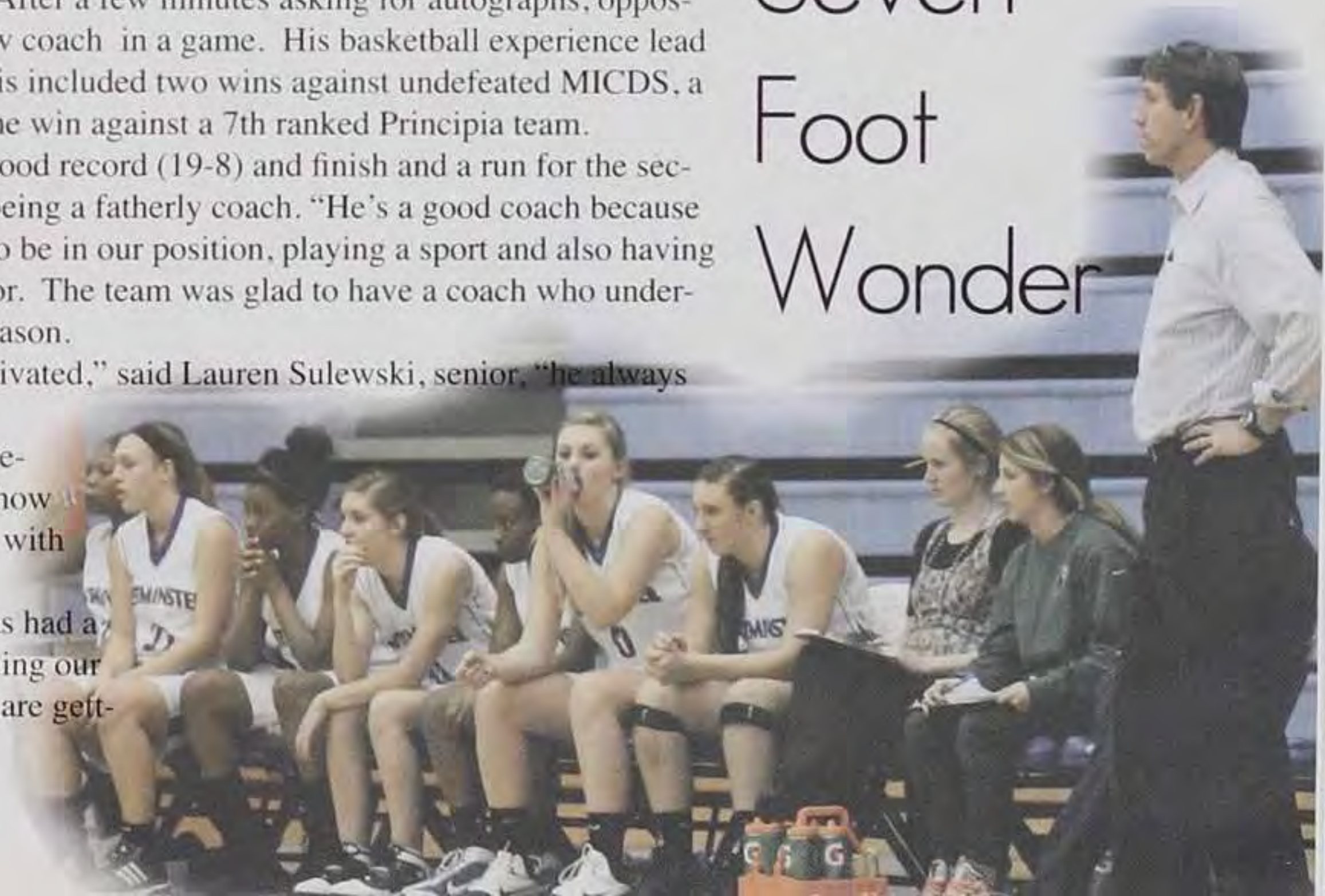
Not only did Stipanovich help the team to a good record (19-8) and finish and a run for the sectional title, he also taught positive attitudes by being a fatherly coach. "He's a good coach because he has played before. He knows what it is like to be in our position, playing a sport and also having a life outside of that," said Marci Penning, senior. The team was glad to have a coach who understood their hectic school life on top of a busy season.

"He is very encouraging and helps us get motivated," said Lauren Sulewski, senior, "he always tells us to maintain a 'sound mind'.

Jackie Rea, junior, loved coach Stipanovich because, "he's so real and he doesn't just tell you how good you are doing. He tells you what's wrong with your game and how you can improve it."

Sadie added, "I love my dad coaching. He has had a lot of experiance with basketball and he is teaching our team so much. We are all learning a lot and we are getting better every day."

Seven Foot Wonder



Permission to Break It

In August of 2010, Jordan Wolf, freshman, entered Westminster as a freshman. In her first semester of school, she helped lead the Westminster golf team to state and then in November decided to join the swim and dive team for the first time.

"I was a gymnast for 11 years, but I quit. I missed it so I decided to try diving. I decided to because I knew they were looking for divers," said Wolf.

Turns out that Wolf had a natural diving ability. "She's an unbelievable athlete and she's come a long way from the beginning of the season. Not only does she dive, but she has also swam in some races for us as well," said Kent Kehr, swimming coach.

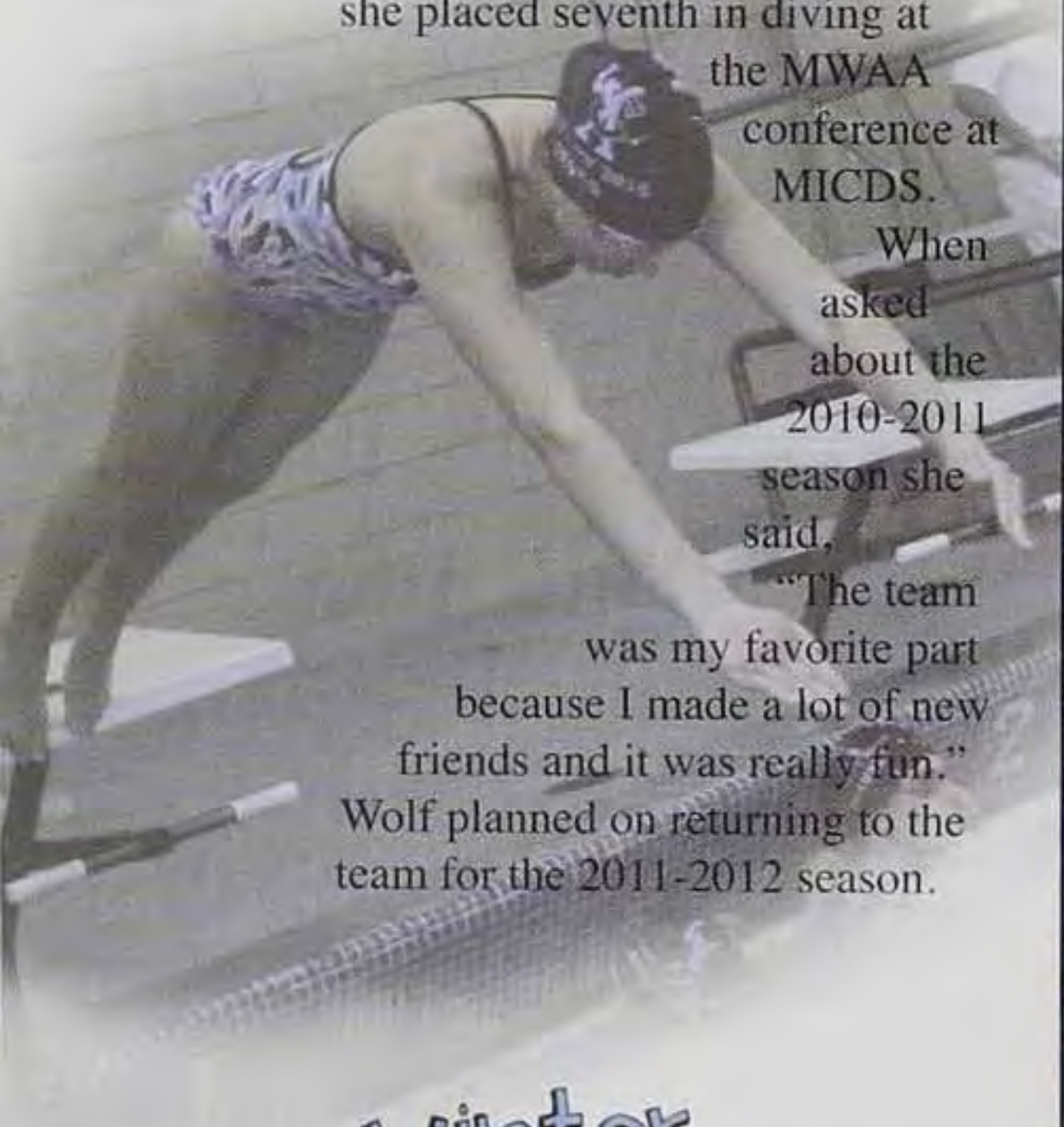
As the season began to wrap up, Wolf began to get close to breaking the school diving record. Then, on Monday, Feb. 8th, Wolf broke Gina Cascella's previously set record from 2006, of 182, by 2 points.

The following Tuesday at a meet against Nerinx Hall, Wolf broke her own record with a new score of 193 points. Although Wolf was unable to make state, she placed seventh in diving at

the MWAA conference at MICDS.

When asked about the 2010-2011 season she said,

"The team was my favorite part because I made a lot of new friends and it was really fun." Wolf planned on returning to the team for the 2011-2012 season.



Haley Bergman, senior, swims the breaststroke at a meet against Cape Notre Dame. Bergman swam the 200 IM at the state competition to conclude four years of swimming on Westminster's swim team.

Before beginning her race, Kaylee Trost, sophomore, talks to Matt Sugg, senior. Sugg was the team's manager and helped announce at home meets.

During a meet against Cape Notre Dame, Jordan Wolf, freshman, does a back dive. Wolf was new to Westminster and it was her first year of swimming.



Ellie Straub, sophomore, does the backstroke at a meet at Afton High School. Straub's 200 medley relay team of Haley Bergman, Leah Votava and Rebecca Krause, qualified for the state competition.



Pre-Meet Song

To the tune of "The Lions Sleep Tonight"

Ah weemah-wah, Ah weemah-wah

In the pool, the swimming pool, the swimmers swin tonight

Ah weemah-wah, Ah weemah-wah Ah-weeeeeee, Ah

bum bum bum bawayyyy. Ah-weeeeeee, Ah W- C- A...

kicks butt HUH!



Kristine Maxey, freshman, competes in the butterfly at MICDS during a MWA conference. The team placed in ten competitions at the conference.



Amber Terschak, sophomore, swims the breaststroke while warming up. The meet took place on Jan. 13. The team swept past their opponents 137 to 81 to 65. Terschak's 400 relay team qualified for state.



Abby Nixon, freshman, swims the backstroke at a tri-meet against Afton and Principia.



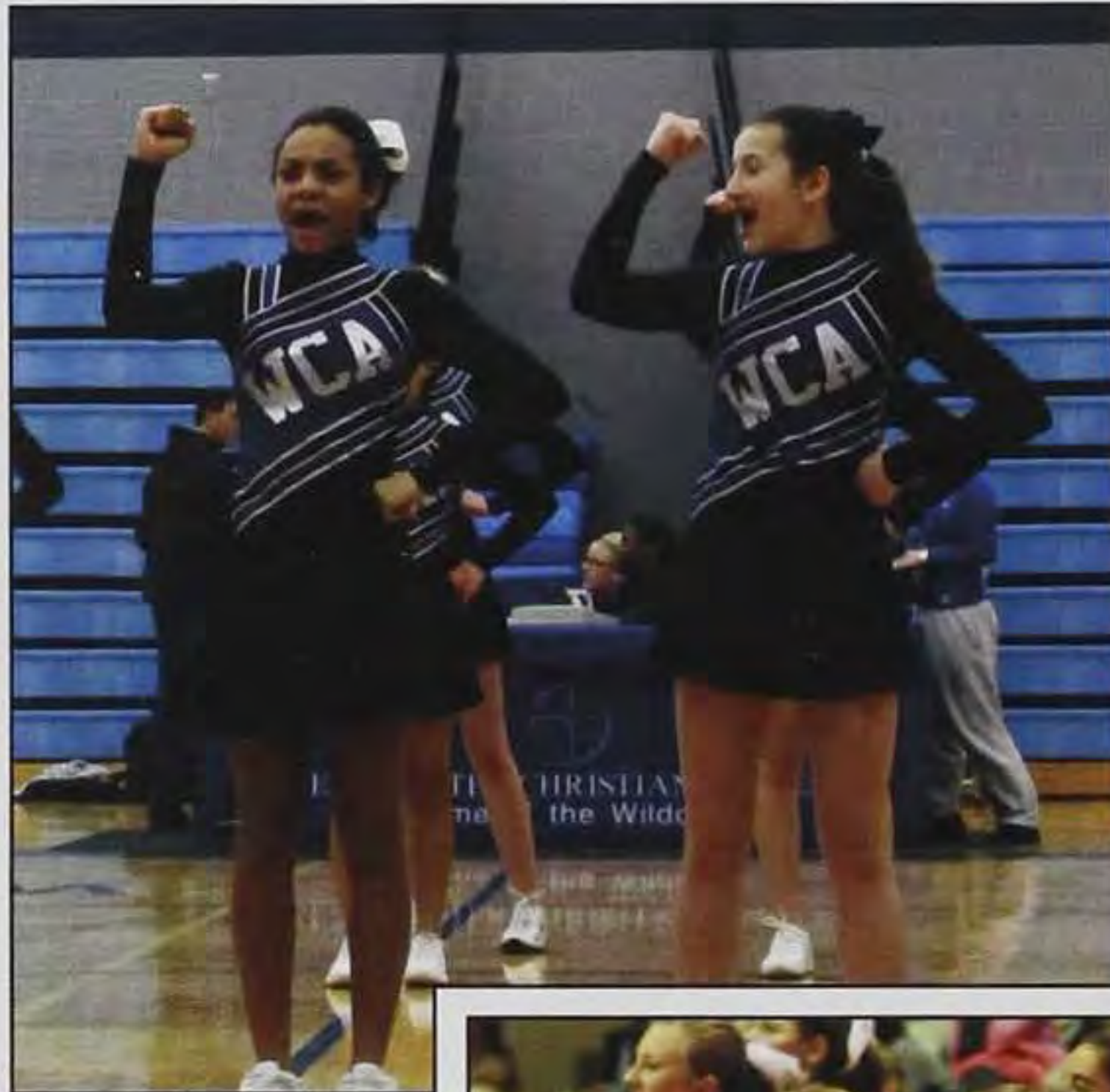
Sarah Barker, sophomore, does a backdive. Barker had many years of gymnastics experience which helped her diving form.



After swimming their races, Abbie Clark and Haley Bergman, seniors, watch their teammates swim. Both Bergman and Clark qualified for state in multiple competitions.

Sophie Dunlap, seventh grade, peps up the crowd during a seventh grade boys basketball game.

At a seventh grade boys basketball game, Erin Hunt, seventh grade, performs a cheer routine. Both the seventh grade and the eighth grade teams practiced together on Saturdays a couple of times each month.

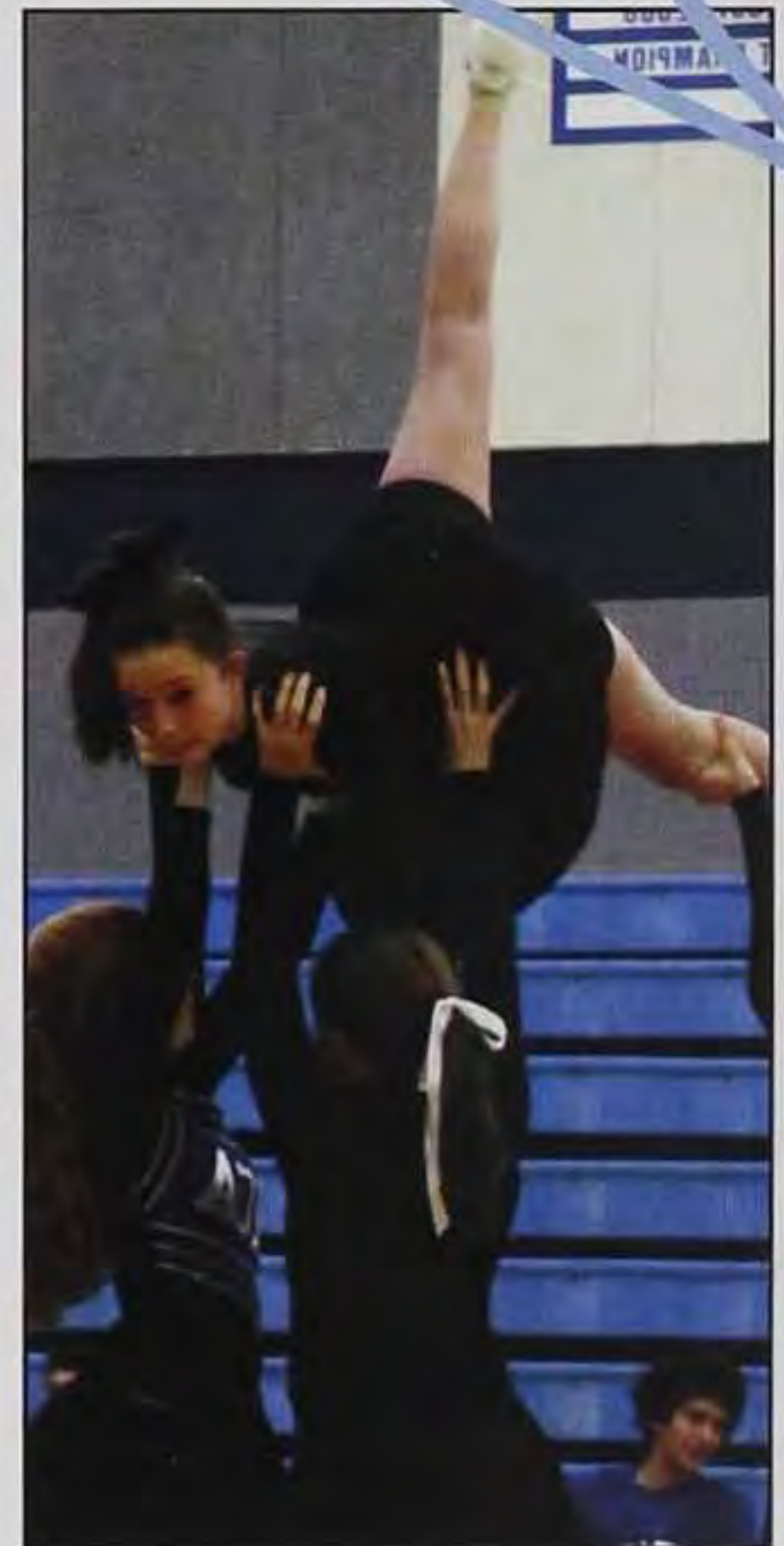


Saenea Williams and Angelina Steck, eighth grade, do a dance routine at half time. "My favorite part about being on the Middle School Dance and Cheer Team is doing the stunts," said Kayla Clay, eighth grade.

During a seventh grade boys basketball game, Macy Catlett, Gracie Nye, Sophie Dunlop, seventh grade, and the rest of the girls on the seventh grade dance and cheer team perform a cheer routine.



At half time, Karagen Rogers, eighth grade, is lifted in a stunt as part of the girls' dance routine.



DANCE

LEXI EINERTSON
BRIANNA RICHARDS
CLAIRE FELLOWS

OR CHEER

STEPHANE STROTHKAMP
MACY CATLETT



During a time out, Lily Duell, eighth grade, warms up the crowd with a cheer. It was Duell's second year in middle school dance and cheer.

May I Have This... Cheer

Middle School Dance and Cheer Team provided elements of both cheering and dancing to its participants. The girls learned cheers and stunts as well as a couple of dance routines. But just because they were taught how to cheer and dance did not mean that they were equally good at both. The eighth grade girls were more oriented toward cheering and the seventh grade girls tended to prefer dancing.

"The eighth grade cheers more than we dance. And I think the girls on the eighth grade team are more likely to try out for the cheer team next year instead of the dance team. And personally, I love to cheer!" said Emily Broyles, eighth grade.

Even though the majority of girls in eighth grade were better at cheering, some of them preferred to dance.

"Well, I don't really have a favorite, but I have always done dance. I love dancing and being able to perform!" said Rachel Ritter, eighth grade.

Most of the girls on the seventh grade team were better at and preferred dancing, although the girls preference was not as discernible as it was for the eighth grade girls. "I love dancing! Although the stunts for cheer are very fun, I find the dancing to be more fun and less stressful" said Maggi Eachus, seventh grade. Eachus previously took dance lessons, and many other seventh grade girls either used to take dance or took dance outside of school during the season. One of the girls on the seventh grade team was also a part of a cheer team outside of the Westminster Middle School Dance and Cheer Team.

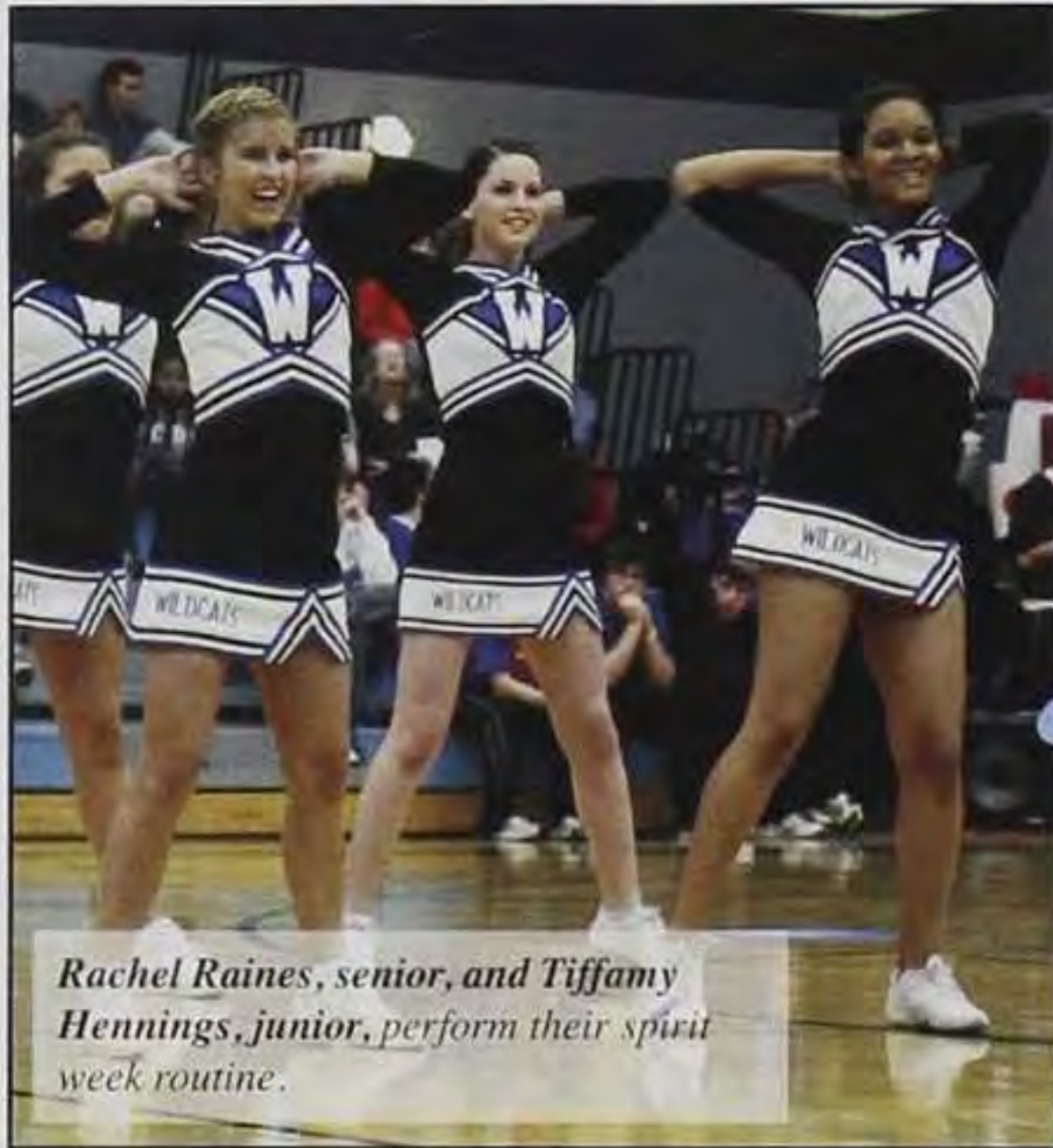


After a Wildcats' win, Faith Adamson, seventh grade, performs a cheer routine. "The games are totally awesome, the atmosphere and everything about it makes them exciting! I just love the games!" said Adamson.

The JV squad attacks coach Jen Willey with hugs after an away game. This was the squad's first year having Willey as JV coach.



This year there was a drastic change in crowd participation. With help from the blue crew, the football and basketball fans had more energy at the games and cheered along with the cheerleaders instead of simply observing as they have in past years. "Having new uniforms, new girls, new routines, and a new coach has made a huge difference in generating more excitement and participation from fans," said Brooke Siebenman, senior.



Rachel Raines, senior, and Tiffamy Hennings, junior, perform their spirit week routine.



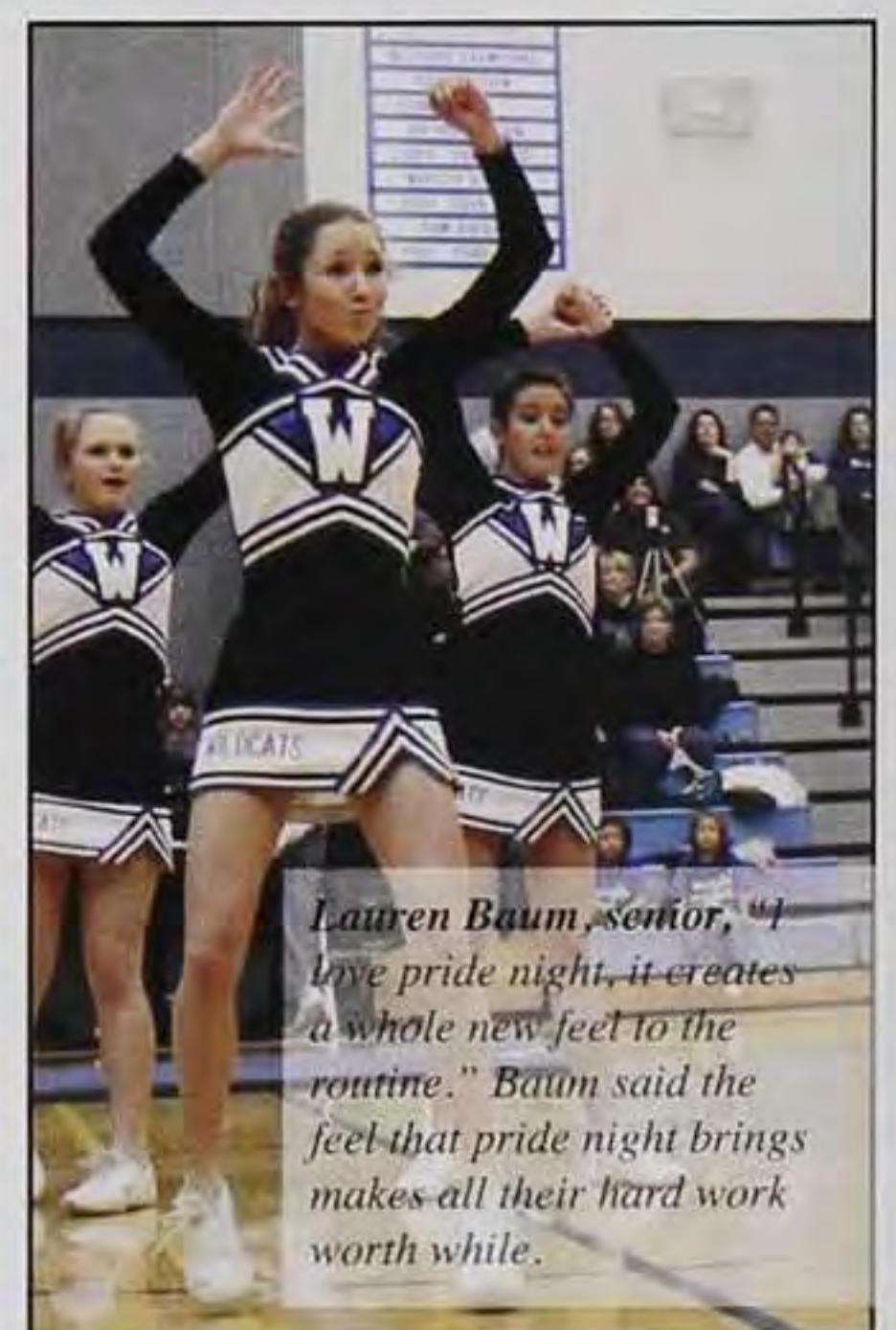
Brittany Fellows, senior, cheers during a match against Priory. This was Fellow's fourth year as a varsity cheerleader. Fellows enjoyed getting the fans excited for a good game.



Emily Baum and Andrea Reed, freshmen, fly in their stunt groups during an away game. New JV coach, Jen Willey, taught the squad new stunts.



Anna Becker, senior and co-captain, performs the Spirit Week routine during halftime. Becker made a great contribution as captain to the squad's successful performance making sure the girls are well prepared.



Lauren Baum, senior, "I love pride night, it creates a whole new feel to the routine." Baum said the feel that pride night brings makes all their hard work worth while.



Emily Wilson, senior, Emily Bick, sophomore, and Rachel Bates, senior, cheer during a game against Priory. This was Bates' second year as a varsity cheerleader and her third year cheering for Westminster.

In a Tent?

An unusual tradition has been repeated by the Westminster Varsity cheerleaders. Each year, the juniors, sophomores, and freshman plan a surprise senior appreciation day. Early in the morning, the underclassmen and juniors travel to each of the senior's homes to wake them up and dress them in crazy outfits.

"It's something we do to express our appreciation of our seniors and to have fun with them before they graduate" said Erin Cox, junior. "After we dress them up, we take them to Bread Company and buy them breakfast and just hang out as a squad".

Liz Simakoff, senior and co-captain, was found sleeping in a tent on the cold morning of the kidnapping. "That was really unexpected", said Laura Hamman, junior, "apparently she just prefers sleeping in tents than in houses".

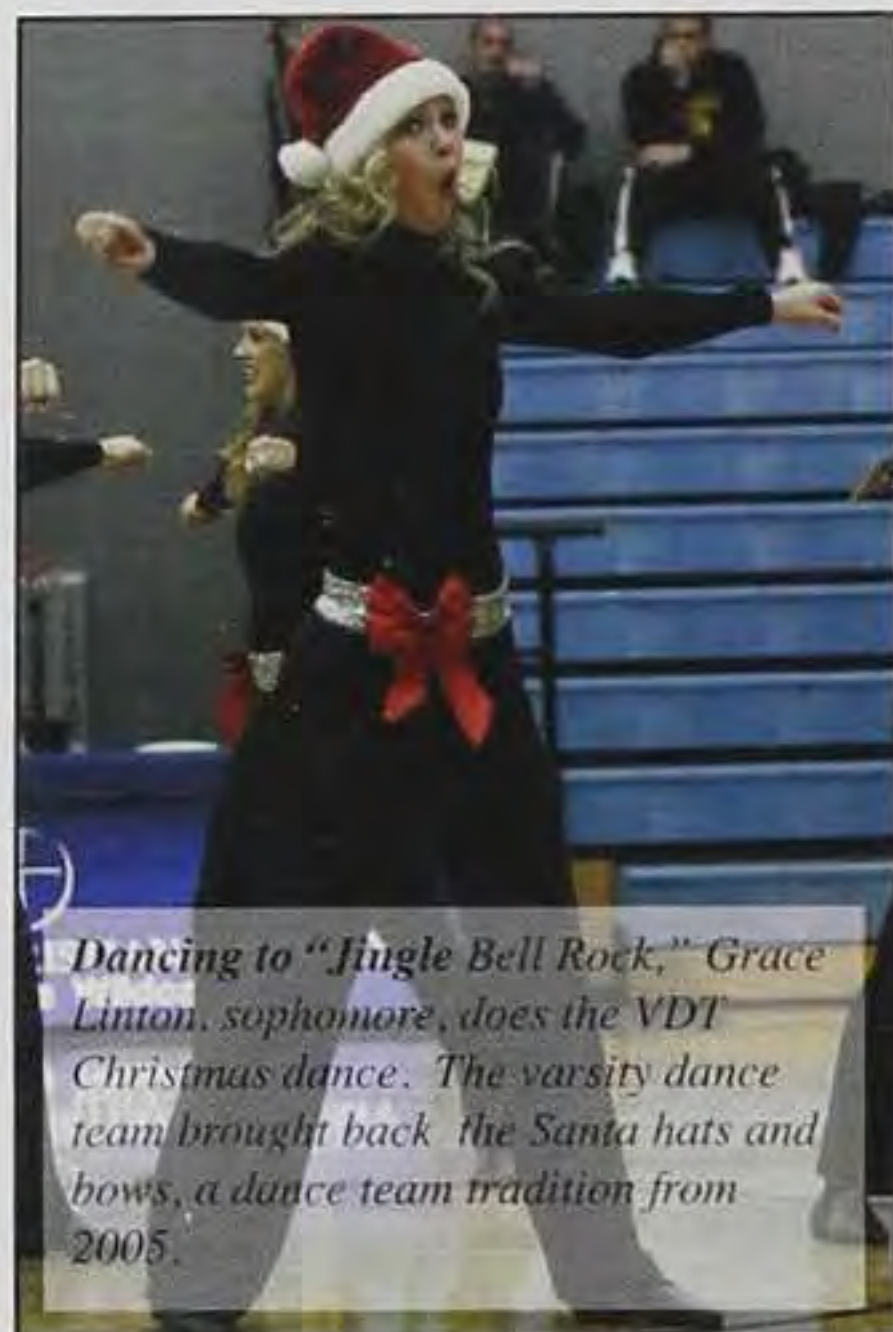
Apart from the fun of surprising the seniors, it is a time of bonding for our cheerleaders. It was one of the last memories the seniors had with their squad before graduating.



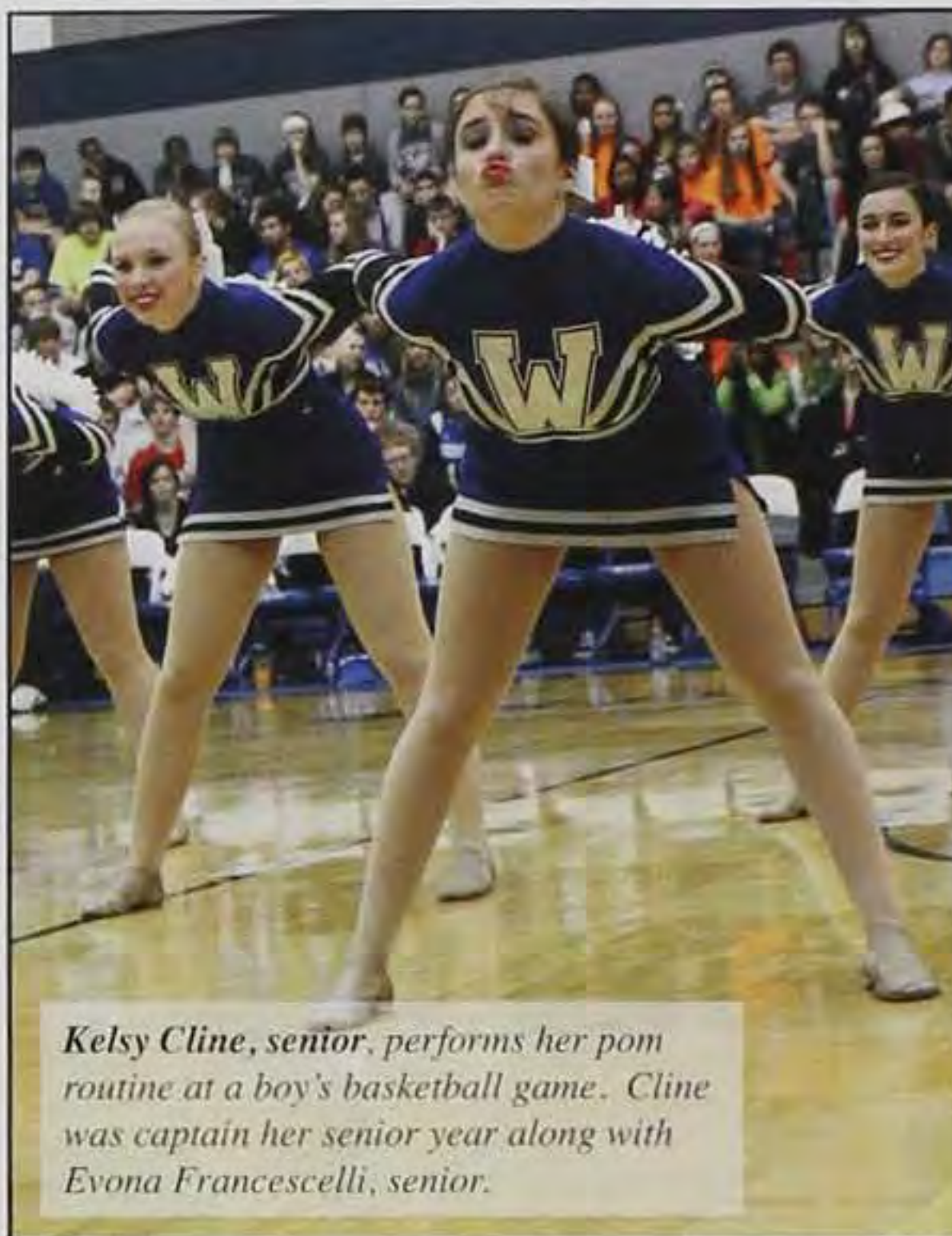
Laura Hamman, junior, cheers during half time. Hamman has been cheering for five years. "My favorite part of cheerleading is stunting," said Hamman.



Julia Peistrup, freshman, performs during the spirit week routine. Peistrup was the only freshman on the varsity squad this year. "We love our freshie", said Liz Simakoff, senior and co-captain.



Dancing to "Jingle Bell Rock," Grace Linton, sophomore, does the VDT Christmas dance. The varsity dance team brought back the Santa hats and bows, a dance team tradition from 2005.



Kelsy Cline, senior, performs her pom routine at a boy's basketball game. Cline was captain her senior year along with Evona Francescelli, senior.



Co-captain Meg Rasche, junior, performs hip hop on spirit night. Rasche had been on varsity for three years.



At the last boys game of the season, Evona Franceschelli, senior and captain, does a toe-touch. Varsity's pom routine placed first in both competitions for the first time in varsity dance team history.

THE TEAM IS BACK
Junior VDT After a year without a JV team, Westminster dance was proud to introduce their new dancers. The team began by making traditions of their own, "when we found our outfits and shoes for our hip hop dance... we got to go shopping and buy everything together," said Valerie Chavez, sophomore. "At our last practice we had cupcakes and talked so it was fun," said Bekah Sharp, freshman.



Rachel Porter, junior, dances hip hop during spirit night. It was the first year the spirit week routine was performed at a girls game.



At a JV boy's game, Brooke Yeager, sophomore, dances the pom routine. Yeager was the JV captain.



Andalee Arndt, senior, yells during hip hop. The girls added vocals to keep up their energy throughout the routine.



Martha Guariglia, junior, does a kick during the pom routine. It was Guariglia's first year dancing for Westminster.

The varsity dance team hits their ending pose on spirit night. "Right before we went on, one kid came up and asked us if we were cowgirls, and I was like, 'or Kesha'," said Martha Guariglia, junior.



A Great Surprise

After getting second at state during the 2009-2010 season, the varsity dance team had high standards to live up to. Losing six seniors, the girls were unsure of how they would place in the 2010-2011 season.

New members added talent to the team along with hard work to prepare for the competitive season. In January, they went to their first competition at Lindbergh High School where, for the first time, the team came in first in the competition, as well as getting the best showmanship award and qualifying for State.

The girls really felt the pressure at the St. Charles competition where they competed in pom and hip hop routines. Because of the snow days, the team was behind schedule with their hip hop routine and did not finish learning it until the night before the competition, only doing the entire routine a couple of times full out. "I didn't feel like we were going to perform our best," said Evona Franceschelli, senior.

After they performed hip hop, the team was content, but knew it could have been better.

"I was sure we were going to lose. Even our moms told us we were going to get third or fourth," said Rachel Porter, junior. As soon as the girls finished performing pom they ran out on the floor to hear the results. They got first place in pom, and when they started giving the results for hip hop, the team held hands in anticipation. When the judges called another team for third place, the dancer's jaw's dropped. Then, they called another team for second, placing Westminster in first.

"We were so surprised. It was completely unexpected, and amazing to see how far we could go in preparation for state!" said Lizzie Blackwell, senior.

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Kendall MacDonald, freshman, performs at a JV boy's game. "I was pretty nervous at first, but in the end it went well and we all had a blast," said MacDonald.

Performing her first spirit week dance, Cailyn McCarthy, freshman, dances hip hop. McCarthy was the only freshman on the team.

Katrina Hickerson and Taylor Pfeifer, freshmen, perform their pom routine. The JV performed two routines their entire season.



Michael Failoni, eighth grade, shoots the last free throw of the eighth grade B game. The wildcats won 33-21 against Mehlville.

Will Barry, eighth grade, prepares to pass to teammate Joel Perkins. The eighth grade A team played against Priory.



Miles Hehner, seventh grade, preps for a shot, during a game against Mehlville. The Seventh grade B team won 28-24. It was the third game of the season.



Nick Cacciarelli, seventh grade, charges for a lay up-making another basket for the A team. The Cats won 47-31 against the Priory Rebels. Cacciarelli had been playing basketball for seven years.

PRE-GAME PUMP UP

"On the bus before games, Will Berry and I listen to 'John Wall' and rap it out loud."

-Jordan Harvey, eighth grade.

"Before games I try to eat something healthy,"

-Andrew Montgomery, seventh grade.

"I listen to music in my headphones to get in the zone and I always drink a red gatorade before games,"

-Joseph Curtis, eighth grade.

"I like to watch basketball before games, and eat a good meal,"

-Chris Heyl, seventh grade.



Jack Linton, seventh grade, prepares for a lay up in the first quarter against Mehlville. Both seventh grade and eighth grade B teams played at the MICDS courts.



Casey Hinds seventh grade, focuses for a free throw, during a home game against Priory. The seventh grade A team won 47-31. Hinds said, "I like having practice during the school day."



Sam Peterman, eighth grade, dribbles down the court in the fourth quarter. The eighth grade B team won 33-21 against Mehlville.

Brendan Bognar, eighth grade, takes a free throw during a home game against Priory. Bognar played shooting guard on the eighth grade A team.



Hunter Samson, seventh grade, waits on the bench during the second quarter of the game. The cats played against Clayton. Samson started attending Westminster Christian Academy mid-year.

An Unexpected Destination

"There is no game," said a janitor from Jennings High School.

One Friday afternoon, Westminster's eighth grade boys and girls A teams had both taken the bus from campus to North County to play against Jennings Middle School.

"We had practice during the day, then right after school we all got on a bus and headed to the game. Some kids even missed detentions to get on the bus," said Blake Sutphen, eighth grade.

After a forty five minute drive, the Wildcats pulled into Jennings Middle School. Shortly after arriving, the teams were informed that the game was actually scheduled at Jennings High School. Once there, the only person the team could see was a lone janitor who informed the teams that the games were canceled.

"No one was allowed to leave the bus unless their parents were outside to pick them up," said Sutphen.

While waiting for parents to arrive, the teams decided to pass the time with random activities. Will Barry, eighth grade, said, "we all just hung out laughing and singing songs."

"Justin and I got into a pretty big 'yo mamma' battle contest. We had a great time," said Trevon Gooch, eighth grade.

As time went on, everyone was off the bus and on their way home. "It was the game that never happened that I'll always remember," said Barry.



Tristan Becker, freshman, sets up a play in the Lutheran North game on Jan. 7. Becker has been playing basketball since the 3rd grade. He also played the point guard position.

Why do you play basketball?

“It’s my favorite sport...it’s really my passion,” Andrew Cannon, freshman.

“I really enjoy the fast pace of the game and the strategy that goes along with it,” Jonah Anderson, sophomore.

“It’s fun and I really enjoy competing against other people,” Andrew Colgrove, freshman.

“It keeps me in shape and it’s really fun,” Tristan Becker, freshman.



Brennan Hehner, freshman, towers over two defenders for a easy two points. Hehner played both a guard and forward position for the jv team. “I like playing on the team because I have fun playing with all my friends,” said Hehner.



The team gathers around Coach David Klein, discussing the game plan. “We liked Coach a lot, because since he is young, we feel we can talk to him better,” said Shane Benes, freshman. Klein was also one of the varsity assistants for varsity head Coach, Eric Bain.



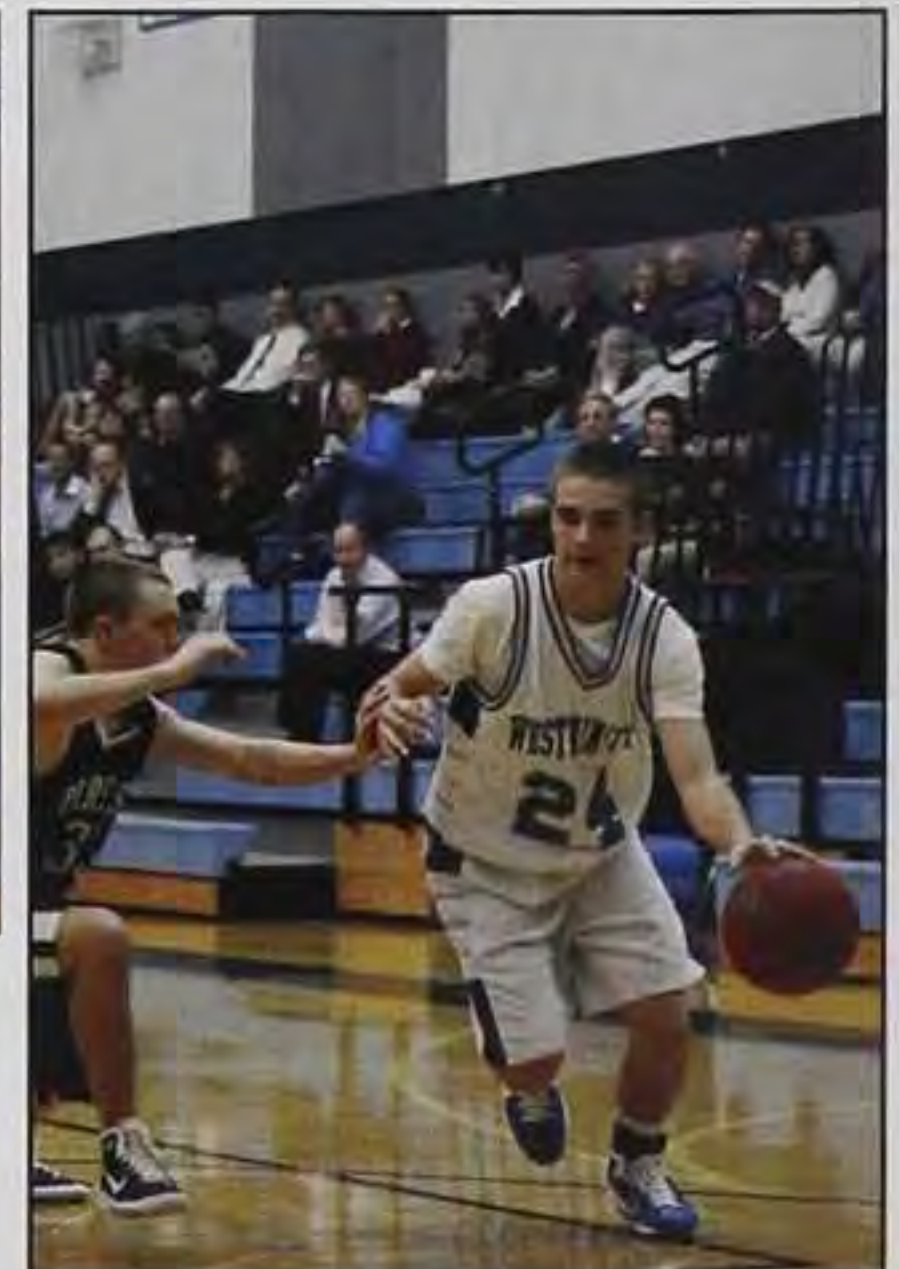
Andrew Cannon, freshman, goes into triple threat position against a Lutheran North defender. Cannon was one of the three captains on the freshman team and also moved up to the jv team around the end of the season. “He’s a really good player and I’m sure we will help the team out,” said Andrew Colgrove, freshman.



As time runs down, Jonah Anderson, sophomore, searches for an open teammate. Anderson was the other point guard on the jv squad. “My favorite game this season would be when we played Desmet, because we were expected to lose but we ended up winning by 3 points,” said Anderson.



Collin Einertson, freshman, sinks a three-point jumper. Einertson played the shooting guard position on the team. “We were losing games that had really close scores, it just took us a while to get that confidence and realize we were better than how we were playing,” said Einertson.



Shane Benes, freshman, drives past a St. Charles defender. Benes was one of the many freshmen on the jv squad. “Some of us have played with each other before. So we know each other very well,” said Benes, referring to Collin Einertson and Tyler Catlett, freshmen.



Tyler Catlett, freshman, drives baseline looking to score in the St. Charles game on December 8. "We really get along off the court," said Catlett, "It's like we're brothers." Catlett was the starting point guard on the jv team.

Keep Climbing



Andrew Colgrove, freshman, concentrates at the free throw line. "I really like to score and have fun with my friends," said Colgrove. Colgrove was also a captain on the freshman team.

In the words of the famous Michael Jordan, "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

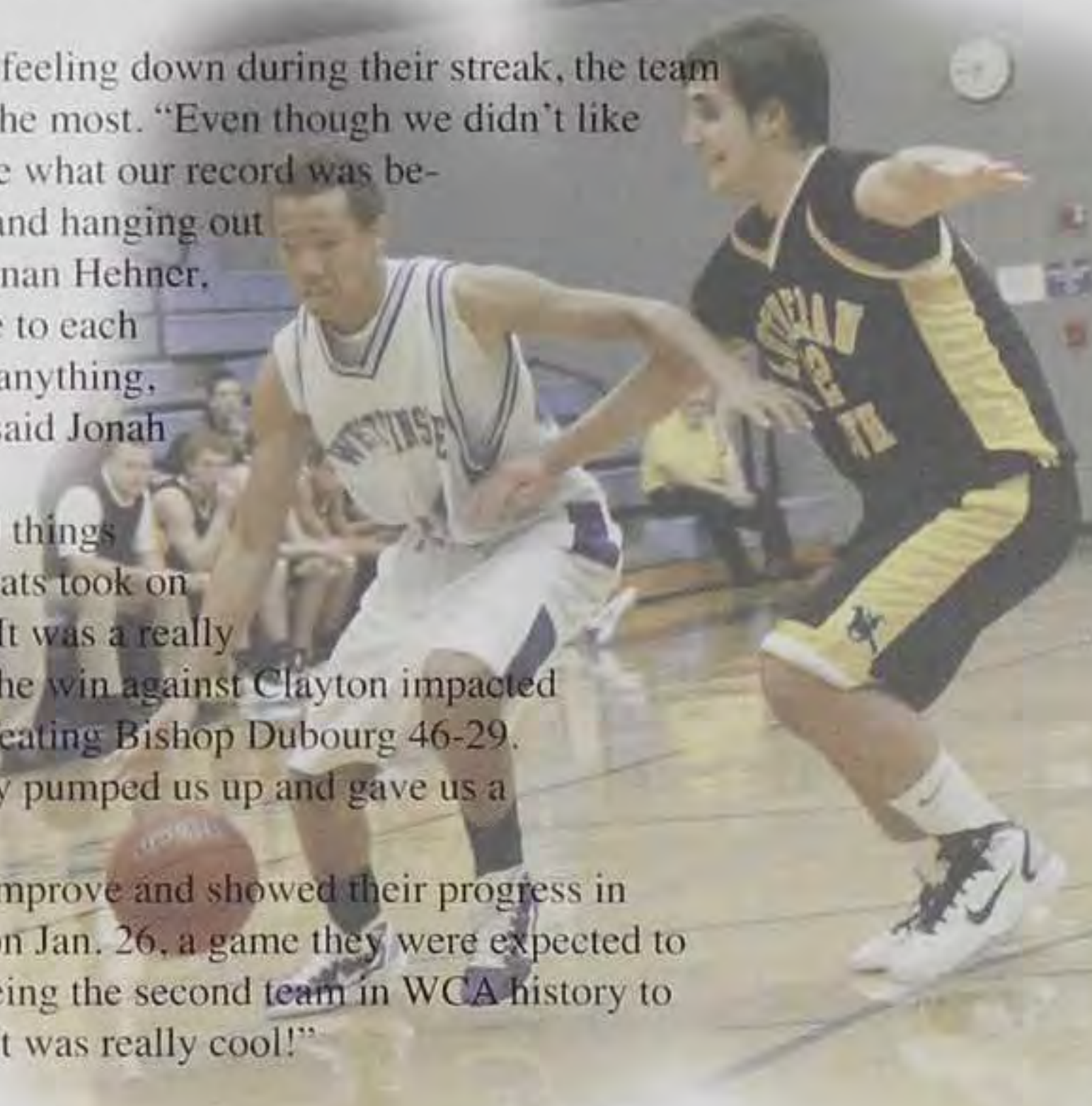
The men's jv basketball team ran into a wall that hindered them from achieving a win early in the season. "It's like we weren't mixing as a team in the beginning, said Collin Einerston, freshman, "which we didn't understand since majority of us [the freshmen] have been playing together since elementary school."

Although the team was feeling down during their streak, the team focused on what mattered the most. "Even though we didn't like losing, we really didn't care what our record was because we just like playing and hanging out with each other," said Brennan Hehner, freshman. "We are all close to each other, there's no groups or anything, we all hang out together," said Jonah Anderson, sophomore.

However, on Jan. 13, all things changed when the jv Wildcats took on the Clayton Greyhounds. "It was a really big win," said Einerston. The win against Clayton impacted the team to the point of defeating Bishop Dubourg 46-29.

"Those two games really pumped us up and gave us a boost," said Einerston.

The team continued to improve and showed their progress in the game against DeSmet on Jan. 26, a game they were expected to lose. "We really enjoyed being the second team in WCA history to beat them," said Hehner, "It was really cool!"





John Hunsicker, senior, dribbles past Parkway Central's defense. He then scored bringing the Wildcats ahead by two. Hunsicker remained the Wildcats dependable point guard all season.

One Opportunity Lost, Many More Gained

As students began to prepare for events in the annual Spirit Week, rumors began to spread throughout the school. Talk of a blizzard tearing through St. Louis County turned into fact, and radars indicated a snowfall reaching a foot of snow. The administration had to make some difficult decisions when deciding what to do with a divided Spirit Week due to the weather.

"We had to make a few crucial choices to make Spirit Week as enjoyable as possible, and some choices were tougher than others," said Sara Keeton, spirit club sponsor. Because of snow, Big Night, the final night where spirit week results are announced, was rescheduled to the next Tuesday instead of the Friday when it was normally held.

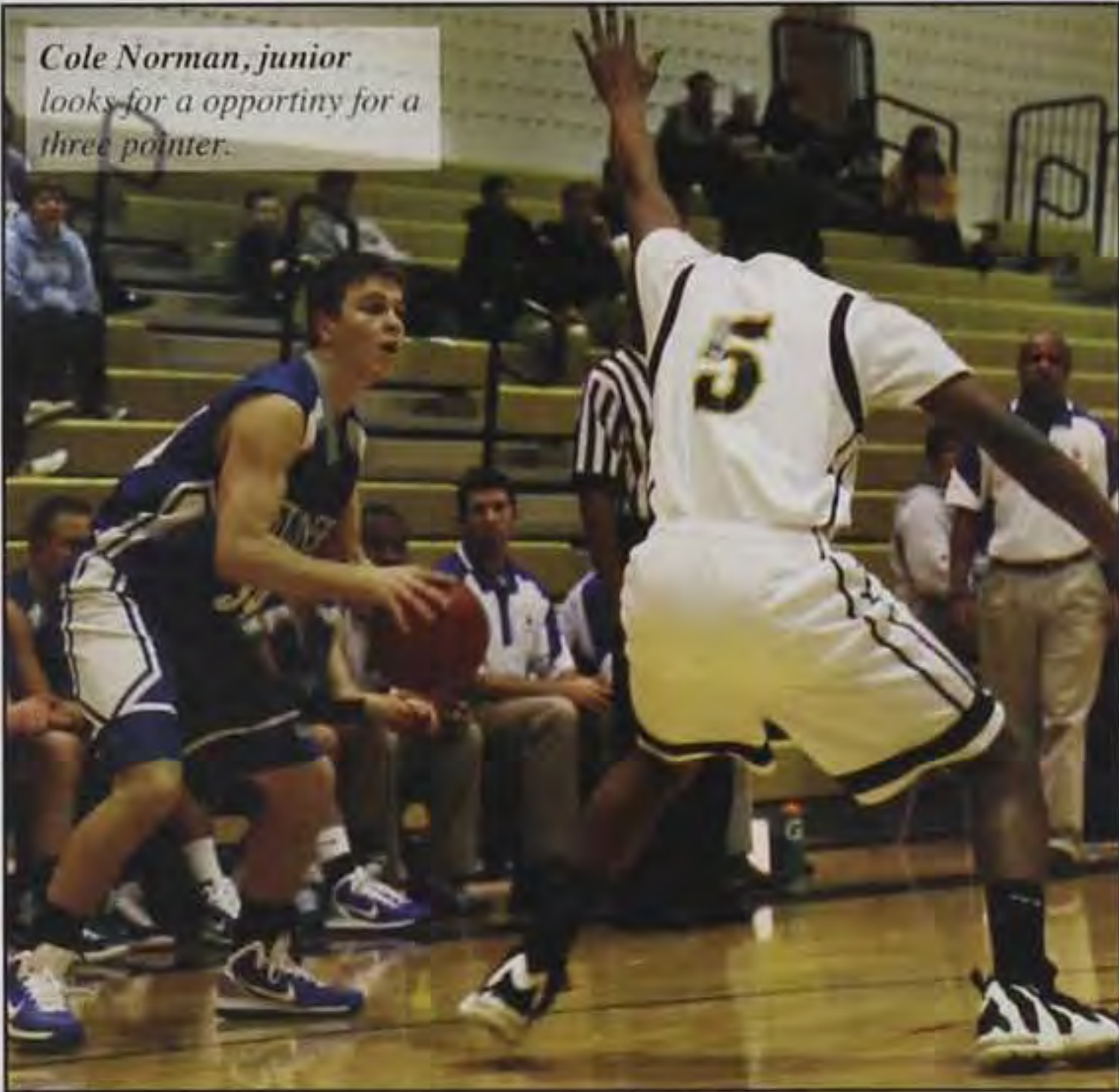
Friday, February 4th was an opportunity missed for the men's Varsity basketball team to perform for their fellow Wildcats.

"The team looks forward to playing on community night because of the student turnout. The

energy in the building that night is always unforgettable," said Connor Fleming, junior.

Although the Varsity Wildcats were disappointed, they were grateful regarding other season highlights. The Wildcats had a close call against Borgia. In an upset that will be remembered by students for years, the Varsity Basketball team won 57-56 against one of their most threatening competitors.

While the team missed a few opportunities to perform for the fans, the Wildcats still had the ongoing support from the Blue Crew and the rest of the student body.



Cole Norman, junior looks for a opportunity for a three pointer.

Timmy Miller, senior, spots an open lane and bolts towards the hoop. Miller played an essential role in the game against St. Charles scoring a total of 15 points.



John Eric Steiner, sophomore, goes up for a easy two points. The cats won against Fort Zumwalt 56-43.



Ryan Haxel, junior, looks to pass the ball under the hoop.



Connor Fleming, junior fights through an onslaught of defenders to score a bucket. Fleming was a key offensive player with a total of 175 points for the season.

A Year In Stats



Hustle Board

A chart the Varsity Basketball Team used throughout the year to track players stats. Many stats that were recorded were less abstract, however some statistics included most dives, and most charges.

Most Defensive Rebounds:

Connor Fleming - 113

Most Points:

John Eric Steiner - 318

3rd Time's a Charm



Weeks of hard work, preparation, and much anticipation led up to the first wrestling match of the season. Once the day of the first wrestling meet arrived, each wrestler received unwanted information; their first meet of the season had been canceled.

"I was very disappointed to know that our first meet had been canceled, because I had worked so hard to prepare, and was very excited for my first meet," said David Becker, eighth grade. To others, the cancelation meant more time to improve their skills.

"I was very disappointed to know that the first meet had been canceled, but at the same time I was relieved to know I could have more practice time," said Mason Davitt, seventh grade.

Practices continued as normal for another week, leading up to the wrestlers second scheduled match on January 11. Monday had arrived, but students were anticipating a snow day the following day.

"Knowing the possibility of having a snow day was bittersweet; every student wanted that snow day, but the wrestlers were psyched up for the meet and were ready to have one. It would have been better had the snow waited one more day," said Jacob Chimento, eighth grade.

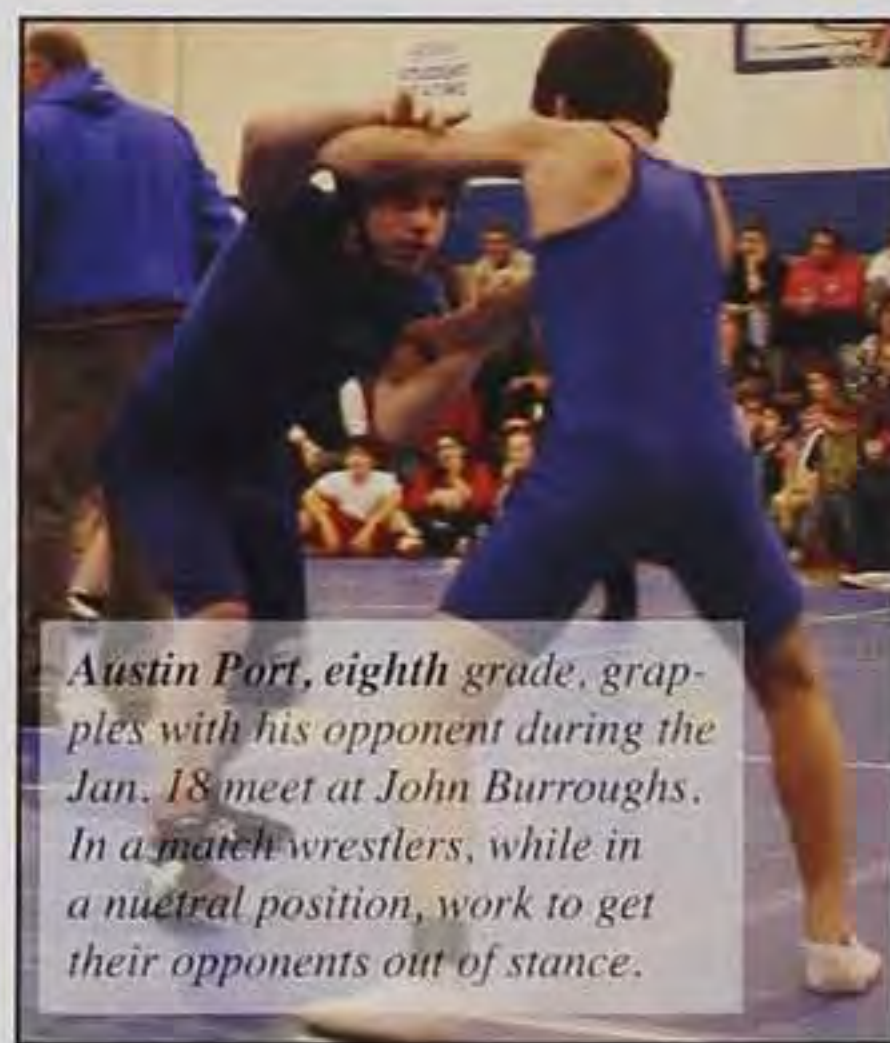
"I was very happy and excited when I finally got to wrestle that night. Being my first ever wrestling match, since I did not wrestle in seventh grade, I was quite nervous and I didn't know what to expect from it," said Amon Kehr, eighth grade.



Putting his opponent in a cross-face, David Becker, eighth grade, goes for the pin on his first match of the January 18 meet. During the meet, Becker won all of his matches by pinning his opponents.

Myles Bakewell, seventh grade, holds down his opponent trying to pin him. A pin is when both of a wrestler's shoulder blades are held on the mat for a selected period of time.

Sprawling away from his opponent, Sean Appelbaum, eighth grade, fights to get around the back of his opponent. A sprawl typically happens when one wrestler shoots for the other's legs. A sprawl is a way of countering the shot.



Austin Port, eighth grade, grapples with his opponent during the Jan. 18 meet at John Burroughs. In a match wrestlers, while in a neutral position, work to get their opponents out of stance.



Scoring some back points, Gavin Smallwood, seventh grade, holds his opponent in a cradle position. Back points are scored when a wrestler holds his opponent on his back no more than about forty five degrees to the mat.



Starting from the bottom of referee's position, Stewart Snapp, seventh grade, prepares to continue wrestling his opponent. Wrestlers get a chance to choose whether they want to start on top, bottom, or neutral at the beginning of the second and third periods.



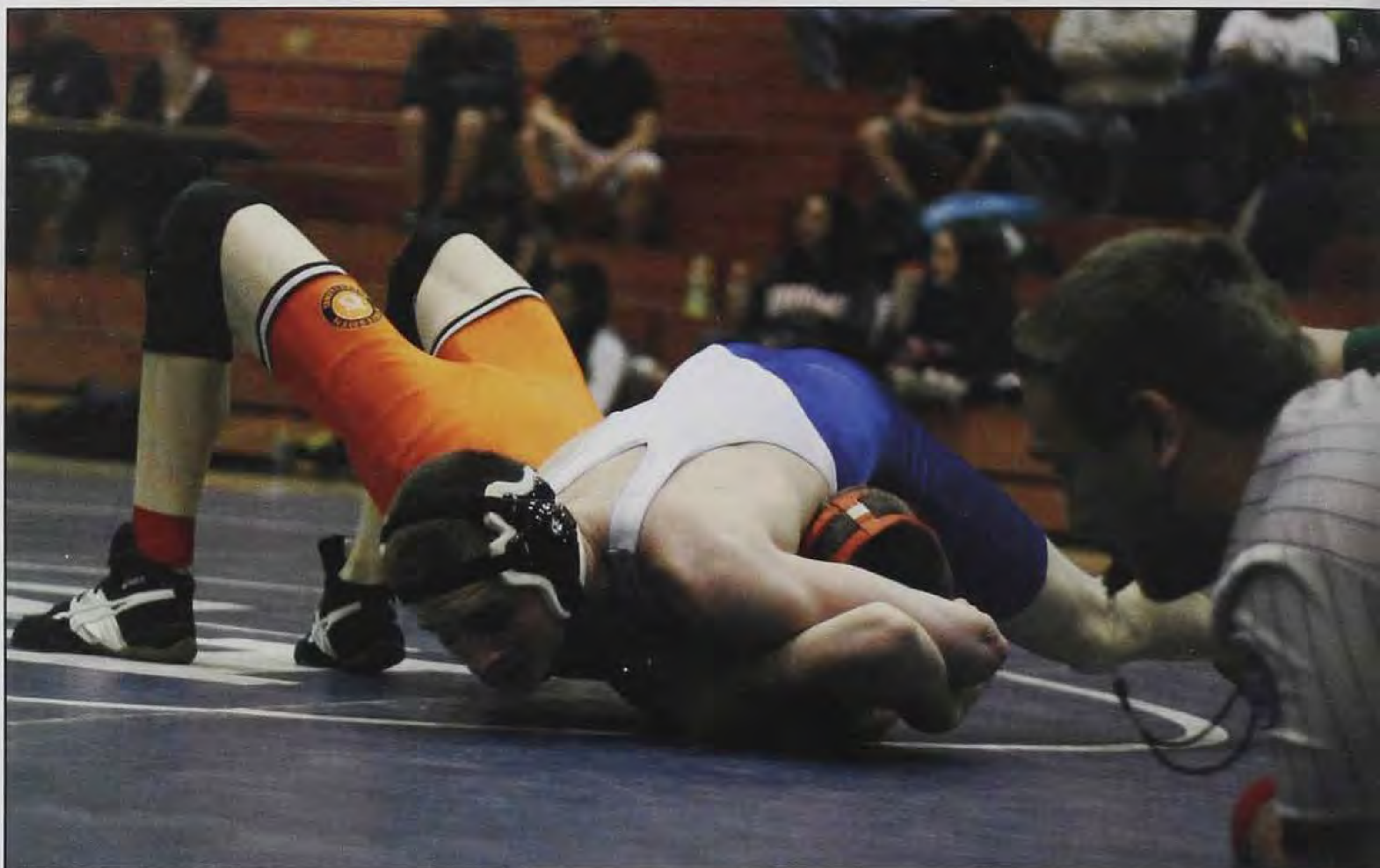
During **wrestling** meets, it was not uncommon for some of the **middle school** wrestlers to be paired with another Westminster teammate in their **bracket**. This usually was due to the lack of people in the same **weight class**.



Tom Graham, seventh grade, runs the half in order to pin his opponent. The half nelson is a well known move, used to flip one's opponent on their back.



Matt Schlafly, seventh grade, works his opponent into a cradle during the meet at Priory. During meets, brackets of three-five wrestlers competed.

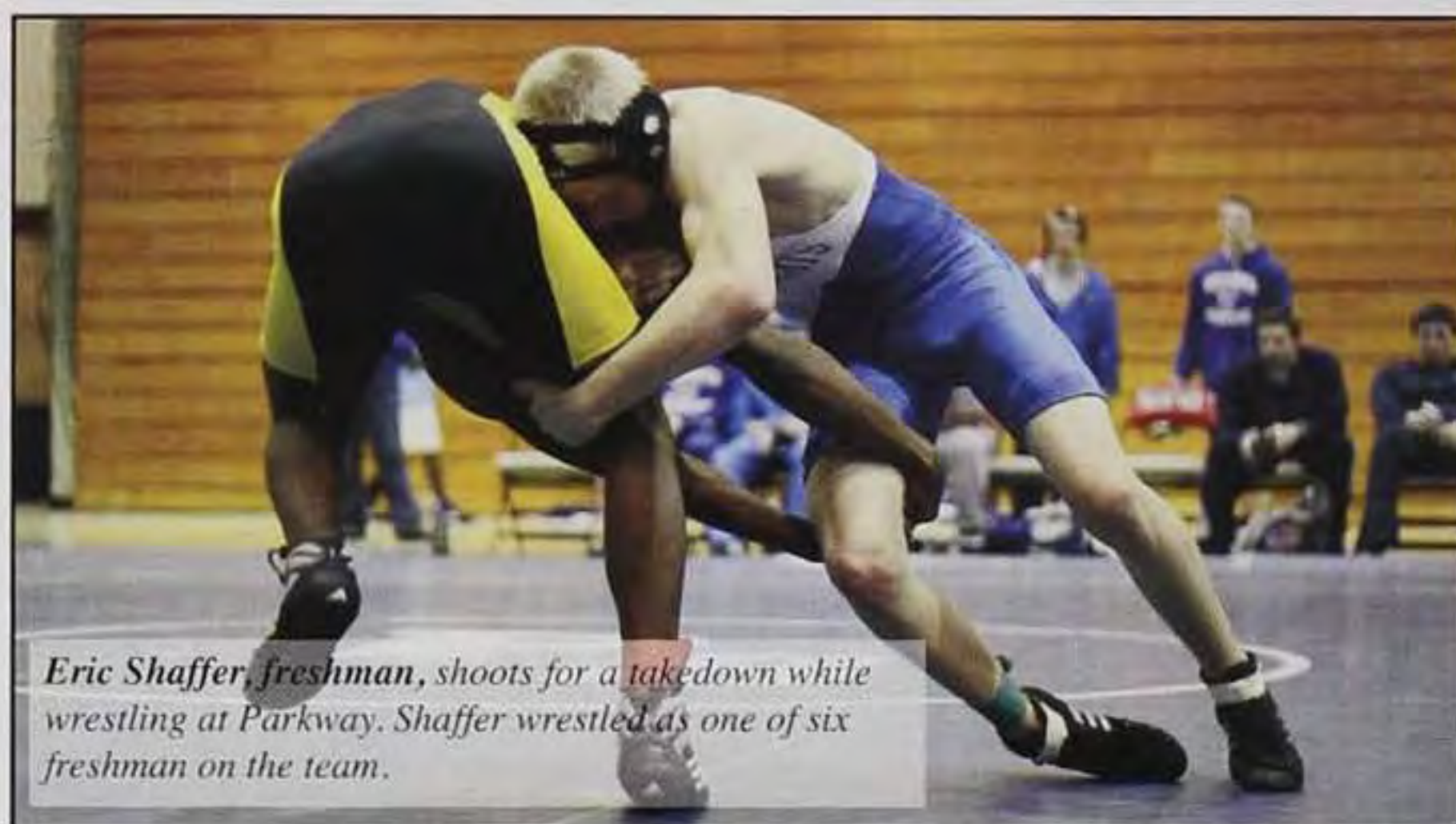


Will Egan, sophomore, pins his opponent after running a half nelson at Parkway South High School. His opponent hailed from Webster Groves High School and represented the Statesmen.

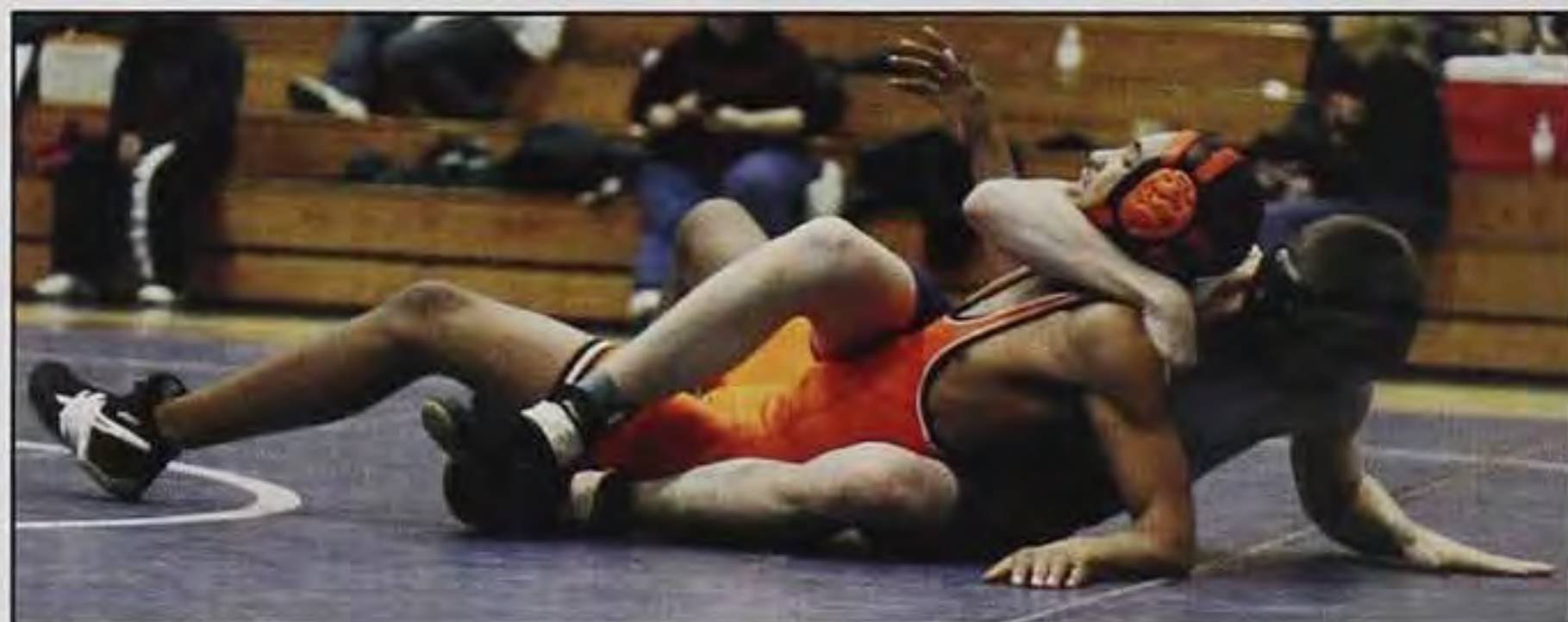
Double or Nothing

JV wrestlers for Westminster were not restricted to wrestling only on the JV team. They also got the opportunity to test their skills and strength on a higher level.

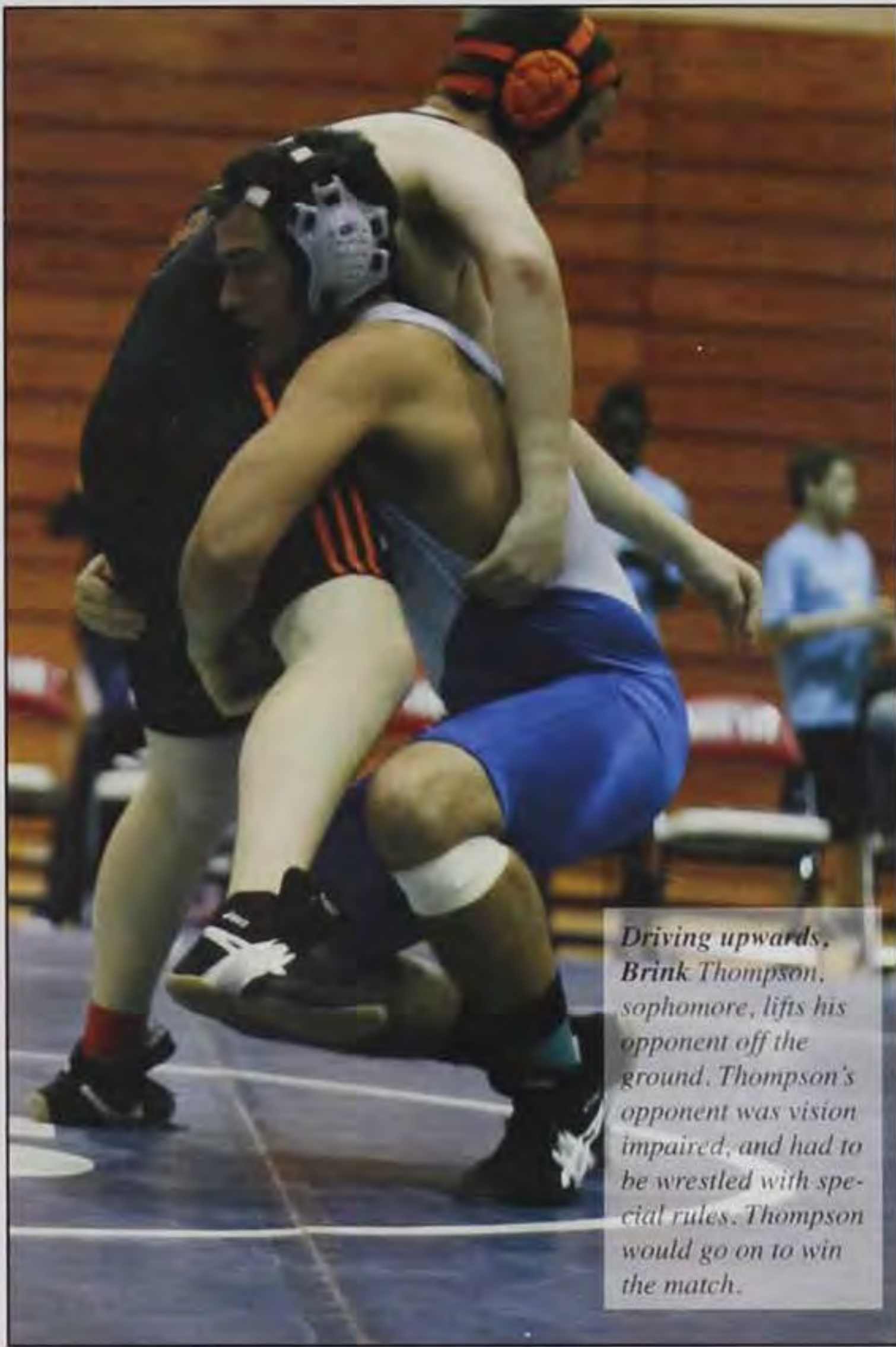
“I think probably every person on JV has gotten in a varsity match at least once. There’s a really big change in skill level as far as technique goes and usually in athleticism as well. There is a noticeable gap. Varsity is a faster pace and the matches and moves flow a lot faster,” said Joe Isaacs, sophomore.



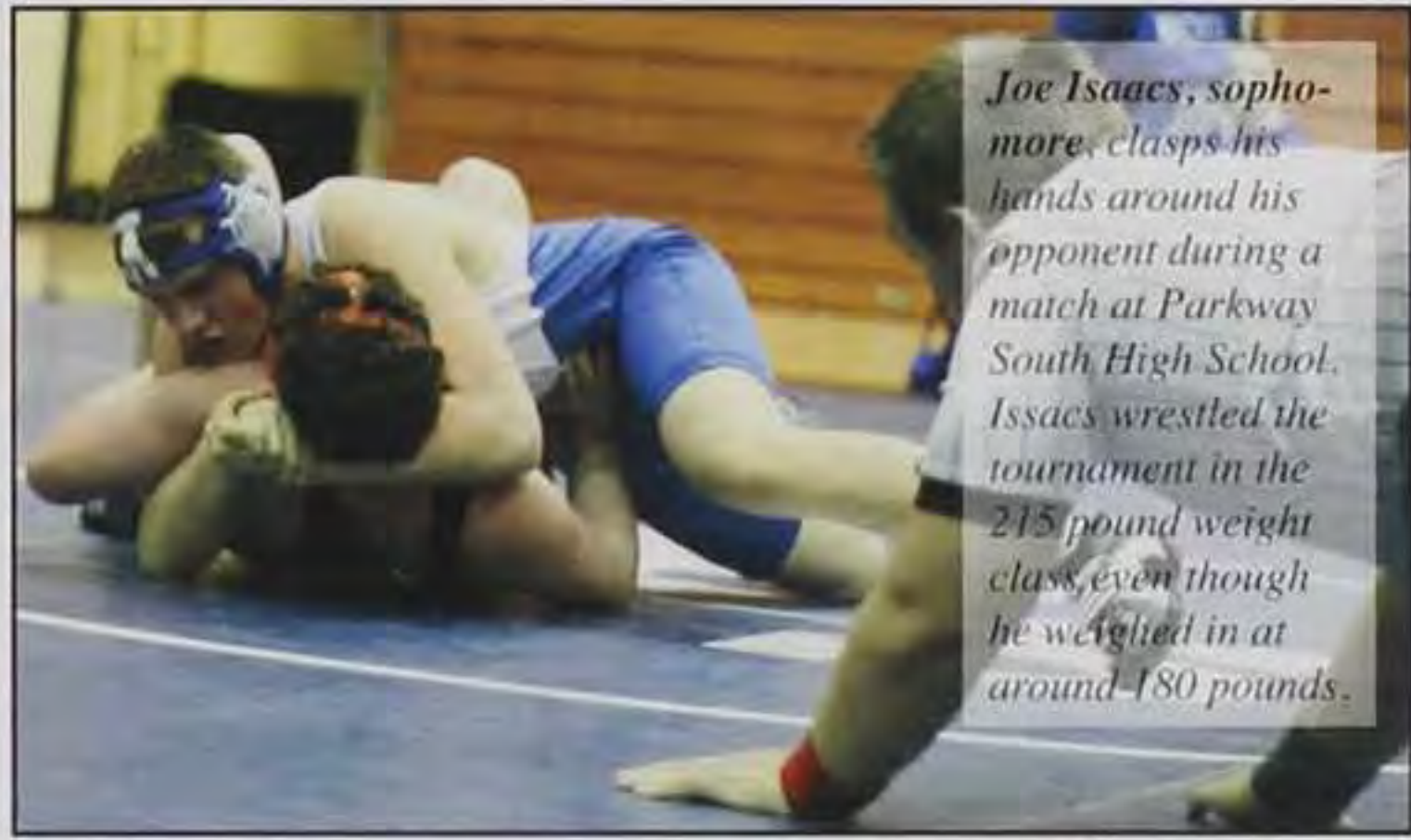
Eric Shaffer, freshman, shoots for a takedown while wrestling at Parkway. Shaffer wrestled as one of six freshman on the team.



Using his opponent for leverage, Mike Scott, freshman, positions his body on the mat. Because of the way the meet was structured, Westminster had a few wrestlers from other schools wrestle for their team on February 5.



Driving upwards, Brink Thompson, sophomore, lifts his opponent off the ground. Thompson's opponent was vision impaired, and had to be wrestled with special rules. Thompson would go on to win the match.



Joe Isaacs, sophomore, clasps his hands around his opponent during a match at Parkway South High School. Isaacs wrestled the tournament in the 215 pound weight class, even though he weighed in at around 180 pounds.

The Power of the Half

The crowd surged at McCluer North High School. Two boys circled around the mat. The mat was not big enough for both of them to share, and they both knew this. One of them went down, pinned by a half nelson, and a hand was raised by the referee in victory. A name was crossed off the bracket. One down, three to go.

The same ritual commenced again. Two boys circled, each of them waiting to strike. Teammates on the sidelines ate or rested while they watched a second opponent find himself pinned to the ground by another half nelson. Another name was crossed off the bracket. Two down, two to go.

The Westminster JV wrestling team and the crowd at McCluer North would go on to watch Will Egan, sophomore, pin both of his next opponents, totalling four wins. These four wins led to him being crowned the overall victor of the tournament. After leaving the mats, Egan immediately knew where he stood in the tournament.

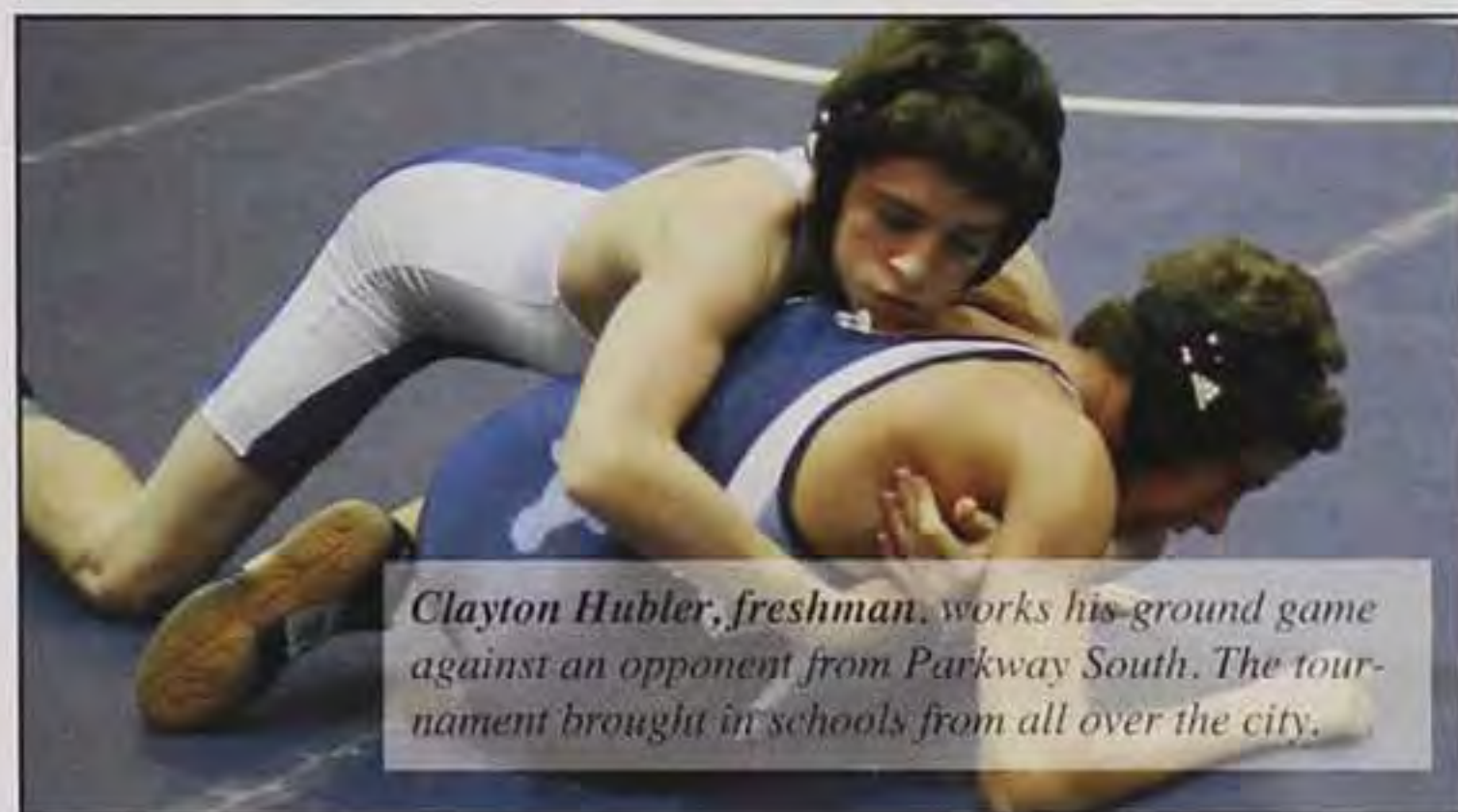
"I pinned everyone. I knew I won," he said.

Egan also used the same move, a half nelson, to pin all of his opponents. "A half nelson is when you take your arm and go under the opponent's arm and over his head, and push toward him until he rolls over to his back. Egan's half nelson is good because he is so strong and he can hold his opponent and make them do what he wants," said Mike Nothum, sophomore.

At the end of the day, one Wildcat represented Westminster and its wrestling program by resting at the top of the podium.



Keegan Brown, sophomore, attacks from the top after taking his opponent down to the mat. Brown continued on to be victorious.



Clayton Hubler, freshman, works his ground game against an opponent from Parkway South. The tournament brought in schools from all over the city.

Bennett Lewis, sophomore, defeats Washington at the wrestling invitational. "I love a good slam!" says Lewis. Lewis is one of the Westminster wrestlers that gets to go to state this year.



More than strength

For many people, wrestling could be perceived as a very confusing sport. It was viewed as a sport that involved both strength and endurance; however, that was only part of it. It also involved moves and techniques that needed to be mastered in order to succeed.

The Varsity boys spent each practice working on difficult moves that may seem simple, but once the moves are being used out on the mat, they hit a new level of difficulty. Practice usually consisted of warming up, learning new moves, drilling moves, and live play, which was where they wrestled each other as if they were in a real match. The wrestlers would agree that getting specific moves down took a lot of patience.

"Even the simplest of moves has a lot of little places to improve on in order to get it all correct you have to do it lots of times, muscle memory as the idea goes," said Joseph Welker, sophomore.

The team realized that one simple move in a match could determine the final score. Because of this, they spent many hours drilling one move until they knew it perfectly.

"I have drilled the same moves for hours before in one practice," said Bennett Lewis, sophomore.

"Even if you are losing, you can turn the match around with a pin or a 5 point move," said Max Miller, junior.

Wrestlers could make one smart move that could push them ahead, but one move could result in losing a match.

"One mistake, a hand in the wrong place or a bad shot, can either put you flat on your back or give up two points that you lose by later in the match. AKA: you are up by one and he gets a take down and wins the match," said Welker.



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Forrest Obenhaus, junior, wrestles against Lutheran South at the senior recognition night. Obenhaus had wrestled for Westminster since 7th grade.

Clayton Hubler, freshman, wrestles against his opponent from Lutheran South. Hubler was the youngest wrestler on the varsity team.



Dominic Barresi, sophomore, pins his opponent from Lutheran South. Barresi placed third at districts which sent him to state.



Different moves to master...

SLAM

When a wrestler jumps or falls from the top of the mat, they can use the momentum to slam into the mat, which can be a powerful move to use.

The top wrestler traps the opponent's head and neck between their hands to immobilize the opponent's head.

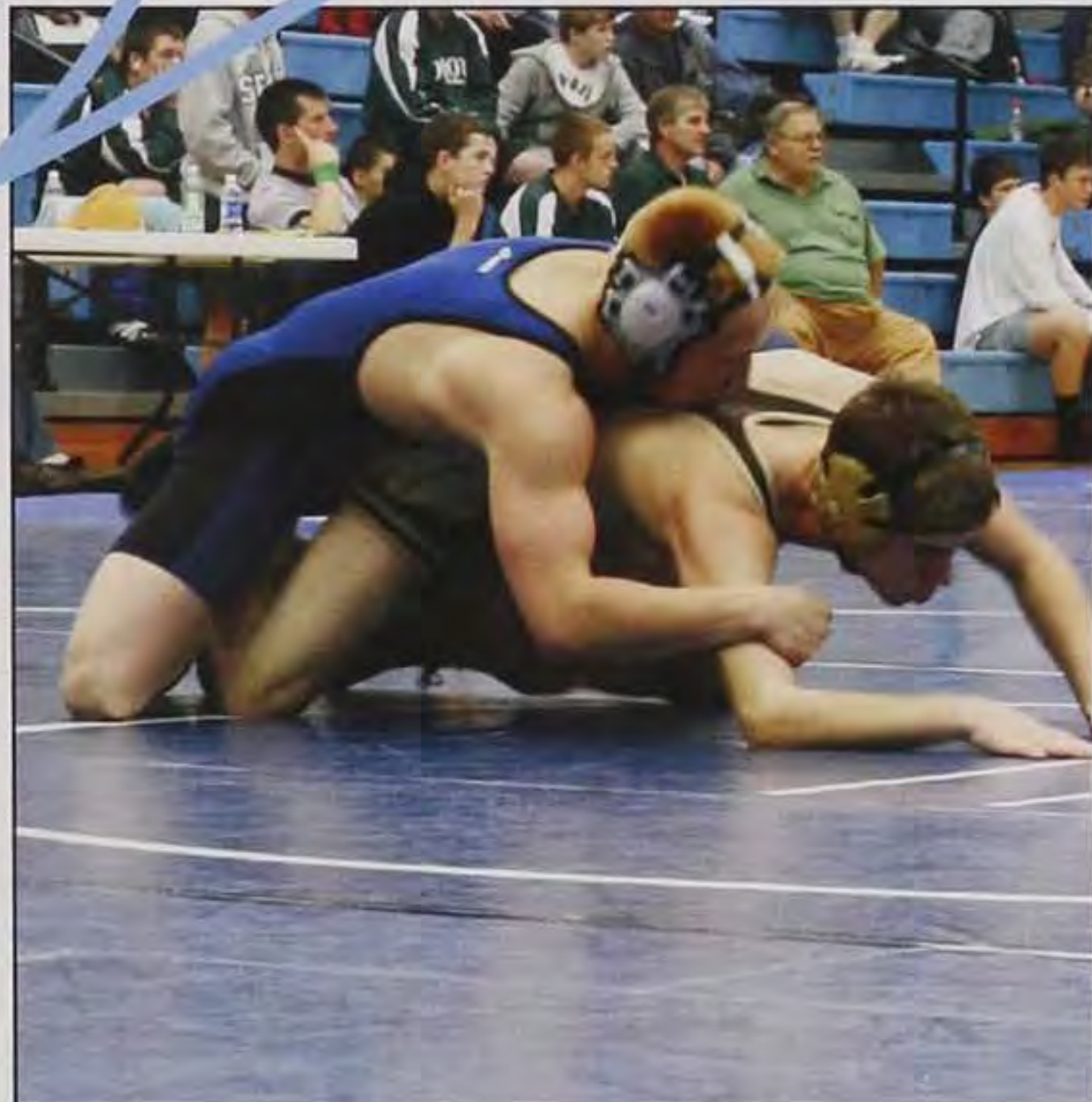
the CRADLE

double double LEG

When a wrestler traps the opponent's head and neck between their hands, they can use their legs to trap the opponent's legs to immobilize them.



The Westminster wrestling team decided to go to the girls' swim meet to cheer them on as they competed after their wrestling practice. The boys paraded in shirtless and became a distraction to the parents and swimmers so the referee told them that if they made any noise before the gun went off they would have to leave.



Drew Waeckerle, senior, was the only senior Westminster Varsity wrestler this year. Waeckerle had been wrestling for Westminster for all four years of high school. As a 9th grader, he was the only freshmen on the Varsity squad.

B.J. Yeager, junior, beats a Windsor wrestler during the Westminster Invitational Tournament. Yeager was one of three Wildcats to make it to state. "Being able to go to state is an accomplishment. It is rewarding because you have been working on it all year," said Yeager.

William Campbell, sophomore, defends the puck from the onslaught of his opponents. Campbell was a swing player and played for both the varsity and JV teams along with seven other freshmen and sophomores on the team.

Andrew Eichenlaub, eighth grade, attempts to cross the puck during the Junior Varsity's game against Christian Brother's College. The team ended up winning the game 3-0 even though they were short and went through the entire game with only seven subs.



Brendan Terbrock, sophomore, contests the goalie during the Junior Varsity's game against St. Mary's. Terbrock was a swing player playing for both the JV and Varsity Teams. Terbrock was in the top 5 scorers of the St. Louis Area for this year's season scoring over 30 goals.

Standing in goal, Steven Howell, eighth grade, prepares for a shot on goal in the Junior Varsity's game against Christian Brothers College. Although his team was short of players, Howell ended up with a shut out. In fact, Howell had a total of four shut outs for the season.



The BIG Hitters...

What players on the JV Team had the most "epic" hits or checks?

Ryan Conaghan

He hit this defenseman on the other team and the kid was laying on the ice for like 3 minutes if i remember correctly. It was hilarious!

-Steven Howell, eighth grade

Will Campbell

is our big hitter. He liked to go out onto the rink and throw his weight around."

- Jacob Heulskotter, freshman

"I would say either **Will Campbell** or **Sam Canfield**

They are big and are both sophomores, so they both know how to get great hits."

-Thomas Meyer, eighth grade



Ryan Conaghan, sophomore attempts to pass the puck for an assist.

Thomas Meyer, eighth grade, rushes down the ice. Because the team was a club team, middle schoolers, as well as students from other schools in the area, were allowed to be a part of the team. "It is both fun, but scary being middle schoolers on the junior varsity. It is fun to play with more competition, but scary because they are so much bigger," said Meyer.



A Shaky Start

men's junior varsity hockey

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The Junior Varsity hockey team skated onto the ice on Saturday, Nov. 20, prepared to turn their season around and start moving toward a winning season. With a starting record of 0-1-2 after several rough games, the team was determined and motivated to defeat their new opponents, the Oakville Tigers.

"We had to come back from our losing season, so it gave extra motivation," said Steven Howell, eighth grade.

The motivation carried into the game and stirred up excitement among the players. However, the game against Oakville was rough, and the toughness of the game helped the players overall teamwork. "They were extremely dirty and one of our players was knocked out," said Howell. However, the team began to understand how to play the game. "We were determined to win after two tough losses. Then when we were matched up against a tougher team, something just clicked and we started playing hockey," said Jacob Huelskoetter, freshman.

The team's wins continued as the Junior Varsity went five consecutive games without a loss, even when playing difficult opponents like SLUH, St. Mary's, Ladue and Laffayette.

"It was cool that we were able to turn our somewhat shaky season around and ended up with a solid, winning season," said Jacob Huelskoetter, freshman.



Sam Canfield, sophomore, attempts a slapshot during the JV's game against St. Mary's. Canfield contributed to the success of the team, but his main contribution to Westminster's hockey program was his performance on varsity with 25 goals and 43 assists, totaling 68 points; third most points scored by a player in the St. Louis area.

What was the most memorable game of your regular season?

Brendan Terbrock, sophomore, takes a shot at a goal. This was Terbrock's second year playing with the varsity squad.



"None of those games compare to the Chaminade game." -Brendan Terbrock, sophomore.

"The blackout game against MICDS. That game showed me how many people were there to cheer us on and support us, and that win gave us the motivation to help us in the playoffs." -Seth Mundorf, junior and assistant captain.

The team celebrates after scoring their seventh goal in their tenth regular season game. Westminster won the game against Parkway North 8-2.



Tate Matheny, junior, takes a shot during the MICDS game. Matheny was one of the three assistant captains of the team this year.

Taylor Bookout, junior, attempts to score during a game against Whitfield. The team defeated Whitfield 10-1. "We've become so much stronger as a whole this year and that's really helped us to be successful," said Bookout.



Nathan Smallwood, senior, travels down the ice to help his teammates play defense. Smallwood was captain of the Varsity squad. Smallwood also played on the Varsity football team this year.





William Campbell, sophomore, plays offense against his opponent. Campbell was one of seven sophomores on the squad this year. This was Campbell's second year playing for Westminster's varsity hockey squad.

Near Perfection

With a winning season of 19-2, a district championship, and pulling an impressive upset against Chaminade in the Challenge Cup, it would be difficult to deny that the Wildcats have seen a large amount of success this past year. One of the main causes of the numerous victories was due to a new system of leadership.

"A lot of our success is because of our new coach, Tom Canfield. "He has helped the team play at a faster pace. It's also because we have a lot of fun. I enjoy going to every practice and game so it helps my performance when I love the game," said Nathan Smallwood, senior and team captain.

Along with new leadership and new strategies, new bonds formed among the squad. These bonds helped the Wildcats achieve many victories, resulting in the strongest season of Westminster Varsity hockey.

"Coach has really stressed this year that we need to have a brotherhood in Christ. I think that's one of the main reasons why we've had such an amazing season- we really trust each other," said Jacob Huelskoetter, freshman.

The 2010-2011 varsity hockey squad was the first squad to ever enter into the Challenge Cup.

"I was very calm all game. Once we won the first game I got incredibly nervous. Going into the shootout I was shaking at the bench. I didn't want to let the team down, especially after coming so far and achieving what we had. Even though I was nervous, once I got in the net I was sure we would win," said Benjamin Evans, sophomore.

"I was injured this whole year so I didn't play at all, but I could tell it was a big game for my teammates from the energy and excitement," said Joshua Ortiz, sophomore.

More confidence also played a factor in the squad's success. "We need to stay together and trust our team is unbeatable, but we have to play our game- or else we'll lose," said Tate Matheny, junior and assistant captain. "If we continue to have consistent teamwork then we'll continue to see success," said Huelskoetter. The Wildcats did not depend on good luck for their victories, but rather skill, confidence, and unity.



Zachary Lockey, sophomore, rode a skateboard recreationally.

Riding a skateboard was one of Daniel Cannon's, senior, favorite pastimes.



Dreams Made of Metal

Frame? Check. Cranks? Check. Race across the asphalt, lift up on the handlebars, scoop your back foot up, soar through the air. This process was what Brendan Carnahan, eighth grade, went through every time he bunny-hopped on his Harro BMX bike.

The tricks did not stop there. Carnahan could do tuck no-handers, 180's, moto-whips, disasters, tire grabs, double peg stalls, and more. He first hopped on a BMX bike in 2009 and started taking it seriously in April of 2010. From the time he began being successful, Carnahan rode at Plan 9 Skate Park at the Mills Mall, and had been sponsored by Globe Shoes. "I am working toward getting on the Plan 9 team," said Carnahan.

He also hoped to take BMX with him through the rest of his life.

"I just want to be able to do this and not worry about it. I want learning tricks to drive me, but I want to have fun," said Carnahan. He hoped to attain more sponsorships and even aspired to open a skate park one day. Carnahan said he rode his BMX bike because of "the people, the places, and the uniqueness." For Carnahan, his dreams were made of metal, the metal that held his BMX bike together. These words were the building blocks upon

which a story was still being written.



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Ryan Douglas Allee



Jesus Christ, thanks for the blessings in my life. Mom – Thanks for your love, support, and encouragement. I'll always strive to "be the wiseman." Dad – Thanks for teaching me what it means to become a responsible man of God. Lindsay – From the beach to the lake, our memories will last forever. Baseball and football teams – You're my brothers. Always work hard. Connor – Apple Hill to WCA, brothers for life! Zach – Fire talks, "ehh'rqh." main man for life. Jake – Concerts, lake, baseball. Spencer – JFL to varsity. Alec – eieiet. Bennett – Decamonkey. Collin – Bro nights. To all my bro's – the memories will last forever. Coaches – Thanks for the opportunities and motivation. Dr. Gibson – Thanks for praying with me and pushing me to go beyond.



Jacob Christopher Appelbaum

Mom and Dad, thank you for being great parents and for being so helpful throughout my time at Westminster. Cameron and Willy, you two have been my best friends while I have gone here. You guys are the best. Kinsinger, Parker, Luke, and Boyer, it's always fun hanging out with you guys, thanks for all the good times. Lacey, I'm really glad I got to be such good friends with you, thank you. To the soccer team, we had a lot of fun times and I will always remember winning the first district championship. My time at Westminster has been great because of all these people. Thank you.



Andalee Brook Arndt



I love you! All of you. Thanks for making high school an interesting 4 years, you've all kept it lively. Time for the next chapter of my life. But I would like to say thank you especially to my family (and brother you're cool) for supporting me these years. Also to my Europe buddies you guys are great, and VDT, you guys have been in a word amazing I don't know how I could have gotten through Westminster without all of you. To all my friends, you guys have all impacted my life, so thank you for putting a smile on my face every day. Ultimately, though, I thank God for all I am, and all I will be.



Abby Nicole Bakersmith



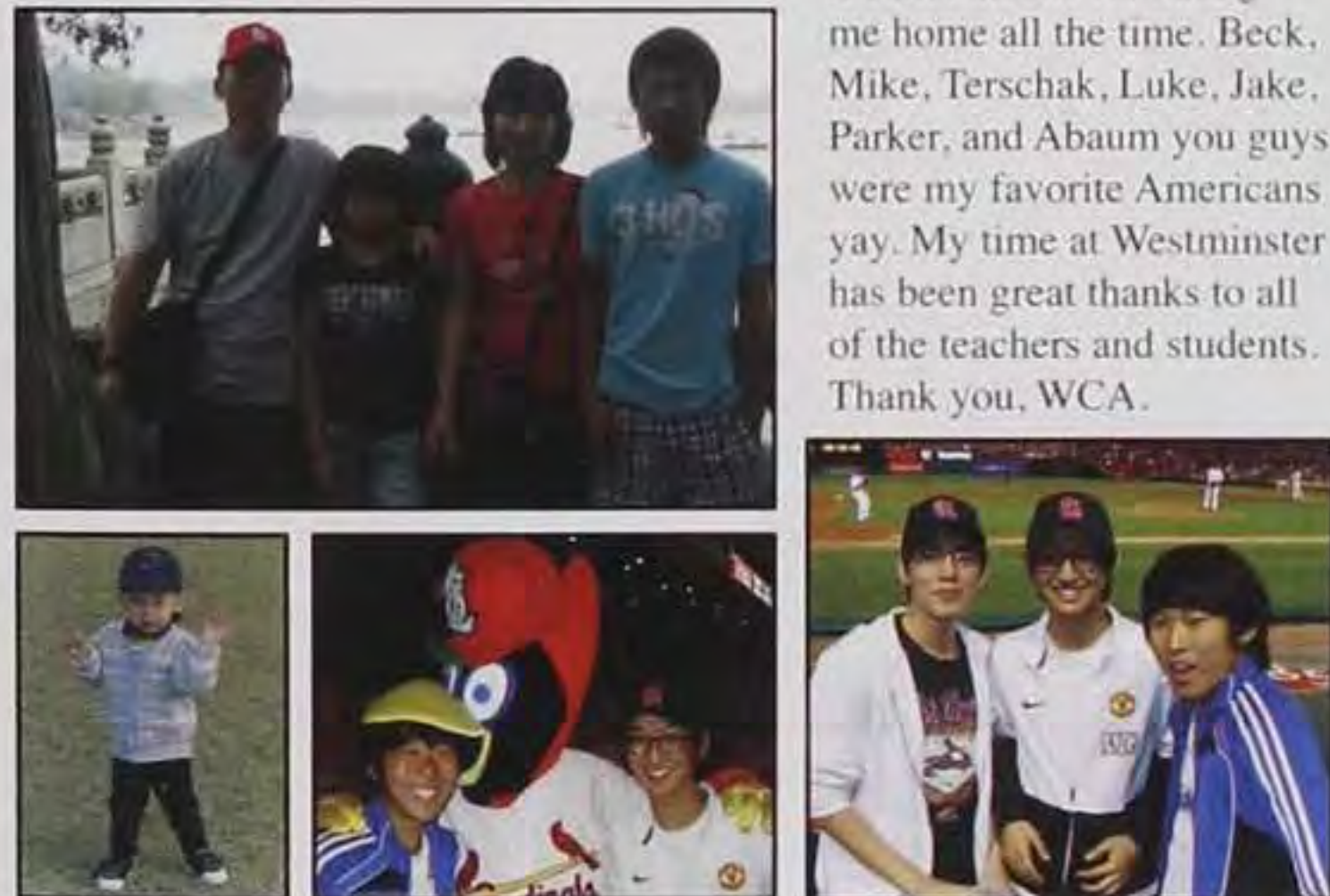
God, thanks for all the love and grace that You have shown me. Mom and Dad, thanks for the patience and unending love you've given me. I love you always. Blaire and Erin, you are the best sisters, and best friends I could ever ask for, I love you so much. Lacey and Paton-Triplets and Shakira forever. I love you more than you know. Rayrains-John! You have been amazing, classic troublemakers. Dan-thanks for letting me sneak over to eat Ben and Jerry's and chat. Kaylee - FBG&PYT, bushes, Aubs - memaw and chuck, flashcards! Jor - thanks for the best house with the best nights, ice skaters. Kels - hotty toddy rebelbaby. Sumsem - I love you all! Thanks for the two best weeks ever! Xoxo, Ab.



Soo-Heon Baik



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Matthew Peter Baldwin



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Emily Horak, sophomore, has attended rock climbing camp.

Hiking is an activity Hayden Harper, senior, enjoys.



No Ordinary Backyard

Peter Duell, junior, found an interest in rock climbing when his friend took him to Upper Limits, an indoor rock climbing gym across from Union Station, to climb for the first time. Since then, Duell's interest in climbing took a rapid spike, and he began wanting to climb more often. However, since upper limits was far away from Duell's house and the prices to climb there were high, he wanted to have a rock wall more accessible to him.

"Last year my mom was at the Alpine Shop trying to figure out what to get me for my birthday, and she ended up deciding to build a rock climbing wall in our backyard for me," said Duell.

Not only did Duell climb on artificial rock walls, but he has also climbed real rocks in southern Illinois in order to have the real outdoor rock climbing experience. "I really do it because it's fun and the physical part comes as a benefit," says Duell.

In addition to rock climbing, Duell also runs cross country, which helped him build up strength and endurance.



Peter Duell, junior, hangs off the top of his rock climbing wall in his backyard after doing a dyno. A dyno is when one prepares to leap up to a higher up rock.

Rachel Suzanne Bates

Brianna: We have been through it all: tears and laughs. Words could not express how much you mean to me. Until I pass, you will always be my sister and best friend. (Handshake goodbye) Tiffany T: All our deep moments tie into two words: keep rapping. Erinn: You are my Puerto Rican, Italian, Mexican, Chinese, Black, White, and Native American Queen. Rachel P: Never forget that you are a strong, talented, radiant woman with a smile that could heal a thousand souls. I love you. Junior girls: I will never forget you guys. Cheerleaders: The memories are overflowing. Mom: Thank you for being an example of how a strong, beautiful woman in the Lord should be. I love you.



Lauren Elizabeth Baum

Family – Thank you so much for everything and helping me grow into the person I am today. Mom – You're the best mom I could ever ask for; thank you for always being there for me and being understanding. You're my role model. Anna – We've been through a lot together but we will always be best friends – "from the cradle to the grave." Love you bunches blueberry muffin. Julia and Liz – You guys have taught me so much. Thank you for being there for me in hard times and for all the laughs and fun. Love you girls! Cheerleaders – It's been a blast cheering with you all! I will never forget the flying whales. Jeremiah 29:11



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Brett Joseph Baumgartner



Thank you to everyone who has supported me over my Westminster career. First, the glory goes to God for getting me through the tough times as well as the good times. Mom and Dad: thank you guys for knowing what's best for me and for loving me. Without you, I wouldn't be as successful as I am. Bri: It's time for you to be the oldest. Good luck. Swim Team: I'm going to miss all those water polo Wednesdays and chuck-a-burger. Scholar bowl: stay smart. Class of 2011: You guys have become my family and thanks for all the memories. Revelation 21:8



Abigail Lynn Becker



Mom and Dad – Thanks for all the opportunities. Cori, Michael, and David – You are the best siblings a girl could have! Hailey – Starshine: From pre-school to senior year. Love ya like a sister! Don't forget white rabbit because I will be expecting a call. Katherine – Super Fuego, trips in Big Bertha, chex mix. Maggie – you always give me the best perspective, Marcel loves you. Laura – you inspire me to be the best I can be. Pasillo, Alex, Leah – Spanish lunches. forever! Lunch table girls: your continual friendship means so much to me. PC girls – I'm so thankful for you! Academy, thanks for six great years. Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades. I give You the glory!



Andrew David Beck



God, thank you for all that you have given me and all the people you have put in my life. Mom and Dad, thank you for coming to all my games and all you've done for me. Michael and Leah, all the crazy competitions we have. All my friends and teammates who made Westminster the best: Menzel, best friend, backing me up, always having to win arguments. Mike, St. Charles buddies forever! Exchanged rides everywhere. Strappy, master of bro night. Collin, always making me laugh until I cry. Terschak, my quiet, long-armed buddy. Jordan, the wonderful memories and great times have been unforgettable, all my I don't knows. Koreans – "salon-hey". Trio – Jack, Duds, Cherian – Keep Westminster strong. Hebrews 12:1-3



Anna Marie Becker



God, thanks you for seeing me through every day of high school. You deserve all the glory. Mom and Dad, thanks for always supporting me and having faith in me. Ben, thanks for being a role model for me, big brother. Lauren, we will be friends from cradle to grave. Rebecca, I love all the amazing times we have had laughing together and having a blast. Connor, thank you for always being there for me; we have had so much fun together. Liz, thanks for being my prayer buddy. I will never forget you guys. Varsity Cheerleaders, I love you all! To everyone else, thank you for shaping me into the person I am today. Philippians 2:3-5



Lacey Call, senior, was on Cheer Legendz: Sabers.

Alyssa Dosmann, eighth grade, was on Cheer Legendz.

LEGENDZ among us

"And 5, 6, 7, 8..." this was a phrase all too familiar to Brooke-Ellen Brugner, seventh grade, who had been in cheerleading since she was five. However, this was not the stereotypical cheer team; Brugner was in competitive cheerleading.

Competitive cheerleading was not school associated and instead of cheering for the football team at games, competitive cheerleaders competed at National level competitions throughout the country. Brugner had competed in different cities in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Florida, Kansas, Ohio, and Texas. She was an athlete at Cheer Legendz, a competitive gym, which was one of the largest, most successful gyms in the Midwest.

As well as cheering for 8 years, Brugner had also taken up dance at Cheer Legendz for the past 3 years. "I definitely love both cheer and dance although, they are really different. I love the competitions and the adrenaline I get from completing," said Brugner. Throughout the years, some competitions stood out among others. She said that at one competition, their gym "got a clean sweep which means every team got first in their division. It was really fun because everyone was so happy and proud of Cheer Legendz." Brugner was loving life as a Legend and was planning to stick with Cheer Legendz through high school.



Brooke-Ellen Brugner, seventh grader, holds her pose at the end of a routine. The average routine was 3 minutes long. During her practice, Brugner worked on her stunt with teammates. "Stunting is fun because we all work together to hit a sequence," said Brugner. Since the beginning of her Legendz career, Brugner was a flyer for her team.

Winter



Bennett Robert Bell

First I would like to thank God for all the ways that He has blessed me. Dad- Thanks for being such a great example of what a Godly man should be and for teaching me the great game of baseball. I hope to be like you one day. Mom- Thank you for always being there for me and for keeping me on track with the Lord. Bros- so many memories. Bryce- stay crazy, work hard. Blasé- enjoy your time at Westminster, it will fly by. Rachel- You've been such a blessing. Thank you for making me a better man. Baseball team- Florida. Lunch table- always entertaining. Off to new beginnings. Soak it up! Proverbs 19:20-21



Schaeffer Lee Bell



Mom and Dad, Thanks for all the opportunities you've given me and the sacrifices you've made. Thank you, God for where I am today and the path you have for me to follow. Dad- You're a great motivator, and a stud of a father-Shudamia! Mom- you have helped me through thick and thin, thanks for all the sack lunches! Nat- you are a super sis and a best friend who is always there for me to talk to. McDan- Golf, Wild Wings, hanging in the "basement", great memories with more to come. Coach P- you've been like a father to me-thanks! Lunch Table- more fun than a group of guys should have. COD bros! (you know who you are).



Haley Hawken Bergman



To my family, I love you all more than you can imagine. Mom and Dad, thanks for encouraging me constantly, sacrificing so much for me, and loving me unconditionally despite my flaws. John, you are the best big brother and an amazing role model. Anna, you will always be my beautiful little sister, friend, and favorite roommate. Abby, you will always be my best friend and partner in crime. Thanks for everything. To my friends, you all mean the world to me. To my teachers, thanks for investing so much time in helping me learn and grow in my education and in my faith. God, your grace is enough. I am weak; you are strong. 2 Peter 1:5-9



Elizabeth Anne Blackwell

I praise God for blessing me with a Christian education, wonderful friends and family. Thanks Mom and Dad for sending me to WCA, supporting and helping me along the way, I love you both. Melissa, I love you and am here for you. Lauren and Lizzie, two of my best friends, I wouldn't have made it without you so much fun and laughter. Morgan, we met winter of 2009 and you became one of my best friends, you taught me tons. I appreciate you so much. Daniel: white ash, Disney channel group, many laughs, you're great. Chelsea you have been such a great friend, you make me smile. All of my friends and teammates, I love you, thanks for the memories.



Haley Lynn Bettlach



Goodbye! All I can think about is how fast four years can go. Mom and Dad...thank you for always being there for me even when I do something wrong. I know I am a handful. Sam, Ellie, and Amanda...we have had some great family dinner and vacation moments, you know what I am talking about. Kaylee...I'm going to miss Wednesday night sleepovers, interesting Saturday nights, getting lost, and lots of food. Dani...P and W!! Worst Best night of my life. Dylan...you never cease to amaze me. You always know how to make me smile. Everyone else I'm going to miss you! Now it is time to say goodbye to a wonderful four years!



Jacob David Boyer



Oh boy, high school is over already? I remember a short 4 years ago sitting in class looking up at all of the seniors. I love my bros: Parker, Hayden, Luke, Zach, Drew, Spencer, Cam, Jacob, Reid, Jake, Justin, and Nathan. I know we will always remember the best times we had with each other. I want to tell Finnley how much I appreciate her friendship and kindness, and I know we will be close forever. To mom and dad, I love you guys. Thank you for providing me with a great education even though it took sacrifice. To Carson, I love you sis, you're the best. To everyone else, you made high school great. Thanks!



Sarah Barker, sophomore, was a gymnast.



Jae Lee, sophomore, took tae kwon do lessons.



Cameron Michael Brouk



Lacey Leah Call

Dad, you have been such an amazing father and have always been there for me. Thank you! Morg- you will always be my best friend. You are beautiful inside and out. Lovely Lizzie Nester, I love you. We have so many memories together. You are an amazing girl. Jo, Aubs, Kels, Rach- I love you girls so much. You are truly my best friends and each one of you mean the world to me. My twins- Abby & Paton, we will be sisters forever. Hayden- you mean so much to me and I will always have a place for you in my heart. Jacob- You have been an amazing friend. "One love, one heart, one destiny." -Bob Marley



Joseph Kent Burzinski



Mom and Dad, I love you guys. Thank you for 18 years of food and shelter. Thank you for putting up with my crazy habits and strange behavior patterns. Thank you for loving and nurturing me. Grace, you may drive me nuts, but I wouldn't trade you for any other sister. Friends, you have been excellent companions. Thanks to all for the good and the bad times. I wouldn't trade these memories for anything.



Rebecca Jean Canfield



I wasn't always sure I'd survive to write this, but WE MADE IT! Parents- thanks so much for respecting me and allowing me enough independence to grow into someone I can truly be proud of. Eddie- best little bro ever. You're absolutely ridiculous and creepy, but I love ya. Kindboms- thanks for adopting me! Kelsey- stay hippie and teach me your college friends' inside jokes so we can steal them, kay? ;)(; Kayla- thanks for being your lovable self. You've been a major positive influence. Rebecca-LPFL, would of failed every lab without you. Lunch table- super cool but never actually at lunch? I wish I could thank everyone that's helped along the way because there's SO many more... but... word limit.



Angela Toshiko Cannady

To my friends at WCA—thanks for six years of friendship and support. I love all of you and will miss seeing you every-day. To my parents—I love you both and am very grateful for each of you. I really appreciate your hard work and the sacrifices you have made for our family. To my sister—thanks for understanding my humor and being the best friend ever! To my pseudo-family—I love you guys! To Westminster and its teachers—thank you for teaching me well, guiding me well, and providing me with the opportunity to have an amazing experience—because it certainly was amazing!



Daniel Edward Cannon

I would like to thank my Mom and Dad for helping me get through all of the hard years. Without my parents, I would have not gotten through high school. Also, my friends were a big part of my years at Westminster. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

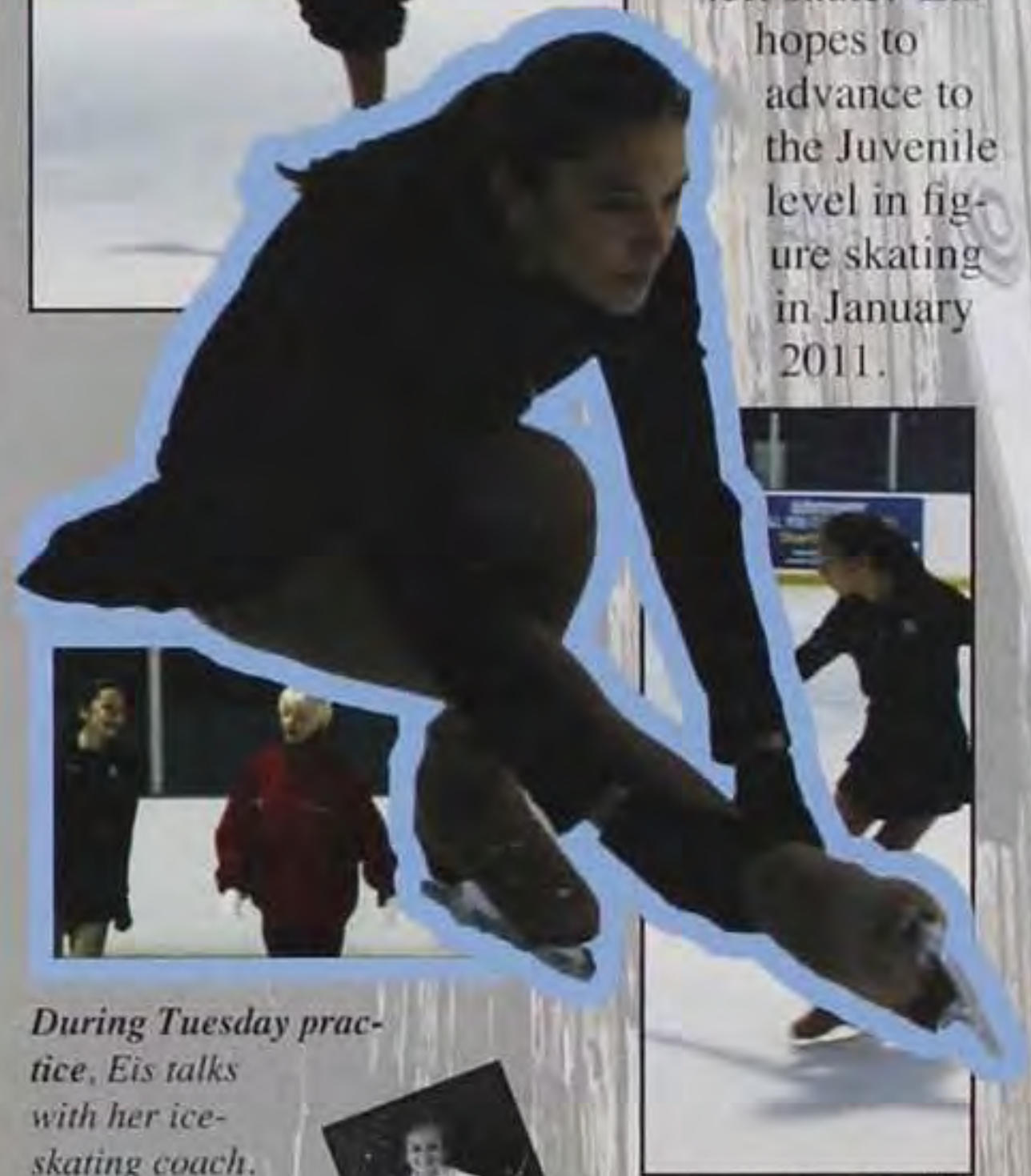


Eis on Ice

"Ice-skating is a unique sport because not that many people do it," said Rebecca Eis, eighth grade. Eis had been skating since 2005 when her friend moved away.

"I actually started skating with my friend who was moving away. We wanted to do something fun before she moved, so we went ice-skating, and I have been skating ever since then," said Eis. Since then, Eis also took up synchronized ice-skating. "For the most part figure skating is a girly sport, and I think that is another reason I like skating. Also it is really fun to do something new and different," said Eis.

"My favorite move in ice-skating would be the flip jump. But I don't have a favorite spin because I don't like spins that much." A flip jump consists of taking off of the left skate with an assist from the right skate in the form of a toe pick. The skater rotates in a counter-clockwise direction and then lands back on the left skate. Eis hopes to advance to the Juvenile level in figure skating in January 2011.



During Tuesday practice, Eis talks with her ice-skating coach. They went over Eis's ice-skating routine.



Jordan Weaver, senior, rode horses competitively.

Moriah Miller, freshman, was the daughter of computer teacher, Diane Miller.



Caleb Janssen, junior, was the son of geometry teacher, Rex Janssen.



Steffano Santiago Chavez



Andre Felipe Cataldo



I would like to start by thanking my Lord for all of the opportunities and gifts He has given me throughout the course of my life. I would also like to thank my parents for their spiritual guidance and Christian leadership showing me how to live out my faith by first acting it out themselves. Thank you to all of the teachers and friends that have come and gone over the years. Lastly, a special thanks to "Stick" for the enormous impact you had on my life and the lives of everyone around you in your short time here with us. I can truly say I am a different today person because of you.



Deanne Suekyung Chae



God, you are good. Thank you for the countless blessings. Mom and Dad, the sacrifices, the love, and the encouragement you've given me mean a lot. I love you guys. Daniel, you have always challenged and pushed me beyond my limits. I'm glad you're my brother. Jenny, I couldn't have asked for a better friend. I love you buddy; DJ forever. KPCYG, words cannot describe how thankful I am to each and every one of you and the impact you have made on my life. KPC all the way. "Greater things have yet to come. Greater things are still to be done in this city. Greater things have yet to come. Greater things are still to be done here."



Sung Min Cho



I can't believe it! I have to graduate high school already. First, I'd like to thank God for everything that you have given me. Dad, thanks for giving me the opportunity to go to Westminster, so that I could have a great time here. Mom, I always thank you for your constant prayer and support for me. I will not forget about this time that I've enjoyed at Westminster. Especially, Soo-heon and Sang A and Sinae Kim!!! You guys are so humorous and nice.



Danielle Nicole Cicka



Mom and Dad- thank you exceedingly for pushing me to succeed, but keeping me grounded and reminding me to have fun! All your advice and support is appreciated immeasurably and will be remembered forever. Markus- you're literally the coolest kid I know and you have the most unfailing love. Without a doubt, I look forward to spending time with you more than anyone and will miss you a ton. Best game ever invented- one-touch soccer with the purple ball. Jill- what would I have done without you? You're wonderfully loyal and we have so many memories (Trout Lodge to Wisconsin!). Thanks everyone. Thank you God for everyone mentioned and, above all, for your patience, forgiveness, and purpose.



Abigail Michelle Clark

I want to thank God for His unfailing love and work in my life. Mom and Dad: Thanks for raising me in a Christian home and loving me through all the crazy things I've thrown at you. Annie: Thanks for numerous laughs and teaching me to be confident in myself. AMA: From kitchen talks to Batman lies I can pinky promise we will be friends forever. Rebecca and Lola: We've had many unforgettable times, which have made my WCA experience 10x better. IMPROVEES: You're my second family and da bomb! I love you guys! P.C. Girls: My beautiful sweeties! God loves you and has a special plan for you. Thank you WCA for a memorable high school experience! 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.



Teachers Need Help, Too

How great would it be to earn 1/4 of a credit, simply by doing homework? That was what being a T.A. could give a student at Westminster the privilege to do.

Rebecca Lambert, senior, was a teacher's assistant who had this opportunity. "I started TA-ing because I had a study hall, and I knew I wouldn't get anything productive done because it was seventh hour. So I decided to try being a T.A. When the teacher I work with doesn't have anything for me to do, I get to just do homework and study," said Lambert.

There is not a certain GPA level that was required in order to be a T.A. All that was required was permission from both the teacher and the student's parents. "I'd recommend anyone to do it, just make sure that it's with a teacher that you like! Because if you didn't like the teacher that would really stink," said Lambert.

Lucy Wynn, junior, also was a teacher's assistant. "The best part about it is being able to get a 100 in a class, just by being responsible," said Wynn. Teacher Assisting was either a pass/fail class; however, it was much more difficult to fail it than it to pass it.



Lucy Wynn, junior, works in David Haas's, College Algebra teacher, class during fourth hour. Wynn started assisting Sara Keeton, sophomore English teacher, this year. "I really like Miss Keeton, so it was actually pretty fun," said Wynn.

Kelsy Nicole Cline

Philippians 3:7-8 God- I owe you everything. Mommy & Daddy- My number one fans, thank you for loving me unconditionally. Kyle- Wild man, there was never a dull moment. Thanks for many laughs. Aubs- Sunshine! BFF you mean the world to me. Sisters always. Rainy nights. Rachel- Baby Asian, you taught me how to have fun. Lacey- My sweet little hippie. Hula hoops! Jordan- I loooovvee you. Nights in Star! Evona- Captains always. Bakersmith- Hotty Toddy! VDT- My sisters! Lauren, Dan, Morgs, Paton, and Kaylee- thanks for the encouragement, laughs, and crazy memories. Brothers- lifetime. Great memories, love you all. Von & Gibson- thanks for investing in my life. KCLARK forever- consider the source. "Love the life you live, live the life you love."



Nathaniel Aaron Cox

First, I would like to thank my Lord God. Without whom my life would have no meaning. Second, I would like to thank my parents. I love you both dearly, and I thank you for the many sacrifices you've made for me. Erin, enjoy senior year, I love you. Third, to my fellow cavemen I love each of you like brothers, and I refuse to forget any of you "Ta Grunga." To my dear sisters: Abby "Wa Ha Bibi" Alex "Hobo living in a mansion" and Katy "Animecon Buddy" I love each of you with all my heart. Finally, to my "Family Amoeba," "Momma" and "Gramma" particularly; I love you. "CAW" :)



Ruth Kristine Cross

Joanne Johnson and Stephanie Lieber, juniors, were members of the Literary Rogues and both enjoyed writing poetry in their free time.



Drew Menzel, senior, had been working on his fantasy novel since junior year.

Paul Wheeler, senior, enjoyed writing creatively.

Brett Richard Cotner

First off I would like to thank my mom for sending me to Westminster. Second, Westminster it has been fun, thanks for all the good times and the bad times. I feel like I have gained so much knowledge from this school. Favorite thing about Westminster has got to be the teachers, they are awesome. Back to my parents, thanks mom, and thanks dad for helping me with my homework and high school difficulties. You guys are awesome and I would only trade you for Bill Gates. I am just joking and they know it. To all those who are not seniors and are reading this... you're in for a real treat. Sit back and enjoy the ride!



Sarah Elizabeth Davis

Mom and Dad, without your love and support I would've never made it this far. Sisters- you three keep me sane and insane I love you three more each day. Rose and Blanche- You are truly my "Golden Girls" love you to death. Tayboo a.k.a. Mrs. Green- we were meant for each other, there's too much I could write, I love you more times infinity. Evo- I love you, our "talks", Spanky's, and stalking. Nick- I'm going to win the \$1000. Drew- You're the brother I've never had and you are my twin. Euro peeps, class, everyone else- Love you all, without you I wouldn't be me. Philip-pians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."



Lauren Ems DeRousse

Mom/Dad- Thanks for all the support you've given me throughout the years. You've been great Christian examples for me to follow. Andy/twin- always know what gets at me, but mostly how to encourage me. Brandon- Always making me smile, you can put up with me better than anyone else. Lizzie N- best friends since pre-school, your friendship means so much to me. Chelsea-like sisters for as long as I've known you, I love you. Lizzie B- My goofy friend, what would I ever do without you and your house? Christine- tennis, ping-pong, rollerblading, skis, Happy Gilmore. Morgan- best talks ever, we always know how to have a good time. Yu- laughing. Dani-spring break. Drew, Von, tennis team, Talley- love you all.



Telling a Story

*Doom of the Pantoum
by Catherine Bakewell*

*I crave my sleep,
but my neon-blue nails won't
stop
holding that wretched inkpen,
not for one second.*

*But my neon-blue nails won't
stop,
so neither will I,
not for one second.
The pen won't quit writing*

*so neither will I,
not even when the sun is up;
the pen won't quit writing,
no matter my protests.*

*Not even when the sun is up,
holding that wretched inkpen,
no matter my protests,
I crave my sleep.*

"I have stories going through my head all day, and when I get home they get to all come out on paper," said Catherine Bakewell, freshman.

Although she is an underclassman, her talent and passion for writing has been noticed by many.

In eighth grade, Catherine took a poetry class with Mr. Talley who encouraged her to submit some in the Westminster Poetry Slam. "When I got up in front of all those highschoolers I thought I was going to throw up and I was shaking."

After reading her poem, Bakewell considered never submitting her poetry again. Then she won first place, wowing the crowd in the high school competition. "I thought it was a dream," said Bakewell.

Bakewell hopes to make a career out of writing, since she does it constantly and enjoys story telling. "It's a crazy dream of mine to become an author of realistic fiction," said Bakewell.



During a Literary Rogues meeting, Catherine Bakewell, freshman, shares her poem. "I had fun experimenting with this [poem]. So much fun, in fact, that it was about one in the morning when I was done, and I'd written about ten of these," said Bakewell.

Aubrey Elizabeth Dosmann



God first, Joshua 1:5-9. Mom- I love you, my greatest blessing. Dad- you've taught and given me so much, I love you. Alyssa- Ich werde dich vermissen, ikr? Kelsy- BFF, there's too much, but what matters most: I'll always love you. Jordan- BFF, socks, thanks for being there when I freak out. Rachel- PC, naps, Vnight. Lacey- beautiful hippy. Kaylee- nose goes. Evona- oooooooh my, words can't describe. Dani- I'll miss you soooooo much! Abby- flash cards. Lunch table and Kclark. I'll miss you all. Landon- you're awesome. Gilbert- true bestfriend. Reid- my crazy hero. Cam- I miss being losers, thanks for almost getting me shot. Teachers- Snyder, Mohler, Scholton, Von, Dierking, thank you. Romans 14.



Henry Nickolas Eicher



Cooper Morgan Dunlap



Lord, thanks for the blessings and lessons I had at WCA. Dad, thanks for all of the homework help and advice. Mom, your support and love helped me survive everyday of high school. Sophie, I give you the crown of the school. You may now begin your reign. Emma, thanks for the fun times. 'Tards you guys have made high school so much more enjoyable. Thanks for all the laughs, Football coaches and teammates, thanks for teaching me mental toughness and how to fight adversity Teachers, thanks to all for the great lessons whether they were in or out of the classroom. To all my friends, thanks for all the great memories and stories that I'll cherish forever. Psalm 119:105



Sarah Theresa Eis



God, thank you for this amazing experience! I cannot wait to see what more you have in store for me! Mom and Dad, thank you for investing so many resources toward my education- both spiritual and academic. To my fellow political animals- thanks for the amazing memories! To the loving "Family Amoeba"- What to say? Nothing describes us better than an amoeba! I love you all and forever am your distant relative and close friend. Becca, you are an amazing sister! I love you so much! Keep being awesome and working hard! Zach and Megan- You both are wonderful cousins! I love you! To all I have not mentioned- I love you! To God be the glory!



Daniel Marc Everett

So this is it. It is crazy how fast six years can pass. As I leave this school I have so many memories, good and bad memories. Thank you David for always being there through all of them and being the best twin I could ask for. Mom and Dad, thank you for your endless support and love. XC Guys—thanks for all the great moments—never forget the team motto. Thank you to all the coaches and runners I have met along the way that have shaped me into the man I am today, especially Coach Bain and Coach Ammen for always being there for me. “To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.”



David William Everett

I have been abundantly blessed by God. Thank you Daniel for all the time that we have shared. I look up to you and I have loved getting to be your little brother. Momma, Ev, Poppa Ev, you are wonderful parents! Thank you for raising me and giving me an opportunity to go to school at Westminster. Andrew, I will not forget the times we have shared. XC team—work hard, you are all very talented! Danny, best of luck, go get em’. Coaches, you have taught me so much. Ramya, you know me. To everyone else, thank you. To whoever took the time to read this, live life to the fullest. Lord, fill my heart with your compassion.



Freedom Rides

Nobody wants to feel out of place or different. For some kids, fitting in is a huge challenge. That is why Laura Brands, junior, had been a volunteer at a therapeutic horsemanship program for almost two years.

These programs gave kids or adults with disabilities the chance ride horses, which helped to build their physical and mental strength. “When people come to ride the horses, it takes them away from what they are used to. Most riders cannot perform what we think are simple tasks and many are unable to ride a bike,” said Brands.

Riding the horses gave these kids that “normal” feeling that they think they do not possess. The kids can now go to school and say that they have ridden a horse, a pastime that many children enjoy.

“Lots of the kids are happy all the time and I love to hear them talk about their lives, when they can. Many riders in the advanced class have told me that they just want to be treated like a normal kid or adult their age,” said Brands. Brands planned on volunteering at the same barn in the future.

Laura Brands, junior, feeds and talks to her horses while at the stable. She also liked to brush and clean the horses. Brands worked from April to October but still made regular visits to the barn to see the horses.



Maren Osterholt, sophomore, serves for charities across Saint Louis.



Ian Francis Farmer



"Without a bad day, you could never have a good day." I have spent approximately 1020 days of my life at Westminster Christian Academy. And because of the people who stopped to care about me I remember 1020 of those days were as beautiful and wonderful as a perfect rose lit by the golden morning sun. My life may have had thorns, but it's the roses I remember most. I would like to thank my Dad, my Mom, my brothers and sister, all of my friends, that little red headed girl, Mr. Shewamb, Mr. Mohler, Dr. Gibson, Mr. Kerchoff, Mr. Hughes, Dr. Wilcox and most of all, my savior for making me who I am today, I love you all.



Abigail Emily Finn



Thanks to my family and friends for always supporting and encouraging me. I'll miss you all next year. Thank you mom and dad for always supporting and loving me. C, you've always been there for me. Alex, iNate, Katy, and Micah, we always have fun especially when Bunny Tracks is involved. Ethan, thanks for tolerating my driving. The past 6 years have been fun and I'm excited for what is to come. Bye WCA!



Brittany Elizabeth Fellows



Mom and Dad- Thank you so much for sending me to WCA and loving me so much. You have made me the person I am today. You're the best. I love you guys more than you know. Brian- You keep me sane at home and are the funniest person I know. I'll miss you so much at college. I love you little brother! Claire and Mary- You guys can be crazy, but I still love you both a lot! Erin- You have made my senior year crazy and unforgettable. I don't know what I would have done without you. You're amazing! Cheerleaders- You girls all make me smile and I love every one of you. You are awesome!



Steven Patrick Fitzgerald



Let the random one-liners begin. Mom- You are probably already crying. Dad- Keep dreaming on. Jeffrey- Don't touch me. Grandma- You have to see me be famous. Rest of my family- Thanks for keeping it interesting. Ryan- You are my best friend, and you know what comes next. Bennett- You're a great godfather. Daniel- Too many to say. Kuiper- I enjoy our talks. Peter- Betting is evil. Coach Cooper- It is way too hot outside. Smallwood- Team bonding has been one of the best experiences ever. Abaum and Willy- We will always have Matt. Landon and Cameron- I love DBZ and adventures. God- Thank you for blessing me with such amazing people.



Joshua David Flori

Thank you Mom and thank you Dad for giving me the great life I've had. I've thanked you once, now I'll thank you twice, boy, you guys are really nice. Jess, you're great. I can't wait for you to find a mate. We've had some fun, but now we're done. I'm off into the world and my life has begun. See ya. Thanks. Dad, I'll buy you a place in the city. Mom, I'll never forget you. Jess, I'm glad you always did the dishes when I paid you.



Erinn Agnés Flowers



Psalm 73: 26- God, Your love amazes me! Popi and Momi, thanks so much for everything you've done and given up! I love you and will always be your little girl. Tiff- my sister, you are truly an inspiration and an encouragement! Christian, mi pajarita de la cancion, mantiene brillar para El. To my family- It's hard to sum up my life until this point but family has been a big part of it and I'm so thankful for that. Grandma Pat- my angel, I wish you were still here, and as I walk across the stage I'll be thinking of you...



Speak with the Strings

Six years ago Keegan Brown, sophomore, decided to take up playing the guitar. "I felt like I needed something to fill the time so I took up the guitar," said Brown. In the years to follow, he found that he really enjoyed playing it and continued to improve his skill. "I like the guitar because it is a form of a communication for me, in the sense that I can truly express myself through the music I play," said Brown.

"Now and then I do write music for myself," said Brown, "occasionally its just music or other times just lyrics. Typically, I write according to how I'm feeling at that moment. It could be hard like grunge or more mellow. This also goes with the guitar I'm playing; sometimes I want a softer more mellow sound, which is when I pull out the acoustic. Other times, I want a harder sound which is when I use the electric guitar," said Brown.

Now he uses his skills in many ways, like in the Summer of 2010 when he played at a camp for 5 days as part of the band.

Jane Im, senior, played the bass.



Playing his guitar during lunch, Keegan Brown, sophomore, hangs out with his friends before class. "My favorite guitar I have is my Gibson SG," said Brown. Telling the story of how his guitar got its name, Brown said, "One day a friend and I decided to name our guitars so I named mine Charlotte."



200 seniors

Rachael Ganter, junior, walked to school.

Alysse Tarantino, seventh grade, rode in a large carpool to school.

2 Wheels to School

In order to get to school, most students either carpooled or drove themselves. However, most people did not consider biking as an option.

Gordon Younkin, junior, biked to school during the fall and spring. "This year, I biked to school pretty much every day in the fall, but now that it's winter, I have a parking permit so I am driving. I am going to ride my bike again during the spring," said Younkin.

Biking to school was also a good way to avoid the daily traffic that came with going to a school located on Ladue road. "Last year, I beat my sister to school when she was driving cause she had to wait in all the traffic," said Younkin. However, biking to school would not be one of Younkin's options once the student body moved to the Town and Country campus.

"I'll miss it. It's really nice to be able to leave my house 15 minutes before school starts, and I won't be able to do that," said Younkin. The new campus would provide many new things; however it would also restrict convenient transportation for those who lived close to the Ladue campus.



Riding his bike to school, Gordon Younkin, junior, turns onto the Westminster parking lot. Once he got to school, he "parked" his bike on one of the racks near the tennis courts.



Evona Avot Franceschelli

Mommy—you will always be my best friend! Thank you for always believing in me and being my biggest fan. Daddy—you inspire me to "try hard and have fun", I'll always be your little girl. Anna—through thick and thin, you're my precious little sis; I'm always there for you. Dom—you're the best bro, never a dull moment with you! Sarah D--BFF's since 7th grade, goldstars and Spankies! Lizzie, Lauren—Red, Latida, lipsync, PoseBush. Abbie-abs, ned, pretty caterpillar, nine. Princess Grace—Jonasty, I love you! Timmy—you make me smile! VDT—great memories. Holley and Talley—thanks for being so wonderfully encouraging and inspirational. I am forever grateful for God's undying love. 1 Timothy 4:12



Gilbert Gerald Garrison

I would like to thank God. I would like to thank my mom for always being there for me and always doing everything you can for me. I would like to thank my Dad for helping me become the man I am today and for helping me push through hard time. To my Big and little sister, I love you both and thank you for being there for me. To my brother Fletcher, man it's been fun 17 years of great memories and plenty more to come love you bro. To all my other family auntie, Brandon, Grandma, etc and Grandma Ros and papa you guys would be proud of me love you all.



Kayla Michelle Gebhardt



Heavenly Father: I often fall short of your glory, yet you hold me close and promise to never let go. I will never fully comprehend your love for me but I will forever strive to live for you. I love you, Lord. Mom and Dad: I cannot thank you enough for all you do for me. You have formed me to who I am today and for that I am grateful. I love you. Christine: Thank you for your continuous encouragement. I hope we can find more time for each other as life carries on. Lots of love. Liz, Kelsey, Becky, and Jessica: You have always been there for me. God could not have blessed me with better friends. Love.



Olivia Wael Girgis



To my Savior, thanks for your never-ending faithfulness, even though I frequently fall astray. Mom and Dad, I could never ask for better parents. I owe the person I've become to your Christian example, and I hope that one day I can have as strong of a faith as you. Karen, we're weird, but it's awesome that way. I can't wait to experience college with you. To my friends, thanks for being there and helping me through everything that has come our way. Thanks for giving me the best high school experiences ever, and I'll always look back at my memories at WCA with a smile just because I've spent it with all of you.



Rebecca Lynne Gee



Mom and Dad—Thank you for all your patience and yes, mom I will still come home from college to watch movies with you! To all my teachers—Thank you for the interest you have invested in both my education and personal life. I am proud to say that I never had a teacher I didn't like. To all my friends—I can't even begin to describe how much I value you guys and thank God for putting you in my life. So I won't. Instead, I will say that the next time I see any of you, I will glomp hug you. Several times. Always remember that we are the family amoeba!



Maria Gjordeni



God, thank you for loving me and blessing me in so many ways. Mom, I couldn't do anything without you and you will always be my Lorelai. Dad, you have done so much and have always been there for me. Mike, you've been a good big brother and I have learned much from you. To all my friends, WCA would not of been the same without you. I will never forget all the great memories we have had together. Westminster, it's been a great five years. Love you all!



2022 seniors

What About the Music?

In a Christian environment, non-Christian music has at times been considered inappropriate. For example, Westminster's dress code banned any attire that displayed a music band.

However, every major issue has another view of the situation. Though students find it unfair to not be able to wear their favorite band's shirt, the school has a valid reason for the rules.

"There's so much music in the world, that we can't be familiar with all of it, christian or secular," said Susan Brown, Assistant to the Deans.

"Also there's music that can be offensive to some students so we decided to eliminate music clothing entirely."

Dr. James Sefrit, Head of Upper School, spoke also on the topic of dances since once one started talking about music, talk about dances often soon followed.

"The decision to not have school sponsored dances was made when the school first opened in 1976, before they knew what dancing really represented." He described it as a "dynamic issue" because some strongly opposed it while others were strongly for the events. "They decided that dancing was not core in our belief and the decision of letting the students have dances was up to the parents, so that it would not offend anyone," said Sefrit.

Students like Amanda Radasch, junior, were frustrated by the school's rules. "I felt robbed of my high school experience," said Radasch. Others agreed.

"I feel like we're missing out on the experience of high school. Especially when I get older and others ask me how was my homecoming or my prom, I would tell them I didn't have one,"

said Courtney McGhee, sophomore. So although students sometimes found the rules unwanted, they were able to reach a common ground with the administrators and have decided to permit the parents to hold dances for the students.

"This way the parents who don't want their child to attend the dances are able to do so without feeling that their child should attend such an event like a prom or homecoming," said Sefrit.



Brian Goldfarb, junior, listened to bands like Muse.

Christina Jessie Grayson



"I know why the caged bird sings, ah me,
When his wing is bruised and his bosom sore,
When he beats his bars and he would be free;

It is not a carol of joy or glee,
But a prayer that he sends from his heart's deep core,
But a plea, that upward to Heaven he flings
I know why the caged bird sings!"

Savior— We raced the sunset and we almost won.

Loved Ones— Wherever you go— If my heart was a house, you'd be home.
I have shattered these dark chains— now I can spread my broken wings and dare to claim the sky.

Psalm 140



Leah Geneva Gruneiser



Thank you God for helping my birth mom choose life and providing a loving family for me. Mom and Dad thanks for sacrificing so much and guiding me through thick and thin. Words cannot even describe what I feel. Ramya and Clara two of the most wonderful sisters that I could ever ask for. You are so special and unique. Jesse one of the most caring and sweetest brothers. I love you all so much for everything. Thanks to my family, teachers' especially Mrs. Pike, and friends for teaching me so many lessons throughout my six years at Westminster. I will never forget all of you who helped me become who I am today and will become. Love to all.



On her opinion about WCA's policy toward secular music, Melinda Oliver, sophomore, said "It's another way of Westminster telling us this is how the world really is when it's not, because once we go off into the world, some of us will be culture-shocked and see that we were very sheltered."



Erin McDonald Guthrie



Christ, it is you alone who gives me the strength to stand. Mom and Dad, you've done so much for me. I love you so much. Ben, I'll always be your little sister. Sheridan, my twin, I'll never forget the moments we've shared. Drawing, talking, laughing, supporting...let's keep in touch during the years ahead. To the Lunch Table: it was EPPPIIIIIIC. I'll miss the weird conversations in college. D-Group, you're my sisters in Christ...I love all of you. Yearbook- you made my life...BONZAI! Haley, the Moog was amazing. I'm glad we did it together. Danielle, we got the Gold Award! WCA, keep this African proverb in your hearts: "God is good all the time; all the time, God is good."



Sarah Elizabeth Hall

Ephesians 3:17-19. Lord, thank you for saving, blessing, and loving me unconditionally. Daddy, thank you for showing me patience and support, and for sharing with me BreadCo breakfasts and your volleyball passion. Mommy, thank you for showing me a servant's heart, blessing me with the genetic tendency of being easily amused, and taking CO Mine Trail walks. Aspen trees! Lil' Bro, I'm so grateful that you are my brother - luv ya. Westminster teachers, I appreciate the years of incredible Christian influence and education you've given me. Thanks to my dear friends who have taught me about friendship and myself... "I dearly love to laugh" and "I must bid you farewell for a longer time than I should wish to." - Jane Austen.



Steven Michael Hall Jr.



Mom and Dad- I love you two. Thanks for everything you've done for me. You have both been excellent examples for the life I have left to live. J: Gold+Silver=Platinum. Matt: You have got so much potential. You two are flat-out awesome. Beck: St. Charles buddy. Thanks for the countless rides. Tersh: You're quiet and awesome. Timmy, John, Baldwin: You boys walk to your own beat. Thanks for being there. Emily and Kelsey: Yearbook and everything else. Lunch table: Stay crazy. Soccer and Track: Go get 'em, boys. Everyone else: You aren't forgotten. Keep looking to your Lord for the future as well as the present. Make Him your trust and shield always. Keep it real. - Mike



Sabrina Lynn Hammon



Lord, thank you for guiding me to where I am today. I owe it all to you! Mom and Dad, thank you for being such amazing role models and giving me so many opportunities. You guys are the best parents anyone could ask for. Thanks for putting up with me for almost eighteen years. Tyler, thank you for being such a loving brother. Your knowledge of history and The Beatles never ceases to amaze me! By far, you are the strongest person I know. Friends, it is impossible to list you all but you know who you are. High school would be nothing compared to what all of you have made it for me. I love you all to death!



204 seniors

Rachel Yu, senior, had been Gilbert's friend since seventh grade.

The Last Man Standing

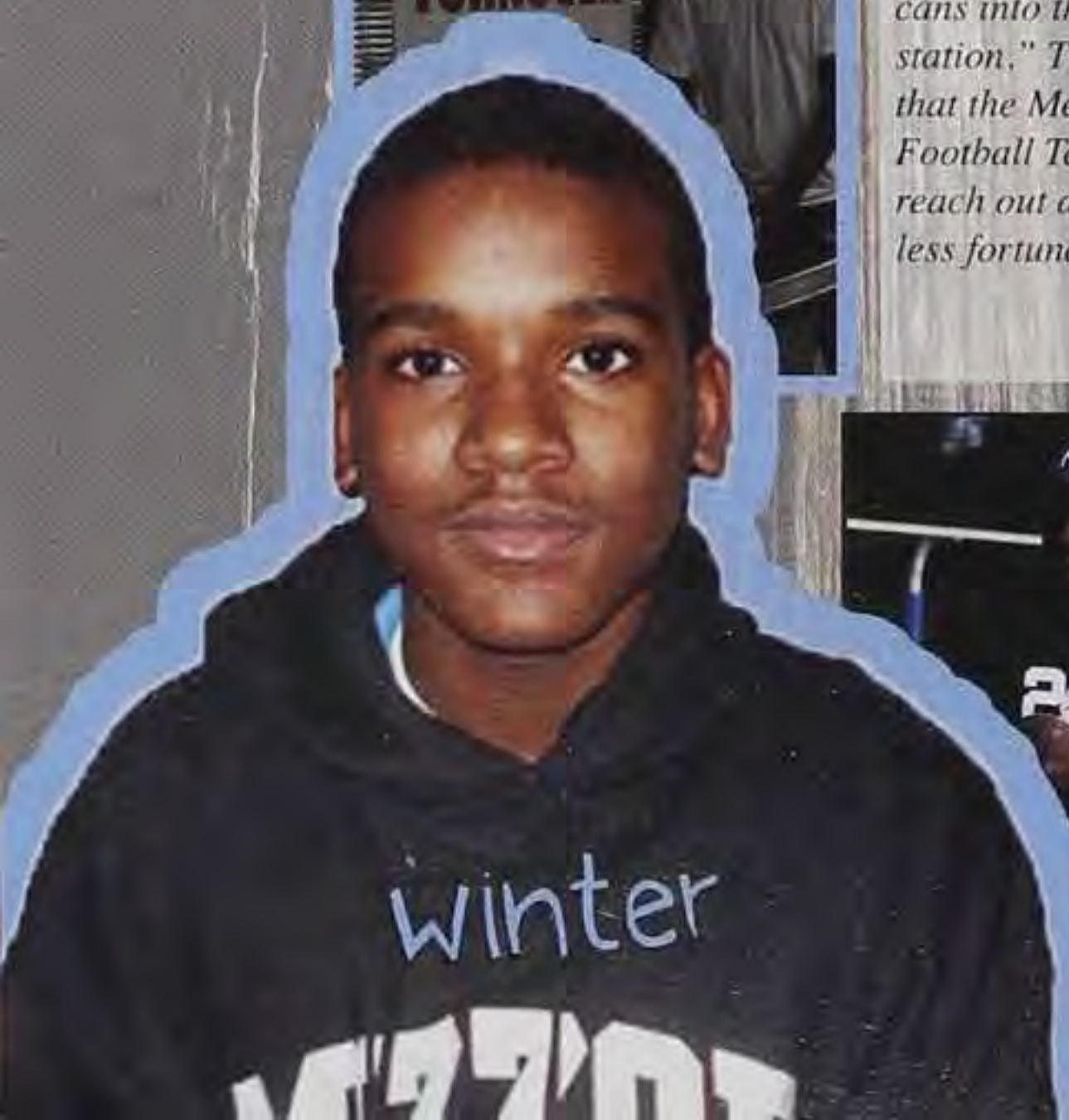
Six years ago, Gilbert Garrison decided it was time to step out of his comfort zone. He rejected his parent's offer to send him to a school with a majority of black students, even though all of his friends were going there. Instead, he decided to go to Westminster Christian Academy.

Garrison excitedly entered Westminster Christian Academy only to find himself surrounded by a majority of white students for the first time in his life. Six years later, Garrison still attended WCA, but he was the only black male during the 2010-2011 school year to be able to say this. "Sometimes I'm glad that I stayed at Westminster, but there were many times when I felt like I was in it alone and no one could help me with my struggles," said Garrison.

He felt vulnerable being outside of his comfort zone: "The black culture and white culture are so different from each other," explained Garrison, "people from the same culture understand each other, so a lot of times it was hard for me to be myself because I was scared people would judge me."

Even in a community like Westminster, there were clearly differences between the members of the student body; however, some students like Garrison were able to notice these differences more easily.

During the Turnover food drive, Gilbert Garrison, senior, puts cans into the "turnover station." This was a way that the Men's Varsity Football Team tried to reach out and help the less fortunate.



Rebecca Amy Harding



God: With all creation I sing praise to the King of Kings. You're my everything and I will adore You. Mom and Dad: Thanks for encouraging me always. Elisabeth and Kaite: Thanks for putting up with my crazies. LOVE YOU. Lauren and Abbie: Seventh grade girlies! Six fab years together! Emily Morse: My basically sister! I love you more than words. All my buddies: Thanks for sharing my laughter and tears. I couldn't imagine better friends.

I will always treasure the memories we've shared. Rockstars and Darlings: I am so blessed to have you in my life! Small group girls: You've had such an impact on my spiritual walk. Thanks for helping me through the tough times. 1 Corinthians 10: 31



Hayden Fletcher Harper



My quest through the Academy has been extremely interesting. First off, I would like to thank my loving parents for their unyielding love. Tyler, you have been the best brother I could have asked for. Additionally, my bros have been there for me too. Drew, Spencer, Reid, Zach, Nathan, Justin, Brett, Cham, Big Bubba, Boyer, Luke, and Parker it has been a pleasure to go to school with you guys for the past 6 years (sorry if I left some people out). Lacey you have been my best girl friend and always will be. It has been a true blessing getting to know Paton, Abby, Jordan, and many other girls (I'm also sorry for leaving out other girls).



Collin David Henry



God, thank you for bringing me to Westminster. The blessing it has been to me was unrealized at first, but is now cherished wholeheartedly. Mom and Dad, thank you for being my biggest fans, both on the field and in life. I love you both so much. Aaron, words can't describe the brother, mentor, and best friend you have been for me. I know I can always come to you for anything. Love you man. To all the friends I have made at Westminster, your love and friendship will forever be cemented in my heart. To the teachers who pushed me to my full potential (Dr. Shaw especially), thank you. WCA baseball, you all are my brothers. Florida. Luke 1: 37.



Chandler Westbrook Hiatt



It's finally over! Mom, thanks for always being there and giving me someone to talk to. You've helped me get through all those tough times. Dad, LIVE TO RIDE AND RIDE TO LIVE. Thanks for Buella, she's gorgeous. Best present I could ever get. B, high school's not that bad. I wish I could go through it with you. Brooke, thanks for being the best. We are crazy. Don't worry a bit, I'll be coming back often, I promise. To all my guys, stay strong and live to the fullest. High school goes by way too fast to sit and dwell on the past. Matthew 6: 19-21.



Sheridan Suzanne Hentrich



Dear Lord, thank You for the wonderful high school years and for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon me: my family, friends, teachers, and all the children whom I help. I pray that You will always be my rock and stronghold. Thank you, Mama and Daddy, for being the best parents ever and for always loving me. Grandma and Aunt Jo, for constantly encouraging me and being positive. 32 of the most wonderful, crazy cousins anyone could ask for, and all my friends especially Ana, Austin, Erin, Jessie, Nina, Sarah for always being there and making me laugh. I'd also like to thank my teachers for their support especially DeVries, Maynor, Schwamb, Stange, Tiemeier. So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, good-bye.



Katherine Elizabeth Hickman



I would like to thank my heavenly Father for blessing me and loving me. Mom and Dad you have been my support and role models throughout the years and I am very thankful for you and love you dearly. Caleb, I am grateful to have a brother who introduces me to great music. Hannah, I still love you even though we don't agree on everything. You are a wonderful sister. Maggie, oh the fun times we have had from lunches to the lake. Haley and Abby, you two make me smile and laugh. My sweet friends, I've loved getting to know you all over the years. PC girls, don't forget that I love you. Proverbs 3: 5-6.



2006 seniors

Andrea Williams, freshman, had a Youtube channel.



Alec Mitchell, senior, posted videos regularly on his Youtube channel.



The Guy Was Pink

For years, many people had tried to find ways to conquer boredom. Since the advent of the Internet in 1993, multiple websites had been created to conquer boredom as well as bring entertainment to the world.

One such website that had risen to the top as one of the biggest websites created was Youtube. Youtube was a place where people could post all kinds of videos to make people laugh, post their opinion, and fight boredom when they wanted some entertainment. Among these users, Brett Cotner, senior, had begun to make a name for himself with over 650 subscribers and over 800 views with his 26 uploaded videos. Cotner came up with his page, TheGuyWasPink, because he wanted to be able to view more videos as well as join the Youtube community.

Cotner used Youtube as an escape from boredom by spending ten to twelve hours a week watching videos or making different kinds of videos for Youtube junkies like himself to enjoy. A few of Cotner's videos were made just for the fun of making them. These videos were named the BrettCotnerBeats.

"I use a looping software called Mixcraft to create fun techno beats," said Cotner. However, Cotner had also figured out how he could help gamers all over the world. "I usually record myself playing different video games, usually MLG (Major League Gaming) or Call of Duty, and give commentary as to what is going on," said Cotner. "I give helpful tips and hints on what to do in certain situations as well as show my viewers how I play the game."

Cotner received five stars on all the videos he uploaded as well as gratitude and encouraging comments for helping gamers around the world.



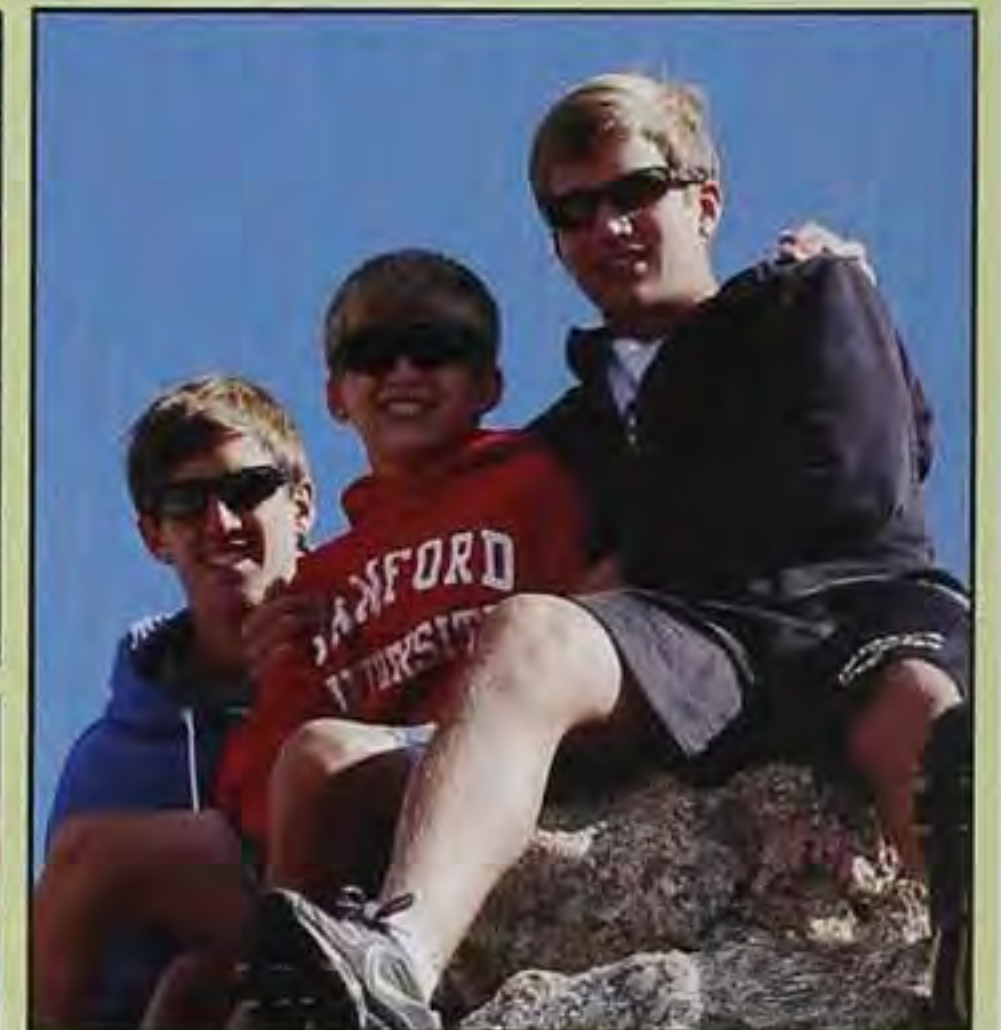
Taylor Meyer Hoskins

"God put us here on this carnival ride we close our eyes never knowing where it'll take us next." Cole-You'll always be my best friend&my number one. Mom-You're undeniably amazing. The best I could ask for. Remember to keep the phone close when I'm gone. Dad-My unconditional supporter. Thank you for being there for me. I'll always be your little girl. Kimmy&Wiggles&Katie-I Love You Many Bunches Of Bananas! Andalee-The summer list will live on! Nick Ramos-It's the Danube. Drew-Drewbear. If ever I could love. You're my better half, sweet thing, and ultimate best friend. You make me smile even when it's broken. Sera-Mrs. Walmsley, I Love You. You're beautiful. Best Friend doesn't even cover it. Love Mrs. Green.



John William Hunsicker

Mom and Dad, thank you for all your support and advice throughout the years. I love you guys so much. Joe, I strive to be like you in so many ways, and I learn from your example. Sammy, I would be so bored without you. You bring so much joy into my life. Friends and small group, you have showed me what Godly men look like by how you live your lives. Soccer, Basketball, and Tennis teams, I have enjoyed your camaraderie and fellowship.



Jane Sinae Im



Mother-"I regard no man as poor who has a godly mother" (A.Lincoln): Hope I wake up one day to see that my reflection in the mirror is that of yours. Father-"My father was often angry when I was most like him (L.Hellman): Daddy, I wouldn't be me without you, would I? Thanks for always losing to me. Oppa-"True friends stab you in the front" (O.Wilde): I'd like to mean as much to you, as you have always meant to me. Parks-I Peter: I did not learn from your words, but the actions in the lives you lead. I am at lost for words to express my gratitude. DC-Original lunch table. Orchestra-I am very "nice" and don't forget it.



Maggee Katherine Kane



My Savior, thank you for Your endless love, forgiveness, and blessings. To my family, I love you all so much. Mom, Dad- thank you for always thinking of me, sacrificing so much, and for loving me unconditionally. Haley- best sister on the planet! I love your sense of humor and all our memories. You're there whenever I need to vent, talk, or get advice. To all my friends, thanks for being so amazing and making WCA unforgettable. Abs, Anne- thanks for the hilarious, sketchy moments! Love you both! L.S- love our "great" ideas during boredom. Marci- you're hilarious. France is a highlight! Lunch table- you know who you are! Love you girls! You've all been a blessing!



Margaret Mary Johnson



First off, teachers: Mrs. Bye, Mr. Knerr, Miss Keeton, Mrs. Keith, and Mr. Schwamb. Thanks to all of you for being willing to delve beyond outside appearances. A particular thanks to Mr. Schwamb, for always being on my team and believing I could do it. Thanks Schwamb. I would also like to thank Mrs. Karriagan, for just having a clue, and for knowing how things really are and not trying to write problems off. And of course I would also like to thank my mom and dad. Just in general. Cause they're awesome. Lastly, I would like to thank my best friend Kaitlyn Mayse, for putting up with me and sticking by my side. Love you, Chunk.



Laura Katherine Kaup



God thank you for your unfailing love, helping me get through the storms in life, and for the many blessings you have blessed me with in life. Dad, Mom, Kyle, Scott, Monica, Adrienne, Leigh-Ann, and Isaac you guys are so awesome thank you for loving me, making me laugh, and supporting me I could not have asked for a better family. To my friends, thank you for being crazy, loving, funny, amazing friends. I love you guys and I don't know what I'm going to do without you next year. E-free small group you guys are like sisters to me and I love you guys. Good luck class of 2011. Jeremiah 29:11.





Soo Yong Lee, sophomore, was from Korea.



Calla McGinty, junior, was a foreign exchange student from South Africa during the second semester.



Jamieson Reid Keech

Daniel Patrick Keith



Mom and Dad, we have not always seen eye to eye, but your constant love and support in spite of my flaws has helped me become the person that I am. Your sending me to Westminster has been an unbelievable blessing; it has helped me not only to achieve my goals but also to grow in my faith in God. To all of my friends, thank you for putting up with me for the past half-decade. You are all amazing people who have blessed me in countless ways. A tremendous thanks to my teachers, who have both helped me to succeed and planted in me a desire to gain wisdom and knowledge and excel in everything that I do.



Bo-Min Kim

Mom and Dad! Thank you for everything. Your love, courage and belief in me are the things that shaped me throughout my life. I love you guys and again, thank you so much! And my brother Beom-soo! I am sorry that I could not be around you whenever you needed me in your life. Even though we only see each other like...2 months per year, I still am here to help you and encourage you! And I would say thanks to everyone. I love you ALL!!



SinAe Kim



Mom and Dad, Thank you for everything you've done for me, and for your love, encouragement, and prayer. I don't see how I can ever repay it. My little brother, Dae-eun! I'm sorry I can't support you and play with you as your big sister. Grandma, thank you for your prayer for me. Your prayer has made me till now. I know I get embarrassed when I say these three words to my family, but I LOVE YOU!!! And my American family, Gina, Gary, Emily, and Thomas, Thank you for treating me as a member of the family. Because of you, I didn't feel lonely. Lord, I cannot imagine living without you. Thank you for everything you've given me. Thank you for being with me all the time.



Kelsey Mann Kindbom

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your blessings and for showing me there's more to life than myself. Daddy and Mama, thanks for putting up with me ALL the time. I love you both more than you know. Steph, Kay, and Specks, I couldn't ask for better best friends. I always wanted sisters, and that's what you three are to me. Drew and Mike, you have always been there when I needed a tutor, a motivator, a smile, a friend, or just someone to make cookies for. Emmitch, my bad cop, I love you. 13 years later and we're just as insane. Lunch table, I LOVE YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH. Thank you all for walking beside me over the years :)



Jacob Daniel Kinsinger

It feels like just yesterday we were freshmen in high school. I can't believe its over now. Mom and Dad, thanks for being so loving and understanding. Rob, make the most out of the rest of your time in high school, it will be over before you know it. Baseball guys, I'm gonna miss the annual Florida trip. To all the bros, you guys mean the world to me. Kaylee, we've been through a lot and I'm so thankful for our friendship and everything you've taught me. I don't know where I would be without you. Thanks to everyone for making these last four years so great.



From There to Here

Imagine: You left your home country, come to America, to a new school with new people, and even a temporary new home. For two eighth grade students, Carol Lee and Celina Joo, this situation was anything but imagined. As Korean foreign exchange students, this was the life they lived.

Instead of living with a host family from Westminster, they lived with Upper School history teacher, Mr. Warren. "It is a lot of help living with him because he knows all the schedules and what is going on at school," said Lee. "We also like playing with his son," said Lee and Joo. Living with a teacher also had its downsides. "We have to get up really early because we have to get to school an hour and a half early," said Lee.

All in all, both the girls agreed that living with a teacher was good and having a friend to live with made the adjustment easier. "We were friends in Korea; so living with her is really fun," said Joo.

Constructing a human pyramid with her PC group, Carol Lee, eighth grade, enjoys the junior PC retreat in September. Lee was in Megan Rasche's, junior, PC group, Rasche's Rappers. Attempting to keep her balance, Celina Joo, eighth grade, poses for a picture with her friends in Rebecca Roger's, junior, PC group Roger's Rockstars.



Jordan Marie Klein



Mom and dad thanks for all your love and support. You have taught me how to be a Godly young woman. JD and Jillian you are the best siblings ever, Em – you are my bff, thanks for the laughs and cries. You are always there for me. Marci – bball, trips, stories, sweet dreams you are my bestie. Corbs – you balance me out, I love you so much, grilled cheese. Andrew – thanks for listening and being there for me. You always make me smile. Drew – twins forever. Rachel – Our trips, talks, sisters. Girlies – Love you all thanks for the memories. Guys – You are studs. Thanks for the laughs. Softball and basketball girls give all the Glory to God. Colossians 3:23-24



Luke Allan Kuiper

Thanks to God, for He has given me all I have. Through moving to St. Louis and meeting new people, and coming to Westminster, God has bestowed upon me friends stronger than any before. Timmy Miller, you have been there since day one and I am glad to call you an Iron Friend. David Thomas...you meat-head. And thanks to my fellow carpenter. Coach Pederson, you transformed me, thank you for getting on my case. Last but not least, I thank my family; hey have loved me better than I could ever have hoped. And to so many more who made me feel as if I had been at Westminster my whole life, I thank you.



Mari Elizabeth Knehans



Lord, thank you for granting me life and directing my steps. Mom, the mouse in my pocket, your grace astounds me; I owe my personal success to your selflessness and unwavering belief in me. Dad, I love that you will forever be on my side. Sam, my BFF, there's not a more caring, brilliant, accepting big brother in this world. Thank you for being the best role model a sibling could ask for. I love you all MOST! Von: Have I told you that I love you lately? Keeton and Gibson: Thank you for pushing me and taking the time to understand me. Hughes: thank you for being the first teacher to love me for me. Senortia Roig: Adios amiga!



Rebecca Anne Lambert



It's been a long journey but we finally made it! Thank you God for being my rock. I've got to say thanks to my parents for always being there for me and helping me whenever I needed it. Elizabeth – you're an awesome sister. Anna – what would I have done without you! Thanks for joining my family! Olivia – Thanks for all the laughs and good times! Becky – LPFL! Need I say more? Danielle – thanks for being such an incredible, thoughtful friend! Elizabeth – anytime you need help hauling hay, you know who to call! WCA teachers – thanks for pushing me to my best. Ephesians 5:1-2



Kathryn Alexandra Langley

Mom, I wouldn't have made it through high school if it weren't for you. You have taught me so much, and you continue to teach me. Dad, you've been my rock since I was little, you'll always be my superman. Ian and Caroline, you're awesome. Grandparents, summers were the best because of ya'll. Michael, you're the coolest! Friends, ya'll have made the past three years amazing! Who can forget family amoeba, a hobo living in a mansion, cupcake dates, big papa blue, Swedish twister, and Facebook conversations till two a.m. Wahabibi! Lastly, God, thank you for allowing me to experience so many things while always being there. Always remember, be an originator not a bland imitator, be bold, go rogue!



Stephen Andrew Lillenberg

I never thought this day would come so soon, but here it is. To my family, thank you so much for all you have done for me. Mom, you are so kind and loving, it was great to have you around. Dad, you have given me great support and advice and have taught me so much. Sarah, you are so fun to be around and have always been there for me. Seth, you are the best older brother and have always been my biggest role model. To all my friends, I will miss you all so much. I could not have asked for better friends. I hope all of you enjoy college and make the best of your experience.



Lighting up the Community

The fine arts department was often overshadowed, especially by extremely popular extracurricular activities like sports. Despite these oversights, Jessica Holt and Jocelyn Sheffield, juniors, let their artistic lights shine in their communities. Through Sheffield's youth group and Holt's involvement in art shows, the girls were exposed to the opportunity to take part in designing and painting a mural that was to premiere in the Chesterfield Valley.

Holt believed the theme of the mural meant different things to people. She said the mural "can be interpreted many different ways." Sheffield described the theme as "the unity of humanity." Both of the juniors also felt that they were doing something out of the ordinary but for a good cause. "It makes me feel like I'm visibly making a difference," said Sheffield. Holt said she would like to look back on this project and say, "I was a part of that." Every brush stroke from these two artists lit up the community around them and told a new story to those who were willing to listen.

Amanda Radasch, junior, was a singer.



Nicole Schlusser, senior, was an artist.

In the midst of drawing, Jocelyn Sheffield, junior, gives a sneak peek of the design and layout of the mural going up in the Chesterfield Valley. The girls enjoyed the diversity of something they described as an entire community event.

Daniel Pollman, sophomore, was a singer.



Shredding the Slopes

Sam Breitigam, 8th grader, spent his spare time hitting the slopes with his snowboard. He started really getting into snowboarding three years ago and has loved it ever since. Breitigam had a season pass to Hidden Valley in Wildwood. Hidden Valley was a place where people could go to if they wanted to ski or snowboard even in Missouri where there are no mountains. He made it a goal to go two times a week in the winter.

Sam enjoyed snowboarding so much because "you can do whatever you want and you can make up your own style." Although Breitigam had to spend fifteen months healing from a leg related injury, that did not stop him from snowboarding. "When I'm out there I ask myself what big tricks can land next," said Breitigam.

Throwing his arms up in the air, Sam Breitigam, eighth grader, catches air as he speeds down a slope. He was always planning out his next move in his head.



Brian Fellows, sophomore, and Tyler Burns, freshman, both went to Hidden Valley.

Kayla Armstrong, freshman, played for a local soccer club.

Connor Sullivan, junior, snowboarded everyday after school when Hidden Valley is open.



Ashley Marie Lokey

Mom & Dad – Thanks for supporting me and being there for me no matter what! Zack & Harrison, you guys are my inspiration. Christina – I will always love you! Oakville – Thanks. Mrs. Scott – Thanks for all 5 years of dramtiness! J.W. – I kept my promise. Ian – Be careful in college. Christina and I won't be there to protect you. Glen – Thank you for always being a friend to me. You're the best. Brooke and Wes – I love you guys! All my friends – I will miss you! To my teachers – Thanks for putting up with me! Nick – I could never thank you enough for loving me and staying with me through everything. I love you. And Finally: Congrats seniors!!! WE MADE IT!



Anthony Lamont Marr



Shelby Kehr, sophomore, spent her time playing soccer with Scott Galahger.





Chelsea Anne McConkey

Grandma – You continually blessed me with your selfless love and patience. Grandpa – Your love and passion for the Lord amazes me. Thank you for being such a strong, Godly man in my life. Ashley, from laughter to tears, we've been through it all together. I love you. Lauren – You're my rock. Thanks for always being there. Lizzie and Christine – You're my goofiest friends. Nathan – Thanks for getting me through high school, you're my best friend. Most of all, thank you Lord for your constant hand in my life. Hebrews 13:8



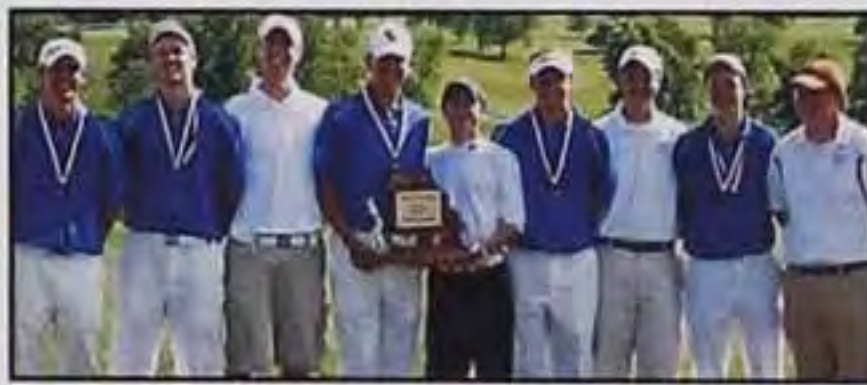
Brianna Marie McIntyre

Mom, you are the most amazing, wonderful, beautiful, awe-inspiring human being I've ever come in contact with. You have blessed and supported me throughout my entire life, and we have both leaned on each other during hard times. Our journey has made us stronger and closer. I wouldn't trade you or our relationship for the world. I thank you for pushing me to do my best in school and in life. You have always wanted the best for me. I also want to give a shout out to my best friends Rachel Bates and Rhoda Baker. You guys have been with me through the bad and the ugly. I love both of you; you guys are the depiction of true friends!



Matthew Vincent McDaniel

First, I would like to thank my Heavenly Father, for being there for me every step I took, and for blessing me with the opportunity to attend a great school such as Westminster. Next, mom and dad, you are the best parents I could ever ask for. Thank you for all your love, support, help, and encouragement throughout my life. Megan, you are an awesome little sister. I have no doubt that you have greatness ahead of you. I would also like to thank my friends for all the good times we had. Lastly, my favorite Bible verse, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).



Andrew Joseph Menzel

I want to thank God for choosing me and making me who I am today. Mom and Dad, thanks for raising me in a Christian home and always showing your love to me. I love you so much! Megan thanks for always putting a smile on my face. I love you! Michael, I miss you more than you can imagine – you were the best roommate and brother. Beck – brother – you made high school so much fun... love you man. Coach Holley thanks for keeping me strong in Christ and believing in me. Kelsey, thanks for being there through thick and thin. Emily, bff! Lunch table, you kept things fresh – thanks. Basketball boys, I will miss you. You have impacted me so much! Jeremiah 29:11



Elizabeth Frances Miller



Father, thanks for the people and opportunities you have blessed me with. Let my life point to You. Mom and Dad, thanks for supporting me through my trials and travels. Friends, thanks for the great times and for always being there. I love you all so much. Coaches, thanks for the time that you devoted to me. Dr. Shaw, Dr. Holley, and my other teachers, thanks for sharing your wisdom and challenging me to learn about God's creation. "After climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb... But I can rest for only a moment... and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not yet ended" (Nelson Mandela). 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.



Alec Daniel Mitchell

My six years here have been amazing. I am stunned that it has gone by so fast. Without my Lord I would have stumbled years ago; He has led me through some tough times. But so have some of my best friends. Emily, you have been the best girlfriend a guy could ask for. Baseball team, keep the winning streak alive. My parents have also helped me through this amazing time of my life and I would like to thank them. I love you guys. "Take your flame, ignite the world."



Timothy Joseph Miller



Lord, thanks for loving me even when I mess up. Mom and Dad, your selflessness, encouragement, and love have taught me much. I love you guys. Andrew, thanks for the love and care you have shown me. Dan, the friendship you have given me will never die out. You guys are my best friends. Matt, we will be brothers always. John, whether we stunk or won, we did it together. Steve, we will forever rule the ping-pong table. Kuiper, I love our deep talks. Zach, so many funny and good times. Sugg- Blueman! Von, You brighten my day. Holley, thanks for inspiring. Everyone unmentioned, thanks for the encouragement and support. Soccer, B-ball, and Tennis guys, it's been real. Titus 2:11-14.



Emily Rachel Mitchell



God you are here through the trials, James 1:2-3. Mama: your guidance and love shaped me. I can't wait to be like you. Dad: I enjoy the klutz gene. Thanks for fighting for me; I'll always be daddy's little girl. Hannah: I enjoyed all the crabby mornings and funny afternoons. Dance like a superstar. Alec: best friend, my world would be dim without you, wrestling, metal, and halo. I can't wait to see you tomorrow. Twin: Johann, bucket list... I like your purse. Roll with it sunshine. Kelsey: cupcake, you keep me on track. Good cop, bad cop. Mike: thanks for listening and letting me be bossy. Woman: we clicked. Love and miss you. Girls: we're a dysfunctional family, I love you all.



Sarah Eis, senior, was an NHS volunteer.

Daniel Floyd Moore

God-Thank you for the blessed life you have given me. Mom-Scary movies, Kidney visits, Monkeys eating banana peels. Dad-Ping Pong, Concerts. Maggie- Biting, King of Queens, Donkey Kong. Jimmy-Yugioh cards, Forts. Secret of Mana. Stephen- P.P.B., Super Smash Bros, Home Run Derbies. Fitz- Dragonballz, Uncle's house basketball, Kingdom Hearts, Creepy Kid, Quick! Lizzie B-White Ash, Adventures, Whoop, Keep a secret/naughty/wide eyes. Matt B-Going after grandparents, Vball Practice-Ace/dead silence/me yelling/me getting in trouble, Pyong-Iyong-Nyong-Gyong, Morgan-Deep talks, Random visits, Jet skiing, Lake quotes. John- Running from cops, Singing fix you in a weird voice Lizzie N-Hooking me on Smoothie King, Greatest actress ever (Emily). Hunter-Bieber. Taylor-Grandpa? I was just sleepin! Timmy-Massages, Twimberly McQuack. Improv Team- Don't Be That Guy!



James Parker Moore

Primarily I'd like to thank my Dad and Mom for assisting me to enjoy all high school to the fullest, as well as helping me get through thick and thin. I would also like to thank my teachers and fellow students in the senior class for my awesome high school experience. Lastly, to all my bros, we always do weird crap, but it's always hilarious. I will miss the swim team. Peace.



Anna Gaffney, sophomore, rides her horse at Westridge Galloping Equestrian. The show name for her horse was "Ribbons and Lace."

RIDING on hope

Most typical teenagers got the reputation of being self-centered and lazy. Anna Gaffney, sophomore, however was quite the opposite. She was the head counselor of a non profit organization called "Galloping for Girls." It was a program that raised money to allow girls from abusive or unfortunate situations to ride horses. Many girls that wanted a chance to ride would have never had an opportunity to do so without these funds.

"Galloping for Girls" started this year at Gaffney's barn, Westridge Galloping Equestrian. "I think its really cool to help them because I know what its like to want to ride but can't because of financial restrictions, so I'm glad we re giving them the opportunity," said Gaffney. To raise money, Westridge had fund-raisers and took donations at horse shows. While "Galloping for Girls," was small for the time being, they had big plans for the future. "We hope to get more horses because we only have six, as well as more sponsors," said Gaffney.



Anna Gaffney, sophomore, tacks Lacey, her horse, up before taking her out for an afternoon ride. Tacking up was properly preparing a horse before a ride, and normally took about 20 minutes.



Zumba Fanatic

Ever since women's P.E. introduced zumba as an exercise activity, many students and teachers became zumba fanatics. Zumba was a type of exercise that combined dancing and aerobics to popular music and was made to make exercising fun and exhilarating.

Annie Hartwig, sophomore, loved doing zumba during P.E. class so much that she started to take zumba classes at the Missouri Athletic Club. "I started taking zumba classes around last January or February after we did zumba during P.E. class. I actually started taking the classes with my mom. It was pretty fun," said Hartwig.

Hartwig took the zumba classes on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings when she was able to. "The Saturday instructor is really intense. She is amazing at zumba, which means that I have to work a lot harder during class," said Hartwig.

"Zumba is really fun and a great workout. I also love doing it because it is a good stress reliever," said Hartwig. Her favorite song to zumba to is Jai Ho. "Jai Ho is pretty much a zumba classic. We learned it in P.E. last year and lots of people in my grade love doing zumba to it."



During small groups, Emilie Schroeder, Leah Janssen, and Annie Hartwig, sophomores, do Zumba to songs of Hips Don't Lie, Jai Ho, and P.Y.T. The sophomore girls participated in Zumba during one small group in October. Along with zumba, the girl's small groups played ping-pong, games, and chatted about the year.

Winter



Kimmy Itzel Munoz

I owe my experience here at WCA all to my best friends who've made these years worth it. Wiggles: I love you and I'll never forget a single one of our adventures...especially the ones that involve Warped Tour stalking. PS. Poor Jerry. Katia: My Russian. I love you so much and I would never have been able to survive without you. Juice. Taylor: I love you many bunches of bananas, okay? Andy/Bebe: Stay cool, kid. Never give up on your music because I know you'll get far in life no matter what. Fernando: thanks for always pushing me to do my best. Mom and Dad: Thanks for sending me here-turns out I've made memories here that will last a lifetime.



A.J. Loynd, junior, worked out at Lifetime.



Micah Degler, freshman, worked out at Westminster.



Connor Einertson, junior, worked out in the Westminster weight room.



Kyle Cline, freshman, had a membership to Lifetime Fitness.



Elizabeth Joy Nester



Mom-your guidance and influence have helped me TONS. I couldn't have survived high school without our talks. Dad-you've always known how to make me laugh even when I'm a stressed mess. Thank you both for loving me and leading by example, you're incredible. Lauren- I don't know how to live without you, thank God we're going to the same college. DeRousses- words can't explain how much you've blessed me. LOVE YOU! Zachary- what would WCA have been like without bananas? You're weird...I love it, BFFL. Drew-sorry 6th grade didn't work out. Thanks for always being there. Morg, LizB, Dani, Lacey, and Daniel- My craziest friends, you're awesome!! Chapel band-I LOVE YOU! Thank you Lord for always being faithful. Jeremiah 29:11



Christin Kathleen Palmer

Once there was a little girl who spent her days playing dress-up. She couldn't wait to grow up. She had the best parents anyone could ever imagine. They gave her everything they could. She had a funny, beautiful sister, Tori, a witty, energetic sister, Mia, and an adorable baby sister, Maggie. When high school came, it treated the girls well, for she had incredible friends to share her experiences with: Abby, Becca, Olive, Nollie, and Wiggles. But, high school was over to soon. The girl shared tearful goodbyes with everyone she loved, but, she didn't fret to much, because she knew this wasn't the end, just a so-long-for-now, time to start a new adventure, time to grow up.



David Samuel Carlos Noa



Shane Patrick Moylan



Sang-A Park



Wow! Time has gone very fast. It is amazing that I could survive in WCA for 5 years. I can remember what had happened in past 5 years in WCA! Sports, Teachers, Friends, Banquets... They are all important memories. By this chance, I would say that you to Family: I am blessed son. Thank you for your support with your belief. Mrs. Butler: Thank you fro taking care of me like mom. Kim's family: Thank you for hosting me, and I had fun! Friends: Thank you! You guys are the best for everything. I will miss you guys a lot! SooHeon and Sungmin: Especially with you guys, I had fun time every in my life. We are going to gather in Korea. And. And... Thank you WCA!





Becky Canfield, senior, planned a trip to Washington after graduation.

Christina Grayson, senior, planned to travel Europe after graduation.



Skipping School

After four years of high school, some students preferred to take a hiatus from the stress of school. Erin Guthrie, senior, chose to wait a year before continuing her education at university.

"I'm definitely going to college at Fontbonne University, but since I'm getting major back surgery next summer, I decided I needed time to recover and take a break instead of going late into the semester. At this point, I'm sure I want to major in deaf education or speech pathology, and those are pretty intense degrees. I need a break from school, so that's a big reason I'm taking time off," said Guthrie.

Most students looked forward to living on their own, having a roommate, and choosing their own classes, but with all of these choices came responsibility. However, some students either needed a break from school or were not ready to take on all the responsibility of college life. Thus, they decided to go against the flow and take a year off before college.



Winter

Emily Elizabeth Paulk



Mom- Thank you for your constant love and support. You are the strongest person I know. Ash- You are the best big sister I could ask for. Thank you for coaching me. I love you more than you'll ever know. Doug- Thanks for the laughs. Sarah- Wow, it's been six years. We made it! Thank you for sticking by me through everything. Your friendship has been a treasure to me. I love you! Kori- We've had some crazy times- Wal-Mart and late-night fast food runs- thanks for the memories. Brit- My dark chocolate, you're hot. Wiggles- Billy the Exterminator... 'nuff said. Thosk- Europe 2010! Sab and Kimmy- Tell me about your black church. Alex- Tutor! Thank you Westminster teachers and staff. God Bless.



Marci Lynn Penning



I want to start off by thanking God for always being there for me through the hard times in my life. Mom, you helped me with all my struggles, and for that I love you. Jordan, there's so much to say, but I will leave it at this: sweet dreams. Corbin and Emily, you are amazing because I can always count on you for a good time, or if I just need to talk. Kelly and Mitch, you are so special and I will always love you. To everyone else, thank you for making Westminster such an amazing experience for me... Chase your dreams, for they will not chase you... Romans 8:28.



William Michael Pierson



Thanks to my family for being there for me. Thanks to all my friends, these last few years have been great.



Rachel Lea Raines

Mom and Dad thanks for all your support and Christian influence, I couldn't have done it without you! Austin, you're an awesome brother, we've been through a lot together. Bennett, thanks for always being there, you're a blessing. Jordan, you're my sister, I enjoyed all the family trips. Emily, thanks for being mom. Brooke, I loved cheer with you, squirrel twisty stars for life. Lauren, Lizzie, Lizzie I will never forget our DNOW tradition. Morgan, Kelsy, Haley, Kaylee, Dani, and Chelsea: I'll have our memories forever. Chabby, we'll be Vg's favorite students. To my ladies, we have been through thick and thin, thanks for all the memories. Guys, thanks for throwing food at us, you'll be missed.



Dani Katherine Roberts

WCA- thanks for putting up with me. You've truly allowed me to mature. Parents- I love you more than you know. You're amazing. Mer/Laur- ultimate role models. Morg- BFF since fourth grade. Thanks for always being there. Words can't describe how much I love you. Twins forever! Kaylee- we're crazy, weird, inappropriate, and I wouldn't ever change that. Thanks for always taking things too far. Rach- no matter what we do we always have fun. Hales- we survived terrible classes together! Liz/Laur- BREK, lipsync. Amazing memories. Von- you're hilarious. Christine- from Esponal2 with Lindy to speech with Ila, great times together. KClark- I love you all! RachR/ Abby- fun times. To all friends- thanks for always caring and keeping me laughing. It's been a fun ride. Thanks everyone!



Justin Michael Probst

Thanks Mom and Dad for everything you've done for me throughout my life. All the boys, thanks for the crazy memories.



Jake Boyer, senior, planned a vacation as a graduation present.

Michael Rojewski, senior, post graduation enrolled in an EMT program.



220 seniors



*Noah Roberts, junior,
built his own computer.*

Learning to Fly

Many families have hobbies they enjoy doing together, like golfing or hunting; however, for the Roger's family, it's flying. "My Grandpa was a pilot and after retiring one day he decided to buy a plane. Then my dad, mom, and uncle all became pilots. Now my family has three airplanes," said Becky Rogers, junior. The plane was kept in the Chesterfield airport and was used to take the family on different trips. "One time we tried to fly to Colorado but we had to make an emergency landing. I was not flying." With flying such a large part of her life, it was only a matter of time before Rogers became a part of her familie's passion for airplanes.

The summer before her freshman year she flew a plane for the first time. "I was kind of freaked out and I didn't really want to do it, but my dad made me. It ended up being kind of fun and kind of scary at the same time". Since then, Rogers has taken lessons every summer to become a pilot. "It's really difficult. There's a book we have to memorize that's like five hundred pages long," said Rogers.

Although Becky does not plan on making a career out of airplanes, she plans on completing her piloting license and enjoy the excitement of flying.



*Becky Rogers, junior,
climbs into
her dad's air-
plane. The
plane was
kept in the
Chesterfield
airport, and
used to take
the family
on different
trips.*



winter

Michael Joseph Rojewski

Family- Thanks for always being there for me and encouraging me in times of happiness and in times of struggle. You're the best! Coaches-Thank you for teaching me how to be a real man. Teamates- I enjoyed the unity among us. It was a pleasure to play alongside of you. Teachers-I appreciate all of your help and guidance that made it possible for me to succeed.



Kaylee Nicole Rosen



"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."
-C.S. Lewis. God: You amaze me. Mom: You inspire me to change the world! Dad: I know you know, the way I feel, and I need your love for always. P&W girls: Thanksgivings have been memorable. Haley: Other half, you could not be more beautiful. Dani-Troublemaker twin, I love everything about you. Aubrey: Late nights to remember. Bakersmith: PYT & FBG. Spence: Love you, brat. Jake: <3 Best Friends. BIG GIRLS/VB TEAM: Keep chest bumping, I will miss you all next year. Mr. Scott & Mr. Holley, you inspire me. Mr. Van Gilst: I love you.



Christine Louise Schlafly



Popsicles, Mother Jamieson, Wacky Jones, Grandma Sherry, and Annie, you rock. Chubs, are you my brother? Is he a loaf or not? Ryan face. Rachel and Dan, it's been a good run. So many memories. Mister Talley, tennis means my strongest friendships, Weezer, Cheddar's, winning state, and so much love. You led the team that made high school mean something to me. Looking at our pictures makes me cry. Lauren, tennis, state, ping pong, Princess Diaries, Happy Gilmore, rollerblading, crazy pants, tea, bathrooms, weeknight parties, studyhall, and Stella. Caroline, my cuticles belong to you. You take Artemetis and I'll take Apollo and let us Caroline run past the point of no return into the darkness, eh? Skis.



Zach Thomas Schopp

Mom and Dad: You guys make life easy. Mark and Krista: you guys are amazing. Mr. Smith, Schroeder family, and Allee family, you guys are amazing. Ryan: Visticular. You're my best friend and brother. Luke: Thanks for everything. Blood. Cameron: You're family. Smithstock. Jake K: Can't feel my face. Drew: KOL. Jake B: Your house. Hayden: teach me how to doogie? Parker: Birthday, Lifetime, Dillard's. Spencer: Reach release. Reid: On a dead bear! Justin: K sweet thang. Nathan: Grandma's farm. Timmy: Dewey, Ducks. John: Rrrrr-right Dewey. Stephen: Florida. Dewey. Junior Bros: Don't change. Lizzie: bananas, lightmuds, bubbles. I love you sister. Mr. Holley: Thanks for everything. Coach Talley: I love your friendship. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.



Kori Jean Schlitt



I first want to thank God for all that he has done for me. I also want to thank him for putting all the people in my life, especially family and friends. Secondly, I would like to thank my parents for loving me, even when it was difficult to. I love you both more than you know. I have grown so much in my faith by listening to what you have to say, thank you. And last but certainly not least, to my friends, oh, the things we've done together, and the hard times we have gotten through. Thank you for being there for me through it all. Just remember I love you and thanks for the good times.



Luke Allen Schroeder



Mom, thanks for teaching me how to love and be compassionate. Dad thanks for teaching me how to live responsibly and with character. Elliot and Emilie, you're the best siblings I could ask for. To my boys, Parker, Zach, Drew, Hayden, Nathan, Cameron, Reid, Ryan, Kissinger, Boyer, Willy. Little Guy, Justin, Stephen, thanks for the great times. Make your lives extraordinary. I love you guys and I'll always remember you. Tennis and soccer teammates, thanks for making the seasons fun. Junior guys, my bromance for you is strong, "stay golden." There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle; you can live as if everything is a miracle. Peace and love, keep it real.



From Mouse to Snowflake

Hannah Mitchell's, sophomore, ballet career started off as a "little white mouse" in *The Nutcracker* at the age of 8. However, despite starting to dance at the age of two, she was very anxious.

"I was so nervous because I was convinced that if I messed up our artistic director would never cast me again and my 'career' would be over," said Mitchell. While backstage, Mitchell and the other young girls huddled around watching the older kids in fear, intimidated by their age, size, and expertise. Mitchell was also told she could not wear her glasses, which she had relied on up to this point, causing her to be more fearful of messing up.

Her nervousness continued the whole night up until she walked on stage. "The music started, then I just did what I knew I had to do. That's how it is now- no matter how nervous I am, as soon as the music starts, I just do what I rehearsed," said Mitchell.

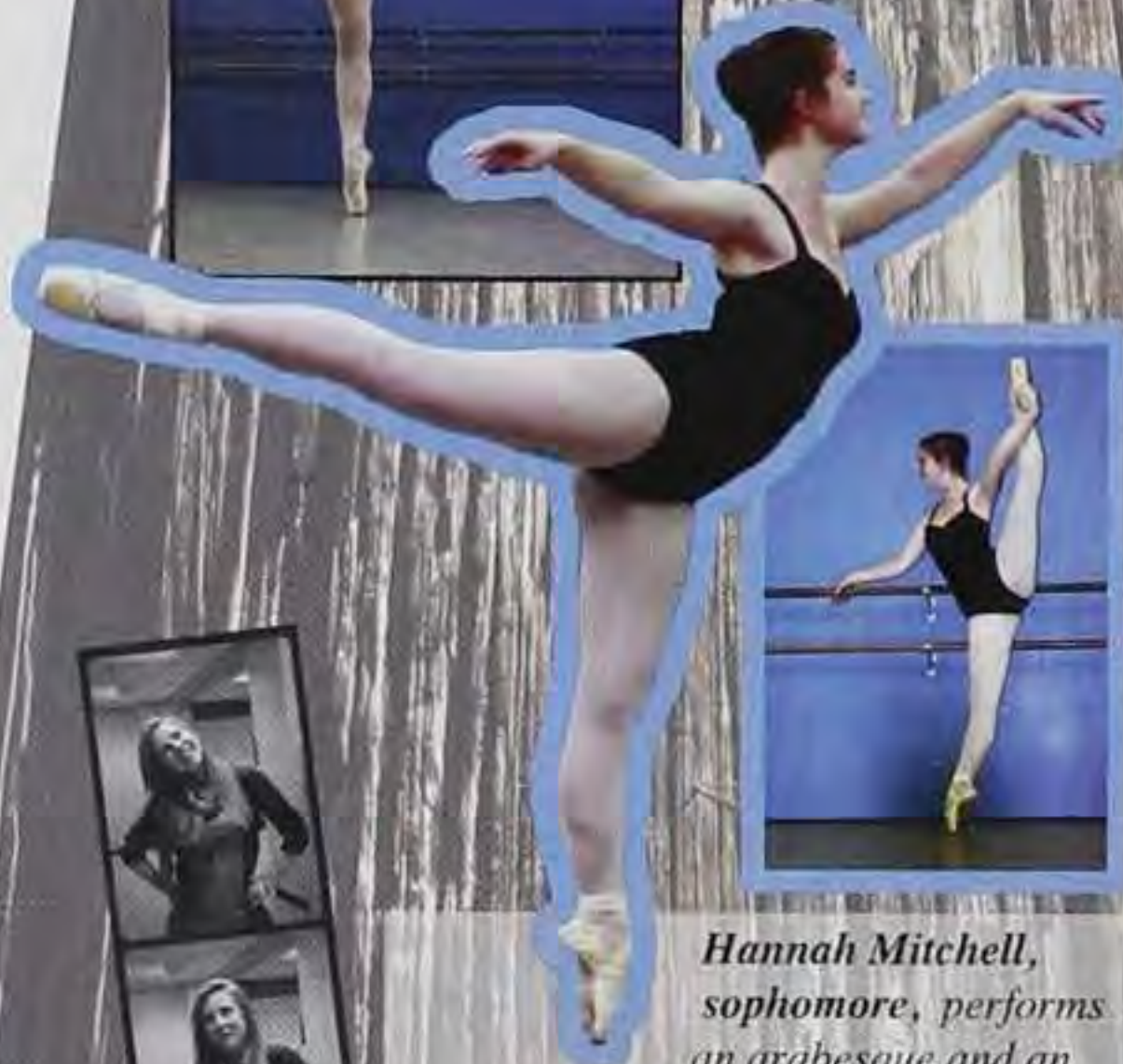
She has improved since being a "little white mouse." She now dances company roles, such as her role as a "snowflake" in *The Nutcracker* when she was a freshman.

Michelle Bonacquisti, sophomore, was a dancer.

Hannah Mitchell, sophomore, performs an arabesque and an assortment of other ballet techniques and poses. Mitchell has been dancing since the age of two. At age four, she decide to focus primarily on ballet.

Martha Guariglia, junior, danced at the Dance Center of Kirkwood.

Anna Franceschelli, junior, was an actor and dancer.



Winter

Nicole Lauren Schuessler



To my parents: thanks for loving me through every single good day and bad. My beautiful older sister, Kelsey: where would I be without you and all the crazy stories about your life? All my friends from Ferguson: you guys are like family to me. My best friends, Sam and Christin: you two have helped me through so much I can't even express how much I love you two. My favorite junior: I'm gonna miss Tuesday night Starbucks. All my other friends: y'all have made me smile and laugh so many times I wish I could tell you how much each one of those meant to me. Goodbye Westminster! 1 John 4:12-19.



Spencer Michael Seabaugh



Mom & Mark- Thanks for always being there when I needed you the most. Your love and support has helped me become the man I am today. Dad and Marcia- Thanks for all you have done and sacrificed for me. Thanks for instilling hardwork attributes in me, even when I resisted. Sydney- We've always been there for each other, let's keep it that way, even when I leave for college. Jacob and A.J.- You guys are growing up so fast, keep up the sports and don't forget to enjoy it!

Football coaches- Thank you for a great season and teaching me what it means to be a R.E.A.L. man. To all my friends, I love you guys, it's been great and let's all keep in touch.



William Breckenridge Serber



I'd like to first thank my parents for all of their help and encouragement over the years. Thanks also to my brother for advising me on all the ins and outs of WCA. Six years went by faster than I can fathom. I'll miss the people—the teachers who have given me wisdom and inspiration. Most of all I'll miss the one-and-only Brain Trust. How many guys are blessed enough to have friends who aren't afraid to declare their birthday every day of the year or shout "caw!" at the top of their lungs? Long live the Festival of Fools! You are all truly great friends, and your boldness and creativity will serve you well.



Corbin Ferrell Shelton

Momma- Few have a relationship like ours. We are best friends. Your strength inspires me our time together blesses me. Avery- Cousin. Friend. Hunting buddy. "Firsts". You will be a huge part of the rest of my life! Landon- my "huggie cousin". Carson- I envy the time you have left at WCA, I know you will make the most of it! Jordan- Grounded, loyal and fun. I could not ask you for a better friend. Kira- Steadfast and truthful. You have encouraged me in my relationship with Christ, nothing could mean more. Emily- Fun, joyful and crazy. I can count on a smile when I am with you. Marci- Who else can say they have experienced a jolt of lightning with a friend?



Lauren Deborah Sexton



God, I could not have made it these four years without your constant love and guidance. Mom, I will always enjoy talks with you. Dad, thanks for all the homework help and fun times together. Thank you both for your continual support, love, and guidance through the years. Megan, you make me smile and you are so much fun to hang out with. Mom, Dad, Megan- I love you! Thanks to all of my teachers who had such a huge impact on my life. To my friends- We have had so many good times these past four years; I hope that they do not end this year. Thank you WCA!



Brooke Pearce Siebenman



Mom- We laugh, cry, smile, and share. You're my best friend and I love you. Dad- No other person can teach me the things you have and for that, I love you. Ted- Your continued success in life is inspiring. I love you big brother. Morgan- I'll miss our jeep talks. You're becoming an amazing woman, and I love you. Taylor- You always know what to say, you're wise for your age, I love you. Emily- Without a doubt, separated at birth. Lauren- We turn everything into a joke. Girls- We've had the best times. Boys- You keep it interesting. God- be with me as I begin a new chapter in my life. To the academy: Thank you. James 1:2-4



Elizabeth Cristina Simakoff



Psalm 96. Mom-I love you more than words. Dad-try not to cry too hard when I leave. Carl- you have been a decent brother. Sorry about the time I elbowed you in the face. Julia- you are my sister and I love you. I could never replace you. Olivia: Thank you for always listening. Kayla- thanks for answering all my calls since freshmen year. Anna and Laur- I love you and I hope we never separate. Flying Whales- you're awesome, call me anytime. Lunch Table- you've been great. I'll miss our deep conversations and our potlucks. Cheerleaders [Erin Cox] : You all have made my day so many times, Never lose hope in your savior. Isaiah 43:4



Peter William Sippel



Wow, the time at Westminster has gone fast. Mom and Dad and Elizabeth, thanks for all that you have done for me, and the sacrifices that have been made to get me where I am today. Coach Burkey, thanks for being a supportive coach throughout the years, get another title. To the guys in college: Coose, KBell, and Tim, thanks for the countless laughs and unbelievable support when things were tough. To my poker and FCA guys, it's been real. Doyle! Coach Bain, thanks for the supports and I know you will always be there for me. And to all my senior friends, way to make it a great class to be a part of. Ephesians 3:20-21.



Brittany Zee-Chang, junior, played select soccer for Saint Louis Scott Gallagher.



Nathan James Smallwood

Mom and Dad, thank you so much for the love and support you have given me these past 18 years. I could not have asked for better parents. Taylor and Gavin, you are my best friends. Gavin, I know you hate it when I beat you up, but I know you'll thank me eventually. Chelsea, thank you for everything, you are awesome. To the lunch table, those thirty minutes everyday were priceless: Clam. Football guys, keep up the hard work. Zach, you are and will forever be the Doodoo king. Drew, Hayden, Luke, Boyer, Kinsinger, Spence, Justin, Zach, Reid, Brett and Parker- thanks for the memories.



Alexandra Camille Smith



First, I want to thank Jesus Christ for all of the wonderful blessings he has given me. Mom, I love you BIGTIME! Thanks for always supporting me and for all the wonderful things you have taught me. Dad & Patrice, I truly appreciate the love you have shown in being a part of my life. Thanks for everything Godmommy! Ajay & Angel, you are the best brother and sister I could have asked for! I love you with all my heart. Mags and Abbs (with two B's!), you have made my WCA journey amazing! (Pinky Promise, Homie Hilfigure) Love you girlies like crazy!! PC Girls, I love my sparkles!! We made it class of 2011! Psalm 91:1-2



Cameron Ernest Smith

Mom and Dad — thanks for everything you've done for me throughout the years. Coach Talley and Reilly — thanks for coaching me in four successful years of high school tennis. I will never forget those trips to Springfield. To all of my friends — it's been a fun ride, hopefully we'll all keep in touch.
— Cameron



Kira Mercedes Stewart

Mom and Dad—you have been there for me through thick and thin. Thank you for the support you have given me and all the sacrifices you have made. You have taught me to pray, trust, and rely on God in everything. Kali—you are such a gorgeous, loyal, strong, compassionate sister. Every day you model grace and forgiveness. Thank you for your Godly wisdom and advice. Johnny—I am so grateful for you intently listening, being there through all my storms, and challenging me to grow spiritually. You are a man of integrity. Kira's Kupcakes—seek Christ always. CLK—Forever. Girls—I will never forget the incredible times we've shared. Lord, I am yours and will go where you send me. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.



Jacob Keane, sophomore, stands at attention before practice. "I normally fence epee, but I also fence foil." Said Keane. Foil is a style where, in order to score a hit, one must have a forward movement before striking.

En Garde!

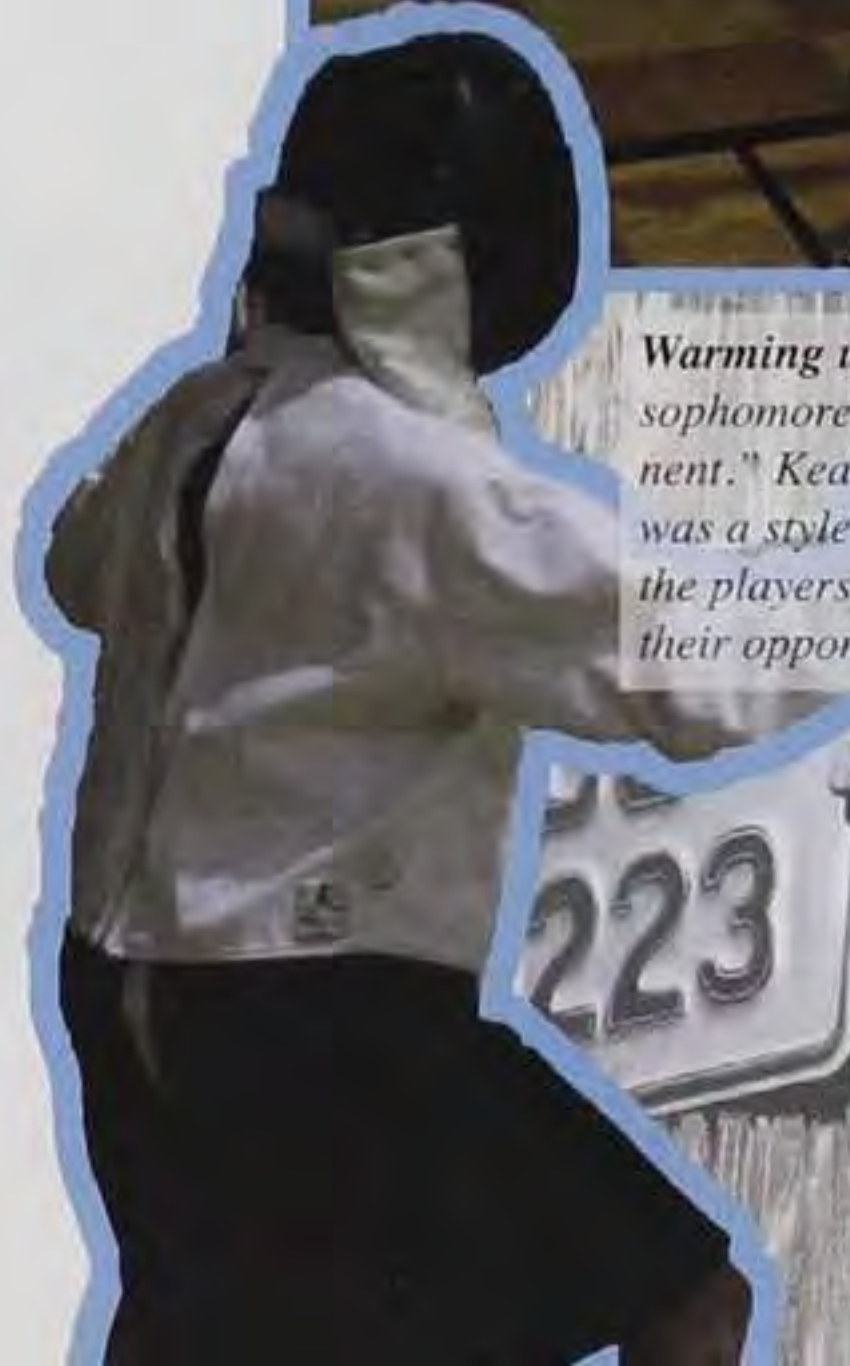
"En Garde!" Fencing's most famous words. These were the words each partner yelled when he or she was in their beginning stance and ready to fence. Jake Keane, sophomore, picked up fencing after his country club started a program. "I really like fencing because it keeps you on your toes, literally and metaphorically. In order to perform well in fencing you must be able to think quickly in order to outsmart your opponent, and this is what makes it a enjoyable sport," said Keane.

Fencing was a very quick sport in which two opponents stood facing each other and then began a duel with the swords in their hands. Their objective was to score a hit or in other words, to touch their opponent with their sword.

There were three styles of fencing which include epee, foil, and sabre. "My favorite style of fencing is epee, because it always includes that element of surprise in which you have to always be thinking about," said Keane.



Warming up before practice, Jake Keane, sophomore, lunges toward his "opponent." Keane usually fenced epee which was a style where at any moment one of the players could attempt to score a hit on their opponent.



Benjamin Patrick Stratton



First, I would like to thank God for everything He has done for me. He has blessed me with a great family and friends. Mom and Dad: you love me unconditionally and are always there for me. You push me to be the best that I can be. Josh, you are an awesome brother. Even though we are ten years apart, we are still great friends. You are an awesome kid. Chris, you have been a great friend and cousin throughout our lives. Lunch table, you guys are the best. You are the greatest bunch of guys I could ever ask for. I hope to stay friends with you for the rest of my life.



Lauren Elizabeth Sulewski

First of all, I want to thank God. I can't imagine my life without You. Your unfailing love and forgiveness has sustained me through the good and bad. Mom & Dad: Thanks for supporting me and shaping me into the person I am today. Emily: You are my best friend and a beautiful girl. You always make me laugh. I am blessed to have you as my sister. Kira: We have been through it all, but we always managed to stay close. I love you! Abbie & Rebecca: You girls have been my friends since 7th grade, and I know that you'll always be there. Lunch Table: Thanks for the memories; I wouldn't trade it for anything. 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10



Matthew Benjamin Sugg



All Glory, Honor and Praise goes to my Lord & Savior. Mom & Dad thank you so much for forming me to be the man I am today. Anna: Mario, Guitar Hero, Car talks, Fun Childhood memories—I'm so lucky to have such an awesome sister. Swimmers: Keep loving Water Polo! D—Group: Thanks for all the deep discussions. Bain, Gibson, Holley, Walkman, Mohler, Coach: Thanks for your strong examples as men of God. Guys: Ping—pong, N64, Dark Tag, Blue Man, making up incredible/stupid games—I am blessed to have such awesome friends in my life. Girls: thanks for being such amazing friends and giving great advice! Chapel Band—Keep worship strong and true. PETER! To all: Keep trusting God. Psalm 37:3-6



Kathleen Marie Talent



God has blessed me with such wonderful friends and family. Mom and Dad, thank you for your support and pushing me to succeed. Michael, big bro, you are a legend. Chrissy, wreak some havoc after I'm gone—bestie. Grandma, I love you and plan to learn Japanese. Bro table, hanging with you guys was one of the best experiences at high school. Girls, just, "wow," that describes how awesome you are, especially Kori—who has been there since middle school. Dudley, my gigantic puppy, thanks for being the life of the party. Lastly, I love and will miss you all!



Nathan William Terschak

First of all I want to thank God for giving me guidance during high school and helping me to make hard decisions. I want to thank my parents for all the support they provided over my four years at WCA. I couldn't have accomplished what I did without you guys. To all my friends (you know who you are), thanks for the laughs and for making the last four years great. To the swim team and coach Kehr, you guys made some of the best times during high school and you all contributed to the team going way past expectations this last year!



Jennifer Leigh Testrake

Mom and Dad, thank you for helping me and encouraging me on everything, you guys are the best. David, thank you for helping me with lines and other things. To my teachers, you created great memories for me, and thank you for pushing me to tryout for something and for being crazy. To all my friends, thank you for always making me laugh, I will miss you all.



Going AP

Hannah Hoekzema, junior, studied AP US History throughout the year.

Katy Talent, senior, took several AP classes her senior year.

Joking around, Joseph Burzinski, senior, prepares for one of his many AP science labs. During the past four years, Burzinski took AP Physics, Chemistry, and Biology.



Taking an AP class was often seen as extremely stressful by most students. However, Joseph Burzinski had taken nine AP classes during his junior and senior year. "I'm currently taking AP physics, AP literature, and AP calculus. I have taken AP music Theory, AP U.S. history, AP chemistry, AP biology, AP statistics, and AP European history. The class for European history wasn't officially offered, but the option to take it was presented to me," said Burzinski.

However, AP classes could help a student a lot in college. Through AP classes, students earned credit hours that helped them spend less time in college. "I'm looking at between 35 and 43 credit hours for the AP classes," said Burzinski.

He had enough credit hours that would allow him to begin college as a sophomore. "I believe 32 hours is one year," Burzinski said. His choice of taking these AP classes during high school allowed him to have the benefit of skipping a grade in college.



Micah James Theus



It's impossible to squeeze my life and feelings into this tiny little space in this tiny little book. I've been to almost twenty countries during my 18-year life, and have been so affected by the unique places I've been. I've seen what it's like to live in extreme poverty, and I've felt the adrenaline of diving in shark-infested reefs. More than the places I've experienced however, my caring parents and amazing friends have influenced me the most. No matter where on Earth I find myself, I know I can count on such great people as these in my life to be there for me. Wherever they now live, I can't thank these people enough for all they've given me.



Victoria Anne Urban

120 words isn't a lot so I'll get right to it. Without God I wouldn't have made it through these years so my first thanks go to Him for his constant support. Next to my parents- thanks for setting a great example for me and encouraging me in all of my endeavors. Rach- thanks for all your advice, you're going to rock Westminster next year, stay sweet. Jen- baby sis I'm going to miss our talks, don't grow up without me! Thanks to all my teachers for investing your time. Finally to my friends, thanks for the good times and for making high school interesting. 5 thanks is all I can fit so I'll end with this- 2 Peter 3:18



Tiffany Ann Thompson



It wouldn't be fitting if I didn't begin by giving total adoration to Yahweh, my everything. Let me not honor You only in words, but by my life. Parents: I can never repay you for everything you've instilled in me- I love you. Chris: Hold it down at Thompson Temple. You are His beloved. Someday I hope to mirror your pure love for God. Symone: I love you more than this world; all I want from you is for you to want HIM. Sissy: We will always be. Rachel: you're my Queen. Britt, Jack, Amanda: y'all are my passion. Teachers you made my journey possible, I won't forget you as I walk into the next chapter God has prepared for me.



Andrew Joseph Waeckerle



Mom/Dad thank you for the opportunity to go to Westminster, and for loving me and always encouraging me I love you both so much. Lauren and Andrea, my two loving sisters, you have no idea how much you have encouraged me, I couldn't ask for two better sisters, I love you both. Hayden - we've stuck by each other ever since 3rd grade. Luke - thanks for all the lunches, since grade school. Justin - I will never forget all the memories on the porch and movie/steak night. To all my other boys - we are so weird but SO hilarious, thanks for all the great memories, I love you all. Lauren and Lizzie - my two best gal pals, we always have so much fun no matter what we do, I love you both.



Jordan Paige Weaver

God- thank you for your blessings and faithfulness. Mom & Dad- your generosity amazes me, thank you for all the sacrifices you make, I can't tell you how much you truly mean to me. Blake- behave yourself, love you. Aubs- thanks for always being there, is this a good idea, ohh loooooord, socks socks, I know I'm crazy. Kels- lil sunshine, are we stalkers. Lace- you're my lil hippie. Kaylee & Dani- we should have realized earlier, I met a hot guy, goal=emotionally destroy it. Abbs- did you ice skate, slade. Brothers in Christ- haha thanks. Lunch table- this was fun and won't be forgotten. LDW 10- cops! Mom's night out. Thanks for the memories. Jeremiah 29:11



Katia Joy Weir

God-thanks for your love and grace. Mom-thanks for putting up with me and for your unconditional love. Tolsons- I wish you were closer, but thanks for your love and support. Gerritsens- thanks for always being there for me. Donny- I'm so lucky to have a brother like you-thanks for all the laughs. Dima- thanks for being a sweet older brother. I love you. Julia- we've been through it all. I love you. Kimmy- Juice! Thanks for all the crazy moments and always making me smile. I don't know what I would have done without you! I love you! Wiggles, Taylor- you both are crazy but I love you! Annie- thanks for always listening to me. I'll miss you. Dgroup- thanks for all the memories. I love you girls!



"I feel that Westminster is beneficial to my faith and that the environment is friendly, but I didn't expect much diversity when I first came here," said Jackie Rea, junior.

"I am excited about the progress we have made in diversity so far," said Tiffany Thompson, senior.

Yoo-Jin Hoo, junior, is from Korea.



Voices of the Few

Diversity was more than just a "black and white" thing. Diversity was the variety of human societies and cultures in an environment. Westminster lacked a very diverse community since the school first opened in the fall of 1976. Because of this, the school made an effort to in accepting and also reaching out to varieties of communities to encourage them to join the Westminster family.

For some students, Westminster had been their school since seventh grade. However, Brianna McIntyre, senior, chose to attend Westminster later on during her high school career. McIntyre enrolled at Westminster when she finished her freshman year at Lutheran North. "I had to adjust to the atmosphere of Westminster, but the school's structure and level of academics made it all worth it," said McIntyre.

Westminster also opened its arms for Korean students who stayed with American families while receiving an education in the States. Born in South Korea, Martha Jang, junior, came to Westminster in her freshman year and since then lived in the US for three years. "I miss home sometimes, but I'm able to Skype with my family twice a week so I get to stay in touch with them. I really like Westminster. I feel it has made me a better person, because my friends and teachers encourage me all the time," said Jang.

"[In ten years] I think the school will be more diverse, but I think the middle school will be more diverse," said Emmanuel Logan, junior.



Maggie Ann Wenberg



I praise God for the opportunities He has given me and for the influences He has set in my life. Mom and Dad, thank you for your unconditional love you have shown me through the years. Katie, best sister I could ever ask for, I will miss our band convos, but I will find another class! Dude-get ready for some more wake-up calls! Abby- I hang-glide on a dorito. Haley-Marcel is awesome! Laura- sweetest friend I will ever have, I love you! Babo- Sa rang hae. Bo go sip eul ga ya. Peak-a-Poo and Min0 Nol ra gal gae! Thank you all for being there for me. I love you guys so much!



Nathan Eldred Wheeler



There is no possible way to sum up everything I have learned and done in the last 6 years into 8 small sentences, so I will just share a few thoughts. First, thanks to all who have aided me in my change from a reclusive, broken hedonist to a (still broken) Jesus-Freak. Thanks especially to my parents, Mr. Mohler, Dr. Shaw, Coach Shaw, Mr. Knerr, and other teachers through which God taught me the value of character and wisdom. To my friends at Westminster, always remember that God comes first and that He loves you wherever you run to. Our time is short, spend it on what truly matters.



Morgan Ann West



Westminster, thanks for giving me the best years of my life! Family- Thank you for always being there for me. Kelsey- best sister I could ask for. Dani- Best friends for nine years, I know that it will not change when we go to college. I love you so much; you have been a great friend to me. Lizzie B- Our talks are amazing, contemplating life. You are hilarious and I will never forget all our adventures. Daniel- You have the best advice and always make me smile. Disney Group forever! Lizzie N- we WILL be friends past college! Lauren- Funniest person I know. Lacey- I love you!! Thank you friends, family, and faculty for making my experience amazing.



Paul William Wheeler



The tree stands tall/ upon the hill/
Clothed/ in its autumn robes.// Long past/
are the times/ when the leaves were young
and green/ when they laughed and danced/
in the breeze.// Now they dress/ in their
autumn garb/ and prepare/ for their fare-
wells.// Soon it will be time/ for the leaves
to let go/ and let the wind take them/
where it will.// Perhaps they will meet
again/ in that shrouded country/ called the
future.// Yet perhaps/ they won't.// Do not
forget/ my fellow leaves.// The time we
shared at the tree.// I never will.



Living in the LOST CONTINENT

Julia Elizabeth Wiens

Matthew 17:20. Mom and Dad- I love you both so much. Thank you for all your love and support. Andrew- love you big brother. Aunt Sue- I love you so much, thanks for all the encouragement and prayers. Liz- You are the best sister I could ask for, I love you so much. From Destin to backpacking, Colorado, Peru, and Washington- Thanks for always being there. Laur- Debit card. You are so special to me. I love you remember bulging DISKS. Lunch Table - Thanks for all the memories: "this is not that kind of party"...I love you guys. D-group- Thanks for all the support and prayers. Romans 5: 3-5.



Taylor MacKenzie Wiggins

"Growing up won't bring us down." Wow, these four years just flew by. Katia, Tay, Christin, Nicole- you four are some amazing friends and we are staying in touch after high school. Emily- you're so silly... Mom and Dad- thank you for everything. Andalee- all I can say is ASHTON! Kimmy kimmy more- hi. I love you. You have been an awesome friend. Our photo shoots, hundreds of concerts and journeys have been ridiculous. Road trips are hilarious with you. I'm going to miss you. Though I'm always at your house, hmm, tornados, toast, John ohh, paint, there is just too much to say. The memories with you have been the best! Senior year has been a blast with all of you, thank you!



Though many teens believed that music was simply something to listen to in the car, some believed that music was life. This was true for the creators of Lost Continent: Matthew Brugner, Landon Burke, Taylor Hughes, Peter Johnson, and Andy Munoz, juniors.

This band proved its great potential by succeeding in Mozingo Music's Battle of the Bands. They were chosen as a top ten band to perform at the competition out of the hundreds of talented bands that entered the competition. "Initially, we were just excited to get to play. But when we realized we had made it into such a tight competition, we were even more excited," said Brugner.

In the end, they got third place, which was excellent considering this was only the second show they had ever performed. "We were pretty happy with the outcome because there were a lot of good bands so it showed our potential," said Munoz. Not only were the bands they competed against talented, they were also experienced: "Most of the bands had people in their upper twenties," said Burke. However, Lost Continent stayed optimistic and proved how great they truly were.



Carson Burke, eighth grade, played bass in his band.



Peter James Williams



Thank you mom and dad for the encouragement you have given me over these past 6 years. And thanks to Westminster for teaching me what I need to know for an honest, good future. Thank you to all my friends who have made my high school experience one truly to remember. From the cawing to crazy nights at Danny's house, it has been great. Last but not least, thank you God for blessing me with such great friends, family, and a wonderful school.



Emily Elisabeth Wilson

Mom and Dad- Thanks for everything that you do. I love y'all so much. I truly appreciate you're always there no matter what I do. Andrew and Tyler- Love you guys so much! Thanks for putting up with me all these years and not complaining too much. Jordan- We've had so many fun times together. You're my best friend, and I love you like a sister. Lunch table- Thanks for all the interesting talks. Gibson- Thanks for making me think. You are one of the teachers at Westminster who has influenced me the most. Boys- Thanks for all the fun, crazy times!



Brittany Danielle Wilson



First of all, thank you God for letting me come this far in my life. Mom and Dad I love you both and thank you for everything. Kiah thanks for being the most amazing sister and always making me laugh. Sab: HEEY LA-DIES!!! Glee buddy, song of the days, adventures in driving and random trips to Wal-Mart. Mar: college visits will never be the same. White chocolate: I love you and your amazing driving! Friends: you've def entertained me for the past few years, I don't think I will ever find a bunch as unique! Family amoeba... WOW!!! Who can say if I've been changed for the better, b/c I know you I have been changed for good!



Rachel Chienen Yu



Mom and Dad-Thank you for all your love and sacrifices for me. Christine-I look up to you so much. You're an incredible sister. Hannah- My best and lifelong friend. Your friendship means the world to me. Christine S.-Thank you for making life so hilarious. I couldn't have gone through high school without you. Kelsy- You're my favorite, K-clark 4 life. Dani- we never fail to creep. We've had the best laughs together. Aubrey- V- Night, VD, and Naps! Lacey- concert buddies. D-Group- We laughed and cried together. Thank you all for being apart of my life. Lunch Table- We've been through it all together. Thank you for making high school so interesting. I love all you girls. 2 Corinthians 4:6



Connor LaRue Zielonko



There are so many people to thank as I bring my high school journey to a close. It is imperative that I thank the Lord first. Without him none of this is possible. Dad, you are an amazing man and an incredible role model for me. Mom, you have helped me and guided me through so much, and it would be impossible for me to thank you enough. Quinn, you are an inspiration and a wonderful friend. Anna, you are truly an incredible person. Please do not ever change. To my grandparents, you have been an incredible influence and I thank you. Deuteronomy 31:6.



At his house, Andre Cataldo, senior, plays his PCP drum set. Cataldo started playing the drums at age four. Recently, Cataldo took up guitar, making acoustic the primary instrument on his album.
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Marrissa Harjoe, junior, followed Andre's music for three years.

Dear Genre

Throughout Westminster history, many bands and artists came together, trying to make a name for themselves. Some bands have recorded CD's and some graduates have gone on to make record deals such as Sandra McCracken, class of 1995. However, one was on a mission to not just make his name known, but to change the way people view what music should be all about.

Andre Cataldo, senior, started his journey with his first project, "You Put the Fear in Atmosphere." "I wanted something that right off the bat challenged people of the concept of genre," said Cataldo. "I think the idea of genre limits people so much and restricts their creativity." Because Cataldo loves listening to all different styles of music, he has decided to make his album's "genre-less". "Basically take pop rock, Indie, Vintage Rock, Pop, and all other styles, put it in a blender and push high," said Cataldo.

After finishing the recording process, Cataldo and his producer decided if they were going to put the time and energy into doing the album, they were going to do it right. Cataldo's producer knew some people in Ardent Studios in Memphis, Tennessee and decided to take the CD to get mastered and distributed by the best of the business. On October 1, 2010, Cataldo, his dad, and his producer took a trip down to Memphis to visit Ardent Studios where many famous artists have made their best albums. "The experience was unbelievable," said Cataldo, "It was cool to see the best in the business and the people who hold a ton of power have so much respect for a seventeen year old artist." Cataldo's work had not ended. He had already started making his next album and was ready to show the world what it meant to be a serious musician.



David Noa, senior, played with Andre on his CD this past year.



RyeRye,
We're so thankful that God has blessed us with a son like you! It has been a joy to watch you grow into such a Godly young man. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. "You can do All things through Him."
We love you,
Mom & Dad



Ryan Allee

There are not enough words to say how proud of you we are! We have seen you grow into a compassionate, strong, and godly man. You are an incredible son, always expressing love and concern. You have a unique sense of humor and an incredible smile. Your name means "Blessing" and that is what you are to us. Thanks for your endless hugs and being a great role model to many. Love you!
Proverbs 16:9



Bennett Bell

Aunnie: the sunshine of my life! You make me smile when all seems dark and grey; you show mercy and bring peace into the lives you touch; your smile is beautiful and contagious as is your love for life and the Lord. "Your heart overflows with a good theme; you address your verses to the King; your tongue is the pen of a ready writer." May your life be glorifying to the Lord forever! I love you always, Mommy



Andalee Arndt

Schaeffer= shepherd, one who watches over, cares for the ones around you, protects, serves Schaeffer, after you were born we understood more fully the meaning of Fatherly love in Scripture; you've been a joy to raise, and we're so proud of the man you are becoming. Follow His ways, seek His kingdom, let the Lord lead you each step of the way. The end of high school is just the beginning for you, know that we are your biggest fans and are wildly cheering you on!
Congratulations!
Mom & Dad



Schaeffer Bell

Matthew-
You have brought us much joy over the years. We appreciate your insatiable curiosity, sensitive heart, and love of life, and we are grateful that you bless others with your gifts. As you continue your life's journey, remember to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6)."
We love you very much,
Mom & Dad



Matthew Baldwin

Haley, it's hard to believe that you are almost off to college! Where have these 18 years gone? You have worked very hard in school and accomplished much. We are so proud of you! We are even more proud of your sweet, kind spirit. You have brought us so much joy and we know God has great plans for you. We will miss you and all your hugs next year. We love you!
Mom and Dad
Philippians 4:13



Haley Bergman

Andrew, you have been such a blessing and your fun personality has brought much joy into our lives. We're proud of you. Now may the living Christ go behind you to encourage you, beside you as your friend, above you to watch over you, within you to help you grow spiritually and before you to show you the way. DO YOUR BEST. TRUST GOD FOR THE REST! Praying for you always.
Proverbs 3:5&6, Philippians 4:4-9, Mom and Dad



Andrew Beck

Haley,
You are a blessing from God. You have been blessed with many talents and a strong will. In Mark 9:32 it says, "Everything is possible for those who believe." We believe in you! We are confident that you will accomplish many great things!
Love,
Mom and Dad



Haley Bettlach

Abby Doodle- Cori didn't let you talk for the first three years of your life but we are so glad that you finally decided to! What a joy you are in our lives. Beautiful daughter, Skater Girl, Little Sister, Big Sister. How fast your six years at WCA have flown. We look forward to the next chapter of your life. The best is yet to come! We are so proud of you,
Mom & Dad, Cori, Michael, David



Abigail Becker

Lizzie, Can't believe it is 2011! We have fallen in love with YOU...your great smile, and your pout, your own sense of style...even snow boots in the summer...your relationship with the Lord and how you have nurtured that in how you live and serve HIM. God has blessed you with a lot of talents...it has been fun watching you dance, play tennis, kick it on the soccer field, laugh in IMPROV, and hear the tales of your world travel. We look forward to the future. Congratulations. Love Dad and Mom.



Elizabeth Blackwell

Cameron, we are so proud of the wonderful young man you have become. You have a great faith and a compassionate heart. You have brought so much joy to our family. God has blessed you with many gifts and we can't wait to see how His plans unfold in our life. We love you! Mom, Greg and Brandon



Cameron Brouk

Eighteen years ago God gave us you! We have no doubt that God has amazing plans for you. His plans are to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you hope and a future. Our prayer for you is that you will run with endurance the race that God has set before you and that you will keep your eyes on Jesus. Cling to His truths. Bear his image and shine your light brightly for Him. We love you! Dad & Mom



Abigail Clark

Dear Joseph,
You have brought so much joy into our lives. Use the good mind the Lord has given to be a blessing to others. Honor and glorify God with your life and gifts.
We love you always,
Mom, Dad, and Grace
"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength."
Luke 10:27.



Joseph Burzinski

Brett,
I am so thankful for that "angel who gently placed you in my tummy" 18 short years ago. You have brought fun and joy into my life. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Col 3: 23-24 I love you.
Love, Mom



Brett Cotner

Daniel, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." "God has a wonderful plan for your life. You have worked hard and God sees your perseverance. You are a good man with a good heart. Always seek the Lord and He will show you the way. We love you and are proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad



Daniel Cannon

Sarah,
Where have the past six years gone? We can hardly believe you are graduating from high school. You have grown into a beautiful, young, Christian lady. We are very proud of you and all you have accomplished. Never forget that Christ will carry out the good work he has begun in you, Philippians 1:6. We will be waiting to see how you serve the Lord.
We love you so very much,
Dad, Mom, Katie, Meri, and Julia



Sarah Davis

Steffano Santiago Chavez
Stef, it is hard to believe that 18 years has past, but your future is as bright as ever. It is our prayer that you follow your heart with whatever you do. May your actions make you worthy of the blessing you have received. We pray that His word will always be a lamp to your feet. We are so proud of you and love you very much. Mom & Dad



Steffano Chavez

Cooper,
What a blessing it has been to watch God develop in you a heart that is a wonderful combination of strength and tenderness. You have the courage to stand up for what is right, yet the compassion to help others feel loved and accepted. We are proud that you have grown into a gentle man. Be humble and teachable, and honor God through your very best effort in everything He gives you to do.
Love you,
Momma and Daddy.



Cooper Dunlap

Danielle, God has blessed us with you. You are a wonderful daughter and friend. We know Jesus has great plans for you. Remember to always put him first and he will direct your path. Enjoy the adventure! Proverbs 3:5-6 All our love, Mom, Dad, and Markus



Danielle Cicka

Sarah,
We have enjoyed seeing you mature into a wonderful young lady. God has blessed you with amazing academic talents and a desire to always seek His truths. Keep focused on God and in His word. We love you and are very proud of you.
Psalm 37:3-6; Romans 15:13; 1 Cor 15:58
Love, Mom and Dad



Sarah Eis

Ian Francis Farmer, you're our little boy... though not so little anymore. Perhaps this tune led to your "musical" way of singing through life. It will take you far. May the Lord continually put a new song in your heart to sing, a song of praise to your God. We are very proud of you Ian. Your kind heart, inquisitive mind, and joyful countenance are inspirational. You add a unique irreplaceable creative edge to our family and we love you!



Ian Farmer

Kayla we are so thankful God blessed us with you in our lives. Your tender heart and love for the Lord encourage us all. We cannot wait to see what God has planned for you. Just a couple of things...remember you need down-time and some sleep is a good thing! Our prayer for you is that you find happiness in serving the Lord in whatever you do. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad



Kayla Gebhardt

Brittany, From this precious little girl, you have grown into a beautifully independent young woman. Remember, above all else, to seek God's reign and righteousness in your life, and God will provide you with everything you need to succeed. Matthew 6:33 We love who you are, and we love being your parents. Love, Mom and Dad



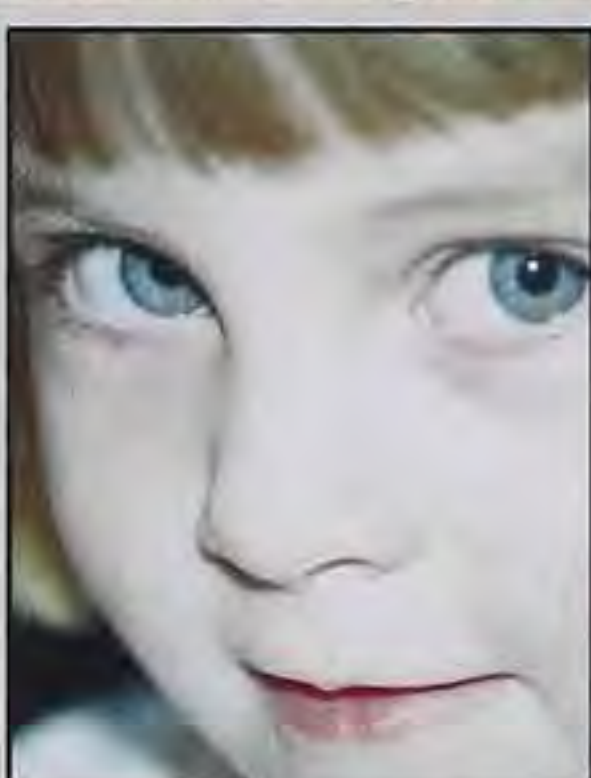
Brittany Fellows

Maria, we have been blessed with such a loving, wonderful daughter. Words cannot express how proud of you we are. You have filled our lives with smiles and laughs through your charming personality. Keep seeking the Lord in all you do. Love, Mom and Dad.



Maria Gjordeni

You will conquer the world one college course at a time. Standing on our shoulders, you will see farther than we. Remember the thousand dinner conversations, the wider world you have seen, and the many lessons in Tortilla Cat, "The Princess Bride" and The Little Prince. "One sees clearly only with the heart. "Anything essential is invisible to the eyes" Be careful with your heart, wear sunscreen, eat vegetables, and when stressed remember you can always bake.



Abby Finn

Erin - We are so proud of you and all that the Lord has accomplished through you! He has led you every step of the way, from your earliest days at the Atlanta Speech School when you first learned to talk, through your language explosion at The Moog, as you grew in wisdom and grace at KDS, and finally through the many challenges and triumphs of high school. Keep following His lead. We love you so much! Mom, Dad, and Ben



Erin Guthrie

Josh, it's been a joy and a privilege to see you grow into your own person. We admire your deep faith in Christ, strength of convictions, and willingness to serve others. We love your sense of humor and free spirit. We will always be here to support you and be your biggest fan club. As you go out to make your mark, do it with excellence and to the glory of God. We're proud of you. Go get 'em, Little Mister! Love, Mom, Dad, and Jessie



Joshua Flori

You are such a wonderful, godly example of what a young man should be, and we are extraordinarily proud of you. You bring joy to our family as you provide humor tempered with sincerity, flexibility with strong conviction, courage with honor, and strength with humility. As you step forward in faith to your first stage of adulthood, we pray that you seek first His kingdom and righteousness. Romans 15:13. We love and treasure you deeply. Mom, Dad, Jeremy, and Matt.



Mike Hall

Our Precious, Humble Evona- We are so proud of the choices you make with strength and wisdom beyond your years. You are an honorable daughter, a loving sister, a devoted friend, and a beautiful spirit. As you step onto that next "stage" in your life, we pray that God surrounds you with friends and teachers like you were blessed with here. Always remember: your roots, your faith, your commitments; try your hardest and have fun; and of course-SUNSCREEN! 1 Timothy 4:12 We love you, Dad, Mom, Anna, and Dominic



Evona Franceschelli

Is there anyone here who can speak dog?



Rebecca Harding

Hayden- Remember when you thought this year would never get here? Well, congratulations! You made it! We can't believe how fast it flew by for us. You have truly been a blessing to our family. Our house is going to be very different without you next year. We wish you much happiness and success in your upcoming college years. You are ready! We are VERY proud of you and love you very much. Mom, Dad, Tyler, and Harley too... Proverbs 3: 5-6



Hayden Harper

Luke- You make me want to be a more godly leader, a more loving father, and a more faithful friend. God has shown me in my love for you how precious his love for us is that we would be called sons of God. Love, Dad
My precious closet nerd and adventurous warrior - I thank the Lord for letting me know, serve and love you. I look forward to watching you grow deep in Christ. Love, Mom



Luke Kuiper

Sheridan, you were God's surprise package to us, wrapped in His love. You charmed us with your delicateness, sapphire eyes, dimpled smile, and spun-gold hair. You said and read the alphabet and sang dozens of songs before you were two. You loved and shared Jesus with anyone who'd listen. You're still singing and sharing Christ's love. We praise God for the beautiful young woman you've become, still wrapped securely in the arms of God's love. Mama and Daddy



Sheriden Hentrich

Stephen: Since preschool, you have had the gift of attracting and maintaining the very best of friendships. Your gentle playfulness is a strength. Wherever you go in life continue to love God passionately and seek a covenant family of believers that will tell you the truth and hold you accountable. Pray for wisdom. Seek truth diligently. May your gifts from God always serve you well. You are blessed. Love, Mom and Dad



Stephen Lillenbergh

Sweet Maggee:
You bring JOY to everything we do. We are so proud of you and love you with all our hearts. Thank you for being you. You are a blessing and you make our family complete. Haley needed her Mawg-ee and we needed you! May God continue to bless you abundantly in everything you do.
All our love- Dad, Mom & Haley



Maggee Kane

I can't believe my baby is all grown up! You've become such a beautiful young lady and I'm so proud of you. You are talented in so many ways and I know you will go far in life. Always keep Christ in the center of your life. I love you.
Mom



Ashley Lokey

Laura, from the singing, dancing T.V. bug that you were to the compassionate caring young woman you are today. It has been a privilege to watch God grow and mature you. Seek the Lord and he will bless you and use you. Take your thoughtfulness and continue to reach out to others. But let us keep the memories: movies and "I Love Lucys", your contagious laugh, baking and getting up at the crack of dawn. Isaiah 41:9-10



Laura Kaup

Dearest Bri,
I cannot believe the day is here when you are facing such a major transition in your life. I am proud of you for so many reasons-but mostly for how you have come through some very difficult challenges with tremendous resolve, dignity, and strength. As you enter this next chapter of your life, always hold onto the Lord's hand, and He will lead you and guide you in the way you should go. All my love,
Mom



Brianna McIntyre

Jordan,
We are so thankful to God for you! The joy and love you have brought into our family is amazing. We are so proud of you and our desire to serve God with all your many talents. Your confidence, competitiveness and steadfastness stand out as gifts and we trust that you will use them to glorify God. We love how you are full of "surprises." You make us laugh and smile! We are always praying for you! Mom, Dad, JD, Jillian



Jordan Klein

Drew-
You have blessed our home with happy chatter, lively conversations, and an ever-present smile that fills our hearts with joy. And now, as God has captured your heart, we are proud of the Godly man you have become and pray that you will continue to cling to Christ as you use your gifts to glorify Him in all He has planned for you. We love you, believe in you, and will always be here for you, Mom and Dad. Joshua 1:8-9



Andrew Menzel

Emily,
From the earliest moments of your life, you have filled our family with excitement and surprises and kept us guessing about the next adventure around the bend. You are full of life, energy, and fun-never lose that. Take on life's challenges head on, for with God's strength and the gifts and talents He has given you, you will overcome. We are proud of you and look forward to how God will continue to develop those gifts and use them to bless others. 1 Peter 4:10
Love, Mom, Dad, and Hannah.



Emily Mitchell

Angel Baby,
It is with great pride that we watch you begin Dani's Next Big Adventure. In fact, your whole life has been an adventure full of joy! Stan, you are amazing. You have blessed us with your humor, your wit, your mind, your smile, your sparkle and your heart. You have been an awesome daughter, sister, granddaughter, and friend. We look forward to watching what God has in store for you to do, to be, to experience, to learn and to accomplish. You are so loved and cherished and we all are always there for you.
Remember, your potential is as great as your imagination, your faith, and your determination. So, "Go out in the World and tell everyone the Good, Good news!" Jeremiah 29:11
Love, Mom, Dad, Lauren, Meredith, Phoebes & Riley



Danielle Roberts

Elizabeth Joy,
You ARE joy personified! Passionate for family, friends, those in need, you are quick to care, help, laugh, forgive. Beautiful in appearance and spirit, God has molded you into a gifted vocalist, worshiper, servant-leader, peacemaker, student, loving friend, sister, granddaughter, Aunt Lizzie. Through amazing opportunities and difficult challenges, you have grown to LOVE, TRUST and OBEY God. We are SO proud of the amazing young woman you are. Precious daughter you are SO joyfully, deeply loved! Jer. 29:11



Elizabeth Nester

Kori,
You are such a joy to us, and a precious gift from the Lord. You being our one and only child, you make us smile and laugh at the simplest things. Through these high school years you have become such a young beautiful girl. Kori you have a bright future ahead of you. We have seen your care for others through mission trips and how God is molding you as a young lady. We pray for your continued growth in faith as you venture into college and beyond. We love you, Dad and Mom.
Psalm 91: 1-2



Kori Schlitt

Dear Emily, a.k.a. Emmer, Emster, Emeroo.
Congratulations! We are beyond proud of you. We love you and pray God's hand upon you always. Follow your dreams. Follow the Lord for He has plans prepared for you. You are blessed with beauty of body and heart. Your smile and laughter can light the darkest night. Mimi and Papa look and love from the highest place and say, "well done". Always remember who you are. Love Momma and Dad.



Emily Paulk

Zach - It is hard to believe you are graduating already. We want to thank you for the boy you have been and the man you have become. It is a pleasure to have you as a son. Continue the course and always look to God for direction. We love you and look forward to watching you prosper in the future. Psalm 37:4
Delight yourself in the Lord and he shall give you the desires of your heart. Love Dad + Mom



Zachary Schopp

Dearest Justin,
We still have your complex lego creations. It was when you sat down to build that we saw your concentration, motivation and independence. "I do what I want" way of figuring things out on your own. Our blessing for you is one of perseverance, motivation, concentration, friendship, prioritization and placing God as the pillar in your life. Trust God to lead you. Godspeed Justin.
Love always, Mom and Dad



Justin Probst

Luke,
Our little light from God. We love you. It has been our greatest joy to raise you and see you mature into a wonderful young man. We wish for you all the happiness and success life brings. "Stay Golden" Every day we are so proud. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.
Love, Mom and Dad



Luke Schroeder

Rachel, you have been a true blessing to our lives. We love you so much and we are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Your strong work ethic and determination will allow you to achieve anything you put your mind to. Continue to follow all your dreams. We are excited to see what God has planned for your life.
Love Mom, Dad, and Austin.



Rachel Raines

Spencer,
You were the happiest baby, always smiling & charming everyone around you! Some things never change! I am proud of the man you are becoming. Remember, "the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you." 2 Thessalonians 3:3. I love you, Mom.
Spence,
I love you and will always be proud that you're my son. Always remember the 3 D's to succeed - Desire, Discipline, and Dedication! "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Phil. 4:13. Love forever, Dad.



Spencer Seabaugh

Brooke,
 God has blessed us greatly with a daughter like you. You have always been a ray of sunshine in our lives. Your kind heart and quick wit are known to many. The Lord has blessed you with so many gifts.
 Your older brother and younger sisters have always found comfort in your solid advice. You have been an inspiration to our whole family.
 The Lord has a grand purpose for your future. Please seek His guidance as you continue down the road of life. We love you Brooke. Mom and Dad



Brooke Siebenman

Dear Tori,
 Enjoy God's goodness and mercy all the days of your life. Make Him look good in all you say and do. Share His love with others.
 Victoria, you are a wonderful blessing. Always have been-always will be.
 Love,
 Dad and Mom
 Romans 15:13



Victoria Urban

Peter,
 It is with grateful hearts to God that we say congratulations to you! What a joy and blessing you have been to our family. WE have watched you grow from the funniest toddler to the finest young man. We thank the Lord for your tender heart, strength of our wonderful God.
 Philippians 1:6
 We love you, Dad, Mom and Elizabeth



Peter Sippel

Our little "Drew Man," you have become a real man of faith. Your gift is your tender heart for the lost and disadvantaged and leading by example. Be bold, be brave, and be courageous, and follow your heart as the Spirit leads and protects you. Always check your motives and follow God's path. Thanks for being such a wonderful son and loving brother. We are ALL so proud of you and confidently look forward to how the Lord will use you. Love, Mom & Dad



Andrew Waeckerle

Kira, what joy and sunshine you bring to this world. The "Can-Do-Kid" who keeps us laughing, challenges the status quo striving to make things better, takes responsibility seriously, has such compassion, is gifted with creativity, brings endless energy to the volleyball court, has unmatched determination and inspires us to walk closer with our God. God will continue to stretch and grow you as you "seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness" (Mat 6:33). We love you, Mom, Dad, and Kali.



Kira Stewart

Katie,
 You are such a blessing to our family. You have such a sweet spirit, a forgiving heart, and an unforgettable laugh! God is molding you into a wonderful young lady with every challenge you have experienced. Just remember, God will never leave you and He has blessed you with a huge family who loves you very much.
 Romans 5:3-5
 Love, Mom



Katia Weir

Matthew, you have filled our lives with laughter and our home with joy. We look forward with excitement to see all that God has planned for you. Continue to live your life in the shadow of the cross and "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)
 We love you Buddy!
 Dad, Mom, and Anna



Matthew Sugg

Dear Maggie,
 "Humility and fear of the Lord bring riches and honor and life." Proverbs 22:4
 Every day is an adventure with you! What a blessing it is to watch you grow into a wise, confident, independent, and beautiful young woman! Serve the Lord with your whole heart for we know He has big plans for you. He will continue to equip you for the adventure! Enjoy! Love, Mom and Dad
 P.S. Katie can't bring smoothies to U of Antarctica!



Margaret Wenberg

Micah James Theus, 4 pounds 6 ounces.... And the rest is history!



Micah Theus

Joyful and passionate—those are what we see as God's gifts in your life. May you seek God's will in using these gifts for His glory. We love and adore you, Peter, and know we are better people for having been given you as our son. Hebrews 12:1-3, 7



Peter Williams

Brittany Danielle, you have brought laughter and joy to us from the very moment you arrived! We are honored God chose us to be your parents and for Kiah to be your big sister. Your sense of humor and your outlook on life will take you to and through your destiny. Continue to make sure your life is pleasing to God and we will always be proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Kiah



Brittany Wilson

Emily, our beautiful baby girl. From the first moment we saw you, you have captivated our hearts. You are the sweet softness in our family. You are a true blessing to us. You've grown into a Godly young woman with a compassionate heart. We can't wait to see what life has in store for you. We love you so much and ask for God's blessings on you as you start on your life's journey. Mom, Dad, Andrew, and Tyler



Emily Wilson

Connor,

Eighteen years have gone so quickly. You've grown from a precious little boy to an amazing young man. Your quick, incredible wit and affectionate nature have brightened so many days in our lives. And we are certain "that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finished." Philippians 1:6. College is your next big adventure. We wish you wonderful years, wonderful memories and wonderful new friends. Love you! Dad, Mom and Quinn.



Connor Zielonko



Emily Paulk

Emily (Emmeroo), I am so proud of you! Thanks for being my sister, friend, confidant – and (someday) a free babysitter! Yes, you are taller, but you will always be my little sis. All my love, Ashley (Mommy #2).

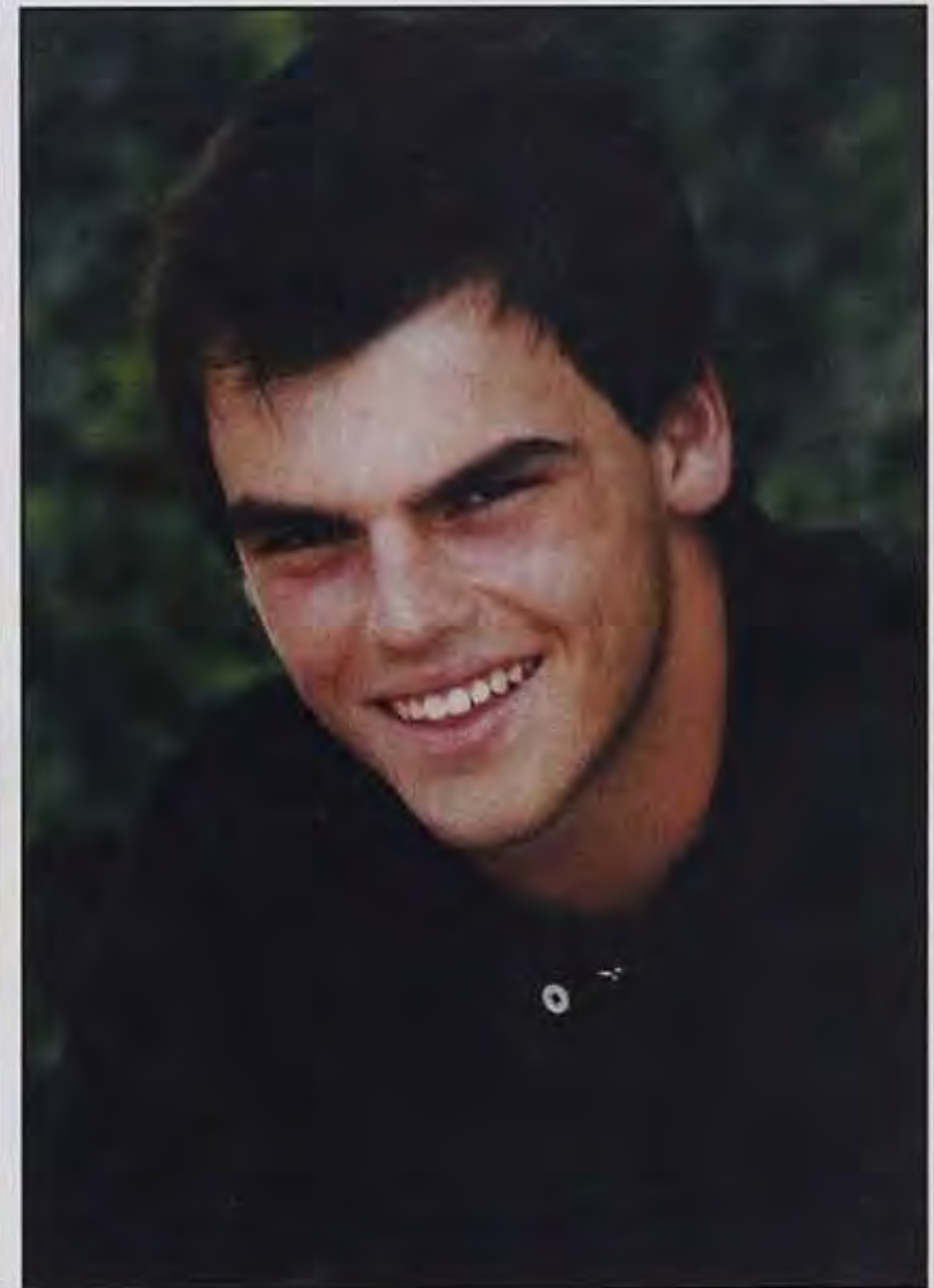
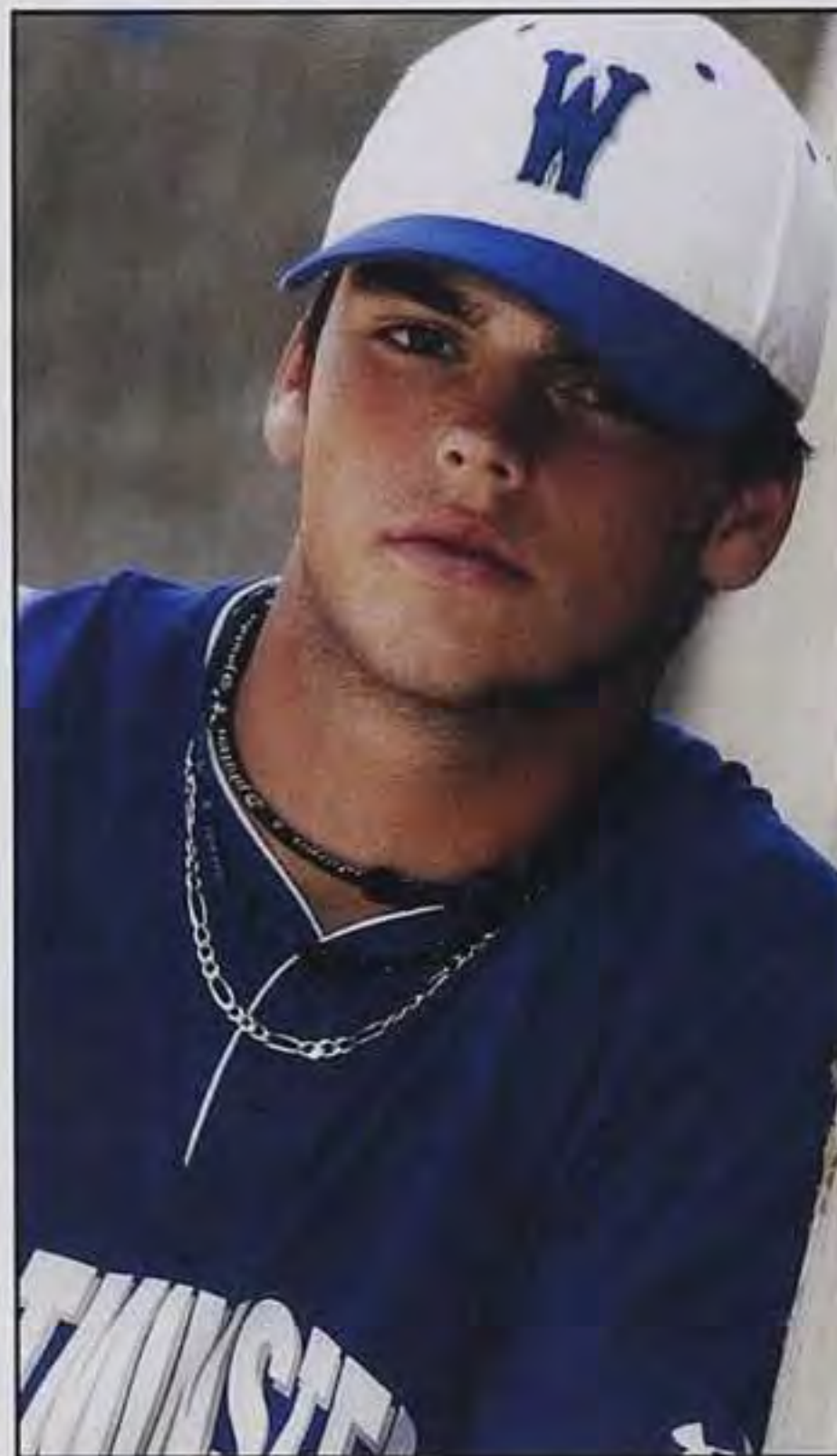


Ryan Allee



Congratulations Ryan! We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments. Your determination, hard work and big heart make us proud! You have become a Godly young man, leader and you are true to your friends & family. God has blessed you with such incredible gifts. Remember to always use your gifts and talents to glorify Him! Be the "wiseman"! We love you, Mom & Dad

RyeRye,
You're the best brother ever!
You make me laugh!
I love you,
Lindsay





Abby- You will always be our top model and our little cheerleader. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad

Remember Jeremiah 29: 11-13

Abby Bakersmith

Anna Becker



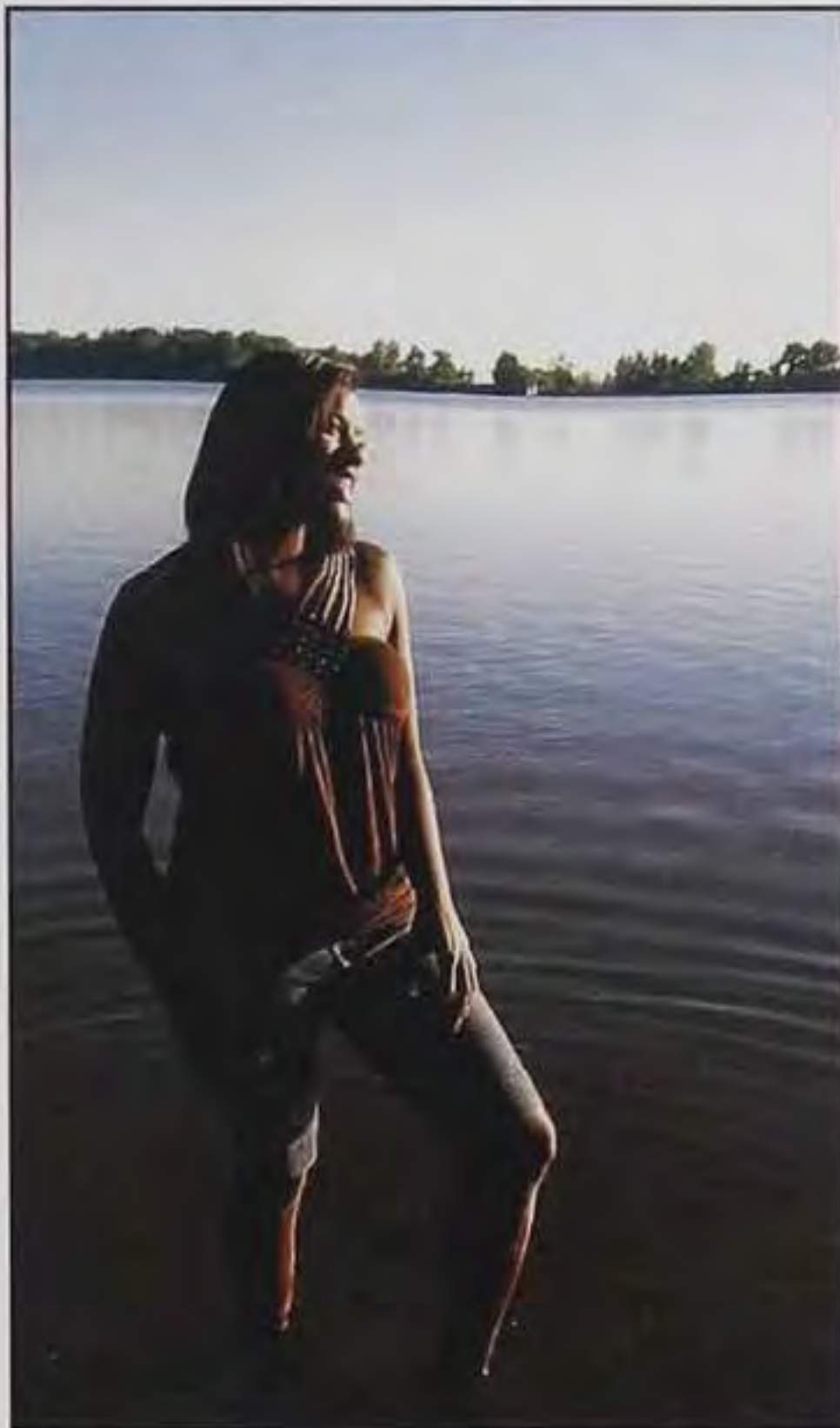
Anna,
You are a beautiful and balanced young woman. We admire your love for the Lord, compassion towards others and your fun loving spirit! You are a blessing to all you encounter!
Love, Dad and Mom

To the smartest girl I know: God couldn't have blessed me with a better little sister. Never forget I Corinthians 10:31

Love, Ben



Rachel Bates



CONGRATULATIONS, RACHEL! YOU MADE IT!
You've become a beautiful and an amazing young lady with a joyful spirit! So, this is it...the beginning of a new journey! Remember the story of God's promise to me while I carried you in the womb: "... for the Joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10? May this promise forever ignite your heart in faith, hope and love as well.
We love you so much! Mom, Darius, JoAnn, Kasey, and Christopher



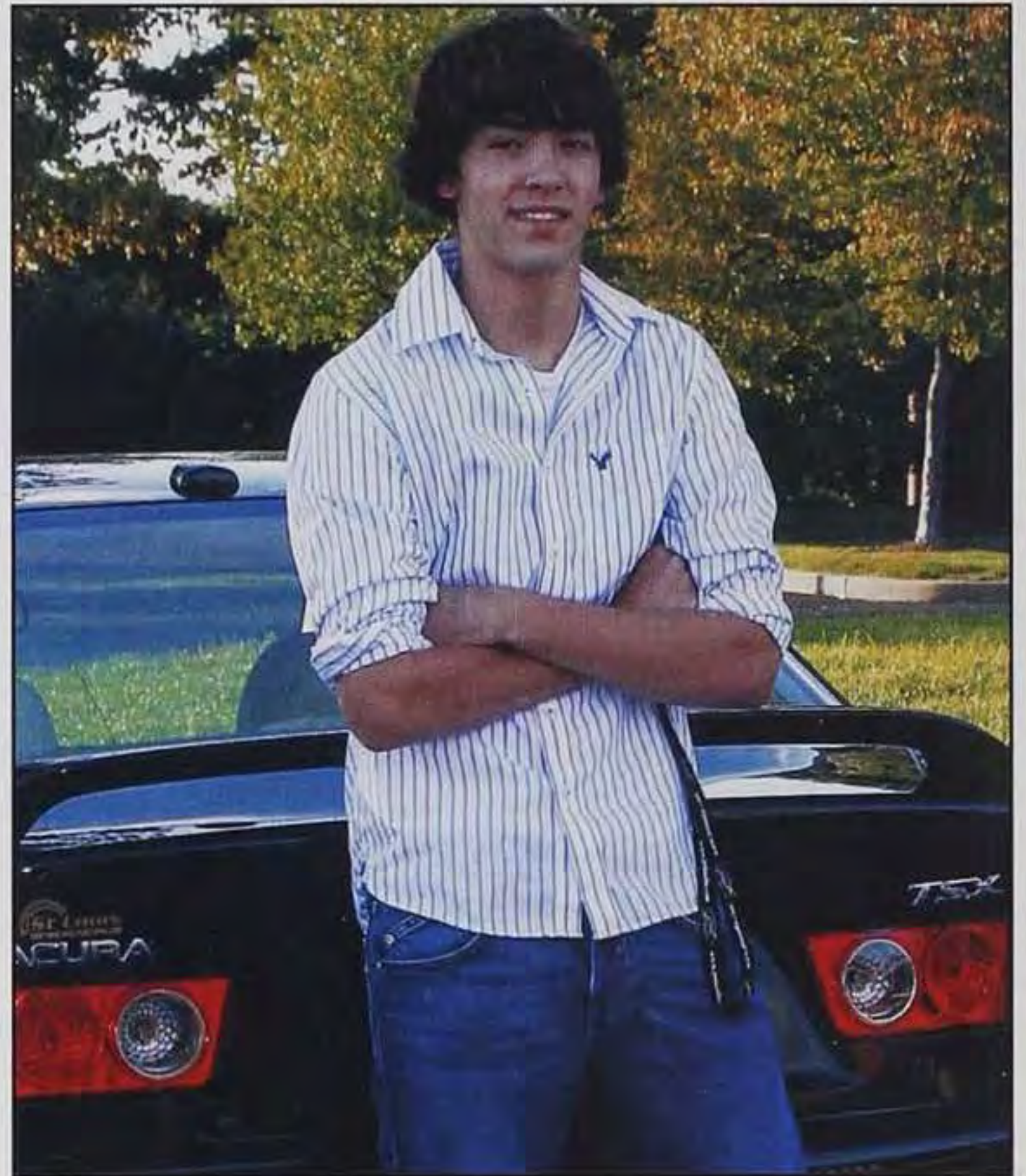


Jake:

As we watch you grow from a boy to a man, we can't help but think how lucky we are to have a son like you. You have a kind soul and sweet disposition, we are so proud of the man you have become. We are supremely confident that your college experience will be both thrilling and successful. WE are so excited to see your future unfold. You have been fortunate to have been raised in the truth and we know you will go on to do great things in your life. "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." Luke 12:48

Love,

Dad, Mom and Carson



Jacob Boyer

Bennett Bell



We love our fabulous brownie maker, chauffeur, late night Taco Bell runner, but most of all the greatest big brother. We know the best is yet to come!
Job, Bennett!!!



Olivia Girgis



“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion” (Phil. 1:6) We are so proud of you. May you always walk in God’s will.
Love Mom, Dad and Karen



Dear Lauren,

It seems like yesterday that you were staring up at us with those big brown eyes-we wondered what you would be like. Having you as our daughter has been an honor and great joy- we praise God for you and for who you have become and are yet to become. Words cannot express how proud we are of you. It is a bittersweet moment as you cross this road into adulthood- we will miss you very much but know that the Lord has the perfect plan for you. We are excited to see you use your talents to succeed for the glory of His Kingdom. You are AMAZING and we love you with all our hearts! Love, Mom and Dad (Psalm 119:105)

Lauren- I’ll miss our cars rides to school! Come home to visit soon- I hope to join you in a few years! Love, Em

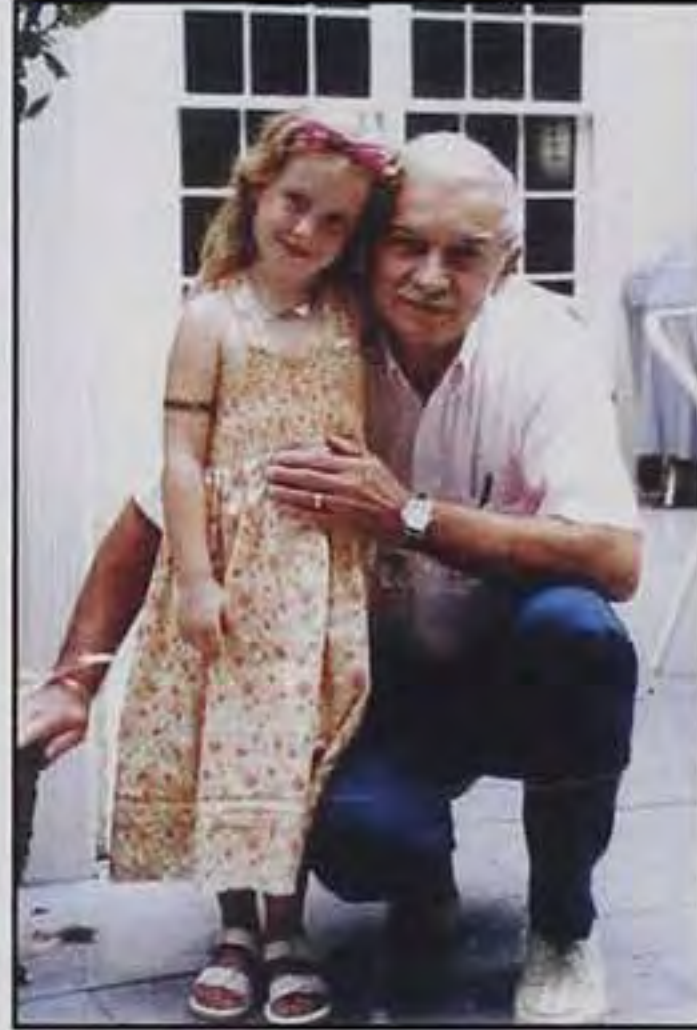
Lauren- Study a lot! Make lots of friends! I’ll miss you!
Love, Syd



Lauren Baum



Lacey Call



Lacey...we have been the best of buddies for the last 18 years. As you know words can never express how proud I am of you. You have had some tough times to overcome, but you have never quit. I know you will do well in life because you are a truly wonderful human being. You have definitely made me proud to be your father. Love, Dad

Schaeffer,

Our little boy with bright blue eyes and a smile of dimples! As you graduate and move on to where God is leading you, don't forget these words of wisdom:

Ball; vroom; Hi ho's; pillowbow; bowlie; doe; bung-a-bean; blue yonder; coosake; hey toe pa; candeeee; yooooder; still eatin'; don't mess with my sister!; You're the man!; Titleist; Russ?!; that just happened!; figure it out!

With much love,
Mom and Dad

You are the best big brother ever! You always make me laugh! I love you and I'll miss you,
Your little sister, Natalie



Schaeffer Bell



Danielle, Congratulations! We are so proud of the wonderful young lady you have become.

Love, Mom and Dad

I will miss watching Clone Wars and playing soccer with you.

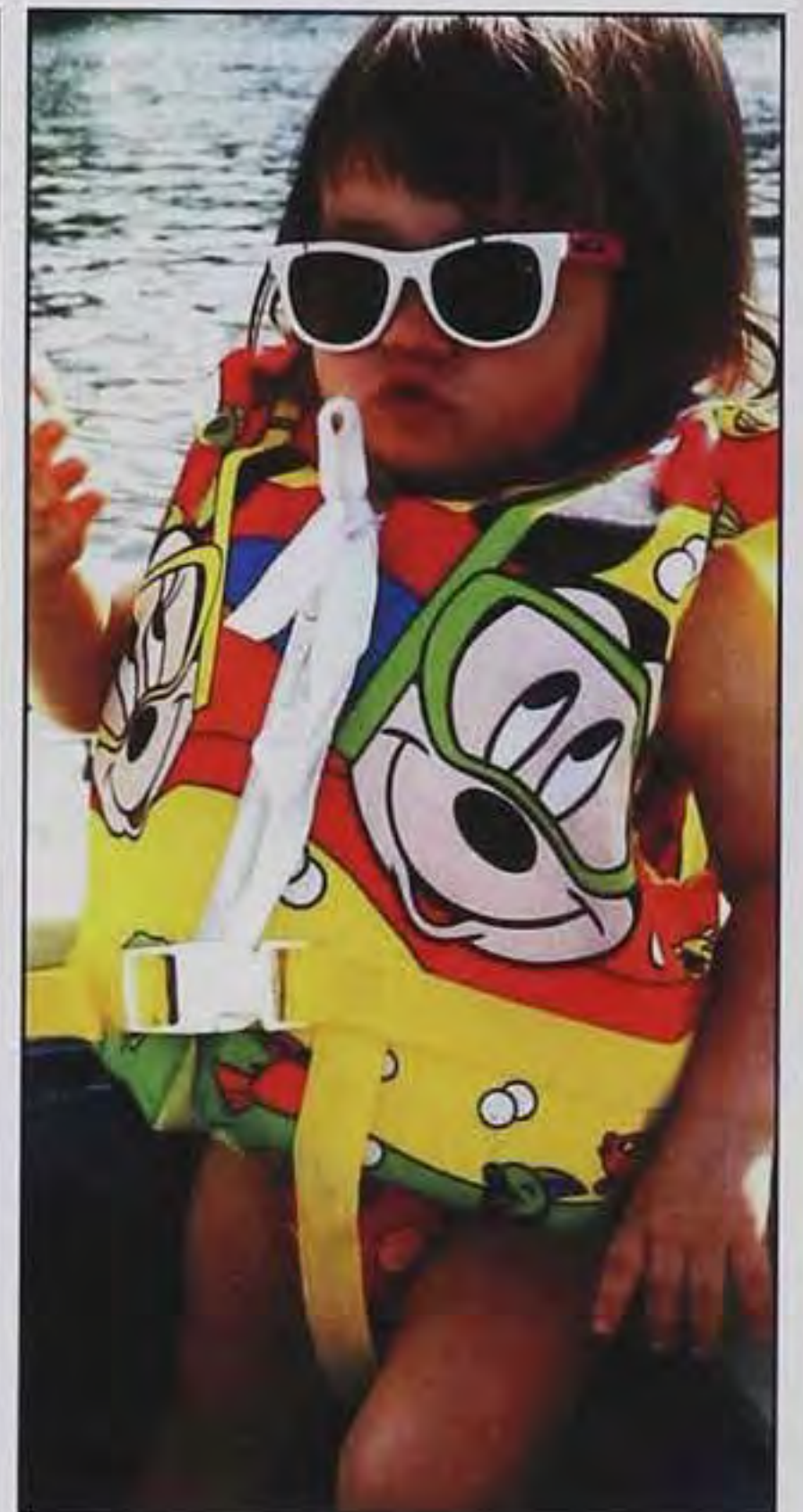
Love, Markus

Danielle Cicka

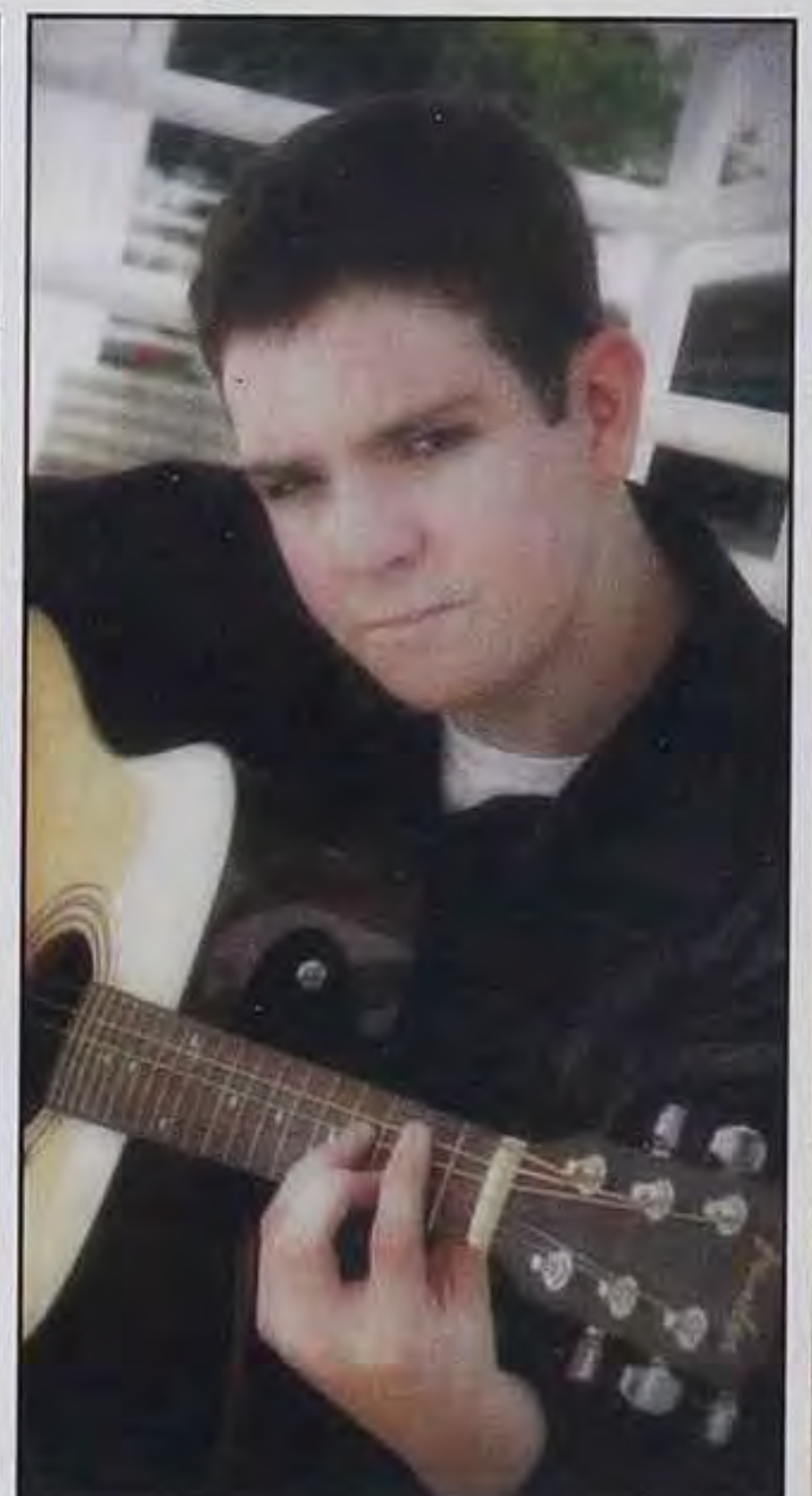
Kelsy Cline

Kelsy, we thank God for you and the memories of you growing up. God has given you many gifts for his glory. Pursue him wholeheartedly.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Nathan,
You are a gift from God. Your gifts of gratefulness, humility, and love for family and friends are a blessing. Thanks for being a great son!
Love, Mom, Dad, Erin Eph. 2:8-9



Nathaniel Cox

Andre Cataldo



It seems like only yesterday God placed this tiny baby boy into our arms from Curitiba Brazil. WE loved this little guy who's now ready to graduate and make his own way in the world. There are so many joys we want you to remember, to love who you are, and let your mind wander among the stars. A lot has changed since you were small, but one thing never can change. One very much-loved little boy is now a much-loved man!

Love always, Mom, Dad, Ana (& Renata and Rebeka)



To make a difference in this world, you must first dare to be different!!



Micah Theus



Dear Micah,
Arlington... Riyadh... Chicagoland... Falls Church...
Dubai... Doha... St. Louis... and Beyond! What a young
man you've become: Seldom at a loss for words. Inces-
santly inquisitive. Solution seeking. Compassionately cool.
Always firstborn. Always big brother. Always ours.

He has told you, Micah, what is good; and what does the
Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Oh, Micah. It's Christ in you, your hope of glory! We love
you!

Dad, Mom, Nathan, and Josh





Dear Brittany,
We thank God for the gift of your life, and we love watching God unveil the wonderful life He has planned for you. Jeremiah 29:11 Always remember, the truly abundant life awaits you in Christ Jesus alone. John 10:10.

Love, Mom and Dad

Brittany Fellows



Birdboy-From day one you've filled our lives with joy and excitement. We are so proud of the wonderful young man you've become. We can't wait to see what God has planned for you (Jeremiah 29:11), flying, closing down Daddy's Jeffery's hot dog stand, or becoming a professional wrestler, we know you will excel.

ALWAYS remember to be true to yourself, ALWAYS keep God first and turn to Him (Psalms 37:4).

We love you always,
Mom, Dad, and Jeffery

Steven Fitzgerald

Evona, God has blessed us with more than we ever could have imagined when He gave us you. We pray your inner beauty continues to outshine. Live, Laugh, Dance! Psalms 149:3 Love Dad, Mom, Anna, and Dominic.



Evona Franceschelli

Leah,
You are a beautiful reminder of God's provision to our family. A tiny 3 lb. preemie, you began life fighting and you have never quit. You have always shown a great determination, a desire for serving others, and an unyielding love for children. You are beautifully and wonderfully made, and God gave you to us. We love you!
Mom and Dad



Leah Gruneisen



Lauren DeRousse



Lauren,

What a joy and blessing you have been to us. We are so proud of all you have accomplished, but even more proud of whom you have become. You are kind, determined, loving and really funny. You have faced pain and challenge with drive and determination and emerged stronger, wiser and even more amazing. You live your faith out loud in the way you serve and the way you love.



We love you so much and cannot wait to see all that God is going to continue to do in and through you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Andy, and Brandon



Aubrey Dosmann



Dear Aubrey,
Congratulations! What a blessing you are to our family. We are so proud of all you have accomplished in 18 years. You are a smart, beautiful, and caring young woman with strength of character that is inspiring to all. Our hope is that you will always keep your heart and mind open to where the Lord leads you. We know He has given you a great talent artistically and will use that in our future. We love you more than you will ever know!
Mom, Dad, and Alyssa (and Chloe and Zoe)
Jeremiah 29:11





Sabrina, we all love you and are very proud of you. Achieve your dreams and live life to the fullest knowing that the Lord has great plans for you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Tyler

Sabrina Hammond

Rebecca,
You are a joy and a delight! We love your quick smile, contagious laugh, mischievous sense of humor and your optimistic outlook. And your sweet spirit, caring heart, genuine faith and sense of justice fill us with pride. We are so excited for your future... Romans 15:13.
Love, Mom and Dad



Rebecca Harding

Daniel,
We stand in awe and amazement at all you have done with what God has given you. Continue to run the race marked out for you, while keeping your eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12). We love you!
Mom and Dad



Daniel Keith

Katherine, you have been a joy and blessing from the moment you took your first breath. Your infectious smile and laugh are embedded in our memories as far back as we can remember. You've grown from an always smiling, beautiful blonde little girl to a kind, compassionate, beautiful, Godly woman. The house will be strangely quiet when you head off to college, but we know you will be exactly where God wants you to be. Know that God loves you more than you can possibly imagine and that you can rest in His promises. "And we pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Eph. 3:17-18. You love the Lord and He has your heart and He will watch over and protect you. Remember, we love you "most"!

Dad, Mom, David, Caleb, and Hannah

Katherine Hickman



Maggee:

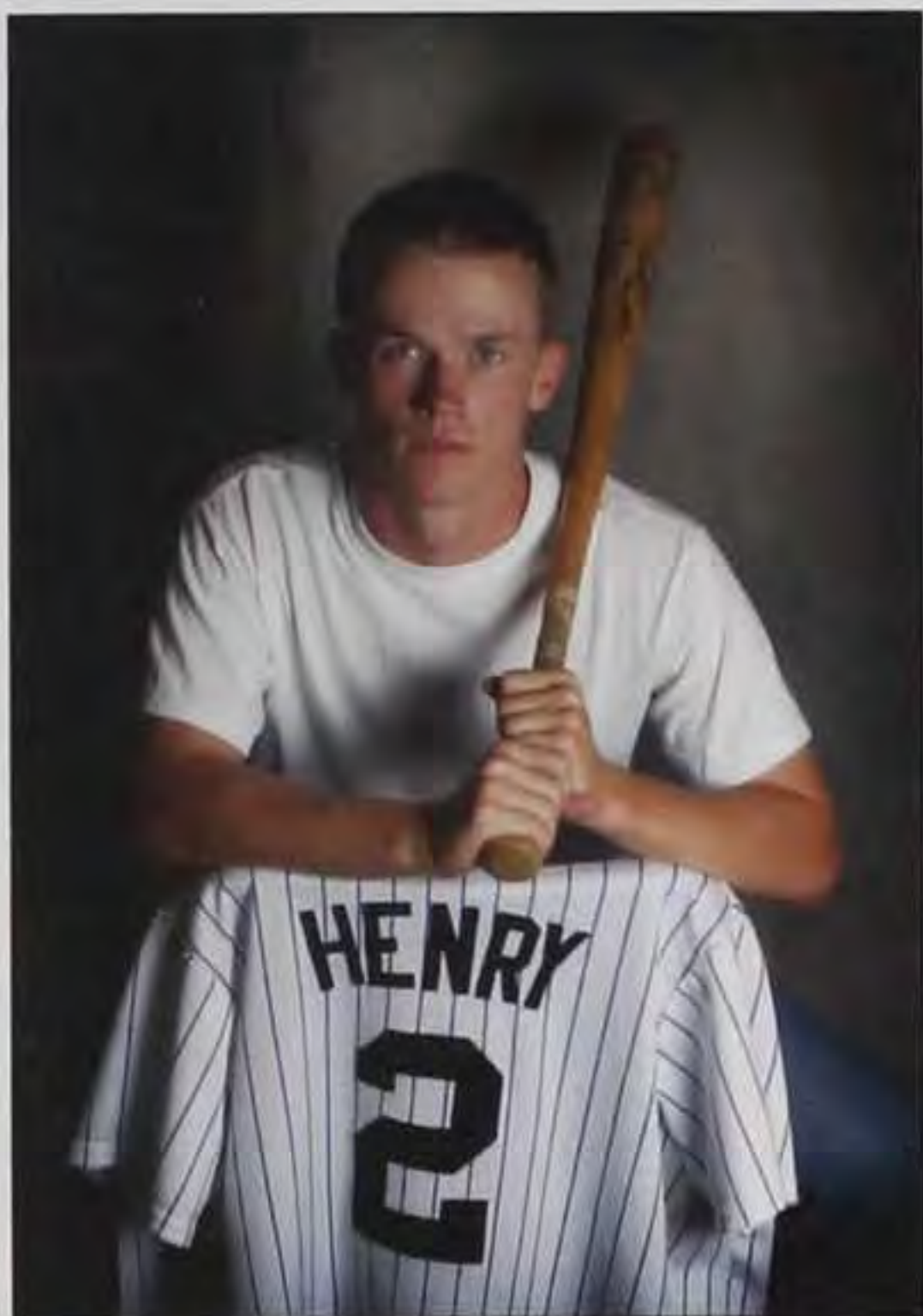
We love you so much. You have been a blessing to us from the moment you arrived. Your sweet & gentle nature has been like glue for our family. WE are so proud of you. You are a triple threat: Brains, Beauty, and a Woman of God! Keep on trusting Jesus for everything in your life. We love you with every fiber in our being.

Love - Dad, Mom & Haley

Maggee Kane



Collin Henry



Collin,

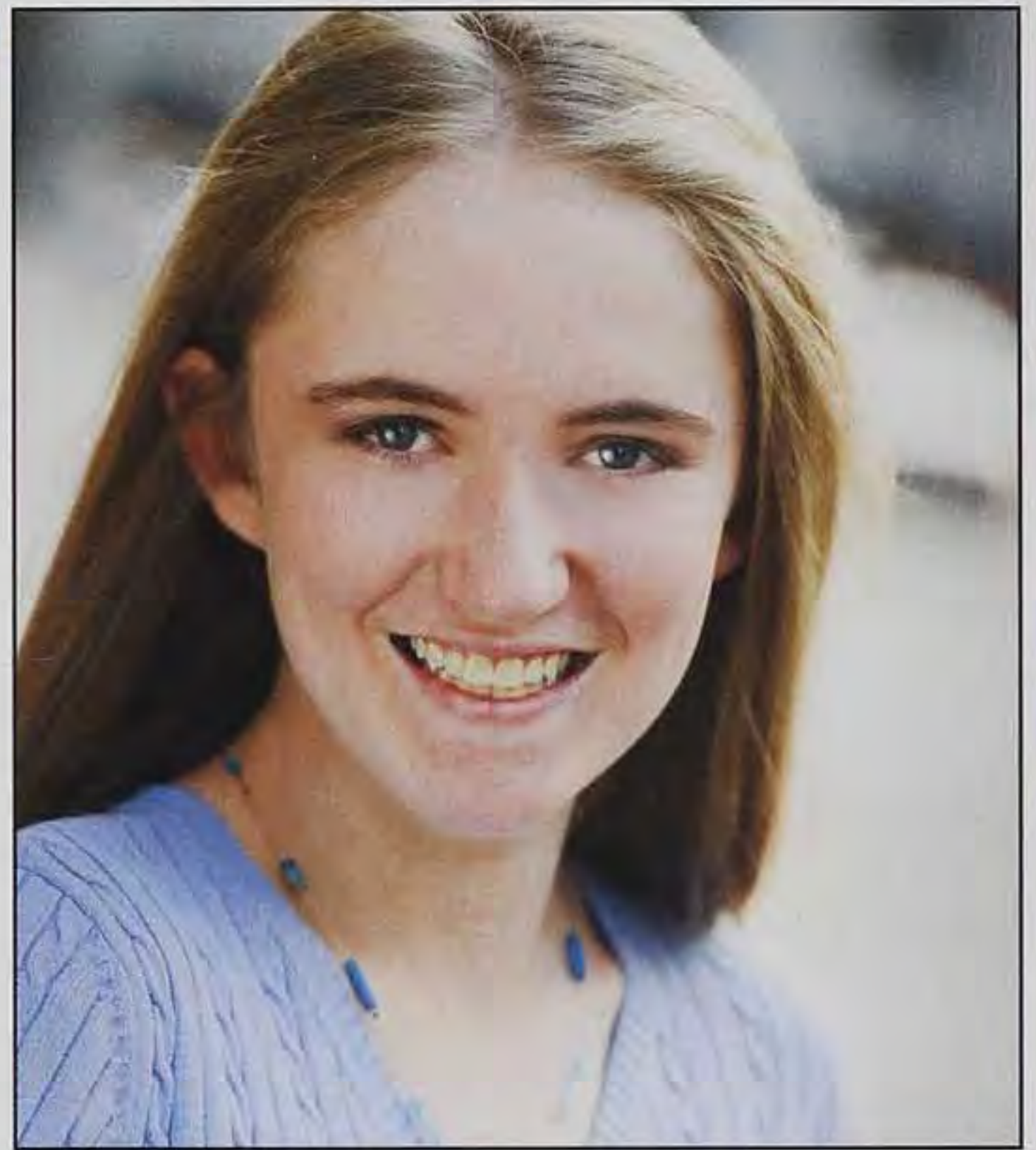
We can't believe this day is here. As the baby of the family, it seemed that you would always be home, and now here you are grown and graduating from high school. We are so proud of you and the man you have become! We know that moving to St. Louis was not what you wanted and it wasn't easy for you in the beginning. But we can all see now that God had other plans. You were supposed to come here. It is here that you developed into the person you now are. You

formed amazing new friendships that will last a lifetime. And you found that inner strength-a confidence in yourself and a trust in God - that we pray will carry you through all the days of your life. We love you more than you can possibly know. We've been in the stands of the baseball diamond cheering you on your whole life and that is just a glimpse of the cheering we will be doing for you as you go through life.

Love, Dad and Mom



Sheridan, always remember when Sunrise the caterpillar revealed her chrysalis of shimmering green and unseen dreams. Finally, in the fullness of time, she emerged. We beheld a brilliant butterfly, her orange-and-black stained-glass wings trembling, poised to take flight. We, too, trembled at her breathtaking beauty and at letting her go. We prayed she'd linger among the purple-petaled lilacs, but she flew to the treetops, alighting for an instant, fluttering her wings like little rays of sunshine flashing against black branches. And now again, we experience a little heart-trembling. Your childhood has fluttered by in an instant. You're on the brink of womanhood, taking wing. Your fullness of time has come—time for you to realize your dreams. You've emerged breathtakingly beautiful, godly, pure, compassionate, generous, warm, winsome, humorous, intelligent, talented, and creative. We don't pray for you to linger, but to soar high towards God's purposes for your life and, like the butterfly spreads fragrance, spread the fragrance of Christ's love to all you meet. Always reflect "Sonshine" against the "dark branches" of life; always illuminate the world for Jesus. We love you so! Mama & Daddy



Sheridan Hentrich

Jordan Klein



We love you so much and are so proud of you. God has the best plan for you so follow Him and ask for His wisdom. Mom & Dad Eph. 3:17-19



Alexandra,
We love you and are so proud of you. We are excited to see the future God has in store for you.

Mom, Dad, Ian, Caroline, Grandmother, and Granddaddy.

Alexandra Langley

May the good Lord be with you down every road you roam
And may sunshine and happiness surround you when you're far from home
And may you grow to be proud, dignified and true
And do unto others as you'd have done to you

May good fortune be with you
May your guiding light be strong
Build a stairway to heaven, be a prince or a vagabond

And when you finally fly away, we'll be hoping that we served you well
By whatever road you choose, we're right behind you, win or lose
Forever Young

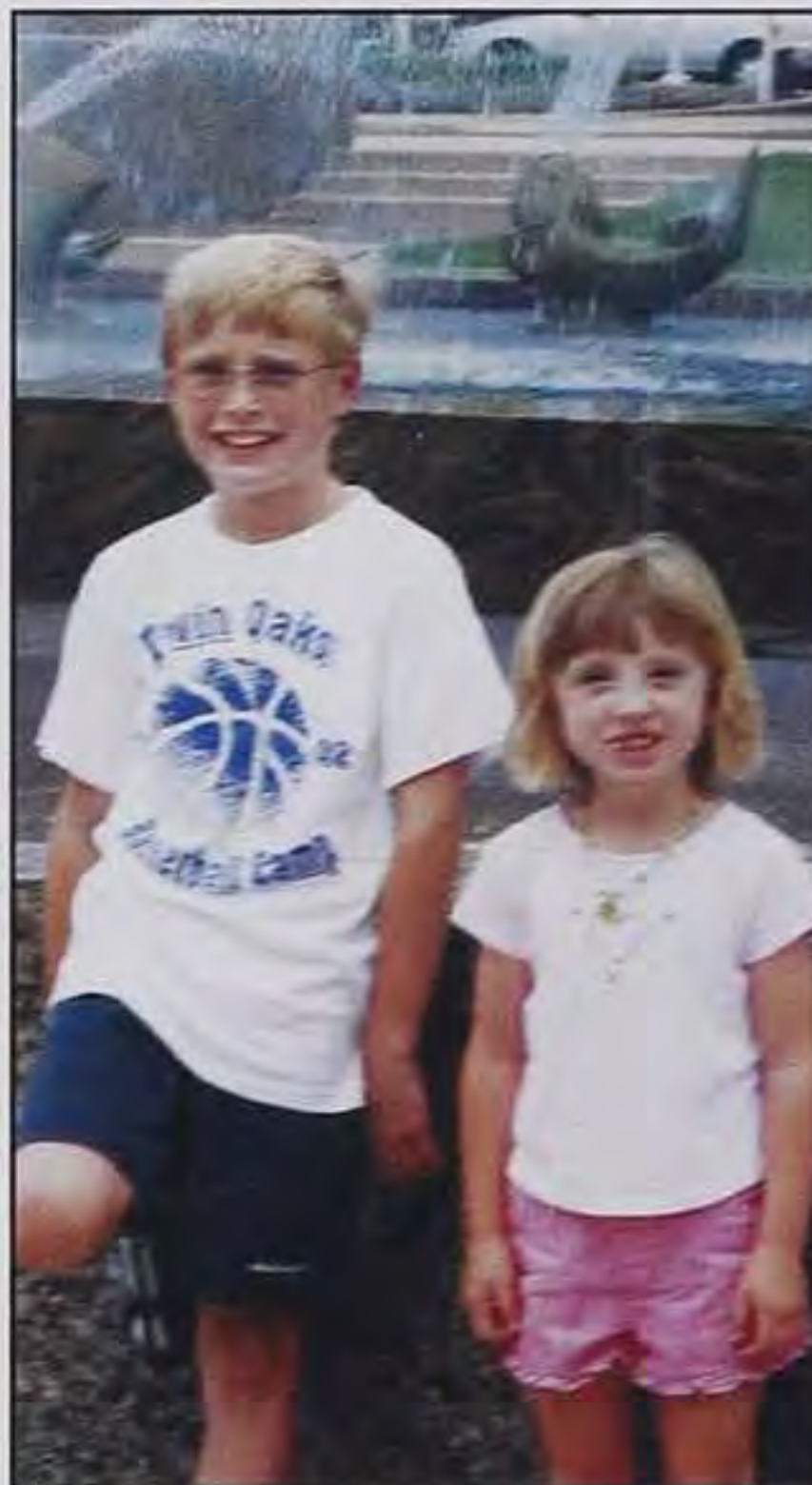
We love you, Dad, Mom, and Bailey

Wes Hiatt



Matthew,
 You are a joy to raise, and
 you continue to bless our
 lives. Your sweet spirit is an
 encouragement to everyone.
 We're so proud of the Godly
 young man you have become
 and your close walk with the
 Lord. Jeremiah 29:11. God has
 big plans for your life so keep
 your eyes on Him. We are so
 thankful for you. Loving you
 always, Mom and Dad

Matthew,
 I'm so thankful you are my
 big brother! I love you!
 Megan



Matthew McDaniel



Drew,
 Your Memaw loved you so much! She treasured every
 moment with you-laughing at your little boy antics,
 thankful for time spent together, and so proud of the man
 you have become. When you cross that stage to get your
 diploma and go into the world to follow God's lead, she
 will be smiling down on you and cheering for you from
 heaven's gates!

Andrew Menzel



Sweet, blue-eyed Parker
 Our first born son in whom we are well pleased!
 We look forward to seeing where the Lord leads
 you on this journey of life, and we are grateful to
 be a part of it. Love,
 Mom and Dad.

Parker Moore

Jamison Keech



Dear Reid... Our life has been blessed and made richer because of you. You're Compassionate towards others, have a generous giving heart, a fun-filled loving spirit and an infectious smile. Piano, guitar, sports and vacations were always adventures with you! Watching you grow and mature into a wonderful young man has brought us joy and pride. As you go out into the world and meet new challenges, remember your Christian values and to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:56
 Congratulations on your accomplishment! You survived High School! And, so did We! All our love, Mom and Dad



From Brentwood to Westminster, from Honduras to Washington- God has always been there. Through it all, you have become a godly young woman- strong in will, confident in faith and loving to all. You have given us joy along the way. It is time for the next leg of your journey, and you have chosen Him to lead you. He has gifted you with kindness, gentleness, and a loving and faithful spirit. "fan into flame the gifts of God- for He did not give us a spirit of timidity, but of power, of love, and of self- discipline" 2 Timothy 1:6-7
Love,
Mom and Dad



Kelsey Kindbom



Miss Bessa, Proverbs 17:22 says "A cheerful heart is good medicine". We are thankful for every day you're here to dose us. We love you. Mom and Dad.

Elizabeth Miller



Timmy, You are the little brother who is truly big in our eyes. Wise, encouraging, caring, and steady, you demonstrate how to live and love by example. Continue to live and love big for God. Love, Mom & Dad, Andrew & Daniel



Timothy Miller



Mari:
 Without God's intervention, we would have missed one of the greatest blessings this side of heaven, knowing and nurturing you. We humbly thank Him for your purposeful presence in our lives. Your radiant smile and laughter spread pure joy and love for life. Your vulnerability and compassion open your heart to others. Your unique view of the world and understanding of its challenges cultivate wisdom beyond your years. No matter where life leads you, always remember, He has called you by name and you are His.
 Love always,
 Mom, Dad, Sam and Mackie

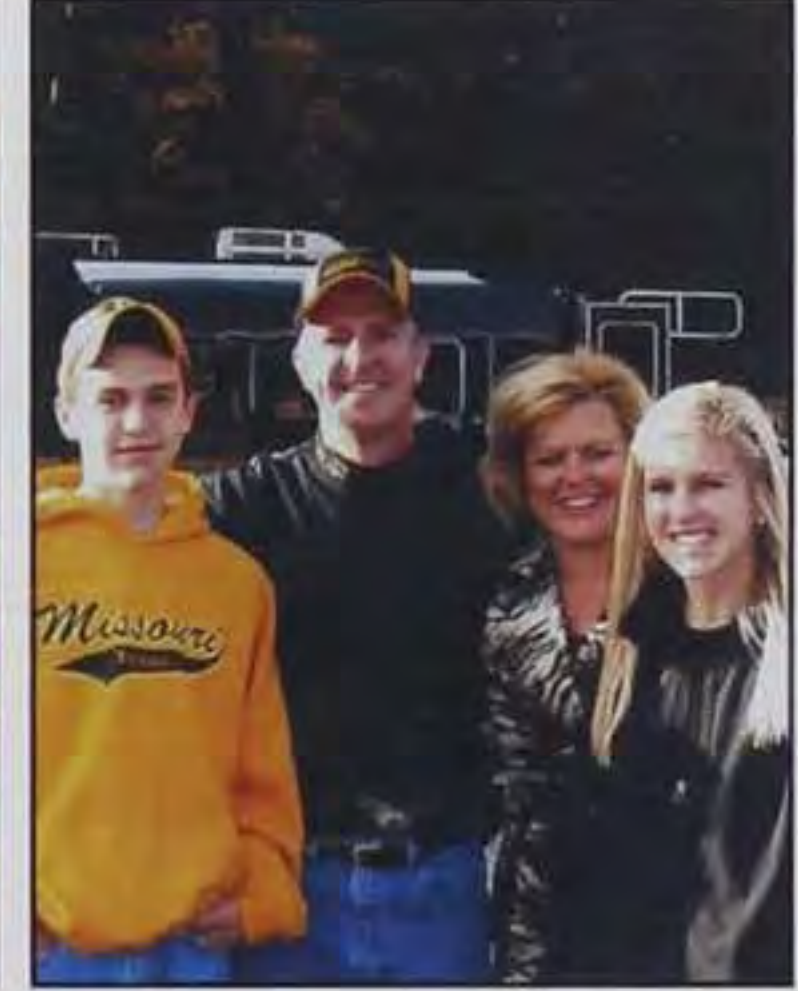


Mari Knehans



Mom and I love you very much and are proud of your achievements at Westminster. Put Jesus first in all you do, and he will provide you with strength.

Jacob Appelbaum



Rachel,
 Congratulations! We are excited for you and your next chapter in your life. We're thrilled you are carrying on the family tradition and attending Mizzou!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Austin

Rachel Raines



Alexandra,
 No words can express how much I love you. My prayer for you is that God's blessings and divine favor continually overtake all the days of your life and that you become the mighty woman of God that He called you to be! Please keep your compassionate heart and strong love for people and Go. Enjoy your life. Fulfill your dreams. I am so proud of you! I am blessed to be your mom!

Love, Mommy

Alexandra Smith

Brianna, it has been a joy watching you blossom into such a bright, independent, and beautiful young woman. Remain faithful to God's plan for your life. We love you! Grams, Aunt B, Shonda, Lauren, and Devon

BRANLA!! I praise Abba for you! You're SUCH a blessing...I'm SOOO grateful to be your sister. Remember to trust Daddy with all your heart (Proverbs 3:5-6). You're His wonderful creation-fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-16). Most importantly, as much as we love you, God loves you a GAZILLION times more, He'll never leave/forsake you and true satisfaction and fulfillment are ONLY found in Him!! Love you forever, lil sis! You're my favorite! Courtney

Dear Brianna, Over these past few months, we have gotten to know each other better not only as Grandfather and Granddaughter, but also as friends. I have found you to be a wonderful, sweet, intelligent, and beautiful young lady. I have learned from you and you from me. Always remember the "horseshoe nail"!! I am proud to have you as a granddaughter. Love you, (M.T.Y.L.T.T.) Grandpa

You're an awesome daughter and young lady! Love you always, Mo



Brianna McIntyre



Kaylee –
God made you a Leader, Caring, Selfless, Compassionate,
Spirited, Competitive, and Beautiful! Our prayer for you: Listen
clearly as God leads – wholeheartedly obey.
Make Jesus' name great!
Love, Mom & Dad

Kaylee Rosen



Luke,
"The Lord bless you and
keep you; the Lord make
his face shine upon you
and be gracious toward
you." Numbers 6:24-25
Love Always,
Dad, Mom, Emilie, and
Elliot

Luke Schroeder

Alec Mitchell

Congratulations Alec! The first born, the first son, the first brother, the first to play, the first to school, the first to work, the first to drive, the first to lead, and at last, the first to graduate. Be on time, work hard and have a few laughs along the way. Hebrews 11:6.
Love, Dad, Mom, Ben, and Jake.



Brooke Siebenman



Brooke,
The Lord has shown His love by blessing us with a daughter like you. We are so thankful.
Continue to persevere as God completes you, as you will not lack anything (James 1:4).
Love, Mom, Dad, Ted, Morgan and Taylor



Emily Mitchell



Emily,
 While we are so proud of all that you have accomplished, what is even more exciting has been watching you grow and develop into the young woman you have become—with strong character and the perseverance to deal with the hurdles of life while allowing God to work in you through those obstacles. Always look for God’s wisdom in all you do and wherever you go.
 James 1:5.
 Love, Mom, Dad, and Hannah.



Christin Palmer



You are a wonderful person with a beautiful soul and are a blessing to the world. Your family is so proud of you, we have and will continue love every minute of your life. Time has passed so fast, too fast. Selfishly we would like to keep our little girl at home forever-but we recognize that happiness is derived from self-sufficiency and personal accomplishment. Please remember always that all our dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them. "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." (Luke 11:9-10) We hope you discover your passion-pursue it-and obtain the highest level of success. We encourage you to travel the world, live in interesting places, make wonderful friends and live a blessed and happy complete life.

Be independent, creative, thoughtful and contrarian while continuing to committing yourself to making the maximum effort. We hope you continue to re-examine all you have been told at school or church, or in any books, and dismiss whatever insults your soul. Most importantly "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all you mind." Matthew 22:37 We love you forever and are proud of you



Lauren Sexton

Lauren,
 What an amazing gift we were given from God eighteen years ago! We are proud of the hard work and perseverance that has brought you to this special time in your life. As you begin the next chapter in your life, we pray that God will continue to use you to glorify His name.
 Love always,
 Dad, Mom, and Megan



Corbs,
 Thank you for allowing me the gift of watching you become the most grounded, beautiful, strong yet sweet woman of character I know. I know the path you choose for your future will be amazing and you will bless many along the way. Remember, "Where You lead I will follow, anywhere that you tell me to. If you need, you need me to be with you, I will follow where you lead." – (Gilmore Girls) Do what you love and success will follow!
 Love you to the moon...and back,
 Mom
 You live to delight the Lord, and you have blessed my life greatly. I love you, Mammie
 "While the rest of the world is scratching and clawing its way to the top, Corbin will already be there." Pa,
 10/31/31-4/14/2009



Corbin Shelton



Liz,
It has been a blessing to watch you mature in your faith. God will use you to bless others in wonderful ways. Your wisdom, leadership and drive inspire us. You have what it takes! Never forget that!
Lots of Love, Dad, Mom and Carl



Elizabeth Simakoff

Kate, or "Katy" as everyone calls you now-
Our first daughter, our special and precious girl. You always had the power to fill us with delight, with your sly smile or your hugs at the end of a long day. God filled you with creativity, intelligence, loyalty, and courage. Our home will be darker and smaller when you are gone. But we know you will do great things-probably for the world-certainly for Him, as you use the gifts He has given you to enlighten, entertain, inspire, and comfort others. God bless you, sweetheart, and God protect you and be with you, always and everywhere you go.

Love, Dad and Mom.

Kate, we haven't changed much, huh? Love,
Chrissy

Remember in the long run that profits equal zero in a competitive market. I am really proud of all you have accomplished! Love, Michael



Kathleen Talent

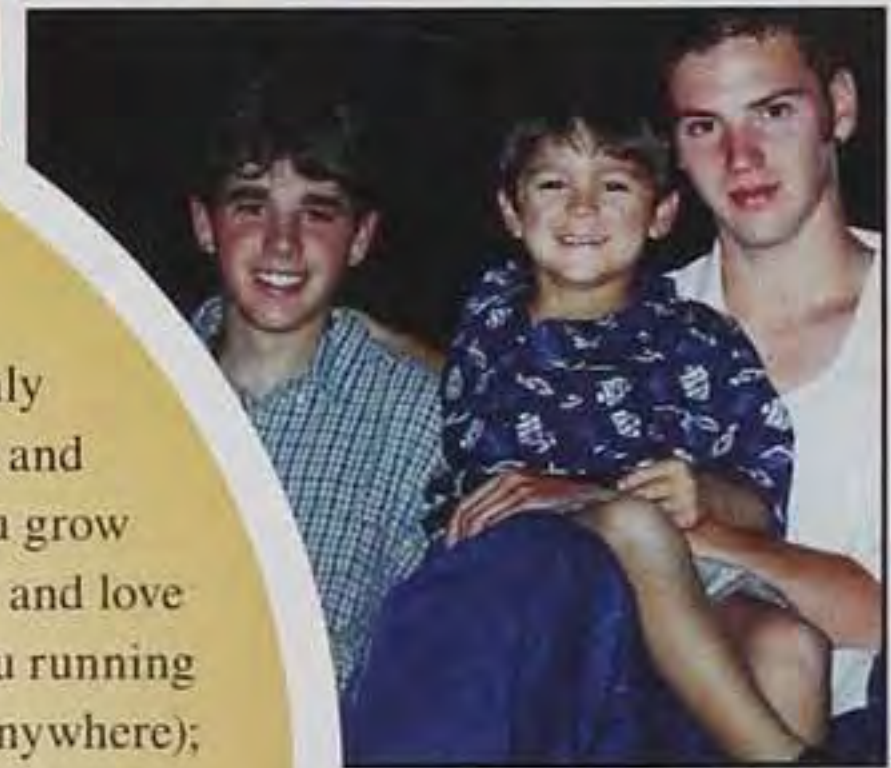


Spencer,
WE love & believe in you! It's your time, live your dreams. Never accept failure, learn & grow from it. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you" Matthew 7:7. Love forever, Dad, Marcia, and Sydney.

Spencer,
Words cannot express how much we all love & will miss you when you leave for MIZZOU next year! We are excited to watch you begin this next chapter in your life! We thank God you are our son & brother! Love you, Mom, Mark, Sydney, Jacob & A.J.



Spencer Seabaugh



Dear Cameron,
 How can it be possible?
 Holding you in our arms while you looked up into our eyes seems like it was only yesterday. Now you are headed off to college and into your future. We are excited to watch as you grow and succeed in life. We are grateful for all the joy and love you have brought into our lives. We remember: you running through the house as a toddler (you never walked anywhere); our little boy yelling "Let's go Blues"; Cardinals, Rams and Mizzou games; lemonade stands; your kitties and Izzie; your baseball, soccer and basketball games and of course tennis (we never tire of watching you play); your "never give up" attitude; your caring heart; your very special friends who have been part of our lives; and, of course, giddy-up-up, dede and Meowmie.
 Congratulations, we love you!
 Mom, Dad, Ryan and David



Cameron Smith

Lauren Sulewski



Lauren,
 We prayed and dreamed of being blessed with a child like you. You have given us laughter, love and made our lives complete. We cannot put into words our love for you. We are most proud of you for your unwavering commitment and love for the Lord. Lauren, you will change the world, this we have not a doubt of. Matt. 6:33
 Love, Mom and Dad

Thank you for all that you have taught me. God has blessed me with an amazing sister.
 Emily



Benjamin,
 We are so proud of you. It's been exciting to see God bless you in so many amazing ways. You are a joy to our family. We can't wait to see how God will use you in the future. We love you!
 Dad & Mom

Thanks for being the best big brother ever!
 Joshua

Benjamin Stratton



Matthew,
 Go with God and always remember that we love you, we're incredibly proud of you and we will always be your biggest fans.

Dad, Mom, and Anna
 Joshua 1:9

Matthew Sugg

Nathan, we are truly blessed to have you as a son and part of our family. You have amazed us with your patience and perseverance in achieving your goals. We enjoy your sense of humor and all the times you make us laugh. You are a faithful friend and follower of God. Wherever God leads you, stay close to Him so that others can see Jesus through you.

Phil. 4:13, Psalm 1:1-3, Mal. 3:16-17

Love, Mom & Dad



Nathan Terschak

Taylor,
Words cannot express just how SPECIAL YOU ARE to us. We are so proud of the young woman you have become. We admire your persistence and determination to get things done, creativity and how it blesses others, individualism and how you don't follow the crowd, compassion towards others, discerning spirit, and how you value friendship. The Lord has a great plan for you, always seek his will. This is a bittersweet time for us as you enter this new season of life. Know that we will do whatever we can to help you succeed in fulfilling your hopes and dreams. Remember to always put the Lord first, and he will accomplish many great things through you!

Love,
Mom & Dad

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.... All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:14-16



Taylor Wiggins

Jennifer Testrake



Jennifer,
Your years of hard work and the challenges you've overcome are finally paying off for you. We're so very proud of the beautiful young woman you've become and are looking forward to seeing you continue to amaze us. Philippians 1:6 "...He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion."
We've loved you since before you were born. Mom and Dad.



Steffano Chavez



Steffanito, la felicidad que tragiste a nuestras vidas no la puedo describir, papa Chago estaria muy orgulloso de ver a su cuquito hecho un hombre. Que Dios te bendiga siempre! Todo mi amor, Mama



Steffano, your life has brought so much joy and love into our lives. We are very thankful for the person you are becoming. Your kindness and sense of humor have touched so many. Congratulations on the completion of this milestone and may your path be lit everyday of your life. God has blessed you with so many talents, may you use them to serve and bless others. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye." Psalm 32:8. Your future is so bright kid; there are two moves, which one are you going to choose? Kid, we know you are going to do the right thing. All our love, Mom & Dad



Julia Wiens



Dearest Julia,
 God blessed us with you, our beautiful daughter and sister. You are artistic, athletic, assiduous, and adaptable. You bring us priceless moments of immense joy. Always remember that the impact of one committed, caring person like you is incalculable.

Love, Dad, Mom, and Andrew
 Psalm 139:14

Stef, you are the best brother ever. You have always been there for me. I will be calling you when Mom & Dad drive me crazy. I am going to miss you. I love you so much, Val. Daisy too!



Steffano, congratulations, we are so proud of you. We hope all your dreams come true. If you choose a college in NY you can stay with us. Love, Nana and Papa Doug



Steffano Chavez

Peter—Congratulations, I am so very proud of you. May the next journey of your life hold much happiness and may it lead to everything you want most. You are a very special grandson.

Blessed Be
 Love, Nana

Peter—You have now completed the first of many happy and successful events in your life. We still remember you as the little boy helping Mimi in her wonderful garden who became the photographer alongside of Grandpa Z for your first job. We love you so much.

Mimi and Grandpa Pete

Peter—It seems it was yesterday that we attended your daycare graduation, and now "Poof", it's graduation time again. We wish you success and happiness in anything you pursue. Put your whole heart in all you do. You've become a thoughtful, quiet young man. We love you a lot and wish God's blessing and guidance as you move forward.

Grandmom and Grandpa Williams



Peter Williams

WESTMINSTER TENNIS TEAM



Congratulations to
our 2010 team and coaches!

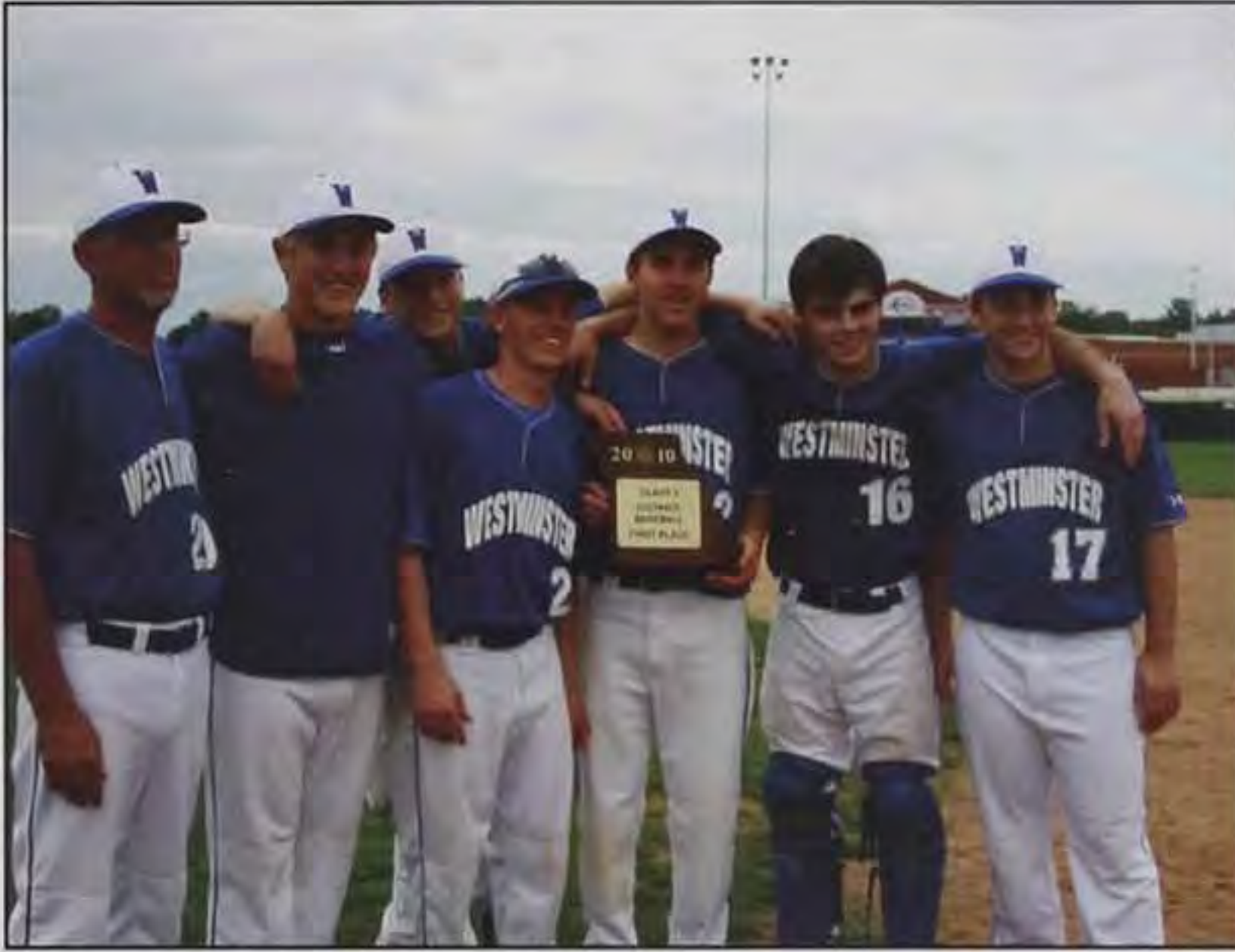


2010 MSHSAA Boys Tennis Championships
Cooper Tennis Complex, Springfield Missouri
Class 1 - 3rd Place

Westminster Christian Academy



Jimmy Myers, Timmy Miller, John Hunsicker, Cameron Smith, Stephen Lillenberg, Chris Griesedieck, Zach Schopp, Connor Zielonko, Luke Schroeder, Nick O'Neal, Coach Talley, Coach Reilly



THE BASEBALL SENIORS – (L to R) Jake Kinsinger, Alec Mitchell, Collin Henry, Andrew Beck, Ryan Allee, Bennet Bell

THANK YOU, COACH VAN GILST, for sharing your time, talent and knowledge with us. You have always been a great example of how to play baseball as men of God. We appreciate that you generously give up your spring break to take our team to Florida every year to start off the season. Congratulations on your 27th year of coaching baseball at Westminster and the five district championships in a row!!! WE will do our best to keep the winning streak going! Thanks for everything, Coach!

Thanks be to God. He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! 1 Corinthians 15:57

Varsity Baseball



Coach B, we love you and are blessed to call you our coach. Your Godly wisdom, encouragement, love, and laughter taught us all so much. We aspire to be like you. Thanks for making VDT enjoyable and successful. We will miss you a bunch and will never forget this incredible season.

Much love,
Andalee, Lizzie, Evona, Kelsy
2011 VDT Seniors

Varsity Dance Team



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Coach Holley,
 Thanks for drawing us closer to
 Christ and for modeling what it
 means to be a true man of God.
 You have made a lasting impact
 on each of us and we will carry
 in our hearts the lessons you
 have taught, the fun times we
 have shared, and the memories
 we have made. We love you,
 Coach!
 Senior Guys Bible Study
 1 Thess 3:9, Rom 12:10-12



Senior Boy's Bible Study

Danielle
 I knew these times would come when I interviewed you as an 8th
 grader. I knew you'd lead the staff to a new level. I knew you'd
 be on your way. You've been a star. You know I love you don't
 you? Thanks and Go get 'em.
 V

Emily Mitchell, Kelsey Kindbom

Emmitch and Kels. what a team. I had feeling you'd pull this off. You
 had a tough act to follow but you took it head on. You comple-
 mented each other and led well. I could say a lot but "the more I
 love you" sung off key is probably all I need to.
 V

Mari, Abby, Parker, Cam, Kels and
 Madge,

Now that's how its done! Thanks for making my life easier and better.
 V

Nicole, Katia, Funky Rasche and Mike,

We knew at the beginning someone was going to have to step up.
 You made me proud of you and proud to work with you.
 V

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 Have I told you lately?

Love you. Mean it.
 V



Congratulations Cameron

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Junior Recreational

Player of the Year



Cameron Smith



Jordan,

We are so proud of your awesome accomplishments and of the incredible young lady you have become. You are fun, smart and beautiful from the inside out. We are so grateful that the Lord decided to bless our family with you and have loved watching you grow up to become who you are today. You have truly blessed our lives with your Godly character and know that God will do great things in you and through you. Your hard work and persistent commitment to pursue your dreams and stand up for what you believe has been an honor to witness. We are very thankful of your decision to follow Christ with your life and are all excited to see where God is going to lead you. Trust in the Lord and He will highlight your life's path (Proverbs 3:3-6) Our prayer is that God will continue to open your mind and heart to His plan for you. You are an awesome young lady and an incredibly special person.

We love you more than words can say! You are and will always be our sweet girl!
Mom, Dad and Blake

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First row: from left: Brent Stump, Nathan Chertan, Jacob Appelbaum, Jacob Buffa, Graham Ralls, Jibson Lee; second row: Jun Young Oh, Luke Schroeder, Soy Hoon Baik, Andrew Beck, Gordon Younkin; third row: Matt Baldwin, Anthony Pritchett, Michael Dudley, Mike Hall, Coach Warren Smith, John Hanacker, Stephen Lilienberg; last row: Coach Daniel Legters, David Rohlfing, Tim Burgess, Timmy Miller, Bennett Lewis, Jack Dohr



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Front row: from left: Grant Kitchem, Michael Seifen, Caleb Jamison, Jacob Keane, Andy Thomas, Brendt Weisberg; second row: Jonathan Bopp, Max Lindstrom, Davis Vermillion, Will Eagan, Jake Kehr, Brandon Terlow, Parker Moore; third row: Cole Montgomery, Matthew Sugg, Nathan Tersclak, Caleb Winter, Brian Fellows, Brett Baumgartner; last row: Aimee Farquhar, Ben Mitchell, Eddie Stuphen, Coach Kent Kehr



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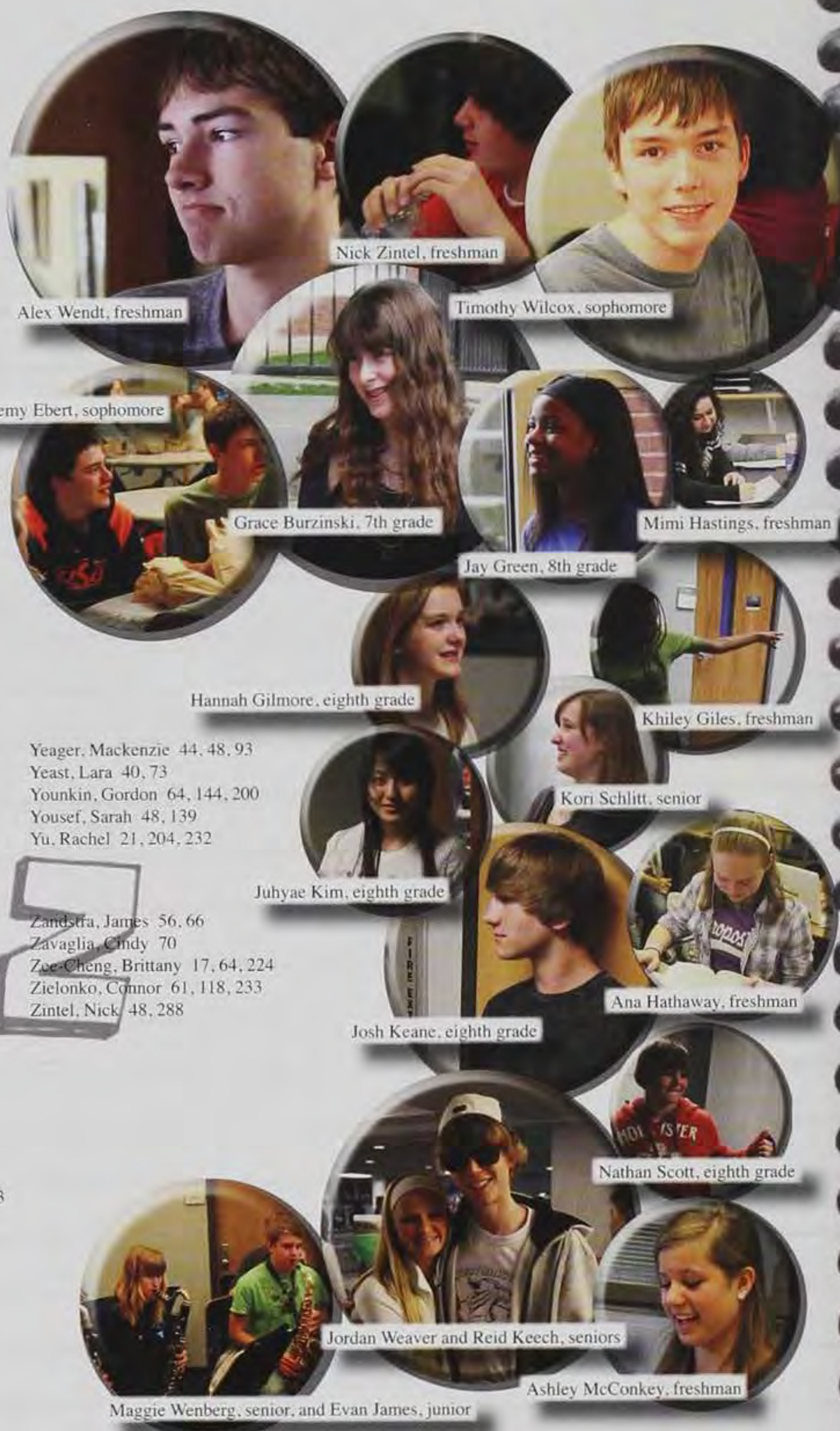
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Dressed up as a witch, a boy runs away from those hoping to catch him. They run through one of the 13 Concordia villages; it is a Danish language camp in Minnesota. After the witch-hunt, the students join together and eat Danish bread. They penetrate the piece of bread with a stick, as if preparing a s'more. Then, they place it over an open fire and allow it to bake. Days later, students celebrate Mid Summer's Night, the longest day of the year. They were some of the authentic traditions students took part of during the one month camp.

Tim Svoboda, junior, was one of the many students who attended the language camp over summer break. Svoboda has been attending this camp every summer since elementary school. The day began with language class until noon while the rest of the day consisted of "hang-out" time and learning more about the Danish culture. Because he has attended the camp, Svoboda has received one year worth of language credit every summer he attends. "I've gone to this camp because my grandparents are Danish, and they want me to learn the language. Eventually, I would love to go to Denmark and translate for my grandparents. Also, in the future, I would like to be an exchange student," said Svoboda. Did you know that? It was the untold story of summer.



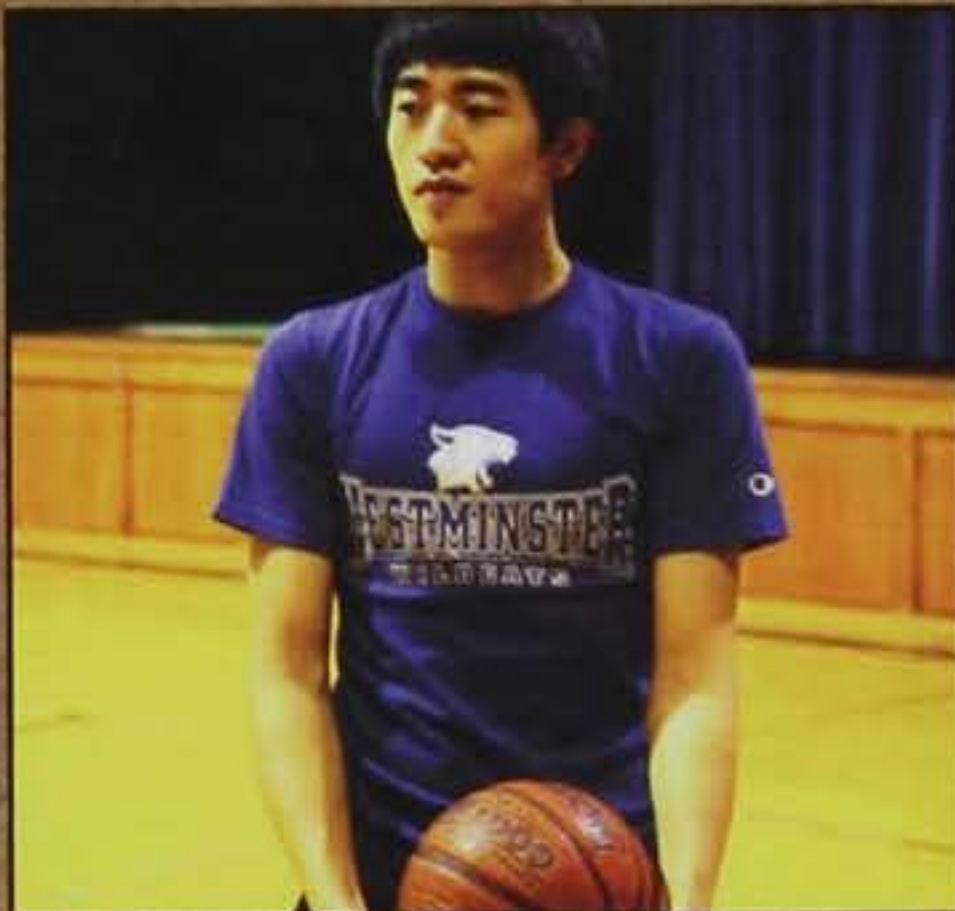
Josh Flori and Cameron Brouk, seniors, talk on the curb. "I take karate lessons once a week," said Brouk.



Ellie Bacon, eighth grade, poses with Courtney Beat, eighth grade, during the PC retreat. "The highlight of my year was spirit week," said Bacon.

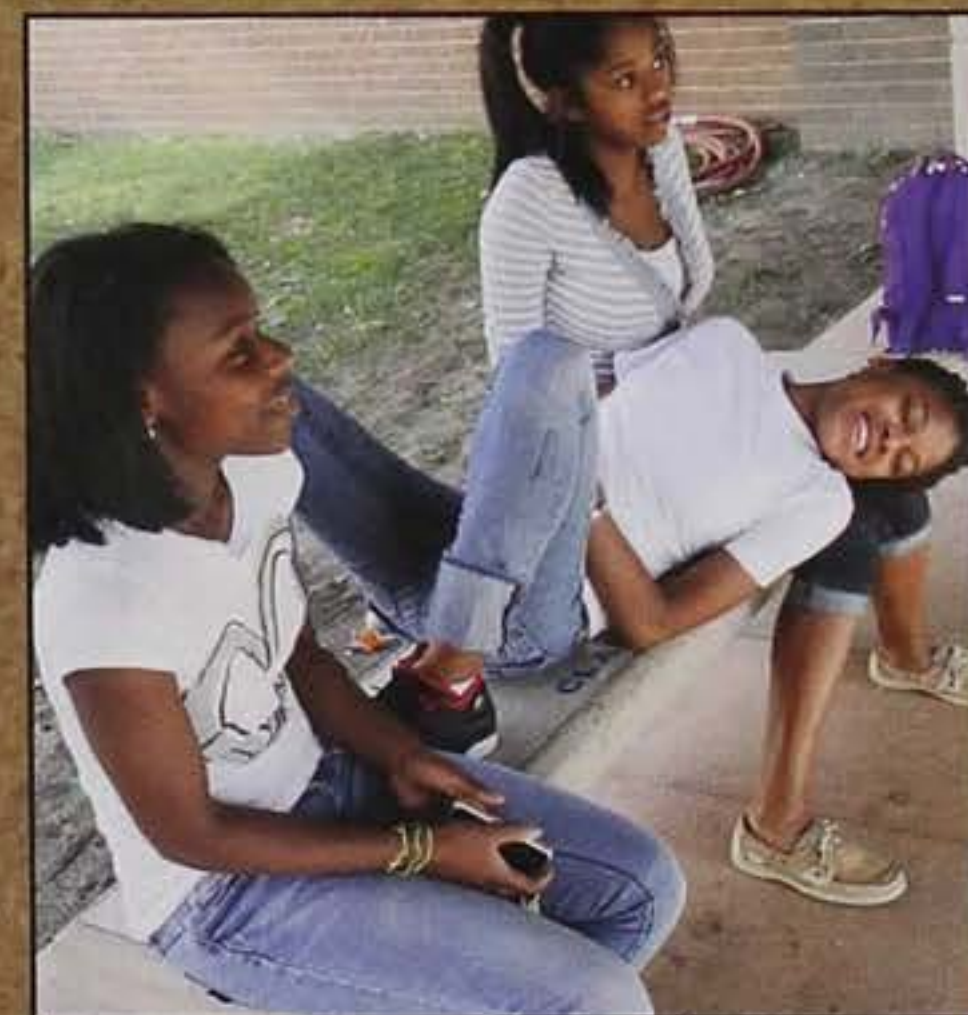


Kevin Vandekamp, junior, plays basketball after school. "I collect pencils from every golf course I play," said Vandekamp.



Timmy Sell, seventh grade, tosses a ball around after school. "I collect coins from the mid-1900's. I have about 500 so far," said Sell.

Seung Chan Jang, freshman, plays basketball after school. "This is my first year living in the United States," said Jang.



Ben Mitchell, sophomore, celebrates a victory during spirit week. "I pinned a squirrel to tree with a crossbow one time. It was awesome," said Mitchell.

Tierra Reese, Kayla Clay, and Sydney Thomas, eighth grade hang out outside after school. "I like writing poetry. I was in Mr. Talley's poetry class and ever since then I have liked writing," said Reese.

did you know that!

Kaylee Noel, freshman, takes notes during Spanish. "I've played the piano since I was 7 years old, and I still take lessons," said Noel.

Sam Sherman, sophomore, talks with his friends during class. "I really like tree-climbing. I do it with or without friends, and I climb as high as I can," said Sherman

Bailey Hiatt, eighth grade, performs her lip sync routine during spirit week. "I'll miss being familiar with the old campus," said Hiatt.



Sunha Park, junior, packs up after class. "I really like to dance because it relieves stress," said Park.



Evan Miller, junior, plays soccer during the leadership retreat. "I like to play any game involving money. I love poker and playing pool for money," said Miller.

Alex Beard, sophomore, is ambidextrous. "I play golf with my left hand, but I write with my right," said Beard.

Maddie Sturr, seventh grade, gets her lunch. "Something a lot of people don't know about me is I was born in Virginia, I want to join the military, and I love eating lemon wedges, peel and all," said Sturr.



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On a Saturday morning, October 30th and the day of cross country districts, Laura Tarantino, sophomore woke up and was ready to race. "My main goal was to get second, which is what I was ranked, and I was nervous about what was going to happen with the team," said Tarantino.

After warming up and lining up on the starting line, the gun went off, and the race started. "The whole race I was feeling that something was different. I was just feeling bad," said Tarantino. As the race continued, she began to feel worse. With a mile to go in the race, she felt terrible pain. Everywhere. However, she wanted to push on for her team. In third place, 150 meters from the finish line, Tarantino collapsed. "I don't remember falling. The next thing I knew, I felt grass in my hands. I wanted to lie down and go to sleep. Then I realized something...I was still racing."

The crowd watched helplessly as Tarantino stumbled toward the finish line. Crawling, walking, falling. Crawling, walking, falling. Runners would pass by, unable to help. When she finally finished, she fell into her dad's arms. She sat under a tree for a while assisted by parents and teammates, hoping to recover. When they realized she wasn't getting better, Tarantino was taken to the emergency room. "I never thought that something that would happen. I wasn't concerned with districts. I was already thinking about how I would do at state. Dehydration, an abnormally high white blood cell count, and an unknown infection caused her to place twenty-first, not qualifying her for state. It was a day of "indescribable disappointment."
Did you know that? It was the untold story of fall.



Abby Gustafson



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Luke Shields

After school on Wednesday, November 18, while many students were still participating in sports or relaxing at home, Connor Sullivan, junior, and Brendan Terbrock, sophomore, were waiting in line to see the Forever the Sickest Kids concert. I See Stars, one of the opening bands, was one of Sullivan's favorite groups. "The guitar player [from I See Stars], Brent, walked past us and got his skateboard out of their van. He asked me if I wanted to play SKATE. It's a game like HORSE," said Sullivan. In the middle of their game, Zach, the lead singer of I See Stars, passed by and asked if the guys wanted to eat pizza with him.

About an hour later, Sullivan and Terbrock were sitting at Imo's, eating pizza with Zach. "It was absolutely awesome because he is one of the funniest and coolest dudes I've ever met," said Sullivan. After arriving back at the venue, Sullivan and Terbrock sat in the band's van listening to music and waiting for the concert to begin. "I can definitely say that was one of the greatest nights of my life," said Sullivan.

Did you know that? It was the untold story of winter.

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Britt Hagemeyer, eighth grade eats pizza during the middle school Christmas party. Hagemeyer had been cheering competitively for Spirit Elite for one year.



Emma Schoch, eighth grade, plays a game of Ninja at the eighth grade PC retreat.

Nathan Hall's, seventh grade, quick response to the question 'What is something no one knows about you' was, 'This year, my dad and I started tying our own flies when we went fly-fishing in Colorado and Michigan,' said Hall.



Nathan Jackson, eighth grade, said his favorite movie is Rambo. "I really like it because there are four, and they are awesome," said Jackson



Andria Graeler, junior, plays the glockenspiel during band. "I like to hang out on my roof," said Graeler.



Devin Payne, junior, lifts during Beginning Strength Training. "I really like Thai food, because I like it hot," said Payne.

Corey Falkner, freshman, picks a weight during strength training class. "I really like T.I. because of his songs," said Falkner.

did you know that!



Even in a school that's small enough to know most everyone's name, it's nearly impossible to know most everyone's story. Every late night rehearsal before the fall musical. Every stressful class period before the newspaper staff goes to press. Every physically taxing basketball practice leading up to the big game on Friday night. Every smile and laugh that two best friends shared between class periods. These are the moments that can make or break a school year: the little things that make a big difference. Sharing these seeming insignificant stories of joy and pain will be a way of inspiring, challenging, or encouraging peers. The 2010-2011 school year. Right now it's the untold story of us...

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Zack Shikles



Andrew McCracker



Joseph Welker



Sam Everhardt



Spencer Seabaugh



Sori Kim



Lauren Mansfield



Reed Montgomery and Nick George



Bomin Kim, senior, plays the violin during orchestra. "My favorite song is Everything by Arashi; it is a Korean song," said Kim.



Austin Walker, sophomore, works on his math during class. "Something people don't know about me is that I'm very observant. I see things others don't," said Walker.



Wes Park, freshman, plays the baritone during band. "I go to Keystone to ski every single year," said Park.



Ryan Smith, freshman, answers the question, "What is the greatest thing you have learned at Westminster?" "The idea of being saved and the truth of the Bible," said Smith.



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MAIN ENTRANCE
OLD AND NEW GYM
UPPER SCHOOL
MIDDLE SCHOOL

During the varsity soccer game against Notre Dame, Margaret Moore, junior, shoots the ball. Moore played attacking midfield during the season.



Celeste Beckman and Hannah Caple, freshmen, try a foreign dessert during International Day. The International food was kept in the Old Gym to allow enough space for the Upper School students.



Daniel Moore, senior, warms up for the varsity's first volleyball game against Fort Zumwalt East. The Wildcats beat East in two games with the scores of 25-13 and 25-19.

spring



SPRING

While students spent spring break working, traveling and hanging out with friends, Westminster was busy removing the school's cross and seal. The cement crosses, which were located at the front entrance of the Ladue campus, were immediately moved to the Town and Country campus and placed.

Additionally, the seal was moved; however, the decision of where to place it had not yet been decided.

“For a while, we discussed when to take down the cross and seal. We thought about doing a ceremony to take it down. We would invite everyone to the event. However, the construction men did not think that would be a good idea because of the heavy equipment and people would be in the way,” said Jim Sefrit.

After break, students noticed the removal of the seal and cross.

“When I came back from spring break, I noticed the change right away. It was weird but exciting to see the change happening,” said Taylor Hoskins, senior.

Later in the year, students and family members were invited for the Walk of Faith. This signified the moving forward aspect for the whole community. On May 21st people walked from the Ladue Campus to West Hills Community Church, on outer forty. Once everyone gathered there, they walked together over the overpass towards Westminster. This signified the official opening of the new campus.

Stephen Lillenber, senior, participates in one of the line dances at the spring event. Lullinberg went with Christine Schafly, senior.

Amber Tershack, Joseph Welker, Patrick Farmer, Violet Kouzes, James Zandstra, and Brianna DeGroot, sophmores, came to this events as a big group of friends. Both DeGroot and Kouzes said they planned to attend the spring event next year.



Violet Kouzes and Patrick Farmer, sophmores, prepare to experience a great night with their group of friends. It was Kouzes's second year attending the spring event.

Standing behind an old wanted poster, Amber Tershack and Joseph Welker, sophmores, spend their friday night line dancing with a group of their friends. Welker asked Tershack to spring event.



"Do the Hoedown, Throwdown"

For the last two years, the theme of spring event had been western. In addition to the theme, STUCO had been able to book an instructor who could teach others how to line dance. However, this year the rules were adjusted. Originally the girls were only allowed to ask the guys. This year, the guys were allowed to ask girls.

Not being an end of semester event such as Christmas Banquet or JSB, the STUCO spring event usually doesn't draw as big of a crowd. In the past, rumors circulated that it wasn't as fun as its more glamorous relatives. However, students who attend thought otherwise. Aimee Farquhar, junior, attended spring event and was glad she went.

"It was fun because you got to hang out with friends. I would probably do it again as long as it's not storming really bad again," said Farquhar

During one of the junior class's gatherings, Susie Pike, STUCO advisor encouraged the students to attend spring event. She believed that if more upper classmen attended, younger students would then be more obligated to go.

Since the 'hoedown' theme had been successful, next year's spring event may continue the western style. Some students looked at this event as a fun thing to do with their friends. Violet Kouzes, sophmore, went with a group of her friends.

"Its such a fun and free atmosphere to just hang out, dance and get to know some people from school who like the same thing," said Kouzes.

For the past two years, Stephanie Lieber, junior, had attended the event with her friends.

"It is best going with a group of people, then you get to laugh at how much you mess up the dances," said Lieber.

Altogether, spring event continues to draw more people every year. This is due to the success of the western theme, line dances, and the guys asking girls.

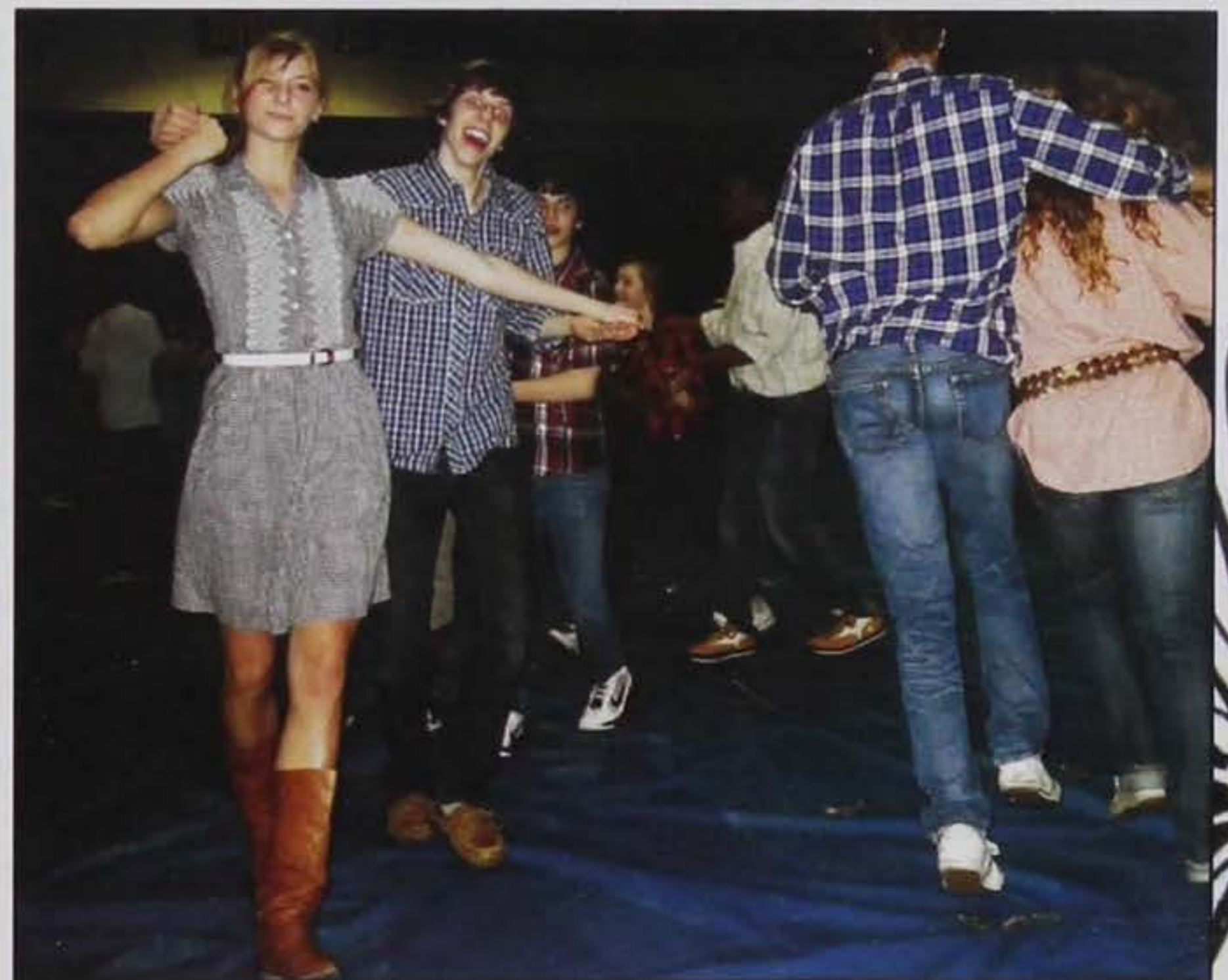
"I cant wait to go next year. Its a great time to learn square-dancing and have some fun with friends. I love it!" said sophmore Brianna DeGroot.

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Brianna DeGroot and James Zandstra, sophomores, pretend to be criminals posted on a western wanted brochure. It was DeGroot's second year at the spring event.



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Andrew Gordon, junior, and Christine Schaffy, senior, dance together during one of the western dances. As a senior this was Schaffy's last spring event before moving on to college.

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Accepting an award, Laura Kaup, senior, stands with Dr. Jim Sefrit, head of upper school, during a recognition assembly. Kaup was selected out of 15 as a "leader of tomorrow," and was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship.



During a field trip to Babler State Park, Maggee Kane, senior, reads a trail map. Kane's group of seniors took a wrong turn and got lost on their hike, yet they found their way back in time to eat lunch.



At a playground in New Orleans, Max Lindstrom and Gordon Younkin, juniors, practice flips off of a swing-set. Lindstrom and Younkin went on a missions trip with their church, Central Presbyterian Church, to Holleygrove, New Orleans. They worked with Americorps by clearing lots and cleaning houses.

Rachael Gantner, junior, cleans out the back of a truck while on a missions trip in New Orleans. "The most memorable part would be seeing the before and after of the yards we cleared," said Gantner.



Spring



Drew Menzel, senior, launches a rock off of a path sign at Babler State Park. On his honors biology field trip, Menzel took a hike in the woods to search for different plants he had learned about.

Rebecca Nixon, sophomore, waters the sod at Trinity Christian Center on a missions trip in New Orleans. TCC was the location where Nixon's mission group ate and slept.



During small groups, Caleb Winter and Camden Bridges, junior, watches a group of sophomores play on the soccer field. Bridges was in Kevin O'leary's, junior, small group. O'leary's group usually went outside or played dodgeball in the gym.



On International Day, Jennie Albertson, freshman, picks out food to eat in the Old Gym. Some common dishes were enchiladas, fried rice, and pastries.

Devastation Restoration

In Hollygrove, New Orleans, many come across Trinity Christian Community, appearing to most as just a normal concrete building with a basketball court and playground. However, to hundreds of adults and children, this location, building, and organization is a place of refuge and hope. For 15 students from Central Presbyterian Church, a discovery of the entirety of the organization would ensue.

During Spring Break, these students volunteered with Trinity Christian Community to help restore buildings and clear overgrown, vacant lots in the community of Hollygrove. "By clearing the lots, we were not necessarily directly helping with the people, but we were helping restore a part of the community," said Rachael Gantner, junior.

While working in the community, students were able to interact with the people who lived there and see how the work they were doing would be impacting the community's life.

"Hollygrove is a legitimate community where people have homes, work and live and it is filled with people who are very passionate about their situation in life," said Liz Simakoff, senior.

Although Hurricane Katrina devastated the community of Hollygrove in 2005, the students were able to see the restoration being done in the area.

"By the end of the week I saw that there is a lot of work being done to restore the area and there is a lot of hope. There are a lot of really nice houses, and I also learned that all the people in the area are really friendly and nice," said Gordon Younkin, junior.

For many of the students on the trip, being able to interact with the community became the most memorable part of their week.

"I would say the most memorable part of helping out was getting to know the people working and living in Hollygrove," said Max Lindstrom, junior.

As the students prepared to leave early on Friday morning, the leaders of the Trinity Christian Community could not stop thanking them for all they had done for the community and the organization.

"As we left Hollygrove, I realized that we had impacted the community and the lives of those living there," said Rebecca Nixon, sophomore.



Ryan Kelly, sophomore, presents a melon to Justine Doiron, junior, in an attempt to ask her hand in marriage.

Change for the Better

Change can be a good thing. And this past year the spring drama production, *The Madwoman of Chailot*, was different in many ways. For one, there were a number of new faces performing on stage.

"I had wanted to try out for a while, and this was the last play of my senior year so I figured it was now or never," said Steffano Chavez, senior. This was also the first time on stage for Marissa Harjoe, junior.

"Justine Doiron really pushed me to pursue acting after a Biology test one day; and when I auditioned with the song *Colors of the Wind* from Disney's *Pocahontas*, I knew it was my calling," said Harjoe.

Another difference in the spring drama performance was that it was a play instead of a musical. Usually in the spring Westminster puts on a musical, but this year it had been moved to the fall.

"I very much enjoy this being a play instead of a musical because I have had some negative experiences with the whole starting to sing part," said T.J. Noa, sophomore.

Though generally people were not adverse to having a spring play as opposed to a spring musical, some students preferred having a spring musical.

"I dislike spring plays very much so, the musical should be in the spring, it is way more practical," said Justine Doiron, junior. Doiron was very involved in the drama productions throughout the year. "I love acting because I've always wanted to show off, and this is just the most practical way to do it," said Doiron.

Although sometimes change can be a bad thing, the differences in the spring play this year were turned for the better.

"The thing I like best about the spring play this year is the people. Everyone is really nice and funny and we all seem to get along as a group. It's a lot of fun when you're with people like that," said Drew Straub, eighth grade.

Justine Doiron, junior, plays the lead in *The Madwoman of Chailot*. "I love being in plays that Mrs. Scott directs. She is the best director and I think that she makes every cast really united," said Doiron.



During the spring play, Tony Marr, senior, Drew Straub, eighth grade, Steffano Chavez, senior, and John Bopp, junior, discover the location of the oil from the *Madwoman* played by Justine Doiron. "I love acting because acting is like the voice of the soul," said Marr.

Getting to Know You...

"It's been awesome to get to know some people I probably wouldn't have hung out with otherwise."
-Steffano Chavez, senior.

"One of the cool things about being in this play is that I got to meet and get to know some high schoolers because I probably wouldn't have met them any other way because I'm in middle school."
-Mary Harjoe, eighth grade.

"One of the reasons I tried out for the spring play is because it helps me to connect with fellow Westminster students and get to know them more."
-Tony Marr, senior.

Spring



Performing the “La Belle Polanaise,” Alysse Tarrantino, seventh grade, Sheridan Hentrich and Nate Cox, seniors, and Andrew Gordon, junior, sing the last stanza together.



After being told that there was oil to be found, Austen Crim, junior, pushes the others back so he can descend into the underground tunnels first.



T.J. Noa, sophomore, tries to figure out how to save a dying Jake Hughes, junior. “To me, getting the reaction you are looking for from an audience is one of the greatest feelings i can imagine when acting,” said Noa.



Holding a mirror up to the face of Jake Hughes, junior, to see if he is dead, Anna Franceschelli, junior, happily tells the crowd that the mirror clouded over and therefore, he was alive.



In the trial scene, Marissa Harjoe, junior, starts to sing the beginning of the “Mazurka” as Mary Heyl and Hannah Geiz, eighth grade, join in.

Games for all spring sports were cancelled so often because of the unusually in-climate weather, the Westminster website built a module solely dedicated to the cancellations of all the games. Not only did this keep athletes and parents informed, it was easy to see short notice cancellations.

CANCELLATION NOTICE

04-15-2011 - 7th Grade A Soccer: Principia 8th @

04-15-2011 - 7th Grade B Soccer: Principia @

04-28-2011 - JV Soccer: Ritenour @

05-04-2011 - JV Soccer: Clayton @

05-07-2011 - Varsity Lacrosse: Kirkwood @



McKenna Montgomery, seventh grade, practices pitching during a scrimmage on a Friday afternoon. During some of the rainouts, the softball team practiced in the multi-purpose room and Ms. Woodall's classroom to improve their skills.

New Track Records!

Margo Koby, seventh grade, set a shotput record of 23.7'.

Kaitlyn Tershaek and Alyson McKie, seventh grade, ran a 95 in the 4x100 meter race.

Kayla Clay, eighth grade, ran the 200 meter dash in 30.1 seconds.



Annie Backs, seventh grade, sprints downfield towards the goal during a scrimmage game between jerseys and pennies. While points were not meticulously counted, her team won the overall scrimmage.

Erin Hunt, seventh grade, practices batting while Sophie Dunlap, seventh grade, waits for Coach Mitchell to throw the ball. The two were on opposing scrimmage teams during one of the early spring practices.



Spring

Why Did You Decide to Play a Sport?

Sydney Thompson, 8th grade: "I wanted to try something new."

Hunter Sells, 8th grade: "I wanted to improve my soccer skills, and it's really fun to play."

Eric Mast, 7th grade: "I wanted to play softball because I wanted to learn something new and a lot of my friends were playing it."

Rebecca Liu, 7th grade: "I wanted to join soccer because I find it to be really fun, despite the rainouts."

Rainouts? No Sweat!

Girls middle school spring sports had quite a few setbacks last season, the most problematic being the weather. Rainouts of a majority of games prevented the students from putting their acquired skills to use in a game setting as often as they would have liked.

Emily Broyles, eighth grade, said "With all our practice, we're frustrated that we haven't gotten to play much, but I'm still happy I can just be on the team!"

Other girls were excited to play the sports because they thought it would be a better extracurricular activity. "It was between PE and track, and I thought that track would challenge me more. Even though some of our meets have been canceled, I'm glad I picked track!" said Kayla Clay, eighth grade. Amy Trakas, eighth grade, also shared the same sentiments as Clay.

"While I don't mind PE, track helps me with running, which is something I really love to do."

Despite the rainouts, the middle school girls were happy with their sports last season. "I played softball last year, and I liked it, so I decided to do it again, and I'm glad I did!" said Ashley Wiggins, eighth grade.



During practice, Elizabeth Harding, seventh grade, sprints towards her opponents net around two defenders. During that practice, she had the ball for most of the time.



Macy Cutlett, seventh grade, prepares to steal home from third base. Cutlett was at practice on April 12th, one of the few non-rainy days in early spring.



Clara Gruniesen, seventh grade, throws the ball out of the goalie box. Gruniesen also ran track in the fall.

During a scrimmage game, Lauren Lindgren, seventh grade, dribbles the ball downfield towards her teammate, Annie Backs.

308athletics

Anna Cordray, freshman, and Emily Horak, sophomore, sprint in the 100 meter dash. This was Cordray and Horak's first year running track.



Maggee Kane, senior, flies over a hurdle in the MICDS meet. "I really like to run hurdles because it's different and exciting," said Kane.



Jackie Rea, junior, sprints to the finish line during the 400-meter race. "I enjoyed the track meets and also seeing my friends from other schools," said Rea.

Dani Roberts, senior, paces herself during the 4x800-meter relay. "I really liked cross country, so I decided to do track." Roberts also likes to push herself in practices and meets.



Valarie Chavez, sophomore, runs the 800 meter race. She participated in the 800 and 1600 meter run.



Andrea Reed, freshman, sprints in the 200 meter race. Reed enjoyed practices and joking around with Coach Doug Butte.

Spring

Run, Laura, Run!

India was the destination for Laura Tarantino's, sophomore, spring break. However, she did not go there to visit relatives or tan on the white beaches, but had another mission in mind.

"Me and my church, Chesterfield Presbyterian, went to help children in need," said Tarantino.

The mission trip consisted of the group spending the first five days working at a children's home in Northern India. The children there are sent by their parents who have leprosy to the home. "Most of the kids stay there from age three until they graduate from high school," said Tarantino.

The group then spent the rest of the trip in Dehradun, a village six hours away from New Delhi, where they worked a youth conference retreat.

"The focus of the retreat was music, we discussed their favorite types of music and also what music is good to listen to," said Tarantino.

Despite the work and time-consuming the trip was, Tarantino still found time for her passion. "When we were working at the retreat, I was able to wake up early and go for a run in the mountains," said Tarantino. "I wanted to stay in shape for track and the mountains were beautiful, so I decided not to let that opportunity slip away."



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"I ran about three to four miles each day I was able to run [in India], which was about five days."

-Laura Tarantino, sophomore



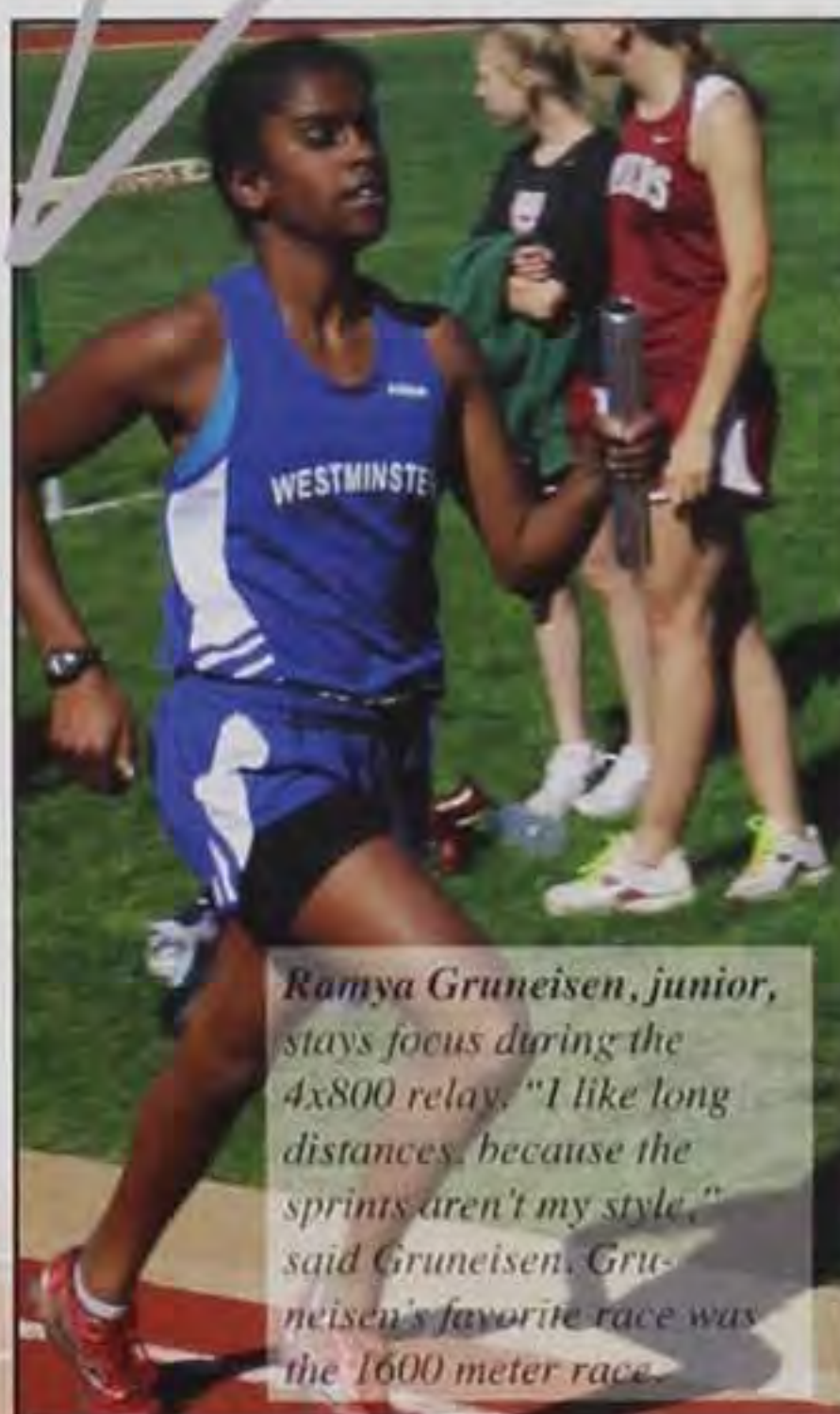
Courtney Powell, junior, prepares to hand off the baton during the 4x800-meter relay. Powell and Laura Tarantino were the returning state qualifiers from the year before.



Lauren Vanek, freshman, race in the 4x400 relay. Vanek enjoyed spending time with friends in practices.



Lucy Wynn, junior, participates in the relay race. "My favorite thing about track is hanging out with my friends and making new friends from other schools," said Wynn.



Ramya Gruneisen, junior, stays focus during the 4x800 relay. "I like long distances, because the sprints aren't my style," said Gruneisen. Gruneisen's favorite race was the 1600 meter race.



Running the second leg, Adrienne Kaup, junior, races in the 4x800 relay. "I decided to do track because I really liked cross country and I did better than I thought I would do," said Kaup.

Julia Wiens, senior, attacks the hurdles in the MICDS meet. "I have always wanted to do track, so I decided to switch things up my senior year," said Wiens.



Stephanie Lieber, junior, listens to her teammate as she gives the weekly devotion. "Devotions open up topics we wouldn't usually bring up as teenagers," said Lieber.

Anna Dieckgraefe, sophomore, works on saving shots during practice. "I really like the challenge of being in the goal... once I overcame the scary factor," said Dieckgraefe, JV goalie.

Throwing the ball down the field, Kaylee Noel, freshman, practices after school. "I decided to play Lacrosse because I have never played, it looked fun, it's a good exercise, and some of my good friends are on the team," said Noel.



Ellie Linhoff, junior, works on her passing skills with one of teammates during practice. "I want to work more on my non-dominant hand so during practice, that's what I really focus on," said Linhoff.

Running the ball down the field, Avery Anderson, junior, dodges her Whitfield opponents to get the ball near the goal. "It's shocking when I hear other teams tear each other down, because I'm used to my teammates only building each other up," said Anderson.



Plays are just the beginning

Although the schedule for the Varsity and JV lacrosse players was crammed with practices and games, they were still able to find time to hold weekly devotions. Once a week, usually on Thursdays, the two teams split up into different areas around the school to share devotions at the beginning of practice.

"I really like how we do devotions because none of the other sports teams I have been on have done anything like that," said Katie Matheny, sophomore.

For the Varsity team, each teammate had the opportunity to discuss one of the ten athletic pillars. The JV team had the opportunity to read bible stories and talk about how it applied to the game of Lacrosse.

"My favorite part of doing the devotions was learning how to apply biblical stories with playing a sport like lacrosse," said Ellie Linhoff, junior. The Varsity team started off their devotions by having one girl read a bible verse that related to a particular pillar. Then, they would share stories and discuss how the verse applied to their lives and to others.

"I love how everyone is able to share their personal beliefs and experiences," said Rachel Yu, senior and one of the three Varsity captains.

Not only did the girls get the opportunity to openly talk about Christ, they were also able to bond through each devotion.

"It takes a lot to be vulnerable and do a devotion to girls on your team, but in the end I've seen how much it builds us and helps us get through the season," said Avery Anderson, junior.



Welcome to the Team

When the jv soccer team's goalie unexpectedly went out of town a new player was added to the roster, Esther McGowen, freshman. The coach had to look fast for a new goalkeeper to replace Becky Weiss, junior.

"When my coach found out I'd be missing four games she freaked out, but was like 'we'll be okay, we'll be okay. We'll find someone,'" said Weiss.

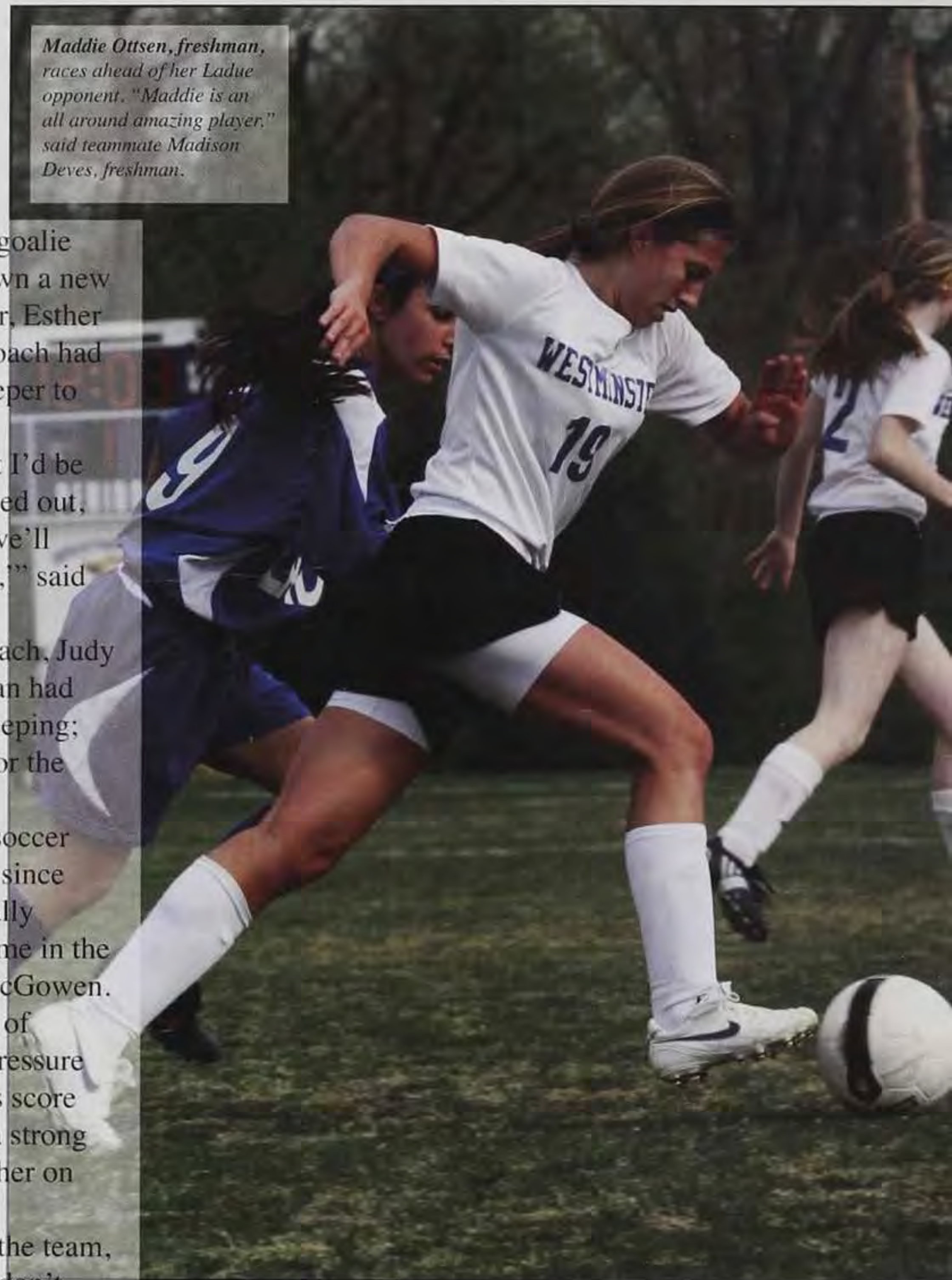
After asking around, the coach, Judy Pritchett, found out a freshman had past experiences with goal keeping; however, she did not tryout for the team.

"I don't consider myself a soccer player since I haven't played since Kirk, but everyone's been really welcoming and encouraging me in the games and practices." said McGowen.

Although the position of goalie holds a lot of pressure to keep the opponents score low, McGowan had a strong defense supporting her on her first game.

"Esther told the team, if you guys don't let me sense, feel, or smell the ball, I'll bring you guys brownies," said Kaylie Duke freshman. The team won the game 6-0 continuing their winning streak. True to her word, McGowan brought the team brownies to the next practice. The team continued their defense with no team scoring on them for the first six games.

Maddie Ottsen, freshman, races ahead of her Ladue opponent. "Maddie is an all around amazing player," said teammate Madison Deves, freshman.



Mackenzie Yeager, freshman, struggles for the ball on offense. Yeager played midfield, because of her stamina as a runner. Yeager did cross country in the fall as well.



Turning the ball around Olivia Willis, sophomore, heads toward the goal. This was the first game of the season that a team was able to score a goal against Westminster.

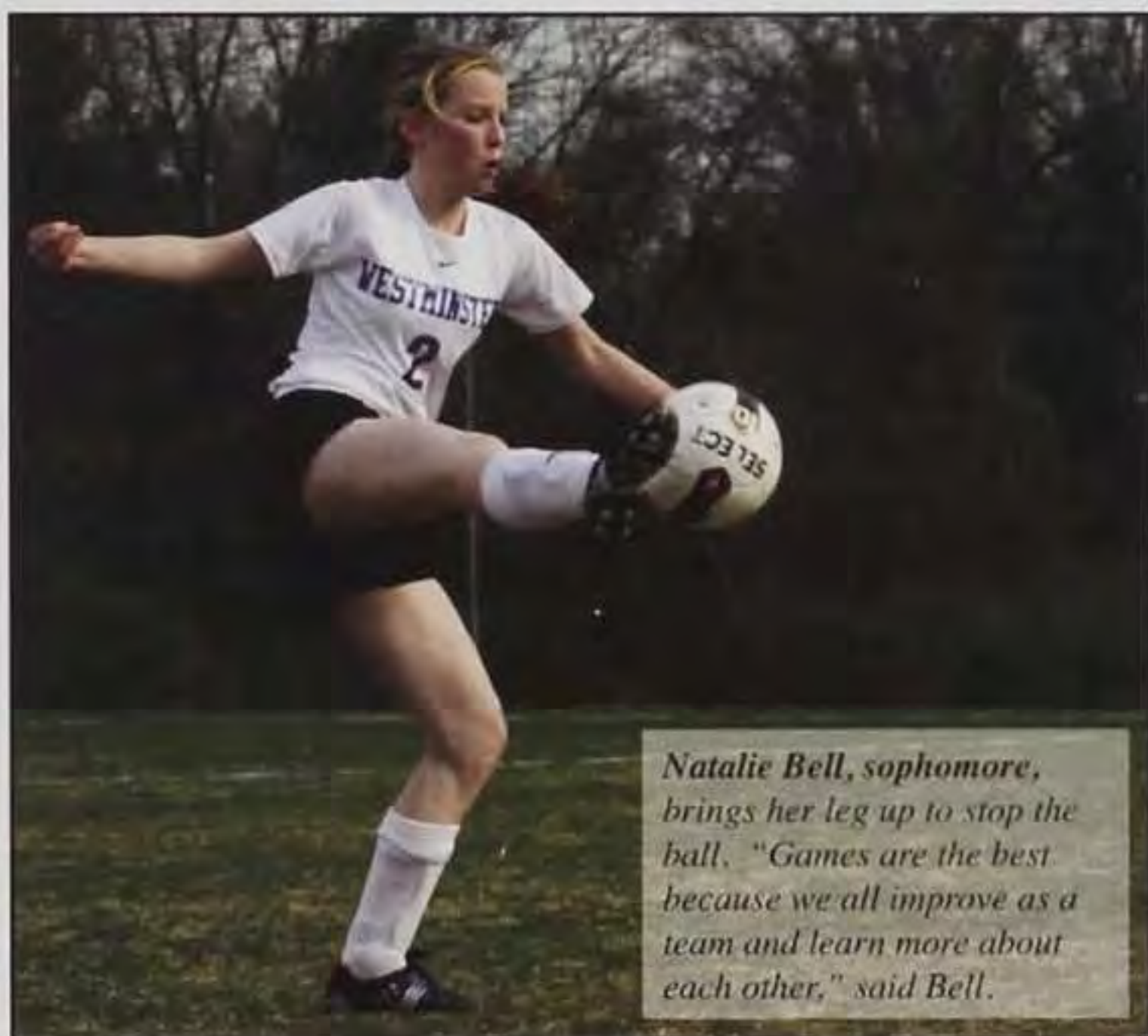


Captain Becky Weiss, junior, saves the ball during the Cor Jesu game. "I love being goalie for jv. It's really chill and we have a ton of fun," said Weiss.



Mary Wynn, freshman, dribbles down the field. "My favorite part of soccer is the games and how we come together as a team," said Wynn.

Sprinting across the field, Kaylie Duke, sophomore, beats her opponent to the ball. Duke played forward this season.



Natalie Bell, sophomore, brings her leg up to stop the ball. "Games are the best because we all improve as a team and learn more about each other," said Bell.



Alexis Harvey, sophomore, sets up to pass. "One practice we played 'never have I ever'. I got to learn a lot about the girls from that," said Harvey.



Anna Bergman, freshman, runs down the soccer field during a home game versus Ladue. The girls tied the game, 0-0. The team had many tie games because the league did not let games go into overtime.

PARTY

on The Soccer Field

"One day when we were all dragging in practice, I pulled my jeep up behind the goal and blasted my music. It turned into a dance party." Becky Weiss, junior



Dribbling the ball down the field, Kendall MacDonald, freshman, shows off her foot-work. Like many members of the team, MacDonald played select soccer in the off-season to keep her in shape.

One of the team's three freshmen, Caroline Moore, sprints to the ball during the Visitation game. Moore played midfield. Her older sister Margaret Moore, junior, played mid-field as well.

After kicking the ball through her opponent's legs, Karlee Heinemann, junior, dribbles towards the goal. Heinemann scored later in the game against Whitfield.

Courtney McGhee, sophomore, passes to teammate Lizzie Blackwell, sophomore. The wildcats played against Notre Dame on home turf. McGhee played wing back in the 2011 season.

Summer Smith, sophomore, takes on a Visitation player. This was Smith's second year on varsity. Smith started the first half of the season with two goals.



Regarding Madeleine Smith, junior's, yellow card during the Springfield Catholic game, Smith said: "I didn't mean to slap her. She was being obnoxious, so as she was going for the ball, I basically gave her a big five star."

Yellow Cards



Defending the goal, Chloe Carnahan, junior, prepares to pass the ball away from a Notre Dame player. Carnahan along with Madeleine Smith, junior, both recieved yellow cards early in the season.



Meg Rasche, junior, dribbles with the ball. The team played an away game at Visitation. Rasche had played soccer since first grade.



Team captain Lauren DeRousse, senior, prepares to clear the ball. The Wildcats played against Whitfield. The team ended up winning 3-1.



Shelby Kehr, sophomore, dribbles the ball down the field ahead of a Whitfield opponet. Kehr scored within the first forty-five seconds of the game. It was Kehr's third goal of the 2011 season.

During the first home game of the season, Ellie Huffman, junior, throws the ball in bounds. "Ellie's throw-ins are the best on the team," said Meg Rasche, sophomore.





During the Notre Dame game, Jensen Holt, freshmen, prepares to punt the ball after a save. Holt was a field player before moving positions to goalie.

At the MICDS game, Haley Bettlach, senior, takes a corner kick in the first half. Bettlach was one of the teams captians and recieved offers to play soccer in college.



During the first home game, Margaret Moore, junior, keeps the ball away from Notre Dame players. Moore had played on varsity for three years.

Wanted: Goalie

Going into tryouts everyone knew something was missing: a goalie. There were midfielders, forwards, and defenders lined up. But there was no one able or willing to step in goal. Kayla Armstrong, freshmen, was assumed to be the Varsity goalie.

"Everyone always knew that Kayla would be the Varsity keeper," said Shelby Kehr. Despite being just a freshman, Armstrong has been keeper for one of the best under fifteen club teams in the nation. However, last summer, Armstrong tore ligaments in her wrist in a soccer game.

After the injury, Armstrong had to undergo multiple surgeries to insert metal plates in her wrist. The plates had to stay in her wrist for at least a year and would be very sensitive to harsh physical contact. So unfortunately when spring tryouts for soccer had arrived Armstrong still had the uncomfortable plates in her arm, hindering her from playing.

The team was in quite a dilemma.

"We really didn't know how we were going to find a goalie," said Meg Rasche junior, who had played on the Varsity soccer team since her freshman year. In the darkest hour Coach Warren Smith came to save the day, he heard that Jensen Holt, freshmen, had once played as keeper. The coaches decided to train her to be the Varsity goalie. Holt did not disappoint and provided great skills for Varsity team.

Why I Love Coaching Middle School.

I love to teach kids the joy of running, getting in shape, and the overall lifestyle of fitness for life.

They compete and often achieve much higher results than they expect. They share their excitement with me, and I get to encourage them if they feel down about something.

I get to teach kids how to understand their pain, often for the first time – the difference between good pain and bad pain. A lot of kids learn to overcome their fear of pain, and that is exciting to me.

-Coach Andy Kerckhoff

Just about to pitch the ball during practice, Brendan Bognar, eighth grade, watches a teammate. "I have played on a team since I was three. I also love pitching in clutch situations," said Bognar. He had not yet decided whether or not he was going to play baseball in high school, "but everyone wants me to," said Bognar.



Joseph Curtis, eighth grade, bunts the ball. The eighth grade team played against MICDS on April 18th and defeated the rams 21-0.



Christopher Heyl, seventh grade, stands at bat during the seventh grade A team game against Principia. Coming close at times, the Wildcats sealed a victory of 16-8.



Michael Weston, eighth grade, runs to catch a ball. Weston's favorite position to play was pitcher, and he planned on playing throughout high school. "I'm not sure what position I want to play, but I might want to continue pitching," said Weston.



Christian Meeks, eighth grade, practices tennis during his fifth and sixth hour class. This past year was Meek's first time playing tennis.



Jacob Waller, eighth grade, returns a serve during practice. Waller's favorite part of playing sports in middle school was "not having to go to class."

Cory Weinberg, eighth grade, listens to coach Talley give direction during practice. "I like having sports during the day because then we don't have it after school," said Weinberg.





Michael Alldrege, seventh grade, pitches against Principia at the game on April 14th. "My favorite part about baseball is fielding. Also, my favorite position to play is short-stop," said Alldrege.

Next In Line?

April 13th marked the first track meet for the middle school track team, it also potentially marked the start of Zach Hughes, seventh grader's running career. At the Lindbergh track meet, the team broke seven middle school track records, and Hughes broke the 400-meter record originally held by Westminster running legend, Ryan Blackwell.



Blackwell was not the only middle school student whose potential in running was realized in middle school track. Seniors, David and Daniel Everett's running careers started in middle school. Both brothers are well known state champion runners.

Hughes' career could take off from here if he chooses to run track in high school.

"In high school I will have to choose between running track or playing golf because they're in the same season. It's going to be a hard decision," said Hughes.

Although this was Hughes first Westminster meet, this was not his first time running.

"My mom signed me up for some races in fourth grade, I like running" said Hughes.

"Zach, among many others, has the potential to be an excellent track athlete in high school. He broke the 7th grade record in the 400 , long held by Ryan Blackwell, who is now running for Mizzou," said middle school English teacher and coach, Andy Kerckhoff.



Jack Linton, seventh grade, stands on third base with Coach J.D. Perona. "Jack comes into the game already knowing a lot; he's got a lot of baseball knowledge," said Perona.

Peter Duell, junior, finishes the 4x800. Last year the 4x800 team went to state and took fifth place. "We have the same team this year and are hoping to go again and do better," said Duell.

Sun-ha Park, junior, waits before his event is called. Park was known for dancing to techno music from Mike Hall, senior's, iPod speakers. "Sometimes, you just have to dance if the music is good enough," said Park

Seung-Chan Jang, sophomore, passes the baton to Hong-Yong Choi, sophomore in the relay. "We had an all Korean 4x100 relay team. It was funny to see other people's reactions to our team," said Choi.

Coby Nye, sophomore, sprints the 4x400 in the mid-April MICDS meet. Before injuring his knee, Nye also ran 100 and 200 meter dash. "My favorite is the 100 because it is the shortest race. My best is the 200," said Nye.



Danny Keith, senior, runs as the third leg in the 4x400 relay. This year, Keith switched from running long distances to sprints for his 4x800 team. "I'm really not much of a sprinter, but it is better for me to train as a sprinter rather than a long distance runner because of the fast nature of the 4x800," said Keith.



Brenden Solomon, junior, sprints the last stretch of the 400 meter relay in the MICDS meet. "The 400 is my favorite because it is fast and fun," said Solomon after admitting that the 400 is one of his best timed races.

Freshman Favorites



"My favorite race is the 800. It's a painful race, but I love it." - Theodore Muschany, freshman



"I'm a jumper, so I like the triple jump. It's an event you don't have to be really fast to win." - Jacob Regan, freshman



"Definitely the 4x800. It's nice to have other people pushing you to run harder." - Grayson Everhardt, freshman



"I really don't like running, but the mile is my favorite. The pace is nice and slow." - Andy Thomas, freshman

Battle of the Brothers

"There is definitely a lot of competition between David and I. We are both really competitive, and being twins just adds to that competitiveness," said Daniel Everett, senior. As far as dealing with it, they both realized that no matter which one of them did better, the only thing that mattered is how they help their team succeed.

"I am better with shorter distances, while David is more of a pure distance runner," said Daniel.

The twins had been learning how to race together this season.

"I think it really helps me to have him there with me in races, and it's cool to be racing and hear, 'Those are the twins!'" adds David. The two brothers did not want to lose to each other so often times their competition kept them from slowing down and caused them to run faster.

On the other hand, for the twins, there were downfalls to running together.

"My least favorite part about running with Daniel is I always have to be at the top of my game. There are a lot of days where I would love to not run as hard in practice but Daniel is always there pushing the pace", said the younger twin, David.

Daniel's least favorite part of racing together was losing to David.

"With him being my twin brother it's hard to lose to him but if he has a great race and it helps the team out, it makes it a little more bearable."

David Everett, senior, prepares his watch in order to time his pace. "Saying that he's a hard worker is an understatement. The Everett's easy days of practice are things that would make me miserable. I definitely admire David and Daniel's drive to be better runners," said Mike Hall, senior.



During the match against Chaminade, Kevin Vandekamp, junior, chips the ball 100 yards onto the green. He played in the #2 position and also was the state champion his sophomore year.

Peter Sippel, senior, hits the ball onto the fairway. Sippel prepared himself for the season through lessons as well as participating in many Gateway tournaments throughout the summer.

Schaeffer Bell, senior, hits his tee shot on a short Par 3. One of his contributions to the season was his success at the Warrenton Invitational Tournament, taking 8th place overall by shooting a 76 (6 over par).



At Westborough Country Club, Ryan Haxel, junior, hits his tee shot on a par 3. Haxel was the top golfer on the golf team for the 2011 season. He was also one of the five golfers last year on the state golf team that was the first team in Westminster history to win a state championship.



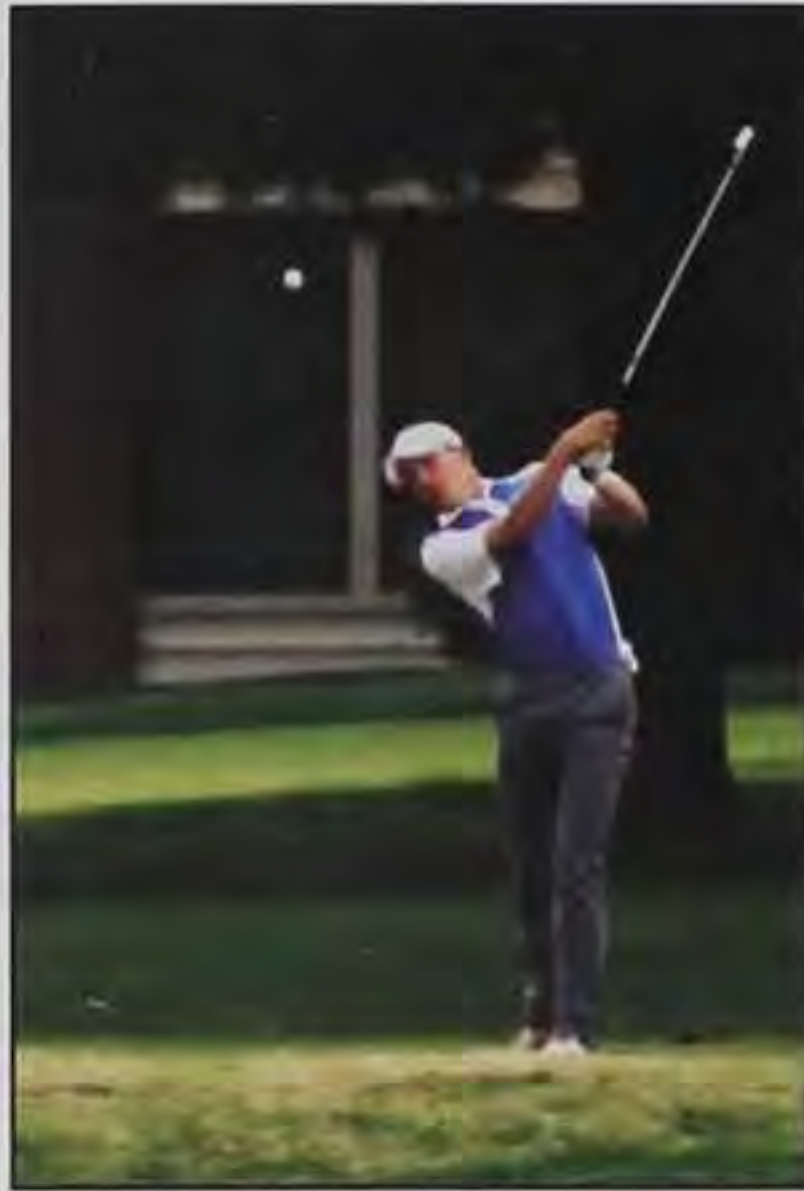
Matt Brugner, junior, drives a ball down the fairway in his match against Chaminade. "It is fun to be a part of the sport that has had the most success at Westminster. Plus, the guys are awesome and Burkey is awesome," said Brugner.



J.D. Klein, freshman, chips the ball onto the ninth green during a JV match.

At Bellerive Country Club, Noah Roberts, reads his putt. This course was the location of the BMW Championship for the PGA tour in 2008.





Taylor Deves, sophomore, hits a tee shot on the ninth hole at Creve Couer Golf Course. Playing on the golf team allowed for the golfers to play on a variety of public courses around St. Louis. Some of these courses included Sunset Lakes, Aberdeen, Ruth Park, and Quail Creek.

At Westborough Country Club, Matt McDaniel, senior, crushes a ball down the fifth fairway. For practice, McDaniel went to the Family Golfplex. He putted for 20 minutes, hit a large bucket of balls, then practiced his chipping at the short game area. His practice usually took an hour and a half.



Clutch From the Pines

It was the last hole of the match against Chaminade at Westborough Country Club. The team had been struggling the entire day with cold weather, windy conditions, and somewhat of a poor mental status. The hole was a 192-yard par 3. Since this was the final hole (and since McDaniel was in the final group), the whole team, including the coach, was awaiting to see the results of the two golfers. After Noah Roberts, junior, stepped up and hit the ball a little short of the green, Matt McDaniel, senior, stepped up to the tee. He hit the ball into the air, and the ball started going to the left and into the trees around 35 yards from the green. As McDaniel approached the ball, he realized he was within inches from being out of bounds, yet his ball was still in play.

"I was frustrated by this terrible shot because I wanted to come back from the bad round I had," said McDaniel.

Amongst all of the tension and thoughts on what to do, McDaniel stayed focused and pushed a few branches out of the way for his stance. He started his back swing, and came through on his downswing. The ball went into the air and headed for the green.

"I just remember thinking that the smart play would be to get the ball somewhere near the green and hopefully he would take the bunkers out of play," said Kevin Vandekamp, junior.

Sure enough, the ball rolled onto the green and landed seven feet from the hole.

"I was thrilled with my result, provided my earlier position and was ready to make my 7 foot putt," said McDaniel.

After the intense chip the team applauded, realizing that their hopes to win the match was within reach. "When he hit the shot it landed just on the front of the green and got better and better. It was an incredibly recovery to say the least. Especially with everyone watching and the match on the line it really sealed the deal. After the tee shot the goal would probably be to save bogey, but walking away with a par in that situation was huge. McDaniel went up, sank the 10-footer, and ended up with a par for the hole.

After the scores were added up, the golf team ended up winning 234-237 against the Chaminade Red Devils thanks to a superb score contribution by Roberts and a clutch up and down from McDaniel.

7-UP: Get 7 points before your opponents. Points are earned by putting the ball closest to the hole.

DEFENDING CHAMP:

Matt Brugner, Junior

MASTERS WCA MINI-GAME EDITION

85-Yard Target: Whoever hits the metal target [85 Yards Out] at the family golfplex first. Wins.

DEFENDING CHAMP:

Peter Sippel, Senior

2-Man 3-Club Championship: Player picks three clubs and plays the Par 3 course at the Family Golfplex.

Teams are drawn from a hat.

DEFENDING CHAMPS:

Ryan Haxel, Junior & Brian Burkey, Bible Teacher



Coming across the field from his position at first base, Matt Powers, sophomore, beats the runner to make an out at first. Powers had to throw off-balanced and across his body, but he still made the play on April 8th.

Poised to swing, Bryce Bell, sophomore, stands ready to explode forward on a pitch. Bell played second base and centerfield during the game against Whitfield.



On the hill for the Wildcats on a Friday afternoon, Nick Ridenhour, sophomore, fires towards home plate. Ridenhour would go on to chalk up a win for the Wildcats against Whitfield by a score of 15-0.



Fresh Start

After having the first freshman baseball team at Westminster ever in 2010, a freshman team was back for 2011.....

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"I see our team eventually winning state our junior or senior years!" -- Andrew Colgrove, freshman

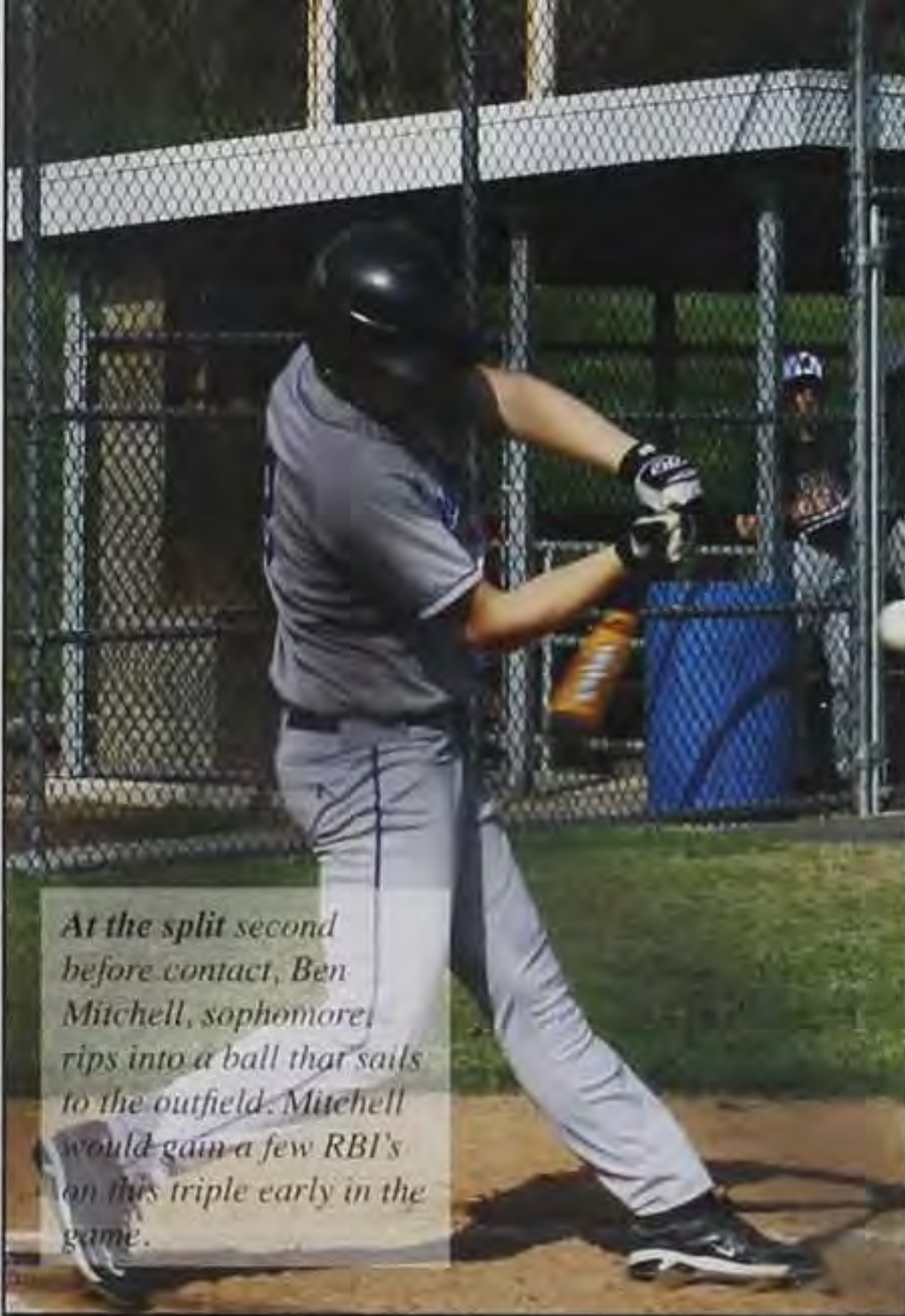


"Freshman baseball is very fun. We all get along as a team great. We all play outside of school and are a solid team." -- Collin Einertson, freshman

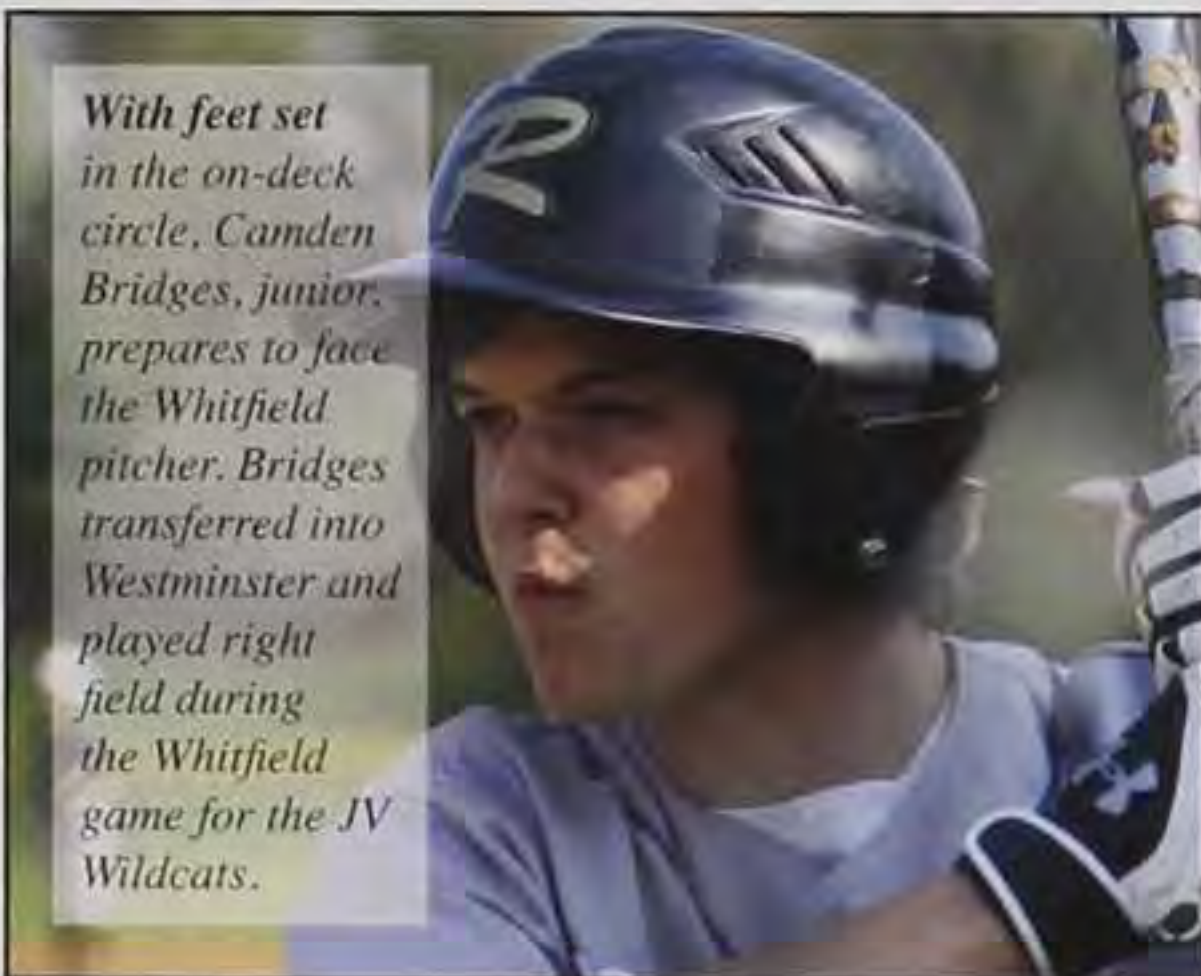
"The talent level in the freshman class is pretty scary. Our whole lineup up and down is solid and I can definitely see us doing some damage once we get up to the varsity level in a few years." -- Jordan Smith, freshman



Waiting for the Call



At the split second before contact, Ben Mitchell, sophomore, rips into a ball that sails to the outfield. Mitchell would gain a few RBI's on this triple early in the game.



With feet set in the on-deck circle, Camden Bridges, junior, prepares to face the Whitfield pitcher. Bridges transferred into Westminster and played right field during the Whitfield game for the JV Wildcats.



Staring down the Whitfield pitcher, Michael Dudley, sophomore, waits for a pitch he likes. This game, Dudley got a base hit on a pitch above the strike zone.



Jacob Hicks, sophomore, runs in from the outfield at the end of the inning. Hicks played left field.

Metal spikes brush over powdery chalk and squish into freshly cut grass. A sophomore rises upon the mound on a warm spring day. Welcome to baseball season. Nick Ridenhour, sophomore, started the game on April 8 this way. Leg back, turn, leg kick, extend, hurl the baseball and attempt to fool a kid with a bat in his hands. He went home with a 15-0 victory.

Despite the win and others like it, the JV Wildcats did not rest there. They were not satisfied with winning. They were hungry for more. Those on the JV team patiently awaited the time when they would get one of the most coveted opportunities in baseball: the call. The call, in the Major Leagues, is one of the most pivotal events that can occur in the life of a professional baseball player. When a minor league player receives the call, he is called by the higher powers of his club and told it is his time to come up to play with the big kids. It means that the runners of the Big Show have seen, valued, and taken a supreme interest in the talents of that player. The same goes for high school baseball players.

"Everyone wants to play Varsity. You are always hoping you get called up. The way the team is looking this year we could potentially win a state title. To get that ring as a sophomore, that would be great. Right now I'm just playing the best I can for the hope that I get called up," said Ridenhour.

"The call stresses you out when you are practicing with Varsity. You want to be noticed, but when it comes down to game time, you just focus on the game that you're playing," said Matthew Powers, sophomore.

After receiving the call the object of performing well on the Varsity stage became the biggest thing on a player's plate.

"You don't really expect it. You're just wanting to get some good games in with the JV team. But it is very tough to deal with knowing that you could be in the running for the call. Its nerve-wracking and honestly you think that they may be pulling your leg. Varsity is a much faster paced atmosphere and you have announcers at some of the games and music and even more fans. It takes a little time to get used too," said Mark McFarland, sophomore.

It keeps you on the edge of your seat. I got kind of nervous and then remembered there's nothing to worry about. The difference is it's just better competition," said Davis Vanderslice, sophomore.

Whether waiting for their time to shine or learning how to perform during it, the call touched all of the JV baseball players. For those who had not yet had the opportunity to pick up the phone, one thing would be certain: they would be waiting for the call.



Throwing from shortstop, Mark McFarland, sophomore, takes his warm-ups between innings. McFarland would later score on a triple from Ben Mitchell.



Getting a lead off of first base, Wes Froeschner, junior, looks towards the action at home. Freshner played third base during the game versus Whitfield.



Timothy Burgess, sophomore, waits to receive a pitch from pitcher Nick Ridenhour. Burgess posted up behind the plate for the entirety of this game against Whitfield.

Alec Mitchell, senior, pitches to Lutheran St. Charles. Mitchell would be playing baseball at Covenant College starting in the fall of 2011.

During the game against Lutheran St. Charles, Luke Turner, junior, makes a base hit. It was Turners third year on Varsity.



Ryan Allee, senior, blocks the ball in the game against Lutheran North. The Cats won the game 13-2 in five innings. Tate Matheny, junior, hit a three-run home run during the game.



Tate Matheny, junior, hits the ball at a game against Lutheran St. Charles. Matheny hit 3 home runs in the first 9 games of the season, including 2 during the game against Whitfield.



Shane Benes, freshman, throws the ball to second base in the game against Lutheran St. Charles. Benes was the only freshman on the varsity team this season.



Connor Einertson, junior, throws the ball in from the outfield. This was Connor's second year on Varsity.



Collin Henry, senior, prepares to swing. "I love pitching for Westminster because I know all I have to do is throw strikes and let my defense do the rest," said Henry.

Benjamin Lovell, sophomore, pitches against Lutheran North. "The guys are great and I know, as a pitcher, that I can count on them to work hard for every out. The team works hard and works well together," said Lovell.

Andrew Beck, senior, follows through on a hit. Beck would be joining Alec Mitchell, senior, at Covenant College in the fall of 2011 to play baseball.

At the game against the visiting team from Ohio, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, Connor Larson, junior, hits a home run. The team beat Cuyahoga 7-1.



Spring Break Trip in Vero Beach, FL

Accommodations: The old Dodgers Spring Training facility

Rooming: Four players per room with one assigned captain in each

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch at the facility and dinners out

Games: One per day

Record: 5-0

Spare Time Activities: Practicing, playing Super Smash Brothers on Nintendo 64, and playing Super Mario Sluggers on Game Cube

Sigh of Relief

On Tuesday, April 12, the Varsity Baseball team took the field ranked as the number one small school in the league. Their opponent for the day was the number two team, Orchard Farm.

"We were all pumped up to have a match up between two of the best teams in the state and knew it would be a good challenge for us to see where we compare in the state," said Collin Henry, senior.

As the game began, the team knew that to hold their number one ranking that had to beat this team. The team was going to fight to the end to maintain their ranking. "The whole team had a good game," said Ben Lovell, sophomore. Tate Matheny, Connor Larson, and Andrew Beck each had two hits for the team. Collin Henry pitched the game and "He picked up the win," said Lovell. Then, in the last 2 innings, Alec Mitchell, senior, was able to hold the Eagles scoreless.

The game ended and the team had won 9-8 on their home field.

"It was a tight game with a lot of scoring, and catching the last out allowed us all to take a deep breath and be excited for our win," said Mitchell. As the team left the field they left knowing that they had, for the time being, remained the number one small school team in the league.



Ryan Allee, senior, tags the runner in the game against Lutheran St. Charles. "My favorite part about this team is the people on it. We are all brothers. I love this team because we all have a fire to compete and win," said Allee.

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What stroke do you prefer to use?

"Forehand, because it's easiest to use."
-Tyler Burns, freshman.

"Overhead, because I'm a beast."
-David Rohlfing, junior.

Leaping in an attempt to keep the ball in bounds, Taylor Davidson, freshman, lunges for the ball. Davidson was one of 8 freshman on the squad.

David Rohlfing, junior, practices before a match against John Burroughs. Rohlfing was the #1 seed on Junior Varsity.



Edward Sutphen, sophomore, prepares to serve during a doubles match against Clayton. Aaron Miller, junior, played alongside Sutphen during that match.



Tyler Burns, freshman, returns a serve from his opponent. It was Burn's first year on the Junior Varsity squad.



After finishing the third game in a match, Scott Rupprecht, freshman, prepares to switch sides. His opponent in the match was Clayton High School.



Playing against John Burroughs, Andrew George, freshman, backhands the ball back to his opponent. George played in a doubles match against John Burroughs with Taylor Davidson, freshman.

During practice, Jonathan Pannkuk, sophomore, prepares to return Taylor Davidson, freshman's, serve. Though practice was cancelled that day due to inclement weather, Pannkuk and Davidson decided to use the free time to brush up on their skills.



Parties During Practice

"The coolest parts during all of our practices are when we get together with varsity. We have such a blast, and it's just super cool because we have everyone from the newest players in the program to the most elite players in the program., particularly the seniors. It's like one big tennis "family". The Varsity players are also great models for Junior Varsity," said Parker Briden, sophomore.

Most players on the men's JV tennis team agreed that the best part of playing for the team was the practices and how much fun they have each day. Work was entertainment rather than punishment, and as a result, the men's JV tennis team noticed a greater energy and positivity throughout the squad. This improved attitude, work ethic, and game play.

"We just mess around every practice and it's all really chill and fun. But we still get a lot of work done too," said Tyler Burns, freshman.

Because the players enjoyed their practice time, it enabled them to work even harder to strengthen their skills, which resulted in better playing overall.

"It really helps my game play because at practice I get a lot of work accomplished, since I don't hate going everyday," said David Rohlfing, junior.

The statement "practice makes perfect" proved to be true for the men's JV tennis team, but they were at least able to have some fun while doing so.

For the first time this season, John Hunsicker, senior, warms up. Hunsicker tore his meniscus playing basketball and had to do rehab for one month after surgery. "It felt good to be back once I recovered," said Hunsicker.



Derek Bell, freshman swings a backhand at the Whitfield match. This was Bell's third year playing tennis and his first year playing for Westminster. He, Reid Montgomery, and Bailey Merkel were the only freshman on varsity.

Reaching wide, Bailey Merkel, freshman, returns the ball. Merkel played number 3 singles this year. He was a "standout freshman" said coach Nathan Talley.



Stephen Lillenberg, senior serves the ball to the MICDS opponent. Lillenberg felt super motivated during matches because he knew "it is always rewarding to win," said Lillen-berg. In addition to playing for Westminster, Lillen-berg played at Miller Tennis Academy during the off-season with Chris Griesedieck, junior, and Derek Bell, freshman.

M.V.3.

Senior *Timmy Miller* was captain of Men's Varsity Soccer, Basketball, and Tennis this year.



At the match against John Burroughs, Connor Zielanko, senior, paired up with Zach Schopp, senior, and they won in straight sets. The rest of the team won in straight sets as well, allowing them to shut out Burroughs.

During his doubles match against John Burroughs, Zach Schopp, senior, serves the ball. Schopp was one of the six seniors on the team this year who "showed great leadership," said Coach, Nathan Talley.



Sweet Victory

On April 4, the ri-

vals met again for the first time since last season when the Men's Varsity Tennis team had been defeated 4-5. Coach, Nathan Talley, was filled with eager anticipation.

"I didn't sleep well the night before as I kept considering our doubles pairings and wondering if we had the right combination," said Talley

As the six singles matches came to a close, Talley's anxiety proved reasonable as it was up to the doubles teams to win the match for the Wildcats.

"I wasn't feeling too good about the match because we had only won two out of six singles matches," said Timmy Miller, senior captain. However, when the doubles matches started, Talley found that the team was paired very well. In addition, the Wildcats had an extra advantage as they often focused on strengthening their doubles teams during practices.

As Cameron Smith, senior, and Bailey Merken, freshman won at number 2 doubles, Connor Zielanko, senior, and Nathan Arnold, sophomore, also won at number 4 doubles. Additionally, Luke Schroeder, senior, and Reid Montgomery, freshman, won at number 5 doubles. The team found that they were tied with MICDS 4-4. Zach Schopp, senior, and Derek Bell, freshman, were the only players still competing and it was up to them to seal the victory.

"We knew we would be the deciding match and, though we came out confident, it was nerve-racking because we knew how bad the seniors wanted to win," said Derek Bell, freshman.

Through the "senior leadership of Schopp and the strong play of Bell, the Wildcats beat the "perennial tennis powerhouse, MICDS," said Talley.

The team was filled with excitement because "It felt so good to beat MICDS for the first time in four years," said Cameron Smith, senior,



Cameron Smith, senior captain, serves the ball during the ABC Invitational tournament. Smith played for the Men's Varsity Tennis team all four years of his highschool career. "Both captains had great leadership skills this year. They got a lot of background information about the teams we played and it helped a lot," said Reid Montgomery, freshman.

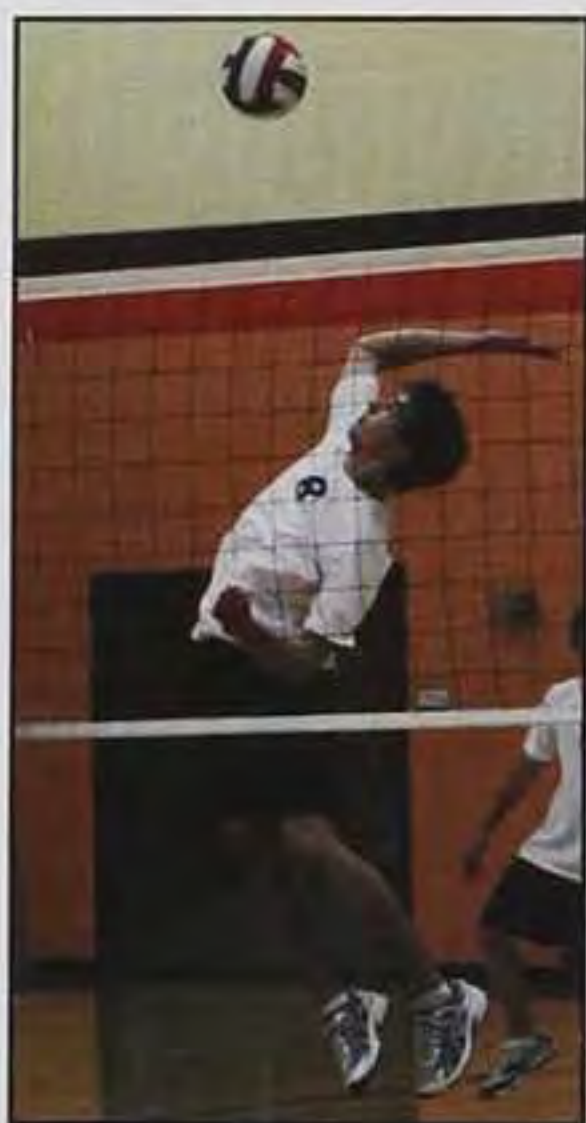


Nathan Arnold, sophomore, hits the ball using his fore-hand stroke. Arnold played number 8 in the number 8 slot on the men's Varsity tennis team for the majority of the season.

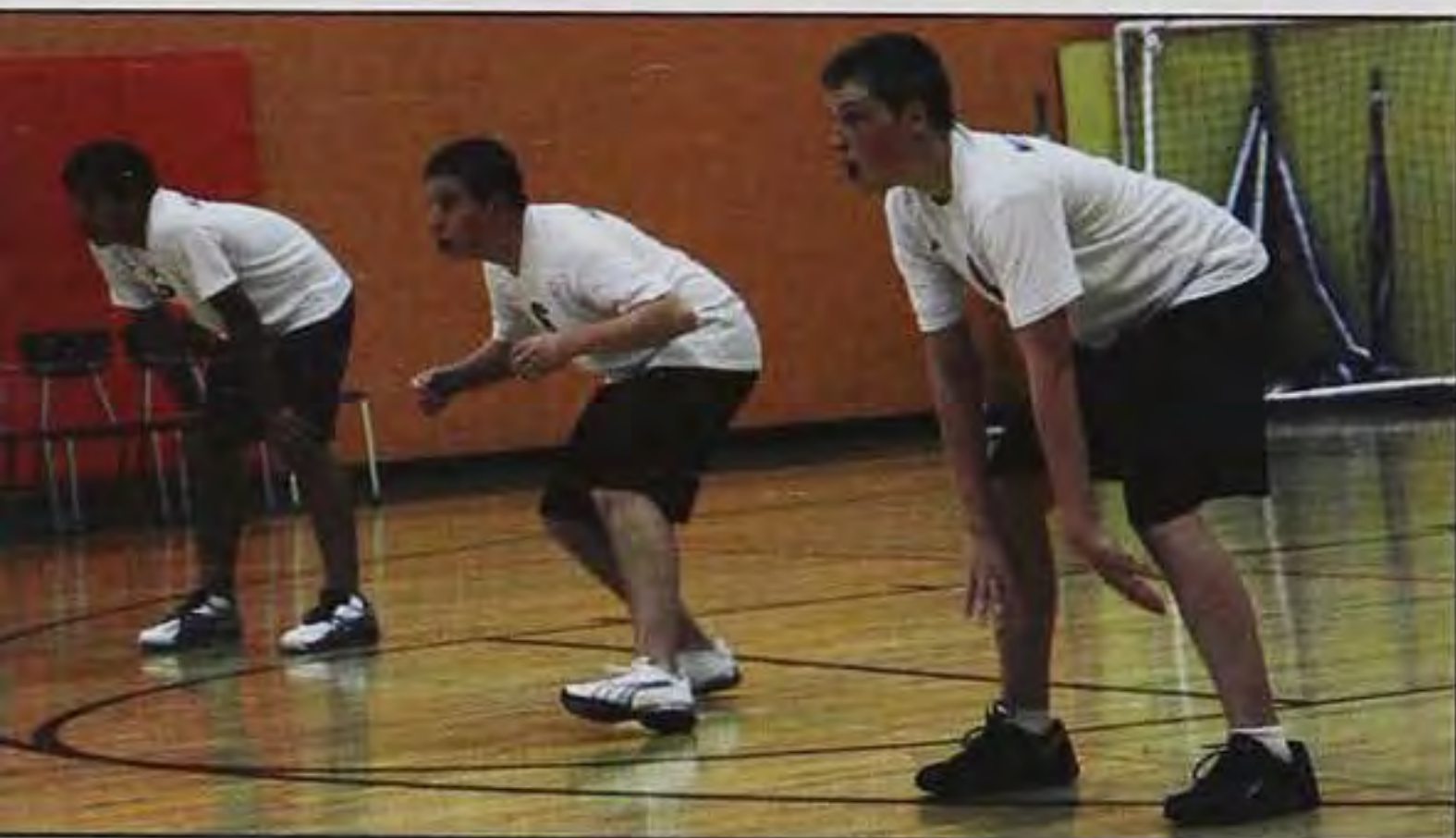


Captain Timmy Miller, senior "slices" the ball. He played doubles with Stephen Lillenberg, senior during this ABC Invitational tournament held at MICDS. The team took first place.

Alex Wendt, freshman, tries to hit through the Kirkwood Pioneer block in a tournament. Wendt was the team's second best hitter right behind Lokey. This was Wendt's first year playing any level of volleyball.



Ian Sutherland, sophomore, gets down in serve-recieve along with two of his teammates. Sutherland was a leader in digs all season and provided leadership during his second year on the team.



During a tournament at Webster Groves Highschool, Patrick Farmer waits in serve-recieve while the other team serves the ball. The team lost a close match to Kirkwood High School losing only by a few points in the first two games.



Jared Muenks, freshman, jump-serves the ball during a tournament at Webster Groves High School. Muenks was the only member on the JV squad that had mastered the jump serve. "Most teams don't expect a jump-serve, so it's nice," said Muenks.

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JV team middle hitter, Zack Lokey, sophomore, jumps high for a set-ball. Lokey lead the team in kills and also provided a dominating presence on the floor. "Getting a kill is one of the greatest things that happen in volleyball games," said Lokey.

Tackle Volleyball?

An act of aggression is not the first thing that comes to mind when one thinks of volleyball. However, aggression and determination makes or breaks the game of volleyball and can lead to a win.

At the beginning of the JV boys volleyball season, the team lacked aggression. This in return, affected their intensity level which cost them points in games. Because of this,

Bobby Breneman, sophomore, decided they should do a drill that involved tackling.

"There's just no better way to bring a team together than to allow them to hit and tackle each other," said Breneman.

"Two players lay flat on their back and the coach will drop ball to one person, the other person then tackles them," said Patrick Farmer, sophomore.

"I only got to do it once, but it was really fun to just go hit someone really hard," said Jared Muenks, freshman.

This drill may seem a little rough, but it helped the team learn to go for every ball and sacrifice their body to keep the ball in play.

Because of this drill, the team's improvement in aggression led them to a comeback-win against Duschene High School. In the first of three games, the team played sloppy and was not completing many of their serves.

"During the second game, we started to make our comeback. We starting getting our serves over and just really started to play tough and as a team for the first time," said Farmer.

"After losing the first games we were pretty down but we saw what they could do and figured out how to win. We started playing harder and playing more as a team and ended up winning the second game by ten and the last game by about seven," said Drew Pfyl, sophomore.

The team had a lot more success since their change in focus and their working as a unit, all thanks to the idea of tackle volleyball.

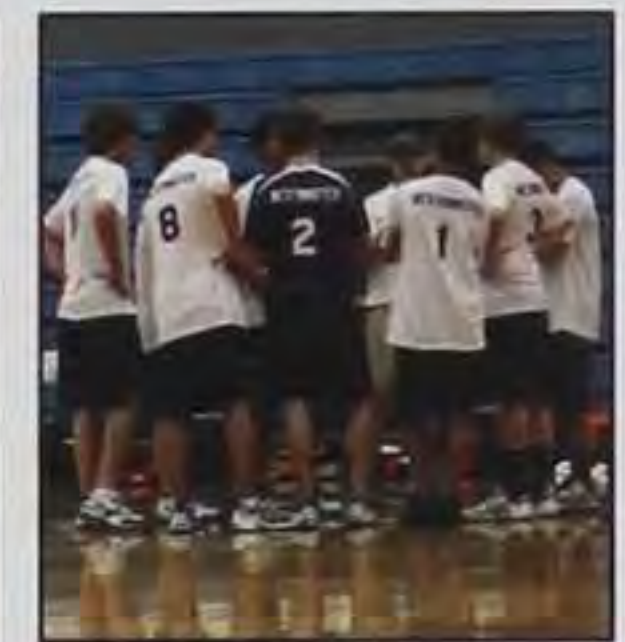
Absent.... Again.

JV player, Bobby Breneman, sophomore, has been only to a few practices and has yet to make it to a game. Why? "Well I was diagnosed with Crohn's disease and it flaired up. I've missed about a month of school and I've missed all the games. So basically I'm not playing at all," said Breneman.



The libero, Daneil Pollman, sophomore, passes the ball during a game against Ft. Zumwalt West. Pollman played swing aiding both the varsity squad and JV squads. Pollman, along with Ian Sunderland, led the team in digs.

During a match, Drew Pfyl, sophomore sets a ball to Daniel Prada, sophomore. Prada and Pfyl were a very successful combination this season. Pfyl led the team in assists all season.



Huddling up after the first game, the team talks strategy. Anne Williams coached middle school teams as well as the boys JV. Her experience in volleyball helped many first time players get a feel for the sport of volleyball.

During his serve, Travis Brandt, sophomore, watches the ball after his toss. Brandt had only played volleyball for two years but was a force on the JV team. "I really like volleyball, and hopefully can start playing year round," said Brandt.

A New Opportunity

Throughout the season Daniel Pollmann, sophomore, had the opportunity to play swing for both Varsity and JV. "I had the opportunity to push myself even more in order to meet the standards of a varsity level of playing. I love playing with varsity because I get to play with experienced players, and that particular team has a great group mentality that I am privileged to be a part of," said Pollmann.

Steven Fitzgerald, senior, sets the ball during warm up at the game against Edwardsville on April 14. Although he was a senior, this was Fitzgerald's first year playing volleyball.



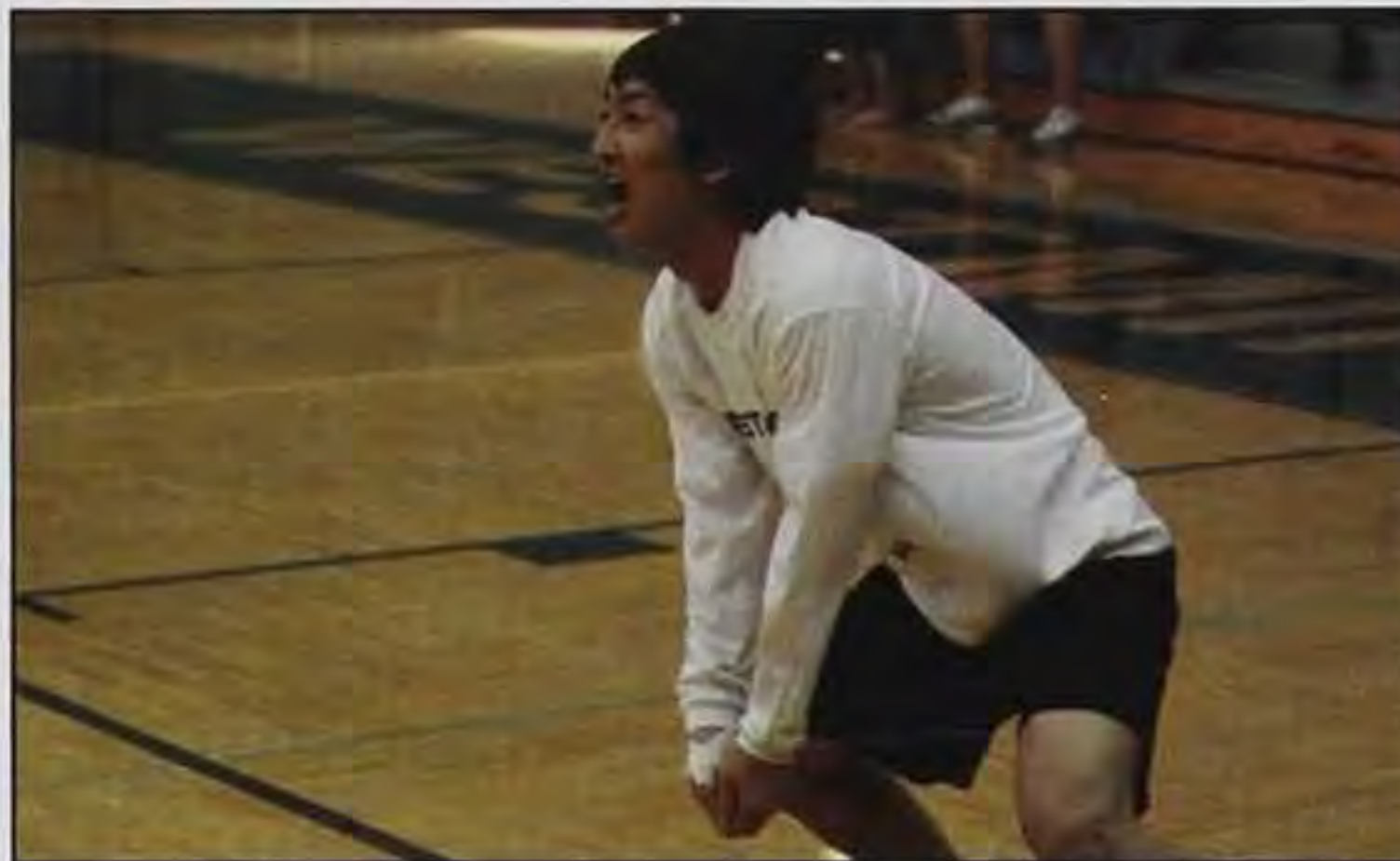
Mitch Penning, sophomore, spikes the ball against the Fort Zumwalt West team on April 8. The match came down to the third game. Westminster won the first game, and West won the second. "I like volleyball a lot because I like to jump around and its a great feeling when you kill a ball and score a point," said Penning



Jeff Meyers, junior, and **Sang-a park, senior,** warm up their serves before the game on March 31 against Ft. Zumwalt East. "I enjoy volleyball because I like it when I make good passes and crush a ball," said Meyers.



Daniel Pollmann, sophomore, warms up before the home match against Ft. Zumwalt in April. "I really enjoyed playing swing during the season," said Pollmann.



Sang-A Park, senior, prepares to pass the ball to his teammate. "I like it when we get a good rally going because it pushes me to play hard so our team can score," said Park

Setting the ball over the net, Gordon Younkin, junior, attempts to score during the game against Ft. Zumwalt West on April 8. "I got interested when I heard about my sister playing it in gym so I decided to I would join the team," said Younkin.



Daniel Moore, senior, warms up his passing before the game against Ft. Zumwalt East in March. "I love the team, you're in constant communication with them and you really depend on each other," said Moore





Drew Menzel, senior, warms up his spike before the home game against Edwardsville on April 14. "Before a game I always listen to 'Remember the Name' and focus on every kill and block I'm planning to get. I love how much fun the team has when we come together and the best part is getting a huge kill at a crucial moment," said Menzel



Matt Baldwin, senior, prepares for the home game against Edwardsville on April 14. Before games the team would warm up with sets, passes, and then serves. The wildcats had a close game against Edwardsville.

A Close Call

The final point was scored and the Wildcat team celebrate the victory over Duchesne on April 11. Both games were close as the Wildcats started down, 2-8 during both games. The wildcats came out with a victory at a score of 29-27 after the first game. The teams would then switch sides and prepare to play the second game of the match.

"The game was really fun. It was fun to watch us come back from behind. I got a lot of kills which was fun. I got to celebrate a lot which is where I do a dance and jump around," said Mitch Penning, sophomore. "I got seven kills and five blocks which helped lead us on the way to winning."

During the second game, the score went back and forth. Like the first game, the Wildcats started off with only a few points, however, a couple of serves helped place the cats in the lead. The game came down to the bitter end as the Wildcats pulled out a victory over Duchesne 25-21.

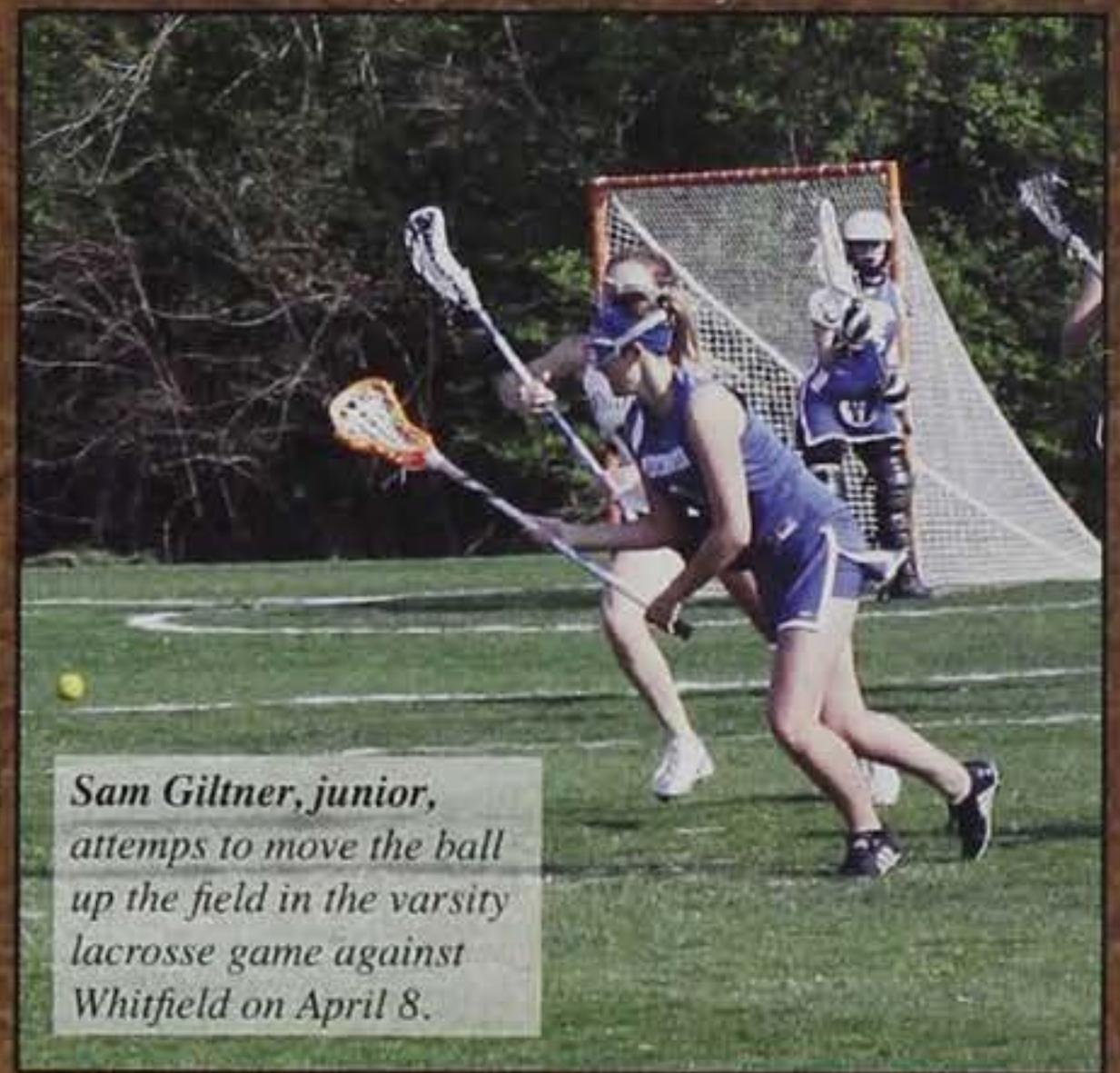
"I thought the team did very well, we worked together well and started making good passes. It was a good game and we all came together to rally to victory. All around we had some great teamwork," said Jeff Meyers, junior.



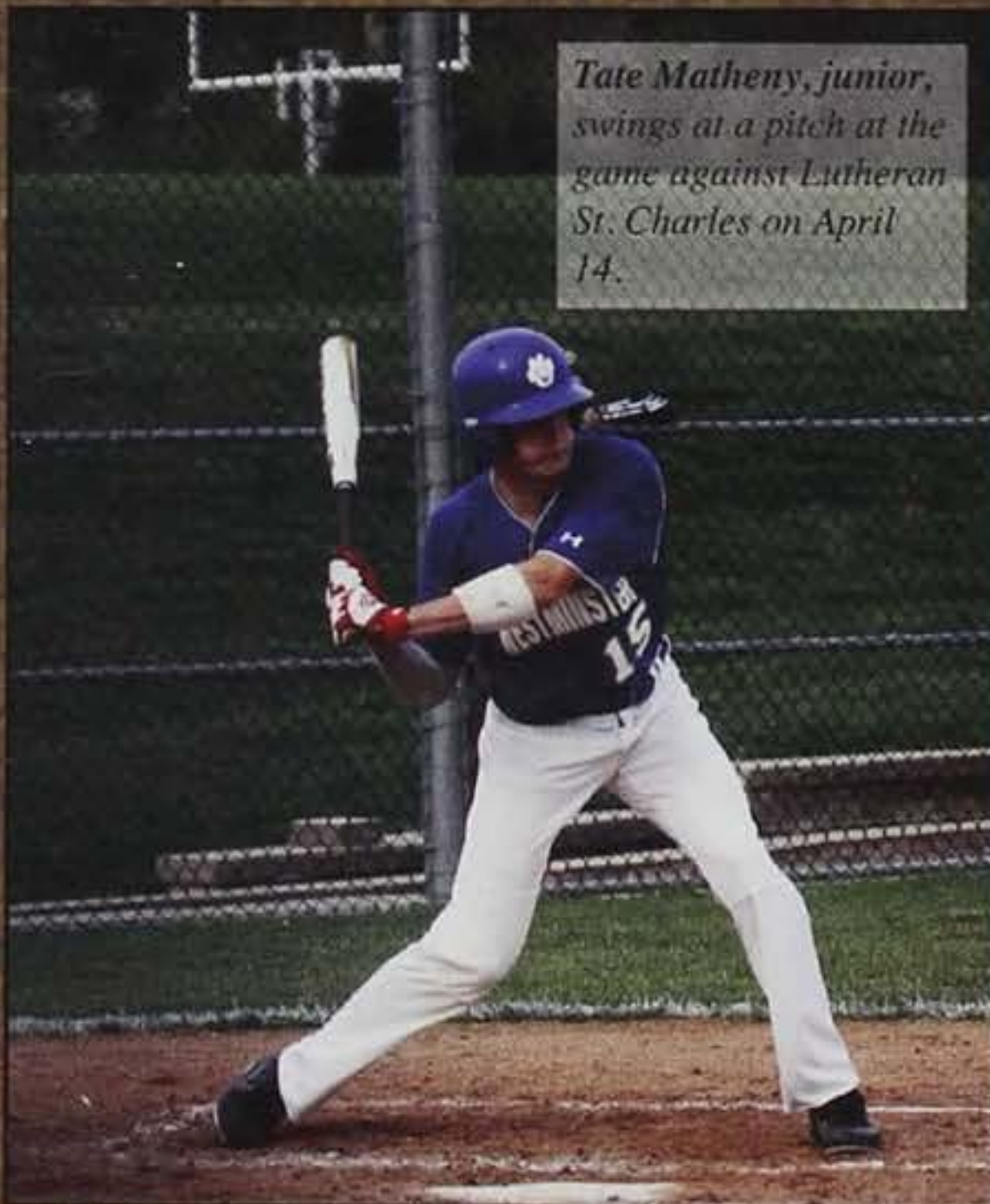
Rachel Bates, Emily Paulk, seniors, Cole Norman, junior, and Peter Williams, senior, sing during the Festival concert. This year the choir traveled to the Czech Republic on tour.



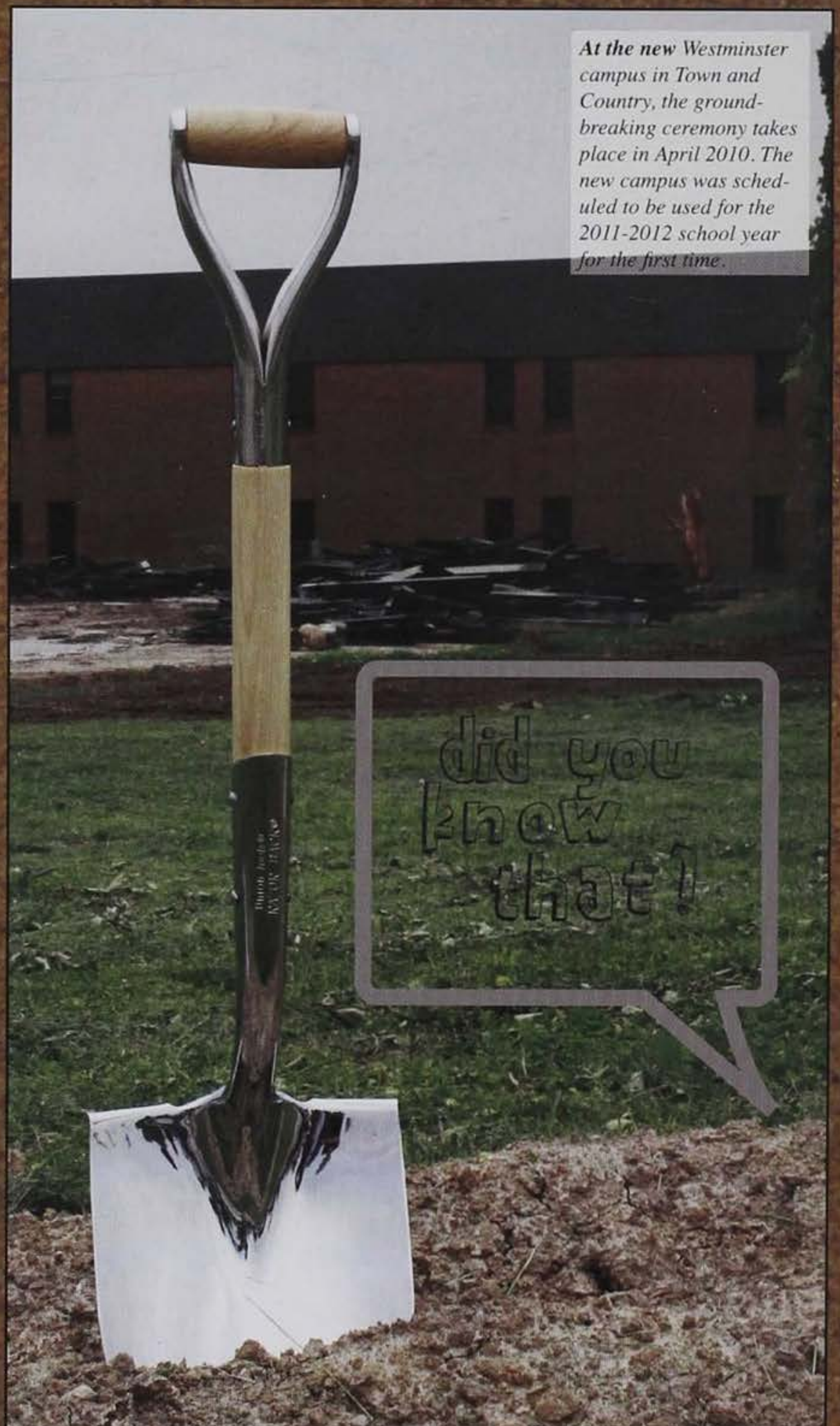
Sam Giltner, junior, attempts to move the ball up the field in the varsity lacrosse game against Whitfield on April 8.



Tate Matheny, junior, swings at a pitch at the game against Lutheran St. Charles on April 14.



At the new Westminster campus in Town and Country, the ground-breaking ceremony takes place in April 2010. The new campus was scheduled to be used for the 2011-2012 school year for the first time.



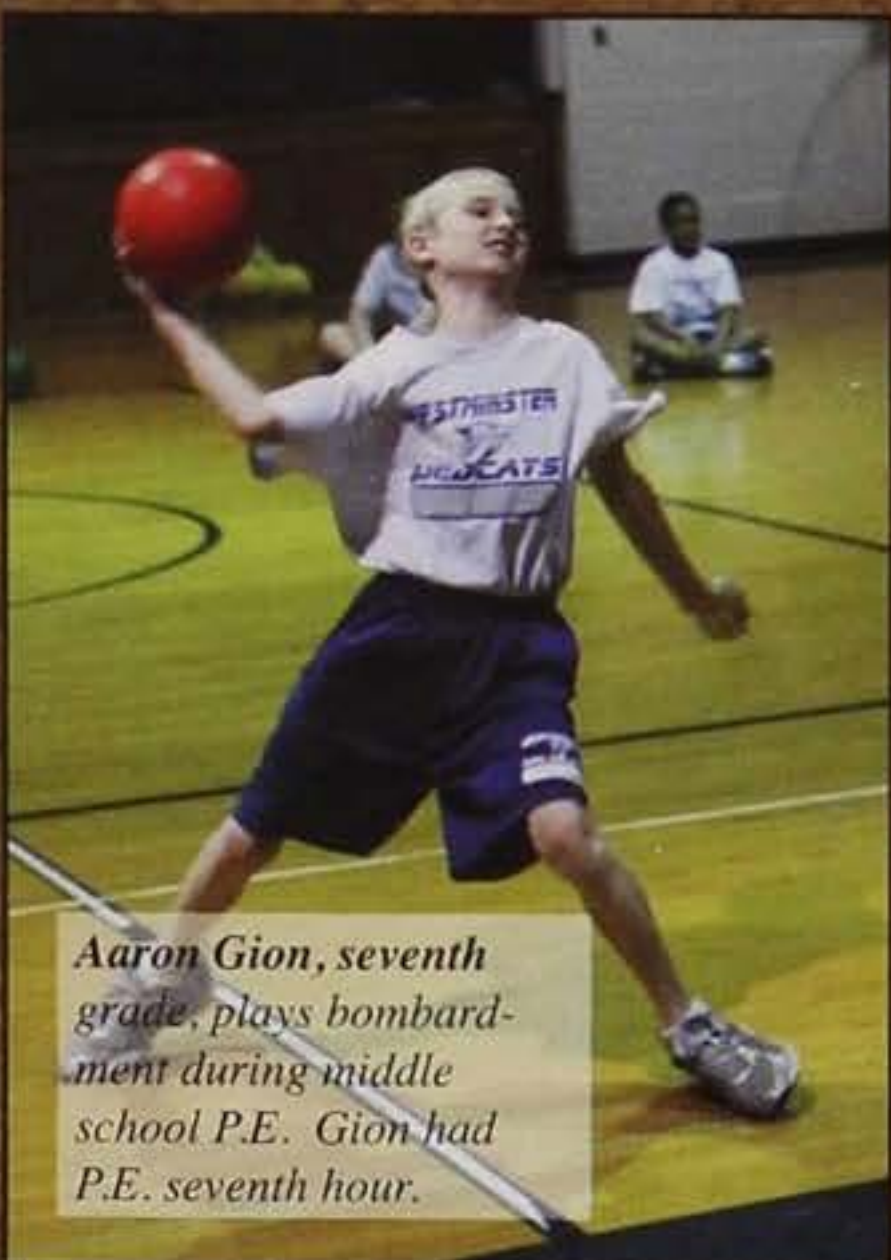
did you know that?



Marissa Harjoe, junior, acts in the spring play, The Madwoman of Chaillot.

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Moving out and moving on. The 2010-2011 school year marked the end of the Ladue campus: the home of countless memories - feelings of loneliness, togetherness, joy, pain, loss, and victory. While the Ladue campus itself has been sold, memories of the times here can be kept forever. And what should be done about these memories, these stories we have heard, seen, and experienced? Don't let them go untold.



Aaron Gion, seventh grade, plays bombardment during middle school P.E. Gion had P.E. seventh hour.



At the jv tennis match on April 18, Andrew George, freshman, plays for a point during his doubles match at John Burroughs. George's doubles partner was Grant Kitchens, freshman.

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