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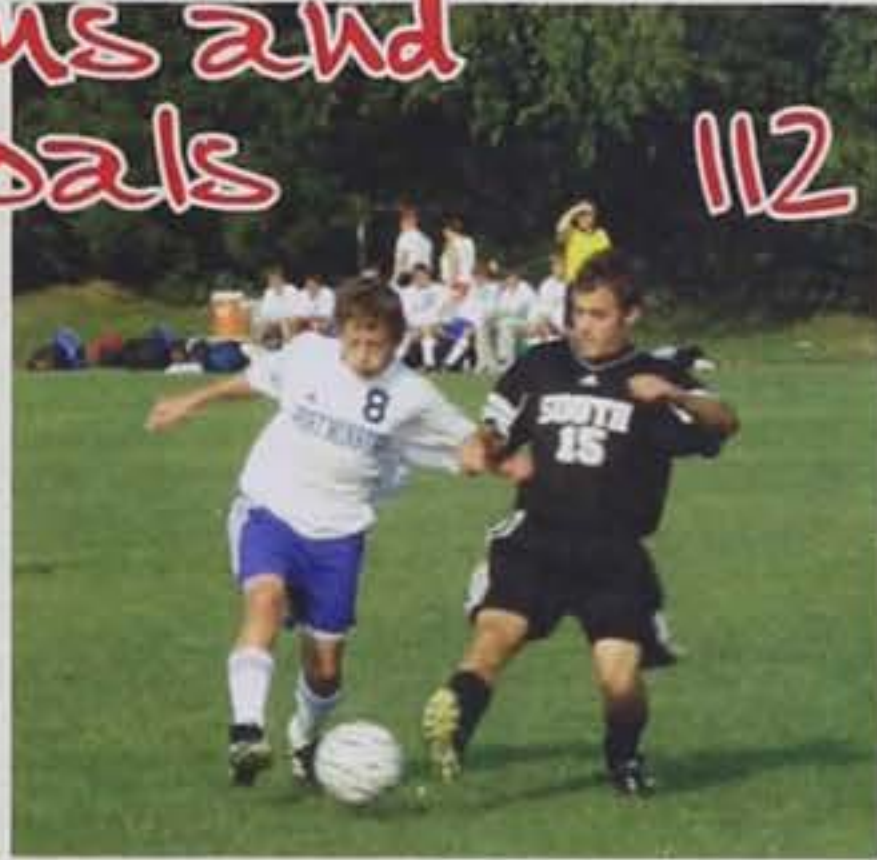
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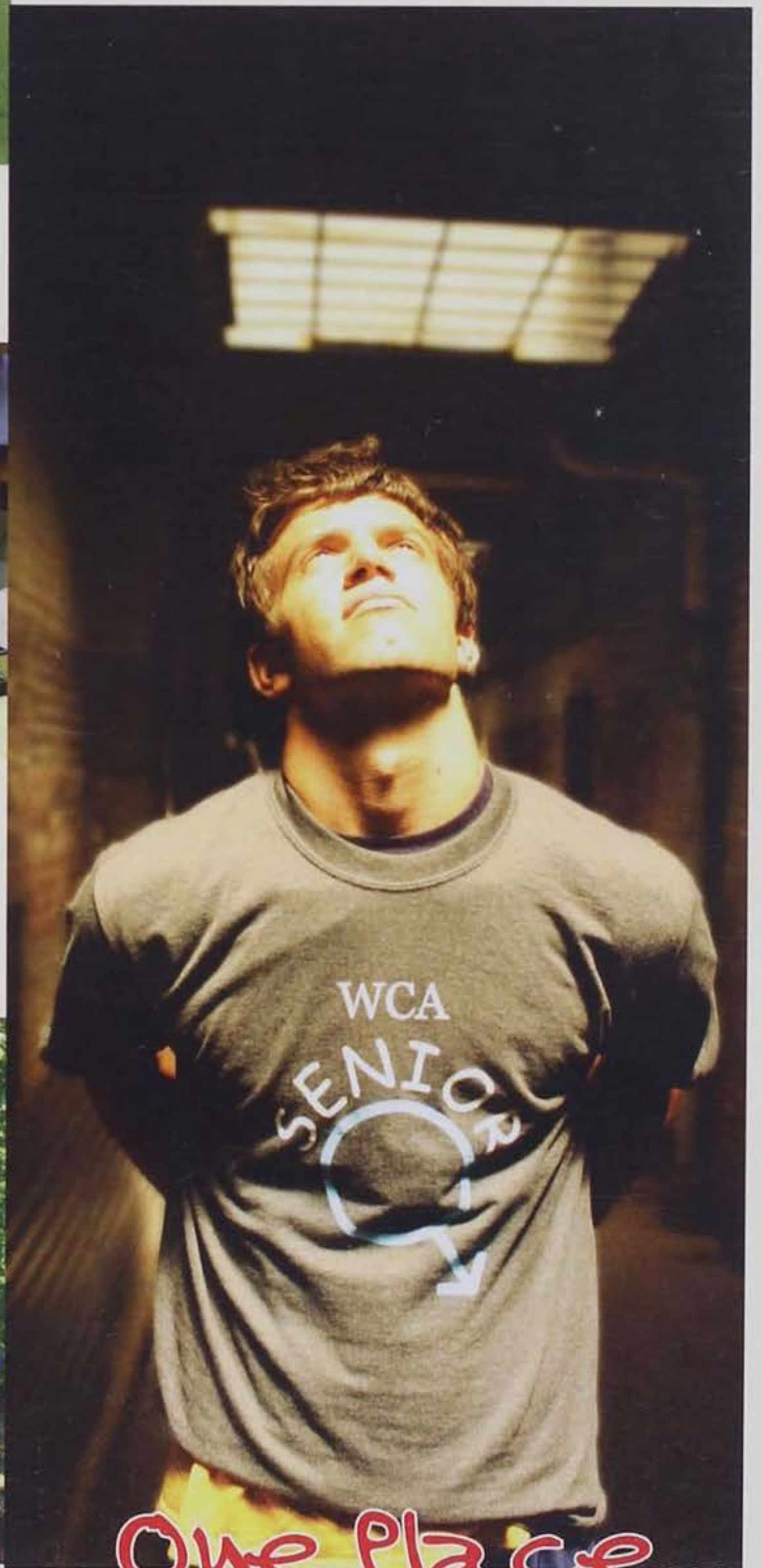
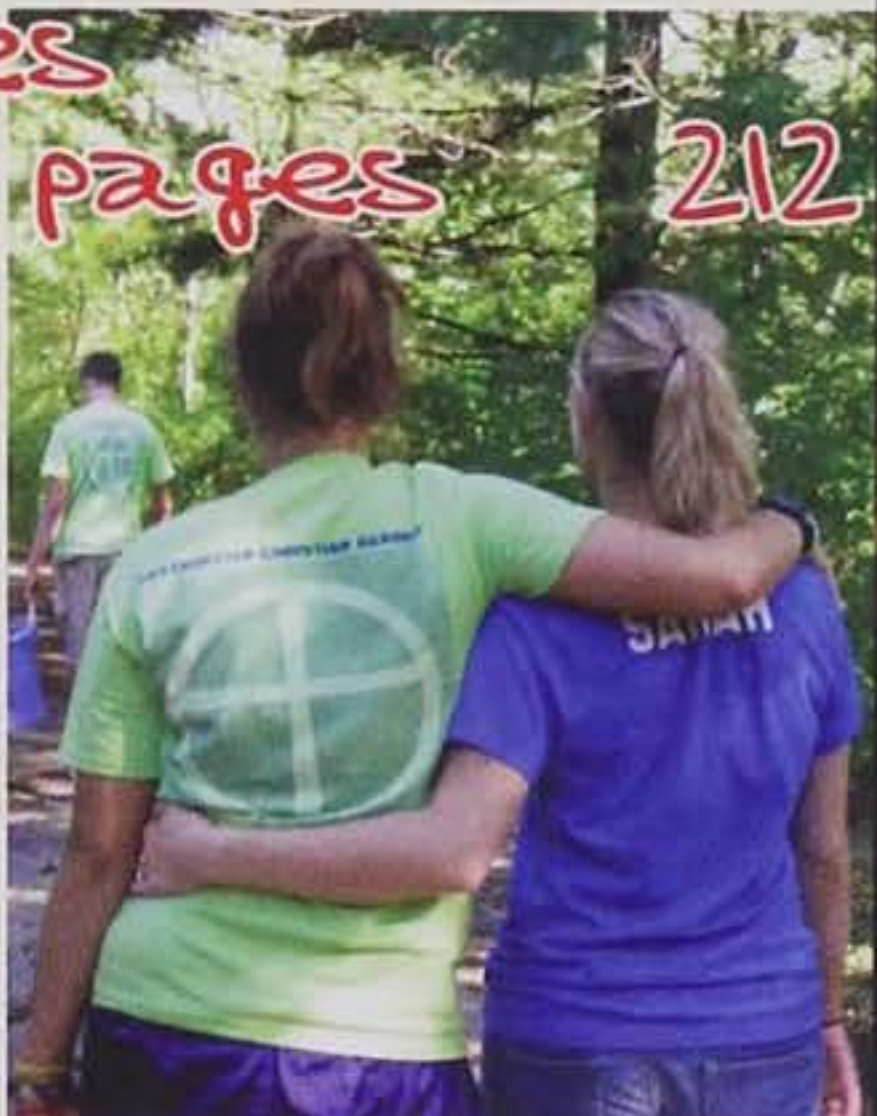
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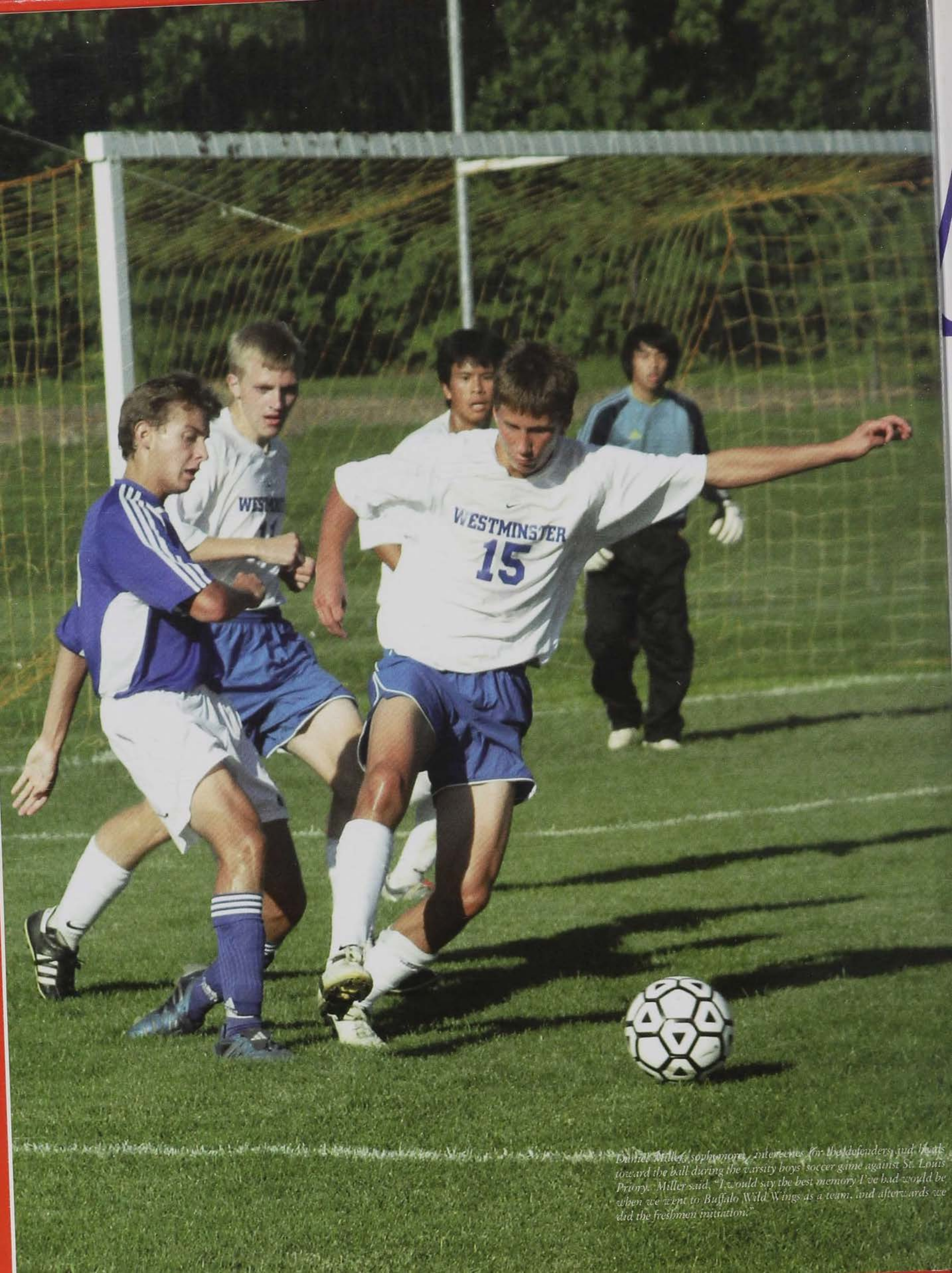
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Leah Younkin and Mallory Alpert, eighth graders

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Daniel Miller, sophomore, intercedes for the defenders and beats toward the ball during the varsity boys' soccer game against St. Louis Priory. Miller said, "I would say the best memory I've had would be when we went to Buffalo Wild Wings as a team, and afterwards we did the freshmen initiation."

Another year has come and gone when we were given the opportunity to **succeed** and grow academically, spiritually and athletically. Although we all approach the same test, chapel, or game, the **individual results may vary**. No two students are identical. The differences in our personalities, intellects and physical capabilities are what make us **unique**. We all process and solve equations differently. We all contribute and participate in our school activities differently. We all are interested in **different** social organizations. And we all play sports with different passions and different **goals**. No matter the task at hand, the different approaches taken **vary** from person to person.



Betsy Bowman, senior, played Hero in the drama two play and claims she did not cheat on her lover, Claudio, played by Kyle Van Hecke, junior, in Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Bowman said her best memory from rehearsal was when, "David Testrake would create nicknames like 'my freckle delight.' He ended up doing it in the play, and it was really funny."



Hillary Franz, eight grader, pushes her way to the finish line while running the mile in p.e. She said, "It was really hard. I hate running." Despite the mile, she looked forward to p.e. each day because she was able to spend time with her friends.



Daniel Minnella, senior, shows off his flexibility on the Peer Counselor Retreat. The PCs traveled to the YMCA camp in Belleville, IL, where they spent two days bonding and learning leadership skills. Minnella's PC group has been working their way to perfect attendance at meetings each week. He said, "If kids don't show up and they skip out, the guys that show up get to TP the other guys' lockers."

Results May Vary

Joined together in our Westminster community are different types of people all striving for *excellence*, whether it be in academics, athletics or extra curricular activities. Our *results* vary due to our unique differences. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, "There are different kinds of *gifts*, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of *service*, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of *working*, but the same God works all of them in all men." God has given different talents and gifts to us in order for the unit to *operate*. Just as the body needs different parts, such as eyes and ears, so does Westminster need every individual in order to *function*. If everyone participated in sports, there would be no one to lead and be involved in musicals, clubs, and organizations. Without the variety of our abilities and qualities, it would be *impossible* for our school to succeed. Our outcomes to exams, sporting events, and life itself depend solely on the *individual*.

Jessie Menchak, freshman, directs a mother to the right classroom during IGNITE. Menchak has been on hospitality for the past two years. Menchak said, "IGNITE was funny because we didn't have a map. As freshmen, we don't really know where the room numbers are. If you don't have a map you have to memorize where the room numbers are, that's kind of hard."



Matthew Roblfing, sophomore, a member of STUCO, participates in a group skit on the leadership retreat. He said, "The topic we did was about obedience. We did a commercial, an advertisement for a medicine. [It was] a pill that you take to make you more obedient. We had a couple of different scenarios with [the pill] and without it, so it was fun."





WILDCAT

Adam Fletcher and Jeremy Worrell, juniors, along with other students, get their game face on to bring enthusiasm to the fans at a home varsity football game. Although he did not consider himself on the blue crew, Worrell enjoyed cheering on the football team during their season. He said, "I really like to see how Jeff Ehrhardt and a couple of guys in my grade perform because I really like to encourage them and cheer them on."

Different faces at different times

PEOPLE



Jill Ridderbos, junior, laughs with a friend in her golf initiation costume. As a new golfer, Ridderbos had to wear glittery antennae, three braids and crazy makeup for an entire day. "I found Claire Stolberg and Stephanie Brown in the bathroom wiping off makeup and fixing their hair. We all ended up wiping some of our makeup off and promising not to tell the other girls," said Ridderbos.

Our lives as students go far beyond the daily grind of classes. Although school involves toiling away at endless piles of work, it also involves fun events. The life of the WCA student involves interests and activities completely separated from classwork. Girls asked the guys to Sadie Hawkins. Guys racked their brains to figure out the most creative way to ask the girls to Christmas Banquet and JSB. Every class competed for the title of "Most Spirited" during Spirit Week. We cheered at the football and the Powderpuff games at Carnival. Besides these occasions, we are also involved in our own activities. What happens during our day-to-day lives impacts us differently. From our morning commute to the number of hours of sleep we get, we all have our own routines. We all have inside jokes that we laugh at over and over with our friends. We all experience struggles, whether it is with school, friends or family. Some of us have spent the year looking for the perfect college. Some of us are in bands, some of us have jobs, and all of us are looking for something to do on a Friday night. God has given each of us our own gifts that make up our individuality. Our interests beyond academics shape us and create our memories. Everyone's individual daily life determines their results.



Ben Guthrie, Michelle Weldon, and Jonathan Autry, sophomores, recite a Renaissance skit in History of Western Civilization. Mr. Vass had the students do skits almost every day and gave out extra credit to whoever could come up with the best costume.

The Peer Counselors line up for a bonding experience at their retreat. The seniors would rotate and tell each person what they were good at and why they were happy to be a PC with them.



OF



Catie Horseman, Carson Boyer and Amanda Wiele, eighth graders, take a break and socialize during their seventh hour p.e. class. Eighth graders either practiced a sport or took p.e. along with an extra class during their seventh hour period.

Samantha Demy and Samantha Hobbs, act during the musical "Godspell." The musical had a great turnout all seven years that it was performed.



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Little Theatre...Big Shows

"This year's musical, was, well, let's just say a lot different from the past couple years," said Christy Krumseig, junior, a cast member of the musical. From the size of the cast to the location and number of performances, this year the musical was unique for many reasons.

For starters, only nine people were in the musical. Unlike before, the ensemble was smaller and more personal. "I really enjoyed how the cast was a small group. We all got to know each other well and learn a lot about each other's skills and type of acting. I think that made the performance better," said Krumseig. This was Krumseig's third year in the Westminster musical. With only two main characters, Jesus, played by Tom Henry, senior, and John the Baptist, played by Jon Pollmann, senior, the remaining seven characters all had about the same number of lines and the same size part.

In the previous years the musical had been performed at the DeSmet High School auditorium. This year, however, it was performed in the Drama Room, otherwise known as the little theater. "The DeSmet auditorium was unavailable this year because we were doing the musical in the winter instead of the spring and they had other plans," said Mr. Allen Schwamb, musical director. Be-

cause DeSmet's theater was unavailable, the cast members missed the use of a back stage and help of a stage crew. "It was kind of sad performing in the small theater. It didn't feel like it was a big musical," said Henry.

Even though the cast did not have a huge place to perform their musical, it did not stop them from putting on an outstanding show. In years past, the musical was performed three times on consecutive nights: Thursday, Friday and Saturday. However, this year, it was performed seven times. "I definitely enjoyed performing it more than three times. It seemed like each time we performed, we got better," said Krumseig.

While many things did change in the musical, one thing remained constant; the amount of practice. Just because they had a smaller cast and performed in a smaller theater, the cast members still practiced every day for two months. "During practices we would start by warming up. Then we would normally go through the scenes or certain songs we needed to work on," said Krumseig.

With changes in the musical, it still ran smoothly and received great reviews. Libby McDonald, junior, commented on the performance saying, "I really enjoyed it. The costumes were funny. All the cast performed fantastically and Tom's voice even gave me chills."



Left: Jo Keller, played by Hank Hicks, junior, and Chris Keller, played by James Vineyard, junior, have a forceful discussion about the family business. The play was performed on January 20 and 21, 2006.

Right: Samantha Hobbs, Rachel Johnson, Trista Maloney, seniors, and Theresa Hastings, junior, sing a song during the musical.



Left: Michael Demers, junior, smokes a pipe in the play "All My Sons". The play was performed two times.

Right: The cast of "Cats" dance around Tom Henry, senior, singing "We'll Meet Again".



Left: Emily Hiles, junior, dances to the tune of "Carrying the Banner" from the musical Newsies in her class' lip sync. The juniors ended up in second place for their routine, losing to the sophomores by one point.
 Right: Claire Simonpietri, Sarah Duffy and Shelly Russel, freshmen, lip sync and dance to the song "Go, Go, Go Joseph" from the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat for their lip sync routine.



Spirit Week



Left: The eighth grade cheers on their class Monday, class color day. Jimmy Myers, eighth grader, cut his hair into a mohawk and dyed it white to support his class.
 Right: Anna Gladney and Libby McDonald, juniors, participate in steam roller on Wednesday. Wednesday was Noah's Ark day, where students dressed up as animals in pairs. Steam roller was a game where students laid down on the ground and raced to see who could roll on top of one another the fastest.



The first day of Spirit Week 2006 marked the first time in Spirit Week history that the senior class was not in the lead: when they walked out of the gym they were in third place, ten points behind the juniors and twenty behind the sophomores. But at the end of day two they were in second place, trailing the sophomores by twenty points, and by the end of day three they were back on top and everything remained normal for the rest of the week. Sort of. Even before Thursday and Friday's "big three" events a series of surprising upsets drastically altered the course of Spirit Week 2006.

As early as day one the seventh grade stormed onto the Spirit Week scene, often beating older classes in many events. For example, in the Improv Dance, which differed from past years in that only one student danced, the seventh grade class took first place when Chaz Langeneckert mimicked a pencil sharpener. The class continued to triumph over older grades, placing second and third in most of the dress-up competitions. And, most surprising of all, the grade's Hawaiian-themed hallway placed third. This display of artistic skill helped the seventh graders to cause a major upset when they placed fourth overall.

The seventh graders, along with the sophomores and seniors, also did well in the "Blue Man Stomp," a new game that involved playing music on household objects like trash cans and pots and pans. This was only one of several new games: dodge ball was another newly-instituted game popular with the students. The eighth grade dodge ball team won, with two of their three students staying in the game the whole time.

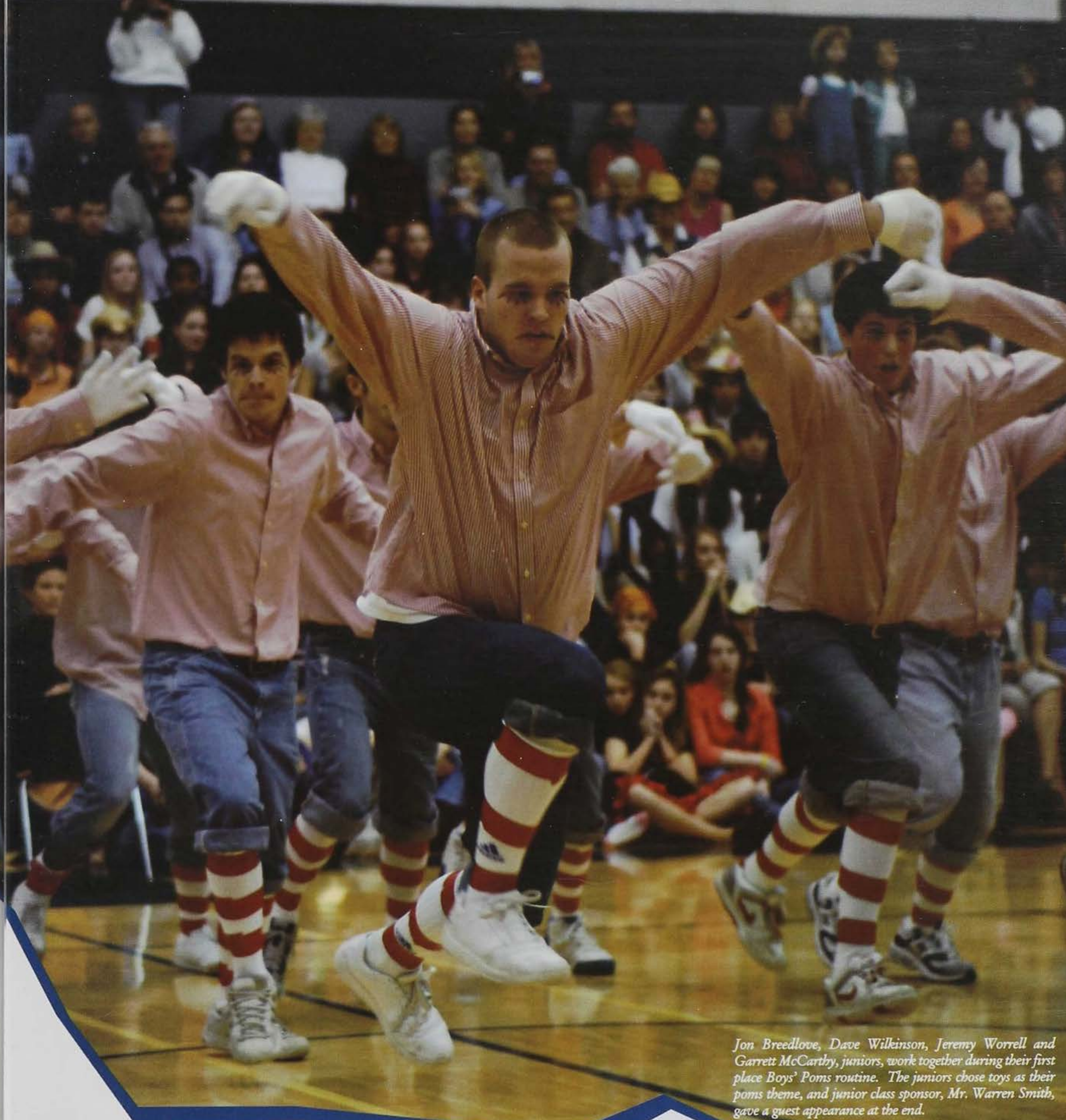
The most surprising upsets were seen during the time-honored Boys' Poms, Lip Sync and Hallway competitions. In Halls, although the seniors and juniors placed first and second, the seventh grade placed third, beating the sophomores by two points and relegating them to fourth. However, the sophomores, along with the juniors, prevailed in the other events: the juniors were victorious in Boys' Poms and the sophomores won not only the Lip Sync (beating the juniors by one point) but also the boy's tug of war.

Despite the best efforts of the younger grades, the senior class ended the week victorious, beating their closest competition (the sophomores) by ninety-nine points.



From left: Amanda Schaffner, Elizabeth Lambert and Leah Beck, freshmen, watch Spirit games. Katherine Fleissner, eighth grader, concentrates on the Blue Man stomp. Colin McAfee, senior, plays a piped instrument he made during Blue Man Stomp. Spencer Seabaugh, seventh grader, dances during boy's poms. Rachel McMillan, Katie Stipanovich and Sarah Moore, juniors, hit glass bottles during their Blue Man Stomp. Liz Crim and Shannon Dille, seniors, apply makeup for 70's and 80's Day. Sarah Davis and Becca Gee, seventh graders, perform their lip sync.





Jon Breedlove, Dave Wilkinson, Jeremy Worrell and Garrett McCarthy, juniors, work together during their first place Boys' Poms routine. The juniors chose toys as their poms theme, and junior class sponsor, Mr. Warren Smith, gave a guest appearance at the end.



Left: Katelyn Haverstick and Simone Elliot, eighth graders, pull hard during their tug-o-war match. They both sported ridiculously large afro wigs for 70's and 80's day Tuesday. Many students wore clothing such as tie-dyed shirts, plaid pants, and Flashdance attire.

Right: Luke McGowen, senior, plays the theme song from the movie Pirates of the Caribbean as the senior class enters the new gym for the Spirit Week assembly. The senior's theme this year was pirates. They wore bandanas and eye patches and occasionally said "yar." It has been a tradition for many years for the seniors to pick themes or mascots. Five years ago the mascot was a fork.



Spirit Week



Left: Jennifer Testrake, Ruth Cross and Rebecca Harding, seventh graders, hold up clever "7 Eleven" signs along with the rest of their class to support their grade. There was always an unspoken competition to have the most creative class sign or theme. Right: Catherine Klotz, sophomore, amazes the crowd with unicycle-riding skills during the sophomore's Lion King lip sync. The sophomores had an impressive performance and received first place. The sophomores incorporated drums into their lip sync.

In the end...

Halls	Eighth grade	Freshmen	Sophomores	Seventh grade	Juniors	Seniors
Boys' Poms	Eighth grade	Freshmen	Seventh grade	Sophomores	Seniors	Juniors
Lip Sync	Freshmen	Seventh grade	Seniors	Eighth grade	Juniors	Sophomores
Final Scores	Freshmen 1471	Eighth grade 1638	Seventh grade 1710	Juniors 1958	Sophomores 1975	Seniors 2074

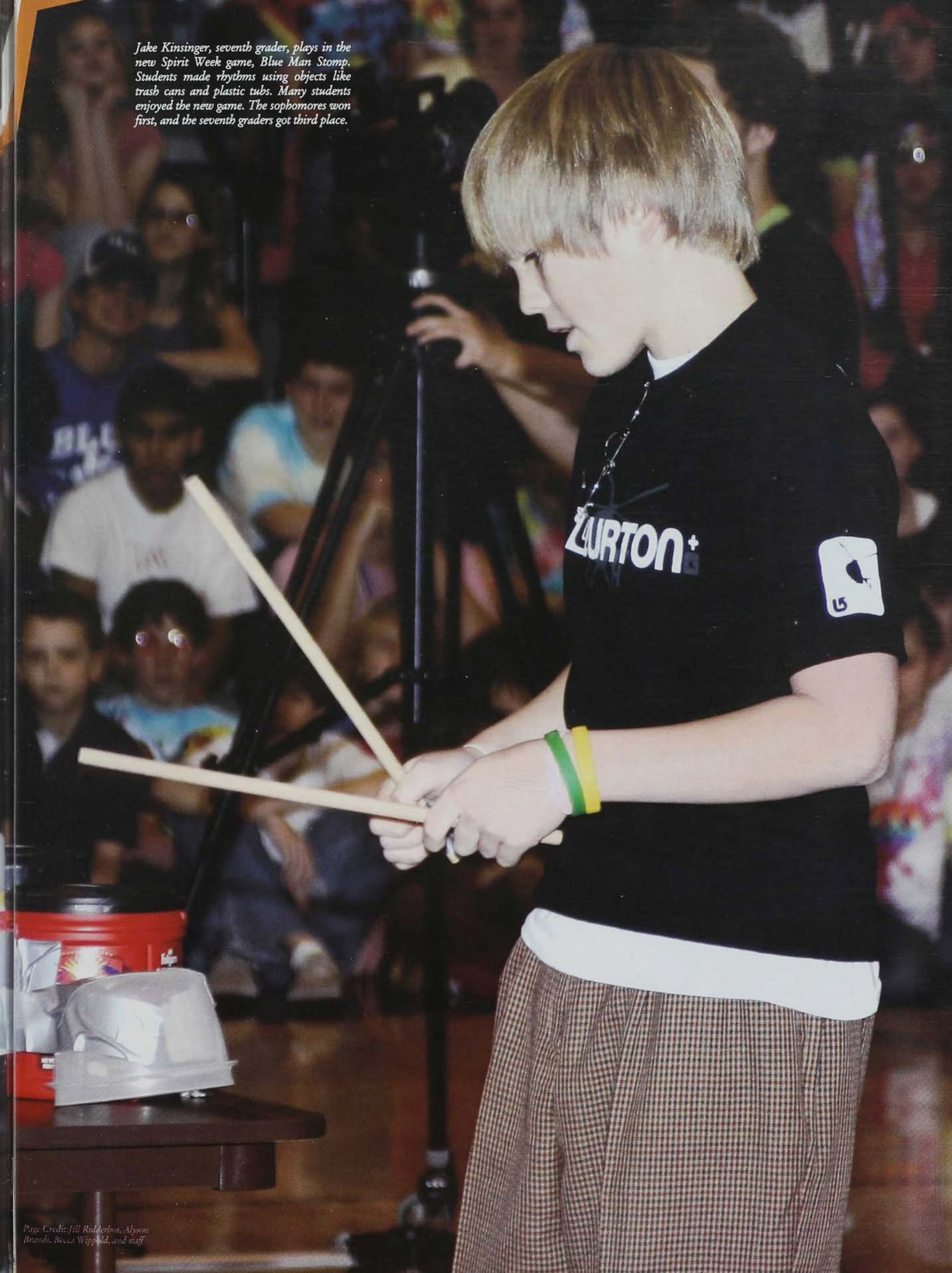
Seniors win again!



Left: Adam Brown, senior, watches his class yell and cheer during the Spirit Week assembly Tuesday. The seniors were rather enthusiastic after waiting six years to win Spirit Week. Right: Lindsey Ellsworth, junior jumps on Meredith Roberts, junior, Monday at the Spirit Week assembly. Monday was class color day, and many students went all out with dyed hair and face paint.



Jake Kinsinger, seventh grader, plays in the new Spirit Week game, Blue Man Stomp. Students made rhythms using objects like trash cans and plastic tubs. Many students enjoyed the new game. The sophomores won first, and the seventh graders got third place.



Clint Gulick, junior, and Rae Salzman, sophomore, make a grand entrance at the Christmas Banquet. The two came dressed as common folk and left as royalty, winning an award for best dressed couple. They truly enjoyed a royal night of feasting and entertainment. "The food this year was really good," said Gulick.



Much More Than Just Dinner

Long before the December 16th date of the Christmas Banquet preparations for the big night began. In November, whether it was STUCO meetings to plan the big night, girls shopping at the mall for the perfect dress, or boys racking their brains for that perfect idea of how to ask that special someone, it became obvious that the annual event was coming up. As everything was being set all anticipated the big night.

Students managed to find their way to the Crystal Ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Clayton after some frustration. "It took us so long to find the place we ended up being almost a half hour late," said Mike Dellaquila, junior. Once inside however, students were treated to a three course feast complete with salad, stuffed chicken, assorted vegetables, and a smooth chocolate cheesecake.

After dinner, those attending were treated to a performance by two choir groups from the Academy, and a video parody of banquet preparations featuring Jeff Ehrhardt and Daniel Minella, seniors, and beloved librarian Miss Marty Peters. "The video was really funny," said junior Camille Barresi. All in all, the banquet was a success.

Afterwards students went to various places including the mother's club sponsored after party and some late night movie showings. "The whole night was just really great," said Kendall James, sophomore. Once again the Christmas Banquet proved to be much more than just a dinner.



Joanna Haas, junior, Theresa Hastings, junior, and Emily Schurpfeil, senior, sing a version of Deck the Halls. The entertainment this year included two choir groups.



Left: Sarah Fullerton and Haley Estes, freshmen, exit the elevator at the Chase Park Plaza. As freshmen, the two made the jump from the less extravagant middle school banquet to the real deal in high school. Right: Elliot Brown, Tyler Thompson, and Josh Maassen, seniors, goof around at the Christmas Banquet.



Left: Aaron Blackwell, freshman, points out the decorations in the dining room to Danielle Simm, junior, and friend Justin Rowton at the Christmas Banquet. Right: Katherine Bear, senior, announces that the festivities have begun.



Just Hanging Out

On the night of December 2, middle school students dressed in their most formal attire to head to Orlando Gardens for their version of Christmas Banquet. More low-key than the upper school banquet, the evening included dinner, skits, videos and lots of socializing. "We wanted to give the students a two hour banquet to let the seventh and eighth graders just hang out and enjoy one another," said Mrs. Maria Deutschmann. For the girls, getting dolled up was an exciting aspect. Lack of an after party caused some disappointment, even though traditionally middle school banquet never included an after party. Although no after party is allowed, students were still able to enjoy each other's company. The middle school banquet was a perfect opportunity for some relaxed fun with friends during the Christmas season.

Mr. Steve Hall, Mr. Nathan Talley, Mr. Andy Kerbkoff and Mr. Thane Velt-Kamp perform a skit for the middle school Christmas Banquet. The banquet was a success and the leaders were pleased with how it turned out.



Katherine Fleissner and Sarah Fleming, eighth graders, perform an improv dance for entertainment. Other entertainment included a lipsync from both the junior and senior PC leaders.



Heidi Hunter and Tom Winter, eighth graders, slap hands in an improv skit at the Middle School Christmas Banquet.



Andrew Kouba, eighth grader, fascinates himself by lighting a twig, taken from the table decoration, into a tea light candle. Some students chose to entertain themselves after dinner any way they could.



Kristin Kilpatrick and Nicole Hoban, eighth graders, focus intently on the buffet style dinner at Orlando Gardens. Anna Gladney, junior PC, reflected on the food selection with, "The mashed potatoes were hard, but the rolls were amazing. I ate like four," said Gladney.



Kyle Edwards, eighth grader, gets asked to provide an object for the improv game at the middle school Banquet by Emily Meyer, senior.



Elizabeth Nester, Chelsea McConkey, and Lauren DeRousse, seventh graders, drink Shirley Temples and eat roast beef at the Middle School Christmas Banquet December 2. The Banquet was about more than food as it was planned to be more of a party for the 7th and 8th graders to hang out together.





Mark Dudley and Bill Cawthorn, seniors, grill up some fancy eats in the traditional senior booth. Cooking was Bill's natural choice of service at Carnival, as he hoped to one day become a chef.

come one, come all

It's a yearly tradition. Every fall, rain or shine, students and teachers brave the weather to set up what is to be the best carnival ever. Poles, tarps, and hay-bales turn in to tents, booths, and an arena to house the day's events. But it doesn't stop there. Dunking booths, talent shows, and hole-in-one contests round things out quite nicely. Carnivals of the past were a far cry from what they are today. "I think we're heading in the right direction with Carnival," said Cindy Zavaglia, English teacher. "It used to be a ghost town." Every year has been directed to bring in a larger audience, focusing on the younger crowd to bring in necessary funding for the classes and clubs. Planning often starts during

the summer, focusing on what was good in the past and on what needs to be improved. Not only do the booths and shows have to be coordinated, but the sporting events have to be planned in advance. Soccer games, football games, and most importantly of all, Powder Puff. Continuing their streak of wins, the girls of 2006 shut down the opposing team for the second year in a row. To cap it all off, this year's festivities were hit by a Winter storm. Tom and Ben Winter, eighth grader and sophomore respectively, took first place together in the talent show with their Dance-Dance-Revolution performance. With so much to do and see, this year carnival kept everyone interested for the entire day, making it a day to remember.



Left: Michael Tal-ent, freshman, races onward in his efforts to take first in the pre eating contest. Right: Joshua Ol-son, junior, blares loudly into the bull-horn in order to en-tice prospective salsa buyers for the boys basketball team.



Left: Rachel John-son, senior, holds the coveted bull-horn up to a young girl in order to an-nounce one of the days competitions. Right: Whitney Phit-zinger, senior, runs down field with the junior de-fense trailing close behind. Whitney Phit-zinger was one of the many senior and junior girls to compete against each other in the annual Powder Puff match.



IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

On November 6-10, the Westminster community collected items to help nine agencies dedicated to serving and helping people around St. Louis. The classes competed to see who could collect the most items and raise the most amount of money. The friendly competition motivated the students to show giving hearts to those less fortunate.

Each day revolved around a different item that was to be brought in. The long-standing Westminster tradition included toilet paper Mondays, school supply Tuesdays, and other supplies the rest of the week. Spare change was also collected all week and was given to the Maynor family after Brian Maynor passed away. Over \$7,000 in spare

change was collected as a gift for Susan, Max, and Briggs.

The nine agencies, including Mission Gate and Kidsmart were grateful for the generosity shown by Westminster students. The competition ended with seniors in first place, freshmen in second place, juniors in third place, seventh grade in fourth place, eighth grade in fifth place, and sophomores in sixth.

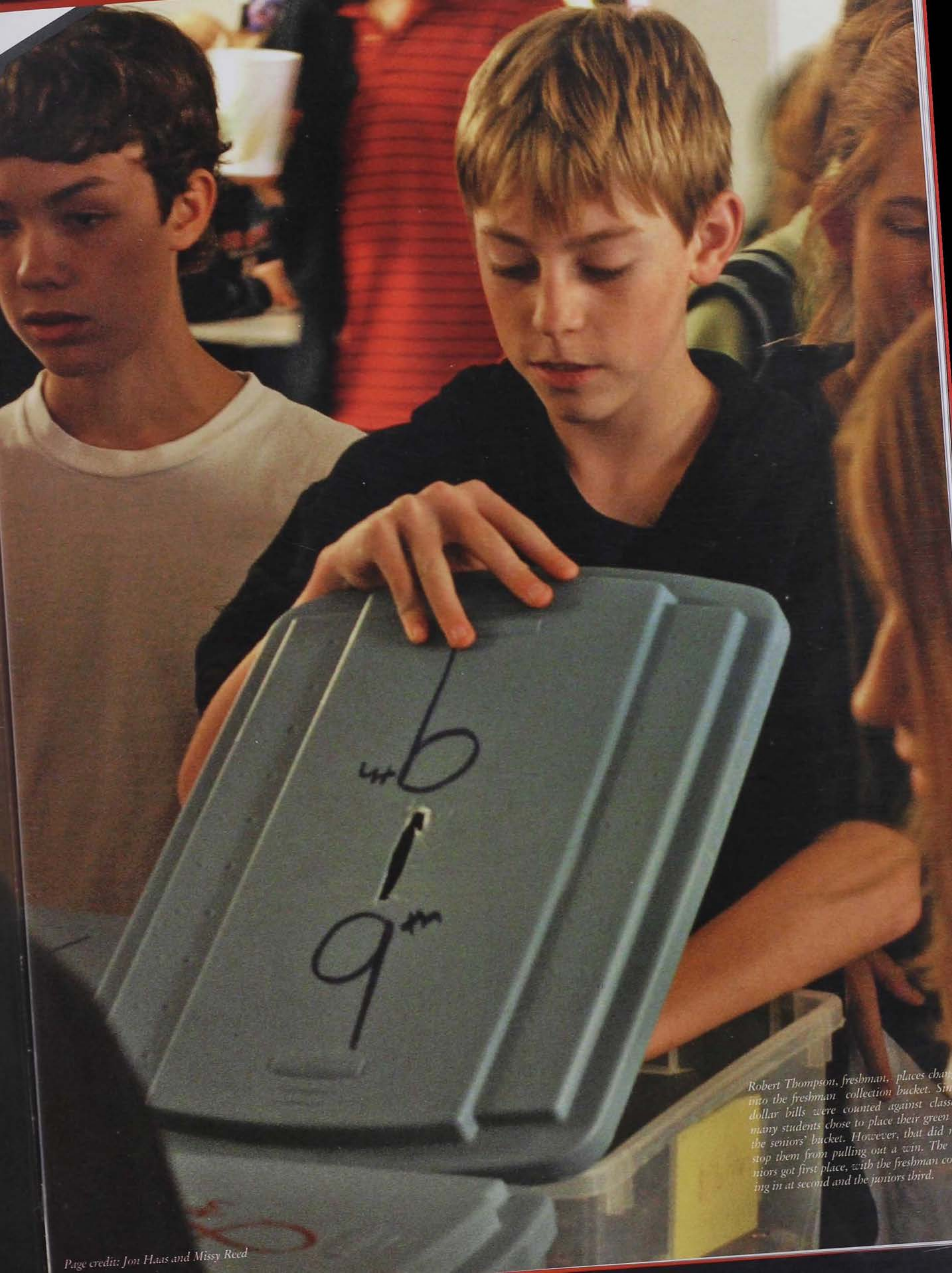
Although competition was involved, ITSOG was both fun for the students and a way to provide for others before the holiday season.

Sorting clothes for ISTOG, Olivia Pierson, freshman, counts items for her class. Pierson was the freshman service chair, so she helped pick out where the collected items would go. Mark Presker, sophomore, helps sort toiletries at lunch. Soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotions and chap stick was brought in by students for St. Patrick's Center.



Left: David Wilcox and Timothy Gee, seniors, separate mittens and gloves. Students brought in socks, scarves, hats, underwear, gloves and mittens for Epworth Children's home and Almost Home. Right: Ryan Haverstick, junior, walks into school with his ITSOG donations. "Even though ITSOG is a competition, it still feels good to bring stuff in, knowing you are helping people less fortunate than you," said Haverstick.





Robert Thompson, freshman, places change into the freshman collection bucket. Some dollar bills were counted against class. Many students chose to place their green bills in the seniors' bucket. However, that did not stop them from pulling out a win. The seniors got first place, with the freshman coming in at second and the juniors third.



Benjamin Paul Aaberg



Mom/Dad: Thank you for your love, guidance, and laughter. You are my biggest fans in everything I do. Chelsea: You know how to keep it real. Thanks for always being there for me and making me laugh. I thank God for you daily and love you all so much. Jeff: "Play on Playa." Compton. Matt: The "KC" is yours. Let's start at 0-0. Andy: Saturday nights with NCAA Football and shooting birds. Jackie: There's nobody SWEETER

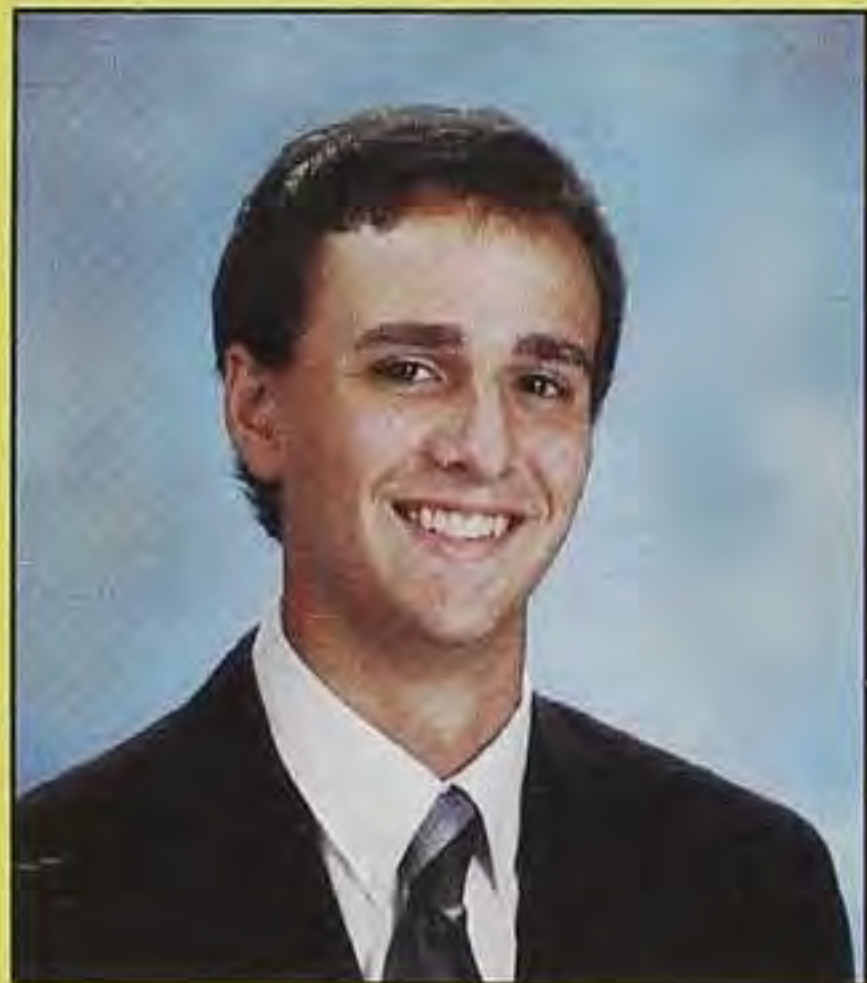


Text messages, chocolate cake, and WHO? MBK: Aha aha aha. Emily: When there is controversy or a need to talk - Cheesecake Factory. Erika: Fights, friends, and questions. Kelley: The back of Casey's car (think about it). Thanks for the memories. Jeremiah 29:11.



Meagan Michelle Adams

While most Westminster students were home resting during their summer break, 27 students and teachers were biking, hiking, and kayaking through the South Dakota wilderness. Known as the Summer Seminar, or "Fat Camp" by many of its participants, this 10 day journey through the Badlands, Black Hills and White River was an experience to behold. "We were pushed to the limits of what we could do, and I've never had so much fun," stated Michael Beck, senior. While the physical experience was exhausting, even to the point of losing one participant to sickness mid-way through the trip, the mental demand was huge as well. "We tried to study the image of God through a literary, philosophical, scientific and ethical point of view." Studying in places such as the valleys of the Badlands, stops along the McKinley trail and cow-dung and mosquito infested plains, students were taken out of the typical classroom setting. "We studied God's creation in the middle of God's creation; it was perfect," said Ashley Timm, senior. "It really made it a trip to remember."



Michael David Alexander



Mom and Dad, thanks for your hard work and support over the years. Aubree, thanks for being such a great sister. Teachers, especially Mrs. Kinmonth, Ms. Zavaglia and V-Man, thank you for pushing me to be the best I can be. Coach Talley, you're such a perfect example of living for Christ, I love you Coach. Friends, we've had some great times these past three years. I'm going to miss everyone so much. Underclassmen, here is the wisdom I shall pass on: Teachers are there to help you, working hard gets you places, don't spit into the wind, don't share pre-chewed gum (that's disgusting), and make sure you understand that Dave Matthews Rocks! It's been good...Rev. 21:1-4.



I have been incredibly blessed during my six years at the Academy. I would like to thank my Lord and Savior for leading me to him and never giving up on me. Mom



and Dad, you're amazing and I love you both. Thanks for everything. Thanks to the awesome teachers at WCA who were so helpful to me. Dave, Jason, Jon, Mark, Matt, Peter, and Tim, thanks for the good times at lunch and elsewhere. David, may the subs (not the sandwiches) be with you. Have a cup of Java. Kate, thank you for loving me for who I am, even when it was not deserved. I love you and always will.



Daniel Steven Alstadt



Katherine Marie Bear



Mom and Dad: I could never thank both of you enough for the love and support you have shown me through the years.

Christi and Matt: you are amazing role models. Anne, Amanda, and Sarah: through all the crying, the laughter, and the deep talks you've become like sisters to me...Me-Sarah: Spring Break '05, Dance Team, Yarn?, I'll never forget all the memories. Betsy: our hair, Carrie's house. Lauren: "My dad's a man!" JV dance. Kristen: Jimmy Eat World, Barney, abbreviations. Dana: "Pookie," nice job corrupting me. Katherine, Laura, and Tara: Soul mates, Spice Girls, S&TC. Kenyon, Michael, and Cox: Sorry for being so boring and blonde. Lexi: OSF, 1518. Thank you all for how you've impacted my life in such positive ways.



SOUTH DAK-OH-TA

The Summer Seminar students pose for a picture in front of Mount Rushmore. While an interesting site to finally see in person, the monument ultimately underwhelmed many of the participants. Most preferred the trip to nearby Devil's Tower.

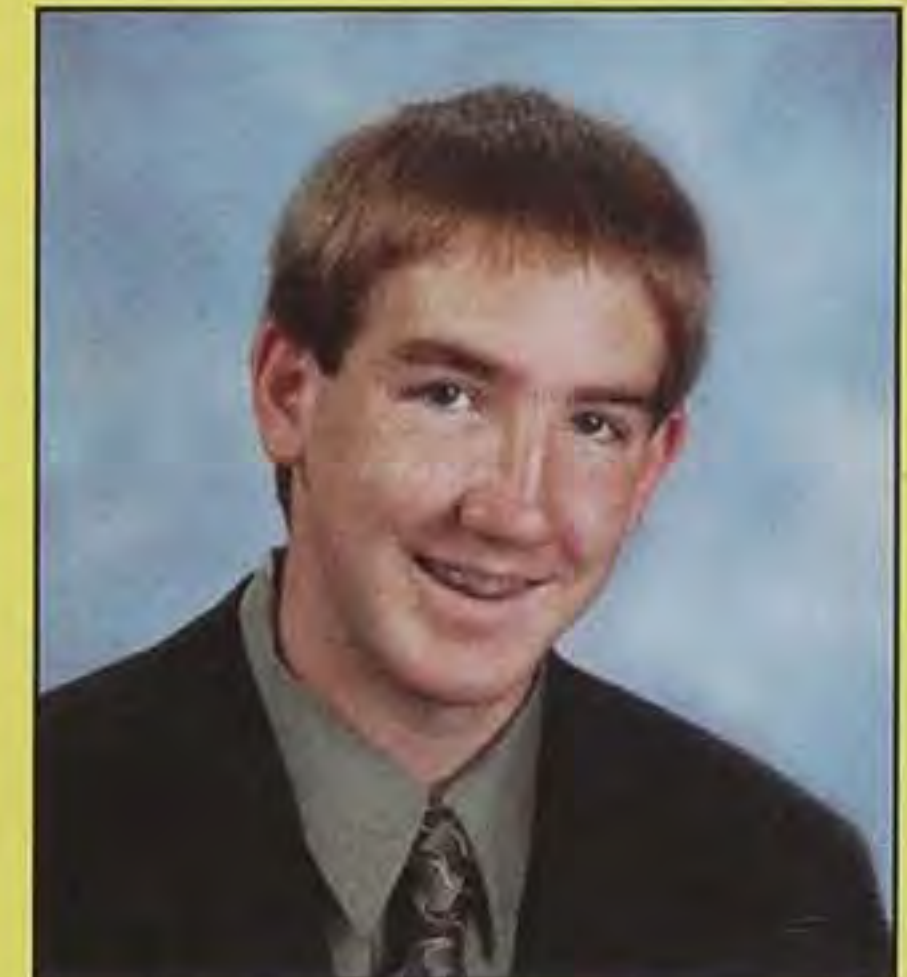


Mr. Warren Smith teaches the summer seminar students on the top of a plateau among the Badlands. Soon after this meeting, the students were privileged to watch a sunset over the Badlands as a storm raged in the distance.

Brendan Zee-Cheng and Michael Beck, seniors, recover after a crash on the third day of biking. Zee-Cheng, though agile on foot, seemed to lack certain finesse on the bicycle. Totaling three falls on the trip, he was seen as a hazard to everyone's health on a bike.



I want to thank God for helping my parents find this great school. I want to thank my D-Group guys for always being there. CC guys - always fun. Thanks Stange for better workout, it really does work. Z you keep Snowblast interesting with wonderful skiing abilities. Andrew, William, and Brendan I wouldn't be able to stay sane in AP Physics without you. I want to thank my brother and sister, Andrew and Leah, I will miss you, but we had a great time. Have fun at WCA - it goes by fast! I want to thank you Mom and Dad for always supporting me, praying for me and helping me. I love you, Mom and Dad.



Michael Robert Beck



Brandon Christopher Benefield



Stephen Joseph Bianca



First, thanks to Him who has brought me safe thus far; I couldn't be where I am today without Him. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything you've done for me, whether I've liked it or not. I love you! Nathan and Austin, thanks for putting up with me. Andrew, these six years have been great. When you take future clients golfing, be careful! Josh, crazy times, man. We're quite an odd pair. Michael, never stop being you; just be safe. All my friends, you're the best. Dr. Shaw, thanks for two great years. I'll never forget dimensional analysis. Mr. Stange, thanks for all the hard work you've put into me. Westminster, it's been great. God is good! 1 Corinthians 9:24-25



Thank you everyone for always being there. Mom, thanks for being protective but still having a good time with me. Dad, you've been a real influence in my life and shown me a great example of a father. Michael, glad I had you to play ball with, continue to develop into the caring person you are. Taffy, love you even though you aren't here with us anymore. My boys, Newman love those baseball times, summer nights, and days at the lake; "domination knows how to party." My church guys, great trips and hack sessions. All my girls, Jackie good times with all-nighters. "You can take our phones and you can take our keys, but you cannot take away our dreams."



Elizabeth Marie Bowman



First, I want to say God is amazing, and has honestly turned my life around and I thank him every day for protecting me (James 1:12). Next, I love you- Dad, Mom, Ben, and Sam more than life. Dad your strength has been constant encouragement to me, and Ben...thank you for NEVER giving up on me. Lar- blind dates, Vlasia, Myrtle Beach, roommates, I love you MWAH! Caitlin- Tony, Express, Kat- Sampleman, Carrie, Destin, crazy talks, I heart you. Em- softball, "I'm ready," late night calls, NSYNC, rededication. Kenyon and Michael, you guys are awesome and I love you. Alli (Shorty) and Ray (Junior) - crazy love! Ying-Yang, hard times but you will always be in my heart.

Six years have come and gone in the blink of an eye. I couldn't have made it this far without God's hand in my life. To all the people who have helped me grow, thank you. Dad, you've supported me in everything I've done, Mom, thank you for believing in me. I love you both. To my girls - through laughter and tears, you've always been there. I'll miss you so much next year! Last, but certainly not least, to Joe: Thank you for caring so much about me. It's been quite the rollercoaster and thanks to you, I've never had to ride it alone. Love you! I feel incredibly blessed to have had you all in my life.



Sarah Elliot Breeding

Many people had jobs and were in different places either making money for cars, gas, insurance, leisure, fun, etc. Josh Olsen, junior, worked at Waterway Gas and Wash. "I like the pay including a lot of tips from the customers. It is fun driving all of the cars, and meeting customers. I also work with a lot of fun people," said Olsen.

Emily Camp, senior, worked at American Eagle Outfitters in West County Mall. She also worked with Katie Robb, senior. "I love working with Emily and other people at American Eagle. I also love the discount. It is fun to work there and it is a lot better than my old job," said Robb about her job.

Katie Stipanovich and Taylor Smith, juniors, worked at Straubs on Clayton Road. Stipanovich enjoyed the job because, "I really enjoy the job because of the fun community of people I am around. It is really fun to see some of the customers that come in at least two times a week. They enjoy asking about your life. They become a part of your life. I also enjoy the people I work with. It is one big community," Stipanovich said.



Adam Jay Brown

High Schools over, but where one journey ends another begins. Mom, I couldn't have done it without you. Nesters, thanks for all the love and support. El, friends since the day we met; you're the brother I never had. Tu casa es mi casa. Shawn O the same goes for you. JC and BW, my soccer boys, it's been real. SAS, "Hands Down" your one of the coolest girls I know and such an awesome friend; don't ever change. I'll miss our nightly talks. Kell Bells, socks and college partner. Stillman, first friend I made here. BA, crackers and being hyper together, your amazing bud. JK, Monday nights, fights, eating out, I-l-u-v you. To everyone else, I'm out.



Elliot Matthew Brown



To Mom and Dad, The greatest experiences of my life, I owe to you. Your never-ending love and freedom has molded me into the person I am today. To Chris, Thanks for warming the place up for me; I love the challenge. To my little sis, Steph, I hope that you will learn from my mistakes and advice. To "The Group", I will never forget: messes at lunchtime, fireball, water balloons, fireworks, hot tubs, running away, Urban Gorilla, Frisbee, the Fort (1 and 2), "Indians in the Woods", the "big" bird, fountains, and the toboggan. To the Central guys: Ivancic, Josh, and Dustin; Here's to the many years of mischief to come.



Where Do You Work?



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Christian Binkholder, junior, rings up an order at Chick Fil-A in West County Mall. "I work with great people and the job is a lot of fun because of them," said Binkholder.



Clint Gulick, junior, helps the pizza maker at Farrato's on Manchester Road. "I like working there for the experience later in life, so I can tell my children how I worked for my money," commented Gulick.

Kelley Schwartz, senior, cleans menus at Red Robin on Manchester Road. Schwartz said, "It is a great environment and the job was fun. The people were also fun to work with."

Mom- Thank you for always being there for me. Your love and support have been a true blessing. Jen- Your encouragement has really helped me get through these past few years. I can't wait for next year. Jul- I'm going to miss you so much next year. Don't get into too much trouble. Friends- I can't believe how fast time has flown, so many good memories. Thank you Lord for being my rock and bestowing on me your amazing love. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles," (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).



Jessica Ann Buis

Long lasting friendships have to start somewhere. How did your high school friendship start?



Pricellious Brittney Burruss



Hey!! I'm graduating! With lots of people to thank, of course. Thank you, Daddy and Mamma for always giving me that extra kick whenever I want to give up. Thank you, God, for your faithfulness even when I'm not. Jerrika, thanks for all the laughs and fun that I will never forget (we legal now! LOL) Kiah, it's been a long time, are we there yet? Gabrielle, my would-be-bestfriend-if you weren't my sister. Life wouldn't be the same without you! Vicky, zip it, and Danelli, STOP CHEATING! Ja'mie, is this how you say it? To all my friends and family that I didn't have enough words to mention, I love you :-> WCA teachers and administration, Thanks!

"Sarah McReynolds was in my ballet class when I was little and when I saw her at school I was afraid to tell her we took ballet together because I was afraid she'd remember me as the really bad dancer in the back."

-Kat Bear, senior



Emily Elizabeth Camp



Lauren Elizabeth Cantrell

Words cannot express how blessed I am to have attended WCA and to have met the people I have these past four years. To my family: You are my foundation and I am so lucky to have you there to catch me if I fall. There are so many things I have you to thank for; there is nothing I can do to repay my gratitude. I love you. To my friends: We finally made it! And even though we are parting ways, I know that our friendships are strong enough to last forever. There are so many inside jokes, I don't even know where to begin. We have had so many amazing, unforgettable times. I love and will miss all of you!

"When I was first getting to know Mary Beth Klotz in the seventh grade I never could remember her name. When we would walk down to lunch, I'd be like, 'Hey you, wanna go to lunch?' It took me a couple weeks to finally get her name right."

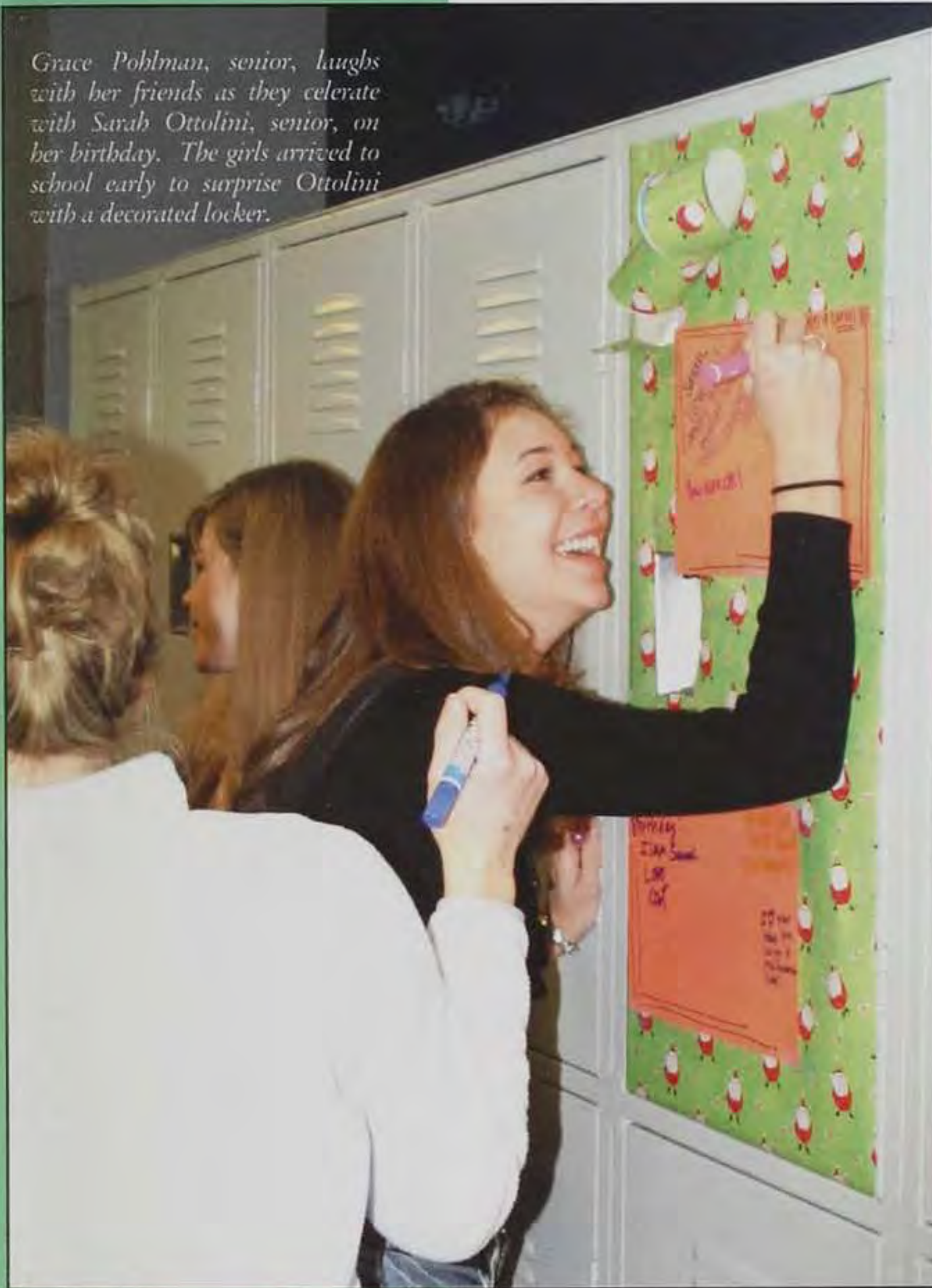
-Grace Pohlman, senior



Daddy in Heaven-thanks for the slow process, sovereignty, and loving continually. Family-I love you. God blessed the broken road. (Ps. 103:1-4) Kelley-sister, magical summers, fab4forever, hope, thanks for the direction. Jeffy-blood brother, thanks for gentle honesty. Matty-unconditional best friend, sacrifices and joys, irreplaceable, unforgettable, we always make the best of what's around. Chillibugger-instant friends overdue, thanks for the lessons and craziness. (D-group-laugh,cry,pee): Sammy-weeping, persevering, unusual understanding, 2deep+words. Weanie-thanks for remembering the little things, bit. Kro-double trouble but best times, can't live without you. TrikDaddy-secrets, scary movies. Woo-TP, frono/loto. Casey-venting, confiding, laughinglakes, Andy-exam runs, BigRED. Aub-cheesecake theft, chivalry. Glaser-CarmenGia, and McNamara. Heyse-deep, random convos. Sean-glad you're back. PC girls- love covers weaknesses.

You Had Me At Hello

Grace Pohlman, senior, laughs with her friends as they celebrate with Sarah Ottolini, senior, on her birthday. The girls arrived to school early to surprise Ottolini with a decorated locker.



Hayley Younkin and Lindsey Peters, sophomores, sit together and watch as the alumni enter the old gym before the annual Thanksgiving chapel. This particular chapel brought back many memories among various groups of friends.



Paul Lewis and Garen Lafser, juniors, bond over a brown-bagged lunch in the cafeteria. Lewis met Lafser in eighth grade at basketball practice. "The first time I met Garen was when he walked in the gym and yelled, 'Don't take that shot, big man!'" Lewis described.

"I met Danny Wiele in fifth grade in Ms. Simon's Class. We went to a pool party and I remember thinking he was weird because he asked me where the bathroom was."

-Adam Fletcher, junior

Yes, I love the Academy. I found so many extraordinary people here: Mr. Burkey, you rock at listening. Seminar teachers, you're weird (especially Knerr), but smart and totally rad. Girlies, you are my sisters, and I get the warm fuzzies just being around you. Only God knows how much we've been through. Brooke, I don't know how to explain how great you are. Rachael, I love you billion. Haley, Kristina, Jill, you make not being me look good.



Cori, you rock my tube socks man! Chillzy, my beautiful slug! Becca, long live the proletariat! Now, the fam: Brothas, I love you because I have to and because I want to. Mom and Dad, I love you more than you'll ever know. And remember: God is a lot smarter than us, and if he said love never fails maybe we should listen.



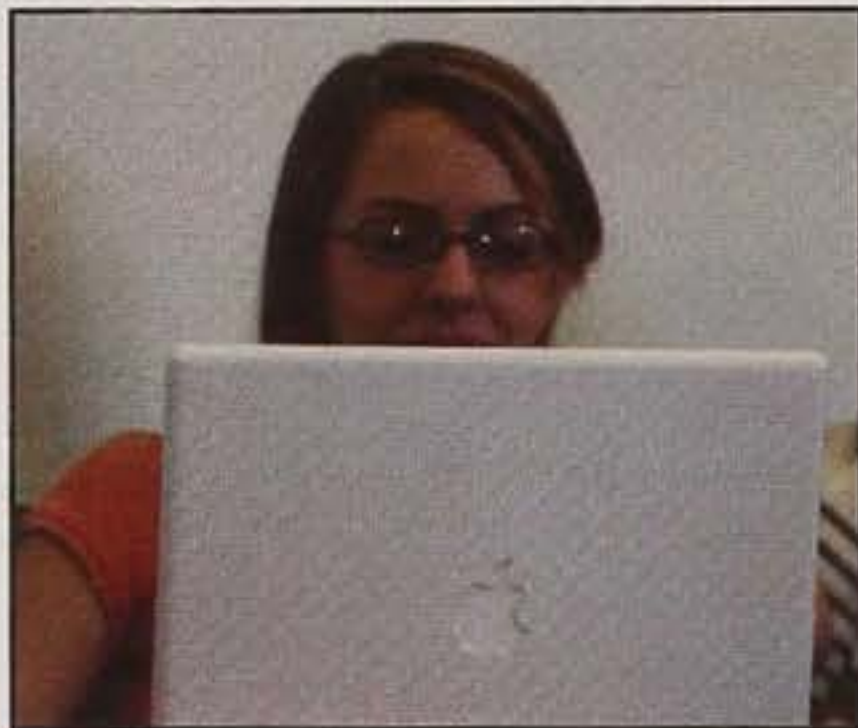
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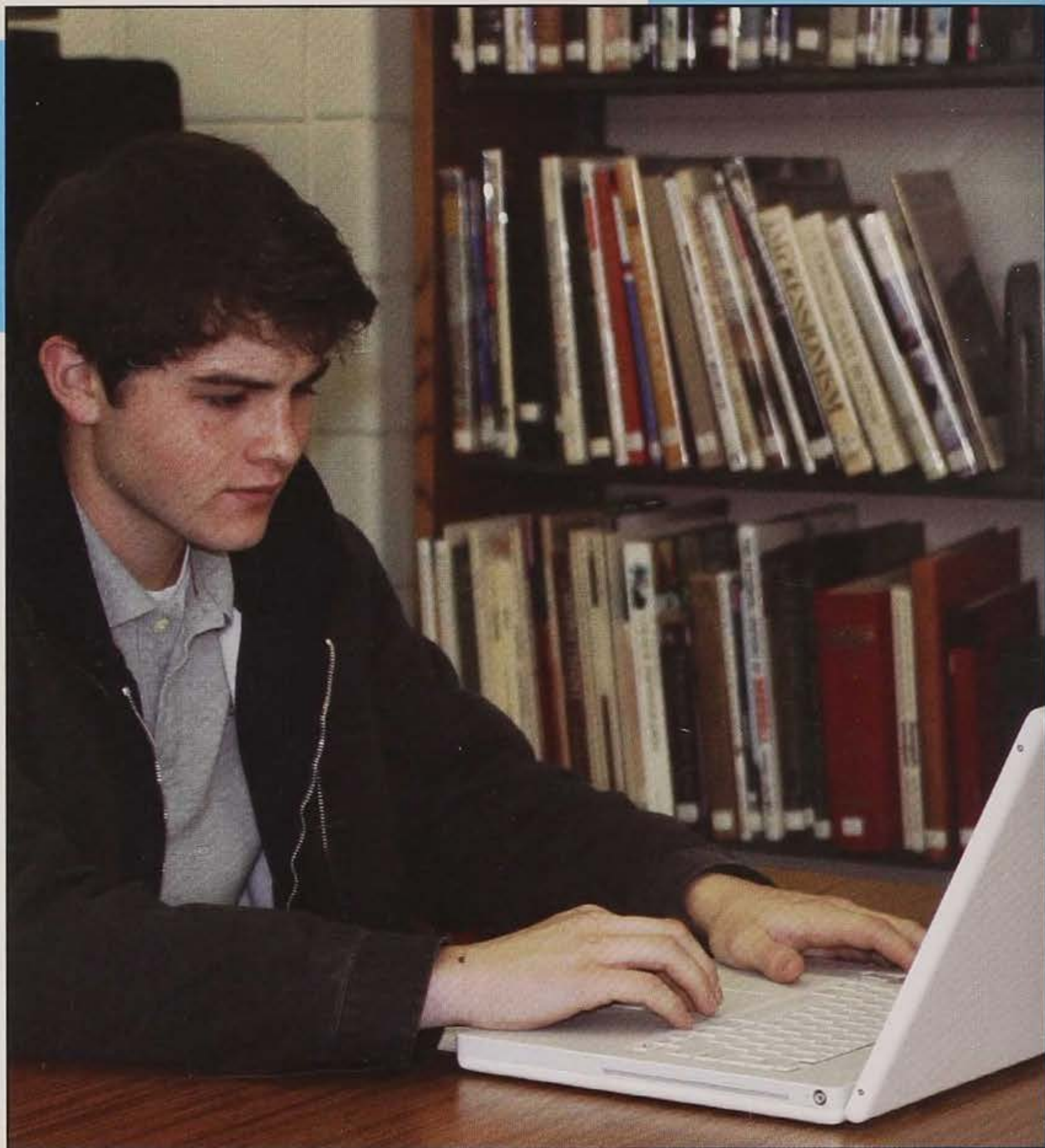
Kevin Sheehan, Senior, listens to Coldplay on his iPod. "Apple iPods have really revolutionized the way people listen to music. I love Apples!" said Sheehan.



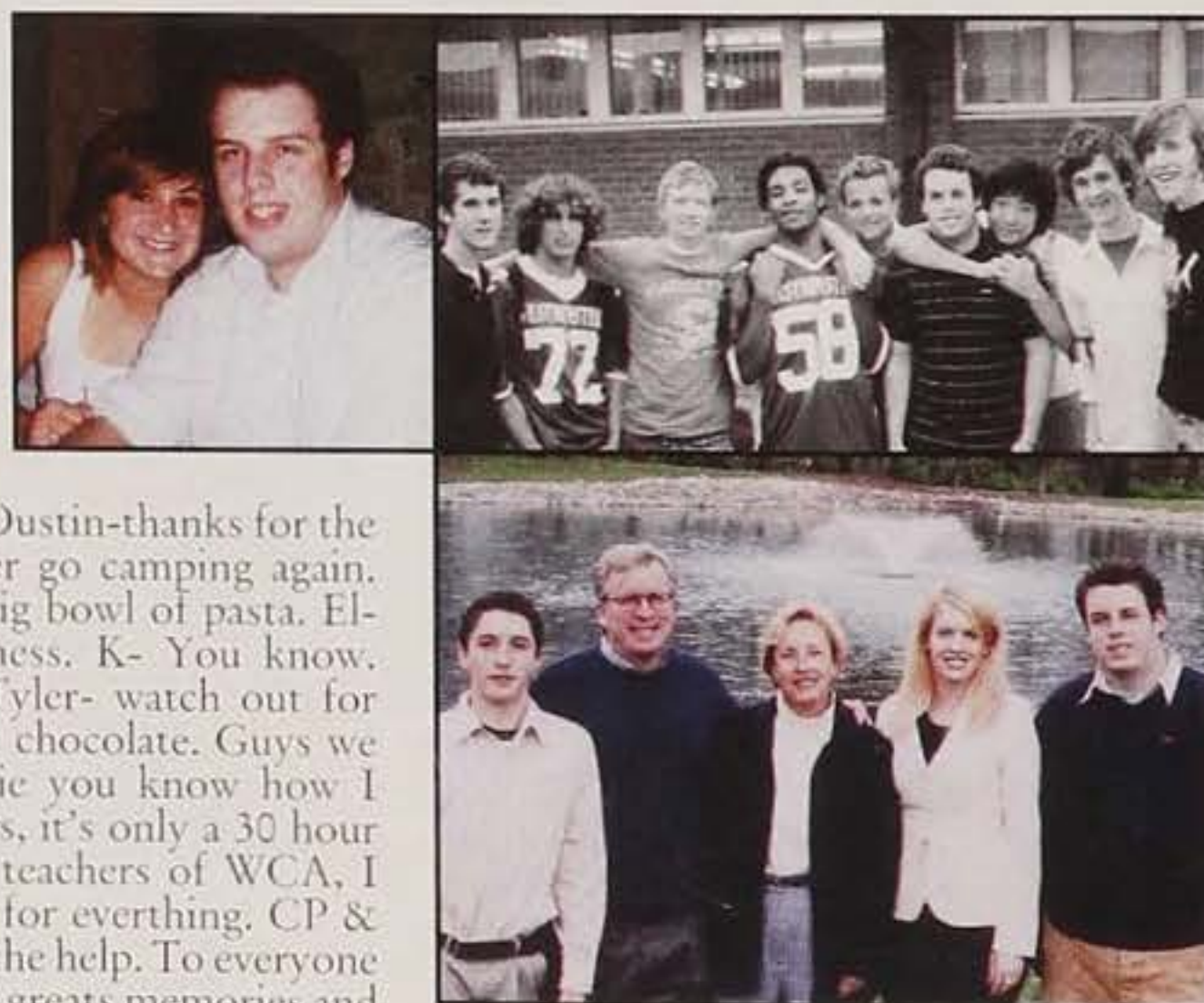
Shae Goodman, junior, plays Marble Blast Gold in Mr. Hearne's first hour U.S. History Class.



Brandon Wesley, sophomore, works on his 14in iBook. He has had his laptop for a year and has loved it. More and more students at Westminster have started using laptops, especially Macintosh.



To start I would like to thank my Mom an Dad for never giving up on me, love you forever. Mike have fun, it goes fast. Laura thanks for everthing. To the group... Josh- life at the Mackerel and stay off of roofs. Dustin-thanks for the candy and I will never go camping again. Nate- I make you a big bowl of pasta. Elliot- don't make a mess. K- You know. Kevin- deep eating. Tyler- watch out for curbs. Mike- no more chocolate. Guys we finally made it!! Jamie you know how I feel, miss you in Texas, it's only a 30 hour drive to NY. To the teachers of WCA, I am sorry, and thanks for everthing. CP & Mrs. E- thanks for all the help. To everyone else- thanks for all the greats memories and all the lessons you have taught me.



William Clark Cawthon

Macitude? You know, the snobs with the iPods and Laptops? Well, this subculture has plenty to say!

"They are smarter than us. And the macitude is the essence of macness, simplicity, style and perfection."
-Alex Docekal, junior

"Macs just look better, and are easier."
-Sam Stufflebam, sophomore

"Macs are easier, prettier and its color is like a sterile hospital white."
-Clayton Langeneckert, junior

"Hey, when they replaced my computer for free that deserves customer loyalty."
-Nate Haines, senior

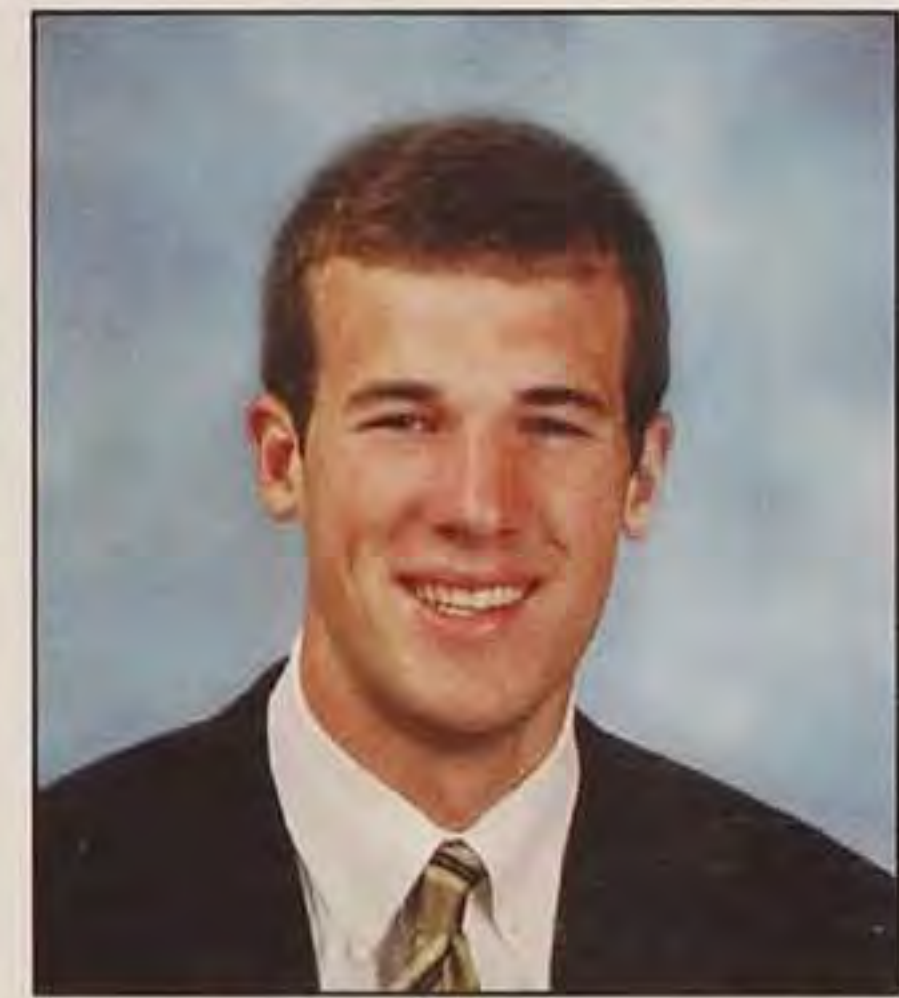
"Macs are just more user-friendly."
-Brennen Unnerstall, junior

"They are better for the artsy things and design, and stuff like photography. My absolute pet peeve is when someone says apple computer. It's a Mac."
-Liz Crim, senior

"The operating system is better and you don't get viruses."
-Justen Beasley, junior

"I just like them because they are simpler to use, and the graphics are way better."
-Patrick Murrell, sophomore

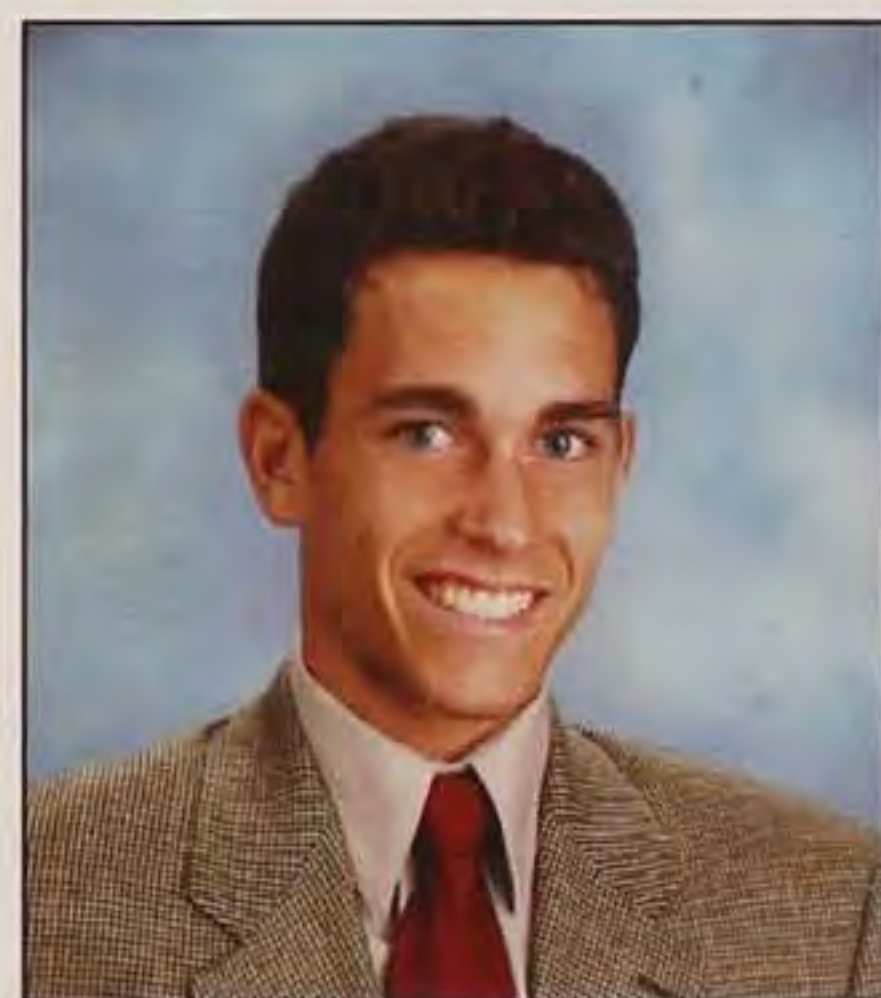
Thank you mom and dad for sending me to Westminster. As a person who spent his freshman year away from Westminster, I quickly realized what a great place this was. Thank you mom and dad for making the sacrifices to send me here. Thank you Sam Hotchkiss for being such a good and true friend. I will never forget all the fun times we had at Wendy's. Jason and bendon, your friendship and support meant the world to me. Also, thank you Jared Huffman and coach Bain for your support when I had some tough times in my life. I hope someday I can help others like you have helped me.



Edward Thomas Clemens



Casey Beth Coffman



David Lewis Conley



Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. I'll always be your baby girl. Brudder, keep smiling! Love an miss you bunches. Bean, no more playing college- it's here! "Just leave me," thanks for holding on. I loved making you smile. Kell-binsker, QT, Chicago, FCA, "I have no strength." Thanks for the memories. Whit-best times. You showed unconditional love. Sam and Moo, my sisters and angels. Em, you kept me on my toes. MB, I've enjoyed it all! Jeff and Matt, thanks for the laughs. It's an honor to be in your presence. Sean, 7 days! I'm forever thankful for our friendship. Ben, I'll always be here. You've taught me a lot. Love you all. May the Lord keep you. You're dismissed!

My turn to do some shout outs! Mom and Dad, Thanks for always loving me and putting up with me. Sara, thanks for always supporting mean being by my side through the good times and the even better times! I love you! Too my crazy Friends that keep it real: Taylor-Dude, the Basement. Steve-10 years, we'll have to pay 4 this, haha d.j. Andv-sittin around, not doin Much. Jack-711. Colin- PBJ. Mike-Poker. Jihoon-ping pong table. Beth-The loop. Heyse-Pool @ Wills. D.J.-sallin. Kevin&Ben-Pot'O'Gold. B.Gum-Mike Jones. Also. Coach T-We're winning state! To everyone else, take it easy and remember, Mind over matter. 06'



Katherine Mary Ann Convy

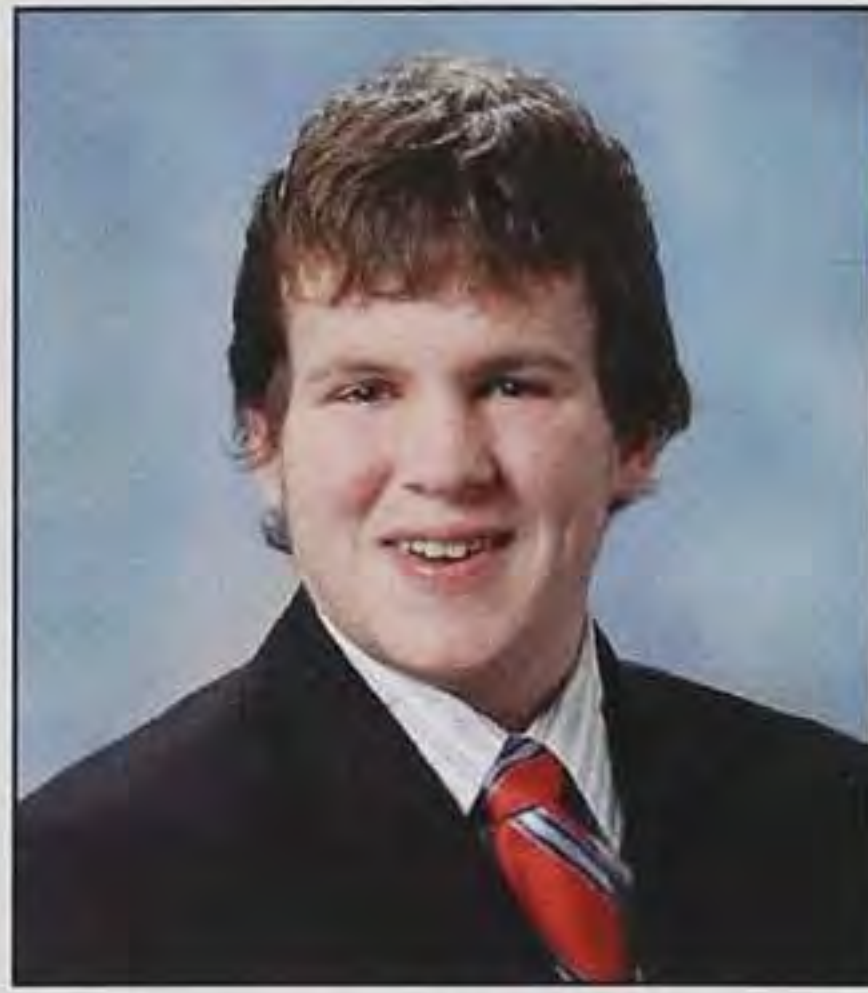


I've been blessed with so much! Mom and Dad, thanks for all your love and support. T, Chris, and Curran I wouldn't be the person I a today without all your support (sometimes!) thanks for putting up with me, I love you all! Jackattack, I'll never forget steak'n'shake runs, road trips, concerts, concert buddies, phone calls, drive/walk-by's, all your boy(friends), Matt P. (you know who!) etc. Ill see you next year! Anna, I cherish our friendship, good luck next year. Ill miss you so much, never forget the good times! Ben-ben, Ill never forget our rides to school, never change! Colie - so many memories! You're the best, thanks for always being there!



Wow! Thank God it is over! No really it has been a great five years at WCA. As my time here comes to an end I would like to thank some people. First, I want to thank my family for their decision to send me here. Also, I

would like to thank my sister for listening to my complaints in my last year, but do not fear it is not as bad as it sounds. The teachers who didn't fail me! Also my friends for bringing such enjoyment to school. Lastly, if I have a girlfriend at this time I would like to thank her for all her support and love! Kevin, ready to set sail? Thank you and goodbye.



Nathan Coughlin



Kaelen Michael Cox

First, I thank God for allowing me to get to this point in my life. To my family, you guys are the world to me. You taught me everything I know and I don't know where I would be without you. I love you all. To my friends, we have had some crazy times down the years, getting into trouble, stupid pranks, Gorilla suits, fire ball, the list goes on. T.T., Aub, and Jura I'm gonna miss shower time after practice. Stuff we still need to make those short films and perfect the Barracuda. To Coaches' Snyder and Pederson, thanks for your help on and off the field and for always being there to help me no matter what I needed.



What have you done during senior privilege this year?



"Anything but homework"

Jon Pollman, senior

"Play hockey in the locker room"

Matt Walker, senior



Elizabeth Grace Crim



Emma Ruth Dahl

Jesus, I praise and thank you for all that you have done in my life and all that you will do in the years to come. Mom, Dad—thanks for all of your support, encouragement and love. I love you guys! Jake—thanks for letting me mess with you all these years, I will miss you. Samantha—you've been there through thick and thin and I am forever grateful, I love you so much. Megan—I think we've laughed our entire way through high school. Thanks for your amazing friendship, love always! Jer. 29:11—“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.’”

"I tell my mom to make food, and then I go home and eat it."

Taylor Hiemenz, senior

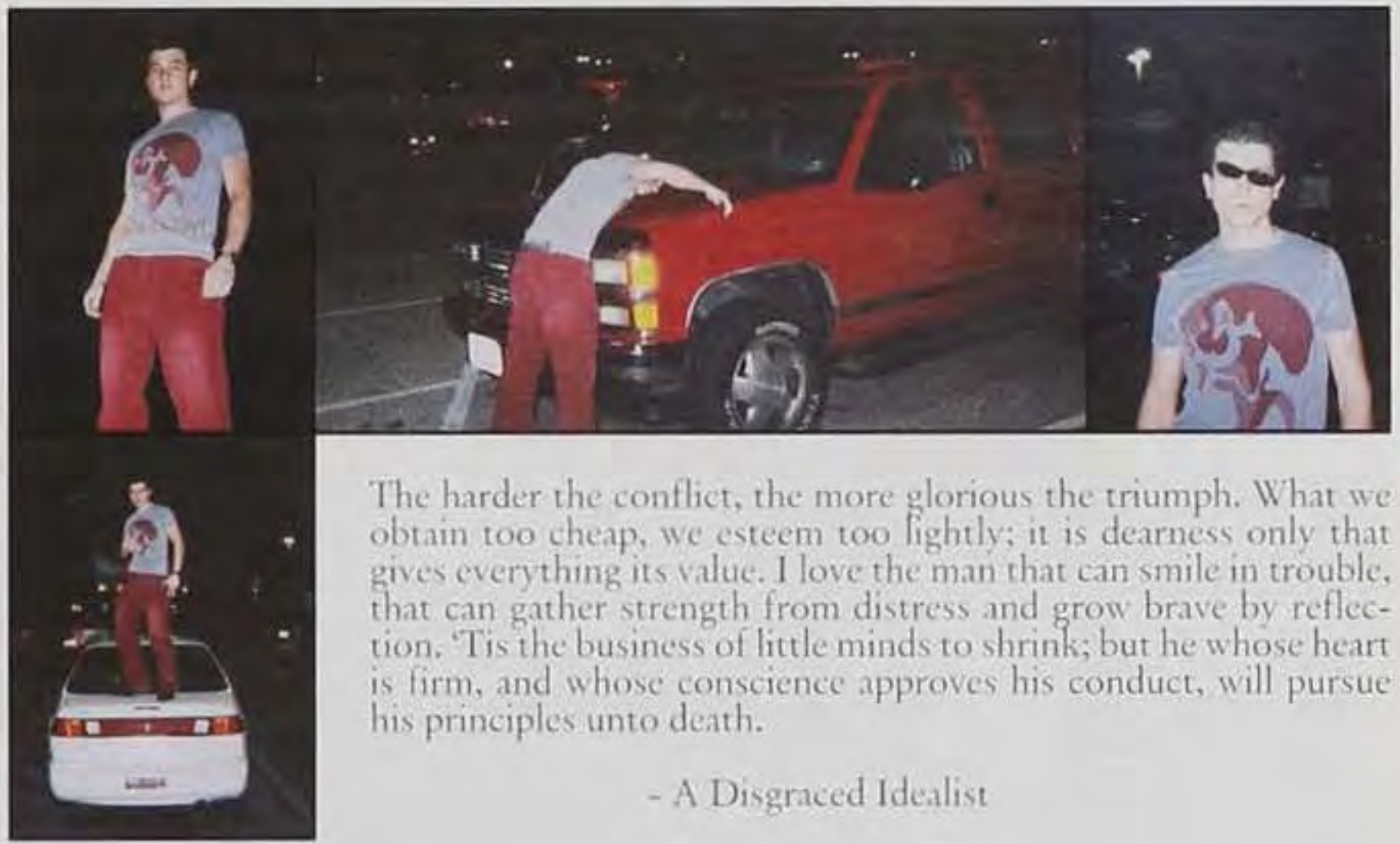


“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!” (Romans 11:33) To my family, I love you: Mom & Dad, thanks for mentoring me. Moo, stay clean-shaven—you're a great big brother. Elly (Chulis) fat cat is yours. Woosk, you are adorable, stay short. To my friends (Fay, Shannama, Emit, Jess-Jess, Dimples, William, Elisabeth, Stacey, Showphie, Jon, etc.), thanks for the card games, pick-me-up, laughs, and a few serious talks. Mo, Robbie, AAA, photos, English class, t-rex dance, brown fish, cupcake dresses, island-hopping, internet-hugs, “blenderful” will stay with me forever. Entonces, Jesu Cristo es nuestro buen Salvador, randomness is a virtue, and Maes rule!





Jonathan Denny



The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value. I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death.

- A Disgraced Idealist

"Poli Sci"

Whitney Goebel, senior

Where To?

The Seniors of 2006 thoroughly enjoyed the new found freedom they recieved this past year. Senior privelege was the freedom that so many seniors had wanted throughout highschool. As in years past, the administration gave this privelege to Westminster's seniors to leave campus during their study hall period. Now did the eldest class at the Academy spend their study halls tediously working on their homework at off school locations, or did they have a little more fun shirking homework and spending fifty minutes each day reminding themselves of why life is worth living? The answer is in their response to the question, "What did you do during senior privelege this year?"

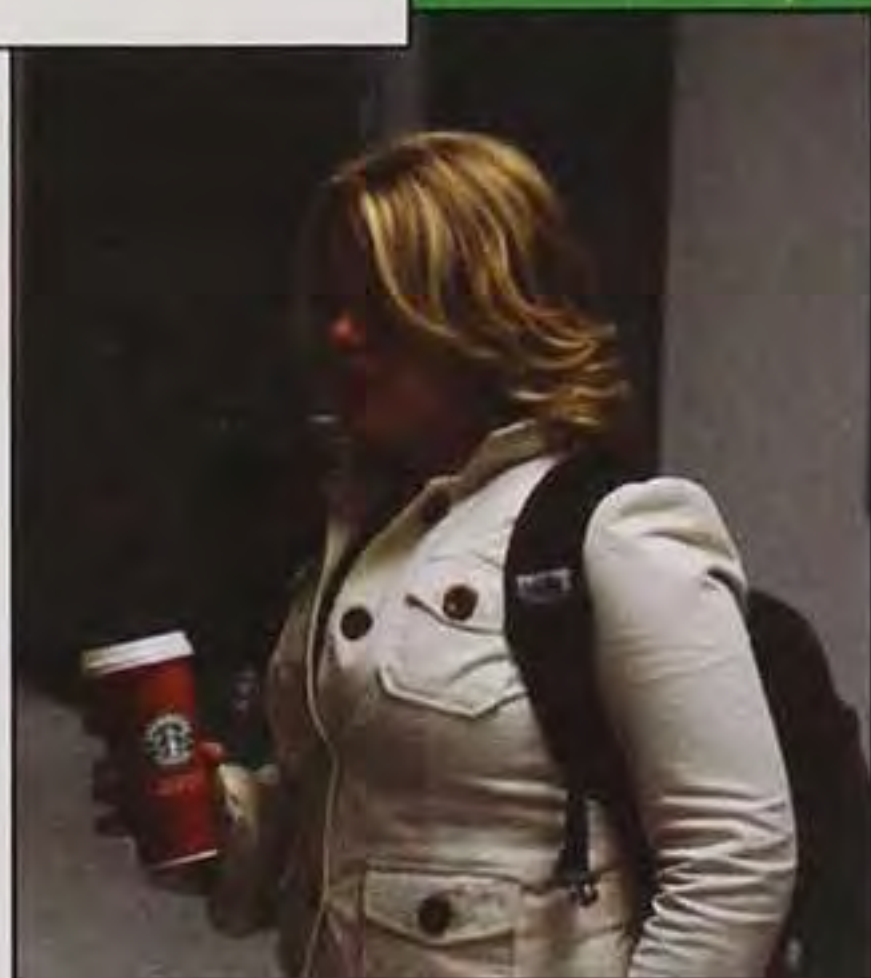


"Take naps under the stairwells"

Joe Tischler, senior

"Drink... Coffee."

Ashley Timm, senior



When I Was A Kid..



Jared Camp, sophomore, slide tackles against a St. Louis Priory opponent. Mr. Legters not only played soccer when he was in high school, but he coaches the boys soccer.

Ancient and U.S. History teacher, Mr. Johnston, shares his 1979 high school picture. He began growing his beard as a junior in high school.

Morgan Younkin, senior, crawls under a string while balancing a cone during a P.C. retreat game. While Mr. Talley drove a Volkswagon Thing to high school, Younkin drives a Plymouth Voyager 1992 Van complete bumper stickers of people skiing.

Did you have a job?

Mr. Johnston: "I worked at an ice factory... and at a broadcasting show. I was even a disk jockey."

Mr. Talley: "I taught tennis and I worked in a shoe store."

Mr. Legters: "I worked as a summer staff at a Bible camp in New York."

Did you play a sport?

Miss Peters: "Track and volleyball."

Mr. Johnston: "I've never been a sport's fan."

Dr. Shaw: "Football my sophomore year until I got injured...cross country, basketball, and track."

Mr. Vass: "Tennis. They had, like, 50 players."

Mr. Talley: "The first to go to state [in tennis]."

Mr. Legters: "Soccer"



Andrew James DeRousse

Mom, thanks for driving me to all those games and counseling me through those tough times in life. Dad, thanks for being the amazing Godly example I look up to every day. Brandon, life would be so much less interesting without you. Lauren, my little twin, try not to drive the teachers as crazy as I did. Colin, you have been my best friend and brother for so long, I couldn't do life without you. Tennis team, keep the streak going, it's been a blast. Jeff, Matt, Aug, Sean, Heyse, we had some good times together and I'm gonna miss it. I wanna thank the teachers and coaches who helped me grow throughout the years, and most of all god for blessing me with so much.



Katherine Mary Dieckgraefe



Once upon a time there lived a Princess who had everything she ever wanted. Mom, Dad, you've given me more than I'll ever need. I love you! She had two princess sisters of whom she loved deeply. Sarah, Anna, I've enjoyed the laughs and secrets we've shared. Then one day she met an exquisite knight who took her breath away. Daniel, "The greatest thing to learn is just to love and be loved in return." The Princess' royal friends would come from distant lands to visit her. Jess, Sarah, I don't know how I'd survive without you! Andrea, Lauren, Deb, You've always made me laugh! The time has come for the princess to leave home and live happily ever after.

It is hard to imagine teachers having a life outside of school. It is especially hard to picture them as students. Everything has changed from thirty years ago. For example, today "hottie" is a common term for a cute girl, but in the 1970s they were "tough." Today having multiple activities outside of school is normal, but what were teachers participating in when they were in high school?

Did you date?

Mr. Johnston: "[Patty King] sat in the third row in chemistry. I thought she was so cute. She went out with me once and that was the end of that."

Mr. Vass: "I went out with another classmate who was very pretty, and I took her to the senior prom, and nothing came of it and she dumped me."

Mr. Talley: "I dated a girl named Katie... but I was a horrible boyfriend."

Mr. Legters: "[Magarita] was my Mexican girlfriend. I was 16 when I had my first kiss. In 12th grade I dated a girl named Coral for 13 months... I gave her a necklace with a little heart made out of coral... I got it while I was in Mexico. She was insecure which led to being a jerk."

Was there anything during high school that stands out?

Mr. Talley: "I drove a 1973 Volkswagon Thing yellow convertible. I found it in the newspaper for \$400."

Mr. Legters: "I was the show and tell. People were like 'Hey it's the kid from Mexico. Say a word in Spanish.' I would say it and they walked away."

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Shannon Marie Dille

Mom and Dad, thanks for setting a godly example in my life and always being there to support me. Lou and Kris, you are the best sisters anyone could ask for. Thanks for giving me my favorite memories. Thanks to my WCA friends who took me in when I was new, your friendship means so much to me. Liz and Faith, you are the most unselfish people I know, thanks for never failing to make me laugh. Josh, thanks for all the good times. You make anything fun, especially rainy days at practice. Cross Country coaches, thanks for giving me a lifelong love of running. My Cross Country and Track girls, you guys rock. Never stop running. SUPER HARD CORE!



I thank God for all my blessings and for always watching over me. Mom and Dad I love you more than you realize, thanks for always supporting me and for being such great examples.



Katherine Elizabeth Dudley

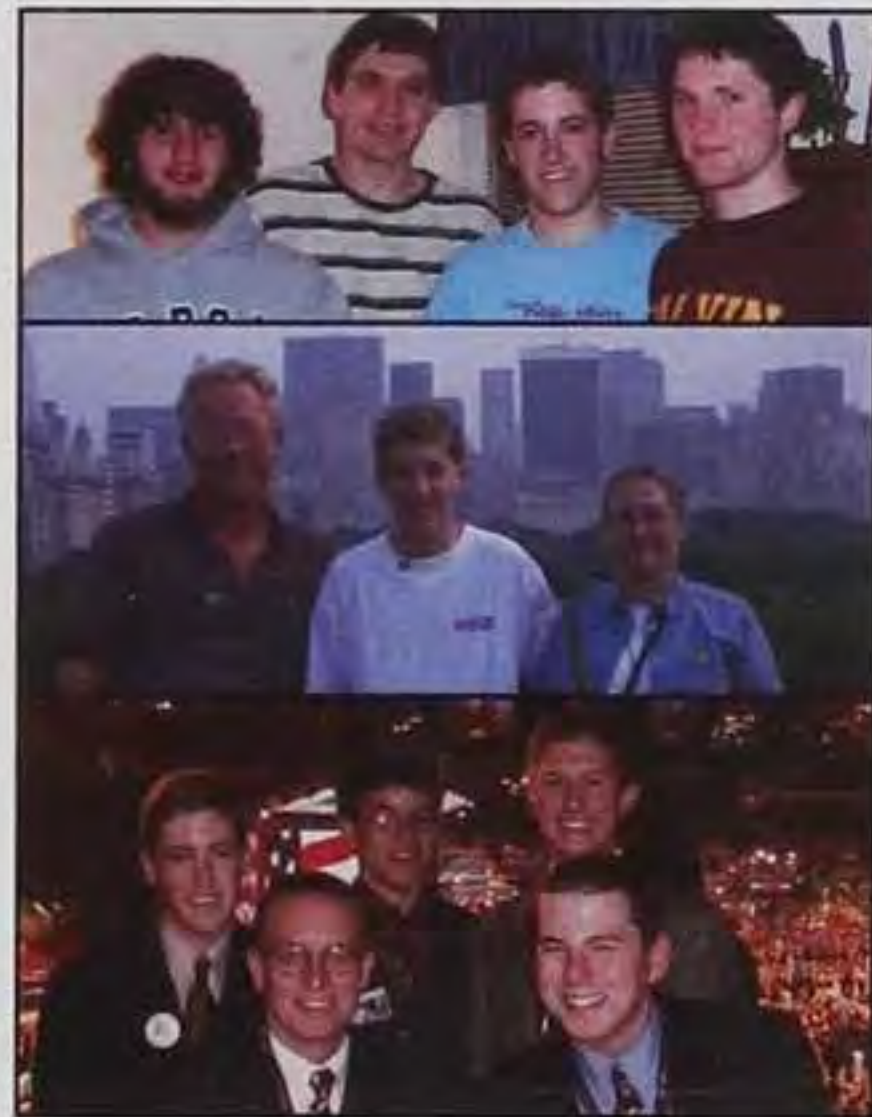
Kristina—sweet little sister, your friendship means tons, thanks for always coming into my room to chat. Mikie—thanks for cracking jokes and making me laugh. Greg—best buddy, many "good times," thanks for your positive attitude and encouragement. Jenna—"big sister," 13 years of friendship that is till going, the memories are endless. Anna—youth group, phone chats, country music, American Idol. Lainey—PC retreat, sleepovers, venting, English, boyfriends. Monica—study hall, birthdays, bowling. Becca—fair, small groups, Stir Crazy. Rachel—Manchester drive, snow walk—I love you all! Romans 8:28



As I reflect on my six years at Westminster, I am filled with many fond memories. This journey would not have been possible without my family's love and dedication. I owe much to the Lunchtable of Extraordinary Gentleman: the secret society of the icepack challenge. Tim, Jason, and Matt, your reserved natures have been a true inspiration. Dave and Daniel, first hour study hall was, simply put, amazing. Shannon, instant messenger conversations were interesting. Mallika and William, your friendship has meant more to me over these years than you would ever know. It was Alfred Lord Tennyson who said: "Tis not too late to seek a newer world; to strive, to find, and not to yield." Thanks for the memories!



Mark Richard Dudley



Steven Jeffrey Ehrhardt

Thank you Lord for never letting me go no matter how hard I tried. Mom and Dad I love you though I don't always show it. Coach B—My brother, friend, coach, and teacher. Don't forget our annual fishing trip! Thanks for everything. Bambi—runway hair-doo's and undershirts to accountability, Polo's and gin rummy. My how we've grown. Heyse—chill time. Leaker—you are my sister. Secret alliance, fab 4 forever. Aub—a true friend and heck of a receiver. M.B.—ghetto! Andy—long girl talks. Sean—ping-pong, "Blue Devils," no touching. Burns—three-some, soccer mom. Kell—glad I locked you out of your car that one time! You little nerd, Talk to me, 2 times, Later! Ummm hummm, and of course...Bunnies!



Danielle Tae Elliott

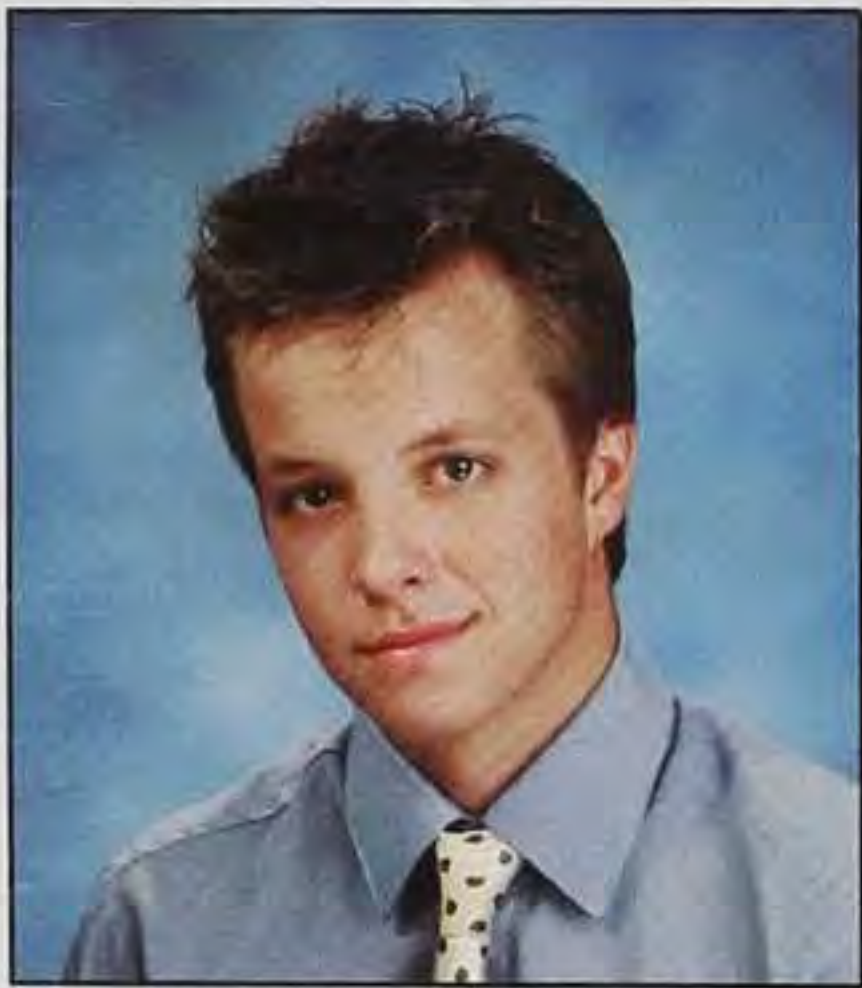
Thank you mom for putting up with me for 18 years. I may have been difficult to raise, but I love you for it! Pricellious, leave me hair alone! Jer-rica, way to keep it real. Kiah, be nice! Thing 1 and Thing 2, treat Kirstin right, you'll need her one day. Alec, Gabrielle, Vikki, and Twins, hold it down when the '06 girls leave. And no Brittney, I didn't forget you. Everyone else: Good-bye and have fun!



Amy Sue Fleming

Mom, you are beautiful. Thanks for your faith, laughter, and unfailing love. Dad, Slim, Mr. Baldwin, you've taught me to be strong. Lob, you're my hero. We've been through everything together... secret tea parties, catching Santa, late-night talks, wonton soup, tears, car rides, complaining, sports, taco bell, hugs, stupid boys, stupid teachers, and tons of laughter. You've taught me how to live. Snoop, you are the coolest person I know. Your joy inspires me. I love you! Lainey, we laughed, we cried, and we were stupid, but we kept each other real. You mean everything to me. Schlaf, thanks for your awesome hugs, your laughter, and for always listening. Rachael, you are my rock. Thanks for keeping me strong.

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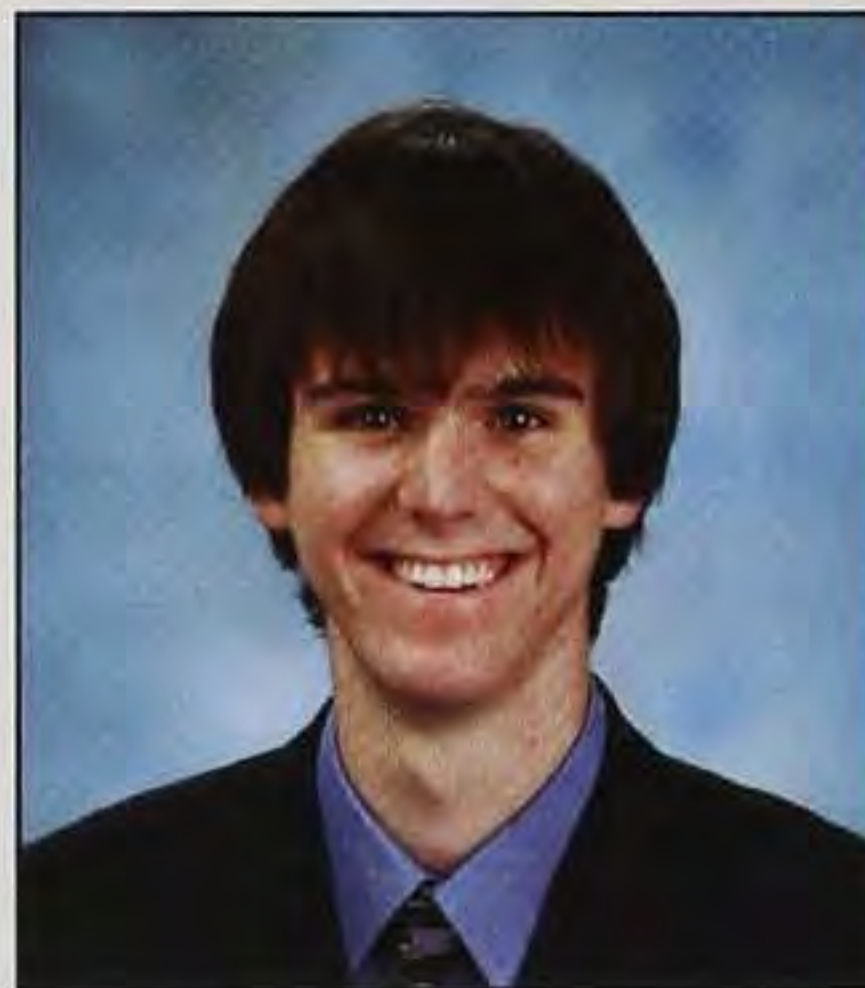


Kevin Michael Frick

As I finish this year up, allow me to reflect on the past and present. To my family, thank you mom and dad for the great life you have blessed me with. To both of my brothers, Paul you are great and I respect you, offering your life to protect our nation. Matthew, great job with getting through OCS, and your injury. To my friends, all the memories, adventures, laughs, and all the times we've gotten in trouble. Many memories. Dustin if you die you get my stuff and me your stuff! The note in art class! If I have a girlfriend at this time, then I'm glad and hopefully you are too! Remember Jesus is coming, look busy!



I want to first thank God for giving me a school like Westminster. The past six years have been amazing, and I have grown by leaps and bounds in my walk with Him largely because of this school. I want to thank my parents because without them, I would be lost. I thank you so much for sacrificing on my behalf and for pouring yourselves into my life. Thanks for coming to all of my sports games, near and far away, and for always supporting me in all I do. You two mean the world to me and I love you dearly. I also want to say, Brandon, you have been a great brother. Rule #6. God Bless!



David Mark Furlong

Why is it that adolescent students think they need cell phones? This desire is continuing to increase in the downstairs hallway here at the Academy. A survey was taken of 107 seventh and eighth graders on the importance of cellular devices. The survey showed that 45% of the middle schoolers asked already have a cell phone. Of the other 59 students who do not, 85% expressed that they really wanted one. From the survey, both seventh and eighth graders alike said that having a cell phone is vital for emergencies, car pools and family communication in general. The theory is that cell phones make life easier. In addition, they want them because they're cool. Cell phones now have games, fun ringtones, cameras and MP3 players. But why are cell phones necessary for communication when people survived without them since they were invented in the 1940's? Many of the students surveyed said that they needed a cell phone when their parents are late picking them up from school or a sporting event. Whereas on the flipside, other students said that they would use it to talk to their friends anytime anywhere without the restrictions of the home phone which is shared by many. No matter the reason, the point still stands that adolescent students desire the same freedom and responsibility as adults in having their own cell phone.



Madison Nye, eighth grader, anxiously asks her mom, "Where are you?" Middle schoolers often times used their cell phone or a friend's in order to call their ride and find out why they were late.

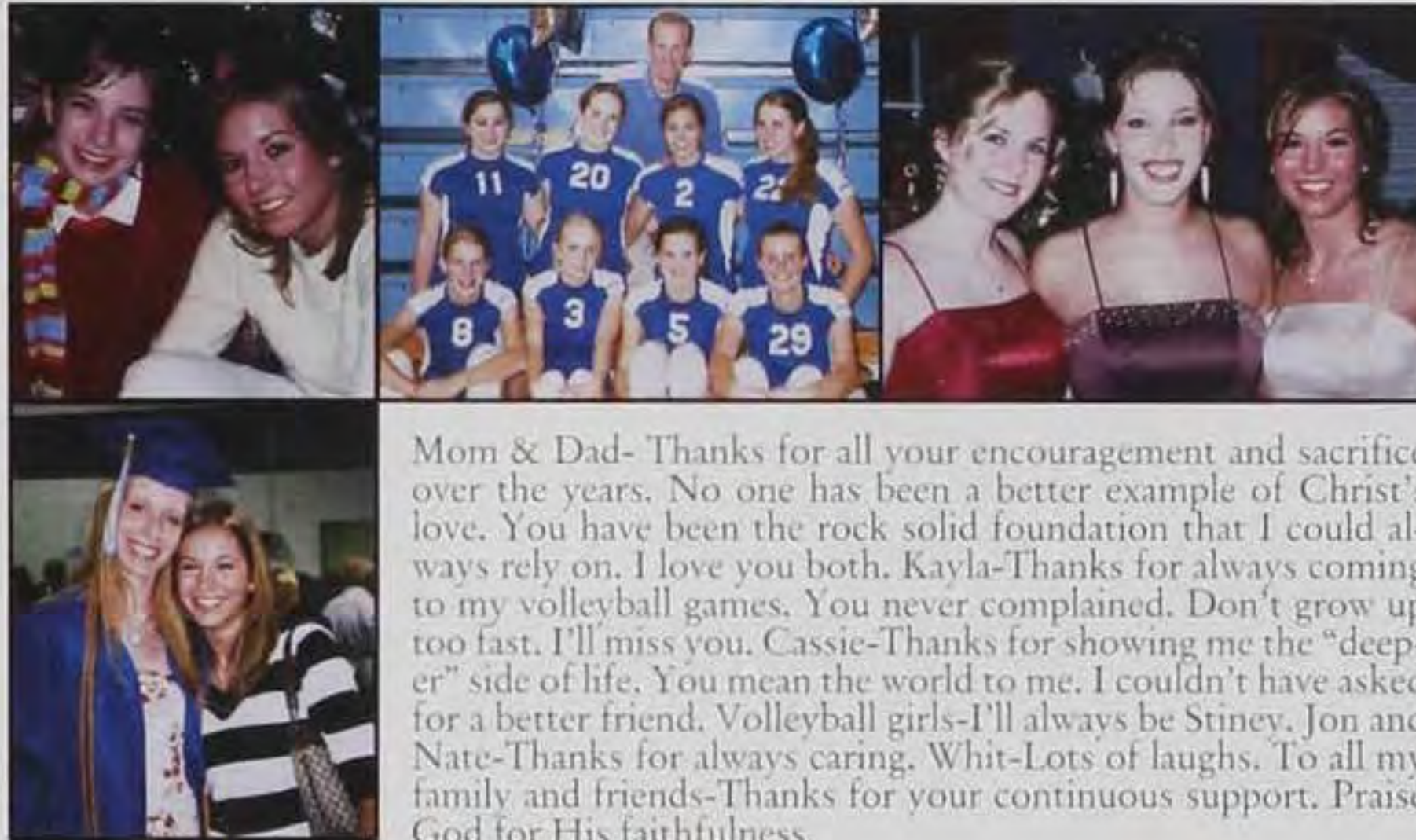


Taylor Brandt, eighth grader, talks to one of his friends after school. Brandt stated, "I like having my own cell phone because I can talk to my friends whenever I want."



Timothy William Gee

Mom and Dad, thanks for sending me to Westminster even though I didn't want to go. It turned out better than I expected. Becca, you're on the right track. Don't stop dancing even though I'm not around. If anyone messes with you, give me a call. I can find a way home. Football guys, it's been hard but fun and I can't wait to see what you do next year. Make sure to keep the edge. Dave, if you ever realize your dreams of world domination, just remember that I'll be your right-hand man. If you don't, at least finish the game. To all my other friends: you have no idea how much I value our friendship. See you some other time.



Mom & Dad- Thanks for all your encouragement and sacrifice over the years. No one has been a better example of Christ's love. You have been the rock solid foundation that I could always rely on. I love you both. Kayla-Thanks for always coming to my volleyball games. You never complained. Don't grow up too fast. I'll miss you. Cassie-Thanks for showing me the "deeper" side of life. You mean the world to me. I couldn't have asked for a better friend. Volleyball girls-I'll always be Stiney. Jon and Nate-Thanks for always caring. Whit-Lots of laughs. To all my family and friends-Thanks for your continuous support. Praise God for His faithfulness.



Christine Nicole Gephardt

My Number is...



Brooke Stebenman, seventh grader, dials her mom's cell phone number while waiting for her carpool. "Cell phones make things easier, especially when your parents are late picking you up, or you can't find your carpool," said Stebenman.

- Yes
- No, don't want
- No, do want





Kelley Janelle George



Wow, I don't know where to begin. First, of all I would like to thank God for blessing me with two wonderful parents. Mom and Dad thank you for always being there for me through difficult times, because I know I can always count on you two to be there. I want to give out a special thanks to my sister Kristen; even though we get on each others last nerve I still love you for it.....you are one of my best friends. My girls Lauren, Kristen, Lindsey, and Melanie you guys rock, you complete who I am as a person and most of all you are true genuine friends that I can laugh with, be crazy with, and cry with. I love you all!! I want to give a big shout out to Mrs. Erdman and Mr. Pederson; I can't thank you enough for all of your support and guidance that will prepare me for life. Thank you again. Kirstin, thanks for the advice you have given me. Jasmine, you're an awesome person and a great friend. I'll miss you! Well, my time is ending at Westminster, and its time for the class of 2006 to say our final good byes.



Erald Mike Gjordeni
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Kirsten Johnson, senior, sits with her two younger sisters, Kayla Johnson and Kaitlyn Johnson, sophomores (on the edges) and Alexandria Cole, freshman, at lunch. Kayla Johnson, on the left, and Kaitlyn Johnson are twins and have some classes together this year.



All in the Family

"Peter and I share his locker because it's in a better spot than mine. I just have to deal with the weird stuff he hangs up inside it."

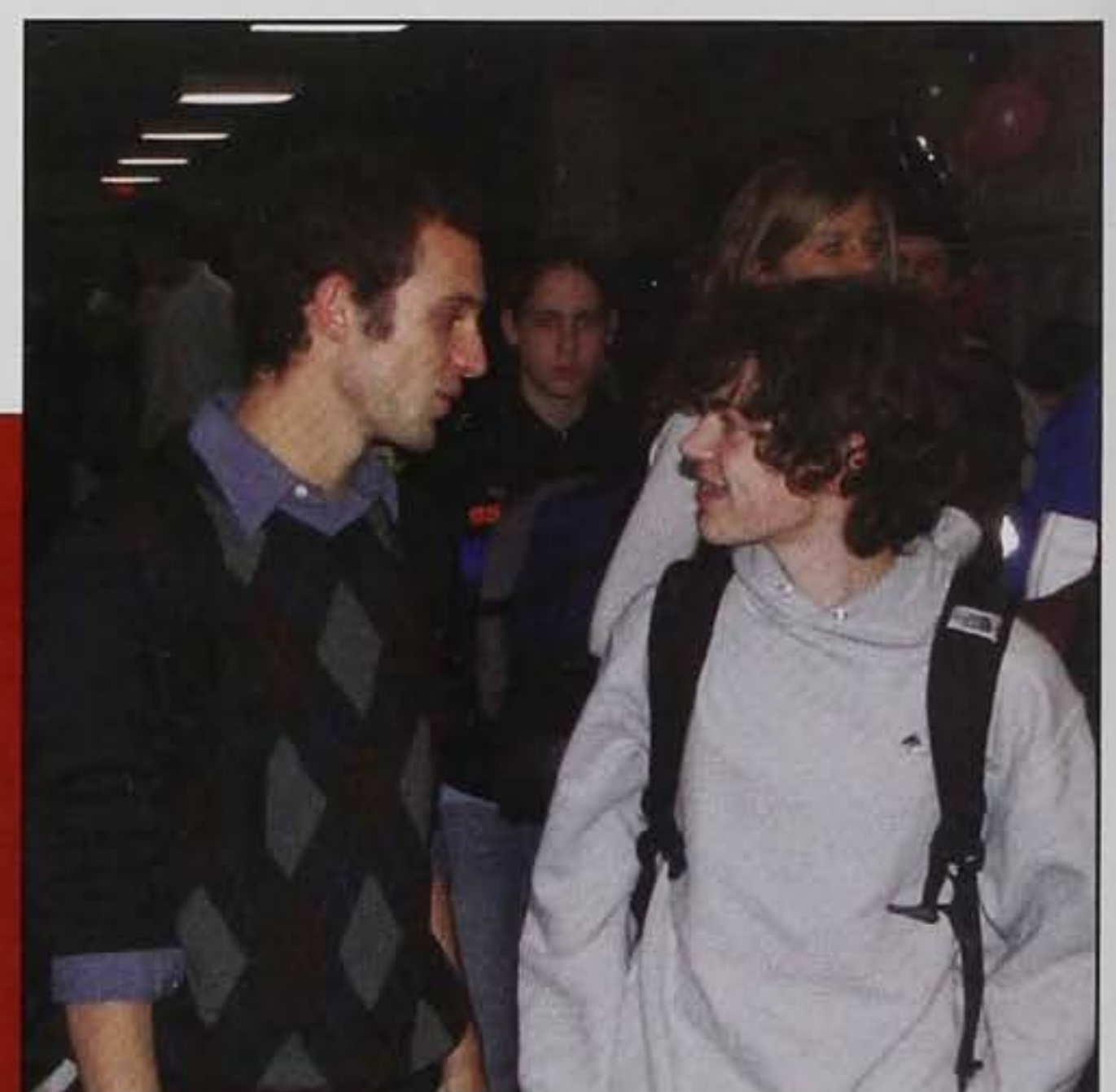
-Rachael Schaffner, senior



Rachel Victor, junior, and her sister Hannah Victor, freshman, make time to see each other at lunch. The sisters were homeschooled last year. "Before we were together all the time, and though we still see each other a lot the difference is that now we can't sleep in late," said Victor.



Benjamin Winters, sophomore, and his brother Thomas Winters, eighth grade, 'dance' in the talent show. They competed in the video game DDR, (Dance Dance Revolution) at the maximum speed. Everyone was silent for the whole 3 minutes of their routine and they walked away with the 100-dollar first place prize money.



John Presker, junior, talks to his brother Mark Presker, sophomore, in the hallway after school. Mark would be in eighth grade this year, but he skipped two grades.

What is it like carpooling with your siblings?

"Lindsey likes country and I'm more into hip hop, so sometimes we fight on the way to school. But we also talk a lot and I feel like I know her better this year. I also feel like I'm taking the classes she's in all over again when I help her with her homework."

-Lauren Peters, junior

"I like listening to oldies in the morning and she likes rap, but we don't really fight over it."

-Elliot Brown, senior

"It's kind of fun to hear from my sister Kendall what's going on in the freshman class every morning on the way to school."

-Alyssa Vanderslice, junior

"Kathryn and I would ride home from tennis together after our matches. Some of them went pretty late. Then we would eat together after everyone else had already had dinner, and we would pig out and talk a lot."

-Sarah Schlafly, sophomore

"I like coming to school with my sister in the morning. It's fun, we're close."

-Sarah Caple, freshman

"One of my brothers spends alot of time in the bathroom in the morning, and the other one sits down at breakfast for like a half an hour. I'm kind of in between when it comes to getting ready to drive to school."

-Kate Ross, junior



Mom and Dad, Thanks for being there for me and for helping me get through four years of high school. Thanks for giving me everything; I'm silently appreciative. Wes (Cancun) and Joe it's been fun doing

random things together like jazz band in "The Loop"; Block Party at Pkwy Marching Band Practice. Heyse thanks for "The Loop", Door County, and the cruise. Casey thanks for being my conscience even though I wasn't always thankful. Katy, Emily- crazy times, ditches, and hanging out spontaneously. Stephen thanks for the good times, Fantasy Hockey, NHL '05, and facebook. Hooper laughter and going to the mall. Haas LAN parties. Erika hanging out over the summer and tickets to the ball game. Bye to all.



Benjamin August Glaser

"You are my God, and I will give you thanks..." Psalm 118:28. Mom, thanks for the morning cheerfulness, lunch notes and your love. Dad, thanks for always believing in me. Andrew, Bun, Dewie- you guys are the best. Grace, "what if", FL, Spiker, B, V, Amish people, laughing at our own jokes- you'll always be one of my best friends. Becca, Monica, lying down on the road, Helen Keller, being illegal, long talks- I can't imagine high school without you two. Christine, my health nut, thanks for your friendship. Softballers, I will miss you x1000000. Coach, thanks for everything. Your life is an inspiration. To many other friends, I'm so thankful for you and love you. May God truly bless.

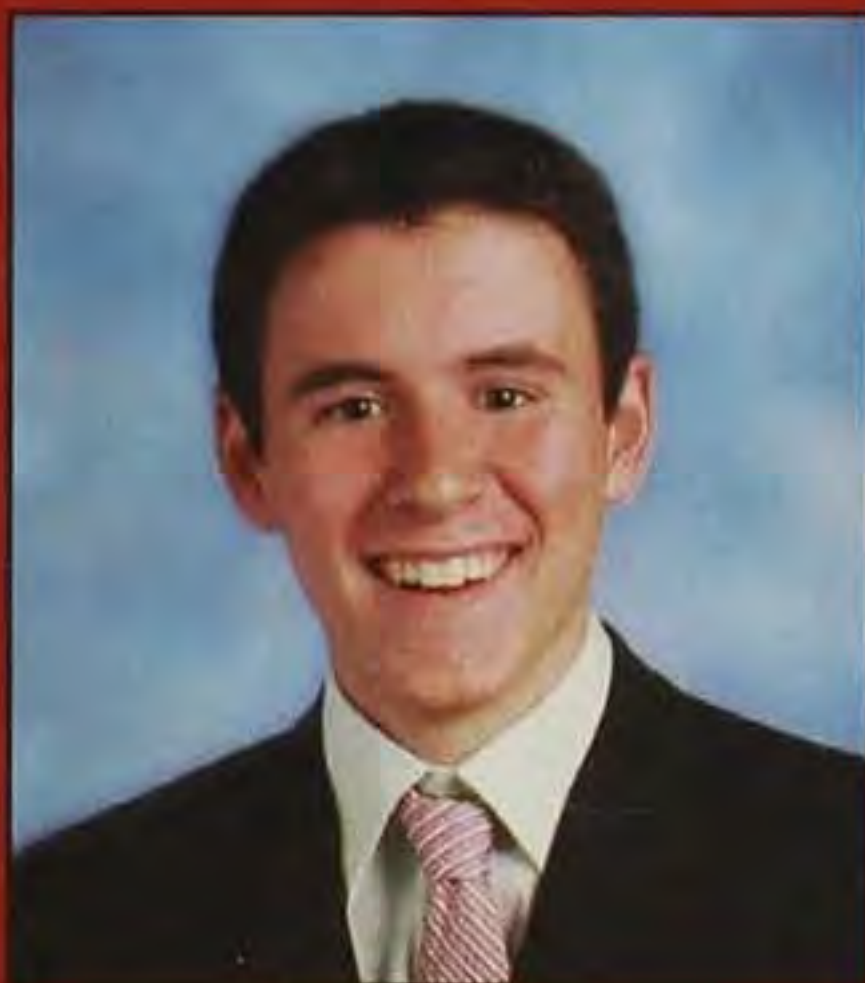


Whitney Diane Goebel

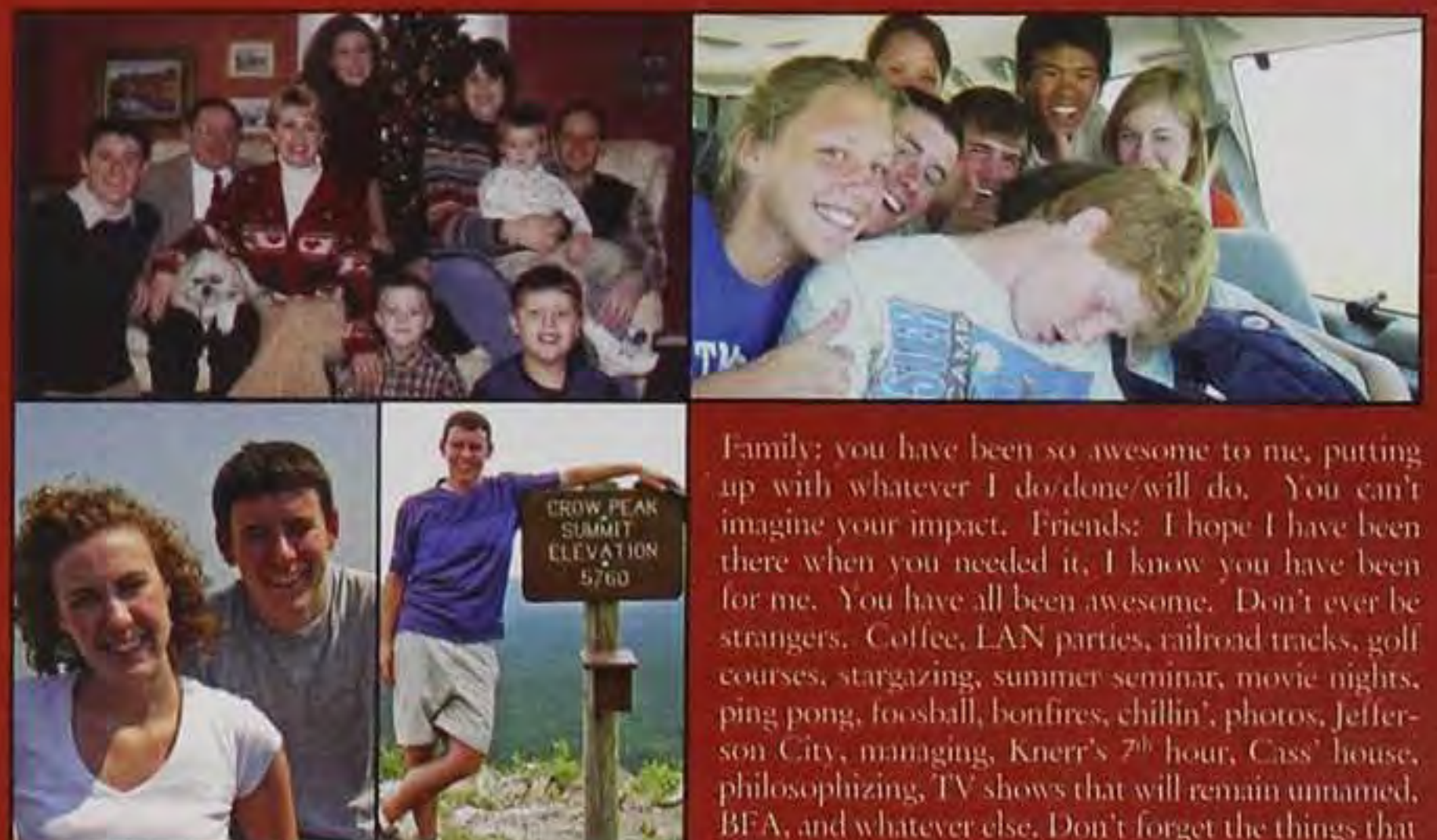
I thank my savior for my family, friends, and most, my salvation. Mom and Dad, I thank God for my place under your love and wisdom. Kelyn, every car ride brings us closer. I'm your cheerleading fan. Love you. Luke, MEGA UNKEE! Our loaded history won't stop here. Keep Ernie in good shape. Don't touch the walls. MEATLOAF! Sam, pound it you bigot. You can't see me, Kurt Angle. We don't need the sun. Hey Oh! Andrew, stay creative in snow formations...Denny, Ya boy! Long live Tool Toolerson. Sarah, you've been the most influential person in my life. You bless me every day with your smile and contagious giggle. You will always have a special place in my heart.



Brandon Spenser Gum



Jonathan Dyer Haas



Family; you have been so awesome to me, putting up with whatever I do/done/will do. You can't imagine your impact. Friends: I hope I have been there when you needed it, I know you have been for me. You have all been awesome. Don't ever be strangers. Coffee, LAN parties, railroad tracks, golf courses, stargazing, summer seminar, movie nights, ping pong, foosball, bonfires, chillin', photos, Jefferson City, managing, Knerr's 7th hour, Cass' house, philosophizing, TV shows that will remain unnamed, BFA, and whatever else. Don't forget the things that bring you joy or the things that have changed your life. To everyone else; don't grow up too fast, you'll miss something. 1 Peter 5:7.

To my family: Mom, Dad, Bethany, Anna and Sarah, I want you guys to know that even though we've had our disagreements, I love you guys and will miss you immensely next year. To all of my friends—you guys have been absolutely great! I can't even begin to describe the impact that you have had on my life. All of you mean the world to me.



Nathaniel Addison Haines



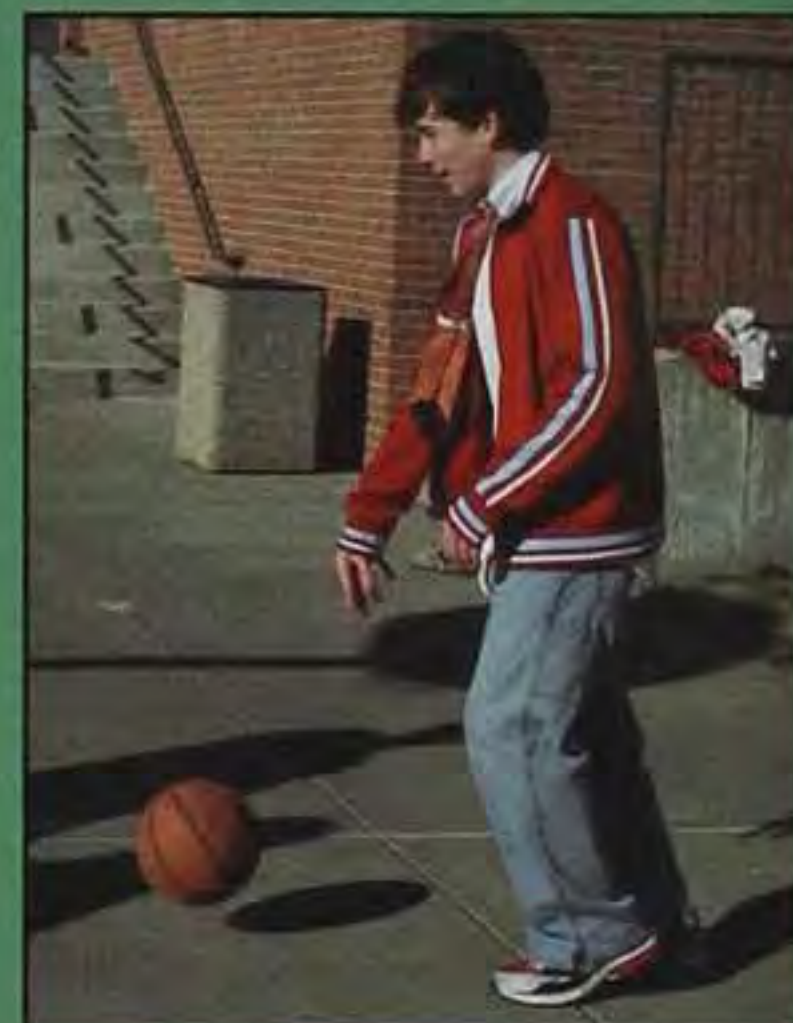
What is the best movie you have ever watched in a WCA class?



Sarah Elizabeth Hartmann



"You gotta leave me now, you gotta go alone. You gotta chase a dream, one that's all your own, before it slips away. When you're flyin' high, take my heart along. I'll be the harmony to every lonely song that you learn to play. When you're soarin' through the air, I'll be your solid ground. Take every chance you dare, I'll still be there...when you come back down." Lord- give me wisdom to see your truth and follow your ways. Bind me to yourself. Keep me close. Parents- thanks for loving me and giving me your best. John—you toughened me up. David- stay strong, dream big. Friends good times, stay close. Deb- a sister. I love you all.



Movie Mania

"Radio. We watched it in Mrs. Monkley's English class [in seventh grade]."

-Tim Reed, eighth grader



"Dead Poet's Society because afterwards Knerr jumped up on a desk and punched a hole in the ceiling."

-Clayton Langeneckert, junior

Over the course of a six-year Westminster career, the average student will watch at least 54 movies in class, causing some parents to wonder if they are paying for their children to get an education or a trip to the movies. While this doesn't really bother the students, the fact is that we watch a lot of movies in class. Some classes are all about movies, such as Film as Literature; other teachers just seem to like showing movies. Some of the movies are good, some are boring and some are just so corny that you can't help but laugh at them. Entertaining or not, movies form an integral part of the Westminster experience.

"Ben Hur [in Mrs. Tanja Blough's seventh grade Old Testament class]. It was like six hours long, so it took up a whole week of class. And it had chariot races where people got run over. And gladiators."

-Michael Kennison, junior

"I can't think of the best movie, but I can definitely name the worst one. *Canterbury Tales*, which we watched in English class my sophomore year, scarred me for life. And *To Build a Fire*, which we watched in eighth grade, was almost as bad."

-Emily Schnurpfeil, senior

"I enjoyed *Rear Window*, which we watched in my English class in 9th grade. It had a cool mystery plot, and Grace Kelly is a good actress."

-Anne Hindeleh, junior



Caitlin D. Heap

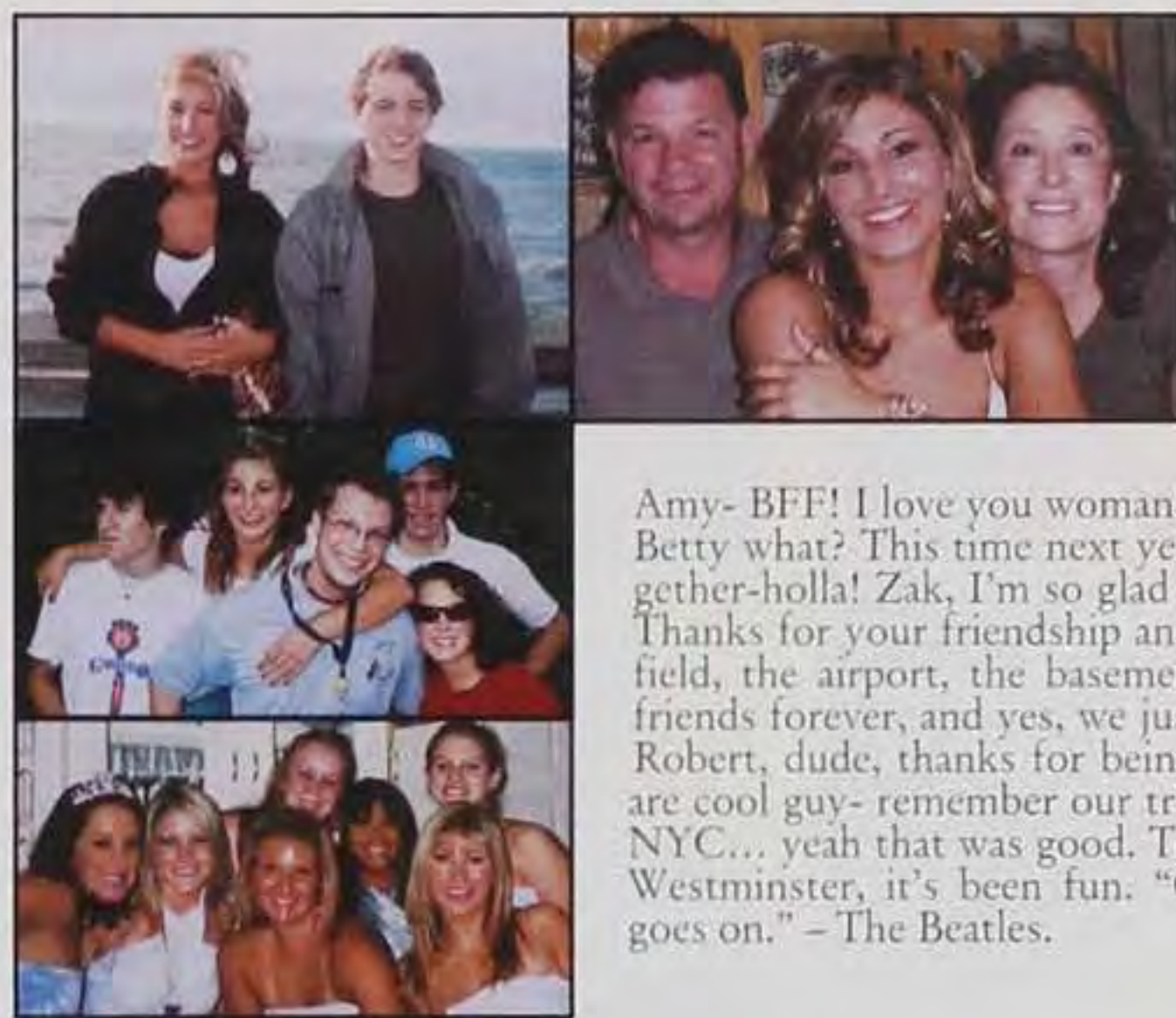


you, big! Cam~ thanks for being an awesome big brother. You are an amazing guy. I love you. Ger~ we have had some awesome times! You make me laugh so hard. I've missed you a lot the past two years. I've learned so much from you and I love you. Megs~ 3rd hour study hall rocked! I'm gonna miss you..., Schnucks' quesadillas...great times! T.C.~ it's been fun...go toes! Studio~ I'm gonna miss you...keep dancing! Peace out everybody!



Garret Huston Henry

To my parents, you are more than I could ask for. Thanks for sticking with me through all the maelstroms. Through your love, I have learned to love. God, you know what, Ruth, you're the best kid sister I could ever ask for, I pray that you never lose your servant's heart. To all my friends that have stuck with me, I love you more than the words in this overrated yearbook page could express. June, curses break. Improv kids, don't try so hard you'll hurt yourselves. Junior girls, sorry for all the drama. Life is a song, learn to sing it. And right now this is the rhythm that we're singing. To the beat of my feet as I walk away...



Amy- BFF! I love you woman! We keep it real- Black Betty what? This time next year, we will be living together-holla! Zak, I'm so glad to have you in my life. Thanks for your friendship and the great times... the field, the airport, the basement. I know we will be friends forever, and yes, we just might be soul mates. Robert, dude, thanks for being my big brother. You are cool guy- remember our trips together? San Fran, NYC... yeah that was good. To all my friends here at Westminster, it's been fun. "Ob-la-di, ob-la-da, life goes on." - The Beatles.



Annemarie Osti Heise

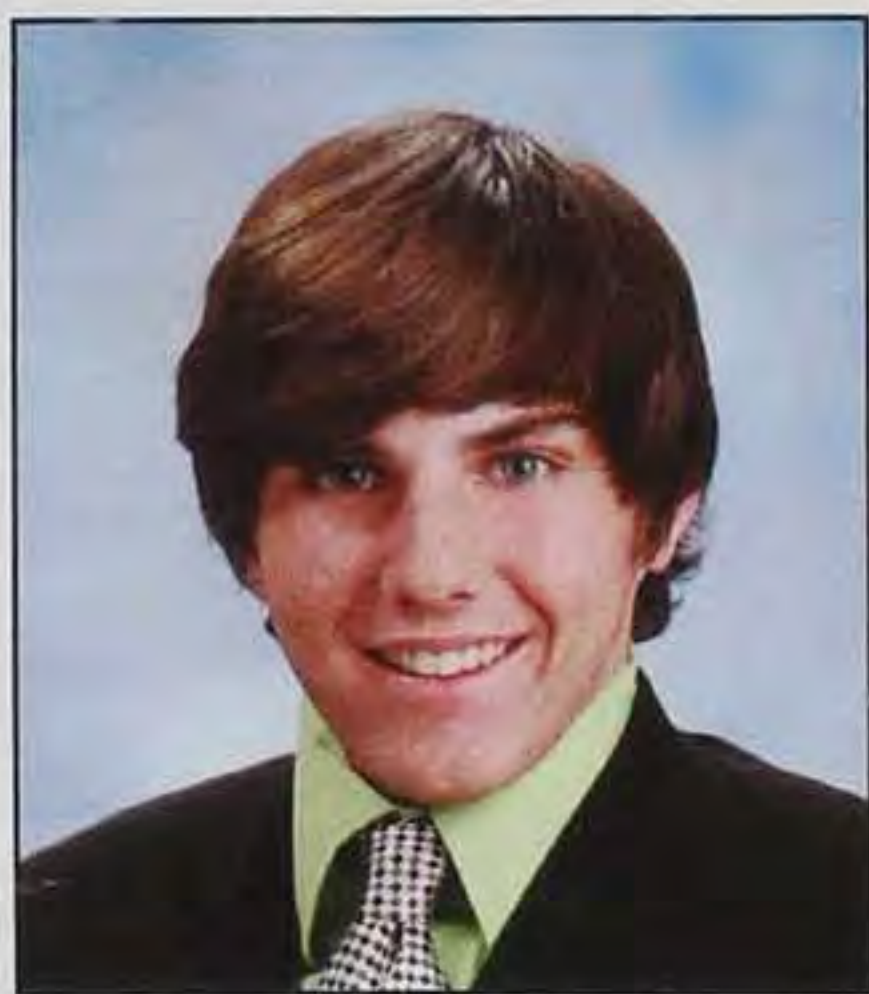
God~ thank you for always being faithful. Mom and Dad~ thank you for always loving me and thanks for such a great education. I will miss you more than you know next year. You've taught me so much, I love



Kirk Arthur Helfrich



Mom and Dad, thanks for always loving me even when the love was not returned. Know that the advice didn't go unheard. One day we'll look back and laugh, I promise. Jon - stick it out buddy, it will all get better soon. Matthew - you're the best little brother in the world, sorry I wasn't a better example, you deserve so much better. Devin - you are truly my third brother. To the friends who stuck with me, I'll never forget the times we had. Westminster - thanks for teaching me everything - and nothing. Class of '06 - don't cling to your comforts, they will all eventually fade. "It is only after we've lost everything that we are free to do anything."



Edward Taylor Hiemenz



William Barton Hesterberg



Benjamin Chet Heyse

Mom and Dad, Thank you for raising me; we're almost through it! STEVO...such good times between Star Wars, our road trip to Chicago, English accents, Axis and Allies...Euro Trip! SWEET MELONS! Good Times! Mary Katherine! I love you so much! Down low operations. GET OFF! What would I do without you? 13 going on 30...Jackie and Kaki...OH SHOOT! JOE, we can do absolutely nothing and have an AMAZING TIME! We have made some dumb mistakes, but we're good now! Thanks for being a good example in my life! I won't forget. Peter, we're class clowns; Great Fun! Thanks for the spiritual guidance! Sabina, you are one in a million! Morgana, you hoist! I love you! David, Dude...



Mom and Dad-You're a beautiful picture of a godly marriage. You'll never know how much your love has meant to me. Home has been the sanctuary it's supposed to be because of you. Rachel- The older we get, the closer we've grown. I praise God for that. You're my best friend for life. Emily- we are one mind, one heart, one soul; Jack- no one needs to understand; Emma-you always had my back; Katy-my spastic, overdramatic sister; I couldn't live without you; Erika- I'm glad I don't hate you anymore; Trista-you've helped me see God's grace; Casey- One Tree Hill loser, what would I do without you?; Whitney- you put a smile on my face; I love you all more than words can express.



Samantha Renee Hobbs



Libby Boehme, junior, sports a scarf at the Christmas party during Thursday neighborhood meetings. Scarfs were not merely worn for warmth, but for looks as well. Bright colors were popular, and some girls even knit their own.



Katherine Bear, senior, digs through her purse before Dr. Holley's English class. Students enjoyed looking at the pictures of graduates from previous years that hung in the room. They were often amused by the hairstyles and clothes that highschoolers used to wear.

A few years ago, if you saw a guy wearing a pink shirt, you would think he had some serious issues. However, pink shirts for men gradually gained in popularity. Straight guys could comfortably wear them, and many girls agree that the new look is quite attractive. It is weird to think about how trends begin because what we used to think was hideous suddenly becomes a necessity. Likewise, in a few years we will look back on today and say, "What were we thinking?"

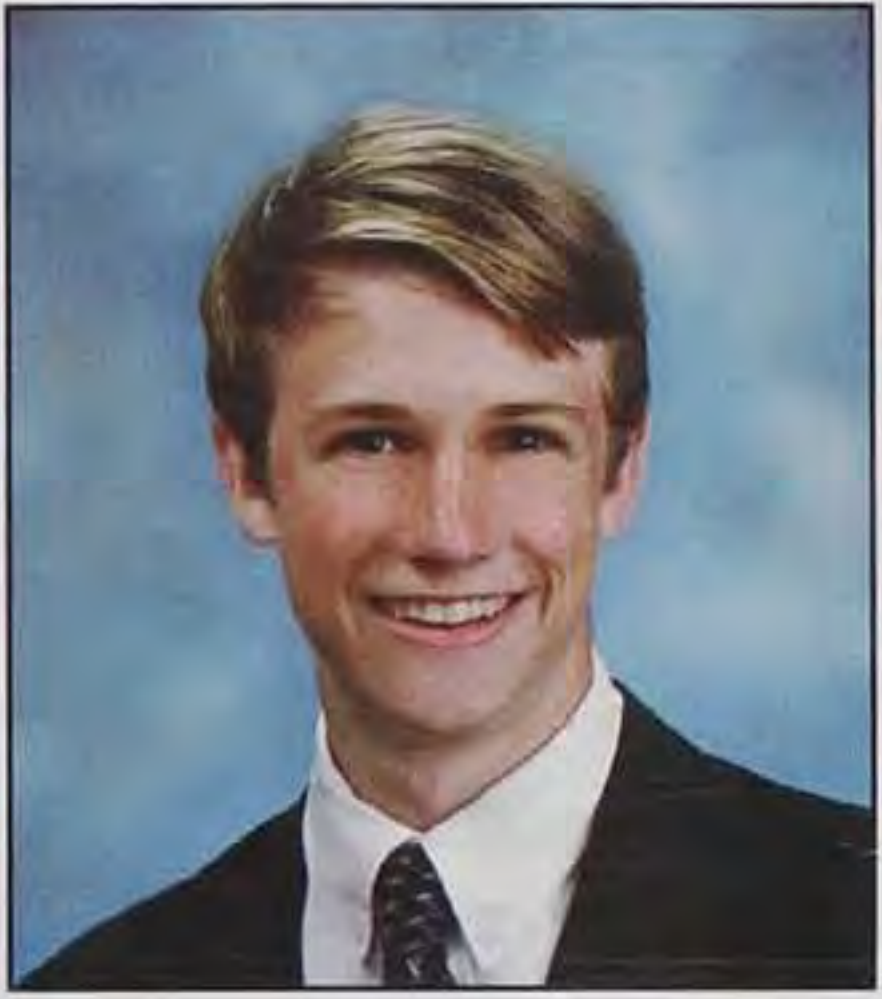
From pink shirts and fitted jeans to new hairstyles, the term "metro" was popular as guys increased their fashion awareness and often shopped at Express men. The new H&M store in West County Mall was also popular for both genders. Some guys went for the "emo" look with tight jeans and hair parted on the side. Senior Luke McGowan said that "only guys in bands do that." Barrett Neu, freshman band member, said that "it's just the preferred style." While some girls might have found the new look attractive, others were amused. "Seriously, when I see it, I just laugh," said Morgan Anderson, junior.

For girls, gauchos, short pants with wide leg openings, increased in popularity with their mix of comfort and style. They were often accompanied with a large, sparkley belt. Girls also liked to layer their shirts. Purses were big and gaudy, and long necklaces with lots of beads were a hit. When asked why girls need such big bags, McGowan said, "It's because they have so much money to carry around. One time I knocked over this girl's big purse and loose money and a whole make-up thing spilled out everywhere. It was like a freaking store."



I would like to thank God first. You have always been there for me, even if I didn't want to acknowledge you. I may struggle and fall, but in the end you are there. To my mom, thanks for always being there. I couldn't ask for a better mother. All your zany quirks make you who you are, even if they are embarrassing. Dad, you pushed me to be what I can be, thanks. Even if I don't learn how to be as mechanical as you, you'll still be there. Shannon, biggest thanks to you! You've helped me out of some of the hardest times of my life so far. To all my friends, you are some of the coolest people I know.

Thanks be to God for His eternal faithfulness, mercy, and love. To Mom and Dad, my number-one fans, thanks for your godly example and loving sacrifices; you have been an unbelievable blessing to me. Bethany, Hannah, James, and Matthew; you guys have no idea how amazing you are and how much I will miss you. William, thanks for tennis chats and carpools; you'll make a great Chief Justice. Michael, your methods amaze me. Brendan, save those brain cells. Thanks to everyone else who made me laugh and encouraged me never to settle for less. Go well, Class of '06, and become the giants from whose shoulders others may see God. 1 Corinthians 15:57



Andrew Steven Hoekzema



Joshua Dale Holzhausen

"That's Hot"



Daniel Kaufman and Joseph Greenlee, freshmen, chat after school. Kaufman was one of the brave few to wear tight jeans. Among the others were freshmen Taylor DeRosa, Barrett Neu, and senior Michael Ivancic.

Bare Necessities



Rachael Shaffner and Anne Castagno, seniors, splash water on each other in a baby pool. Castagno said, "We filled up lots of pools with water to play kiddy pool kickball for Sunday night youth group."



Kevin Sheehan, senior, makes a quick call to a friend by his car. According to students at Westminster, owning a car came in 2nd place for the 'must haves' of high school.



Coffee, hot chocolate, bagels, pastries and soup are some of the favorite comfort foods at St. Louis Bread Co. Because of the convenient location and delicious food, the Westminster students gave this restaurant number three on the top five list of high school necessities.



Emily Camp and Mary Beth Klotz, seniors, display cute, comfy, clothes even though the weather is getting chilly in the fall season. Comfortable clothes came in 4th place for the essentials of high school.



Samuel Roy Hotchkiss

God, thank you for life! Mom and Dad, thanks for putting up with me for 18 years. Will, you've been a great example to me. June thanks for being just plain cool. Kirk people, we are a Christian mafia! Shamp, keep that head up son. Gum- if all else fails, we have each other to laugh at. Tom, Denny, and Sheehan, you guys are clowns! To all y teachers, thanks for doing your job! Mr. Talley- thanks for the encouragement. To Mr. Jones and Mr. Schwamb, you guys had some big pairs of shoes to fill, and you have done well. PC boys-grow strong in the word! To the entire Westminster community: THANK YOU! Philippians 4:8



Mike Joseph Ivancic



"Everything hits at once"- Spoon. Thanks: To my parents- thanks for the financial support and toleration. To my older brothers- You two taught me everything I know. I won't be able to repay you. To the boys at the lunchtable- it's been about 6 years, for some of you 12. Gorilla, fireworks, water balloons, I could go on, I think St. Louis has seen enough of our mischief. To all the girls who dared to befriend me- You all were like sisters, whether I wanted that or not. To Say Panther- it's on to bigger and better things. So this is it. The first 18 years of my life culminate right here. "Schools out, what did you expect?"- Pavement.



Brendan Zee-Cheng, senior, receives a piece of gum from Christine Gephardt, senior, during the five minute passing period. Last but not least, Orbit gum was the final necessity for high school.

There are some things in life people just can't live without. These "bare necessities" are required for everyday life. When high school students at Westminster were asked what their "must have" of high school was here were the top five responses:

Friends

"So that someone can teach you not to be so uptight."

-Billy Bubenik, junior

Cars

"Because I'm definitely not going to have my parents drive me everywhere."

-Brian Stair, junior

St. Louis Bread Company

"Because it has good food and is a good place to hang out with friends and study at the same time."

-Gina Cacsella, junior

Comfortable Clothes

"Because you have to sit through the long boring day so you need to be comfortable."

Meghan Adams, senior

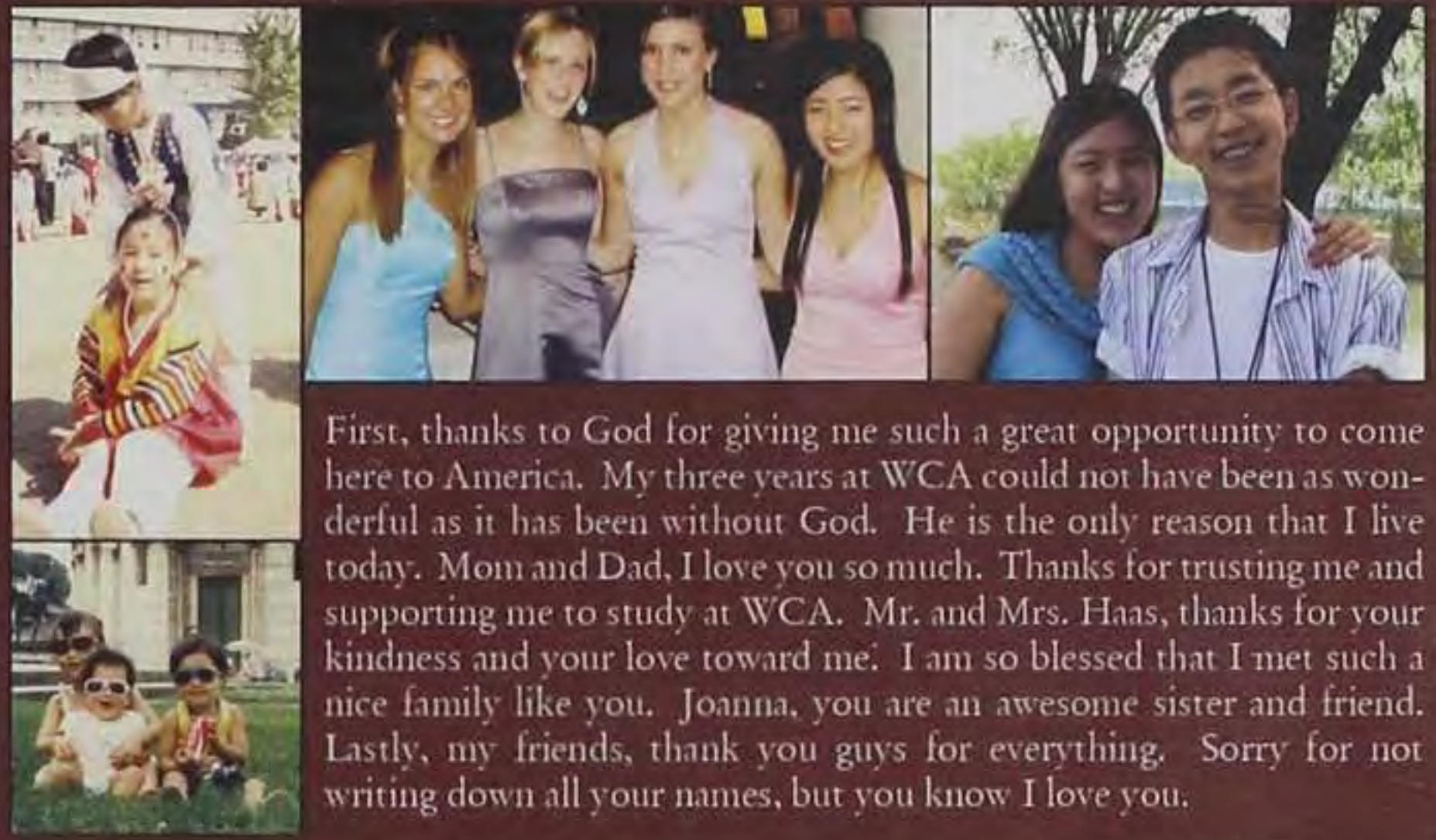
Orbit

"You must always have minty-fresh breath."

-Libby Boehne, junior



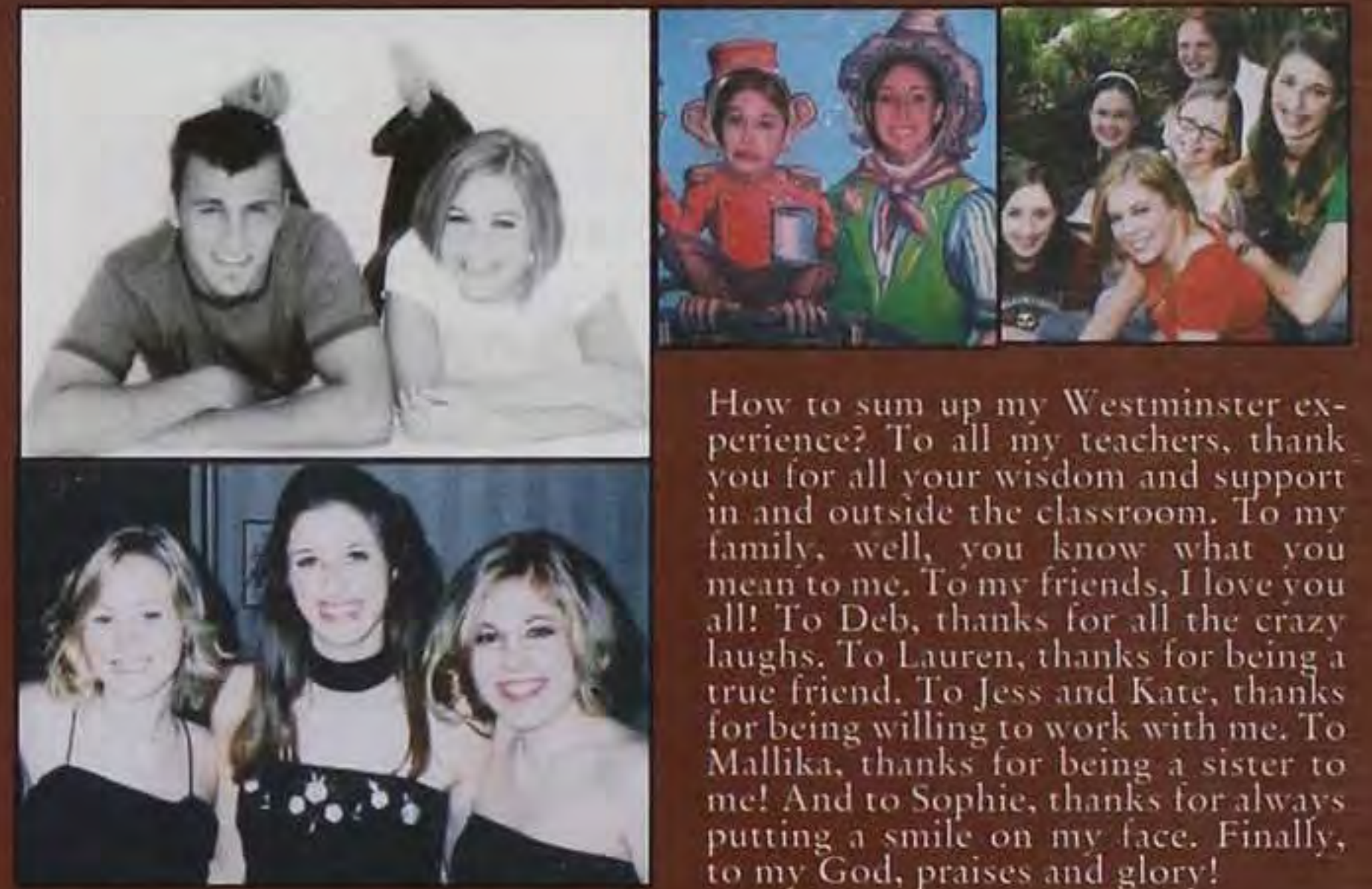
JiHee Jang



First, thanks to God for giving me such a great opportunity to come here to America. My three years at WCA could not have been as wonderful as it has been without God. He is the only reason that I live today. Mom and Dad, I love you so much. Thanks for trusting me and supporting me to study at WCA. Mr. and Mrs. Haas, thanks for your kindness and your love toward me. I am so blessed that I met such a nice family like you. Joanna, you are an awesome sister and friend. Lastly, my friends, thank you guys for everything. Sorry for not writing down all your names, but you know I love you.



Andrea H. Jacobson



How to sum up my Westminster experience? To all my teachers, thank you for all your wisdom and support in and outside the classroom. To my family, well, you know what you mean to me. To my friends, I love you all! To Deb, thanks for all the crazy laughs. To Lauren, thanks for being a true friend. To Jess and Kate, thanks for being willing to work with me. To Mallika, thanks for being a sister to me! And to Sophie, thanks for always putting a smile on my face. Finally, to my God, praises and glory!



Kirstin Rae Johnson



Rachael Elizabeth Johnson

Family, you have all been such a blessing to me. Mom- your love and sacrifice, Dad- your wisdom and sense of humor, Natalie- your innocence and devotion, thank you all for teaching me to be strong. Sarah- rockin' out to Queen, Anastasia, musicals, first loves. Alyssa- Dayspring, BABMC, the guys, fudge, cold pizza and music snobs. Libby- tea chats, big hugs, I love you more than anything. Improv girls- power to the females! Tom- you make me laugh. Christy and Missy- JSB, downtown Kirkwood. Sam R., Dancing Buddy, Deb, Andrea, Lauren, the girls, you guys are amazing! Neil, Billy, Sam, Touring Choir and Improv kids, you all keep my life interesting. God bless you all! Psalm 25:4,5



Mom, Dad: I'm blessed to have you as parents. Thanks for your love and sacrifices. Kaitlyn, Kayla: What a beautiful sunny day. What happened to the sun? There's never a cloudy day with you two. I love you. Andy, Colin: You're the brothers I never had. Missy, Christy, Cassie, Emily: Here's to our senior year. Kelley, Kristen: You're awesome for sticking with us and teaching me so much. Black people: I love you all. Roomies: Stiletto! Rachel: My twin, you're the best locker buddy. Dave: Hi! Danielle, Kiah, Pricellious, Jerrica, Don: You'll always make me laugh! Katie P., Lindsay, Thanks for always listening. God, thanks for holding me in every storm we've encountered. My life is all yours.





Dennis Matthew Jones

Thank you God for everything you have given me. Thanks to my parents for being there for me through good and rough times. Also, I'd like to thank all my teachers for the impact they made in my life. Thanks to my hockey team mates for being there when I needed them. I hope that the future hockey team will be blessed with great success. I'd like to thank my friends, for all they have done for me. Special thanks to my girlfriend Ashlynn, who guided and helped me through Westminster. Matthew 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."



Thanks Mom, Dad, Daniel, Rachel, and Jacob for being a loving family and sticking with me through the hard times. Rachael and Nick, thanks for being good friends and we will continue to have good times. Joe Nothum eat something and quit running to the bathroom with your finger down your throat. Red hair, you need to keep playing bass. You are pretty good. Hey Tuls, you're the coolest person ever. Let's go to McDonald's. Thank you Jesus for saving me and giving me another chance at life.



Jeffrey Michael Kaufman

Austin Willard and Sam Robinson, freshman, and Rex Oberle, sophomore, drink Starbucks while walking back to their Michigan Ave. hotel in Chicago. The three were in Chicago with twenty-five other WCA students for a weekend trip, coordinated by Mr. Johnson, in an exhibit on Pompeii at the field museum.



The Coffee Conundrum



Kylie Watson, freshman, works on a mask for her first hour art class while sipping her Starbucks coffee. Although school rules limited drinks in class to water, some teachers made exceptions for tired first hour students with their Starbucks.



Hank Hicks, junior, drinks his venti mocha frappachino from Starbucks while he socializes before school. "Starbucks is the bestest because it puts a pep in my step. Holla!" said Hicks.

Papers, finals, tests and homework galore are the orders of the day for most West-minsterites. The seemingly never-ending workload, when combined with jobs, sports and other extracurriculars, eats up nearly all of many students' time and forces some to work long into the night. Caffeine, therefore, appears to be the drug of choice for freshmen and seniors alike. And its major source: Starbucks.

What do you order when you go to Starbucks?

"I like Caramel Macchiatos the best, but I also like all the different kinds of Frappuccinos. I also like Pumpkin Lattes, but they only have them in the fall. Basically, if they serve it, I like it."

-Anne Carrington, sophomore

"Either a Caramel Frappuccino or a Peppermint Mocha. They only have Peppermint Mochoas in the winter, and they are absolutely delicious."

-Lindsay Loyd, junior

"A nonfat double-tall White Chocolate Mocha with whipped cream. If I don't get it double-tall it's just too sweet. And you just can't have it without whipped cream, so if you get it nonfat it makes it healthy."

-Richard Ross, eighth grader

"I get a Grande Caramel Frappuccino, or sometimes a Venti. If it's too cold for that I get a Hot Chocolate. But the best part of it is that I can get them for free because my uncle owns a Starbucks."

-Melissa Ruhlman, sophomore

"The best part of waking up is a peppermint mocha in my cup."

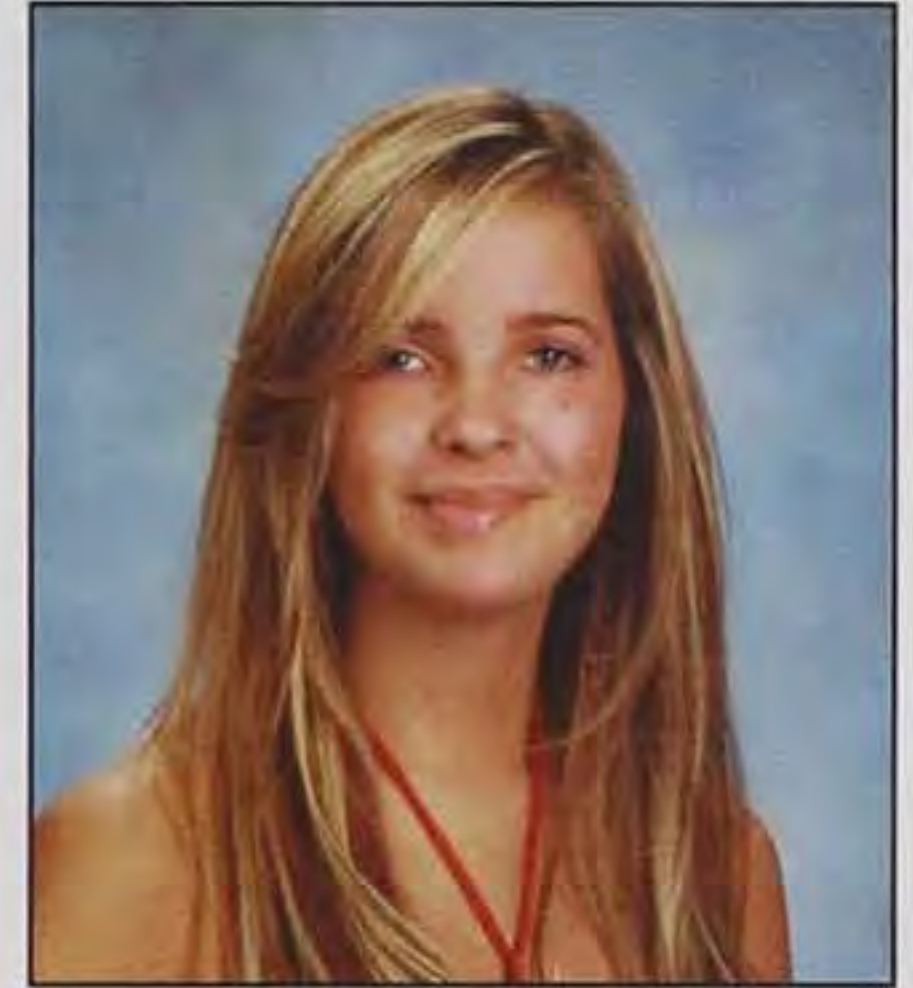
-Greg Wiele, junior



Monica Lyn Kaup



Heavenly Father, you are all I need; yet you bless me with far more. Thank you for showing me your goodness. Dad, I truly do love you. Mom, my true friend, thank you for raising me to know and love Christ; it is the greatest gift I could ask for. I love you. Siblings, I wouldn't trade you guys for the world. Rebecca, my twin, I am beyond blessed to have you as a constant friend. I love you. Katherine, we made it! Now what, Beauty school? Whitney, let's go lay in the street! JiHee, "I, I, I...I WHAT?" Anna, CB, Rachel "Vamos." I love you all so much. Thank you for being wonderful friends. Isaiah 41:10.



Jacqueline A. Keeven

Thank you, Lord, for keeping your arms around me and giving me all that I don't deserve. Thanks to my mom and dad for everything you've given me and everything you've put up with - I really do appreciate all of it. To my friends, I love you all so much! Cassie, thanks for always being there. Chocolate is a good addiction! Ew, a cheerleader. Missy, our ice cream talks, car flirting, and punk-preps! Sarah L., contaminated pens! Sam and Jess, we're rubbing off on each other - yay! Strange Friday nights...no comment. Deb, bareback riding = sore...yea. Illegal trails! Sarah B., baby talk! Marta, Hey (silent "y," with head bob). Much love! Hebrews 13:5,6.



Christina Marie Kelly



My greatest influences: Mom- you never told me how to be a godly woman, you showed me. Dad- you made me realize what I'm worth, and give me strength of character. Chad- you influence me more than you'll ever know. Daniel- I hope I've taught you something, I can't wait to see the man you'll become. Heatherlyn- your presence is my strongest sense of peace and wisdom. Sarah- you're my truest example of faith. Nicholas- every girl needs a best guy friend, you're mine. Ashley- senior year wouldn't be the same without you. MBK- I love your sweetness and appreciate your advice. Mr. Boesch- I appreciate your confidence in me. Bill- you made my high school memories sweet, I can't wait for more.



Jamie Kay Kim



Ji-Hoon Kim



Peter Andrew Kissinger



Mom, Dad, and Jiwon, you guys mean more to me than anything. I love you guys so much. Mrs. Thomas, thanks for being my American mom. I would not be this happy without you. When I am 21, we will have a glass of wine together. How is that? I love you mom. Dani, you are the best teacher I met in my entire life. Misggugi! Dang it! I don't know how to spell. Sean, you are my brother. All of my friends, thanks for being my friends even though I am a Korean. All the Koreans, don't miss me too much. You guys still have Yi-re who will entertain you guys. I love you all.

"Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe." Well kids, the fat lady has sung? To those of you that have come in contact with me, I hope I've been a good example. Thanks to my parents for being awesome, love u guys. Taylor and Joe: Haha. You guys made my experience at this school what it was (good). Enough said, God has awesome plans for both of you; I've tried to be a good friend. Chris: sea donkeys, Tom: Eore sucks, Neu, Sarah, random people: thanks for passing away the hours of life with me. Well, time to move on ... (Eph 2:4-9)



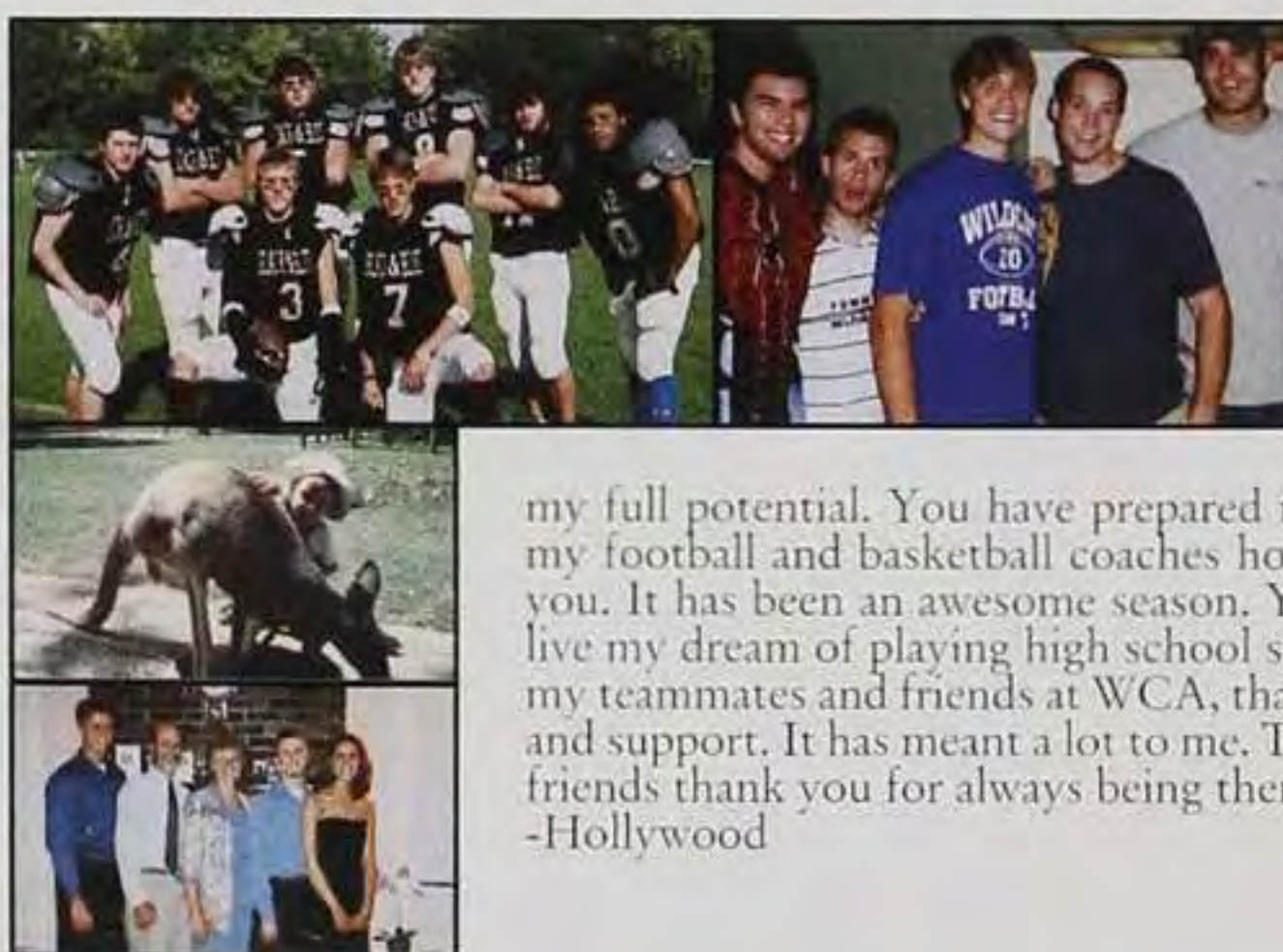
Dad, thanks for encouraging me to be a woman of Christ, Mom, my best friend, thanks for always listening even at eleven o'clock, I'm so blessed by your godly wisdom. Emily and Scott, you're wonderful role models, I'm always thankful for your advice. Cak, thanks for making me laugh; and keeping me skinny! I love you guys atwuhabatsht! Gracie, I love you, thanks for being a wonderful best friend; it's time for Chicago! Kellbell, my ghetto girl, we're so funny, love you! Lunch girls- I need something sweet! Jamie thanks for being a faithful friend! Whitney- I'm hungry- want an ice cream sandwich? DT: Catastrophic! Good time! Thank you all for your love, and support, I'll miss you!



Mary Beth Klotz



Kenyon Joseph Klousia



Mom & Dad, thank you for being the most incredible parents. To the rest of my family thank you for loving and supporting me. To my teachers thank you for inspiring me to work toward my full potential. You have prepared me well for college. To my football and basketball coaches how can I begin to thank you. It has been an awesome season. You have enabled me to live my dream of playing high school sports. What a year!! To my teammates and friends at WCA, thanks for your friendship and support. It has meant a lot to me. To my youth leaders and friends thank you for always being there. Go K-Squad! -Hollywood

The question of, "where do I sit at lunch," on the first day of school for a newcomer could likely be one of worry and frustration. Most of the regular attendees of Westminster have friends in who they have known since grade school or seventh grade. Middle School is a much smaller population of students, and kids are not allowed to eat lunch in the commons. High school, however, is much more populated and requires more space to accommodate the needs of the growing children. But with so many tables in both the cafeteria and the commons, how does one choose which to sit at? There are some who move around on a regular basis and do not have an assigned table, but others will race down the stairs on the first day of school to make sure they get "their table." For a while, people come and go, but the seating arrangement for the year is most likely to be set in stone by the end of the first month. It would be looked down upon if someone showed up to their table at lunch time and someone else had sat there with their friends. They would be put in a difficult situation in which they would not know what to do, and most importantly, where to sit. Freshmen are usually the biggest concern. With no prior knowledge of who sits where, they just mosey their way down stairs and find a nice place to sit with their friends. In some way or another they will be scared off in the near future so that the original "owners" of the table will be able to enjoy their lunch there. They will then move on to another empty table where they will learn to appreciate that space, and that will become "their table" for which they will fight for the following year.

Laley Venard and Morgan Anderson, juniors, eat their lunch in the cafeteria. They have been friends since freshman year and "claimed" their lunch table in the beginning of sophomore year.



Lunch Room

Madness

Emily Rassieur, Chelsea Call, and Seth Lillenberg, freshmen, sit in the hallway outside of the cafeteria and the commons during lunch. "We normally just talk about school or our plans for the weekends during lunch," said Lillenberg.



Brian Keffer, Daniel Miller, and Ben Baldwin, sophomores, study during lunch in the cafeteria. The workbook they were looking over was for Doctor Shaw's honors Chemistry class.



Stephen Lee Knubley



I cannot adequately express six years of friendships, events, and unforgettable moments with mere words, much less within this small space. So I will not even try to begin to list them all. You who were and are my friends, I thank you for all the things you have helped me through and have taught me. Some of you have been like brothers to me. Other of you have provoked me to think, to philosophize, and to dream. For that loyalty, fellowship, and insight I am eternally grateful. We walk on to bigger things now, and we will have the opportunity to shape our dreams into reality. We must keep God as our light, and we will surely succeed.



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Sarah Ashley LaRose



Sarah Elizabeth Lillenberg



Mom and Dad, I love you. Mom, if it wasn't for you I don't know how I would have turned out. Dad, I love you and you make me proud, thank you for your hard work so Mom and I can have such a wonderful life. Thank you both for being there when I needed you the most. Chris, you are the best brother a girl could ask for. To my friends, Emily, Cassie, and all the other girls - I love you; you are what pushed me through high school. To all of the boys in my life, thank you. Goodbye WCA, thank you for teaching me one viewpoint of the world. "If you're going through hell, keep going." - Winston Churchill

Heavenly Father: Bring me to my knees; I need you. Mom: I don't deserve you. Dad: Thanks for your sacrifices. Seth: Seek the Lord in everything; learn from my mistakes. Stephen: Selflessness is a beautiful thing to learn at your age. Jamie: Thanks for never letting me give the easy answer - seek truth. Heatherlyn: Thanks for your house, family, selflessness and consistency. I'M READY! Nick: Leno's right, you need an education, but never stop playing the drums. KC: Vulnerability. Emily: I don't consider the past five years wasted; simply this one incredibly blessed. Rachael: Thanks for your thoughts and apples. Anne: Be my goat? Ashley: Paint, it's good for the soul. WCA: Be real, it's worth the fight. Lam 3:22.



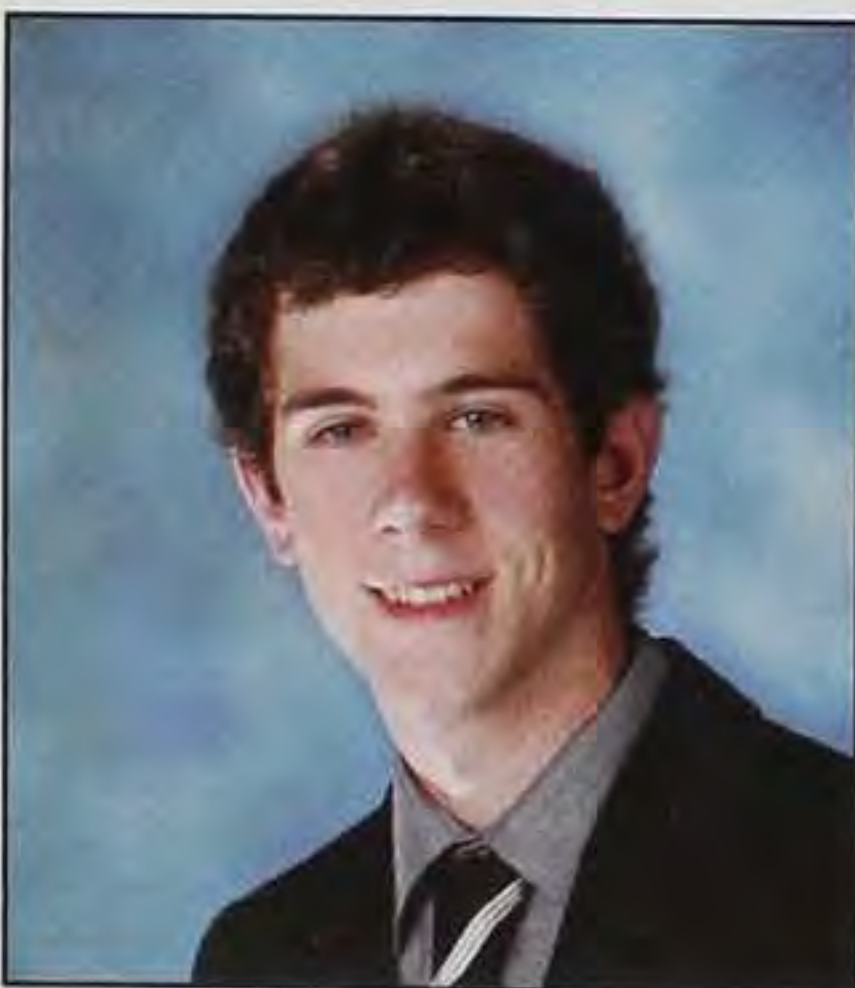
First, I thank God for giving me strength to be at this point in my life. Next, I want to thank my parents for their dedication and commitment to me during my school years. I know it wasn't easy, but you were there every step of the way. I would not be where I am today without you! I also want to thank my amazing sister, Brittany, for being my strongest support and best friend! Next I want to thank Holly for being my greatest Godly influence and my best bud through the hard times and fun times! The memories are endless and I will never forget them. To Kaki, I love you girl! You will always hold a special place in my heart! Cori, you are crazy and always make me laugh! Dance team girls, I love you all - you all have made such an impact in my life. To Jenna, WOW, you are the most amazing coach, but most of all my second mom! I love you! To all my amazing teachers, thank you for all your understanding and encouragement. To Westminster, I thank you for everything. God Bless. I love you all!



Nicole J. Londoff



Mom, thanks for always being there for me, I love you. Dad, thanks for some good life lessons. Dan, thanks for being a cool step dad. Josh, you're my brother but my best friend too, all the funny car rides and stupid jokes that made us laugh till it hurt. Guys, we've had some crazy times and close calls, but it's all been great. So many memories from F1 (R.I.P.), F2, live on, Steak n' Shake patrol, water balloons, sledding, hot tubs, after school antics, fireworks, Nixon, and of course the gorilla! Eryn (bff), 10:01 always. Kevin, you get all my stuff when I die and I get yours. Take care guys and girls. Goodbye Westminster, finally.



Dustin Philip Maassen

What do you eat for breakfast? Eggs? A banana? Cocoa Puffs? Nothing at all? An inside look at what Westminster students eat for breakfast shows that the breakfasts of choice are diverse. While some kids may have time to eat Mom's French toast every morning, most of us grab an apple or a bowl of Raisin Bran, even a can of Red Bull. On a typical morning at the Academy, caffeine in the form of Starbucks is abundant. In order to stay attentive, students should eat breakfast every day. One of the reasons some of us feel so exhausted throughout the day is because we do not eat a sufficient breakfast. According to a study conducted by General Mills in 1998, students who ate breakfast performed better in school. In addition, kids who eat breakfast at least every other day are more likely to stay at a healthy weight. Doctors say that a "complete breakfast" is best - a balanced meal with a variety of nutrients. Kids reported their daily breakfast routines. "What do you eat for breakfast?"

"I usually eat cereal, like Lucky Charms."

- Katherine Dudley, senior

"Nothing, or an energy drink."

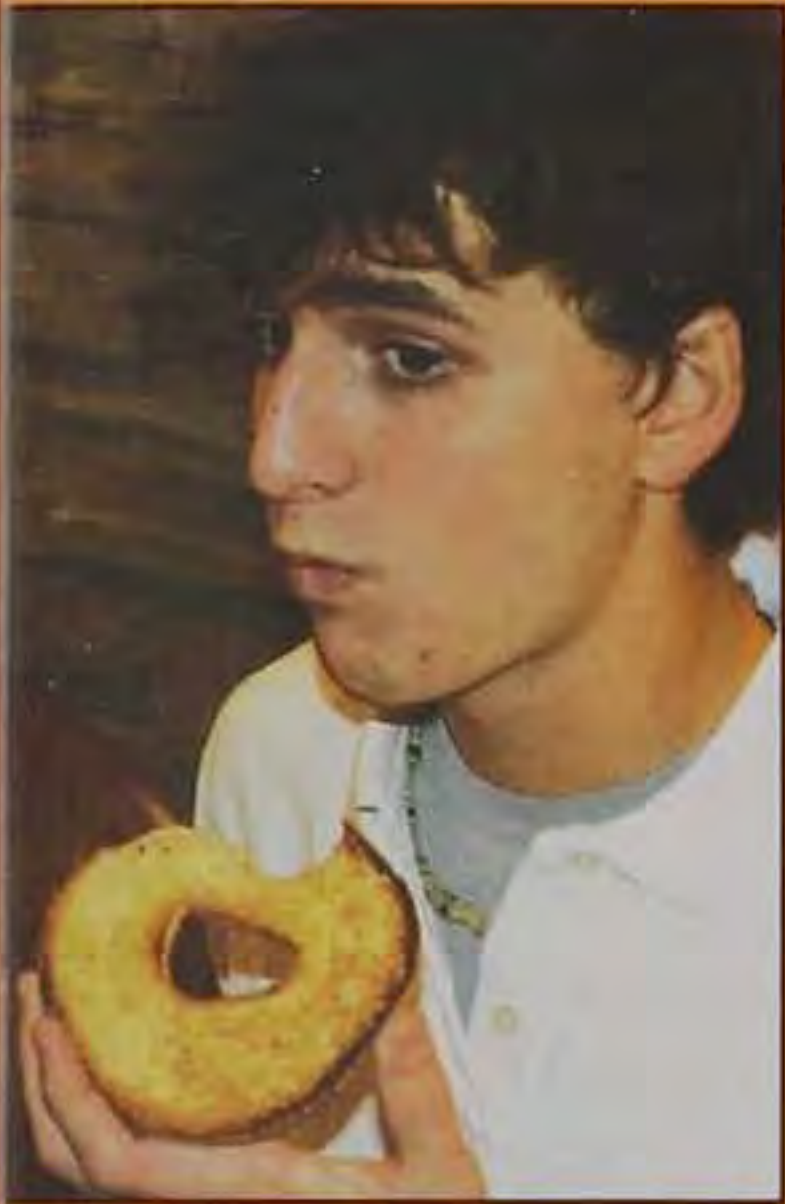
- Micah Mills, eighth grader

"Usually I don't eat breakfast, but if I do, I have coffee and a muffin."

- Heatherlyn Neu, senior

"Cereal, like Frosted Flakes."

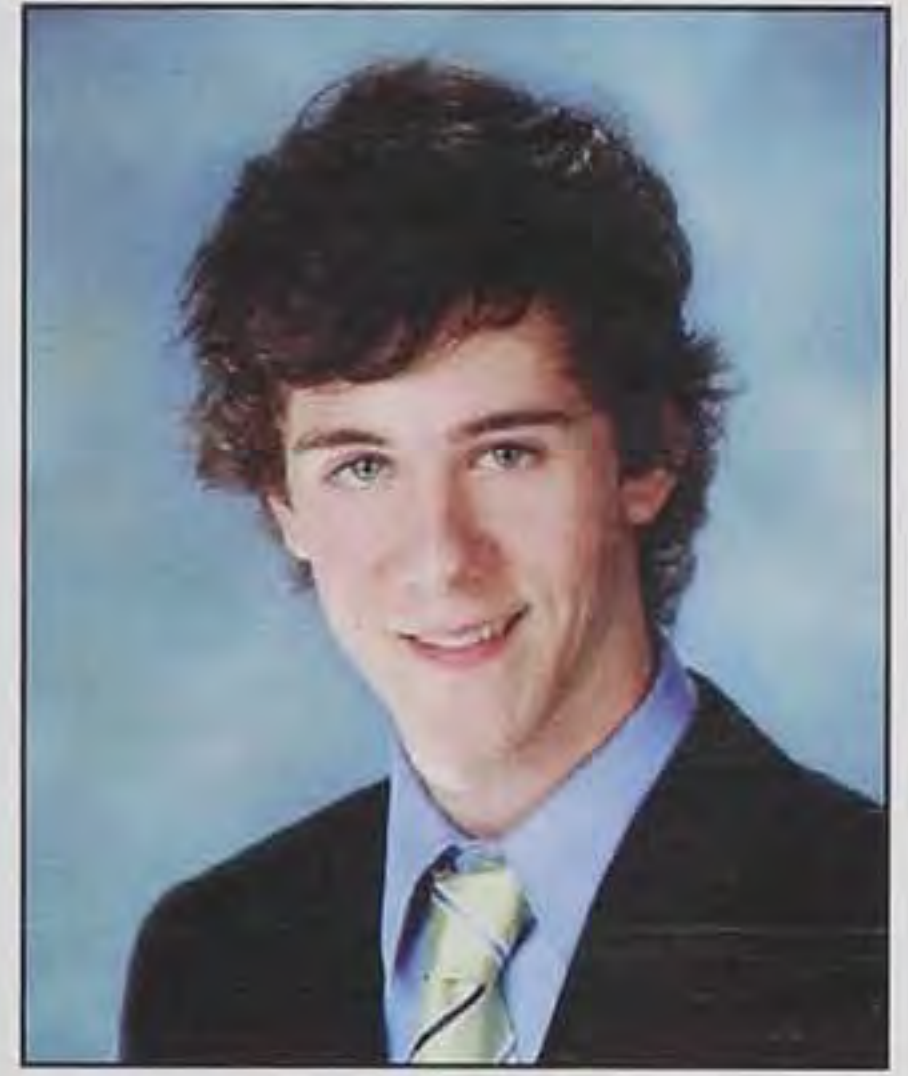
- Ben Turner, sophomore



Mike Alexander, senior, tentatively chews a toasted plain bagel. Carbohydrates, found in grains, provide morning energy. "I usually eat cereal, like Peanut Butter Crunch. But this morning my mom made bacon and eggs," Alexander said.



Family, thank you so much for all your love and support throughout these years, I couldn't have done it without all of you. Mom, you know I love you so much. Guys, I don't even know where to begin with things, but most of it is on my camera. Urban Gorilla, and so many times at Kevin's house. Mike all the moments, late nights, Elliot what a great camping trip, the water park, Bill, working together was the best. Ainsley, you will always be so special to me, "goodnight." Dustin, you are my best friend, you have made life so much fun. We all will be out of Westminster soon, but always keep the crazy memories alive.



Joshua David Maassen

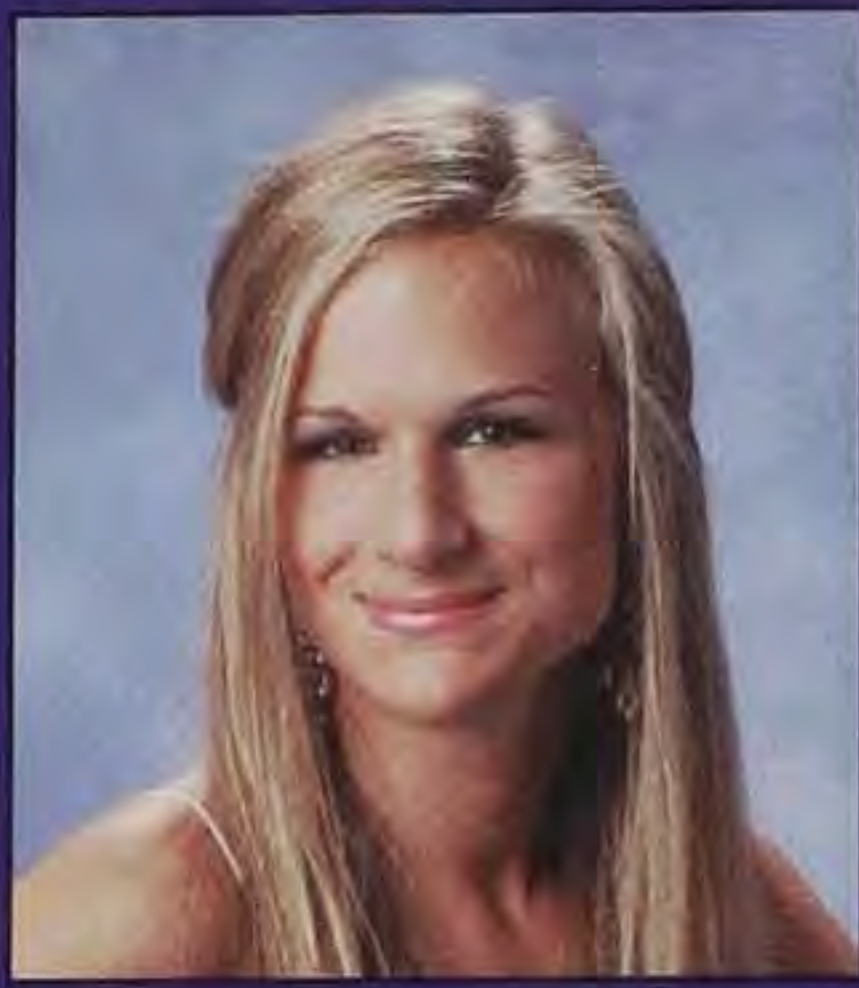
The breakfast club



Katherine Dudley, senior, enjoys a breakfast of Lucky Charms. Most cereals have added extra vitamins and minerals, such as calcium. Many students at Westminster did not have much time to eat in morning and get the needed amount of nutrients.



Heatherlyn New, senior, gets ready to enjoy a cherry pastry for breakfast at the St. Louis Bread Company on South Grand. Every Thursday morning, New went out to breakfast with her senior service group. The restaurants they ate at most frequently were Bread Company, Kayak's, and the City Diner, all of which offer some healthy selections and the daily needed caffeine intake.



Trista Elizabeth Malazewy



I want to say how much I love my "ohana." Mom, thanks for always being my best friend. Dad, thanks for everything you have taught me. Josh: thanks for the good times and the lessons you have taught me. Eric, you are the wisest, most Godly man I know, thank you for all of the knowledge you have given me. Ali, I love you more than I could ever tell you, you are the greatest blessing God has ever put into my life. I love you all 'to the sky and back.' Sam & Em: thanks for heling me through my dark times and always being my inspiration to turn to the Lord; you will always be my best friends.



Emily Camp and Whitney Pfitzinger, seniors, make snow angels after school. Many teenagers would wear ethnic clothing, such as Ugg boots and Inuit coats, to keep warm. This style of clothing, consisting of sheerling wool, first originated in colder parts at higher longitude, such as Fairbanks, Alaska.

Let it Snow



On Wednesday, December 7, the forecast for the next day called for below-freezing temperatures and one to three inches of snow, the first of the season, with a snow advisory in affect from six a.m. to six p.m. When students woke up December 8 the ground was bare, leaving many doubting yet again the skills of St. Louis weather forecasters. However, the snow did come shortly before nine a.m., and when it came it wreaked havoc on the whole St. Louis area. Though many counties had prepared by salting the roads and readying armies of snow plows, the roads quickly became icy and often dangerous, slowing traffic to a crawl.

"I just went home after Senior Service," explained senior Kevin Sheehan, "because my parents told me that the roads were really dangerous and I shouldn't go to school. I had been waiting for years to hear them tell me that. I went home, made hot chocolate and slept." Others were not so lucky: the traffic made many students late to class.

"My dad and I had walked to Starbucks before it started snowing and it started snowing while we were there," said Kate Ross, junior. "We realized that it was nine o'clock and we couldn't get home in time to make it back to school, so we called my brother, who was hanging out with his youth leader, and asked him to come get us. But he got really slowed down because of the snow, and that's why I was ten minutes late to Stats."

However, many students enjoyed the snow despite the traffic.

"It took me like three times as long as usual to get to school," said Katie Stipanovich, junior. "But it was fun, because later my sisters and I played in the snow. We built a snow fort and had a snowball fight. We always play in the snow, I'm not going to lie. But it really is fun."



Holly Jean Mattox



"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people" -V.B. Mom and Niles: my family, my support, my everything...I love you. Sarah: my best friend, the only person who has been there through it all, helping me grow in my faith and having so many screams I can't even count...I love you with all my heart; you're the only one who gets me...and lives by tommy boy. Colie - you're an amazing friend... you should me how to have fun and be crazy...I love you... she's all about it! WHAT!!!!??? Cori -you've always been there for me - stay sweet. "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around, you might miss it." (Ferris Bueller)





Luke David McGowan



Mom and Dad- Thank you for the long talks and words of wisdom. I appreciate all you do and love you darly. Amy and Julie- You are the best sisters, even when you are picking on me. Brian- Thanks for putting me in my place and making me laugh. Amanda, Anne, and Kat- You are like sisters to me and I will always cherish our friendship. Rachel- Breakups, craziness, and late night choreography. Thank you for sticking by me. To my PC group- You girls mean the world to me. Keep following after God. To my class and teachers- You have made my high school experience complete. I thank God for giving me these wonderful years and I love you all!



Sarah Lynne McReynolds



I would like to thank God for all the wonderful gifts he has blessed me with, and my family for supporting and always wanting the best for me. To my college boys Greg and Jarred: thanks for always being my best friends. B-Unit: thanks for being my friend since 8th grade, and for moving back. Joe, thanks for making me spend all my money on hunting, and putting up with me on all those trips, and yes, I hope I get one eventually. Heatherlyn, thanks for the great times. Sarah: thanks for being my only friend. To Jack and Steve, good times, yeah-uh. To everyone, thank you for making this so much fun, I will miss you all. Ephesians 6:23

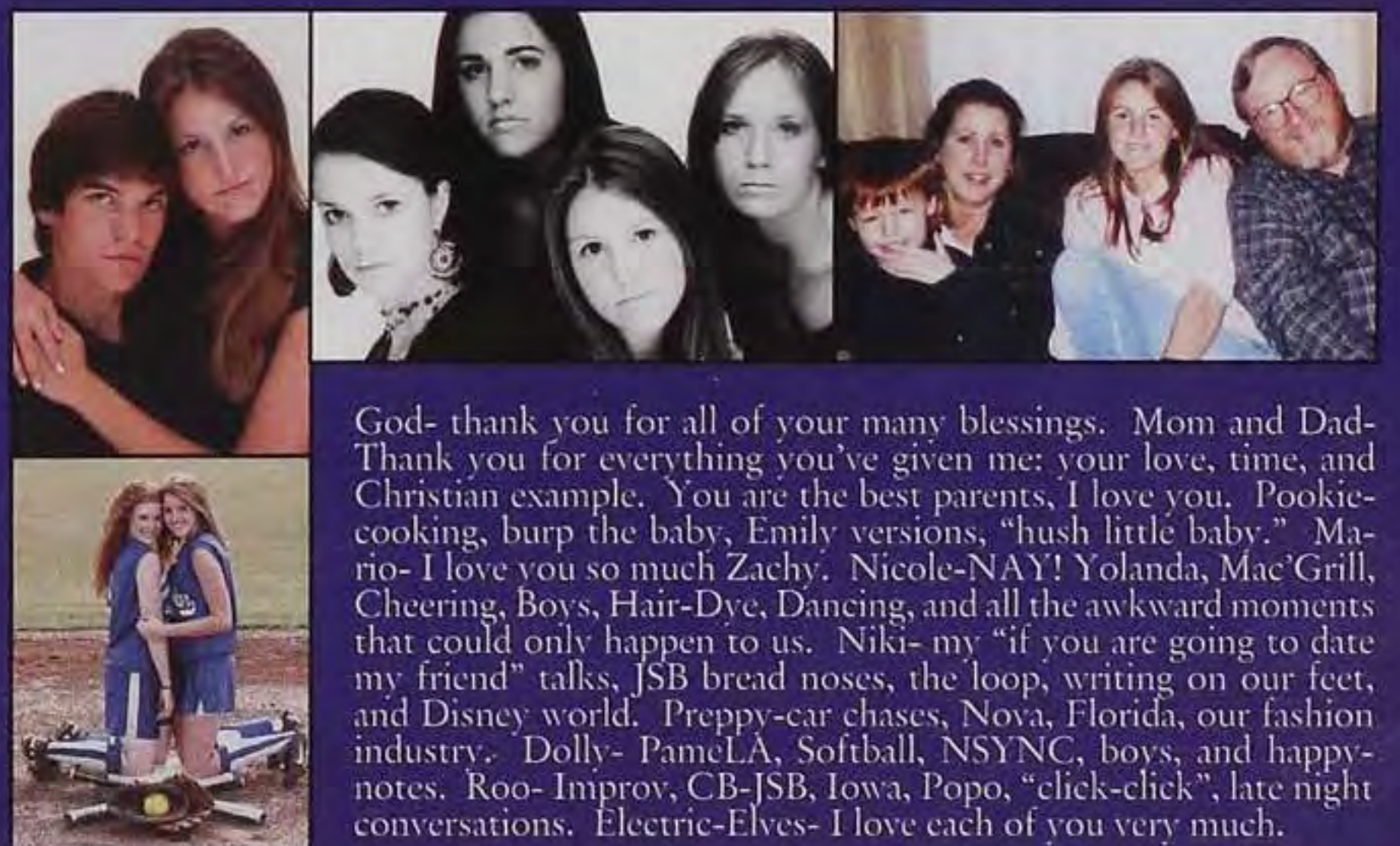
Mom and Dad- I love you guys so much and will miss you! Thanks for everything. Michael and Drew- I leave you my room, fight over it! I love you more than I show! Cass- Forever sister, ten awesome years. Sammi- best hugs! Bean (sister-in-law)- "studying". KC- My twin. Emma- DRAMA! To the girls: Never forget all the good times—girl talk, sleepovers, food, food, food—the important stuff. You're my angels and I love ya! To the guys: Thank you for never being moody! When I needed a good laugh, you were there! I'll miss you. Bball girls: "What it is?" Band nerds: Slava!, Gershwin, etc. PC girls: I love you-keep smiling! 2 Corinthians 12:9.



Megan Elizabeth Menzel



Emily Jane Meyer

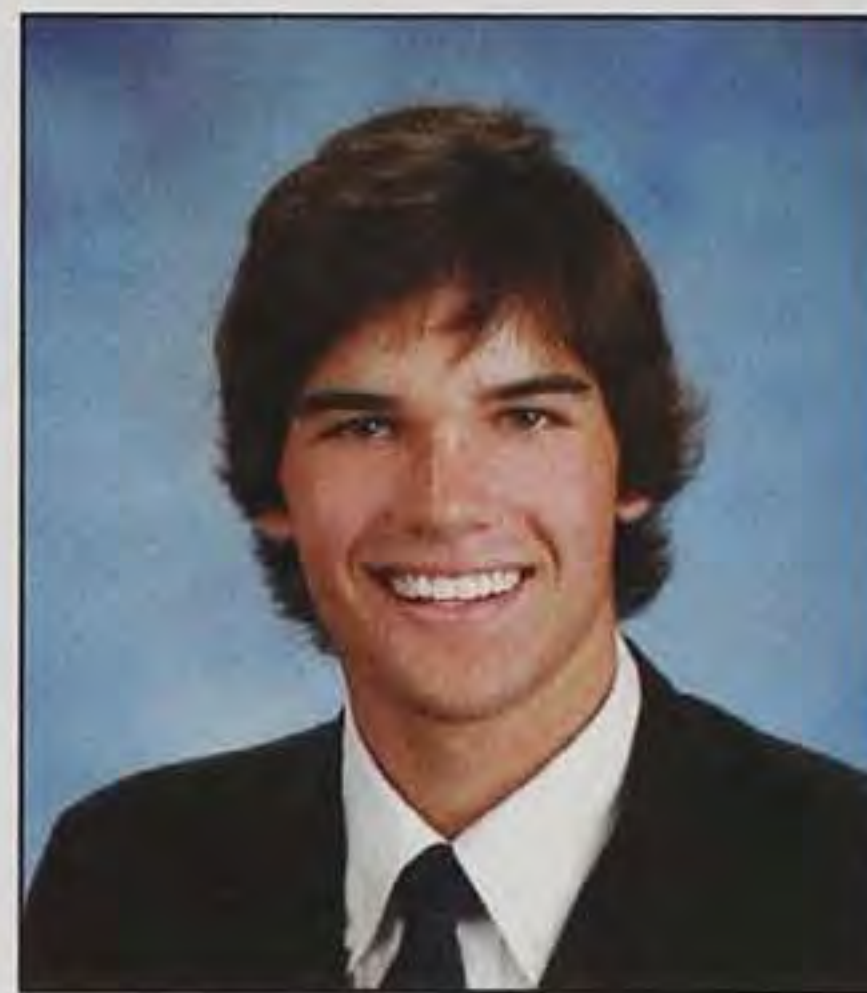


God- thank you for all of your many blessings. Mom and Dad- Thank you for everything you've given me: your love, time, and Christian example. You are the best parents, I love you. Pookie-cooking, burp the baby, Emily versions, "hush little baby." Mario- I love you so much Zachy. Nicole-NAY! Yolanda, Mac'Grill, Cheering, Boys, Hair-Dye, Dancing, and all the awkward moments that could only happen to us. Niki- my "if you are going to date my friend" talks, JSB bread noses, the loop, writing on our feet, and Disney world. Preppy-car chases, Nova, Florida, our fashion industry. Dolly- Pamela, Softball, NSYNC, boys, and happy-notes. Roo- Improv, CB-JSB, Iowa, Popo, "click-click", late night conversations. Electric-Elves- I love each of you very much.



Josh Holzhausen, senior, scrapes snow off of his car as he prepares to head to church for the night.

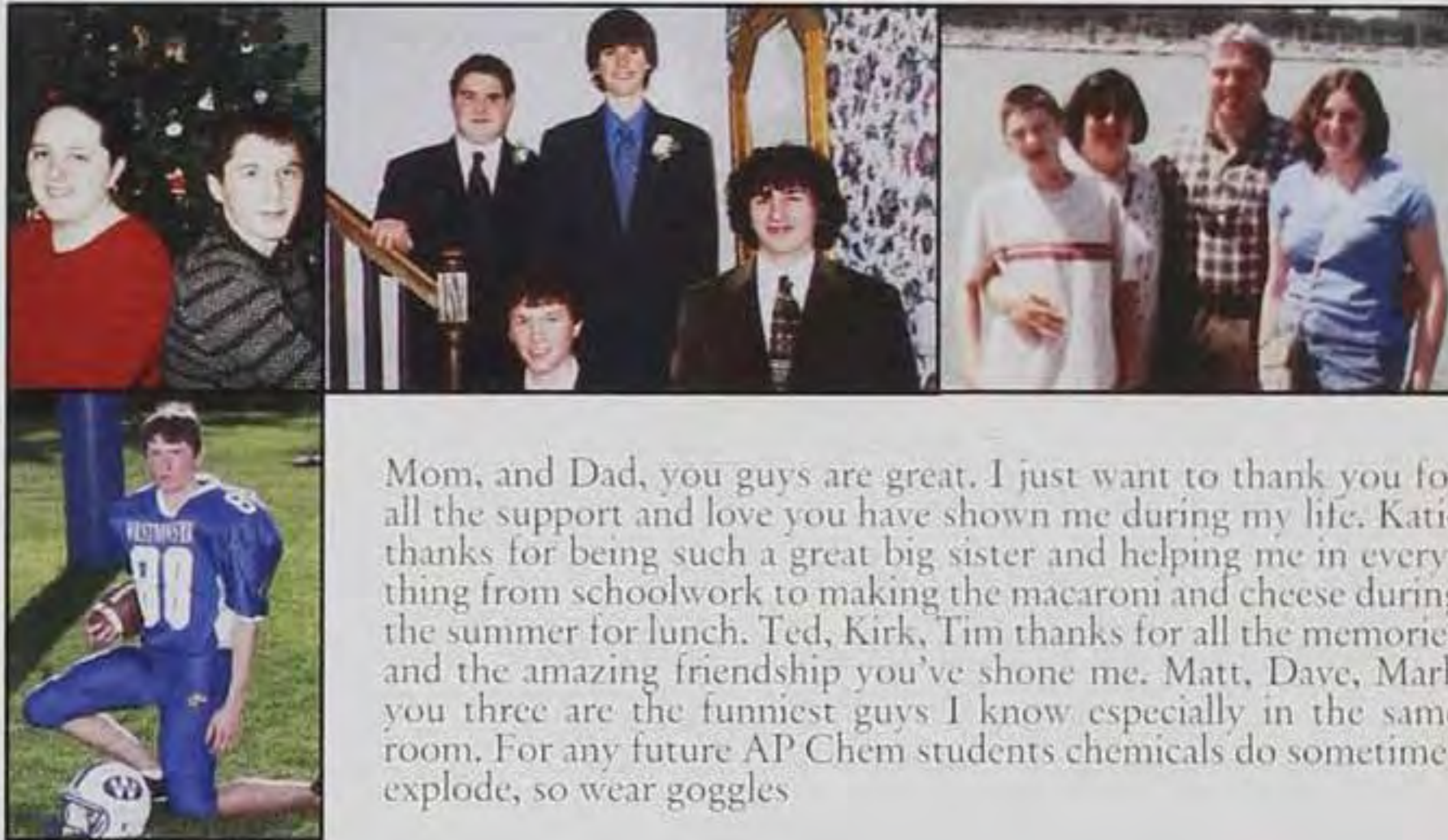
Most importantly, I thank God because anything worthwhile I am today is because of Him. Parents: Thanks for sacrificing everything to give us the best. I love you so much! Joseph: Don't waste your life. You've a lot going for you. Emmy, thanks for being there even when I'm not. We may have an interesting relationship, but I love you. Nothum, you made the last 3 years of practice successful. I'll miss beating each other up. Holtzclaw, thanks for carpooling. I know you'll have plenty of gas left still. Stufflebam, stay how you are. Kaufman, follow God, but have fun doing it. Tom, Libby, Emily: the last of the original "family." I'll miss you like the others. A Todos mis amigos: ¡Adios!



Daniel Mark Minnella



Jason T. Moore



Mom, and Dad, you guys are great. I just want to thank you for all the support and love you have shown me during my life. Katie thanks for being such a great big sister and helping me in everything from schoolwork to making the macaroni and cheese during the summer for lunch. Ted, Kirk, Tim thanks for all the memories and the amazing friendship you've shone me. Matt, Dave, Mark you three are the funniest guys I know especially in the same room. For any future AP Chem students chemicals do sometimes explode, so wear goggles



Michael Ferrara, eighth grader, cleans the snow off his sister's car after school. "It usually takes us 30-45 minutes to get to and from school," said Ferrara.



Michael Kennison, junior, scrapes ice off his car after the first snow of the season. "It usually takes me 15 minutes to get to school from Mason and Olive."

Benjamin Glaser, senior, puts his backpack into his car after school. "It usually takes me about 45 minutes to get to and from school each day."

Rush Hour

Many people live in different parts of Missouri. Some live in Affton, some live in Creve Coeur, and some right next to school. The driving distance and time varies from person to person. Richard Copeland, eighth grader, came from Arnold to Westminster every day. His drive could be up to sixty minutes in the morning.

Some of the driving problems come close to our school. The school has tried to improve the traffic jam in front of the school by hiring a police officer to direct traffic in the mornings. Paul Duffy, junior, commented on how long it takes to get to school. He said, "It takes fifteen minutes [to get to school] because of stop lights and traffic."

People from Chesterfield and on the west side of the Daniel Boone Bridge also faced troubles getting to school in the morning because of traffic. Brian Stair, junior, who lived in Chesterfield said, "It usually takes a good thirty minutes to get to school because of traffic."



Anna Kumari Morgan



Jesus Christ: my comforter and strong tower. Mom and Dad: thanks for everything from adopting me to raising me in a loving, Christian home. Aaron, Jon, Ben: you boys are the greatest brothers. Shannon and Connor: I'm so glad you're part of the family. I love you all. Caitlin: the best friend I've ever had thanks for being there for me. Katherine: my first friend at WCA, country music, American Idol, Orbit gum. Becca, Monica, Rachel: the lunch table group, you girls are the best. Kiah, Faith, Missy: you ladies brighten up world views, pound it. Lauren: P.E. buddies forever. Alli, Emily, Rachel: thanks for all the help in math. Much love to everyone. Jeremiah 29:11

Mom- compassion. Thanks for loving me always. Dad- self-sacrifice. Thanks for always making me laugh, you've given me more than I ever could have wanted. Bruv- humility. Without you I couldn't reach for great dreams with a stable hand. Liddy- you have pushed me harder then anyone ever! Thank you. Barrett- Thanks for teaching me patience. You are the coolest little bro ever! Rock on! Jamie- Pookie everyone should have a friend like you. Sarah- Never stop dancing! And thanks for keeping Christ first in our relationship. Rachael- Thanks for always listening and being there for me. Nick- You're crazy, you know that? But I love you for it. Luke- You couldn't have made high school more fun. 1 Corinthians 15:58



Rebecca Louise Nolle



Cori Marie Nagel



I would like to first thank the Big G.O.D, he made me pretty hot. To the fam: thanks to both sides. It's twice the love. Mom and Terry, you've been there for me and have pushed me to do my best. Steven, I hope the whole "college thing" works out. Jackie, you give the best advice, don't ever change. So many boys so little time; loves ya. Holly, it's been quite a ride and it's finally over; I'm glad I went through it with you. Anne, thanks for all the inside jokes, you're a sweetheart. To Derrick: thank you for being my best friend; you're amazing. "You said, between your smiles and regrets: 'Don't say it's over'" (Fall Out Boy).



Heatherlyn Faith Neu



Nathan, Erin, Jeremy: best siblings ever! Erin and Mick- I love hanging with you. Jeremy- Let's go shopping! Nathan- come home!!! Mom and Dad- I love hanging out with you and value our friendship greatly. Thanks for raising me! Monica- My Best Friend Ever!!! I couldn't like anyone more. You challenge me spiritually, are always there for help, and best of all, crack me up. We'll always be best friends because, after all, we share the same brain... You're the one French fry I would want to be. Ellen, Nathan- You mean the world to me even though you're miles away. Whit- I love you to death! Katherine, Anna, Jihee, Mallika- You have been constant friends and constant fun. Thanks!





Joseph Reuben Nothum

First off I would like to thank my great family that has supported me through high school; I love you guys a lot. I also want to thank all of the teachers here and the time they put in for me. Coach Muehleisen, thank you for helping me accomplish all of my wrestling goals, and to the team, keep up the hard work it's worth it! Kevin, college here we come? Luke, you'll eventually get one, hopefully. Rojo, I hope you beat that one level in your video game. And to the rest of my friends, you know who you are, thanks for the great years we have had! Ephesians 5:1-2



To all the friends I have made over the years, I love and will miss you. Emily, Faith, Liz, Jessie, Shannon I'll always remember the times we've had: CB, Spirit Week, JSB. Allison, remember swimming and never stop. Faith: Small group, camping, missions trips. Emily: College visits, choir, LOTR marathon, Clue....thanks for the friendship that allowed me to be myself. Michael, I'll miss you always being there. Don't allow school to become a burden, Matthew 11:28-30. Mom and Dad, what can I say, I love you so much, I'm thankful that you have always been there for me, and for everything that you have done for me. Thank you God, for saving me, and never leaving me, Isaiah 40:28-31.

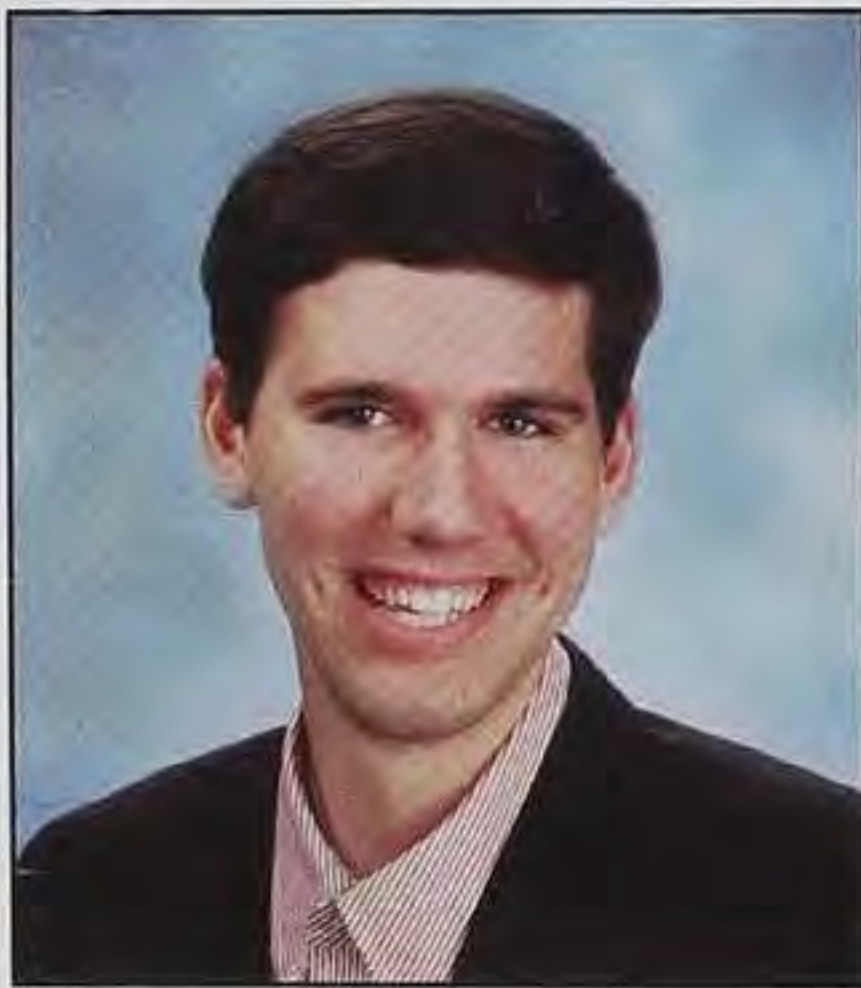


Elisabeth Anne O'Brien

As the school year comes to a close, teachers share some thoughts for the seniors.

We thank our Lord for the time He allowed us to spend together. We desire you keep us as part of your "family." We pray you always seek God's will and guidance. ¡Dios les bendiga—siempre!

-Sra. Dudley



William Frederick Osberghaus

Mom & Dad: Thanks for being my biggest supporters, loving me unconditionally even when I made mistakes. Mark: Who knew that we would be friends these past eleven years? I'm amazed we can be so much alike. Racheal: I think we have still only been mad at each other for a record of three days even though we've had our ups-and-downs. Words cannot express how much you mean to me. Mallika: You are the best at making everyone around you happy even if you are not. That is a gift I wish I could possess. Andrew: Even though you didn't realize it, thanks for always pushing me. ScoBo: It's been real. Alas, my time at the Academy is finally over.



Sarah E Ottolini

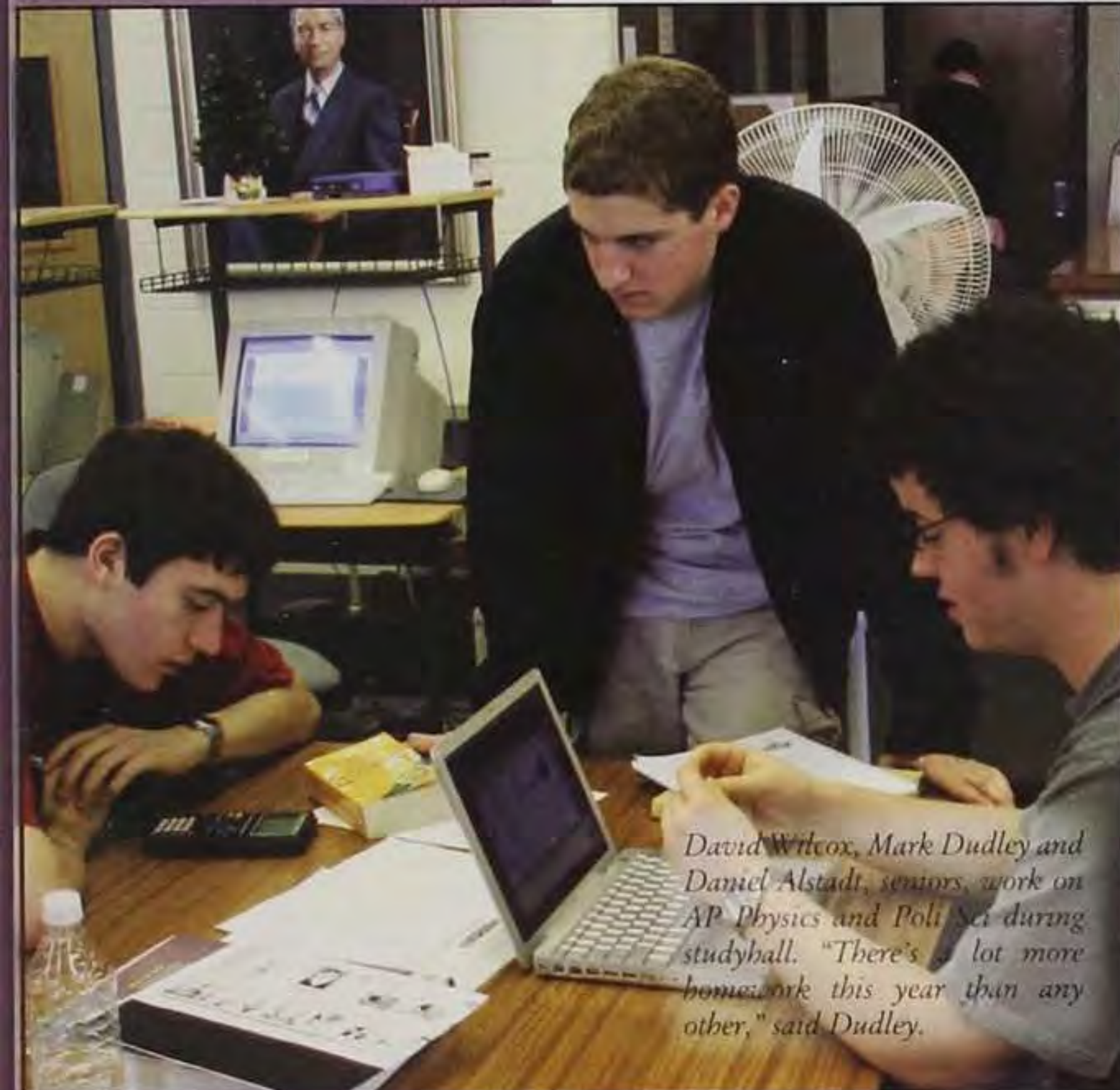
Father, my heart's desire is to glorify You. Rents: you gave it all; love, support, encouragement, prayers...I love you all the way to heaven and back. My lovely boys: you are perfect examples of love, passion, service, integrity, leadership...You make me laugh the hardest and smile the biggest. "I love you like a fat kid loves cake." Girls: letting me be another sister means the world to me. Luke: thanks for making me laugh. Holly: through thick and thin...never settle, you deserve more than you know. Grace: through everything you were always there, you don't know how much that means. Brandon: "you don't know how lovely you are" best friend, thanks for making everything so wonderful.



Seniors...Graduates: God has a wonderful plan for you. When your plans and desires come into conflict with God's Word, no matter how much you want something...God knows what's BEST. God's law was not meant to make you perfect but to give you freedom. He has given you talents, interests, and dreams to move you on a path through life. Trust Him with your dreams. I pray you find wisdom and courage to live out what you know is true. "Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Love, Mrs. Pike

Words of the Wise



David Wilcox, Mark Dudley and Daniel Alstadt, seniors, work on AP Physics and Poli Sci during studyhall. "There's a lot more homework this year than any other," said Dudley.



Jason Moore and Brendan Zee-Chang, seniors, take a break from homework to relax in Seniorville. The furniture was given as a gift from the Class of 2005 to provide a senior lounge.



Amy Fleming and William Osberg, seniors, talk together before the bell rings. Osberg decried that he will miss "Dr. Holley's 'comma consciousness' and the evil comments Mr. Hearne muddles under his breath," when he graduates.

Dear seniors-
As you reflect back, remember all those that God has put in your life to prepare you for the adventure you are about to begin. No matter if you have accepted or rejected him in the past, know that Christ will be there for any and all storms that you may face. I challenge you to not give Satan one day of your life! Strength and any encouragement you might need is only a phone call away. God Bless You!

In His Grip,
Coach Bain



Jerrica Cathleen Patton

To my family, you are my rock at which I stand. Goose, you'll always be my best friend. I love ya'll with all of my heart! Tucker, forever and always. KC, my other sis, you complete me. Bean, my one true constant. Em and KT, my partners in crime. Sam, always on the same page! Kak, your guy troubles! Kelbel, BOO! MB, football games, way too much food! Jeffy, we've been through a lot but haven't had our chance; you'll always be in my heart. Matty, Braunschweiger! Andy, doll. Sean, rough times, great convos, much love! Teddy, slow dance! Heyse, always the best advice. Glaser, poolside! Aub, when's our dance? To you all I owe a thanks and God bless!



I want to give honor to God because through him, I am peaceful. Ma, Daddy~ thanks for holding me through this storm, apparently this was God's plan. Ma, thanks for putting up with me, including my mouth and stubbornness. Daddy, teenagers like you anyways! We have funny memories: car singing, the life-risking mutt; Jason~ represents "Patton." I love you. Pricellious, Buffalo, don't forget boy hunting, getting lost, Mardi Gras, our schemes and prison escapes!! You my sis! Gabbi, what's going on this weekend? Danielle, truth or dare? Vicki, fly your wings baby! Derrick, hold it down. Jeff, Matt, Sean, Ben, Andy, my baby's daddies~ Hey Baby! Black people here and coming, just SHINE!! Love you. HOLLA!



Whitney Lorre Pfitzinger

Mom and Dad you know I love you, you guys have done better than you think. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman I will still come over and eat your food. Thank you Mr. Kim, Mrs. Kim, Mr. Neu, Mrs. Neu, you have treated me like family and you don't know how much you have done for me. Jamie, Rachael, Sarah, Heatherlyn, you know I am so glad you are here, I will miss you so much. Daniel, Barrett you guys are almost there, just hold on and don't do anything stupid. Jeff we will always start trouble together no mater what. Thank you to the hockey team, I love you guys. I wont forget you an I will see you soon.



Nicholas Lee Pieber

Rex Oberle, sophomore, waits for directions from Mrs. Florence Lewis about where in Chicago to visit next. The students had planned on taking Amtrak to the windy city but since the train was late, the students took a Greyhound bus to Chicago instead.

Got to Get Away



Han-Byul Kang and Clair Simonpietri, freshmen, wait in the hotel lobby while on the Chicago outing. The trip was November 11 and 12. "I liked the Pompeii exhibit and the train ride the most," said Kang.



Camille Barresi, junior, takes a stroll outside the Field Museum during the Chicago trip. The weather was mild but rather blustery. Students came primarily to observe the Pompeii exhibit at the Field Museum, but they also enjoyed some shopping and sight-seeing.



Grace Ann Pohlman



Mom and Dad, your prayers and love got me through, thank you for all you have done. Kellie, Philip and Emma, you are so important to my life. I love you all. Mary Beth, I predict we will marry Ace and Avery, live next door in Bath, and grow young together. I love you. Sarah, your joy, beauty and funniness add so much to my life. I love our chats on everything, Christmas music, Englishmen and so much more. Lauren, you brought so much laughter into our friendship. "If you need me call me." Whinnie, we are so funny together, "what if someone..."

All our hilarious moments will bring me random reasons to smile or start laughing. Ciao!



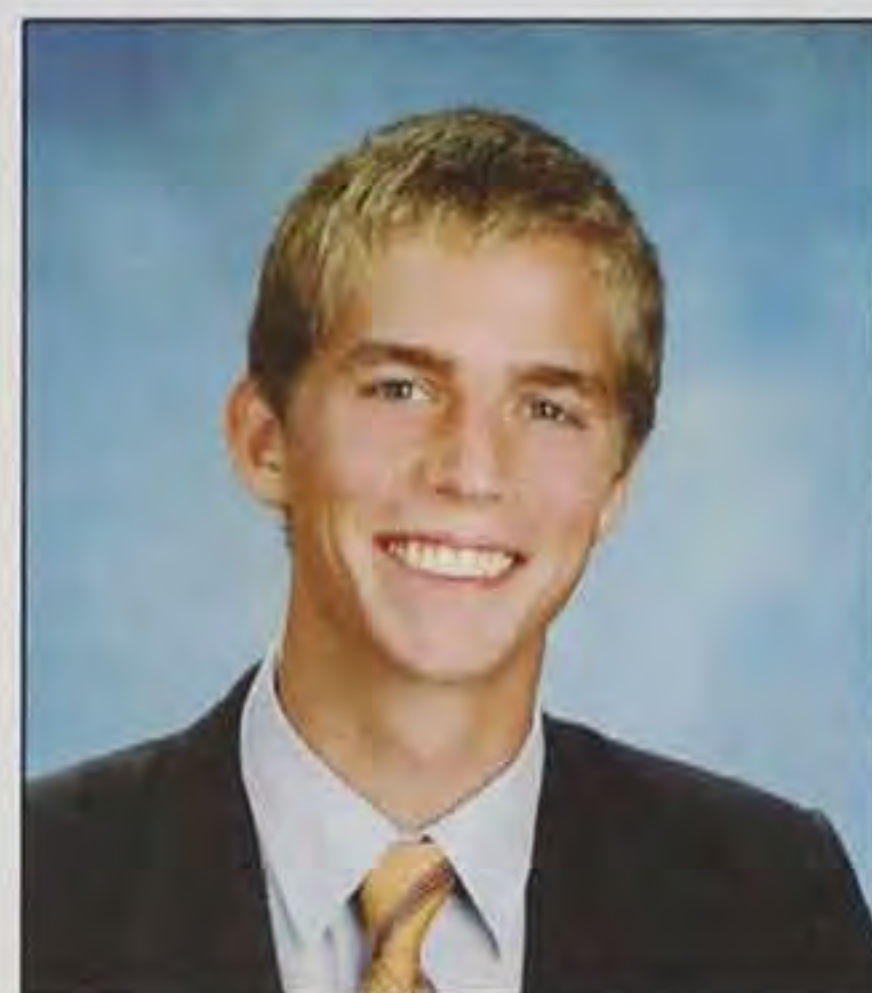
Clark Jonathan Poland



Family, friends, acquaintances. As I look back on these past couple of years here, I have one thing to say. Thank you. Thank you for being there, thank you for not being there for me when that was the best thing for me, thank you for looking past my quirks, and thank you for being great to me. I don't know where I'll be in the next month, let alone in 10 years, or what'll happen in our lives, but these 6 years were great. I'm sad it couldn't have lasted longer. Good luck with all your future endeavors, may life treat you well.



Jonathan Glenn Pollmann



Wesley Lang Powell



Mom and Dad, thank you so much for your love and support. Without your motivation and presence in my life I really don't think I would even close to the person I am today. I feel truly blessed to have been brought up in this family. Joe and Daniel I love you guys and wish you the best when I'm gone. Just remember to work hard in every thing you do and never settle for complacency. To the lunch table of extraordinary gentlemen, thanks for the memories. To all the girls who have taken the time to get to know me, Thank you. To all my boys, I think this truly is the end of the legend of the Showtime.

It's a wonder I'm still alive, but I am certainly glad for it. I still cannot believe that the great change has already come. I hate that adulthood is nigh. Well, I owe a great thanks you to those around me who have made my life enjoyable thus far: Mum, Dad, Matthew, Michael, James, Joe, Manda, Ben, Tori, Tyler, Lindsay, Grady, God. To Grady: let's continue this progress. To Tyler: there is still time for brotherhood. To Mum and Dad: Thank you for your love and complete selflessness. To Lindsay: its been quite some time hasn't it. Thank you for your friendship. I am certain that I'll miss you. To Say Panther: let us continue to run free. To all: I'm sorry for change

To my parents, you've been there through it all. Thank you for your love. I like to think we did alright. D, I could not have asked for a better sister. Nobody knows me like you do. I love you no matter what. Meet me in Chicago. Stephen-three in one night. Europe, B&N. Jon-stay off the golf course. Cool Beans forever. Kathryn-the times we fly. JP-my tambour is perfect. Luke-\$60 was worth it. White or wheat? Samantha-no one understands, or maybe they do. Coffee for hours. Dancing like we're drunk. Luckiest REMIX. PC boys-don't forget who you are. Coach-we've created a dynasty. I'm coming to replace you. My Savior-You've been too good to me. I hope to know you better.



Jonathan Thomas Reed

What is the best/worst pick up line you have ever heard?



Andrew Wilson



Melissa Kathleen Reed



Thank you, Lord, for your unconditional love and blessings. Mom and Dad, thank you for your constant support and love. I love you with all my heart. Emmy, I love and admire you for the amazing person you are. You're the best sister in the world. I love you so much. Tim, you're such an awesome brother. Love you. Emily, Florida, one of the most fun times of my life. Cassie, thanks for the endless supply of hugs. Sarah, thank you for your friendship. Christy and Kiah, our deep conversations. Kirstin, you are such a sweet friend. I love you girls so much. To all my friends, thanks for all the memories. I love you all. Psalms 25:4-5.



"Excuse me ma'am you dropped something...my jaw."

Peter Kissinger, senior



Stacey Elizabeth Reed



First, thank you Jesus for loving me and dying so that I may live for-ev-er. Sarah-Quote buddy y mi esposa bonita. Kat-Drama Queen. Thanks for the excitement. Anne-Gilmore Girls, awkward moments, and fortune cookies. Ryan-Panama, car rides, dancing, Good Story. Olive Juice. Mom- thanks for staying strong when I wanted to give up. Hair and Chinese. KT-Arachnid! I forgive you for making me your errand girl (for \$0.25 a month). Rubs/talks/movies. Steph-I listened to you...thanks for encouraging me and being the meat of our sandwich. Daddy- Thanks for exemplifying what living for Christ truly means. I love you- hope you're proud of me and I recognize your new (and healthy) body in heaven. I Can Only Imagine...Romans 12:12.



Amanda Joy Renaud



Kelyn Gum

Peter Kissinger

"I've never believed in love at first sight until now."

Sarah Taylor Sharpe, freshman



Lord, protects us when we have left these halls. Guide us in your ways and help us to stand strong in this world. Let us be a shining light to all who see us and let us speak your words to them. Walk beside us in our time, and carry us through our troubles. Guard our hearts and minds, that we may withstand the persecution and helps us to speak forthrightly in your name. Let us be patient and not anxious, steadfast and not wavering. Give our loved ones peace of mind, so that they will not worry while we are away. To your glory, O God. Amen.



Sarah Taylor Sharpe

"If you were a new hamburger at McDonald's, you would be McGorgeous."

Meghan Menzel, senior



Jesus, thanks for bringing me this far, I couldn't make it without you. Mom, my hero, thanks for being my best friend and loving me unconditionally. David, thanks for always looking out for me, I love you. Emmers, my twin. Thanks for hard and good times. Beanie, thanks for your steadfast loyalty. Sam, I look up to you and thank God for your wisdom. Dgroup girls, you're my rock. I never knew how much God could bless me through you. Woosers, thanks for your big heart. Casey, Taylor? MB, you're cuter! Kib, the eraser waits! My junior girls, sleepovers! Drew-by, God has truly blessed me through our friendship. You'll always hold a special place in my heart. Matty, "rendezvous" chats and predictions. Boys, thanks for making high school a blast. I won't forget memories. 12:12.



Katharine Colton Robb

How you doin'?

"Is there an airport nearby or is that my heart taking off?"

Katie Stipanovich, junior



Brian Stair Katie Stipanovich Beth Doriani

"Is your name Campbell's cause you're mmm mmm good."

Haley Venard, junior



Haley Venard Hank Hicks

According to the girls of Westminster, our male population seemed to have a difficiencies came to how to approach a girl they were interested in. Mastery of the pick-up line is something that few men at the academy have achieved. So for all those boys who struggled this year with what to say to that special crush, here's a few lines from seasoned veterans of 05-06 in the art of flirtation and charm.



Seth Lillenberg



John Samuel Paulson Roberts



I would like to thank God for always loving and never leaving me. Mom and Dad-I love you both so much! Thanks for always being there for me! Johanna-UFFDA! You're the best older sister a guy could have. Thanks for being such a role model. Marta-you're the best younger sister a guy could have. I've loved hanging out with you. Noah-PCOB, you're an incredible brother. Go Sportscenter! Tim- you've already graduated but you're still one of the coolest people ever. Fitz's and Halo forever! Carrington-you're a complete stud. There is no other way of saying it. Jessica and Christy- you are the two nicest, sweetest people ever. To Sam's Swashbuckling Studs- you guys rock! To everyone else-thanks for making my time at Westminster Christian Academy awesome. God Bless.



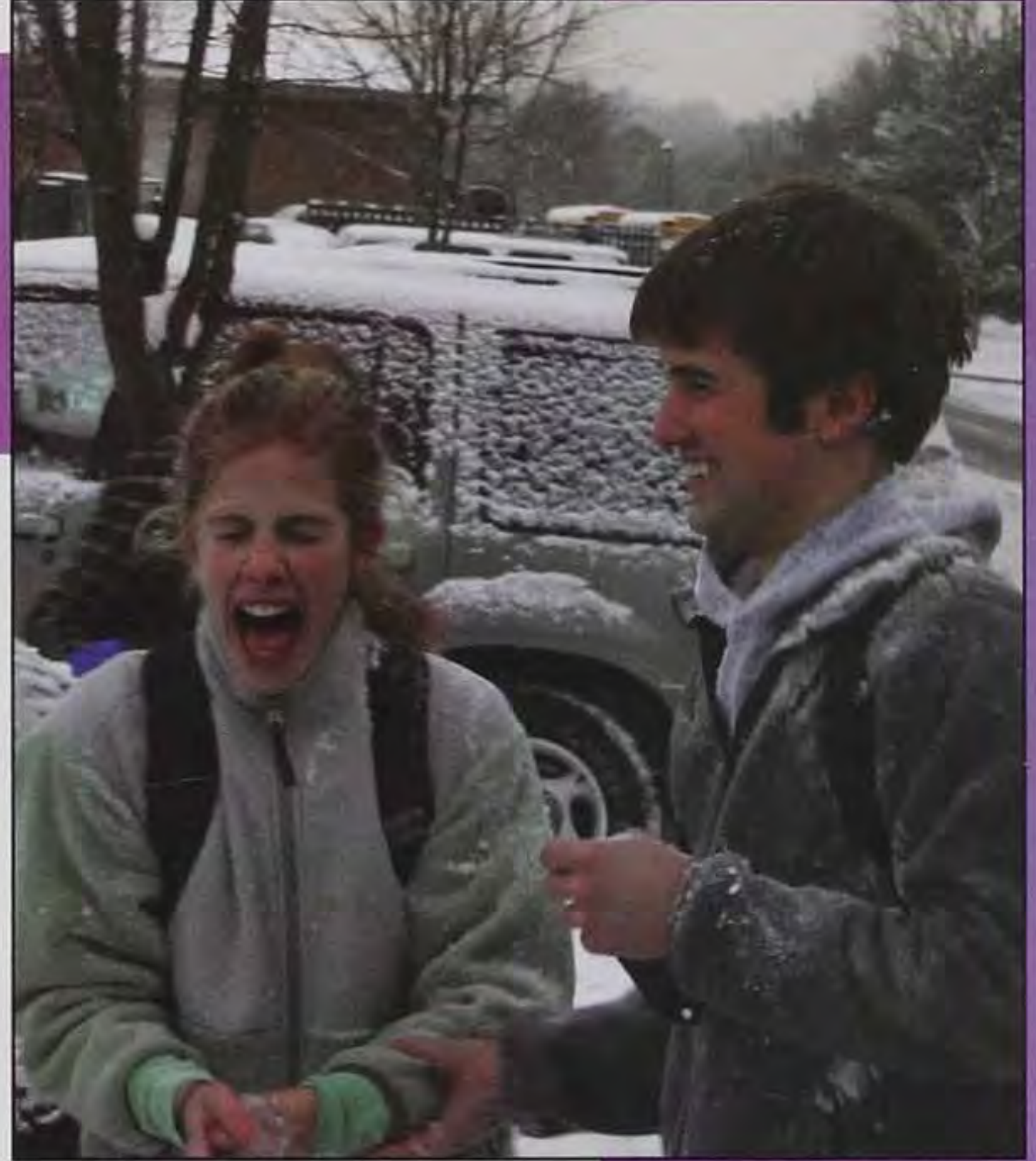
Just One of Those Days



June Hotchkiss, sophomore, carries her blanket with her in between classes. Mr. Vass kept the air conditioning at a constant 60 degrees causing the students nearest the vent to freeze.



Tess Fitzpatrick, sophomore, drinks from her Nalgene bottle which is covered in bumper stickers. It was the filling of student's water bottles that often caused the long line at the drinking fountains.



To the most illustrious people who have shaped my life, thank you. There are no words to express my gratitude aside from a simple "LOVE!" Mom, Dad, Josh, Andrew: you've made me laugh, cry, and become the woman of God you wanted me to be. I'm still learning, though. My girls: you are the sisters I never had but always wanted. It's hard not to enjoy a good Thumb Movie or have an exciting zoo day with you guys. You've made it easy to be my crazy self. Maybe too easy...God, I saved my best thought for last, as I was taught to do. You know my heart so I don't need to write my mind. Thank you, Savior.



Deborah Anne Roby



Mom--you're my hero. Daddy--thanks for unconditional love. Jenny who likes her food, Bud, Smitty-Brawre, "El Shadi," "Obviously you kids..." Girls-- Slip 'n Slide, raptor dance, spandex-boy, fire parties, drunk spirit, Moonstruck! Amy--for 10 years, you're my rock. Lainey--confession sessions, you're beautiful. Schlaf--thanks for listening! Heatherlyn--pogs to Sherman, you make me laugh. Boys---the hugs, violence, and laughter kept me sane. Lee--29, Breakfast Club. Luke--I owe you. Jeff--you're my miracle. Dan, Barrett--my favorites, be good. Brian--always right, teach me to cry? Nick--lying, Cody, forever. William--takes 9 months, you're a baptized sheep. I love you all! 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. "That's pretty much how it went" ~M.W.



Rachael Marie Schaffner

Amanda Wiele, eighth grader, and Ben Wiele, senior, throw snowballs at each other before leaving school. The first snow of winter was perfect for making snowballs and some students brought sleds to school the next day.

First the car breaks down in an area where the cell phone does not get service. Arriving late to school the unfinished homework and test next hour do not help. After a stressful day at school, nothing is worse than running into traffic on the way home. This type of day can put anyone in a bad mood, and most people just want to be left alone. There are always people nagging you. One way to try to escape from their prying questions is to say "I woke up on the wrong side of the bed."

You know you are having a bad day when...

"My sister never goes home."
-Ben Wiele, senior

"The drinking fountain line is too long."
-Ben Horseman, sophomore

"Well, today I found something strange in my cheetos... and I never wear enough clothes to keep warm in chemistry."
-Will Clark, sophomore

"They don't have any cookies [in the cafeteria] and when I find my homework after class that I was supposed to turn in."
-Christine Schlafly, seventh grader

"I made the B team in basketball."
-Gilbert Garrison, seventh grader

"One time I wasn't able to eat lunch because I had to write a paper because I lost it."
-Jenny Thompson, freshman



Peter Lindley Schamp

No four years of my life will ever be like these preceding ones, nor could I ask them to be. Mom, Dad and Sib(s): I've been blessed beyond words by your love and example, thanks for everything! Sam and Morgan, you've been top-notch friends through it all, may your love for music and life benefit you in the days ahead. I love you both. Lunchable guys, keep it real. Thanks to those who taught me life's lessons that cannot be learned in a classroom. I'd also like to thank the "C6add9" chord for always making a rough day brighter. God, you found impeccable times to teach me humility. "For me, music and life are all about style."
- Miles Davis



Kathryn Anne Schlafly



To those I love: Tom and Mike: Thanks for breaking in the parents. Mom and Dad: Thank you for your selfless love. Sarah: Smoothies and back massages. I'm sorry you had to put up with a lot. Christine: You are hilarious, sarcastic, and overall just really cool. Don't get too coldhearted. Annie: you're so much more mature than I'll ever be. Matt: I love your hugs. Lainey: my locker, tennis, senior service, and yb buddy. Thanks for understanding. Amy: Your carefree attitude has kept me sane. 11:11! Rachael: I'm glad we worked things out. Jon and Whit: Sunday movies. You never fail to make me laugh. I love you all.

Isaiah 40:28-31. These six years taught me to cling daily to this promise. Thank you, dear Jesus, Lord and Savior, for loving me. I'm nothing without you. Mama, thanks for advice, hugs, and orange juice in the mornings. Daddy, thanks for theological discussions, help with science, and teaching me to drive a stick-shift. You've both blessed me so much. Although inadequate, I must simply say, "I love you." Extended family: Love you tons! You inspired me. Elisabeth: trustworthy/selfless, can't thank you enough! To all my friends, far and near, please know that you're loved. Phil 1:3-6. Thanks for being godly examples and cohorts in randomness. I'm looking forward to eternity... Eph. 3:14-21. May we always be amazed by grace.



Emily Elizabeth Schmurpfeil

Heavenly Father, thank you for your pursuit. I'd be lost without you. Family, Sunday lunches, insane memories, thanks for all of your love and support. MB, ghettoness, catastrophic, hilarious, AAH! (Super girly scream.) Em, sister, city museum, "Fab Four," Bethel, First Watch. Beans, couch games, threesome, car seats, here come the knockers! Sarah, Ashlee, little sis, whoa! Hypotheses, the family. Matty, summertime, twin/Brother in law, we need to talk. KC, Binskers, just leave me, Hansborough. Meg, El Stupido! Moo-Moo. Nater, Starbucks. Kibbles, howdy partner! Whit, suckers, defense, BOO! Sam, bike accidents, good music. Adam, white socks, choleric anger. Sean, I love you! Mom, Jeff, two times—oh wait, bunnies, peaches, nerd, later, broken speakers, YOU WIN!!



Megan Kelley Schwartz





Kevin John Sheehan



God, you are everything to me, I wouldn't have gotten this far without you, if anywhere. You have taught me how to live again, and how to live fully. Dad: Thanks for the wisdom. Mom, you always encouraged me to follow my dreams. Shortstop and little buddy, you guys have been such great friends over these years. Joe: you're life a Bro, Kip, Gollum, and The laugh, A.L.T. JBU, here we come! Tom: Blink-182, McDonald's. Sam, Gum, Denny: Hey Fruitcake! Mr. Hughes, Mr. Knerr, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Robb, thank you for all the encouragement. Thanks for the laughs. Friends, thank you for all the memories.



Thanks mom and dad for pushing me to work hard at all that I do. To my lil' sister, thanks for being the best sister I could have asked for. Sarah, thanks for always being there when I need advice about anything. Sophie, thanks for being there to listen to everything I just need to talk about (long live Democratic Party). Cassie, thanks for believing and staying by me through difficult times. Christy, thanks for lending me your shoulder when I just needed to cry. To my softball buddies, keep making the team great. To my sophomore buddies, thanks for letting me just hang out with you sometime. I love and will miss you all. Isaiah 43:1-3.



Rebekah Ruth Shippy

Every girl, no matter if she is a brand new freshman or a big bad senior, wants to be asked to Christmas Banquet in a creative way. Some guys thought it was a stupid tradition, but that was often just because they were lazy. Girls wanted a guy that spent time thinking of the most creative way. She wanted every year to top the previous one and may simply have wanted it for competition. Girls got all excited and dressed up for the big day because they heard through the Westminster grapevine what day the man would be presenting. She expected something so big and outdone so that she could brag to her friends just how much thought he, or his friend, put into the idea. Even if this tradition was lame, boyfriends, admirers and very smart boys continued in this mad game in order to win the heart of their dream date.



Kristopher Ryan Stillman

Mom and Dad, thanks so much for all the patience over the years. I know at times it got hard with some decisions but you were always there. Mom, thanks for always pushing me to be the best, you never gave up. Dad, thanks for showing me how to be a Godly leader and teaching me how to stand up on my own. Adam, we have had some great laughs in Worldviews and English. Matt, fifth hour study halls in coach Bain's office,

and who could forget about the penny on the finger in the car trick. DJ and Nick, hockey was a blast. I want to also thank God for giving me all my friends and memories at Westminster.



Mom/Poppie, thanks for everything, your love and trust; you're the best! Em, too much to tell, but we need road rage help. KC, my workout buddy, playing college and sentimental moments need to continue. Katy, my partner in crime, enough said... Kell, lake houses, eating, cuddling, and many noises... always and forever. Sam, attempting accountability; You're an awesome friend. Whit, our eating habits rock! Meg, study buddy, yeah Chinese! MB, thanks for being sweet. Jeffy, singing in the car, rummy, homework and more (I can eat more than you!). Matty, making our friendship stronger is a must. Aub, many memories... you're still Poppie's favorite. Seany, hilarious. Heyse, my love! Andy, keep matching. I love you all and will pray for you always!



Erika Susanne Suermann





Kevin Frick, senior, hands Sarah McReynolds, senior, a bouquet of red roses after revealing his identity under an ape costume. Frick gave McReynolds a note in second hour that read, "A surprise awaits you out in the hallway." Friends of Frick helped in asking her by holding signs. Tyler Thompson, senior, stood at the end of the line, also under cover, and asked McReynolds to Christmas Banquet. Frick ran over to him, grabbed the flowers, took off the hairy mask, and joined McReynolds in a laugh.



Carlita Mathes and Alex Forkin, juniors, in army attire, walk away from a long and eventful scavenger hunt. Paul Lewis and Ben Davis, juniors, sent Mathes and Forkin all over the school. The ended at the lighthouse outside the commons, where Lewis and Davis tossed flowers from the artroom balcony, asking the girls to Christmas Banquet.



Brandon Benefield, senior, asks Molly James, junior, to Christmas banquet during class. Benefield taped a sign to her locker that read, "Look there's a Gullible," with arrows pointing up. James, falling for the trick, looked up and found a colorful poster on the ceiling that asked her to go to CB.



Mallika Sarah Thampy



Thanks beyond words to: Christ: for I can do all things through him who strengthens me; Dad & Mom: love, life, education- I take my examples from you; George: trust; Marcus: true friendship; William: making the best of it; Molly: encouragement beyond words; Faith: sweetness; Liz: uncommon generosity in friendship; Emily: humility; my teachers: uncommon patience and guidance; scholar bowlers, lax girls, runners: you've influenced me immeasurably. Your camaraderie beautified the gloomiest days and your cheering pushed me through. Every moment with you has been unforgettable. Lizzie, Becca, Kailan, Sarah, Marci, Danielle: thanks for sticking with me. I'll always love you. Everyone else, thanks for an amazing WCA experience. It's been a long road, but this is my stop. Isaiah 40:30-31



Sean Joseph Thomas

Oh my gosh I did it! One school down, one to go. Dad, I miss you man. It's been hard without you. Mom, you're my rock and fortress. You have taught me to true love and selflessness. Jihoon, walking, getting caught, the memories I will forever keep. You're my Korean brother. Lib and Lez, you're my favorite sisters ever. Andy and Colin, you're my brothers from other mothers; remember the "kielbasa sausage." Hi oh! Jeff, long live the Megabytes and ping-pong. Matt, you will always be my train conductor. Don't forget the Hinch boys. Logan, Gregg, Chris, Seagrove is a tradition, don't forget. Brittany, you're amazing! Everyone else, thanks for the memories. Welp, see ya later.

Will you marry me, I mean... Go to Christmas Banquet With Me?



Help! If anyone knows this beautiful girl, please ask her if she will go to Christmas Banquet with this kid ~



Matt Walker, senior, presents Emily Camp, senior, with a Christmas flower arrangement. Walker had Mrs. Betty Richardson call Camp out of Mr. David Haas' first hour class to give her the flowers. Walker posted "Help" signs all over the campus, including a four by three foot one in the senior parking lot entrance.

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Tyler Lee Thompson



Ashley Nicole Timm



"Good times, bad times" "none of them along the line know what any of it is worth". "Nothing has changed, its still the same" it's O.K., "You can't always get what you want". "Ain't got no worries cause I ain't in no hurry". "this much madness is too much sorrow". "You want to find the truth in life don't pass music by" "when the music is your only friend...until the end". "The world's behind you there's always someone around you, who will call". "sometimes the cards ain't worth a dime, if you don't lay 'em down". "New worlds to gain, my life is to survive and be alive", "as free as a bird now, and this bird you cannot change."



Mom and Dad- *Faith*, you put up with a LOT. Thank you for never losing faith in me. My friends- *Joy*, Jamie- slip n slide, chocolate, sign stealing (I mean "borrowing") I will always eat food with you when Bill is running late at work. Luke- Thanks for the free Carousel rides. Heatherlyn- pookie. Bill- yummy food. JiHoon- you will always be my sexy Korean. Nate- Starbucks and the late night talks. The Golf team- *Endurance*, never give up the dream of Lamberts, initiation, or playing for your dads. Coach B- Thanks for putting your faith in me and encouraging me. Sarah M- you amaze me! To the class of 06- It's been a Blast, thanks for the memories!

Family: You've been great. Mom...thanks for putting up with me, dunno what I'd do with a kid as weird as me. Chuck: you're a great dad, I look up to you more than you'll ever know. Jamie...sorry for being a big brother, love ya. If you ever need to bash some fat guy faces, lemme know. Wes: you'll always be my rockstar, stay sexy- even if you get chubby and horribly mangled. Haas: you've been my best bud through many a high school time. Peter: you're weird, don't touch me. Hoonster, thanks for being Korean. Taylor: senile logies with showercaps riding Conway on lawnmowers and all our bizarre experiences, thanks. To-the-kid-who-makes-salads-out-of-the-condiment-tray: Eat your heart out fatty.



Joseph Alan Tischler



Lauren Elizabeth Treu



I have truly been blessed by my family and friends God has put in my life! Mom, my best friend, you are amazing and I wish one day I can be like you! Dad and Janet, through tough times we've gotten through it, thanks for everything! BB, my forever friend! Myrtle Beach, boy talks, blind dates, the park! Grace, Ain't No Mountain High Enough, Poms, booty dancing, swimming, aaauull! Kat, JV, Kansas City, long boring drives! Halls, my summer buddy, the park, police at my house, Starbucks! Sarah O., you're adorable; thanks for your words of wisdom! Sam, thanks for the talk and being there for me! Sarah Me., choir tours, Spanish class! To everyone else, I love you!

Not including textbook Westminster students are required to read 35-50 books the course of their six years here (What percentage of those books that the students actually read a different matter altogether. Some books are skimmed over in two nights, some have such an intimidating thickness that they are never actually opened some are disappointing, and some are surprisingly enjoyable and/or insightful. What book will we remember from our collective high school reading list? What books do we strive to forget? 130 random students were polled about their favorite and least favorite required reading. Here are the top five results in each category:

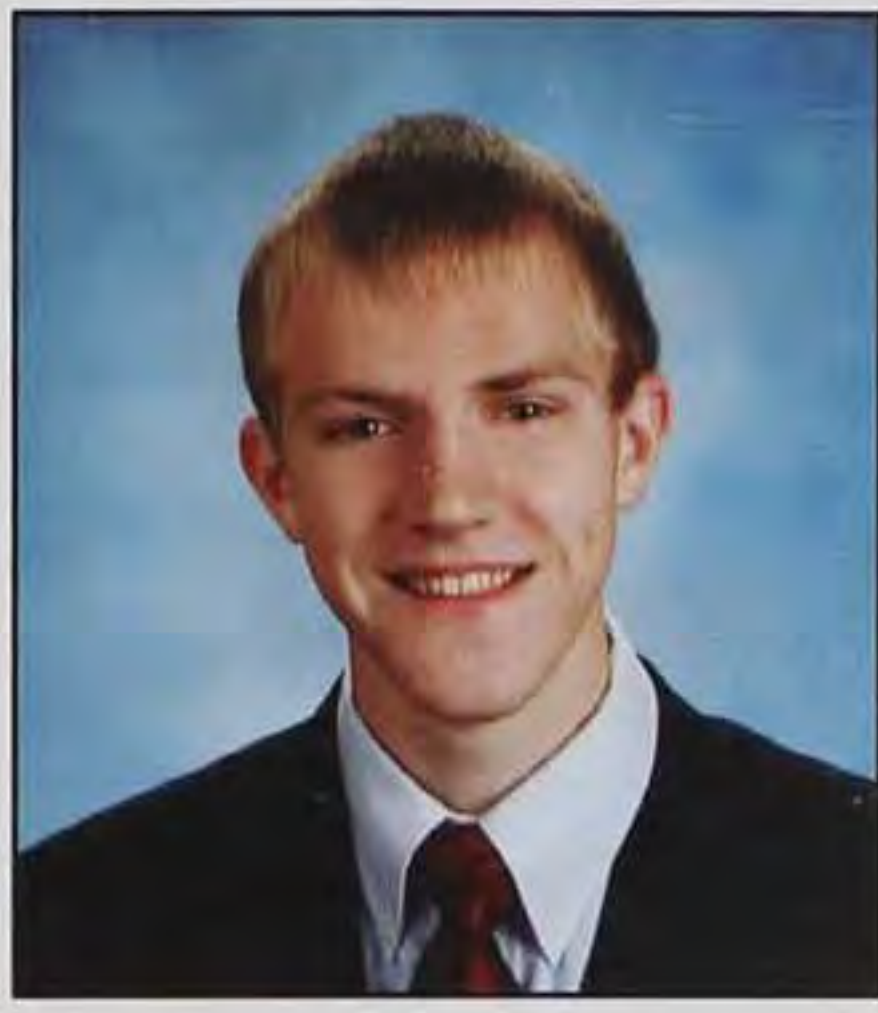
TOP 5 MOST POPULAR BOOKS

- 5 The Scarlet Letter
- 4 The Crucible
- 3 The Great Gatsby
- 2 ABC Murders
- 1 To Kill a Mockingbird

TOP 5 LEAST ENJOYABLE READS

- 5 His Excellency: George Washington
- 4 Total Truth
- 3 Lord of the Flies
- 2 Witch of Blackbird Pond
- 1 The Scarlet Letter

The Scarlet Letter, as turns out, was memorable and controversial enough to earn a spot on both lists. Runners up for the good list included *The Cay*, *The Ishbane Conspiracy*, *Vienna Prelude*, and *All Quiet on the Western Front*. *Vienna Prelude* (again), *Animal Farm*, and *Pilgrim's Progress* were the books that came close to making it on the not-so-good list. And for all of Mr. Hearne's AP U.S. students, *History of the American People*, the nearly 1000 page summer reading assignment, also made appearances as one of the least favorites.



Matthew James Triebe

Thanks mom and dad for helping me throughout my life. Thanks for helping me become the person I am. Thanks to my friends; it was a fun four years. Thanks to the soccer team and coaches; it was great playing with all of you. Thanks to my teachers; you helped me learn so much. Thanks to everyone else; you filled up the hallways. Remember everyone; don't eat too much puppy chow or smores.



read all about it



McKenzie Pfitzinger, freshman, is busy reading the number one book from the polls. To Kill a Mockingbird is typically a part of the freshman reading list. Students will recall names like Scout, Atticus and Boo Radley after reading this classic.



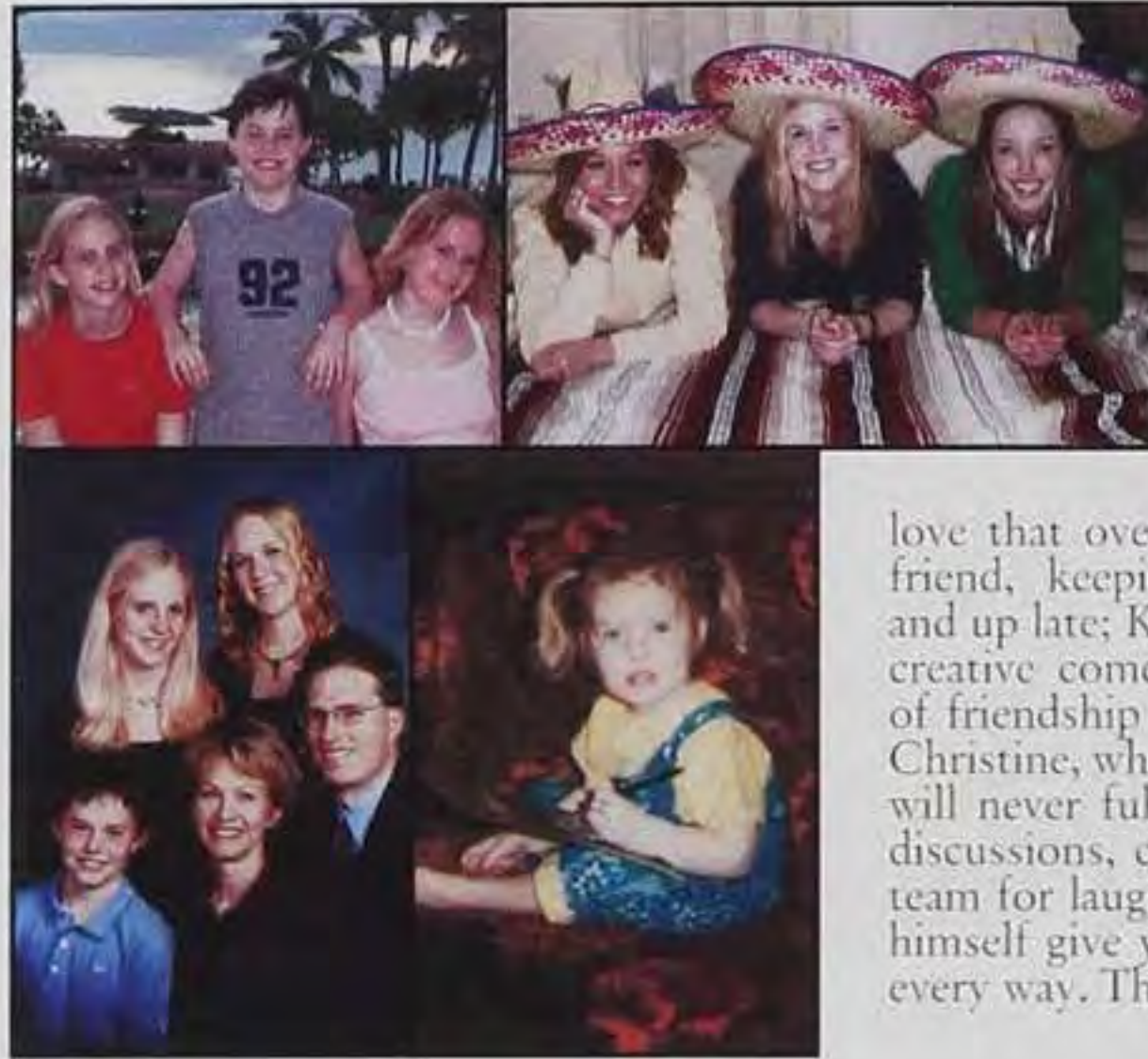
Jason Moore, senior, studies his AP Physics textbook in the library during his first hour study hall, senior . Moore, like most other juniors and seniors, spent his study hall catching up on homework and doing last minute work. "During senior year the workload comes in spurts. One week I'll be really busy and the next I'll hardly have anything to do," Moore says.



Ben Davis, junior, takes charge during a group presentation on "The Grapes of Wrath." Mr. Graham's honor American Lit. students had the option of reading one of three classic novels, the other two being Uncle Tom's Cabin and Moby Dick. For every book, a group of students made a poster and taught the class about what they read.



Cassie Lea VandeKamp



Many years, people, memories; coffee nights, bonfires; theories, philosophies, discussions – words fail but some must be said. God's been faithful, and will continue to carry me. I must thank: my parents for examples that inspired, patience that humbled, love that overwhelmed; Kayla, a random friend, keeping me guessing, laughing, and up late; Kevin for made-up games and creative comebacks; Megan for 10 years of friendship and 10 million inside-jokes; Christine, who means the world to me and will never fully understand; the guys for discussions, coffee, and foosball; and the team for laughter. "May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you."

Brennan Grone, Justin Westime, and Allyson Tate, freshman, sit down to eat lunch in the hallway connecting to the old gym. "We chose to sit there because the heaters would be warm for snowy days and there's always enough room for everyone to sit," said Tate.



Movin' On Up



Anneleyce Alexander, Sarah Dickerson, Katherine Kenison, Amanda Schaffner, and Karen Girgs, freshman all sit on the bleachers while in one of Mrs. Maureen Pederson's P.E. classes. "We were measuring our fat and body mass index," said Schaffner.



Barrett Neu, freshman, Samuel Hotchiss, senior, and Daniel Kaufman stand talking outside during a fire drill. Gabriell Burrus, junior, said, "Fire drills help keep us safe, but they are kind of pointless since I've been doing them since elementary school."



Dad, your advice, however crazy, helped me pull through. Missy, Lauren (10th Kingdom! Don't fall ... I won't ... thud! Lost of laughing) Sarah: conquering Central students! Cheerleaders: we're fired up we're HOT! Ship: lives alike. Hey Thomas! Christy: Dairy Queen Chocolate, mine ... mine, Cinderella. Sarah: Hot Topic, Goth and prep, poetry. Emily: Girl I couldn't have made it without you. Mac Grill waiters, there could be () in this ... Oh well! Neigh!, NO SCRUBS!, dancing in parking lots, Em and Sarah: Kids in America, "mystery drinks," mixers, race, height, boys, boys, boys! BFFL you two are like sisters to me ... my baby te quiero. God be with us all. The hardest year, are those with tears, with joy and love ahead.



Cassandra Bonita Via



Kristin Kilpatrick, eighth grader, takes notes in Mr. Talley's first hour Bible class. This was Nathan Talley's fourth year teaching Bible at Westminster.

What are the differences you have noticed in high school?

"The freedom. You don't have to be places at the exact time. It's all more laid back."

-Chelsea Call, freshman

"High school is more split up and you don't see friends as much, but hanging out outside of school is a lot more fun."

-Adam Miller, freshman

"I had friends in high school before I came up, so it was cool to be able to hang out with them more."

-Aaron Blackwell, freshman

"You get to do a lot more with the whole school and not just your grade."

-Camilla Buckley, freshman

"More homework ... I think it's a lot harder."

-Claire Simonpietri, freshman

"Longer lunches and definitely finals, I'm so worried."

-Jordan Duke, freshman

"The amount of homework."

-Andrew Goebel, freshman

"It's so much bigger and there are more crowds of people everywhere."

-Carmen Harjoe, freshman

"Block days, because you don't have to do your homework everyday. And the grades aren't so separated."

-Kylie Watson, freshman



Christopher John Wagner



God, thanks for giving me what I couldn't earn. The Best Dad: you're the eternal coach and scoutmaster. Mom, your pestering turned out for the good! Coach Bain, you didn't always say what I wanted, but definitely what I needed to hear. Jeff, since 6th grade, you've always been there, thanks for being an encourager. Aub and Andy, we're always ready to wreak havoc! Heys, some day we'll chill in Vegas ... Sean, Hinch, the "best" GF, seriously. Emily, my unselfish and loving friend, the DVD says it all ... Kelley: my twin and in-law. Erika ... the best wife! Whitney, eye to eye, always. Katy: 10/9, your good advice. WCA: every day has been an adventure! Hebrews 12:1



Matthew Thomas Walker



First, I want to thank my parents, for putting up with me and getting me to this point in my life. Thank you all for the advice you have given me in tough situations and the love you have shown me through your love for Christ. You have been a blessing in more ways than you know. Matt, take care bud. You can have the basement and you can knock down that wall I guess. To all my friends: all the great times will not be forgotten. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



Benjamin Paul West



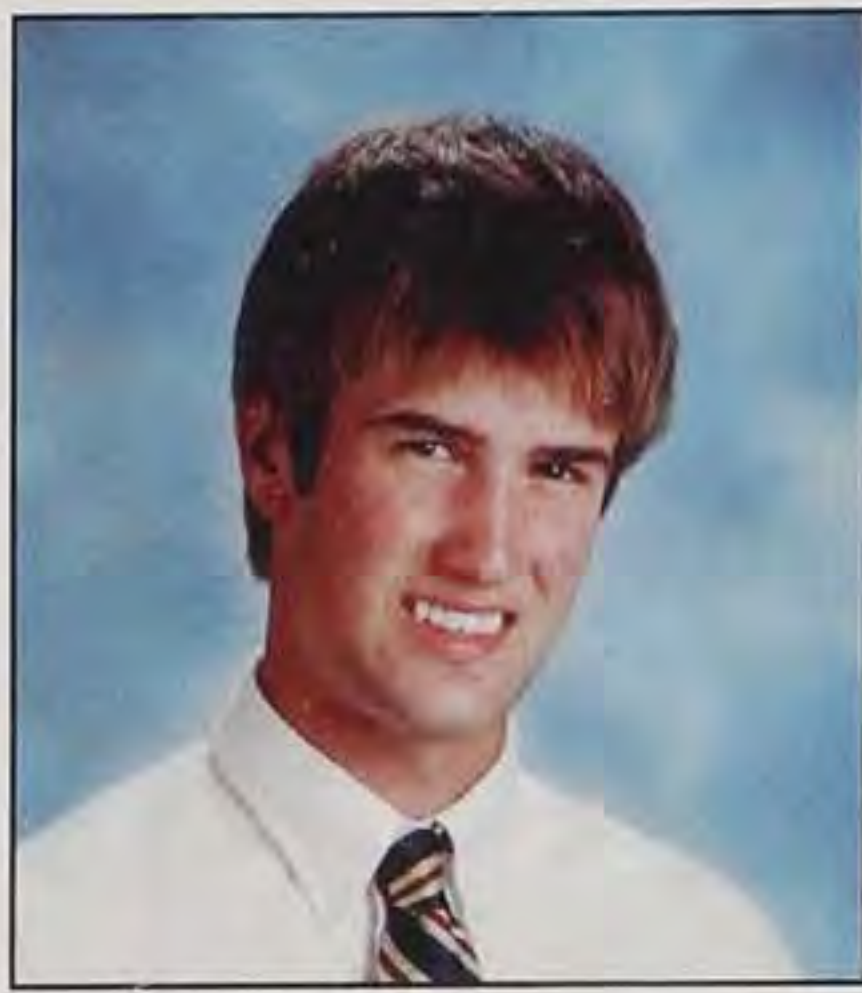
Exodus 15: 2 The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.



Faith Marijke White



2 Corinthians 4:7- I am a broken, fragile jar. To God be all the praise and glory for any good that has come out of me. Mom and Dad: Thanks for training me in the Lord. I do love you. Aaron and Grace: You guys are wonderful big siblings to me. Brentwood friends: I love you to pieces; you have had a lasting impact on me. Dawg; Walkies, City Museum. You rock! Westminster friends: How important your help has been for my everyday troubles! If not for new school year's resolutions, where would I be? Teachers/Coaches: I treasure your instruction, help and support! Jenny and Christine: How often will I need to have my life ironed out? Much love all!



Benjamin Robert Wiele



Mom, thanks for always helping me out when I had rough times. Dad, I'm thankful we've always been able to spend so much time together hunting and fishing. Thank you both for teaching me about the Lord at an early age and being great

examples. I hope that I become as successful in every area of life as you guys. Don't worry, I'll always come home for deer season! Greg, I admit that you could probably beat me up, Amanda, wish I was as cool as you. Cousins, I am thankful that our family is so close. D-group boys, I love you like brothers and pray that our friendship will last for the rest of our lives. Col 1:21-22.



David William Wilcox



Even just a few years here have brought into my life many people who I am grateful for. I must first thank the Lunchtable of Extraordinary Gentlemen-you know who you are-for bringing fun and laughs into my life even when things weren't going so well for me. I must also thank all those who took the time to read my writing; it may have seemed like a little gesture, but it meant a lot to me. For two loving and supportive parents, thanks for all you've done that I take for granted. If not anything else, I can look back on these six years and say that God has put the right people in my life at exactly the right time.



Andrew Jason Wilson



Kiah Lynn Wilson



Mom (Rebound?) & Dad (I'm always right) thanks for everything, I love you! Britt, stop running from Kanga... who? Pricelious, can u see my future? Jerrica, hold onto that blanket. Kirstin, we're gonna be famous, big bucks baby, stop laughin'! Missy, thanks for 8 hilarious years, pound it chica! D-nali, stop messin' with little boys' minds. Alex, Vicki, Gabrielle, Kaitlyn, Kayla, & Thomas hold down the Black Table, no drama please!! My men Chris, Derrick, Eric, and Thomas P., stop messin' with Thomas, his head is still red!! Gorilla Man, much love to ya. To my kiwi's, thanks for the memories! Paul Wall and everybody else, u know who u r, I love you. Congrats class of '06! Cheetah is out!



Mom and Dad, thanks for taking care of me and standing up for me when nobody else would. Emily and Tyler, y'all were hard to put up with sometimes but it wouldn't be the same without you. All you football players, WE BEAT THE NUMBER 1 TEAM IN THE STATE. That's going to be the bedtime story I tell to my kids, it was our defining fight. Teachers and coaches, thanks for the fun times and the great life lessons I learned. Friends, we did some crazy things, and I'll never forget them even after the concussions. I won't forget the Sexual of Progression Activities Chart from senior service either. Underclassmen, stay out of trouble but have fun.

"Life happens between empty and full." Most people keep their necessities, however odd they might be, stored away in their cars. Over time, the random stuff that accumulates gives a snapshot of what our lives are really like. Here are a few answers to the following question:

What's in your trunk?

"I have cowboy boots in case it snows. They've been in there all year."

-Kate Dieckgraefe, senior

"A bucket full of grain. I used to have a bucket full of horse brushes."

-Deborah Roby, senior

"Deer antlers and a leotard."

-Ben Wiele, senior

"Twine for tomato plants. Work gloves. A Hawaiian lei, and giant plastic sunglasses -- the oversized ones."

-Mike Ivancic, senior

"A pillow and a blanket. My Ready Readers books. A sweater. Harry Potter on CD. Water."

-Jon Haas, senior

"A gym bag that hasn't been emptied in a year."

-Jason Moore, senior

"A sub, poster I made freshman year, and a smurf, billions of dollars worth of clothing, a lot of junk."

-Hank Hicks, junior

"A chain saw waiting to be serviced, some machine guns and a teddy bear."

-Dave Wilcox, senior

Junk in Your Trunk



Alex Moore, junior, clears off his car with a hanger after the first December snow. Since Moore had a parking pass for the first semester of school, he did not have to sit out in the cold waiting for his mom. Juniors were issued parking passes for only one semester because Creve Coeur restricted the number of passes that the administration could issue.



Taylor Hiemenz, senior, packs up his car before heading out during his lunch and 5th hour studyhall. Seniors who had 4th or 5th hour studyhalls usually left for lunch.

Wesley Powell, senior, hangs out with C3PO during lunch. The cardboard stand-up came from the trunk of Joe Tischler, senior.



Thank you.
 "Throw your homework into the fire, come out and find the one that you love."
 The Smiths
 "Revolution is a dirty business. You do make it with white gloves."
 Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov Lenin
 "Better not to be, than not be a revolutionary."
 Ren'e Mederosword



Rebecca Thalmann Wippold



Parents-thanks for your constant encouragement and love. Mom-thanks for listening and understanding. Dad-thanks for your wisdom and your hugs. Sister-I'm glad we have the same brain. Thanks for making me laugh. Della-Thanks for being silly and easy-going. Amy-we're weird and we've been through a lot. I look up to you. Thanks for helping me get through life so far. Schlaf-you're my third "sister," and you always make me laugh. Thanks for listening and always being honest. Rachael-confession sessions. Katherine-long talks, good times. Those I didn't mention, you know who you are-thanks for the memories.



Lainey Noel Woodward

"A spare tire, megaphone, gorilla suit, baseball, Frisbee, and a spilled soap bottle."

-Elliot Brown, senior

"A cowgirl hat and a Bob Dylan CD."

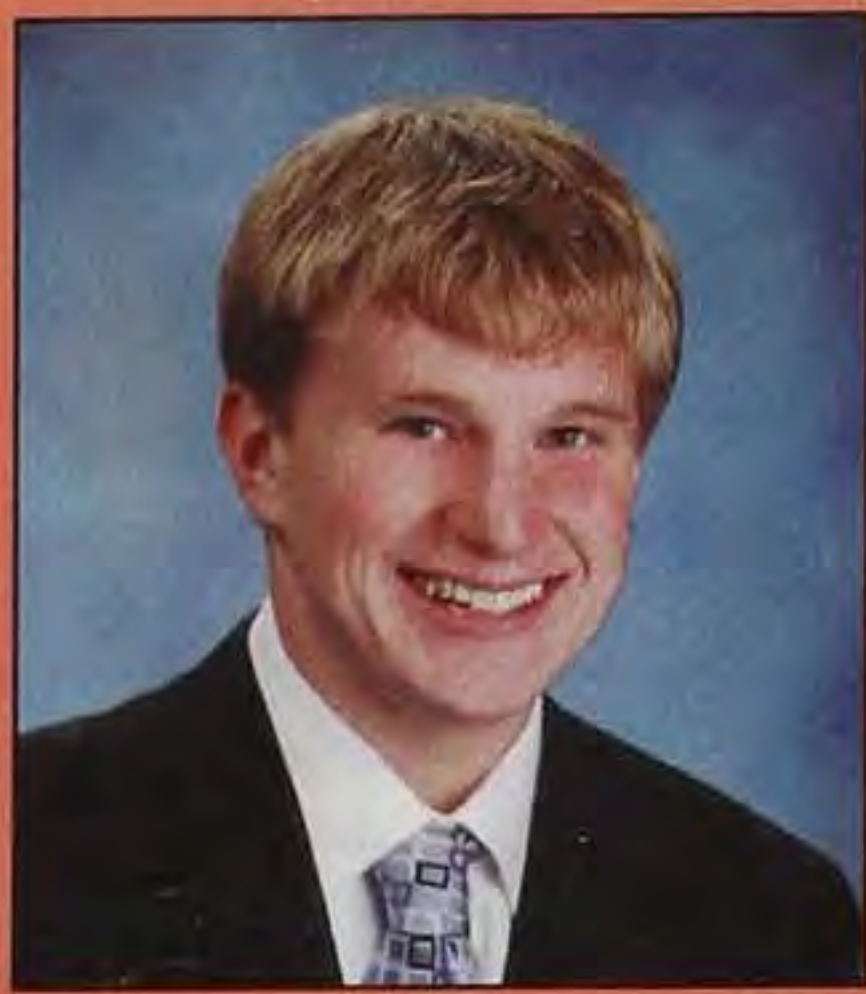
-Sarah LaRose, senior

"A hula-hoop and mold."

-Annemarie Heise, senior

"Tennis balls, three broken racquets, car jack, extra clothes, bottle of oil, my sister's old homework papers, hat, gloves, and a jump rope."

-Mike Alexander, senior



Mom and Dad, thanks for putting up with me all these years, no matter how much I complain. Travis, thanks for being the best brother I could have asked for. You have taught me everything I know. Coach Bain, thanks for always being there for me. Megan, Stair, Emma, thanks for all the laughs. Brandon, thanks for being there for me these past few years (straight outta Compton!). To my little sisters - we've been through a lot, thanks for putting up with me. Jon, Luke, Denny, Jihoon, and everyone else, thanks for all the great times.



Andrew T. Young

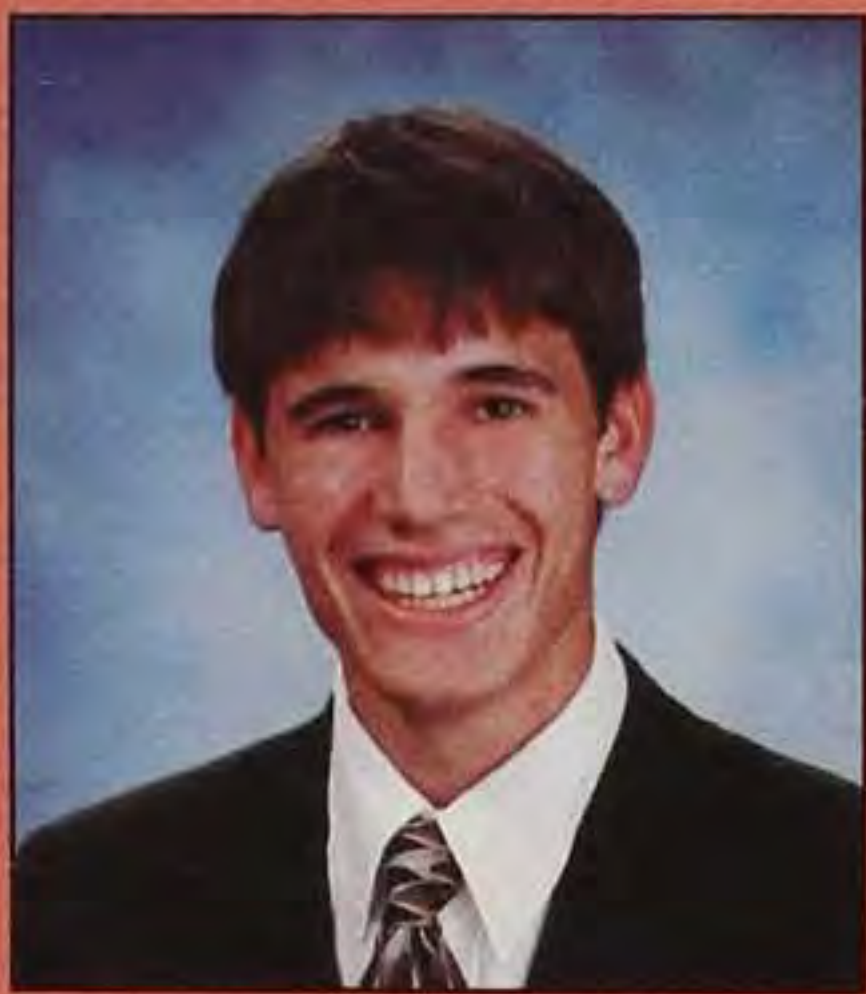
Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved. How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed. Through



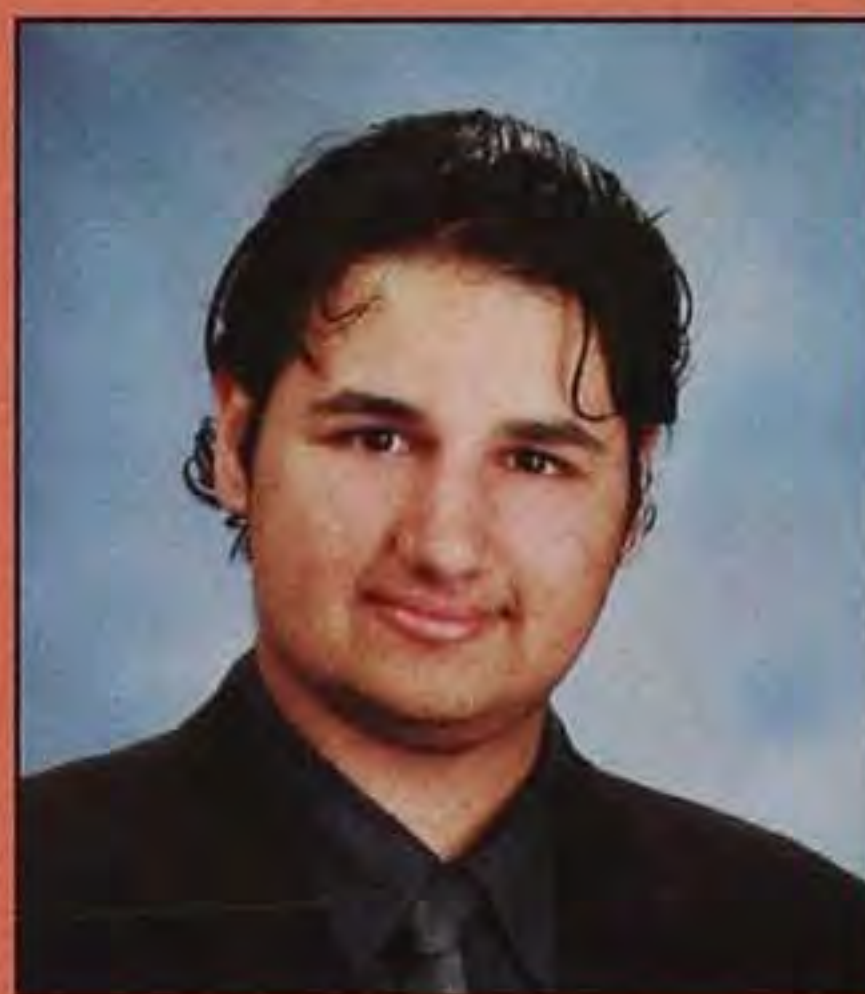
many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis Grace hath brought me safe thus far, and Grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun.



Jessica Lynn Young



Morgan Stuart Younkin



Benjamin Lee Yousef



To my family - I love every one of you - you could not have been any better. To my friends - you know who you are, you all mean so much to me, talk to me if you want to hear a handful of inside jokes. I've learned so much these past 17 years; I wouldn't give it up for anything. "Going to the mountains is going home" - John Muir "None know how often the hand of God is seen in a wilderness but them that rove it" - Thomas Cole "I know and do not know what I am searching for" - Adrienne Rich. Life is good.



Greetings and Salutations: I believe it would be appropriate to thank certain individuals for undocumented actions which assisted in allowing me to successfully survive high school. However because of the shortage of space I will refrain from indulging myself. At any rate I wish to state how relieved I am to finally be extracting myself from high school to finally commence practical studies. However, I find it prudent to mention at least some of the contributors, most notably my parents, for supporting and providing me with everything I needed. For all you underclassmen, enjoy your time while you have it, for it passes in the blink of an eye.

As one walked into Westminster everyday, burdened by stress, it was hard to realize the sheer numbers of things around the building. While dressing out for swimming in P.E., wondering why one had to walk around with wet hair for the rest of the day in the dead of winter, did anyone realize how many gallons of water were in that pool? When getting shoved in the overcrowded, traffic-jammed hallway while struggling to get one's books, did people know how many lockers lined the hallways? And when putting on safety goggles in the chemistry lab, do someone wonder how many beakers Dr. Shaw had in those cabinets? Beyond the papers assigned and tests taken, the school holds numbers that few people know about. Following is just part of the mystery of the numbers.



Danielle Zee-Cheng and Bethany Hoekzema, sophmores, measure the different frequencies of light in one of Dr. Andrew Shaw's chemistry labs. Many of these labs involved using measuring instruments, such as beakers.



Brandon Gum, senior, sits at a computer during Mrs. Ellen Robb's digital communications class. Digital communications students were able to learn how to edit photographs in Photoshop.



Tess Fitzpatrick, sophomore, takes a quick dip in the pool. Fitzpatrick commented, "I love swimming and I'm probably going to join the swim team next year."



Sophie Ann Zavaglia

Mom and Dad, thanks for your unconditional love and support for the past 18 years. Danielle and Brittany, I couldn't have asked for better sisters. I love you guys. To all my friends, thanks for all the great times in the past four years. Sam, how about street van



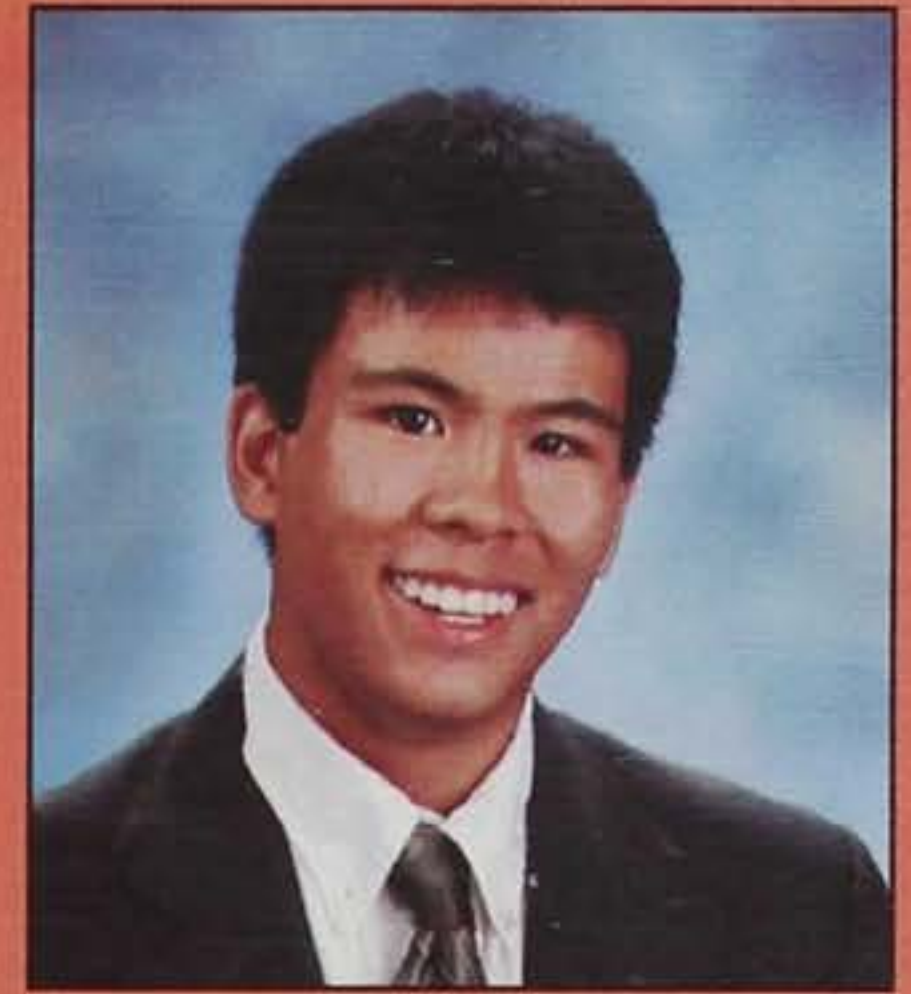
racing? Ben, t-rout and Tro Mo. Beck, snipe hunting? Ted, I'm glad Wendy's gives student discounts. Morgan, lets hang out on El Cap someday. D-Group guys, we've basically done it all-Myrtle Beach, cow tipping, Blastoff, skiing, and the list goes on. Summer was amazing, Nebraska Whitfield. "Wheresoev-heart"-Confucius.



To my beautiful mother and family - I love you. I thank God everyday that I have you. To all my teachers, past and present - I love you. Without your great wisdom/guidance, I don't know where I'd be. To my friends - I love you. You brighten my everyday. And to all who read this. My life at WCA and abroad has been marked by both adversity and success. From my experience, I offer this advice: Above all else, stand up for your ideals, whether they be radical or boring. There is nothing sweeter than resting in the knowledge that you've stood for something, that you've fought a good fight, that you've provoked thought in an unthinking

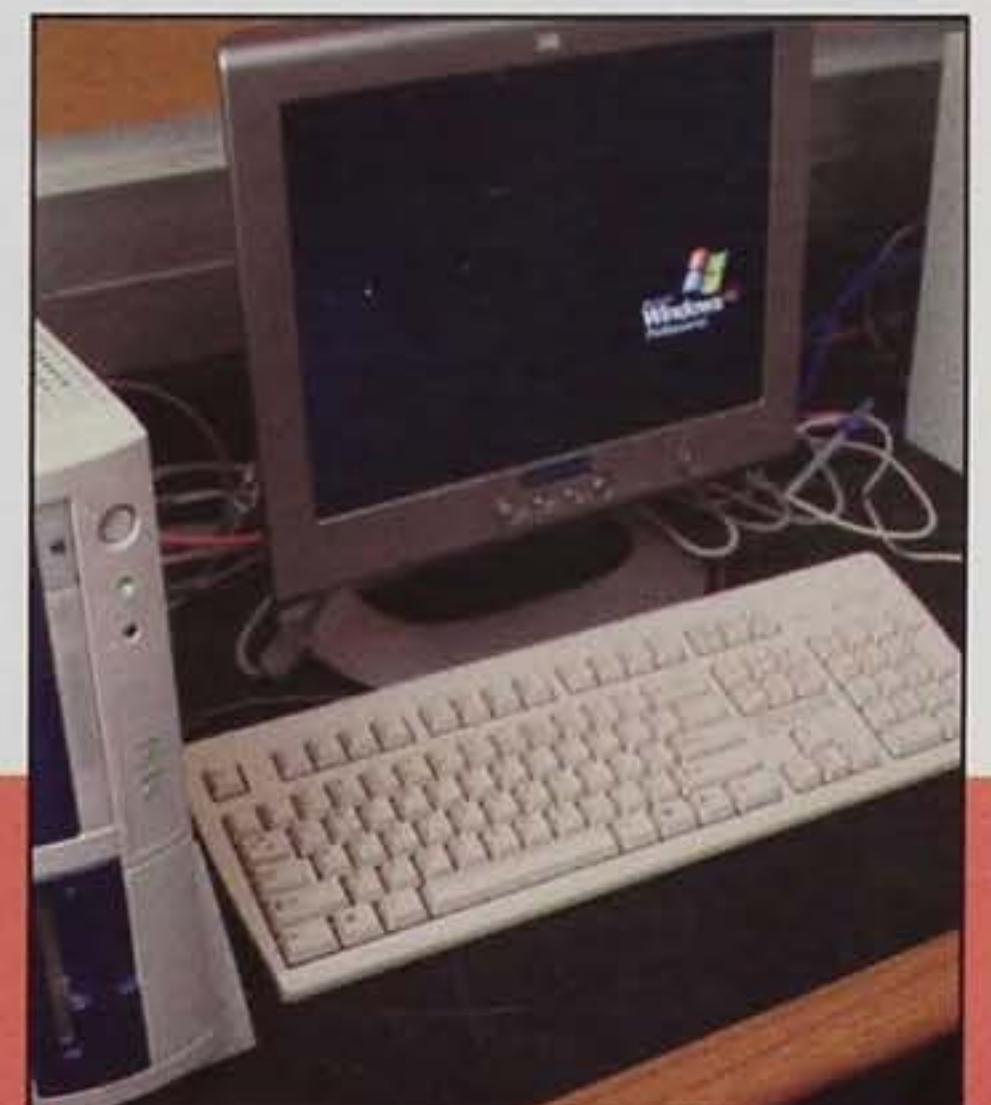
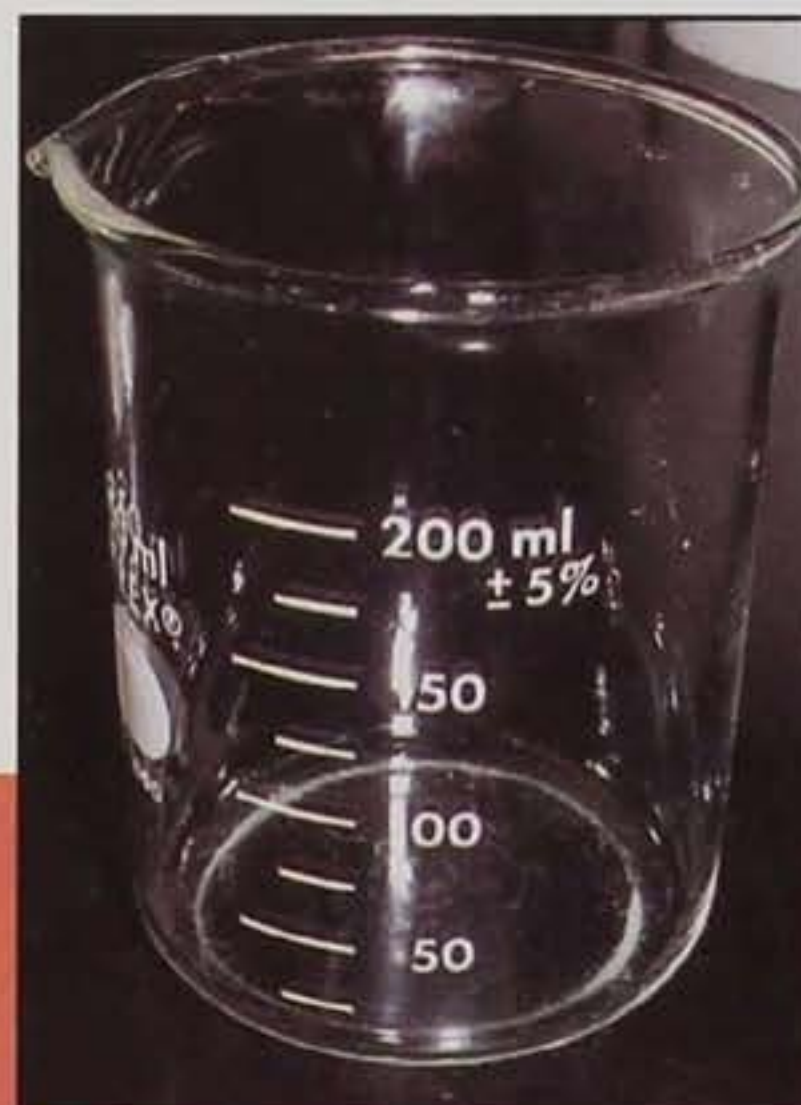


Marcy Glidewell, sophomore, stops by her locker to grab a book for her seventh period H. Algebra II Class. In all the hallways at Westminster, there are a total of 899 lockers.



Brendan Robert Zee-Cheng

WCA by the Numbers



Number of gallons of water in the pool: 94,922

Number of beakers in Dr. Shaw's chemistry lab: 193

Number of computers in the school: 212

Number of lockers in the hallways: 899

Morgan Anderson
 Alexandra Arnold
 Brian Bachman
 Camille Barresi
 Nathan Bateman
 Justen Beasley



Molly Beckmann
 Andrew Benes
 Sarah Bennet
 Jonathan Benson
 Christian Binkholder
 Ryan Blackwell



Elizabeth Boehne
 Stephanie Boyd
 Alyson Brands
 Taylor Branson
 Jonathan Breedlove
 William Bubenik



Maggie Burrus
 Gabrielle Burruss
 Calen Caple
 Gina Cascella
 Joshua Chappeau
 Elizabeth Corbet



Katherine Corder
 Robyn Dabler
 James Davis
 Katherine Davis
 Michael Dellaquila
 Claudius Docekal



Elizabeth Doriani
 Matthew Dorton
 Ainsley DuCharme
 Paul Duffy
 Lindsey Ellsworth
 Matthew Engelbart





Taylor DeRosa, sophomore, stills a ringing cymbal while he practices his fills in his basement music room. DeRosa was involved in many music projects this year, including playing a little guitar for Nick Pieber and Barrett Neu's band, When Heroes Fall.



Wesley Powell and Michael Ivancic, seniors, play a Halloween show at Sally's. Powell and Ivancic's band, Say Panther, was promoted by Rebel Pouch Productions.

I'm with the band...

"We really just needed a name," recalled Wesley Powell, senior. "Say Panther is a name people remember. It really doesn't have any other significance." Made up of Powell, Michael Ivancic, also a senior, and two of Ivancic's friends, the band *Say Panther* was definitely memorable. In the short time since its inception in the summer, *Say Panther* performed well over thirty shows in 2005 alone.

"We get to choose what shows we do and who we play with, which means we only play with people who we fit well with, but at first we played at every chance we got," said Ivancic. "At our first show, we played on a stage that was incredibly small. We barely fit on it." Since then the band has performed all over St. Louis, frequenting venues such as the Creepy Crawl.

Memorable though the band was, another of its major strengths was its versatility. Each of its four members plays several instruments. Ivancic played both the bass and the piano, and Powell played the guitar, bass and keyboard.

Say Panther released its first CD at the end of January. "We'll probably keep playing in college. It's something we all love, and we definitely want to continue," said Powell.



Barrett Neu, freshman, sings to a sea of people at the Hi Pointe January 15. When Heroes Fall was asked to play at Mississippi Night's annual battle of the bands February 18.

Nick Pieber, senior, plays drums at a practice for his band When Heroes Fall. Pieber and Barrett Neu, freshman, are the only original members of When Heroes Fall, which started in 2003.

Cori Nagel and Nicole Londoff, seniors, help each other finish a paper during lunch. Many seniors took advantage of the senior lounge to work together on homework. Before school, Seniorville was packed with students cramming in last minute assignments.

Jamie MacKoul and Maggie Burrus, juniors, work together on Geometry problems in Mrs. Stacey Ortlund's seventh hour class. Some teachers would allow students time to finish homework during class. Another helpful advantage teachers would offer was the chance for students to help each other.

Harry Hinrichs and Julian Herth, seventh graders, discuss an exercise meant to be completed during their first hour class. Because they had a substitute teacher, the students were given group assignments to work on pertaining to Mr. Scott Surgener's, previous lesson.



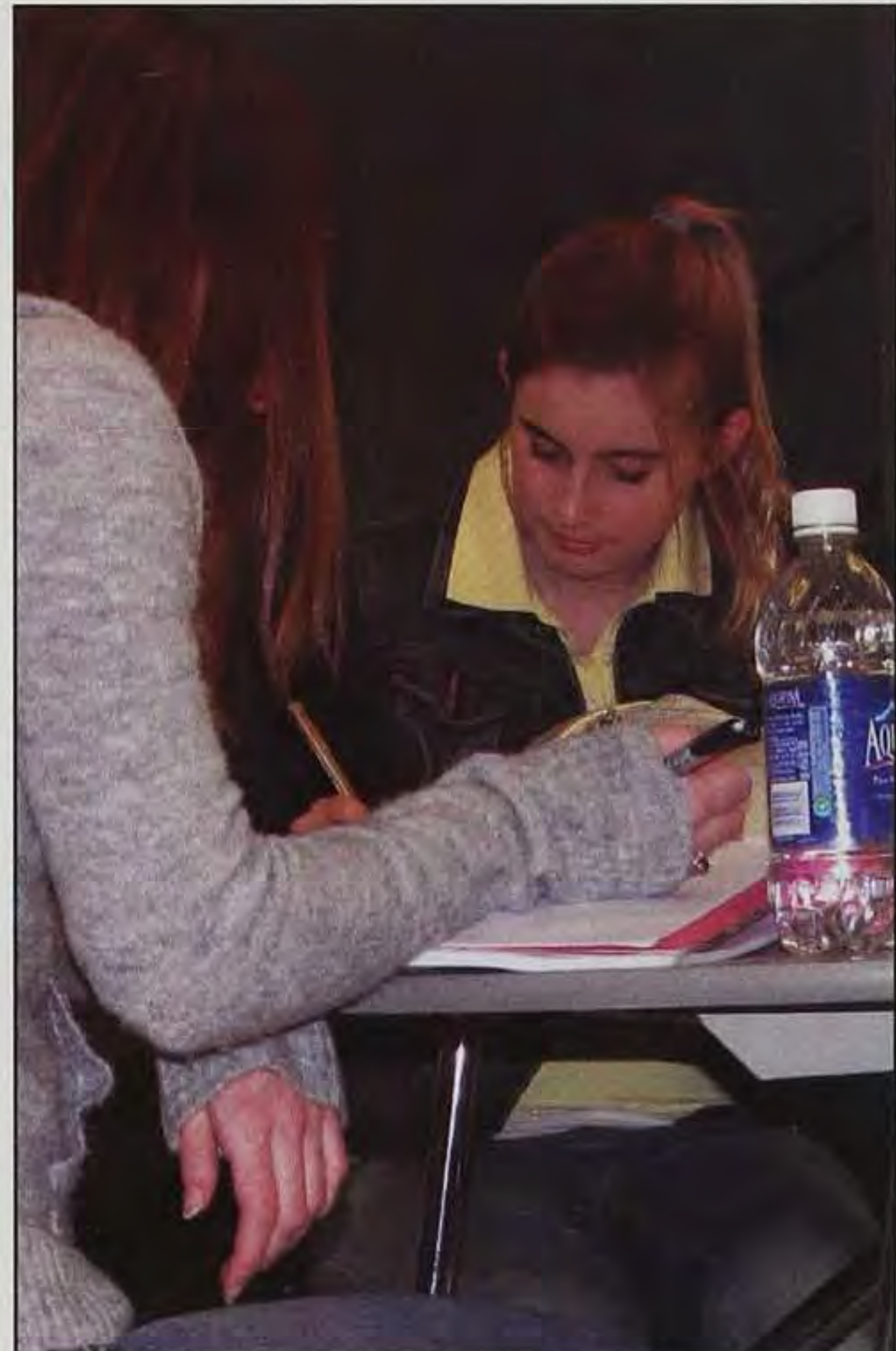
Two heads are better than one

When preparing for a test, many students made the choice to study with a friend, or possibly a group of other students. While some went to a friend's house and worked there, others said that home was too distracting with better things to do than read notes and make flashcards. Starbucks was one of the most popular places to study, offering a quieter environment and caffeine to hopefully keep students on task. Book stores, mainly Barnes and Noble and Borders, were also popular places to study with many resources, and also food and drink.



Jeff Kaufman, senior, sits at the same table as fellow Expository Writing classmate, Tyler Gans, freshman, doing research for a paper. Although working on separate projects, the outline they used was the same. Sitting together allowed them to give helpful advice to each other.

Stephanie Boyd and Allison Thompson, juniors, complete on their Statistics homework together during their first hour study hall. Luckily, if students had not finished, or understood homework the night before, study halls with fellow classmates gave ample time to finish assignments.





*Adam Farquhar
 Rachel Ferrara
 Taylor Finefield
 Adam Fletcher
 Alexandra Forkin
 Paul Fullerton*

*Anna Gladney
 Shay Goodman
 Sarah Grimes
 Clinton Gulick
 Joanna Haas
 Theresa Hasting*

*Ryan Haverstick
 Jonathan Heyse
 Hank Hicks
 Emily Hiles
 Anne Hindeleh
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*Holly Hunter
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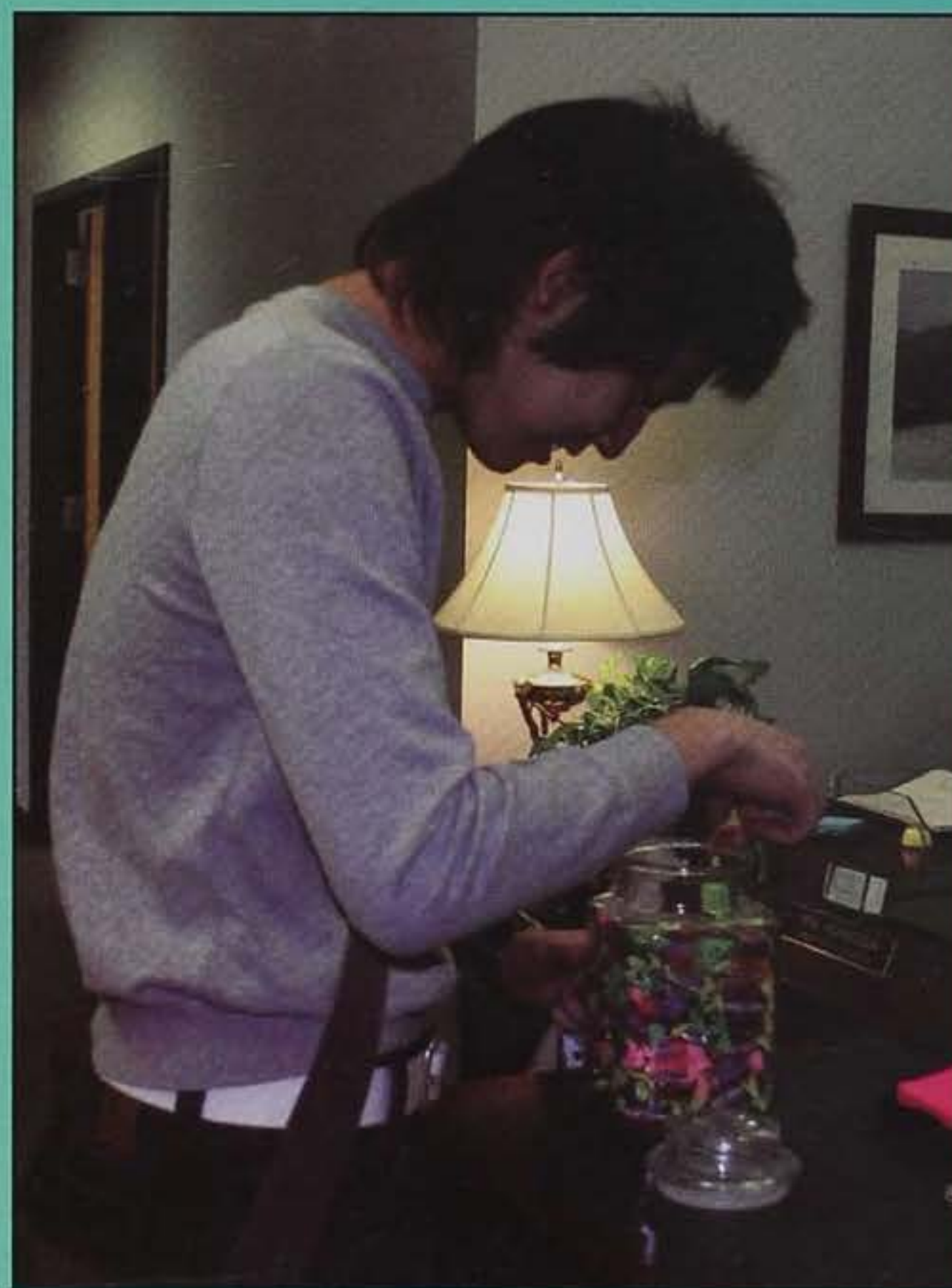
rom a faraway land...

Starting at a new school was scary enough; the students that came to the United States from different countries had to adapt to a whole new way of life. Westminster enrolled many students from different countries. This year students from Africa, Asia and Haiti joined the student body. Kip Baliach, freshman, came from Nairobi, Kenya. Baliach said his favorite class was physics. In addition to Africa, many students have come from South Korea. Ji-hoon Kim, senior, lived in the United States for 5 years. Kim said the most difficult part of living in the U.S. was language. "When I first came here, I didn't know English. In Korean language, we use different words for older people, like respecting them." These students have learned English very rapidly. Some of the foreign students, such as Kim, took English as a second language, which was taught in the library. Here, students learned about English grammar and vocabulary. Coming from abroad has not held Kim and Baliach back from making friends. The many facets of American culture was a different experience for Kim. He said, "[Here], you have to drive everywhere. In Korea, you can walk everywhere." Despite the challenges of living in the States, the freedom that came with living away from home was a perk, according to Kim.



Yi-re Kim, eighth grader, concentrates on her keyboarding lesson taught by Mrs. Karen Groves. Kim lived in the United States for two years. Though Kim said she did not miss South Korea too much, she found the language barrier tough as English is a complicated language.

Ji-hoon Kim, senior, sneaks Jolly Ranchers from Mrs. Betty Richardson's office. Kim entered Westminster in eighth grade and lived with Sean Thomas, senior. Kim introduced his classmates to Korean culture and taught them interesting Korean words.



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Matthew Leeker
Rachel Leibovich
Conor Lewis
Paul Lewis*





Lindsay Loyd
 Jamie MacKoul
 Margaret Massot
 Karlita Mathes
 Katherine Maurer
 Neil McAllister

Garrett McCarthy
 Lizbeth McDonald
 Chelsea McGraw
 Rachel McMillan
 Michael Mendis
 Samuel Meyer

Alex Moore
 Sarah Moore
 Julia Myers
 Elliot Nester
 Shawn Oberle
 Joshua Olson

Samantha Owens
 Katherine Parvin
 Lauren Peters
 Alexandria Petry
 Michael Polovich
 John Presker

Thomas Randolph
 Karen Rassieur
 Jillian Ridderbos
 Meredith Roberts
 Samuel Robinson
 Christopher Rojewski



Sang-Ah Jeon, sophomore, reads Frankenstein by Mary Shelley for her English class outside Mr. Larry Birchler's room. Although Jeon sometimes went by her American name, Rosa, she preferred her Korean name, Sang-Ah.



Tim Appelbaum and Kip Baliach, freshmen, review an assignment that teacher Mrs. Josie Kinmonth handed back in seventh hour Expository Writing. Baliach said that he enjoyed Westminster and made many friends here. During a chapel early in the year, Baliach showed pictures of the beautiful wildlife from his country, Kenya.

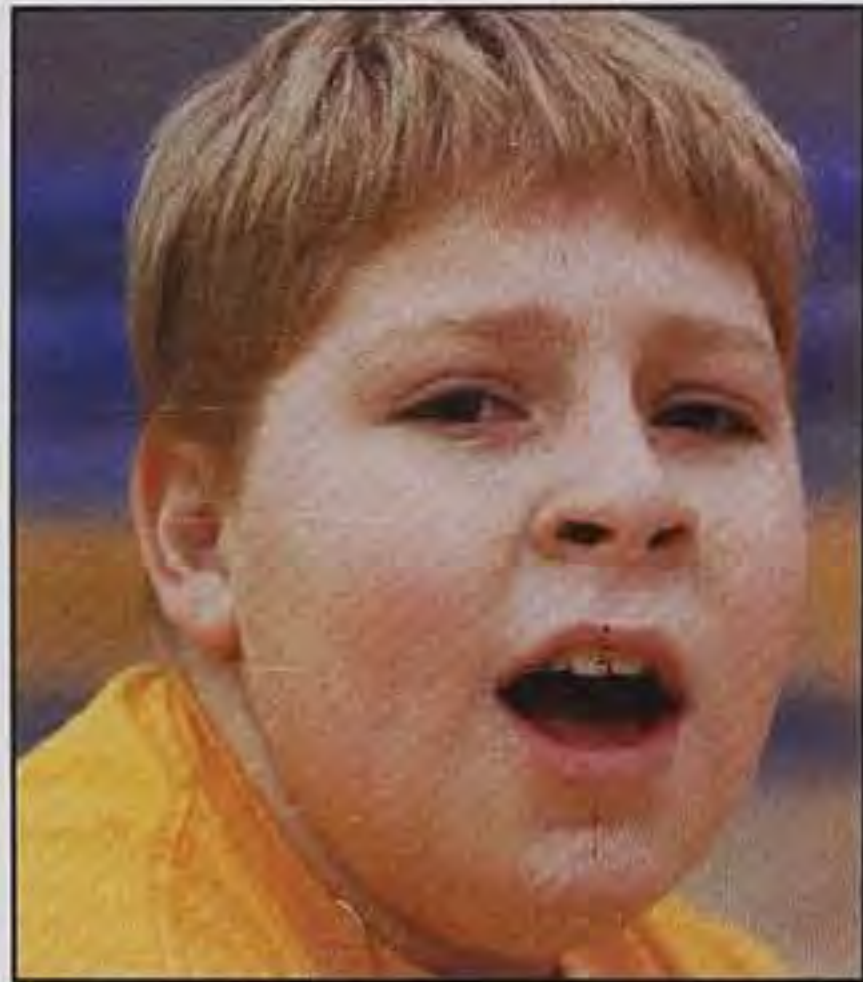


Yoon-Sun Chang and Matt Evans, sophomores, listen to teacher Mr. Chris Knerr in their first hour Western Civilization class. They were studying the French Revolution. Many students enjoyed Knerr's enthusiastic teaching which kept them engaged.

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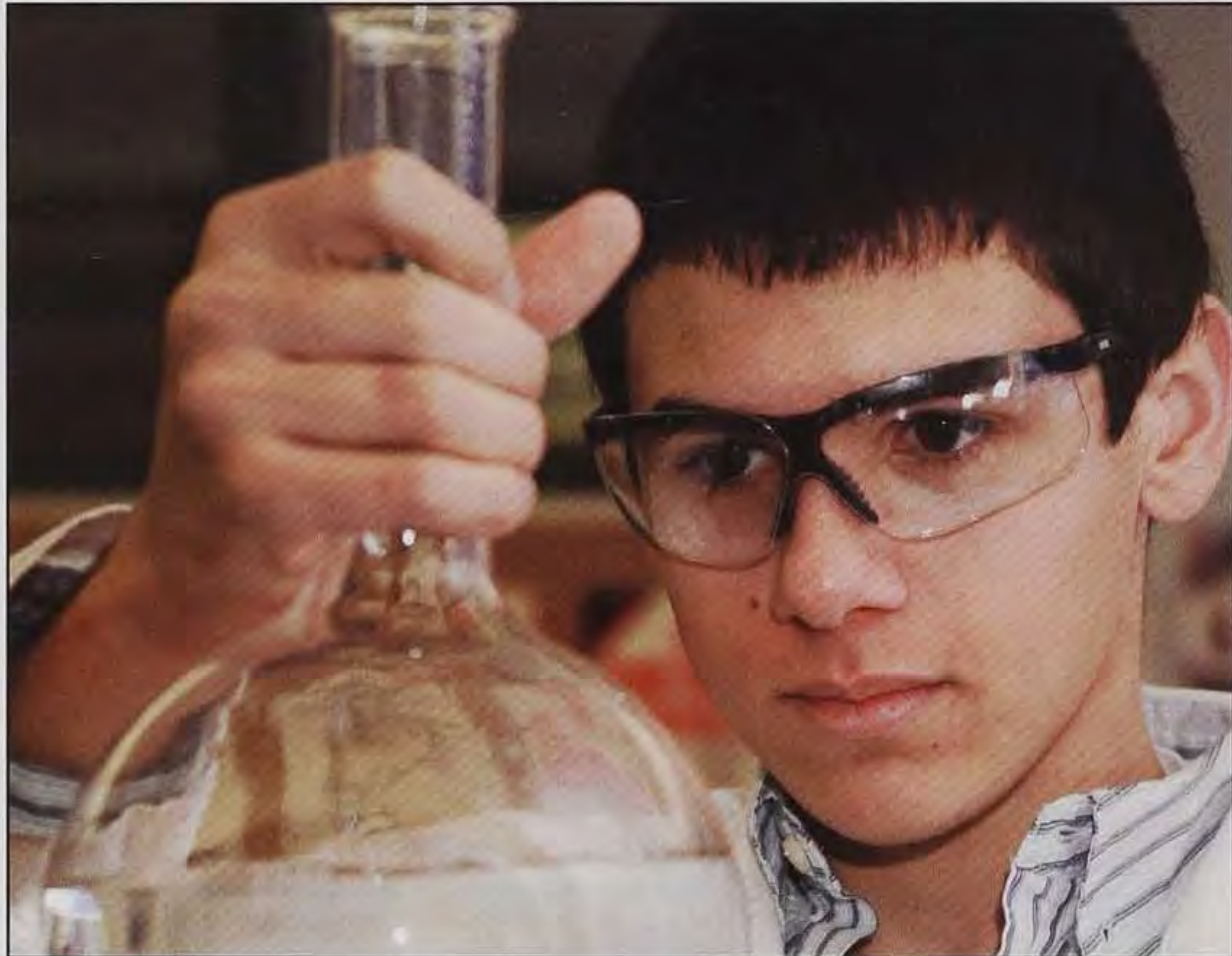
don't want to grow up

Most would have been able to recite the classic Toys R' Us tune on command: "I don't wanna to grow up, I'm a Toys R' Us kid..." It was a catchy jingle that could quite easily stick in one's mind. Nevertheless, no matter how many times the verse was recited, time inevitably took its toll and everyone would face the dreaded business world. Some took one step in with jobs outside of school for a valuable income. However, most of these would probably not have considered their high school occupation as their dream job. Whether it had been a fireman, astronaut, actress, or President, those certain dreams not only dictated what one did from 9 to 5, but also where one's interests lie. "I want to be an Astronautics Engineer," said Clark Poland, senior. "In other words, a rocket scientist." Every person had an individual desire for their future, and much of that began at school with the classes and extra-curricular activities they took.



During his weekly PC meeting, Ian Farmer, seventh grader, talks quickly about what his brother did last night. "I want to be a teacher, or a pastor," said Farmer.

Clark Poland, senior, analyzes a highly concentrated potable solution containing a large amount of electrolytic impurities. Weekly labs in AP Physics helped expand the students' knowledge beyond that of mere text-book recitation and helped prepare students for the real world.

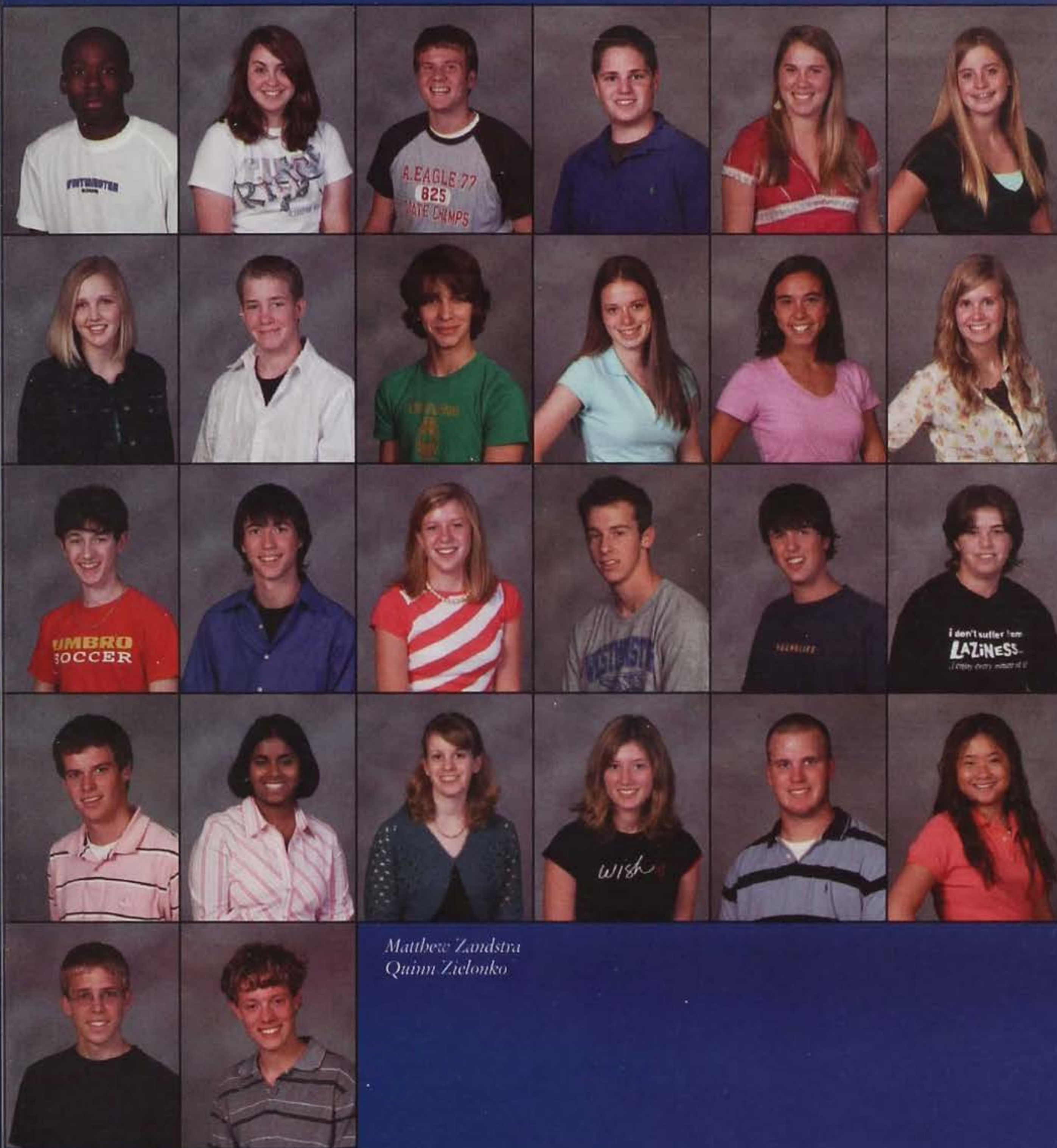


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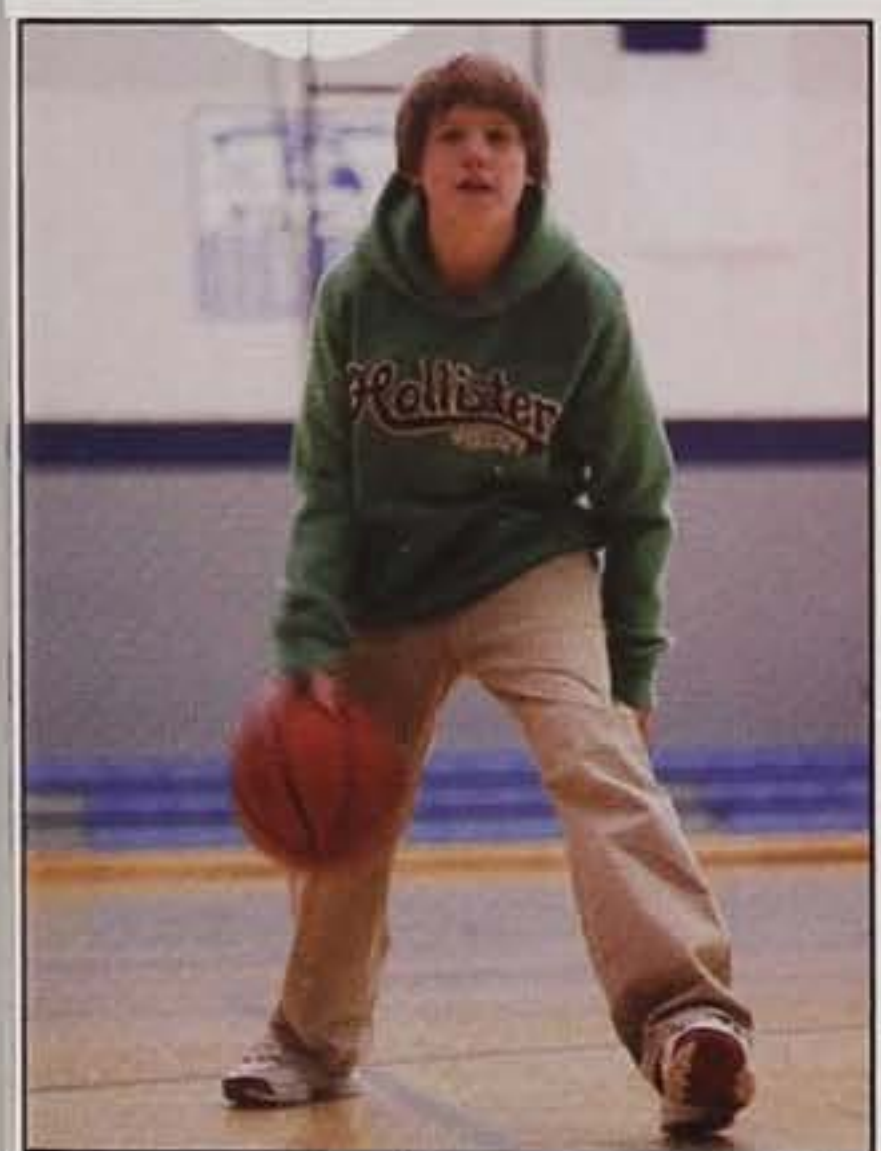
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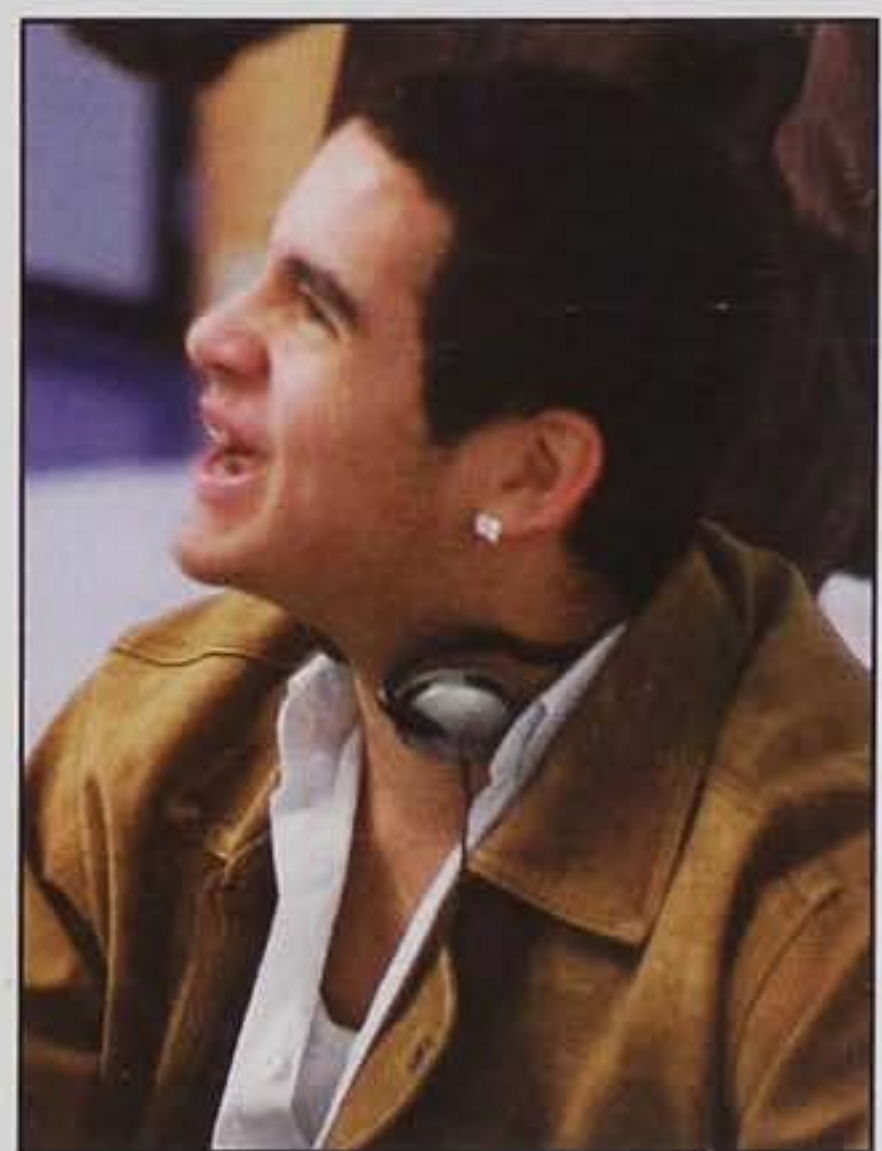
Matthew Zandstra
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Zachary Gaeddert, seventh grader, dribbles the ball in the early morning before school. "I have no idea what I want to be," said Gaeddert.



Brandon Gum, senior, performs for the crowd as a member of the senior Boys Poms. "I want to be a dolphin trainer. Seriously," said Gum.



Juan Mundo-Sifuentes, sophomore, enjoys breakfast before school. "I want to be a D.J.," said Mundo-Sifuentes.

Clinton Alexander
 Brooke Allbritten
 Brett Allen
 Max Anderson
 John Arrington
 Jonathan Autry



Jennifer Babb
 Benjamin Baldwin
 Sarah Ball
 Julia Berger
 Michael Bianca
 Peter Boggs



Samantha Bond
 Eric Brown
 Stephanie Brown
 Benjamin Bubenik
 Julia Buis
 Jared Camp



Kelli Cannady
 Anne Carrington
 Vincent Cascella
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 Andrew Clemens
 Hannah Collier
 Alissa Cozad
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Martin Davis
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 Shawn Denton
 Taylor DeRosa
 Brandon DeRousse
 Tyler Disch



Kathryn Doyle
 Kristina Dudley
 Anna Duell
 Emma Dunlap
 Erin Eachus
 Samuel Egerton



Haley Venard, and Lindsay Tomlinson, juniors, walk from the football game against MICDS to the rest of the activities at the carnival.



Brian Bachman and Joshua Olson, juniors, drink coffee before school at St. Louis Bread Company. They were there before school during Spirit Week after an early practice for Boys Poms. The junior class got first place in Boys Poms this year.



Jonathan Demoy and Sam Frickless, seniors, lead the talent show at Carnival on October 22. The talent show had a lot of talented performers ranging from musical instruments to Dance Dance Revolution.

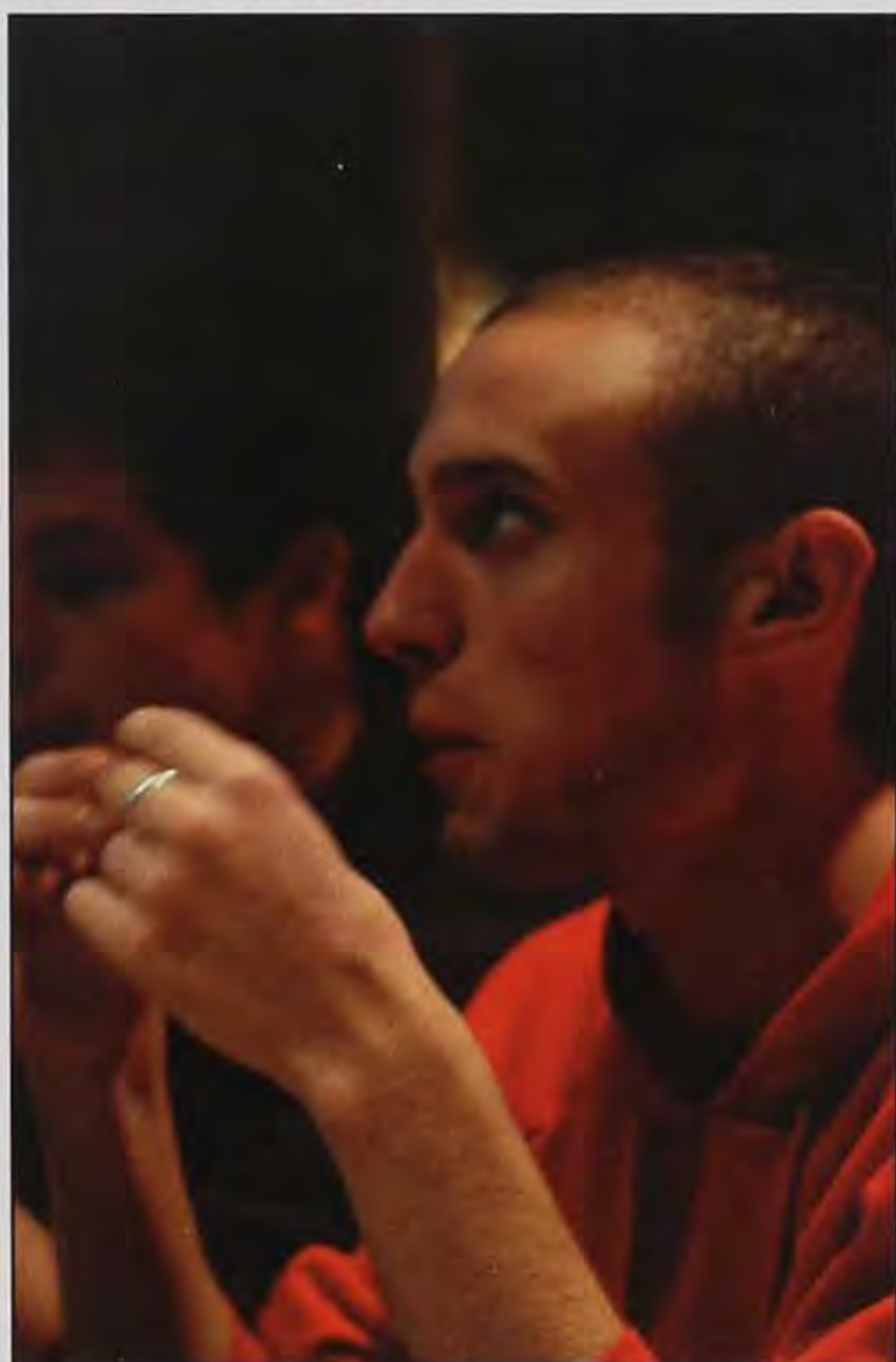


Where to go?

People went many places to either eat breakfast, or to drink coffee, or to watch a great sports game. One of the main attractions this year for junior guys was Buffalo Wild Wings on Olive Road. Sam Jura, junior, went weekly with the group.

Many people also like to go and see some of the sports teams participate. One of the main attractions this year was the outstanding football team with their eight and two record this season. Matt Walker, senior, went to most of the games and commented on how the place was good for groups to meet. "It was a fun place to meet friends because of the fact that our team was very good and because of the concession stand," said Walker.

There was a fair amount of students that went to St. Louis Bread Company on Thursday mornings before the late start for lunch and breakfast. Richard Ross, eighth grader, met with Steve Dalbey, his youth leader, most Thursday mornings along with fellow eighth graders, William Nichols, Daniel Nixon, Thomas Egan, Alexander Lindstrom, Tim Reed, and Ian McGhee.



Tess Fitzpatrick, Marcy Glidewell, Kaitlyn Pfeifer, Kelli Stipanovich, and Kayla VandeKamp, sophomores, talk in the hallway after school. The hallway was a place where all students talk either before school, in between classes, or after school.

John Presker, junior, eats at Buffalo Wild Wings on Olive Road Tuesday, January 3, before the varsity basketball game against St. Louis Priory. Presker, along with many others, went there every Tuesday.

Vince Cascella, sophomore, and Gina Cascella, junior, along with WCA graduates Nick and David Cascella, scuba dive in the Caribbean. Mexico's largest island, Cozumel, was off the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula and was known for its white sandy beaches.

Sean Duff, freshman, along with his younger sister, Jaclyn Duff, seventh grader, surround themselves with presents as they celebrate Christmas morning in their home. Being on the Varsity Basketball Team, Sean Duff had to stay in town with his family so he wouldn't miss the tournament. "I didn't mind staying because Christmas at home is always fun," said Sean Duff.

Libby Boebne, junior, strolls down the streets of Sedalia, Missouri as she spends her break at her grandparents' house. Although Boebne did not travel to any exotic places, she comments on her break saying, "I was glad because it gave me a chance to spend time with my grandparents."



It's the most wonderful time of the year

Creeping down the stairs to see a pile of presents waiting to be ripped open was not the case for some students this Christmas break. Many escaped the cold and traveled to tropical destinations, others went to Mexico for missions trips, and some had the joy of running suicides and practicing free throws.

Lindsey Peters, sophomore, along with her sister Lauren, junior, celebrated their Christmas on the beautiful islands of Hawaii. "My favorite place was this small village where we went to little street shops and saw beautiful scenery," said Lindsey Peters. Gina Cascella, junior, and her brother, Vince, sophomore, traveled south to Cozumel, Mexico where they spent their break soaking up the sun and swimming in the ocean.

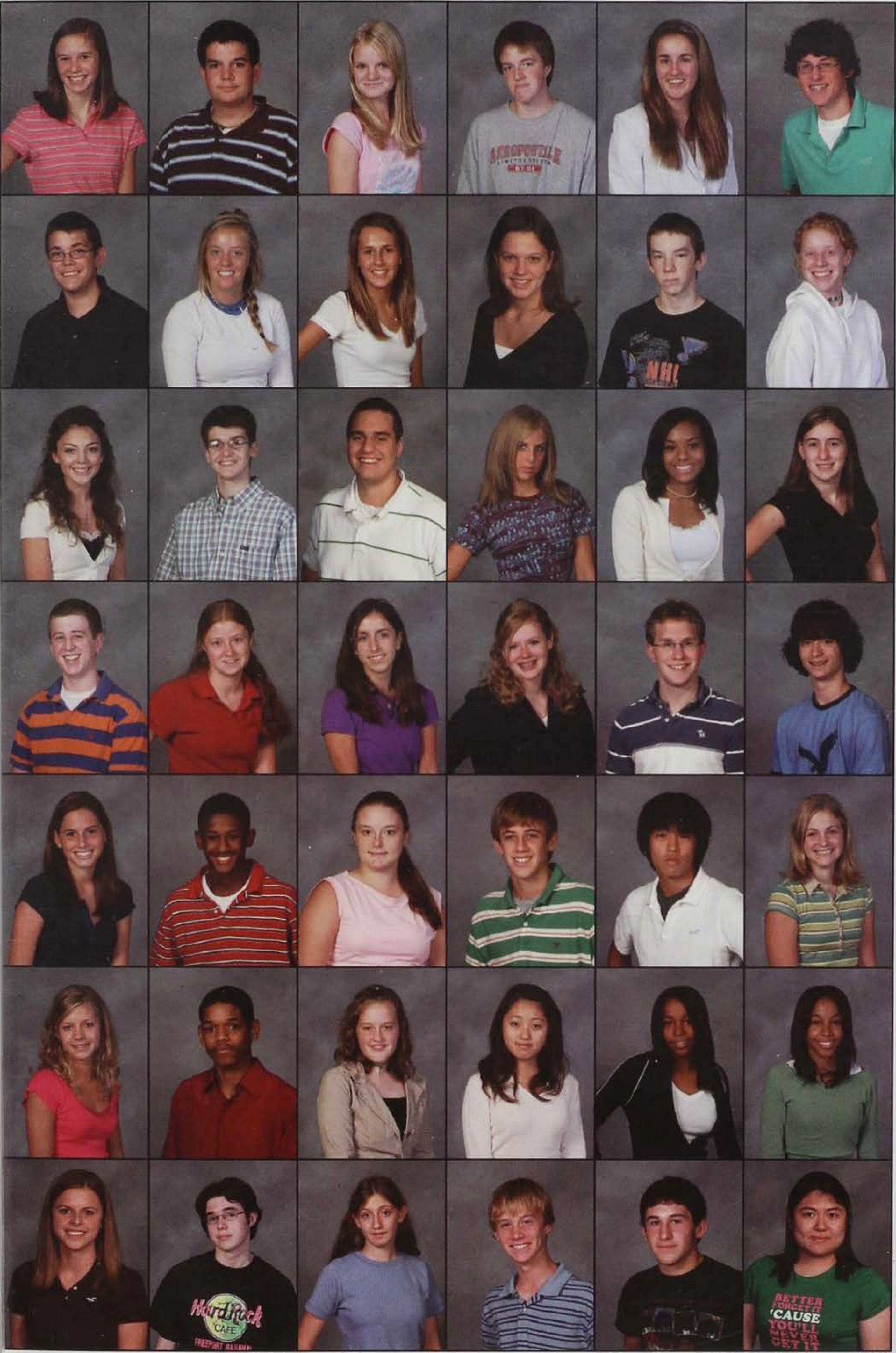
Colin McAfee, senior, Andy DeRousse, senior, Brandon DeRousse, sophomore, and Lauren DeRousse, seventh grader left the day after Christmas for their Mexico missions trip. Rebuilding houses and witnessing to young children, the group established everlasting friendships and grew in their own faith.

While the lucky few had the chance to relax and vacation over break, the basketball boys and girls increased their skill by practicing daily. "We had practice almost every day but at least we got to sleep in. We also were in a tournament and a lot of our Blue Crew fans were there to cheer us on," said Sean Duff, freshman.



Dani Roberts, seventh grader, relaxes at the Atlantis Resort on Nassau Island as she reads and listens to her iPod. Roberts and her family spent their last half of Christmas break swimming, tanning and parasailing.

Andy DeRousse, senior, jokes with his new friend, Luis. DeRousse and his family finished off their break in Reynosa, Mexico, rebuilding houses with their church. "My parents said we could stay home this Christmas, but it would have been weird to be at home while there were people down there who needed our help," explained DeRousse.



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 Tess Fitzpatrick
 William Franz

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 Timothy Glockner
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 Benjamin Haberberger
 Hope Harl
 Jasmine Harrell
 Karri Hess

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 Bethany Hoekzema
 Jill Holley
 Lisa Hoover
 Benjamin Horseman
 James Horton

June Hotchkiss
 Christopher Houchen
 Harper Hughes
 Joseph Hunsicker
 Sang-Jin Im
 Kendall James

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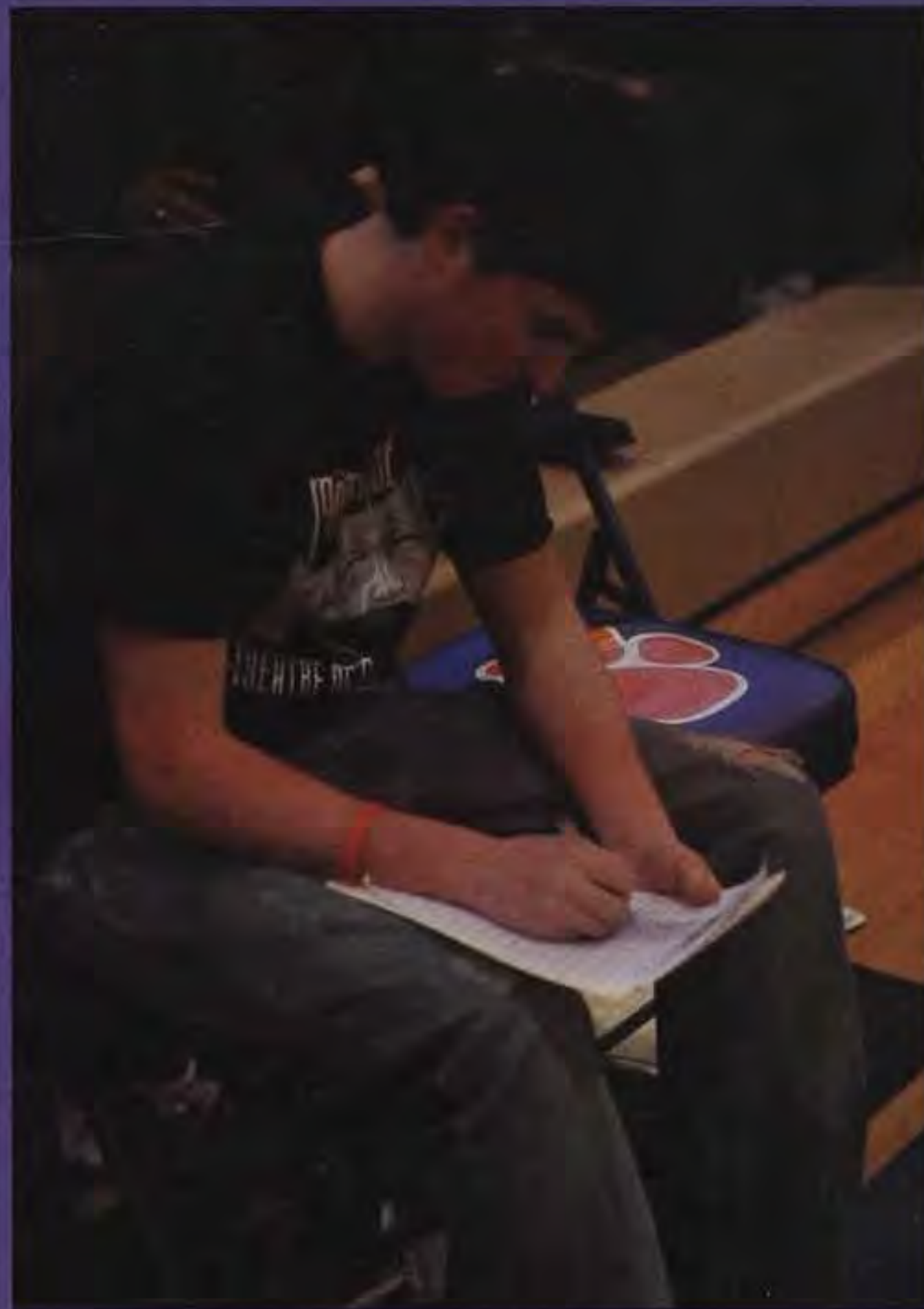
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They make it all happen

From team managers to set crews, those devoted students who were not in the spotlight spent hours to help games, chapel, and other events run as smoothly as possible. These sometimes under-appreciated students were the backbone for many happenings at Westminster. Some students, such as Sarah Bennett and Holly Hunter, juniors, worked the projector during chapels. Others were team managers and morale boosters for sports. Allison Thompson, junior, explained her duties while helping with the men's varsity swim team: "We did timing at the meets, and whatever coach wanted us too. I like the guys; they are funny. We go to most of their practices, but just the beginning, to take roll." Some students who enjoy the arts worked during plays and musicals. Billy Bubenik, junior, offered his thespian skills to main director Mr. Allen Schwamb during the production *Godspell* as assistant director. Behind the actors and athletic stars stood passionate students willing to donate their time to benefit the numerous occasions at the Academy.



Maggie Massot, junior, Sarah Shippy, sophomore, Sarah Bennett and Holly Hunter, juniors, gather round a computer to work on a program called Media Shout for chapel. These girls proved that boys are not the only ones who love to work with technology.



Garrett McCarthy, junior, works as the team manager for the junior varsity Boys basketball team. "I'm there for moral support basically, I write down their stats also. Well, sometimes," said McCarthy.

*Sung H Kim
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Corey Klingler
Catherine Klotz
Lauren Kozeny*



*Jordan Kulage
Erik Lewis
Kelsey Logsdon
Wayne Long
Stephanie Lowe*





Tye Malone
Trevor McHardy
Kathleen Mech
Margaret Meyer
Julia Meyers
Daniel Miller

Allison Mitchell
Elizabeth Moore
David Mueller
Juan Mundo-Sifuentes
James Munson
Patrick Murrell

Abigail O'Brien
Taylor O'Connor
Lauren O'Leary
Rex Oberle
Lindsey Peters
David Peterson

Kaitlyn Pfeifer
Derrick Phillips
Mark Presker
Preston Prevost
Berkley Rallo
Matthew Rohlfing

David Roig
Orion Ross
Melissa Ruhlman
Alex Sagi
Natasha Sakovich
Rae Salzman



Deborah Roby and Andrea Jacobson, seniors, take score at the Westminster wrestling invitational. They were the team managers for both junior varsity and varsity. This job involved traveling with the team for weekend tournaments and districts.



Varsity basketball team managers, Hank Hicks, junior, and Mike Hall, seventh grader, take scores and watch the game against Lutheran South. In addition to their practical jobs, the managers also offered their support.

A

hunter's life

There lived a brotherhood of real men within our halls this year at Westminster Christian Academy. With camouflage shirts as a staple in each hunter's wardrobe, they weren't hard to pick out in the halls. The sport had grown in popularity with a large base of hunters in the senior and junior classes. Hunting establishes an almost cult like dedication among its followers with the participants continually sharing their stories of glory with fellow hunters.

The phenomenon included participants from all grades. Drew Moisson, eighth grader, got started hunting when his grandfather took him out at age six. According to Moisson, he hunted "everything but squirrels." Eighth grade history teacher, Mr. Tim Muehleisen supported getting hunters started as soon as they can fit boots on and walk through the woods.

Hunting families exist as well. The Wieles', with students Amanda, eighth grader, Danny and Greg, juniors, and Ben, senior, all enrolled at the Academy, each have tried their hand at hunting. They had extensive hunting experience shooting deer for many years and hearing stories from their father, who has even taken a trip to Africa to hunt more exotic animals. What was the allure of such a sport this past year. The stalking? the gear? The hanging out in trees for hours? Luke McGowan, senior, said it best "when it's just you, the deer and the woods, nothing else matters."



Justin Weststeyn, freshman, hunts with friend Taylor Cambell. The two of them have hunted together for a long time. "Something about the camouflage just makes you feel like a man," said Weststeyn.



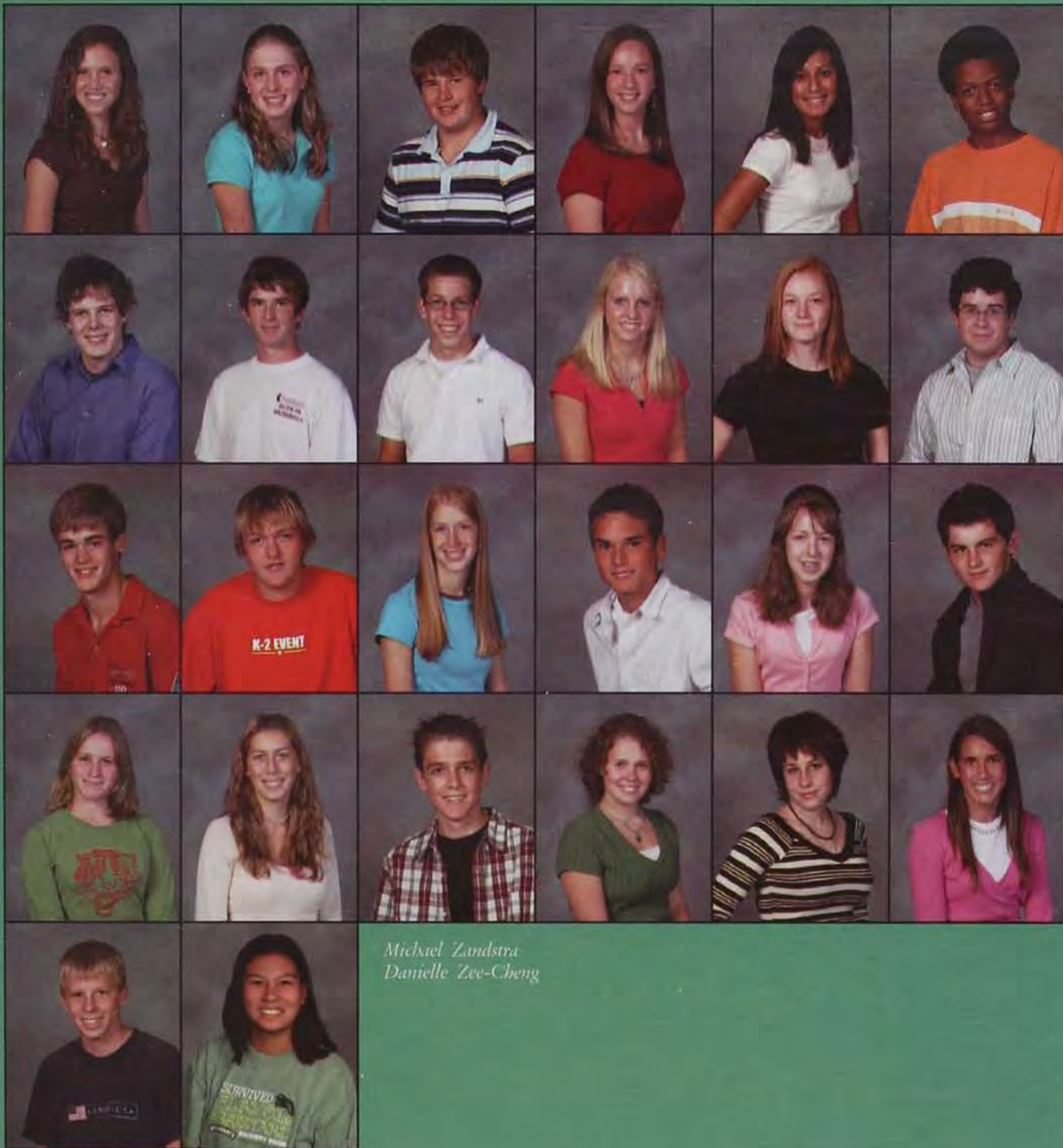
Luke McGowan, senior, takes aim with his bow and arrow. McGowan was one of the few people who was able to hunt in his backyard. He headed out whenever he could before sunrise to the woods surrounding his house for some early morning hunting.

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Sarah Schlasly
Gregory Schoenberg
Megan Shapleigh
Michael Shapleigh



Sarah Shippy
Elizabeth Sippel
Daniel Smith
Ashley Stanford
Kalina Stewart





Kelli Stipanovich
 Clare Stolberg
 Samuel Stufflebam
 Anna Sugg
 Andrea Tate
 Eric Taylor

David Testrake
 Benjamin Turner
 Dominick Valli
 Kayla VandeKamp
 Victoria VanderHeide
 Matthew Wagner

Benjamin Walker
 Kyle Wamstedt
 Kathryn Weber
 Timothy Weir
 Michelle Weldon
 Brandon Wesley

Roxanna West
 Jennifer Willey
 Benjamin Winter
 Alyssa Wittmaier
 Nichole Young
 Hayley Younkin

Michael Zandstra
 Danielle Zee-Cheng



Joe Nothum, senior, celebrates his ten point buck. The point value of a buck is determined by the number of points on the antlers of the animal. It took Nothum a year and a half of hunting to finally bag his first buck.



Jon Breedlove, junior, sits satisfied with a limit of ducks. Duck season was traditionally October through December each year. Breedlove began hunting at the age of nine and has been hunting ever since.



Greg Wiele, junior, and Ben Wiele, senior, stoop over their take of geese. The boys got started hunting with the encouragement from their dad. The family hunts everything that they can find in season.



Eighth grade American History teacher Mr. Tim Muehleisen, sits his son Abren with his first deer of the season. Muehleisen was a hunting enthusiast and has gotten his son started early.

Anneleyce Alexander
 Lindsay Allee
 Tim Appelbaum
 Laura Bateman
 Leah Beck
 Benjamin Becker



Corinne Becker
 Phillip Binkholder
 Christopher Bishop
 Aaron Blackwell
 Calvin Boesch
 Camilla Buckley



John Burgess
 Victoria Burruss
 Chelsea Call
 Whitney Calvin
 Rachel Cannon
 Sarah Caple



Hunter Carruthers
 Michael Cawthon
 Nevin Cherian
 Annaliese Clark
 Kenton Coffman
 Alexandria Cole



Joy Collins
 Elinor Crim
 Meredith Davis
 Amanda de Agüero
 Melody Dickerson
 Sarah Dickerson



Alex Forkin, junior, was related to dietician Jenny Craig. "She is my grandmother's second cousin," said Forkin, "but I've never met her."



Kate Ross, junior, talks to Mr. Hearne during AP US History. The Ross' were related to Thomas Edison, who received 1093 US patents in his lifetime. "My grandma told me...she's into all that genealogy," said Ross.



Finnley Kuban, seventh grader's, grandpa was Bob Kuban, member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. "Older people come up to me and ask if I'm related," said Kuban.



The family pride

Having a well-known person in the family was fun, no matter how distant that relative may have been. Sharing the same last name was even better. When meeting someone who had heard of the name before, it served as a great conversation starter. Many knew about the Worrells who's dad played on the Cardinal's team, but other students had relatives connected with sports that were less obvious. For example, Alex Cusumano's dad was one of channel five's sports announcers.

Even if there was not a famous person in the family, sometimes businesses familiarized people with that name. For example, Paul Duffy's last name was known through the Mike Duffy's Pub and Grill (where ironically they sold Schlafly beer). Duffy said, "I like hanging around there with my friends when I'm not working."

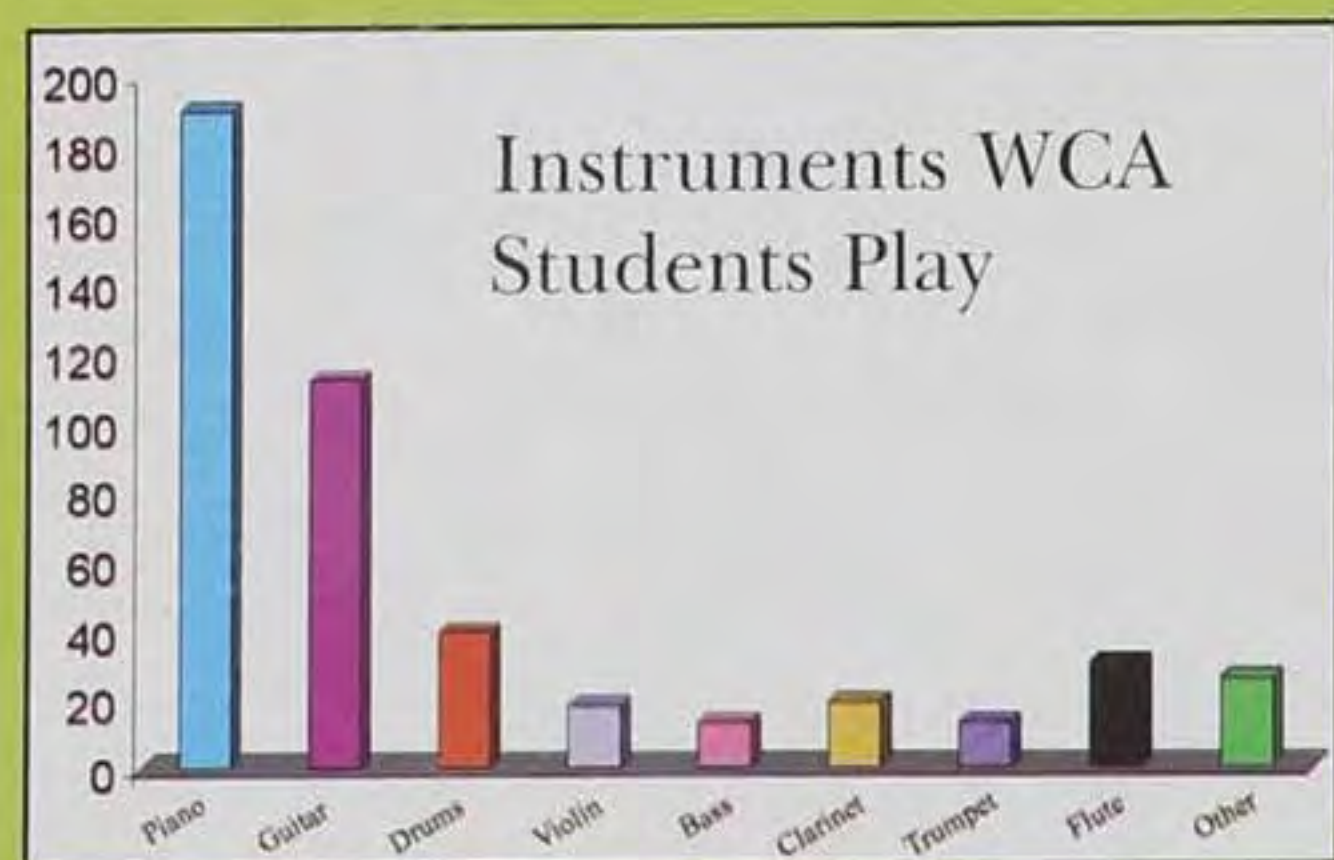
Sometimes these famous relations get carried away. William Hesterberg, senior, found out he was related to Tom Cruise for a week through marriage. "My aunt went to a wedding for a relative and he was there," explained Hesterberg. But whether it is bars, beers, or a distinguished person himself, the family pride is in the name.



Thomas Porter, eighth grader, and Jake Boyer, seventh grader, discuss cafeteria service. Boyer's grandpa, Ken Boyer, played for the Cardinals. "He played third base...his number (14) is retired in Busch Stadium," said Boyer. "I have newspaper clippings of him, and my dad has all his baseball cards."

Alyssa Wittmaier and Sarah Ball, sophomores, sit together at the Friday Spirit Week varsity men's basketball game. Ball was related to Lucille Ball, while Wittmaier was related to Vivian Vance. "My mom always calls me Lucy because I yell like her," said Ball.

A survey was taken January 6 of over 500 students from grades seven through twelve. Students were asked what instruments they play in order to find out what exotic instruments are combined in the "other" group.



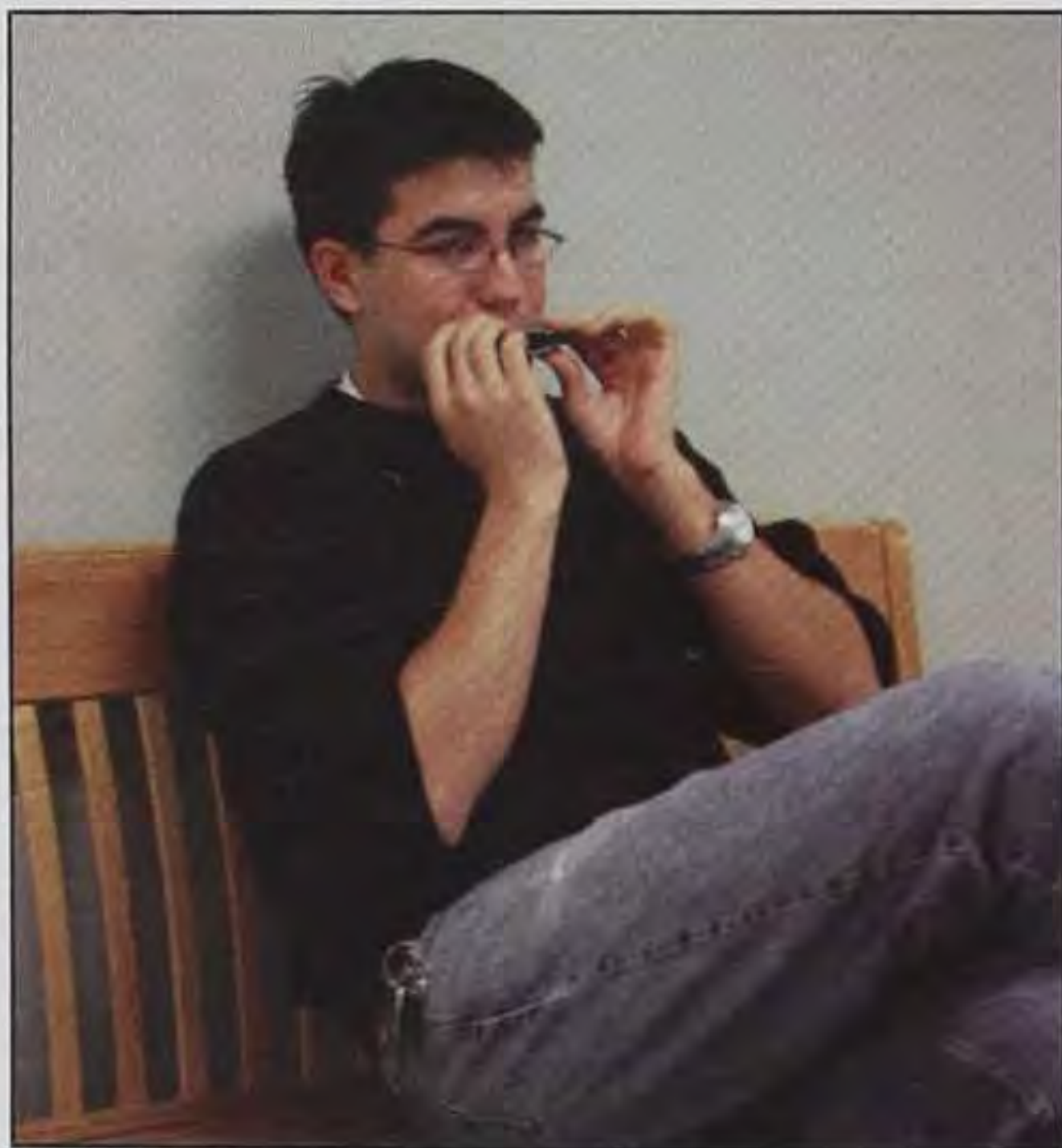
Sarah Shippy, sophomore, practices the hammered dulcimer at home. Shippy enjoyed playing folk songs and blue grass. She first experienced the hammered dulcimer at a restaurant with her family. Her father bought one for her mother last year, and soon thereafter Shippy found a teacher and started taking lessons.



What's the other?

The whole Westminister student body was asked, "What instrument do you play?" This survey showed that students not only play the common instruments such as guitar, piano, and drums, but also unusual instruments like the harp. Students no longer are hiding their unique gifts, but are proud of the instrument they, or their parents, have chosen for them to practice. The musical talent of students at WCA runs beyond the conventional band class. Some students stumble upon interesting instruments and learn out

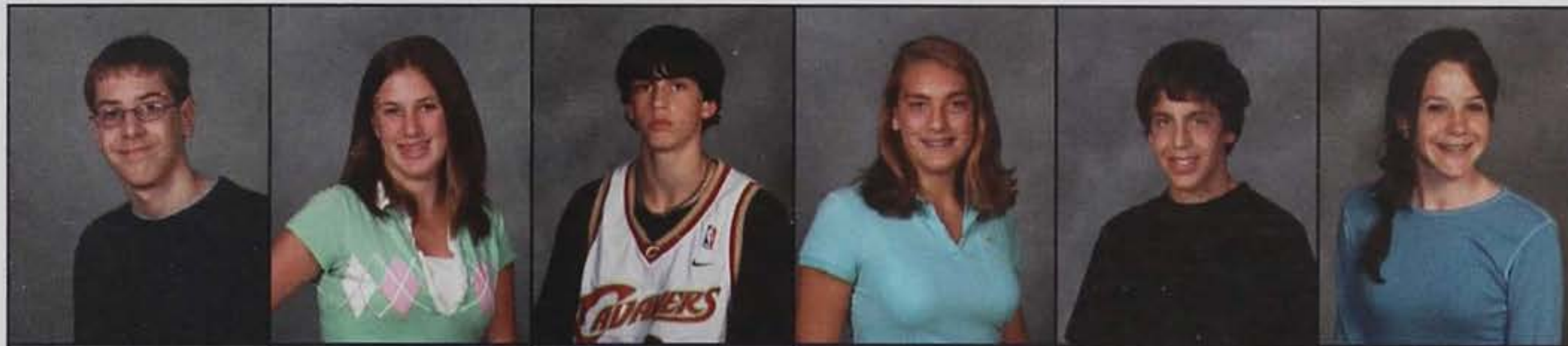
of sheer curiosity. Others are forced to display their talents by their parents. In any case, Westminister students proved that their gifts extended beyond the academic realm.



Peter Schamp, senior, plays a piece on his harmonica. Often times, he played at home while his dog accompanied him with loud howling and shrieking. Schamp bought his harmonica in fourth grade but said he really started to play during his sophomore year when, "The WCA band performed, for a lack of a better word, cheesy rendition of 'Cotton-Eyed Joe' and they featured me on the harmonica."

Andrea Jacobson, senior, plays *The Carnival of Venice* on her accordion. The accordion was one of eleven instruments she played. Jacobson taught herself how to play two years ago after she bought it in a pawn shop for twenty dollars.





John Dinga
 Alayna Doiron
 Sean Duff
 Sarah Duffy
 Jordan Duke
 Christine Ehrmann



Michelle Engelbart
 Haley Estes
 Matthew Farquhar
 Emily Farris
 Hannah Fletcher
 Jessica Flori



Sarah Fullerton
 Tyler Gans
 Karen Girgis
 Catherine Godi
 Andrew Goebel
 Joseph Greenlee



Brennen Grone
 Thomas Grossman
 Tiffany Gustafson
 Philip Haas
 Bethany Haines
 Kaitlin Harding



Carmen Harjoe
 Tyler Harper
 Rory Hennings
 Matthew Heyse
 Abigail Hicks
 Brittney Hough



Michael Hughes
 Brittney Jackson
 Robert Johnson
 Han-Byul Kang
 Daniel Kaufman
 Katherine Kennison

Do you bleed blue?

With the emergence of the first Blue Crew last year just in time to cheer on the men's Varsity Basketball team to state, many stopped to ask: were we back in full strength? Since the graduation of Chris Nester and Gregg Peters, two of the 'founders' of Blue Crew, the fan situation at Westminster suffered a hard hit. But strong support for our teams was not past being revived. Athletes in their off-seasons along with a number of juniors and seniors stepped up this year as the unofficial leaders of the Crew. Mr. Miller also chipped in and placed an order for 400 new 2005-2006 T-shirts right off the bat back in September. Varsity guys' sports continued to attract high numbers of fans for home games and decent showings for away games as well. And as any blue-blooded fan would tell you, numbers were not the only thing that mattered. Noisemakers, cheerleaders, face-painters and sign-makers proved to be fans of especially high caliber.

And though it appeared our school spirit has remained undiminished, there was still work to be done. Many girls' teams were left wishing more cared and sports such as tennis and wrestling had nearly given up on having high attendance at their matches. On the flipside, the Improv team did a great job of attracting decent sized crowds, those attendees in a sense elevated themselves to the title of faithful fans.



Fans cover the hillside overlooking the football field to watch the annual carnival football game. Next to the Friday night Spirit Week basketball game, the football game at the carnival attracted what was probably the second-largest crowd for the year.

Garen Lafser, junior, catches up with the wildcat. The mascot has been known to make rare appearances over the years. At the carnival the suit was worn by those brave enough to endure the heated insulation.



Juhyung Kim
Jenna Kinsinger
Samuel Knebens
Michael Kruse
Megan LaClair





Elizabeth Lambert
 Scott Lambert
 Caleb Leonard
 Seth Lillenber
 Benjamin Lim
 Anne Martin

Ashlyn McAmmond
 Hunter McClain
 Carissa McGee
 Jessie Menchak
 Michael Menzel
 Adam Miller

Alek Miller
 Monica Moore
 Barrett Neu
 Paige Norman
 Frank O'Brien
 Caleb Olson

Nadia Pasque
 Kimberly Peterson
 Mackenzie Pfitzinger
 Olivia Pierson
 Joseph Pollmann
 Benjamin Province

Emily Rassieur
 Ashley Reese
 Matthew Reilly
 Kristin Rosen
 Travis Rupprecht
 Julia Russell



Rachel Johnson, senior, encourages everyone to take part in cheering. During this game the megaphone was freely passed between students and Mr. Lewis, father of junior tight end Paul Lewis and key to the football team's cheering section.

"I'm on swimming and softball, and we started to have some fans show up for our softball games this year especially because we were doing well. But the true fans are the ones that show even when you're not doing so great." -Lisa Cozad, sophomore.

Orion Ross, sophomore, wrestles it out during a varsity tournament. This particular day filled the new gym and brought in a decent amount of fans, though many of them were there representing the other schools that participated.

S stay tuned...

From Jack Bauer saving the day to Seth Cohen celebrating Christ-Makah, television today provided a wide variety of entertainment... and WCA students all had their favorite shows. Students not only watched the shows, but anticipated them each week. They began to buy clothes like the characters, talk like the characters and even desire to live like the characters.

While most girls obsessed over the fashionable styles of Marissa and Summer, and the good looks of Seth and Ryan from Fox's *The OC*, a group of sophomore guys shared this obsession. "Every Thursday at seven, we go to Brett Allen's house and watch *The OC* on his big screen," said Jimmy Munson, talking about his friends, including Taylor DeRosa, Daniel Kim and Bill Franz. The boys started watching the show during the second season because a bunch of their girl friends always talked about it. "It kind of became an annual thing. We all want to be Seth. We bought Penguin clothes because Seth always wears them," said Munson.

Every week in the Fox show *24*, Jack Bauer spent an hour saving the lives of the citizens of America. "Yes we have obsessions with Jack and Tony... yes we all have T-Shirts with Jack's face on them," said Haley Venard, junior, and *24* fanatic.

Adam Fletcher, Sam Jura, and Kyle Bateman, juniors, preferred animated humor when they sat down to watch TV. "I have every season of *Family Guy*," Fletcher said. Constantly quoting the show, the boys were nothing less than obsessed. "On our 16 hour bus drive to Colorado, we spent most of the time watching *Family Guy*," Jura commented.



"You are absolutely unbearably terrible to listen to," said Simon Cowell, American Idol judge. Laughing at Cowell's rude comments, Rex Oberle, sophomore, watches the fourth season of American Idol. "I am a faithful fanatic, I have watched every season, since my girl Kelly Clarkson," Oberle said.



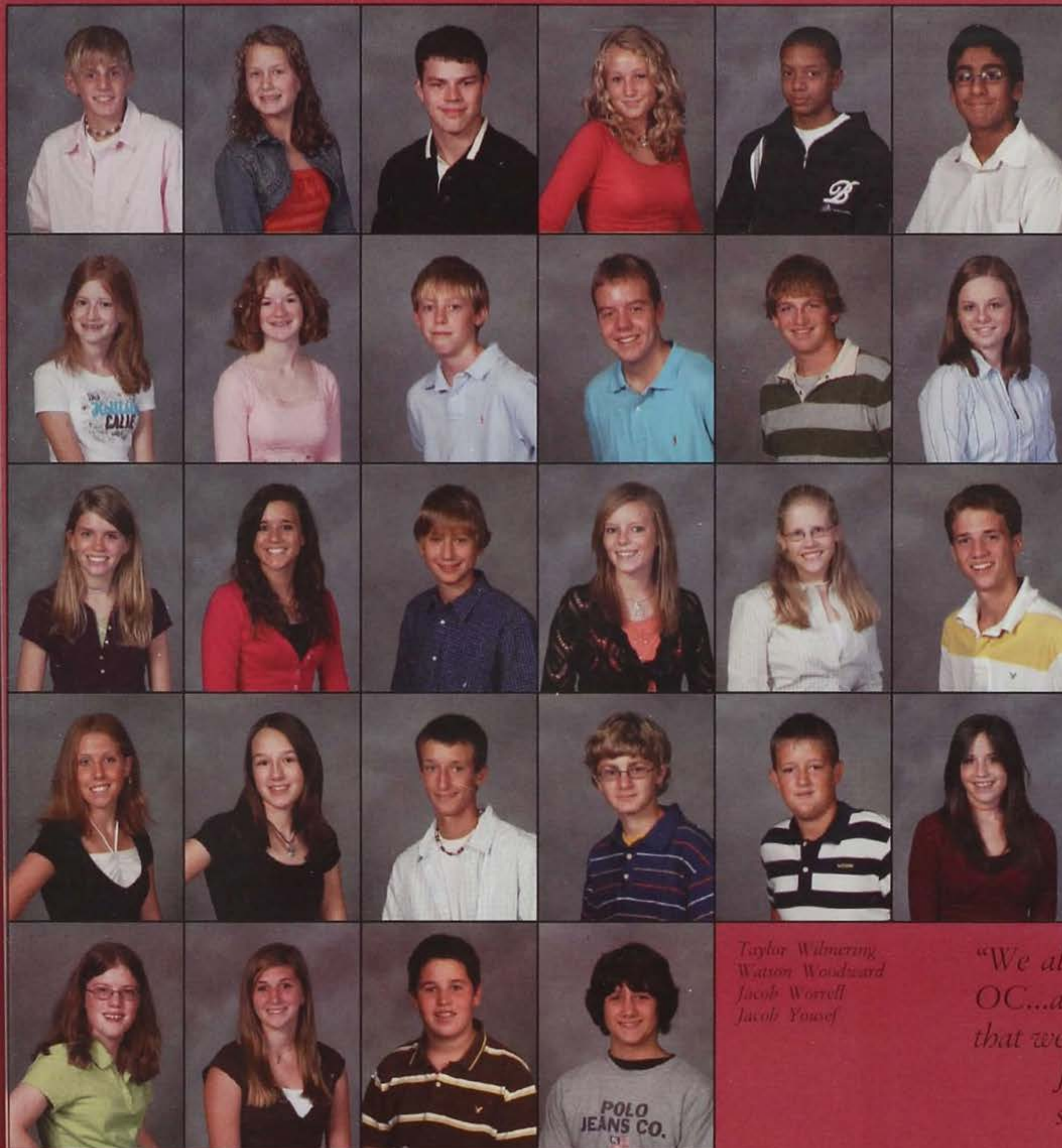
Haley Venard, junior, supports Jack Bauer by wearing her *24* shirt after the 4-hour season premiere. Every Monday night, devoted fans watch the show. "We all got together to watch it. Within the first ten minutes we were screaming with shock," Venard said.

Christopher Ryckman
Amanda Schaffner
Elliot Schroeder
Sara Sharpe
Theodore Siebenman



Clare Stompaetri
Brittany Smit
Paul Smallwood
Emily Spaight
Jessica Stamps





Peter Stolberg
Alyssa Surgenor
Michael Talbot
Alyson Tate
Kevin Taylor
Matthew Thampy

Anna Thompson
Jennifer Thompson
Robert Thompson
Alex Tilley
Jacob Turner
Kendall Vanderslice

Hannah Victor
Andrea Waeckerle
Austin Wallach
Kylie Watson
Kathryn Wenberg
Andrew Wendi

Kelsey West
Katelyn Westrich
Justin Weststeyn
Andrew Wiens
Ryan Wiggins
Leslie Williams

Taylor Wilmering
Watson Woodward
Jacob Worrall
Jacob Yousef

"We all act like we live in The OC...and sometimes we forget that we really don't."

*Jimmy Munson,
sophomore*



Emma Dahl, senior, talks during passing period with her Friends nurse. Though the series ended, students are still devoted to the show and had accessories, DVDs, and board games. "I have a couple of the Friends season DVDs and I watch them whenever I can," said Dahl.

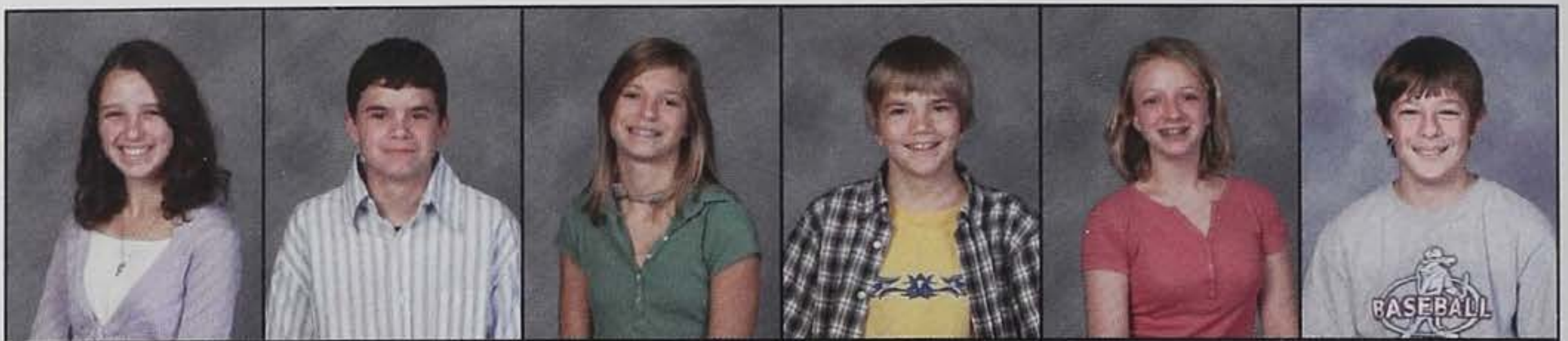


Piled on the couch, Brett Allen, Jimmy Munson, Ben Horseman, Taylor DeRosa, Daniel Kim, and Jared Camp, sophomores, watch The OC and laugh at Seth Cohen, one of the main characters of the show. "If we ever miss one on Thursday, we get together and watch it on TiVO," said Allen.



Sitting down after a long night of homework, Morgan West, seventh grader, watches Full House on ABC Family. "It is my favorite station because they have a lot of shows. From Seventh Heaven to Boy Meets World, they always have something I can watch," said West.

Mallory Alpert
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 Molly Anderson
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 Rachael Aucker
 Matthew Autry



William Baber
 Rhoda Baker
 Kevin Bell
 Nathan Benefield
 Monica Blum
 Carolyn Bonacquisti



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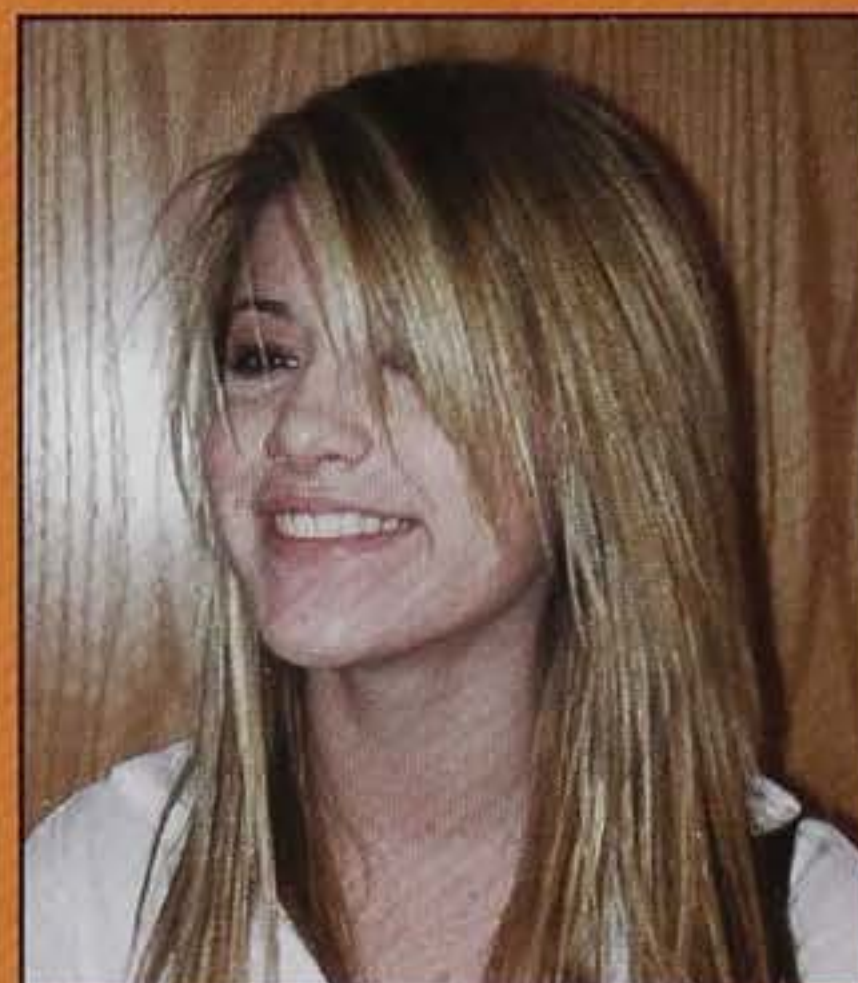
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 Bianca Elliott
 Madalyn Elliott
 Andrew Everett



"Only people in high school should do it. It's not healthy for your skin, and sometimes it makes you look orange." -Cecily Sutphen, seventh grader



"I used to go with my mom last year, but I don't go anymore because it made me look orange and not tan." -Carson Boyer, eighth grader

*"I know it's bad for you, but I wish I could go. My mom won't let me."
-Catie Horseman, eighth grader*



*"I went mystic tanning, but I'll never do it again. It was cold, disgusting, and it tasted bad."
-Madison Nye, eighth grader*



Here comes the sun?

Within the past thirty years, tanning beds increased in popularity for cosmetic purposes. Many students could stay golden all year round because there were many salons that offered convenient and affordable services. However, tanning could also become addictive because people became accustomed to their color, and the beds' UV rays increased endorphin production, which made people feel good.

Whitney Calvin, freshman, admitted that she may have been addicted to tanning because "if I stopped tanning I would freak out. I hate being white and gross. Now I'm used to being tan." Although her mother did not originally agree to take her tanning, Calvin begged her until she relented. The first time she went was before Christmas Banquet, and she said that she was a little nervous. However, in the weeks following the banquet she continued to tan three or four times a week.

Because of the risks and other costs involved in tanning, some students were opposed to it. "I don't see what's wrong with people having their natural skin color," said Becca Wippold, senior.



Cori Nagel, senior, adjusts the radio settings before beginning her tan. Nagel did not frequently tan, and she only went before events such as Christmas Banquet, JSB, and spring break. "It costs a lot of money and it only lasts for about a week," said Nagel.

Andrea Waeckerle, freshman, goes tanning for the first time the week before Christmas Banquet. "One day as I walked into the Tan Co., I slipped on the wet floor and fell. When I looked up, this really hot guy that worked there was trying to hide the fact that he was laughing at me," said Waeckerle.

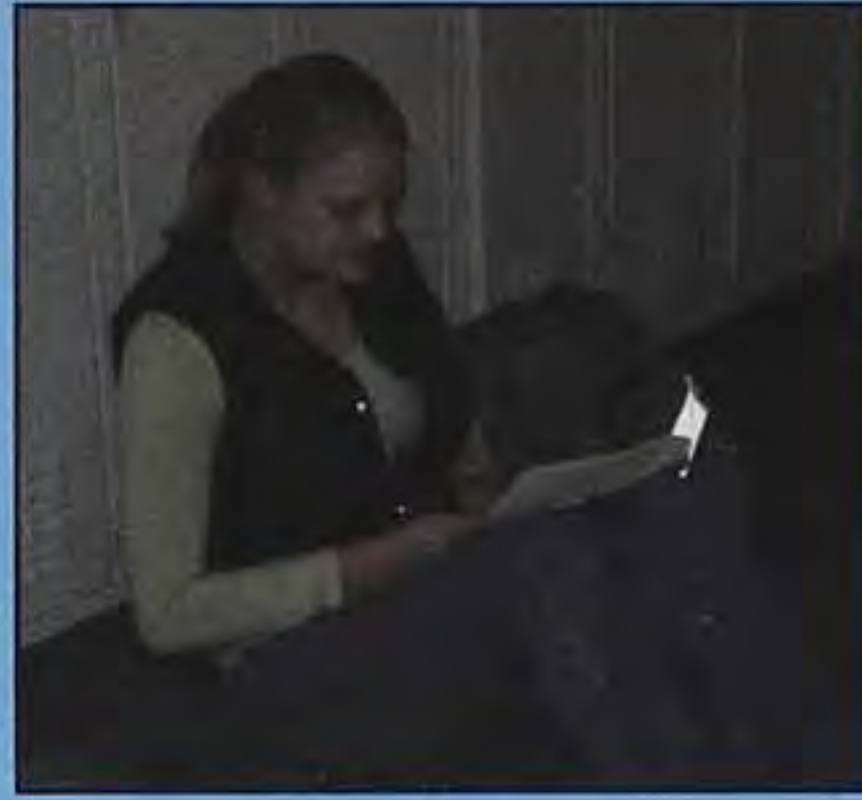
Lacinta Chard, Monica Blum, and Katye Nash, eighth graders, walk into school at 7 a.m. "I get here early so that I can socialize and finish up extra homework," said Blum.



Jenna Kinsinger and Matt Heyse, freshmen, talk about their schedule changes next to their lockers. Heyse came to school around 7:15 with his mom, Mrs. Heyse, a freshman English teacher.



Lindsey Peters, sophomore, reviews notes for a test on a Tuesday morning. "Most of the time I get here around 7:00 because my sister likes to get here early, so I just do homework," said Peters.



Mr. Daniel Legters, Spanish 2 and 4 teacher, writes down his plans for the day. Legters arrived around 7:15 a.m. in the morning to get ready for the day.



The early bird special

There were the select few Westminster students who arrived early to school faithfully every morning. These students had a variety of different motives for waking up at the crack of dawn. Whether dragged out of bed by their parents or very self motivated, here is what a few had to say:

"Normally I get here at 5 o'clock in the morning to get ready for the day." -Mr. Rich Van Gilst, statistics teacher

"I get here at 7:15 because my mom is a teacher, so I just talk to my friends." -Matt Heyse, freshman

"I get here at 7 o'clock every morning for basketball practice." -Alex Tilley, freshman

"Well, partly I get here because my brother wants to get here early in the morning. Ever since seventh grade I've gotten here at 7 o'clock in the morning." -Chris Binkholder, junior

"My sister takes me to school and she has to work early in the morning so I always get dropped off early." -Elinor Crim, freshman



Mr. Rich Van Gilst, Statistics teacher, works on his calculator before school. "The earliest I've arrived at school was 3:30 in the morning," said Van Gilst.

Chris Binkholder, junior, sits comfortably next to his locker reading a book. Binkholder normally studied for tests and caught up on homework in the morning.





Michael Everts
Michael Ferrara
Garrett Finazzo
Katherine Fleissner
Sarah Fleming
Hillary Franz



Kristopher Freeman
Austin Gantner
Kristen George
Drew Glidewell
Jacob Grimes
Zachary Hanson



Rebecca Harner
Jonathan Hartwig
Katelyn Haverstick
Amelia Hearne
Nicole Hoban
Susan Horak



Catherine Horseman
Mariana Horton
Nicholas Howard
Matthew Hudnut
Forrest Hughes
Sarah Hughes



Connor Hunsicker
Kathleen Hunt
Heidi Hunter
Taylor Jewell
Erik Johnson
Sarah Johnson



April Johnston
John Kehr
Kristin Kilpatrick
Yi-re Kim
Audrey Knight

W elcome to Westminster...

It seems like WCA's student population changed a little bit every single day. One person's dad gets a job transfer that takes them away from Westminster and another family moves to St. Louis and comes to Westminster. Someone leaves and goes to a different school, someone else switches from a different school to WCA. A myriad of conditions contributed to new students at the Academy. This year thirteen new students enrolled at the spring semester alone.

Paige and Jordan Nichols, both seventh graders, were two such students who came to Westminster a few days after the start of the new semester. The brother and sister came from a much smaller school which, said Paige, "was really hard, but now I love it at Westminster." Although it took a few days to adjust, the two became happily immersed in the WCA student population.

Additionally, students had only two days to get their picture taken. With that time constraint, some kids were sure to miss it. The new kids were not the only ones who needed their pictures taken, and we wanted to be able to include those students here.

To Paige, Jordan and all the other new students, we said, "Welcome to Westminster."



Alexandra Amicy, senior



Erald Gjordeni, senior



Colin McAfee, senior



Mark Nienhuis, junior



Thomas Whittaker, junior



Alford Amicy, sophomore



Rachel Banks, sophomore



Kip Baliach, freshman



Emily Beerbower, freshman



Joseph Minnella, freshman



Arthur Amicy, 7th grade



Anthony Ervin, 7th grade



Abigail Finn, 7th grade



Jane Im, 7th grade

Michael Koebbe
Elizabeth Korb
Andrew Kouba
Katherine Krause
Bethany Leibovich





Eric Levenhagen
 Hayden Lewis
 Alexander Lindstrom
 Richard Mansfield
 Elisabeth Marshall
 Chloe Martinez

Lezlie McDonald
 Ian McGhee
 William McKenna
 Zachary Meyer
 Micah Mills
 Andrew Moisson

Eric Monroe
 Jordan Montgomery
 Brenna Mourey
 James Myer
 Katye Nash
 William Nichols

Luke Nienhuis
 Daniel Nixon
 Madison Nye
 Jacob O'Brien
 Nick O'Neal
 Melissa Oliver

Brett Park
 Kelly Penning
 Matthew Piazza
 Thomas Porter
 David Rasche
 Timothy Reed



Jordan Nichols, 7th grade



Paige Nichols, 7th grade



Christin Palmer, 7th grade



Rachael Sutter, 7th grade

Got a life?

Every week, a Westminster student attended school for a total of thirty-three hours and fifty minutes. The leftover one hundred and thirty-four hours and ten minutes could have been filled with an assortment of activities. The majority of the leftover time was most likely been spent in sports, schoolwork, and sleep. Eighteen sports were offered by Westminster for an athlete; one or two of those eighteen only more recently became a part of the three athletic seasons.

Not all of those eighteen were a part of both Middle School and High School. Middle school students were given the convenience of practicing during the regular school hours. Although, once a student entered high school, all sport practices were held after school until around 6:00 p.m. Many non-academic, extra-curricular activities such as most clubs and groups had responsibilities outside of the regular school day as well. Chess club and scholar bowl were good examples of non-academic activities that required an individual's time outside of school. All practices or meetings were held after school, with meets and tournaments after school or on the weekends as well.

Although regular meetings were not required for groups such as STUCO or Peer Counselors, a certain amount of time was expected to be devoted to the responsibilities. STUCO held the responsibility for planning school events, which obviously required a significant amount of time out of member's own schedule.

Other than school-related sports, clubs, or groups, there were also many students who had to maintain a job throughout the school year. Most students who had jobs only worked a couple times a week, or mainly on the weekends, in order to stay focused on schoolwork and keep priorities in order.

No matter what a student was involved with, he or she learned, through busy schedules, how to juggle school with family, individual activities, church and sports.



Ben West, senior, contemplates his next move while playing chess with fellow club members after school. Not only was West active in chess club, which was school sponsored, but he also participated in activities outside of school. West took Kuk Sul Won classes, "I like martial arts," he said, "because it's a good way to be active. I like the exercise I get from it. I also have friends who take it with me too."

*Leisha Ritter
Marta Roberts
William Rock
John Ross
Richard Ross*



*Mia Seagraves
Ashley Segrave
Julie Sharp
Emily Sherman
Matthew Simons*





Grace Smith
 Karlton Smith
 Katherine Smith
 Curtis Stump
 Olivia Sutphen
 Ana Tanner

Amibeth Thompson
 Jamie Tischler
 Raphael Tyus
 Claire Unnerstall
 Caleb Unser
 Roel van de Wijngaard

Alyssa Wallach
 Michele Weaver
 Kenneth Weiss
 Luke West
 Suzanne Weston
 Shaylynn Weststeyn

Amanda Wiele
 Bryan Willey
 Thomas Winter
 Andrew Wu
 Leah Younkin
 Jamie Zimmer



Emily Meyer, senior, elaborates on her busy schedule with fellow senior Josh Maassen. On top of academic responsibilities, Meyer's time was filled with lengthy and onerous tasks such as: work, softball training, and baby-sitting her little brother. Some juniors and seniors looked seriously upon the time spent on sports and other pursuits because of the advantage they might have given towards college acceptance.



Brian Stair, junior, takes a swig of some Gatorade, before rushing off to soccer practice after school. Although the men's soccer season was over, Stair was a part of a select soccer league. He, as well as other devoted athletes, made sure to keep his body fit and skills well honed during off-season.



Sarah Fleming, eighth grader, performs an improvisational dance resembling a vacuum. Fleming was such a notorious dancer that, she was chosen out of the whole eighth grade class to represent them in spirit week. Although she was not on the eighth grade dance team, she took rigorous dance lessons in order to amplify her technique.

Ryan Allee
 Matthew Baldwin
 Andrew Beck
 Abigail Becker
 Anna Becker
 Bennett Bell



Schaeffer Bell
 Elizabeth Blackwell
 Becky Boesch
 Rachael Bogan
 Jacob Boyer
 Lacey Call



Rebecca Canfield
 Angela Cannady
 Daniel Cannon
 Andre Cataldo
 Deanne Chae
 Danielle Cicka



Abigail Clark
 Brett Cotner
 Meygan Coughlin
 Tevin Crawford
 Ruth Cross
 Sarah Davis



Lauren DeRousse
 Aubrey Dosmann
 Shelby DuCharme
 Jaelyn Duff
 Cooper Dunlap
 Sarah Eis



Parents wait outside to pick up their children on a warm January afternoon. Students were lucky that the weather was so mild. It made walking to their car or waiting outside bearable.



Andre Cataldo and Stephen Lillenberg, seventh graders, goof around outside near the carpool line. The mess of cars in the parking lot at 3:00 caused many frustrated students and parents. The cars piled up on Ladue Road before and after school.

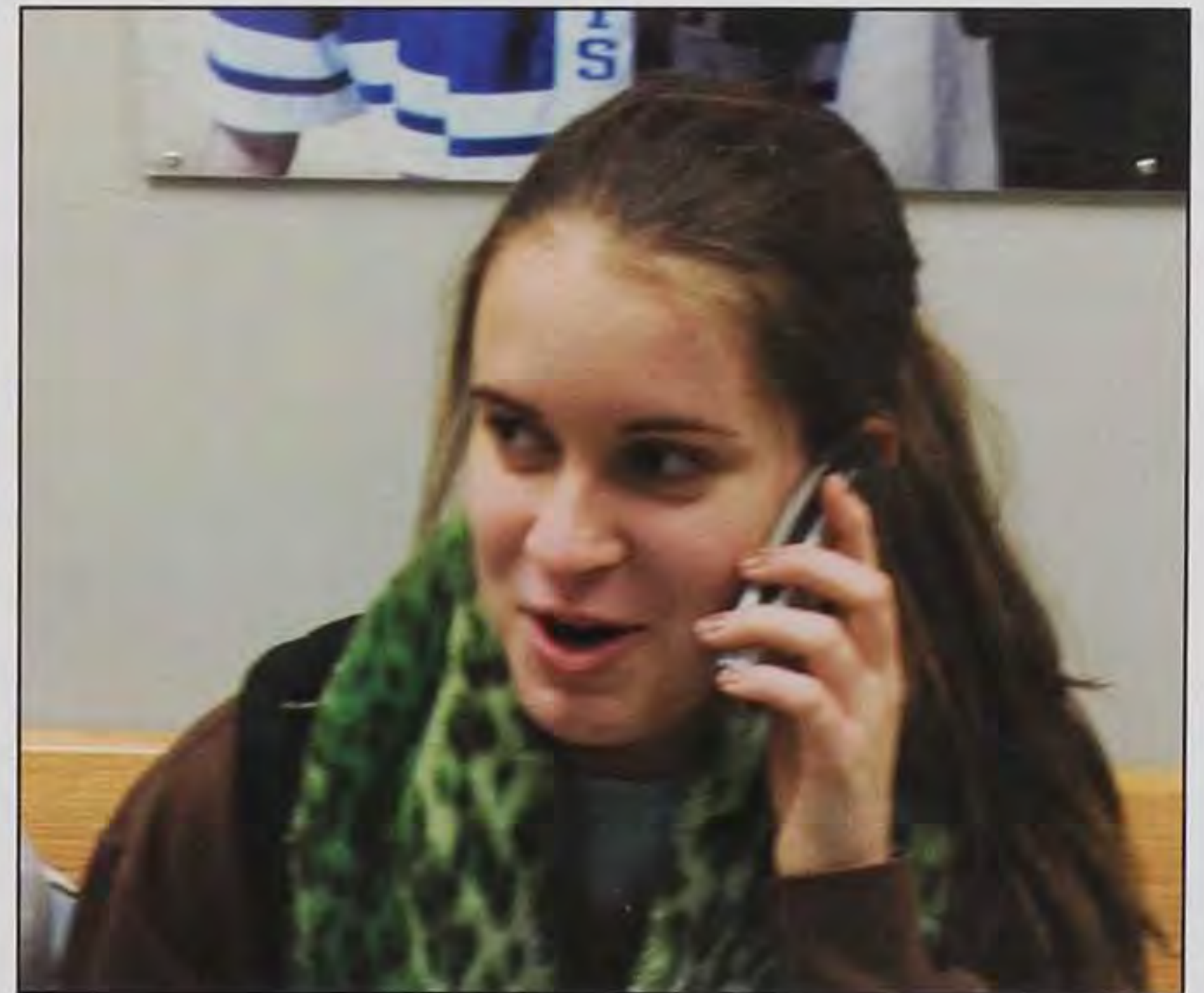


Natalie Johnson, seventh grader, works on homework after school. Students with older siblings who drove them sometimes had to wait a while. Johnson's sister, Rachel Johnson, senior, drove her to and from school.



Let's take a drive

One of the most prominent disadvantages of being an underclassman was having to be dropped off and picked up by Mom or Dad. The carpool line was a nightmare for parents to drive through, and kids hated waiting. Before this year, juniors were able to drive to school every day. This year, however, juniors could only drive for one semester, because of the lack of parking permits for all juniors. In the morning, many middle school students carpooled with others who lived close to them. Lacinta Chard, eighth grader, said, "Every Wednesday and Friday we carpool with the Weavers. [In the morning] we leave at 7a.m. and we leave from 3 to 3:30p.m." Some fortunate students lived close enough to school that they could leave home later and return earlier. Austin Gantner, eighth grader, said, "I live right behind the soccer field. [I leave at] 7:30a.m. People park on our street." While some underclassmen had junior and senior siblings who could take them home at the end of the day, many were left waiting for a half-hour, an hour, and even longer while parents struggled through traffic to get to school to pick up their kids. Whether they lived in Ladue or Waterloo, Illinois, the many burdens of carpool were experienced by all underclassmen.



Karlton Smith, eighth grader, talks with friends while waiting for his brother, Harrison Smith, junior. Since Harrison Smith had swimming after school, Karlton Smith had to stay late also. Usually Smith and his friends stood around outside, but when it was cold, they migrated into the commons.

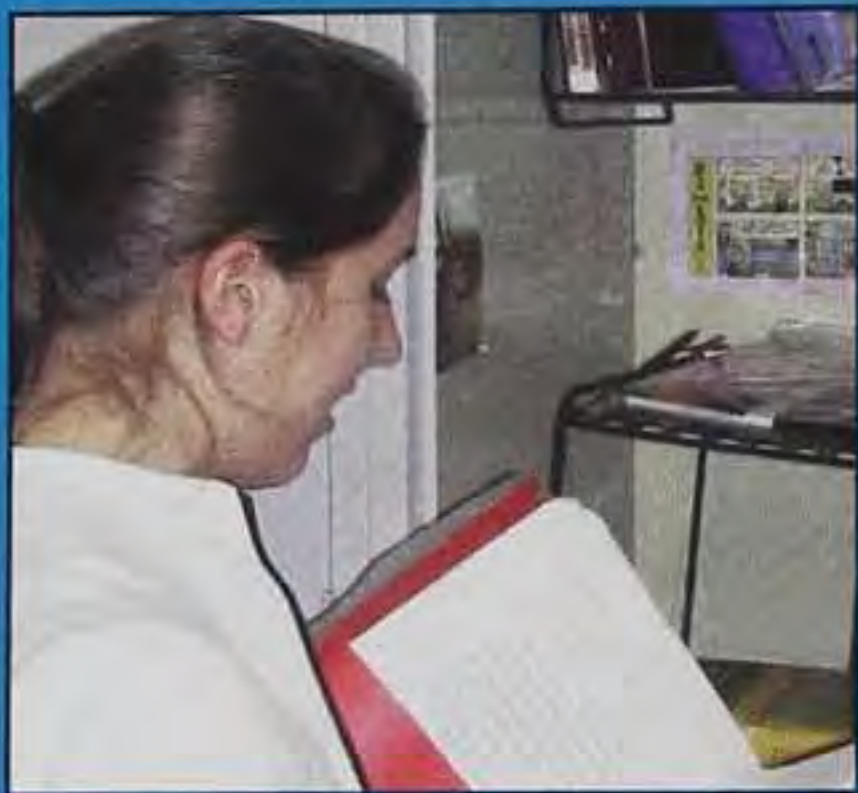
Lauren Dille, eighth grader, calls her sister, Shannon Dille, senior, to find out when her sister is arriving. Cell phones helped in locating rides. "Shannon usually takes me home, but sometimes my mom does," said Dille.

Elisabeth O'Brien, senior, gets out books for class. O'Brien said, "I love decorating my locker because its bright and cheery."

Julia Meyers, Hannah Coller and Lisa Hoover, sophomores, chat by their lockers after school. Hoover decorated her locker with pictures of her friends this year.

Katie Stipanovich, junior, and Kelli Stipanovich, sophomore, sisters, review notes for a Spanish test. Kelli Stipanovich shared her locker with Kayla VandeKamp, sophomore.

Tess Fitzpatrick, sophomore, grabs a book out of her locker for a homework assignment. Fitzpatrick put pictures of "good times" in her locker.



B

ehind door number one...

Just as you cannot judge a book by its cover, you cannot judge a locker by the outside. Many students, at the Academy made themselves at home by decking out their lockers with pictures, mirrors, magazine clippings, whiteboards, and the list goes on. Some went all out, while others simply left a mess of papers and old water bottles.

"I decorated my locker because I was bored. I didn't mean for it to be like this, I was actually out of the color ink cartridge, the pictures just ended up turning out good." -Anne Carrington, sophomore

"It is something to brighten up the day. It has pictures from my summer, kind of something to look forward to." -Elisabeth O'Brien, senior

"I decorated my locker so it would be cool to look at. I have basketball stuff in there cause I love basketball and I wanted to represent New Orleans." -Tevin Crawford, seventh grade

"I decorated my locker 'cause I like to decorate stuff. I redecorate my room every week or two." -Katie Parvin, junior



Watson Woodward, freshman, Luke McGowan, senior, and Chelsea Call, freshman, talk after school. Call's locker was decorated with pictures of her friends.

Displaying their lockers' decorations, some of the seventh grade girls spice up their lockers with wrapping paper, pictures and bubble letters. Some attached encouraging notes or Bible verses.





*Daniel Everett
 David Everett
 Ian Farmer
 Steven Fitzgerald
 Evona Franceschelli
 Zachary Gaeddert*

*Gilbert Garrison
 Rebecca Gee
 Kailan Gholston
 Olivia Girgis
 Christina Grayson
 Leah Gruneisen*

*Erin Guthrie
 Sarah Hall
 Mike Hall
 Rebecca Harding
 Hayden Harper
 Sheridan Hentrich*

*Julian Herth
 Chandler Hiatt
 Harrison Hinrichs
 Jacques Hughes
 John Hunsicker
 Margaret Johnson*

*Natalie Johnson
 Rachel Kaufman
 Laura Kaup
 Jamieson Keech
 Young Kim
 Kelsey Kindbom*



Anne Carrington, sophomore, talks to some friends by her locker. Carrington decorated her locker because she liked decorating as well as seeing pictures of her friends.

WCA Crib

Did Westminsterites have a life outside of school? Sure. They played club sports, participated in church events, had part-time jobs, and hung out with their friends. And when they finished all of this they crashed in their bedrooms. Some students' bedrooms were "blah," with minimal decoration or embellishment. Other students "went all out" with their bedrooms, picked a theme and incorporated it into every aspect of the room's decor. Each person's room reflected their personality, whether bold and outgoing or quieter and more reserved. Each bedroom was unique, and each had a story behind it. Here are a few, and here are their stories.



Alex Cusumano, eighth grader, shoots hoops in his sports equipped bedroom. From a life-sized football player on his wall, to the free throw basket ball game, Cusumano had the ultimate sports fanatic room.



Jacob Kinsinger
 Jordan Klein
 Mari Knehans
 Finnley Kuban
 Rebecca Lambert
 Chaz Langeneckert

Megan Leeker
 Stephen Lillenberg
 Matthew Longworth
 Chelsea McConkey
 Andrew Menzel
 Elizabeth Miller

Timothy Miller
 Alec Mitchell
 Emily Mitchell
 James Moore
 Shane Moylan
 Elizabeth Nester

Emily Paulk
 Marci Penning
 Danielle Roberts
 Michael Rojewski
 Kaylee Rosen
 Christine Schlafly



Amanda Renaud, senior, eats a cookie in her Van Gogh themed room. Renaud painted a mural of Van Gogh's "Starry Night" on her wall when she was fourteen. The painting took her about three and a half months to complete.



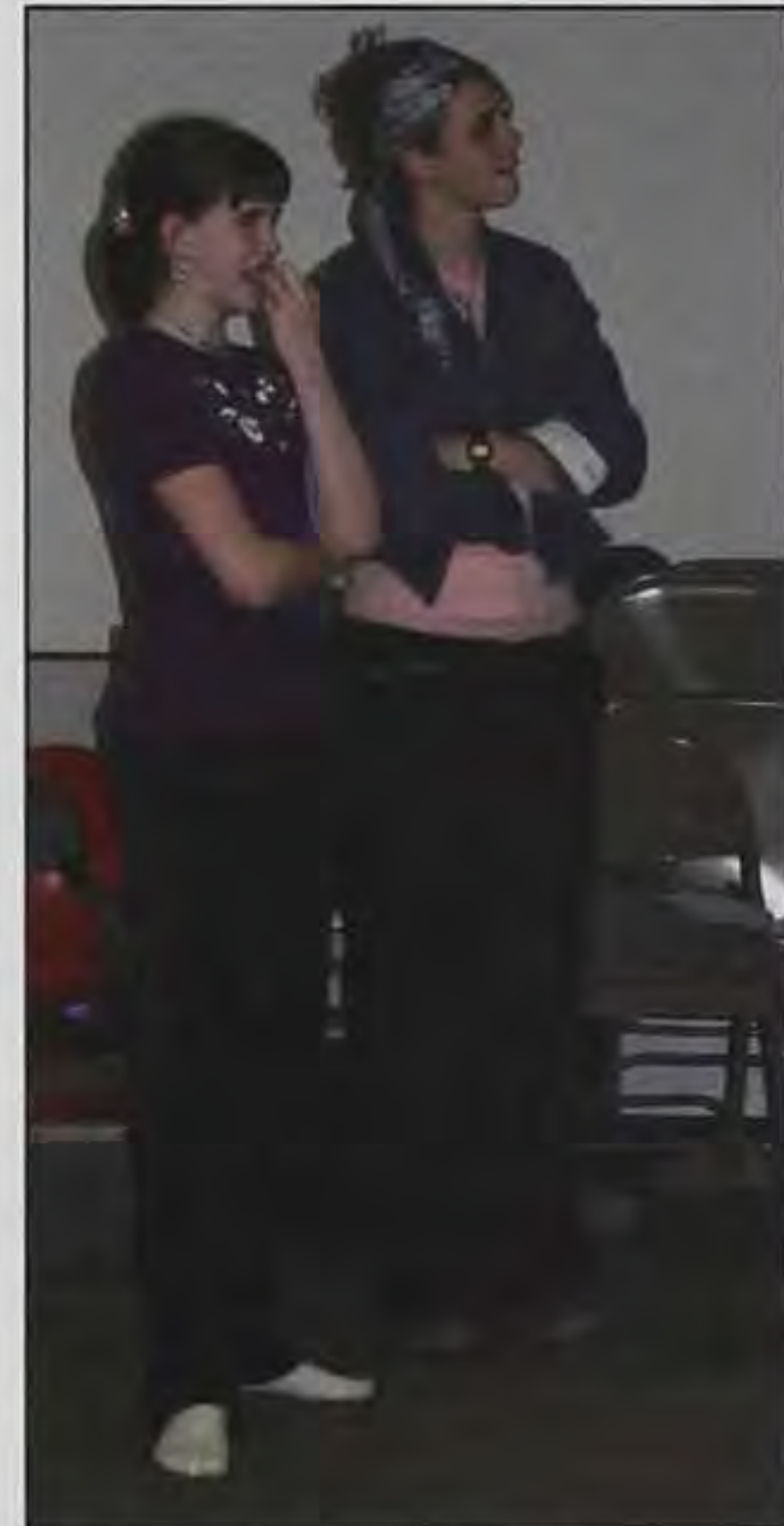
Rachel Johnson, senior, holds her dog in her jungle room. The paper mache tree that doubled as a bookshelf was not the only aspect of Johnson's room that provided a jungle atmosphere. Johnson had a Tarzan-esque ceiling fan, and animal print bedding.

Jesus Freaks

The school week was easily filled with plenty of homework, projects, papers and tests. An easy and meaningful getaway was often youth group. Most offered a weekly time of fellowship as well as either small groups or Bible studies another night of the week. First Baptist Church of Ellisville hosted a trip every summer in June called X-Fuge. "We go to Florida and do a lot of extreme stuff. That's why it's called X-Fuge," said Michael Shapleigh, sophomore. Water sports, rock climbing and zip lines were a few activities offered. "Only six or seven kids from school go to my youth group, but there are probably eighty total," said Shapleigh. Many trips, such as mission, summer camps, back-to-school and ski trips were popular attractions to youth group. Kirk of the Hills and Central Presbyterian Church both traveled to Copper Mountain, outside of Leadville, Colorado, over President's weekend. Kirk hosted their annual ski trip called Snowblast for any high school students interested. The youth group left Thursday, February 16 after school and traveled by charter bus, which allowed for three days of skiing and snowboarding. Not every kid in the youth group attended the ski trip. Those who did not still had youth group, even with the majority of the youth group gone. "When everyone went on Snowblast and Blastoff, our D-Group was the only one that had youth group in the entire church," said Ben Walker, sophomore. "My D-Group is all Westminster kids, but it's an array of people. We'll talk about a passage, and usually we can stay on topic while still talking about life," continued Walker. Youth leaders from different churches were often seen throughout the week during lunch to say "hey" and encourage students to go to youth group.



Betsy Bowman, senior, waits for further instruction during the dress rehearsal of a musical her church's youth group performed, at Trinity Assembly of God. "Rock and Roll" was not only the name of the musical, but also the title given to the youth ministry.



Becky Canfield, seventh grader, watches the games at First E-Free's youth group with leader Kristen Hultgren. Many leaders were in high school and with the small age gap they grew tight bonds with the younger students.

Zach Schopp
 Luke Schroeder
 Nicole Schuessler
 Spencer Seabaugh
 William Serber
 Brooke Siebenman





Nicholas Skrainka
Nathan Smallwood
Alexandra Smith
Cameron Smith
Kira Stewart

Matthew Sugg
Lauren Sulewski
Stephanie Surgener
Cecily Sutphen
Jennifer Testrake

Olivia Underwood
Caroline Vazquez
Drew Waeckerle
Jordan Weaver
Katie Weir

Margaret Wenberg
Morgan West
Nathan Wheeler
Julia Wiens
Taylor Wiggins

Peter Williams
Brittany Wilson
Hannah Worrell
Rachel Yu
Connor Zielonko



Olivia Sutphen, eighth grader, hops on Sarah Hughes', eighth grader, back during Poop Deck. First Evangelical Free's Jr. High was known for creating fun and interesting games for the kids. Poop deck was based on Simon Says but included running, piggy backs and shark attacks.



Sam Hotchkiss, Ben Wiele, and Sarah Lillenberg, seniors, embellish on the latest events of their senior year, after eating dinner at their discipleship-group leaders' house. These three seniors were a few of many Westminster students who attended youth group at Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church. The Kirk of the Hills youth group had special meetings on Wednesday nights splitting up each grade by gender, where they would be led by a member of the church in biblical instruction.



Emily Camp, Katy Robb, Casey Coffman, and Samantha Hobbs, seniors, take memorable pictures with their D-group, while on the beach in Destin, Florida. There was a healthy mix of students from different schools who attended their youth group at Greentree Community Church.

Different teams and different goals

SPORTS



Whitney Goebel, senior, stands ready at the plate during a game against Lutheran South. Goebel was a leading player for the team this season.



Ashley Timm, senior, lines up her putt for a perfect shot. Timm was on the varsity golf team four years and this season, she had the privilege to be captain of the varsity team.

The boy's junior varsity and varsity cross country teams begin the race at The Principia with a sprint. The team placed an impressive 3rd at the meet, making it one of the best races of the season.



Athletics are based on goals. Whether your goal is a net or an out-of-the-park hit, your motivation determines the result. The experiences you face determine your results. Sports do not always involve glory. The bad games shape you. However, Westminster sports teams had some great moments. Each sport had a highlight during their season. The girls' varsity volleyball team went to Districts and conquered John Burroughs in the first match. The boys' varsity soccer team defeated Whitfield at Carnival. The football team beat John Burroughs in a riveting game. The girls' golf team headed to the State Golf Championship. The junior varsity girls' volleyball team dominated with a 23-1 record. Hours of practice and fitness were essential to victories. Each team member devoted time to working hard to achieve great results. Your drive and level of commitment change the course of your results.





SPORTS

Ben Aaberg, senior, and Sam Jura, junior, rile up the crowd before the game against MICDS at the Carnival. They played a respectable game, but unfortunately lost.



Back row, from left: Coach Tim Hall, Katie Stipanovich, Christine Gebhardt, Cassie VandeKamp, Katie Maurer, Kayla VandeKampe. Front row: Jessie Menchak, Kelli Stipanovich, Katie Weber.

Katie Maurer, junior, slams the ball over the opposing teams blockers at the Springfield tournament. Along with Cassie VandeKamp and Christine Gebhardt, seniors, Maurer served as captain of the team.

Jessie Menchak, freshman, and Katie Weber, sophomore, try to block the opposing teams hit during the Lutheran St. Charles tournament. Fellow teammates Katie Maurer, junior, and Kelli Stipanovich, sophomore, were both named All-Tournament Players.

The team gathers together to pray before the game. Throughout the season, they would meet for lunch to discuss personal goals as well as team goals and plan events outside of school. The varsity men's soccer team joined them for their annual combined lunch.

Kelli Stipanovich, sophomore, prepares to pass the ball during the district game against Villa. In Districts, the girls beat Burroughs in two matches, both scores being 26-24. However, despite their hard work, they lost to Villa.



Beach volleyball, Junk Food and Tom Hanks

While most WCA students enjoyed grilled hot dogs at their family picnics, five girls on the varsity volleyball team traveled up to the Windy City over Labor Day weekend to watch the AVP Chicago Open, a beach volleyball tournament. Leaving right after school on Friday September 1, Cassie VandeKamp, senior, and Katie Stipanovich, junior, along with Katie Weber, Kelli Stipanovich and Kayla VandeKamp, sophomores, all packed into the VandeKamp's van and headed north, with the anticipation of what was to come.

"On the car ride we ate a lot of food and watched *The Italian Job*, *Grease* and *First Daughter*. It was fun, but also really long," said Katie Stipanovich. Arriving at the Four Points Sheraton on Michigan Avenue late Friday night, the girls went straight to bed.

Saturday morning the excitement began! "We were in the fifth row and could see everything. We did not know we were going to be that close," Katie Stipanovich said. After watching five intense matches the girls had the amazing opportunity to meet Missy Main and Kerri Walsh, 2004 Olympic Gold Medal winners.

Kayla VandeKamp comments on the experience saying, "We all got T-shirts signed by them. It was inspiring to meet such great volleyball players."

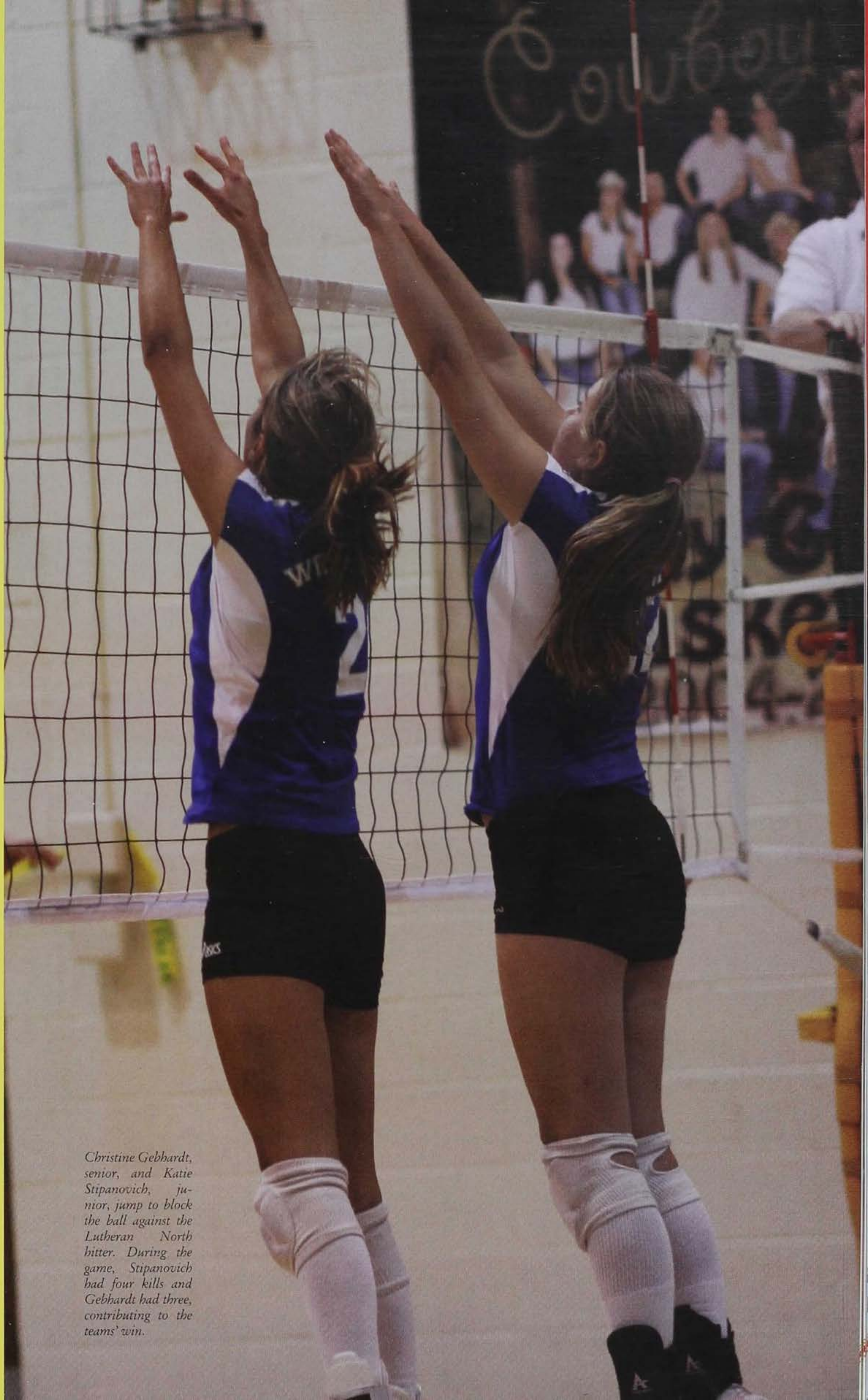
When the tournament was over, the girls crashed in the hotel room, pigging out on junk food and watching a Tom Hanks' marathon on TV. "Honestly, it was the best weekend ever," said Katie Stipanovich, "beach volleyball, junk food and Tom Hanks. It doesn't get much better than that."

"Although the weekend was very exciting and relaxing, I also learned a ton about volleyball.

Watching pros play made me realize what I need to work on, and it also motivated me to play beach volleyball," commented Kelli Stipanovich.



Cassie VandeKamp, senior, jumps up to set the ball to her outside hitter. This year the team changed their offense from a 5-1 to a 6-2, meaning there were six hitters and two setters on the court.



Whitfield	W
Lutheran North High	W
John Burroughs School	W
Afton High School	W
MICDS	W
Lafayette High School	L
Willard	L
Reed Springs	W
Kickapoo	T
Lebanon	W
John F. Kennedy	W
Villa Duchesne	L
The Principia	W
Ladue	L
St. Dominic	W
Metro East Lutheran	W
Holt	W
Francis Howell North	W
Lutheran St. Charles	L
Lutheran South	L
Visitation Academy	L
Wright City	W
Orchard Farm	W
Lutheran South	T
The Principia	W
Dunklin	W
St. Pius X	T
Crystal City	W
St. Elizabeth Academy	W
Troy Buchanan High	W
John Burroughs	W
Villa Duchesne	L

Christine Gebhardt, senior, and Katie Stipanovich, junior, jump to block the ball against the Lutheran North hitter. During the game, Stipanovich had four kills and Gebhardt had three, contributing to the teams' win.



Junior Varsity

Whitfield	W	Brentwood	W
Lutheran North	W	Whitfield	W
John Burroughs	W	John F. Kennedy	W
Affton	W	Villa Duchesne	W
Wright City	W	The Principia	W
Lutheran South	W	Ladue	W
Metro East	W	Lutheran South	W
Lutheran St. Charles	W	Visitation Academy	W
Lutheran South	W	Wright City	W
MICDS	W	Orchard Farm	W
Lafayette	L	St. Elizabeth	W
Affton	W	Troy Buchanan	W

Freshman

Lutheran North	L	Lutheran St. Charles	W
John Burroughs	W	The Principia	W
Affton	W	Wright City	L
MICDS	W	Orchard Farm	L
Lafayette	L	St. Elizabeth	W
John F. Kennedy	W	Troy Buchanan	L



Kelsey West, freshman, quickly digs a hit from a Principia opponent. While it was arguably one of the closest matches of the season, the lady Cats came through with a win.

Girls at Game

Amidst the victorious junior varsity and freshmen seasons, one extra battle has been waging since day one. "WCA volleyball hasn't been known for its equipment" remarked one junior Kelsey Jansen. The three upper school volleyball teams have continually been waging war for ownership of the best selection of balls. "One day we would have the choice of newest balls, then the next we'd have little freshmen or varsity players running over and 'discretely' taking the newer balls out of our hopper," stated sophomore Lauren O'Leary. Head coach of varsity Tim Hall decided that the only possible solution would be to a battle of strengths and wits in a winner-take-all match of bombardment. However, contrary to his hopes of gaining the new balls for himself, varsity lost to junior varsity in what

has become quite possibly one of the most horrific and shameful matches in Westminster's bombardment history. "It was bad. I really question if they wanted it at all," stated Kelsey Logsdon, sophomore. While some on Varsity might attribute the loss to injured Katie Stipanovich, junior, the fact remains that junior varsity now has first pick of volleyballs during practice. Cassie Vandekamp, senior, noted, "It wasn't that big of a deal, we just went and stole the freshmen's balls."

But neither the freshmen nor junior varsity needed the good balls to leave a superb season in their wake. Junior varsity ended the season with a 23-1 record, unparalleled to any other in Westminster's history. Incredible talent and leadership made this year's team unmatched in their league. The freshmen also made a strong impact this year with coach Russell Jung's inaugural season. Finishing up with a 7-5 record, the new skills learned this season will help establish another strong team for the junior varsity next year.



Megan Shapleigh, sophomore, helps set up another great play. Assisted by Lauren O'Leary and Jill Holley, sophomores, the three were able to lead the team to a victorious season.



Back row, from left: Coach Heather Kea, Lauren O'Leary, Jill Holley, Taylor Finfield, Kelsey Jansen, Kaitlyn Pfeifer. Front row: Kelsey Logsdon, Kalia Stewart, Megan Shapleigh, Leah Beck, Annaliese Clark.



Brittany Sinn and Christine Ehrmann, freshmen, congratulate The Principia on their effort. With an overall record of 7-5, the freshman are ready for a new challenge.



Taylor Finfield, junior, serves up an ace early in the game. This season was Finfield's first as a Westminster student.



Left: Kelsey Jansen, sophomore, rolls right over the top of rival MICDS' block. Jansen later assisted varsity during their district play-offs. Right: Kathryn Wenberg, freshman, prepares for a dig against St. Elizabeth. Wenberg's great net saves this game helped lead her team to a well earned win, to victory.



Back row, from left: Manager Eric Brown, Brittany Sinn, Alyson Tate, Christine Ehrmann, Kelsey West, Nadia Pasque, coach Russell Jung. Front row: Manager John Powell, Kathryn Wenberg, Alyssa Surgener, Chelsea Call, Olivia Pierson, Catherine Godi.



Back row, from left: Coach Daniel Legters, Peter Schaffner, Brian Stair, Andy DeRousse, Daniel Miller, Wesley Powell, Brandon Wesley, Sean Thomas, coach Warren Smith. Middle row: Matthew Triebe, Morgan Younkin, Benjamin Baldwin, Adam Brown, Alex Hoban, Andrew Hoekzema, Jared Camp. Front row: Brian Keffer, Caleb Olson, Adam Fletcher, Sang-Jin Im, Brendan Zee-Cheng, Michael Shapleigh.

Sean Thomas, senior, dribbles the ball down the field in a home game. Because of injuries in both of his knees, Thomas said, "I missed four or five games. It's unfortunate because it's my senior year, but I was happy I was able to play in the Whitfield game."



Sang-Jin Im, sophomore, jumps for a save during his first varsity match. To prepare for games, Im said, "I wore whatever outfit I wore in the last game we won."



Brendan Zee-Cheng, senior co-captain, sprints towards the ball during a home game against St. Louis Priory. Zee-Cheng was kicked in the leg against the Whitfield team which developed a hematoma.



Andrew Hoekzema, senior, puts up a hard fight against Cape Notre Dame. "I picked my number [8] because it was the only single digit number left, it is a perfect cube, and it's just an all around a good number," said Hoekzema.



After a victory against Whitfield on the Saturday of Carnival, the boys run towards the crowd with their trophy. There was a common consensus among the boys that beating Whitfield was the highlight of the season.



Boys Toughen Up

At the start of the season, the varsity men's soccer team met for dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings and returned to Morgan Younkin, senior's, home afterward. There, the seniors prepared "smoothies," made from pickles, sour cream, yogurt, okra, milk, chips, bread, EZ Cheese, grape juice, peanut butter, and plenty of Tabasco sauce, for the new members of the varsity team. The challenge: the guy that drank the most smoothies would be exempt from the traditional head shaving that followed. Peter Schaffner, junior, and Brian Keffer, sophomore, tied for the most with three smoothies.

Brendan Zee-Cheng, senior, said, "Some of the boys drank one, while most of the others could only handle a taste. I made Peter and Brian stop after three because I didn't want them to throw up, and [Peter's sister] Rachael would have killed me if anything happened to Peter's head." Despite Schaffner's success, he said, "It was quite disgusting. I can't use the words that it would take to describe it." However, Sang-Jin Im, sophomore, only had a sip of the concoction before he spit it out. He said, "It smelled really good. It smelled like coffee, but it tasted really gross." Matt Triebe, senior, declined participation in this activity because "it was weird."

Triebe displayed his manliness in other ways though. Despite his quiet, good boy persona, he admits that he enjoys listening to Metallica and Rage Against the Machine to get pumped up for games, much to the surprise of his teammates.



Brian Stair, junior, sets up a shot during an away game. Stair's favorite game was the Whitfield game during Carnival and commented, "It was a good atmosphere, and it was fun to beat Whitfield."

St. Louis Priory	L	MICDS	L	SLUH Reserve	T	Burroughs	L	Whitfield	W
Union	W	St. Pius X	L	Trinity	L	The Principia	W	Affton	L
McClellan North	L	Ladue	W	Vianney	L	Pattonville	T	Lutheran North	W
Fort Zumwalt West	L	Cape Notre Dame	L	Francis Howell Central	T	Northwest	L	John F. Kennedy	L
University City	W	Clayton	W	Ft. Zumwalt South	L	Lutheran South	W	Duchesne	L



Wesley Powell, senior co-captain, moves to keep possession of the ball. In a game against Ladue, Powell responded to repeated verbal abuse from his bearded opponent with a simple, yet serious, "Go... shave."



St. Louis Priory	L
Union	W
DeSmet	L
Northwest	W
Lutheran South	W
MICDS	W
Ladue	L
Cape Notre Dame	L
Trinity Catholic	L
Pattonville	W
Windsor C-1	W
John Burroughs	W
The Principia	W
Vianney	L
Whitfield	T
Lutheran North	W

Dima Weir, sophomore, fights it out with a DeSmet opponent. The team lost after a close game. Weir had two goals in the season from his midfield position.

A Out of frica

Like any true forward, Westminster's new junior varsity soccer player says his favorite part of the game is scoring. But there's more. "I don't really like to score," says Chris Sossou, junior, "as much as I like to make other people score."

Sossou was born in Liberia, and moved to the Ivory Coast a few years later. He says playing overseas had some differences, such as the length of the game. Where he lived, they played for a solid hour and a half, as opposed to the high school games here which only last about seventy minutes. If you were to ask Sossou what the reason for this was, he would shrug his shoulders and say, "Americans are so lazy."

Another interesting contrast between Sossou's international soccer experiences and his experiences here is the manner in which goals are celebrated. Here fans will cheer, the scorer might let a slight smile escape, and teammates will slap hands on the way back to the center. But scoring is reason enough for a small party on the field in Ivory Coast. Sossou once got a red card for taking off his shirt after scoring at the St. Louis school he attended last fall.

And though he likes to make other people score more than anything, he nonetheless pounded two goals in the net during his first game of the season.

But there are others on the team who came from afar (not as far as Africa, granted). Dima Weir, sophomore and strong center midfielder, attended Hargrave Military Academy (in Virginia) last year. "I like playing at Westminster better," Weir said, even though he was on the varsity team there.

Considering strong defenders, a decent season record and the overall quickness of the team, the future Wildcat varsity team appears promising.



Clinton Alexander, sophomore, positions himself to send the ball up to the midfielders. The team got off to a bad start in the game against The Principia. "At halftime I yelled at them and they stepped it up," Coach Ben Collison said laughing, "We ended up winning four to one."



Clinton Alexander, sophomore, soars above his Affton opponent. The Wildcats ended up winning the game three to one. "Clinton is really good at stealing balls," said Alex Sagi, sophomore.

Chris Sossou, junior, prepares to shoot. The team was playing Vianney High School. This was Sossou's first season playing at WCA.

Andrew Wendt, freshman, attempts to break up a play. Wendt's opponent from DeSmet soon lost possession of the ball. Unfortunately, the Wildcats lost this game after a hard fight.

Jessiah Chard, sophomore, passes up to his midfield support. Chard was the starting sweeper for the team. They lost the game to Vianney High School.

Joseph Greenlee, freshman, takes one for the team. Greenlee was the starting keeper for the season. He let only 20 goals by him in all of the junior varsity games combined.



Back row, from left: Preston Prevost, Brandon DeRousse, Clinton Alexander, Ben Walker, Alex Sagi, Jessiah Chard, Chris Sossou, Dima Weir, David Peterson, Jimmy Munson, Seth Lillenberg, coach Ben Collison. Front row: Peter Stolberg, Andrew Goebel, Matthew Reilly, Orion Ross, Joseph Greenlee, Jordan Duke, Andrew Wendt, Elliot Schroeder, Michael Bianca.

Josh Chappeau, junior, ensures their victory in this successful effort to bring down Maplewood Blue Devil's quarterback. This stopped Maplewood's attempt for a first down, setting the Wildcats up to score.



Jeff Ehrhardt, senior, receives the ball from the snap. After chosen as the player of the week, Ehrhardt said, "It was a cool honor to be selected from the best athletes in St. Louis and for WCA to be recognized along with other top highschools in the area."



Jon Heyse, junior, leads the team to battle the MICDS Rams. Jeff Ehrhardt, Andrew Wilson, seniors, and Sam Jura, junior, showed solidarity by walking hand in hand.



Holding fast against the MICDS defensive onslaught, the varsity wildcats protect Jeff Ehrhardt, senior, as he finds his receiver.



Sam Jura, junior, "shucks and jives" to run the last seven yards for a touchdown. Jura's play created a larger lead against the Maplewood Blue Devils.



EHR ATTACK!

Things have changed for the Westminster varsity Wildcat football team since its inaugural 2000 season. This season's success of 8-2 owes a large part to what is being hailed as the "Ehr Attack." Jeff Ehrhardt, senior quarterback, and receivers Ryan Blackwell, Sam Jura, juniors, and Ben Aaberg, senior, are different people coming off of summer training. Coach JD Perona says, "They got a little bit more together. He's [Jeff] a good leader; his leadership skills are like no one else on the Westminster team. He's also got a good arm." Enhancing their ability to perform, "The offensive line has been exceptional in protecting him [Jeff]. They stepped up and that's probably the biggest from last year," said Perona. In addition, he commented, "Coach Pederson just really takes the line to the next level." The synergy between the quarterback and receivers has improved their effectiveness, which is obvious in the way they read each other. All in all, the summer preparation and the "sync" that these players feel, along with the other offensive and defensive players and staff, has promoted the "Ehr Attack" and produced such a great winning season.



Paul Lewis, junior tight end, concentrates on the play at hand. Earning another paw print on his helmet for a touchdown was one of Lewis' goals each game.



Back row, from left: Coach JD Perona, coach Josh Vahle, coach Chris Pederson, Ben Haberberger, Matt Rohlfling, Frank O'Brien, Erik Lewis, Ben Aaberg, Jeff Ehrhardt, Paul Lewis, Kenyon Klouisia, Justin Weststeyn, Brennen Grone, Michael Kruse, Andrew Wilson, coach Cory Snyder, coach Loren Schrier, coach Wes James. Middle row: Kenton Coffman, John Burgess, Juan Mundo-Sifuentes, Ryan Blackwell, Sam Jura, JD Kruse, Tyler Thompson, Lee Davis, Dominick Valli, Bobby Degnan, Christopher Bishop, Sam Stufflebam, Josh Chappeau, Jason Moore, Michael Talent. Front row: Benjamin Becker, Daniel Kim, Devin James, Phillip Binkholder, Matt Engelbart, Timothy Gee, Gregory Schoenberg, Chris Rojewski, Rory Hennings, Shawn Denton, Matthew Evans, Theodore Siebenman.

Ryan Blackwell, junior, jukes right to miss a tackle by MICDS, resulting in a 10 yard gain. Blackwell was one of the "Ebr Attack" receivers.



Bishop Dubourg	W	Valle Catholic	W
Maplewood	W	Lutheran St. Charles	W
Brentwood	W	MICDS	L
Jennings	L	John Burroughs	W
Orchard Farm	W	St. Louis Priory	W

Bishop DuBourg L
John F. Kennedy W
Lutheran St. Charles L
Jennings L
Valle Catholic L

Lutheran North W
MICDS L
John Burroughs L
St. Louis Priory L



Lee Davis, sophomore, makes a tackle against Bishop DuBourg's running back. Dominick Valli, sophomore, was following on the play. The junior varsity team did great in the first quarter scoring two easy touchdowns, but ended up losing 14-22.

Our Day To Shine

For some of the players on the junior varsity football team, it was only the second game of their first season. For many it was their last year on the junior varsity team as next year they will be playing at the varsity level. Their first win of the season came against John F. Kennedy Sept. 12. During the game, there were many factors that contributed to the outcome of the game.

One of the leading factors, said sophomore Matt Rolfing was, "our offensive line [which] did very well against the opposing team. They did not allow one John F. Kennedy player to get a sack and they also controlled the line of scrimmage well." The offensive line, consisting of freshmen Kenton Koffman, Frank O'Brien, Ben Becker, Michael Talent, and Phillip Binkholder worked hard to hold the line of scrimmage during the John F. Kennedy game.

Sophomore Lee Davis also commented on the John F. Kennedy game saying, "Everybody executed defense plays how they were supposed to and held John F. Kennedy to small gains in their rushing and passing. The offensive line made all their blocks for passes and running, and when there was a run, the running backs ran through the right holes. This was definitely a team game. Every person did a great job."

Like the offensive line, the defense held up incredibly. Rolfing said, "One of the great parts about our defense is our linebackers and our linemen. Both Kenton Koffman and Michael Talent do [a] great [job] stopping the run."

Stopping John F. Kennedy to only 20 points was definitely a key part in the game. The line did well with key sacks by Dominick Valli, Michael Kruse, and many others.

Also, two fumble recoveries by Shawn Denton and Michael Talent, as well as many skillful plays, contributed to their win.



Matt Rolfing, sophomore, holds the ball for Kenton Koffman, sophomore, for a PAT or point after touchdown. Koffman was also part of the offensive line. During the John F. Kennedy game, the Wildcat line held the opposing team to no sacks on the quarterback.



Back row, from left: Coach Wes James, Matthew Rohlring, Kenton Koffman, Michael Talent, Mike O'Brien, Christopher Bishop, Juan Mundo-Sifuentes, Dominick Valli, Justin Weststeyn, Michael Kruse, Brennen Grone, coach Loren Schrier. Front row: Lee Davis, John Burgess, Philip Binkholder, Theodore Siebenman, Robert Degnan, Benjamin Becker, Rory Hennings, Matthew Evans, Shawn Denton.



Dominick Valli, sophomore, runs for a gain against Valle Catholic Warriors. Valli had many first down runs in the game. He was one of the main running backs for the junior varsity team.



Matthew Evans, sophomore, makes a tackle against Valle Catholic. Michael Kruse and Kenton Koffman, freshmen, were following on the play. The defense did great against the offensive runs this year.



Coach Wes James talks to his players during a time out. These times were very helpful in getting the players to concentrate after a few bad plays.



The Wildcat defense waits for the Bishop DuBourg offense to set up. The defensive line was a key factor in other wins during the year. The team lost to Bishop DuBourg in a hard fight 14-22.



Michael Talent, freshman, steals the ball from a John F. Kennedy player. Talent ran for a touchdown during that play which contributed to their win 30-20.





<i>Lutheran South Invitational</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>MICDS Invitational</i>	<i>11th</i>
<i>The Principia Invitational</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>Hancock Invitational</i>	<i>Score not available</i>
<i>Westminster Invitational</i>	<i>1st</i>
<i>Orchard Farm Invitational</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>MWAA League Meet</i>	<i>No place due to injuries</i>
<i>Clayton Invitational</i>	<i>No place due to injuries</i>
<i>MSHSAA District Meet</i>	<i>4th</i>

Chelsea McGraw, junior, finishes with a strong sprint at the MICDS meet. It was McGraw's first year on cross country, but she ran on varsity with excellent times. There were two new members on the varsity girl's team this season.

Would you Rather...

For most students at Westminster, the concept of running seven to nine miles every day after school sounds long and tedious, to say nothing of painful. For the cross-country girls, however, it was normal -- merely another part of their lives. But it was not tedious at all.

"I enjoyed running our five-and-a-half mile run, which went on Ballas and Clayton Roads, because the scenery was so pretty," said Faith White, senior.

The girls made less exciting activities fun, too, playing games such as "Would You Rather..." during their 400-yard sprints. Before a 400, one girl would ask a question that the other girls would ponder as they ran. By the end of the 400, the girls had their answer. They asked questions on "everything," said Molly James, junior. "One time someone asked, 'would you rather have no legs or marry someone who has no legs?' Another time someone asked, 'would you rather be totally bald or have thick, gross black hair all over your body?'"

During some practices, the girls did other things besides just run. Once, they played Ultimate Frisbee after a 30-minute jog. The only rule: the girls had to be running during the entire game.

On another day, the girls had a pool workout which, said James, "gave me an incredible appreciation for swimmers because it was so challenging and tiring."

After practice came another fun activity: on Fridays, the girls stayed late after practice to relax and soak their feet while they talked and enjoyed snacks and a devotion from coach Burress Macombe.

Apparently, the wide variety of practice activities was helpful for the team: they performed well in many of their meets, including the The Principia Invitational and the Wildcat Invitational, at both of which they placed first, as well as the Orchard Farm Invitational, at which the team placed third and every single runner on the team had a personal best time.



Katie Corder, junior, stretches tentatively before running The Principia course. The warm-up outfits were the same ones as used in the past few years. They still proved to be "really sweaty" said Corder.



Back row, from left: Coach Burress Macombe, Faith White, Molly James, Sarah Simon, coach Kitty Laird. Front row: Shannon Dille, Chelsea McGraw, Kelley Schwartz, Haley Venard.



The varsity girls' team prays before a meet at MICDS September 10 with coaches Kitty Laird and Burress Macombe. This was their second meet.



Morgan Anderson, junior, finishes the MICDS race. The junior varsity girls ran first that meet, meaning cooler weather and better performance.



Molly James, junior, varsity runner, passes competition at The Principia September 16. James fell during practice mid-season. "When I couldn't run, I timed races," said James.



Haley Venard, junior, on varsity, warms up near the starting line at The Principia. The girls did knee lifts and sprints before meets to get ready for the start.



Back row, from left: Coach Burress Macombe, Morgan Anderson, Hannah Coller, Katie Corder, Amanda Schaffner, Mallika Thampy, coach Kitty Laird.



Back row, from left: Coach Burrell Macombe, Evan Sherman, Mike Beck, Barton Hesterberg, Tom Randolph, Josh Holzhausen, coach Jim Stange. Front row: Joe Nothum.

Nevin Cherian, freshman junior varsity runner, reaches the second mile at MICDS Sept 10. This year was the first time that the girls' and boys' team were separated during practices.

Evan Sherman, junior, puts on his spikes at The Principia September 16. Sherman liked spikes and said "they are lighter and help you dig into the ground, especially on hills."

Barton Hesterberg, senior varsity runner, and Hunter Carruthers, freshman junior varsity runner, talk before a race at MICDS. The cross country teams visited courses before running them.

Tom Randolph, junior, comes around a corner at MICDS. Randolph's best time was 19:38 at Orchard Farm October 6.



Back row, from left: Coach Burrell Macombe, Calvin Boesch, Nevin Cherian, Hunter Carruthers, Caleb Leonard, coach Jim Stange. (Not pictured: Juhung Kim).

Sherman's Success

Varsity cross-country runner Evan Sherman, junior, will not let anything slow him down for long. Not even collapse, dehydration and visits to the emergency room.

At the MICDS Invitational meet Sept. 16, Sherman was pressing on toward the finish at the front of the pack, in 13th place. However, about 200 yards in front of the finish line he stumbled and fell. He then proceeded to stagger, nearly falling again, to the end of the race.

"I don't think anyone really knows for sure what happened," Sherman said. "There's probably some complicated physiological explanation for it, but basically it was really hot and I wasn't properly hydrated, even though I had been drinking a lot of water. Maybe I just drank too much water."

"I just pushed myself too hard, to the point where my body decided to slow down. So about 200 yards from the end, when you're supposed to speed up for that final stretch, I collapsed. Then I got back up and staggered to the finish line all dramatically." Having forced himself to finish the race, he collapsed again just beyond the finish line.

Sherman's teammates dragged him to a tent in the shade, where, for nearly half an hour, they tried everything they could think of to restore him.

"They fanned me, they gave me water, and they even poured ice on my head," Sherman explained. Eventually, they called an ambulance, and Sherman was given an IV and taken to the emergency room, where he endured several hours of tests.

"I missed a few days of practice," he explained, "which made everything tough for me for about a week, but after that it was pretty much fine. I started doing better in meets again pretty quickly."

He was soon back on his feet, and he proceeded to run in many more meets, including the Wildcat Invitational meet, in which he was a medalist, and the Orchard Farm Invitational meet, at which he placed eighth.



Calvin Boesch, freshman, sprints to the MICDS finish. Since Boesch had not completed enough practices to place in a race, he had to wear his jersey inside out, as did teammate Nevin Cherian, freshman.

Lutheran South Invitational	7th
MICDS Invitational	18th
The Principia Invitational	3rd
Hancock Invitational	Score not available
Westminster Invitational	1st
Orchard Farm Invitational	5th
St. Francis Borgia Invitational	17th
Clayton Invitational	18th
MSHSAA District	6th



Joe Nothum, Josh Holzhausen and Mike Beck, seniors, keep together during the third mile at MICDS on September 10. They often run together to help keep their pace and to encourage one another. Nothum, Holzhausen and Beck were all veteran runners.

<i>Ursuline Academy</i>	W
<i>Nerinx Hall</i>	L
<i>Incarnate Word</i>	W
<i>Parkway West</i>	W
<i>Parkway Doubles</i>	
<i>Tournament</i>	W
<i>MICDS</i>	L
<i>Cor Jesu</i>	W
<i>Lutheran North</i>	W
<i>Visitation Academy</i>	L
<i>The Principia</i>	W
<i>Lutheran South</i>	W
<i>Villa Dusesne</i>	W

Sarah Schlaffy, sophomore, battles her opponent from Lutheran South with perfect form. Schlaffy moved up from her doubles spot and played singles to gain experience. "Coach moved us around a lot to give us more challenging matches," said Schlaffy.



Mmm Mmm Good

There were many sounds often heard during the course of a varsity women's tennis match at Westminster. The Squeaking of shoes on the court, encouraging words from coach to player, but more often than not, the predominant sound was the perpetual crunch of Chex Mix in the mouth of a hungry player. Snacks were essential to the enjoyment that the girls shared during their matches this season.

According to Krista Schopp, junior, "we would've had no incentive to finish matches if there were no snacks." The coolers of Gatorade and bags full of bagels from St. Louis Bread Co. are testament to the supreme eating power of the girls. The girls would eat before matches and as soon as they got off the done with their matches. Often times players would have to be reminded to cheer on the other girls instead of gorging themselves.

This practice of abundant snack food has been a tradition passed down from tennis teams long ago. Other tennis teams from years past brought less food, but then gradually started trying to out do each other in the quatty if snacks, and the rest is history. The old staples of Frosted

Animal Crackers, and bowls of fruit, however, have been replaced with bags of Chex Mix and bagels loaded up with flavored cream cheeses. Unfortunately, the snacks never seem to be too healthy. Nevertheless, the girls seem to enjoy their food.

"Normally we had so much food we started to offer some to the fans," said Abigail O'Brien, sophomore. The parents were happy to oblige and often times, students flocked to cheer on the girls realizing the potential reward. Suffice to say that without the energizing power of the snacks, the girls would have enjoyed far less success.



Kathryn Schlafly, senior, serves in a match against Villa Duschene. Schlafly has played singles all four years on Varsity. "It's kind of sad to know that I'm a senior, and that after this I'm done with tennis," said Schlafly.



Back row, from left: Coach Sharon Reilly, Katie Parvin, Abby O'Brien, Sarah Schlafly, Kathryn Schlafly, Krista Schopp, Katy Robb, coach Nathan Talley. Front row: Kristina Dudley, Ellie Gamache, June Hotchkiss, Julia Myers, Lainey Woodward, Beth Doriani.



Abigail O'Brien, sophomore, hits a volley during a match with Visitation. O'Brien said her favorite memory from this season was picking up a third place finish in the Parkway Doubles tournament.

Ellie Gamache, sophomore, waits for a return during a doubles match against Villa Duschene. Gamache said, "Doubles is much more fun because there is somebody else out to goof around with."

Lainey Woodward, senior, hits a forehand against an MICDS opponent. Woodward has played four years of varsity tennis and led the team throughout the season as the number four singles player.

Kristina Dudley, sophomore, hits a forehand in a challenge match during practice. "Practices were fun because most of the time we just play matches, and Coach doesn't work us that hard," said Dudley.



Back row, from left: Coach Sharon Reilly, Katy Robb, Katie Parvin, Jordan Savage, Liz Crowell, Emily Rassieur, Corey Klingler, coach Nathan Talley.

When love for tennis is more than a score

Katy Robb, senior, practices her serve with doubles partner Katie Parvin, junior. "Katy Robb and I have become pretty good friends because of being doubles partners," said Parvin.



Emily Rassieur, freshman, practices her backhand swing. "My best match was probably against Visitation because the girls were really good and it was fun playing with girls at a higher level than me," said Rassieur.



Katie Parvin, junior, prepares for a backhand swing in a varsity match against Visitation Academy. Katy Robb, senior, and Parvin played for both varsity and junior varsity tennis teams.



Corey Klingler, sophomore, dashes for a forehand swing. At the end of the season Jordan Savage, sophomore, hosted a tennis dinner for the varsity and junior varsity teams.



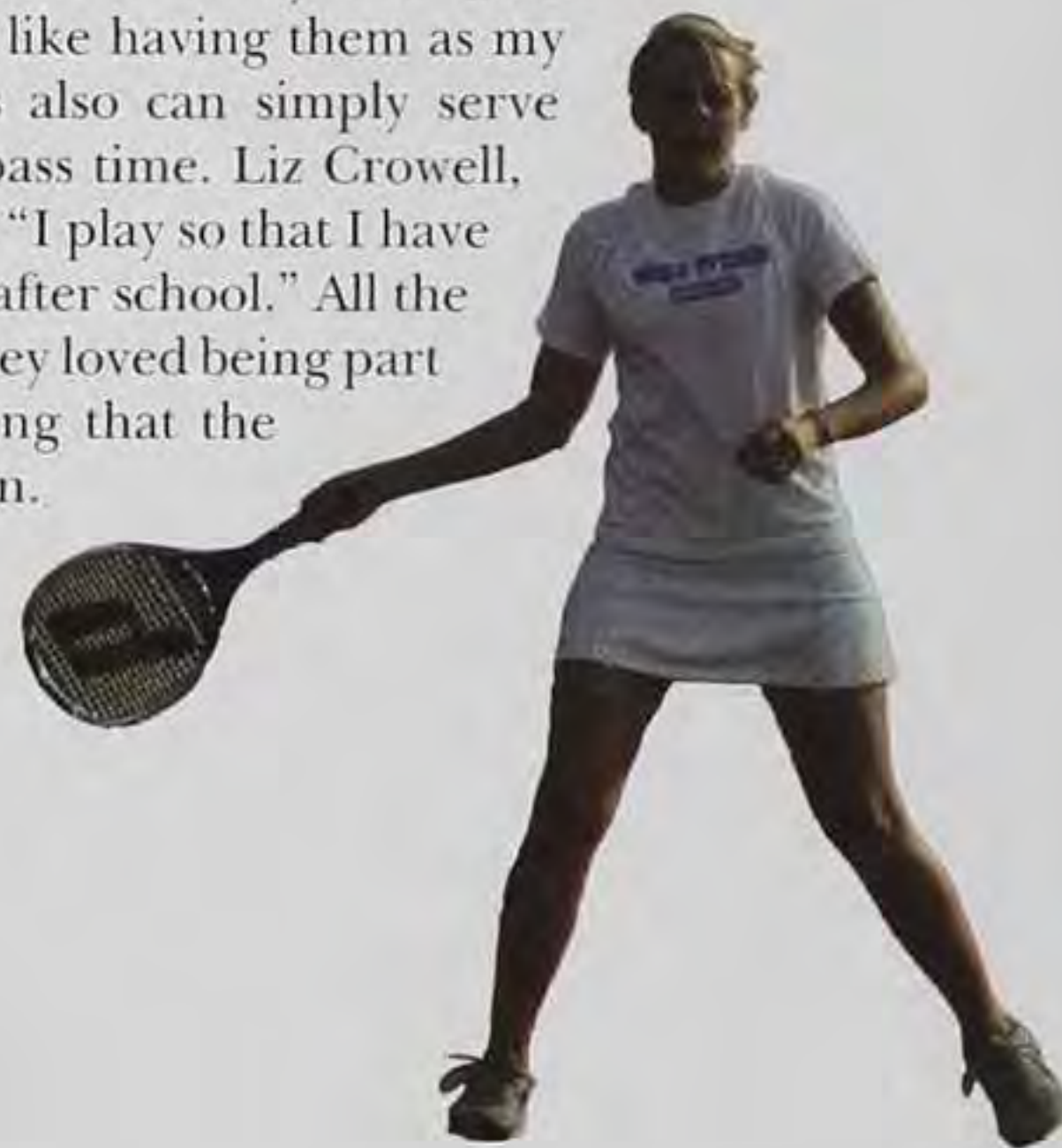
Emily Rassieur, freshman, hits a return during practice. Rassieur played doubles with Corey Klingler, sophomore, at some of the matches. Their best doubles match was against Lafayette with a final score of 8-2.



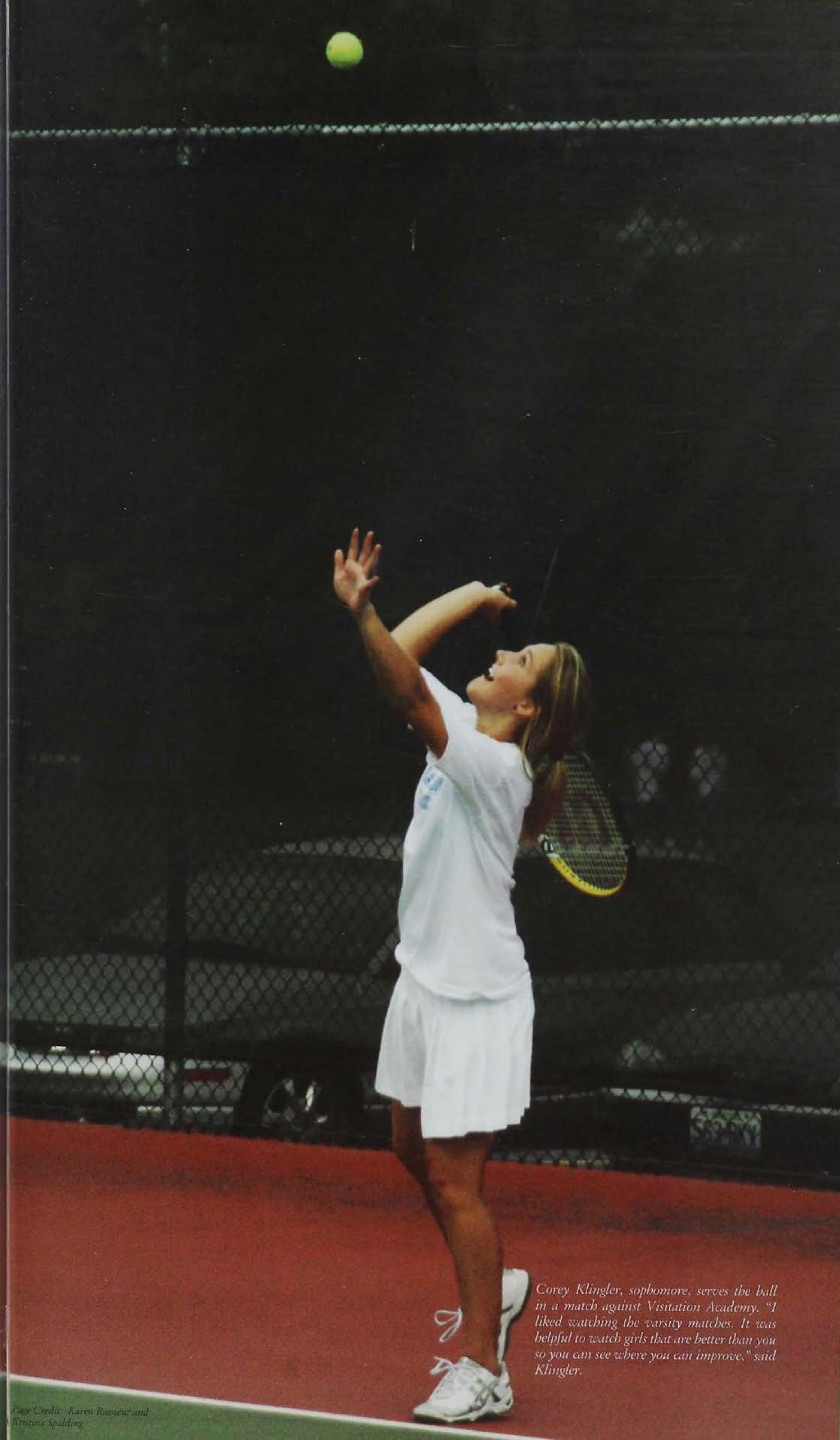
"T! T-e! T-e double n-i-s! Say tennis, tennis, tennis is the best!" Before practice varsity coach Nathan Talley led the JV girls tennis players in an enthusiastic chant. This pre-practice ritual served to fire up the girls to play tennis. But just what was it that inspired the members of this team to pick up a racket and start swinging?

Jordan Savage, sophomore, had never played this sport before. She said, "My sister was going to play tennis [for Westminster], but she didn't and she told me if I didn't I would really regret it." Newcomer, Corey Klingler, sophomore, had similar inspiration through her family: "My mom plays tennis and she had me taking lessons over the summer because I really liked it in p.e." Klingler was not the only player preparing for the season over the summer. Katy Robb, senior, began her pursuit of tennis this summer as well. "I started playing over the summer with my friends and it was fun so I decided to play for Westminster." The team agreed that tennis is an enjoyable sport. Katie Parvin, junior, mentions that this is one of her motives for playing "Because it is fun and it's something you can do your entire life." Emily Rassieur, freshman, shares a common motive with Parvin by stating that she plays because "I like the sport and because Mr. Talley and Coach Reilly are cool; I like having them as my coaches." Tennis also can simply serve as a fun way to pass time. Liz Crowell, sophomore, said, "I play so that I have something to do after school." All the girls agree that they loved being part of the team, saying that the practices were fun.

The team's consensus was that tennis really is "the best."



Katy Robb, senior, swings back for a forehand shot against Visitation Academy. "I liked how the [junior varsity] and varsity teams were like one whole team. We were really bonded. You could hardly tell who was on [junior varsity] and who was on varsity," said Robb.



<i>MWAA Invitational</i>	W
<i>Incarnate Word Academy</i>	W
<i>Parkway West High School</i>	W
<i>Visitation Academy</i>	L
<i>The Principia</i>	W

Corey Klingler, sophomore, serves the ball in a match against Visitation Academy. "I liked watching the varsity matches. It was helpful to watch girls that are better than you so you can see where you can improve," said Klingler.



<i>Ursuline</i>	L	<i>St. Dominic</i>	W
<i>Villa Duchesne</i>	L	<i>Lutheran St. Charles</i>	W
<i>John Burroughs</i>	W	<i>Cor Jesu</i>	L
<i>MICDS-Incarnate Word</i>	W	<i>Fort Zumwalt South</i>	W
<i>Francis Howell</i>	W	<i>Districts</i>	2nd
<i>Visitation</i>	T	<i>Clayton</i>	W

Sarah Moore, junior, finishes her swing and follows the path of her ball. The team had a ritual after competing in State. Moore said, "We would go to Lamberts Cafe and say our goals for the next year. Ashley's goal was for everyone on the team to go to State."



And We're Off

The day starts just like any other. We wake up, get ready for school, and leave the house, only to arrive at none other than "The Academy." Every once in a while before we leave for school, our moms and dads might give us a few pointers for the match that afternoon, or just wish us luck. We sit in our classes, waiting for the match-canceling thunder or lightening to start, or hoping that the next time we go to our lockers our golf snacks will be there. As 7th hour comes, we start to get anxious about whether or not we will put another win in our record. We also start to worry that the humidity will be out of control and we won't be able to make it through the match. Finally it is 3 o'clock, and whether we like it or not, the golf match is still on and we go down to Coach Bradley's room to get directions to who knows where. Everyone heads out to the parking lot with whomever they ride with and we pile our backpacks, purses, and golf clubs into the car. Sometimes we make a quick stop at the gas station for a snack or some caffeine to get us excited for

the nine holes ahead of us. Once the windows are all down and we have picked out the "hype us up music" for the day, we struggle to get changed in our seats. Despite a few wrong turns, or some close-call accidents, we safely arrive at the match. Coach Bradley and Coach Janssen meet us at the practice green and give us a few pointers about the course on which we will soon play. Finally, we circle up as a team, pray, put our hands in the middle and whisper our quiet golf cheer. As we are paired off with two opponents, we walk onto the tee box hoping to hit a good shot to start off the round, especially since the coaches and rest of the team are standing behind watching. We wish each other good luck, a fun round, and we are off.



Ellie Moore, sophomore, checks her line to test the speed of the greens before she competes. Moore added a light hearted atmosphere to the team's competitions.



Back row, from left: Coach Jen Belmont, Sarah Moore, Cori Nagel, Ellie Moore, Jill Ridderbos, Stephanie Brown, Clare Stolberg, Libby McDonald, coach Steve Bradley, coach Rex Janssen. Front row: Rachel Ferrara, Ashley Timm, Molly Meyer, Anna Gladney, Sarah Duffy.



Ashley Timm, senior, quickly practices her putting before a match. Timm was captain since her sophomore year and started a new tradition. "Even though initiation is all about making the new golfers look like idiots," Timm admitted, "we are really all about sharing the love. Plus every other sports team does it."



Sarah Duffy, freshman, asks the names of her opponents while filling out her score card. The team was playing against Cor Jesu. They had a hard loss although they started out strong.



Libby McDonald and Rachel Ferrara, juniors, watch the varsity golfers as they consult their opponents. While varsity players competed against MICDS and Incarnate Word at the Creve Coeur Golf Course, junior varsity honed their put-



Back row, from left: Coach Jen Belmont, Jill Ridderbos, Stephanie Brown, Libby McDonald, Ellie Moore, coach Steve Bradley, coach Rex Janssen. Front row: Clare Stolberg, Rachel Ferrara.



Back row, from left: Harper Hughes, coach Ashley Woodall, Anna Sugg, Kendall James, Julia Berger, Alli Petry, Lisa Cozad, Amy Fleming, Jamie MacKoul, coach Shippy. Bottom Row: Rae Salzman, Betsy Bowman, Whitney Goebel, Emily Meyer, Rebekah Shippy, Megan Wiemer, Jasmine Harrell, Anne Martin.

Harper Hughes, sophomore, writes down stats during a game against Lutheran South High School. The girls beat Lutheran South with a final score of 10-9.



Anne Martin, freshman, catches the ball in a game against Ursuline Academy's junior varsity team. The game went into the 10th inning, but the girls suffered a loss of four to five.



Rae Salzman, sophomore, hits a grounder at a game against Ladue. The team's best hitter was Alli Petry, junior, with a batting average of .357.



Whitney Goebel, senior, catches the ball at the girls' game against Lutheran South. The girls' best game was against St. Elizabeth. They won with a final score of 11 to 4.



Emily Meyer, senior, winds up for a pitch at a game against Ladue. The girls won the game with a final score of 11 to 5.

T BTBS

It is the same with every athlete; a bad start to a game or match can ruin it all. And it also goes that way with a loss thrown into the team record. That single loss can bring down your hopes for the season just a little because the record is no longer perfect. But the softball girls worked through their losses, found ways to have fun despite some rough games, and played a well-fought season. One thing that kept them going and gave them a positive attitude when they were down was their game, "Too Blessed to be Stressed."

The game proceeds just how it sounds; whenever they had time to sit and talk, they would say what God has blessed them with recently, and that would help them if they were stressed. "It's something we do before practices and games. Some say something good that happened to them that day, or just something else that will make them happier," said Jamie MacKoul, junior. MacKoul has played softball all three years of high school and had a lot to say about the team and all the fun that they had together. At the beginning of the season they got together at Amy Fleming, senior's, house and played pool. They also planned a swim party at MacKoul's house at the end of the season to hand out their sweatshirts.

"We're always joking about how we are going to set coach up with a date, and how we are going to give her our 'black booties,'" said MacKoul. The girls found many ways to have fun throughout their season. Having five seniors on the team brought competition and experience, and next season will hopefully bring as much fun even with a younger team.



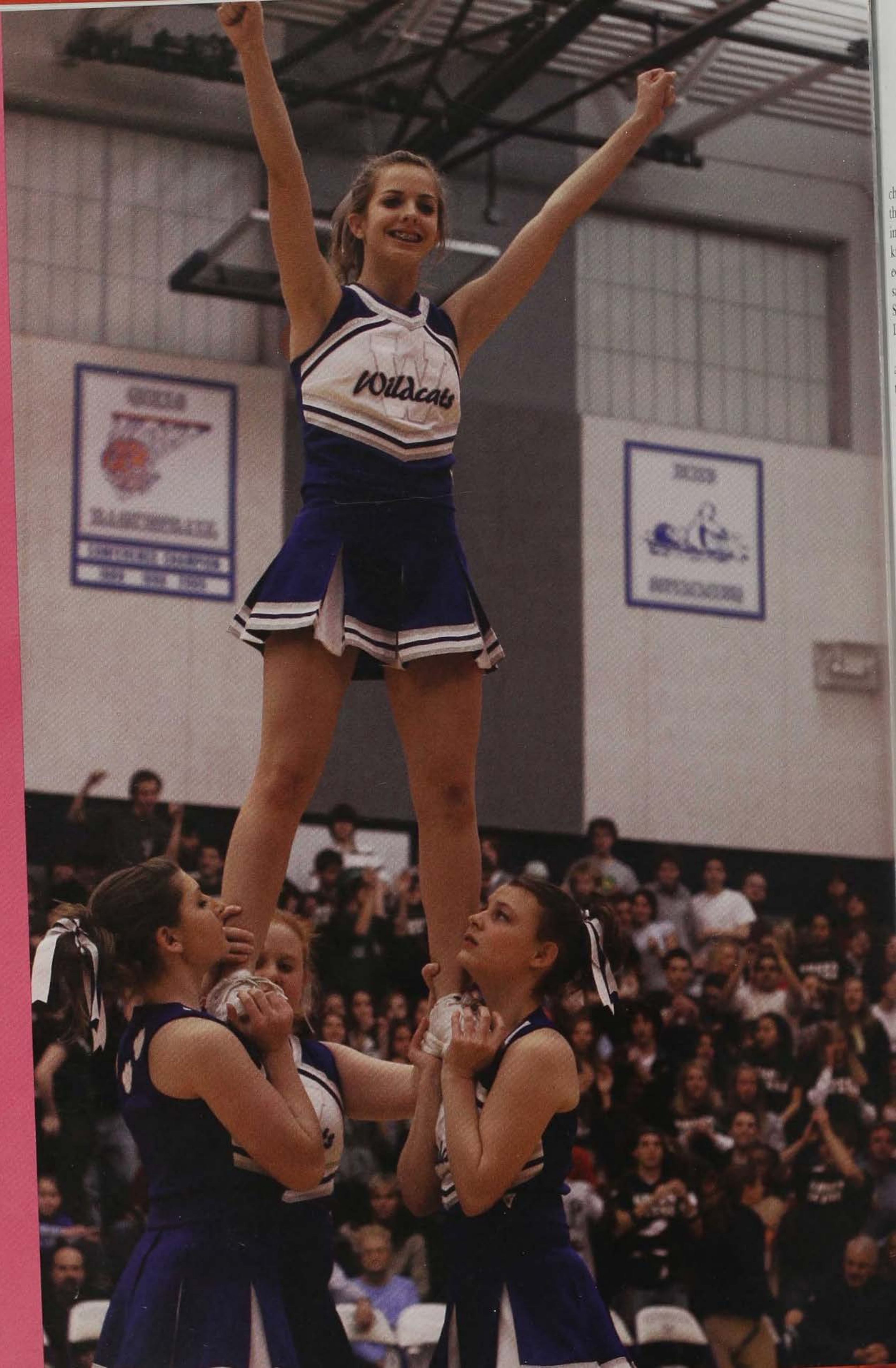
Anna Sugg, sophomore, hits at a game against Ladue. Sugg contributed to their victory with a two-run hit during the game.

Kendall James, sophomore, congratulates Betsy Bowman, senior, at a game against Ladue High School. "Our team was about being a family. Everybody looked out for each other and encouraged each other no matter what mistakes were made," said Bowman.



<i>Ursuline</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Lutheran South</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Hazelwood East</i>	<i>W</i>
<i>Wright City</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Lutheran North</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>St. Elizabeth</i>	<i>W</i>
<i>Clayton</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Ladue</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>Windsor</i>	<i>L</i>
<i>Valley Park</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>The Principia</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Ladue</i>	<i>W</i>
<i>Berkeley</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Orchard Farm</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>Visitation Academy</i>	<i>L</i>

Anna Duell, sophomore, Kate Dieckgräfe, senior, and Jessie Stamps, freshman, hold Shay Goodman, junior, up for a half time stunt at the spirit week basketball game. Shay Goodman, Stephanie Lowe, sophomore, and Anna Duell, sophomore were all flyers for this year's cheerleading team.



Circle of Friends

"V! V-I-C! V-I-C-T-O-R-Y! That's our Wildcat battle cry!" The cheerleading squad had a lot to cheer about this year. They cheered the football and basketball teams to many victories. Besides cheering together on the field and on the court, the squad was a tight knit group of friends even when they were not cheering. Kate Dieckgraefe, senior, who had been on the varsity squad for two years, said, "We're all like a big family. We're really close." According to Sarah LaRose, senior, the squad did not hold true to the stereotype. LaRose, a first-year cheerleader, said, "They're all really smart!"

The girls learned a lot about each other through the hard work and the time they gave to cheering. For Cassie Via, senior, being the captain of the team was a leadership role that required maturity. "Leading by example is hard. [It's a challenge] getting more involvement of the squad, said Via.

Even though cheering was not without its challenges, the girls kept their friendships strong. "I wasn't expecting becoming as close [as I am] with the squad," said, LaRose. In addition to the encouragement there was within the squad, the girls also loved snacks. "I brought half a cake once. You will not believe how much people on our squad eat," said Via. Despite the tight knit friendships within the squad "[It's difficult] getting people to respect us. [People

don't realize that] it takes a lot of work to do stunts and cheers," said Kate Dieckgraefe, senior. For LaRose, cheering was a great learning experience. "It's a lot more fun than I thought it would be." The girls on the squad have to work hard together to perform well, which has helped support friendships. The bonding that happened during practices and games carried beyond the court. "We're friends outside the squad. We go to movies, talk in the hallways, and leave each other notes. The closeness surprises me," said Dieckgraefe.



Cassie Via, senior, dances at the half-time show of the spirit week game. Via was the captain of the cheerleading team.

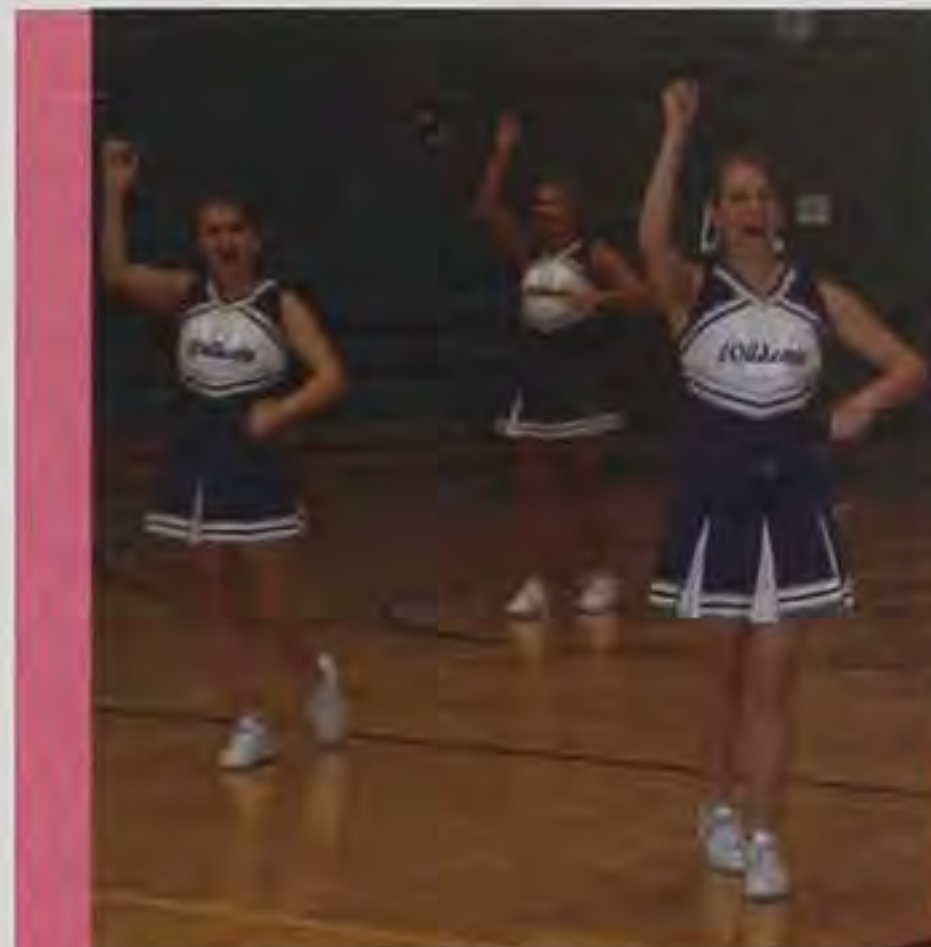


Back row, from left: Coach Katrina Denton, Taylor Wiggins, Lauren Sulewski, Lacy Call, Stephanie Surgener, Megan Leeker, Kailan Gholston. Middle row: Brittany Wilson, Lauren DeRousse, Rachel Bogan, Caroline Vazquez, Emily Mitchell, Finley Cuban. Front: Evona Franceschelli

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Back row, from left: Jessie Stamps, Shay Goodman, Coach Bethany Rye, Stephanie Lowe. Middle row: Katie Corder, Sarah LaRose. Front row: Cassie Via, Kate Dieckgraefe (Not Pictured: Anna Duell)



Jessie Stamps, freshman, Katie Corder, junior, and Cassie Via, senior do a routine at a varsity basketball game. On the day of games, the cheerleading team would wear their uniforms to school.



Sarah LaRose, senior, cheers at half time of the annual spirit week basketball game. "Cheerleading is a lot more fun than I thought it'd be. We're fired up, and we're hot," said LaRose about her team.



Anna Duell, sophomore, and Katie Corder, junior, cheer on the sidelines at a varsity basketball game against Wheaton Academy. During basketball season the girls would bake treats for the team players.



Back row, from left: Coach E. Koenig, M. Klotz, C. Kelly, K. Bear, H. Younkin, C. Kramer, C. Waldron, Coach J. Imergoot. Middle: S. McReynolds, A. Forkin, S. Engelbart, G. Cascella, T. Malaway. Front: K. Schwartz, A. Mitchell, E. Sheehan, C. Barresi

Sarah Fullerton, freshman, cheers with Melissa Elliott, sophomore, on the sidelines at a men's junior varsity basketball game. The junior varsity dance team perform routines, and also they would cheer on the junior varsity basketball teams.

Varsity dance captain Sarah McReynolds, senior, poses in preparation for a hip hop routine along with Caroline Kramer, junior, and Allison Mitchell, sophomore. The dancers portrayed stereotypical high school characters.

The junior varsity dance team practices after school in preparation for that night's performance. Anyone attending junior varsity basketball games would have been able to see the team's skills during halftime performances.

Caroline Kramer, junior, dances center in a formation with her fellow dance team members. Kramer, along with Alex Forkin, junior, used her dance talent by helping choreograph their class's boys poms routine, which won first place.



Back row, from left: coach A. Levinson, T. Gustafson, H. Estes, B. Haines, S. Caple. Middle: L. Allee, K. Watson, K. Peterson, K. Rosen. Front: B. Allbritten, M. Elliott, C. Becker

Decisions

While most WCA students lay asleep, dreaming of the upcoming Spirit Night events, fifteen girls dragged themselves out of bed in the four o'clock hour in order to arrive at the airport to catch a seven o'clock flight to Orlando. The Varsity Dance Team was headed to the UDA (Universal Dance Association) Nationals.

Before deciding to go, however, the team faced a difficult decision: whether or they should even go. The team had already qualified, but going to Nationals would mean missing the so-called "Big Night" that brought Spirit Week to a close. This would mean that they could not perform their new routine at the basketball game.

By making the decision to go, they chose to perform the routine not at a basketball game but in Disney World, potentially on ESPN. The routine they would perform was one choreographed by co-captain Alex Forkin, junior.

"The routine was choreographed a few months ago," explained Camille Barresi, junior, "and we worked on it from time to time, then we really started working intensely on it a couple of weeks [before nationals]."

The team's preparations, however, extended far beyond their practices. In order to raise money to cover part of the cost of the trip, the team had multiple fundraisers, including their Carnival booth and a Mary Kay fundraiser.



Alex Forkin, junior, and Shelly Engelbart, freshman, shake hands before a mock face-off in their dance. Engelbart was the only freshman on the Varsity Dance team.

Before they could give any thought to their routine or fundraisers, however, the Dance Team had to qualify for the competition. They did so by winning first place for their "home" routine at a UDA camp that they attended during the summer.

"I think we're definitely ready," said Barresi the night before they left. "We're all a little nervous, of course, but performing is a blast. I'm really excited. It's going to be awesome."

The team did not place in the top ten, therefore they did not get to perform on ESPN, but the experience was still a valuable and fun one that the team will undoubtedly remember for a long time.

Middle School Dance Team
Back row, from left: R. Tyus, M. Burke, B. Mourey, L. Younkin, J. Tischler. Middle: coach K. Dalbey, H. Lewis, T. Jewell, S. Johnson, L. Chard. Front: L. Ritter, L. Dicus, K. Smith, M. Alpert, M. Weaver, K. Kilpatrick





Mary Beth Klotz, senior, gets into position with her partner, Allison Mitchell, sophomore, for part of a routine. The dance sequence they performed was the first to be seen during halftime, at the beginning of the men's varsity basketball season. While the dancers preferred the choreography of some dances more than others, they executed each with much spirit and agility.



The seventh grade football team practices plays to prepare for their first game. At one of the last practices of the season, the seventh graders scrimmaged in the mud.

7th Grade		8th Grade	
Brentwood	L	Brentwood	L
Duchesne	L	Duchesne	L
Lutheran South	L	Lutheran South	W
Affton	L	Affton	W
Chaminade	L	Chaminade	L
MICDS	L	MICDS	L
		St. Louis Priory	L

The curious

"So what is this equipment for?" For most middle school teams starting at ground level means gaining many new players. Seventh grade football was no different; but unlike other sports almost everyone had never even played on a team before. Not only did the seventh graders have a lack of experience, but they also did not have enough players for back-ups. Coach Scott Surgener had twenty-three athletes to work with, so practices included monotonous running, reviewing plays, and of course, learning the use of equipment.

According to Zach Schopp, seventh grader, "The most fun day was when we actually put on our helmets and got to play football."

Unfortunately, the team could only squeeze in five practices before their first game. Although the Wildcats lost, the team gained football experience. Schaeffer Bell, seventh grader, described a major surprise the team encountered at their first game. "There were

a lot of tall guys. There was a kid six feet that we couldn't tackle." Schopp added, "They were just bigger, and our team is generally small." Despite this, Bennett Bell, seventh grader, was still confident. "We did well considering we had very little practices. It was easier than I thought it would be."



Richard Copeland, eighth grader, breaks away from Lutheran South to score a touchdown in the last half of the game. "We were just tired of losing," said Kenny Weiss, eighth grader, "and pushed ourselves so that we wouldn't lose on our own turf."



Back row, from left: Jacques Hughes, Bennett Bell, Drew Waeckerle, Ryan Allee, Steven Fitzgerald, Brett Cotner, Jacob Boyer, Harrison Hinrichs, Tevin Crawford, coach Scott Surgener. Middle row: Cooper Dunlap, John Hunsicker, Matthew Longworth, Spencer Seabaugh, Wes Hiatt, Chaz Lange-neckert, Julian Herth, Andre Cataldo. First row: Jamieson Keech, Steven Hall, Jacob Kinsinger, Michael Hall, Schaeffer Bell, Shane Moylan, Zach Schopp.



Ryan Allee, seventh grader, tackles on an early Saturday morning. Zach Schopp, seventh grader, forced a fumble in the fourth quarter. John Hunsicker, seventh grader, grabbed the football and ran for a touchdown. The team did not realize it until after Hunsicker scored.



John Kehr, eighth grader, makes a run before getting tackled. After the season, Alexander Cacciarelli, eighth grader, decided to try out for highschool football. "I think football is a lot of fun...it would be better than sitting around all fall."



Michael Ferrara, eighth grader, warms up before a Saturday home game. Matthew Piazza, eighth grader, describes their first team victory. "We ran around in circle... coach told us 'good job, you guys were really working as a team.'"



Henry Hinrichs, seventh grader, squares up against Lutheran South. According to Steven Fitzgerald, seventh grader, coach Surgener's favorite saying is "when in doubt, hit something."



Back row, from left: Coach Wes James, Garrett Finazzo, Richard Ross, Brett Park, Michael Ferrara, David Rasche, coach Scott Surgener. Middle row: Matthew Piazza, Richard Copeland, Micah Mills, Drew Moisson, Karlton Smith, William Baber, John Kehr, Jonathan Hartwig. Front row: Alexander Cacciarelli, Andrew Kouba, Thomas Egan, Kenny Weiss, Jacob O'Brien, Alexander Lindstrom, Thomas Porter. (Not pictured: Coach JD Perona).



Back row, from left: Coach Joey Torgerson, Nathan Wheeler, Peter Williams, Steven Fitzgerald, Brett Corner, Drew Menzel, Timmy Miller, Andrew Beck, coach Steve Bradley. Middle row: Jake Boyer, John Hunsicker, Zach Gaeddert, Mike Hall, Stephen Lillenberg, Wes Hyatt, Drew Waeckerle. Front row: Schaeffer Bell, Matthew Sugg, Parker Moore, Matt Baldwin, Luke Schroeder, Chaz Langeneckert, Cameron Smith, Danny Cannon.

Timmy Miller, seventh grader, sprints to beat his opponent to the ball. With his excellent foot work and determination, he led the team to victory. His skills and encouragement kept the team going.



Caleb Unser, eighth grader, settles the ball and prepares for a boot. Jimmy Meyers, eighth grader, said "Unser was really a team player—he played really well in the front row on offense." He contributed to the team's success with one goal in the game against Holy Infant.



Austin Gantner, eighth grader, kicks the ball through the center of his opponent's legs, winning the face off. The team came away with a win against The Principia, three to two.



Back row, from left: Nick Arnold, Billy Rock, Austin Gantner, Erik Johnson, Caleb Unser, Forrest Hughes, Jake Grimes, Ethan Cobbel, Mitchell Anderson, coach Ben Collison. Front row: Jack Ross, Michael Koebbe, Jimmy Myers, Tim Reed, Kevin Bell, Matt Hudnut, Curtis Stump, Landon Chard.

Stump "Carries" On

Every Tuesday during soccer season, the eighth grade boys went to practice, anticipating a hard day. Coach Ben Collison set aside Tuesday as fitness days, where the boys would partake in strenuous exercise including running, pushups, ab work, and sprints. However, one Tuesday, fitness day took an unexpected turn.

The boys were running up to Mosley Park, with Jake Grimes, Curtis Stump, eighth graders, and Coach Ben Collison in the lead. "We got to a certain part in the trail," Grimes said, "and Stump decided to stop and take a breather, so Collison and I kept going." When Collison and Grimes met up with the rest of the team, Stump was nowhere to be found. While waiting for him, a fellow teammate remembered that Stump had asthma. "When we found out that Stump had asthma, we all freaked out. Coach sprinted back to find him," said Grimes. Collison sprinted and found Stump lying on the ground, still conscious, but weak and out of it.

"While I was running I felt really dizzy and tired, so I stopped. I could barely breathe when Coach found me. We tried to get into a house to call 911 but no one answered," commented Stump. Running back to the team with Stump on his back, Grimes and fellow teammate Eric Johnson meet up with Collison.

"Eric and I took turns carrying Stump, while Collison ran back to WCA to get his truck," said Grimes. Stump was brought back to WCA in Collison's truck and recovered quickly. He was back on the field the next day.

"I realized how lucky I was to have such a great team, and a great coach. They saved my life," said Stump.



Jimmy Myers, eighth grader, rushes to beat a Holy Infant soccer player to the ball. His consistent defense and dependable kicks to the offense contributed to the team's success.

Matt Hudnut, eighth grader, stretches out his leg to keep it try and keep the ball in play. Hudnut's aggression towards the ball increased as the season went on. Although the team lost to Holy Infant, their intensity throughout the game made for an exciting event.



7th Grade				8th Grade			
Holy Infant	L	Holy Infant	L	Holy Infant	T	Immanuel	
Fenton	L	Christ Community	L	Eureka	W	Lutheran	W
Fenton	W	Fenton	L	Eureka	W	Eureka	W
St. Anselm	W	Green Park Lutheran	L	Fenton	T	MICDS	L
St. Paul's Lutheran	T	Christ Prince of Peace	T	St. Clement	W	St. Clement	L
Christ Prince of Peace	L	Holy Infant	L	Holy Infant	W	Eureka	L
Green Park Lutheran	L	Fenton	T	The Principia	T	Eureka	W
				Eureka	W	Fenton	W



Back row, from left: Coach Tim Hall, Sarah Hall, Mari Knehans, Kelsey Kindbom, Dani Roberts, Hannah Worrell. Front row: Kira Stewart, Kaylee Rosen, Cecily Sutphen, Elizabeth Miller, Elizabeth Nester.



Back row, from left: Lauren Sulewski, Abigail Becker, Natalie Johnson, Rebecca Canfield, Rachel Yu, Katie Weir, Elizabeth Blackwell. Front row: Stephanie Surgener, Lacey Call, Angela Cannady, Jaelyn Duff, Morgan West, Abigail Clark, Chelsey Mondonney, Anna Becker. (Not pictured: Coach Deana Vandegriff).



Back row, from left: Coach John Lewis, Kailan Gholston, Rebecca Harding, Taylor Wiggins, Marci Penning, Sheridan Hentrich, Margaret Wenberg, Christina Grayson. Front row: Rachel Sutter, Brittany Wilson, Emily Paulk, Julia Wiens, Olivia Underwood, Deanne Chae, Rachel Kaufman, Laura Kaup, Sarah Eis.



Back row, from left: Coach Eric Bain, Leah Younkin, Heidi Hunter, Kelly Penning, Katye Nash, Marta Roberts, Suzanne Weston. Front row: Christina Dohr, Sarah Hughes, Olivia Sutphen, Lucy Egan, Katherine Krause, Shaylynn Weststeyn.



Back row, from left: Raphael Tyus, Amibeth Thompson, Brenna Mourey, Mia Seagraves, Ashley Segrave, coach John Segrave. Middle row: Katie Lynn Smith, April Johnston, Hayden Lewis, Jamie Tischler, Katherine Fleissner. Front row: Kristin Kilpatrick, Audrey Knight. (Not pictured: Coach Lizzy Lewis).

Kelsey Kindbom, seventh grader, jumps to spike to the Principia opponent. Kindbom contributed to the two-zero victory with scores of 25-10 and 25-20.

Sarah Hall, seventh grader serves the ball in hopes of an ace. Hall's teammates did an ace cheer for her every time her serve was unreturnable.

Katherine Fleissner, eighth grader, jumps to set the ball to her partner during practice. Fleissner's most memorable game was against St. Albans. The lady Wildcats fought aggressively and ended with a win, 33-31.

Kira Stewart and Dani Roberts, seventh graders, watch the ball soar over the net after an intense spike. "Mari [Knehans] is one of our best spikers; she's also great on defense," Roberts said.



Stepping Up

For the seventh and eighth grade A volleyball teams, the first few games of the season were stressful and confusing. Coached by Tim Hall and Eric Bain, both A teams stepped up to a high school rotation early. This includes each player having a set position and having one and only one setter on the court at a time. Being the first year trying this approach, Coach Bain felt it would strongly benefit Westminster's future volleyball team.

"We really just want to get them ready for high school," explained Bain. Although the girls will be ready for high school volleyball in a year or two, the teams wrestled with this transition.

"It was really confusing. The first three games we messed up a lot and bumped into each other," stated Olivia Sutphen, eighth grader. While the girls were struggling to familiarize themselves with the new rotation, Bain felt it would advance the girls' skills and amplify Westminster's volleyball teams in the long run.

In response to Bain's attempts, Marta Roberts, eighth grader, said, "He's tough, but he's really trying to help us out."



Ashley Segrave, eighth grader, sets to her teammate during practice. Although the eighth graders often scrimmaged each other in practice, it was never the same as games, where the truth of the sport came alive.

Hayden Lewis, eighth grader, gets low to bump to her partner during practice. "Once I got the bang of it, I really had fun during scrimmages," stated Lewis.



7th Grade	7th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade	8th Grade
A	B	C	A	B
9-2	3-7	2-7	7-6	9-1

Fort Zumwalt South	L
Riverview Gardens	W
Clayton	W
MICDS	W
Miller Career Academy	L
Marquette	W
Lutheran North	W
St. Charles	L
Fort Zumwalt West	L
St. Louis Priory	W
Farmington	W
Wheaton Academy	L
Jemings	L
Union High School	W
Washington	W
Lutheran South	W
Timothy Christian	L
Lutheran North	L
Duchesne	L
Clayton	W
Whitfield	W
John Burroughs	W
The Principia	L
Oakville	L
Ladue	W
Fort Zumwalt South	L
St. Louis Priory	W
Clayton	L

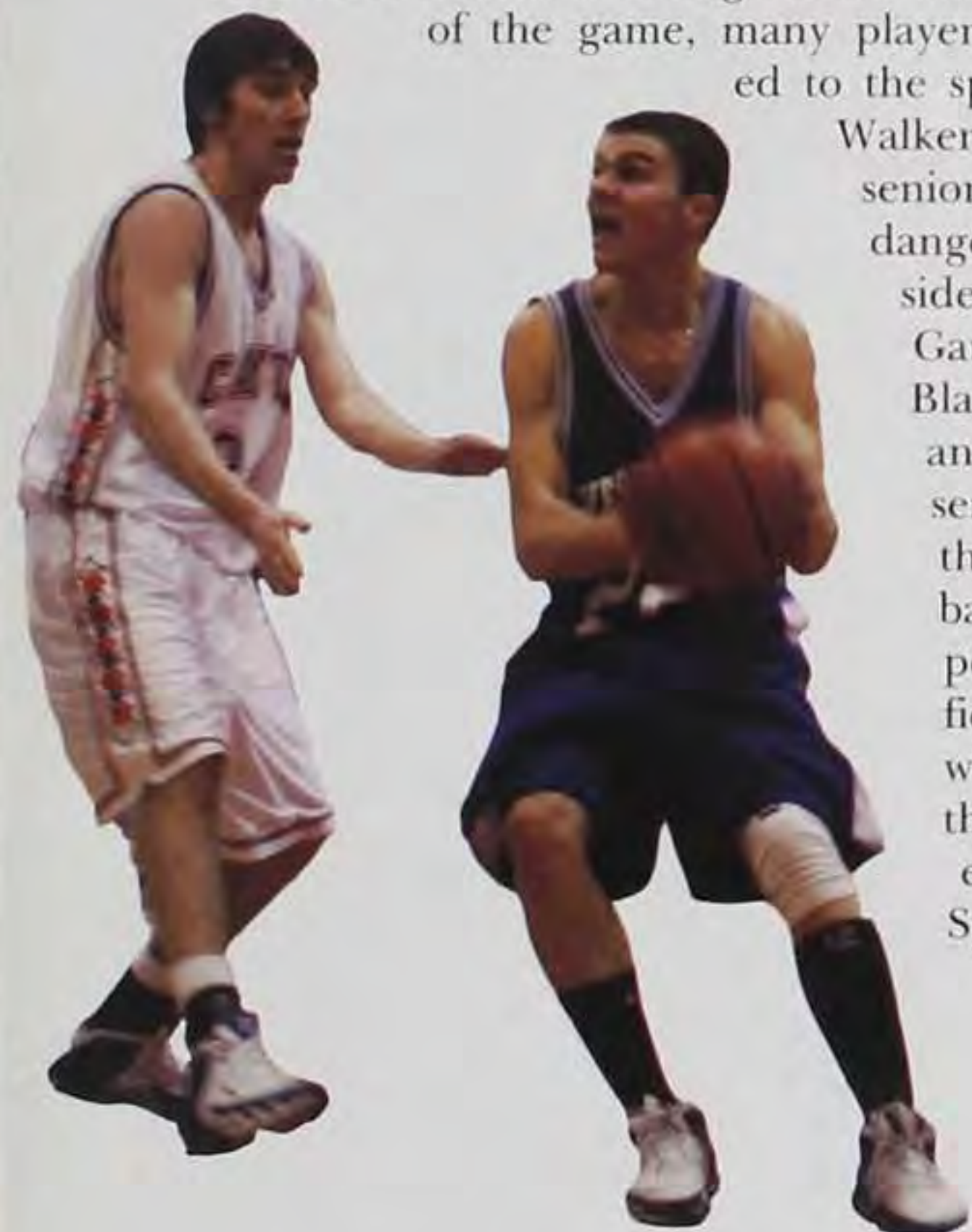
Paul Lewis, junior, uses his height and strength to overpower his St. Louis Priory opponents for a rebound. The Wildcats were blessed this year with many tall players to get points in the paint and grab rebounds.



THROW DOWN at the SHOWDOWN

Every year at the end of Spirit Week, the Wildcats square off against the Whitfield Warriors in a traditional rivalry showdown. On top of tradition this year's game had more of an exciting flair to it. Ben Davis, junior, picked off a pass to an opposing Warrior and took the ball down a wide open court for an incredible throw down. Davis' first and only dunk of the season gave the Cats the lead, and they were able to hold it going into the locker room at the half. "I've always wanted to dunk in a game, and once I got the steal, I just kind of did it without thinking" said Davis.

It brought every single fan to their feet (even Whitfield fans), and the Wildcats never looked back from it by fighting off every single Whitfield attempt to regain the lead. In the end the Cats were able to put down in the books an exciting 50-45 win against the rival Warriors. Though Davis' dunk was the climax of the game, many players also contributed to the spirited win. Matt Walker and Ben Aaberg, seniors, were both dangerous threats inside the paint, while Garen Lafser, Ryan Blackwell, juniors, and Jeff Ehrhardt, senior, controlled the game with a barrage of three pointers and other field goals. This win was definitely the perfect way to end an amazing Spirit Week.



Garen Lafser, junior, uses his quick agility to out maneuver his slower opponent. Though Lafser was good at penetrating the paint, he could also pull up jump shots around the perimeter.

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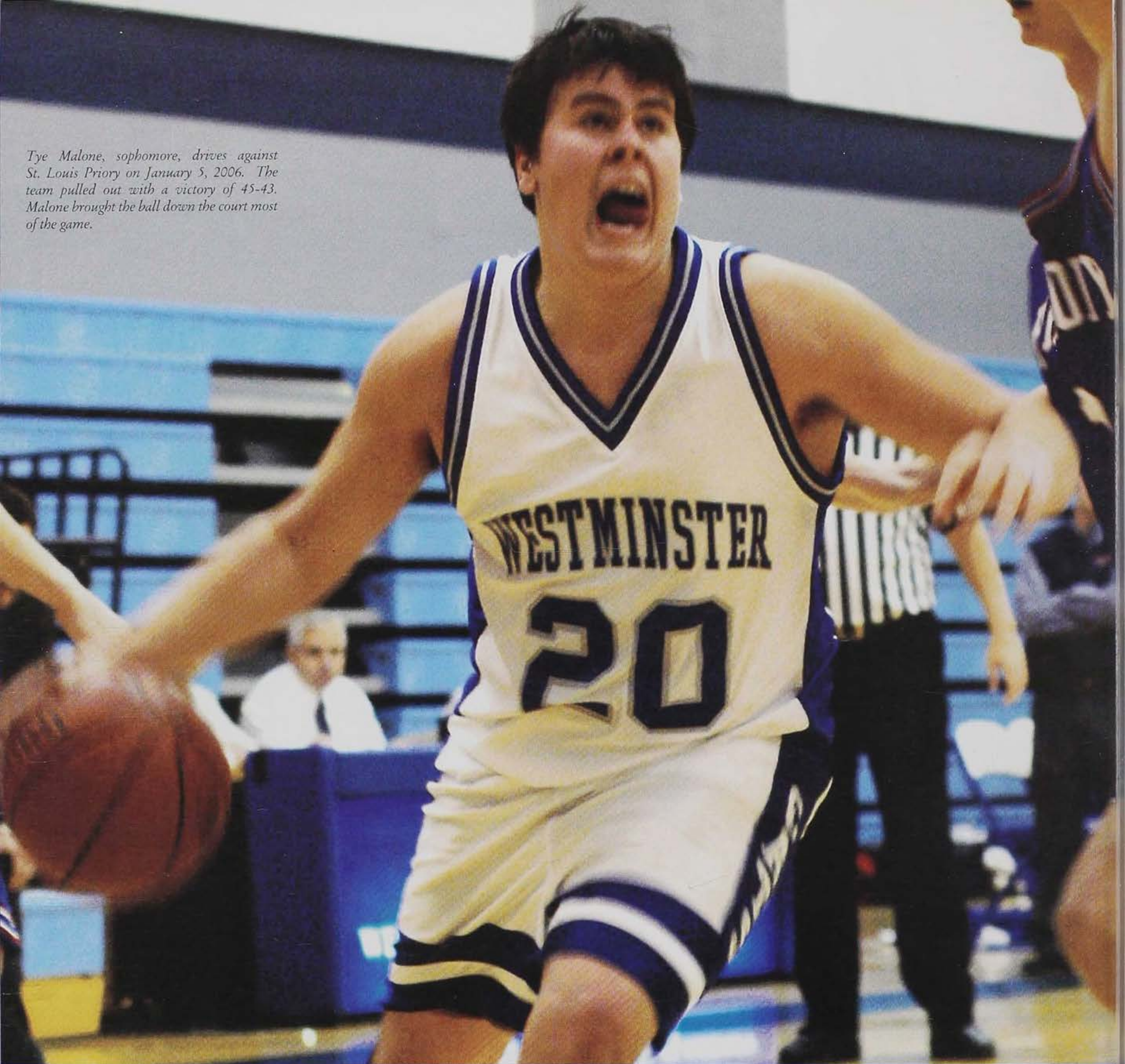
Ben Davis, junior, concentrates hard for a free throw. Davis' height and high vertical allowed him to reach over defenders for rebounds and one amazing dunk during the Whitfield game.

Sean Duff, freshman, flies through the air passing his Ladue opponents for an easy layup. Duff missed a good part of the season due to a broken arm, but was able to play in the last few games of the season including districts.

Jeff Ehrhardt, senior, pulls up for a quick jumper while being heavily guarded by his Lutheran South opponents. Ehrhardt contributed to the team with his deadly three point shots.

The team huddles up during a timeout for instructions and motivation from Coach Eric Bain during the Spirit Week game against Whitfield. The Wildcats finished in a 50-45 win.

Tye Malone, sophomore, drives against St. Louis Priory on January 5, 2006. The team pulled out with a victory of 45-43. Malone brought the ball down the court most of the game.



Junior Varsity

The Principia	W
John Burroughs	W
MICDS	W
St. Francis Borgia	L
MICDS	W
Miller Career Academy	L
DeSmet Jesuit	L
St. Louis Priory	W
Farmington	L
Wheaton Academy	L
Jennings	L

Lutheran South	W
Timothy Christian	L
Lutheran North	L
Duchesne	W
Clayton	W
Whitfield	W
John Burroughs	W
The Principia	W
Oakville	W
Ladue High	W
Ft. Zumwalt South	L

Freshman

CBC	L
Lutheran North	W
St. Charles West	L
St. Louis Priory	L
Francis Howell Central	W
Clayton	W
MICDS	L
Clayton	W
St. Louis Priory	L
Farmington	L

Orchard Farm	W
Jennings	L
Duchesne	L
Oakville	L
Lutheran South	W
St. Francis Borgia	L
Lutheran North	W
Whitfield	W
John Burroughs	L
The Principia	W



Luck From the 70's



Back row, from left: Matthew Rohlfing, Eric Brown, David Mueller, coach Jason Wilkins. Middle row: Erik Lewis, Benjamin Baldwin, Tye Malone, Daniel Miller. Front row: Joseph Hunsicker, Michael Shapleigh, Drew Wendt.



Back row, from left: Michael Kruse, Alex Tilley, Jacob Turner, Brennen Grone. Middle row: Joseph Greenlee, coach Curt Rabe, Andrew Goebel. Front row: Kenton Coffman, Ted Siebenman, Matthew Reilly.

On January 31, 2006, the junior varsity basketball team tie-dyed T-shirts to wear on the Tuesday of Spirit Week where they dressed as if they were in the 70's-80's. The team thought of this earlier in the year when they decided to do something for their junior varsity season.

David Mueller, sophomore, talked about tie-dyeing. He said, "Tie-dyeing was a lot of fun and the shirts were awesome. It was an awesome way to get out of thirty minutes of conditioning in practice."

Tye Malone said, "Tie-dyeing was fun and was a great way to end the 13-9 year." After they tie-dyed, they beat Whitfield on the Friday of Spirit Week and then also beat John Burroughs, The Principia, Oakville, and Ladue High School with three of the wins by more than a twenty point margin.

Coach Jason Wilkins also talked about tie-dyeing saying, "It was the outward expression of our inner hippiness. It was a mind blowing, far-out experience."



Matthew Rohlfing, sophomore, tie-dies a T-shirt after practice on January 31, 2006. He wore it on the 70's - 80's day of Spirit Week. His T-shirt showed many colors, including green, blue, and yellow.



Left: Michael Shapleigh, sophomore, shoots against Clayton. Right: Ted Siebenman, freshman, drives against St. Louis Priory.



Benjamin Baldwin, sophomore, drives against Clayton High School on January 31, 2006. The team won 31-17 against the tough team. Baldwin had 5 points in the game.



Left: Michael Kruse, freshman, gets the rebound and shoots it again against Whitfield. Right: Christopher Ryckman, freshman, drives during one of their games.



Back row, from left: Coach Barry Maurer, Jessie Menchak, Jill Ridderbos, Calen Caple, manager Beth Lambert, coach Shauna Collison. Middle row: Ali Petry, Emily Beerbower, Betsy Hartmann, Stephanie Brown. Front row: Megan Menzel, Katie Maurer, Leah Beck.

Windy City Visit

Ali Petry, junior, prepares to shoot before her opponent can steal. Petry played offensively as a forward.



Emily Beerbower, freshman, looks for an open teammate during the blue and white game. As one of the shorter girls on the team, Beerbower played guard.



Jessie Menchak, freshman, and Calen Caple, junior, fight to get the ball from an opponent. At six feet tall, Menchak was a valuable center for the team.

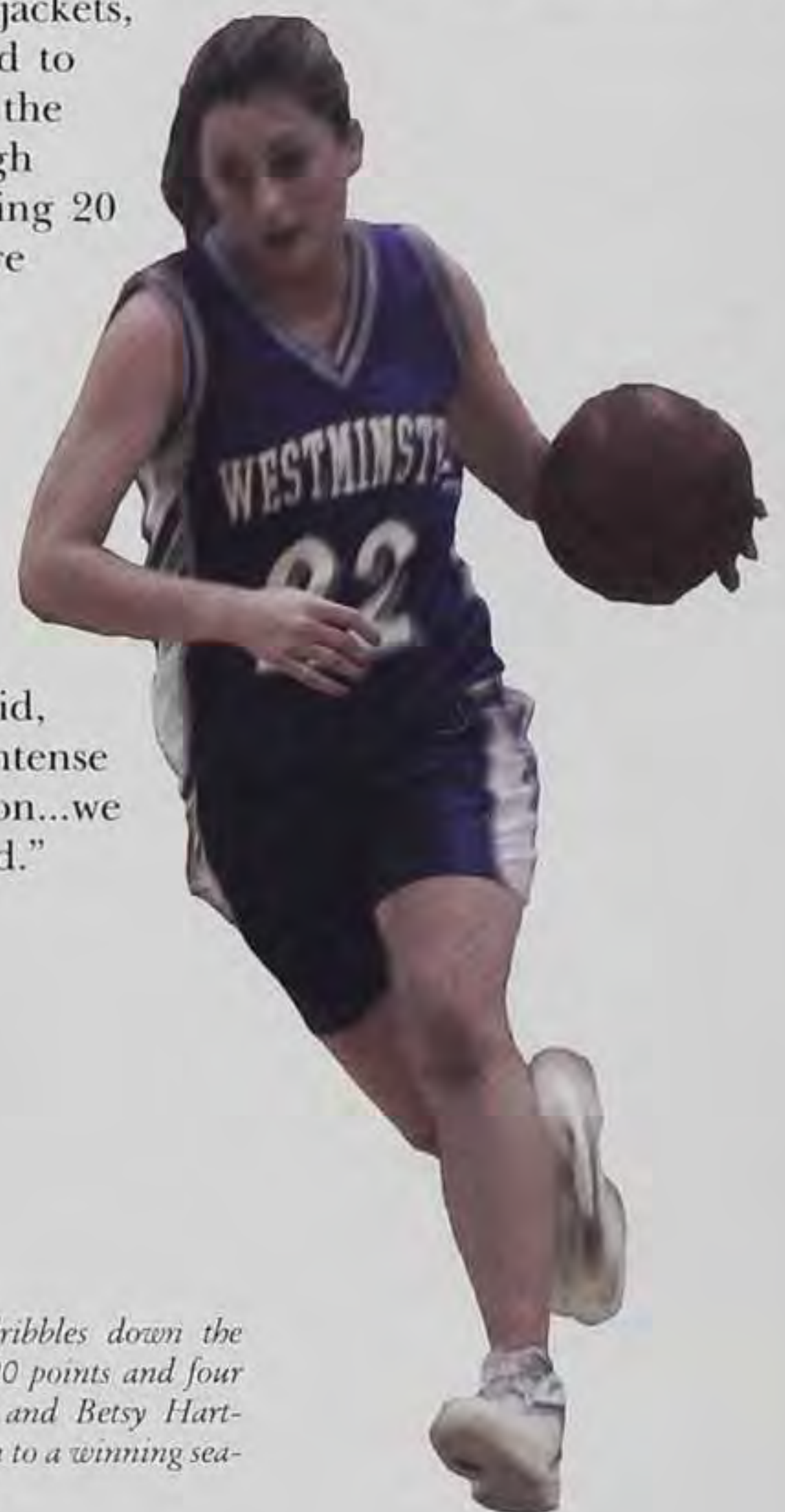


Leah Beck, freshman, focuses on the basket before taking a shot. The freshman girls proved themselves Varsity-worthy during the season.



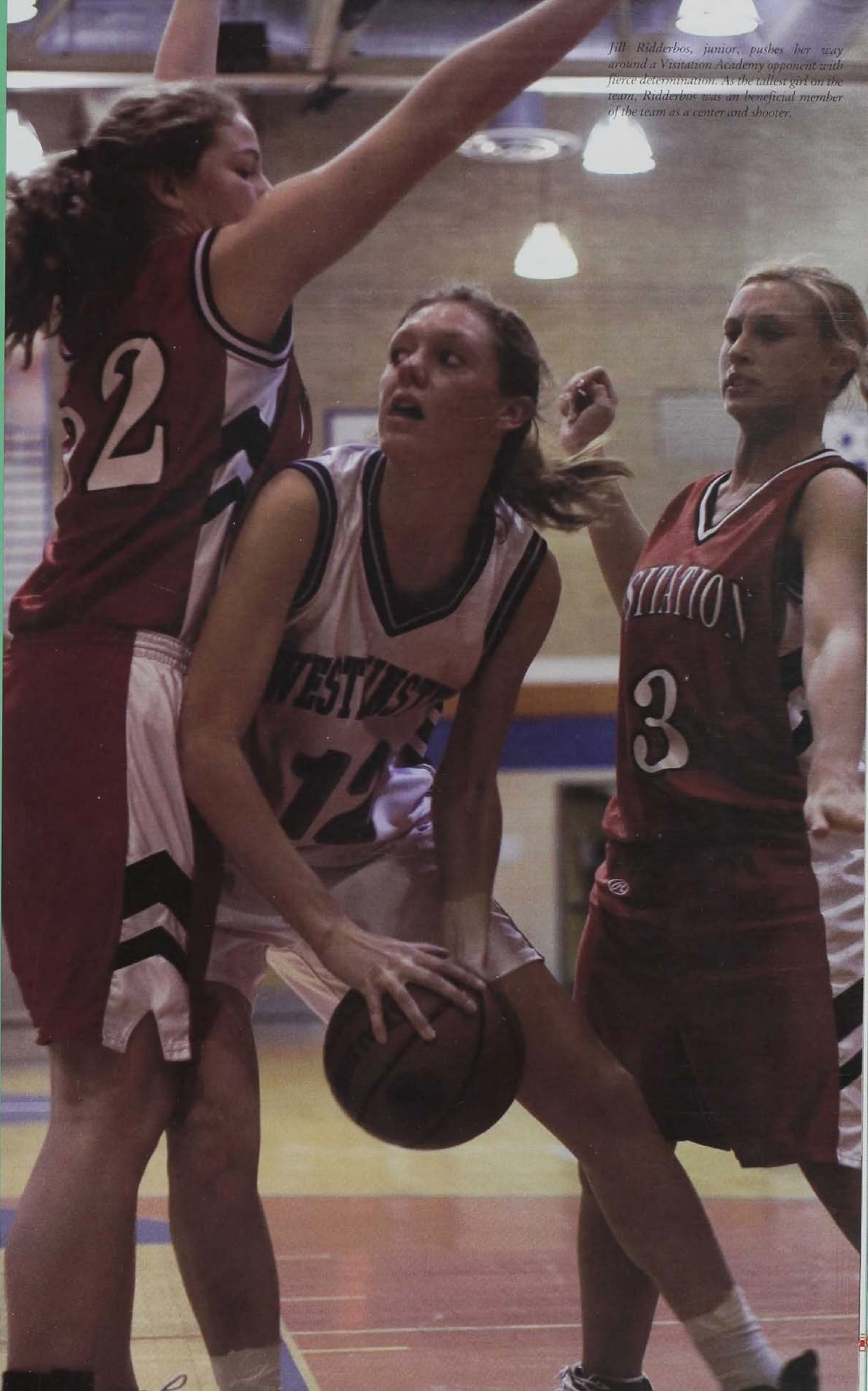
The Lady Wildcats basketball team visited Chicago for a tournament against Trinity Christian School. When they arrived there Friday night they went to the mall for dinner. "We almost got kicked out," said Stephanie Brown, sophomore. Megan Menzel, senior, Jill Ridderbos, junior, and Brown decided to try on clothes at Charlotte Russe. Unfortunately it was nine o'clock and the mall was about to close. "We ended up sliding under the gate as it was shutting," explained Brown. It was not until the gate was completely down that Menzel realized she left her North Face jacket in the changing rooms. They had to get the managers to reopen the gate.

As the team trooped out the mall, they discovered it had snowed. Katie Maurer, junior, said, "We were all throwing snowballs at each other outside the mall." After ten minutes of stuffing snow down their jackets, the parents arrived to take them back to the hotel. Even though the team was driving 20 mph, the cars were still sliding around the icy streets causing Menzel to scream a lot. The cats ended their trip with a winning game on Saturday. Ridderbos said, "It was the most intense game of the season...we wanted it really bad."



Katie Maurer, junior, dribbles down the court. Maurer averaged 20 points and four rebounds per game. She and Betsy Hartmann, senior, led the team to a winning season as this year's captains.

Jill Ridderbos, junior, pushes her way around a Visitation Academy opponent with fierce determination. As the tallest girl on the team, Ridderbos was an beneficial member of the team as a center and shooter.



Cape Notre Dame	W
Crossroads	W
Orchard Farm	W
Lutheran North	L
Orchard Farm	W
Clayton	L
John Burroughs	L
Villa Duchesne	L
Orchard Farm	W
Lutheran South	L
Villa Duchesne	W
Visitation Academy	L
Timothy Christian	W
John F. Kennedy	W
St. Elizabeth	W
John Burroughs	L
Clayton	W
Cape Notre Dame	L
Miller Career	W
MICDS	W
The Principia	W
Parkway North	W
Ladue	W
Whitfield	W
Ladue	W
Visitation Academy	L



Back row, from left: Sarah Duffy, Andrea Waeckerle, Catherine Klotz, Christine Ehrmann. Middle row: Abigail Ferguson, Kayla Johnson, coach Mark Ehrmann, Paige Norman. Front row: Mackenzie Pfitzinger, Kaitlyn Johnson, Nadia Pasque, Jasmine Harrell. (Not pictured: Victoria Burruss).

Friday Night Demolition

Christine Ehrmann, freshman, dribbles the ball down the court in a game against Lutheran South High School. "In warm-ups before a game, I was going up for the rebound, and Catherine Klotz was going up for a lay-up, and we completely collided into each other," said Ehrmann.



Jasmine Harrell, sophomore, tries to pass the ball to a teammate in a game against The Principia. In her first year on the junior varsity team, Harrell was a guard.



Catherine Klotz, sophomore, prepares to shoot a free throw in a game against Miller Career Academy. Klotz's teammates always encouraged her with a trip to Taco Bell, one of her favorite places, if she played well.



After practice on Friday January 6, the Junior Varsity Women's Basketball team headed out to Saint Charles with their coach Mark Ehrmann to play demolition ball and hang out. In demolition ball, people drive around in bumper cars and try to score points in baskets using handheld "scoops". Abigail Ferguson, sophomore, said, "We all got whiplash from it because you bump into people really hard in the cars." Christine Ehrmann, freshman, said, "It was really fun, but it hurt really bad." After demolition ball, the girls played pool, pinball, a ski game, and ate pizza. Most of the girls agreed that this was their favorite activity of the season.

Although the team was comprised mostly of freshmen, the few sophomores provided much needed experience and leadership. Sarah Duffy, freshman, said, "It was fun getting to know the sophomores really well and having tons of fun with them."

Aside from hanging out with each other, the girls enjoyed their coach's company because he worked hard to get to know the girls and be supportive to them.

Also, he was team member Christine Ehrmann's father. Ferguson said, "He taught us a lot, and he's a really good encourager." Duffy added, "He never said anything negative to us."



Abigail Ferguson, sophomore, makes her way to the basket in a game against The Principia. Ferguson, in her second year on the team, was a shooting guard. "We have more athleticism this year," said Ferguson.



Nadia Pasque, freshman, stretches for the ball in a game against Lutheran South. In her tenth year of playing basketball, Pasque was a point guard.

Cape Notre Dame	L	Lutheran South	L	Cape Notre Dame	L
Ursuline Academy at Ursuline Academy JV Basketball Invitational	L	Villa Duchesne	L	Miller Career Academy	L
Lutheran South at Ursuline Academy JV Girls Basketball Tournament	L	Visitation Academy	L	MICDS	L
Whitfield in Orchard Farm Invitational Tournament	W	Timothy Christian	L	The Principia	L
Lutheran St. Charles in Orchard Farm Invitational Tournament	L	John F. Kennedy	L	Parkway North	L
Wright City in Orchard Farm Invitational Tournament	W	St. Elizabeth Academy	W	Ladue	L
Villa Duchesne	L	John Burroughs	W	Whitfield	W
Orchard Farm	L	Clayton	L		



Back row, from left: Coach Kent Kehr, Neil McAllister, Harrison Smith, Jordan Kulage, Tom Randolph, Peter Schaffner, Patrick Murrell, Clinton Alexander, Robert Johnson, manager Allison Thompson. Middle row: Elliot Brown, Rex Oberle, David Roig, Matt Zandstra, Michael Kennison, Alex Hoban, Caleb Leonard, manager Melissa Ruhlman. Front row: Kevin Frick, Michael Zandstra, Trevor McHardy, Mike Dellaquila, Tyler Thompson. (Not pictured: Bobby Degnan, Paul Duffy, Clint Gulick, Taylor Hienmenz, Hunter McClain.)

Clinton Alexander, sophomore, pushes on towards the end of a race against Fort Zumwalt North High School which the swim team beat. Alexander did the breast stroke at many of the swim meets.



Alex Hoban, Paul Duffy, and Clint Gulick, juniors, and Patrick Murrell, sophomore, watch their fellow swimmers during a meet against Rockwood Summit High School. The team came out on top with a 113-47 victory.



Michael Zandstra, sophomore, swims the butterfly in a meet against Missouri Military Academy. The team triumphed with a score of 95-78.



Tyler Thompson, senior, swims the front stroke. Clinton Alexander, sophomore, commented, "He gets a really good foot off the block and jumps really far."



Tom Randolph, junior, swims his final lap in a meet against Affton High School. Randolph's specialty was swimming the butterfly.



Best Team Ever

As the boy's swimming season began, team suits were high priority on the list of "to dos." They found black speed shorts with some kind of blue stripe down the side. At the same time, the school decided to place the girl's swim team suit order as well. Accidentally, the girl's order was placed into the boy's, and also read as the boys. So when the suits arrived, the boys found they had received black shorts with aqua and green flowers down the side. "We were going to send them back but we had a meet like the next day. Then we wanted to throw the kid in the pool who ordered the suits, but coach wouldn't let us," said Paul Duffy, junior.

Little did they know, the "girlie" suits could have been a part of helping the team become the best team ever. Finishing with a 10-3 record, the boys beat their rivals, Missouri Military Academy, at both meets. In their first meet against the rival team, Coach Kent Kehr said afterwards, "Even the Navy would not have helped as the Westminster men's swim team soundly defeated Missouri Military Academy."

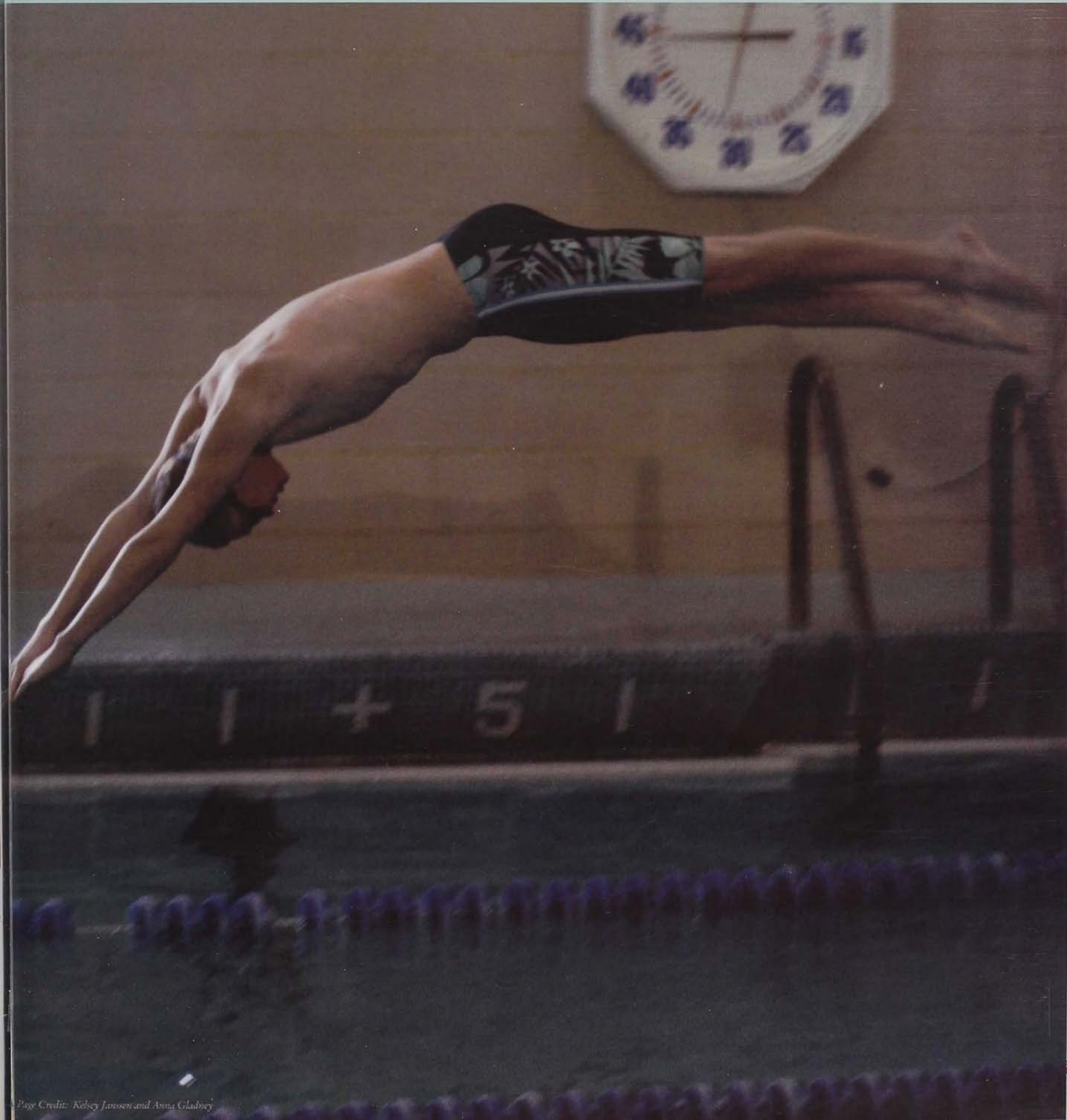
Part of the success could have also been due to the wrestlers who came to cheer on the swimmers at meets. The wrestling team and the swim team made a deal that one would go to a match or a meet, if the other would also go to a match or a meet of theirs. Chris Rojewski, junior, said, "The swim team came and started banging their kick boards on the bleachers." The wrestling team showed up to the swim team's second meet against Missouri Military Academy which was won with a score of 95 to 78. "The wrestlers painted in blue and white and screaming non stop," said Kehr.

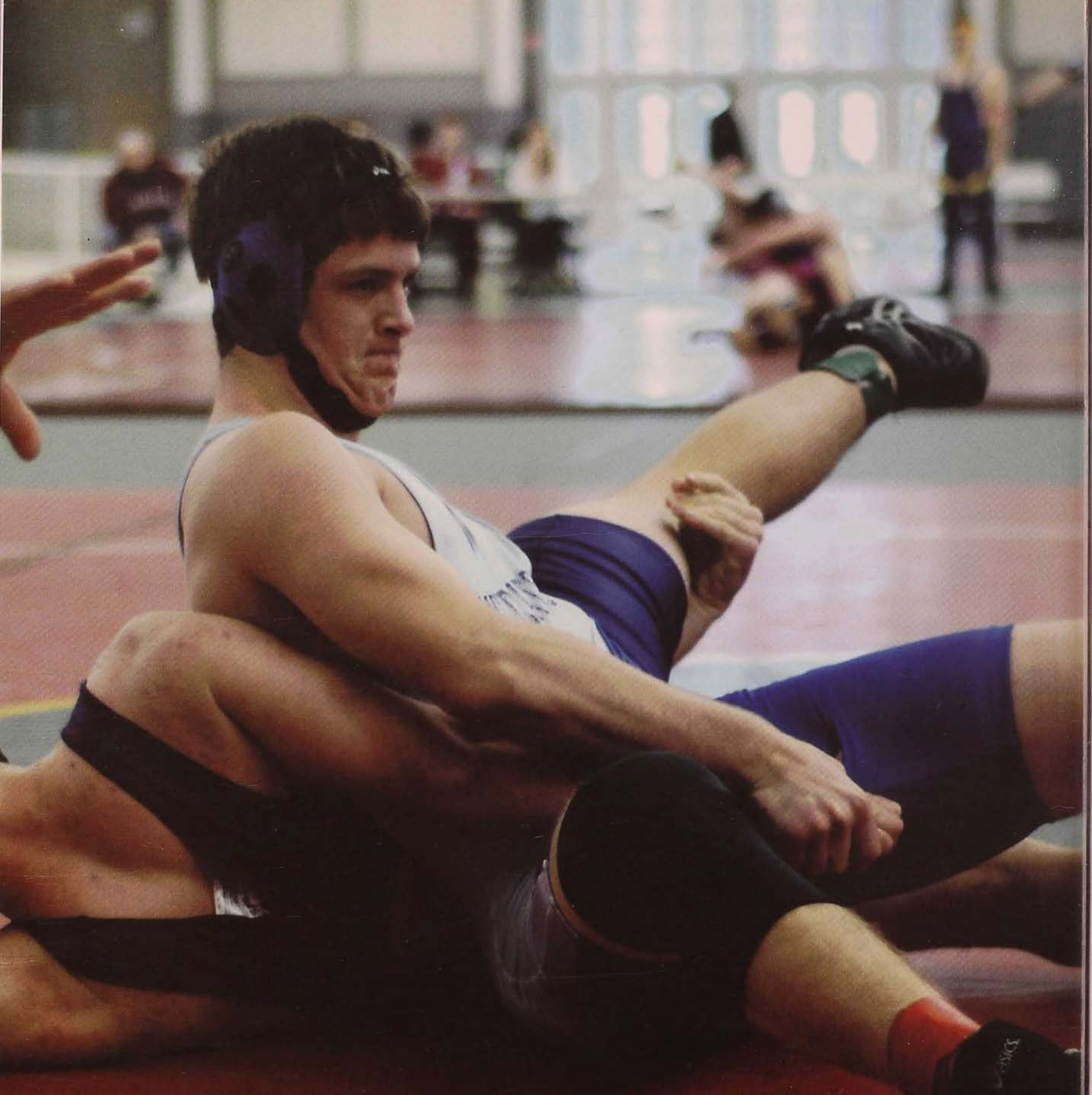


Michael Dellaquila, Michael Kennison, and Peter Schaffner, juniors, and David Roig, sophomore, cheer on their teammates during a meet at home. The Westminster swim team had a final record of 10-3.

Rex Oberle, sophomore, takes a dive off the board. Although the team had no official divers, Oberle practiced diving before the meets to warm up.

Afton	W	Rockwood Summit	W
Chaminade	L	Hazelwood East/Timberland	W/W
Holt	W	The Principia	W
Missouri Military	W	John Burroughs	L
Fort Zumwalt North/Fort Zumwalt South	W/L	Missouri Military	W
Ritenour	W		





Marc Andre Simonpietri, junior, contributes another win to Westminister after locating his opponent from the Principia at the ABC tournament. Several wrestlers noted that their practices were hard. "I would argue they are the hardest practices in sports at WCA. We start by warming up and stretching, then drilling for a while, and then conditioning which involves buddy carries up the steps, sprints, push-ups, and pull-ups. Later in the season there is more live wrestling," said Simonpietri.

Centralia-Moberly	L	Rockwood Summit Invitational	1st
Westminster Invitational	3rd	St. Louis Priory	W
Ladue	W	MICDS Invitational	2nd
DeSmet Spartan Invitational	3rd	Affton	L
Fort Zumwalt North	L	ABC Tournament	1st
Warrenton	L	Lutheran St. Charles	L
Riverview Gardens	W		

EASY AS 1,2,3

Many steps had to be taken during the wrestling season to accomplish, from harder practices, to off-season preparation and watching weight all throughout the season. The greatest accomplishment of the season was taking first place in the ABC tournament. All but one boy on the team received either first or second place. The tournament was the first in which the team as a whole received first place. Although they won the tournament, they could not win the conference. They had already been invited into the ABC league, but were not members at the time of the tournament.

The two highlight matches that brought the team to victory were wrestled by Marc-Andre Simonpietri, junior, and Sam Stufflebam, sophomore. Simonpietri had a pivotal win against his MICDS opponent. Teammate Chris Rojewski, junior, said that Simonpietri, "wrestled as if on fire. He had a beastly cross-face and barbed-wire series." Rojewski also commented on Stufflebam's match saying, "he had a huge head and arm throw to overcome his opponent in ten seconds, which was actually a team record."

Teammates Orion Ross and Jared Camp, sophomores, could not wrestle in the ABC tournament because of injuries. Camp received the worst injury on the team, putting him out halfway through the season for the remainder of the season. Camp was wrestling Preston Prevost, sophomore, during practice and was thrown onto the mats. His arm pulled in the wrong direction and tore ligaments in his shoulder.

Kaelan Cox, senior, said the practices were hard with a lot of drills and working off the coach's whistle. "But even though they're hard, they're a lot of fun," said Cox. The team's harder practices and intense drills eventually helped send four wrestlers to State.



Morgan Younkin, senior, takes his opponent to the mat. Younkin struggled with a neck injury but was able to start wrestling toward the end of the season. Despite his injury, Younkin qualified for State.



Jessiah Chard, sophomore, wraps up his opponent from St. Genevieve. Chard qualified for state along with Daniel Minella and Morgan Younkin, seniors, and Orion Ross, sophomore. Chard said about going to State, "It's a wrestler's goal. I was looking forward to it." All four qualifiers were 1 and 2 at the competition.



Curtis Stump, eighth grader, attempts a half-nelson on his opponent. Every Tuesday night, the middle school wrestlers had Tuesday Night Fights, which were a chance for them to wrestle against other schools.



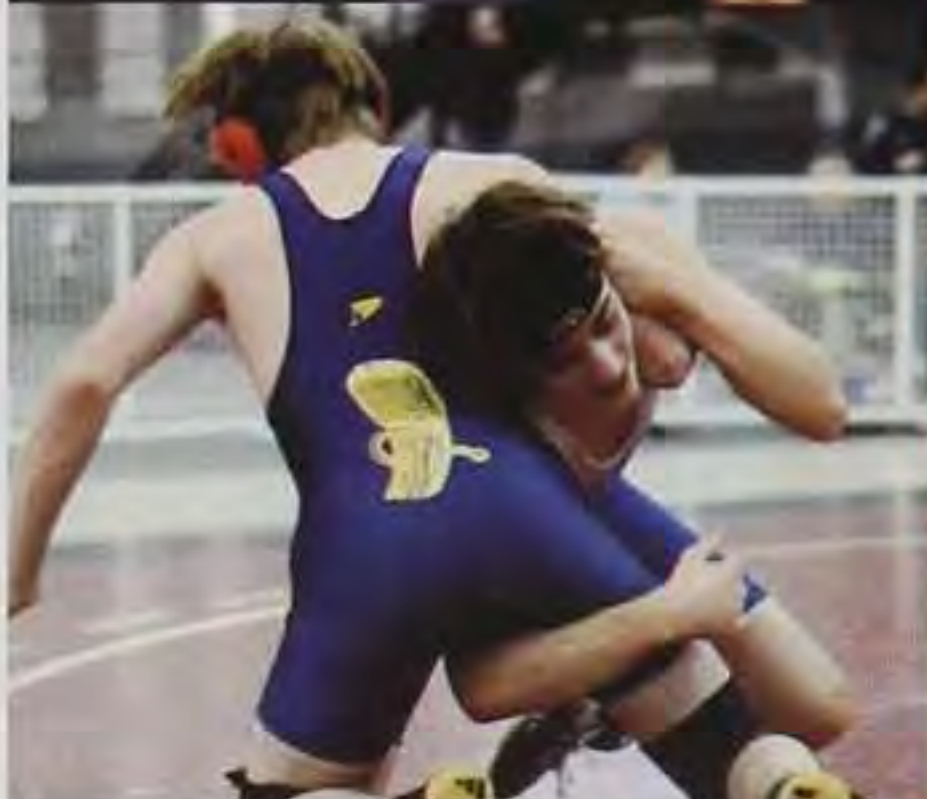
Joe Nothum, senior, fights for control against his opponent at the first tournament of the season. For Nothum it was a challenge stepping up two weight classes. "Sometimes you can't eat before a match, but usually I eat more rather than less often. I eat six meals a day instead of three," said Nothum.



Kaelan Cox, senior, pins his opponent from MICDS at the ABC tournament. Cox started wrestling his junior year. He said, "Last year coach Perona thought it would be good for me. It [wrestling] teaches you a lot of discipline."



Phillip Binkholder, freshman, defends against a leg attack by his opponent from St. Louis Priory. The junior varsity wrestlers practiced with the varsity wrestlers and several of them had the chance to wrestle in varsity meets.



Stephen Kesel, junior, shoots in with a belly against his opponent from The Principia at the ABC tournament. WCA won first place in the tournament for the first time in wrestling history.



Back row, from left: Shane Moylan, Matthew Longworth, Brett Corner, Steven Fitzgerald, Zach Schopp, coach J.D. Perona. Middle row: Tevin Crawford, Chaz Langeneckert, Jordan Nichols, Michael Rojewski. Front row: Brett Baumgartner, Harrison Hinrichs, Spencer Seabaugh, Nathan Smallwood, Nicholas Skrainka. (Not pictured: Andre Cataldo, Hayden Harper, Julian Herth).



Back row, from left: Luke Nienhuis, Karlton Smith, Richard Ross, Max Piazza, Drew Glidewell, coach Tim Muehleisen. Middle row: Eric Levenhagen, Richard Mansfield, Timothy Reed, Thomas Egan, Matthew Autry. Front row: Micah Mills, Curtis Stump, Caleb Unser. (Not pictured: Alex Cacciarelli, Drew Moisson).



Back row, from left: Coach Burress McCombe, James Horton, Morgan Younkin, Sam Stufflebam, coach Tim Muehleisen, Austin Vincent, Marc-Andre Simonpietri, Preston Prevost, coach Mark Muehleisen. Middle row: Kaelan Cox, Jessiah Chard, Kevin Taylor, Stephen Kesel, Chris Rojewski, Chris Bishop, Phillip Binkholder, Orion Ross. Front row: Joe Nothum, Dan Minnella, Joe Minnella, Clayton Langeneckert, Matt Engelbart. (Not pictured: Benjamin Becker, Calvin Boesch, Jared Camp, Nathan Coughlin, Shawn Denton, Mike O'Brien, Michael Talent).

FUNDAMENTALS



Back row, from left: Zach Gaeddert, Zach Shopp, Brett Cotner, Steven Fitzgerald. Middle row: Joe Hunsicker, Matthew Baldwin, coach Jason Wilkins, Mike Hall. Front row: Tony Ervin, Timmy Miller, Andrew Beck.

Matthew Baldwin and Steven Fitzgerald, seventh graders, scrimmage each other in practice. Baldwin was shooting a layup as Fitzgerald played defense against him.



Back row, from left: Julian Herth, Matthew Longworth, Shane Moylan, Gilbert Garrison. Middle row: Cooper Bunlar, Alec Mitchell, coach Andy Kerckhoff, Ryan Alee, Connor Zielonko. Front row: Jamieson Keech, Jacques Hughes, Stephen Lillenber, Nathan Smallwood.

John Hunsicker, seventh grader, maneuvers the ball around his St. Richard opponent. Hunsicker was on the A team. They lost to St. Richard's after a tough game.



Back row, from left: Tevin Crawford, Spencer Seabough, William Serber, Chandler Hiatt, Andrew Menzel. Middle row: Chaz Langeneckert, coach Andy Kerckhoff, coach John Menzel, Jacob Boyer, Bennet Bell. Front row: Daniel Cannon, Harrison Hinrichs, Cameron Smith, Schaeffer Bell.

Richard Copeland, eighth grader, lines up his shot at a home game against MICDS. The eighth grade A team beat MICDS 36 to 27 that evening.



Back row, from left: Tom Winter, Brett Park, Michael Ferrara, coach Frank Cusumano. Middle row: Richard Copeland, Michael Evetts, Jake Grimes, Alex Cusumano. Front row: Jimmy Myers, Connor Hunsicker, Matthew Hudnut.



Back row, from left: Austin Gantner, Erik Johnson, Zachary Meyer. Middle row: Corbin DuCharme, Thomas Porter, coach Wes James, Kevin Bell, Michael Koebbe. Front row: Mitchell Anderson, Alexander Lindstrom, Bryan Willey, Nathan Benefield.

Every Tuesday and Friday afternoon for twelve weeks, from November to the end of February, the seventh grade boys' basketball teams meet for 85 minutes, practicing on their shooting and working on their fundamentals while still having a fun time. The seventh grade A team's goal for their season was not to win as many games as they could, but too work on fundamentals, like dribbling, passing and shooting. "Coach Wilkins helps us improve our basketball game. He focuses on the fundamentals so in the future we can be better basketball players," said Mike Hall, seventh grader. With ten players on the team, the boys get a good amount of playing time. Matt Baldwin, seventh grader, comments on his team saying, "I play point guard and sometimes I play shooting guard. Coach is good at making sure we get equal amounts of playing time."

The boys not only work hard during practices, but they also have a fun time doing so. "Tony and Coach Wilkins both have obsessions with the television show Dragon Ball Z. It's funny because Coach watches it more than Tony. To prove that he knew more about the show, Coach challenged Tony to a quiz about the show. So we took up one whole practice quizzing them about the show. And of course, Coach blew Tony away," said Hall.

With little comments from the sidelines, Zach Shopp, seventh grader, helped add a little enjoyment to the drills and running during practice. "Zach adds 'a-roozy' to the end of everything!

When we are shooting, running, doing a lay up drill, or cheering on our teammates, he also adds 'a-roozy' to the end of everything," said Baldwin.

"He'll be like 'let's shoot-a-roozy', or 'schop-a-roozy.' His comments keep the practice not as serious."



Timmy Miller, seventh grader, squares up for a shot as Matthew Baldwin, seventh grader, looks on. The A team, which Miller and Baldwin were on, had a record of three wins and eleven losses.



Tom Winter, eighth grader, dashes with the ball during a game against MICDS January 23. The boys won by nine points, 36-27. Winter played for the A team, coached by KSDK Sportscaster, Frank Cusumano.

7th Grade
A
7-10-0

7th Grade
B
2-8-1

7th Grade
C
3-12-0

8th Grade
A
7-10-3

8th Grade
B
3-8-0



7th Grade
A
0-1-0

7th Grade
B
0-0-0

7th Grade
C
0-4-0

8th Grade
A
6-1-0

8th Grade
B
1-3-0

Kaylee Rosen, seventh grader, tries to beat the defense down court for a layup. Some other members of the seventh grade A team trailed down the court with the Christ Prince of Peace defender close behind.

Up and Coming

"We don't kill our opponents...we slaughter them!!!" When asked about her basketball team, Suzanne Weston, eighth grader, made it quite clear about how she thought of them. And she had reason too to be so confident. The eighth grade girls A basketball team in the middle of their season had a record of 9 and 0, with four games left. "This year we just stepped it up. Most of us were on the A-Team last year so we had played with each other, and we knew our skills and weaknesses. Also, we had a great coach this year," said Weston. Coached by Shannon Tinnin, the team focused on perfecting their defense. "We run our offensive plays and do tons of drills, however Coach always emphasizes that defense wins games." And with their outstanding record, obviously that strategy worked.

One of their major kills was against Holy Infant. The Wildcats won 60-21. "At half-time during the game against Holy Infant we were way ahead so Coach told us that we should try to perfect our offensive plays. He wanted us to run the plays and not just go for easy shots. It was like a practice," said Katie Haverstick, eighth grader, who was point guard of the team, and also a major asset.

While the girls worked hard during practice to win each game, they also practiced hard on their fundamentals for their future years in basketball. "Most of us plan on playing in high school, so Coach tried to prepare us for a varsity level," said Lezlie McDonald.



Rebecca Lambert, seventh grader, dribbles up on offense during the game against St. Monica on January 21. Lambert played the role of point guard for the seventh grade C team.

Jordan Montgomery, eighth grader, shoots a foul shot during a game against St. Clare. Montgomery helped the team with her shooting skills.



Kelly Penning, eighth grader, follows the ball for a rebound during practice. Penning's height was a help for her and the team when playing under the basket.



Sarah Fleming, eighth grader, skids to a stop after sprinting down court. She looked to the basket for a shot as she came into range.



The eighth grade A team listens to coach Shannon Tinnin. The eighth grade teams worked harder this year which helped prepare them for high school sports.



Back row, from left: Hannah Worrell, Sarah Hall, Brooke Siebenman. Middle row: Jordan Klein, Lauren DeRousse, coach Kim Landes, Mari Knchans, Margaret Johnson. Front row: Morgan West, Kaylee Rosen, Elizabeth Nester, Danielle Roberts.



Back row, from left: Ruth Cross, Marci Penning, Lauren Sulewski. Middle row: Katie Weir, Rachel Yu, coach Janice Kaufman, Rachel Kaufman, Rebecca Canfield. Front row: Elizabeth Blackwell, Jaelyn Duff, Abigail Clark.



Back row, from left: Anna Becker, Kailan Gholston, Sheridan Hentrich. Middle row: Rachel Sutter, coach Ashley Woodall, coach Kim Landes, Angela Cannady. Front row: Rebecca Lambert, Alexandra Smith, Sarah Eis, Laura Kaup.



Back row, from left: Katye Nash, Kelly Penning, Raphael Tyus. Middle row: Christina Dohr, coach Shannon Tinnin, Amanda Wiele. Front row: Sarah Fleming, Katelyn Haverstick, Lezlie McDonald, Suzanne Weston.



Back row, from left: Amibeth Thompson, Taylor Jewell, Mia Seagraves. Middle row: Susan Horak, coach Ben Collison, coach Thane VeltKamp, Elisabeth Marshall. Front row: Jordan Montgomery, Katherine Krause.



Front row, from left: Jim Munson, DJ Jones, Matthew Evans, Sean Thomas, Jeffrey Kaufman, Nick Pieber, Khris Stillman. Middle row: Coach Robert Bateman, Seth Lillenberg, Daniel Kaufman, Tim Appelbaum, Michael Hughes, Shawn Oberle, Vince Cascella, Tyler Disch, coach Guy Cascella. Back row: John Burgess, Barrett Nue, Matt Leeker, Kyle Bateman, Bill Franz, Daniel Kim.

Jimmy Munson, varsity sophomore, watches his teammates during the game against Clayton High School's Greyhounds on November 19. Munson had an assist in this game.

John Burgess, varsity freshman, warms up for the game against Clayton High School at the Brentwood Ice Rink while a teammate watches. The wildcats attempted 38 shots at the goal.

Kyle Bateman, varsity junior, plays defense against St. Louis Priory Rebel opponent. Ice hockey is a rather violent sport. "Once we had our whole bench in the penalty box, it can get pretty violent," said Bateman.

The varsity players and coaches Robert Bateman and Guy Cascella talk before a game. Both coaches were fathers of players. Vince Cascella, varsity sophomore, said "My Dad's always been my coach, so I'm used to it."

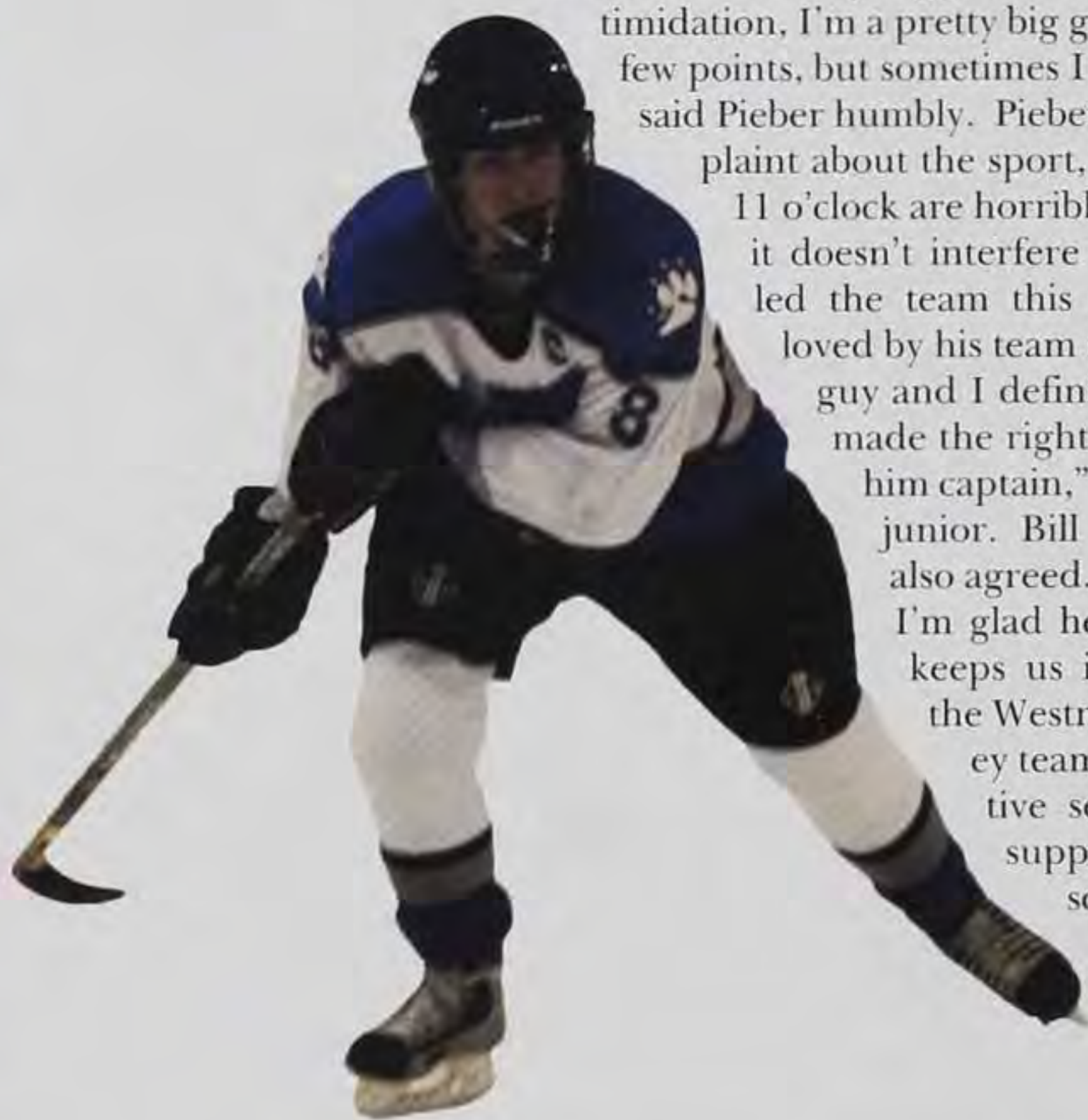


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Ice Breaking News

Senior Nick Pieber made a big name for himself this year. As his first year being captain he had a long list of achievements. Pieber started playing the sport at the young age of seven. "I've just always had a lot of fun doing it," said Pieber. Due to his constant love for the sport he played for Westminster for the past four years straight, which was his entire high school career. Pieber said, "I love playing with the whole team and just being with them, we have a common bond through it. Sometimes we go out to dinner after practices." This tight-knit team's captain made it through the season with 98 points total, 62 goals and 36 assists, 15 of which were hat tricks. He was acknowledged as the athlete of the week in West County Suburban Journal and also won the Pontiac Game Changing Performer and went on a TV show. He appeared on channel 4 on February 12, 2006. "I think my biggest strength is probably intimidation, I'm a pretty big guy and I've gotten a few points, but sometimes I get pretty beat up,"

said Pieber humbly. Pieber only had one complaint about the sport, "Those practices at 11 o'clock are horrible, but it's cool cause it doesn't interfere with sleep." Pieber led the team this year and was well loved by his team mates. "He's a great guy and I definitely think that they made the right decision in making him captain," said Kyle Bateman, junior. Bill Franz, sophomore also agreed. "Nick is really cool, I'm glad he is our captain, he keeps us in line." Pieber led the Westminster varsity hockey team through a productive season with the full support of his team and school.



Nick Pieber, varsity senior, sets up for a shot against St. Louis Priory. Pieber won the Pontiac Game Changing Performance Player Award and appeared on CBS local news. "I was kind of nervous when they were asking me all the questions," said Pieber.



Varsity

Lutheran South	W	Afton	W
Bishop DuBoing	W	John Burroughs	W
Clayton	L	St. Louis Priory	L
MICDS	W	Whitfield	W
John Burroughs	W	Clayton	L
Whitfield	L	Northwest	W
St. Louis Priory	T	MICDS	T
Duchesne	L	Afton	W
Eureka	L	Afton	W
Ladue	T	Parkway North	T
Pattonville	L	Wentzville Holt	W
Parkway North	W	Wentzville Holt	L
Ladue	W		

C-Team

Francis Howell	L	Parkway North	L
Parkway North	L	Oakville	L
St. Mary's	L	Oakville	L
Duchesne	W	Francis Howell	W
Marquette	T	Kirkwood	L
Marquette	T	Fort Zumwalt West	L

Khris Stillman, varsity senior, gets ready to take the puck down to the offensive end of the rink while goalie Sean Thomas, varsity senior, looks on. The Wildcats were defeated against St. Louis Priory on January 9 at the Chesterfield Summit rink.

Different minds with different tasks



JiHee Jang, senior, reads a note in Mr. Brian Burkey's first hour worldviews class. This class was required for seniors. It focused on Christian apologetics (learning about others' worldviews and how to interpret them from a Christian perspective).



Julie Sharp and Ana Tanner, eighth graders, review their music before chorus. Middle schoolers looked forward to their encore classes because they served as a break from the routine "core" classes. The classes rotated every six weeks between different subjects such as art, drama, and French.

Berkley Rallo and Jordan Savage, sophomores, work on a physics lab first hour. Mr. Cory Snyder taught this class, which had a lab almost every block day. Snyder has been teaching at Westminster for five years; algebra his first year and physics for the last four.



Grades. Teachers. Stress. Westminster academics provide the most essential results. These results affect our lives for the long run. Whether a slacker or an overachiever, each student gets their own results based on their work. Some of us are proud of our achievements, others of us dread the progress report. Math, history, science, English, foreign language, fine arts, p.e. - each class brings into its own success or failure. Our teachers contribute to our learning processes. Whether serious or hysterically amusing, each teacher brings his or her own personality to the class. Each of us has our own academic gifts. We love going to some classes and dread attending others. When finals roll around, cram sessions and hours of lost sleep are typical of Westminster students. We may study for hours on end or hastily complete assignments minutes before they are due. It depends on how you approach learning that determines your individual results.



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Lindsey Loyd and Rachel Wisdom, juniors, learn how to properly work with a microscope in Mr. Warren Smith's first hour honors biology class. This was a lab early in the year to prepare for the many class periods that required students use microscopes. The class magnified various organisms such as hydra, water fleas, and flatworms.



Kathleen Hunt, eighth grader, focuses on the problem at hand in her Algebra 1 class. All eighth graders are required to take Algebra 1.



Yoon-Sun Chang and Sam Egertson, sophomores, listen quietly as Greg Schoenberg, sophomore, correctly answers a question posed by their teacher, Mrs. Karen Martin.



Mr. David Haas, math teacher, details a calculus problem for his first hour class. "I love teaching. I've done it for years now, and it has always been a great experience for me," said Haas.



Lauren Sulewski, seventh grader, raises her hand in response to a question from her teacher, Mrs. Nicole Collett.

Adding Interest

“What’s the circumference of a jack-o-lantern divided by its diameter?” David Haas asks an interested class. “Pumpkin pi!” While math may lack a special spot in many student’s hearts, the teachers have continually tried to make class interesting and appealing, while retaining the strong educational core.

Many teachers insert jokes into teaching to lighten the mood, while others promote spiritual growth through the use of the daily morning devotional period. “I really liked the Superman devotionals...I think it was really cool how he drew all the connections between Superman and Jesus,” stated Andrea Jacobson, senior, on Lawrence Birchler’s famed devotionals relating Biblical principles with his personal love of Superman.

In addition, some teachers take the learning outside the classroom. “Mrs. Collett took us to a set of stairs to teach us about integers,” said Zach Gaeddert, 7th grader, as he hopped up and down steps recalling what he learned. Thankfully, through all of this, Westminster teachers have been able to push their students to excel in every subject.



Karen Aaberg
Rosemary Anderson
Brian Aucker
Edward Bachman
Eric Bain

Dale Beachy
Mary Becker
Lawrence Birchler
Sherry Blough
Ken Boesch

Katherine Boggs
Evelyn Bowman
Steven Bradley
Susan Brown
Christopher Bryan



Drew Moisson, and Kyle Edwards, eighth graders, contemplate an Algebra 1 problem on the board. Their teacher, Mr. Dale Beachy’s, heavy use of the SmartBoard added to his interesting teaching style.

Sarah Ottolini, senior, quietly listens during her first hour stats class. “Taking stats now will let me use it as a college credit next year,” said Ottolini.



Mr. Rex Janssen, math teacher, waits for an answer as Adam Miller and Anna Thompson, freshmen, contemplate possible answers.

Nathan Coughlin, senior, talks to Mr. L.B. Graham during his first hour Worldviews class. The class was in the Library talking about their project on atheistic philosophies. Members of the class had to do a presentation on what they found.



*Sherry Buis
 Brian Burkey
 Dani Butler
 Pamela Bye
 John Campbell
 LeAnn Christianson
 Suzanne Christmann
 Nicole Collett
 Benjamin Collison
 Jill Darrab
 Sharon Degnan
 Anne DeRousse
 Maria Deutschmann
 John Dickerson
 Kim Doyle
 Lucy Erdman*



Get Involved

"I think all the Bible teachers try to get the students involved, knowing that our subject is a little different than the rest. On one hand, we want them to learn the material, but that's not the ultimate measure of success in Bible class. Getting kids involved [in class] is essential," said Mr. L.B. Graham, Bible Department Chair and Worldviews teacher, commenting on how the students are involved in class. The Bible department was different than any other department. It was not just facts like science, math, history, or even English. Bible was related to life.

When Graham was asked why he likes teaching Bible, he said, "I like answering people's questions. A lot of these students have grown up in Christian homes and have been to church and schools - they are at the age now where they ask questions, and I like being there to help them through the questions." Helping students through the questions in Bible class, where life lessons are learned, was key to facing problems later in life. The things students learned in these classes and the questions they asked will ultimately end up helping them later in life. Amanda Wiele, 8th grader, also commented on how Bible helps a person throughout their life saying, "It has helped me be able to back up debates on the Bible. If you know facts and know verses, you can quote the Bible as answers."

Mr. Brian Burkey also commented on what he likes most about teaching Bible, saying, "I love to see students wrestle with their faith, and then come to a better understanding of it through asking questions and making their faith their own."



Annemarie Heise, senior, engages in the visual aid of the secular humanism presentation in Dr. Brian Aucker's Worldviews class. Josh Maassen, senior, used tree limbs in an attempt to prove that secular humanism has more validity than Christianity.



Andy Clemens, sophomore, reads the lyrics of a song in Mr. Larry Hughes' first hour Biblical Ethics class. Students had the task of picking song and then evaluating whether it was a moral, immoral, or neutral song.



Peter Boggs and Kelyn Gum, sophomores, listen to music in Biblical Ethics during their music project. "I like the fact that we were able to listen to music in class."



Josh Maassen, senior, presents the 'Who Are They' project for worldviews class. Maassen took the role of a secular humanist and to prove his theory, he said, "You can't reach out and touch God like you can nature or another person."



Bennet Bell and Sheridan Hentrich, seventh graders, read the Bible in Mrs. Martha Jane Wolters' first hour Bible class. They were reading the story of Sarah and Abraham in Genesis 16.



Kip Baliach and Matt Heyse, freshmen, listen in Mr. Brian Burkey's New Testament Survey class. They were listening to a lecture explaining the reasons the Bible is God's word.

Jim Farmer
Mike Ford
Todd Fuller
Kelly Gilbert



L. B. Graham
Karen Groves
David Haas
Judy Haas



Susan Hall
Steve Hall
Tim Hall
Susan Haverstick



Sarah Hall, seventh grader, listens in Ms. Kim Landes first hour English class. "I like English a lot, we play alot of fun games and stuff."



Communication

"To read and write with greater proficiency, to express their thoughts and to think critically, and to enable them to discover and embrace a biblical view of the world and integrate that view into every area of life" is how seventh grade English teacher, Ms. Kim Landes, describes the mission of the WCA English department. To Cultivate Christian Minds is the mission of WCA, and the English department is no exception.

The rigorous emphasis that the English department places on developing each student's writing skills often surpasses that of other schools. The stories that are often heard from WCA college freshman is that their skills are far above their college peers.

Because of the acceptance that teachers have for students with learning disabilities, even those challenged in these areas are well versed in the art of writing.

"Our goal is to teach students to be proficient writers, speakers and communicators" said Landes, "English is all about communication- whether it be writing, public speaking, or day to day conversation."



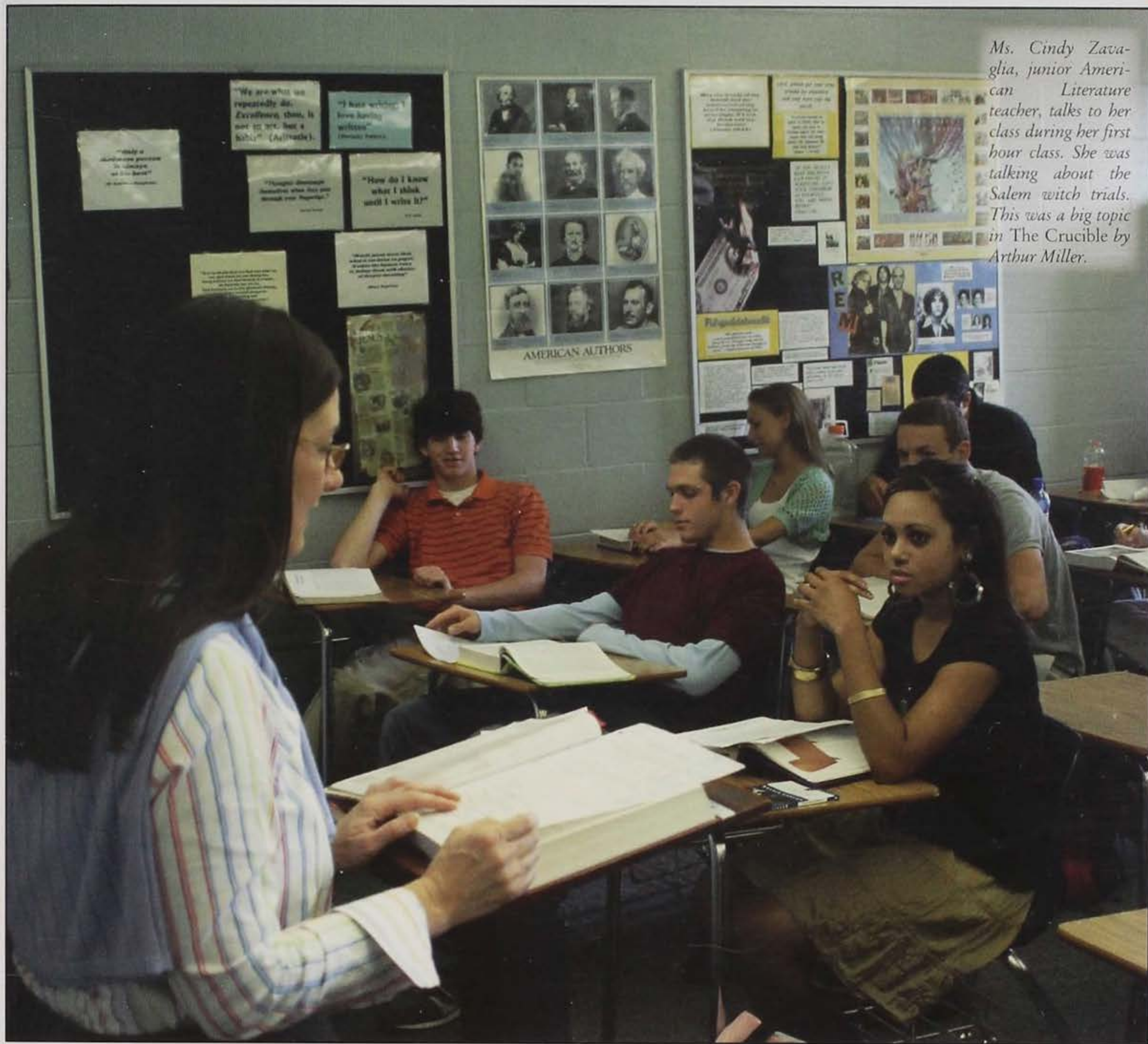
Ms. Sara Keeton divides up her first hour English class into groups. Lee Davis, sophomore, listens as she describes how to discuss the novel *Pilgrim's Progress*, a famous book about the Christian walk by John Bunyan.



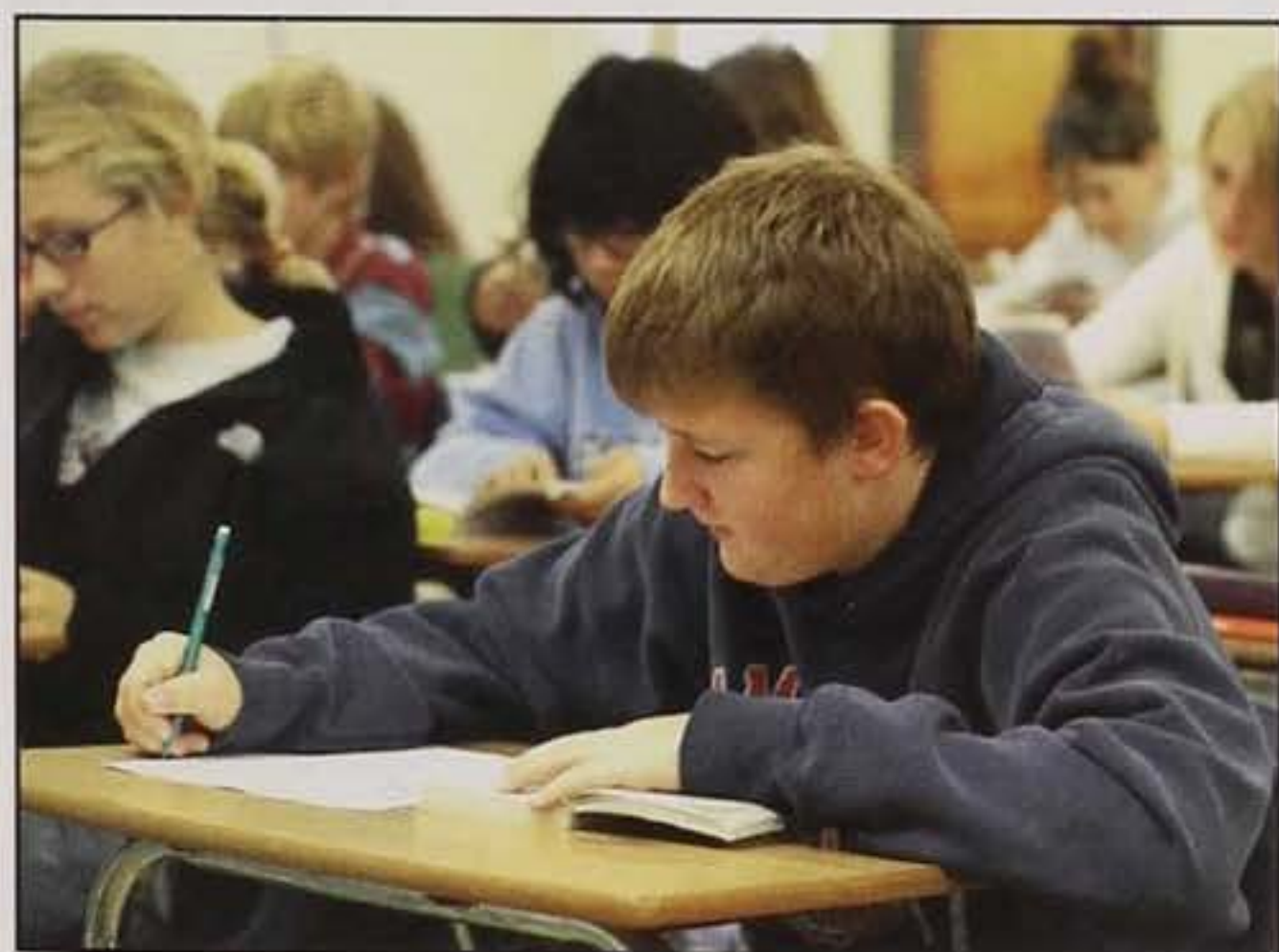
Clinton Alexander, sophomore, takes notes in Mr. Bob Vass's sixth hour English class. Mr. Vass was talking about sonnets and pentameters in poems.



Jimmy Munson, sophomore, writes in Mr. Bob Vass' sixth hour class. He was writing about Stuco Carnival that took place on October 22.



Ms. Cindy Zavglia, junior American Literature teacher, talks to her class during her first hour class. She was talking about the Salem witch trials. This was a big topic in *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller.

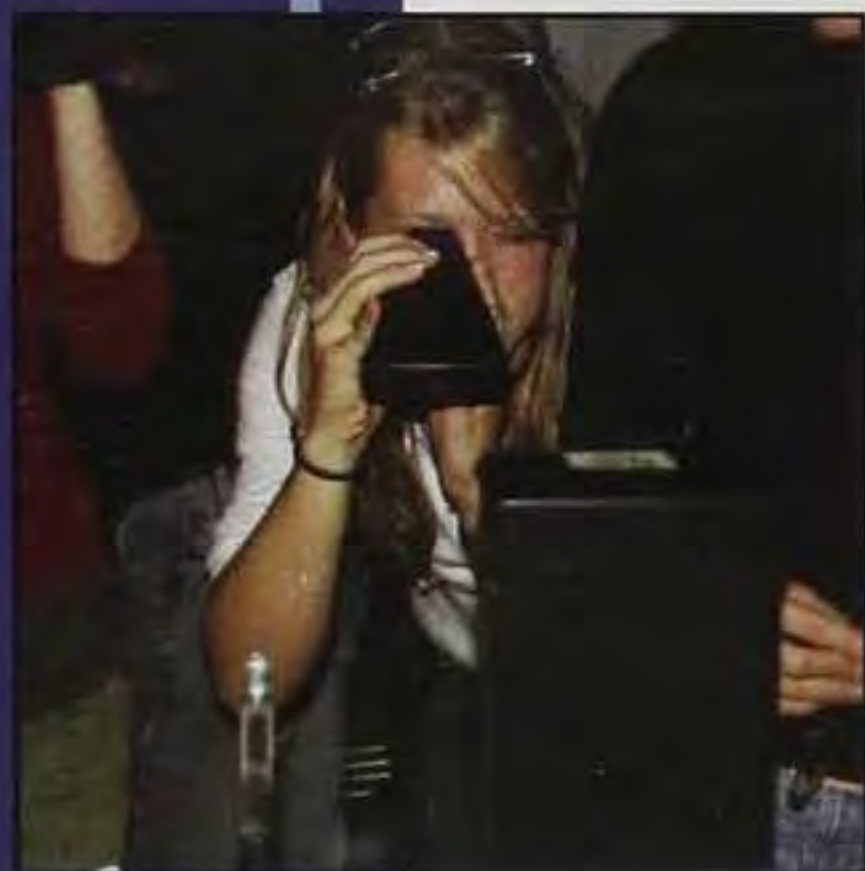


Samuel Knehans, freshman, takes notes in Mrs. Ann Heyse's first hour class on the book *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. The book tackles the problems of racial diversity and the southern mentality.



New seventh grade teacher, Ms. Kim Landes asks her students what they would want to do in the future.

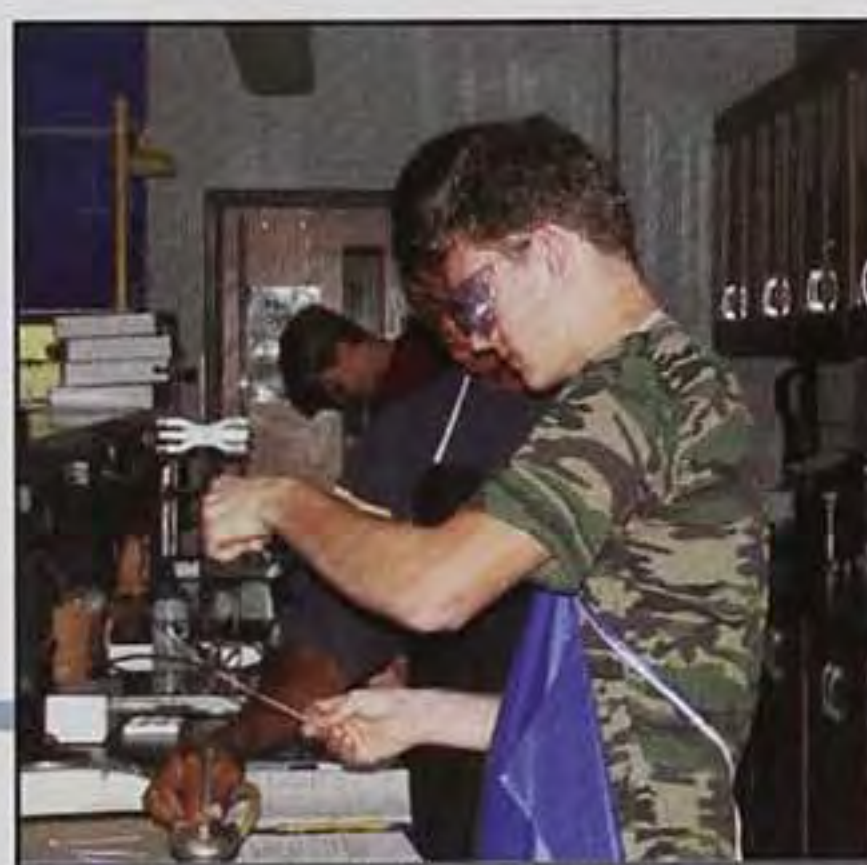
Mr. Warren Smith assists Libby Boehne, junior, during a challenging Honors Biology lab. "Mr. Smith makes the class so much fun because he's smart and funny," Boehne said.



Cali Stewart, sophomore, speculates color changes and measurements while peering through a spectrometer during her Honors Chemistry lab. "I'm actually learning stuff from Mr. Shaw," said Stewart.



Beth Doriani, junior, takes biology notes from Mr. Warren Smith's overhead projector. Smith offered students online notes from his website that were printable days before lessons.



John Arrington, sophomore, observes a flame's color change in Dr. Andrew Shaw's lab. Chemistry students had a lab every block day, in addition to special experiments throughout the week. Anna Duell, sophomore, commented on her labs, "My lab partners and I have problems with labs. We always have to do it two or three times before we get it right."



Emily Rassieur, freshman, finds the relationship between mass and acceleration during a block day lab. Rassieur enjoyed having a variety of classmates in her particular Physics class. "There were freshman, sophomores, and even seniors. It was fun getting to know people I wouldn't normally know."

Twice the Reaction

While most WCA students endured labs, tests, projects, worksheets and quizzes for one science class, there were a few brave scholars who took on two science classes this year.

"Surprisingly, taking two science classes is not hard at all," said Billy Bubenik, junior, who decided not only to take the required biology class for his junior year, but also Forensic Science. Forensic Science, taught by Dr. Andrew Shaw, is a semester class that applies science to law, with major topics that include crime scene and physical evidence. The class participated in various labs, from chromatography to electro-magnification.

"When I grow up, I want to be a forensic scientist, like the guys on CSI. And I know that it is really hard to become one, so I am starting young," Bubenik said, commenting on why he was taking the class.

Bubenik's fellow classmate JW Vineyard, junior, also took Forensic Science and agreed with Bubenik, saying, "With AP Bio and Forensic Science, it is not as hard as I thought. It is really interesting and is a possibility for my future".

Still others looked for even a greater challenge, like Alex Arnold, junior, who took AP Biology and AP Chemistry this year. Arnold, who wanted to be a doctor, decided to take two science classes so she would be able to take AP Physics and Forensic Science next year. "Also, it would be good to get some college credit," said Arnold. Both Mr. Chris Bryan, teacher for AP Biology, and Shaw, who also taught AP Chemistry, posted the homework a week before the due date so students taking both courses would have plenty of time to get their work done on time.

"It sometimes gets confusing because the subjects will overlap, but other than that, juggling both classes is not that hard. I just learned how to manage my time better," said Arnold.



Lisa Hoover, sophomore, transports distilled water from a pipet to a beaker. Dr. Loren Schrier's chemistry class often measured temperatures, pH levels and volumes of various liquids.



Joanna Haas, Emily Sheehan and Kate Ross, juniors, observe cell cycles during mitosis. Honors Biology students struggled through this lab because, "it was hard to find the different cell cycles because they were so small and we weren't familiar with the microscopes enough," said Meredith Roberts, junior.



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Mark Hearne
Nicky Hensley

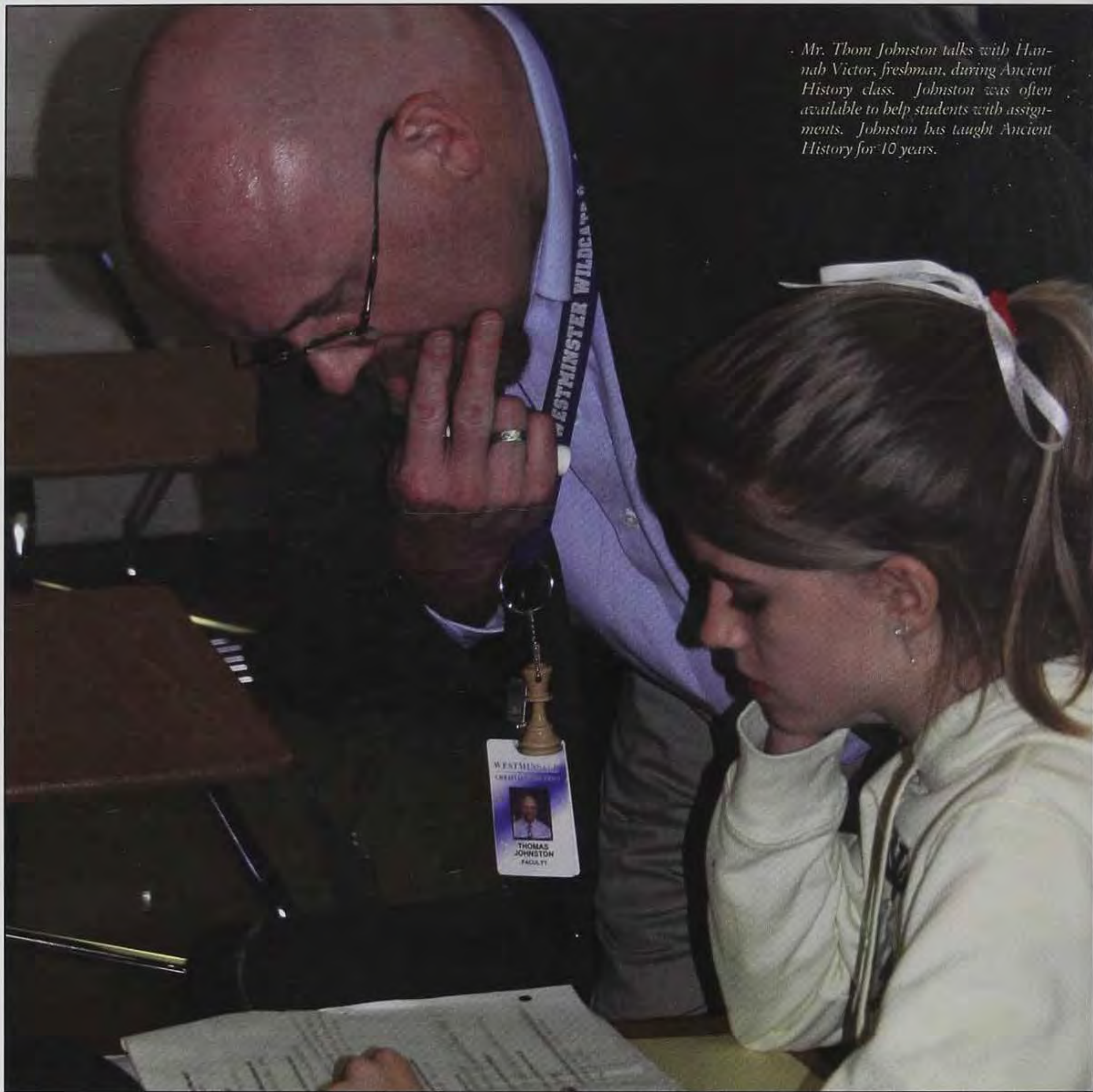
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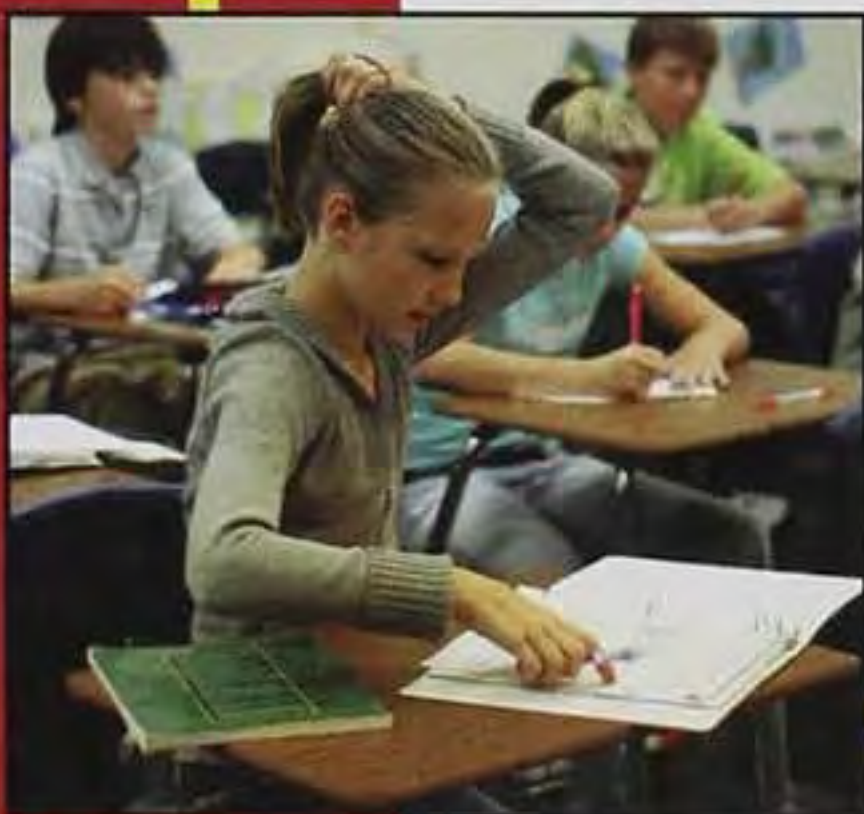
David Johnson
Jeff Johnson
Lynne Johnson

Peggy Johnson
Thomas Johnston
Hugh Jones

Sara Keeton
Kent Kebr
Jill Keith



Mr. Thom Johnston talks with Ha-nab Victor, freshman, during Ancient History class. Johnston was often available to help students with assignments. Johnston has taught Ancient History for 10 years.



Chelsea McConkey, seventh grader, takes notes during her geography class. Mrs. Ashley Woodall tried to have students understand the geography and culture of foreign nations. "We study the way cultures interact by simulating different situations during class," said Woodall.



Jamie Kim and Elliot Brown, seniors, get some insight from Mr. Ken Boesch during their Political Science class. This year was the largest Boesch has ever had in the course's history with 34 students competing at the We the People competition from Westminster.



Mr. Chris Knerr models Michelangelo's David with the help of Daniel Smith, sophomore. Knerr's Western Civilization class could often be seen with unorthodox object lessons being taught.



Abby O'Brien, sophomore, listens as Mr. Bob Vass teaches his European History class about the absolute monarchy of Louis IV. Vass was known for the variety of activities he used during class. Students' favorites included dress up days and group class presentations.

A Tad Bit Different

History teachers at Westminster have been recognized as somewhat eccentric instructors. From the dress-up days with Mr. Bob Vass to the "American Pie" singing and toga-wearing Mr. Chris Knerr, it became clear this year that history classes are a little different.

"High school students have trouble focusing with only lecturing in class," said Knerr. With students unable to focus much of the time, the teachers were forced to become a little more creative when educating their students. Knerr's discussion oriented class, or "harkness," is a method that allows students to bounce the major ideas of the subject matter between each other, and develop a more rounded view of the information.

"Having a discussion in class everyday was not something I was used to," said Gregory Schoenberg, sophomore. In changing things up, the teachers tried to keep students both entertained and informed.

"Giving students a variety during class helps them retain information easier," said Mr. Thom Johnston, Ancient History teacher. Most Westminster students agreed that an assortment of teaching techniques made them less prone to dozing off. The array of techniques helped them not only to learn more, but to enjoy their classes as well. Our history teachers gave their best effort to keep us entertained, and we can all agree they accomplished their goal.



Andy Kerckhoff
Han K Kim
Katherine Kindbom

Josie Kinmonth
Ila Klemm
Gary Kleyn

Josh Kleyn
Shari Kleyn
Chris Knerr

Emily Koenig
Kimberly Landes
Dan Legters

Florence Lewis
John Lewis
James Marsh

Karen Martin
Becky Mendis
Alan Miller



Katy Smith, eighth grader, has a question for Mrs. Maria Deutschman's in her eighth grade US History class. The students researched the middle 19th century and made homemade movies illustrating their research.



Garen Lafser, Julia Myers, Katie Parvin, and Christy Krumsieg, juniors, listen as Mr. Mark Hearne describes the Revolutionary War. Hearne had taught history at Westminster for over 20 years, and his students had come to affectionately call him "Papa Hearne."

Michael Alexander, senior, works on his article "the effects fans have on sports." He said, "It was really interesting because I got to see how important fans are." His favorite part of newspaper was bossing people around.



Devin James, junior, said his favorite part of newspaper was "chilling with VonderBrugge." But the most fun article he wrote was, "Kenyan being athlete of the month, cuz we were pretty good friends," said James.



What do NASCAR, Wrestling, and John Wayne have in common?

Ben Davis, junior newspaper staff member, described the parallels. "[Scott] VonderBruegge [publications teacher] keeps the class atmosphere professional, yet we definitely know how to have a good time." In order for the newspaper staff to enjoy themselves under pressure from deadlines, they maintained a light environment. For example, Mike Dellaquila, junior, described one of Mr. Scott Vonder Brugge's favorite sports—NASCAR. "I tell him it stands for 'Non-Athletic Sport Centered Around Rednecks.'" Dellaquila also said, "He always quotes The Rock, the wrestler."

VonderBrugge not only showed his love for these two sports, but he placed a life size cardboard cutout of John Wayne in the publications room (to display his favorite actor). Calen Caple, junior, remembered, "When I told him my uncle lived at John Wayne's house, he almost passed out on the floor."

Overall there has been much banter, but Vonder Brugge reminded the class that comedy does not come easily. "He says comedy is a tough business," explained Davis. The Comedy Shark, VonderBrugge's imaginary pet, released when someone made a joke that not up to par, helped to instill the working atmosphere.

Tim E.O. Muebleisen
Dane Ortlund
Stacey Ortlund



Paige Patton
Chris Pederson
Maureen Pederson



J.D. Perona
Marty Peters
Mollie Pfuetze



Susan Pike
Judy Powell
Curt Rabe



Amy Rauls
Pamela Reed
Betty Richardson



Ellen Robb
Spencer Savory
Susan Schmersabl

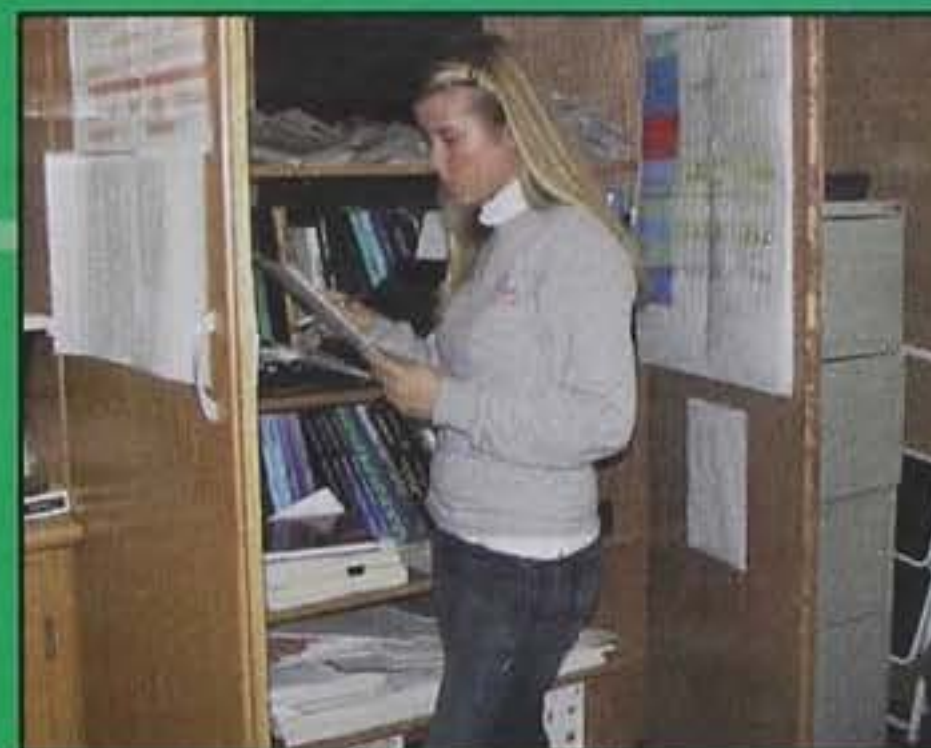


Landon Chard and Matthew Hudnut, eighth graders, search for their keyboard covers, which help them learn keystrokes. Each class had three levels. The first level was learning all the keys, the second was reviewing skills, and in the last one there were timed tests and the learning of Microsoft Word.



Katelyn Haverstick, eighth grader, waits for Mrs. Groves to tell her what keyboarding program to open.

Trista Maloney, senior, finds her graded paper on choices during Life Skills. Sarah Lillenberg, senior, said, "We learn stuff about your character and learning styles, and how to interact with other people."



Anna Gladney, junior, checks the spelling of names on her yearbook page. She said, "Yearbook has changed a lot this year, and I think we're all learning to be more responsible and organized. But I think the reason I like this class the most is because it's pretty 'open' and you get to be friends with a lot of people you probably would've never met."



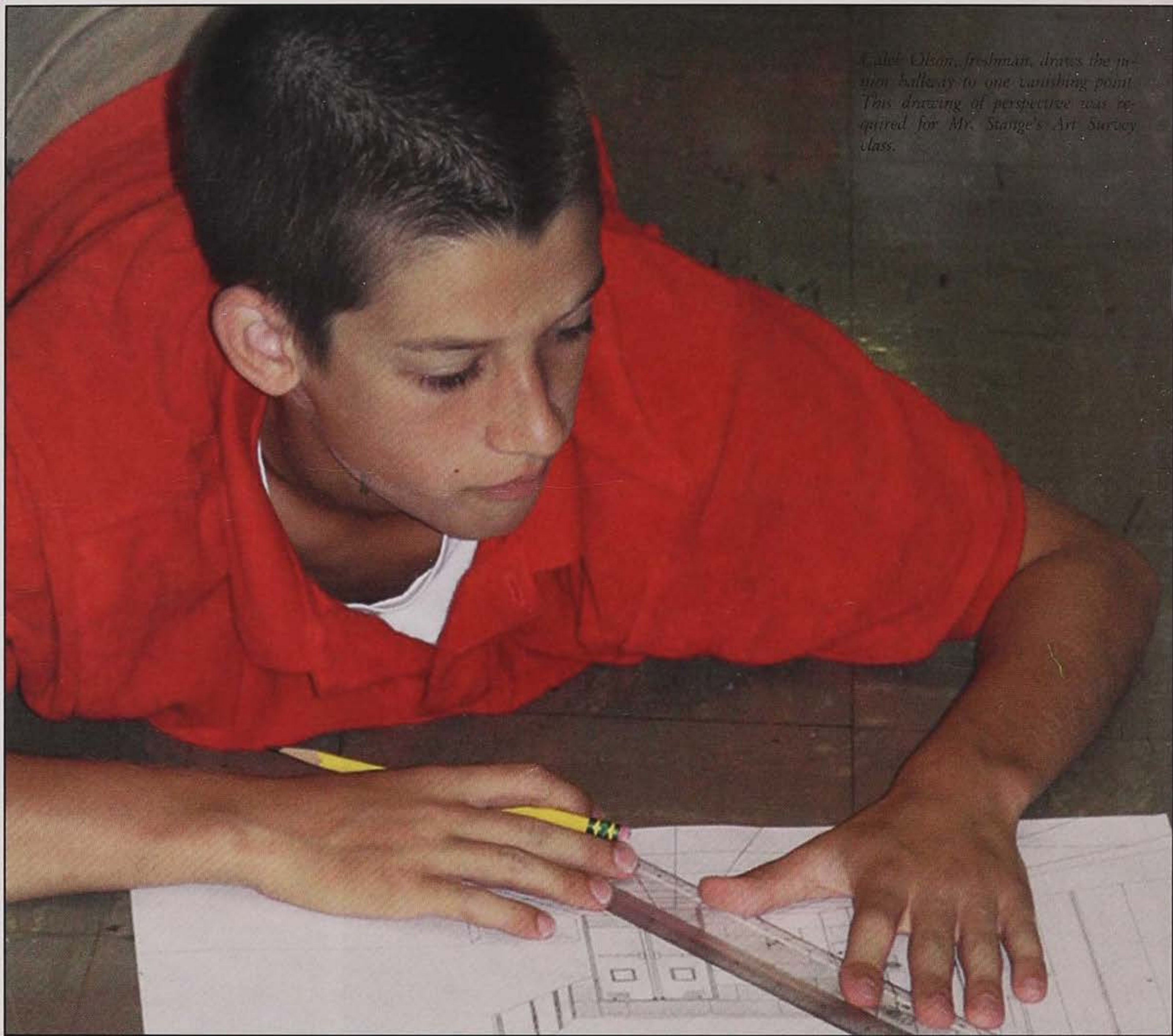
Jon Haas, senior, prepares to take pictures of math classes for yearbook. Yearbook used all digital cameras in order to eliminate the cost of film. Becca Wippold, senior, compared yearbook to last year, "We have more cameras to use this year...The computers are still slow."



Alex Arnold, junior, creates an advertisement for digital communications. According to Jesse Young, senior, Mrs. Robb made the class interesting. "When it's your birthday, she puts a flamingo next to you and makes the whole class sing," said Young.



Jon Demy and Rachel Johnson, seniors, search through notecards in Life Skills. On each notecard was a struggle that someone might have with beneficial ways to change.



Caleb Olson, freshman, draws the junior hallway to one vanishing point. This drawing of perspective was required for Mr. Stange's Art Survey class.



David Tetrake, sophomore, plays the mandolin in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." The drama 2 class presented this play in September.



Alyssa Wallach, eighth grader, plays the flute during Band practice for the annual Christmas Festival. This festival included all the middle school and highschool bands and choirs.



Hope Harl, sophomore, sits quietly drawing her perspective, of a hallway for Art Survey. This drawing of the junior hallway worked on dimensions and brought all lines to a focus point.



Nick Pieber and Deborah Roby, seniors, anticipate the contents of the vital letter in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing". This play was performed by Mrs. Ila Klemm's Drama 2 Class.

Less isn't always more

Every year during second semester improv fills Westminster's Little Theater with laughs and smiles. This year the improv program was different from years past. Instead of only one semester of good times and hard laughs it became a year-round event.

"So many kids signed up this year," said Mrs. Ila Klemm, the improv coach, "so basically you're either in or you're not." This year there was an overwhelming interest in improv. Because of the high number of students wanting to take part in it, the drama department decided to hold an improv class for both semesters.

"It gives so many more kids so many more opportunities," Klemm said. She hoped that it would allow more people to have the experience of performing spontaneously and without a script. However, even with both classes full of students, not all made the cut. Not only was this made an opportunity for new students, it also provided a chance for the veteran improv students to improve their skills.

Libby McDonald, junior, a member of the improv team, said, "You can get better with more practice if you do it year-round." She, as well as many others on the team, realized that practice makes perfect. McDonald also said that the practice was helpful for the shyer kids who are not as outgoing. "It gave them more opportunities to become more comfortable."

Tom Henry, senior, also acknowledged that having two semesters of improv was beneficial for the team: "It's cool that we have it both semesters so we have first semester to warm up, so it's not all of a sudden second semester."

The new improv setup worked well this year not only for the cast but also for the audience, as it doubled the amount of funny moments and random skits. In this case the ever popular saying, "sometimes less is more" did not prove to be true. The more the merrier.



Samantha Hobbs, senior, Sarah Moore, junior, Kirstin Johnson, senior, and Kelyn Gum, sophomore, warm up their voices with a Christmas carol. The touring choir, directed by Mr. Allen Schwamb, performed a Christmas Concert this year.



Loren Schrier
Allen Schwamb
Helen Scott

James Sefrit
Mark Sell
Andrew Shaw

Warren Smith
J. Cory Snyder
Christy Spink

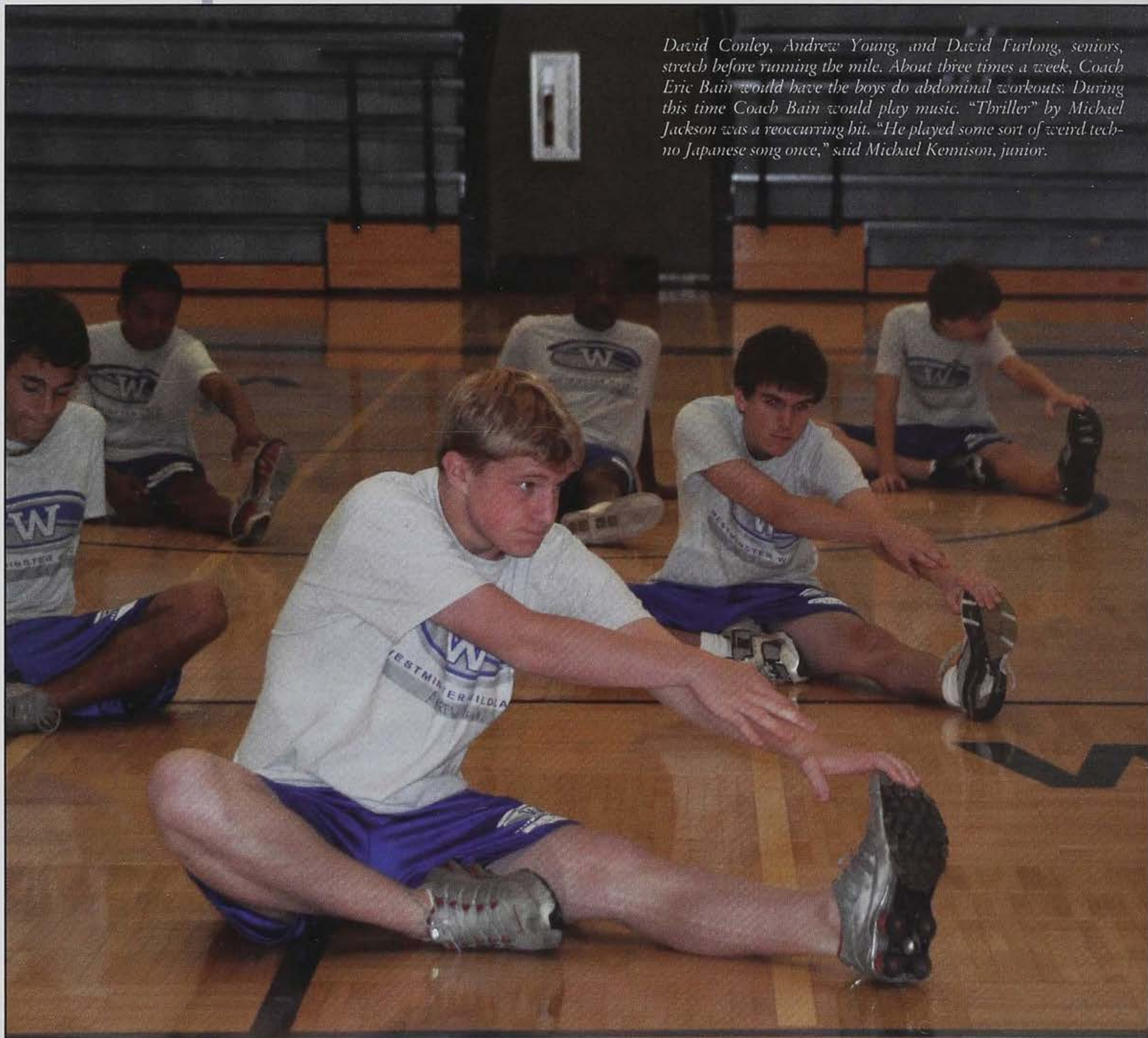
James Stange
Scott Surgener
Paul Talley

Donald Tiemeier
Amy Turner
Rich Van Gilst

Robert Vass
Thane Veltkamp
Scott Vonder
Bruegge



Ethan Cobbel, Jimmy Meyers, and Jake Dwyer, eighth graders, practice a tune for the Holiday season. The eighth grade band performed this melody on December 8 at Christmas Fest.



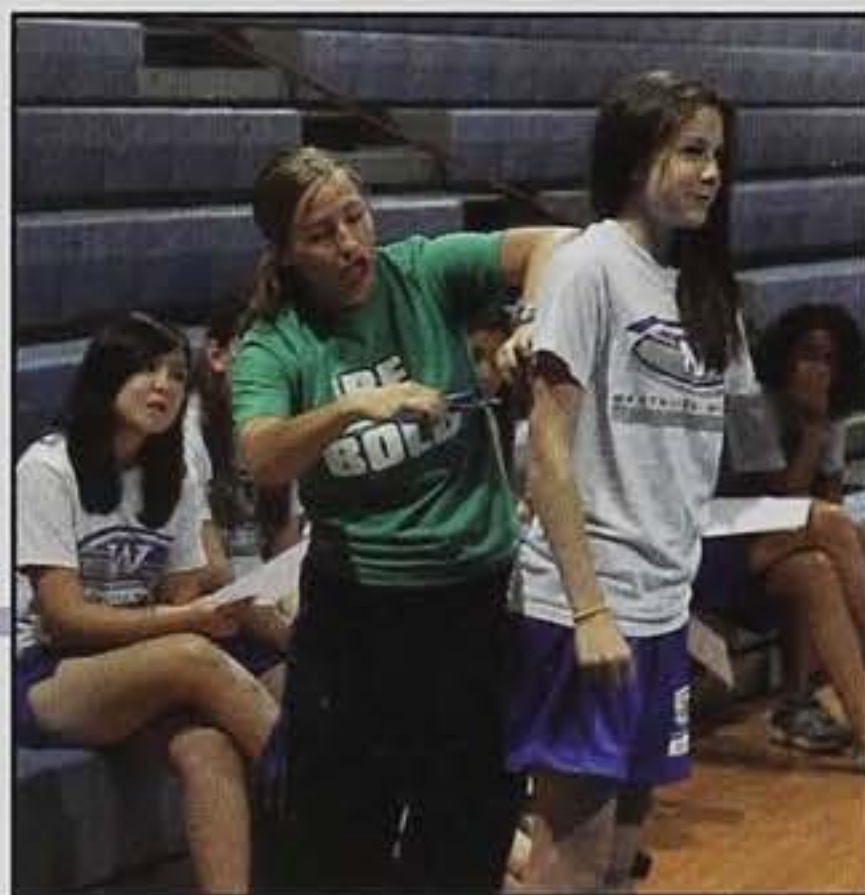
David Conley, Andrew Young, and David Furlong, seniors, stretch before running the mile. About three times a week, Coach Eric Bain would have the boys do abdominal workouts. During this time Coach Bain would play music. "Thriller" by Michael Jackson was a reoccurring hit. "He played some sort of weird techno Japanese song once," said Michael Kemison, junior.



Sarah Hughes, eighth grader, practices her sets in P.E. Middle school sports practiced during the school day instead of after unlike high-school. Hughes said, "I live 30 minutes away from school and have club volleyball. It's really nice having practice during P.E."



The eighth grade boys' soccer team prays together before their practice. "I liked having football practice during school because it was like missing school and it was fun." said Drew Waeckerle, seventh grader.



Christine Ehrmann, freshman, gets her body fat measured in her third hour p.e. class. One of the activities covered in women's P.E. included weight training. "I like to get as ripped as possible in a half hour." said Alex Forkin, junior.



Ben Glaser and Kevin Frick, seniors, run the mile during their first hour P.E. class. The boys would run the mile about once a week after stretches and warm up laps.

After Gym Class...

Smells of sweat mixed with at least ten different Bath and Body Works scents linger even after the last girls leave the locker room following their gym class. But now, a few girls remain in the room, chatting as they brush their hair and reapply their makeup.

"He was looking at you for a really long time," one seventh grader whispers, giggling, to her friend. From a few feet down comes a cry of "Oh my gosh, I need a hair thingy so bad!"

However, their conversations often include the day's class, whether "The Mile", which "really isn't that bad," says seventh grader Leah Gruneisen, "except I hate running downhill on the wood chip trail because I'm always worried that I'll trip and fall on a rock;" the day's devos, which "are usually really good; [Mrs. Pederson] makes sure we always have one -- we talked about sex, once," said junior Erin Wilson; or the day's aerobic exercises, which one day included "a butt-shaping exercise," said Erin Eachus, sophomore, "called the 'Fire Hydrant' because when you do it you kind of look like a dog peeing on a fire hydrant."

Despite the ever-present nauseating smell, the locker room and its plethora of comfortable conversations was a vital part of life for the girls' P.E. classes.



Rachel Leibovich, Erin Wilson, and Emily Hiles, juniors, Jenna Kinsinger, freshman, and Jen Willey, sophomore, take a eating habits survey in their third hour P.E. class. The girls learned how to manage their eating habits as well as memorize the different muscles in their bodies during their weight lifting unit.



Bonnie Wagner
Martha Jane Wolters
Ashley Woodall
Cynthia Zavaglia



Ben Heyse, senior, bowls two balls at once during his third hour P.E. class. On block days Coach Eric Bain would take his P.E. classes to Olivette Lanes to go bowling.



Leisha Ritter, and Madalyn Elliott, eighth graders, play a three on three tournament in their seventh hour P.E. class.

Different groups for different interests

CLUBS



Megan Wiemer, junior, Chaz Langeneckert, seventh grade, and Brennen Urnerstall, junior, lounge on the interviewing couch at Fox 2 News. The AV club visited the TV station to get an inside look at what it takes to air the news.



Faith White, senior, and Paul Friz, sophomore, sell concessions during Friday night Improv. Drama club members volunteered to sell tickets and concessions on Improv nights.



Ben Yousef, senior, studies his music during Concert Choir rehearsal. Yousef also participated in Chamber Choir, a smaller, more challenging group that met a few times a week in the morning and in the afternoons.

Outside of the academic realm, the multitude of options available through clubs at WCA allowed anyone a place to participate. From French Club to Scholar Bowl, there was something to cater to everyone's interests. Latin, Spanish and French Clubs gave a cultured look at language. The WILD Club went camping and eagle watching. The Spirit Club worked to give us the "Vacation Destinations" theme during Spirit Week. AV Club provided the technical support for Spirit Week, chapel and other events. NHS and NJHS members served in their community all year. Hospitality gave tours of the Academy and helped new students feel welcome. Those involved in Scholar Bowl practiced for competitions that would test their knowledge. Chapel Band led us in worship on Wednesdays. The senior and junior PCs began friendships with middle school students. STUCO led every class in neighborhood meetings and important decisions. Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, the Bands and Orchestra rehearsed for hours to perfect their music. FCA enjoyed Monday nights together as they hung out and grew spiritually. Clubs taught students responsibility and commitment.

The year was full of event planning, meetings, special trips and functions. Besides being busy during school hours, members of clubs and organizations also had to work hard outside of school. Participation in clubs was a great way for students to make friends with others who share their interests. The variety of clubs offered let students express themselves both individually and within a group. Clubs helped students get involved, which made them an essential part of Westminster.

IBS



Drew Glidewell, eighth grader, punches his clock after making a move at the Greater Valley Chess League tournament sponsored by Westminster's chess team, led by longtime chess player Mr. Thom J. Johnston, usually gathered after school to play.



Clockwise from top: George Thampy, alumni, and Rachel Wisdom, junior, play 'don't drop the egg' with a spoon and their mouths. The Latin club had an annual Christmas party every year. June Hotchkiss, sophomore, munches on a snack during a lunch meeting in Señora Dudley's Spanish room. Hotchkiss was the vice president of the Spanish club and assisted in organizing events and designing T-shirts. Ben Winter, sophomore, Samuel Robinson and Robyn Dabler, juniors, have a pizza lunch by the Lewis' pool. Rex Oberle, sophomore, commented, "My favorite part was going out to dinner on The Hill. The food was amazing and the Lewis' rocked my world." Ellie Gamache, sophomore, sketches T-shirt ideas for the Spanish club. Gamache, president of the Spanish club, commented, "It was really fun going out to eat with everyone at El Maguey."





FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Every other Friday night, four or five members of the Spanish club drove out of their West County "bubble" and headed down town to work with little boys and girls of People of Refuge. Led by Senora Dudley, they met at school around five o' clock and headed out together. When they arrived, the little kids jumped with excitement, many remembering some of the students from previous visits. "Even though we were only there for about two or three hours, the kids came to love us. They were so happy that someone actually cared for them and showed them respect," said Katie Corder, junior, member of the Spanish Club. Corder went to People of Refuge frequently, and she comments on one experience, "Ellie Moore, Tess Fitzpatrick and I all went down for the Christmas party. It was such a blast. We made them cakes and cookies and ate dinner with them."

On a typical trip, the Spanish club members played with the children while their mothers had a Bible study. Since most of the kids first language is Spanish, the members were able to practice their own Spanish. "Even though we are supposed to be the ones helping them, I think that most of the time we walk out of there with more from the experience," said Stephanie Boyd, junior and secretary of the club.

"It humbles me so much because it shows me how lucky I am and how much God has blessed me." Katie Corder.

Counter-clockwise from top: Lauren Peters, Alyson Brands, Camille Barreri, juniors, Amanda de Agüero and Melody Dickerson, freshmen, chat around a table full of food at the Latin Club's party during the summer. Grace Pohlman and Sarah Ottolimi, seniors, discuss T-shirt designs for the French club while eating lunch. Stephen Knubley, senior, ponders the next French club activity. Katie Davis, Gina Cascella, and Karen Rassieur, juniors, eat lunch in Senora Dudley's room during a Spanish club meeting.

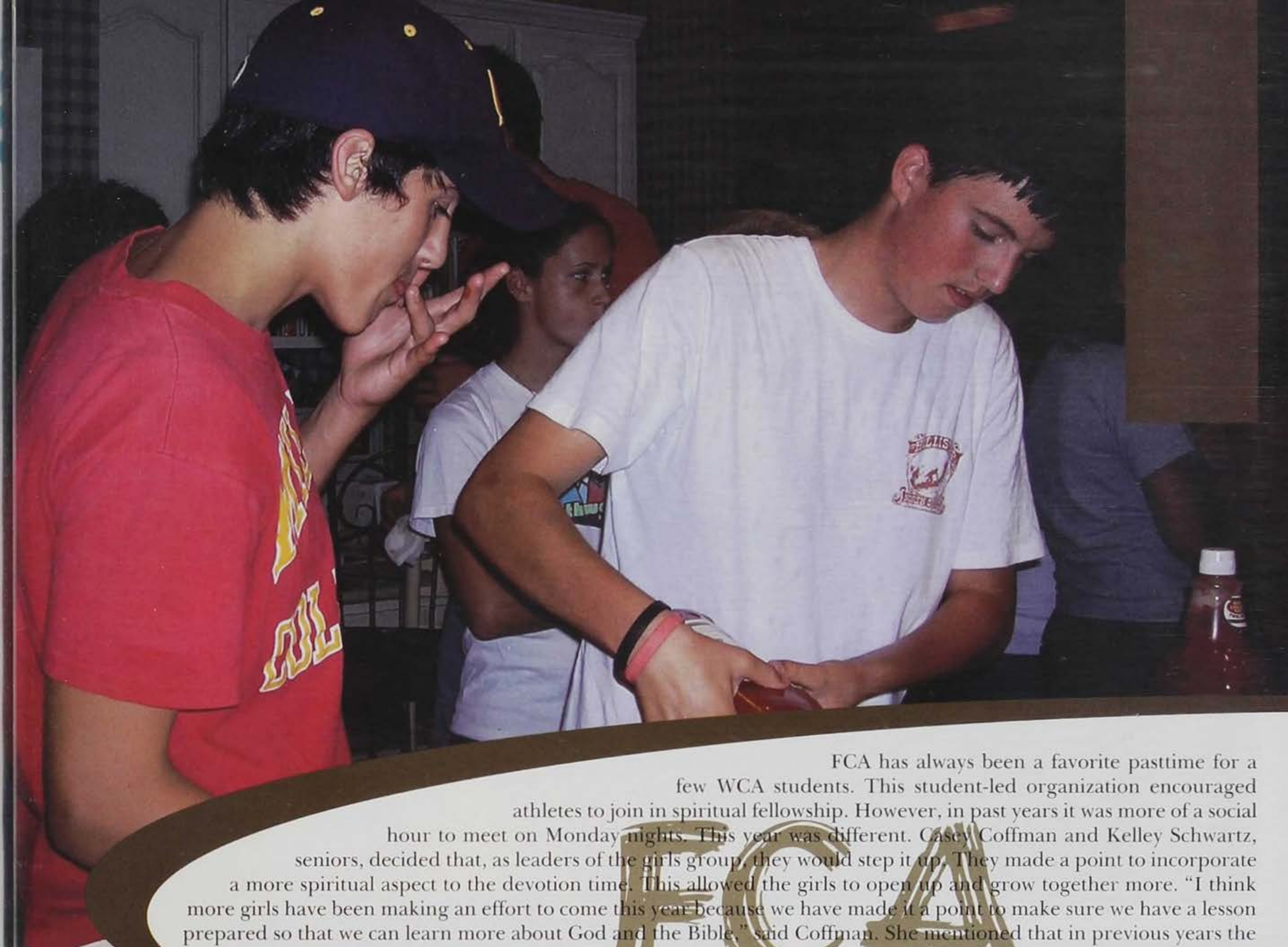
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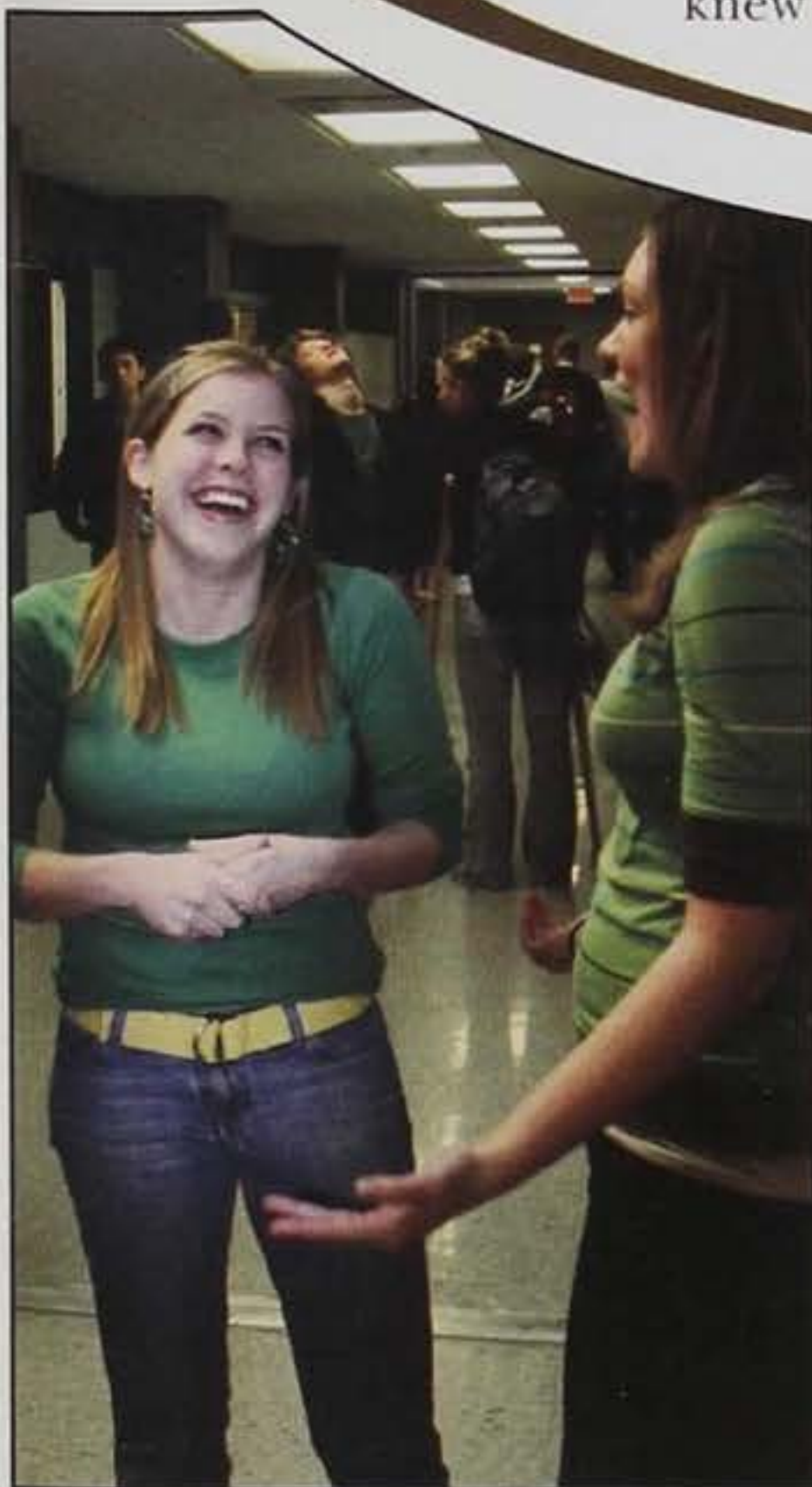
In past years the scholar bowl team has consisted of only the most elite and intelligent students. However, this year the attendance has been much higher. Scholar Bowl coach, Mr. Bob Vass mentioned that one main source of many of the competitors was the freshman class. Previously, only sophomores, juniors, and seniors have participated in this intense event. This year's team included about 16 students from various grades. Another reason why more people were interested this year may be due to their recent successes. Last year the team made it to the state championship and won. Libby Boehne, junior, mentioned, "I love Scholar Bowl! I made lots of new friends, even though I am the dumb one." There are a variety of questions for everyone, ranging from entertainment to biology, to challenging Algebra I questions.

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FCA has always been a favorite pastime for a few WCA students. This student-led organization encouraged athletes to join in spiritual fellowship. However, in past years it was more of a social hour to meet on Monday nights. This year was different. Casey Coffman and Kelley Schwartz, seniors, decided that, as leaders of the girls group, they would step it up. They made a point to incorporate a more spiritual aspect to the devotion time. This allowed the girls to open up and grow together more. "I think more girls have been making an effort to come this year because we have made it a point to make sure we have a lesson prepared so that we can learn more about God and the Bible," said Coffman. She mentioned that in previous years the time on Mondays was just used as "catch up" time. "We made an effort to recruit more kids and make sure they knew that everyone was wanted; we want as many kids to be involved as possible." The time was beneficial and gave the high school girls a unique bond, not only through athletics, but through their goal to pursue a relationship with God.



Clockwise from top left: Lee Davis, sophomore, and Garrett McCarthy, junior, pile their plates with food. The Worrells generously provided all meals and snacks throughout the year. Checking the size, Jeremy Worrell, junior, tells an FCA T-shirt to Lauren Laffter, junior. With Coach Eric, their help, Worrell took the leadership role for the boys' group and led them weekly through discussions at each meeting. At the FCA kick-off, Chris Roszcki, junior, dives into the Worrell's pool. "It was fun to get together with a bunch of people and hang out," Roszcki said. Kelley Schwartz and Casey Coffman, seniors, discuss plans for the next week's devotionals. Every other Monday, the athletes gathered to eat, talk and worship together.



Clockwise from right:
 Melissa Elliott, sophomore, prepares her violin for orchestra practice. Elizabeth Karslake, sophomore, plays her harp in Mr. Hugh Jones' sixth hour string orchestra class. Matt Triebe, senior, plays the bass in orchestra. Paul Fullerton, junior, Hayley Younkin, sophomore, and Sarah Fullerton, freshman share a music stand during orchestra practice.



This year, as the string orchestra began its second year of existence, the members tuned up their violins, cello and harp to enchant the audience during concerts. Elizabeth Karslake, sophomore, played the harp. She started playing in fourth grade. "It's hard to get the notes right [sometimes]," said Karslake. Mr. Hugh Jones, conductor of string orchestra, decided to have an orchestra two years ago. The strings added dimension to concerts and were a new aspect of the fine arts program.

The students who played strings could not participate in regular band before the orchestra was created. The orchestra allowed more Westminster students to display their talents on stage. Siblings Paul and Sarah Fullerton, junior and freshman, both played the violin. A fall concert, Christmasfest, and a spring concert were the main events for orchestra. The string orchestra was a great invention for those who have been playing strings for years. It also provided a positive experience for those involved. The string orchestra was a great opportunity for Westminster to add more musical talents to its many organizations.





When most people thought of the hospitality club at Westminster, they usually thought about the members showing around potential students and guests during the school day. Or they recognized that the members went above and beyond their call of duty as students, attending open houses, new student orientations, college fairs and back to school night, and upholding certain guidelines, including a set GPA. While this was all correct, an actual hospitality club member, Lindsay Lloyd, junior, told her story of the best part about being in the club: "All the hospitality club members have to attend the back to school night, otherwise known as IGNITE. It is during the second week of school, and all the parents come and spend about 10 minutes in their child's classroom. They have a shortened version of what their child's day would be like. It is so funny to see them in the hallway rushing to their classes, hoping not to be late. And if you think that students talk loudly during their passing period... Well the parents make even more noise! Also, I can definitely tell which parents belong to which students. After I attended IGNITE, I can see where some of the students who talk in class come about their habit."



*Clockwise from top:
Trevor McHardy, sophomore, helps a mother find her child's schedule for IGNITE. Bethany Hoekzema, sophomore, sets up juice and refreshments for parents to enjoy at IGNITE. Mark Dudley, senior, helps parents with their inquiries about schedules. Lindsay Lloyd, junior, answers a parent's question.*



Every year the true test of a WCA musician's skill is the all-district band auditions in the late fall. This year WCA's band was especially talented, as seven that auditioned were selected to participate in the band: Elizabeth Sippel, sophomore, first chair flute; Lauren Cantrell, senior, first chair piccolo; Sarah Breeding, senior, fifth chair clarinet; Andrea Jacobson, senior, eighth chair clarinet; Sam Hotchkiss, senior, fourth chair tenor saxophone; Eric Taylor, sophomore, first chair baritone saxophone; and Peter Schamp, senior, fourth chair trumpet.

Sippel, describing her audition experience, said, "It was pretty intense because there were about twenty-five people auditioning for ten flute spots, so I was really excited when I found out I made it."

Making the all-district band makes a student eligible to audition for the all-state band. Up until this year, trombone player Dan Serber (class of 2005) had been the only WCA student to make the all-state band. This year, however, Andrea Jacobson and Peter Schamp also made the band, with Jacobson as 13th chair clarinet and Schamp as 11th chair trumpet.

"I really got lucky," Jacobson said, "because my first audition went pretty badly, so I was the lowest placing person who was called back, but my second audition went a lot better, so I ended up making the band!"

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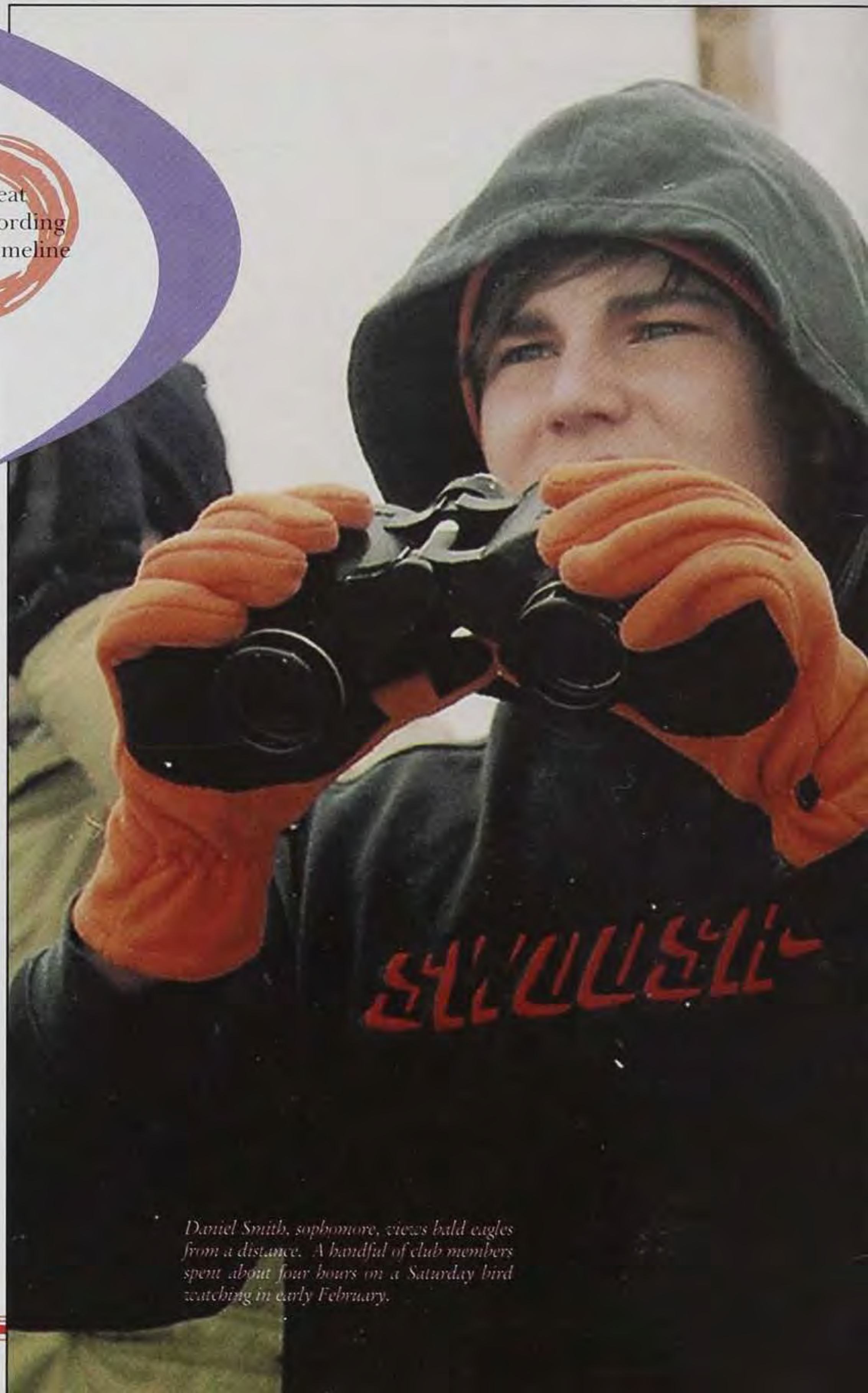
How do WILD Club members spend their weekends? Thanks to Tori VanderHeide and Sarah Ball, sophomore members, we can now take a peek into the club's outdoor exploits. WILD, which stands for Wilderness Instruction and Leadership Development, is a "great opportunity for kids who enjoy being outside", according to the club's leader, Mrs. Heyse. Here is a rough timeline of this year's fall trip.

- 4 pm: Pack up the bus and leave school
- 4:30: Traffic!
- 6:00: Arrive at the campsite and put up tents
- 6:30: Tacos!
- 8:00: Run around in the dark with flashlights
- 8:30: Find a snake by the river...take pictures with it!
- 11:00: "go to bed".
- 3:00 am Friday: Mrs. Heyse tells us to stop talking!
- 8:00: Wake up, sort of...make eggs!
- 10:00: CANOEING!!
- 1:00: Stop for PB&J, take a swim in the cold river.
- 4:00: Sarah and Smitty go too far and get lost.
- 7:00: Spaghetti!
- 12:00: Go to bed, and talk...
- 9:00 am Saturday: Walk to a cave.
- 10:13: Run from the bats!
- 11:30: Stuff the bus and start home.

Clockwise from top: Jennifer Bubb and Andrew Clemens, sophomores, make their way down the Courtois River. Any students who were interested were allowed to miss a day of school in order to attend the annual float trip put on by the WILD Club.

Mr. Warren Smith, biology teacher, looks for eagles in Alton, Illinois. "Normally we see more eagles, but there was still a decent number. None of the eagles were really close, you had to use binoculars. Would I do it again? Absolutely," said Smith.

Dressed in their warmest coats, students on the eagle watching trip brave the 15 degree weather, not to mention the extra blasts of wind coming off the river.



Daniel Smith, sophomore, views bald eagles from a distance. A handful of club members spent about four hours on a Saturday bird watching in early February.

The whole school
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 STUCO members
 in their sublimed
 t-shirts. At the
 retreat, the retreat is
 held not long be-
 fore school starts in
 the fall. Mrs. Susan
 Pike, the faculty
 leader of STUCO,
 is not pictured.



If you hadn't noticed, Student Counsel went through some changes this year. For example, ITSOG was passed out of the hands of STUCO and into the equally adept hands of the class service chairs. One might think the members of STUCO would simply enjoy the extra time they would have spent organizing, or use that time to plan for their other events such as Carnival or Christmas banquet. Instead, they sought out a different way to service the community. The members offered themselves as a framework for a school-wide effort to deliver 'blessing baskets' to 75 of our closest neighbors. The baskets include everything from candles to hot chocolate, and were personally delivered by STUCO and NHS members the week before Thanksgiving to Creve Couer residents. And although this will probably not turn into an annual event, the was a one-shot gesture well-appreciated. As we openly showed our neighbors that we value them, many changed their outlook on the school. According to Mrs. Susan Pike, the positive response was "overwhelming".



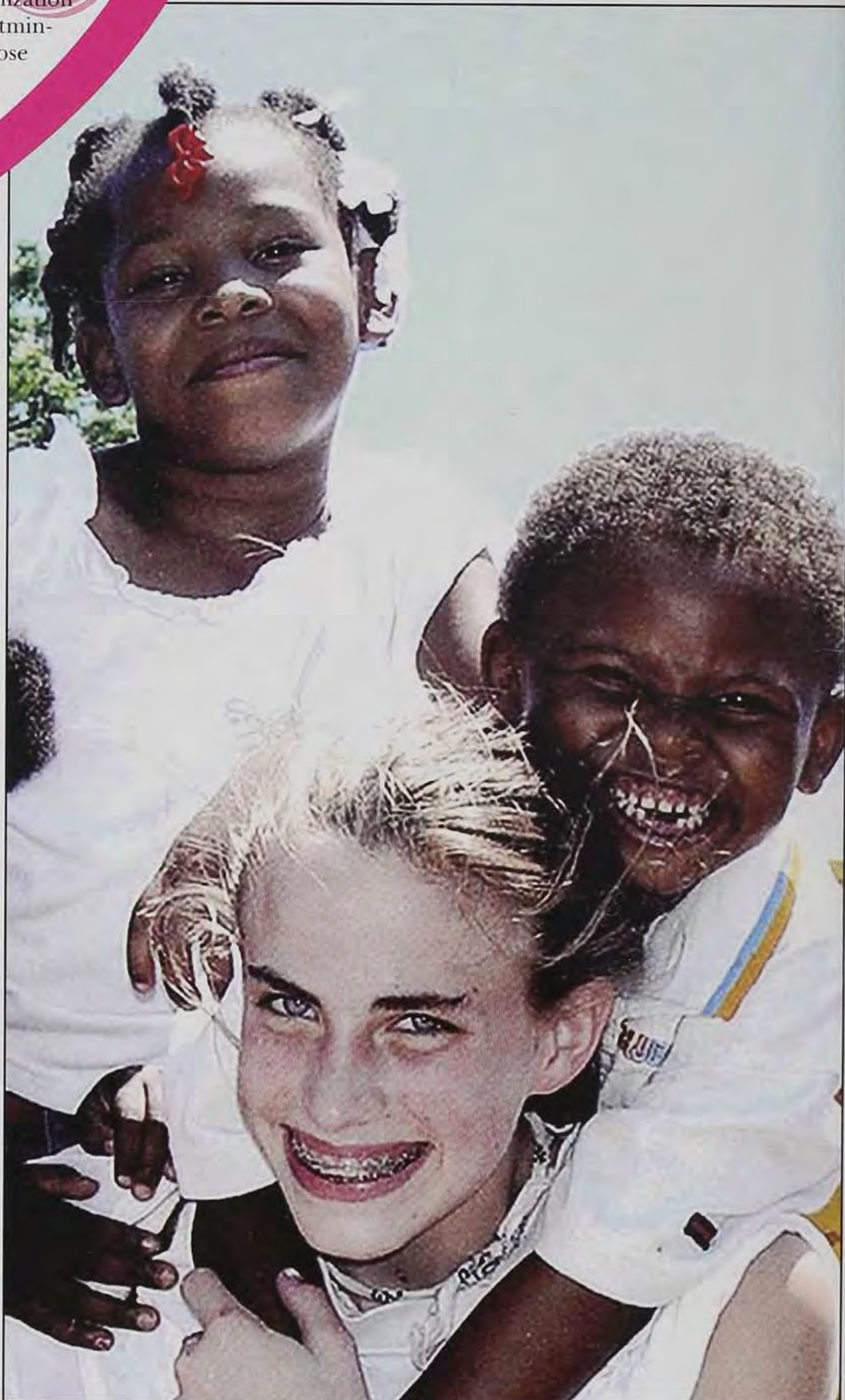
From left: Stephanie Brown, junior, gets ready to deliver a blessing basket. Though Stephanie is not a member of STUCO, she is an NHS member and was willing to contribute. Bobby Degnan, sophomore, directs the canoe from the rear. A few members braved the lake on the mandatory STUCO retreat this year. Abby Hicks, freshman, plays the part of the Statue of Liberty in a quick skit (during the retreat). Besides fun and games, the group set aside time for devotions and planning for the school year.

The National Junior Honor Society provided a chance for seventh through ninth graders to serve the community. Members were required to complete three independent service projects throughout the year and submit essays describing their work. Lezlie McDonald, eighth grader, said, "I made a lemonade stand with some of my friends, and we raised \$180 for Hurricane Katrina."

Molly Anderson, eighth grader, took a trip to Juarez, Mexico, for one of her service projects. She enjoyed talking with the wife of one of the pastors of a Mexican church. "The churches down there are so different from the ones here. In Mexico, so many of the people have troubles, and the church is truly the backbone of the community," said Anderson.

For one of his service projects, Andrew Goebel, freshman, helped out at a Christmas party for an organization called Mission Gate. The party was held in Westminster's old gym, and volunteers played with kids whose parents were in jail and gave them presents.

Despite the variety of the projects, most students agreed that their work allowed them to broaden their interests and abilities.



Counter-clockwise from top: Bethany Haines, freshman, completes a daily assignment during her first period Spanish class. Haines commented, "I normally work at the various Twin Oaks Banquets to get in service hours." Nevin Cherian, freshman, listens to Mr. Birchler speak at an NJHS meeting in preparation for the induction. The NJHS induction took place during the Spring. Heidi Hunter, eighth grader, empties a recycle bin. Hunter was required to maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher to be a member of NJHS. Shelly Russell, freshman, smiles as she is swarmed by giggling children from the Inner City. "I loved playing with the kids on the missions trip to Kinloch. It was amazing to see the difference in culture between West County and Kinloch because they are only thirty minutes apart," said Russell.

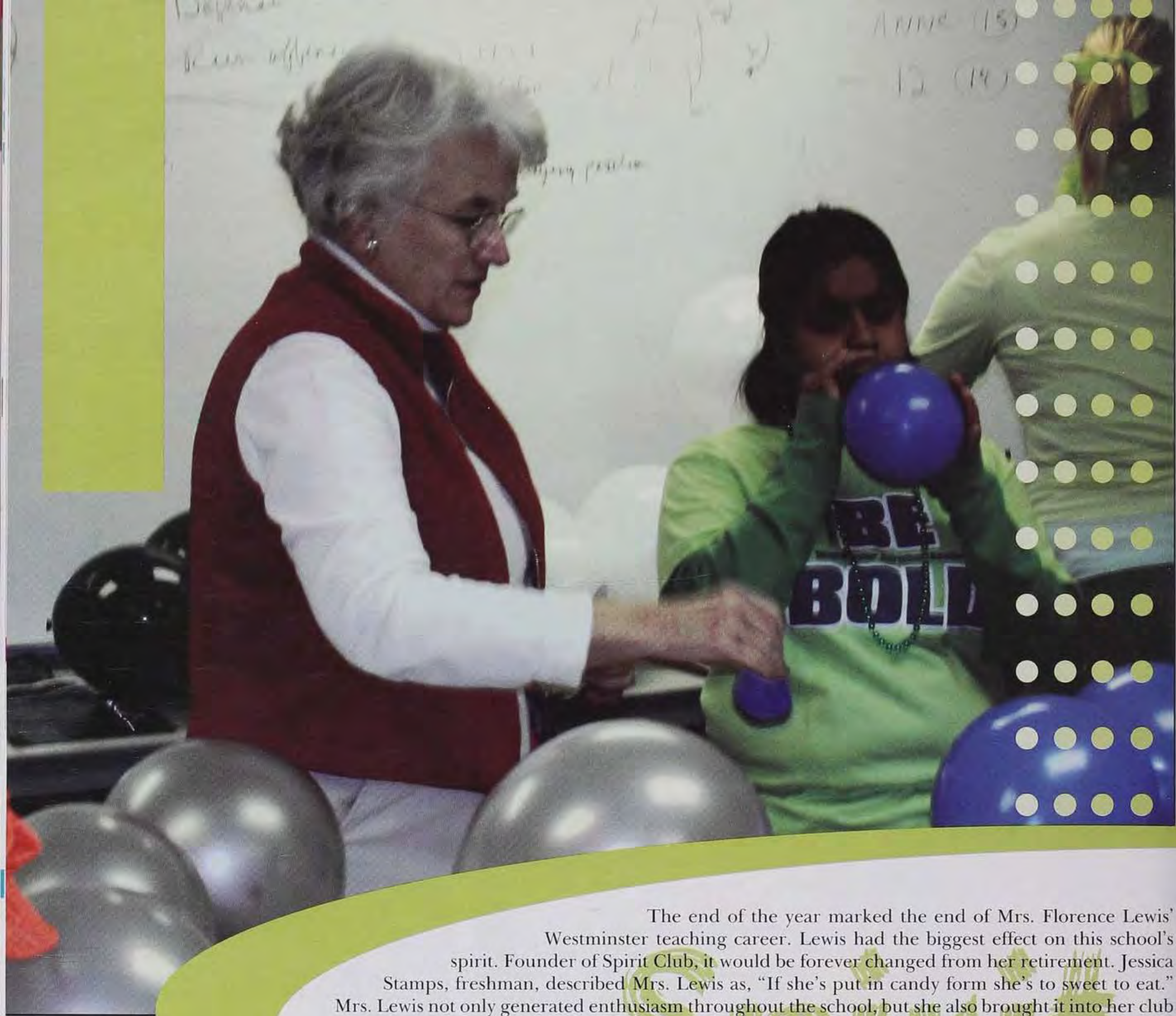


One of the highlights of the year for the National Honor Society is Room at the Inn. Once a month, a handful of members spent the night at a church, helping out homeless people by giving them a place to eat dinner and rest. The President of NHS, Elisabeth O'Brien, senior, said that what she liked most about NHS was the fact that "you get to see a lot of people that you don't normally hang out with in a setting other than at school." Many other students agreed that playing "SORRY" with Mr. Birchler, the club's advisor, was their favorite memory of Room at the Inn. Although students enjoyed being able to see Mr. Birchler and other classmates outside of school, some liked being able to hang out with their friends. Rachael Schaffner, senior, said, "Being able to spend fun times with my best friends and helping people at the same time was very rewarding." Although there is usually Room at the Inn once a month, in October it was cancelled because there were no homeless people who needed the services that it provided. Mark Dudley, a NHS member who was scheduled to work at Room at the Inn in October, said, "Although I have thoroughly enjoyed volunteering at Room at the Inn these past several years, this year it was cancelled because nobody came forward in need of temporary shelter. While I was disappointed by this news, I can't help but be happy that nobody was in need of the services we provide."



Counter-clockwise from top: Rachael Schaffner, senior, plays with a little boy using a noise maker to entertain him. Brian Stair, junior, dries dishes in a kitchen to help out at Room at the Inn. Amy Fleming, senior, laughs with a little boy while he plays the piano. Sang-Ab Jeon, sophomore, volunteers to calculate numbers pertaining to the Scholar Bowl Tournament, held at Westminster.





The end of the year marked the end of Mrs. Florence Lewis' Westminster teaching career. Lewis had the biggest effect on this school's spirit. Founder of Spirit Club, it would be forever changed from her retirement. Jessica Stamps, freshman, described Mrs. Lewis as, "If she's put in candy form she's too sweet to eat." Mrs. Lewis not only generated enthusiasm throughout the school, but she also brought it into her club meetings. "One time she had bird hand puppets. It was really funny," said Stamps. When the bird's mouth opened it would make a noisy screech. Stamps decided to join Spirit Club when her cousin, Rachel Wisdom, junior, told her she should join to get to know Mrs. Lewis during her last year teaching. Kaylee Rosen, seventh grader, said, "Mrs. Lewis was fun, energetic, and always willing to try new ideas. Stuff that she started people will remember." Although Spirit Club would change without Mrs. Lewis, she started a chain reaction of spirit that would continue forever.



Clockwise from top: Mrs. Florence Lewis and Erin Wilson, junior, blow up balloons for the Spirit Week balloon stomp. Alongside Dr. Scott Holley, Alyson Brands, junior, tosses the dice to determine which grade goes first in improv dance. "Spirit week is the biggest thing we plan all year," said Brands. Kaylee Rosen, Stephanie Surgener, and Kelsey Kindbom, seventh graders, run the table for teacher appreciation night during the varsity men's basketball games. Kristin Gilbert, sophomore, helps put up the high school bulletin boards for Spirit Week.

Clockwise from top: Ben Walker, sophomore, prays during Thanksgiving chapel. The chapel gave students an opportunity to share past experiences and praises. John Arrington, sophomore, Jeff Ehrhardt, senior, and Sam Stufflebam, sophomore, lead worship during chapel. The chapel band's goal was to give students a break from a busy school day to worship God. Peter Kissinger and Samantha Hobbs, seniors, sing before Joe White, President of Kanakuk Kamps, gave his message. Karri Hess, sophomore, said, "They play more songs that we know." Peter Kissinger, Tom Henry, Samantha Hobbs and Kirstin Johnson, seniors, reverently sing during chapel. The band wanted the school to view chapel as a time for worship, not as a concert.



What were the new chapel band members thinking as they played for about 900 people? Sam Stufflebam, sophomore, said, "It's kind of weird because some people are really worshipping, and sometimes people are just standing there staring at you." John Arrington, sophomore's, opinions were similar. "Part of you wants to play really good, and part of you wants to play for God...I was afraid people would think I thought I was all cool and showing off."

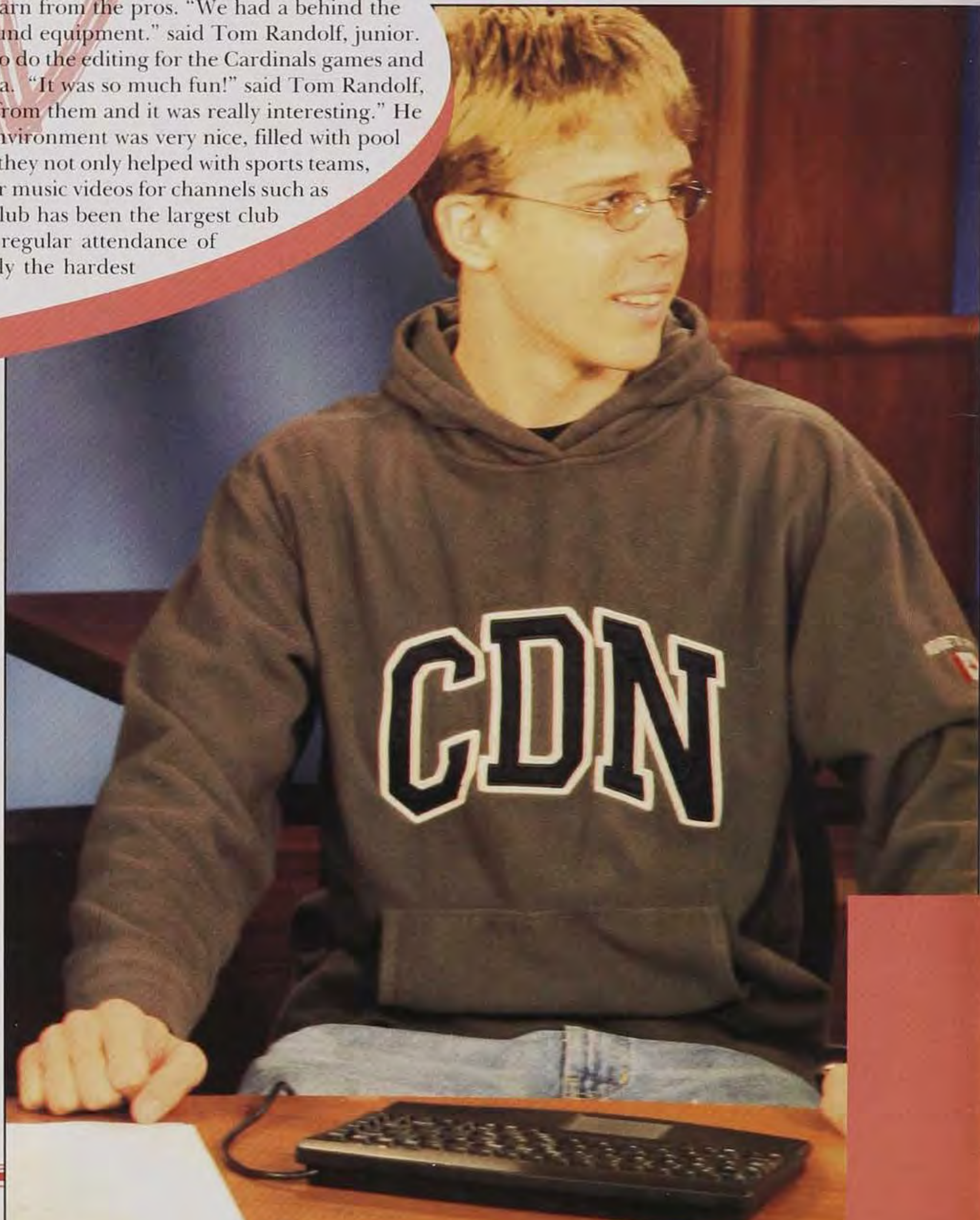
There were as many speakers this year as music. Karri Hess, sophomore, said, "The one guy from Hollywood was pretty interesting...the drama plays were the best." Kate Westrich, freshman, said her favorite chapel was the one about Rachel Scott, Columbine victim. Elinor Crim, freshman, liked the chapels during Spiritual Emphasis Week with the Irish speaker Ken Needham.

The biggest chapel of the year was the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. This year was different because the juice and donuts were served before school rather than during. Also, the open microphone was changed so that if someone wanted to speak they would sign up beforehand. The changes in the chapel were effective in making it run quickly and smoothly.





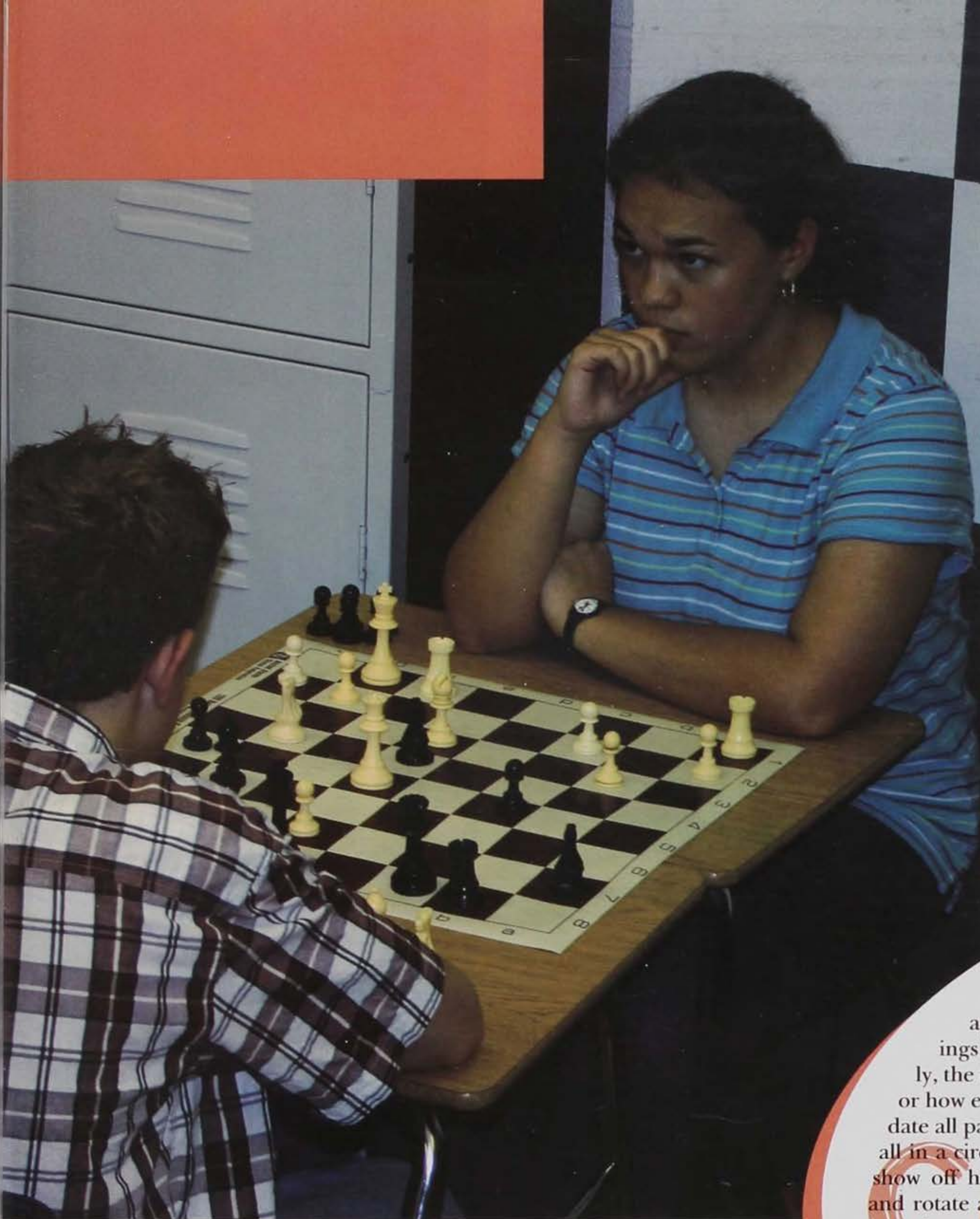
The AV club did a lot for our school in everyday life. Not only did they put on chapel for us every week, but they also made all of the highlight videos for various sports, they made the JSB and Christmas Banquet videos, the Spirit Week videos and the list goes on. So they defiantly deserved it when they were given the opportunity this year, on January 26, to go down to the FOX 2 news station and learn from the pros. "We had a behind the scenes tour of the editing and sound equipment." said Tom Randolph, junior. They also met with the people who do the editing for the Cardinals games and the Rams games at Coolfire Media. "It was so much fun!" said Tom Randolph, junior, "We all learned so much from them and it was really interesting." He also mentioned that their work environment was very nice, filled with pool tables and big screen TV's. Here, they not only helped with sports teams, but they have also done editing for music videos for channels such as BET, MTV, and VH1. The AV club has been the largest club at Westminster this year with a regular attendance of about 20-25 people, and probably the hardest working.



Clock-wise from the top: AV club members Tom Randolph, Michael Mendis, and Alex Docekal, juniors, listen to the descriptions of the daily life of an employee at Fox 2 news. The trip the club members took to Fox 2 news was a helpful opportunity because it brought to life the jobs available and how the students could apply their knowledge in the future.

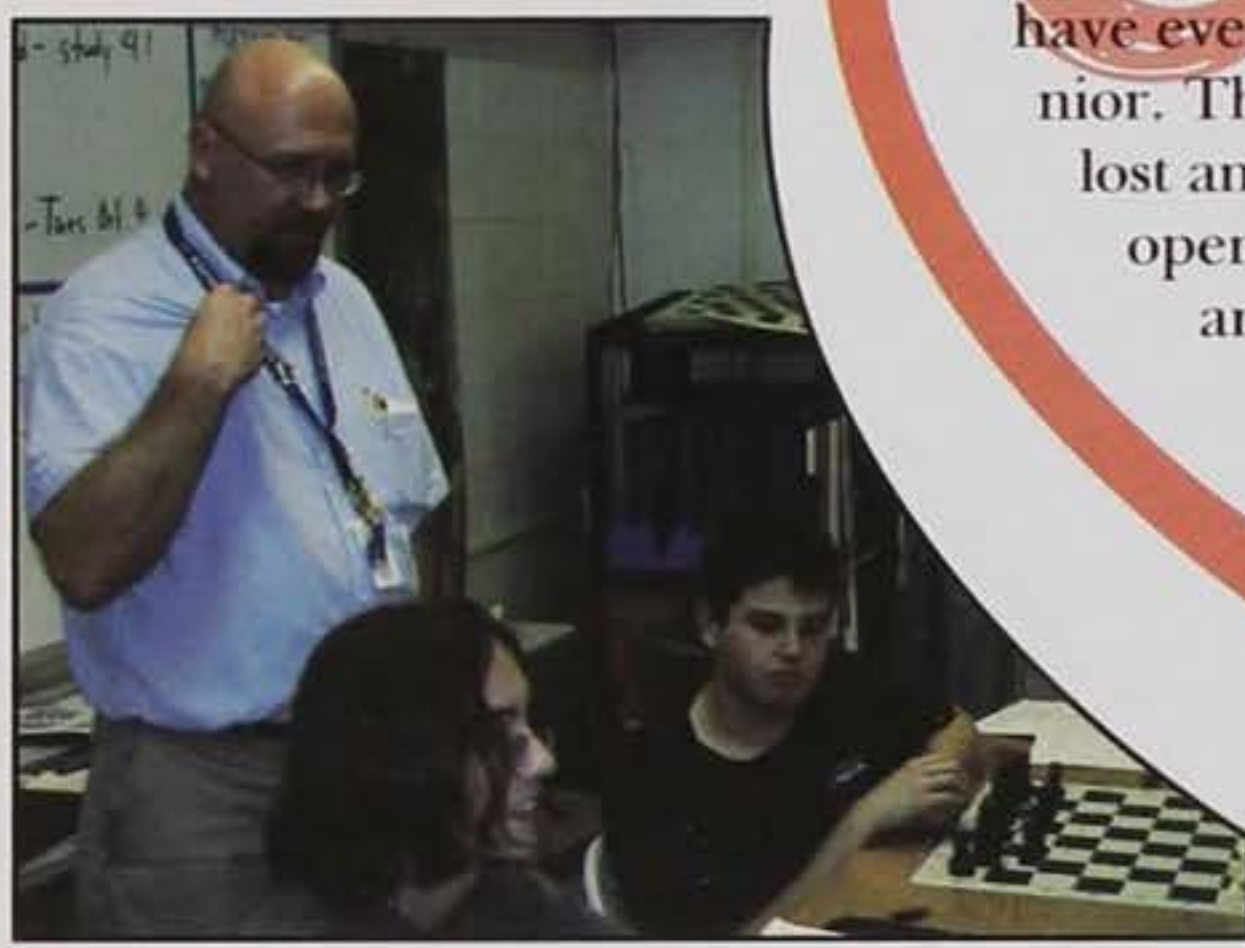
Brett Allen, sophomore, interviews Mr. David Haas for a video that would relay the events of Spirit Week. The AV club members were a necessary component in Spirit Week because of they were in charge of sound, a very important factor especially for Boy's Poms and Lip-Sync.

Han Kim, sponsor, Clayton Lange-neckert, Holly Hunter, and Tom Randolph, juniors, work at their posts during chapel, monitoring the sound and visual aspects of their tasks. The AV club had many responsibilities associated to their chapel duties, including setting up and taking down equipment. Matt Zaidstra, junior, sits behind an employee's desk at the news station, while pretending to be working in that person's position. By seeing the jobs that AV pertains to, the members were able to visualize where they would see themselves in the future.



Clockwise from top: Susan Horak, eighth grader, ponders her opponent's strategy as he makes his move. Horak was one of seven girls who participated in the chess club. Audry Knight, eighth grader, concentrates on improving her offensive approach at after school chess practice, which took place consistently every Tuesday. Knight and the other eighth grade girls called themselves the "Chess Chicks." Mr. Thom Johnston, chess coach, gives advice to Ben West, senior, and Ryan Benson, junior, about how to take full advantage of their beginning move. West and Benson grew in their chess abilities throughout the year, along with the other club members, because of their time commitment to practice.

Once a year a chess Grand Master comes to Westminster Christian Academy. He made appearances at the chess club meetings for the past few years now. Basically, the team would set up about 20 boards, or how ever many was enough to accommodate all participants. Then, they placed them all in a circle and the "Grand Master" would show off his skills by standing in the center and rotate around. He stopped at each board to make a move. Reportedly, "I don't think we have ever beaten him," said Paul Fullerton, junior. This man was a chess champ who never lost and was proud of it. The event has been open every year to all who wish to attend and only costs a couple dollars. Even with the team's regular practices, beating the "Grand Master" was not an option.





While others lay dozing in their beds before school, a dedicated group of musicians spent mornings singing their hearts out. The chamber choir consisted of students selected from the concert choir who were willing to spend time outside of class working on their music. With meetings three times a week, chamber choir was no small commitment.

Many participants were willing to put up with the extra time because of the abundant snacks during meetings. The singers took turns bringing tasty food for a pre-singing gorging. They also took consolation in the success of their music.

The group performed well along with the mixed choir and concert choir at a competition through Missouri Baptist University. "The chamber choir was really dedicated. They had to do some extra work, but I think they would all agree that it was worth it," said Mr. Allen Schwamb, choir director.

The highlight of the year according to Sam Hotchkiss, senior, was "definitely singing in our tuxedos to the people waiting to go into Christmas Fest. We looked good." All in all the inaugural year of the chamber choir was a hit.



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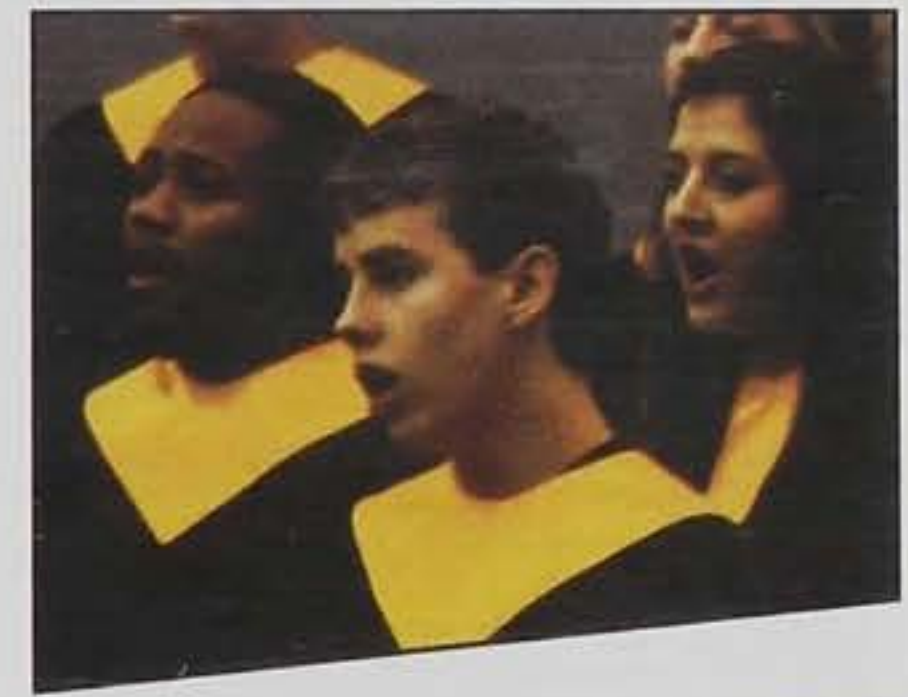
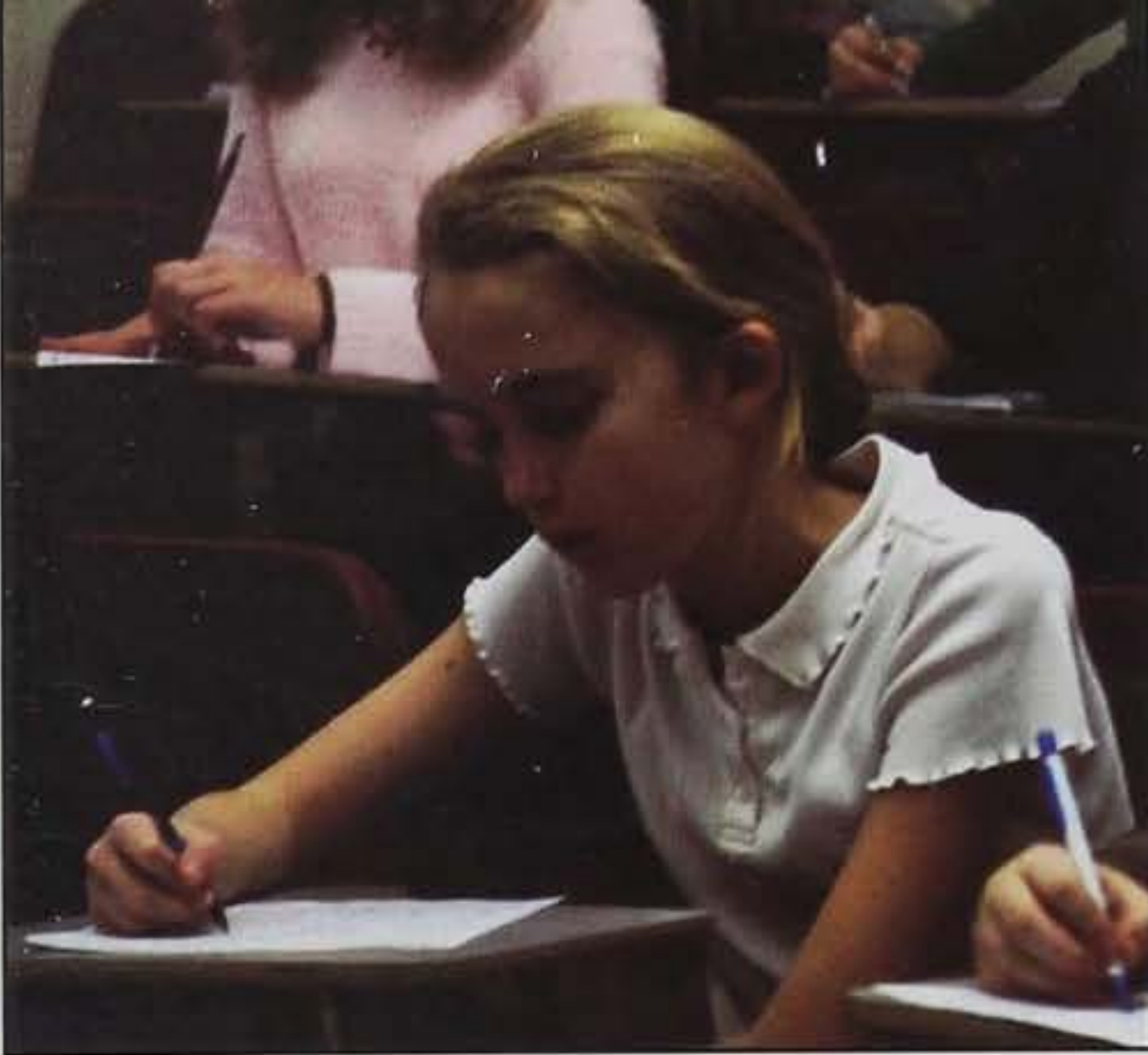
Lisa Hoover, sophomore, sings a solo in "The Holly and the Ivy," while accompanied by Joanna Haas, junior, and Brandon Gum, senior. Hoover has sung solos as a freshman and sophomore in concert choir.

She plans to sing in the choir for all four of her years at Westminster. Ji-hoon Kim, senior, practices a vocal exercise during concert choir.

"Choir is fun because we mess around all the time, but we still learn a lot," said Kim. Mr. Allen Schwamb teaches his seventh grade class the importance of rhythm in music. Schwamb used techniques including clap cards where students clap out rhythms they see on cards. Students practiced so that they could improve their sight reading skills that were later tested at competitions.

Emma Dabl, senior, shakes things up in her concert choir class. Dabl played the maraca for "Jeremiah's Fire" during the choir's concerts. "Adding percussion just gives the songs a little bit more flare," said Dabl.

Daniel Cannon, Ian Farmer, and Nathan Smallwood, seventh graders, sing in Christmasfest. Many seventh graders got their first chance to perform in front of a large audience during this year's winter concert.



CHOIR



Counter-clockwise from top: Sheridan Hentrich, seventh grader, journals during her first hour choir class. Students listened to music and wrote down what they heard and how it made them feel in a journal.

Kaitlin Harding, freshman, and Anne Hindeleb, junior, warm up during mixed chorus. "Singing is just something I've always enjoyed doing, and mixed chorus just seemed like a class that would fit for me," said Harding.

Devin James and Morgan Anderson, juniors, and Joe Pollmann, freshman, harmonize during a performance. Many participants in the mixed chorus took the class to gain experience for concert choir.

Sarah McReynolds, senior, and Neil McAllister and Theresa Hasting, juniors, sing Christmas carols with the chamber choir before Westminster's annual Christmasfest. Twenty students from the concert choir were chosen to perform in the chamber choir.



Top Left: Nick Jewell, junior, talks to Richard Copeland, one of his eighth graders, after school. Jewell had a great PC when he was in eighth grade, which inspired him to apply for the leadership position.

Center: Several PCJs watch the PCs lip-sync at the middle school Christmas banquet. Even though the banquet was a good time for the PCJs to spend time with their eighth graders, they also got a chance to bond with each other through the lip-sync routines they choreographed and performed for the middle school students.

Top Right: Evan Sherman, junior, applies paint to the nose of one of his nine eighth grade boys in his PCJ group. Sherman wanted to be a PCJ for two main reasons. He said, "Ultimately to help develop the character of the eighth graders and to cultivate my own leadership skills."

Right: Anna Gladney, junior, makes cards with her PCJ group for kids in Children's hospital at the eighth grade retreat. After making cards the eighth graders and PCJs watched Simon Birch. Gladney said, "Since the retreat was at the beginning of the year, it was a good time for the PCJs to get to know their groups as well as other groups outside of Tuesday morning meetings."

The position of a Peer Counselor, for either seventh or eighth graders, required more people skills than work. While some clubs or classes train you to work and memorize, PC's train faith and maturity. All that is necessary is to meet every other week with a group of middle students and basically be there for them whenever needed. Many groups hang out on a regular basis outside of school also. Girls might go shopping or have a sleep over, while some boys have requested to go paint balling or swimming.

"Eighth grade has been a lot more fun than seventh just in general. I got to know all of the PCJ's, not just mine, and we're a lot closer in age than we were to our PC's last year. Plus my older brother Greg is a junior so that made it easier to get to know the juniors, especially his friends that are PCJ's."

-Amanda Wiele, eighth grade

"I wanted to be a PCJ ultimately to help develop characteristics of eighth graders because middle school is a good time to do that, and also to help develop their relationships with Christ. Overall, it's been harder than I thought. Mainly because of the responses from the boys. When it's evident they're listening, it's satisfying to know that I made a result in their lives."

-Evan Sherman, junior



Left: Sarah Lillenberg and Sam Hotchkiss, seniors, lead worship for the PCs at their winter retreat at Clint Gulick, junior's, farmhouse. Hotchkiss said the retreat was "a good time to get away in the middle of a stressful week and a good time to reflect." Center: Andy DeRousse, senior, washes Mallika Thampy, senior's, feet at the winter retreat. Thampy said, "I thought it was a really unique experience. We kind of laughed at first, but then we realized it was symbolic as an act of service." Right: Jack Reed, senior, serves pretzels to students after school. The PCs sold pretzels after school every Tuesday during the winter. In the fall and spring, they sold slurpees. Bottom: Katherine Dudley, senior, meets with her seventh graders before school. Dudley said, "Somebody brings food. We talk for about fifteen minutes, and I do a short devo. Then I read an encouraging verse, and we do prayer requests."



"It was difficult to organize stuff because middle school and upper school are on different bell schedules. It was less convenient to find them or talk to them and be involved in their world. A typical meeting would be us sitting and talking about what's going on in school or what's going on in a girl's life like soccer tryouts or spirit week."
 -Mallika Thampy, senior

"In a typical meeting with my PC group, I bring doughnuts, we tell goofy guy stories, we go outside to greet the students coming into school and point at the sky, and we pray along with Morgan Younkin's PC group. Then we chase Chaz Langeneckert around the commons."
 -Sam Hotchkiss, senior

"I love my kids and their hilarious comments in our meetings. Like if I make a joke, then they'll make a joke back. We all sit down on a bench in the seventh grade hallway. We do a devo and have small chit chat. Then they update me on what's going on in seventh grade life like who's dating who and big projects."
 -Emily Meyer, senior



Unique

Reminiscing this year as we looked back, it was clear that each of us had our own unique interests and talents. Each student displayed their abilities in the classroom and on the field. Some were happy with our results, others looked forward to an opportunity to do better next year. No matter what results came out of the past year, one thing was certain – God shaped each of our lives this year. We experienced joys and hardships, victories and losses, and successes along with failures.



Lindsey Ellsworth



Justin Beasley



Stephen Knudley



Michael Christianson



Jerrica Larson



Keegan Taylor



Laura Brummitt



Peter Williams and Skacie Moylan



Ben Bubenik



Katie Weir



Rachel Wisdom



Raphael Tyus



Robert DeGroot



Tim Gee



Jordan Nichols



John Ross and Jake Dwyer



Katie Meek



Jennifer Willey



Christin Palmer



Emily Sherman



Nicole Hoban



Michael Mendis



Travis Ruppel



Joseph Minnella



Heidi Hunter



Maissa Oliver



Michael Kuehl



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Bart Hecker

Brian Bachman

Hannah Worrell

Rebecca Camfield

Corbin DuCharme

Derek Mueller and Erik Lewis

April Johnston

Ryan Allee, Mike Hall and Drew Waeckerle

Samantha Owens

Erin Guthrie

Arion Blackwell

Stephanie Boyd

Taylor Smith

Andrew Young

Erin Cjovden

Sam Meyer

Stephanie Brown

Erin Cjovden

Erin Cjovden

Sang-ah Jeon and Jung Kim

Wagge Wenberg

Sam Meyer

Stephanie Brown

Stephanie Brown

Stephanie Brown

Taylor Jewell

Matthew Thampy

Megan Shapley

Aaron Jones and Kellen Gum

Aaron Jones and Kellen Gum

Aaron Jones and Kellen Gum

Leslie Williams

Leslie Williams

Leslie Williams

Matthew Engelhart

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Danny Wise

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Clayton Lurgenecker, Connor Lewis and Thomas Randolph

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Dustin Maassa

Bethany Liebovitch

Corbin DuCharme

Alexandra Smith

Alex Bond

Alex Bond

Meghan Lecker

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Tim Applebaum and Chris Bishop

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Experiences

Everyone had individual experiences and results from history tests to soccer games, taking the ACT and going to Christmas Banquet, that created many memories. Our friends, families and teachers all impacted us and our outcome. The stress of seven hours of classes every day produced either grades we were proud of or needed to improve. Those who played sports exhibited their skills through their performance. Additional school traditions such as Spirit Week required many hours of dedication but paid off in the end with the satisfaction of great achievement.



Abby Hicks

Andrew Kouba

Caitlin Heap

David Roberts

Carrie Walton

Cori Becker

Carmen Harjoe and Austin Vincent

Dan Menzel

Jacob Worrel

Eric Levenhagen

Kaitlyn Pfeiffer

Joe Hunsicker

Jack Reed

Kayla Vandekamp

Young Kim

Tom Whittaker and Nick Jewell

Frank O'Brien

Karstin Ross and Jacob Turner

William McKensab and Michael Hughes

EAGLES
Suzanne Weston

Mallika Chappu

Lauren DeRousse

Sarah Simon

Elizabeth Korb and Amber Thompson

Rhoda Baker

Sarah Caple

Van Roberts

Ryan Flizerstick

Michael Rivers

Morgan Coughlin

Michael Polozleb

Meredith Davis

Timothy Miller

Lives

Deciding at the beginning of the year “how school will be” is never an easy task. Whether you spent your time this year working hard or focused on having fun, each student had a story about their lives at WCA. Each day brought a new opportunity to do well in school, sports, and relationships. Funny kids, smart kids, athletic kids, nice kids - everyone had something unique to bring to daily life at Westminster. The results from this year affected how we thought about our future. Reflecting on the many events that occurred at Westminster, each of us had our own perspective of the year. Whether you bid the Academy farewell or looked forward to another year on campus, we remembered that *individual results may vary.*

Anne Ogier

Beth Corbett

Brandon Wesley and Andrea Chancellor

Conor Lezets

David Roig

Kathryn Doyle

Jacob Duffin

Rachel Leibovich, Jamie MacKoul and Molly James

Erik Johnson

Molly Meyer and Berkeley Rallo

Jacob Yousef

Kenyon Klousia

Bethany Leibovich

Shawn Oberle and Jon Breedlove

Mariana Horton

Leisha Ritter

Nick O'Neal

Sam Egerton

Alyson Tate

Michael Menzel

Sang Jim-In, Max Anderson, and Max Sagi

Stacy Hartman

Rachel Cannon

Nora Roberts

Tyler Dison

Taylor O'Connor

Connor Zielonka

Katelyn Westrich

Theresa Crossman



Garret Finazzo



Maggie Massot



Alec Mitchell



Emily Paulk



Katie Davis



Adam Brown



Chris Wagner



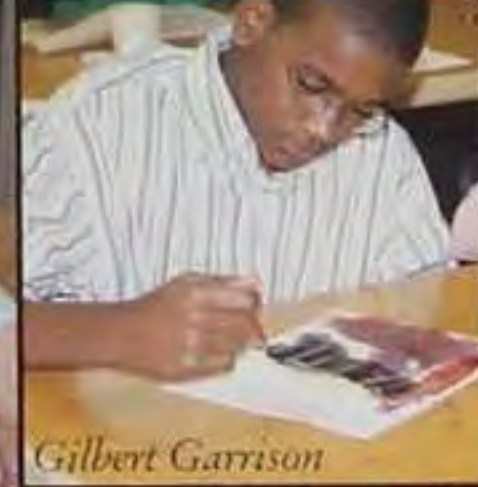
Grace Smith



David Furlong



Megan Laclair



Gilbert Garrison



Jackson Long



Katie Davis



Jenna Kinsinger



Priscilla Burras



Ashly and Andrew



Swath Johnston



David Furlong



Nicholas Skrainka



Ashley Stanford



Megan Laclair



Paige Nichols and Nicole Schuessler



Jenna Kinsinger



Jenna Kinsinger



Matt Lecker



Watson Woodward



Ashly and Andrew



Roel van De Wijnngaard



Adam Farquhar and Taylor Smith



Nicholas Skrainka



Matt Lecker



Chris Houches



Chris Houches



Emily Ferris and Brittany Hough



Ashley McAmmond



Lacey Call



Watson Woodward



Paul Smallwood



Alex Hoban



Monica Kaup



Monica Kaup



Monica Kaup



Brett Cotner



Brett Cotner



Abigail Clark



Anna Morgan



Anna Morgan



Paul Smallwood



Paul Smallwood



Monica Kaup



Monica Kaup



Monica Kaup



Brett Cotner



Brett Cotner



Andrew Wu



Andrew Wu



Kevin Taylor, Tim Glockner, and Jeremy Thompson



Kevin Taylor, Tim Glockner, and Jeremy Thompson



Monica Blum



Monica Blum



Abigail Clark



Abigail Clark



Abigail Clark



Abigail Clark



Elizabeth Nesler



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Annemarie

You mean so much to us;
 You encourage with your
 optimism,
 You enliven with your energy,
 You entertain with your baton,
 You inspire with your
 enthusiasm,
 You comfort with your smile.
 You have blessed us in more ways
 than we can ever express.
 We congratulate you, pray for God's
 blessing upon your life and love you
 always.
 Mom and Dad

Jr,

It is hard to believe we have been together for 10 years. Great memories of practice, laughter, tears, competitions, the studio, most important our friendship. I am so proud of you.

Love Julie

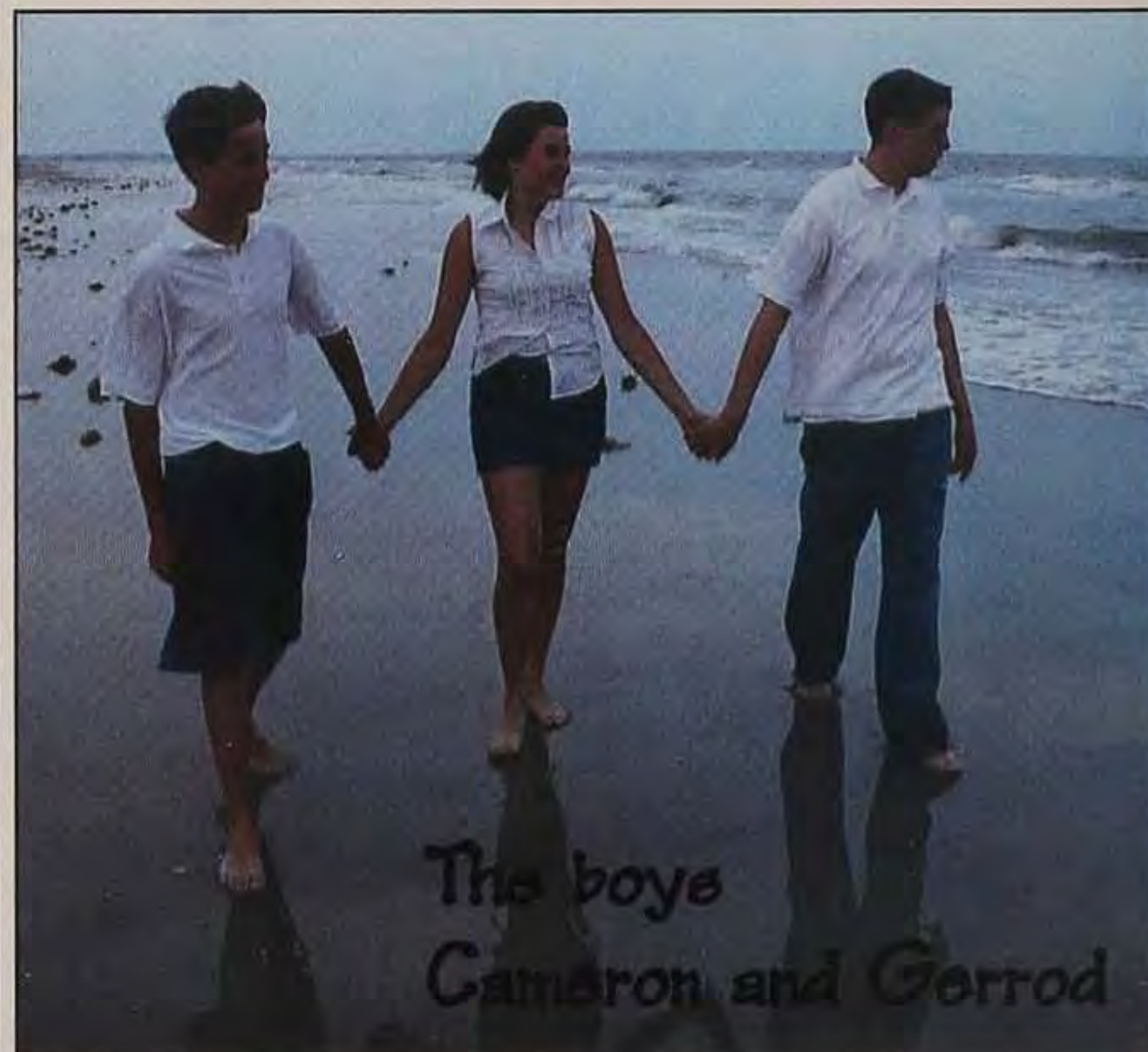


Dear Amer,
 We love you. We hope you are coming north for college... Bring cooking utensils, cleaning supplies and most important a car!

To Our Daughters,



It has been a joy watching you grow mature from Chesterfield Day School through Westminster Christian Academy. May the love of God, family and friends be with you always. With Love, Your mothers Nancy and Annemarie Sr.



The boys
 Cameron and Gerrrod

Kelley



You are a precious daughter and have demonstrated that children are a gift from God. Your strong spirit sets you apart. Kelley, we can't believe how fast you've grown up, but we can't wait to see what God will do through you! You are special and God has a beautiful plan for your life as you follow Him.

Love Mom and Dad



We are so proud of the fine young man you've become. We will always love and support you in everything you do throughout your life.

Taylor

Love,
Mom and Dad

David

There are two words that describe what it has been to be your parents- pure joy! You have been fun to raise. The call of God on your life will require strength and courage which you have in abundance. The joy of the Lord is your strength! We are so proud of you and we love you,
Mom and Dad



Megan, Michael and Drew



It has been a blessing to see you share this year together at WCA! Whatever the upcoming years bring, know that we will always love you, always believe in you, and pray for you constantly. Keep holding onto Jesus, guys - He loves you more than we do!
Love forever,
Mom and Dad
Proverbs 3:5-6



ERIKA



You are special young women and
God has BIG plans for you.
Remember our favorite verse.

Jeremiah 29:11-

"For I know the plans I have for you de-
clares the Lord, plans to prosper and not
to harm you, plans to give you hope and
a future."

You have brought me more joy
imaginable!

Your love for the Lord and passion to
serve him with your life shines through
everyday.

Never stop seeking Him as you take the
next steps in your journey through life.
I am so proud of you, believe in you and
love you.

Mom



Lauren,



May 5, 1988. Dad held your feet in his palm and marveled at how tiny they were. Those feet have glided gracefully across the ice, mastering jumps, spins, and ice dances. They have cheered and danced at WCA. We are thankful that you walk in the ways of the Lord and for the faithful men and women God has placed in your life. We pray you follow in the footsteps of the faithful who have gone before you as you continue on your journey through life.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Emily

You are our sunshine. You fill our lives with joy and laughter. You're beautiful, intelligent, thoughtful and comical, with such a zest for life. We love you with all of our hearts and are proud of the woman you've become. We've always known that God has a special plan for you, and we'll always support you 100% in achieving your dreams.

Remember... Bigger smile, NCA Poetry, 6th grade trip, AWA-NA quizzing champs, 13 years of softball, go carts, Improv laughs, "I hope you dance," Mario baseball with the boys, and now college visits.

Love, Mom, Dad and Zachary





Whitney Lorre Pfitzinger

Whit, you were a miracle from the first. You've brought such joy and laughter into our lives always with your sweet smile and sense of humor. As we've watched you grow and mature into this incredible young women, you've constantly amazed us with your precious spirit, kindness, generosity, creativity, insight, talent, and love. God has made you so beautifully! Take these gifts and His love into the world with you. He has a perfect plan for you. Wait. Listen. Don't allow anyone to limit you. God won't. You are such a blessing. We will always be here for you.

We love you. Mom, Dad, Goose



Ben Aaberg

Ben, You have become a great young man! We're so proud of your hard work, strong convictions and character. Stay strong in the Lord. Ph 1:6 "...He hath begun a good work in you...". We pray you let God guide and direct you in everything you pursue. You bring so much joy and laughter to our lives. We will miss you terribly next year. We love you. Dad & Mom
Thanks for the hilarious inside jokes!
You're a great brother Love Chelsea



Sarah Breeding

Dear Sarah,
The last eighteen years have been the most wonderful and rewarding of my life. Watching you grow and develop from "Baby Sarah" to a young lady has left me with a cornucopia of memories and experiences that are precious and irreplaceable. I anticipate my continuing observation of a young lady developing to a woman of merit and skill will be equally exciting. Of course, you will always be "Baby Sarah" to me.
I LOVE YOU SARAH!
DADDY



Daniel Alstadt

Our dear son, you have been God's greatest blessing in our lives since the day you were born. You have a loving spirit, quick wit, inquiring mind, and a heart for service, and we can't wait to see what His plans are "to prosper you, ... to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11). We are so proud of you! May God continue to bless and protect you! Our love always, Dad and Mom



Jessica Buis

Jessica,
My sweet darling Jessica! You have brought much joy to my life! It's amazing how quickly the years have flown by. You looked like a princess, when we brought you home from the hospital. You are beautiful, gentle, kind, loving, and sensitive young lady. As I think for my love for you I know your Heavenly Father loves you more than I. He takes great delight in you, he rejoices over you in singing. (Zeph 3:17). Looking forward to seeing what God has in store for you. I'll love you forever! MOM



Katherine Bear

Our little "Sunny Girl", we've watched in wonder as God has grown our sweet, very shy little girl into an energetic, outgoing, beautiful young woman! Your Heavenly Father has wonderful plans for you, Kat. Confidently follow as He lights your path and leads you daily. What a blessing and joy you are to each of us. We love you! Mom, Dad, Christi and Matthew.
Psalm 27



Emily Camp

Emily- From your earliest years you have been a deep thinker. We will miss those midnight knocks on our bedroom door where "gotta minute?" turned into an hour long soliloquy. It has been a delight to listen as you have thought through your relationship with God and man. You have thoughtfully embraced Jesus and we have no doubt that you will love him eternally. No great joy than this can enter a Christian parent's heart. We love you. Mom and Doug Psalm 16:7



Michael Beck

Michael- These past 18 years with you have been a great adventure! We are thankful that God has blessed our family with your enthusiasm, energy and fun-loving attitude. Thank you for sharing your journey with us. And 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. Always do your best...trust God for the rest!
Psalm 1:1-3, Proverbs 3:5-6.
Love Mom& Dad



Lauren Cantrell

Lauren, you are such a blessing to us. God has given you so many gifts to share including your wonderful music. The Lord has blessed your journey at WCA and equipped you well. It has been such a joy to watch you grow and share your gifts with others. God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow with his Grace. We love you. Mom and Dad



Betsy Bowman

"Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him" Ps 127:3 NIV. Joy. Energy. Beauty. Strength. You are all these. Remember the three prayers offered to God for you; 1) Walk closer with Jesus every day, 2) Use your talents and gifts in a vocation you love, 3) The right Christian man to spend your life with raising a family. You have made us very proud.



Anne Castagno

Dearest Anne,
You have been a joy in our lives since the day you were born. God has blessed you with wonderful gifts and we can't wait to see how He uses you in the lives of others. You are a light in our lives and we know you will "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."
Matthew 5:16.
Love, Mom and Dad



Billy Cawthon

Bill, we thank God for the wonderful young man you have become. We are so proud of your accomplishments, character and faith in God. We know you will love the CIA! We love you so much and will miss you! Love, Mom, Dad, Laura and Mike.



Nathan Coughlin

Nathan you truly are a gift from God. We are so thankful for all the joy you have brought to our lives. "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." (Proverbs 16:3) Always remember how much we love you. Mom, Dad, and Meygan



Ted Clemens

Congratulations- You made it! God truly gave us a special gift when you were born. We've always known that the Lord had great plans for you and we look forward to how those plans will unfold in your life. We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished especially the Godly man that you have become. Love, Dad, Mom, Sam and Andy



Emma Dahl

Congratulations Emma. You have grown from an adorable little girl into a lovely young woman. The verse from your birth date says it all: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22 We love you forever. God loves you forever. And you keep singing for His love forever.



Casey Coffman

Congratulations on your graduation! We are very proud of you. You are a special girl and God has big plans for you. Stay focused on Him and all things will work together for good (Romans 8:28). We love you lots, Bean. You will always be, our little girl. Love, Mom and Dad



Jonathan Denny

As you take your next steps, keep in mind that your potential is as vast as your dreams and your ability is as great as your effort. Seek God's purpose in your life. Remember that God loves you and so do we. Can't wait to see what He has in store for you. Love, Mom & Dad



David Conley

David, We have so many happy memories of you growing up and enjoyed watching you perform in musicals, soccer and especially tennis. You have worked hard improving your skills and have persevered through adversity. We are proud of you and look forward to your future endeavors. We wish you happiness always. Psalms 20:4 May he give you the desire of your hearts and make all your plans succeed. Love, Mom and Dad



Andy DeRousse

Andy, we could not possibly be more proud of the amazing young man you have become. You are loving, compassionate, loyal, sensitive, strong in spirit, charming, faithful, quick witted and quick to defend. We admire your passion for God, for family and friends and for those families in Mexico you have loved and served tirelessly and joyfully all these years. Remember, Andy, God has a perfect plan for you life; a plan to use you to accomplish HIS will for HIS glory. Romans 8:28. We love you, Mom & Dad



Kaki Convy

What a wonderful blessing you have been to us sweet girl. You are the spark that ignites our family and you make everyday brighter for all of us. We are so proud of you. Keep using the gifts that God has given you Kaki. Listen to Him and you will be amazed where He takes you. We love you so much! Mom, Dad and The Brothers.



Shannon Dille

Shannon, our beloved first-born. God has manifested Himself, blessed us, and answered so many prayers through you. We are so proud of the godly young lady you have become and how much you have accomplished. This faith, wisdom, persistence and forgiving spirit God has given you will see you through. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Mom & Dad, Kristen & Lauren



Katherine Dudley

God has given us the joy of loving and nurturing you into this world. We have so many wonderful memories of your early years, but he has many exciting plans for your future. He will continue to show you how to live out your faith in this world, and who to share it with. We know you will be a blessing to others as you have been to us. We are very proud of you.
Love Forever, Mom & Dad



Kelley George

Kelley, as new parents not that long ago, your entrance into this world was like a miracle to us, as awe inspiring as God's love. You have grown up into a remarkable lady, accepted life's challenges at every step, and never stopped trying. Your perseverance and character will lead you to good works. Love, Mom and Dad



Mark Dudley

Dear Mark,
God has blessed you with so many gifts and extraordinary talents. As you continue to serve Him by your serving others, may you look to Him for guidance and not trust in man's wisdom.
Proverbs 3: 5,6,7
Love, Mom, Dad and Jim



Ben Glaser

Ben, we are so proud of you and the accomplishments you have made. Our prayer is that God guide you on the path He has prepared for you. May your life make a difference and impact others in a positive way. You have much potential and a great deal to offer those around you. We look forward to watching you achieve great things. Know that you can always count on us.
Jer. 29:11-13
Love, Mom and Dad.



Jeff Ehrhardt

The winds of change are upon us. But how can we mind when ours is the joy to see you are no longer a boy. Rather, Jeff, you are a Godly young man growing in strength, wisdom and love. To you, our only son whom we dearly love, we give a charge from Micah 6: The Lord has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Jeff, we love you.
Mom and Dad



Whitney Goebel

Ever since that first time we stared in amazement at you in your crib, you have been a joy to us! We are so very proud of you! Keep encouraging others- it is one of your gifts. Love God with all your heart and follow Him wherever he leads. Keep runnin'. God for it!
Heb 12:1-2.
We love you!
Mom and Dad



Kevin Frick

Kevin-The past 18 years have flown by! How wonderful to have been blessed by having you as our son. Our family would not be complete without you. Your sensitivity regarding spiritual matters, goes well beyond your years. Your willingness to be disciplined and directed by our Lord, then respond with humility and honesty, is a blessing. Looking forward to seeing what plans God has for you.
Colossians 3:13 & Colossians 3: 23, 24



Jonathan Haas

Jonathan- Daddy and I and your sisters are so proud of you! We never cease to be amazed at your God-given abilities and your sensitive spirit! We are going to really miss you when you go off to college- you show us how to do everything on the computer and how to turn on the TV! But, we know it is time for you to fly and for us to have a chance to clean your room! We love you with an everlasting love and know as your favorite verse states in I Peter 5:7 that "He cares for you"!



Christine Gebhardt

Christine, we are so thankful that God has blessed us with you in our lives. We are so proud of you and cannot wait to see what God has planned for your future. Always remain that independent, strong willed, hardworking person you are that is able to laugh at herself and remember Isaiah 40:31. We love you, Mom, Dad and Kayla



Nate Haines

Since the day you were born, Nate, we have asked the Lord would make you a disciple of men. Regardless of the career you choose, you will find that a true disciple is any person who is a genuine lover of God and His people. The apostle Paul says simply, "The purpose of my instruction is that (you) would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and sincere faith." May the infusion of the Word by His Spirit make you such a man.



Betsy Hartmann

Betsy, just yesterday, you were a little ballerina mugging for the camera. Today, you are about to leap into the future to experience joys, successes, fears and determination are two of your most important attributes. We so praise God for you- who you are and who, we are sure, you will become. We loved you then. We love you now. And, we will love you always. Psalm 1:1-3 Love, Mom & Dad



Andrew Hoekzema

Andrew, God has blessed you with amazing intelligence, honesty, determination and a passion for excellence. Now is your time to use those gifts for His honor and glory! We know God has a purpose and plan for you and that your faith that is grounded in Him will guide you as you continue the journey. Ephesians 2:10. We love you! Mom, Dad, Bethany, Hannah, James and Matthew



Annemarie Heise

Dear Baby,
My heart dances with delight as I become the observer and your biggest cheerleader (no costume required) from afar; as you pursue your dreams and ambitions. I love you so much. Keep your eyes focused on God and your heart open to His will for your life.
"Heart You", "Holding Always"
Baby Mommie



Samuel Hotchkiss

Sam, we are so proud of you!
Congratulations on your graduation from WCA! You have truly grown "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52) You have brought great joy to our family and we will watch eagerly as "he who began a good work in you [carries] in on unto completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6) We love you! Dad, Mom, June, Will



Garrett Henry

Garrett: "mighty warrior". Tom: "divinely preserved". We love you more than words could express. Your love, enthusiasm, joy and tender heart have always inspired us. You will continue to encourage many as you live for God's glory. We pray you are able to hear His Spirit leading and helping you everyday. We're excited to see how he uses you to build the "City of God with man!" We'll love you forever, like you for always, Mom, Dad and Ruth



Andrea Jacobson

Andrea, you have filled our family with joy and love. We are proud of you for your kindness, your patience, and your hard work. Most of all we are grateful to the Lord for your unwavering devotion to Him. We love you! Mom, Bill, and Rob



Ben Heyse

You've worked hard, been a kind big brother, and taken way too many showers. Beyond that, you have been our friend, and we will miss you! You have never wanted easy answers for difficult questions; you have always been a searcher and a thinker, so we pray you always find your "yes" in God. (2 Cor. 1:20) We know He will hold on to you through the ins and outs of the years ahead. We love you and thank-you for eighteen years of rich memories.
Love, Mom and Dad



Rachel Johnson

Rachel, you are joy and a Blessing to us. We stand in Awe of the Amazing young woman that God is shaping right Before our very eyes and we eagerly anticipate the continued unfolding of His role for you in His kingdom. We are so grateful that God chose us to be your parents and that he gave you much grace as the "first born". Our hearts overflow with love for you, our precious, precious daughter. Love, Mom & Dad



Samantha Hobbs

Our 'Precious Moments' baby! You are tenderhearted and compassionate, spirited and fun loving, cheerful and generous. And you have brought us joy and laughter to last a lifetime! We've got to let you fly- GO WITH GOD; He's got great things planned for you! I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me- the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.' [Acts 20:24]



Jeffrey Kaufman

Jeffrey, we thank God for you. We are happy to be given more time with you. We are proud of you and we love you. We are pleased, proud, and humbled by the things you have overcome. You have done it with an uncomplaining and courageous heart. Your attitude, character, and easy-going personality are an amazement to us considering the obstacles you have overcome in your young life. We encourage you to continue your personal relationship with your Lord and stay strong in the Word of God. You have such a great love for your family - don't ever lose that love. We love you and look forward to see the purpose for which God saved you. Love, Mommy, Dad, Daniel, Rachel, and little Bubby.



Monica Kaup

"Cousin-it", We love you and are so proud of you. It has been a joy to watch you grow in the Lord and remain faithful to your convictions. We have seen you place your faith in Jesus during the storms and he has used them to grow you into the beautiful young woman you are today. Stay close to Him and you will experience the peace that surpasses all understanding. And remember, you'll always be our "moo-hieny" girl!



Mary Beth Klotz

Mary Beth, we have been blessed by the beauty of your smile, the gentleness of your spirit and the grace of your heart. Now it is time to share your gifts with the rest of the world. Thank you for the joy and happiness. We love you, all the way up to heaven and back!
Love, Mom and Dad, Catherine, Emily and Scott
"So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."
-1 Corinthians 13:12-13



Jackie Keeven

Jackie You have been an absolute delight and joy watching you grow and mature into a beautiful, warm hearted, caring person. You have always maintained a high standard of values and we know you will continue these throughout your life (Col. 1:10). You've become a person we admire immensely and love unconditionally. As your confidence grows, we know you will succeed at everything put before you. You have and will always be my best friend. As you move into the next stage of your life, know that we will always be here for you.
Love, Mom and Dad



Kenyon Klousia

We have been blessed by God to have you as our son. You have enriched our lives by your zest for life, your love of sports, and your sensitive heart for those in need. Congratulations on completing your senior year. What a year! You have worked so hard to accomplish your goals. We are very proud of you. May the Lord bless you richly as you go from here to serve Him. We love you.
Mum & Dad



Jamie Kim

Our little biscuit, we are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. You have used the gifts God has given you - an intense determination, a deep love for the Lord, passionate opinions, a sharp intellect, a zest for a good argument and a tender loving heart- to do great things and touch many people in your young life. Manage those strengths in the center of God's will and your opportunities are boundless. We love you and thank God for you. Eat plenty of oatmeal. Mom & Dad.



Steve Knubley

Steve- son, brother, counselor, friend- You are a Renaissance man filled with wisdom, compassion, and zeal, seeking God's heart, walking His walk, and living for Him. We are honored to know and love you. May the next chapters in your life be as splendid as those that are past. Continue to dwell in the shadow of the Almighty! Ps 91:1
Love, Mom and Dad



Ji-hoon Kim

Honesty should be your middle name. When I was praying for you to find a family, I had no idea we would be the one to receive such a wonderful gift from God. Your humor caused much laughter in our home. You ARE my son and Sean's brother.
I love you.
Mrs. Thomas



Sarah Lillenberg

Dear Sarah:
I have watched you acquire much knowledge in that past seventeen years from your diligence in seeking God. I have witnessed you handle adversity with wisdom and grace. I have observed you mentor others (as you have been mentored) in truth and love.
I can look at your future with confidence knowing the God will always be with you. Lamentations 3:22 says, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail". Live life passionately
Love, Mom



Peter Kissinger

Our dearest Peter, the delight of our hearts. With a joy and blessing you are to our lives. Two parents have never had a finer son than you. Your enthusiasm and zest for life, your sense of humor, compassionate and tender heart, and your deep spiritual maturity, are an inspiration to us. We know that God has an exciting plan for your life, and will use you in a mighty way. Know that our love and support will always be with you. Proverbs 23:24-25
Love Mom and Dad



Sarah Lillenberg

Sarah,
When you were born I nicknamed you "little" because you were so small compared to your brother David. You have heard me call you "little" thousands of times and to me you will always be my "little" loveable daughter. You took me along and showed me a great time as you mastered in your way art, drama, the piano, the saxophone, guitar, soccer, basketball, swimming, lacrosse, snowboarding, fellowship leadership and youth mentoring. The best is yet to come. Congratulations. Love, Dad



Nicole Londoff

Colie, We are so proud of you. Your determination to succeed through rough times is amazing. Your love, concern and compassion for others are greatly admired. You are a very special person and God has blessed us with this special gift. Our prayer for you is happiness, peace and success in all that you do. We love you!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Jason Moore

Dear Jason,
You are truly God's blessings to us. It has been such a joy to watch you grow into a remarkable young man with such character, integrity, compassion, honesty, loyalty, kindness and most important, faith in God. We are so proud that you never give up and always give your best in all you do. Stay determined, work hard, trust in the Lord and follow that path he has laid for you and he will bless you abundantly. We love you and will always be there for you. Deut. 30:20. Mom, Dad and Katie



Trista Malawy

Trista, the years have gone by so fast! You have been the greatest joy since the day you were born. We always knew God had great plans for your life and know that you will find the way to achieve all you set out to do. Just remember that we love you very much and will miss you as you go off to college. We are proud of you. Always follow God's word and you will not go wrong. Jeremiah 29:11

Love Mom, Dad, Josh, Gina, Eric, and Ali



Rebecca Nolle

Becca, from singing your ABCs to solving calculus problems, we've watched with joy as you grew up. It wasn't long ago that you insisted we read you and Puffly "just one more book". Soon you'll be off to college and we want you to continue to challenge yourself, to grow your intellect, and to always follow your heart. Walk with integrity and compassion, seek God's will in all you do, and He will bless you. You're the best "Rebecca" ever!

Love, Mom and Dad, Psalm 37:4



Sarah McReynolds

Sarah- our low maintenance baby! You are such a gift to our family. Your sweet spirit and willingness to serve others are such a blessing to everyone who knows you. May God continue to direct and bless your life as you seek after Him! You are not a dude! We love you- Mom, Dad, Brian, Amy, Jason and Gus, Julie, Scott, Luke and Drew. Philippians 1:9-11



Elisabeth O'Brien

It has been a joy and distinct privilege to watch you grow into a mature, beautiful and godly woman. It's hard to believe how quickly 18 years have gone, and how much joy you have brought to us. Your diligence, drive and determination, as well as your love for the Lord have inspired us. You will always be in our hearts. Continue to strive for excellence, always maintain your servant's heart, and fervently pursue God's plan for your life. II Peter 1:3-8.

Love, Mom and Dad



Megan Menzel

You truly are a gift from God. From the moment we first gazed upon you, you have filled our lives with joy and laughter. Your smile lights up the room, and your enthusiasm is contagious. We are so proud of the wonderful young lady you have become. You are ready to fly, our beautiful butterfly, and we are excited to see how God will use you in His Kingdom! "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances..." I Thess 5:16-18

We love you, Mom and Dad



William Osberghaus

William, Being your parents has truly been an answer to our prayers. Each phase of your life has been a blessing. We have cherished all of the memories we have had together as a family. You have brought us great joy and happiness, and we are extremely proud of you. You have matured into a fine young Christian man. May the Lord bless and keep you close all the days of your life. We love you very much, and we will always be there for you. Dad and Mom



Daniel Minnella

We named you after Daniel because of his strength of character and unwavering commitment to God. We have watched you grow these 18 years and enjoyed seeing God shape your life. We are excited as we look forward to what He can do through you. As you enter these next days of life, we pray you may grow even closer to God. Stay in his word and grow strong. Ps. 1:1-4, Prov. 3:5,6. It has been both a joy and a challenge to raise a child as gifted and talented as you. We believe that God can, and will, use you in ways you could never imagine. We love you. Dad and Mom



Sarah Ottolini

Dear Sarah, On November 30th, 1987, God gave you to us as a gift, you were our "California Girl with Curls." As you have grown, we have seen God's joy in you especially when you are with your brothers. Your gift of creativity is seen in your music, your art, and your creative writing. Your hunger for a high standard has matured and glorified the Lord. Stay strong in the Lord Sarah. We love you and are very proud of you. Covenant Love, Mom and Dad



Jerrica Patton

Jerrica, Punchy, chicken, smart person. We are so proud of you. You have blossomed into a beautiful rose. Remember to follow your heart, let God be your guide and order your steps. Use your gifts to bless others. You have earned your wings it's time to fly. Isaiah 40: 25-31 Love you always and forever Mommy, Jason, PaPa and Da



Stacy Reed

You have brought us so much joy and delight. Stacey, remember when we went to Colorado the 1st time and you saw the mountains? You said, "Wow, Dad where's teh beach?" You do love a road trip. We pray the Lord has a wonderful trip planned for you, our little "surprise". Let HIS light shine in all you do. Love, Mom & Dad



Grace Pohlman

Grace- Our beautiful reminder of God's Grace to us the year you were born. You have become a woman admired for your steadfast commitment to school, family and friends. Our prayer is that your heart always praises your Savior and your actions bring Him glory. Psalm 139 speaks of Gods' intimate knowledge of you, His power and His Holiness. Be confident in every word. We'll say "Goodnight Sweet Pea" to this chapter of your life's journey.



Amanda Renaud

Amanda, My heart overflows with joy seeing photos of you in our family albums... the smiles, the silliness, the wonder and some tears. The pictures tell a story about you and each is precious to me. You are a wonderful daughter; a woman after God's own heart. Your life is rich in family, friends, and God. You have a sure foundation on which to build a solid future. Know that you are loved just the way you are and I am so proud of you. Mom
P.S. I sensed your dad nodding his head 'yes' as I typed this. No words, just a nod. He was a man of few words, right? Funny daddy. Just wanted you to know



Clark Poland

Heavenly Father, Thank you for the precious gift you have given us in Clark. Thank you for his intellect, quick wit, gentle spirit, and joy for life. Thank you for the intensity for which he pursues those things that are important to him. Thank you that he has been redeemed. We pray that you would continue to bless him with knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. And we pray that he will always be a blessing to those around him for your kingdom. Amen. Psalms 96:1-6 With all our love, Mom and Dad



Katy Robb

We are blessed by the bright and sensitive spirit you bring to our little family. You will always be in our hearts and prayers wherever this life takes you. God will use all your tremendous gifts and talents as you continue to trust Him with your life. Proverbs 3:5
Don't ever forget how powerfully our Father has loved and provided for us. Jeremiah 29:11
We love you very much, and will always be here for you. Mom and David



Jack Reed

Jack, You add so much fun and excitement to our lives. You are truly a REED family "classic". We'll miss so much the piano playing and the singing. We will never stop praying that you would become more and more a man after God's own heart. We love you Jackie!
Love, Dad, Mom and Annie



Sam Roberts

Uffda! Where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday it was trains and Ninja Turtles! Mom lover to hear, "What are we going to do today?" You made us proud with an unassisted triple play, a black belt, academic success, plays, political animal and a servant's heart. Thank you for your good humor in all of our circumstances and your example of faith to all. You're a great big/ little brother. God's blessings and peace to you. We love you, Sam the Man! Mom, Dad, Johanna, Marta, Noah!!



Melissa Reed

Missy Boo, you are truly our gift from God. We are so very blessed to have such a beautiful daughter with such a loving, sweet and gentle spirit. As we give you your wings to fly, know that we will always be here for you, and we look forward to seeing the Lord's plans for you unfold. Proverbs 16:3. We love you with all our hearts!
Dad, Mom, Emily and Tim



Rachael Schaffner

To Rachael, our unique treasure! Watching you grow has been a delightful journey. You have been an instrument of God's grace to us all. What a huge hole there will be in our household without you. And now... "Fix your eyes on what is unseen." (I Corinthians 4) because... "Surely it is God who saves you. Trust in Him and be not afraid, for the Lord is your stronghold and your sure defense." (Isaiah 12) Much love, Mom and Dad



Emily Schnurpfeil

Dearest Emily, You have been our greatest joy and delight since the day you entered our family. We have marveled watching how the Lord has grown you into a special young woman that you are today. Your character and deep faith have borne testimony of His work in your life. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to use you and your gifts and talents to serve and glorify Him throughout your adult life. Psalm 100
With All Our Love, Mama & Daddy



Matthew Triebe

Matt, we've truly enjoyed watching you grow into a fine young man. Thank you for all that wonderful years and for just being you. To make your Puppy Chow, melt together 1 stick margarine, 1 cup chocolate chips and 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter. Pour over 8 cups rice chex (crispx) and stir well. Place 1 1/2 cups (or more) powdered sugar in a paper bag. Pour the chex into the bag and shake until coated. Whenever you enjoy this treat, think of your family and friends.
Love, Mom and Dad



Rebekah Shippy

Rebekah, you have grown into a beautiful young woman, full of life. We are so proud of you and continue to pray for you as you go on to life in college and beyond. May God continue to guide you. Keep Him in your heart and let Him direct your paths.



Cassie Vande Kamp

You are you Fathers' daughter. You act like your earthly Dad, but our constant prayer is that your Heavenly Father may count you worthy of his calling and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. And may he, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your heart and strengthen you in every good deed and word.
Dad, Mom, Kayla and Kevin



Khris Stillman

From action figures, the Hoover Little League All-Stars, and magic tricks to your love for golf, the Church, WCA hockey, and your fun friends...when did you grow up?!? We dread your departure from our home but we're excited about your bright future. You're special to us and we love you, Khris! Mom and Dad



Cassie Via

My little wide-eyed girl. I wish God would give me back the last 18 years to do all over again! I have loved and enjoyed every second. Remember it doesn't matter what you do in life as long as you keep your faith, follow the path God has chosen for you and strive to be the very best you can be. Your heart is larger than anyone I know and so is the love you feel for others. I love you...Dad.



Sean Thomas

Sean,
Life has not been easy for you, but you conquered each difficulty with faith and courage. I am very proud of you. Each step we have taken together has taught me much about God's grace and love. Thank you for making me laugh so much. God has you in his grasp and will never let you go.
I love you. Mom!
Philippians 3: 13-14



Chris Wagner

Chris, We are so proud of you. In a "blink of an eye", you are grown up! We enjoyed every minute with you. There were "buddy clubs", camping, trips out West and to Florida, hiking, kayaking, Daisy, Sunday School, Saturday trips to Bread Co., and yes, laughing ("what is your name?"). Col. 2:6, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."
Love, Mom, Dad, Matt



Tyler Thompson

Tyler, just as you have gone from little boy curls to big guy curls, you have gone from a precious child to an outstanding young man! We love your sense of humor...you always bring fun into our home. As you begin a new season of your life, remember that God has a special plan just for you (Jeremiah 29:11).
With Pride and Love,
Dad, Mom, Amibeth and Brink



Benjamin West

"Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long and the one the Lord loves rests between his shoulders." Deuteronomy 33:12. You've got a cosmic cause in your destiny...so keep your eyes on the One who paints the skies with glory; keep your heart on the One whose love won't fade.
Ben, Congratulations! We're so thankful for you!
Love, Mom and Dad



Faith White

Faith, You were always the cute little sister and now have grown into a beautiful young lady. You have worked hard at everything you do and will succeed at anything you put your heart and mind to. Always love and follow hard after God. May He give you the desires of your heart. Colossians 1:9-14 Love, Mom and Dad



Andrew Young

Our almost- Christmas baby, the gentle spirit who surprised us and became our world traveler. God made you tough (you survived your brother), and he made you with a tender heart (nobody else would take in a stray cat). When we dedicated you to the Lord, we gave you Colossians 1:10. As you head out into the world, we give you Philippians 1:6- He will be faithful to complete the good work he began in you. Love, Mom and Dad



Ben Wiele

"Benny Rooner" you're a rebel...and we couldn't be more proud of you. Congratulations on your accomplishments and thank you for using the gifts God has given you. Continue to seek God's will in every area of your life. Looking forward to what God has for your future. Keep smiling and fishing!
Love, Mom, Dad, Greg and Amanda



Morgan Younkin

Morgan,
How we praise God for the blessing that is you! You have brought much joy and fun into our lives. We are proud of what a capable and strong man you have become. You have a bright future before you. Remember, true strength lies in total dependence on God. Cling to the cross because our lasting treasure is in heaven. Philippians 1:9-11
We love you! Dad, Mom, Hayley, Leah and Gordon



Andrew Wilson

Andrew- as you start on your journey we wish you all of God's blessings. You are a true miracle from him. We are so proud of the man you are becoming. You captured my heart from the very beginning. You little boy laugh and grin have given way to the man we see before us. We are so excited for you but yet have sorrow in our hearts as you prepare to go on your way. We love you Son- Mom, Dad, Emily and Tyler



Ben Yousef

Ben, God's words are truth, live your life to reflect the truth. Proverbs 3:5-6 "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." Habakkuk 3:18-19 "yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights."
Love and Blessings



Kiah Wilson

Kiah, your name means new beginnings. You were the beginning of our "family"...the first child, first grandchild, first niece...the first of many things wonderful for us. We've watched you grow from a beautiful baby into an even more beautiful young woman.
Our prayer is that you continue to grow in Christ as you grow in life. Remember to always acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path. And don't forget to LAUGH! Your laughter is contagious!! We are honored to be your parents.
Love, Mom & Dad



Sophie Zavaglia

Sophie- you are the greatest gift God has given me! I am so thankful for you! You have the biggest heart, filled with so much love! You are so smart and funny! You teach me everyday! You make me laugh everyday! Thank you! You are beautiful in every way! I am so proud of you! Always follow your heart, continue using your gifts and God will continue to bless you! I love you more than you will ever know!
Love, Mommie



Lainey Woodward

You are a wonderful daughter, sister, and friend. Thanks for your patience and understanding over the last 18 years. As you embark on the next chapter in your life, continue living your life so that others will know that you belong to Him (Galatians 5:22-23). We are very proud of you.
Mom, Dad, Watson, and Della



Brendan Zee-Cheng

Brendan: you are a precious gift from our Heavenly Father and we thank Him continually for such a blessing. Watching you grow has brought us immense joy. We are so proud of you for using the God-given talents to the fullest in your endeavors. We look forward to seeing His plan unfold in your life. Remember to keep the faith and "commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." (Proverbs 16:3). We love you...Dad and Mom

Congratulations Class of 2006!



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Heatherlyn Neu

Precious adj: valuable, cherished, beloved.

Heatherlyn, you are a precious gift from God.

Your love for God is evident.

Your compassion for people is longsuffering. Your desire for adventure and fun has helped you explore the world.

Your creativity is inspiring.

You will always be our Precious daughter.

Love!

Mom and Dad



1 Thes. 3:9 "How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?"



*Thank You!
To the Faculty, Staff,
and Administration
of WCA*

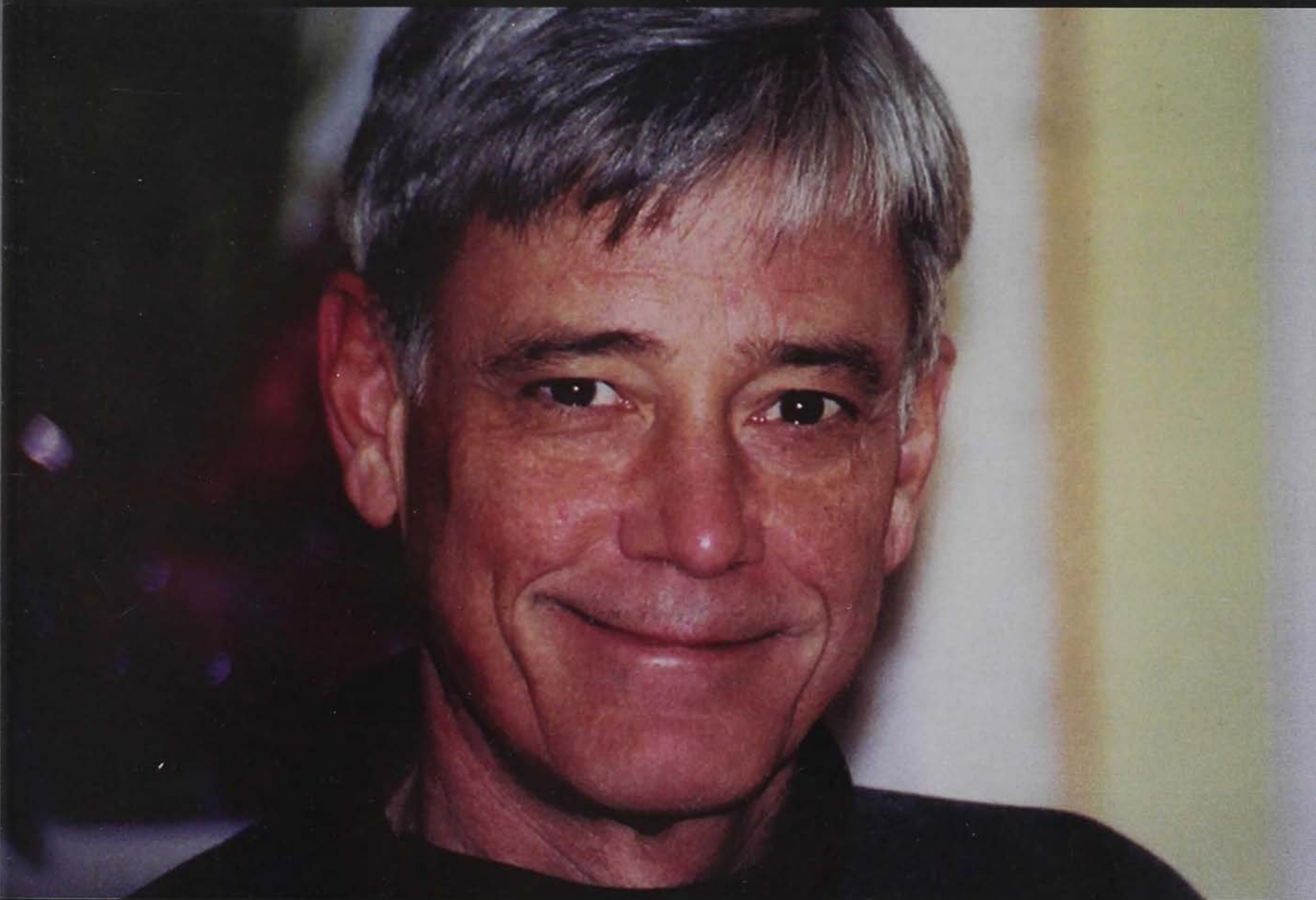
for the blessing you have been to our family over the last fourteen years. May God continue to richly bless you as you work to raise up Godly you men and women to impact the world!

*In Him,
The McReynolds Family
Amy, Julie, Brian, and Sarah*

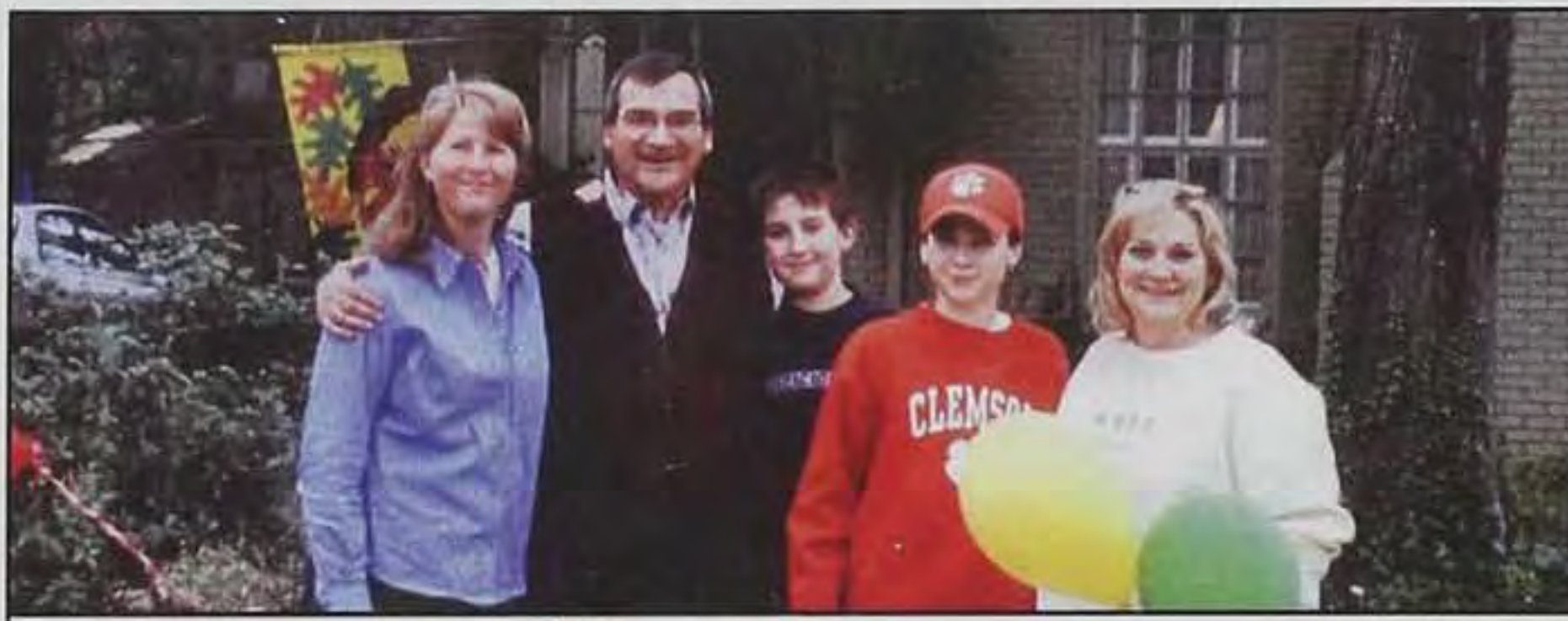
*In Memory of the
Loved One we lost*

Doug Thomas

7/26/50 - 6/1/05



*We will always miss and love you
Sean, Ji-hoon, and Margie*



Stephen,

**We are so proud of you. Always remember how much we love you. We thank God for the blessing you are to us.
Love Mom, Dad and Michael**



Becca, you are a blessing to us and to those whom you have touched!

**We love you,
Mom, Dad, Aaron, Rachel, Brent, and
Zelda
Proverbs 3:5-6**



Ouch, it hurts to see you leaving! Wasn't it only last month that you were asking for Buddy? From that, to breaking pictures (3X) and dropping coils...

Great compassion is our dream for you, Matt; keep it growing to His glory. Never be above criticism, even at 90! Seek God always; find Him EVERYWHERE. Our pride is too much for 160 words or less. May you also be blessed with a child that breaks you down to laughing when you're trying to discipline them. Let those beautiful eyes express yourself!

Love, Mom Matthew 25:31-26

Dear Matt, Mattytom, Tiger!

Colorado, Tigers, Team, Scouts, Shiloh... We're so proud of how you've grown into a solid, spiritual man and leader. The Lord has blessed you with many gifts. Use them to honor and glorify Him! "Would the child you were be so proud of the adult you are?" Matt, he certainly would be! Love, Dad



Where do we begin to tell about all the joy and fun that you have given us all? We have truly been blessed. We've had double the enjoyment and enrichment in our lives because of both of you. A dynamic duo for sure; but with very distinct and unique personalities in each of you. So many happy smiles, so many laughs throughout the years. We wish the best for your future.

Proverbs 3

With love, Your Family





Samantha Hobbs

Where did the little pixie go who chattered day and night?
She's now the young woman with soulful eyes who loves God
with all her might.

Can it be? Just look at you: You're all grown up, I know.
Eighteen years-how time does fly- and now we let you go!
Wherever God takes you- remember, my Child- our love for
you is so strong.

And your room is still here- and so are we; it's not 'good-bye',
it's 'so long.'



Cassie Via

Cassie you've given my life meaning. You're my
"All American Girl." I love you! Dad

One of the greatest pleasures a grandparent
could have is a life with a grandchild like "Curly Red!"
We love you Cassie! Grandmother and Grandpa

High spirited, determined, quite spoken, lil An-
gel! We love you Cassie! Uncle Marty, Aunt Kim and the
girls

Who needs a daughter when I have a great niece
like you! We love you! Aunt Bug and the Boys



Yearbook and Newspaper staffs....
Have I told you lately that I love you?

Thanks for a great first year back
 -V



Jonathan Glenn Pollmann

Sine the day you were born the possibilities for your life have been limitless. You have grown to become a faithful man of God, and we are so proud of you. We are grateful to WCA for giving you "the right stuff".

Go do great things- a mighty warrior for God's kingdom!

Love, Mom, Dad, Joe, Daniel

Congratulations Kiah, We Are
 Very Proud of You!



Love,
 Your Family
 Brittany, Grandmother,
 Granny, Grandpa,
 Uncle Leon, Aunt Linda,
 Uncle Dennis, Aunt Rhonda,
 Uncle Edward "Rebert",
 Aunt Sonya, EJ, Mya



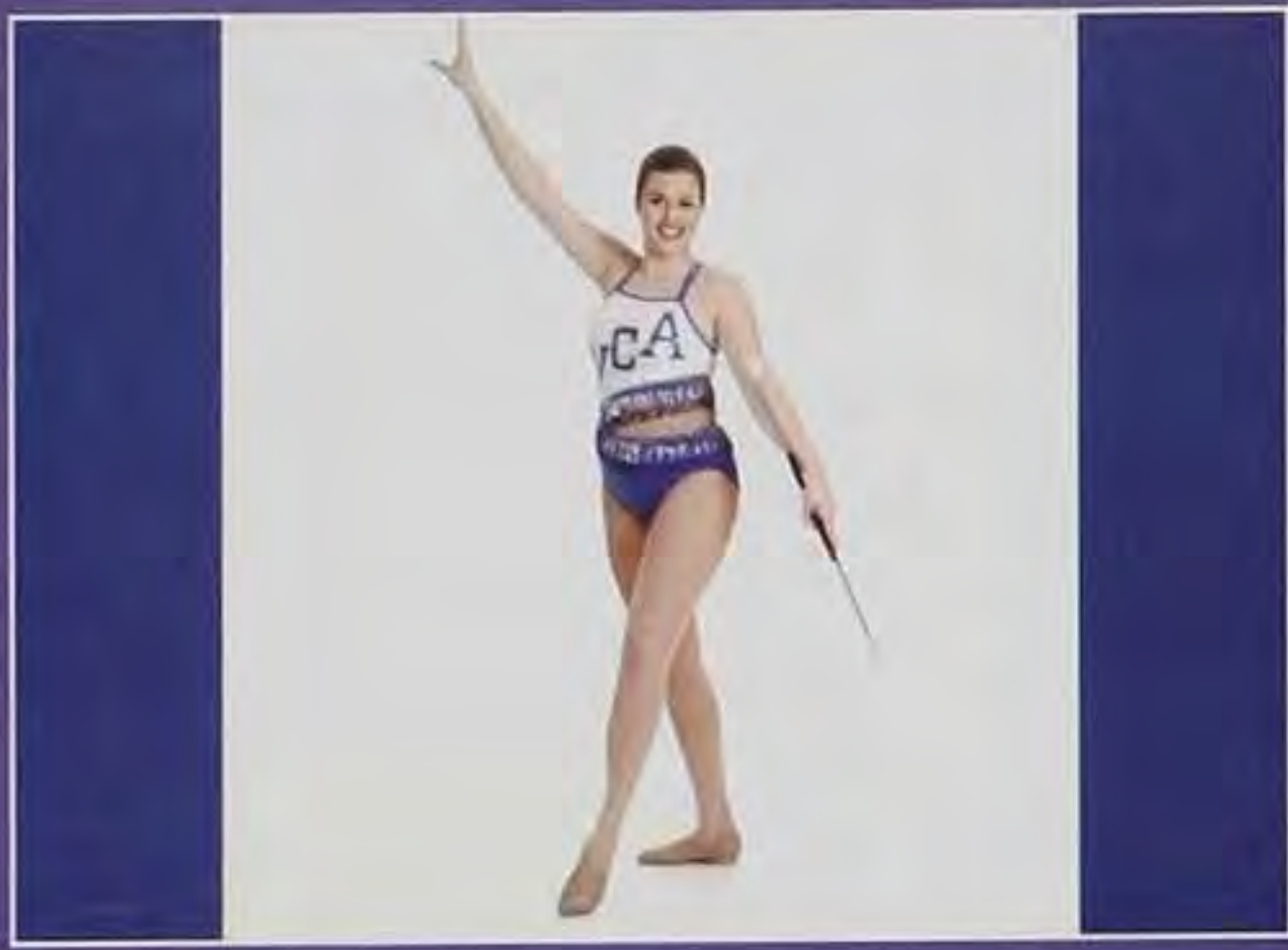
Elliot Brown

So here you are everything your mom and I hoped and prayed you would be, and more.

Your future's so bright you gotta wear shades. All our love,

love,
 Mom and Dad





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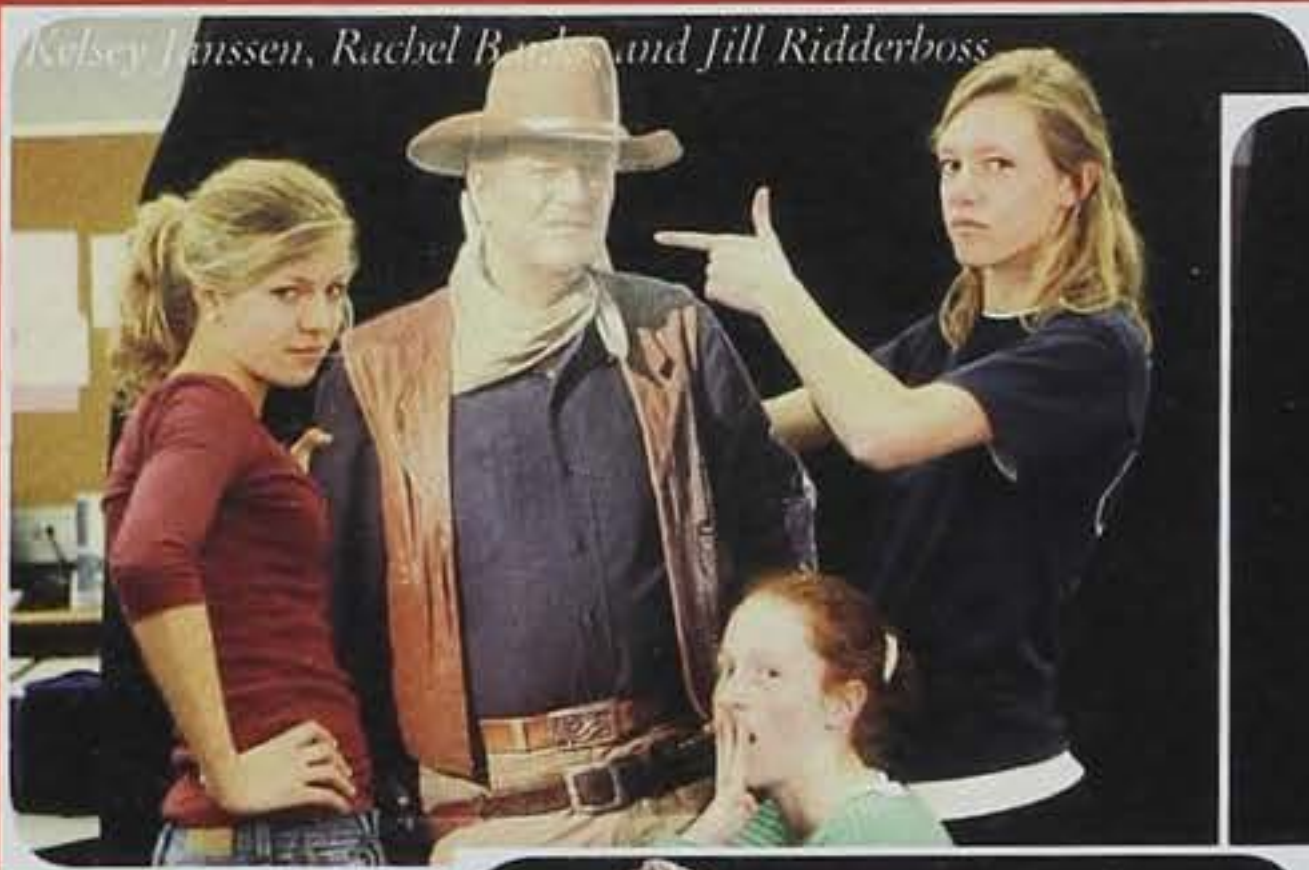
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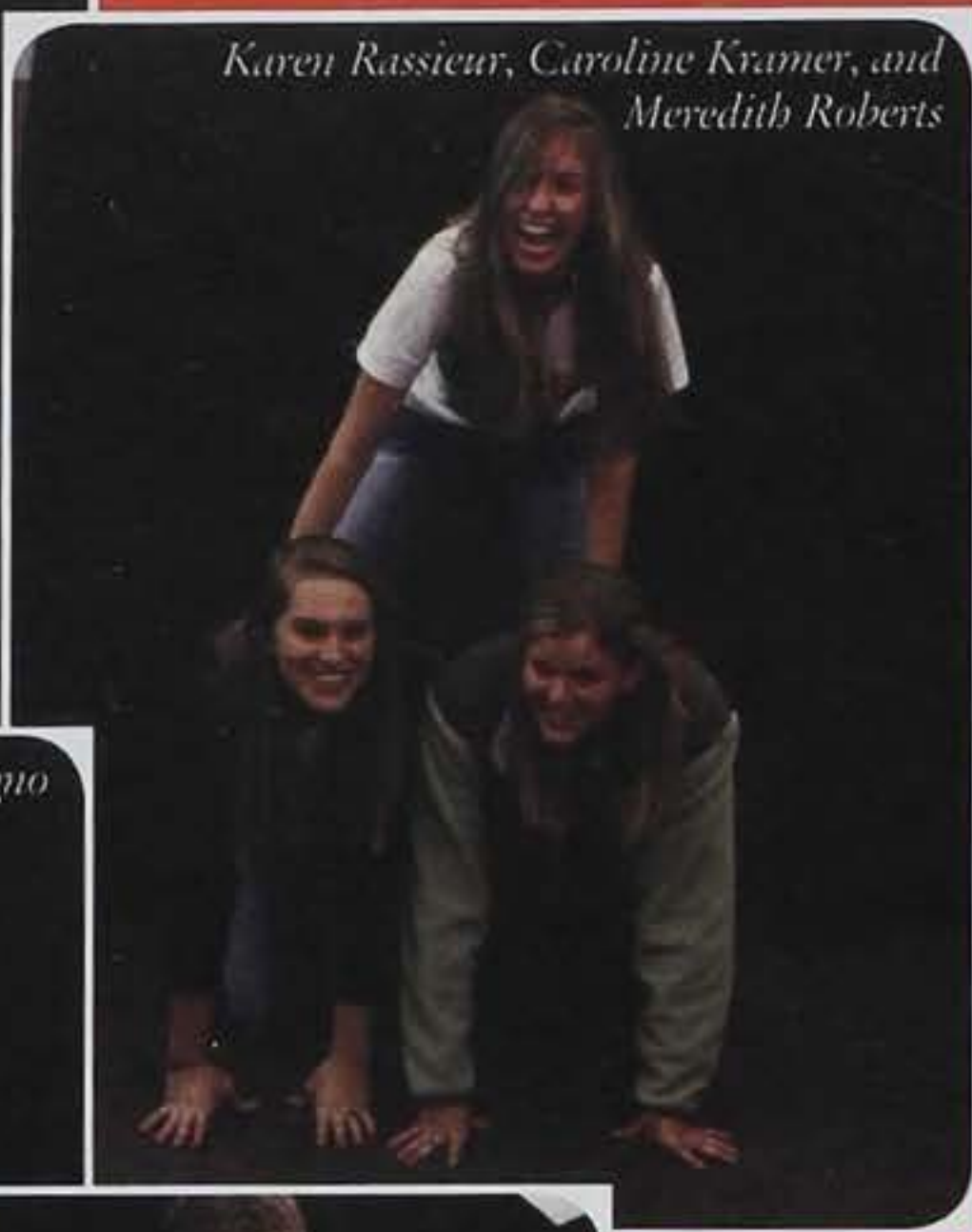
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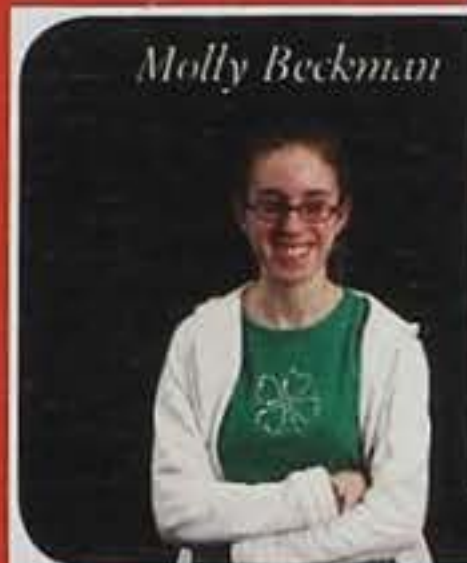
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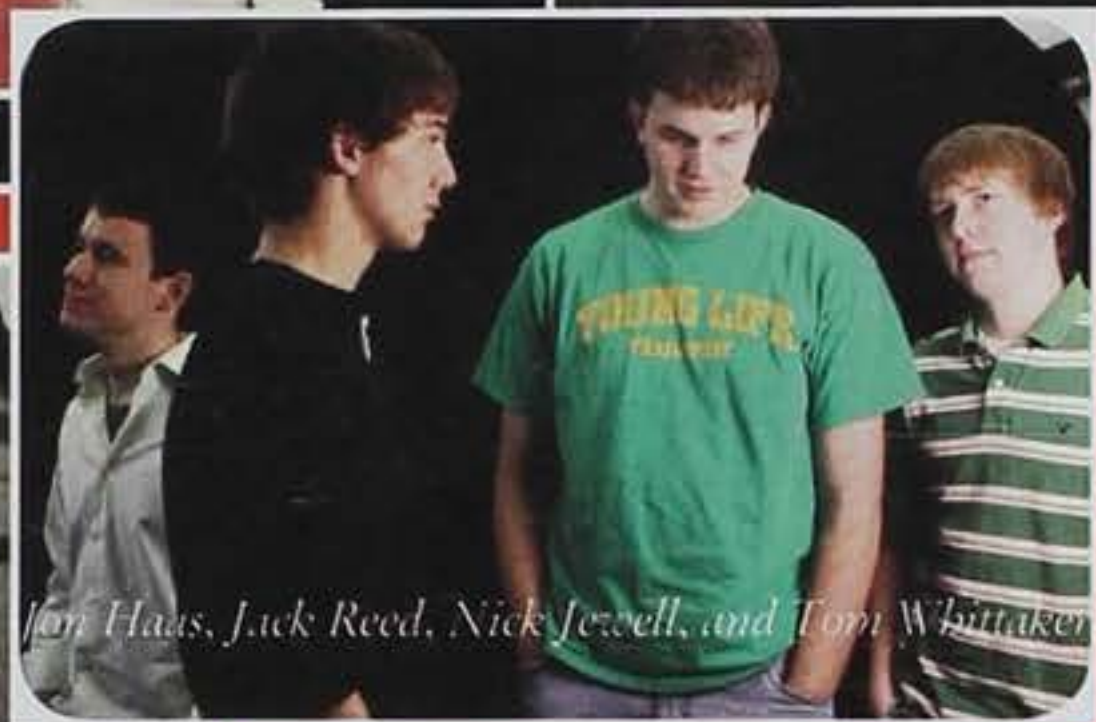
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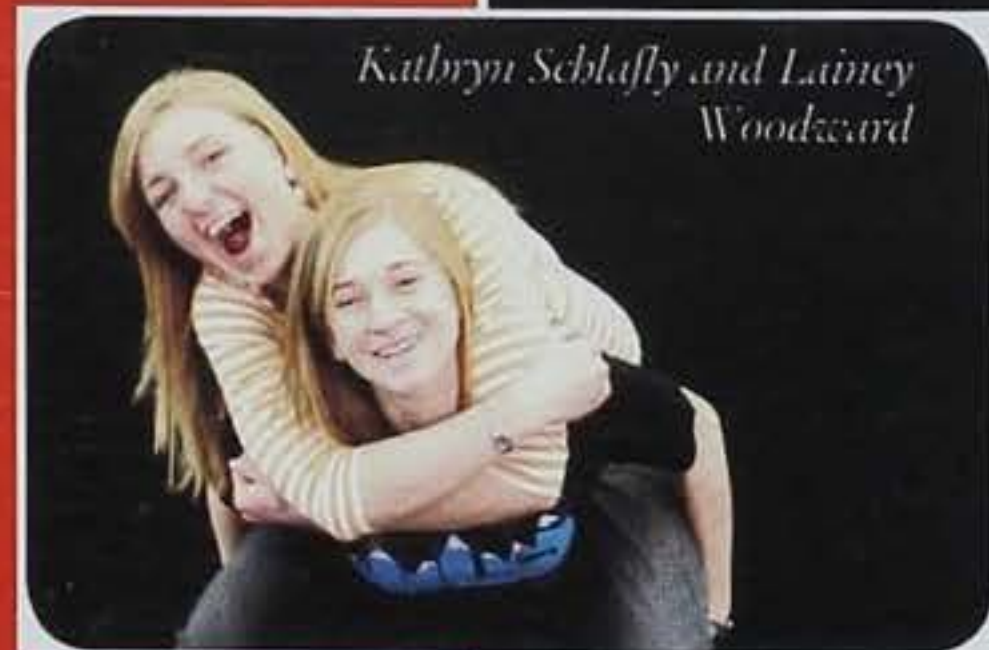
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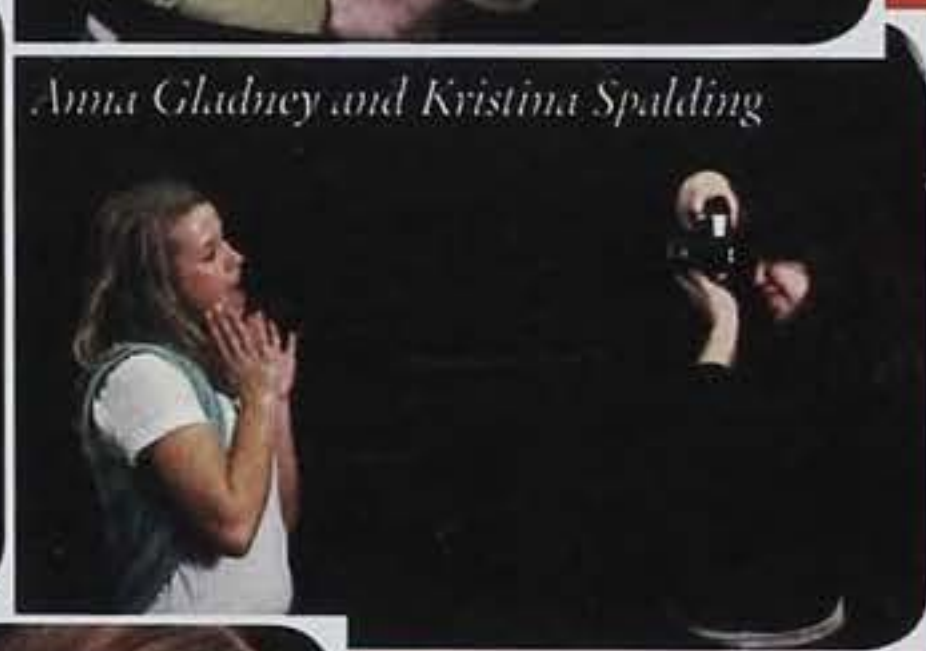
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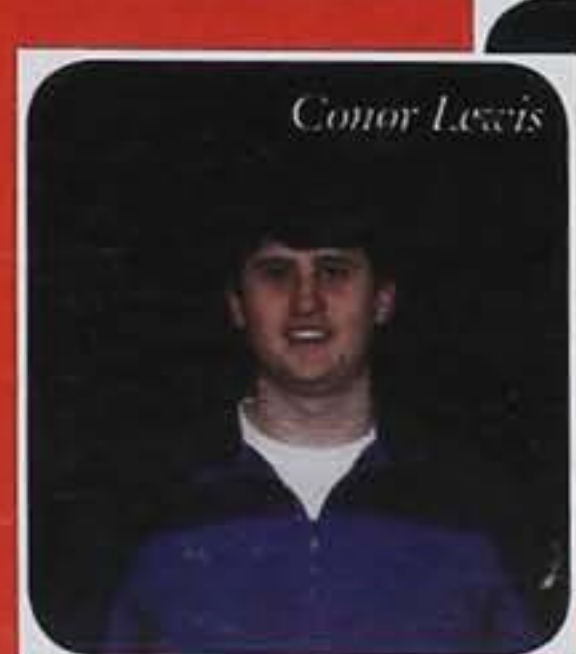
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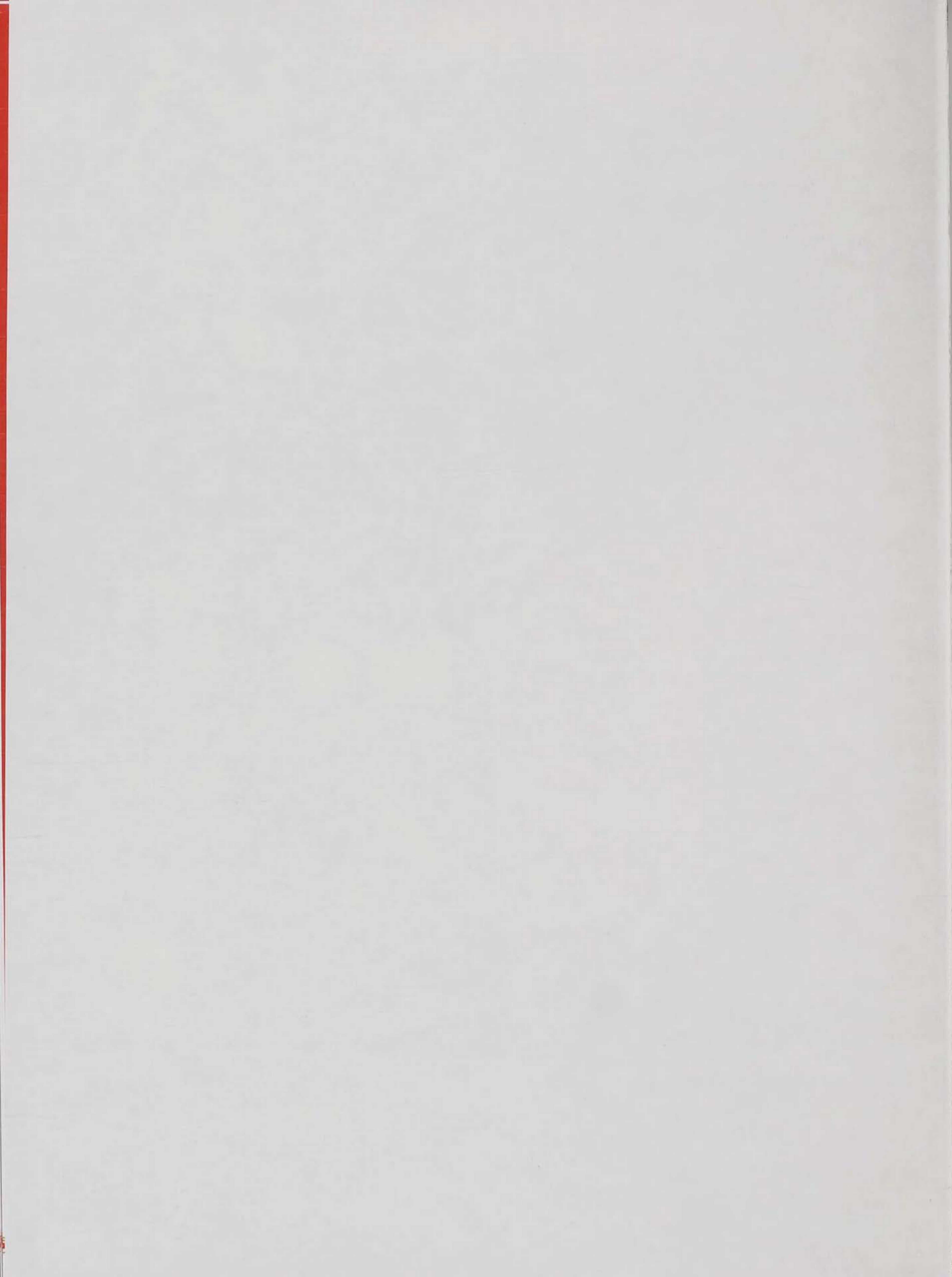
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