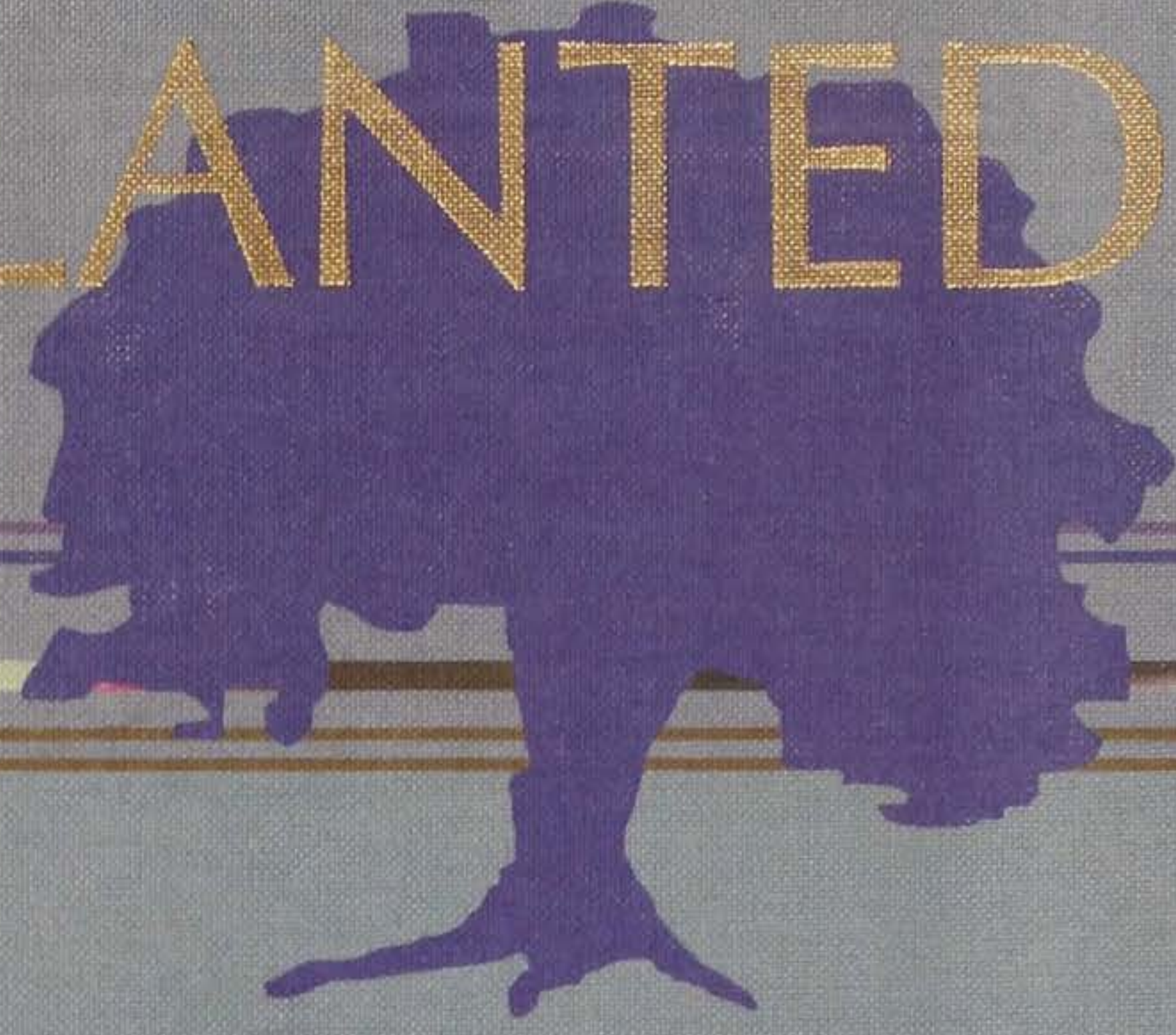


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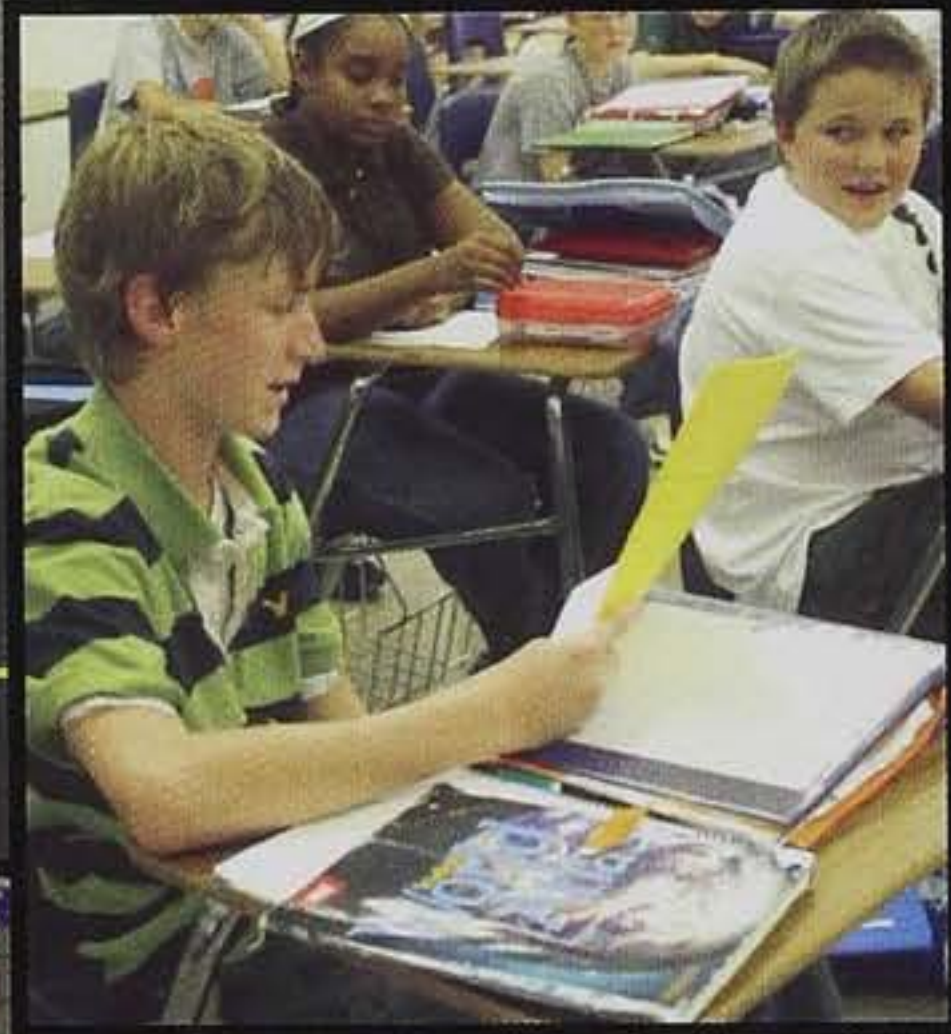


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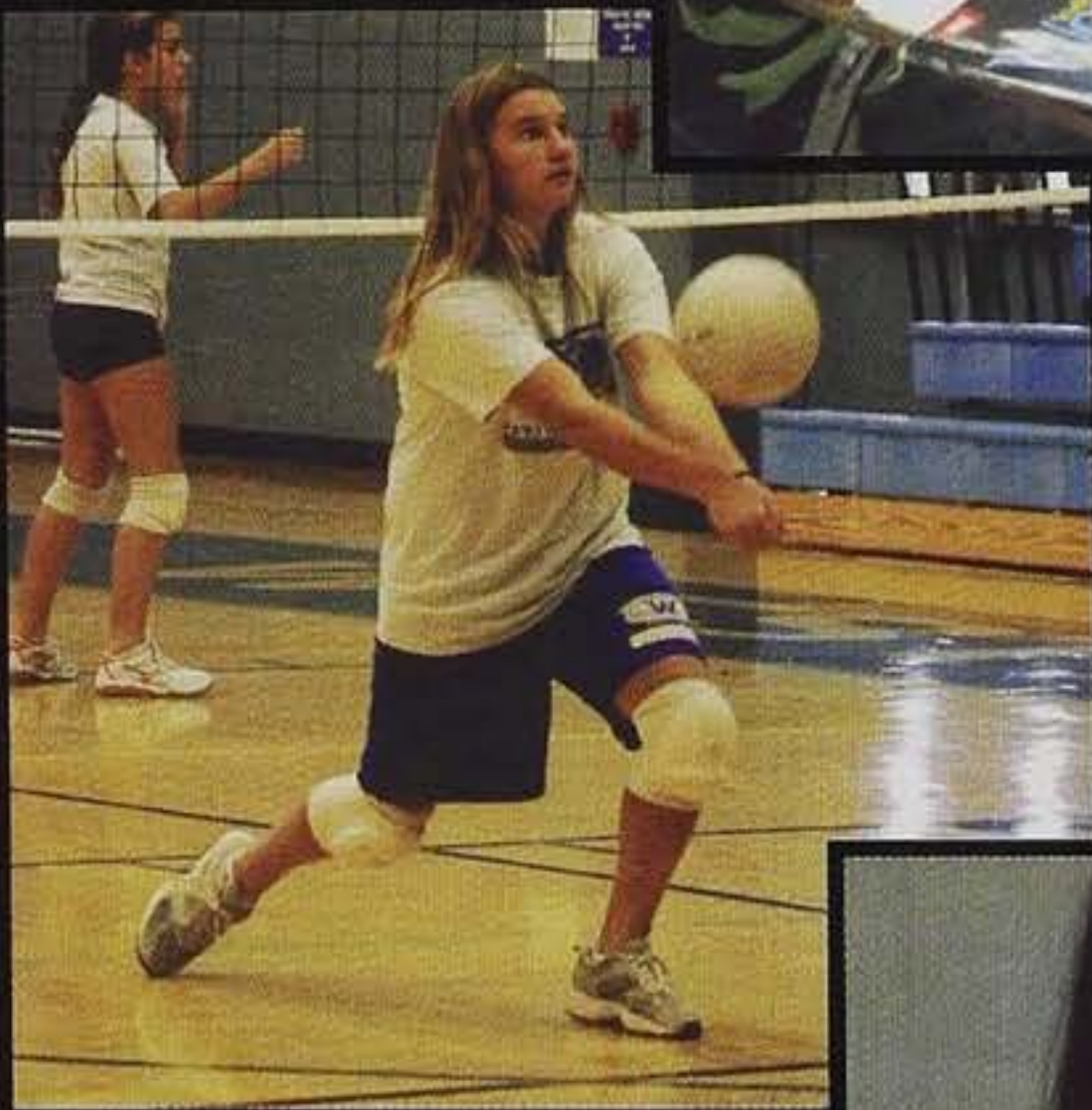


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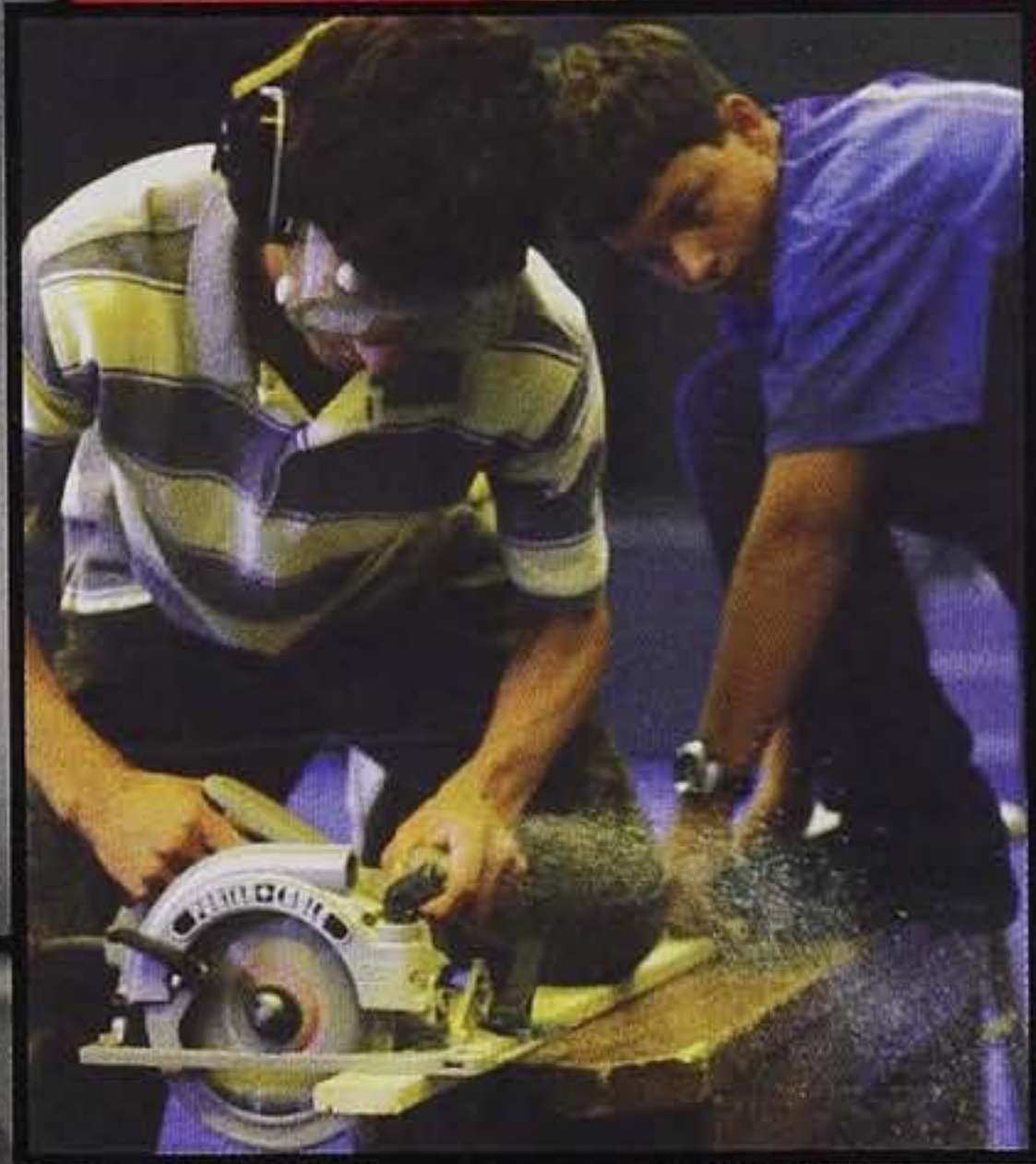


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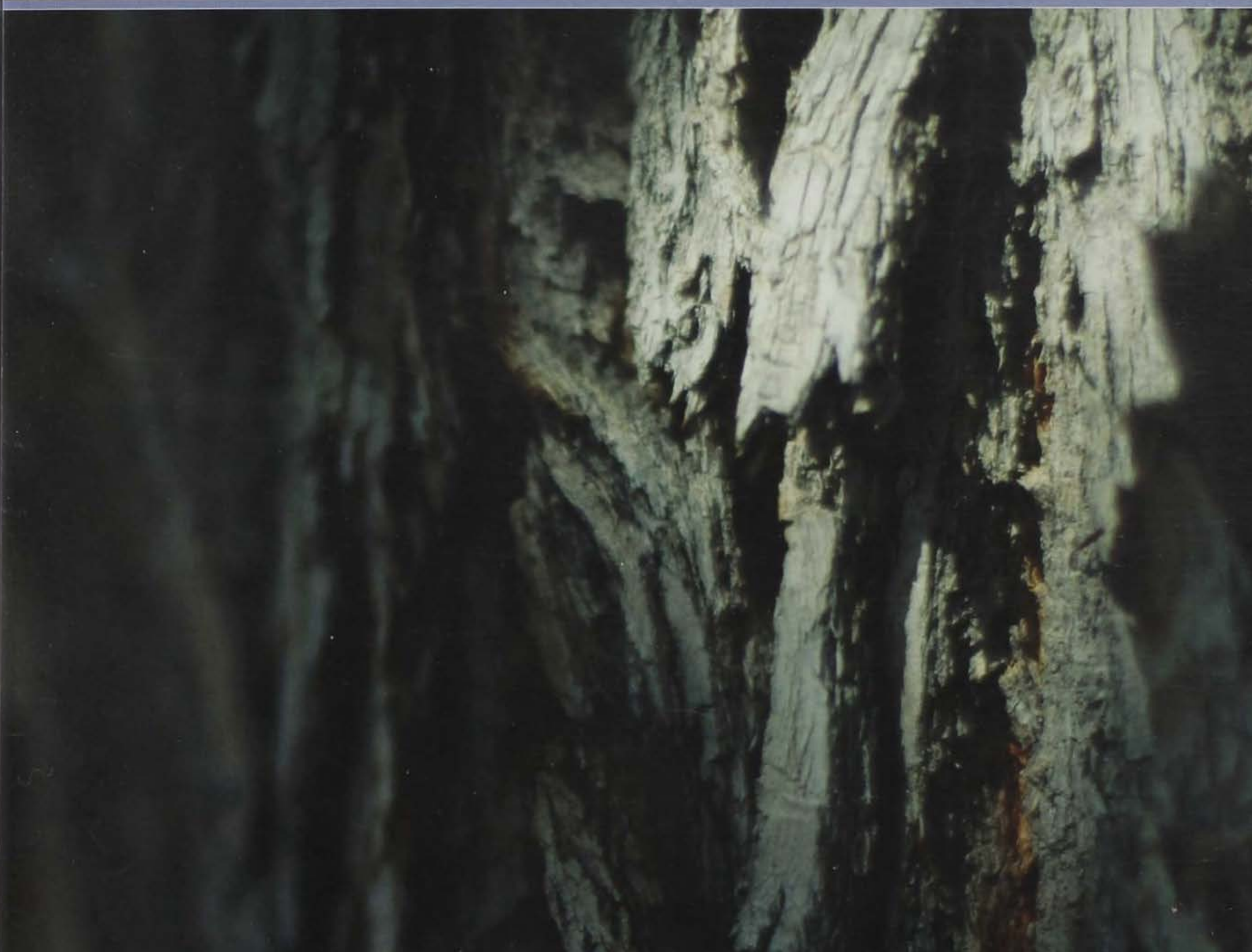


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David Alexander
and Kathleen Hunt,
sophomores



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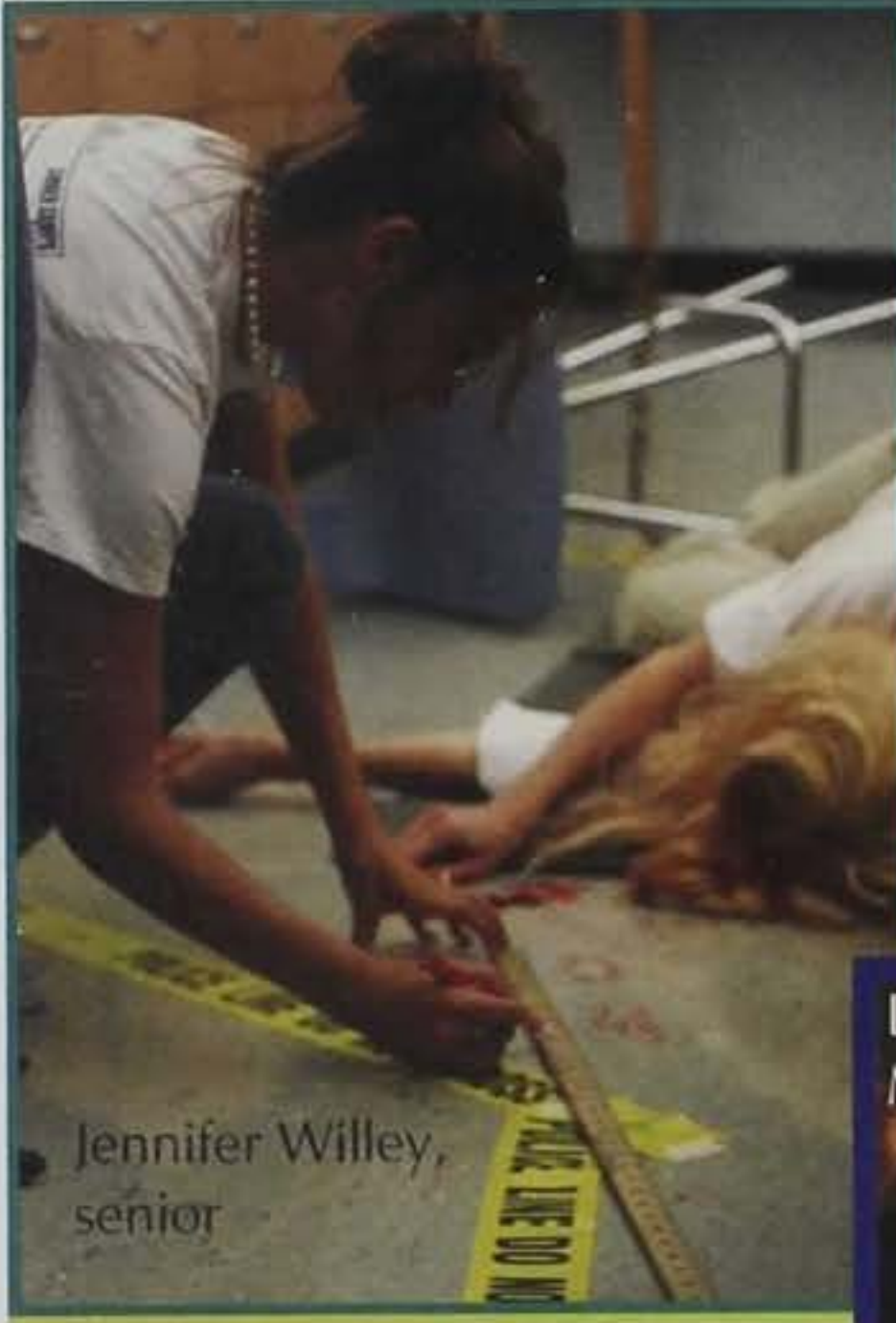
Rachel Cannon,
junior



Anne Carrington,
senior

We may have all come from different places, but now we are all planted in the soil of WCA. Just as plants use the sun, water, and soil, we as students use teachers, textbooks, and relationships in our environment to become who we are. However, there are sometimes other factors which affect our growth. Sometimes we encounter storms, and we may feel like our roots are not strong enough to hold us in the ground. But if we just dig our roots down deeper, and make ourselves stronger...





Jennifer Willey, senior



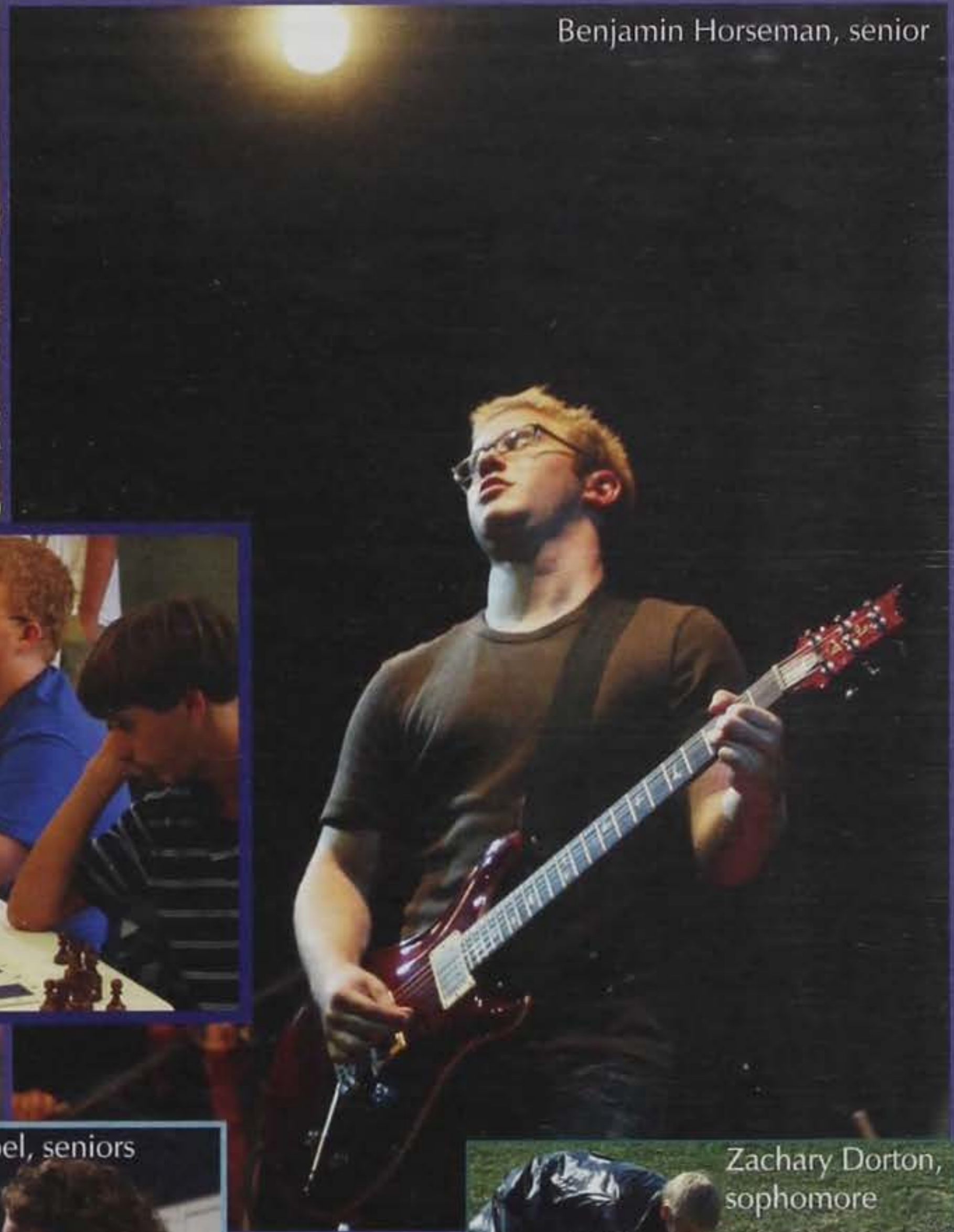
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Elizabeth Crowell, senior



Abigail Ferguson and Elizabeth Sippel, seniors

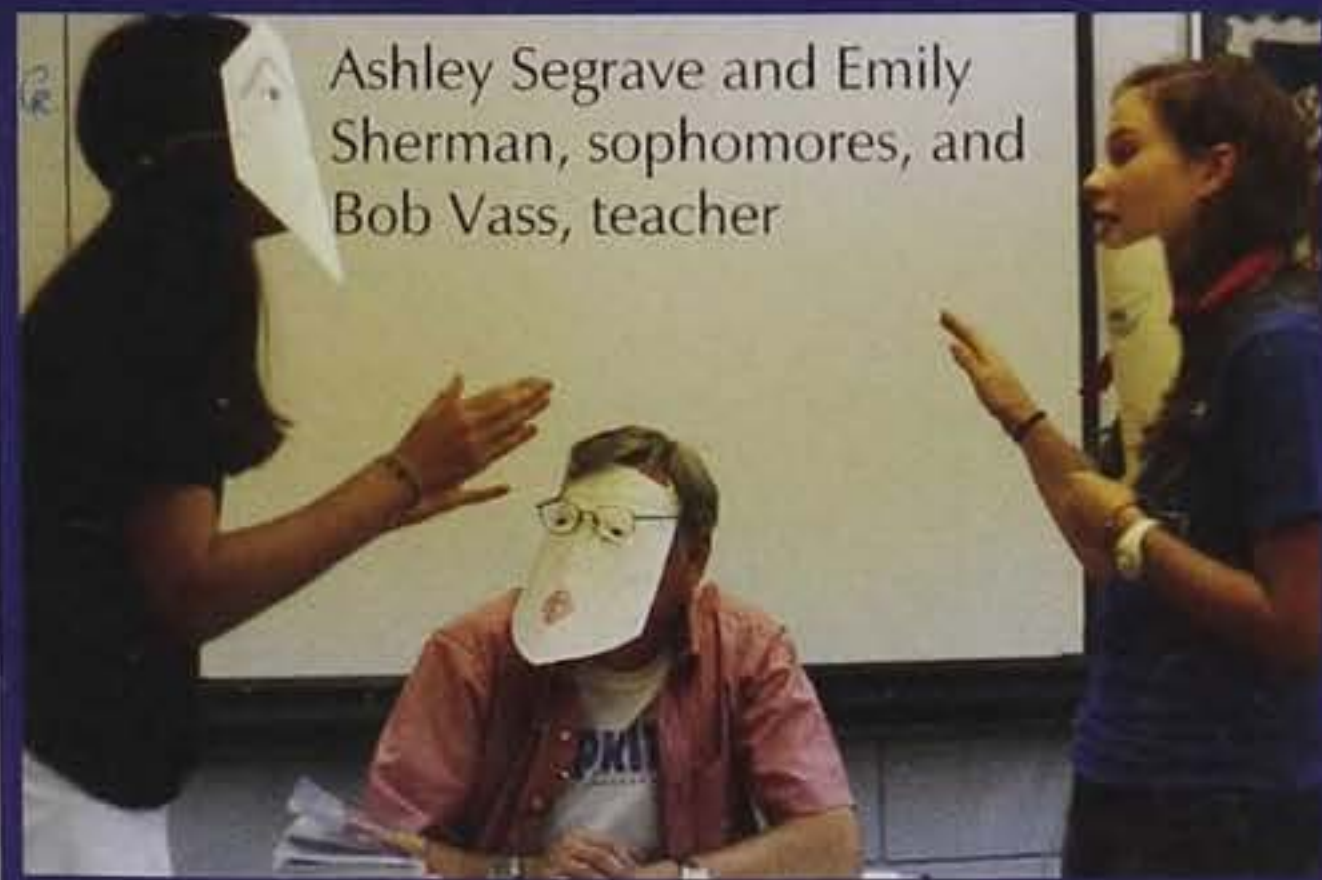


Benjamin Horseman, senior



Zachary Dorton, sophomore

...we will be able to withstand any difficulty as long as we are planted in the right place. We all reap the harvest of our hard work on the field by scoring a run or by beating the record breaking time. Middle School students establish their roots as they get to know more people and become truly a part of Westminster. We branch out from the monotony of classes by joining clubs and being...



Ashley Segrave and Emily Sherman, sophomores, and Bob Vass, teacher



Erin Guthrie, freshman



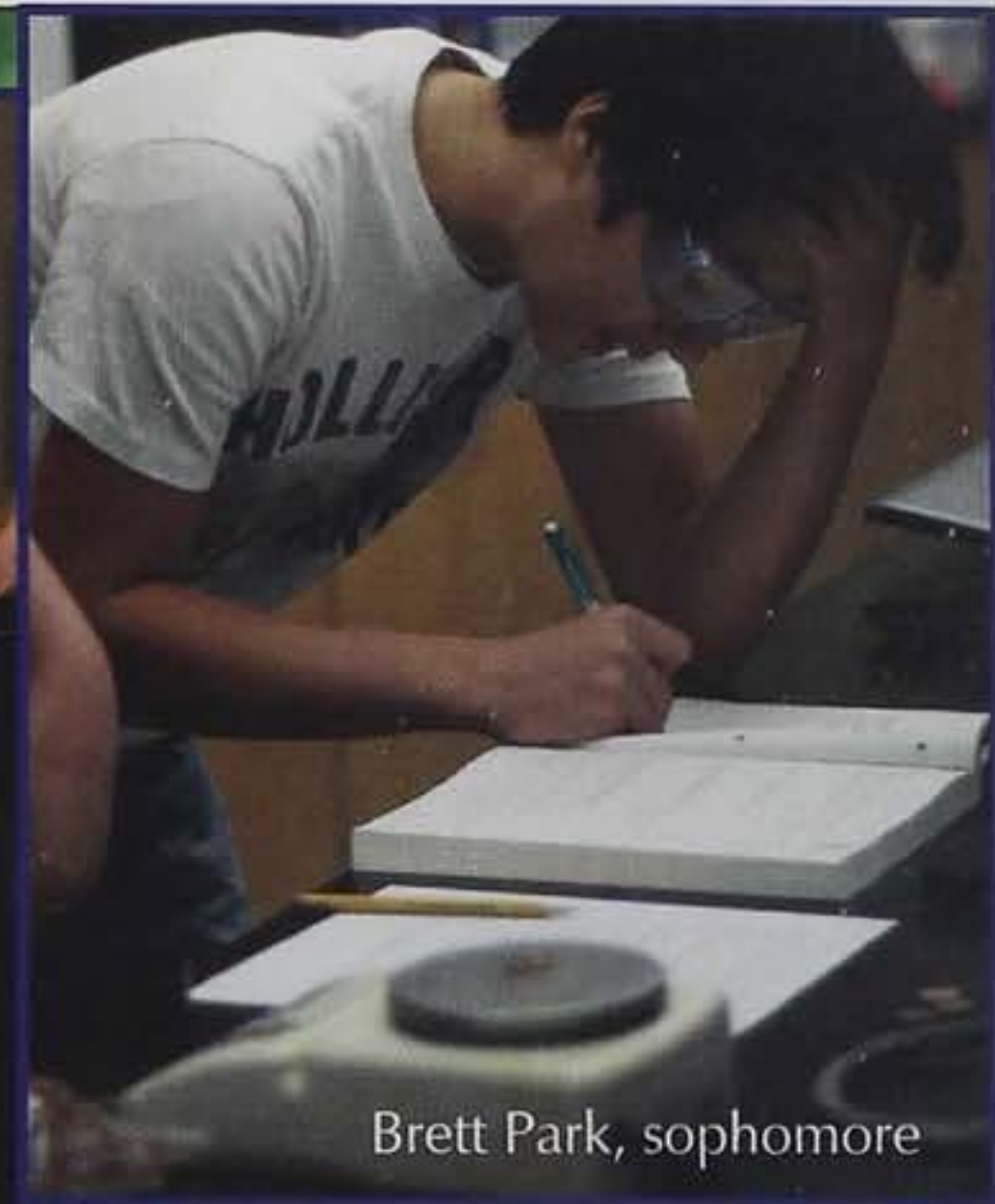
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Kristin Rosen, junior



Paul Friz, senior



Brett Park, sophomore



Kimberly Peterson and Hannah Victor, juniors

... involved with our fellow students. Upper school students take the roots that they have developed in Middle School and start **growing up** towards life after high school. Seniors **bear much fruit** as they take everything they have learned in high school and make it a part of who they are, not just to keep it, but to **share** it with the world around them. We **soak up the sun** day in and day out getting the most out of **extracurricular** activities with our friends...



Rachel Bates, eighth grade



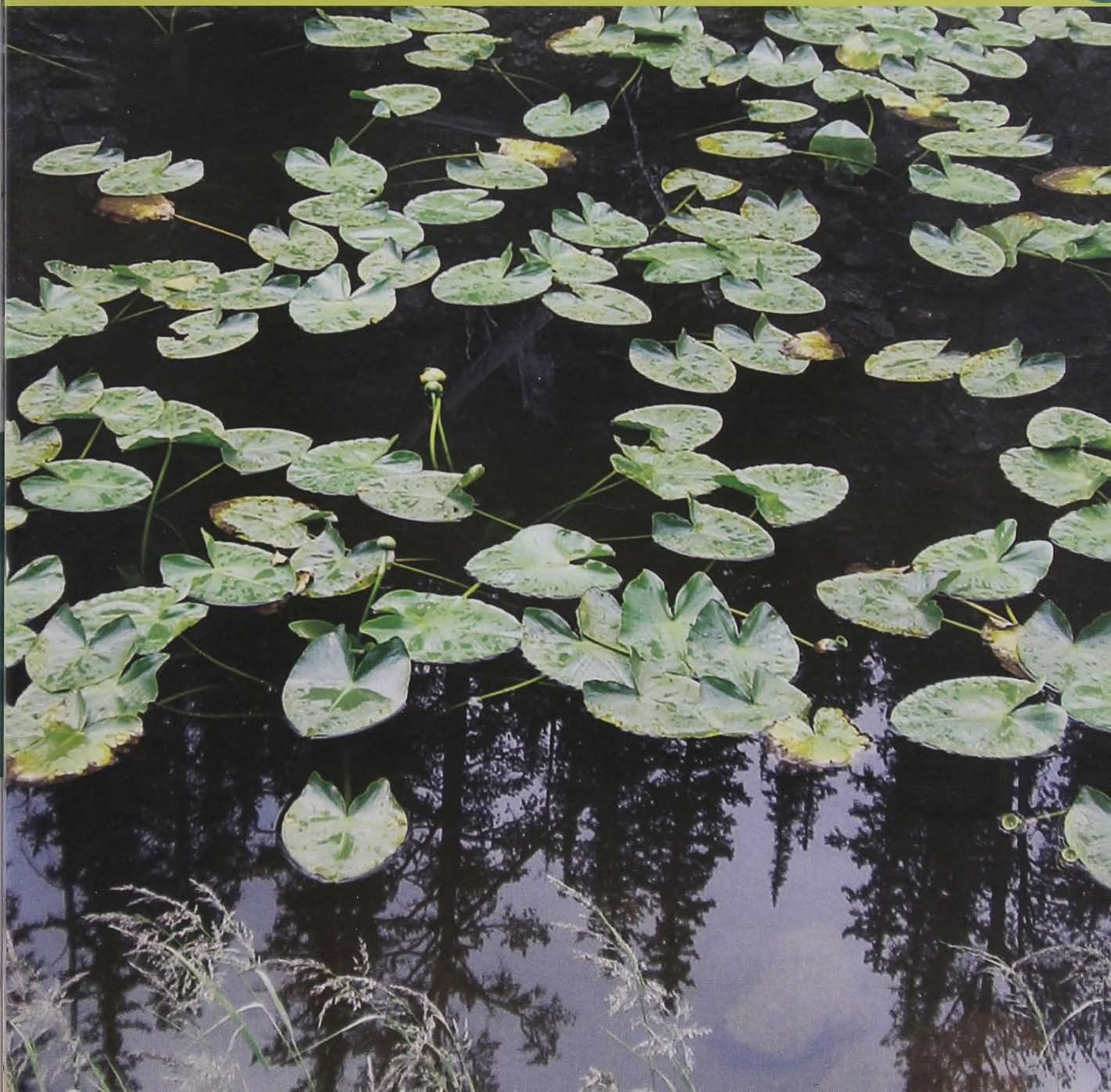
Rebecca Krause and Macy Draper, eighth grade, and Nathan Talley, teacher



Rachel Porter, eighth grade

... and deviating from the daily routine. Just as in science we learn how photosynthesis takes water, sun light, and soil to make the beautiful plants all around us, we will photosynthesize by taking everything we have gathered from our different classes and experiences to make us the people we are. But it does not stop at the Academy. Everywhere we go we put down our roots, soak up the sun and become **PLANTED.**

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Establish Your Roots

You've never seen a chapel so big. You meander through the halls, trying to find your pre-algebra class. It all seems like a blur of new people, new teachers, new school. You wonder if your peer counselor will be nice, or at least bring good snacks. Walking into the cafeteria for lunch, you see the girl from your first hour class sitting near the windows. You take a seat, open your crinkled brown paper bag, and talk about how you don't understand a thing that your teacher said in science class.

Margaret Mauze, eighth grade,
and Gyeong Lee, Holly Sumner,
Anna Dieckgraefe, seventh grade



Berkley Thudium, eighth grade

Ross Munroe, Zackary Lokey, Christopher Kehr, James Hoekzema, seventh grade



Kaitlyn Frederick, eighth grade



Kristen O'Leary, eighth grade



Thomas Osterholt, seventh grade



John Barry and Melinda Oliver, seventh grade

You stop by the **meeting** on Friday
for anyone interested in spirit club. You are **finding** what
you like and finding new **friends**.



SARAH
AGAN



JONAH
ANDERSON



NATHANIEL
ARNOLD



DOMINIC
BARRESI



SAMUEL
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JULIA
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Laura Hammann and Anna Franceschelli, eighth grade, put up a bulletin board for Jeremy Scott, history teacher.

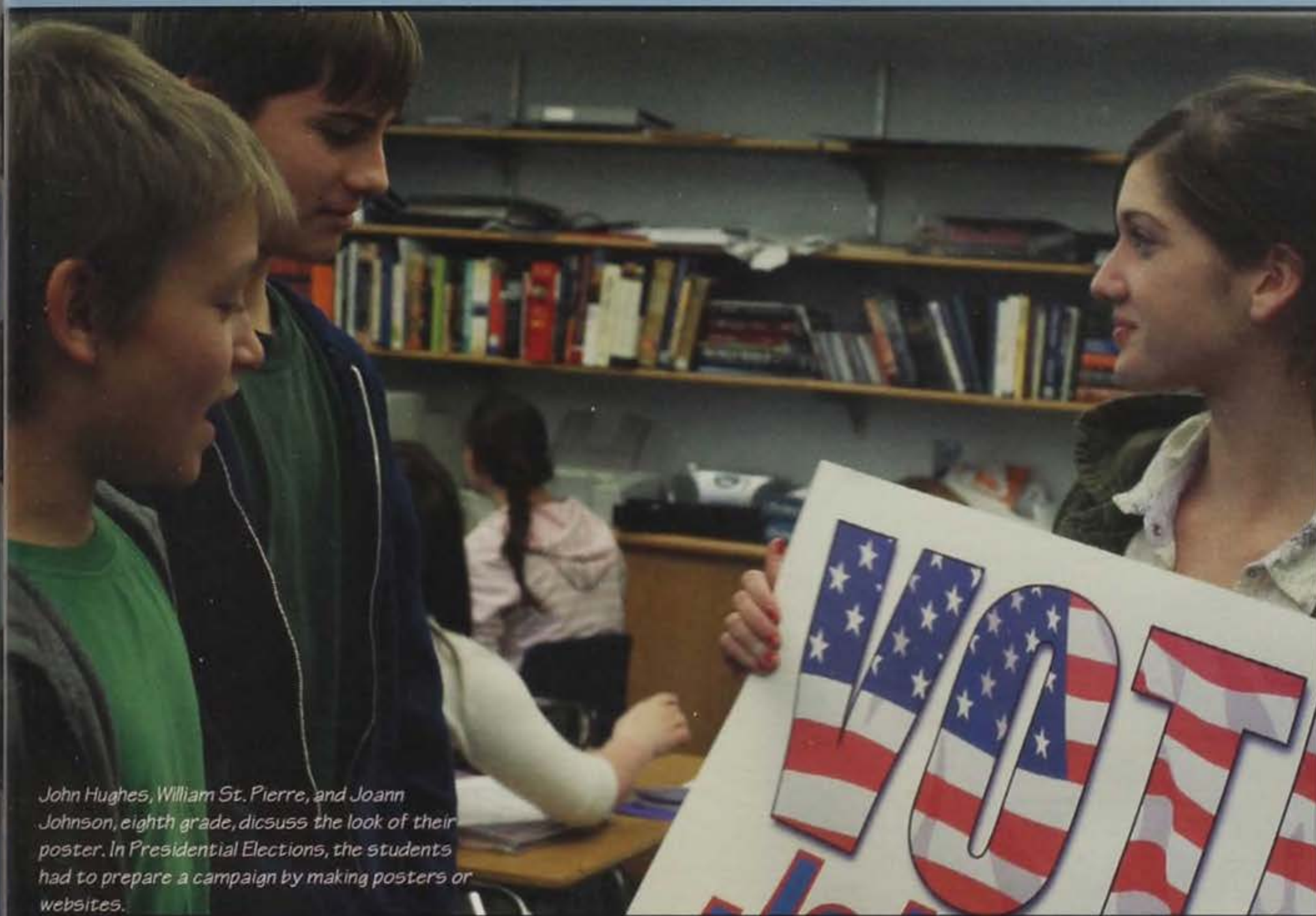


Sierra Matthews, Emily Horak, and Jabri Boyd, seventh grade, learn how to apply information in the media to their faith in Christian Worldviews. "I like how we talk about different situations about media and debate what the media says," said Boyd.



Laura Hammann, Marshall Dickerson, John Hughes and David Rohlfing, eighth grade, work on creating a flag for the bulletin board in Presidential Elections.

Seventh Grade



John Hughes, William St. Pierre, and Joann Johnson, eighth grade, discuss the look of their poster. In Presidential Elections, the students had to prepare a campaign by making posters or websites.

It was toward the end of the day and you were getting dressed after another P.E. class. Instead of heading to another class of sitting in desks, you headed to your encore class, where you got to work hands-on.

Encore classes were designed for middle school students who were taking P.E. rather than a sport. They were extra-curricular classes that were both academically and practically relevant to the students' lives. Both seventh and eighth grade offered different classes. Some of the eighth grade classes were history in literature, taught by Pam Bye, English teacher. The class focused on the



Sitting in Architectural Design, Edward Sutphen, seventh grade, cuts out pictures from a magazine. The students had to find furniture that would help decorate the interior of the house they designed.



Justine Dairon, eighth grade, looks through papers the class had written. The classroom was a campaign headquarters where students held a mock election, researched their own party and came up with advertisements.



Michael Becker and John Dohr, seventh grade, listen about how mutual funds work. In Personal Financing, students learned how to keep a budget by keeping one for a month and also visiting Finance Park. Finance Park was a place where the students received a life profile and had to buy supplies according to their income.

Great Depression and the events leading up to it. Students in this class watched movies and wrote a paper relating on the topic. Robotics, taught by Dale Beachy, math teacher, focused on the design and use of robots in a practical way. The students created and built their own robots to compete at the end of the class.

Movie making on historical era, taught by Tim Muehleisen, history teacher, allowed his students to learn how to plan and create movies by picking a historical era about which they wanted to make a movie. One seventh grade class was power play, taught by Andy Kerckhoff, English and world geography teacher. Power play was a business-like class that taught students the process of creating a product and marketing it.

R

Race to the Finish

The excitement was high. Not only was it a Friday, but it was the day of the Middle School Christmas Party. As the throng of middle school students filled the NASCAR Speed Park, the volume level grew and continued to do so throughout the day. When first arriving, some students headed up stairs to try out the mini-race track. With five on the track, they all competed to win, complete with a flag and a siren to end the race. Just along the corridor was an area of laser tag. Even though the line continued to grow, students waited for their turn to pulverize their friends with a friendly game of tag.

Down below, students were competing, computer versus man. With the competition high, students attempted to beat arcade games and win many tickets. The games tested the student's skills on hand-eye coordination, aiming and talent. Along with the arcade games there was a rock climbing wall. Although for some, the wall was hard to overcome, many were able to defeat it and make it to the top. With excitement at its highest, the students streamed back to the buses, ready for a weekend to look back on their fun filled Friday and their day off of school.



Anne Rebbe and Kaylie Duke, seventh grade, put their tickets in a machine that counts the tickets for you. The students enjoyed the convenience, so they could easily get their reward.

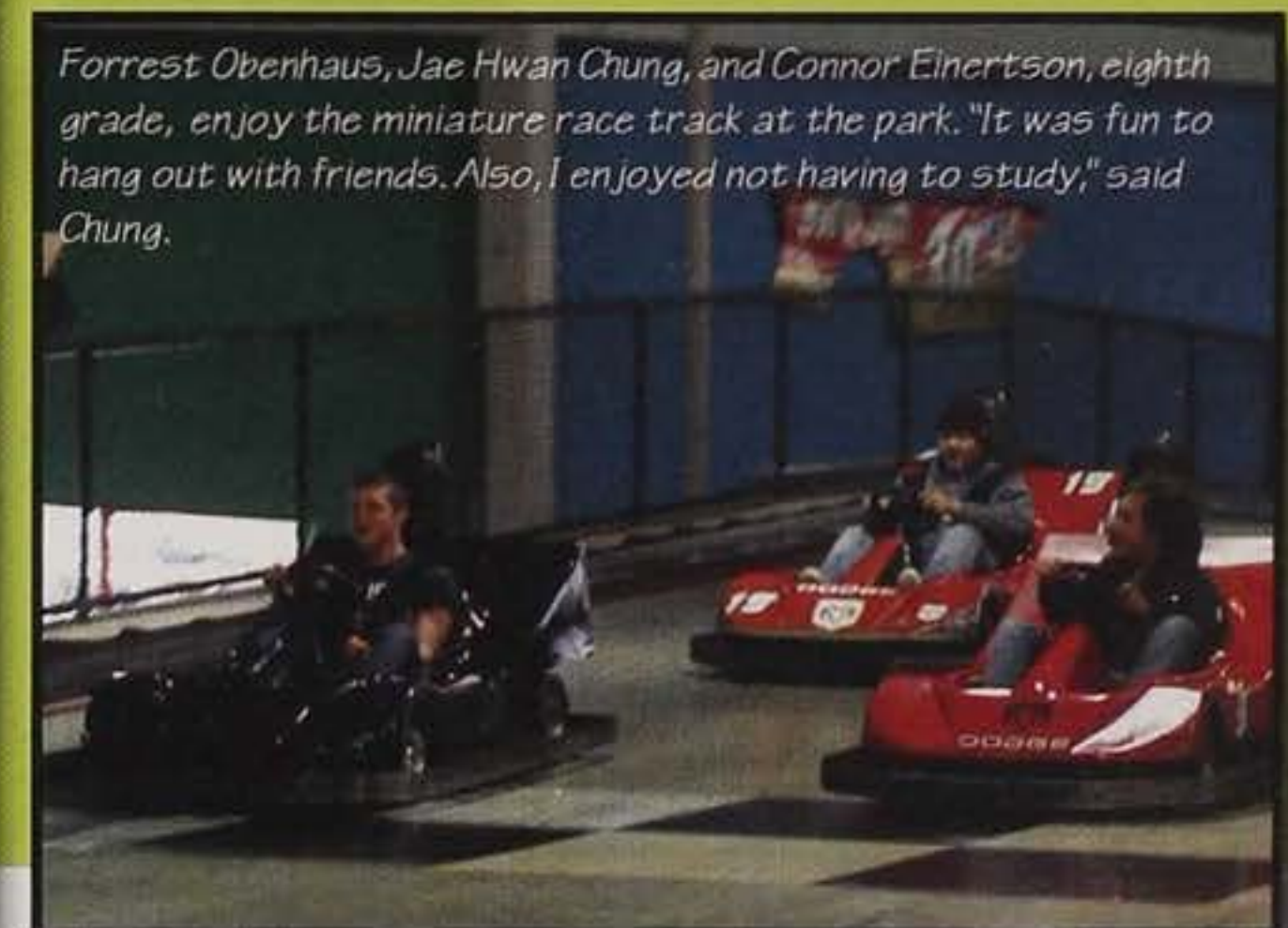
Jerica Blanchard, Cindy Blanchard, and Tinaira Tieuel, eighth grade, play arcade games.



Kinsey Martin and Madeleine Smith, eighth grade, ride around in a miniature race track ride. The ride was an imitation of the race track that sped you around in a circle.



Forrest Oberhaus, Jae Hwan Chung, and Connor Einertson, eighth grade, enjoy the miniature race track at the park. "It was fun to hang out with friends. Also, I enjoyed not having to study," said Chung.



Jerett Maass, eighth grade, attempts to win a stuffed animal from the arcade game.



Jeremy Ebert and Jesse Gruneisen, seventh grade, talk while they count each others tickets.

Robert Kinsinger, Noah Roberts, eighth grade and Travis Brandt, seventh grade, are ready to race around the track. Even though the track was short, the line was long for the activity.



Peter Duell, eighth grade, makes it to the top of the rock-climbing wall. Many of the students tried, but few could make it to the top. Teachers Thane Veltkamp, science teacher, and Nathan Talley, Bible teacher, also had fun climbing the wall.



AMBER DRAPER



MADISON DRURY



MICHAEL DUDLEY



KAYLIE DUKE



ROBERT DYKHOUSE



JEREMY EBERT



WILLIAM EGAN



BRANDON ESTOCK



NATHAN ESWINE



EMILEE EVETTS



PATRICK FARMER



BRIAN FELLOWS



TAYLOR FREINER



JESSE GRUNEISEN



MATTHEW HALL



LAUREN HANCE



JANAY HARDY



ANNIE HARTWIG



ALEXIS HARVEY



DREW HAYNES



ELIZABETH HEARNE



JUSTIN HENRY



EMILY HEYL



JACOB HICKS



JAMES HOEKZEMA



EMILY HORAK



WILLIAM HUGHES



JOSEPH ISAACS



LEAH JANSSEN



LUCAS JOHNSON



CHRISTOPHER KEIR



SHELBY KEIR

Seventh Grade



RYAN
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ZACHARY
KESSEL



MELISSA
KINGMA



TIMOTHY
KRUSE



GAYFONG
LEE



SARAH
LEVENHAGEN



BENNETT
LEWIS



GRACE
LINTON



ZACKARY
LOKEY



BENJAMIN
LOVELL



LAUREN
MANSFIELD



KATIE
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SIERRA
MATHEWS



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THOMAS
OSTERHOLT



JONATHAN
PANNUK



Eileen Goebel works on her computer on January 8th. She collected tuition from Westminster families.



Amy Turner speaks with another staff member. Part of Turner's job involved talking to many different WCA employees throughout the day. "[My job] is quite fun, exciting and rewarding all in one," said Turner.



Zach Clark works at his desk in January. His title was the Director of Advancement. "I focus my time on helping people understand what the Lord is doing at Westminster, and how they can become involved in impacting the vision for the future," said Clark.

Seventh Grade

B Behind the Scenes

You saw their faces around the school. You saw them working at their desks. Whether or not you realized it, you were impacted by what they did. But do you know them well enough to match them to their jobs?

A. "I administer the payroll and benefits at Westminster Christian Academy in addition to performing financial analysis for special projects. One of the most interesting aspects of my job is coordinating our Employee Wellness Program each year."

B. "Things that require a set up of any kind go through me, and I make sure that the set ups are communicated to the custodial/maintenance staff. I schedule busses for field trips & sporting events. I direct the maintenance & custodial staff to what needs to be taken care of."

C. "I am charged with communicating how God is working through the members of the Westminster community to impact each other and the world...I write press releases, feature and news stories, design ads and brochures, coordinate and create larger pieces like The Chimes alumni magazine, take photos, [and] work with outside designers and printers."

D. "My efforts include providing leadership to our capital campaign seeking to raise \$50 million for our future, and implementing a Communications Plan that addresses our public relations and marketing as a school in the St. Louis region."

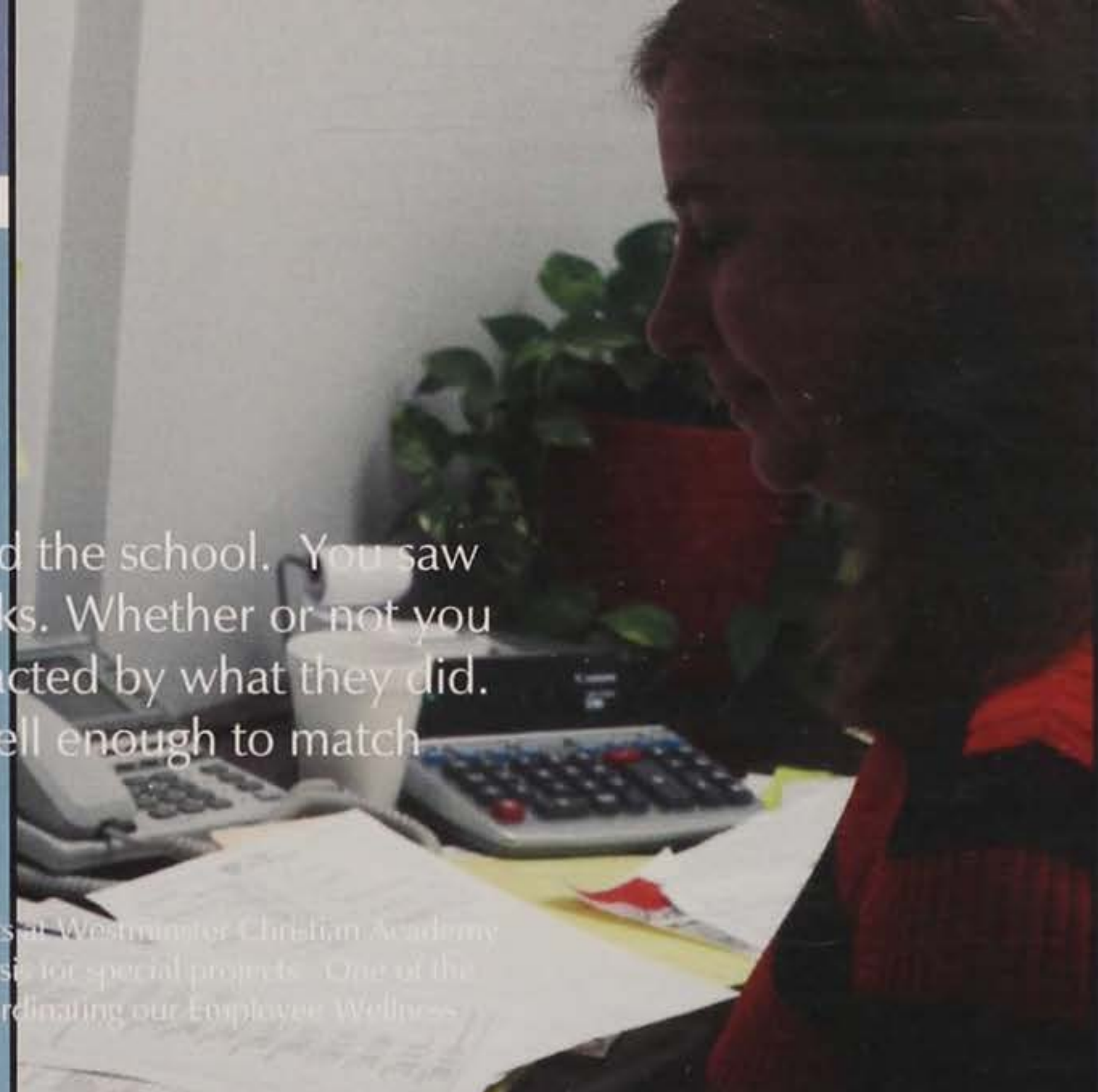
E. "I serve as Mr. Marsh's assistant. I try to lighten his load each day by assisting him with numerous tasks, including correspondence, managing his calendar, scheduling trip itineraries, preparing reports, processing employment applications, managing projects, etc."

F. "My job is to collect tuition from our families. I get to talk with a lot of parents and it is fun getting to know so many of our wonderful families."

G. "I am the WCA Bookstore manager, which is to say that I run a small business. I am responsible for locating and ordering the books for the students. I also choose and stock Westminster clothing, spirit items and all supplies that the students want and need! Another large part of my job is to set up and coordinate the Advance Book Sale each year."

H. "I work as a para-professional for the Extended Learning Center (ELC). You may see me (or my other fellow paras) in some of your classes from time to time sitting in the back or off to the side. I basically help [students] who struggle with learning disabilities and provide them with an extra helping hand when they need it!"

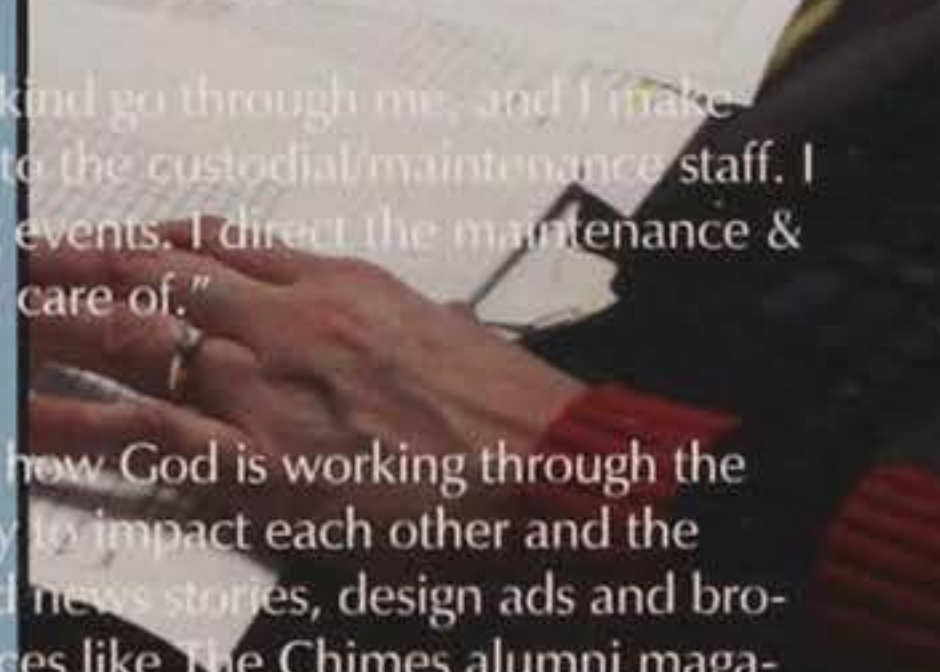
Answers: A - Amy Turner, B - Rosemary Anderson, C - Pamela Warren, D - Zach Clark, E - Becky Van Valkenburg, F - Eileen Goebel, G - Judy Powell, H - Rachel Smith



Rosemary Anderson, maintenance director, checks her email. "Any day-to-day things that take place throughout the day come to me and my boss, Mike Ford, by e-mail...a spill in a hallway, room too warm or cold, or out of paper towels in a bathroom," said Anderson.



Becky Van Valkenburg, administrative assistant, talks on the phone. Her desk was outside Jim Marsh, head of school's, office. This was her second year as Marsh's assistant.



Judy Powell, bookstore manager, talks to a student at the bookstore on January 9. Among many other things, Powell staffed the bookstore with about 50 parent volunteers.



Pamela Warren, communications specialist, works at her desk on January 8. "I'm a 'jill-of-all-trades' in the communications realm, you might say," said Warren.

Rachel Smith, para-professional, helps Cameron Brouck, freshman, and other students during Abigail Doriani, algebra one teacher's, sixth hour class. It was Smith's first year as a Westminster staff member. Smith went to different classes all day to help students.



B

Back to the Basics

With ten seconds left on the clock, everyone in the crowd was on their feet. It was impossible to hear anything except the screaming of the people around you. The center received control of the game and passed as the seniors in front of you yelled even louder. As the clock hit 00:01, the shot soared into the net and you went crazy with your classmates in the stands.

Normally, this scenario would only happen at a Varsity basketball game, but thanks to the Blue Crew it also applied to hockey games and many other sports too. The 2007-08 Blue Crew made a commitment to support their fellow students in every single sport.

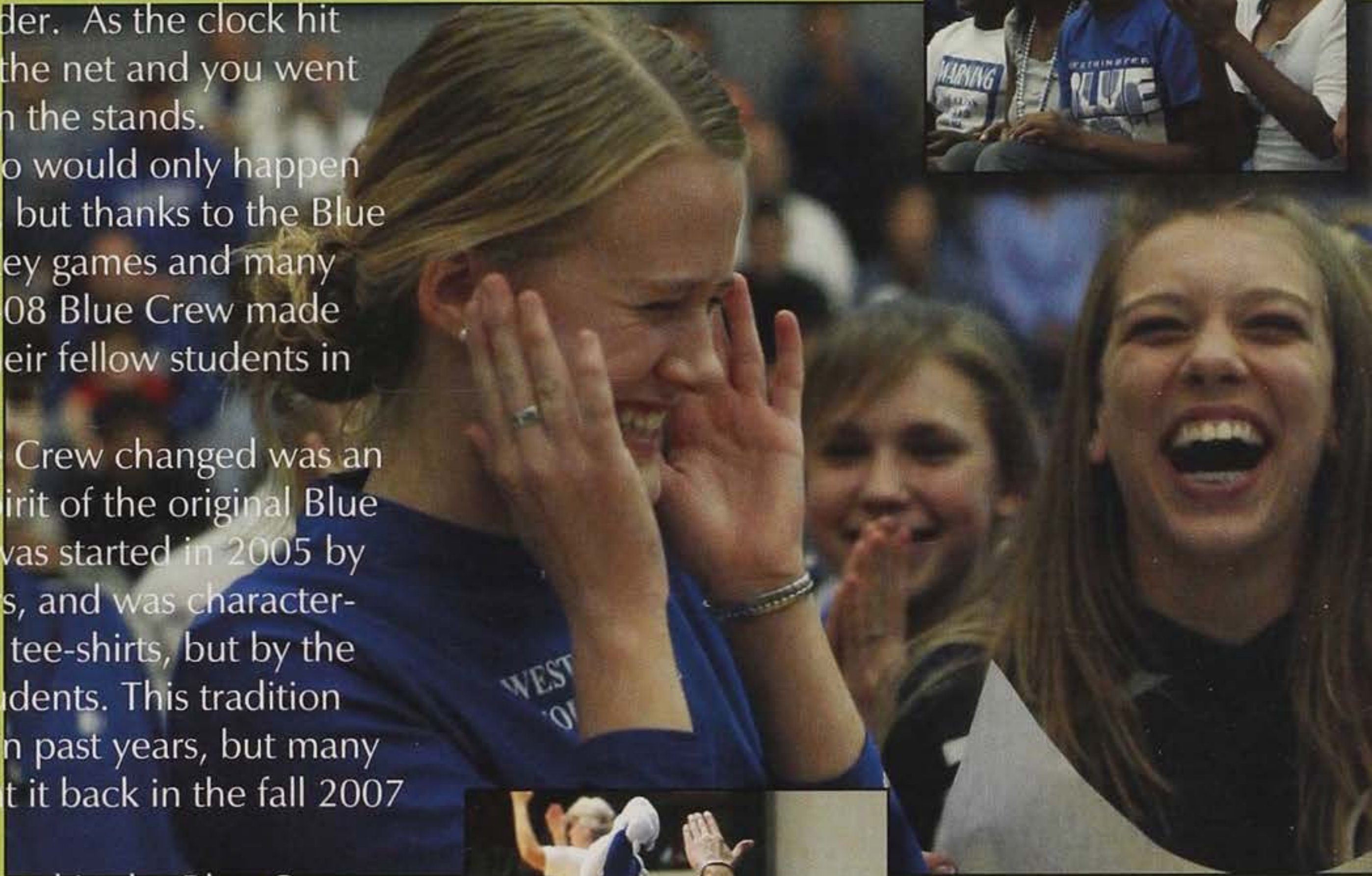
Another way the Blue Crew changed was an attempt to bring back the spirit of the original Blue Crew. The first Blue Crew was started in 2005 by Chris Nester and Greg Peters, and was characterized by not only the famous tee-shirts, but by the face paint worn by many students. This tradition was somewhat abandoned in past years, but many Blue Crew members brought it back in the fall 2007 season.

The seniors took the lead in the Blue Crew not only by wearing face paint and leading cheers, but by creating a completely new breed of Blue Crewers altogether. The members of the Senior Crew (all the seniors on Blue Crew) were allowed to buy unique Senior Crew tee-shirts in exchange for a promise to lead the student body in spirit and support at sporting events. The Senior Crew was led by seniors on the captain's council. These senior captains were also required to sign a contract before they received a shirt. "The contract said that we had to try to show up to games and positively support the teams. I think it's good that we're trying to get more leadership at games," said Melissa Ruhlman, senior and swim captain. Although the seniors were taking the lead, it would have been impossible to make a strong showing without the many underclassmen who made up the bulk of the Blue Crew.



Tinaira Tieuel, Jerica Blanchard, Brittany Hawkins, and Maya Johnson, eighth graders, cheer on the basketball teams during the blue and white game on November 16.

Peter Boggs, Patrick Murrell and Benjamin Baldwin, seniors, react after the white team scored at the blue and white game. Boggs and Murrell supported the blue team while Baldwin supported the white team.



Michael Bianca, senior, cheers at the volleyball state championship. Bianca, along with other Blue Crew leaders, decided to bring back the tradition of face painting from 2005 instead of simply wearing blue.

Sarah Hall and Kaylee Rosen, freshmen, enjoy the pep rally on the Friday before carnival, October 19. The fall sports teams were all honored at the rally.

Benjamin Turner, Eric Brown, Robert Degnan, seniors, and Justin Weststeyn, junior, lead the Blue Crew at the Varsity women's volleyball state competition. The tournament was three hours away, but they all made the trip to show their support for Westminster.





MORGAN PATTERSON



MITCHELL PENNING



HARMONY PETERSON



NICHOLAS PIAZZA



ANNE REBBE



ERIC RIDEOUT



EMILIE SCHROEDER



SAMUEL SHERMAN



SUMMER SMITH



JOHN ERIC STEINER



SADIE STIPANOVICH



ELLIE STRAUB



HOLLY SUMNER



EDWARD SUTPHEN



LAURA TARANTINO



BRENDAN TERBROCK



AMBER TERSCHAK



CHRISTIAN THOMPSON



SCOTT THOMPSON



MEGAN TILLY



AUSTIN WALKER



PARIS WATSON



DELLA WOODWARD



SARAH YOUSEF



Gregory Schoenberg, senior, cheers for the men's basketball players during the blue and white game. Blue Crew members filled the student section of the bleachers, but for this unique game only supporters of the blue team wore blue.



Ryan Kelly, seventh grade, cheers at the blue and white game on November 16. Kelly followed the lead of the upperclassmen and painted his face to show his support.



Hannah Mitchell, Sara McClellan, Kathryn Boesch, and Annie Hartwig, seventh grade, cheer during the pep rally on October 19. This pep rally, which preceded the STUCO Carnival, was the first of the school year.



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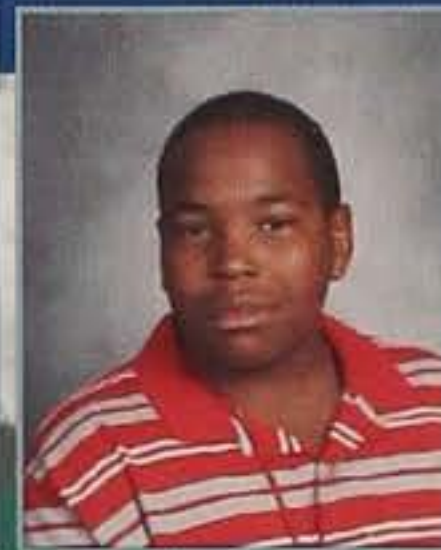
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DUELL



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Sarah Blackwell, Hannah Mitchell, Tomorrow Mundy, and Melinda Oliver, seventh grade, sit with grandparents in geography class. The seventh grade played trivia games with their grandparents on grandparents day.

Laura Hammann, eighth grade, plays trivia in history class. "It was great. Both my grandmas and my grandpa were able to come. I also enjoyed when the band played," said Hammann.



Morgan Patterson, seventh grade, fills out a trivia sheet with her grandmother on grandparents day. One of the activities consisted of questions pertaining to special events that happened during past generations.



Once a year at Westminster the oldest student in a middle school class jumped from fourteen to around seventy-six. The cause of this dramatic change was grandparents day. On October 11 dozens of grandparents filed into the commons for breakfast. Following was a band concert performed by the seventh grade band, and then trivia in the classrooms.

A key component of grandparents day was the significance the middle school students placed on it. "Normally it's about the kids and parents. This day is great because it is a time for the grandparents to be acknowledged," said Grace Linton, seventh grade.

The day gave the grandparents a chance to have a better understanding of the school. The students were also able to gain something. "It makes us realize that those two generations older than us really have important things to tell us," said Joseph Collins, eighth grade.

Ross Munroe, seventh grade, eats breakfast with his grandmother. "Grandparents day brings us closer to our grandparents, and gives them a better feel for our school," said Munroe.



Alexandria Cole, junior, serves food on grandparents day. Cole, along with other student ambassadors, also helped set up for the event. "It was fun to help out," said Cole.



Joseph Collins, eighth grade, talks with Dale Aunspach, his church elder, during the grandparents day breakfast. His grandparents were not able to attend so his elder came to the event instead. "My favorite part of the day was playing 'Are You Smarter Than an Eighth Grader' trivia game," said Collins.



Grandparents Day

Brendan Terbrock, seventh grade, eats with his grandmother at the grandparents day breakfast. After the breakfast the students and grandparents went to a band concert in the old gym.



Edward Sutphen, seventh grade, answers trivia questions during the grandparents day breakfast. "It's great because the grandparents get a chance to see how we are doing in school," said Sutphen.

Rebecca Waller, eighth grade, sits with her grandmother on grandparents day. "My grandmother enjoyed seeing my school and how I learn," said Waller.





MARGARET DUFFY



CONNOR EINERTSON



HAROLD ELLIS



DANIELLE EVANS



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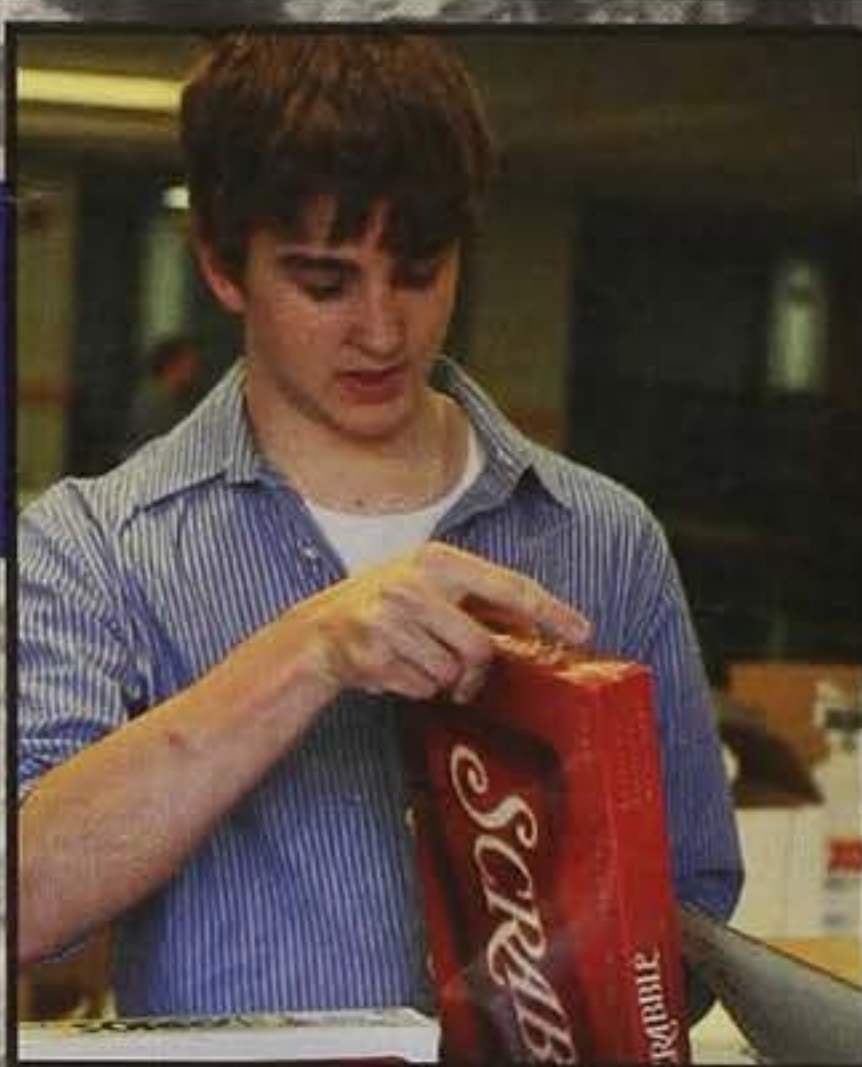
HANNAH HOEKZEMA



JESSICA HOLT



JOHN HUGHES



Andrew Everett, sophomore, helps to sort items that were donated for ITSOG. "I like to watch TV and check my Facebook during my study breaks," said Everett.



Taylor Smallwood, junior, looks for his keys as Olivia Pierson, junior, hides them behind his back. During study hall, Pierson took Smallwood's car keys and reparked his car in the back of the parking lot. She then attached the keys to another student's backpack, who went home from school at the end of the day before Smallwood could notice. When Smallwood realized, he had to find a ride to the student's house to retrieve his keys.

Matthew Wagner, senior, reclines during his sixth hour study hall. "I like to take a short 15 minute nap in between homework assignments. I usually sleep on the couch at home," said Wagner.



Taking breaks in between study sessions was a common ritual for students.

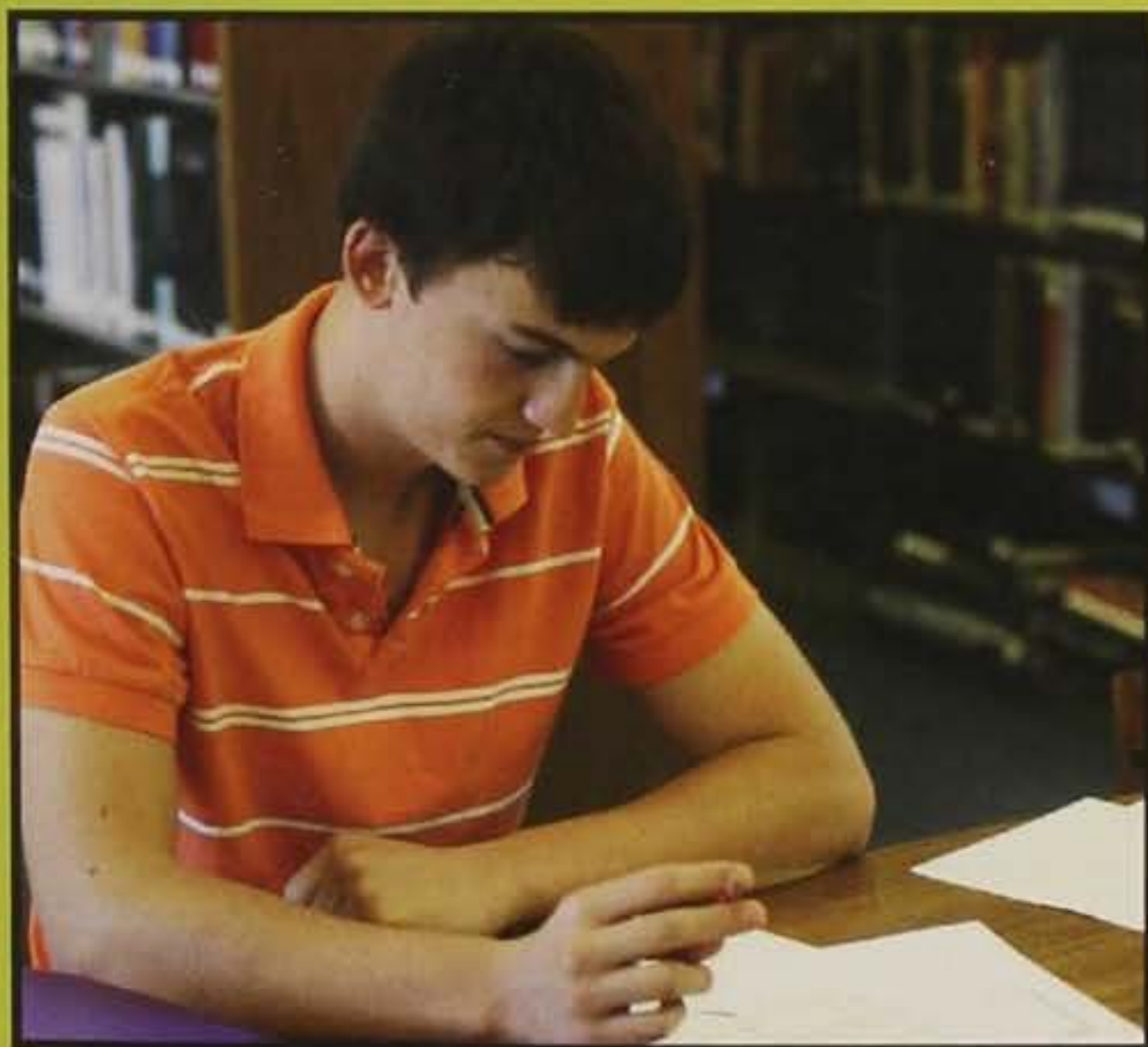
However, Westminster students made it an art form by combining procrastination with creativity.

Homework breaks were no longer just resting your mind for a few minutes and then returning to work; they replaced academics as the reason for studying. "I usually don't want to do my homework so it helps to have something to look forward to, that goes along with homework," said Andrew Everett, sophomore.

Whether it was going to Starbucks to finish a reading assignment or meeting at Bread Co. with friends for a group project, students found ways to make study sessions enjoyable. "Studying with friends never works, but we like to do it anyway. We eventually get it done," said Grace Johnson, sophomore.

As teachers looked to assign work in more creative ways, students worked equally hard to find more exciting breaks during their study sessions.

Ryan Dykhouse, junior, works on biology homework in the library. "I usually eat a slice of cold pizza or drink coffee during my study breaks," said Dykhouse.



Benjamin Winter, senior, plays hacky sack during his study hall. "I like to play hacky sack with my friends during my study breaks," said Winter. It began with Winter and grew into a group activity.



Evan Miller, eighth grade, learns a new basketball drill in gym class. "At home, I like to play tackle football during my homework breaks," said Miller.



Grace Johnson, sophomore, helps sort toys for ITSOG. "During study hall I like to go to the vending machine for study breaks. At home I usually listen to music during my breaks," said Johnson.





STEVEN HUGHES



EVAN JAMES



CALEB JANSSEN



JOANN JOHNSON



MAYA JOHNSON



ADRIENNE KAUP



ROBERT KINSINGER



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MAXWELL LINDSTROM



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BRENDIN LOVELAND



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JERETT MAASS



KINSEY MARTIN



MICHAEL MATHENY



MARGARET MAUZE



JEFFREY MEYERS



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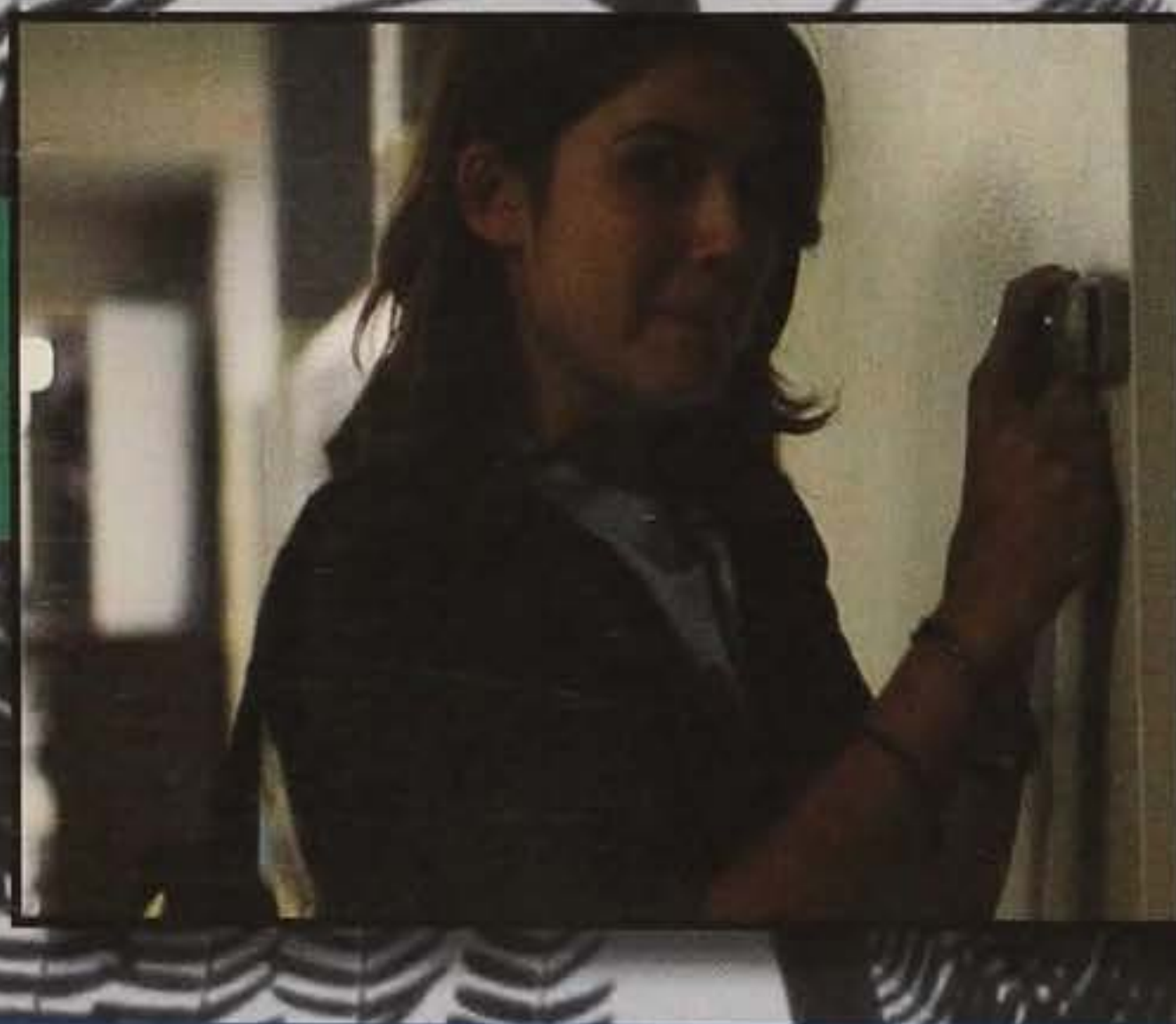
NICHOLAS NORMAN



KEVIN O'LEARY



KRISTEN O'LEARY



Julia Russell, junior, jumps at the sight of Sarah Schlafly, senior, dressed up as a beast during study hall. Russell worked on her homework in the commons while Schlafly crept up behind her.

Julia Meyers, senior, switches the Velcro men's and women's bathroom signs by the Little Theatre. Jordan Savage, senior, came up with the idea. "I thought visitors would go into the wrong bathroom," said Savage.



Susie Brown, assistant to the deans, carries Rosco, a pet mouse, out of her office. Stephanie Brown, senior, bought the mouse during study hall and gave it to a senior who placed it on Brown's desk while she was away monitoring neighborhood meetings.

With heightened senses, every snap of a twig gave the campers goosebumps. They retired in their tent at peace with the world--or so they thought. Little did they know that Orion Ross, senior, and his brother Richard Ross, junior, were wandering in the woods, searching for nearly an hour just to scare a group of sophomore and senior girls. Did it always take this type of dedication to create a perfect prank?

Performing a good prank required "gross things that are wet," said Jesse Gruneisen, seventh grade. For example, "I put red dye in the [school] toilet this morning," said Benjamin Mitchell, seventh grade.

Sarah Levenhagen, seventh grade, believed the best pranks came from originality. "It has to be funny. T.P.ing is lame," said Levenhagen. Christine Schlafly, freshman, portrayed originality when she brought a pen with a built-in remote control car to school. She placed the car on Rex Janssen, geometry teacher's, desk when he was not looking. As he walked over to his desk she made the car move, leaving him and the rest of the class in confusion. The pen was then banned by Susie Brown, assistant to the deans.

Although it counted to be clever, the classic pranks, when done well, were just as humorous. "I went around a whole day with a kick me sign on the back of my shirt," said Parker Briden, seventh grade.



Elle Gamache, senior, creeps up behind Samuel Knehans, junior, as he works on a library computer. Eric Terschak, junior, pulled a prank last year at Wildwood Christian School. "During senior skip day [the seniors] locked all the school folding chairs in a van, but I sarah wrapped the van. It took them forever to get it off," said Terschak.

Andrew Gordon and Caleb Winter, eighth grade, hide in bushes next to a sidewalk on Halloween. When an innocent trick-or-treater walked by, they jumped up and scared him.



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Perfect Pranks



Elle Gamache, senior, scares Jung Ah Kim, senior, in the library. While Kim worked in a cubicle, Gamache slowly rose opposite her until Kim looked up. "I seriously thought I was in a twilight zone," said Kim.



SEAN O'NEILL



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KEVIN PHILLIPS



RACHEL PORTER



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GRAHAM RAILS



NICHOLAS RAMOS



JARON RANDLE



MEGAN RASCHE



SAMUEL REEVES



STEVEN RICHARDSON



NOAH ROBERTS



DAVID ROHLFING



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CHRIS SCOTT



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WILLIAM ST. PIERRE



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CAROLINE THOMPSON



BERKLEY THUDIUM



TINAIRA TIEUEL



LUKE TURNER



KEVIN VANDE KAMP



ISAAC WACHSMUTH



REBECCA WALLER



REBECCA WEISS



TYLER WILSON



CALEB WINTER



VICTORIA WOOD



LUCY WYNN



JAMES YOUNG



GORDON YOUNKINN



BRITTANY ZEE-CHENG



Apple iPhone



McAlister's Tortilla Soup



"I like Navy because it looks really dark and I think dark nails look really good and they go with everything," said Catie Horseman, sophomore.

At the beginning of each school year teenagers waited for the best new gadgets, music, clothes, and hot spots to come onto the scene. It was a case of out with the old and in with the new. What new cell phone would everyone be talking on in the halls? What new nail color would the girls wear? What new album would blast from the speakers of the cars pulling out of the parking lots? Here they were for 2007-2008...

The Best of... B

Best New Gadget:
Apple's 2007
iPhone

Biggest New TV Show:
The CW's
Gossip Girl

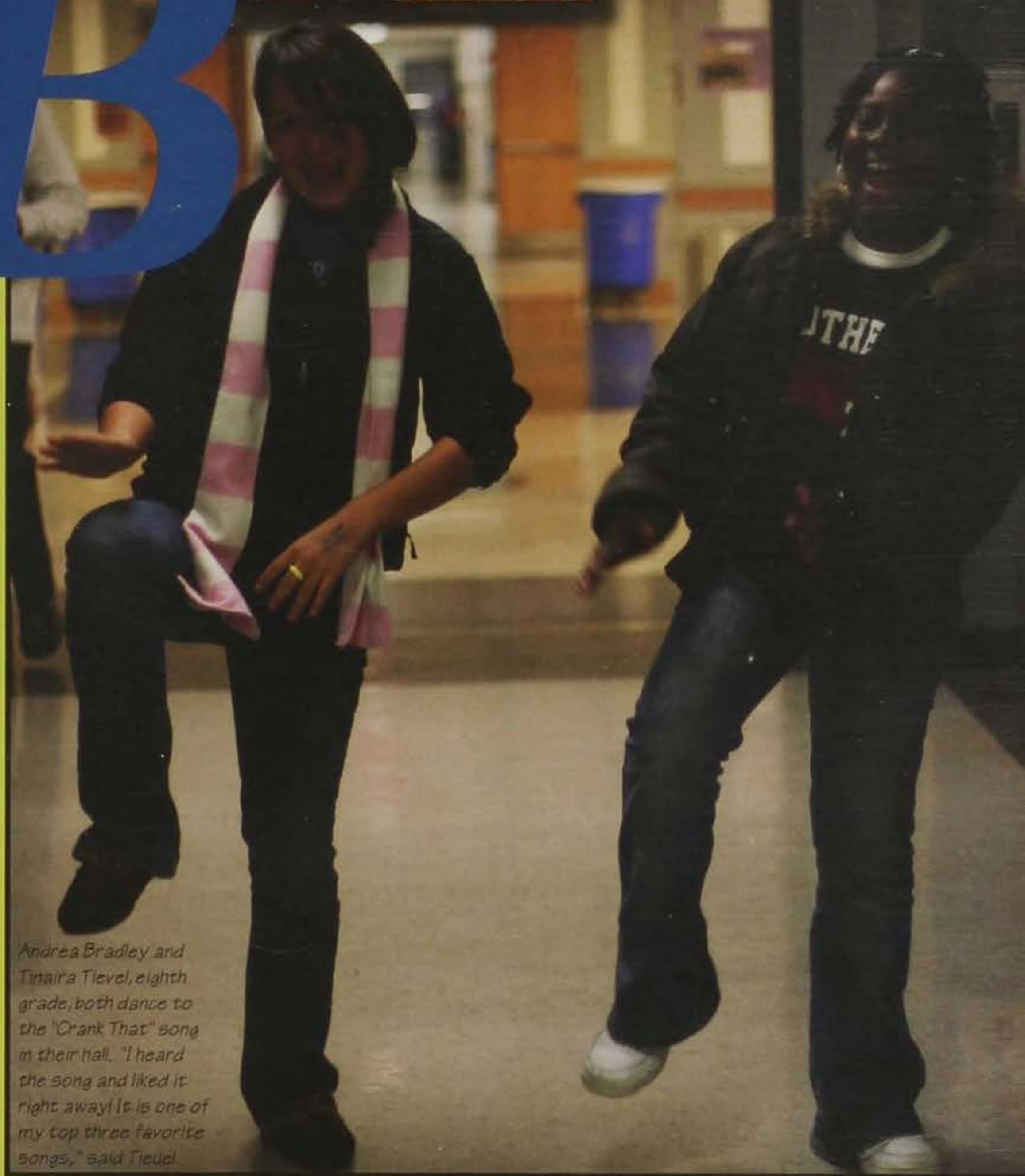
Best New Trend:
Jewel Toned
Nail Polish

New Hangout Spot:
McAlister's Deli

The New Song:
Soulja Boy's
"Crank That"



Rex Oberle, senior, enjoys a snack after a long day of school at McAlister's Deli with friends. Over the past year this high school friendly restaurant has become a popular place for food, friends, and homework.



Andrea Bradley and Timaira Tlevel, eighth grade, both dance to the "Crank That" song in their hall. "I heard the song and liked it right away! It is one of my top three favorite songs," said Tlevel.

Kelyn Gum, senior, and Alyson Tate, junior, laugh about their "Blair and Serena outfits". "My friends and I have started a tradition of watching Gossip Girl together at my house on Wednesdays. Kelyn and I also sometimes dress up as Blair and Serena at school. We call it S and B mode," said Tate.



Jake Boyer, freshman, texts a friend in between class on his 2007 Apple iPhone. Apple combined all its most popular technologies and gadgets, such as iTunes, Google and texting, into one small cell phone.

"My favorite color is Russian Navy. It's really unique," said Hillary Franz, sophomore, when asked about nail polish. While black and reds ruled the scene last year, "the fall and winter nail colors are now the jewel tones... colors consisting of navies, purples, and greens," said Glamour Magazine.



Reap the Harvest.

Sweat

drips from your hand as you get ready to run the play just one last time.

You're drenched from the 100 degree practices. You take in gulps of water before you run the field one more time. You have been out there so long you wonder whether or not the ball was in or out-it's too close to call. Your calves quiver from sheer exhaustion, one more speed drill seems too much.

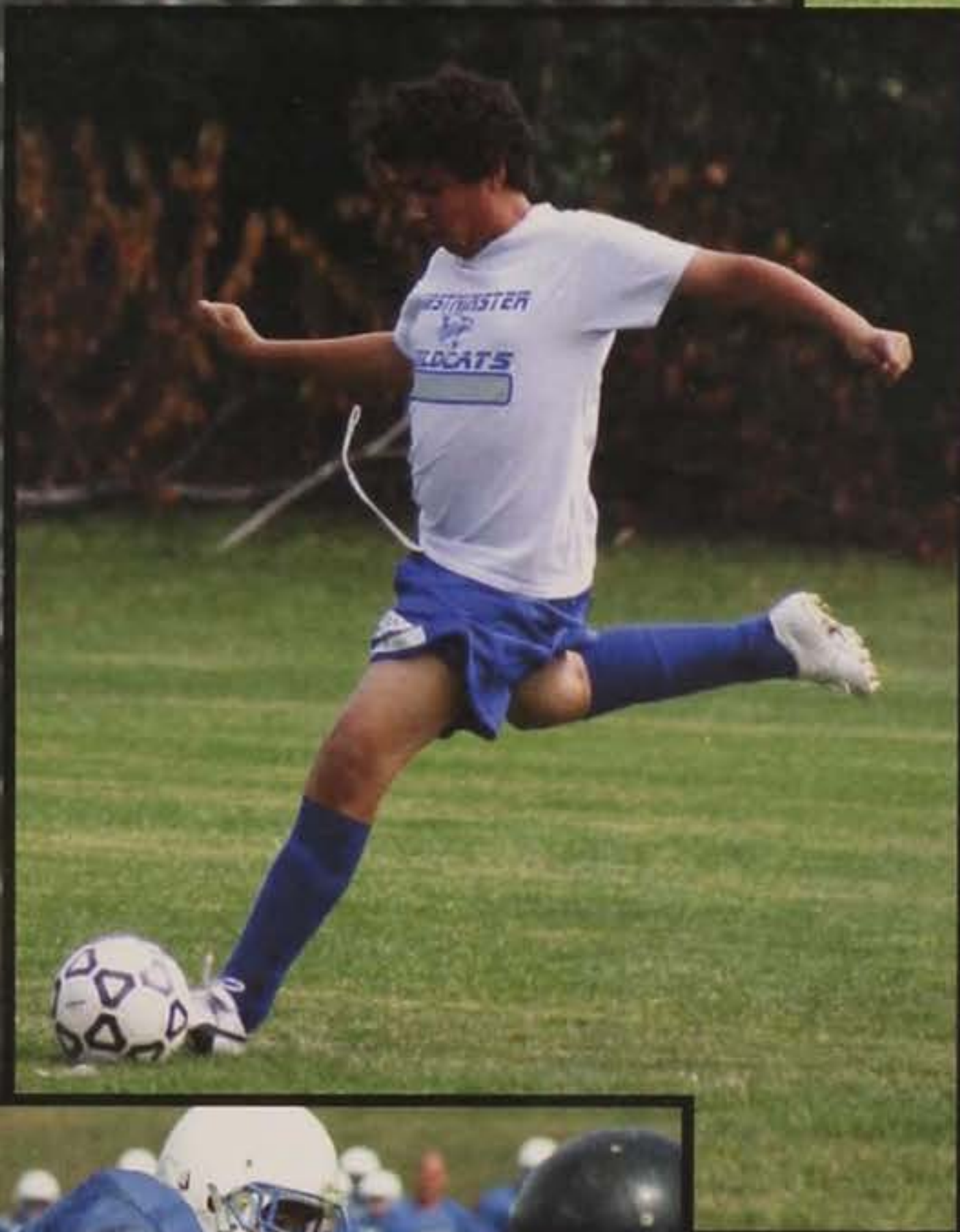


Daniel Everett and David Everett, freshmen



Ward Egan, sophomore

Jacob Buffa, eighth grade



Hannah Worrell, freshman

Elizabeth Korb, sophomore



Keegan Brown, seventh grade

But
you don't give up. You persevere. You've
cultivated the seeds, you've watered the garden,
you've put in the practice. Now it's time to Reap the Harvest.

In the games versus Lutheran South, Mark McFarland, seventh grade, intercepted a ball and had a 50 yard run.



In the same game, Joshua Brown, eighth grade, made two touchdowns and three one-point conversions.



John Eric Steiner, seventh grade, made the first touchdown of the game against Brentwood. After the game, the team went and ate hot dogs at the Cacciarelli's house.

During the Lutheran South game, Timothy Kruse, seventh grade, caught an 18 yard pass. "Catching is hard because you don't know if someone is about to hit or nail you. It happens often," said Kruse.



David Rohlfing, eighth grade, kicks off against Priory. "Rohlfing kicked his best game," said Zachariah Hampton, eighth grade.

In the game against Transformation Christian School, Ryan Haxel, eighth grade, recovered a fumble. "Recovering a fumble is hard. The defenders have to cover the holes, and then they go after the ball. This time it went well," said Haxel.



During the eighth grade team's first game, a player from Lutheran South jumps over Jeremy Hall, eighth grade. "The games are easy. You just have to remember who to hit and where to go," said Hall.

Unprepared?

Even though there were many new faces at the school,

the seventh grade students were not hard to spot. With a new school, and for most of them, a new sport, the seventh grade football team had a lot of practice ahead of them at the beginning of the year.

The preparation of the Middle School seventh grade football team was at a minimum heading into their first game.

The first week of school, they did not go on the field but rather got acquainted to the sport through a movie about how to prevent neck injuries. So, when their first game came around, the team had no idea what was going to happen. "We were not ready. We only had three practices with pads," said Scott Thompson, seventh grade. Also, they had never assigned or practiced the positions on the field. They only practiced running plays, and they did not even have a kicker. They had a team, yet no clue how to play.

"It was pretty impressive that they won their first game. They would be better if they could suit up and hit everyday, but they practice only two times a week," said Steve Bradley, coach.

Forrest Obenhaus and Brendin Loveland, eighth grade linebackers, practice doing form-tackling drills. This is done by getting into the tackling position and running through each step slowly, to perfect their tackling.



Christopher Cacciarelli, seventh grade, is tackled running the ball down the field. "That's my favorite part of football, running the ball down the field," said Cacciarelli.

Kevin Phillips, eighth grade, runs the ball down the field during the game against Brentwood. The team made many attempts toward the goal line, but Brentwood pushed them back every time.



Mark McFarland, seventh grade, looks for someone to pass the ball to. "Passing is hard, especially when there are big guys in front of you. But, when I throw over the top the ball has more velocity and goes farther," said McFarland.



Zachariah Hampton and Max Miller, eighth grade, practice form-tackling at the beginning of practice. "I did football last year for the first time and I wanted to do it again, but this year is different. We are at a different skill level, so we have to work harder," said Hampton.

Jeremy Ebert, Bennett Lewis, and Scott Thompson, seventh grade, line up to play against Lutheran South. "Small guys are harder to hit because it is harder to grab them, unlike bigger guys," said Lewis.



John Eric Steiner, Cole Montgomery, Matthew Hall, and Drew Haynes, seventh grade, rest at a time out during their game. "My favorite part about football is the team spirit and hitting the spot out of people," said Joseph Isaacs, seventh grade.





Keith Degler, eighth grade, attempts to strip the ball as he takes down a Lutheran South player. Degler scored two touchdowns in the game.





James Hoekzema and Timothy Burgess, seventh grade, fight for the ball during a pre-season practice. Burgess was homeschooled before this year. "I didn't know anyone on the team, but I have some really good friends on the team now," said Burgess.





Bryce Bell, seventh grade, beat the goalie to the ball and scored. The boys won 3-0 against MICDS. Travis Brandt, seventh grade, also contributed to their win by scoring at the end of the first half.



Anthony Pritchett, eighth grade, scored against MICDS. His mom was the coach. "She makes me run a lot more, but it's fun," said Pritchett.

Taylor Deves, seventh grade, passed to Michael Dudley, seventh grade. The boys dominated the field winning 6-0 against Fenton. "We were really energized and communicated well with each other," said Deves.



Nicholas Norman, eighth grade scored five goals against Mecey. "This was the most fun game to play. We just kept scoring," said Norman. The boys controlled the game and won 8-1.

Robert Kinsinger, eighth grade, scored for the boys' win against Lester, 2-0. "I wasn't even trying to shoot. I was just clearing the field," said Kinsinger.



The familiarity of others bridged the gap between high school students and middle school students.

The gap between the muscular, six foot two, confident guy to the young, five foot, timid boy can seem distant. To middle school students, those in high school can be intimidating. However, the middle school soccer boys said this was not

"I'm Not Scared"

the case for them. Several of the boys had older siblings, cousins, or parents involved at Westminster. Over 16 boys of the seventh grade team and more than half of the eighth grade team had a family member among them. Taylor Deves, seventh grade, had two older cousins, one a senior and the other a sophomore. "There is just something about knowing someone older and to know that they are at school with you. It doesn't make high school look as tough. And it's just cool to know someone older," said Deves.

The boys had the self-assurance that someone in high school personally cared about them. Jonah Anderson, seventh grade, had an older sister Molly Anderson, sophomore. "I don't mind walking the hallways cause I know a lot of my sisters friends," said Anderson.

Parents were also involved in the majority of the coaching for both the 8th grade and the 7th grade teams. Grant Hoekzema, father of James Hoekzema, coached the 7th grade team. "At one point all 5 of my siblings played soccer here. That's how I got so involved with it," said James Hoekzema. Knowing that there was someone at school with them that had experienced similar things encouraged the boys to perform confidently out on the field.

Brent Stump, eighth grade, scores against MICDS. "Me and my brother play at home for hours. I've been playing for 10 years," said Stump.



Caleb Janssen, eighth grade, sends the ball up the field. The young Cats defeated Lester 2-0. "I haven't scored yet but I've done a lot of passing to the wing guys," said Janssen.



Bennett Lewis and Mark McFarland, seventh grade, high five their opponents from Fenton. No goals were scored, but Lewis prevented the other team from winning.



Timothy Kruse, seventh grade, attempts a corner kick. Kruse's favorite position was forward. "My sister-in-law, our coach, challenges me to work really hard," said Kruse.



Chris Griesedieck, eighth grade, sprints past his opponent. He was one of the offensive players for the team. Griesedieck contributed four goals in the first four games.

Brandon Hafenrichter, eighth grade, kicks the ball down center field during practice before the team's first game of the season. Practices consisted of passing drills, scrimmaging, and corner kicks. They tied 1-1 in their first game against the Fenton team.



Nathan Cherian, seventh grade, controls the ball down the field. Cherian's favorite position to play was in midfield.

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Rebecca Krause, eighth grade, and the eighth grade A team defeated MCDS 2-0. "We played three games but we just played the third for fun," said Krause.



Alexis Harvey, seventh grade, and the rest of the seventh grade A team won the game against Word of Life. They defeated the Cougars 2-0. "It was a really good game; we played well," said Harvey.



Jessica Owens, eighth grade, and the B volleyball team won the game against Boyle's team. "That game we were all nervous, but we ended up winning," said Lucy Wynn, eighth grade.



Madeleine Smith, eighth grade, and the eighth grade A team won the game against Zion Lutheran. They started the second day of the tournament with a 1-0 deficit, but the team came back and won the final game.

Adrienne Kaup, eighth grade, and her team received second place at the Grace Christian Tourney. The team began the third day of the tourney down 1-1 but came back to win the final game 4-0.



Elizabeth Duesenberg, eighth grade, watches the ball. "Middle back is the best position because you get the first pass," said Duesenberg.

Overtime

Megan Rasche, eighth grade, nervously watched as the volleyball flew through the air. When, the moment came, she leapt into the air and smashed the ball into the center of the opposing court. Her agility and preparedness for this moment were the result of hours spent training. "At home I practice and I'll pass, set, or hit against my garage," said Rasche.

Practice outside school helped prepare middle school girls volleyball players for their season.

She was not the only player to dedicate her time outside of practice to strengthen her ability to play. Avery Anderson and Danielle Evans, eighth grade, spent time over the summer at volleyball camp. Rachael Gantner, seventh grade, also spent time at home practicing volleyball and running in order to be prepared for games. Many players sacrificed time to improve their ability to play volleyball. Despite the fact that the middle school volleyball teams did not win every game, many of the players felt that the time they dedicated to mastering the sport was well spent.

"Our best game was against Green Park, even though we lost, we all played really well" said Evans.

Bailey Benes, seventh grade, stretches before the Grace Invitational Tournament. "We lost one match and won the other three, but one of the matches was really close. We won it by two points, and we got second place in the tournament," said Della Woodward, seventh grade.



Maegan Nelson, eighth grade, serves the ball. "Scrimaging against the other teams really helped us see what we needed to work on," said Nelson.



Della Woodward, seventh grade, warms up before a game. In addition to time before games the team also practiced during the school day.



The eighth grade B team cheers before a game. "We put our finger in the middle and pray before and after games," said Jessica Owens, eighth grade.



Lucy Wynn, eighth grade, prepares to serve the ball during the game against Crossroads. The B team won the match.





Abigail Leibovich, eighth grade, prepares to hit the ball during practice. "During practice our coach helps us a lot with what we need to work on," said Leibovich.



School Circle Volleyball



IV & Freshman Football

*Ryan Allee, freshman, battles the Hedge-
man Bears on October 15 at Westmin-
ster. The Cats lost the game, making the
record total 4 wins and 4 losses for the
season.*



The freshman team shut out Principia 6-0. Ryan Allee, freshman, scored the first touchdown of the game.



The freshmen had a clean sweep against Lutheran North, winning 6-0. Lutheran North got a safety, giving Westminster two points. After that the Cats scored a winning touchdown.



The JV players put up a fight when they played Lutheran North. They won the game 28-20. In the game, Max Piazza, sophomore, intercepted the ball for a touchdown.



The JV team played a home game against Bishop DuBourg. By halftime the Cats were ahead 14-0 and continued to be in the lead the rest of the game.

The freshman team played a close match against MICDS rivals.



Even in the most nerve-racking situations, good performance out-weighs nerves.

A spectator might have thought that when the other team had the ball it was nerve-racking for the Wildcats, but for the players and coaches it was a different story.

Panic Attack

"The hardest parts of the game were trying to get techniques right when the game was close" said Eric Levenhagen, sophomore. The team was so dependent on each other that when there was a tiny malfunction, the whole play went downhill. This was when their technique came into play.

For different players, the pressure came quickly when they played a team who was equally skilled. "A team that was evenly matched to us was MICDS," said Jonathan Hartwig, sophomore. When the team had good competitors, anxiety struck.

For the coaches, letting the team just go out and play made them nervous, since they had no control about what happened in the game. Whether it was due to technique, the opponent, or the difficulty of the game, all of the players were nervous at one point or another, but they did not let this stop them.



The JV team plays at home against Bishop DuBourg. The Cats got a head start played well throughout the game. The final score of the game was 14-0.



The sophomore moms serve food at a pre-game tailgate party. The moms threw the party in Westminster's back parking lot to support the Varsity and JV football teams.

Freshman and JV teams practice in the rain on September 5. The practices payed off when they won their next couple games against Lutheran North and South.



JV players watch the varsity game against Lutheran North. They were all standing until one of the Lutheran North players got hurt when they got down on one knee until he recovered.



The defensive Wildcats take on the Hedge-man Bears on October 15.

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The Cats lost 0-2 in their first game against Priory on account of two penalty kicks. "We outplayed them, but still lost," said Caleb Unser, sophomore.



The team notched the first victory of the season with a 6-3 finish over St. Pius. The game was a scoring fest and included a red card and a penalty kick.

WCA tied with Cape Notre Dame in a heartbreaking game. Westminster led the whole game until, with 20 seconds left, Cape scored to make it a 1-1 finish.



WCA proved they were better than Lutheran North with a convincing 4-1 away victory. Their first meeting of the season ended in a tie.



Soo-Heon Baik, freshman, fights with two Lutheran North defenders for possession. Baik had to sit out of the first four games because of the MSHAA practice rule, which demands 14 practices before competition. But once he had enough practices, he was in the starting 11.

Artillery From Overseas

He was a rookie at Westminster, but a seasoned veteran on the soccer field Steven Lee, sophomore and new student, attended try outs a week before school started; thus, Lee got settled playing soccer here before he started sitting in a desk. While he was new to Westminster, Lee had been on the soccer pitch for a while. Sang Jin Im, senior and Varsity goalie, said that he played on a Korean team with Lee before he came to Westminster. Lee was not the only Korean on the JV soccer team though; he was joined by Soo-Heon Baik and Sang-A Park, freshmen. "Everyone on the team loves having Seung-Been, Sang-A, and Soo-Heon on the team; Lee and Soo-Heon bring an element of speed to the forward position that helps us score goals" said Marc Breneman, coach.

With offensive power coming from all over the world, the JV soccer team was ready to strike.

While these three Koreans were a strong presence on the team, there were a number of other players that had an impact on the squad. Matt Schwartz and Forrest Hughes, sophomores, were both in their second year of starting on JV and served as captains. The two had experience from playing in most of the games last year, and were able to use that experience to have an edge on younger opponents. While these players stood out, there was a host of other freshmen and sophomores that contributed to the quality of the team. Even though they came from all over the state, and in some cases all over the world, they had one thing in common: the game of soccer.

Ryan Krupp, freshman, beats a Cape Notre Dame forward to the ball. While he was a freshman, Krupp saw a lot of playing time due to his consistent defending.



Timothy Miller, freshman, contends for the ball with a Lutheran North player. Miller was one of four freshmen who played games with JV but practiced with Varsity.



Matthew Schwartz, sophomore, rushes to clear the ball against an attacker from St. Pius. In his second year starting, Schwartz was a strong asset on the left side. "Schwartz is our brick wall in the back" said Marc Breneman, coach.



Jacob Appelbaum, freshman, fights for the ball with two St. Pius players. New to Westminster, Appelbaum played up and scored his first Varsity goal against Trinity on October 18th.



Steven Lee, sophomore, weaves through Lutheran North defenders. Lee's skills were missed in the first few games because he could not play because of his lack of practices. "He's one of our better finishers," said Austin Gantner, sophomore.



Timothy Reed, sophomore, punts the ball in a game against Cape Notre Dame. Despite being a sophomore, this was Reed's first year playing high school soccer. "Tim Reed has come up big as a goalkeeper after taking a year off" said Marc Breneman, coach.



Curtis Stump, sophomore, charges for the ball in a game against Lutheran North. Even though the game ended in a tie, WCA battered the opposition's defense, but was not able to put the ball across the goal line.





Rachael Aucker, sophomore, hits a backhand against Visitation in doubles. Aucker went undefeated in singles throughout the season. Lindsey Irwin, coach, said, "The work put in the off-season paid off. She plays smart and hits deep."





Bethany Leibovich and Amanda Wiele, sophomores, played an entire third set, usually not required. It ended 7-6 against MICDS, clinching a victory.



Christina Palmer, freshman, challenged MICDS with Jamie Zimmer, sophomore, through two consecutive tiebreakers. The team fought to win the second set tiebreaker 12-10.



Danielle Cicka, freshman, moved higher in the line-up to play two singles at John Burroughs.



Ashley Segrave, sophomore, returned the ball with a volley. Segrave teamed with Taylor Jewell, sophomore, to gain a defeat of 8-6 over Visitation. Both partners went on to win one and two seed singles, 8-5 each.

Elizabeth Blackwell and partner Jane Im, freshmen, played their most rewarding match. "Consistency and calling it [were key]," said Im.



One charitable act makes a lasting impression.

In pure surprise and disbelief, Parkway's JV tennis coach held his head down, hiding a beaming smile.

He was given a large box of fresh Bread Company bagels, provided by

Jane Im, freshman, to give to his team before the match. He quickly came over to each member of Westminster's team to personally show his gratitude and shock. The coach said he had never experienced this before in his career.

The JV team put a spin on hospitality as service was unveiled like never before. Introductions and guidance on how to find the nearest drinking fountains were common welcoming acts sported by most teams. However, team members preparing snacks for their opponents in addition to their own teammates was a rarity, if not a first. "It is a great witness and act of hospitality that shows a lot about the thoughtfulness of these girls," said Lindsey Irwin, coach. The team made it a priority to put this new act of service into practice.

Off Court Serve

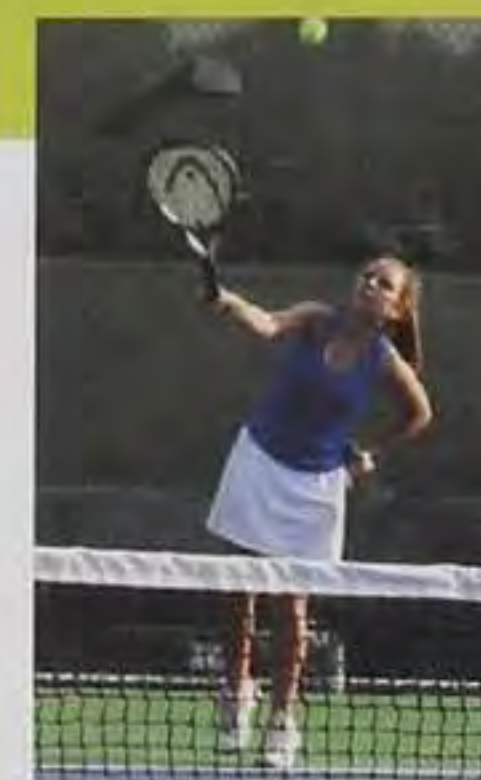


Nicole Schuessler, freshman, returns a deep shot and later wins 8-3. Nathan Talley, Varsity coach, had the JV team take on the Lutheran North varsity. The team shut out their opponents in both singles and doubles.



Jane Im, freshman, focuses on an overhead while facing a doubles team from Visitation. "Learning how to play as a doubles team and getting to know Jane better was a memory," said Elizabeth Blackwell, freshman and Im's partner.

Mallory Apert, sophomore, follows through on a forehand against a Cor Jesu doubles team. "Heck yes we dance," said Elizabeth Korb, sophomore, in response to how they encouraged each other.



Bethany Leibovich, sophomore, prepares for a forehand shot. Leibovich and partner Amanda Wiele, sophomore, occupied the third doubles spot and won all matches but one.



Emily Rassieur, junior, hits a forehand volley against Villa Duchesne. "She is able to refocus herself even if she is down and fight back. She has good, strong, consistent shots," said Lindsey Irwin, coach.

Jamie Zimmer, sophomore, reaches up for a forehand to keep the point alive against Visitation. Christin Palmer, freshman, partnered with Zimmer. "Jamie improved on her high backhands, and Christin on her consistency," said Lindsey Irwin, coach.





Christina Dohr and Audrey Knight, sophomores, yell "Mine" as they receive the serve. The JV volleyball team won their opening game against Whitfield, beating the team in 2 matches.

Annaliese Clark, junior, spikes the ball down the middle in the game against Parkway North. The team's win against Parkway West marked it's 14th consecutive win.



Sarah Hall, freshman, receives a serve in the game against Lafayette. The girls took Lafayette into three matches. In the second match, they were tied 24-24. Therefore, the match did not end at 25 points like usual, but continued until the Cats barely lost 25-27.



Kayla Gebhardt, freshman, practices before a game. During the game, the freshman team played Principia's JV team. Even though the opponents were older, the Wildcats showed their talent and won in two matches.



Kaylee Rosen, freshman, warms up before beating Incarnate Word. "The previous game prepared us mentally for tough competition, so we were prepared to play tough this game," said Rosen.



Mari Knehans, freshman, dives for the ball in a game against MICDS. "Mary is a really hard worker and she comes to practice ready to play," said Kira Stewart, freshman.



Elizabeth Miller, freshman, keeps her eye on the ball. Miller wore a different colored shirt because she was the defensive specialist. She could run in and out of the game without using a sub.

Brittany Maass, junior, and Kelsey Kindbom, freshman, jump to block the opponent's spike. After they shut down the other team's hit, all the girls would lift their hands above their heads and screamed "OOH!"



Katherine Krause, sophomore, smacks the ball in the game against MICDS. "Kate is like a bunny rabbit. She is not very tall, but she can jump so high. As a result, she can hit the ball harder than people expect," said Annaliese Clark, junior.

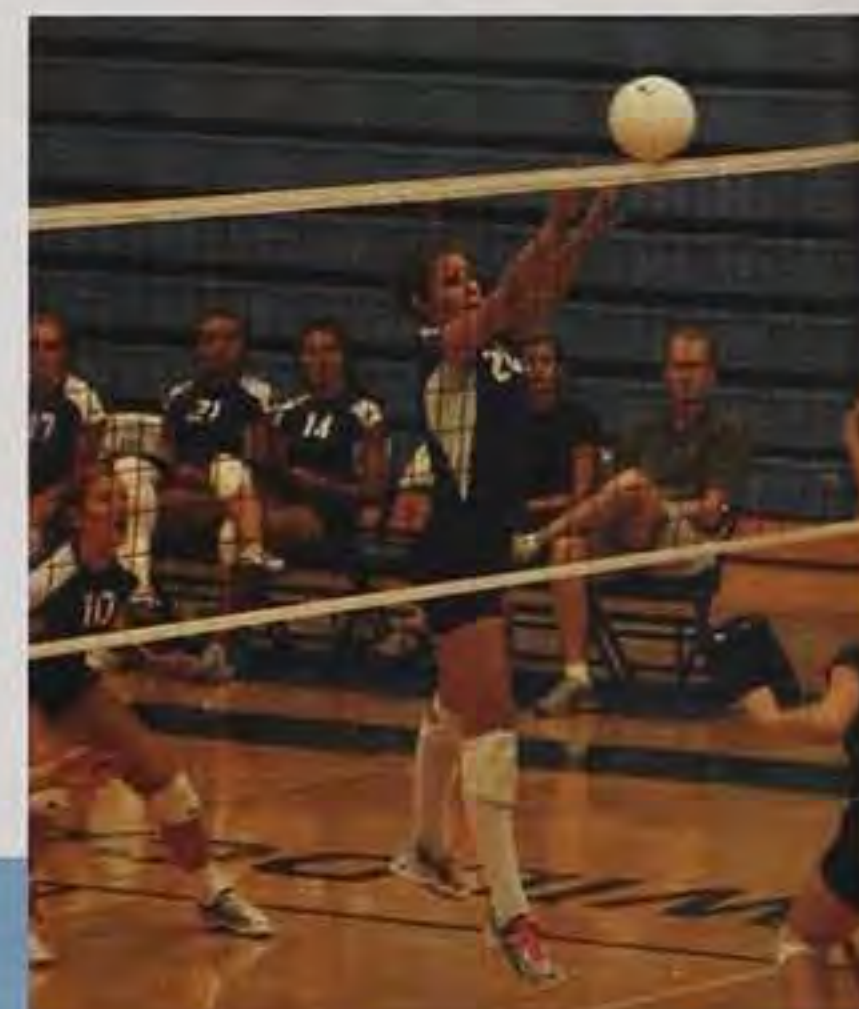


Courtney Pfeifer, sophomore, serves the ball against Visitation. This was her second year on JV. Pfeifer remained to play setter.



Sarah Hughes, sophomore, sets up to pass the ball to the setter in the game against Villa Duchesne. "Sarah's passes are consistent, and as a captain she helps the team stay focused, even in situations where the pressure is high," said Annaliese Clark, junior.

Kelsey Kindbom, freshman, tips the ball in her first home game. Kindbom was left-handed. "This was an advantage because I can surprise the other teams because it is uncommon to be a left handed hitter," said Kindbom.



"Cause We Play Like That."

Sitting in class, watching the second hand tick around the clock, eleven girls anticipated the three o'clock bell. No matter how stressful and busy their days were, they were comforted knowing that the next two hours would not be spent using a pink highlighter on endless amounts of reading, but playing volleyball and sharing some laughs with their teammates. Some people called these eleven girls the JV volleyball team, but they were more than a team. "Each girl brings one specific trait to the team that makes us one big family," said Danielle Pfyl, sophomore.

Annaliese Clark, junior and captain, was on the JV volleyball team for her third year in a row. She had three different coaches and three extremely different seasons. "This year is different because I'm not the timid freshman anymore, but now I am the oldest and I must be a leader," said Clark. As a captain, Clark tried to lighten up the mood on the court by realizing that volleyball was a mental game. She helped the team realize that if they let their spirits get down, their level of playing would drop as well. The team stepped onto the court with confidence, and their reoccurring phrase this year was, "cause we play like that."

The JV volleyball team developed their on court persona through confidence and experience.



Heidi Hunter, sophomore, spikes a number two set. Danielle Pfyl, sophomore, set the ball barely above the net, giving Hunter the opportunity to pound it down the middle. Hunter hit a number two hit to catch their opponent off guard.

JV and Freshman Volleyball





Hayley Younkin, senior, sprints to the finish line at the Orchard Farm meet on October 4. Along with being one of the team's fastest runners, Younkin was also the team captain. Her teammates found her encouraging throughout the season.



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Han-byul Kang, junior, and the runners had a jump start on the season, starting practice during the late summer. They met at the Ladue campus to run in the mornings and sometimes again later.



The girls kicked off the season at the First Capitol meet in St. Charles. An encouraging start to the season, each team member broke her personal practice time, including Abigail Clark, freshman. Some women beat their times by over four minutes, and three women finished in under 24 minutes.



At the Hancock Invitational, Margaret Wenberg, freshman, collapsed toward the end of the race due to dehydration. She had to be driven to the hospital to be brought back to health. Her condition was so bad that she had to sit out of her next meet, even though a week had passed since the incident.

At the Wildcat Invitational, both the Varsity and the Junior Varsity teams won first place of the entire meet. Katherine Kennison, junior, placed first in the Junior Varsity race.



Although the Varsity team placed second by just one point, Adrienne Boyd, sophomore, and Watson Woodward, junior, ran with the other JV runners and won first place at the Orchard Farm meet. Ken Boesch, coach, cancelled practice for both the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams for the next day in order to celebrate their victory.



Cross Country runners are encouraged to push themselves when the finish line comes into view.

Their muscles burned more than ever. Sweat poured down their faces, and air became harder to gasp. Then they saw the finish line, the pain no longer mattered.

The most important part of a race was the finish. No matter how hard the runner pushed herself throughout the race, those last few seconds alone determined who won a medal, and who was in trouble with the coach. But how did a cross-country runner feel on that final stretch? The WCA runners worked their hardest on that final sprint. Amanda Schaffner, junior, said that when she saw the finish line, she knew she was almost there and must give whatever she had left. What got her there was the adrenaline rush. "[The final sprint] hurts so bad but it's the best part," said Schaffner. Because cross-country was a sport about accomplishing personal goals, making it all the way to the finish line was both satisfying and encouraging. "It changes the way you do everything. It's going to be really hard, but I know I can do it," said Katherine Kennison, junior. Knowing that the end was near was a great accomplishment in the mind of a WCA cross-country runner.

The End is Near



Kayla Johnson, senior, and Emily Sherman, sophomore, dash around the corner at the Orchard Farm race. For this meet, the team left school early to prepare and walk the course so they knew what to expect.



Deborah Knuble, junior, came into the season with no prior experience and became one of the team's strongest runners. Her first meet time was 21:39.



Karen Girgis, junior, chats with teammates and energizes herself with a sports drink before running the Orchard Farm meet. At this race, Girgis placed fifth of all Junior Varsity runners and received one of fifteen medals. Four of her other teammates won medals at this meet as well.



Julie Sharp, sophomore, strides ahead of the other runners at the Wildcat Invitational. She placed first with a time of 21:14. She later achieved her season goal by breaking 21 minutes.



Rebecca Harding, freshman, stretches out her quads before a practice early in the season. "For meets, we would take a warm up lap, then stretch together and pray," said Harding.

Sarah Fleming, sophomore, hustles through the final stretch at the Hancock Invitational on September 22. Fleming's time at the first meet was 25:44, and she continued to improve throughout the season.



Amanda Schaffner and Kathryn Wenberg, juniors, race at the Hancock Invitational. Schaffner ran Varsity because Deborah Knuble was out of the race with shin splints.



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David Everett, freshman, sprinted through the finish line. Starting off the season, the Wildcats finished fourth place at the First Capital Invitational. Both the Everetts medaled in the race.



Juhung Kim, junior, bolted through the Sioux Passage course. The course was rated the fifth hardest high school cross country course in the nation.



Lukose Thampy, sophomore, helped the team finish in the top ten at the Hancock Invitational.



The boys all achieved their personal best at the Orchard Farm Invitational. Matthew Thampy, junior, finished fifth on the Varsity men's team. Crossing the finish line, Thampy yelled "Sparta!" as a team joke.

Daniel Everett, freshman, finished his race at Big Driver. During the middle of the race, it began to pour. "My arms were numb," said Everett. However, the men felt that the weather positively affected their running times since more than half of the runners broke their personal record.



Benjamin Walker, senior, flies around the corner, finishing his race. The team worked hard throughout practices in order to compete well. "The quarter mile repeats are the worst," said Walker, but "half mile repeats are the best."

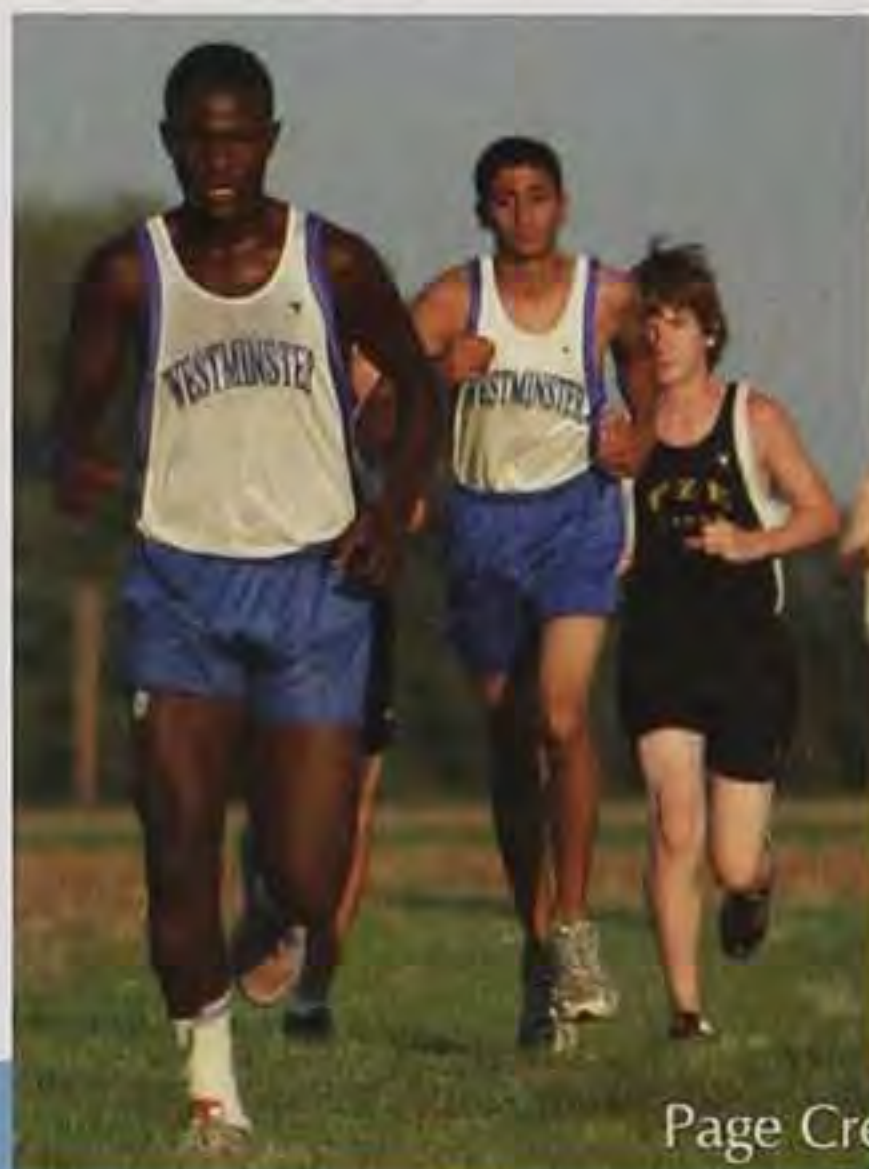


The Wildcats collect their trophy for winning first at Orchard Farm. Every member on the team beat their personal record at the course, and all of the varsity runners medaled.



Thomas Winter, sophomore, ends a race at Big Driver. Big Driver was the first course they ran without practicing there beforehand.

Kiprotich Ballach, junior, and Lukose Thampy, sophomore, pass two runners from Fort Zumwalt East. The team ran hills everyday during practice at Malcolm Terrace Park.



Thomas Jarrett, senior, crosses a bridge during the last two miles of the course. Big Driver was the last course for the men before the conference meet. Jarret went on to compete at districts with six other Westminster runners.



"Our Workouts are Longer Than Our Shorts."

As the bell rang, sighs of relief were released throughout the building.

Students engaged in after-school athletics scampered down to the locker room to get ready for practice. Matthew Thampy, junior, opened his locker, only to find a shirt, shoes, and socks, nothing else. Realizing he forgot his shorts, Thampy started to ask fellow athletes if they had any extra shorts. No one did. When he asked several older cross country runners, they smirked and replied, "No, but I bet Stange does". He was relieved, but oblivious to the idea of what shorts he would have to wear.

A decrepit, feeble cardboard box contained any masculine boy's nightmare, several pairs of shorts. But these weren't just any shorts, they were petite running shorts. "I thought I would be able to wear modest P.E. shorts", said Thampy. But Stange found a different solution. "I think the official uniform is too long," Stange said. Westminster male runners never wore running shorts. "The boys look like they are going out for basketball practice!" said Ken Boesch, the women's Varsity coach. As embarrassed as Thampy was, he was forced to run that day with his humiliating apparel.

The consequences for a forgetful Cross Country runner.



Calvin Boesch, junior, sprints through the last 100 meters of the race. As captain, Boesch wanted to set a good example for the team by running over the summer. He completed about 300 miles.





Gregory Schoenberg makes a touchdown run down the sideline past the MICDS Rams' defense. Schoenberg had a total of 97 yards of total offense against the Rams.



Gregory Schoenberg, senior, led the Wildcats to a 35-0 win over the Lutheran North Crusaders. Schoenberg and Dominick Valli, senior, totaled 185 rushing yards against the Crusaders.



The Wildcat offensive line prepared to guard Zach Dorton, sophomore, from the Lutheran South defense. The Wildcats beat the Lancers 49-0.



Lee Davis, senior, sacked the MICDS quarterback. MICDS' offense scored the lowest amount of points of their season against Westminster.



The skill and dominance of the keyplayers lifted the team to a higher level.

Super Abounding Talent

The list of positions for a typical football player usually consisted of just two positions, one for offense, and the other for defense. But

for Gregory Schoenberg's list, there were five more items than the typical player. Schoenberg, senior, took the lead of kicking the ball during kickoffs, returning kickoffs, punting on fourth down, kicking field goals, stuffing up the middle of the field as middle linebacker, being the starting fullback on offense, and being one of four captains on the team. "He is just an all-around great player. Also, an influential force on both sides of the ball," said Kenton Coffman, junior.

Along with Schoenberg, there were three other forces to be recognized: Sam Stufflebam, Daniel Kim, and Erik Lewis, seniors. Stufflebam lead the offensive and defensive line as, "One of the best rosters of lineman I have seen," said Michael Talent, junior. Kim also had several roles on the team, such as the place holder for field goals and as a running back. Another key part to the team was Lewis as a wide receiver. The team was built on these four players, and it was through their dominance of their positions that brought home a 5-5 record for the Wildcats.



The offensive team watches their teammates play defense. The players on the sidelines were required to stand the entire game until it was their time to play. The purpose was to stay warm in case they needed to go in.



The offensive line listens to the play call at the line of scrimmage against powerhouse Union High School. "Our offensive line was rock solid all season," said Matt Rohlfing, senior.



The defensive line tries to push past the Union offense. "The defense is a whole lot faster this year," said Kenton Coffman, junior.



The senior captains meet in the middle of the field. The senior captains were Samuel Stufflebam, Erik Lewis, Daniel Kim, and Gregory Schoenberg.



Brett Park, sophomore, sacks the Union quarterback. Park was one of several sophomores to play on the varsity football team.



Daniel Kim, senior, leads the Lutheran South defenders on a chase to the endzone. Kim plays an array of positions including quarterback and place holder.



Orion Ross, senior, sacks the Lutheran South quarterback. Ross' senior year was only his second year playing football.

Zachary Dorton, sophomore, fires a pass through the Union defense. Dorton threw for 110 yards against Union.



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Sarah Duffy, junior, shot her lowest score at Westborough early in the season. This was the second match of the season for the girls. Duffy scored a personal best of 46.

Molly Meyer, senior, finished her last year of golf strong. She shot a 45 at Normandie. This was her lowest hole nine score of the year.



Elizabeth Moore, senior, reached an all time low of the season at Westborough. Moore shot a 44. Her low scoring continued as she made it to state after finishing ninth in districts.



Kristin Kilpatrick, sophomore, shot the lowest score of the season. Kilpatrick shot a 34 at St. Peter's. This was the second lowest hole nine score for women's high school golfers across St. Louis.



Elizabeth Moore, senior, fixes her eyes on the hole. Moore's putting took her to state. "One of the challenges in golf is to shoot around the trees," said Moore.



Sarah Duffy, junior, contemplates her final putt of the day. The Wildcats beat Clayton at Sunset Hills with a score of 45.

Kristin Kilpatrick, sophomore, finishes her last hole of the day. The Wildcats played Cor Jesu at Sunset Hills. The match was cut short due to rain.



Success in Small Numbers

Silence permeated the air as team members gathered together for the traditional "golf cheer". The girls softly clapped their

Decrease in size does not mean decrease in quality.

hands together as a final good luck to each other before the match began. The four Varsity girls then hopped onto the back of golf carts and set off for two hours of challenging play.

Four was a considerably small number compared to years past for the women's golf team. "They all know each other pretty well", said Steve Bradley, head coach. Each girl took individual lessons to prepare for the upcoming season. "Golf takes self discipline because it is such an individual sport. Having three other girls who understand that makes it easier to lean on each other," said Molly Meyer, senior and co-captain.

Each member dedicated herself to the sport by going to the driving range in the grueling heat each week. But walking miles in heat and cold did not stop these girls from playing up to par.

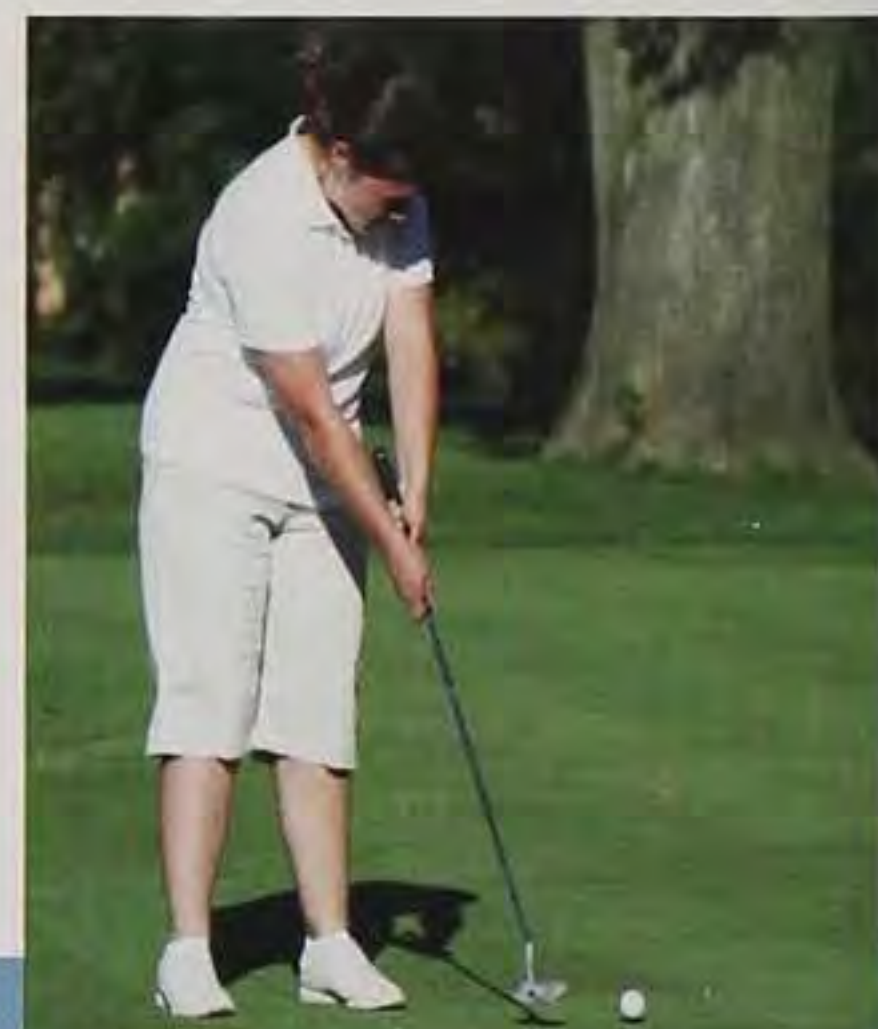


Hannah Collier, senior, practices her putting during a varsity match. "Practice is the only way to get better," said Collier. This was Collier's fourth year playing golf.



Molly Meyer, senior, swings her last shot of the day. "I've played since I was little," said Meyer. As a senior co-captain, she encouraged the team to play its hardest.

Susan Horak, sophomore, follows through her putt at Westborough. As a JV player, Horak came to Varsity matches to support the players. She practiced while Varsity played.





Sarah Duffy, junior, follows through her shot. The team received notes, candy, and a weekly schedule in their locker every Monday from Steve Bradley, head coach. The notes reflected on the previous week and encouraged the players for the upcoming matches.



Women's Golf





Shaylynn Weststyn, sophomore, pitches during the district game against Visitation on October 5. Weststyn pitched two perfect no-hitter games: the first was on August 28 against Villa and the second was on September 4 against St. Elizabeth. Weststyn was an all-regional pitcher.



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The upperclassmen woke up Hannah Worrell and Jordan Klein, freshman, put them in costumes, and took them to IHOP before school for freshman initiation.

Anna Sugg, senior and first baseman, caught a pop fly in the Principia game. Sugg was one of three captains.



Kendall James, senior, bunted the ball during the game against Ritenour. James started playing softball in seventh grade and played through her senior year.

Anne Martin, junior, hit the ball during the first district game. Westminster went into the tournament seeded #1.



Suzanne Weston, sophomore, held strong behind the plate in the district championship game against Kennedy. The Cats won 3-1 and advanced to sectionals.

Two Softball players got more out of bunting than anyone expected.

Kendall James, senior, stepped up to the plate. She looked down the third base line at Ashley Woodall, coach, and saw Woodall signal for a bunt. James stepped into the batter's box and waited for the perfect pitch to bunt. She did not have to wait long, and on the first pitch she put down a bunt into the left side of the field. The third baseman picked up the ball, but threw it too far past first base, so James made it all the way to third base. At third, she saw that the ball had once again been overthrown, so she ran home to score on a bunt.

Home runs were rare, but home runs from a bunt were even more unlikely. "[The other team] has to make a lot of mistakes for it to happen," said James. But no matter how unlikely, James' bunt was not the only one the Wildcats saw before the season was over. Katelyn Haverstick, sophomore, also scored from her own bunt during the district game against Kennedy. "Coach signaled for a bunt and I missed the first pitch, but I put down the second one," said Haverstick. After that the play looked familiar: the first baseman overthrew the ball into the outfield, and Haverstick made it all the way to home for a run. "It gave our team a little extra spirit," said James, "It was a lot of fun for us."

Take the Short Cut



Harper Hughes and Sarah Shippy, seniors and team managers, keep track of plays during the game against Principia. Hughes and Shippy managed the softball team for three years.



Jordan Klein, freshman, tags first base during the game against Ritenour. "[Jordan] can adjust to different pitchers very easily," said Jessica George, sophomore.

Alissa Cozad, senior, leads off second base during the game against Ritenour. Cozad played softball starting in elementary school until her senior year.



Alexandra Bond, sophomore, steps to the plate during the district semi-final game against Visitation. Westminster defeated Visitation 9-1.

Rae Salzman, senior, sprints down the third-base line to score a run in the game against Principia on September 13. Westminster lost 2-6.



Ashley Woodall, coach, talks to Suzanne Weston, sophomore, and Anne Martin, junior, during a time-out in the game against Ritenour. Weston came out of the game during the first inning after taking a hit from a foul ball on the third base line.



Jasmine Harrell, senior, fields a grounder during the game against Ritenour on September 21. Westminster lost 1-13.





Conner Hunsicker, sophomore, led the Cats back from a 0-2 deficit by scoring a hat trick. The Cats went on to beat Lutheran South 6-2.

Brian Keffer, senior, scored in the final two minutes of the Mehlville Invitational to win the championship for the Cats. "I was just thinking to hit the ball as hard as I can," said Keffer.



Michael Shapleigh, senior, jumps over three Rebels to get the head ball. Shapleigh was a co-captain with Daniel Miller, senior. Shapleigh's first goal of the season came on a shot from 35 yards out against Lutheran South.



The Wildcats defeated rival Ladue 4-0. The win avenged the team's loss to Ladue in districts the previous season.

Jake Grimes, sophomore, scored three goals for the second game in a row. Grimes led the team to a 3-1 victory over Lutheran North.



The Wildcats beat ABC League rival John Burroughs 1-0 in a closely fought battle. Sean Griffin, junior, earned a shutout.

Aiming Higher

Coming off a 17 win season,

the Varsity soccer team entered the new season with high hopes. With nine returning seniors as well as support from both the junior and sophomore classes, the team's major strength was a deep bench. "Our depth gives our team more flexibility," said Daniel Legters, head coach. The core of the team was found in the center midfield position with Daniel Miller and Michael Shapleigh, senior captains. "They keep everyone's attitude positive and keep everyone working hard," said Brian Keffer, senior.

Varsity soccer set their sight on a district championship.

The team faced the difficulty of replacing a key goal scorer from the previous year, but the solution was found quickly. In the season opening tournament, eight different players scored, including Conner Hunsicker, sophomore, who scored four goals. After a 3-0-1 start, which included victories over Oakville and Rockwood Summit, the Wildcats found themselves in the championship game against Eureka. Matthew Reilly, junior, scored the game's first goal. The Cats held the lead until the 72nd minute when Eureka found a way to score with just eight minutes left. The game seemed poised for overtime, but in the final minute Keffer, the center back, drove a shot from the top of the box into the top corner of the net to win the championship.



Matthew Hudnut, sophomore, runs up the line, looking to cross the ball. Hudnut had an assist in the game. He started at right defensive back for the team.

Jared Camp, senior, throws the ball to Michael Evetts, sophomore. The Wildcats went on to win the game 5-0 over St. Charles. Camp played left back for the team.



Sang-Jin Im, senior, stares down an oncoming Oakville Striker. Im had a shutout in the game and only allowed four goals in the five game tournament.



Michael Evetts, sophomore, fights off a defender as he dribbles up the field. Evetts had the game winning goal against Oakville off of a volley from the top of the box.

Benjamin Baldwin, senior, dribbles the ball into the box. Baldwin had a key goal in the season opening tournament that sent the team to the championship. "I closed my eyes and just hoped it would go in," said Baldwin.





Daniel Miller, senior, takes the ball to the goal during a game against Priory. He started at center midfield in his fourth year on the Varsity team. Miller was only the second player in team history to be a captain in both his junior and senior season. The first was Jared Huffman, class of 2001.



Varsity Men's Soccer





Varsity Mens
Swimming and Diving

Bobby Degnan, Clinton Alexander, Trevor McHardy, and Patrick Murrell, seniors, root on their teammate Matthew Sugg, freshman. Sugg swam the 500 yard freestyle against Missouri Military. At the beginning of the race Sugg was in 5th place, but in less than two minutes he surpassed the three other competitors, and received first place.





The swim team screamed when they won against Wentzville Holt, the first meet. Each player placed in the top three in each of their events.

Sung Kim, senior, placed first in the 500 yard event against Ritneour. Although Kim's scores did not count towards the total score, he participated anyway.



Jordan Kulage, senior, swam backstroke in the 200 yard IM at the Missouri Military meet. The team had to travel two hours to Mexico, Missouri, for their second consecutive win.



Kris Freeman, sophomore diver, attempts a pike dive at the Ritneour meet. Freeman placed second overall at the meet and received a high score, six out of ten, from all of the judges.



Eric Johnson, sophomore, swims fly at the teams first tri-meet. The swim team overcame Afton and Oakville in the meet held at Westminster. Johnson swam four events, the most a swimmer is allowed to compete in.

Burgers and french fries serve as a traditional motivation for the Varsity Mens Swim Team.

Hearts filled with joy over the win were soon compromised by a tasty sensation that would soon leave them forever. For over five years the Varsity swim team has celebrated their surpassing victory over Ritneour High School at the local 50's diner, Chuck-A-Burger. For many

Final Motivation

this trip to Ritneour High School and Chuck-A-Burger has been the highlight of the season for most swimmers. But due to financial conflicts, this memorable restaurant was to close.

"It makes me sad. It feels like a tradition lost even though we have a lot of other traditions. I believe that this will be the one most missed by the team" said team co-captain Trevor McHardy, senior. Year after year Chuck-A-Burger has served not only well prepared food, but also as an inspiration for the Wildcats to defeat Ritneour continuously. Filled with emotion from the loss of a wonderful team hangout, the Wildcat swimmers have moved on to find a new and better tradition.



Robert Johnson, junior, perfects his backstroke in practice. Johnson has swum for almost all of his life and "is very serious about the swim team," said Kent Kehr, Varsity coach.



The team celebrates after placing seventh out of 12 teams at the Ladue Invitational. This meet required everybody's participation and stamina throughout the whole day.



Jacob Dahl, sophomore, swims the 100 yard breaststroke in the annual Innersquad meet. This was Dahl's first time on a swim team. "I hoped to gain a lot from the experience," said Dahl. Kent Kehr, coach, discusses the importance of aerobic fitness to athletes Andrew Adrian and Erik Johnson, sophomores. "Guys, it is important to get your heartbeat up to a certain level," said Kehr during every practice.



Nathan Benefield, sophomore, swims a 100 yard backstroke against Jackson High School. Benefield swam for three years before joining the team. This was Benefield's first time swimming backstroke in an event, and he dropped the seven seconds throughout the season.



Matthew Sugg, freshman, swims a 100 yard breastroke event in the Ladue Invitational. Sugg has been swimming for over five years and contributed to the teams victory at the meet.



Matthew Autry, sophomore, discusses how many seconds he dropped in the 50 free-style event with Ward Egan and Kris Freeman, sophomores. Autry ended up dropping four seconds overall.



Lauren DeRousse, freshman, placed first in her bracket in the MWAA tournament. In her last point, she rallied at least thirty shots before securing her win. DeRousse beat six seniors on Varsity to secure her number four singles spot.



Corey Klingler and her doubles partner Abigail O'Brien, seniors, played two matches for four hours in a Parkway tournament. Darkness fell during the second match, making it hard to see the ball. Nevertheless, the doubles team triumphed over Lafayette.

Christine Schlafly, freshman, saved the Wildcats from a shutout by Ladue. Schlafly won with a super-tie-break of 10-4 for the third set.



Kristina Dudley, senior, secured a win against Lutheran South. Dudley had a winning season playing number two singles.

Sarah Schlafly, senior, made it to the quarterfinals of districts at MICDS. Schlafly said, "I am the first person in my family to play number one singles, so I felt special. I'm also glad that we got new uniforms before I graduated."



Abigail O'Brien, senior, positions herself for an overhead return. O'Brien, along with her fellow senior teammates, ended her Varsity career with a win against Lutheran South.



Queens of the Court

The ladies of the womens Varsity tennis team were queens in their own right. How many people could bounce a tennis ball with racket in hand while they simultaneously munched on a St.. Louis

With brand new courts beneath their feet, the Varsity Women's Tennis team was ready to dominate.

Company bagel and discussed post-practice dinner plans? Yes, these girls were on top of their game.

Actually, they were on top of the new Wildcat blue tennis courts, to be exact. "I like [the courts] a lot. The other ones had holes in them, so these are a lot nicer," said Jordan Montgomery, sophomore. So how did the team rule the new courts? Ellie Gamache, senior, said that the secret to their success was in their relationships. The bond that held this team together was solid, which no doubt contributed to the strength and stamina they possessed. They may have been all business when it came to playing their matches, but when the girls came off the courts, they were simply teenage girls ready to unwind and grab some dinner together.



Amelia Hearne, sophomore, and Abigail O'Brien, senior, chat as a pre-game ritual before going onto the courts. The girls felt that they would play better if they were relaxed.

Jordan Montgomery, sophomore, waits for a serve from her opponent. The heat index reached 103 degrees, but the players were allowed to take breaks in between games when needed.



Elizabeth Crowell, senior, rushes to make a quick save. Originally Crowell's doubles partner was Ellie Gamache, senior, but by the end of the season her matches were played with June Hotchkiss, senior. "Everyone wants to be Liz's partner because she's so funny," said Sarah Schlafly, senior.



Christine Schlafly, freshman, teams up with her dad, Bruce, at a tennis party. The girls ended the season by playing in a doubles tournament with their parents. The winners of the tournament were Nathan Talley, head coach, and his wife.



June Hotchkiss, senior, practices her backhand before her match. For warm ups, the girls would go out and hit as a team in addition to warming up with their opponents.

Kristin Gilbert and Corey Klingler, seniors, laugh about Gilbert's fall. Due to the cold weather, Gilbert wore sweatpants during her match, but she tripped because the bottoms were not zipped.





Varsity Womens Tennis

Ellie Gamache, senior, returns a deep shot with her backhand. Gamache's ultimate goal was for the team to be district champions. Although the goal was not achieved, the team was conference champion.



Kathryn Weber and Kaliana Stewart, seniors, block the ball. Weber's height made her a successful blocker. Stewart's high vertical jump allowed her to excel in blocking. "Kali can jump like a frog," said Weber.



Varsity Women's Volleyball





The team received second place at the Lutheran St. Charles tournament. The team beat rival Villa Duchesne in three games during the semi-finals.



As defending champions of the Crystal City Tournament, the team once again dominated the tournament by beating St. Pius, Scott City, Crystal City, Principia, and Fulton.



After honoring the seven seniors at senior night, the team ended their regular season at home with a quick win against St. Elizabeth 25-10, 25-5.

After defeating MICDS the team faced Villa Duchesne in the District Championships. They beat Villa in two games 25-22, 25-19 earning them a spot in sectionals.



The team placed fifth out of 16 teams at the Springfield Classic Tournament at Kickapoo High School. They defeated two out of the four teams they faced.

The Varsity Womens Volleyball team did not have your average warm up.

With the stereo blasting and the mirrors vibrating, the volleyball team was found huddling near Kayla VandeKamp, senior's, car in

Break It Down to Pump It Up

the back parking lot, perfecting their newly choreographed dance. The team watched Kelly Penning, sophomore, as she instructed them in learning the "Soulja Boy" dance. The dancing began when Kelli Stipanovich and Lauren O'Leary, seniors, combined two dances they learned separately at Kamp Kanakuk to Christian rapper Lecrae's "Beyond Belief." "We learned the line dance in our hotel room at the Springfield Tournament," said VandeKamp.

The line dance turned into a face off: half of the team against the other half. While most teams had exciting warm-up music, the volleyball team did their dance to pump up for their upcoming competition. "We dance before our big games, like Lafayette. As the season goes on we keep making up new dances," said VandeKamp. The team even preformed their dance for the Variety Show at Westminster. While the dancing may seem juvenile to some, it was a sacred tradition lasting throughout the season.



Kelly Penning, sophomore, hits the ball. Penning was the only underclassman on the team. "She was funny and added a lot of laughter to the team," said Kaliana Stewart, senior.

Kelli Stipanovich, senior, spikes the ball across the net. Stipanovich led the team in kills and aces. Stipanovich topped her coach, Heather Kea, for the school record in overall kills.



Kelsey Janssen, senior, attacks the ball. The team slept over at Lauren O'Leary, senior's house after the win against Troy. "I was exhausted afterward," said Janssen.



Leah Beck, junior, anticipates the serve. Beck plays libero. Coming in at any time, the libero can only play back row. This was the first year liberos could serve.



Lauren O'Leary, senior, sets the ball. Having attended Villa Duchesne before coming to WCA, O'Leary was determined to beat them.



Kaitlyn Pfeifer, senior, serves the ball. Pfeifer, along with Kathryn Weber and Kelli Stipanovich, seniors, were voted team captains. "I enjoyed being captain. I was able to be a part of Captain's Council and Senior Crew," said Pfeifer.

JANUARY 7,
2008



Jonah Anderson, seventh grade, drives past an opponent. On this Monday night, the seventh grade A team defeated Grace Christian by one point.

Joshua Brown, eighth grade, receives the ball before throwing it to another teammate. Occasionally the team warmed up by doing a three man weave.



Jacob Buffa and Caleb Winter, eighth grade, face off in a scrimmage. At times the team scrimmaged with three offensive players against two defensive players in practice.

William Hughes, seventh grade, takes a free throw in a game against Priory.



JANUARY 10,
2008



Nicholas Norman, eighth grade, shot a jump shot during practice. Practice was an important part of the season as the boys practiced four days a week.

Peter Duell, eighth grade, received the ball outside of the three point line. On this Thursday night, the eighth grade A team defeated MICDS by twenty-three points.

JANUARY 25,
2008



Drew Haynes, seventh grade, drove towards the basket in a game against Kirkwood Heat. On February 1, the seventh grade A team was undefeated with a record of 8-0.

FEBRUARY 1,
2008



FEBRUARY 13,
2008

John Barry, seventh grade, shot a free throw during the game against Priory. The A team went on to defeat the Rebels.



In Preparation

As he dribbled towards the basket, a massive bright yellow mat appeared to be the only hindrance in his way. Even though this mat did not exist in a real game, Doug Coleman, coach, used it in practice to simulate the physical aspect of basketball. He also used other methods to challenge the team. "I liked to make practice more challenging than a game, so the boys would play to the best of their ability," said Coleman.

Middle School basketball practices challenge the boys as a means to prepare them for their future

Opponents in middle school did not always exhibit much physical ability, but Coleman trained the boys to work under pressure as a means to prepare them for years to come. "Practice was mostly harder in the mental aspect, but it proved helpful when we played games," said John Dohr, seventh grade. Coleman also encouraged the boys to play together on teams outside of school. Dohr and John Eric Steiner, seventh grade, played on a club team together called the Gunners. "Playing together outside of school helped better the team's connection and skills during the season," said Coleman.

Kevin VandeKamp, eighth grade, drives toward the basket while searching for an open opponent. "Many of the boys showed leadership; one player who shines on the eighth grade A team is Kevin Vande Kamp," said Doug Coleman, coach.



Kevin Phillips, eighth grade, shoots while getting pushed by the yellow mat. Coach Coleman used the yellow mat to challenge the boys and show them the physical aspect of basketball.



Keith Degler and Ryan Haxel, eighth grade, practice passing against the bounce back. The bounce back helped the boys improve their reactions for games.

Matthew Brugner, eighth grade, dribbles before practice. While waiting for the team to gather, the boys dribbled and practiced free throws.





Middle School Boys Basketball



Henry Griesedieck, eighth grade, shoots while receiving pressure from Doug Coleman, coach. Coleman attempted to block them, showing the boys that they would rarely receive an opportunity to shoot lay ups without applied pressure.



DECEMBER 18,
2007



Cindy Blanchard, eighth grade, stole the ball in a game against Principia in the final minute of the championship game at the Grace Invitational. She ran full court to score a lay up, breaking the tie score. The lady Wildcats captured the victory with a score of 22-17.



Sara McClellan, seventh grade, looks for a pass under the basket against Crossroads.



Bailey Benes, seventh grade, reaches to take the ball against Immanuel Lutheran. The seventh grade A team started the game on February 26 with a lead of 22-0. "[The team improved on learning] how to pass until they get an open shot," said Kim Landes, coach and middle school English teacher.



JANUARY 7,
2008

During the first game of the season, the seventh grade A team beat Grace Christian Academy 50-11. Each member of the team scored a basket.

JANUARY 12,
2008

The eighth grade B team successfully overcame Crossroads with a score of 41-8.



Down 13-6, the blue team used a zone defense to stop the MRH opponents from scoring in the fourth quarter to win 14-13.

JANUARY 19,
2008

The seventh grade A team defeated Lafayette 31-6. "[The A team most improved on learning] how to pass until they get an open shot," said Kimberly Landes, seventh grade English teacher and coach of seventh A and white teams in practice.



JANUARY 30,
2008

Growing Pains

The gym was bigger, the floor was different, and the teammates were new. When new

seventh grade players decided to play basketball for Westminster this year and last year, the dynamics changed. With two practices instead of one a week, there came a larger emphasis on executing plays and improving skills. "I think it's fun [to have more practices during school] because we get a break from learning [in the classrooms]," said Della Woodward, seventh grade. "We learned a lot of offensive plays. [One was called] overload, and play 12 worked really good". This extra work boosted the confidence of the players during the games and a few nerves died down. "I don't feel as intimidated on the freethrow line because we practice free throws a ton in practice," said second year player, Brynn Benes, eighth grade.

Middle School girls experienced new levels of play compared to their elementary teams.

Skill levels were more evenly placed on teams as well. "For some people it was their first time, and some had played forever. It was fun," said Emily Orf, seventh grade. Now in middle school, the outcome seemed to matter. "Now it's more competitive. Our team cares more when we lose, which is good," said Hannah Hoekzema, eighth grade.

In a beneficial way, the game was more than fun, it was also about preparing for future years. "I felt in elementary basketball I didn't learn how to shoot, and now they teach us really well," said Chloe Carnahan, eighth grade. "They taught us picks, positions, and plays that work," said Harmony Peterson, seventh grade. Not only were there real bleachers in the gym now, but the competitive bar was raised higher. The practices were about working on skills for the next years, and teaching was a key component of middle school basketball.



Kaylie Duke, seventh grade, penetrates to the basket against Crossroads. Madison Drury, seventh grade, said that her team improved the most on ball handling for games. "We work on zone defense and man to man [in practice a lot]," said Drury.



Madeleine Smith, eighth grade, finishes a lay up at Principia. Smith was a point guard on the eighth grade A team. The team, coached by Thane Veltkamp and Nate VanderWal, eighth grade science teachers, started the season 3-0.



Brynn Benes, eighth grade, scores the first two points against Principia. "My form and shooting [improved] because of the drills in practice," said Benes.



Rachel Becker, eighth grade, grabs the ball in the free throw lane. "We work a lot on hard passing for press breaks, and I think we've really improved," said Becker, on what her team accomplished to better their chances of winning.



Caroline Thompson, eighth grade, holds onto the ball while being defended under the basket. "I think we have really good sportsmanship and everyone works to contribute in the game," said Thompson, when asked what her team did best.

Middle School Girls Basketball



OCTOBER
13, 2007

JANUARY
4, 2008

JANUARY
15, 2008

JANUARY
15, 2008

FEBRUARY
14, 2008

David Alexander, sophomore, posted up against a MICDS player. The JV Wildcats ended up defeating MICDS 46-33.



The Wildcats improved their record by overcoming the MICDS Rams 34-21. This gave the Wildcats a 3-8 record.



Michael Hall, freshman, initiates a play during the freshman basketball game v. John Burroughs. The freshmen Wildcats ended up winning the game in the last eight seconds.

The JV Wildcats hosted a grandparents night. The night included a halftime grandparents basketball shoot-out.



The JV Wildcats had an undefeated record for more than half of their season until Oakville high school defeated them. The JV team lost by one point in the last few seconds of the fourth quarter. They ended their season with a record of 16-4.



Andrew Menzel, freshman, searches for a way to get around the two John Burroughs defenders. Menzel was the starting center for the freshmen Wildcats and held a great amount of blocks and rebounds for the team.



Anthony Thompson, sophomore, steals the ball on a fast break and heads for the basket. Thompson played in the point guard position for the team and scored ten points and seven rebounds in the course of this game against John Burroughs.



Gilbert Garrison, freshman, plays man to man defense in the freshmen game v. Whitfield. The Wildcats defeated Whitfield 29-24 despite their loss of three players for that game.



The Cats huddle up on their last game of the season. The JV team came back against Borgia in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter to win against their rivals in overtime. They used their sharp shooting skills to tie the game.

Daniel Alexander, sophomore, blocks the ball while a MICDS opponent goes for a lay up. But for Alexander this was his last game as a JV player. Alexander played on Varsity for the remainder of the season.



Pure Teamwork

During the winter

season the JV basketball team

was known to be one of the most

dominant teams starting their season off with an undefeated record for over six weeks and losing their first game by only one point.

"Out of all the Westminster basketball teams the JV boys were the most solid," said Eric Brown, senior and Varsity basketball player.

This outstanding record was credited to many key aspects of the team. Some of these contributions were key players, such as Carter Smith, freshman. Smith was a power forward. Opponents and fans alike were amazed by his athletic ability with his setback of only having one finger on his right hand. "Coming into the game none of the players took Carter seriously. However when they saw his awesome plays they became very shocked," said Anthony Thompson, sophomore, and JV basketball player.

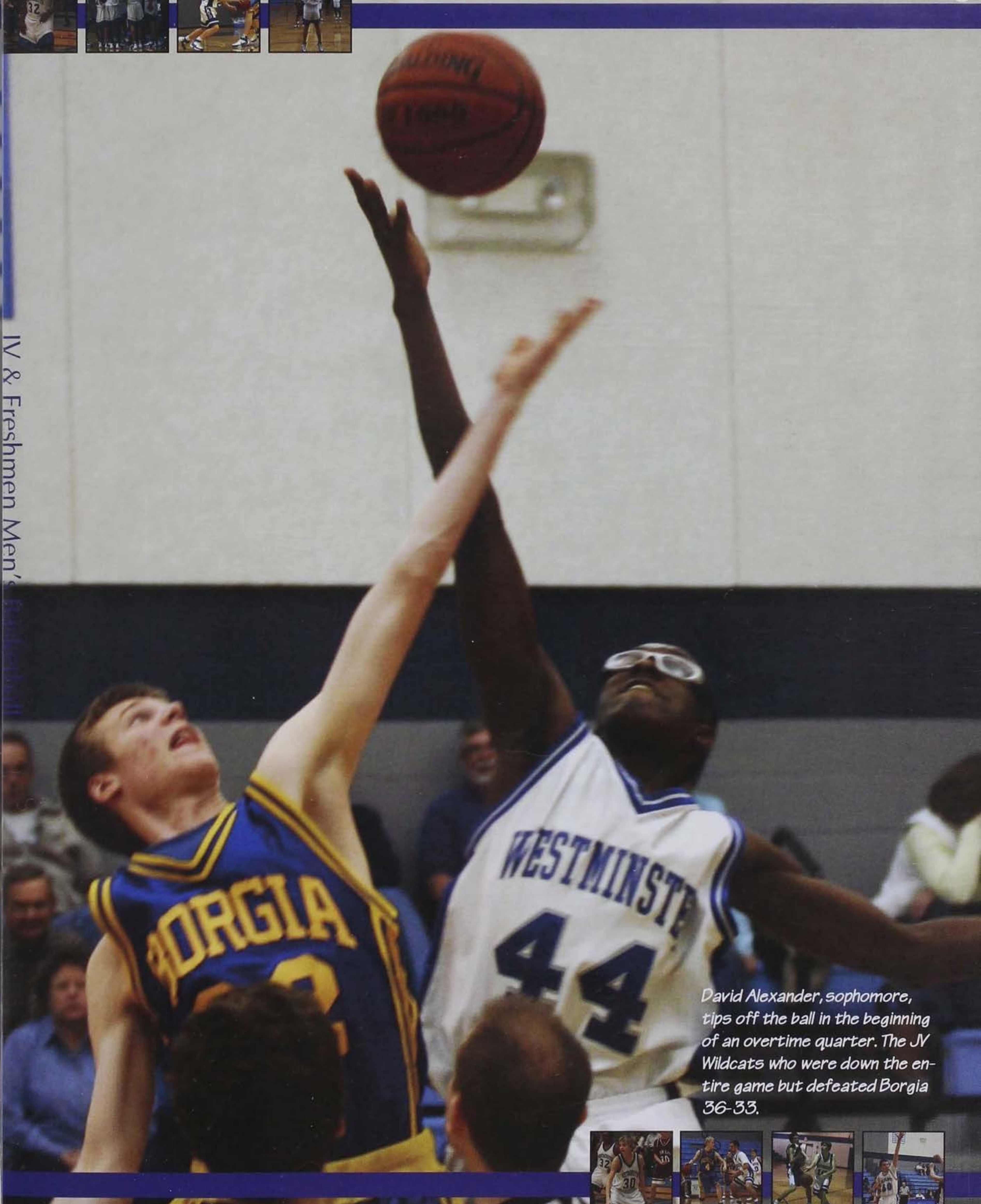
Even though Carter's right hand gave him difficulties during the day, it did not effect his performance on the court. "As a coach I never even noticed him as a player different from anybody else on the team. The thought does not even reach my mind," said Timothy Holley, JV basketball coach. Another set of key players were the "Alexander Twins". These two six foot three inch players accumulated an average of over five blocks a game. "Personally I think that the twins were amazing athletes that can go very far in their basketball career," said Alex Cusumano, sophomore, and Varsity basketball player.

Even though the JV team had a great amount of excellent players, it was not just the individuals who made a difference. It was the whole team. "The reason that I think we are so successful is that I have a group of guys who get along with each other and enjoy playing together," said Holley. The JV team proved to be a promising team this year and set the bar high for future JV teams.

The Junior Varsity Team was very successful with more than just pure talent. It was all about working as a team.



IV & Freshmen Men's



David Alexander, sophomore, tips off the ball in the beginning of an overtime quarter. The JV Wildcats who were down the entire game but defeated Borgia 36-33.



Nathan Tereshak



The JV women played the Varsity Westminster women's team during the blue and white game at Westminster to kick off the season.



The Lady Wildcats won against Lutheran South 32-17. Haley Bettlach, freshman, scored a total of 13 baskets and Hannah Worrell, freshman, had seven rebounds.

The JV team won the game against Visitation Academy. This game was the team's ninth win in a row.



The JV team faced Clayton High School in January. By the third quarter the Wildcats were ahead 19-8.



The JV women played their second to last game against Career Academy on spirit week night. The next game the girls came back against Whitfield beating them by over 20 points.

Marci Penning, freshman, rebounds the ball from the Clayton Greyhounds. The girls won the game by 11 points.



Prayer vs. Player

Sitting in a tight knit circle with sweat dripping down their faces was the typical scene as the JV girls basketball team prayed at the end of each practice. Just like every teacher started the day off with prayer and a devotion, the girls ended their practice in the same way.

The JV womens basketball team added a special hand shake to the end of prayers at practice.

Timothy Gibson, coach, would ask one of the girls to pray, or he would pray himself while the others listened. As they finished up their prayers, the girls enacted their special hand shake. The move consisted of the girls putting their fists out and moving them up and down so that they hit the person's hand next to them. Then they pounded their hands out and ended with a clap. This was a time when the girls could relax at the end of practice and sit down together.

If the practice went badly and the girls got frustrated, Gibson asked the girl who was frustrated to pray. "If one of us is really mad he asks us to pray," said Haley Bettlach, freshman. This prayer requirement also applied for games. Usually the team prayed at the beginning and end of practices. "We pray before and after sometimes," said Bettlach.

If one of the girls had a bad week or had something on their mind they shared it with the team. The girls prayed along with Coach Gibson. Prayer requests were not usually common at the end of practices, but the team was always willing to pray together for each other.

Haley Bettlach, freshman, waits for the referee's okay to in-bound the ball. The JV women played Career Academy on February 8.

Maggee Kane, freshman, follows her shot against the Clayton High School Greyhounds. "I really like the girls on the team and the games," said Kane.



Marci Penning, freshman, recovers the ball in a game against Villa on January 17. "I really like being with my friends. We joke around a lot," said Penning. Penning was a swing player for both JV and Varsity.



Lauren Sulewski, freshman, shoots at a home game in January. The JV dance team danced at the women's home games. They also stood on the sidelines for the first half of every home game.



Rachel Yu, freshman, shoots the ball in the blue and white game. The annual blue and white game was November 19 and the opening game to the basketball seasons.



The JV women gather in a team huddle during a time out at Westminster. The team talked with coaches Todd Worrell and Timothy Gibson before going out to the court.





Katia Weir, freshman, drives down the court during a game against Visitation. Although the Wildcats lost to Visitation, they went on to a five game winning spree to end their season with an 11-7 record.





The Cats achieved their first victory of the season, beating Soldan 57-56 in the Vianney Invitational tournament. Sean Duff, junior, led the scoring with 14 points followed by Joseph Hunsicker and Tye Malone, seniors, who each had 10.



Sean Duff, junior, popped in a twenty-four foot three point shot with only one second left in the game as Westminster came from behind to beat Duschesne 58-57 in overtime.

The Cats beat MICDS in overtime 55-50 at home thanks to 23 points from Alex Tilley, junior. The Cats held the Rams to only 6 points in overtime while scoring 11 themselves.



The Varsity basketball teams defeated MICDS 51-43 to capture the district title. Alex Tilley, junior, led all scorers and the Wildcats to a win with 20 points.



Aaron Kinder, junior, goes up for a lay up during practice before a home game against MICDS. The game went into overtime and the Wildcats pulled out an exciting 55-50 win.

Bring on the Young Guns

After losing four senior starters, Eric Bain, coach, was faced with the task

of rebuilding the Varsity basketball team. With only four seniors on the team, and only two of them starting, the basketball team relied more on talent than experience. While all the players had certain gifts to bring to the team, Sean Duff, junior and captain, was a stand out player. Playing on Varsity every year in high school, Duff brought an offensive spark to the game. Duff scored 26 points against Principia and 30 against Brentwood; Westminster won both of these games. However, Duff was not the whole team.

Fellow junior and captain, Alex Tilley, was also a dominating presence on the court. One of Tilley's more memorable games was against MICDS in an overtime win at home. Scoring 23 points, including 4/4 from the line, Tilley led all scorers as well as the Wildcats to victory. While these two were certainly strong players, they could not perform without the rest of the team and the support of the coaches.

With two junior captians and two sophomore members, the Varsity team relied on skill more than experience.



Anthony Thompson, sophomore, flies down the court during the spirit week Varsity game against Principia. Thompson was one of two sophomores who played on both the Varsity and Junior Varsity basketball teams.



Sean Duff, junior, launches a pass over Joseph Hunsicker, senior's, head during the annual blue and white game. Every year, the Varsity basketball team split up into two teams, white and blue, for a season opening scrimmage.

Andrew Wendt, junior, fakes a Burroughs defender to try and set up a play. In his second year on Varsity, Wendt was a starting guard for the Wildcats.



Eric Brown, senior, goes up for a rebound against Principia during the Friday night spirit week game. The Wildcats defeated Principia 50-43 in the match. While the game had many lead changes and was close for the bulk of the match, the Wildcats pulled away for the victory.



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Theodore Siebenman, junior, hurls the ball across the court during the annual blue and white game. While varsity men played against each other in this game, overall the blue and white game was a fun way to build school spirit as well as pump up the Wildcats for the rest of the season.



NOVEMBER
26-30, 2007



The team kicked off the season at the Orchard Farm tournament, winning their first game against Wright City. They placed second after the championship game on November 30 against Jennings.

DECEMBER
27, 2007



The Varsity team entered the John F. Kennedy Christmas Tournament over Westminster's Christmas break. The team placed fifth after losing just two games. "I think we played really individually there, but by the end of the season we played a lot more like a team. It was just a roller coaster season," said Katelyn Haverstick, sophomore.

FEBRUARY
8, 2008



The Lady Wildcats beat Miller Career Academy on the final night of spirit week. "We had a lot of fans, and it was exciting to show the school how hard we worked all season," said Leah Beck, junior.

FEBRUARY
17, 2008



The team won their first game of Districts against MICDS. They placed in second overall in the tournament after the championship game against Viz.



Jessica Menchak, junior, launches the ball toward the basket. She was one of three team captains, including Leah Beck, junior, and Stephanie Brown, senior.

Warm Your Muscles

Although most sports teams warmed up by taking a jog, stretching, or passing the ball around, the Varsity women's basketball team had a more interesting way to warm up.

The Varsity Women's Basketball team had a unique way to warm up at away games that proved to be a bit dangerous.

When the girls had an away game, they would arrive at the school early. Then, they would usually start up a game of tag outside the school to warm their muscles and get pumped up for the game. However, at an Orchard Farm game, their warm up ended disastrously. Stephanie Brown, senior, and lead scorer, pulled a muscle in her leg while playing tag right before the game started. The injury hurt so bad that she had trouble walking and had to sit out of that game. She also had to sit out of a couple practices.

This was not Brown's only injury during the season. During a game against Lutheran South, she was cut just above her eye. The bleeding forced Brown out of that game for a little while, and the cut was so deep that she had to get stitches. She therefore had to sit out for another game while the stitches healed. Although some injuries such as this one were inevitable, the team tried to avoid them by playfully warming their muscles.



Beth Blackwell, coach, instructs the team during a time-out at the first Districts game against MICDS. As a new coach, Blackwell, made a few changes on the team. Practices started with different warm-ups, and they ran different drills. However, most plays were still the same as previous years.



Abigail Ferguson, senior, dribbles down the court. Ferguson played on the Varsity team since she swung during her sophomore year. Only seven girls remained on the team from the last year.



Emily Beerbower, junior, prepares to shoot the ball. The 2007-2008 school year was her third year on the Varsity basketball team.

Stephanie Brown, senior, dodges her competition. As a captain, Brown led her team through a successful season. Their overall record of wins and losses, including Districts, was eight losses to fifteen wins.

Marci Penning and Jordan Klein, freshmen, model crazy clothes for freshmen initiation. The team "kidnapped" them that morning and then dressed them up.



Katelyn Haverstick, sophomore, speeds down the court at a game against Clayton. The team's new coach, Beth Blackwell, was an assistant coach to the Clayton Varsity team in 2006-07. She told the girls she would burn a pair of her Clayton pants if they beat Clayton.





Varsity Womens Basketball



Leah Beck, junior, drives the ball down the court. Beck broke her former teammate, Katherine Maurer, class of 2007's, school record for the most assists in a season with 115 total assists. Beck also scored 26 points in a single game.





Sarah Johnson, sophomore, performs at the first home football game. "We were a lot more confident than last year. I loved having Mrs. Richardson cheer us on that day," said Johnson. Although Johnson liked cheering at football games, basketball games were her favorite.



Shelly Russell, junior, gets the crowd going at the Carnival football game. Russell was a main backspotter for the stunts. "It is a lot more muscle than it looks," said teammate Sarah Johnson, sophomore.

Camilla Buckley, junior, proudly smiles at the annual blue and white game. Buckley was the captain. "I really liked having a say in the routines and stunts that we did," said Buckley.



Kellie Kane became the new coach during the season. Although many of the girls took interest in cheerleading because of Mollie Pfeutze, previous coach, the girls liked Kane because she worked on stunting more.

Madison Burke, sophomore, does a toe touch during the spirit week routine Friday night. "It was the hardest jump, but it is my absolute favorite," said Burke. She enjoyed also getting close to the girls this year; "we're all like sisters," said Burke.



Lacey Call, freshman, does a heel stretch in a stunt. Call worked hard on her flexibility each night. "I really enjoy being on a team with my sister," said Chelsea Call, junior.



Megan Shapleigh, senior, dances in front of the football fans. "I have always wanted to be a cheerleader. I love performing and flying is amazing," said Shapleigh. Wildcat Pride night was her favorite performance.



Sara Taylor Sharpe, junior, takes a break from spotting and gets to fly. So everyone would get a chance, the girls switched from their positions of backspotter, base, or filler.

Jennifer Willey, senior, stands in front of a London guard. Willey traveled to London to participate in the New Year's Eve London Parade with many other cheerleaders across the nation. The girls walked through the crowded streets of Picadille Circus.



Jessica Stamps, junior, dances in a hip-hop routine during half-time for basketball. "I have been doing dance since I was four. Although I love dancing, stunting is my favorite," said Stamps. She also had a gymnastics background and tumbled often for the team.



Paige Speights, junior dances in the spirit week routine at the Friday night game. The girls worked extremely hard on this hip-hop routine. There were many difficult stunts throughout the routine also.



Chelsea Call, junior, pumps up the football boys. Call had four years of dance previous to being on the team. "Dance has really helped me. I love performing in front of a crowd and getting them excited about the game," said Call.



When in London

"You qualified to be on the Varsity All Star team,"

said the Universal Cheerleading Association judges. The two girls that were chosen from the Westminster cheerleading squad were Paige Speights, junior, and Jennifer Willey, senior. The Varsity All Star team performed in the New Year's Day parade in London, England. Willey was the only one who actually decided to commit to the team and go to London. Before she went, she sent out support letters to raise money for her trip. When she had enough money, Willey spent her Christmas break in London with the team. Before her trip she was sent a CD and DVD of the routine she would later perform on the streets of London. "They expected us to completely know the routine by the time we got there. We only had one practice before we performed," said Willey.

There were many different girls from the United States at the parade. They were separated by their area from which they were chosen. Willey danced in front of the jam packed streets to the song I Saw Her Standing There by the Beatles. "I've never seen a crowd be so appreciative of cheerleading before. When they announced that the American cheerleaders were coming, the people just went crazy. It was really an experience I will never forget," said Willey. This year the first year there was a WCA cheerleader represented at the London New Year's Day parade.

WCA students were chosen to participate in the New Year's Eve London parade with cheerleaders from across the world.

Rachel Raines, freshman, Claire Unnerstall, sophomore, and Chelsea Call, junior, pose in their pyramid. Kellie Kane, the new coach, had the girls do a lot more stunts than ever before. "Stunts are my favorite. I used to get nervous, but not anymore," said Unnerstall.



Varsity Cheerleadin





Evona Franceschelli, freshman, competed in the UDA all-star competition at dance camp and was chosen to dance in a Thanksgiving parade in Paris. Franceschelli was the only freshman on the Varsity team.



The Varsity and JV dance teams both competed in a competition at Lindbergh High School. Varsity placed 2nd in novelty and 3rd in home routine. JV placed 4th in pom and 5th in hip hop.

At the St. Charles competition the Varsity team placed 2nd in pom and 2nd in novelty. The JV team placed 2nd in pom, 2nd in novelty, and 4th in hip hop.



The Varsity dance team traveled to state at Center High School in Kansas City. The team got 3rd place in the state coming in just 3 points behind first place.

Jordan Leib, sophomore, switches formations in the girls' home routine. The new JV coach Heather Kurth choreographed the routine along with the help of the three other captains.



Walking is Not an Option

The JV and Varsity dance teams may always have been recognized for their unique choreography, sparkly costumes, and entertaining facial expressions, but underneath the glamour were girls who showed themselves mentally and physically strong, even with 3-hour-5-days-a-week practices. Through the blood, sweat, tears, and bruises, the girls always managed to keep smiles on their faces, remembering that no matter where they were they always had an audience, even if that audience was just their coach.

They made dancing look effortless, however the JV and Varsity dance teams knew the feelings of hard work and strong commitment.



Glad in their party crowns, the three Varsity captains Hayley Younkin, Allison Mitchell, seniors, and Corinne Becker, junior, hide in the corner of the athletic conference room. The team was having their Christmas party and turned off the lights in the new gym. However, they didn't realize the lights would take a long time to turn back on.

"However you practice is how you will perform because what you're used to doing in practice will come more naturally when you're under pressure," said Sarah Caple, junior. To prepare for the season, practices started in early July and could be compared in structure to a sort of "bootcamp". "We would start at 7:30 every morning, and would do Indian runs, the mile, suicides on the football field, bear crawls, stairs, push-ups, relays, ab workouts, wall-sits, and if you weren't fast enough you would have to repeat the exercise," said Hayden Lewis, sophomore. It was also during these summer practices that the Varsity girls developed their team motto. "Lindsay Allee, [junior], was a good cardio leader during the summer and pushed us really hard to whip us into shape. The motto came because when we were running she would yell out 'Walking is not an option,'" said Kimberly Peterson, junior. Incorporating everything from red umbrellas to gold briefcases, creativity and style flowed from every performance, in hopes that everyone in the gymnasium would walk away pleased, with a win or loss.



Leisha Ritter, sophomore, and Sarah Caple, junior, decorate posters after school for the team's booth at Carnival. The girls offered to paint faces and give out tattoos in support of the team.

While the journey to the finished product might have been long, at the end of the day, the girls of the JV and Varsity dance teams had something to not only dance about, but to flex their muscles about too.



The JV team hams it up for the audience at the end of their spirit week routine. Of the nine girls on the team, six were freshman and all the girls were new to the team. For their biggest routine of the year, they danced to a various mix of songs including *Singin' In The Rain* and *Come Clean* by Hilary Duff that emphasized the "umbrella" theme.



Laurel Dicus, sophomore, watches the boys play at the blue and white Varsity game in November. Contrary to popular belief, standing on the sideline was actually more difficult than expected. "We are required to stand in a certain position and smile the whole time, but the refs back into us, basketballs fly at our heads sometimes, and during the first half we're all nervous thinking about our upcoming routine at half time", said Dicus.

The JV team does front and back attitudes in their home routine at the Lindbergh competition. Having unified and advanced technique was one of the keys to scoring well with the judges. "We worked a lot on sticking double turns as a team, and also worked on our leaps and axels" said Abigail Clark, freshman.





The Varsity dancers break out their best faces for the packed audience at the Friday night spirit week game. The Varsity team called in their long-time choreographer Tonya, to come up with the theme and moves for this year's routine. The team then added a special intro which incorporated "tuning a radio" to all different styles of music that eventually led into the theme of a Chris Brown mix.

Varsity and Varsity Dance



NOVEMBER
9, 2007

The Cats win over Northwest High School 1-2 in the season opener.



DECEMBER
10, 2007



Westminster tied arch rival Whitfield in a close game with a score of 2-2.

JANUARY
21, 2008

The Westminster forwards had a scoring frenzy against Ladue where they won 15-1.



JANUARY
26, 2008



The Wildcats overpowered Pattonville in a close game with a score of 8-6.



William Franz, senior, beats an opponent to the puck. Franz was one of five seniors on the team.



Jacob O'Brien, freshman, comes to a sliding stop as he completes a pass that trickles in front of the goal area.



Jacob Appelbaum, freshman, makes a diving save. "You really need fast reflexes to play [goalie]," said Appelbaum.

Seth Lillenberg, junior, skates after the puck to force an icing call on the opponent. Lillenberg had been playing hockey 5 years. He had also been on Varsity all three years so far.



Daniel Kim, senior, fends off a Whitfield defender as he races after the puck. Kim was the second leading goal scorer for the Cats during the season.



Paul Smallwood, junior, focuses in on the puck in preparation to make a save. Smallwood had a total of 513 saves during the course of the season.

Matthew Longworth, freshman, checks an unsuspecting Ladue defenseman into the boards. All of the freshman that want to play hockey make Varsity so they get use to the level of play which is a significant jump from middle school hockey.



Prepared for Battle

Most high school sports leagues were set up in the same fashion, but high school hockey was set up in a way that was completely different. When it came down to the conclusion of the season, most hockey teams were entered into a bracket

where they were seeded based on their regular season performance. Then there was a series of cups, which were the equivalent to the district and sectional finals that were based off of the brackets. The most prestigious cup of them all was the Challenge Cup. There were no restrictions as to how small or large a school could be and still be accepted into the Challenge Cup.

The next cup, which was almost equivalent to the Challenge Cup was the Wickenheiser Cup. Big schools such as Christian Brothers College High School and Chaminade College Preparatory usually participated in the Challenge Cup and served as formidable opponents for smaller schools such as Westminster. Contrary to conventional wisdom the Cats were able to take down some much larger schools such as Pattonville and Webster Groves.

"Playing and winning against Webster and Pattonville really gave us a taste for what the competition is like in the Challenge Cup," said Paul Smallwood, junior. "The competition is tough in the Challenge Cup but if we make it, we will be ready," said Smallwood. The Wildcats came close to making the Challenge Cup, but they did participate in the Wickenheiser Cup and ended their season with an overall record of 13-7-3.

The Wildcats defeated some of the top teams in the area and were prepared for the challenges that awaited in the final games.



Hockey

James Munson, senior, chases down the puck against the Ladue Rams. Munson was second in both scoring and goals in the mid-states division, and he was first in both categories for the ABC League. Munson was also the team captain.





Varsity Women's Swimming

Katherine Fleissner, sophomore, swims the 100 Freestyle. Fleissner qualified for state in both individual and relay events. The 200 Freestyle relay team of Fleissner, Annaliese Clark, junior, Jill Holley, senior, and Rebecca Zandstra, sophomore, had a 14th place finish at state.





In their first meet, the team defeated Visitation by one point. Four events had state qualifying times including Rebecca Zandstra, sophomore, and Annaliese Clark, junior, in the 50 Freestyle, Zandstra in the 100 Freestyle, and the 200 Freestyle Relay.



The team earned 3rd place out of 14 teams in the Ladue Invitational. The team had eleven top eight winners which included Rebecca Zandstra, sophomore, Jill Holley, senior, Katherine Fleissner, sophomore, Annaliese Clark, junior, Anna Sugg, senior, and Lucy Egan, sophomore.

The team took 2nd place in their tri-meet. They lost to Ursuline by 11 points and swept Barat Academy.



Annaliese Clark, junior, Rebecca Zandstra, sophomore, Katherine Fleissner, sophomore, Kent Kehr, swim coach, and Jill Holley, senior, celebrate after finishing first in the 200 Free Relay at League.

Eight team members competed at state earning the team a 20th place finish out of 76 teams.



Haley Bergman, freshman, turns in the 200 IM. "She pushed herself in practice and consistently improved her times," said Anna Sugg, senior.



Annaliese Clark, junior, swims the 100 Breaststroke. Clark was an important member of the Medley Relay team which had a state qualifying time.

True Sisterhood

Swimming was not your average sport. With individuals working for their personal times the team did not spend much time working together. "It's physically impossible to encourage while you are practicing so you have to make time to get to know the other girls on the team," said Anna Sugg, senior. To insure team unity, Sugg and Jill Holley, senior and captains, assigned all the team members to a big or little sister. The freshmen and sophomores were assigned to juniors and seniors.

The big and little sister pairs that the WCA swim team created added unity to an otherwise individual sport.

This allowed teammates to encourage each other on the day of meets. Swimmers were often surprised to find brownies and a note in their locker. "I had the best big sister!" said Molly Anderson, sophomore. Anderson's big sister was Holley. "We got into the habit of yelling, 'Sissy!' really loudly when we saw each other," said Anderson. This sisterhood allowed underclassmen to know upperclassmen. "My big sister was Kelsey Janssen. I love to bake, so it was fun," said Jane Im, freshman. Janssen, senior, appreciated Im's encouragement. "She bakes me all sorts of treats," said Janssen.

After a season filled with sweet notes and delicious brownies, "I have to say that Haley Bergman was a better little sis than I was a big sis," said Sugg. The overall outcome was encouraging for Sugg and Holley. "I was really glad we did it," said Sugg. The team was able to know each other better, allowing them to truly encourage each other during competition.

Madalyn Elliott, sophomore, competes in the 100 Breaststroke. Like many of the other swimmers Elliott swam in the summer for Manchester.



Alissa Cozad, senior, warms up before the Incarnate Word meet. Cozad started swimming when she was six and continued until high school. "I have swam for Westminster since freshman year," said Cozad.

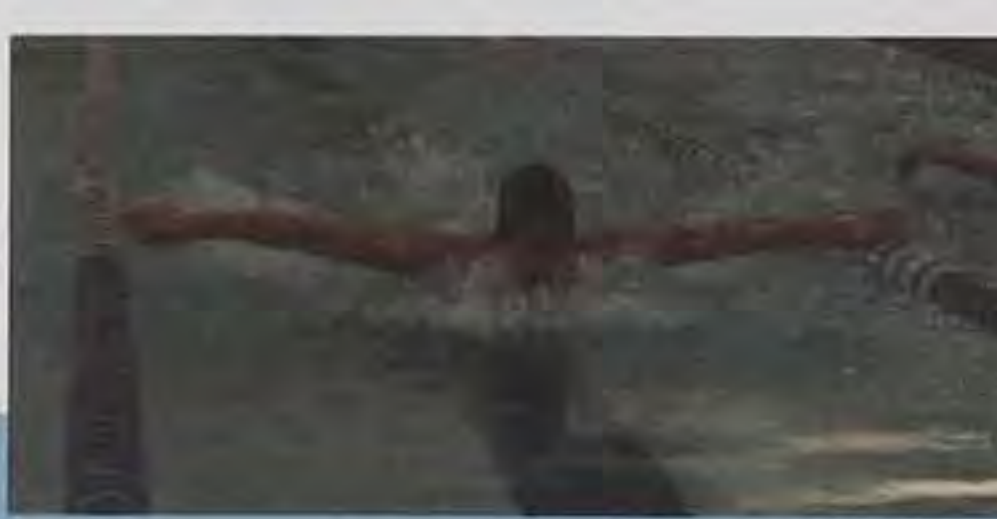


Jane Im, freshman, participates in freshmen initiation. The morning consisted of dress-ups and breakfast. Im was one of three freshman on the team.



Julie Sharp, sophomore, dives, during the meet against Cor Jesu. Sharp was the only diver on the team. "I took gymnastics for 7 years and that's how I got my basis for diving," said Sharp.

Rebecca Zandstra, sophomore, swims in the 200 Medley Relay. To prepare for state, Zandstra went to her club team, Rec-Plex Sharks, for practice. "I wasn't really nervous for state, but there is always pressure from the goals [I] set," said Zandstra.



Samuel Stufflebam, senior, stayed on top of his opponent to win another match. Stufflebam competed in the heavy weight class. Later in the season he won conference champion in his weight class at the MICDS Invitational.



Joseph Minnella, junior, wins a match against Chaminade. This match helped rank Minnella third in his weight class.



Matthew Autry, sophomore, fights to stay on top of his opponent during the annual Wildcat Invitational. Autry hurt his neck later on in the season and was unable to continue wrestling.

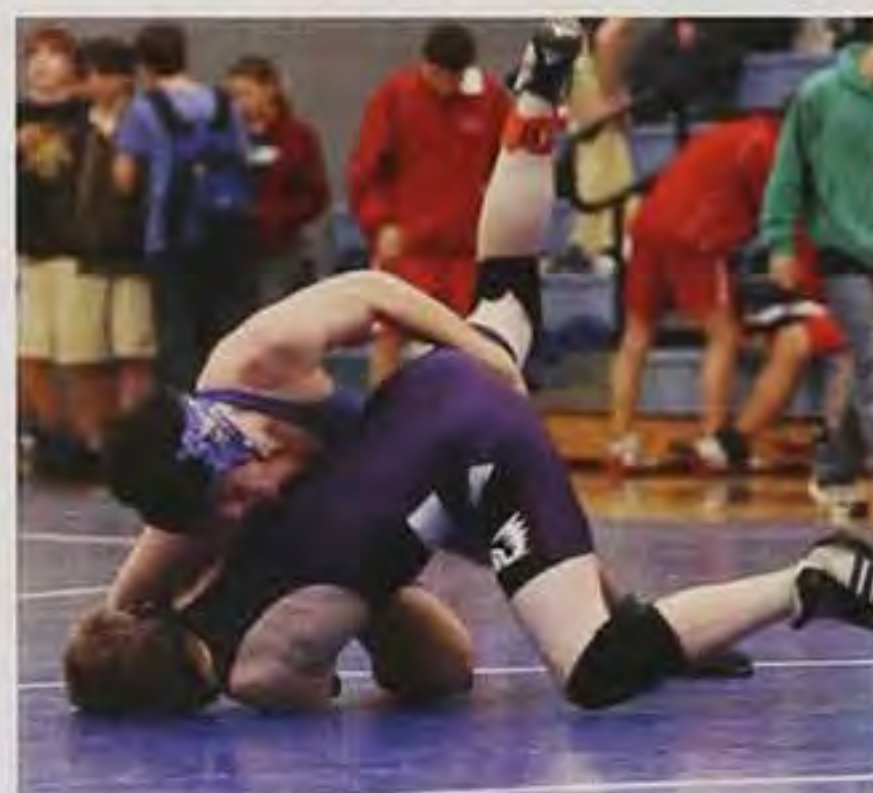


Drew Waekerle, freshman, works to stay on top of his opponent at Affton. Waekerle competed throughout the season as a freshman on Varsity.



Richard Ross, sophomore, pins down his Washington opponent at the Wildcat Invitational. This was the first of many matches won by the youngest Ross wrestler.

Jessiah Chard, senior, pushes to keep his opponent from pinning him down. Chard successfully came out on top to win the match.



Joseph Minnella, junior, pushes his Pattonville opponent to the ground. Minnella entered the Wildcat Invitational with two years of experience on Varsity.



Alexander Gacciarelli, sophomore, beats his third opponent in a row at the Affton wrestling match. His defeat helped the Wildcats beat the Cougars of Affton.



Orion Ross, senior, won the title of state champion in the 215 lb weight class. Ross achieved a perfect 49-0 record throughout the season. He was the first wrestler from Westminster to win the title of state champion.

State Champion

At eight o'clock in the morning, wrestlers

began to file in one by one. It was that time of day, the weigh in. Six Westminster wrestlers qualified for state after districts at MICDS. The team traveled two hours to Columbia for the state tournament.

Westminster's only undefeated wrestler, Orion Ross, senior, had the most pressure. With his perfect season, expectations were high. Wrestling at 215, Orion Ross started his season off strong by winning the Wildcat Invitational. Ross was then mentioned in the Kirkwood-Webster Journal as "a dominating force on the mat" after his win against top ranked Class 1, 215-pounder, Ryan Jones.

After his victory it was clear that Ross was going to go far. "I practiced every day with Coach and lifted four times a week," said Ross. His efforts paid off. "I worked really hard, but I didn't expect to be undefeated," said Ross. Ross entered the state tournament undefeated and took home the title of state champion. Ross was the first wrestler in Westminster history to become state champion.

Sean Griffin, junior, uses his strength to pin down his SLUH opponent at the DeSmet Invitational. Griffin placed third in his weight class at the invitational over Christmas break. "This was my third year wrestling, and I loved it," said Griffin.



Orion Ross became the first wrestler from Westminster to take home the title of State Champion.



Men's Wrestling

Orion Ross, senior, holds his Windsor opponent to the ground during the Wildcat Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Ross won the match to keep his title as undefeated in the 215 weight class. His first place at the Wildcat Invitational helped him qualify for state.



Branch Out

Fourth

hour just doesn't seem

like it will *end*. With one leg bouncing nervously up and down in your seat, you glance at the clock and *realize* there are only 2 more minutes before lunch. As the bell rings, you race down the freshmen hall to be the first one in line for a taco at the Spanish club meeting. You and several others with the same interests decide on a red and black shirt with various lingo plastered down the sleeves while *simultaneously* signing up for the next night at Refuge of Nations.

You *love* these lunch days because you get to participate in something different from the norm.

Andrew Wiens, junior



Ashley Lokey and Chandler Hiatt, freshman



Austin Gantner, sophomore

Samuel Bowman,
sophomore



Sarah Duffy,
junior



April Johnston, sophomore, and Matthew
Thampy, junior



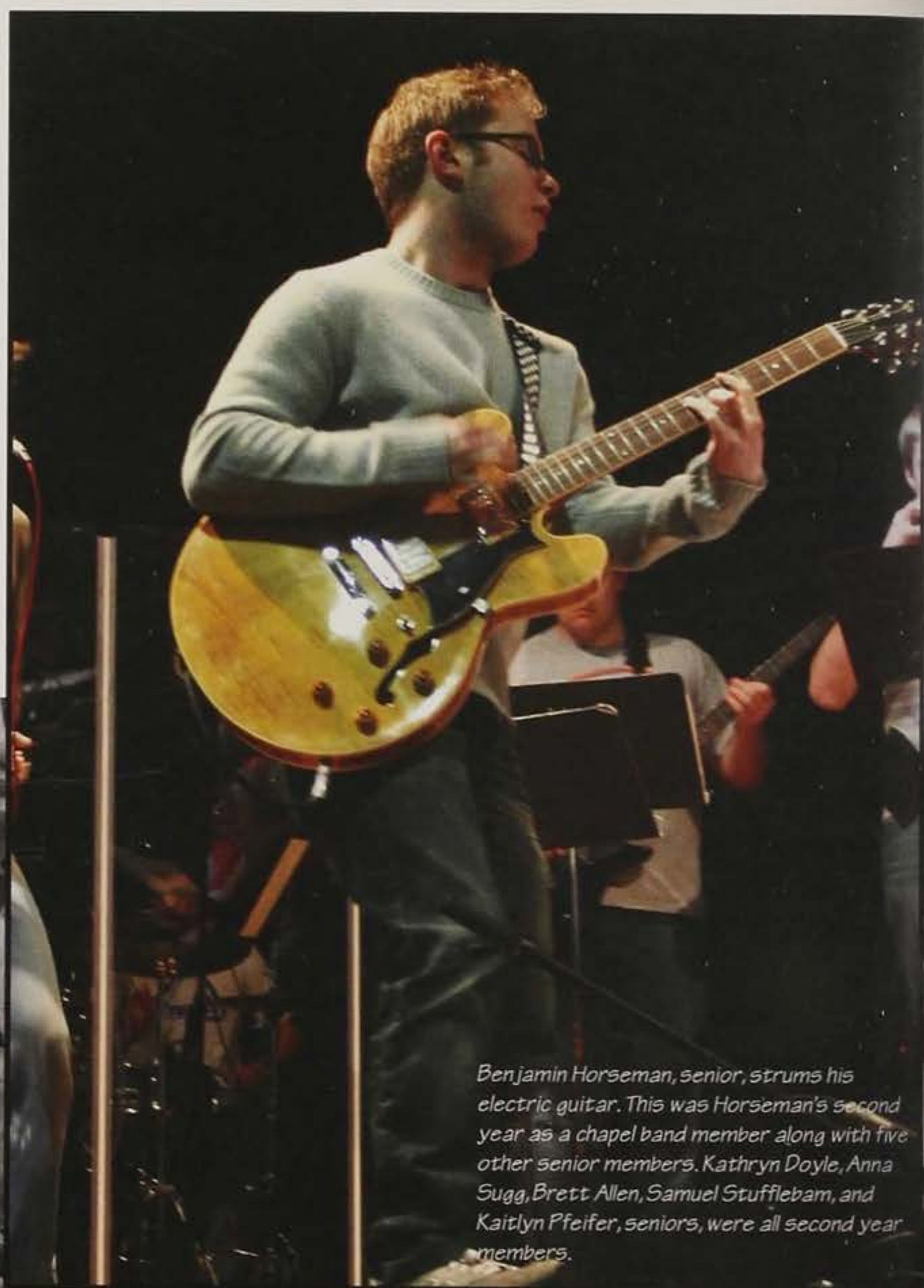
You
find your niche by branching out of your typical
schedule by joining a club with students who share the same
interests as you.



Kaitlyn Pfeifer and Anna Sugg, seniors, lead worship in chapel. Every few weeks the band would have a chapel dedicated to only singing worship songs. "[My favorite part as a chapel band member was] being able to use my gifts to glorify God and conquering my fears," said Pfeifer.



Kathryn Doyle, senior, and Thomas Porter, sophomore, take turns playing piano for the gospel choir that came to Westminster on February 13. "I had a lot of fun putting together this chapel even though it took a lot of hard work. It all paid off in the end," said Porter.



Benjamin Horseman, senior, strums his electric guitar. This was Horseman's second year as a chapel band member along with five other senior members. Kathryn Doyle, Anna Sugg, Brett Allen, Samuel Stufflebam, and Kaitlyn Pfeifer, seniors, were all second year members.

Chapel Band

Brett Allen and Benjamin Horseman, seniors, play guitar while Allen leads in singing. "Practices are fun because we not only work really hard but we hang out," said Anna Sugg, senior.



Calvin Boesch, junior, practices on his drum set at home. "Although the noise [at home] was irritating, I enjoyed watching him in chapel," said sister, Rebekah Boesch, freshman. Boesch practiced almost every day at his home in order to be prepared for his role as percussionist.



Kathryn Doyle, senior, laughs while practicing a song for IGNite. The band provided entertainment for parents at the annual IGNite event where parents were able to visit their child's classes.



Thomas Winter, sophomore, plays the violin with the chapel band for the parents during IGNite. Chapel band always had a series of instruments playing, however; this was only the second year that they had a violin.



Chapel



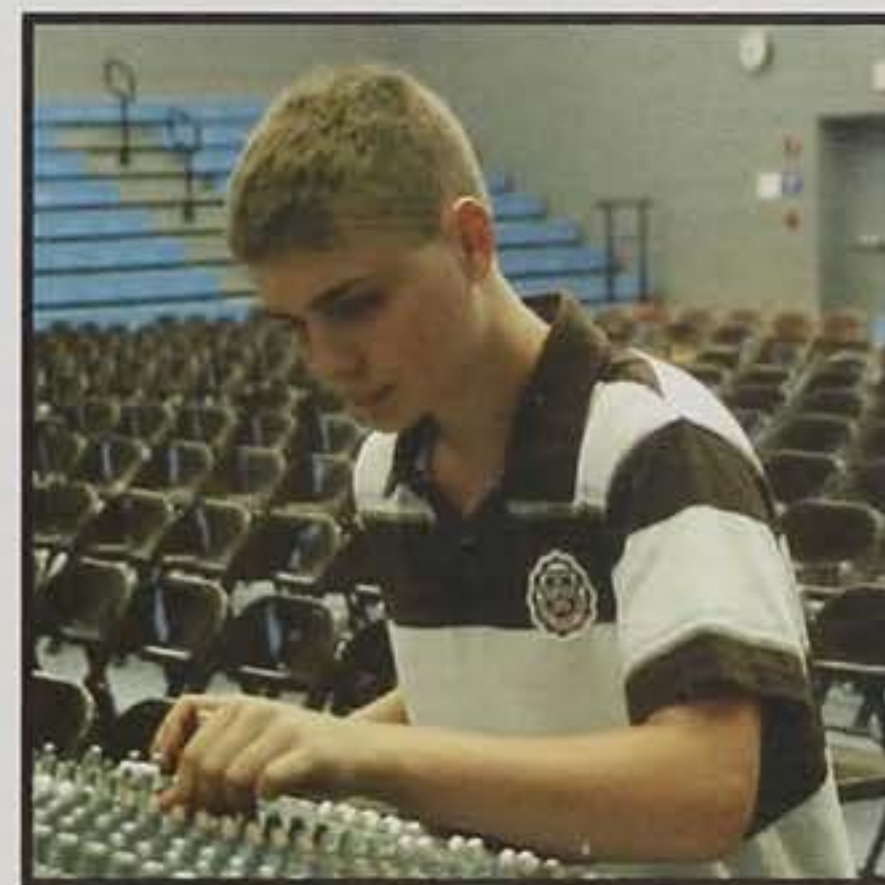
Ericta Woodman speaks at Westminster on February 27 during a Wednesday chapel. She spoke about Black History Month and all the trials slaves had to go through. Her one act play provided laughter and interaction.



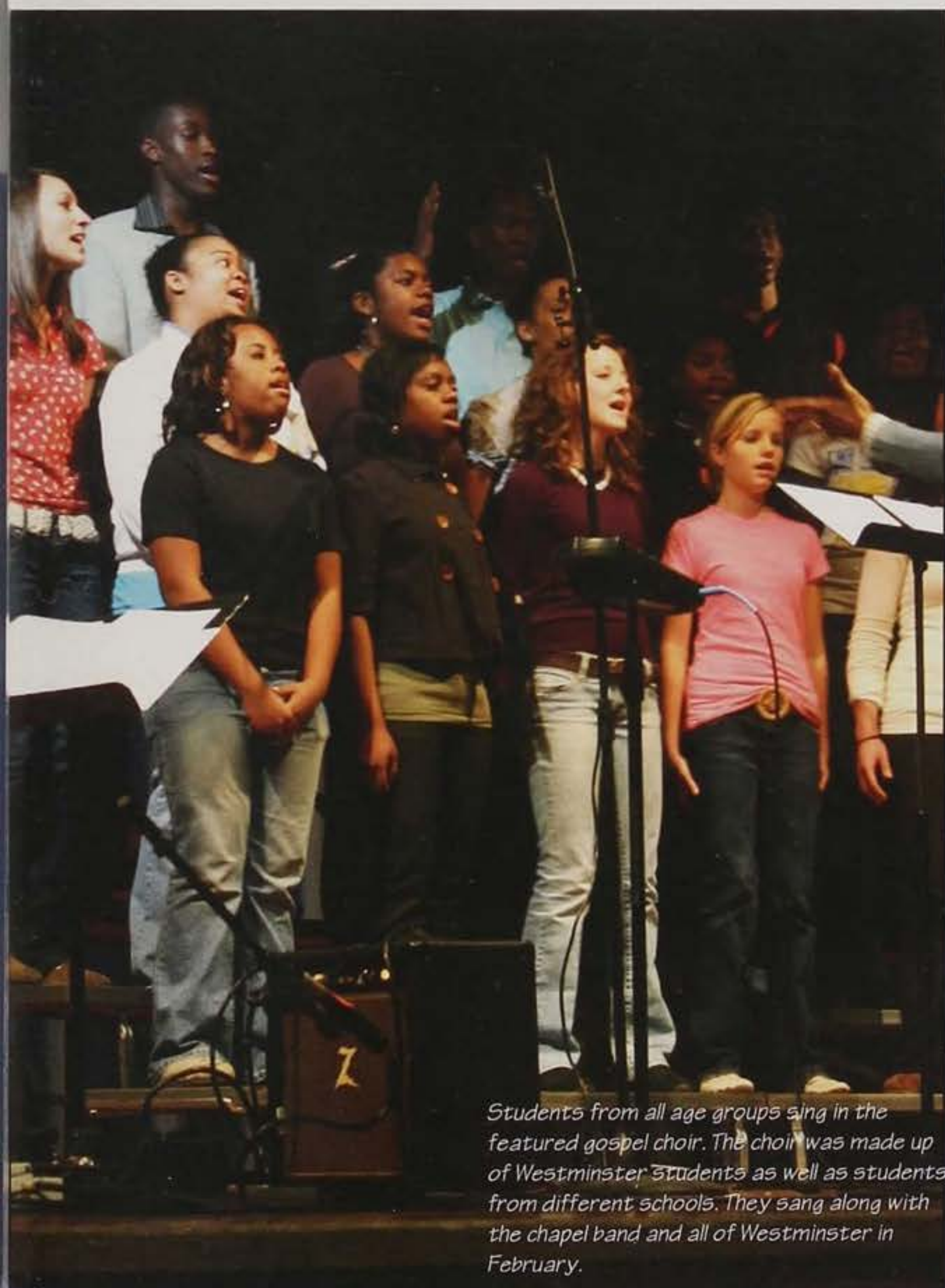
Christian Davis, sophomore, dances during chapel with movements corresponding to the words of a selected song. She danced with three other girls that did not go to Westminster but were still a part of the program on February 13.



Students sit and listen in chapel. Tradition holds that students sit according to grade level during chapel. The seventh grade sat on the left side of the old gym. "I like when guest speakers come and talk about their life," said William Egan, seventh grade.



Benjamin Arndt, sophomore, sets up for IGNite with the A.V. club. The club played a vital part in chapel as it monitored sound, power points, and lighting.



Students from all age groups sing in the featured gospel choir. The choir was made up of Westminster students as well as students from different schools. They sang along with the chapel band and all of Westminster in February.

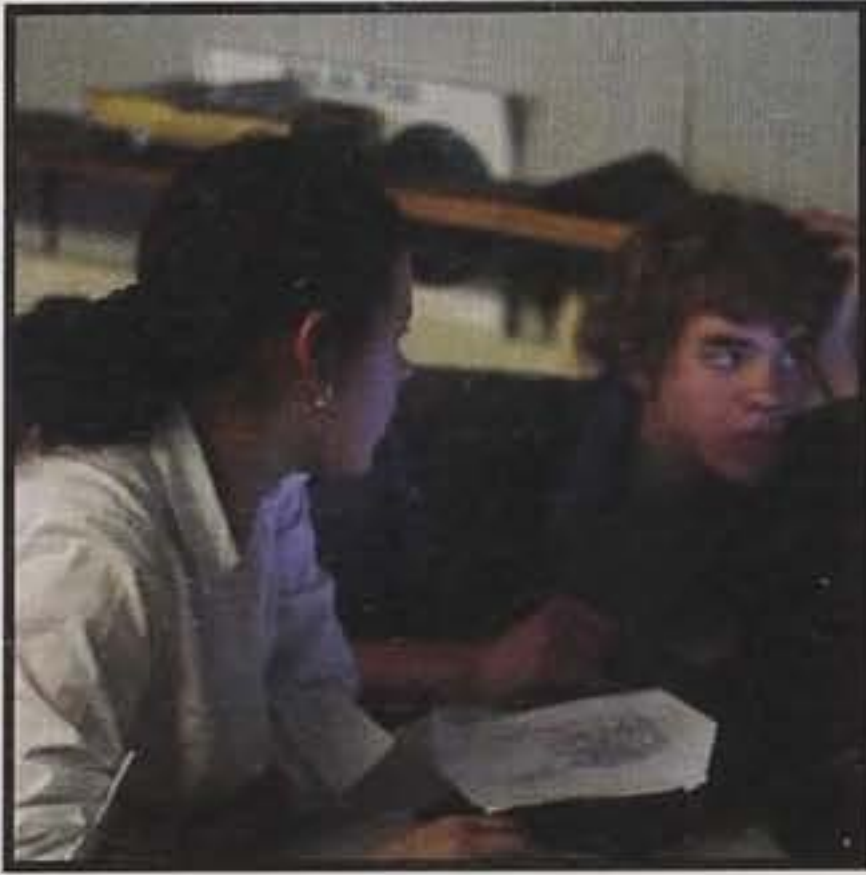


Ken Boesch, government teacher, presents a giant check for over 20 thousand dollars to the Invisible Children organization. In February a few students, along with Boesch, went to a conference in Washington D.C. and met with other people that had been working to help the organization.

In December, Tera Bollinger, Westminster graduate, talks about purity. She mentioned struggles that occurred in her life. Her Australian husband played in chapel the year before with his band.



Graphic Arts Club



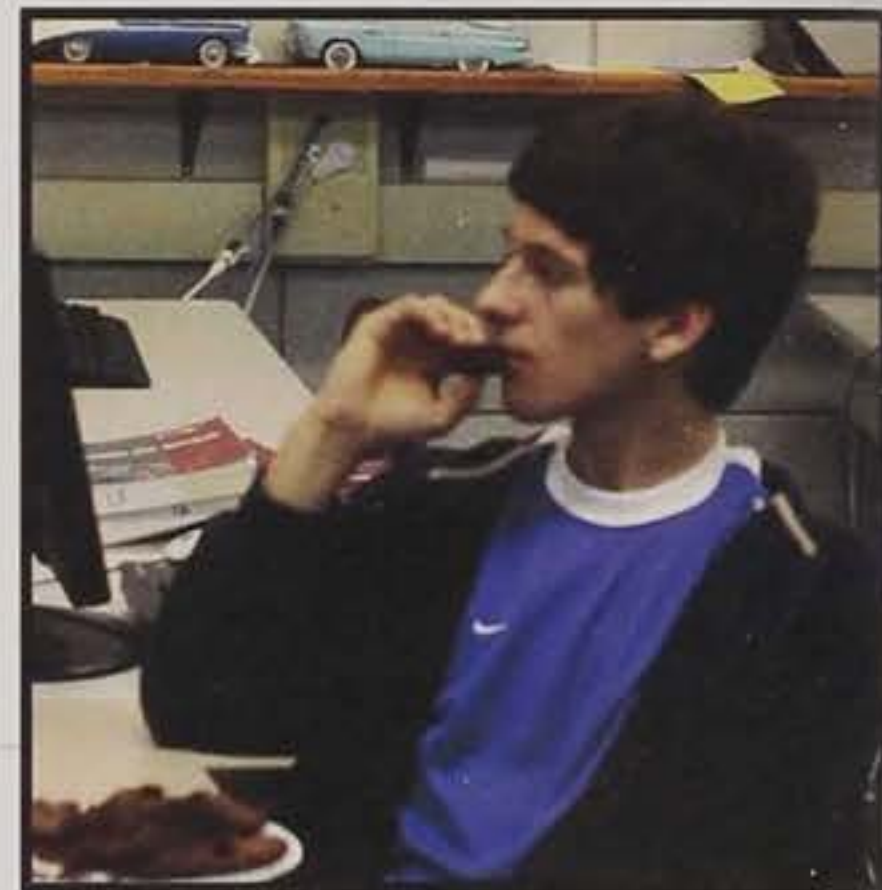
Kathleen Talent, freshman, critiques Chandler Hiatt, freshman's, artwork. Each week, members of the club brought various types of artwork in, whether it was digital or pencil sketches. Then the club made suggestions and gave compliments to fellow group members.



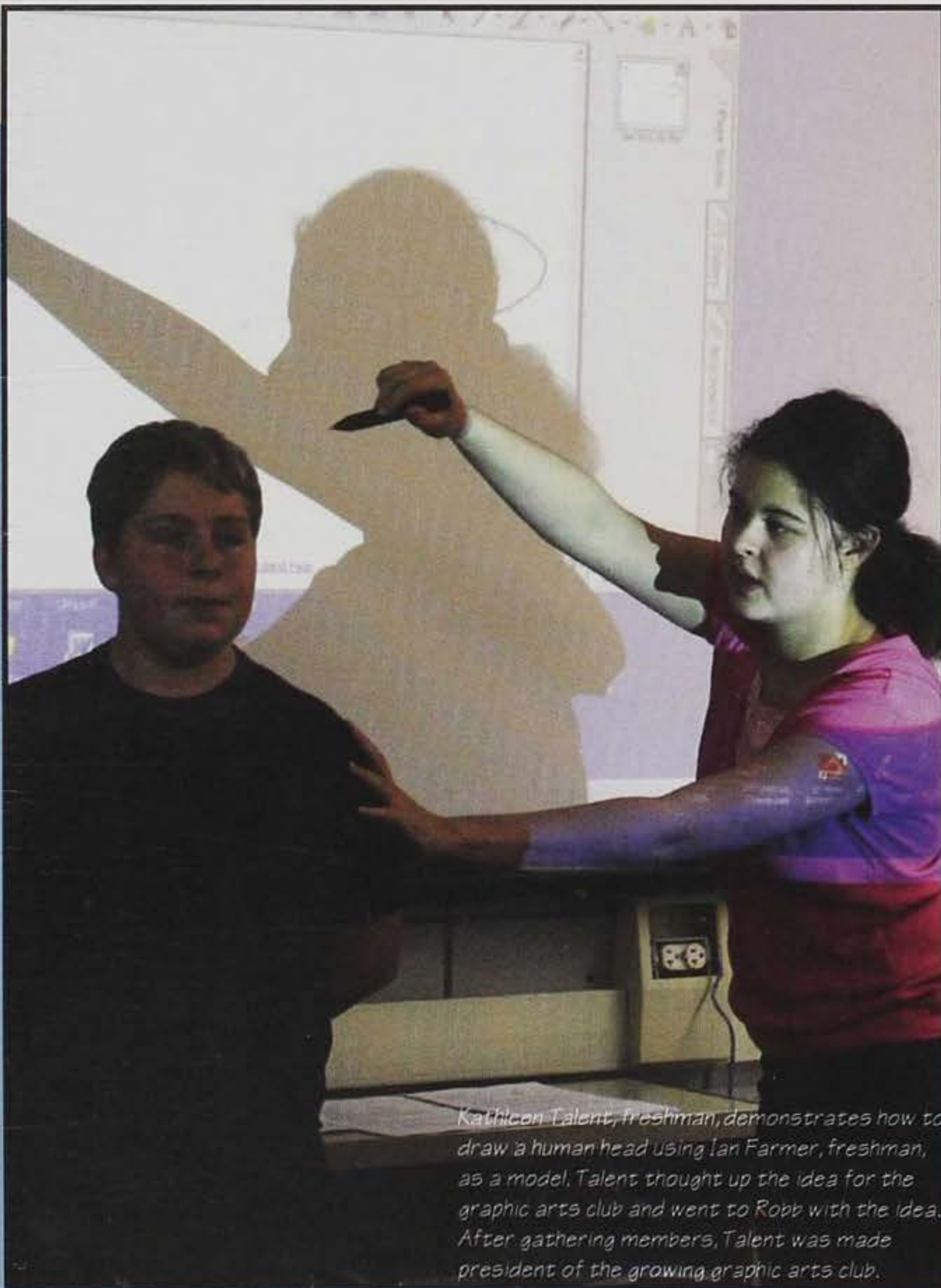
Zachary Hanson, sophomore, listens to Han Kim, A.V. advisor, as he instructs the club on their upcoming Spirit Week project. One of the goals of the newly formed graphic arts club was to get involved in different aspects of the school with their talents. This spirit week project was the first major project that the graphic arts club took on together.



Ellen Robb, graphic arts club advisor, listens to Han Kim along with club member Zachary Hanson, sophomore. Kim spent one Thursday afternoon teaching the club various aspects of power point and gave them help with their upcoming project.



Nick O'Neal, sophomore, enjoys Ellen Robb, club advisor's, homemade brownies while listening to Kathleen Talent during a graphic arts club meeting. New to Westminster this year, the club did not have many members, but those who attended enjoyed it.



Kathleen Talent, freshman, demonstrates how to draw a human head using Ian Farmer, freshman, as a model. Talent thought up the idea for the graphic arts club and went to Robb with the idea. After gathering members, Talent was made president of the growing graphic arts club.



Advisor to the graphic arts club, Don Tiemier listen as Kathleen Talent, club president, speak to the rest of the club. "It's really a social club. We meet and share our art together," said Robb.

Meredith Davis, junior, checks her text messages before a meeting of the graphics arts club. Davis was one of the original members of the club and served as treasurer for the group.





Ambbeth Thompson, sophomore, shares dinner with a child of one of the homeless individuals that Room at the Inn helps. Every three weeks about three or four families came to the "Inn" sometimes with children and sometimes they were just single mothers.



Nevin Cherian and Austin Wallach, juniors, converse over dinner while attending Room at the Inn in the month of January. Students arrived at 5 p.m. on Friday night, prepared dinner, cleaned up, played with the children of the guest parents, and then made breakfast Saturday morning.



Lucy Egan, sophomore, is congratulated by Larry Birchler, NHS advisor, for her acceptance into the National Honor Society. Egan and other eligible high school students were inducted into the National Honor Society on November 16, 2007.

NHS



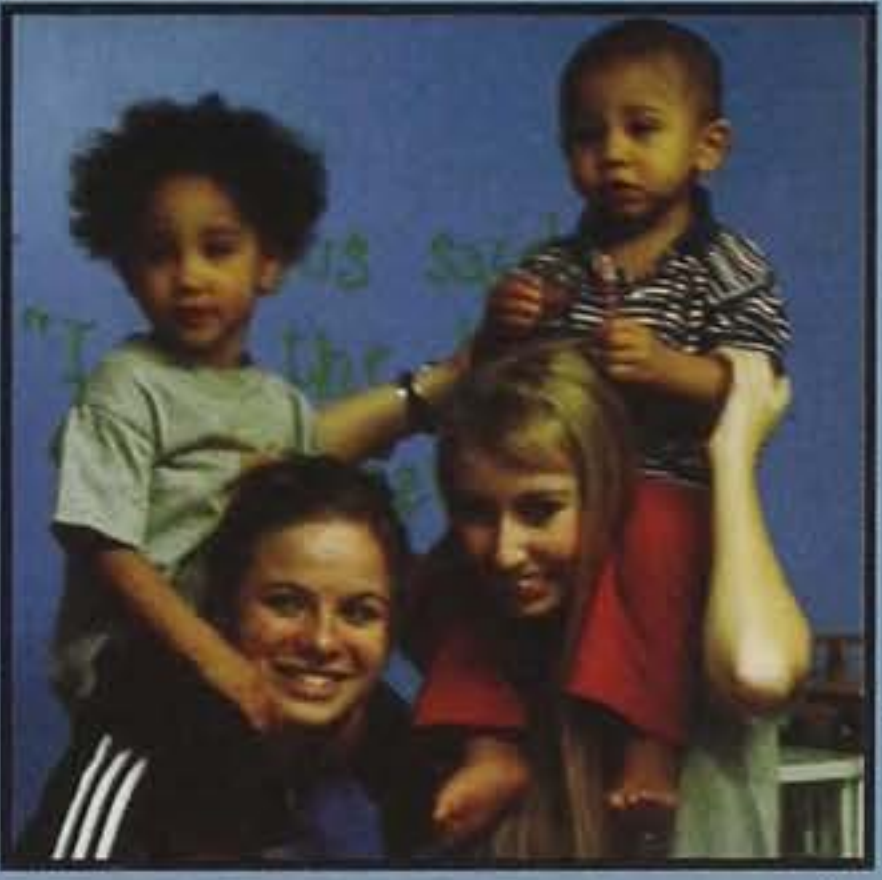
Benjamin Walker, senior, laughs at the answer of a riddle during Room at the Inn for the month of October. All members of NHS were required to serve meals to the homeless once per school year.



Emma Dunlap and Clinton Alexander, seniors, converse with friends while they wait for the food to cook during Room at the Inn. The traditional meal at the "Inn" every month was roast beef, green beans, corn, buttered rolls, and fruit punch.

Sarah Caple and Kendall Vanderslice, juniors, give piggy back rides to two young children at Room at the Inn. Homeless men and women brought their children when they stayed overnight at churches across the St. Louis area for the Room at the Inn program.

Larry Birchler, NHS advisor, chuckles as students try to figure out a riddle. It was tradition for Birchler to bring riddles to Room at the Inn in an attempt to try to stump the student volunteers during free time.





Kelli Stipanovich, senior, chats and tells jokes in her seventh grade peer counselor group. "It's really fun to come and have breakfast and you get to talk about your week," said Ellie Straub, seventh grade. "[Also] we had a sleep over combined with other groups and that was really fun," said Straub.

Matthew Rohlfing, senior, and Cobern Nye, seventh grade, laugh at a joke with their group on a Tuesday morning. Every week, the senior peer counselor groups met around 7:20 at either a table in the commons or a spot of their choice. Devotions, breakfasts, prayers, jokes, and chatter filled the time before class.



Lindsey Peters, senior, hugs Janay Hardy, seventh grade. Peters desired to relate to and help her girls in whatever way possible. "I try to give them the most honest advice and it's so encouraging when they come to me with their problems," said Peters.



Trevor McHardy, senior, and Nathaniel Arnold, seventh grade, joke around before devotions. "I like reading from the prayer devotion book he has," said Arnold. "[Also] the food is good because I like to come and eat."

Eric Rideout, seventh grade, is hoisted up by teammates in a unique game at the seventh grade retreat in September. The entire school day consisted of innovative games to help the new seventh graders meet one another and connect with their peer counselors.

Benjamin Haberberger, senior, smiles at breakfast on a Tuesday morning. "[The peer counselors'] main responsibility is to be mentors and role models to seventh graders. Their secondary responsibility is to watch out for peers [anywhere] and intervene when peers are in need," said Sherry Blough, Director of Guidance.



Sierra Mathews, seventh grade, listens to Marcy Glidewell, senior, as she shares a short story. "I had a really good PC and I wanted them to have the same experience; we talk a lot and it is also really fun [to be a peer counselor]," said Glidewell.



Hayley Younkin, senior, converses with Lauren Hance, seventh grade, and laughs out loud at a funny comment. Peer counselors took on the responsibility to be a role model for their group and a source of guidance. "She helps us with life problems by talking to us about them and says she'll pray about them. [I have learned] to rely more on God in what I do," said Melissa Kingma, seventh grade.





PCJ



Holding hands in a circle, Abigail Hicks, junior, prays with members of her group. "I think middle schoolers are a good group because they are going through different things emotionally and socially," said Hicks.



Jessica Menchak, junior, laughs at her table. "I knew I could have a positive effect on these girls. I love kids and mentoring is something that I am passionate about," said Menchak, when asked why she made time to be a PC. Not only did her group, Amigas, meet Wednesday mornings, but Menchak also made it a priority to do outside activities such as bowling and sleep overs to get to know her group more.



Haley Estes, junior, chats with Rachel Porter, eighth grade, during her study hall which overlaps with the middle school lunch break. "I am a people person and I love planning parties. Being a PC gives me a creative outlet, but also allows me to give advice and help the girls get through eighth grade," said Estes.



Benjamin Becker, junior, laughs with his group of eight in their meeting place, the staircase. "Well, I had a really good PC, [and I wanted to be the same]," said Becker when asked about his inspiration to be a junior peer counselor.

Kristin Rosen, junior, and Taylor Burch, eighth grade, tell funny stories at the junior peer counselor meeting on Wednesday morning. "We talk about God, but it's not in that cheesy way where you're forced to. She also talks us through friend problems," said Olivia Handler, eighth grade.



Camilla Buckley, junior, smiles toward Alexandria Calhoon, eighth grade. "I really enjoy getting to know that age group and I knew I could help them because of experiences in my life. I feel like God called me to do this," said Buckley.



Kelsey Leib, eighth grade, laughs with her junior peer counselor group at the eighth grade retreat at the beginning of the school year. Her group was called the "Allstars". "I like the sleep overs we have. We talk about fun stuff at school and we make T-shirts," said Leib.



Kenton Coffman, junior, joins his group in laughing at a joke. Through the year, all junior peer counselors exhibited their leadership qualities as they led their groups on a service project. For example, Hannah Victor's group went with two other groups and bought presents for children with one or more parents who were incarcerated.



French Club

Lacinta Chard, sophomore, participates at a French club meeting. Baguettes and Nutella often accompanied the meetings. The French club went to a local French cafe, La Bonne Bouchee, for lunch.



Sarah DeVries, French teacher and club sponsor, shares an idea in a meeting. The sponsor's role was to help the president lead and plan activities. "She helps me plan activities that will be successful," said Kelli Cannady, senior and club president.



John Arrington, senior, helps make valentines at Refuge of Nations. Many of the children who came to Refuge of Nations spoke Spanish, which gave students the opportunity to put what they learned into practice.



Michael Christianson, senior, opens his white elephant gift. The gift exchange took place after Christmas break. Members were encouraged to bring in a silly gift for the game. Some of the gifts included toe socks, a night light, and video poker.



Austin Wallach, junior, and Alyssa Wallach, sophomore, play Scattergories. The Wallachs hosted a "Burning Rome" party in their backyard for the Latin Club in November. The Latin club had 25 members. Not all of the members were Latin students.



Caleb Leonard, junior, dresses up at the swimming party in August. Florence Lewis, Latin teacher, was the club sponsor, and this party was held at her house. "As sponsor, I should help plan event, be present at them, and be constantly thinking now to improve the club and make Latin more fun," said Lewis.





Kelli Cannady, senior, takes attendance at a lunch meeting. As president of the French club, Cannady was in charge of collecting money for T-shirts and activities and communicating information to the club members.

William Nichols, sophomore, sits in on a club meeting. The French club had a booth at Carnival filled with assorted foods to try. "We sold chocolate. It was surprisingly really successful," said Kelli Cannady, senior.



Kenneth Weiss, sophomore, eats lunch during a club meeting. The lunch meetings consisted of announcements and brainstorming for future events.

Spanish Club

Joan Dudley, Spanish club sponsor, helps lead a game. With Dudley's help the officers planned a taco lunch, a Carnival booth, and other activities. At Carnival the Spanish club sold nachos to collect money for Refuge of Nations and the Micah Projects.



Sarah Caple, junior, rocks a baby while volunteering at Refuge of Nations. While at RoN the club members played with children whose parents were at Bible Study. The Spanish club was in charge of leading a Bible lesson, craft, music, and a snack.

Katie Mech, senior, plays with a child during Refuge of Nations. Mech, along with Michael Christianson, John Arrington, and Jordan Kulage, seniors, were the Spanish club officers.



Austin Gantner, sophomore, helps build the fire for the Burning Rome party. It was inspired by the historical event when Emperor Nero burned down Rome. "We lit a huge brush pile with the city of Rome made out of cardboard on top of it. We told stories and cooked hotdogs while 'Rome' burned," said Austin Wallach, junior.

Latin Club

Nathan Terschak, freshman, cooks a hot dog at the Nero Burns Rome party. At Carnival, the Latin club sold Ted Drewes Ice Cream and puppy chow. All of the signs were in Latin, allowing non-Latin students to get a taste of Latin.

Rex Oberle, senior, explains a game at the swimming party in August. Oberle was the president of the Latin club. The spring event, Toga Day, was held at school. The Latin Club members spent the day in togas and played gladiatorial games on the fields.



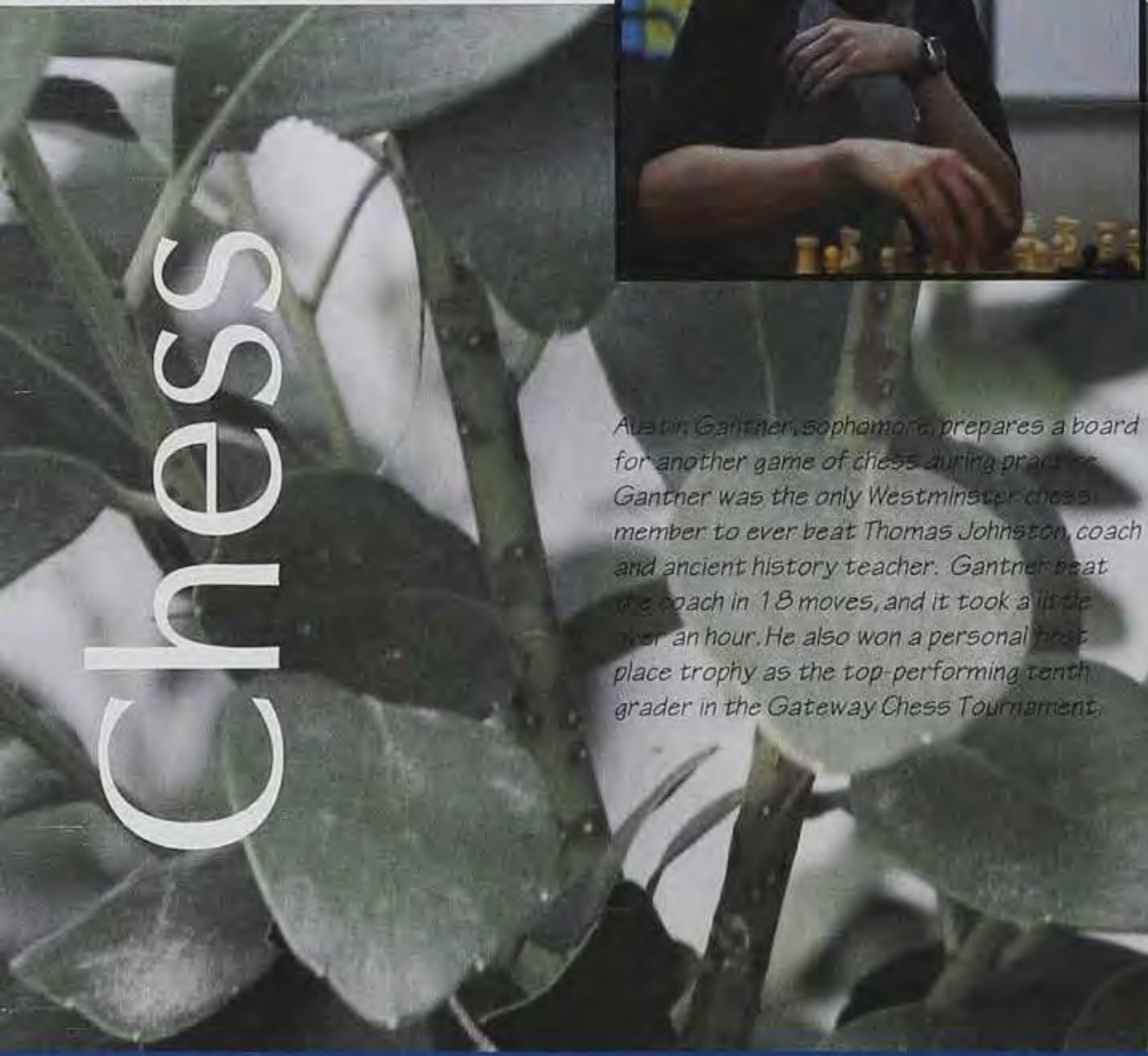


Ed Bauer, head chess coach of Vianey High School, leads a chess simul at Westminster. Bauer was known through out St. Louis as one of the leading chess players. Bauer came every year to play against the chess club, and for the first time ever a Westminster player, Michael Menzel, junior, tied Bauer.

Alek Miller, junior, plays a game of chess during lunch for practice. Due to Miller's busy schedule he was unable to participate in all chess club events. "I'm in a lot of AP classes this year and other clubs so I can't practice as much, but I still find time to be apart of the club," said Miller.



Austin Gantner, sophomore, prepares a board for another game of chess during practice. Gantner was the only Westminster chess member to ever beat Thomas Johnston, coach and ancient history teacher. Gantner beat the coach in 18 moves, and it took a little over an hour. He also won a personal first place trophy as the top-performing tenth grader in the Gateway Chess Tournament.



Matthias Wood, sophomore, plays a game of chess during Carnival. The chess club set up a free booth where anyone was welcome to play chess throughout the day. Carnival was one of the first events to help promote chess at Westminster.

Chess club members battle faculty in the commons early in September. After school, chess club members filled the tables with their chess supplies. The after school event was a fun way to start the year.



Jerett Maass, eighth grade, plans out his third move. The chess team met weekly on Tuesdays after school to practice. Members often brought food and drinks, such as Mountain Dew, along with them to practice. Chess club was open to anyone in middle school and upper school.

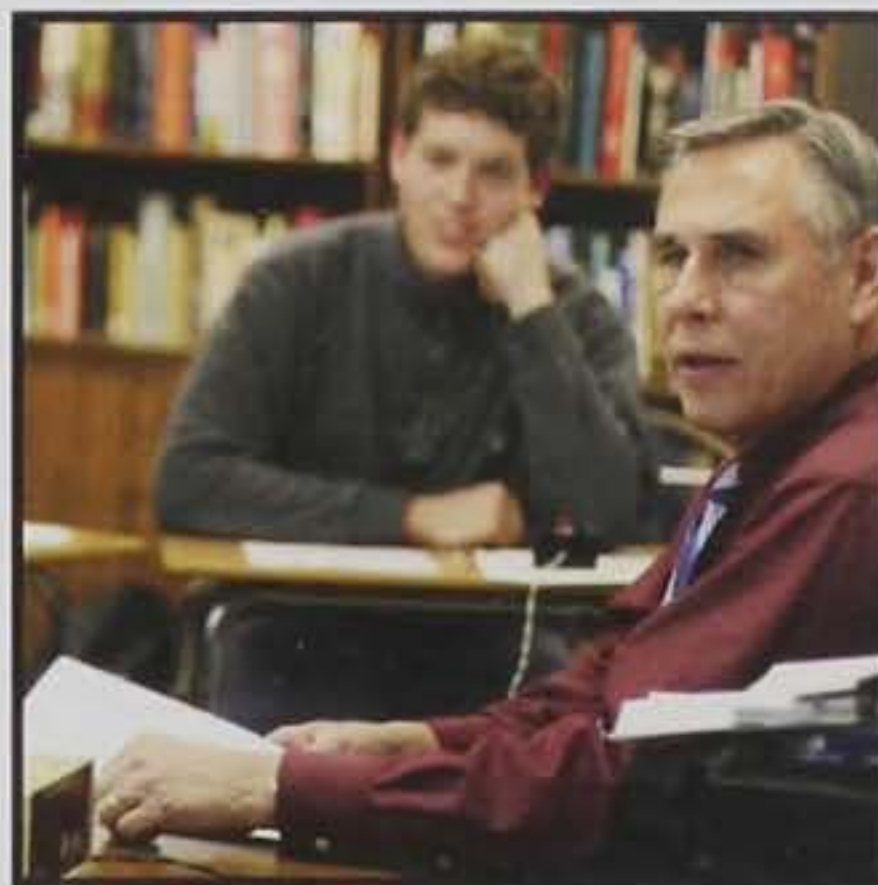


Students from schools across St. Louis compete in the Gateway Chess Tournament. Westminster hosted the tournament in late February. The Varsity chess team won third overall and Junior Varsity second in their division.





Scholar Bowl



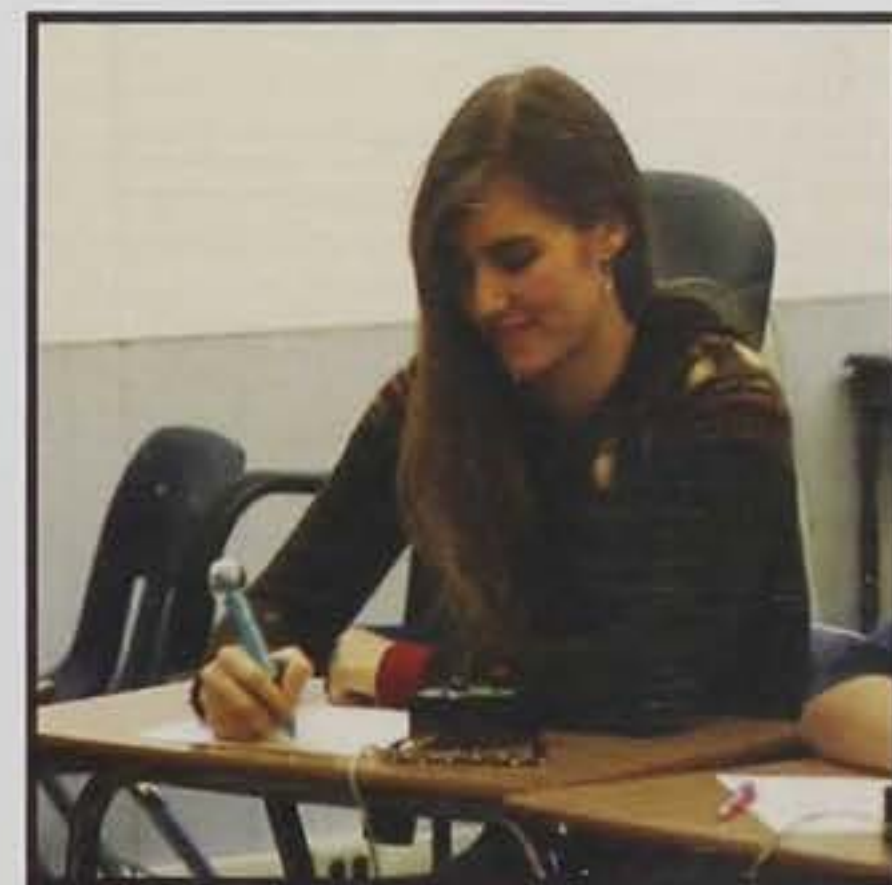
Bob Vass, scholar bowl coach and history teacher, asks scholar bowl members questions after school at practice. Vass helped the team by asking them questions for their annual Washington University tournament. Out of thirty five teams Westminster made it to the sweet sixteen for the fifth year in a row.



Lukose Thampy, sophomore, concentrates on answering a question during a scholar bowl meeting. As a younger member on the team, Thampy was able to learn from upper classmen. During scholar bowl practices the team would gather around and answer questions of trivia to prepare for upcoming tournaments.



Matthew Thampy, junior, laughs with the team about a previous question. This was Thampy's third year on the team. "Scholar bowl is a fun way to put random trivia into use, and everyone loves coach Vass," said Thampy.



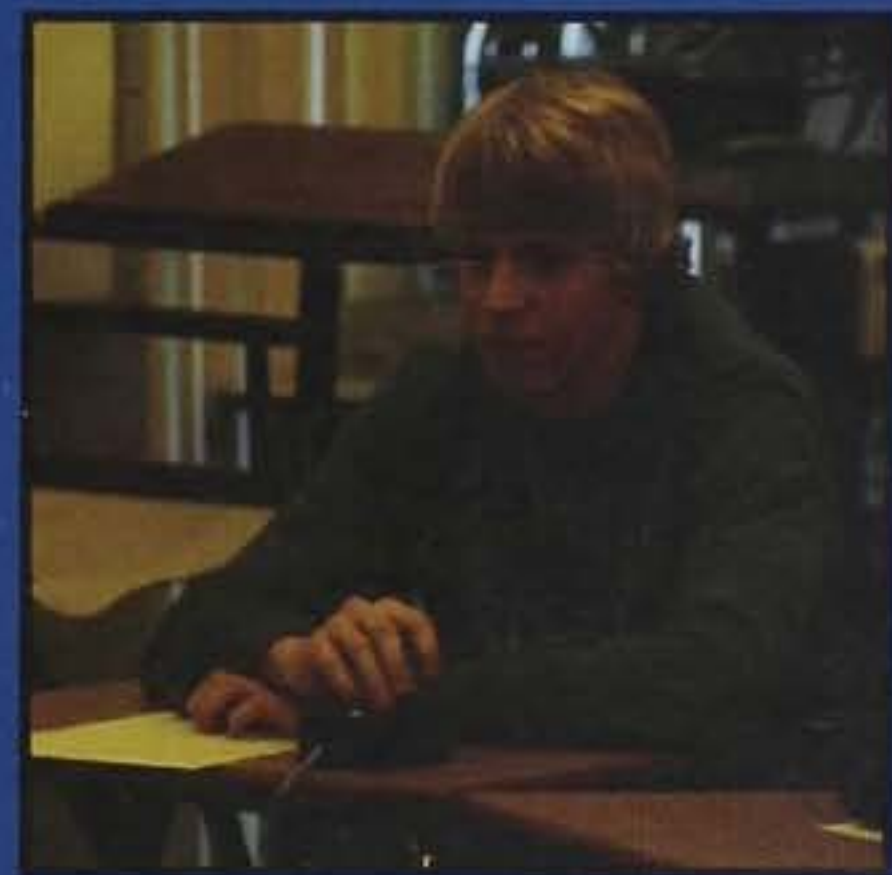
Joy Collins, junior, writes down the answer to a previous question during a scholar bowl meeting. This was her second year on the team. "Scholar bowl is fun because I can put random facts that I never thought I would use into use," said Collins.



Nevin Cherian, junior, argues a question during a scholar bowl meeting. Cherian was a key player to the team this past year. With intense practices the scholar bowl team began to place themselves higher than previous years, with many third and fourth place victories.

Michael Zandstra, senior, engages his mind during an after school meeting. Zandstra's last year was his highest scoring year as he was one of the top scorers for the scholar bowl team during the DeSmet tournament in January.

April Johnston and David Rasche, sophomores, wait for Bob Vass, coach and history teacher, to ask another trivia question during a scholar bowl meeting. The team prepared for one of their toughest competitions at Washington High School that took place in February. Out of twenty three schools, Westminster made it to the final four.





Madison Burke and Samuel Bowman, sophomores, rehearse for their Drama 2 play "Much Ado About Nothing". Both Burke and Bowman played characters with hot tempers who end up falling in love. The class gave free performances and donated the money they made from selling ice cream during intermission to Refuge of Nations.



David Tetrake, senior, instructs everyone in the group how to play "Do Run Run", an Improv game. Tetrake along with other members of the group decided what plays would be done that year. They also were involved in auditions, helping to read parts for others trying out.



Madalyn Elliott, sophomore, works the camera crane for spirit week. The purpose of the camera crane was to get dramatic aerial shots



Julie Sharp, sophomore, assembles the chapel screen. Sharp was president of A.V. club this year, and her roles as president included helping with scheduling and editing the video for spirit week.



Sarah Shippy, senior, shows Courtney Pfeifer, sophomore, how to fix slides on the computer. "This is my first year on A.V. club, and I just wanted to try something new," said Pfeifer. Members of the A.V. club had to get to school on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 to help the chapel band and set up for chapel. Getting to school so early might have been tough, but as a tradition, every week they had Bread Co. bagels waiting for them for breakfast.



Hannah Fletcher, junior, measures a flat to see if it will fit with the other pieces on stage. Fletcher said one of the challenges that came with being in the set club was that sometimes the actors would be practicing while they worked on the set so it could get a little crowded and loud. Also the members of the set club had to be fast workers, because of time the deadlines were hard to meet.



Marshall Dickerson, eighth grade, uses a power drill for a set. There were two scheduled construction days where all cast and club members came and worked together. After all their hard work the club sat down to lunch and dined on food like garlic bread, mashed potatoes, and pork provided by John Dickerson.

Drama, AV, Set Clubs





Drama Club

Drama club members meet in the little theatre for their Friday lunch meeting. The atmosphere of the meetings was very relaxed and the group played improv games such as "Beastie Boys" and "Playground Insults".



Ila Klemm, drama teacher, and Mallory Alpert, sophomore, discuss plans for an upcoming event for drama club. The club members would try and get together for movie nights sometimes at Paul Friz's house.



"It was awful, mama. It was awful. She didn't even live a few minutes mama..." Marta Roberts and Katherine Smith, sophomores, share a mother-daughter moment in the fall play *The Happy Journey*. The title was misleading, considering the play told of a family tragedy. In order to prepare for her intense role as a young mother who lost her child, Smith would think of sad scenarios to help her get a feel for her character's emotions.

Michael Zandstra, senior, videos an interview of the senior boys before their blue man stomp on the Wednesday of spirit week. Spirit week was one of the busiest times of the year for A.V., since they had the large task of documenting the whole week on tape.



Ben Arndt, sophomore, tapes the first game of spirit week, the balloon stomp. This year the club decided that since most kids had ipods they would put the footage on the school website in podcast form so more people would have access to the video.

A.V. Club

Ian Farmer, freshman, helps prime a set piece for the musical, "Hello Dolly". The piece was one of four used to make a train for one of the big numbers in the show. Farmer was in the cast and this was the first time that musical members and set club members worked alongside one another.

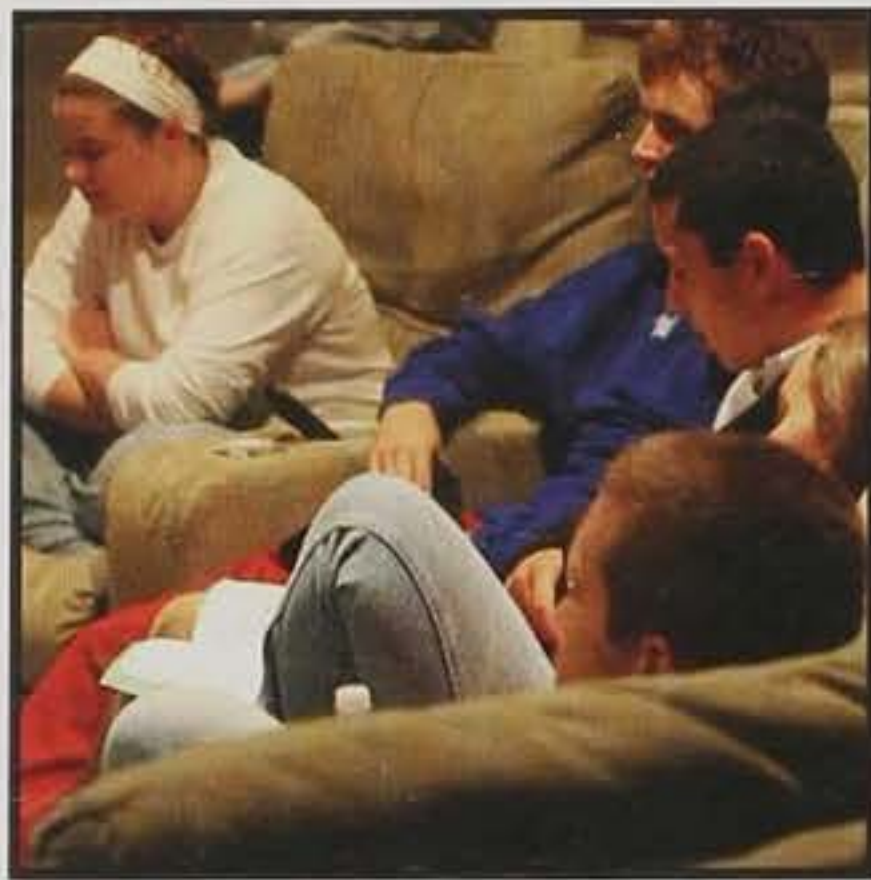
Shelby Massor, sophomore, and Laura Barbica, junior, design the hat shop for a scene in the musical. Part of being on the set club meant not only building and painting the sets, but finding and making props as well. The club sorted through furniture, boxes, and tables from years past that had been stored in the basement, or "dungeon" of the school.



John Dickerson directs Eric Taylor, senior with where to staple the wood together for one of the set pieces. Dickerson worked as a custodian at the school, but was offered the job of heading up the club.

Set Club

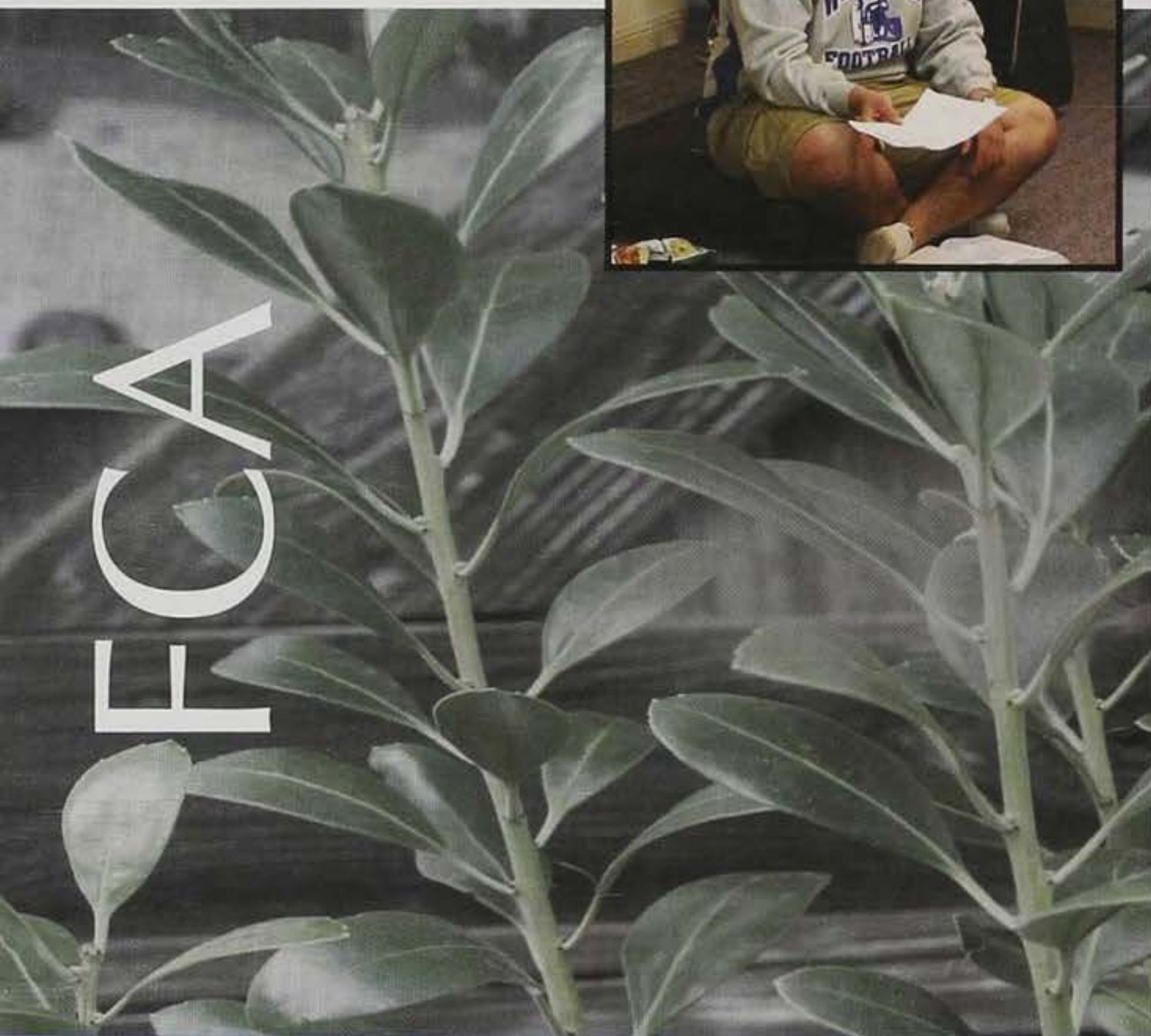
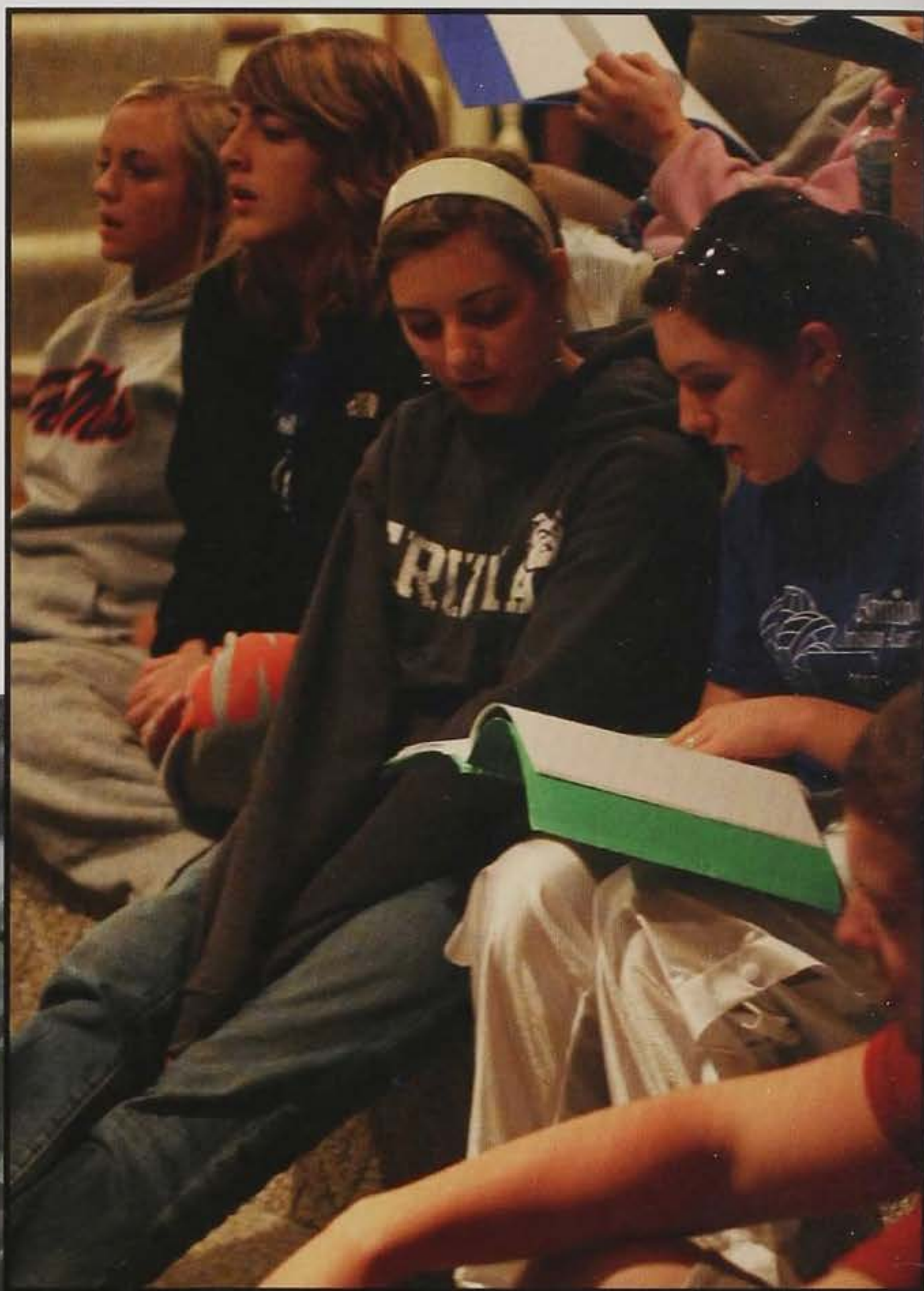
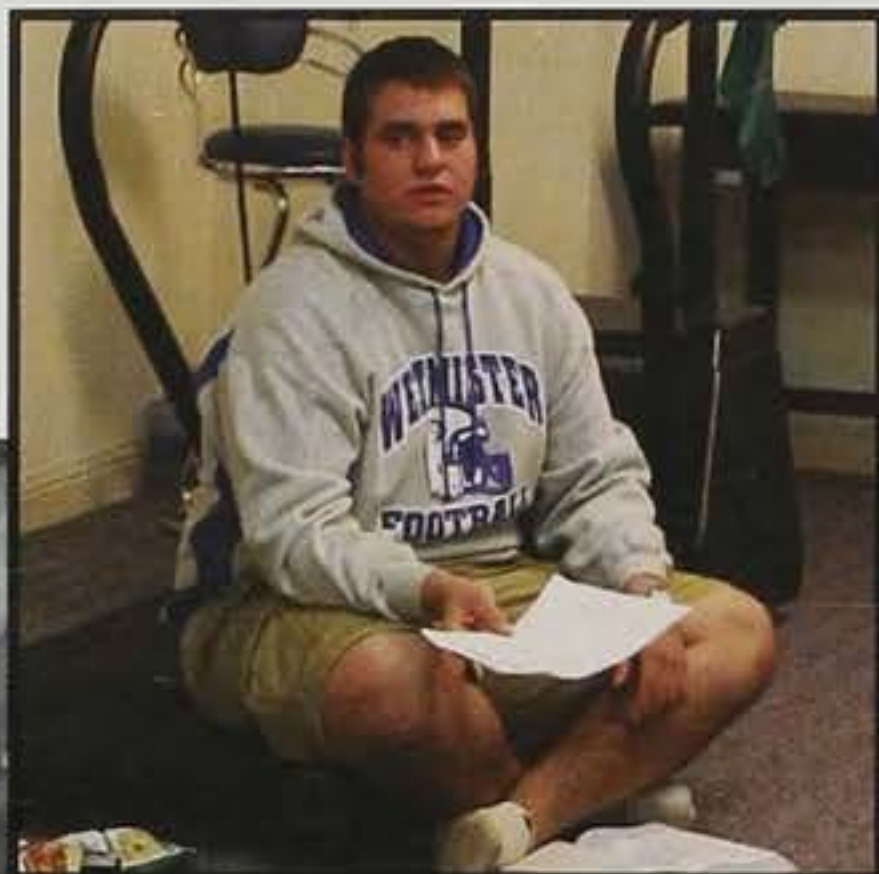




A group of FCA attendees pray at the beginning of the meeting. The goal of FCA was for Christian athletes to join together and have fun by worshipping together every other week.

Kayla Gebhardt and Jordan Klein, freshmen, read the lyrics to songs during their Monday night meetings. They would sing contemporary praise songs while some other students like Matthew Sugg, freshman, and Martin Davis would lead by singing and playing instruments.

Benjamin Haberberger, senior, sits and listens during a Monday night meeting. The boys and girls members would split into small groups to pray and talk.



FCA

Madeleine Smith, eighth grade, chats with friends just before the meeting began. "We learn about proactive Christians who spread the gospel through playing sports and we watched a movie," said Smith. One of the athletes in the video included Albert Fujols who is a good example of a Christian athlete.

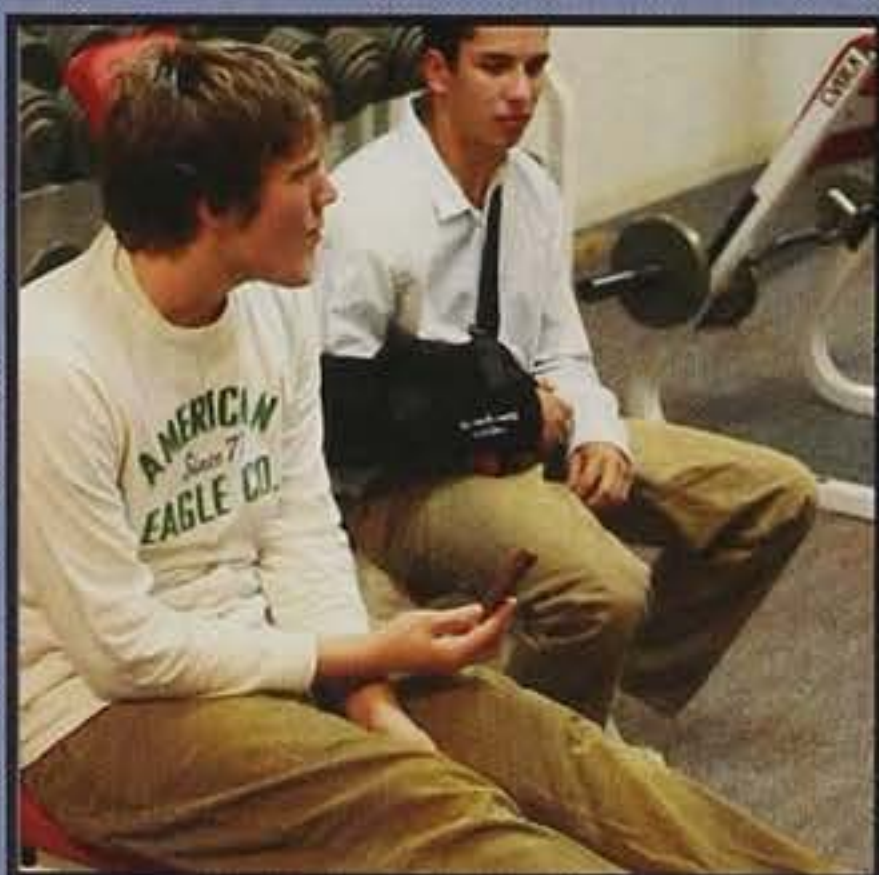
John Caldwell, junior, listens as the guys sit together and talk during a Monday night meeting. Every other Monday, upperclassmen athletes were invited to the Worrell's house for a night of fun and worship.



Brooke Cusumano, and Alexis Harvey, seventh grade, play the finger counting game as an "icebreaker". At the beginning of their meetings, the students would all play a game or do a fun activity to have them get closer.



Middle schoolers listen at their first middle school FCA meeting. They met for the first time on January 15 and continued their meetings from then on every other week. This year was the first year that FCA began in middle school. It was led by Mr. McFarland whose son, Mark, seventh grade, was also involved.





Ambassadors



Benjamin Stratton, freshman, accompanies parents who are enrolled at IGNite. The parents would come to school and attend their child's classes to see what their average day was like.

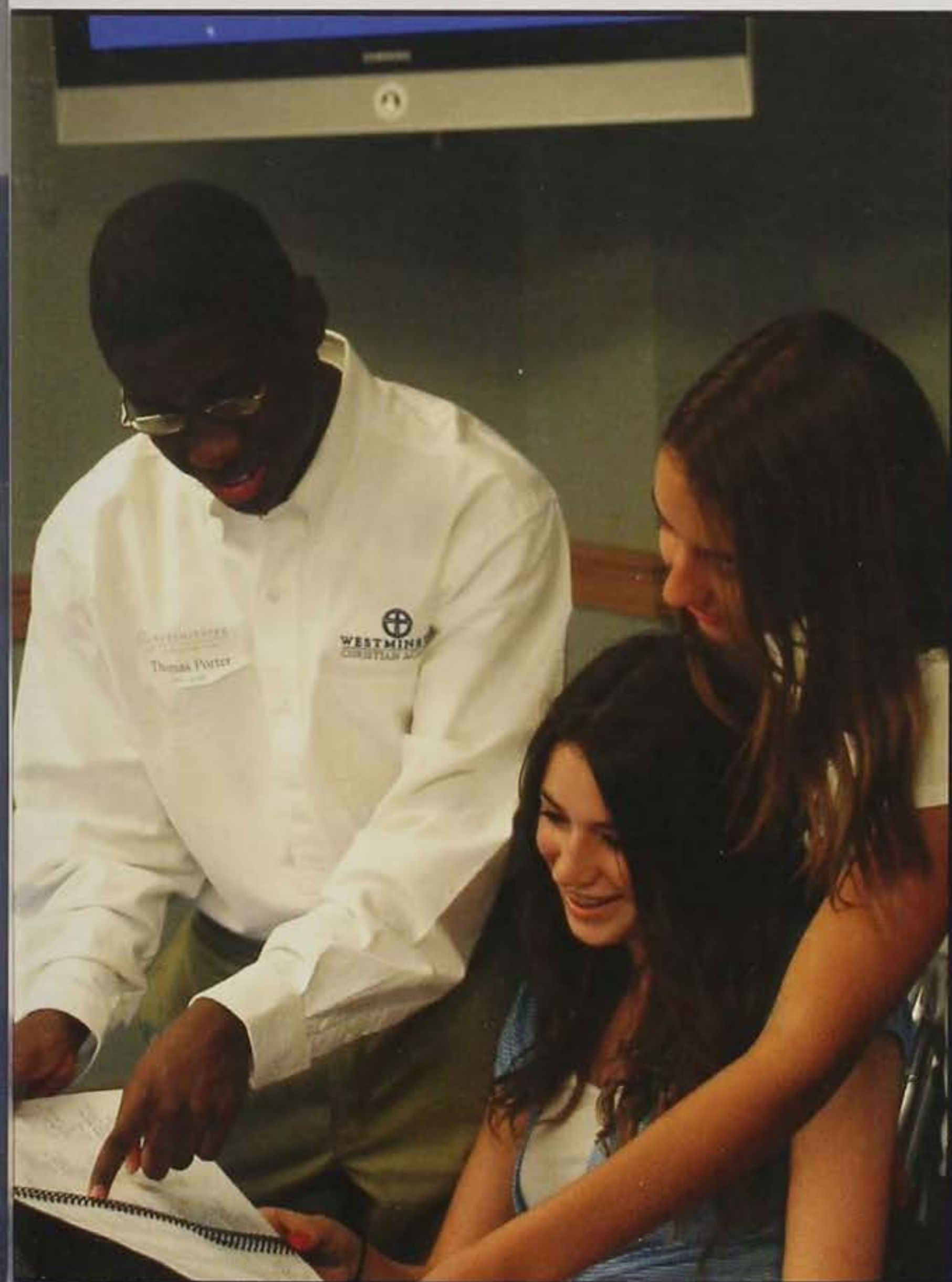
Abigail Becker, freshman, greets parents at Tours on Thursdays. "The best part [of being an ambassador] is helping families make the decision of if they want to attend Westminster or not and helping explain exactly what our school is about," said Becker.



Madison Nye, sophomore, shows a parent a brochure at IGNite. "My favorite part is taking parents on tours and telling them all about school. I love parents, so I love telling them things that we do like fine arts department and things like P.C.S.," said Nye.



Kinsey Martin, eighth grade, shows parents their child's schedule right before their routine and tour resumed.



Elizabeth Duesenberg, Alexandria Calhoon, and Megan Rasche, eighth grade, listen as Betsy Boggs, Director of Admissions, instructs the middle school ambassadors. "[The best part] is meeting kids and introducing them to our school," said Annie Hartwig, seventh grade.

Thomas Porter, Courtney Pfeifer, and Katherine Smith, sophomores, view the buzzbook at IGNite. The sophomore class sold buzzbooks to raise money for their class. "I like showing people around our school and making sure that they see everything our school has to offer," said Porter.



Madison Burke, sophomore, and Sarah Fullerton, junior, point out students' schedules at the beginning of the school year IGNite event. Ambassadors were one of many opportunities students had to participate in by serving students and their parents.

Spirit Club



Dima Weir, senior, sports blue and white face paint and colored hair in participation of the spirit club sponsored blue and white day. There were prizes awarded to students who wore specific blue and white items of clothing. Students who were wearing the specific item would run through the halls as they raced to the designated location of the prize.



Aaron Blackwell, junior, dresses in the wildcat suit for Wildcat Pride Night. Along with Blackwell, Jim Sefrit, head of upper school, dressed up in the Wildcat suit. Wildcat Pride Night consisted of the girls powderpuff football game and a cookout.



Gal Kliesen, junior, concentrates in on his phone as he competes in the texting challenge during spirit week. The new spirit week game quickly became a Wildcat favorite, but there were questions surrounding the new game as to whether or not it is a fair playing field with so many different phones and cell phone providers.



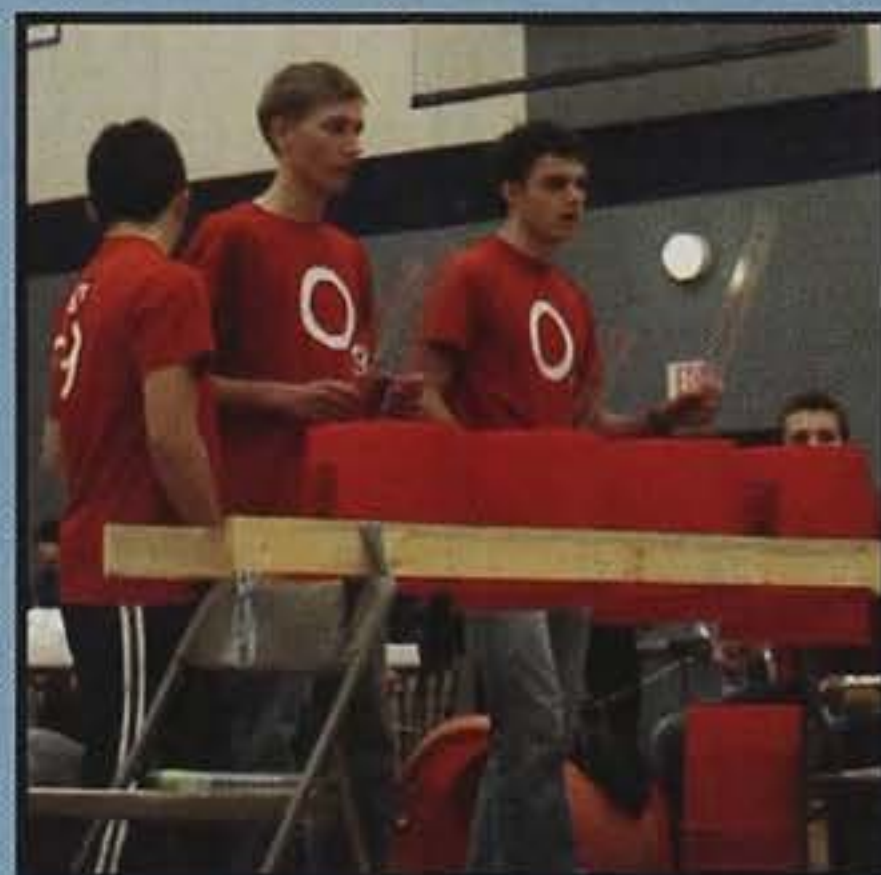
Nathan Benefield, sophomore, sports the new Wildcat pride shirt. The spirit club held a contest at the beginning of the year to see who could come up with the best design for the shirt. Kelsey Logsdon, senior, created the winning design.



Sarah Johnston, senior, prepares to toss the numbered cube to decide who will compete first in the blue man stomp competition. Johnston along with Alyssa Wittmaier, senior, were the co-presidents of spirit club. "The two of them really mesh and work well with each other to make stuff happen," said Aaron Blackwell, junior.



Alyssa Wittmaier, senior, decorates the bulletin boards right outside the library. The classic bulletin boards were one of the many decorations that went up in the weeks preceding spirit week. Each bulletin board highlighted a different dress up day.



Austin Wallach and Calvin Boesch, juniors, drum along in the blue man stomp competition during spirit week. The competition was started three years ago and quickly found its place in the festivities of spirit week. The routines that took place this year, brought a new flare and pop that had never been seen before in the competition.



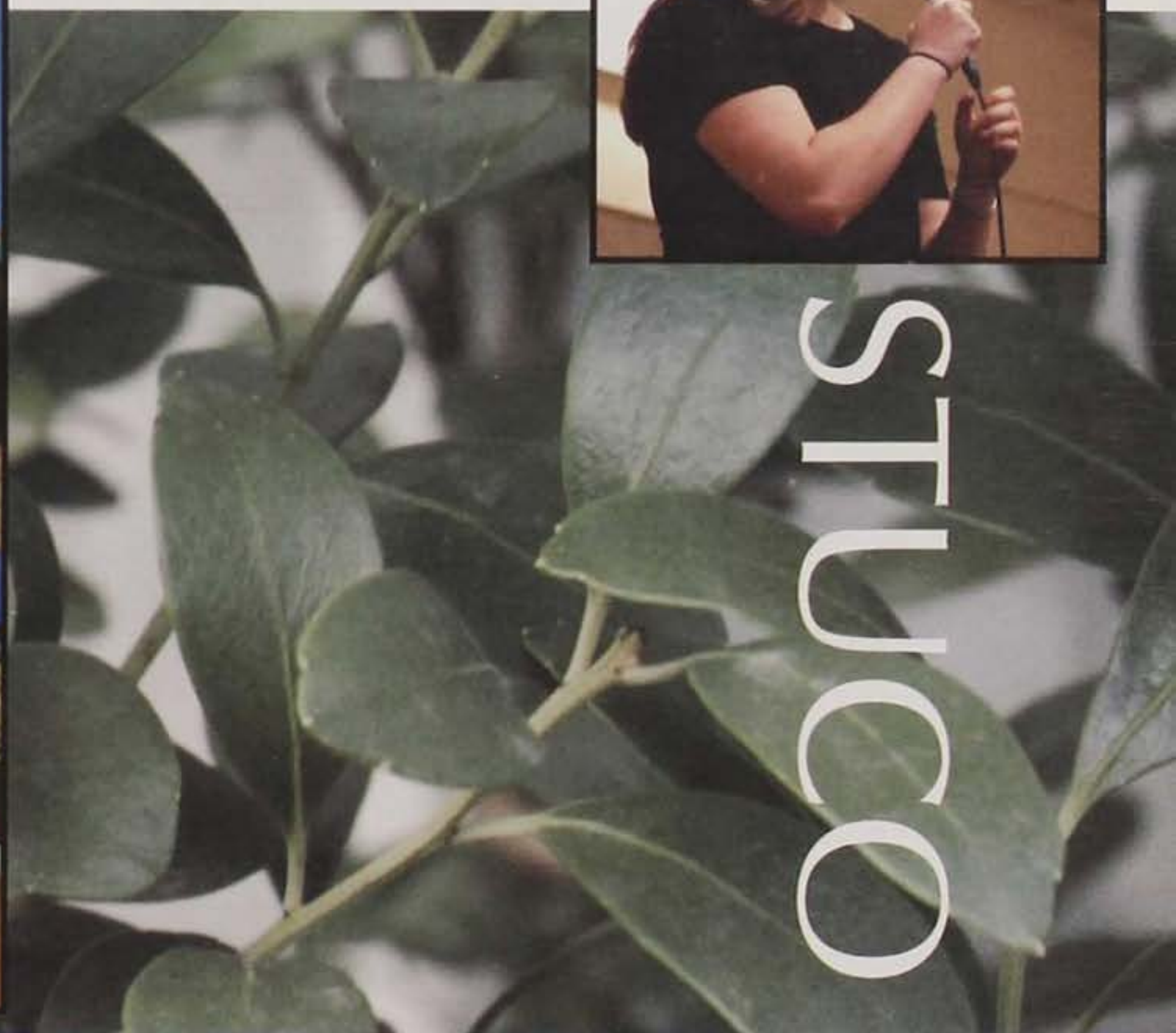


Claire Unnerstall, sophomore, participates in the seed spitting contest at the STUCO carnival. The seed spitting contest was a favorite among students for the comical instances it created.

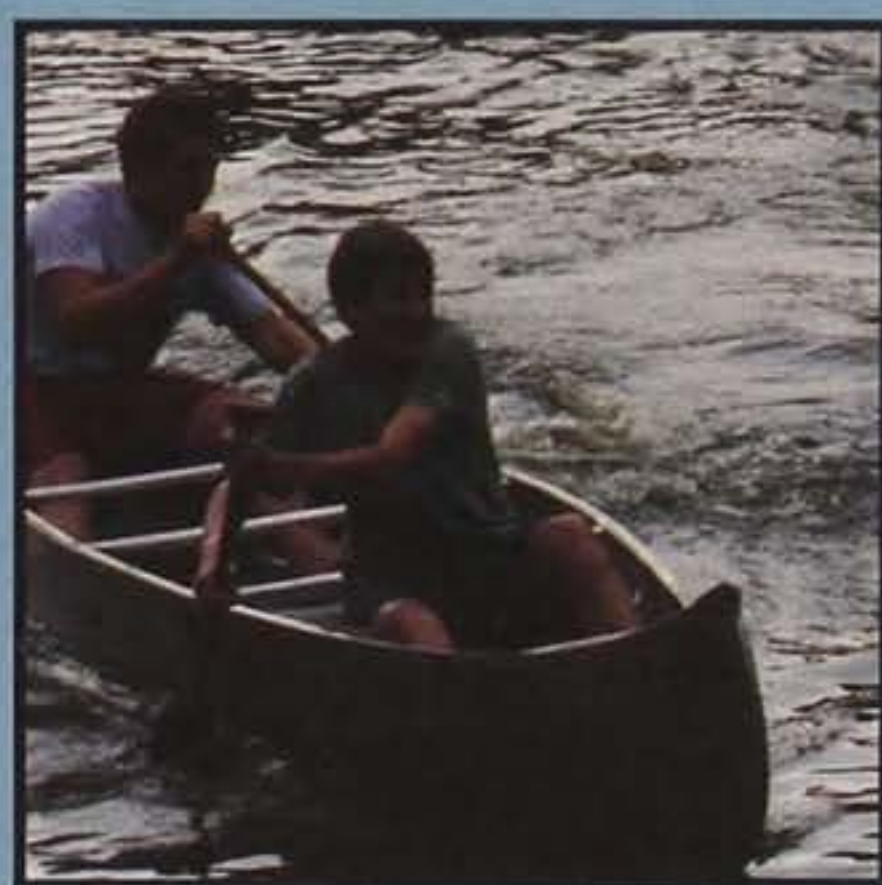


Michael Kruse, junior, leads a discussion during a lunch meeting. Kruse served as STUCO secretary, and he would help lead the weekly Monday lunch meetings. The STUCO would often meet in the athletic conference room where they would discuss upcoming STUCO sponsored events.

Julia Berger, senior, welcomes students to the STUCO Christmas banquet. Berger was the STUCO president this year. "Julia has done a great job, she made all of our events a fun event to attend," said Michael Kruse, junior.



Busie Pike, STUCO advisor, leads a team building exercise alongside Michael Kruse, junior, at the annual summer retreat. "The STUCO retreat is a lot of fun, but we had some serious brainstorm sessions," said Andrew Menzel, freshman.



Benjamin Baldwin, senior, along with his brother, Matthew Baldwin, freshman, compete in a traditional STUCO canoe race. There was also another set of brothers who participated in STUCO together which was Timothy Miller, freshman, and Daniel Miller, senior.

The STUCO group of 2008 poses for a group shot after a relay race at the retreat. The retreat's purpose was to build team unity and spirit while having fun at the same time.



Lee Davis, senior, introduces a game at the Christmas banquet. The theme for the banquet this year was "A Nutcracker Suite", and the Hilton Airport Hotel was the host venue for the event.



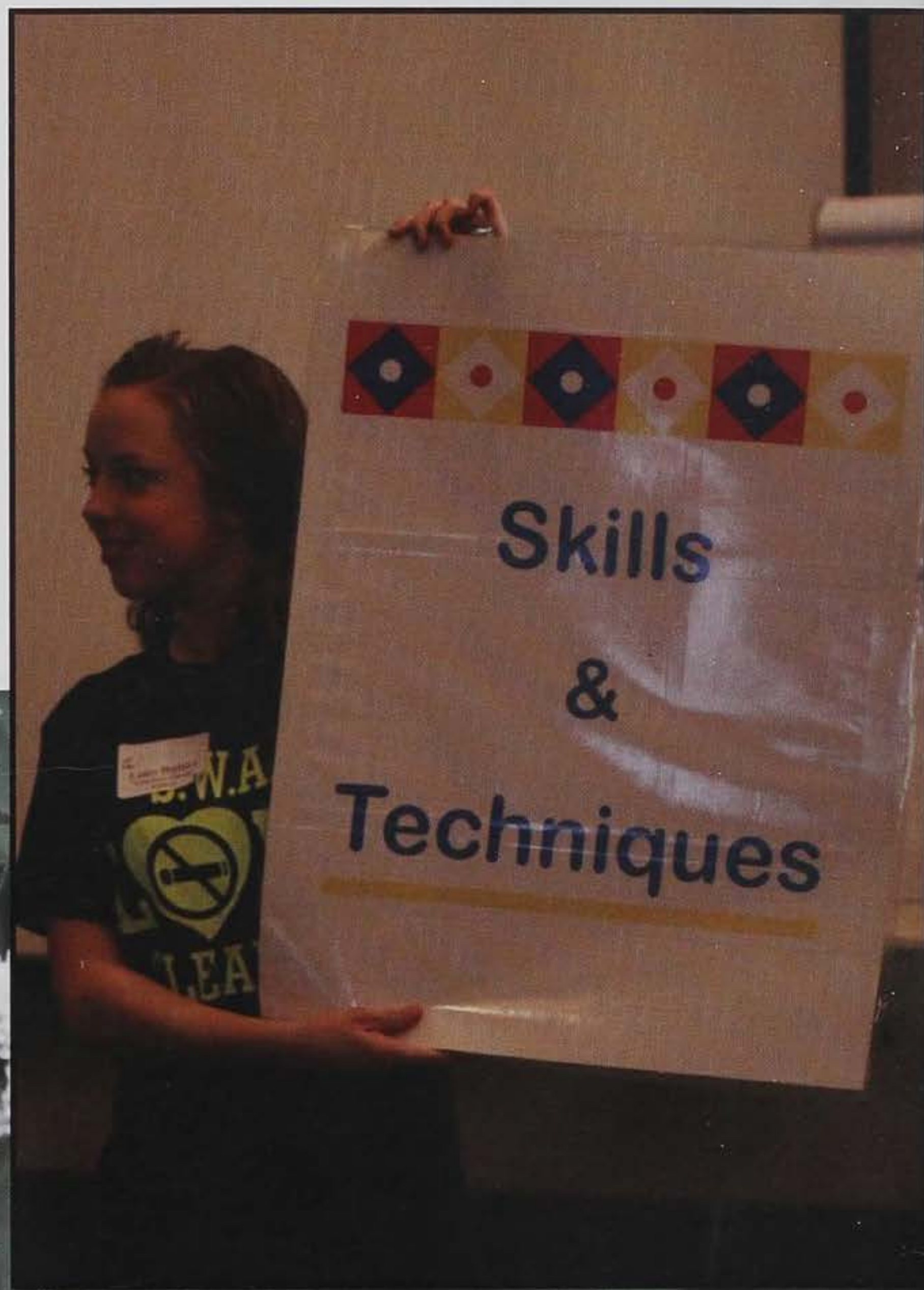


Mallory Alpert and Leah Younkin, sophomores, listen in on a discussion at the SWAT training retreat in October. As part of the training, students learned several facts and statistics about smoking and its consequences in order to be prepared to share their knowledge with the world.

Corinne Becker, junior, scans through her choice of workshops at Missouri Youth Adult Alliance (MYAA) conference in Jefferson City on February 26. The students could attend workshops such as tobacco awareness, social norms, and over-the-counter prescription drugs.



Laura Barbica, junior, displays a poster to other students at the SWAT training retreat. Westminster students met with SWAT clubs from other schools to discuss strategies in public speaking and getting their point across to the listeners.



SWAT

Alex Cusumano, sophomore, and Kaylee Rosen, freshman, get involved in a discussion. Some members of SWAT planned a trip to a Denise Thimes concert. The concert was a fundraiser for the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, NCADA, which sets up prevention programs for youth.

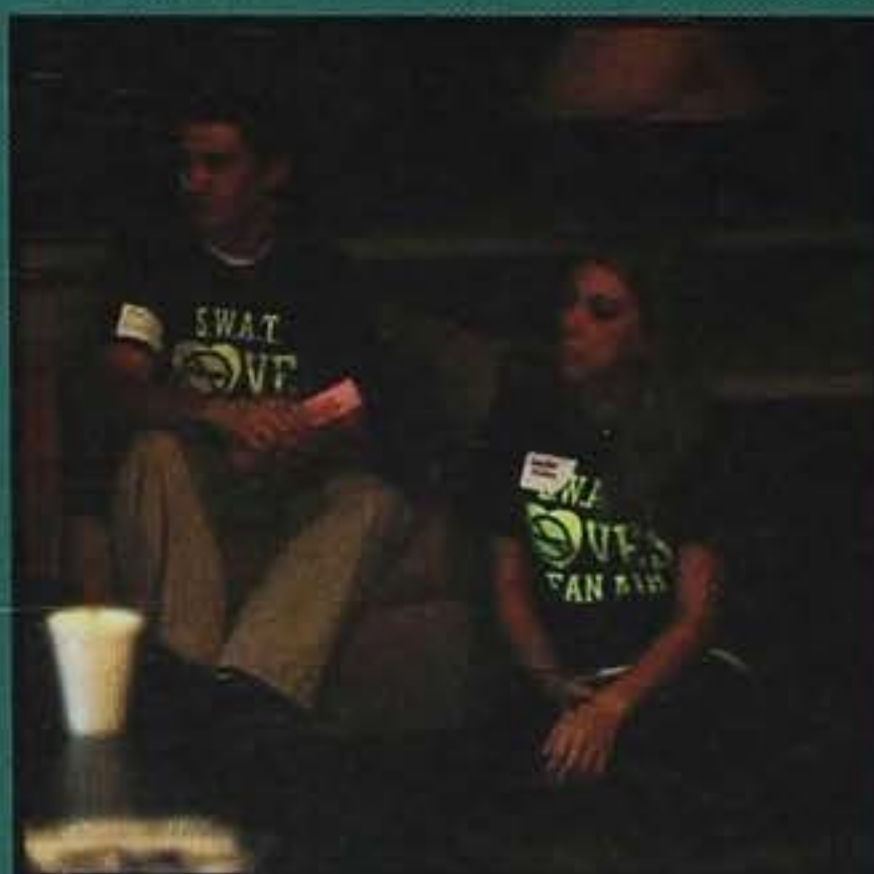
Thomas Egan, sophomore, helps start out the school year at the SWAT training retreat. "One of our goals was to talk to representatives for our community to try to get Missouri smoke-free in public places," said Leisha Ritter, sophomore. SWAT spoke with the Missouri governor later that year.



Claire Simonpietri, junior, listens to a speaker during SWAT's trip to Jefferson City. Simonpietri had been a member of SWAT since her freshman year. However, new SWAT members were chosen this year by Sherry Blough and former members. Students who were interested had to turn in teacher recommendations.



Han-Bjul Kang, junior, attends a SWAT meeting. One event SWAT made an impact at was a meeting with the mayors of St. Louis. They talked about how Missouri is one of the least successful states in making a smoke-free environment. In fact, Missouri was considered the "ash tray" of the country.

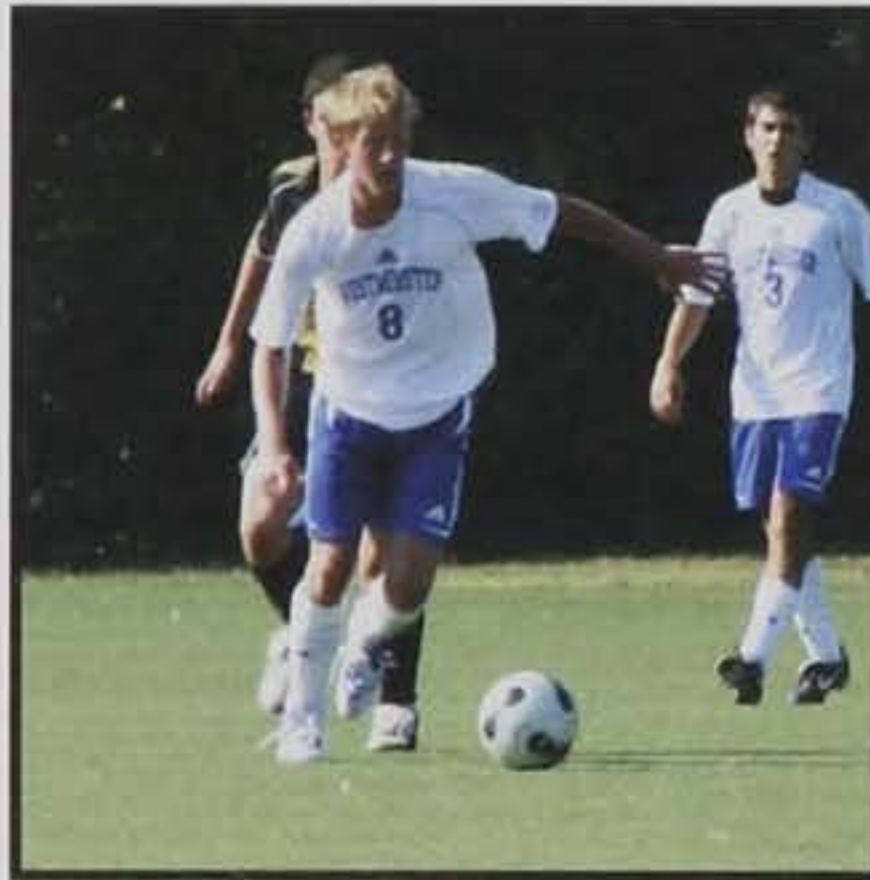




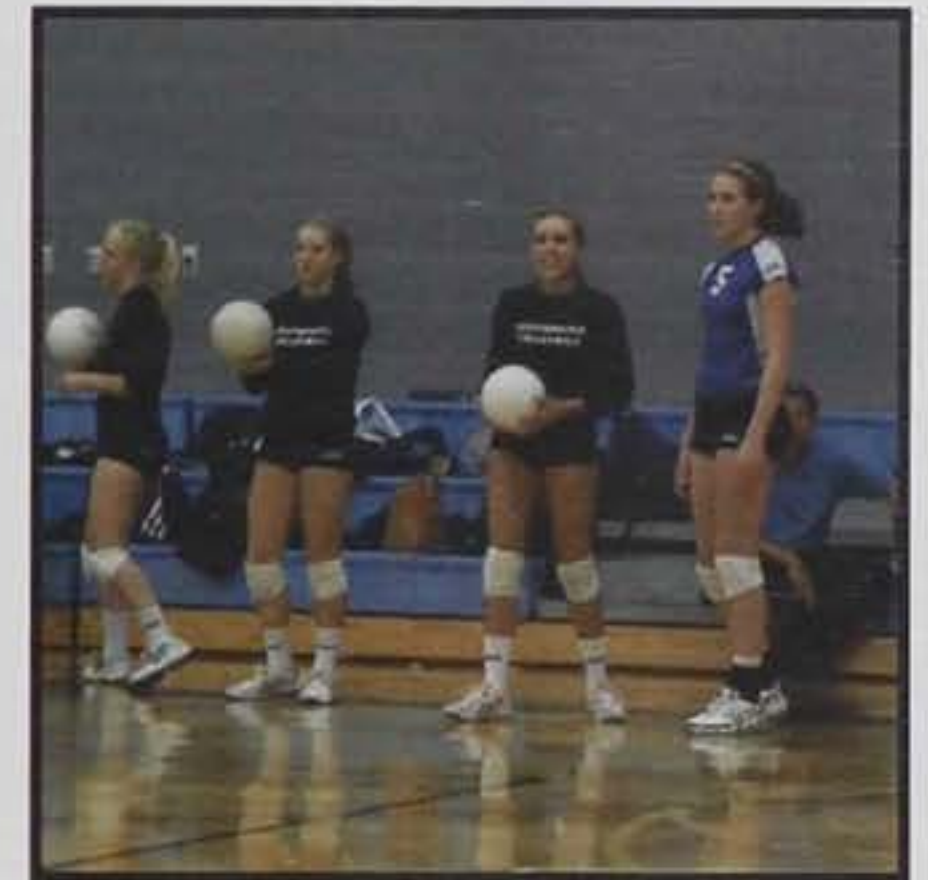
Captain's Council



Erik Lewis, senior, cools off after a football game. As one of four captains of the Varsity football team, Lewis had the responsibility of setting an example for the rest of the team and being a hard worker.

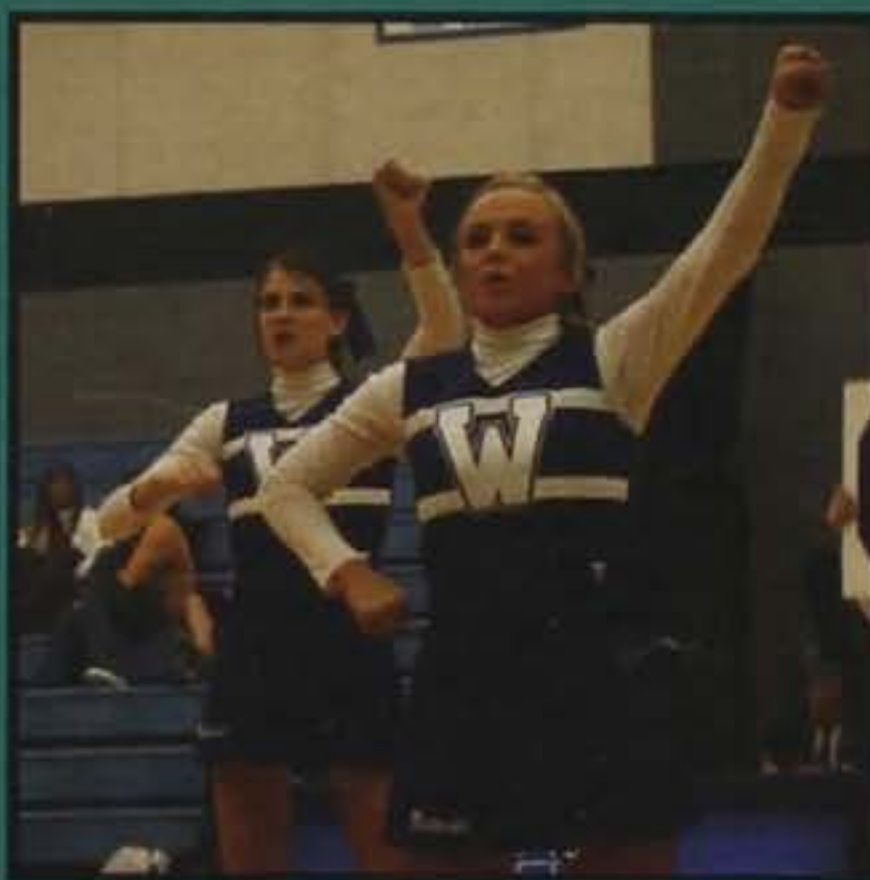


Michael Shapleigh, senior, leads his team to victory at a fall soccer game. Shapleigh was one of two captains for the Varsity soccer team. He was also a captain's council leader along with Gregory Schoenberg and Katherine Weber, seniors.



Kelli Stipanovich, senior, leads her team in warm up before the senior night volleyball game. With the help of Katherine Weber and Kaitlyn Pfeifer, seniors, Stipanovich led their team all the way to state to place second.

Hayley Younkin, senior, performs for the crowd at the blue and white game. Younkin was not only a co-captain for the Varsity dance team in the winter, but she was also captain of the women's cross country team in the fall.



Camilla Buckley and Julia Russell, juniors, cheer on the men's basketball team. As captain of the cheerleading team, Buckley became one of just a few juniors in captains council. Calvin Boesch, Leah Beck, and Jessica Menchak, juniors, were the others who were captains of the men's Varsity cross country team and the women's Varsity basketball team.

Orion Ross, senior, faces up to his competition at a football game. As well as being a member of the football team, Ross was captain of the Varsity wrestling team. As captain, he qualified for state and led six other qualifying teammates to earn three medals at the state tournament.



Benjamin Turner, Sarah Johnston, and James Munson, seniors, support the women's volleyball team at the state tournament. Captain's council pumped up the school's pride by getting the infamous blue crew started up again. New shirts were made and students cheered at several athletic events.



Upper School Leadership



Rachel Bates and Tiffany Thompson, freshmen, use their neighborhood time to teach their classmates dance moves. Before the school year, class officers and teachers met and chose small group leaders from within the class to lead students from their grade.



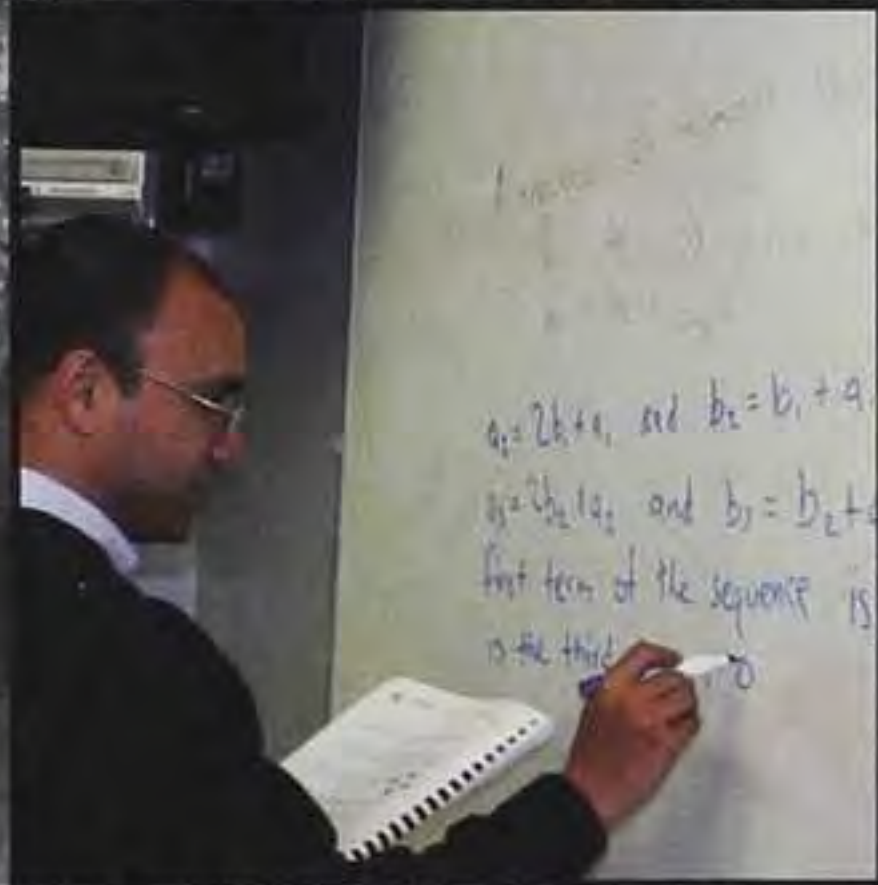
Elizabeth Lambert, junior, competes in a wheelbarrow race during neighborhood meetings. Neighborhood meetings were designed by upper school leadership so that students could have the opportunity to socially interact with other classmates.



Steven Hall and Daniel Moore, freshman class officers, discuss plans for spirit week game sign ups. As class officers they were in charge of organizing their class' participation in all of the events that occurred during spirit week.



Jacob Mohler, math teacher, writes challenging word problems on the board for the members of math club to ponder on. The job for the teacher sponsors in math club were to come up with difficult problems for the members and help them figure out what the solution was and why. Math club sponsors included David Haas, calculus teacher, Karen Martin, algebra 2 teacher, and Mohler.



David Roig, senior, snacks on the food that was provided to the attendants of the math club. The math club had a rule which stated that the first five people to come were given the choice of the afternoon snack. The snack usually included popcorn, cookies, and a soda.



Elias Wood, sophomore, enjoys a snack during a math club session Thursday after school. "[My favorite part of math club is] learning helpful shortcuts to problems, and just interesting things about math," said Woods.



Morgan Patterson, seventh grade, dresses up in every pink article of clothing she has for spirit week. Patterson was a part of seventh grade leadership and dressed up to receive participation points for her class for the spirit week dress up competition.



Shelby Kehr and Summer Smith, seventh grade, enjoy the roller coaster during the middle school Christmas party. "One of the best things that we did this year during middle school leadership was designing our shirts and planning for our Christmas party," said Kehr. The Christmas party was for both seventh and eighth grade.





Hannah Collier, senior, receives help from David Haas, math teacher. Collier was the senior class secretary. As a secretary her main job was to keep the class organized. Collier also took responsibility for the class locker stickers and bulletin board.



Taylor Wiggins, freshman, grabs her lunch during the freshmen retreat. The class officers were in charge of creating the entire retreat. The day included a small chapel, games, and a barbecue.



Timothy Prestien, freshman, participates in math club for the first time second semester. "I couldn't go during the winter because I had wrestling practice after school, but I am glad that I can go now," said Prestien.

Math Club

Alek Miller, junior, along with David Haas, sponsor of the math club, study a sequence of random numbers. In a few minutes Miller realized that he was looking at a sequence of Fibonacci numbers. The key to the Fibonacci numbers was adding the two previous numbers to get the next number in the pattern.



Matthias Wood, sophomore, ponders on a challenging word problem. "I like to find new methods to use new numbers and theories. But I originally joined the club because I really like to do math," said Wood.



Amber Draper and Taylor Cole, seventh grade, look up information for a seventh grade project. This was Draper's first year apart of middle school leadership. "It gives me a chance to get experience for upper school leadership and to set a good example for others," said Draper.

Maya Johnson and Tiffany Hennings, eighth grade, attend the middle school Christmas party, hosted at St. Louis Mills Mall. As a middle school leader, Johnson, attended frequent meetings throughout the year. The meetings included discussing plans for their class, such as spirit week, ITSOG and Carnival.



Lucy Wynn, Macy Draper, and Tinaira Tiucl, eighth grade, wear their class T-shirt to encourage other students to wear theirs as well. During spirit week each grade dressed up in their class color. However, on the dress up day the eighth grade class did not have a large number of students participate. As a result these middle school leaders decided to make banners to help the class with participation points.

Middle School Leadership



Soak Up The Sun

Walking
through the crowd of people in
the parking lot, a booth catches your eye.

You savor the smell of burgers and hotdogs grilling
from the senior class booth as you stroll over to meet your
friends to watch the rival soccer and football games. As
night falls and you get ready for the variety show, you collapse in
the old gym from sheer exhaustion from working four hours at
your class booth. Yet somehow, it was all worth your effort.

You soak up the sun and enjoy the unique events of your
middle and high school journeys.

Rebecca Harner and Ana Tanner, sophomores



Ross Munroe and James Hoekzema, seventh grade

Eric Taylor, senior



Shelby Massot, sophomore, with guest



Grace Smith, sophomore



Richard Mansfield, sophomore

In your years after college you may not remember who won the pumpkin seed spitting contest at Carnival, but for now, you savor every moment spent in your life as a student.

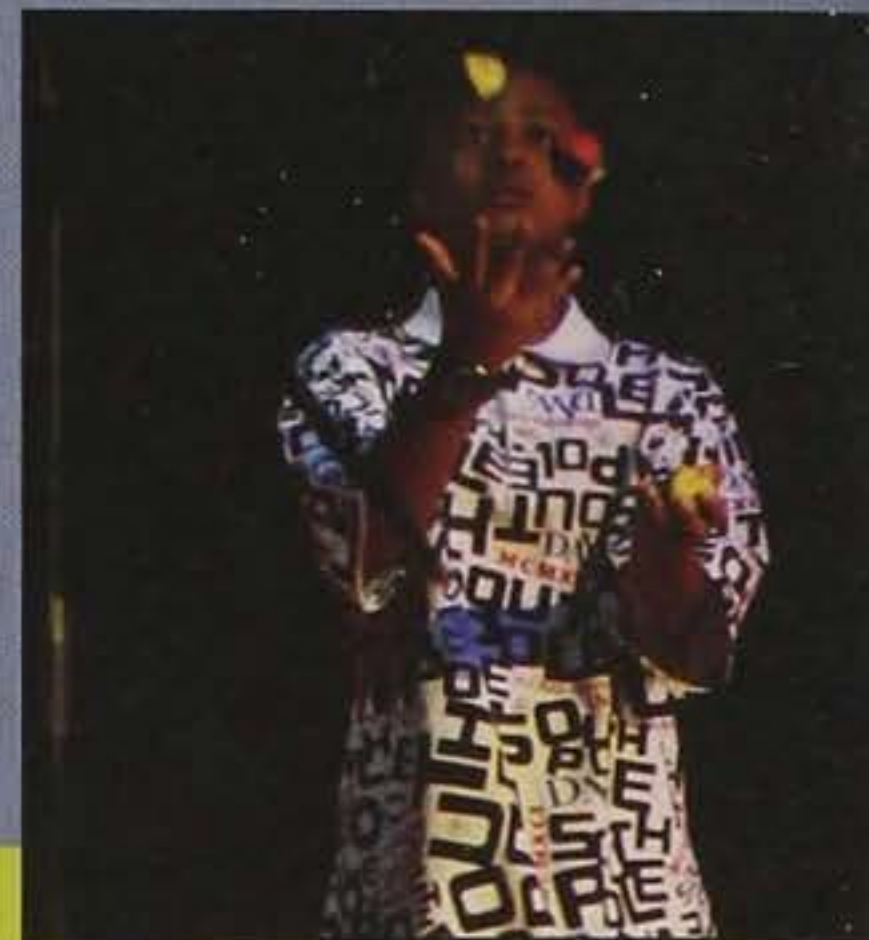


Dressed in fashionable togas, Madalyn Elliott, Ambeth Thompson, and Alyssa Wallach, sophomores, take their shift at the Latin club booth selling ice cream. By the end of the day, the club sold out because the Ted Drewe's ice cream was so popular. Elliott believed that this was because it was a unique food sold among booths.



Sarah Hughes, sophomore, and her dog Kaya receive a prize for winning first place in the Best Puppy category of the Carnival dog show. Kaya, one year old, had just recently been added to the Hughes family, which is why she was entered in the best puppy category.

Harold Ellis, eighth grade, concentrates on his juggling routine during his performance in the variety show. Ellis started juggling by teaching himself different techniques.



As she entered the spotlight, Lisa Hoover, senior, set a Starbucks coffee cup beside her feet and took the microphone into her hand. Hoover had spent the previous two weeks practicing her song, "Taylor the Latte Boy," for the Carnival variety show. "Taylor the Latte Boy" was a humorous ballad about a girl who goes to Starbucks every day and falls in love with the barista who works there. Although Hoover did not write the song herself, she had heard it many times before and felt the audience would fall in love with it.

Along with Hoover, a diverse set of multi-age talent was demonstrated during the night's entertainment. Harmony Peterson, seventh grade, also chose to perform musically. She sang the well-known song "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" because she was familiar with it and knew it would get good feedback from the student body. "It's an exciting song that makes people want to dance," said Peterson. Prior to Westminster's variety show, Peterson had performed the song for Junior Stars, a competition for amateur vocalists aged nine to eighteen years.

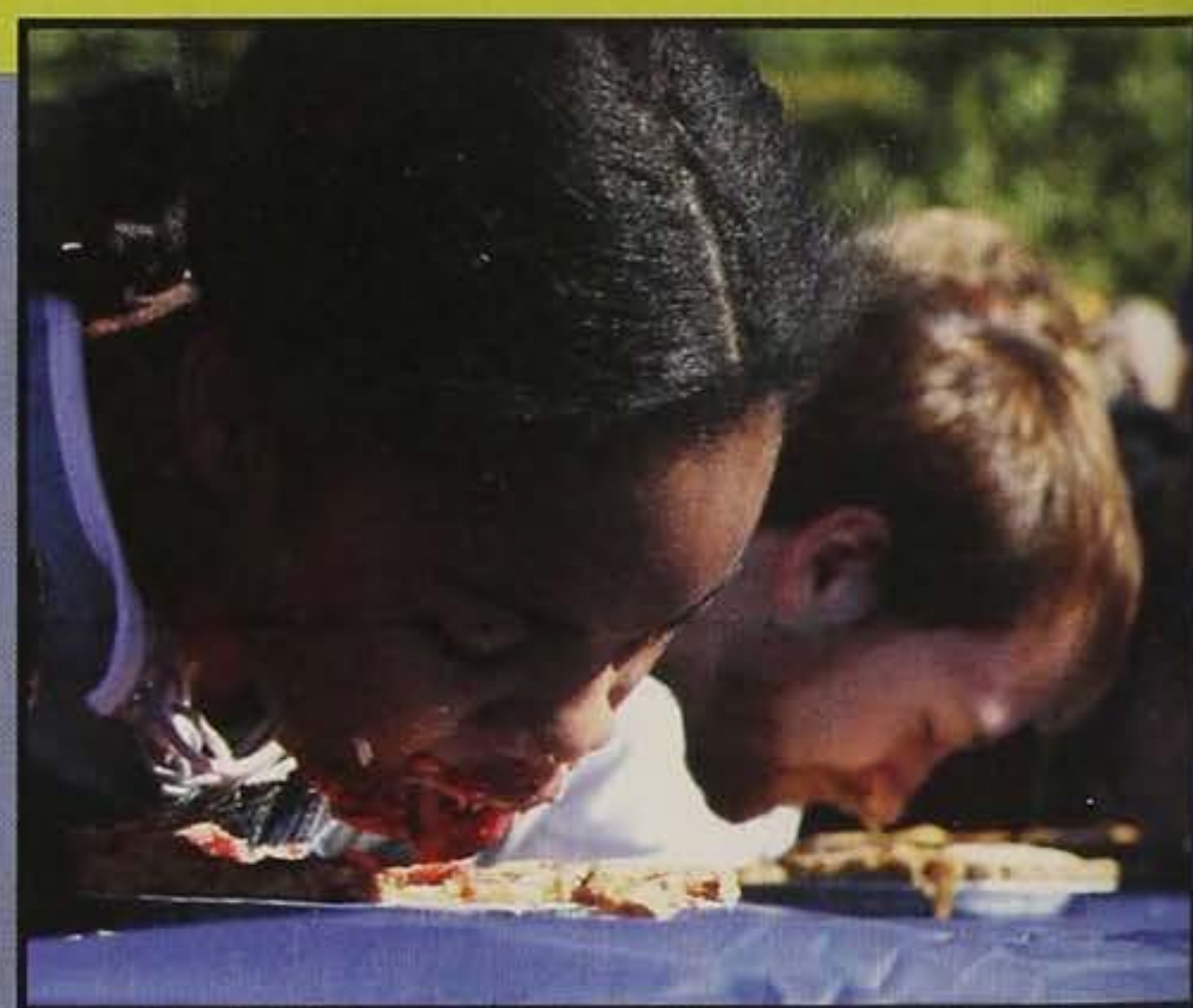
However, not all the skills demonstrated that night were musical. Harold Ellis, eighth grade, performed a juggling routine. To prepare specifically for the variety show, he practiced every day for a month. His routine was a combination of all the tricks he had learned over the three years that he had been juggling as a hobby.

Carnival was more than the booths and sports during the day, the grand finale was the variety show which gave students a unique opportunity to display their talent.



Daniel Moore, freshman, participates in the pumpkin seed spitting contest. Going into the contest, Moore had mixed emotions. "I felt a little nervous, but confident at the same time because I had exercised my lungs before stepping up to the table," said Moore.

Morgan Patterson, seventh grade, comes up for air while devouring a cherry pie in the pie-eating contest. "I couldn't swallow all of the pie because it was hard to chew the cherries. It would have been easier to have pumpkin pie," said Patterson. Although she did not win the contest, she still enjoyed participating in it.



After the daylight hours when Westminster students and families enjoyed watching and participating in activities both athletic and student-run, another event was scheduled to top off the night. The Carnival variety show was an entertaining display of a wide range of talent.

Michael Becker, seventh grade, plays saxophone as part of an act in the variety show. The Double O's, a jazz ensemble made of some seventh grade band members, played the James Bond theme song while real James Bond footage rolled on a screen to the side of the stage.



Kevin O'Leary, eighth grade, prepares to project a seed from his mouth during the pumpkin seed spitting contest. When his friends suggested that he participate in the contest, he decided to go for it. "Carnival was better this year because it was more laid back than last year," said O'Leary.



Andalee Arndt and Leah Gruneisen, freshmen, volunteer at their class booth, the lollipop tree. To raise money for their class, freshmen sold chances to pull a lollipop from the tree in order to win a prize. With this and other booths, the class raised more than six hundred dollars.

At the petting zoo, Matthew Sugg, freshman, pets a sheep. Many of the people who visited the Carnival petting zoo were family members, especially young siblings, of Westminster students like Sugg.



Katie Haxel, sophomore, and Brittney Hough, junior, sing the national anthem with the rest of the choir including Jordan Montgomery, sophomore, and Ashley Reese, junior. This occurred at the beginning of the Varsity soccer game.



ITSOG took over fifteen years to evolve into the way it was this year. Florence Lewis, Latin teacher, founded the week, but it took many other leaders to make it happen.



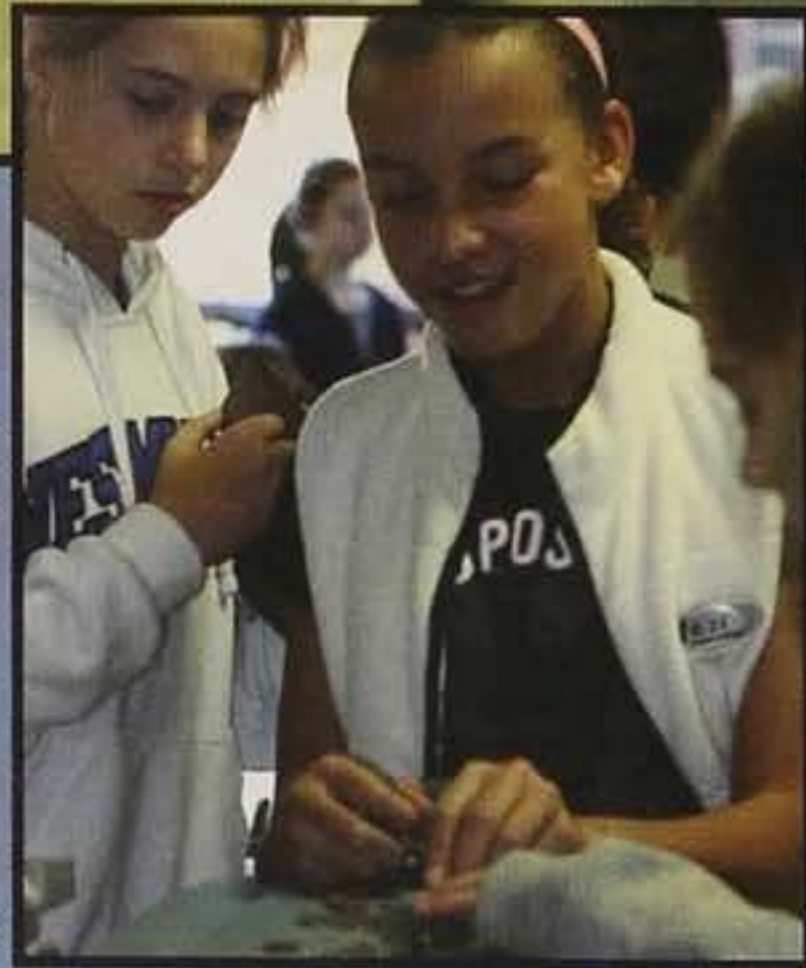
Ryan Kelly, seventh grade, brings games in on Friday. Sara Drexler, former leadership and service director, said that Westminster collected much more this year than it did in its beginning years.



Lauren Hance, seventh grade, pours a bag of change into the money buckets. The collected money was given to Ever Martinez, former Westminster student, to pay for his tuition to Exsal Instituto Tecnico in El Salvador.



John Kehr, sophomore, drops off paper towels before his class on Wednesday. Seventh grade came in first place on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

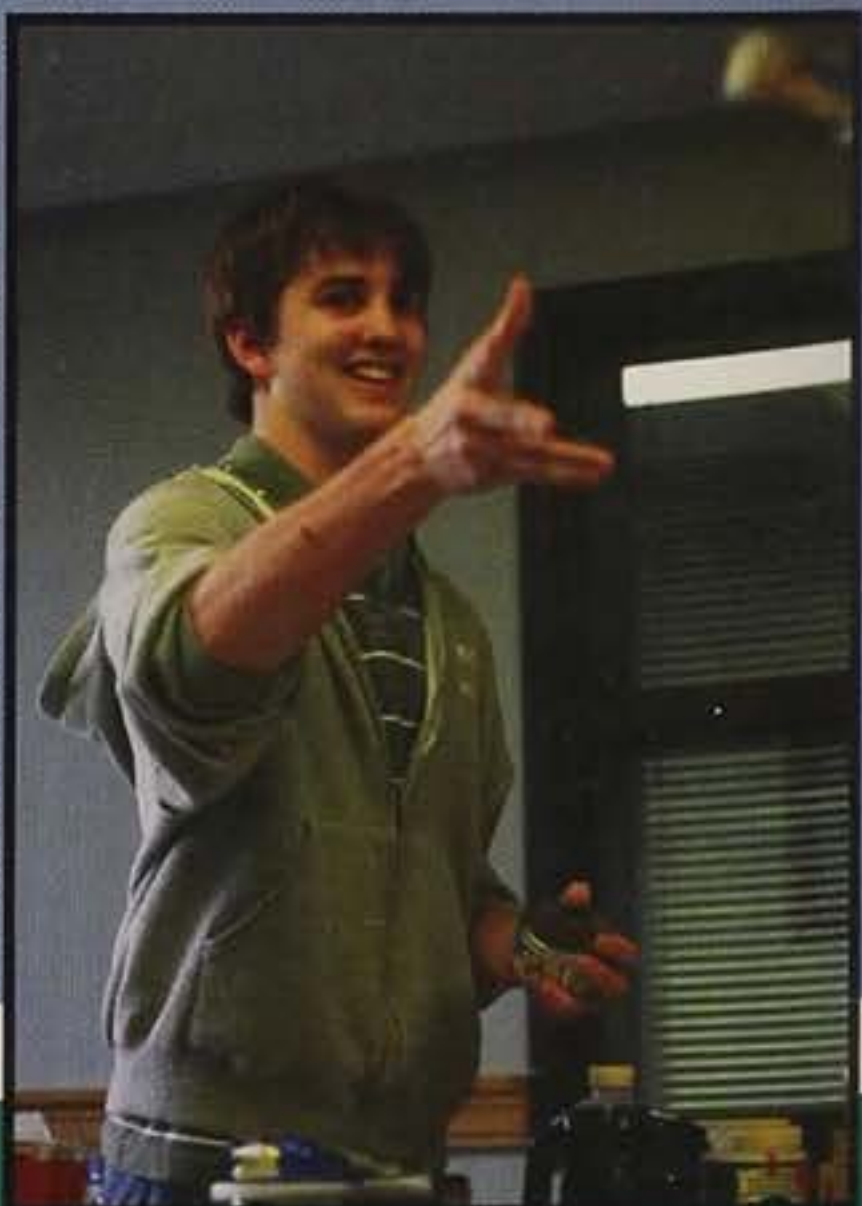


Hannah Mitchell, seventh grade, unbags soap before school Wednesday morning. The soap was donated to Grace and Peace Women's Shelter.

Alexis Harvey, seventh grade, adds change to her grade's money box during lunch. The juniors collected the most change, but they came in fourth place collecting bills.



Andrew Everett, sophomore, tosses tuna to another helper while organizing the collected food. The food went to Refuge of Nations, St. Louis Area Food Bank, and The Haven House.





Katherine Smith, sophomore, unbags children books collected on Friday. The books were donated to First Books.

Corinne Becker, junior, drops off toothbrushes to her grade's table in the commons. The seventh grade came in first place for the Wednesday collection.



Mitchell Penning, seventh grade, plays a spider during the ITSOG chapel. This year the ITSOG chapel was during ITSOG week rather than the week prior. Despite the locker notes, many people were unaware of ITSOG on Monday.



Bringing items to the commons everyday for the first week in November was a common practice at Westminster, but sixteen years ago it was a whole new experience.

ITSOG started when Sara Drexler, former Leadership and Service Director, and Florence Lewis, Latin teacher, decided to form a week similar to spirit week but devoted to service. "It seems like we were doing service collections here and there and they weren't very good," said Drexler. Therefore, "In the Spirit of Service," or ITSOS, began. However, in 2003 student leaders decided to change the name to "In the Spirit of Giving," because the week was more about giving than service.

Although ITSOG always took place in November, the very first ITSOG was associated with spirit week by combining the scores of both weeks together. This only lasted one year, though.

From the beginning, ITSOG's food was always collected on Monday and toilet paper on Tuesday, but Wednesday and Thursday used to be determined by student leaders. Also, the only item counted on Friday was spare change that was collected all week. Drexler came up with the idea of spare change when she read about a successful penny drive in a paper. She decided to have all the change in a class bucket count towards that class, but any cash in the bucket counted against the grade. This changed, though, because students were confused as to what bucket to put the greens in.

According to Drexler, ITSOG's biggest change occurred in 2000. Before then the items were stashed in a storage room. But with the building of the commons that fall, items were then counted in the commons, giving students a tangible idea of how many items were actually given.

This year chapel, fliers, and a large commons made it possible for students to get "In the Spirit of Giving."



Peter Sippel, freshman, carries cleaning items collected on Monday out to a car to be driven to Operation TIFF, animal sanctuary, and Sunshine Ministries. A few student were able to participate in the transportation process, but some would have liked to be present when the items were received. "You just see mounds of things and it disappears and soon you forget about it and don't care," said Danielle Zee-Cheng, senior.



Morgan Patterson, seventh grade, helps sort Friday's donated items before school. "We were screaming when we won [a day] or even when we didn't win," said Jabri Boyd, seventh grade. The sophomores donated the most toys and books on Friday.



Mari Knehans, freshman, organizes boxes of food donated on Monday. Even though the seventh grade class had about 35 less students than the senior class, the seventh graders came in second place over all.



Alex Sagi, senior, plays an obnoxious, 12 year old Jewish boy trying to escape the Nazis. Sagi's favorite part of play practice was when they would be "messing around but stay in character." The actors would have conversations using languages and expressions that their characters would use.



Rhoda Baker, sophomore, and Jasmine Harrell, senior, act as slaves trying to escape to the North. Harrell played Brave Mary, a stronger slave who ended up escaping to freedom. "The week before we were all frustrated because people kept getting sick. [The play] actually came together on opening night," said Harrell.

Daniel Keith, freshman, plays an escaping Jew in the winter play. The play was divided into two parts. Half the play was about slaves escaping to freedom in the 1800s and the other half portrayed Jews during the 1940s.



Standing behind the curtain, the actor waited for the cue that told him to go on stage. He was slightly nervous, but the play was going well so far. He heard the signal, ran out from behind the curtain, and said...nothing. The audience stared blankly at him as he struggled to remember his lines.

Memorizing lines was a different process for everyone. David Testrake, senior, read his lines out loud to learn them. "I memorize them in the shower," said Testrake. He explained that learning lines was a gradual process. During the first day of play practice the actors sat in a circle and read the play all the way through. Then deadlines were created for when different portions of the play needed to be memorized.

"The first week after a deadline is shaky," said Testrake. After a few more practices, though, the actors usually had their lines down.

Max Anderson, senior, took one line at a time and added on. "I was able to memorize my lines really fast," said Anderson. "The key is repeating the line over and over again and not looking at the sheet."

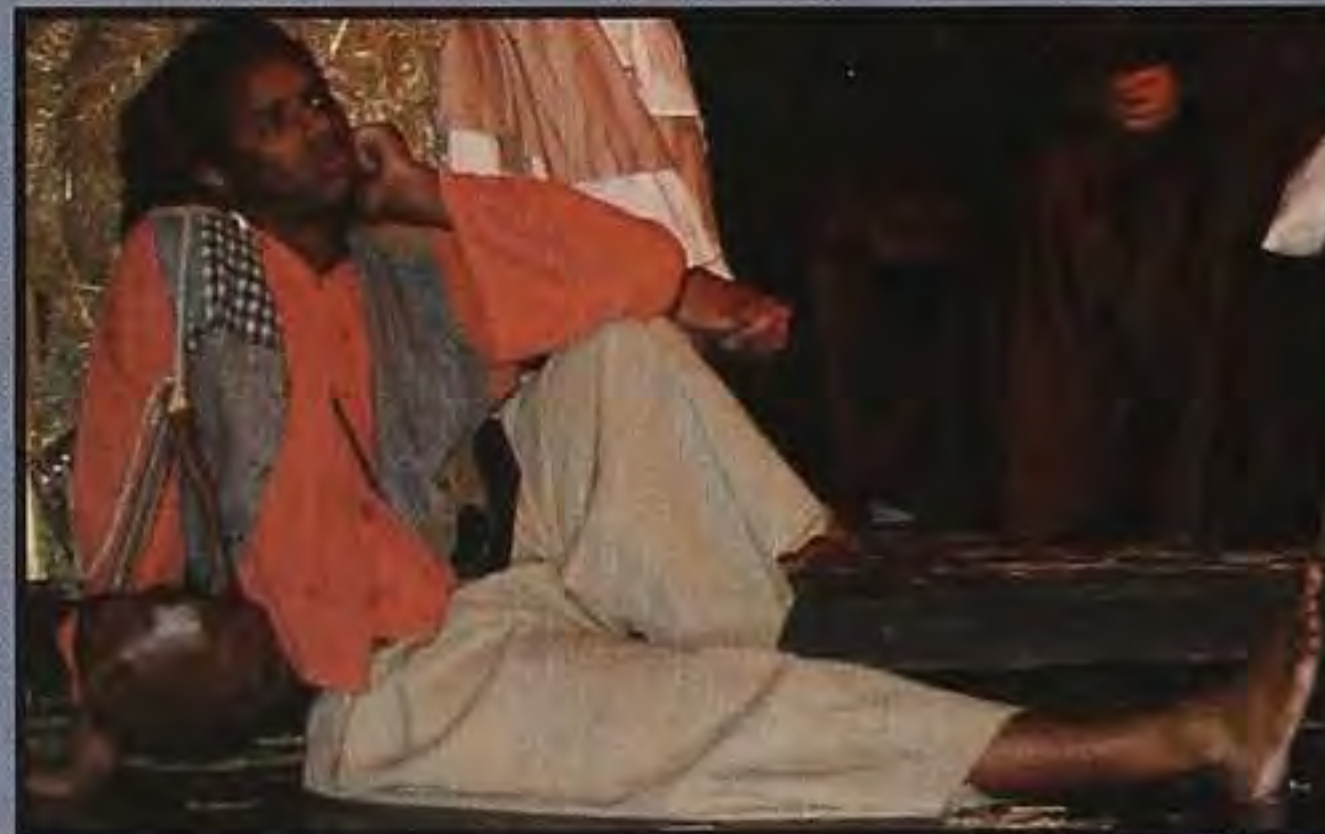
Many actors thought the best way to memorize lines was by understanding their character. "When we really got into our character and made it conversational we started learning our lines," said Jasmine Harrell, senior.

Some students never really did memorize their lines. "I knew the gist of what I was saying," said Alex Sagi, senior, "but it came out differently each practice."

Forgetting lines during a performance did not happen often. The last time it occurred was last year, but the actors improvised around it and the audience generally did not notice.

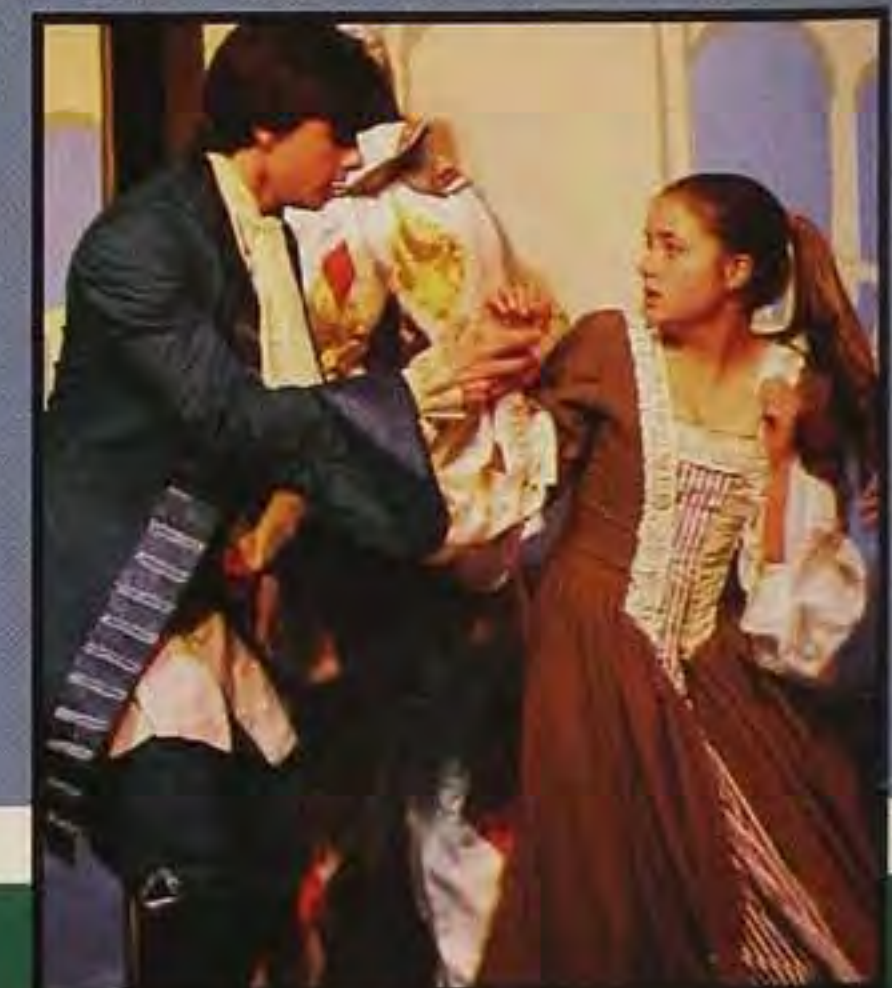


Aaron Blackwell, junior, and Paul Friz, senior, argue during *A Servant of Two Masters*. Blackwell played a servant who tried to make the most money he could by secretly serving two different masters. He ended up botching orders and forgetting which master said what.



Christopher Bates, senior, is Runaway Jesse in the winter play. This was Bates' first time participating in a high school play. "[I decided to do it] so the show could go on," said Bates, since there were not enough people who auditioned. His role required him to sing four songs.

Max Anderson, senior, plays Anne Martin, junior, to carry his trunk for him in *A Servant of Two Masters*. The first play Anderson had been in was the fall play, *Trifles*, where he played a county attorney.



Due to actors' different learning styles, they had to discover how they memorized their lines the best. Some of the techniques sounded silly while other techniques were commonly used. Actors tried a variety of ways to memorize lines to prevent themselves from being the one who stopped the play.



Marta Roberts, sophomore, Nathaniel Cox, freshman, Hannah Victor and Kimberly Peterson, juniors, play two children in *The Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden*. Nearly the whole play took place in a car. This play was the first one performed of a series of three.



Anna Franceschelli, eighth grade, plays with her baby doll during the winter play. Franceschelli's favorite part of the play was when Christopher Bates, senior, started singing. "It gave me the chills it was so good," said Franceschelli.

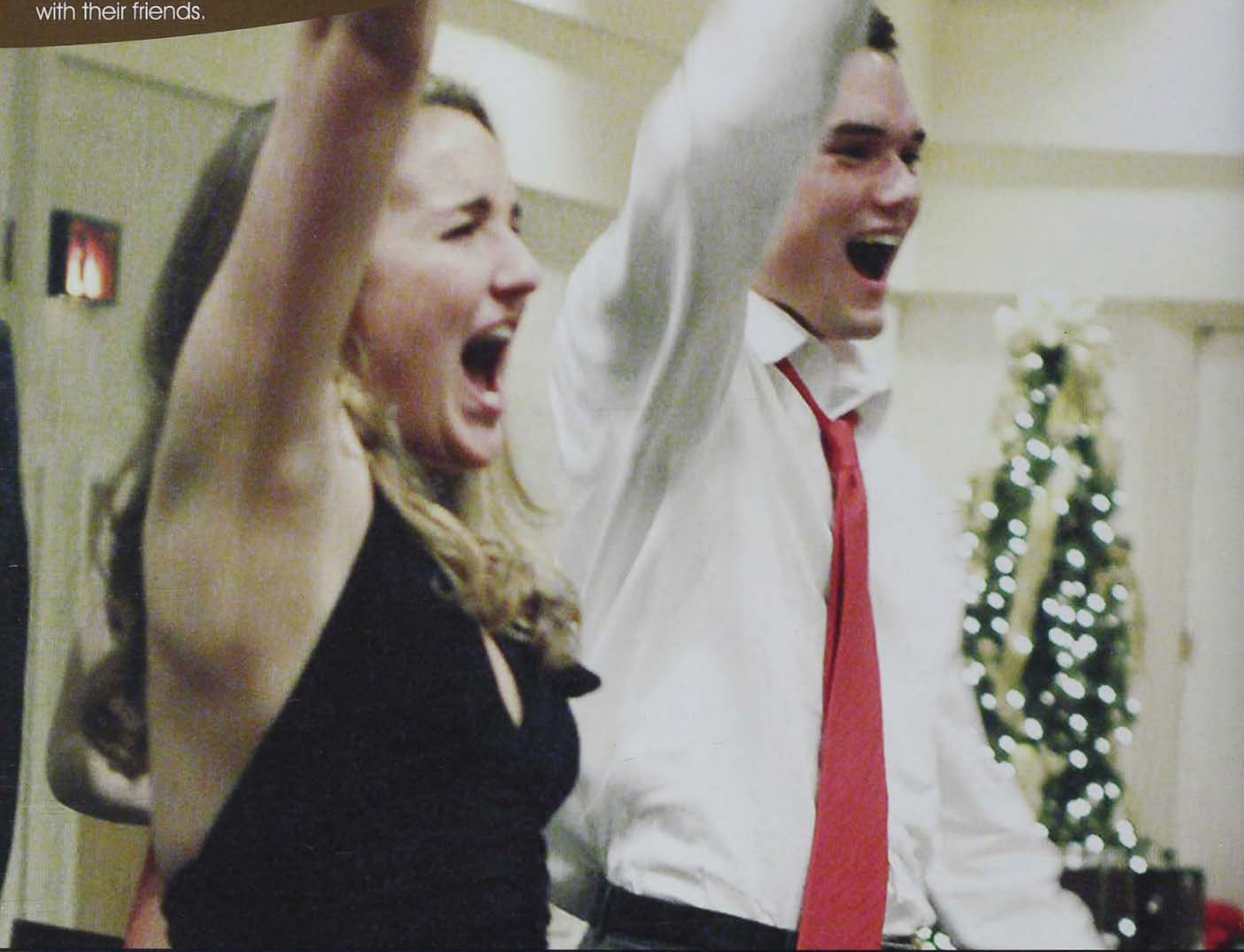


Grace Smith, sophomore, plays a saucy innkeeper who is in to gossip. The second fall play, *A Servant of Two Masters*, was performed in the Little Theatre.

Richard Dykhouse and Alayna Doiron, juniors, fight over marrying Lisa Hoover, senior, in the play *The Servant of Two Masters*. Max Anderson, senior, played one of the masters. He had only been in drama 1 before performing in the first fall play. "The audition was horrible, but they gave me a chance because they've seen better in me," said Anderson.



Many upper school students look forward to Christmas Banquet every year; not just because of the dresses and the fancy atmosphere, but because of the time spent with friends, both at the dinner and afterwards. This year students went not only to the parent sponsored after party but found other fun ways to hang out with their friends.



Sara Taylor Sharpe, junior, sings "Oh Holy Night" during the evening. Lisa Hoover, David Roig, seniors, and Alayna Doiron, junior, also sang "Sleigh Ride."

Melissa Elliott, Hayley Younkin, Natasha Sakovich and Lindsey Peters, seniors, take pictures at Sakovich's house before Christmas Banquet. "I was pretty sure no one would have the same dress as mine since I got it in Chicago on spring break," said Sakovich.

Tess Fitzpatrick and Dima Weir, seniors, show off their nutcrackers they won that evening. Partners from each grade competed in a dance competition where they performed to random songs from the Nutcracker. Every participant received a nutcracker, but the champions won extra big ones.



Kira Stewart, freshman, signs up Morgan West, freshman, as she buys Christmas Banquet tickets. STUCO sold tickets during lunch the week before the banquet.





Julia Berger, senior, collects sheets from the Christmas Banquet table sign ups. The sign ups took place during neighborhood time and they served refreshments while everyone waited.



Waiting for dinner, Victoria Urban, Katherine Hickman, and Lauren Sexton, freshmen, agree to a picture. "My favorite part was just coming and being with all my friends," said Sexton.

Haley Kane and Katherine Smith, sophomores, smile with each other while taking pictures before dinner. "I liked the after party a lot! It was fun and I liked the music. Also, dancing and hanging out with friends [was fun]," said Kane.



When the excitement of Christmas Banquet was over, most of the participants headed out to the cars together, but some lingered in the hallway with a decision ahead of them. They had the choice of going to the after party or hanging out together someplace else. The after party was a parent sponsored dance with a DJ and a place where the students could go and dance in a safe environment. The parents were very strict about who was admitted, though. "I went to the after party with like four of my friends, not from school, and the security at the after party was really tight. So, I had to get other people from school to bring my friends in as 'dates,'" said Grace Smith, sophomore.

Even though the after party was a disappointment to some, others had a great time. "There was a lot of dancing and hanging out with friends. It was just a great way to end the night," said William Nichols, sophomore.

The loud noise and lots of people deterred some people though, so they planned their own parties. Some went ice skating at Forest Park or bowling while still in their dresses and nice outfits. "The best thing about ice skating after CB is the fact that you can get out of this 'fancy atmosphere' that the dinner creates, and just go and have some fun with your friends," said Samuel Bowman, sophomore. The stares from others didn't stop the adventurous students; instead they enjoyed their time together with their friends.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET



Rebecca Harding and Abigail Becker, freshmen, chat while waiting for dessert. "My favorite part of CB was getting ready with my friends. We got our hair done together and then went over to one person's house and put our dresses on and did each other's makeup," said Harding.



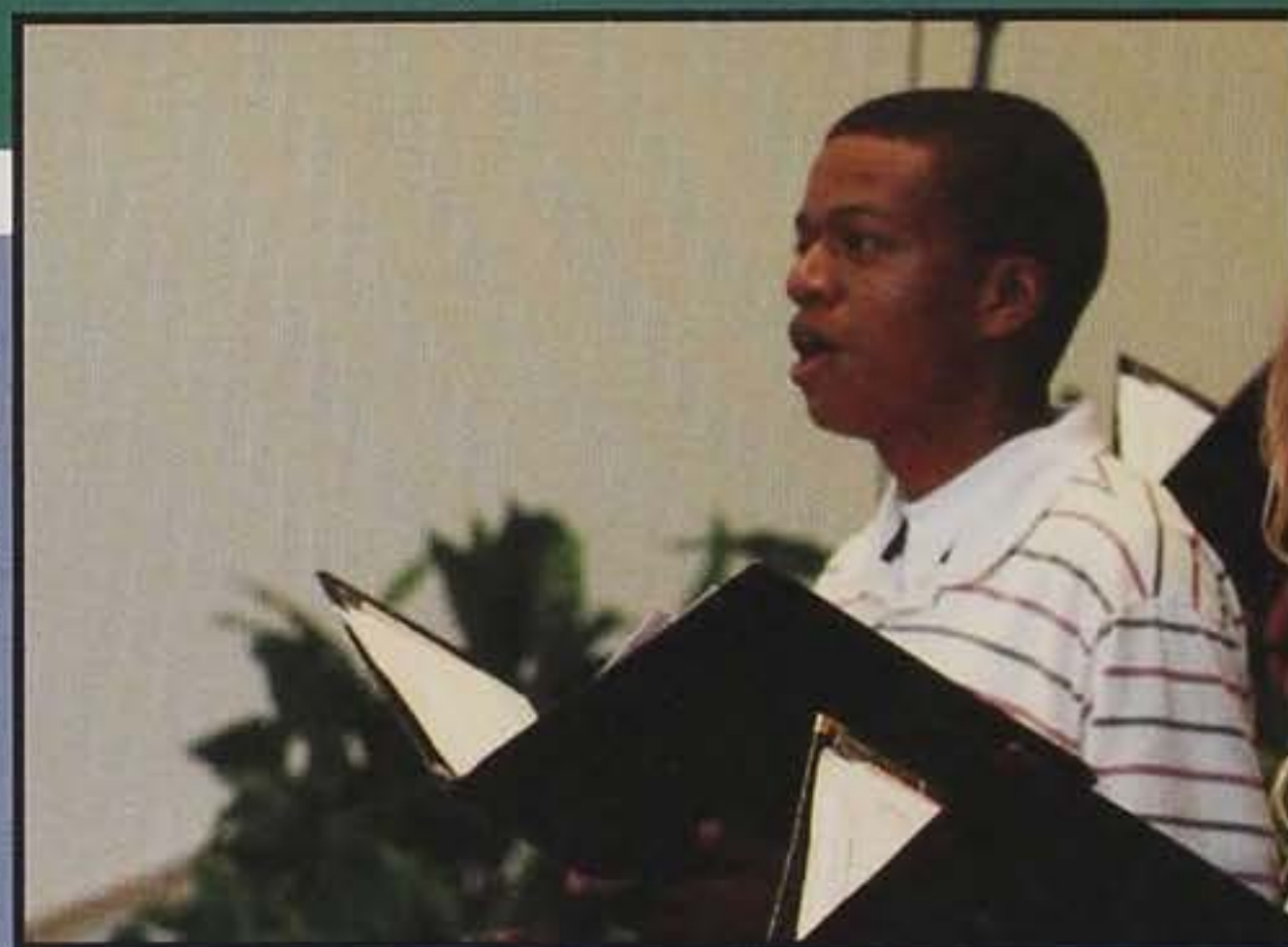
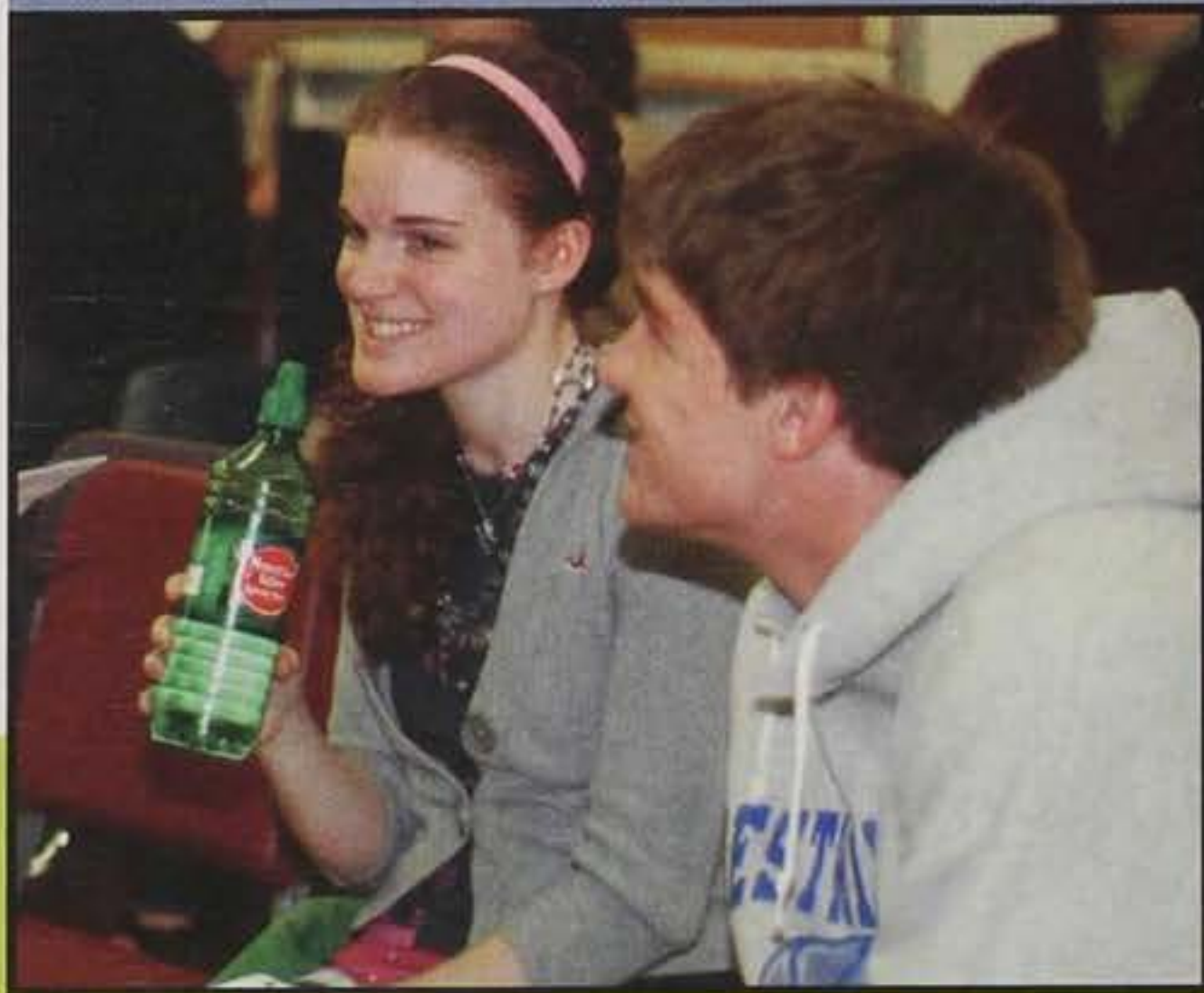
Alyson Tate, Kendall Vanderslice, and Camilla Buckley, juniors wait to play the game for the evening, an improvised dance. Each table had to send a girl or a boy from a certain grade to go to a corner. In the corner, each student picked a rubber duck and the one that picked the rubber duck with a circle on the bottom was chosen for the dance competition.



Madison Burke, sophomore, takes a picture of her friends. "I went to the after party and the dancing was so much fun! I love to dance, so I really enjoyed goofing off with my friends. The whole atmosphere is what made it fun. It was dark, with loud music and flashing lights," said Burke.

CHOIR CONCERTS

Ashley Reese, junior, takes a break and chats with friends during the fifth hour choir class. "The thing I love about choir is we all get along really well. We have fun together and laugh a lot in class. We are kind of like a big family," said Reese.



Eric Taylor, senior, sings out during their performance at Kirk Day School. "Mr. Schwamb teaches us intonation a lot in class which is the tone we should sing in during different songs or to different audiences during our performances. Sometimes we sing very young when we perform to children and sometimes we just sing with a classic tone," said Lisa Hoover, senior.

Alayna Doiron, junior, performs for the children at Kirk Day School. "The song variety is really different in our concert choir so its really fun for all of us," said Doiron.



While many people believed choir was just another extracurricular activity for people with good voices, the choir classes at Westminster were much more than that. When students signed up or tried out for choir many were signing up for a year long core class and extra hours before and after school. Allen Schwamb, upper school choir teacher, conducted the mixed chorus, concert choir, and chamber choir. "The one thing that is different about Mr. Schwamb than any other choir teacher I have had, is he is a very big perfectionist which is good. He stressed that in all of his classes too," said David Roig, senior.

During class the students focused on their tones, vowels, annunciation, and harmonies. "There is a lot more to a song than people think when they just hear it. It is not just about the choir as a whole but each singer as an individual part of that whole," said Sara Taylor Sharpe, junior. Besides the activities outside of regular school hours, the choir team traveled outside the Westminster community and into other cities. "We go on tour to different cities each year. This year we are going to Chicago and usually sing at different churches or public places," said Alayna Doiron, junior. Over a long weekend, the concert choir packed their bags and traveled to Chicago, performing at a school like Westminster in Ellisville, a local nursing home, an exchange concert with a local high school, and two church services. "The trip was about performing but we also went to see a premiere Opera performance and the Blue Man Group while we were in the city," said Schwamb.

"My goal is to make each of my students really love and appreciate music. They may not all pursue music as a career one day but I hope they will walk away being able to appreciate singing," said Schwamb. This was his ultimate teaching goal for all of his choir classes.

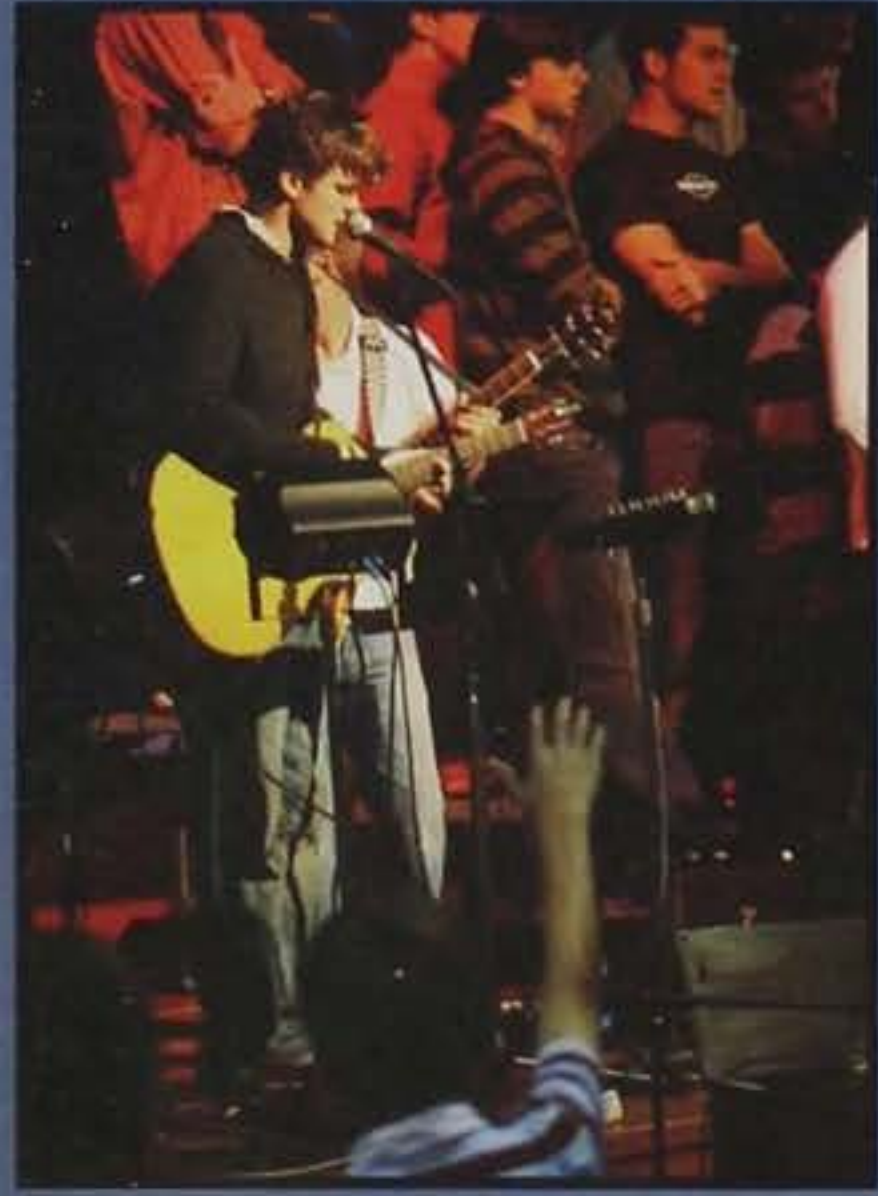
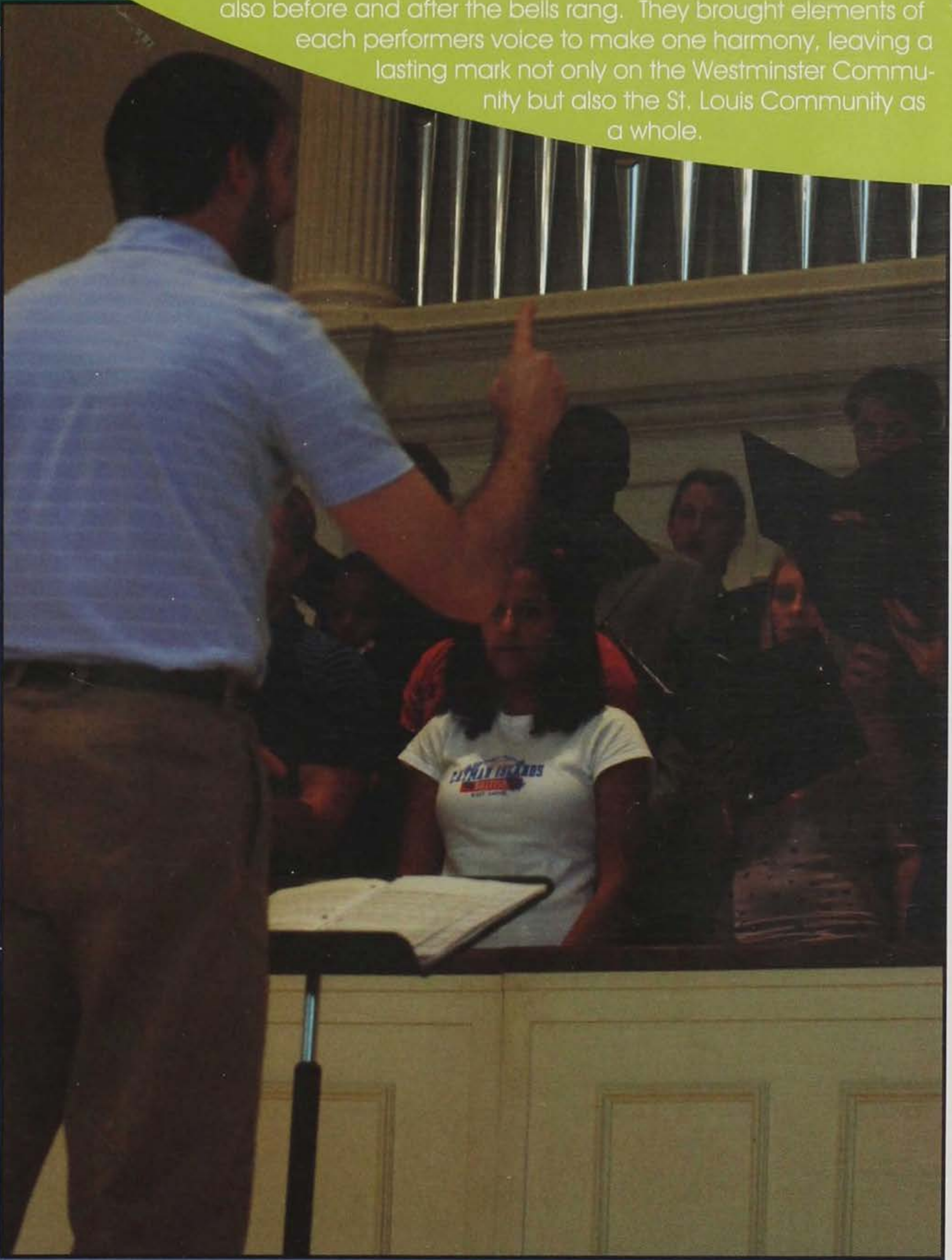


The high school concert choir performs hymns with the chapel band on Wednesday.

The choir added a more soulful, gospel energy to the usually traditional type of song. "There are days in class when we break into small groups to work on harmonies and the specific elements of the songs so we can sound that much better when we perform as a group," said Sara Taylor Sharpe, junior.

The upper school choirs not only worked hard during school hours but also before and after the bells rang. They brought elements of each performers voice to make one harmony, leaving a lasting mark not only on the Westminster Community but also the St. Louis Community as a whole.

Westminster's upper school concert choir follows Allen Schwamb's direction while he conducts them through a song. "My favorite song that we sang at Kirk when we performed was "Glory Road". It was just really energetic and we could tell the kids really enjoyed it", said David Roig, senior.



The men of the concert choir follow Brett Allen, senior's, lead during their performance with the chapel band.



Alex Sagi, senior, sings from his sheet music during a performance. The upper school choirs performed to a wide range of audiences. They not only performed for Westminster but also to parents and elementary schools in the community.

Anna Sugg and Kaitlyn Pfeifer, seniors, sing along side other sopranos, Laura Barbiea, junior, and Carolyn Bonacquisti, sophomore, during choir class. "Mr. Schwamb really focuses on our class annunciating vowel sounds very precisely and clearly", said Sara Taylor Sharpe, junior.



Allen Schwamb, upper school choir teacher, leads his concert choir during their performance in a Wednesday chapel.



SPIRIT WEEK



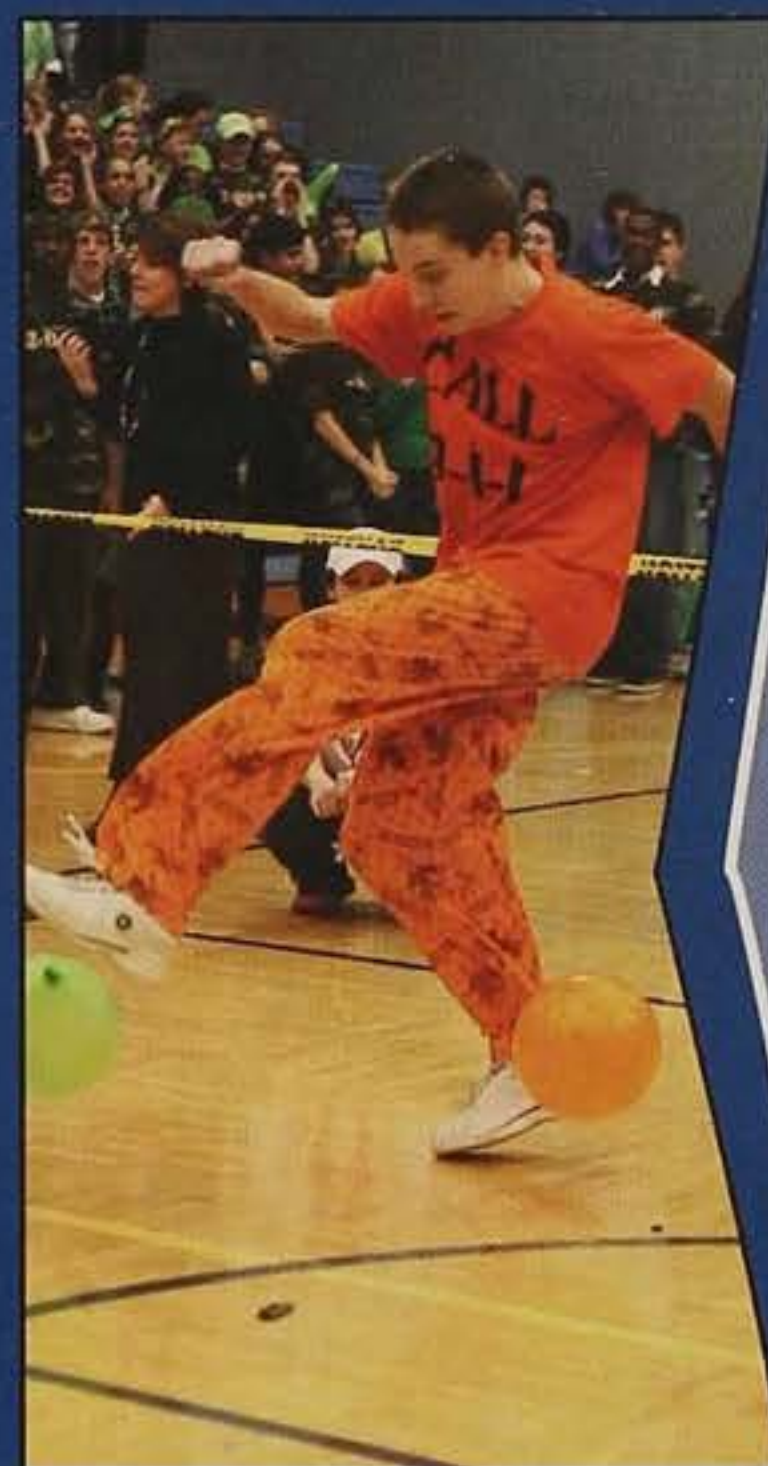
Eric Levenhagen and John Bergman, sophomores, prepare the design for their hallway "Sleeping Beauty." The hallway theme of "fairy tales" featured stories including "Snow White," "Aladdin," "The Three Little Pigs," "Hansel and Gretel," and "Cinderella."



Robert Dykhouse, seventh grade, beats on a storage bin during blue man stomp. In only the third year of the event, competitors brought a variety of new instruments and stunts including dancing.



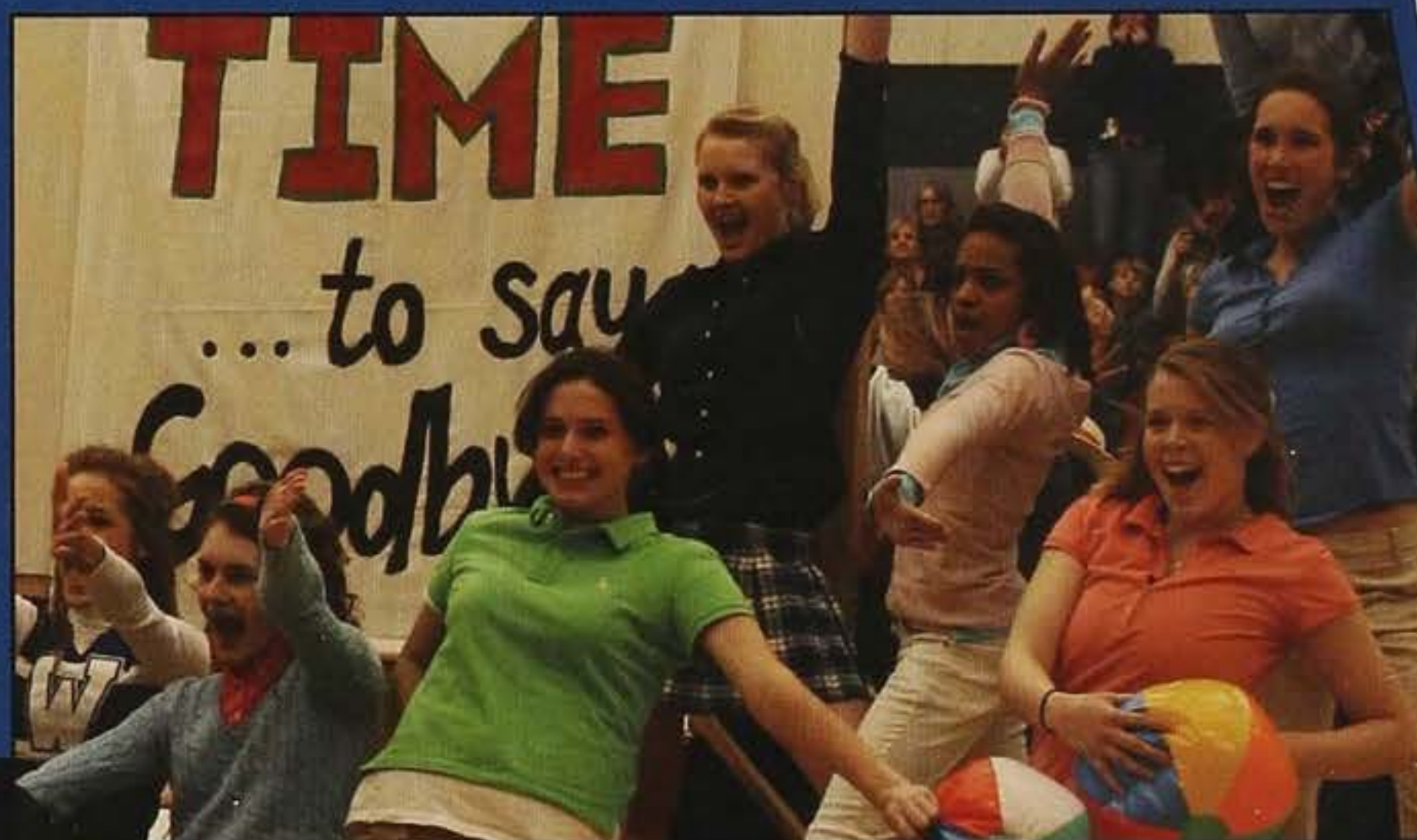
Parker Briden, seventh grade, plays the role of Moses from the movie "Prince of Egypt." The dance featured an assortment of colors and outfits in order to highlight the movie. The class went on to upset the eighth grade by placing fifth in the overall scoring.



Steven Fitzgerald, freshman, dodges around other competitors during Monday's balloon stomp. "Call 9-1-1" was on the freshman class' t-shirts because the students were in ninth grade and were graduating in 2011.



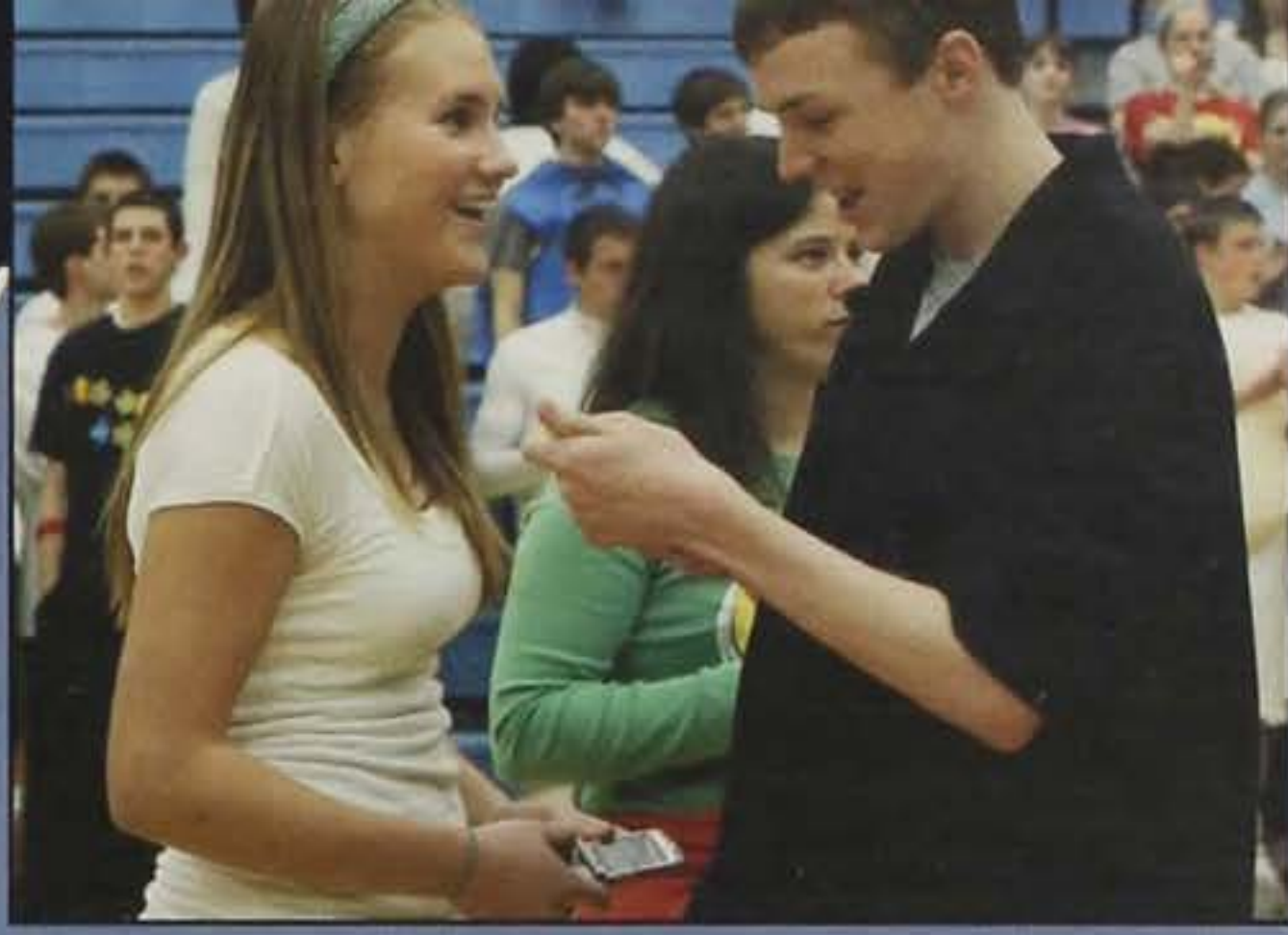
Jessica Holt and Maegan Nelson, eighth grade, perform their lip sync of "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" from "Mary Poppins."



Seniors strike their final positions at the end of their lip sync. They had to practice in the hallways of Kirk Day School due to lack of space four days before performance. All the gyms were occupied with basketball and boys poms teams, and the weather was too cold to practice outside.



Robert Tague and Justin Probst, freshmen, anchor the tug-o-war for the freshman against the juniors. In addition to the normal tug-o-war competition, Gregory Schoenberg, senior, was challenged by the seventh grade tug-o-war team. Nearly outweighed four times, Schoenberg graciously was defeated.



Amelia Hearne and Nicholas Howard, sophomores, participate in the texting competition on Tuesday. The event was added this year for the first time. However, complications such as students sending their text messages to the wrong number made the event likely not to be annual.



Lindsey Peters, Sang-Ah Jeon, Alissa Cozad, and Tess Fitzpatrick, seniors, form a line during their lip sync performance of "What Time is It?" from "High School Musical 2." The seniors divided into five different groups and dressed in costumes that stereotypical skaters, nerds, preps, cheerleaders, and jocks would wear.

Elizabeth Hearne and Sara McClellan, seventh grade, cheer on their team in the Saran Wrap race on inanimate object day. Other events included the texting challenge and the singing bee.



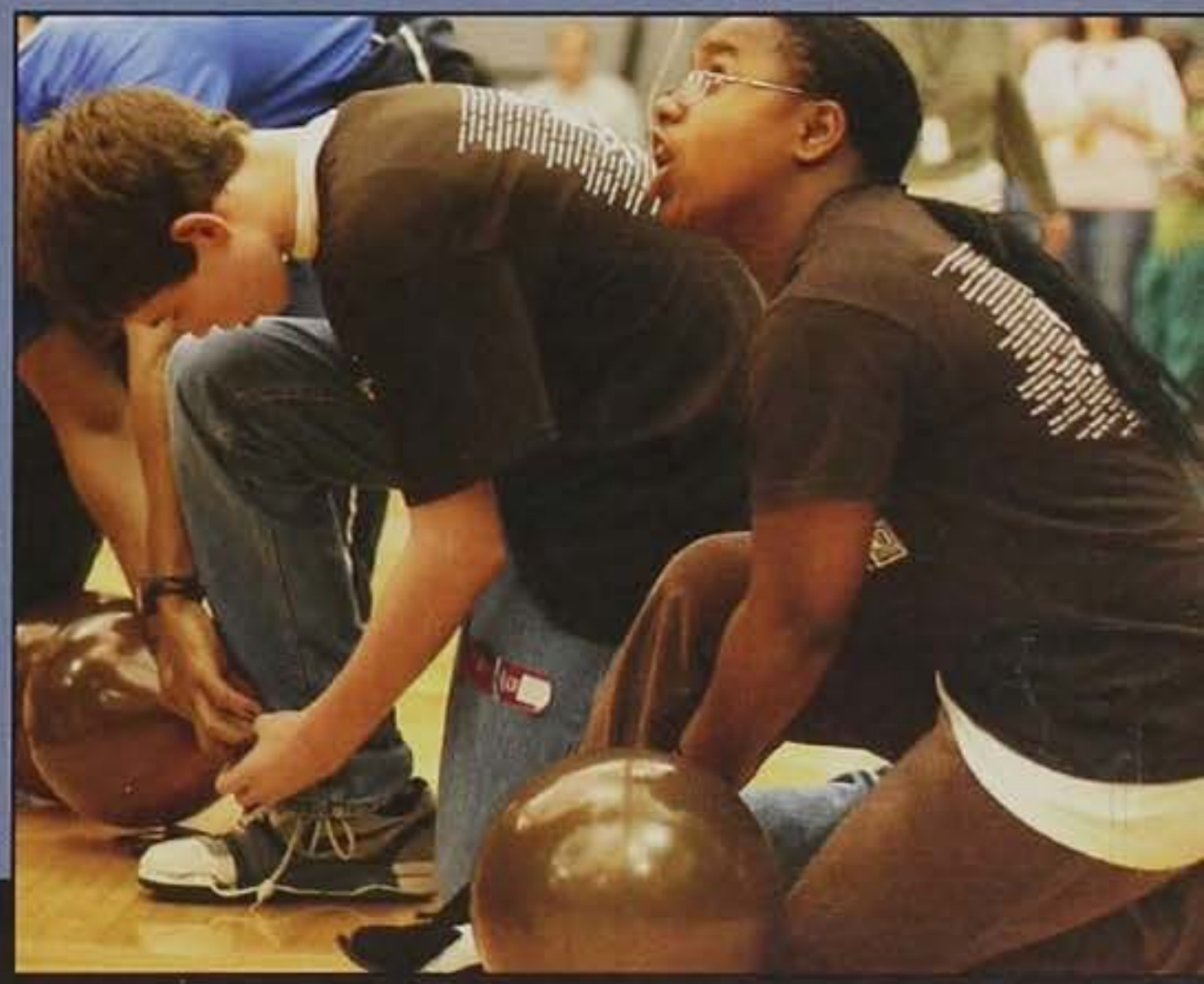
Nathan Arnold, seventh grade, performs a push-up in the seventh grade boys poms routine. The dance earned the class fourth place in the event.

Cheers escalated as the students anticipated what Chris Knerr and Warren Smith, spirit week emcees, would come out wearing. Each day their outfits seemed to be even more outrageous than the last day's, from oompa loompa costumes to roller-skates and toucan beaks. "I thought that it was funny because Mr. Smith could not skate," said Kelsey West, junior. Even as crazy as they were, the emcees' outfits fit right in with the students' outfits each day. Cup cakes, pencils, Starbucks cups, and even a soup can could all be seen walking the hallways during spirit week. "Dress ups were my favorite. They were creative and random, and a lot of fun to go all out in," said Hannah Mitchell, seventh grade.

Dress ups have been a tradition since the first spirit week, and most of the big events such as boys' poms, lip sync, and tug of war have been long-lasting as well. However, blue man stomp was added just two years ago, and some games were just played for the first time this year. One example of a brand new game was the texting challenge. Each grade chose two representatives to go to the middle of the gym and type out a message as quickly as they could. "It was not really fun. It just mattered if your class won," said Elinor Crim, junior. Another new game that was more well-received was the singing bee. Based on the television show "Don't Forget the Lyrics," this game required representatives from each class to listen to part of a song and correctly sing the next part after it stopped playing. "I thought it was really cool to see different people that I had never seen and watch them show their talents," said Brittany Wilson, freshman.

Whether the games were new or old, they were all an important part of spirit week, and everyone cheered on their classmates as they watched them play.

Selah Chappeau and Connor Flemming, eighth grade, tie their balloons around their ankles in preparation for the balloon stomp on Monday.



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Andrea Waeckerle, Kristin Rosen, and Sara Bopp, juniors, dress up with five other girls as cupcakes for inanimate object day. The other dress-up themes were class colour, clash, fairy tale, and blue and white day. The sophomores came in first place everyday for dress-ups except Friday.

Haley Estes, junior, forms a line with arches made out of pool noodles and fake vines of flowers. The juniors performed their lip sync to "That's How You Know" from Enchanted.



Daniel Kieth and Rebecca Canfield, freshmen, cut and glue paper to cardboard to form their scenery for their Cinderella hallway. Hayden Harper, freshman's, favorite part of spirit week was taking down the hallways. "I didn't help create them, but I had fun tearing them down," said Harper.

Parker Moore, freshman, secures a balloon to his classmate for the balloon stomp. The freshmen tied for third place in this game. They were also awarded a bonus of 20 points for having the most number of people left in the ring when time was called.



Holly Sumner, seventh grade, cuts brown paper to cover with straw for one of the three pigs' houses. Eighth grade's hallway team divided into several groups in order to finish their "Hansel and Gretel" hallway on time.



Haley Kane, sophomore, awaits the announcement of the lip sync placements. The sophomores built a platform for their lip sync with three tiers on it so that performers with main roles, such as Drew Glidewell, sophomore, could be elevated above the rest of the sorority.



Christin Palmer, freshman, tapes a balcony to the top of freshman lockers. The freshmen made a castle with a balcony and a staircase coming out of the lockers. Cinderella's glass shoe was placed on one of the steps. "I enjoyed Wednesday night putting up hallways because it was crazy," said Elizabeth Simakoff, freshman.



Since the addition of blue man stomp into the spirit week traditions two years ago, the class of 2008 had always gotten first place. When spirit week came around, many people expected the seniors to win it again for a perfect record. However, after the freshmen performed, it became clear that the seniors were definitely going to have a close competition. "The freshmen were good when they were in eighth grade, so I thought they would be good this year too," said Matthew Heyse, junior. The winners were announced, and sure enough, the freshmen took first and the seniors earned second place. Although seniors were disappointed at first, they were impressed by the freshmen. "The freshmen deserved to win. They did a great job, and I'm proud of them," said Abigail Ferguson, senior. The senior blue man stomp members felt the same way, so on Friday night after the basketball game, they teamed up with the freshmen for a performance after each of them performed individually. "The friday night performance of the combined freshmen and senior blue man stomp was unexpected and well done," said Travis Rupprecht, junior.



Alex McClellan and Jacob Hicks, seventh grade, perform in boys poms. Dressed as the Village People, the Masters of Ceremonies and other teachers opened the Thursday assembly with a YMCA routine.

	7	8	9	10	11	12
Dress Up	210	60	180	250	170	180
Blue Man Stomp	75	100	200	125	150	175
Boys Poms	275	225	250	300	350	400
Lip Sync	250	225	300	350	275	400
Halls	410	542	387	442	493	575
Overall	5th	6th	4th	2nd	3rd	1st

At 9:55 on the Wednesday night of spirit week, everyone still scrambled to make their hallway look perfect before they had to go home at ten. As they put last minute finishing touches on their artwork, threw away their many pizza boxes and soda cans, and gathered up their lip sync outfits from dress rehearsals, teachers warned students that they had to be out of the building in five minutes. Students had been putting up their hallways since school let out that afternoon, and the hallways had been slowly coming together. Hours of work had gone into every hallway, and numerous people from each grade pitched in to help. The judging during the next two days would prove whose work had paid off the most.

While the Wednesday of spirit week could be extremely stressful because of the work that was done, it was also a fun time for many students. "It was really fun and everyone participated. I will do it every year," said Sarah Yousef, seventh grade. Staying out late on a school night and eating pizza with friends helped make the night more enjoyable. In fact, many students who did not come to help out with hallways normally came to the Wednesday night festivities. "I came in and stayed until ten o'clock and I helped mix paints and paint the hallway," said Andrew Wu, sophomore. Those in hallways also received help from lip sync as well as boys poms participants.

Even though the process of Wednesday night remained the same, the class of 2008 had a different outcome for this year's hallway production. Rather than receiving a fourth place or below finish as in previous years, the senior class improved their hall to achieve a first place win. Another unexpected win was that of the eighth grade class in receiving second place for their Hansel and Gretel themed hallway.



Corbin Shelton and Olivia Underwood, freshmen, paint the landscape for their hallway, "Cinderella." Though the freshmen placed last in hallways, they placed first in blue man stomp.

David Roig, senior, mocks the "rock-n-roll" group in the senior boys poms. The dance was created by Margaret Heine-mann and Allison Mitchell, seniors, while Anne Carrington created the nine foot ipod used during the routine. The class of 2008 placed first for the second year in a row.



John Arrington, senior, enters the new gym with his class on inanimate object day of spirit week as a lamp. Arrington participated in the class blue man stomp which placed second. "It was great to combine with the freshmen in the Friday night performance with all their energy and talent. It was fun to be able to simply play and not worry about competition," said Arrington.



Sarah Nelcamp, seventh grade, anchors her tug-o-war team against the eighth grade. Though the seventh grade girls placed last in tug-o-war, the class placed fifth overall.



Finnley Kuban, freshman, cheers on her class in the balloon stomp. The class placed second in the event.



Warren Smith, biology teacher, emcees with Chris Knerr, history teacher, during spirit week.



Benjamin Stratton, freshman, is caught by his fellow boys poms dancers as he searches the crowd in one of the dance's many stunts. The freshmen placed fifth in boys poms and fourth in the overall scoring.



Andre Cataldo and Jacob Kinsinger, freshmen, perform the beginning of their blue man stomp. The performance received a standing ovation and placed first overall. During the Friday night performance, the class joined forces with the senior blue man stomp.



The sophomore boys strain for inches in the tug-o-war against the juniors. The class placed third in the competition and second overall thanks to a first place finish in dress up and a second place finish in lip sync.

Christine Schlafly, freshman, leads her class' lip sync in a song from "Happy Feet." "My favorite part of spirit week was the caterpillar race, it makes me laugh," said Schlafly.



Kaitlyn Frederick, eighth grade, is wrenched across the floor in the chariot race as her class strains to take the lead. The eighth grade went on to finish fourth in the event and second in the texting challenge on day two of spirit week.



SPIRIT WEEK

Growing Up

Just

as a tree **grows**

from a small seedling to a towering tree, so will you. You

established your roots in middle

school, and now you are well on your way to

becoming a senior. Whether you are **new** to the

high school way of **life** as a freshman or whether

you are getting ready to look for colleges as

a junior, you are getting used to what high

school requires. You work hard, manage

your time, and better yourselves.



Sarah Johnson and Mallory Alpert,
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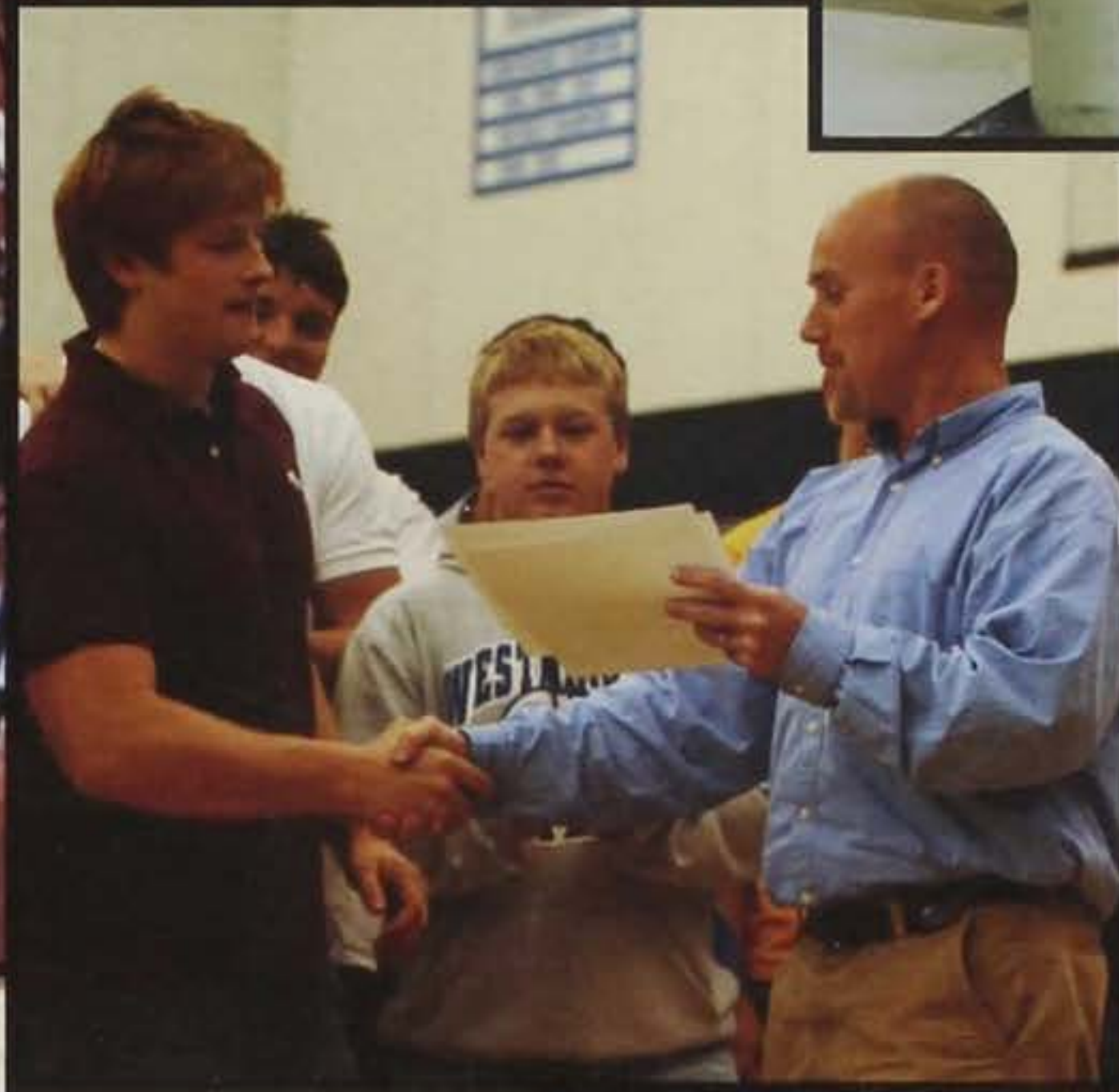
Hannah Fletcher and Jacob Yousef, juniors



Kristopher Kinsinger and Jared Camp, seniors



Orion Ross, senior



Amanda Wiele, William Nichols, and Benjamin Arndt, sophomores



Sarah Hall and Christina Grayson, freshmen



Han-Byul Kang, junior



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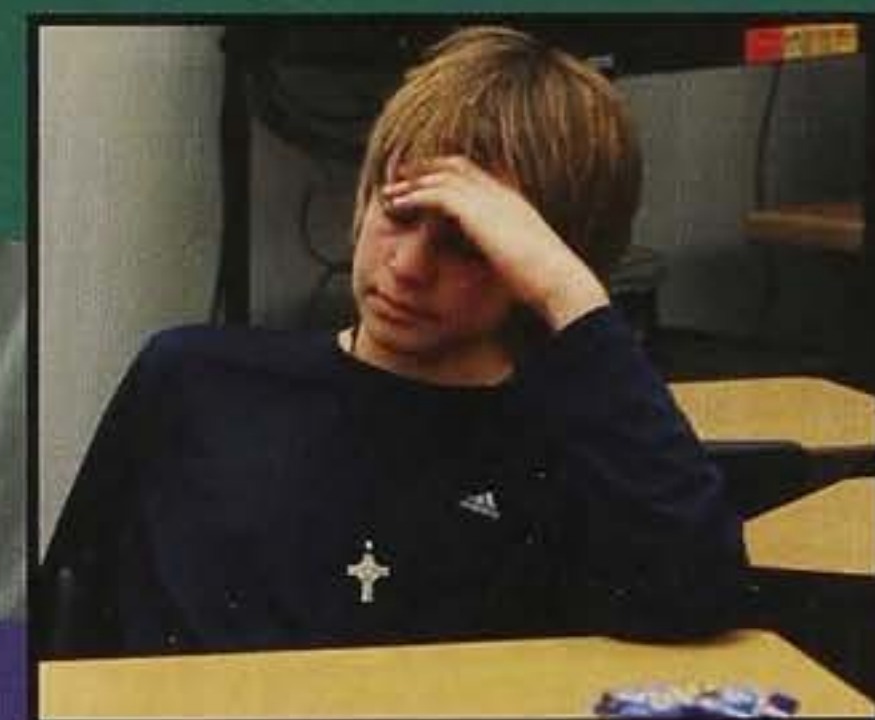


COOPER DUNLAP

Jennifer Testrake, freshman, works on homework during her study lab. During the class, the students would work on homework while the teacher would help them with any questions they had.



Alex McClellan, seventh grader, rests a bit during study hall. He liked having extra help, even when he didn't benefit from it as much as other students.



SARAH EIS

Freshmen

In order to be a school for kids of all abilities Westminster has built the program known as the Learning Center. Christopher Pederson, teacher, defined the Learning Center as "Personal Coaching." "I teach students how to manage disabilities and accommodate language impairments," said Pederson. Along with being a teacher at Westminster, Pederson was also one of the eight Varsity football coaches.

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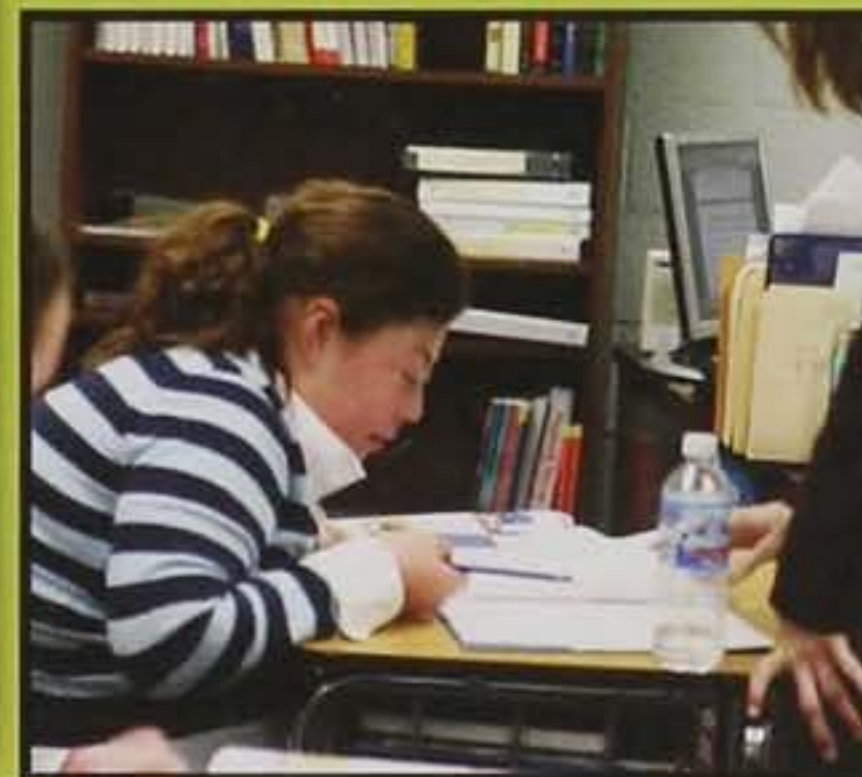


Samuel Heyl, sophomore, plays the piano after school while waiting for his parents to pick him up. Heyl began playing the piano in elementary school and performed in the variety show during carnival.



Bianca Elliot and Andrew Andrian, sophomores, listen to Coach Christopher Peterson as they ask about homework. He would often help them with papers, projects, and tests during their study period.

Laura Kaup, freshman, asks Miss Beard a question during class. Laura had four different classes in the same room with Miss Beard. "I have earth science, study lab, language arts, and math. My favorite is math," said Kaup.



Brynn Benes, eighth grader, sprints suicides during basketball practice. Benes attended fourth hour study skills with Traci Everett, however outside of her core classes, she played basketball, volleyball, and softball.



Taylor Wiggins and Katia Weir, freshmen, walk outside to go to their next class. Wiggins had Study Skills seventh hour with Lucy Erdman, director of special services. "She is really fun and makes class more entertaining," said Wiggins



Luke Nienhuis, sophomore, listens to Christopher Pederson, Learning Center teacher, during sixth hour. During the class, the students would work on any homework that they might have on four specific subjects including any forms of english, history, or Bible.



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JORDAN
KLEIN

Taylor Brandt, sophomore
1. Bathroom near the Library
2. Mr. Vass' room
3. Miss Woodall's room
4. Short lockers
5. Commons



Emily Mitchell, freshman
1. Bathroom near the business office
2. Mr. Legters' room
3. room 120
4. Long lockers
5. Commons



Taylor Smallwood, junior
1. The swimming locker room bathroom
2. Mr. Snyders' room
3. 120
4. Short lockers
5. Commons
6. Back parking lot





Michael Cawthon, junior
1. Bathroom near the commons
2. Mr. Smith's room
3. Miss. Dorian's room
4. Long lockers
5. Cafeteria
6. Back parking lot



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Review

1. What was your favorite Bathroom?
2. What was the Coldest Room?
3. What room Smelled the weirdest?
4. Which lockers were better: Short or Long?
5. Which was better to eat lunch in: the Cafeteria or the Commons?
6. Did you like to park in: the Front or in the Back?



Jerica Blanchard, eighth grade
1. Bathroom near the commons
2. Mr. Muehleisen's room
3. Mr. Talley's room
4. Short lockers



Drew Glidewell, sophomore
1. Bathroom near the Library
2. Mr. Hughes' room
3. Mr. Hughes' room; "it always smells like coffee"
4. Long lockers
5. Cafeteria



John Hughes, eighth grade
1. Bathroom near the commons; "Its the cleanest"
2. Mr. Vanderwall's room
3. Mr. Bradley's
4. Long lockers



MARI KNEIANS



RYAN KRUPP



FINNLEY KUBAN



REBECCA LAMBERT



CHAZ LANGENECKERT



STEPHEN LILLENBERG



ASHLEY LOKEY



MATTHEW LONGWORTH



CHELSEA MCCONKEY



MATTHEW MCDANIEL



ANDREW MENZEL



ELIZABETH MILLER



TIMOTHY MILLER



ALEC MITCHELL



EMILY MITCHELL



DANIEL MOORE



JAMES MOORE



SHANE MOYLAN



KAREN MUNOZ



ELIZABETH NESTER



JORDAN NICHOLS



PAIGE NICHOLS



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SANG-A PARK



EMILY PAULK



MARCI PENNING



WILLIAM PIERSON



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DANIELLE ROBERTS



MICHAEL ROJEWSKI



KAYLEE ROSEN



CHRISTINE SCHLAFLY



KORI SCHLITT



ZACHARY SCHOPP



LUKE SCHROEDER



NICOLE SCHUESSLER



SPENCER SEABAUGH



WILLIAM SERBER



Leisha Ritter, sophomore, works on making her own magazine article in journalism. The class focused on different aspects of publications. Students used InDesign to create yearbook and magazine spreads.



Rachael Kingma and Lauren O'Leary, seniors, take landscape photographs in Forest Park. The photography class went to Forest Park on a block day to take pictures of the fall scenery. Students used the techniques they learned from the professional landscape photographer who visited their class the previous week.



David Mueller, senior, works on his endurance during advanced wellness. Students were introduced to the proper techniques of weight training. The class focused on agility and went beyond the basics that students learned in P.E.

Freshmen



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New Classes

The year began like any other, with a few exceptions. Five new classes were introduced to the Academy. Music workshop, music theory, photography, advanced wellness, and journalism were all added to Westminster's course selection.

Photography, AP music theory, and music workshop were the newest additions to the fine arts department. Photography was one of the most requested classes for the new school year. "A professional landscape photographer came in one day and told us what people in his business look for," said Natasha Sakovich, senior. The class provided principles of design to photographic image-making. Music workshop combined musical performance with an introduction to music theory. Students interested in preparing for university-level music classes were able to take A.P. music theory. The class focused on looking at the way composers created their music.

Advanced wellness was introduced as a new way to go beyond the usual physical fitness provided at Westminster. The class goal was to focus on mental, physical, and social growth. "Everyone should take this class. It forces me to work out and stay in shape," said Aaron Kinder, junior. Students also developed an understanding of weight training, plyometrics, circuit training, and flexibility training.

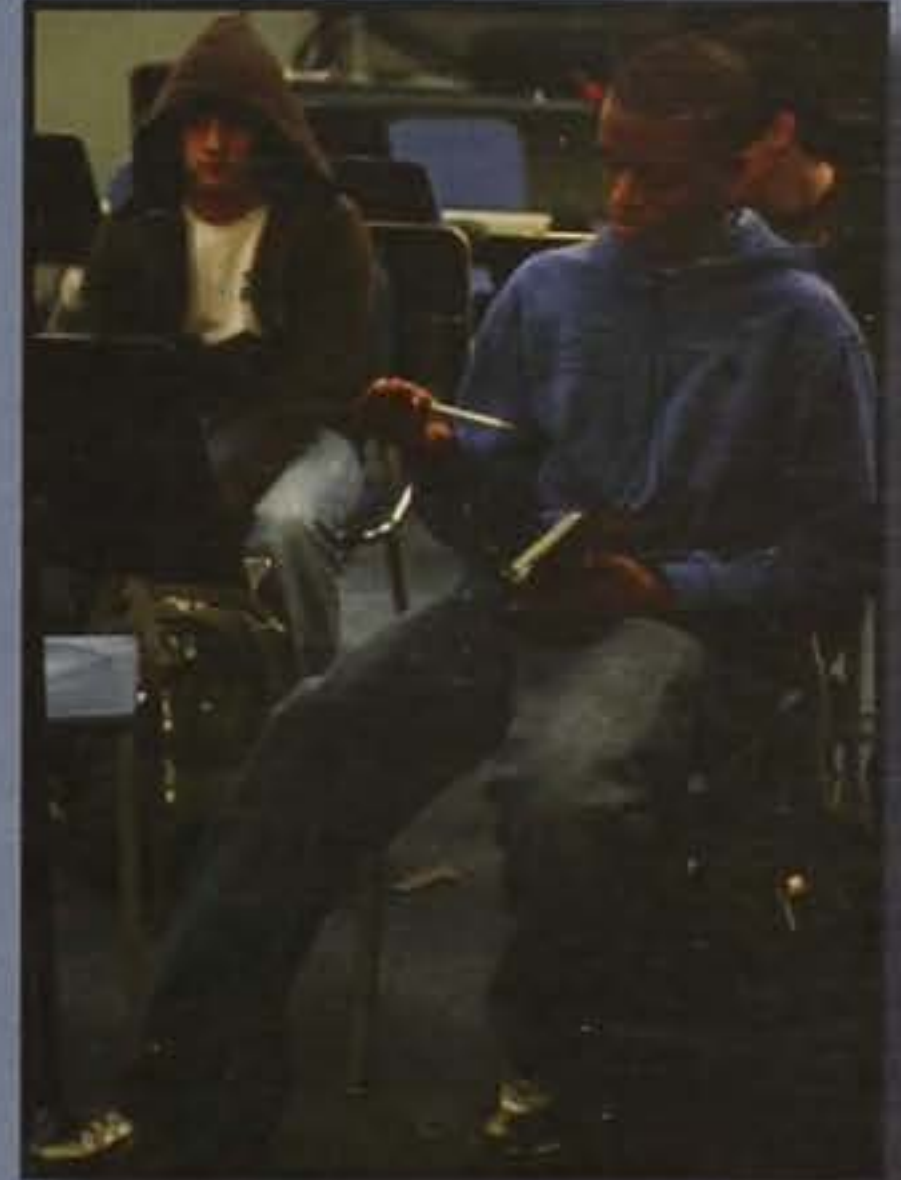
"Journalism was interesting to me because I love to write," said Carmen Harjoe, junior. The class provided students with an overall knowledge of all the publication classes offered at Westminster. Students worked on elements of writing along with design which helped them with their final assignment of creating a newspaper.

Paige Norman, junior, strings a harp during music theory. "I've been playing the piano since I was five, I love music," said Norman. The class prepared students for music study at the college level.



Sang-Ah Jeon, senior, uses her new knowledge of angles to take landscape pictures in Forest Park. The photography class applied elements of art into their photography field trip. The fall scenery allowed for students to capture colors that would normally not be visible.

Eric Taylor, senior, prepares to write down his homework assignment in music theory. The homework was about basic composition of music. The class had many discussions on composers and how they composed their music.



Bethany Hoekzema, senior, interviews Julia Berger, senior, for journalism. Hoekzema asked Berger questions to put into her final project for their newspaper. The class taught students how to interview like a journalist.





LAUREN
SEXTON



CORBIN
SHELTON



BROOKE
SIEBENMAN



ELIZABETH
SIMAKOFF



PETER
SIPPEL



NICHOLAS
SKRAINKA



NATHAN
SMALLWOOD



ALEXANDRA
SMITH



CAMERON
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CARTER
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KIRA
STEWART



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STRATTON



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RACHAEL
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ROBERT
TAGUE



KATHLEEN
TALENT



NATHAN
TERSCHAK



JENNIFER
TESTRAKE



TIFFANY
THOMPSON



OLIVIA
UNDERWOOD



VICTORIA
URBAN



DREW
WAECKERLE



JORDAN
WEAVER



KATIA
WEIR



MARGARET
WENBERG



MORGAN
WEST



NATHAN
WHEELER



PAUL
WHEELER



JULIA
WIENS



TAYLOR
WIGGINS



PETER
WILLIAMS



BRITTANY
WILSON



HANNAH
WORRELL



RACHEL
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CONNOR
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Max Anderson, senior, and Jacob Yousef, junior, team up against blue in that night's first game.

Samuel Bowman, sophomore, asks for suggestions from the audience for the next game. Getting ideas from students made the games even more unpredictable.

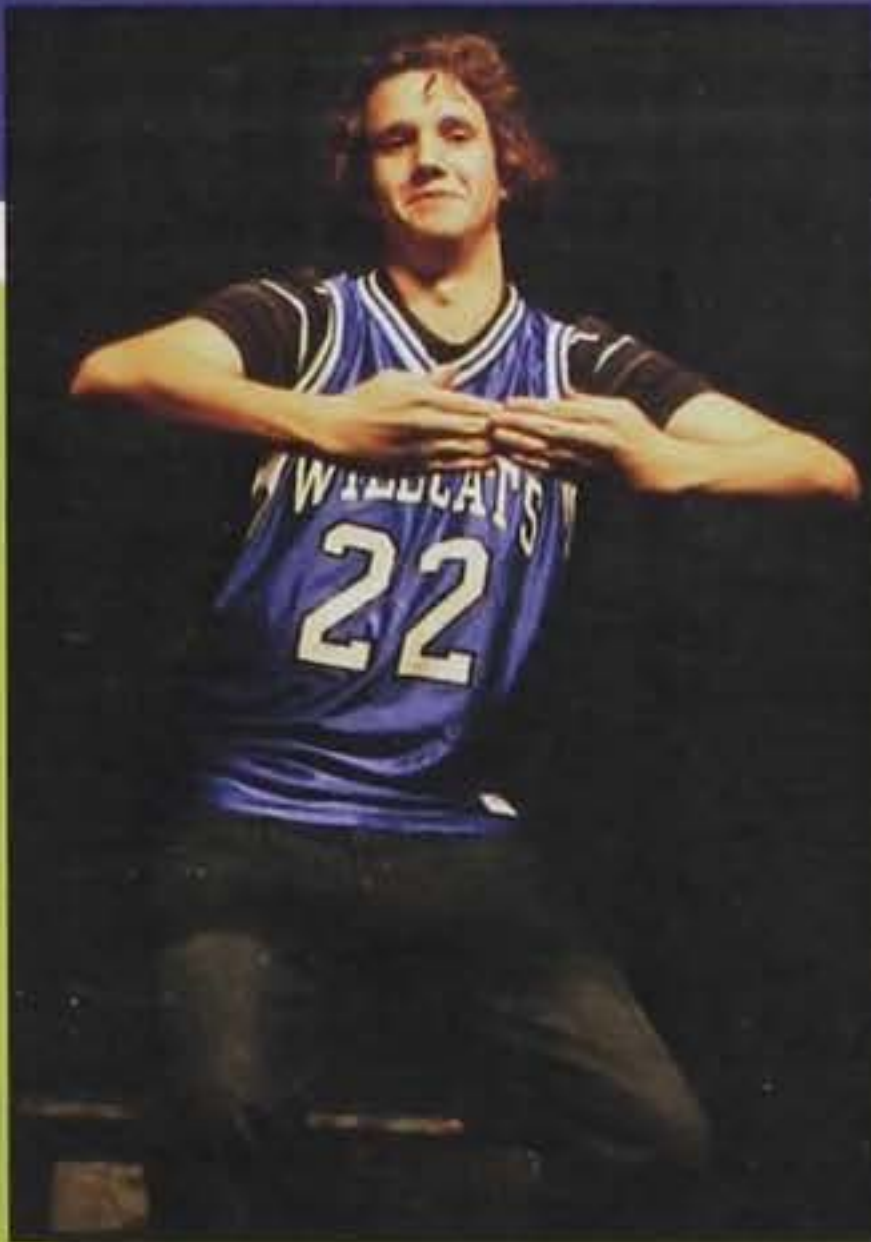


Christopher Bates, senior, laughs at his teammates at improv night. In the end, however, the white team took home the trophy.





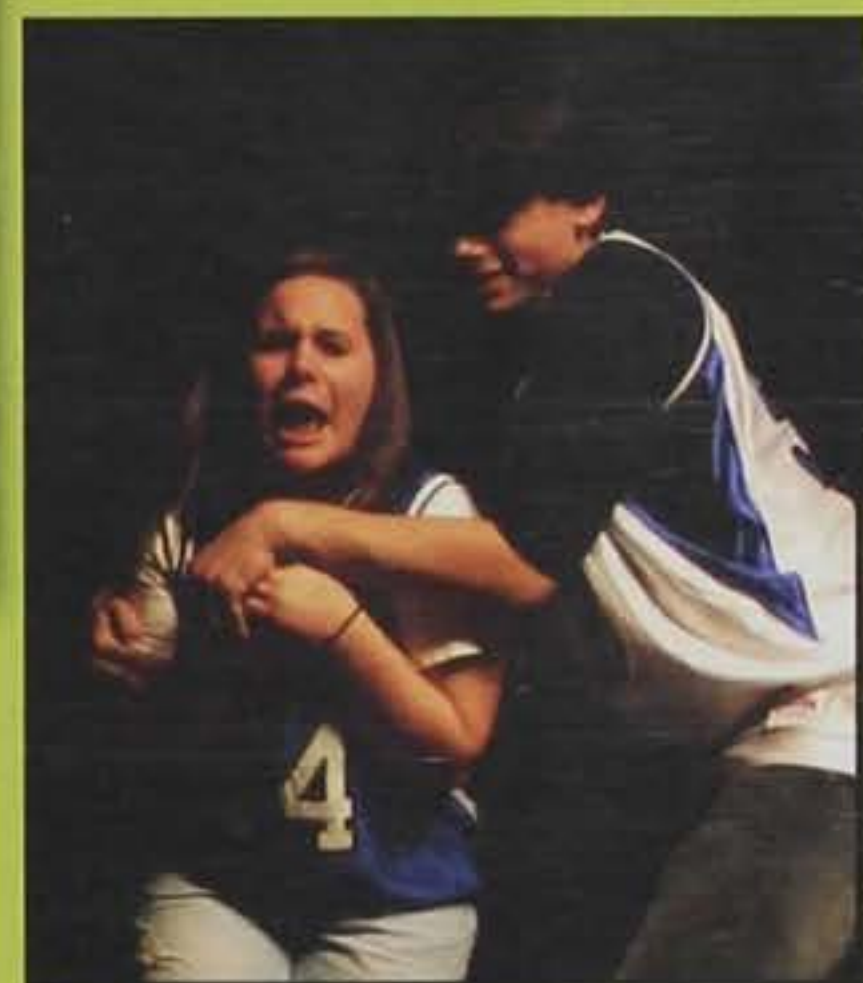
Alayna Doiron, junior, and Paul Friz, senior, rejoice their victory at the final improv night on November 30th. On this night, the white team received the most points by arousing more excitement from the audience. One of the drama teachers decided how many points to give based on the "clap-o-meter." However, some improv students admitted that the judges were easy to flatter, in order to receive extra points.



Aaron Blackwell, junior, participates in the improv games. On the final improv night, he hosted the show. During the week of an improv night, the host was decided by the students in class; seniors got first choice if they wished to host, followed by juniors.



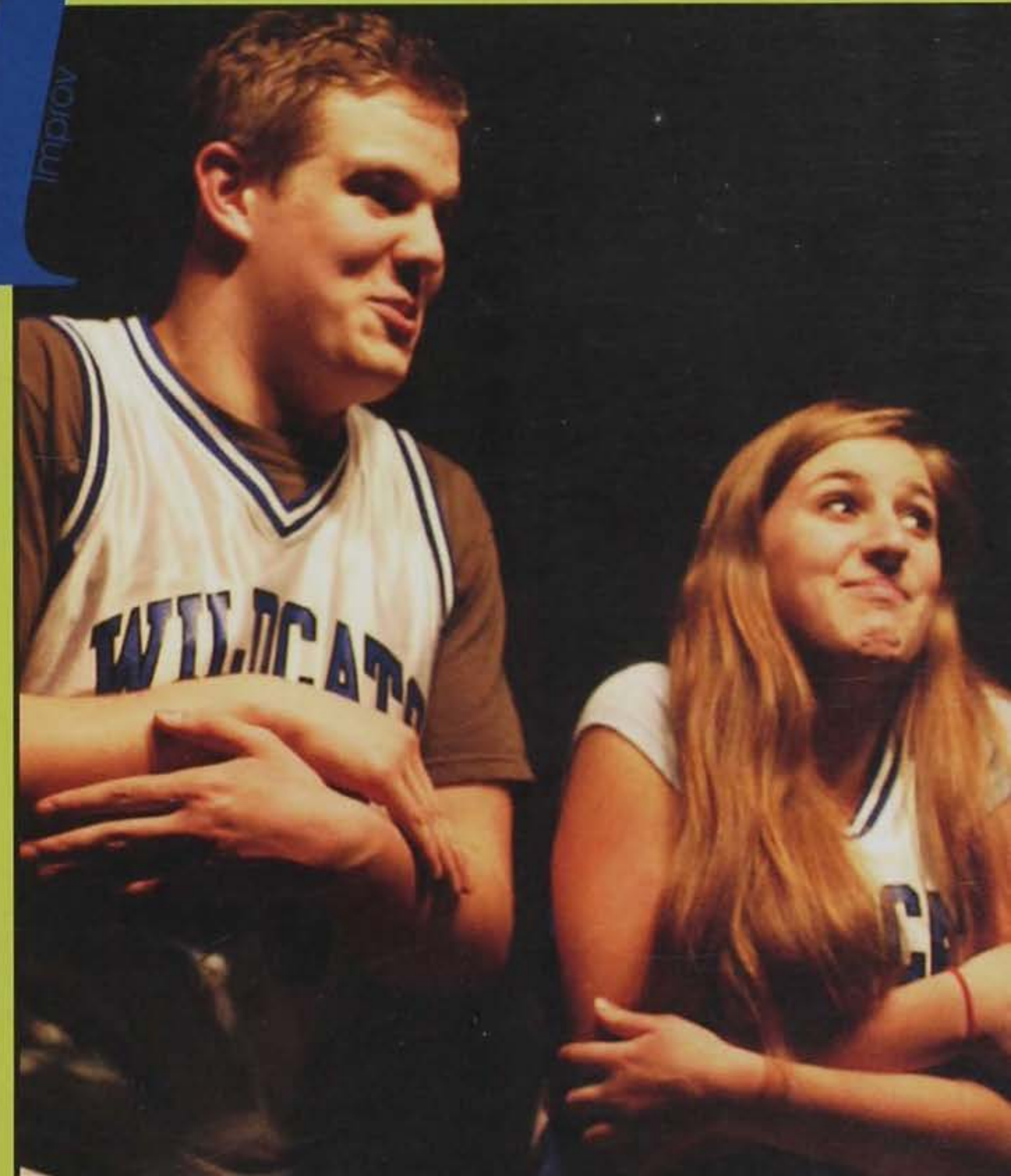
Samuel Bowman, sophomore, and Alex Sagi, senior, act out a scene at improv night. In order to be part of the class, they had to have taken both drama 1 and drama 2 first. In the past, students were required to "try-out" to be in the improv class.



Catherine Godi, junior, and Max Anderson, senior, compete for laughs in an improvising game on November 30th. The first semester of the 2007-2008 school year was Godi's first semester in the improv class. She had already taken drama 1 her freshman year and drama 2 her sophomore year.

Although Westminster students only saw the improv class making up jokes and stories off the top of their heads, the improv class went through several preparations before tickets even went on sale. During improv class, the students practiced the different improvising games, chose which games would be in the show, and even thought of their own games to try. Ila Klemm, teacher, gave the class a list of about 45 games to choose from and practice. "We chose about ten of the games that we liked the most to do at improv night," said Jacob Yousef, junior. In class, the students practiced the games using suggestions from Klemm.

The class got an assignment to think of their own improv game and present it to the class. They were graded on the creativity of their game and how well it worked when the class attempted it. Some students continued to think up new games throughout the semester. "David had a random epiphany to play a game called poetry slam where we would take a fairy tale and act it out, but through poetry," said Paul Friz, senior. The improv class spent their class time preparing to improvise.



David Tetrake, senior, and Alayna Doiron, junior, shiver during one of their IMPROV games. In this game, the host asked the audience for suggestions on what object a villain should use to take over the world. The villain then put all of the erasers in the world in Antarctica, and Tetrake and Doiron had to go there to get the erasers back and save the world.



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DANIEL ALEXANDER



DAVID ALEXANDER



MALLORY ALPERT



BLAKE ANDERSEN



MITCHELL ANDERSON



MOLLY ANDERSON



BENJAMIN ARNDT



NICHOLAS ARNOLD



OLIVIA ATKINSON



RACHAEL AUCKER



MATTHEW AUTRY



RHODA BAKER



CHEYENNE BARTLETT



KEVIN BELL



NATHAN BENEFIELD



JOHN BERGMAN



AMANDA BETTLACH



CAROLYN BONACQUISTI



ALEXANDRA BOND



SAMUEL BOWMAN



ADRIENNE BOYD



TAYLOR BRANDT



MADISON BURKE



ALEXANDER CACCIARELLI



DANIEL CHAE



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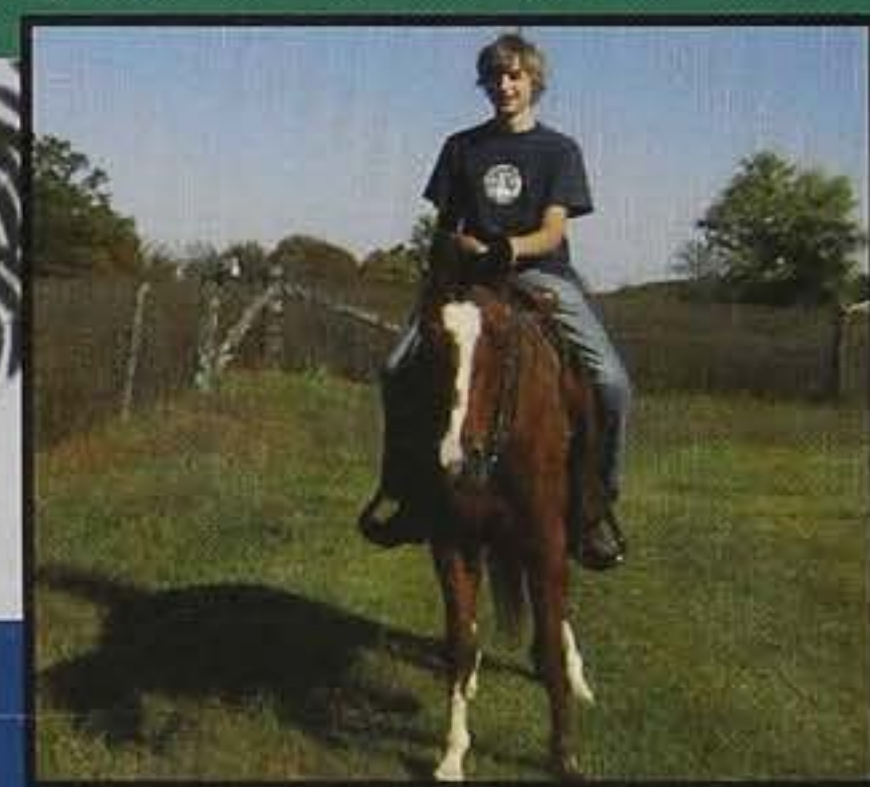
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LAUREN DILLE



CHRISTINA DOHR



After pondering the question for a while, the response was "Not have to sleep...ever"
-Austin Wallach, junior.

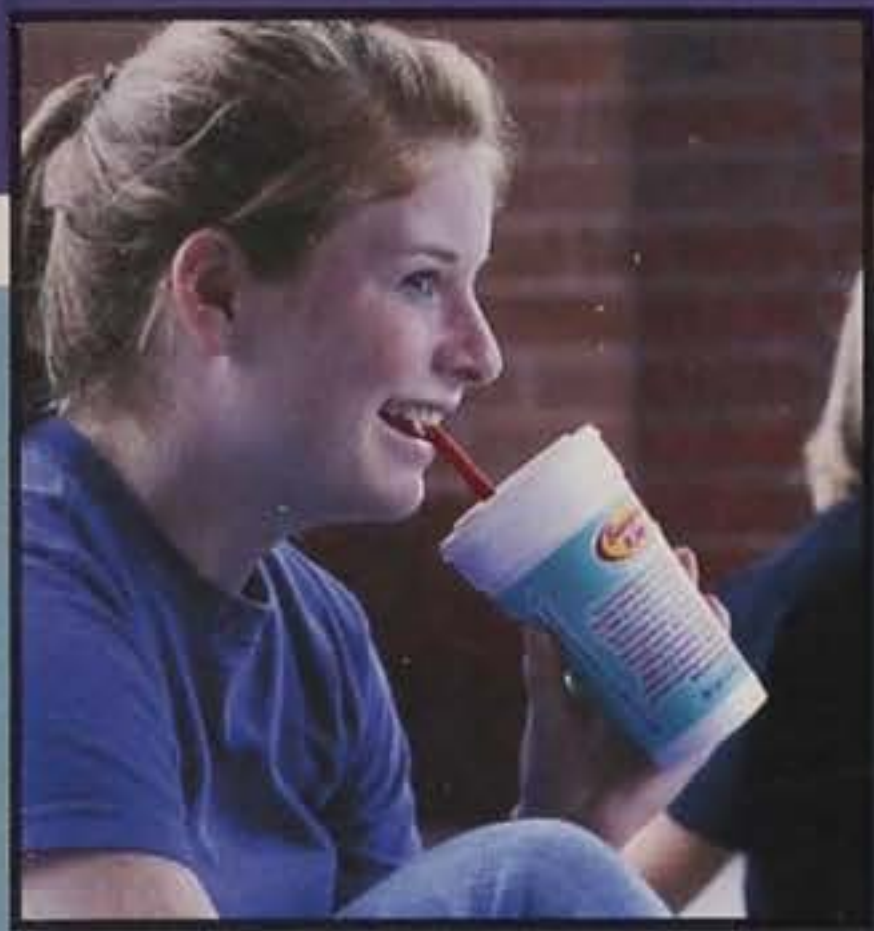


"Be able to play quins link," said Philip Haas, junior. When asked for an explanation on this response, Haas said that "it's a difficult-drum ballad."

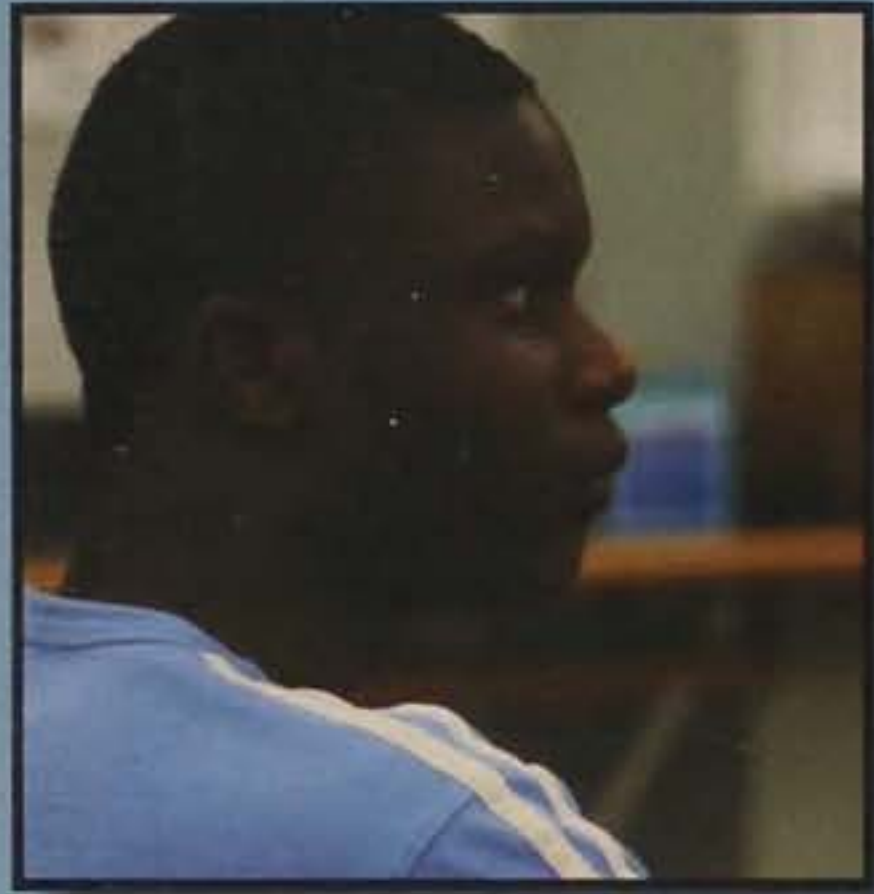


"Graduate from high school" said John Caldwell, junior. Just as many other high schoolers, Caldwell just wanted to finish this chapter of his life and move on.

Sophomores



Katherine Kennison, junior, sips a smoothie from Smoothie King on Olive Road after the first Varsity home football game. What is one thing Katherine had always wanted to do? "Direct a movie!"



Kiprotich Baliach, junior, listened intently to instructor Sandra Winchester during his seventh hour AP Biology class. If Kip could do anything he would "play professional soccer."

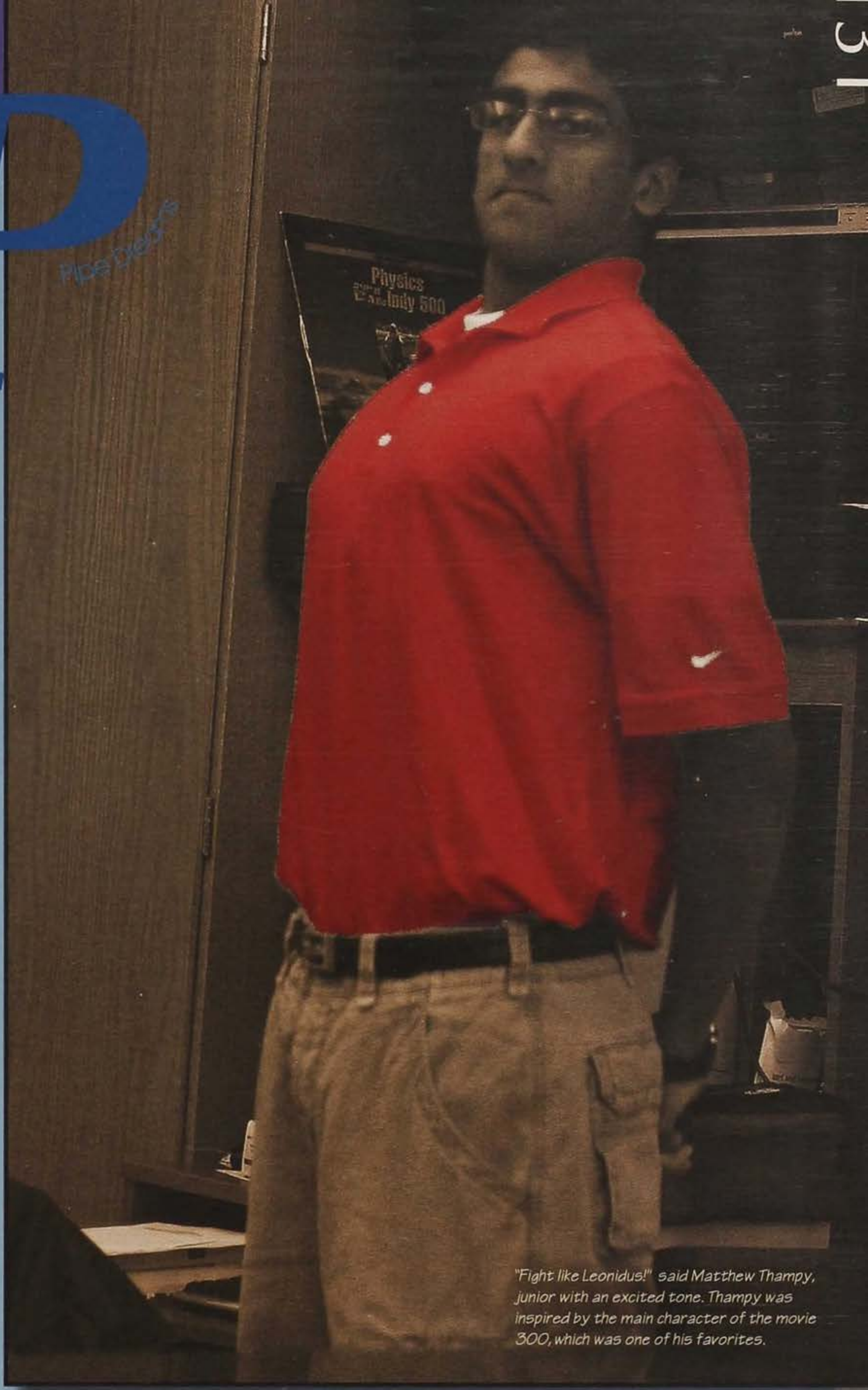


Natalie Bell, seventh grade, wanted to "travel the world; like go to Europe and Africa. It would be fun to explore the countries!"



"Drive a Ferrari" said Victor Alexander, junior. Alexander was a car enthusiast and wanted to own a Honda dealership after college. (Elizabeth Nester and Chelsea McConkey, sophomores, also pictured)

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"Fight like Leonidas!" said Matthew Thampy, junior with an excited tone. Thampy was inspired by the main character of the movie 300, which was one of his favorites.

Hopes, dreams, and desires; we all had things we wanted to do this school year and things we aspired to accomplish later in life. While not all dreams are beneficial or conceivable, everyone has the right to hope.

Some were things that we all dreamt about but were theoretically not possible on this earth. Even though these things weren't conceivable, we still dreamt about them; so, what was one thing you've always wanted to do?



ZACHARY DORTON



JACOB DWYER



KYLE EDWARDS



LUCY EGAN



THOMAS EGAN



BIANCA ELLIOTT



MADALYN ELLIOTT



ANDREW EVERETT



MICHAEL EVETTS



MICHAEL FERRARA



KYLE FINN



KATHERINE FLEISSNER



SARAH FLEMING



HILLARY FRANZ



KRISTOPHER FREEMAN



AUSTIN GANTNER



JESSICA GEORGE



KRISTEN GEORGE



DREW GLIDEWELL



JACOB GRIMES



ZACHARY HANSON



REBECCA HARNER



JONATHAN HARTWIG



KATELYN HAVERSTICK



KATHERINE HAXEL



AMELIA HEARNE



SAMUEL HEYL



NICOLE HOBAN



SUSAN HORAK



CATHERINE HORSEMAN



NICHOLAS HOWARD



MATTHEW HUDNUT



FORREST HUGHES



SARAH HUGHES



CONNOR HUNSICKER



KATHLEEN HUNT



HEIDI HUNTER



TAYLOR JEWELL



ERIK JOHNSON



GRACE JOHNSON



Sarah Duffy, junior, leaves the senior defenders in the dust as she makes a run to the endzone.



Michelle Engelbart, junior, deflects the tossed ball and forces the seniors to accept an incomplete pass.



Elizabeth Crowell, senior, runs down the field uncontested by any junior defenders. The senior team had several long plays that helped seal their win.

10 Sophomore



Emily Beerbower, junior, makes a run to the endzone. Beerbower led the junior team with two touchdowns. The powder puff game took place on October 19th.



Ashley Stanford, senior, blows past the junior defenders. A player was ruled down when one of their two flags was torn off their waist.

The sun just peaked over the horizon and the grass was slick with the early morning dew when 20 junior girls and four junior guys walked onto the field ready to practice some flag football. They had high hopes of defeating the seniors in the annual powder puff football game. This was the atmosphere for many mornings when both teams woke up early to practice in preparation for the big game. "We practiced almost every morning for the 2 weeks leading up to the game and some Saturdays," said Ben Becker, junior, who was the head coach for the junior team. The senior team even made up note cards that had plays drawn out on them. The seniors would review the note cards during huddles. The hard work that was put into the practices leading up to the game was left on the field and it provided great entertainment.

Seniors: 30 Juniors: 24



Mackenzie Pfitzinger, junior, attempts to secure the ball after a caught pass as senior defenders try to strip the ball from her grasp.

The junior defense tries to clog the running lane of the senior offense. The seniors defeated the juniors with a close score of 30-24.



Anne Martin, junior, sidesteps in attempt to stop the senior offense. The teams prepared weeks in advance for this game.



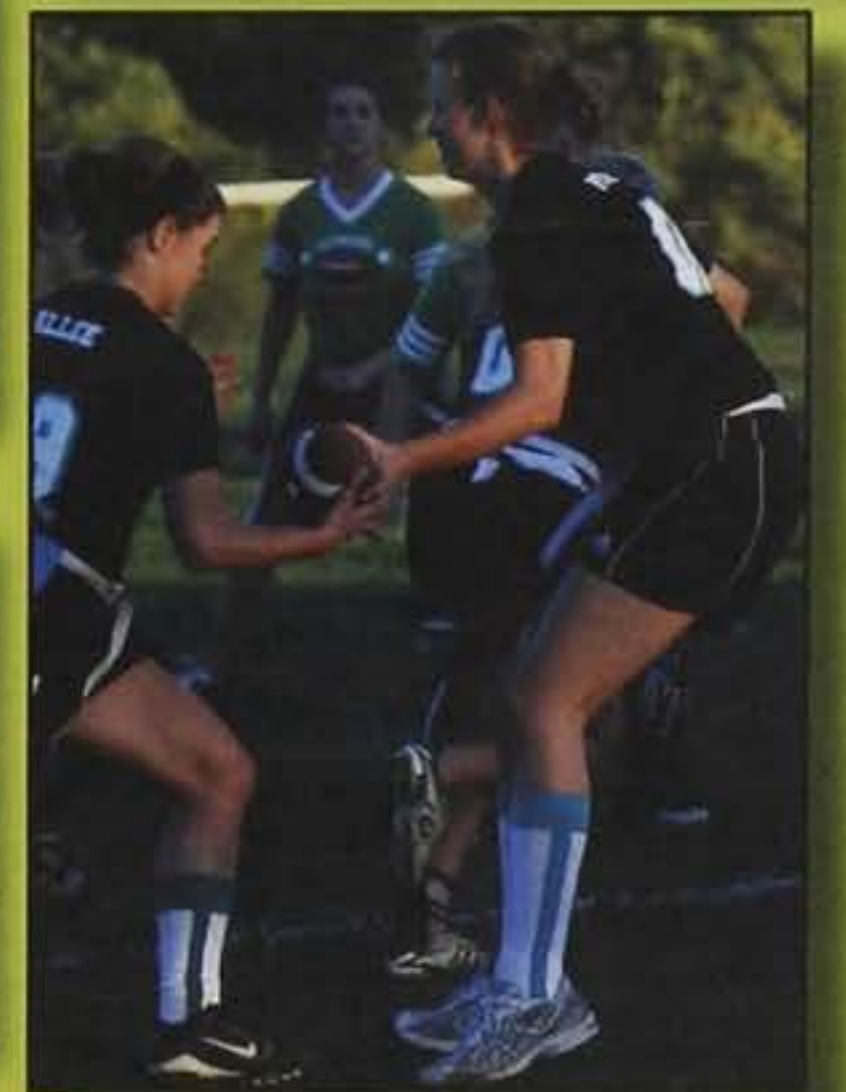
Elizabeth Moore, senior, carries the ball up the sideline in attempt to score as Abigail Ferguson, senior, helps by blocking. Ellie was the senior team's main runningback and scored two touchdowns as well.



Jasmine Harrell, senior, hikes the ball to senior quarterback, Stephanie Brown. Jasmine also served as a runningback along with the center position.



Lindsay Allee, junior, darts past defenders with a look of intensity. Allee was granted the coveted runningback position when the junior coaches saw her run at the first practice.



Jessica Menchak, junior, hands the ball off to Lindsay Allee, junior. "We had several set running plays that worked fairly well," said Justin Weststeyn, junior coach.



SARAH JOHNSON



APRIL JOHNSTON



HALEY KANE



JOHN KEHR



KRISTIN KILPATRICK



YI-RE KIM



AUDREY KNIGHT



MICHAEL KOEBBE



ELIZABETH KORB



ANDREW KOUBA



KATHERINE KRAUSE



AARON KRUMSIEG



SEUNG-BEEN LEE



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ALEXANDER LINDSTROM



NICHOLAS LOYND



RICHARD MANSFIELD



CHLOE MARTINEZ



SHELBY MASSOT



IAN MCGHEE



WILLIAM MCKENNA



DAVID MEYER



MICAH MILLS



ANDREW MOISSON



ERIC MONROE



JORDAN MONTGOMERY



BRENNA MOUREY



JAMES MYERS



WILLIAM NICHOLS



LUKE NIENHUIS



DANIEL NIXON



HANNAH NOTHUM



MADISON NYE



JACOB O'BRIEN



NICK O'NEAL



MELISSA OLIVER



BRETT PARK

Carter Smith, freshman, shoots during a JV Basketball game. Smith transferred from Parkway West. "I came here because they are good at sports," said Smith.



Christian Davis, sophomore, cheers at the blue and white game. Davis came to Westminster from Hazelwood Central. "I wanted better academics," said Davis.



Maggee Kane, freshman, prepares to shoot. Kane moved to St. Louis from Kansas City because of her dad's job. Compared to her previous school, WCA "students are trusted more. There is more freedom," said Kane.

Sophomores

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New Students

Imagine the scene. Tossing and turning you tried to fall asleep. As you jumped out of bed the alarm rang at 6 AM and your stomach was in knots. Turning onto Ladue Road you asked yourself, "What do I have first hour? What if I get lost? Who am I going to sit with at lunch?" As you walked through the commons and upstairs to your locker you were overwhelmed by the excitement on everyone's face. In first hour your teacher took attendance and the guy next to you asked, "Are you the new kid?" Great! The new kid, just what you wanted to be known as.

Maybe you walked into Westminster for the first time as a seventh grade student or maybe you too were the new kid. 68 new students walked through the doors of Westminster for the first time this year. The first day of school was filled with summer stories, chapel, parking lot chaos, and, for the new students, first impressions.

According to the new students, the Westminster community made a positive first impression. "People were really nice. People came up and introduced themselves," said Lauren Probst, junior. The helpful climate allowed new students to adjust easily. "There is a warm and welcoming atmosphere," said Jordan Leib, sophomore. The teachers also added to the honorable impression. "Teachers really care about the success of the student. They are always there to help," said Probst. With help from the faculty and classmates the new students journeyed from feeling foreign to becoming friends.



Jordan Leib, sophomore, dances during a JV boys basketball game. Leib transferred from O'Fallon Township High School in Illinois. The first day of school gave Leib nerves because she did not know many people. "I knew some girls from dance team because we practiced over summer," said Leib.

Lauren Probst, junior, works in the library during study-hall. Probst came to Westminster from St. Joseph's Academy. "It's different going to school with boys," said Probst.



Kayla Gebhardt, freshman, warms up before a volleyball game. Gebhardt was a member of the freshman volleyball team. "I came to Westminster because my sister graduated from here," said Gebhardt.



Haley Bergman, freshman, dresses up during freshman initiation for the Varsity women's swim team. Bergman transferred from St. Paul's Lutheran School in Des Peres. "I came to WCA because my brother was here and I really liked the people when I visited," said Bergman.



Christopher Bates, senior, chases down a MICDS rusher in districts. Bates transferred from Lutheran North. "I wanted to go to school closer to my house," said Bates.



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WILLEY



THOMAS
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ELIAS
WOOD



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ANDREW
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YOUNKIN



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ZANDSTRA



JAMIE
ZIMMER



Nathaniel Cox, freshman, plays a game of chess in the library. Cox was actively involved in the Chess club, which met every day after school. "High school offers a lot more extracurricular activities, so that's really nice," said Cox.

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Moving Up

What were the biggest differences between middle school and high school?

Maggie Wenberg, freshman buys her Christmas banquet ticket for the first time. High school students got dressed up and went to a formal banquet at the Lambert Airport Hilton, rather than have a party. Instead of a banquet the middle school students went to the Mills mall for a day of go-karts, laser tag, and mini-golf.



Maria Gjordeni and Taylor Wiggins, freshmen, eat lunch outside by the tennis courts. "You have more freedom in everything you do, including eating outside every day as one of those privileges" said Gjordeni.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jordan Weaver, freshman, "I take my classes and homework more seriously because in high school your grades effect what college you go to."



When the eighth graders moved upstairs, one big change they experienced was the organization of sports. Unlike in high school, all middle school sports practices were held during school.





ANNELEYCE ALEXANDER

VICTOR ALEXANDER

LINDSAY ALLEE

ALFORD AMICY

TIM APPELBAUM

KIPROTICH BALIACH

LAURA BARBIEA

DARTON BATHIEL

LEAH BECK

BENJAMIN BECKER

CORINNE BECKER

EMILY BEERBOWER

PHILLIP BINKHOLDER

CHRISTOPHER BISHOP

AARON BLACKWELL

CALVIN BOESCH

SARA BOPP

CAMILLA BUCKLEY

JOHN BURGESS

JOHN CALDWELL

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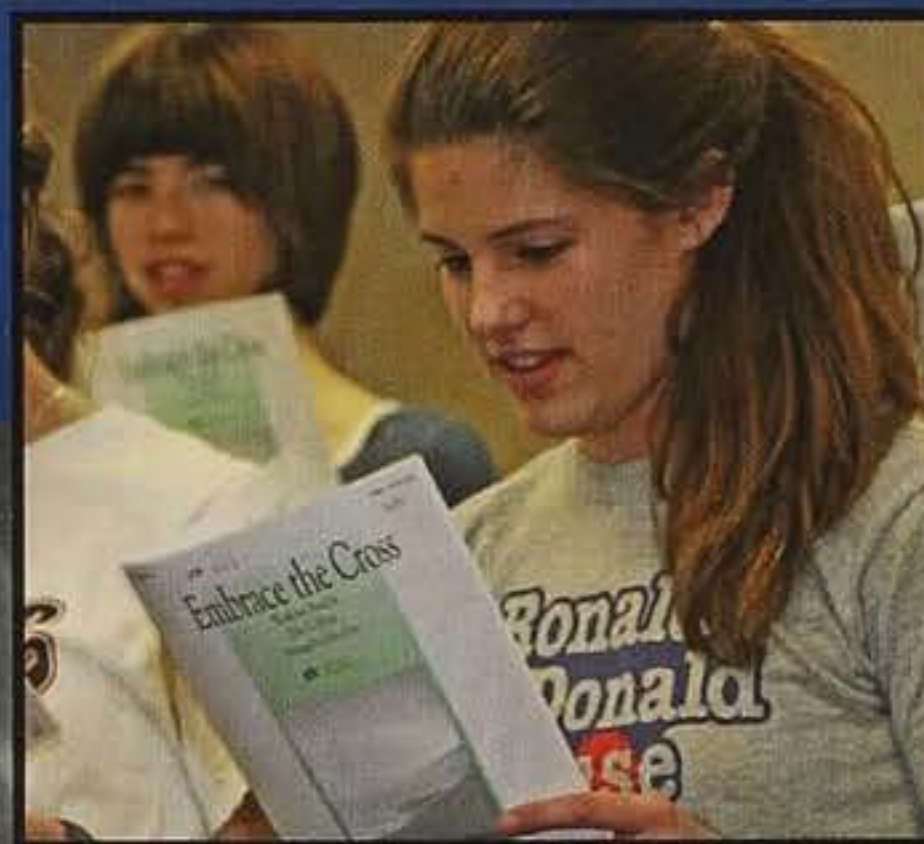
ALEXANDRIA COLE

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MEREDITH DAVIS

Daniel Smith, senior, along with his new youth pastor, faces two members of his youth group at a game of foosball. Covenant Presbyterian Church held Wednesday night fellowship with senior high and junior high together and also planned an outing each month such as a hayride.



Katherine Fleissner, sophomore, sings in the soprano section of the Bonhomme Youth Choir during practice on a Sunday night. Bonhomme Presbyterian Church provided many opportunities to bring together students on Sundays through choir, Sunday evening youth group, as well as Sunday school.

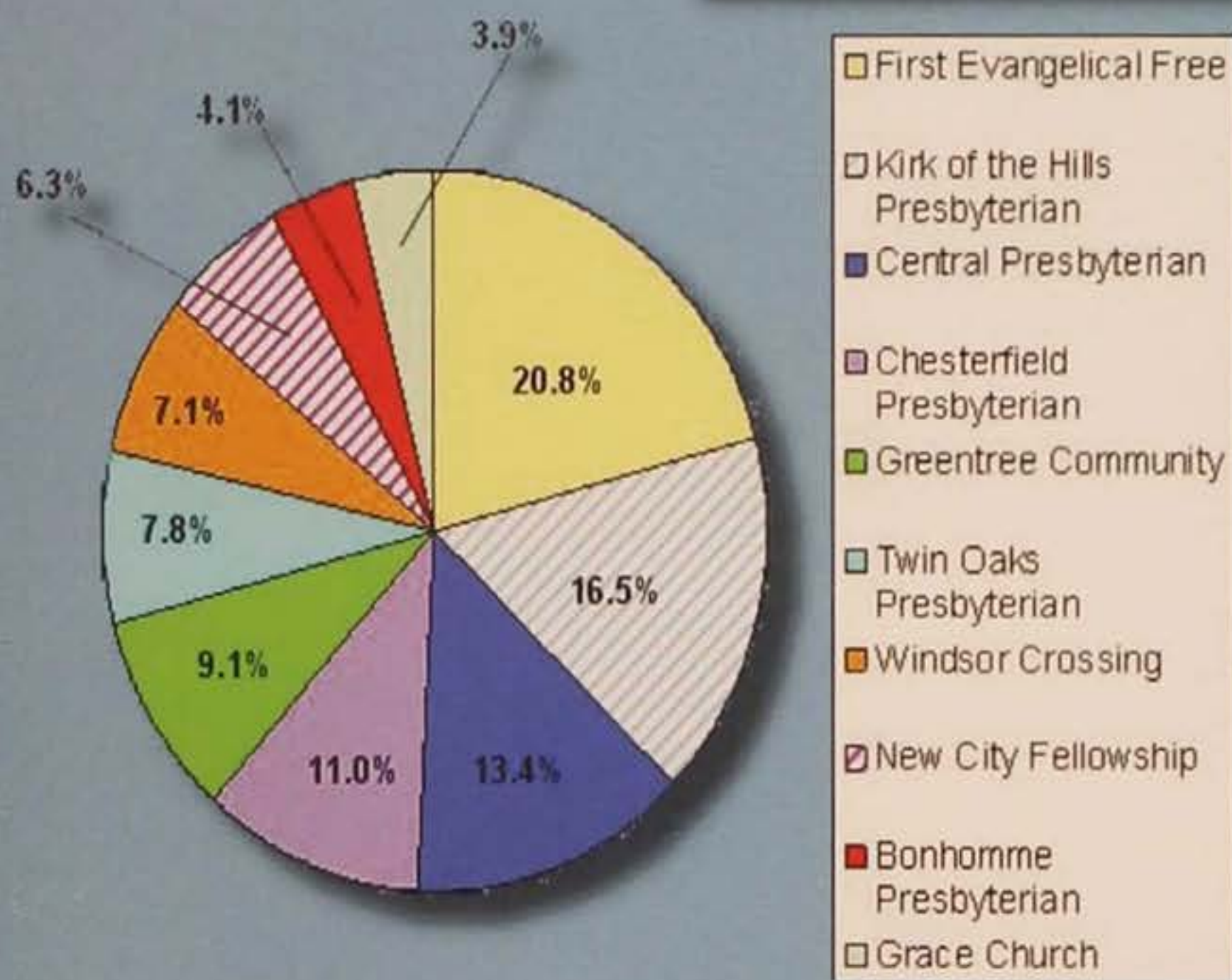
Olivia Atkinson, sophomore, plays the keyboard in the worship band for First Evangelical Free Church, on a Sunday night. "It was a really easy transition because I felt like God had come before me and laid everything out and focus on God," said Atkinson, who recently moved to St. Louis from Virginia and was a new member of the youth group.



Juniors

Y Youth Groups

A group of students attend Blastoff Classic, an annual trip that Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church created for the youth group. A weekend at Whispering Winds Bible Camp consisted of bonfires, a Mission Impossible night game, and "Engaging in our Culture" discussions. Playing the game "signs" took up hours as well.



Represented above are the top ten churches Westminster students attend. 462 students, equivalent to 53% of the student body, were included. The top four churches each had more than 50 students.

More Than Sunday Morning

Contrary to what many thought, not one specific denomination could be pinned as the one of most Westminster students. A variety of churches and beliefs were represented. Activities such as weekend retreats, summer trips, missions, small groups, and innovative games pulled students into becoming a part of a youth group. In return, youth groups were incorporated into school by new friendships being integrated.

"Nobody cares what they look like when they worship. It is all for God. We're like a huge family and we have a blast," said Christina Dohr, sophomore, when asked why she was such a committed member of First Evangelical Free's youth group.

However, not all events that took place in youth group gatherings were fun and games. "This summer, our youth group was in a serious car accident on the way back from RYM in Colorado, Reformed Youth Ministry Camp. It was a bad thing, but actually the best thing for our youth group because it helped unify us," said Shelby Massot, sophomore, who attended Covenant Presbyterian.

Whether having fun or bonding under serious circumstances, Westminster students enjoyed spending time at their youth groups.



Marta Roberts, sophomore, laughs alongside her youth leader at Wednesday night youth group. "There is no judgement when we talk together and answer questions. And it's really good that all the youth leaders are great at joking around with us," said Roberts, member of Covenant Presbyterian Church.



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CATHERINE
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ANDREW
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JOSEPH
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Sara Bopp, junior, drives to school with friends every morning. They all met at a meeting place and pick each other up when it is their turn to drive to school. "I wish that I could drive all year because at my old high school, Kirkwood, I could drive as a sophomore," said Bopp.

Abigail Hicks, junior, has a white Xterra and parks in the back parking lot during the winter sports season. "It's nice being able to drive but, I wish that I had the consistency of a semester" said Hicks.



P

Parking

Throughout the years the parking rules at Westminster have changed. Up until the 2004-2005 school

year all juniors and seniors were able to park at Westminster all year around. However, in the school year 2005-2006 they each got a semester to park because of the restricted number of spots.

This year all of the juniors have only one sport season to park. "Now that my pass is up my mom drives me," said Kendall Vanderslice, junior. Some of the juniors either have their parents drive them or they carpool with other families. "My mom brings me in the mornings and then I have a carpool with Rhoda Baker's mom and my mom in the evenings," said Victor Alexander, junior.

Seniors were able to park all year. "I think that it is fair that they get to park all year because next year when I am a senior I know that I will want to. But, I think that they should change it so that juniors should be able to park for a whole semester," said Kristin Rosen, junior.

Using the record from the past as the years go on juniors will get less and less time to park. "I think that as our class gets bigger and bigger then we will get less and less time to park next year," said Kathleen Hunt, sophomore.

At Westminster's Blue and White game the crowd is packed out and it was hard to find a place to sit. During big games like this, or performances, students parked across the street at First Church of Christ Science. Many students, including seniors, juniors, and sophomores parked in both areas during busy events.



By 7:30 a.m., the students already fill up the parking lot by the practice soccer field. "There are a total of 189 spots for all students," said Susie Brown, student service coordinator.

These three cars are parked in the back lot next to the tennis courts. Junior students have often parked here after their parking pass had expired. All three of these cars were parked illegally.

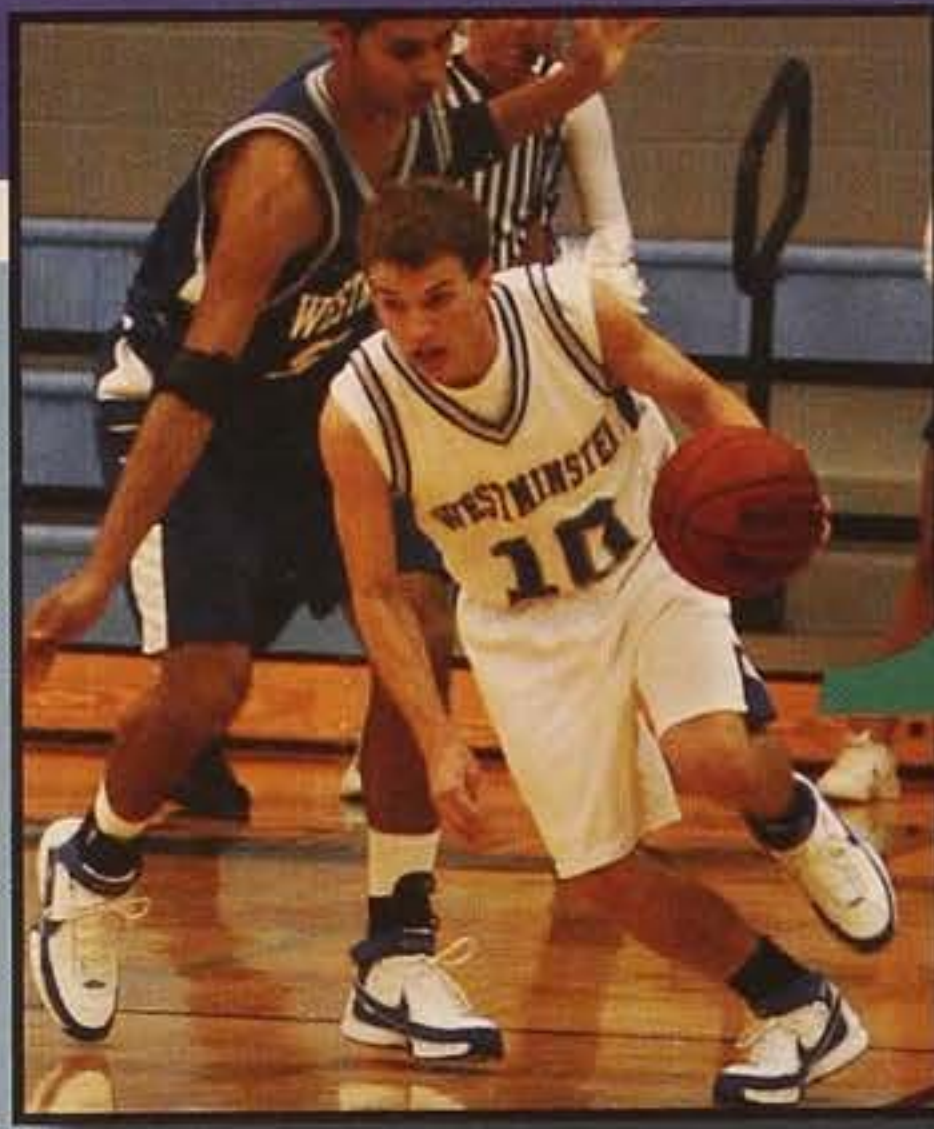


Michelle Engelbart, junior, drives Mackenzie Pfitzinger, junior, to school in December. Winter parking passes are valid from November to the beginning of March.

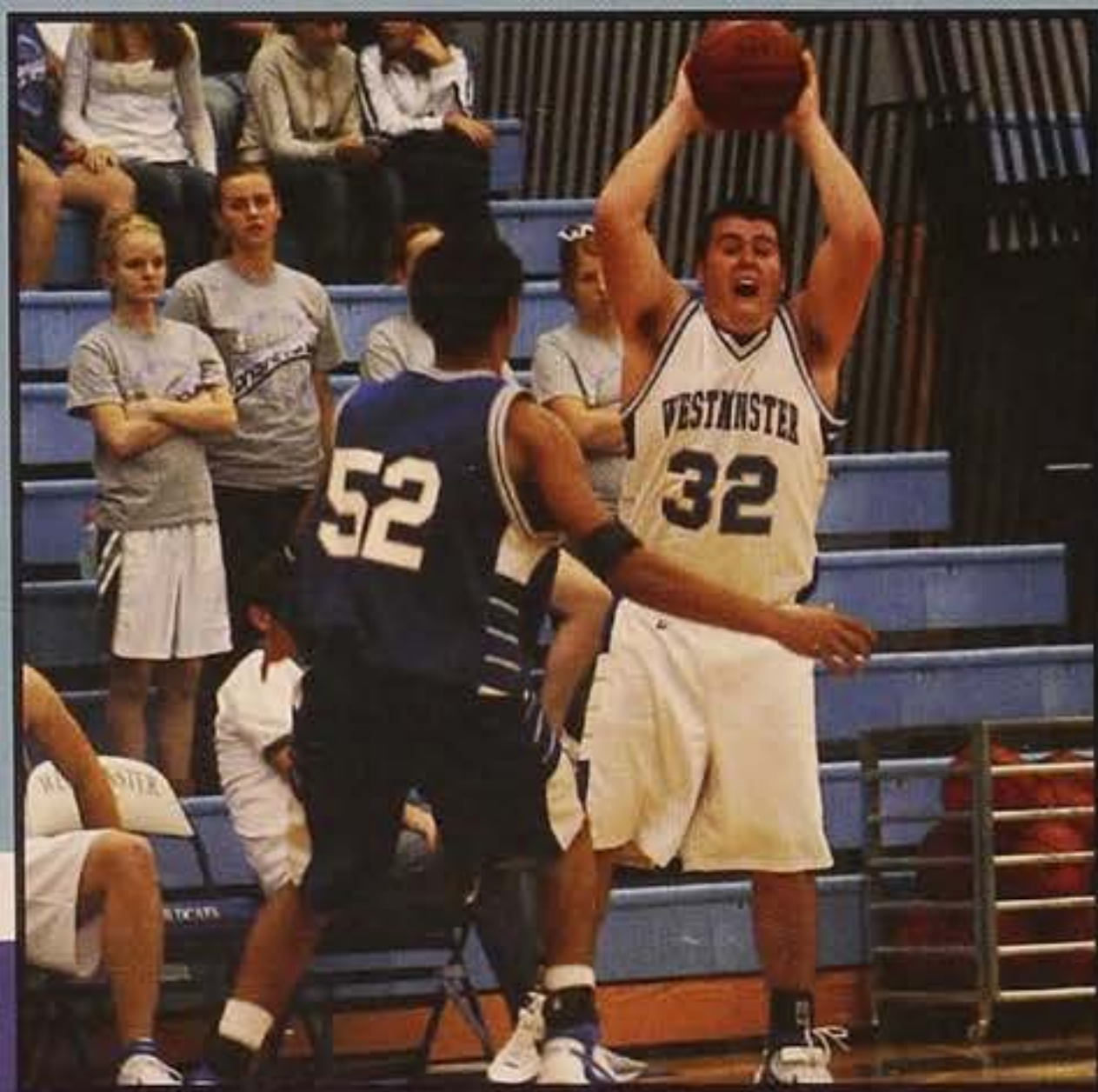
A parking tag hangs in the rearview mirror of a senior's car. All seniors received parking tags because they had to drive to senior service every Thursday morning. There were 144 seniors that drove to school, only leaving 48 spots left over for juniors.



Andrew Wendt, junior, steals the ball on a fast break and heads for the basket. This was Wendt's first time playing in a Varsity game, scoring a total of six points for the white team.



The Varsity dance team performs the first hip-hop routine at home for the blue and white game. The team represented WCA with this routine in the summer and received first place.



Tye Malone, senior, looks for players on the white team to inbound the ball and continue the course of the blue and white game. Each player on the Varsity team was split into a team, and competed in a friendly scrimmage.

B

Blue and White Game

As he headed to the center of the court with confidence, the referee gently lifted the ball into the air and the game started. However, this game was different

than most. The opposing team was no different than the home team. The annual Blue and White games started off as friendly competitions between the JV and Freshmen teams, but this year it was formed into a mixed scrimmage for both teams. The Varsity men's basketball team decided to split the teams into an inter-squad scrimmage.

To some, it seemed that when the teams were split, one of the teams was stacked. "I thought that the blue team had the advantage going in because they had three of the lead scorers" said Eric Bain, Varsity coach. This also gave the players on the blue team some relief. "Our team was the favorite, so our goal was to take care of business", said Richard Copeland, sophomore guard.

Due to this, when the game started the blue team came in with high spirits; however, by the end of the first half the score was 23-16 with the blue team trailing by seven points. "The white team played with more passion, and by doing that they caught the blue team by surprise," said Bain. But the blue team did not let this get them down.

Coming back into the second half the blue team accumulated a total of 22 points which granted the blue team a score of 38. However it wasn't enough since the white team scored 22 points as well ending the game with a 45-38 loss for the blue team. "I wasn't really disappointed because in a sense a Westminster team still won," said Copeland.



ROBERT JOHNSON



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DEBORAH KNUBLEY



MICHAEL KRUSE



ELIZABETH LAMBERT



LAUREN LARRABEE



CALEB LEONARD



SETH LILLENBERG



BRITTANY MAASS



ANNE MARTIN



JESSICA MENCHAK



MICHAEL MENZEL



ADAM MILLER



ALEK MILLER



JOSEPH MINNELLA



MONICA MOORE



PAIGE NORMAN



FRANK O'BRIEN



CALEB OLSON



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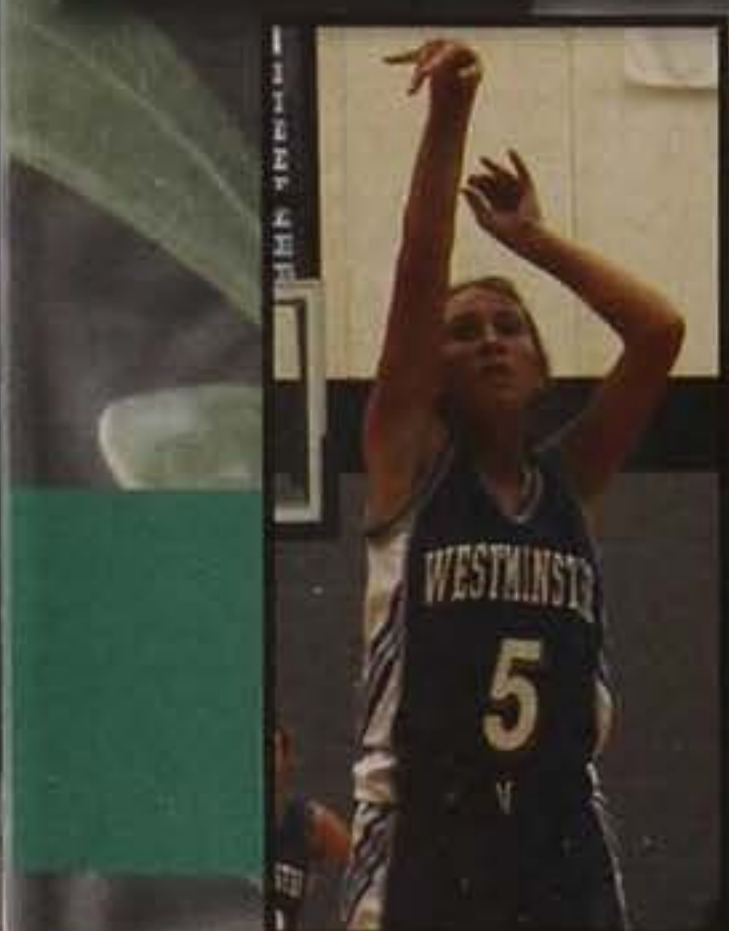


ASHLEY REESE



Rachel Raines and Anna Becker, freshmen, lead the crowd in a cheer. The Varsity cheerleaders prepared two weeks in advance for the half time performances for the Blue and White games.

Katherine Haxel, sophomore, performs in the JV dance team poms routine. Katherine Haxel, Hayden Lewis, sophomores, and Emily Mitchell, freshman, were team captains.



Katelyn Haverstick, sophomore, shoots freethrows for the Blue and White game. Haverstick was on Varsity for two consecutive years and started for the blue team this season.

Juniors



MATTHEW REILLY



KRISTIN ROSEN



TRAVIS RUPPRECHT



JULIA RUSSELL



CHRISTOPHER RYCKMAN



AMANDA SCHAFFNER



ELLIOT SCHROEDER



SARA TAYLOR SHARPE



THEODORE SIEBENMAN



CLAIRE SIMONPIETRI



PAUL SMALLWOOD



EMILY SPEIGHTS



JESSICA STAMPS



THEODORE SUTCLIFFE



MICHAEL TALENT



ALYSON TATE



KEVIN TAYLOR



ERIC TERSCHAK



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 WENDT



KELSEY WEST



KATELYN WESTRICH



JUSTIN WESTSTEYN



ANDREW WIENS



RYAN WIGGINS



LESLIE WILLIAMS



TAYLOR WILMERING



WATSON WOODWARD



JACOB WORRELL



JACOB YOUSEF



Andrea Tate, senior, pulls out of Westminster after fifth hour for early dismissal. Tate drove a Honda civic, the same car as Amy Turner, payroll staff. "I love my car because it is sporty and cute at the same time," said Tate.



Kelsey Logsdon, senior, returns from Smoothie King during her study hall. Julia Keith, senior English teacher, drove the same car, an Infiniti Q4X, as Logsdon.

Juniors

Music vibrated out of the car window as the blue Ford F150 veered around the curve, towards teacher parking. A student who observed this may have scrutinized and wondered, "Who was that?" Curiosity overcame students as they were intrigued by teachers and their cars. Some people believed a car could define a person, but could you match a teacher's car with their identity?



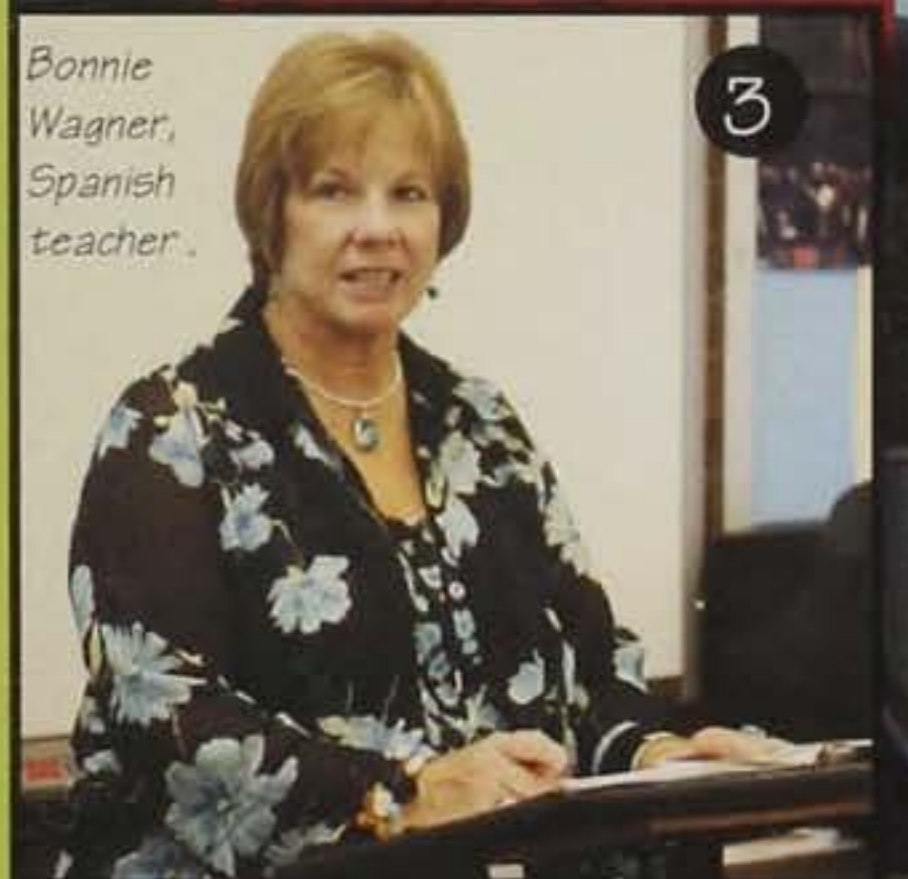
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Sharon Brennan,
elementary school
teacher



2

Craig Walseth,
middle school
counselor,



3

Bonnie
Wagner,
Spanish
teacher.



4

Kent Kehring,
technology
coordinator



5

Pam Bye,
eighth
grade
English
teacher.



6

Timothy
Gibson,
English
teacher.

A Cashmere Cadillac, "My car is a girl and my family named her 'The Diva'. My family always makes jokes because we take 'The Diva' to spiffy places while we take our other car to sporting events and such. She also deserves a spot inside the garage and will not tolerate to stay outside over night," said the owner of this vehicle.

B Yellow Saturn View, 2003, from San Antonio, Texas. "I like my car because the color looks like butter," said the owner of the vehicle.

C Black Dodge Dakota Quad cab, 2005 with 44,000 miles. "I received one ticket in this vehicle going 40 in a 30."

D Green 2001 Honda Odyssey, "It smells like a cheeseburger; it is basically one large green happy meal," said the owner.

E 2000 blue Grand Voyager, "This has been in two accidents involving deer. In the second accident, a deer bounced and hit the front and side of the car. The car was totalled, so now I drive a salvaged car," said the owner.

F 1995 Silver Toyota Corolla, "The body work of the car is damaged from a hail storm. Therefore, I like my car because if someone hits me, who cares?" said the owner of the vehicle.



Photosynthesis

A new plant must become rooted in order to rise. As it finishes rising, it will eventually become ripe, ready for the picking. You root yourself in academics and friendships, and you rise by continuing to grow in stature and strength. Just as the plant makes photosynthesis possible by taking nutrients from the water, sun, and earth, you photosynthesize by soaking up facts and wisdom through your classes.

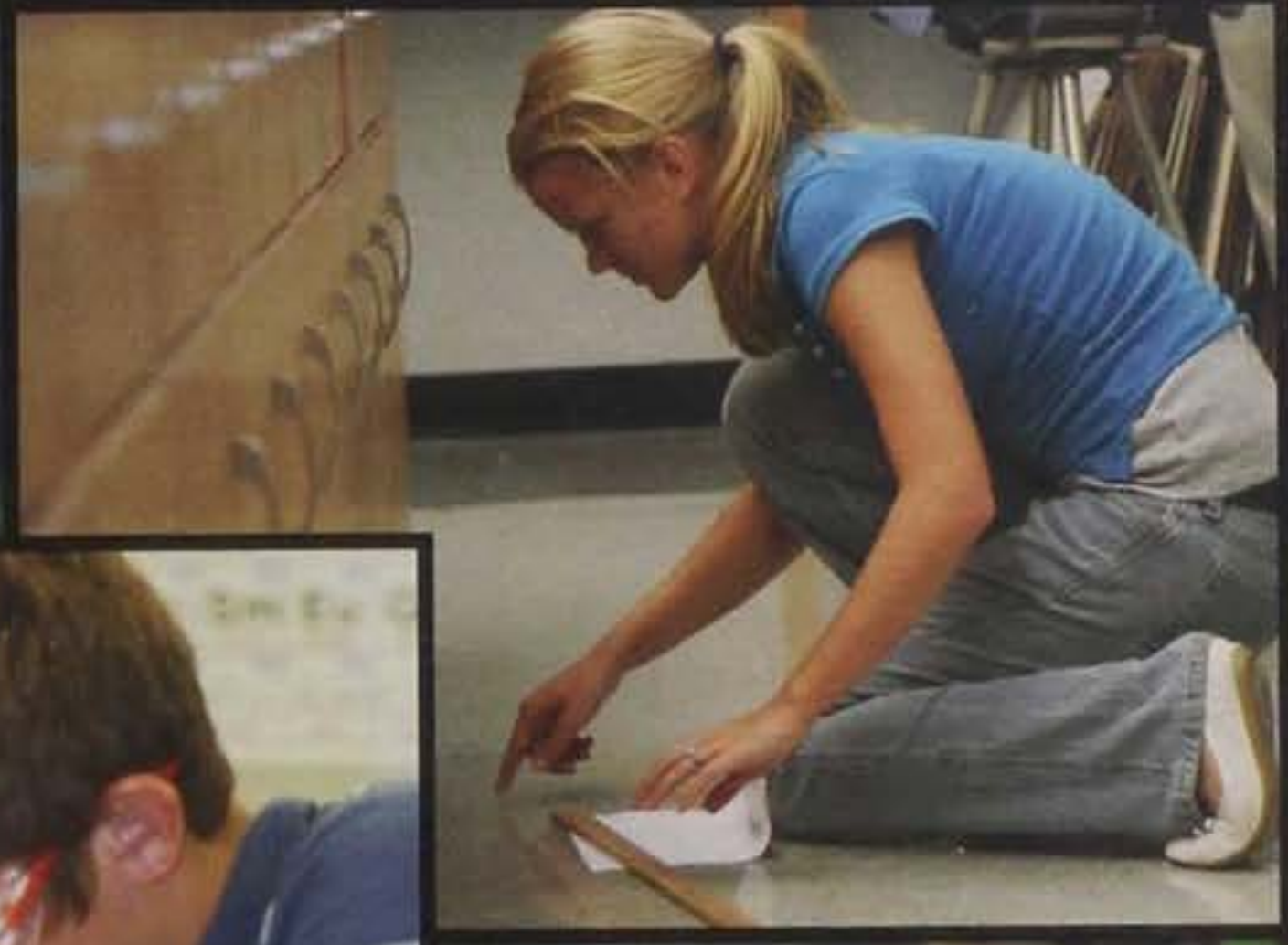
Julie Sharp, sophomore



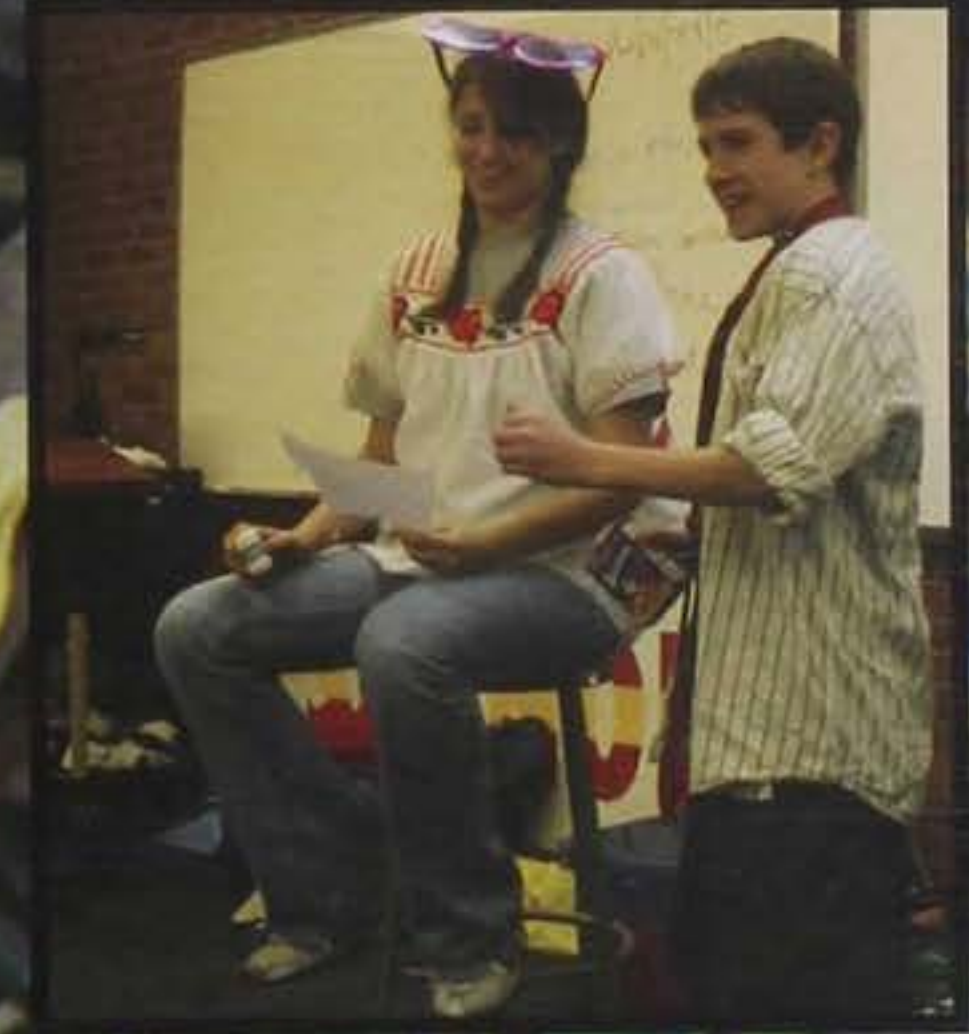
Kristen George, sophomore



Abigail Ferguson, senior



Sarah Winchester, biology teacher, and Caleb Leonard, junior



Kelsey Kindbom and Daniel Keith, freshmen

Rachel Banks, senior



Thomas Winter, sophomore, and Helen Scott, drama teacher

Whether you are in college algebra or in U.S. history, you are absorbing crucial nutrients and storing them for the future.



Shelby Kehr and Benjamin Mitchell, seventh grade, inflate balloons in the commons during class. "My favorite class is science because Mr. Bradley is a really good teacher. He uses experiments and demonstrations that keep our attention," said Mitchell.

Jordan Weaver and Ronald Benincasa, freshmen, play a game during the freshmen retreat. The players would stand back to back and at the count of three, they would turn around. The gorilla beat the gun, the man beat the gorilla, the gun beat the man, and if the players tied they died. During the retreat Thomas Johnston, ancient history teacher, gave a speech about how each class would spend the next four years together, and they could either become a close class or one that does not get along.



KAREN AABERG



Margaret Wenberg, freshman, works on her Giraffe Award paper in the library. All freshmen were required to take expository writing to get them ready for their next three years of high school English.



Joshua Ortiz, seventh grade dissects a frog during his science experiment. They would slit the body open down the middle and study the anatomy of the amphibian.

Olivia Handler and Tyler Wilson, eighth grade, work on a part of their Bible test. Nathan Talley, Bible teacher, assigned them three different parts of the test, and the students went around to different stations to complete assignments for their sections.



Steven Richardson, eighth grade, shoots during basketball practice. Middle school students had athletic practice everyday except Thursday. The practices took up two class periods. Students not involved in a sport for a particular season had study hall or an encore class in place of a sport.



Maegan Nelson and Jessica Holt, eighth grade, hold hands during a game at the eighth grade PC retreat. The junior PCs were the eighth grade students' peer counselors. They met every Wednesday morning. Before the beginning of school, the eighth grade class ventured on a retreat to get to know their class and their PCs better.



ADAM GILL BRIAN ADAMS DANIEL ALSTADT ROSEMARY ANDERSON ERIC BAIN DALE BEACHY CARRIE BEARD CAROL BECKER

Paige Norman, junior, presents her biology leaf project. Westminster students first took physics, then chemistry, and finally biology.



MARY BECKER LAWRENCE BIRCHLER

Combining water with sodium chloride, discovering the different animal species, and multiplying length, width, and height were all activities that rooted students throughout their Westminster journey.

In seventh grade science, Thane Veltkamp taught just a portion of biology, chemistry, and physics to prepare the students for the next few years ahead of them. However, in seventh grade, the students did all kinds of experiments such as frog dissection and testing the senses on their tongues.

"Math is a foreign language. Learn the terms and you'll learn the concepts."

Not only was this the phrase seventh grade students were forced to repeat over and over again, but it was also something that upperclassmen still remembered well after their middle school days. Ever since the beginning of the school year, Nicole Collett and Elizabeth DeRousse, seventh grade math teachers, had the students in unison repeat the phrase. At the time, students were annoyed and did not understand how it helped, however, when they entered high school, they began to understand why they did it. "I do think it is helping us in upper school. The concepts we learned in middle school, still apply to us today," said Katia Weir, freshman. For example, students learned the basics in middle school, and then began to work on the math in more depth. An example of this would be the Pythagorean Theorem. Seventh and eighth graders learned the basics: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. In geometry, students understood more as to what that meant and how it could help by finding the variables in specific geometry problems.

ROOTED



SHERRY BLOUGH KEN BOESCH



KATHERINE BOGGS EVELYN BOWMAN STEVEN BRADLEY MARC BRENNEMAN SUSAN BROWN SHERRY BUIS BRIAN BURKEY DANI BUTLER PAMELA BYE



Kelsy Cline, freshman, researches in the library for the Giraffe Award paper for Ann Hyse, English teacher's, class. Cline chose Rosa Parks and Elisabeth Elliot to research for the paper.



ROOTED



JOHN CAMPBELL LEANNE CHRISTIANSON ZACHARY CLARK DOUG COLEMAN NICOLE COLLETT LAURA COPELAND SHARON DEGNAN ELIZABETH DEROUSSE



JOHN DICKERSON ABIGAIL DORIANI

Teachers

were consistently questioned by pesky students asking, "Why are we learning this?" or "Will I ever actually use this?"

Teachers typically responded by saying, "to better prepare you for the next year." This was certainly true yet hard for students to grasp.

Just like when a student was younger, he or she had to learn addition before attempting multiplication. The middle school students became rooted in the basics before they could rise into high school. Pamela Bye, eighth grade English teacher, and Kim Landes, seventh grade English teacher, taught proper grammar skills before the kids began writing difficult papers. Each step was important to grow into a finished product. The final finished product was a graduated senior that would be able to bear fruit outside of school.

Students also learned about the Old Testament before the New Testament. Teachers wanted the kids to understand how to analyze Scripture before they went deep into the studies. They also developed critical thinking skills that better prepared them for high school. Writing was one of the most important skills that Westminster taught. Each year English was a little more in depth than the last. Freshmen worked on the basic understanding of different styles of papers. Freshmen English teachers assigned a variety of styles such as descriptive essays or book analysis papers. "My favorite essay was the descriptive essay on a storm. It either had to be describing a literal storm or figuratively. I did mine on a hurricane," said Kelsy Cline, freshman.

As a sophomore Cline will be perfecting her grammar skills and the basic understanding of literature of western civilization. It required a lot of steps to finally produce a finished product, but it was well worth it to become rooted in the basics.

KIM DOYLE JOAN DUDLEY



CRAIG DUNHAM KATHY EICHELBERGER LUCY ERDMAN TRACI EVERETT JIM FARMER MIKE FORD TODD FULLER MARCIA GHOLSTON TIMOTHY GIBSON



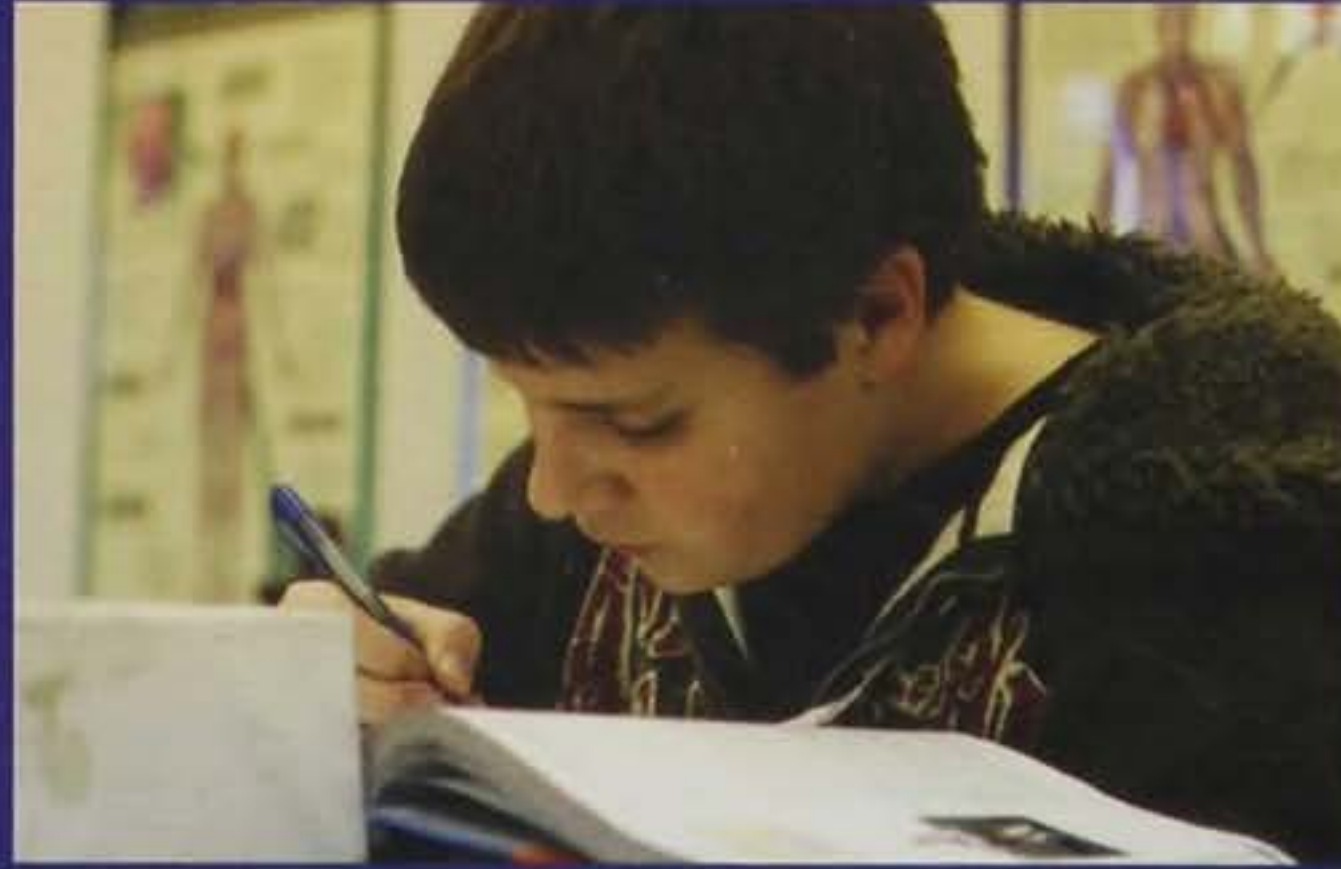


SARAH DEVRIES

Justine Doiron and Rebecca Waller, eighth grade, practice mouth to mouth on a manikin. Dave Schall, fitness teacher, taught the students in health class how to perform CPR, and at the end of class they would become CPR certified. They filled plastic bags with air and put it under the red chest so that the plastic bags acted like lungs and expanded as they breathed air into them.



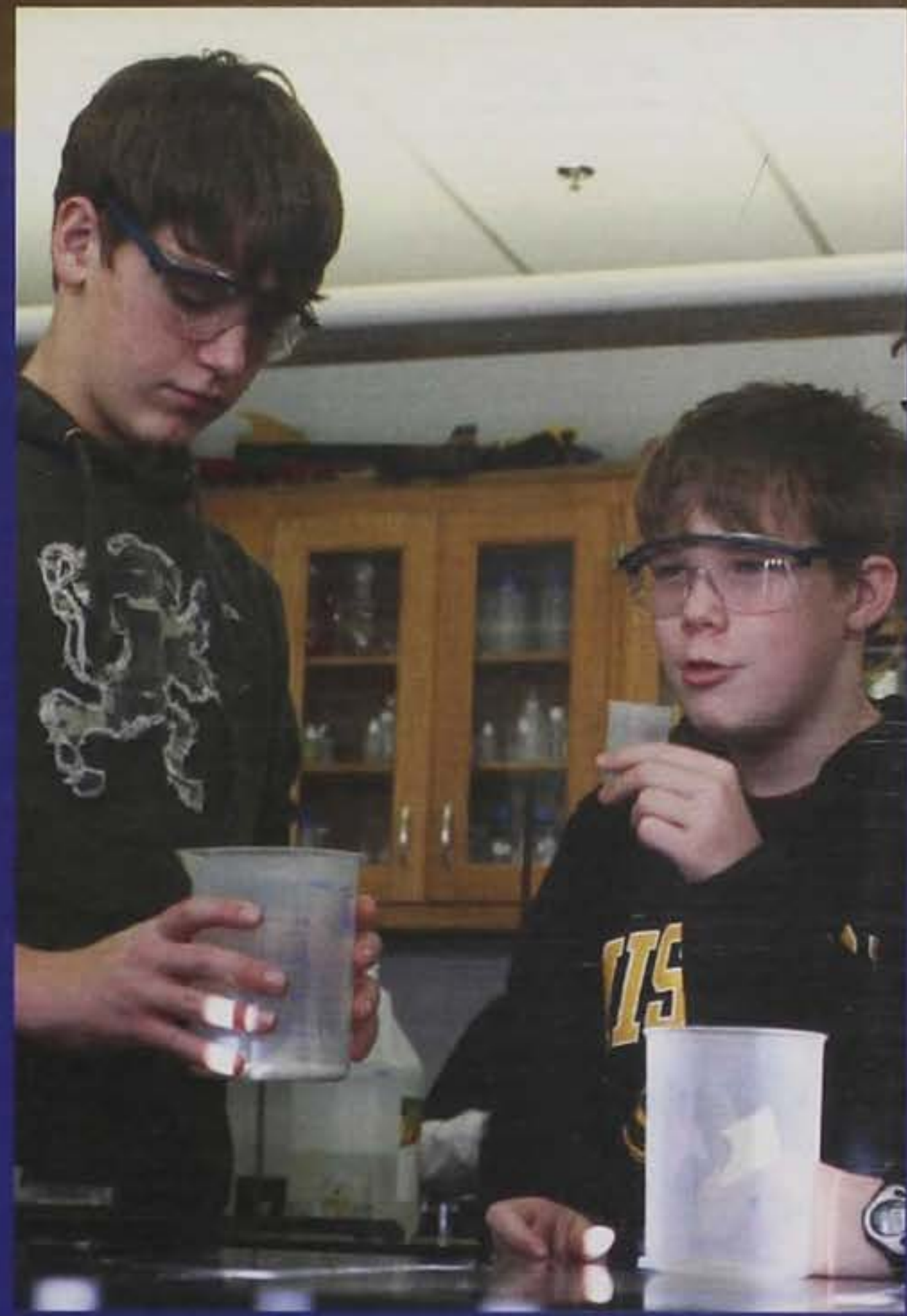
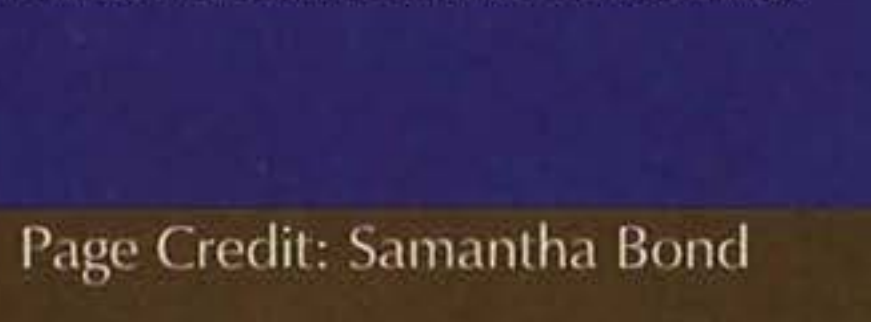
William Serber, freshman, in Ann Hyse's expository writing class reads *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The freshmen worked hard on a variety of styles of papers. "My favorite was the paper on third-world countries. I did the African country of Zambia," said Serber.



Joseph Isaacs, seventh grade, focuses while working on his pre-algebra homework. Westminster developed math skills from the very beginning in seventh grade all the way through college algebra senior year. Students first learned how to solve equations in pre-algebra then evolved to solving word problems with equations in college algebra.



Morgan Patterson, seventh grade, cuts paper to prepare for a lab. Steve Bradley, science teacher's class had labs every block day. "It helps the kids really understand what they are studying. The hands on interaction is what I love about science," said Bradley.



Benjamin Mitchell and Parker Briden, seventh grade, measure out vinegar into a 100 ml beaker. Steve Bradley, seventh grade science teacher, had the class light candles and then put out the candle with the gas created by the chemical reaction. "Labs are the best thing in class. My favorite one was when Mr. Bradley worked with methane gas and a stick and it became this cannon thing. It was really loud," said Mitchell.

Chelsea McConkey and Hannah Worrell, freshmen, participate in a Drama 1 class with Helen Scott, teacher. Worrell moved her hand and McConkey had to keep the same distance the entire time. "It was teaching us how to improvise and just learn how to go with the flow," said McConkey.



Christian Thompson and Megan Tilly, seventh grade, hold a dead frog in Steve Bradley's science class. The kids opened up its chest and learned about the frog's heart, stomach, the intestines. "I thought it was gross at first. Then we went exploring in the body, which was really interesting," said Tilly.





Heidi Hunter, sophomore, dresses up for a fashion show in Spanish class. After preparing for a few days, Spanish 3 presented fashion shows. In the fashion shows, students wore diverse outfits while a fellow group member announced the attire of each individual.

Eric Levenhagen, sophomore, smashes a watermelon in western civilization. In class, students learned of the well known philosopher, Rene Desartes, and his method to eliminate questions of existence. He utilized doubt to abolish all uncertainty. A wooden hammer symbolized De Cartes' means to exterminate doubt. Students wrote their doubts on a watermelon and watched Levenhagen shatter their doubts.



MICHELLE GILBERT



Matthew Kelly and Elliot Schroeder, juniors, participate in a biology activity. Warren Smith, biology teacher, used a long piece of string to portray how essential each organism was to the environment. His visual explained if one organism was taken out, it brought an effect on the whole community.

Andrew Kouba, sophomore, watches the reaction of chemicals in the test tube. Every block day, chemistry classes spent their time doing experiments. "I felt like our class was a great big loving family of nerds in the lab. We shared equipment and listened to music together," said Catherine Sinclair, sophomore.



Benjamin Becker, junior, holds his leaf project in biology. Becker and Paige Norman, junior, classified and found twenty different Missouri leaves. "I enjoyed this project, because it got me out into nature," said Becker.



Angela Cannady, freshman reads in expository writing. In expository writing, freshmen wrote a paper on two significant people who stuck their head out and made a difference. After they researched these two people, they applied this to their lives and learned how to make a difference in the world.

Shelby Masser, sophomore, sings for a quiz in mixed chorus. In choir, students learned the solfège scale which was recognized by, do re mi fa so la ti do. Choir classes warmed up their voices everyday by singing the scale.





LAUREN GLOOR EILEEN GOEBEL L.B. GRAHAM KAREN GROVES DAVID HAAS JUDY HAAS TODD HABERKORN STEVEN HALL

Emily Farris and Paul Smallwood, juniors, sketch during art class. "I like art class, because it is a nice break during the day to be artistic and talk with friends," said Farris.



SUSAN HALL TIMOTHY HALL

Sticky red juice and black seeds scattered across the sidewalk as the heavy wooden hammer demolished the watermelon. Chris Knerr, western civi-

lization teacher, led the class outside on a sunny day, to show the class how to exterminate doubt. In the classroom, students learned about Descartes' methods of getting rid of skepticism. Descartes questioned existence and all 'truths' by doubting things. Outside, each individual wrote things they doubted onto a fresh watermelon.

Next, they watched as Eric Levenhagen, sophomore, shattered their doubts with the "Doubt Hammer." The "Doubt Hammer" signified Descartes' manner to prove existence and to define all truths. This displayed an example of the phrase "so what."

"So what" explains the applications brought upon one's life after learning the facts. Instead of just cramming information before semester exams, students were taught to apply these ideas to their personal lives. Information learned throughout the school year assisted students to rise to their potential and become prepared for more education in years to come.

Teachers used various methods to accompany students in applying facts to their lives. Assigned papers and projects displayed examples "so what." One project that displays this theme was the Biblical ethics Ten Commandment project. After memorizing and reading deeper into the Ten Commandments, students were told to read a local newspaper and look out for examples of everyday people breaking or keeping one of the Ten Commandments. Searching for examples of people sinning against the Ten Commandments helped students apply the Ten Commandments to their lives so they could rise on to other academic challenges.

RISING



LISA HARDING KIM HARMON



SUSAN HAVERSTICK TERI HAXEL NICKY HENSLEY ANN HEYSE SCOTT HOLLEY TIMOTHY HOLLEY ERIN HUFFMAN LARRY HUGHES HARRY HYNDMAN



William McKenna and Nathan Benefield, sophomores, play a vocabulary game in Sara Keeton, English teacher's, literature of western civilization class. The class did a vocabulary unit every other week.



RISING



LINDSEY IRWIN REX JANSSEN MARK JENNINGS DAVID JOHNSON JEFF JOHNSON PEGGY JOHNSON THOMAS JOHNSTON HUGH JONES



KENT KEHR JILL KEITH

Each student's journey at Westminster was focused on growth. Whether the student was moving from middle school to high school or from chemistry to biology, he or she never stayed in the same place for too long. And as the student grew, he learned more: not only about his schoolwork, but also about himself. But just like anything that grows, he had to start with the basics. It was only then that the student could find out what he really liked and pursue it.

Before students could take what they learned and do something with it, they had to understand what it meant practically. They needed to be rooted before they could grow. Before they performed a lab, they had to understand the process. Before they wrote a paper, students had to understand the basics of grammar. And before they started a fund-raiser for Invisible Children, the class had to understand the situation in Uganda. The classes they took when they were freshmen prepared them for the classes they took sophomore year.

Foreign languages were exactly those types of classes. Everyone had to take the lower classes first. They had to learn the basics of the language before getting into the complicated parts. Spanish 1 and 2 focused on vocabulary and grammar basics, while Spanish 3 and 4 got into the more complicated grammar tenses. The same was true for French and Latin.

Another class that used this idea was government, a required senior class. Instead of preparing students for another class though, government prepared students so they could be informed citizens. Ken Boesch, government and Political Science teacher, taught students not only about how our government was formed but also about past and current legal and political issues. Some seniors were already old enough to vote when they took the class, but even those that were not were still encouraged to get involved in politics and stay up-to-date with current events so they could be informed citizens.

Art survey was another class that could be taken in preparation for more advanced classes. Students were given a basic overview of many art forms so they could find out which forms and mediums they liked or excelled at.

While some classes existed only to prepare students for another class, the importance of them could not be minimized because of the impact they had on the rest of their education.

ANDY KERCKHOFF HAN KIM



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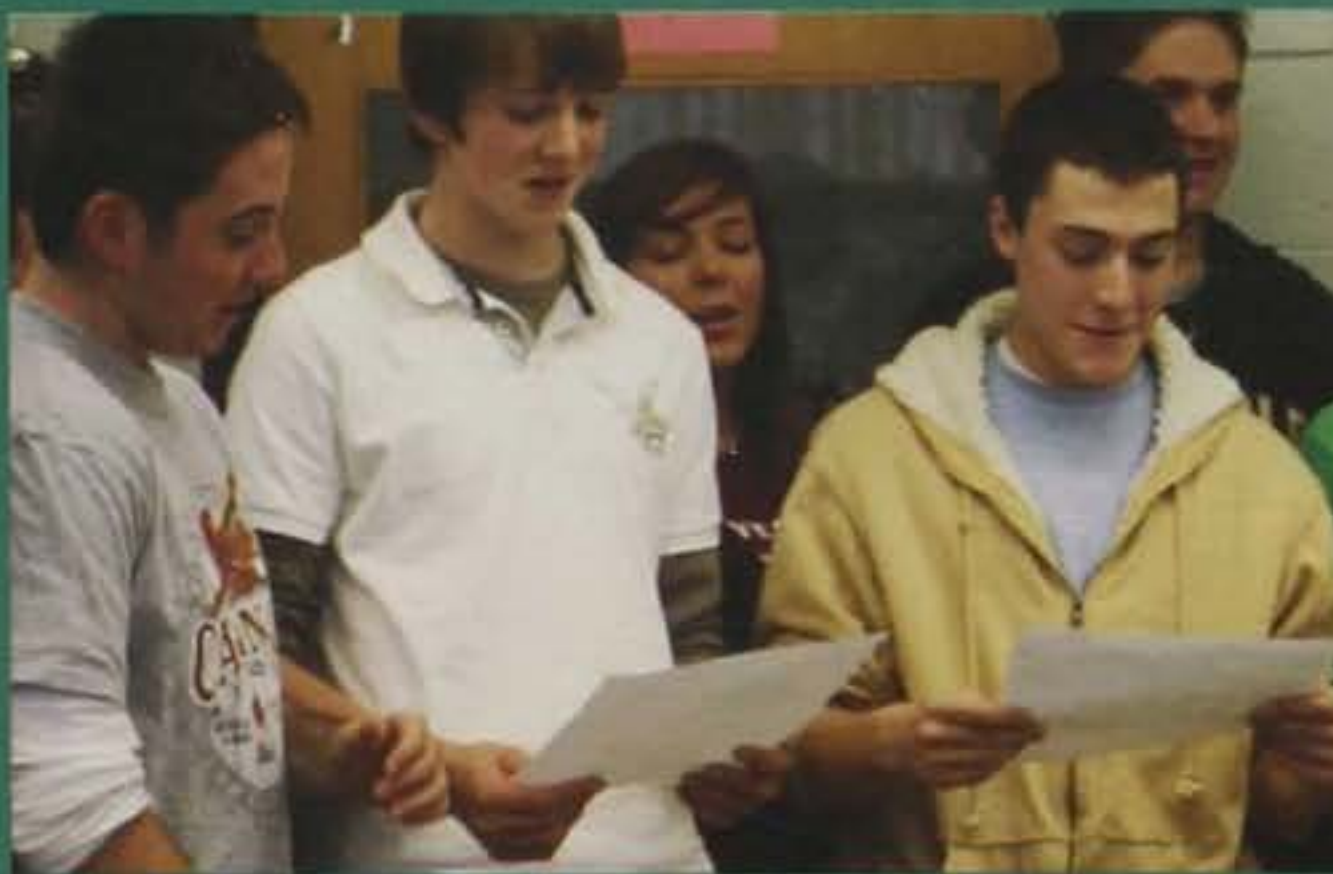


SARA KEETON

Emily Speights, junior, works on a project during digital communications. The class worked mostly with Photoshop and learned the basics of graphic design. "The most interesting part of [digital communications] was either the I spy project or the house re-do project," said Speights.



Shelby Kehr and Summer Smith, seventh grade, dissect a frog in Steve Bradley, science teacher's, class. While some students enjoyed it, many did not. "Generally when you are poking around the inside of something, it's not a good situation," said Bennett Lewis, seventh grade.



Lacinta Chard, sophomore, presents a puppet show with her group in her French 2 class. The class made their own puppets and then used them to perform the plays of a famous French playwright. They called their puppet theater "Théâtre de Guignol," named for a building in Paris that was associated with a puppet character.



William Rock, Michael Koebbe, and Richard Copeland, sophomores, sing Christmas carols to the French class during their Spanish 2 class. Most of the Spanish classes went caroling to different classrooms right before Christmas break. They sang familiar Christmas songs with Spanish words on an overhead so everyone could sing along.

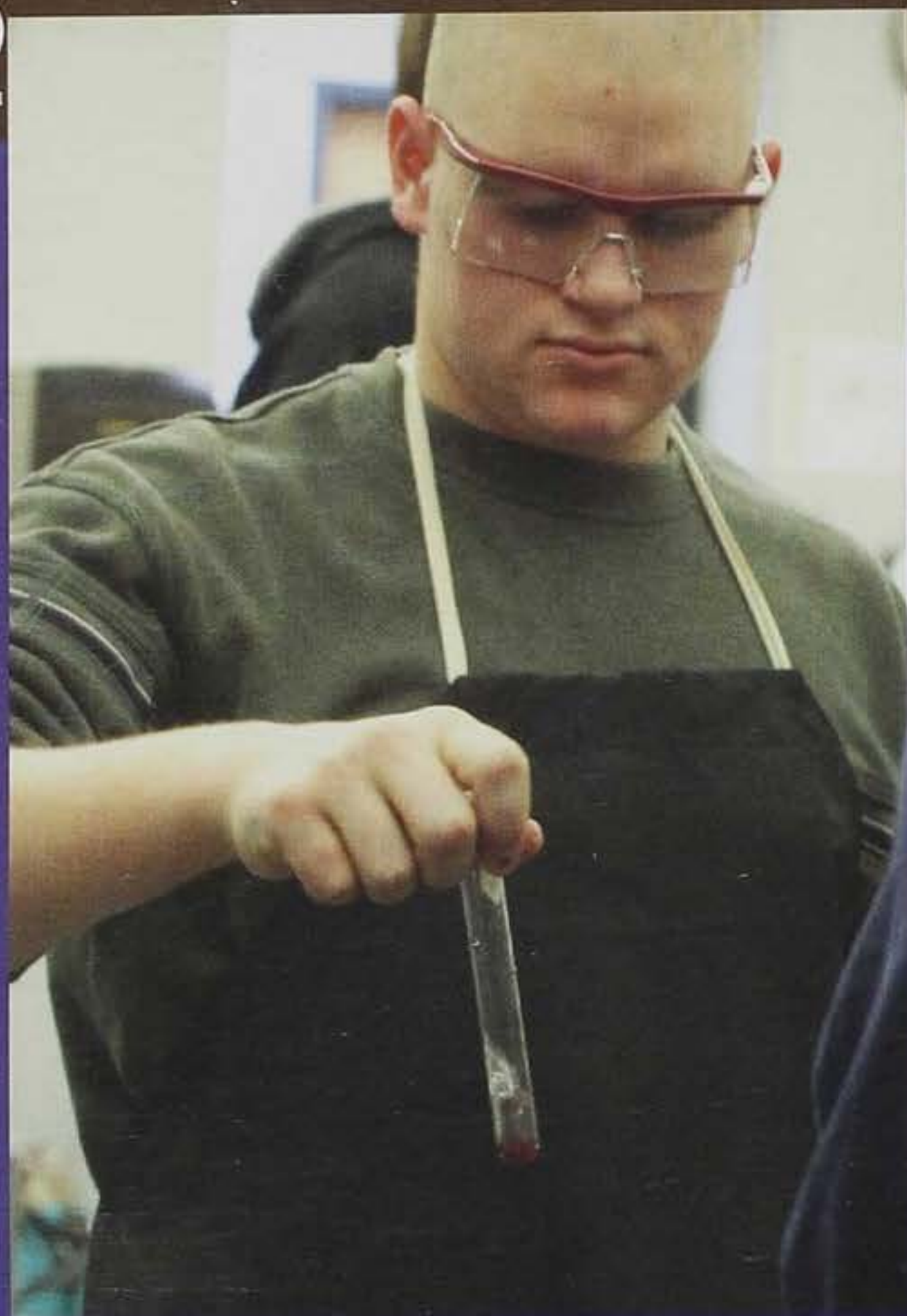
Hayden Lewis, sophomore, and Kevin Taylor, junior, work on a lab during their seventh hour chemistry class. The lab involved different chemical combinations and reactions. The chemistry classes usually did a lab every block day.

Grace Smith, junior, works on a portrait in her drawing class. "My favorite part is the charcoal portraits because it's fun working in different mediums other than pencil," said Smith.



Melissa Ruhlman, senior, plays bingo in her AP Spanish 4 class. The class sometimes played bingo in order to learn the vocabulary words. "I like playing games because we learn and it also helps pass the time," said Ruhlman.



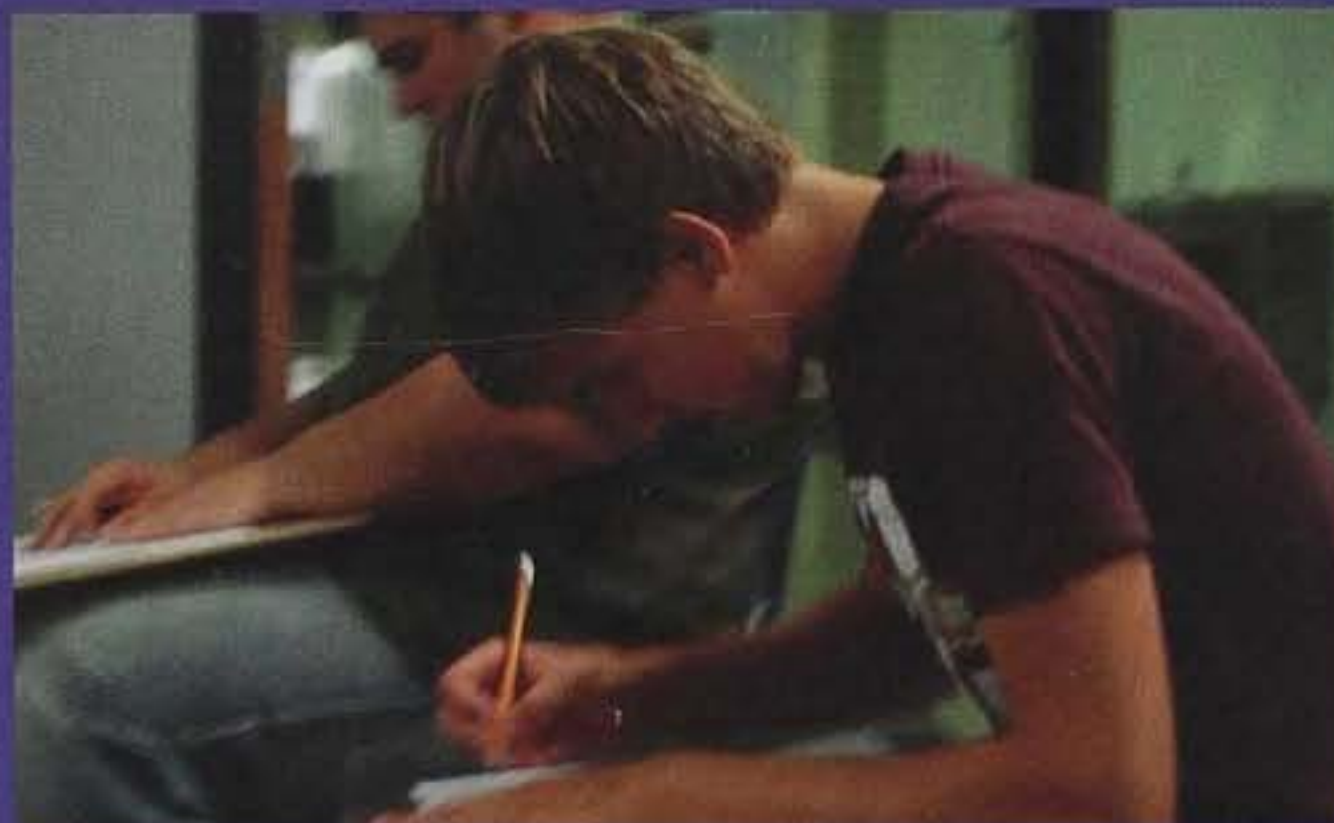


Andrew Moissen, sophomore, swirls a test tube in the lab room during chemistry. The experiment demonstrated the physical change of metals that rust.

During chapel, Ken Boesch, government teacher, and his contemporary world affairs class present their check of \$21,883.05 to the Invisible Children Foundation. "There has been a ton of planning during a month or so of classes and lots of planning done on individuals' parts outside of class. Once the planning was done there was lots of time spent doing chapels and selling the T-shirts and candy grams. When we collected the coined money we spent a week or two of classes counting it out and putting it into the little paper things," said Theodore Sutcliffe, junior.

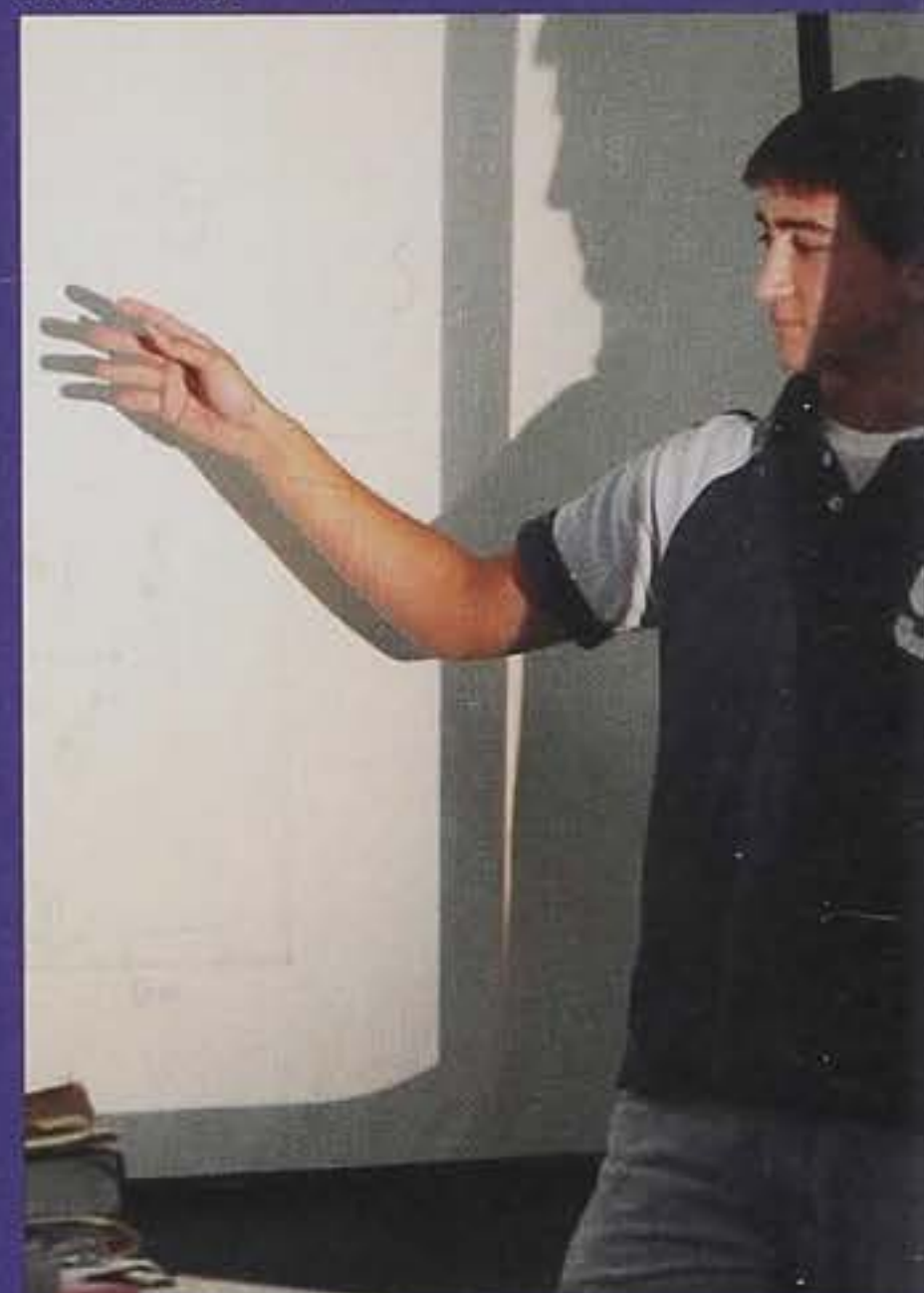


KAREN MARTIN



Matthew Reilly and Phillip Binkholder, juniors, draw perspectives during their art class. The art survey classes used different types of media, such as pencils and ball-point pens, to express their artwork.

Michael Bianca, senior, explains to his forensics class how the crime in their lab took place. "We did a crime scene at the beginning of the year where Helen Scott [drama teacher] played a dead body in the lab and we had to search for clues and assess the situation," said Bianca.



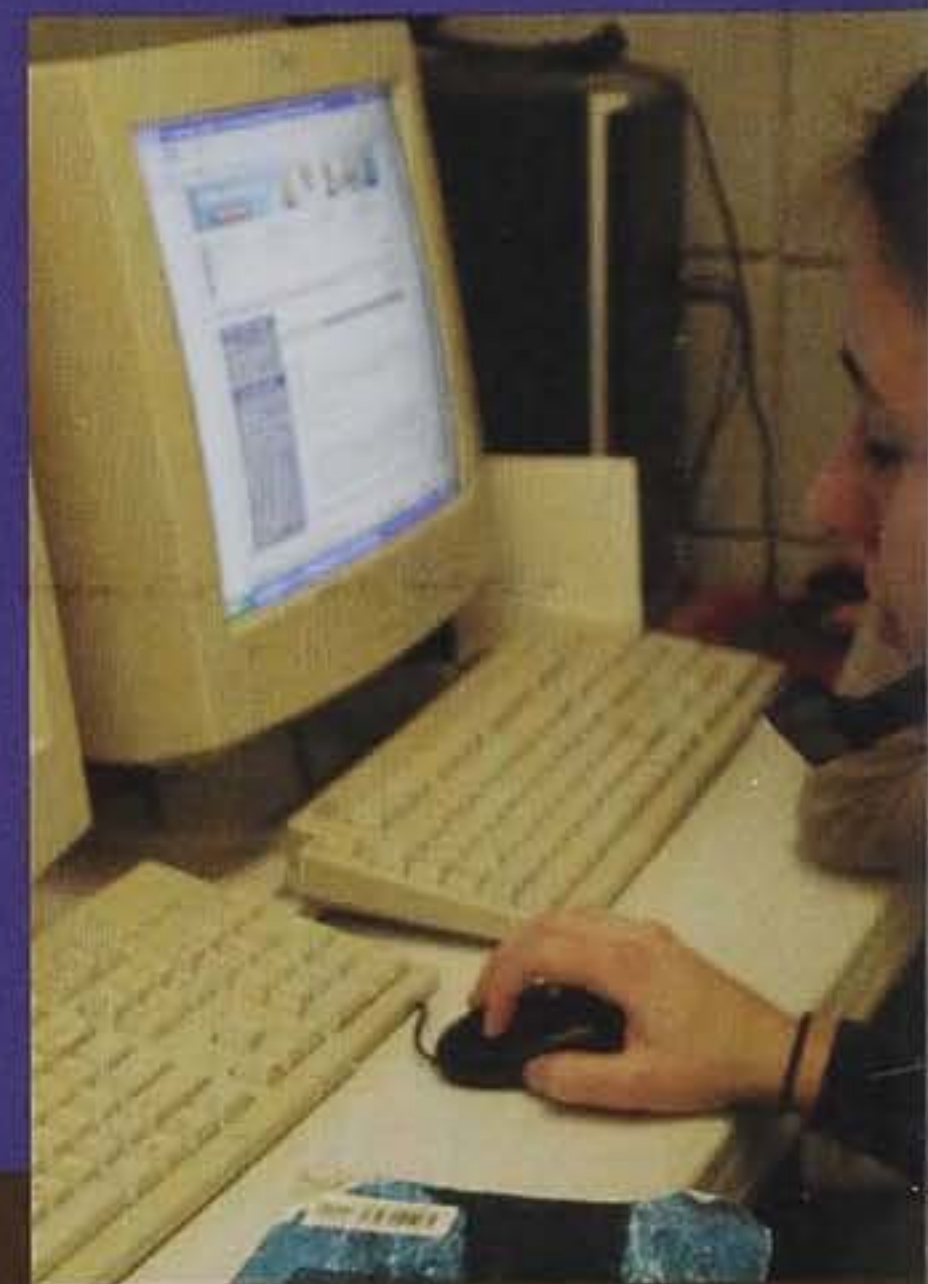
Nicholas Loynd, sophomore, looks at the precipitate in his test tube. During the experiment the students had to separate the precipitate that formed by filtering it through a funnel.



Melissa Elliott and Benjamin Bubenik, seniors, do a lab during AP physics. "Although AP physics is a challenging class, I am learning a lot and know the information I am learning will help me when I go to college. I like having a smaller science class. You get to know the people in your class better," said Elliott.



Karri Hess, senior, listens to Spanish in the language lab. In AP Spanish the students listened to several exercises and performed speaking exercises to increase their knowledge of the language.





REBECCA MENDIS ALAN MILLER JACOB MOHLER TIM MUEHLEISEN WES NEEL NICK NICHOLS SHEILA PAUL CHRISTOPHER PEDERSON

Juan Mundo-Sifuentes, senior, takes pictures for newspaper during spirit week. Newspaper covered the highlights and exciting events throughout the year.



J.D. PERONA MARTHA PETERS

The goal of the students in Ken Boesch, government teacher's, contemporary world affairs class was to make a difference. During the year, the students studied geopolitical world situations due to 9-11 and learned how to observe

the Christian worldview in the situation. They had seen a need and they wanted to change it. After watching a documentary about Invisible Children, the students wanted to do something about the situation in Uganda.

Invisible Children was an organization that helped provide for the children in Africa that were running from the army. To help this cause, the students created

T-shirts that had a message about the Invisible Children to sell at Carnival. Then, the students held a chapel and told the rest of the school the need that was out there. They encouraged each of the students to donate their change, to buy some candy or purchase a T-shirt. For the next three months, the class asked the rest of the school to donate more.

With many ways to get money, the students were able to raise \$21,883.05 to help Invisible Children and provide a school for Ugandan children. They raised the sixth highest amount in the country and first in their "regional cluster."

"It is a humbling experience seeing so many people being so selfless. God works in incredible ways and it truly is a testimony of his power. Hearing some of the stories people did and sacrificed to raise money for Invisible Children blows my mind. One girl did not get her nails done for Christmas Banquet and put that money towards Invisible Children, another girl decided not to go on spring break and donate the money to Invisible Children. The thing that is awesome is Westminster came together as a community. One person could not raise the amount of money we did, but collectively, we came together to work for a cause so much bigger than ourself," said Kristin Gilbert, senior.

Due to the amount of money raised, the school was able to send one student over to Uganda during the summer for fifteen days. Gilbert was chosen to go to help with the school that the money went to support. "God willing I will be going to Gulu, Uganda for two weeks; I am really nervous, anxious and excited. A lot of people ask me if I am scared but I know God will protect me and He has a plan," said Gilbert. Also, the offer to go over for five to six weeks was extended to Boesch.

With the help of the school and their steadfast perseverance, the students in contemporary world affairs were able to make an impact in many lives.

SUSAN PIKE JAMES POTTEBAUM



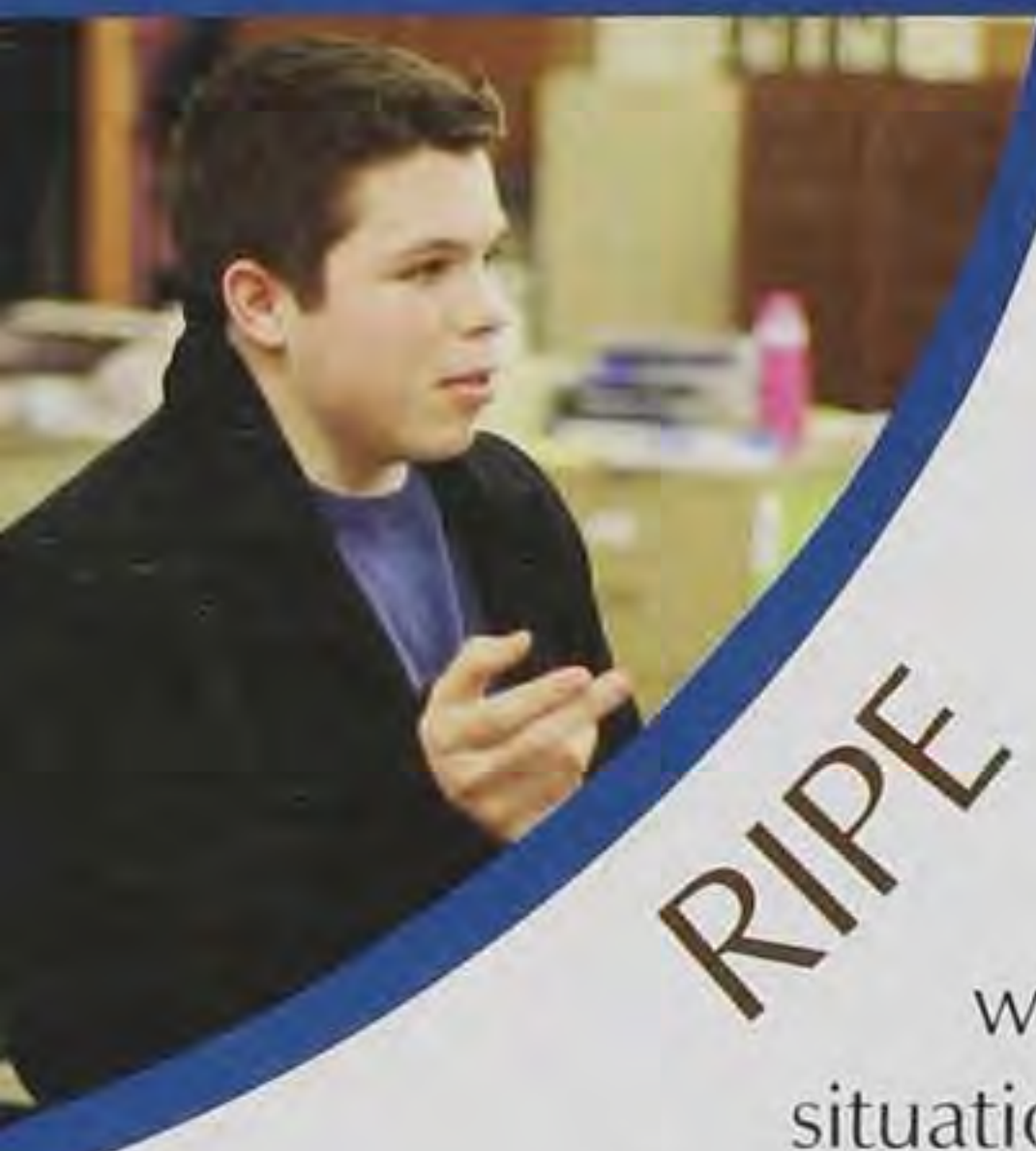
JUDY POWELL PAMELA REED BETTY RICHARDSON ELLEN ROBB JOHN RUSSO SPENCER SAVORY DAVE SCHALL JEFF SCHIPPER ALLEN SCHWAMB



RIPE



Samuel Egertson, senior, gives a speech in speech class on what he would do with seven days to live. Students' speeches on this topic varied from traveling the world to being a super model.



RIPE



HELEN SCOTT JAMES SEFRIT MARK SELL ANDREW SHAW RACHEL SMITH WARREN SMITH WILLIAM SMITH CORY SNYDER



NATHAN TALLEY DONALD TIEMEIER

The strong base of a Westminster education enabled students to include their freshly embedded principles into their own lives and the lives of others. At Westminster this maxim was referred to as "now what," the idea of applying concepts learned in class into real life situations. One way seniors displayed this was by their senior service through the Faith In Action program. Every Thursday morning seniors went out into the community to volunteer. Volunteering varied from helping at elementary schools to assisting at nursing homes.

Another illustration of "now what" was through the AP political science class taught by Ken Boesch. Eighteen senior students participated in the Missouri state "We the People" competition. Participants were challenged to learn the complexities of the United States government and how they applied to their own lives. The team won the state competition making it the ninth straight victory for the school.

The senior class of worldviews seminar also exemplified the "now what" maxim. The class challenged students to understand the worldviews of others as well as their own in order to better express their beliefs. One way this was accomplished was through group projects in which students created videos that reflected real life examples of worldviews. Rather than simply digesting the information, students were called to reproduce what they learned in their lives while at Westminster.

AMY TURNER RICHARD VAN GILST REBECCA VAN VALKENBURG DEANA VANDEGRIFF NATE VANDER WAL ROBERT VASS THANE VELTKAMP



SCOTT VONDER BRUEGGE BONNIE WAGNER CRAIG WALSETH HOWARD WARREN ANDREA WILCOX PAULA WILLIAMS SANDRA WINCHESTER ELIZABETH WOODALL CYNTHIA ZAVAGLIA





JAMES STANGE

The "We The People" class receives their medals after being announced state champions. Unit One, which included David Testrake, Elizabeth Crowell, and Benjamin Winter, seniors, won the award for the top Westminster unit. Unit Two, comprised of Rex Oberle, Daniel Kim, and James Munson, seniors, and Unit Six, consisting of Sang-Jin Im, Anna Sugg, and Sarah Schlafly, seniors, were selected as the best in their respective units.



Kaitlin Harding, junior, listens to a substitute teacher's joke in AP biology class. The class was a college level science course. One of the class experiments involved making the gene of a bacteria glow.



Hope Harl, senior, speaks during a discussion in a worldviews seminar. The topic she discussed was arguments for theology. "The class helps me to formulate my own opinions and beliefs on certain topics," said Harl.



Matthew Rohlfing, senior, solves a problem regarding the volume of a rotating cylinder in calculus. Rohlfing also had AP expository writing taught by Scott Holley. One thing his English class focused on was realizing who the audience was when giving a speech; this was a necessary tool to build bridges with the audience.

Austin Brown, eighth grade, reviews his math notes during Dale Beachy's algebra 1 class. Middle School students also embraced the idea of using what they learned in the classroom in their own lives. "My favorite class is Bible. I used what I learned in class about getting advice on tough decisions in my own life" said Brown.



Margaret Heinemann, senior, discusses Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad with Anne Carrington, senior, in AP worldviews in literature taught by Dr. Scott Holley. "Dr. Holley's class teaches us how to interpret the author's meanings," said Heinemann. It was an essential tool for the "now what" application.



Jackson Long, senior, helps the second grade class at Central Christian School. Long helped the class on Thursday mornings. "The big smiles on the kids faces are my favorite part," said Long.

Bear Much Fruit

On

your first Thursday of senior

SERVICE, you make your way into the building, not knowing what to expect. New faces, new environments, and new structures encompass your world. You remember your goal this year is to go from "brokenness to community." Maybe you are greeted by ten kids with eager faces ready for you to play with them, or maybe you drive down highway 40 to help with Refuge of Nations.



June Hotchkiss and Allison Mitchell,
seniors

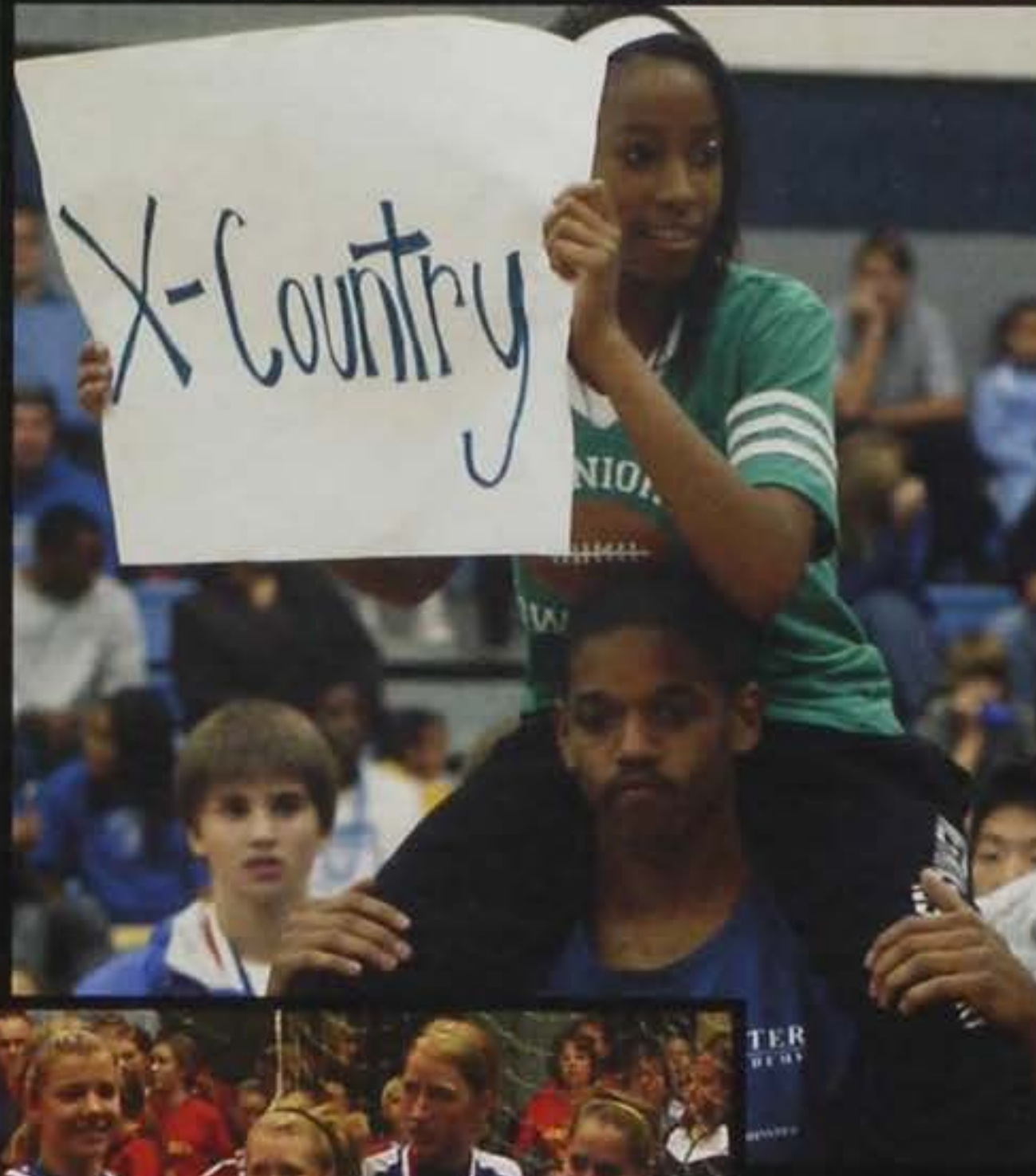


Brett Allen, senior

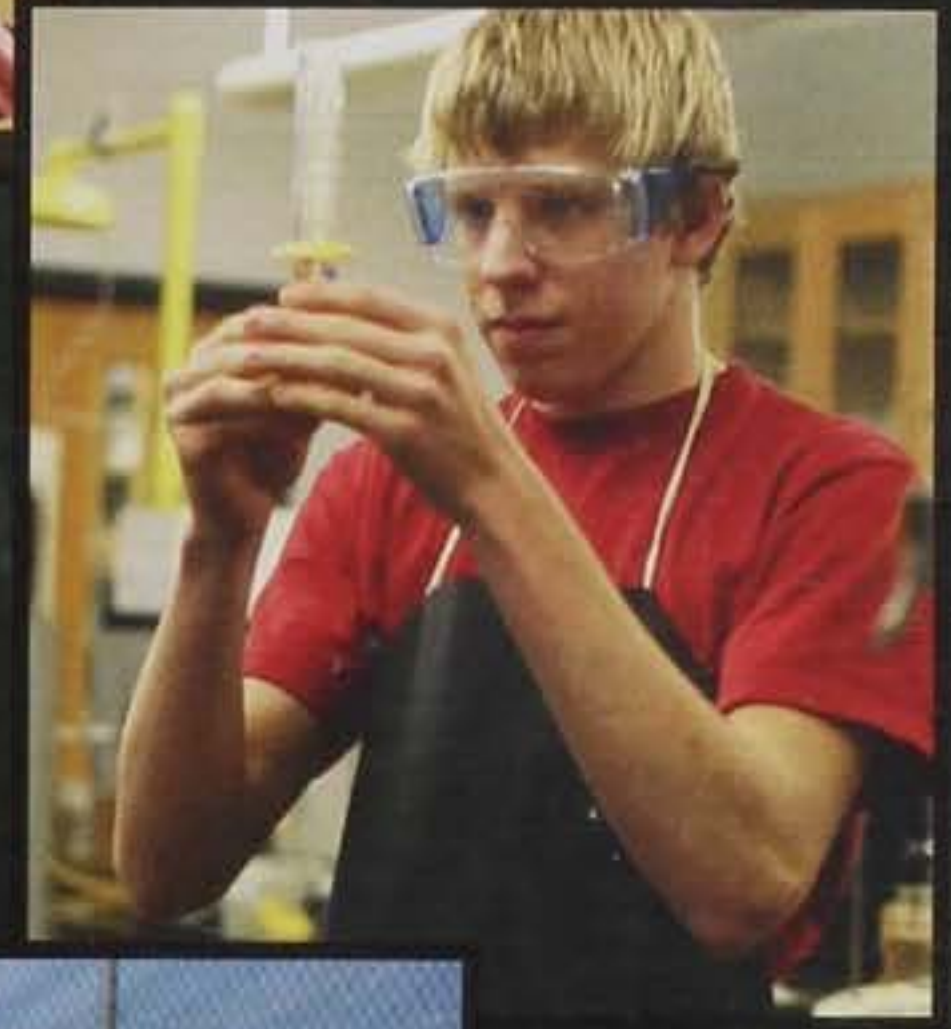
Samantha Bond, senior



Kayla Johnson and Thomas Jarrett, seniors



Michael Zandstra, senior



Varsity Volleyball Team



Elizabeth Karlake and Emma Dunlap, seniors

Wherever
you are, whatever you do, you are
learning how to put your experiences and
relationships together to reach out to the world. You
answer the call to Bear Much Fruit.

When given the option of "This or That?" students voiced their opinions.



Q:

Would you rather be a duck or a shrimp?

"I would rather be a duck because they are yellow and cute," said Della Woodward, seventh grade.

A:



Q:

Pirates of the Caribbean or Star Wars?

"Definitely Star Wars because they have light sabres and they can totally cut through pirate swords", said Theodore Sutcliffe, junior.

A:

Q:

Would you rather live on the beach or in the mountains?

"I would rather live on the beach because it is calming and there are hot guys," said Taylor Hoskins, freshman.

A:



Who is better, Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny?

A:

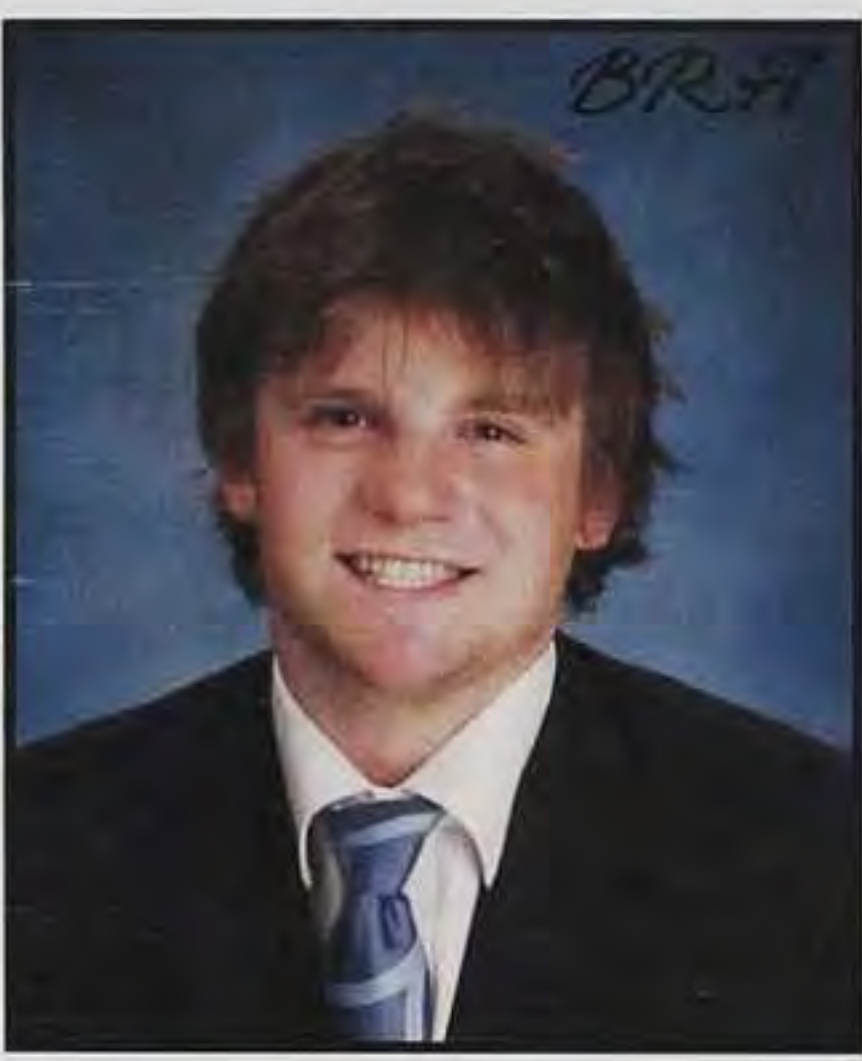
"I like Santa because he places my gifts conveniently under a tree where as the Easter Bunny makes me go look for them," said Marci Penning, freshman.

Q:



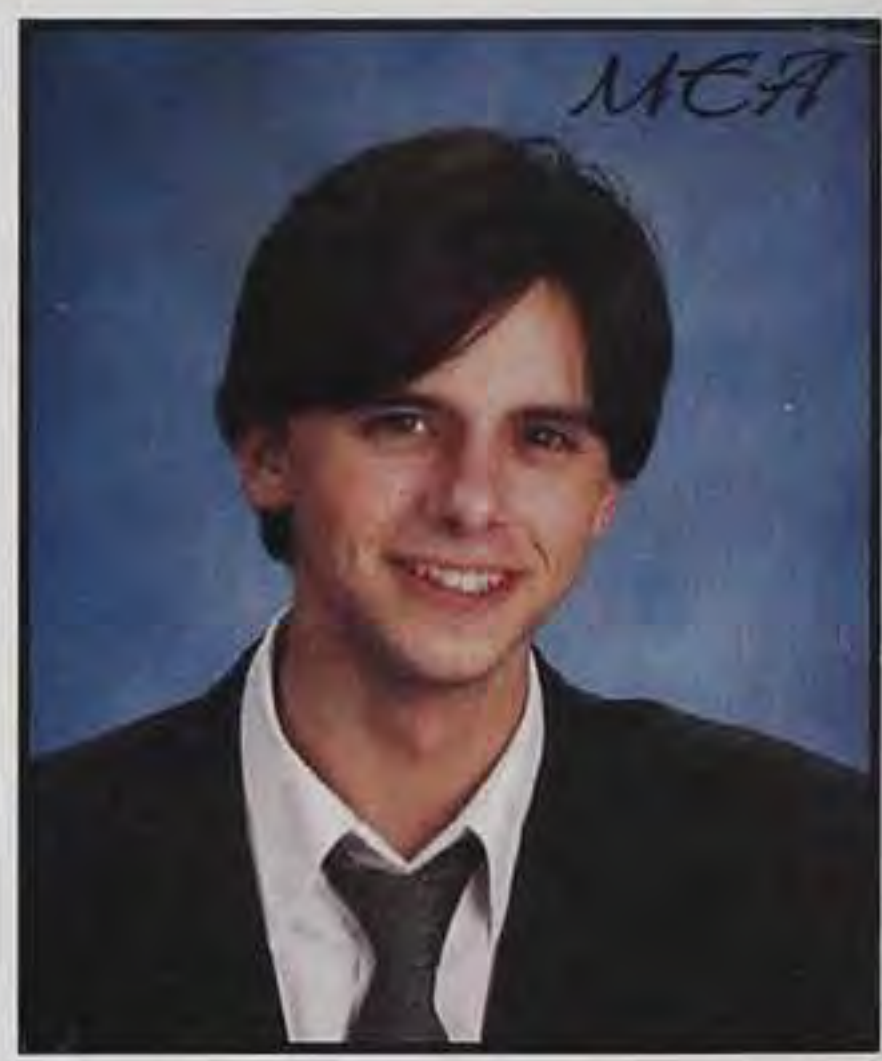
BRETT RICHARD ALLEN

MAX ERIC ANDERSON



I owe my life and everything in it to my father, God. Mom, thank you for always being there for me. Dad, thank you for being my hero and showing me what a true man of God is. Randall Littleton I don't like to think about where I would be in my life without your friendship. To the current and future Chapel Band, don't settle and keep striving to praise Jesus in the community. To my friends, thank you guys for keeping me out of trouble and giving me advice. Jared, thanks for making me laugh through the best and hardest times. Ben, don't worry about the future, let it worry about itself. WN forever. Seniors: We did it!

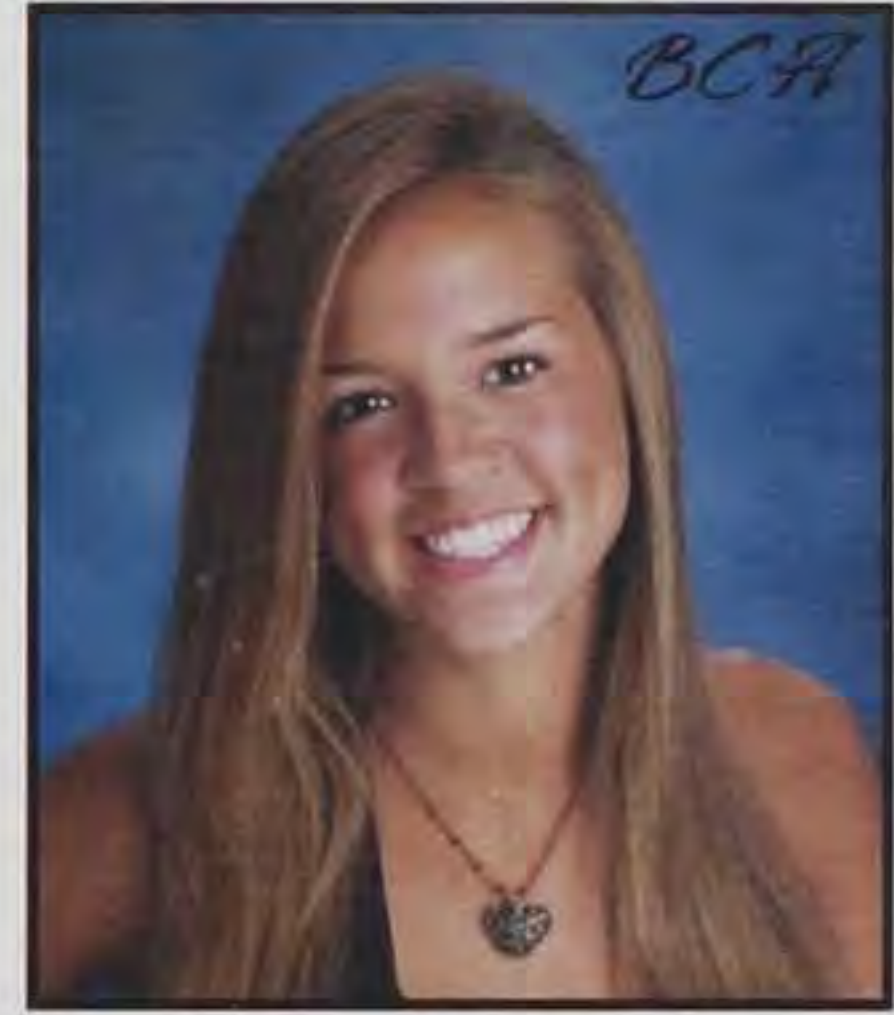
God- The speed of my improvement is proof enough that you are there. Mom, Dad and Mitchell- Thank you for your love, support, and money. Orion- you haven't a clue how much your courage and strength have influenced me over the past several years. Don't ever lose contact with me. Jasmine- your insurmountable work ethic has inspired me to do the impossible. Ben and Caleb- Give love a chance! Kris and Co.- Thanks for making the last few years at WCA exciting. Marquis, Jared, David P.- We need another party. Master Daniel- Your methods have changed my life, and so have the push-ups. Drama/ choir faculty- your hard work and patience in me WILL pay off- trust me.





Mom and Dad: thanks for all the support and tough love over the years. Ben: obviously... we've had some great times over the years, from FCA to swimming to everything else. NABENA! Bobby: all the science classes we had together, plus all of our fun... its been quite a ride. Anneleyce: I'll miss being in the house with you and the parents... kind of. Swimmers: Chuck-A-Burger! great times on the bus. E. Brown: keep it real. Kendall and Lauren: you guys are amazing, even if I sometimes forget your names. Ben and John: you guys made Spanish class bearable. Everyone else: thanks for the memories, you're awesome.

Lord, I can't thank you enough for my many blessings. Mom and Dad, you're the best parents a girl could ask for. Bubby, I have always looked up to you and always will. Sammy, we made it! I couldn't have done it without you- getting lost, oink oink, awkward moments, and funny pictures. You will forever be my best friend! Lauren, you make life exciting- Thanks for running through cornfields and laughing at complete randomness with me. Jill, my carpool buddy- It's ok to be Testy. Allison, thanks for laughing at my lame jokes. Tess, you make me smile! Amber, Ellie, Megan, Rachel, Anne, and Katy- I love you all. Thank you for the memories!



CLINTON JAMES ALEXANDER

BROOKE CHRISTINE ALLBRITTEN

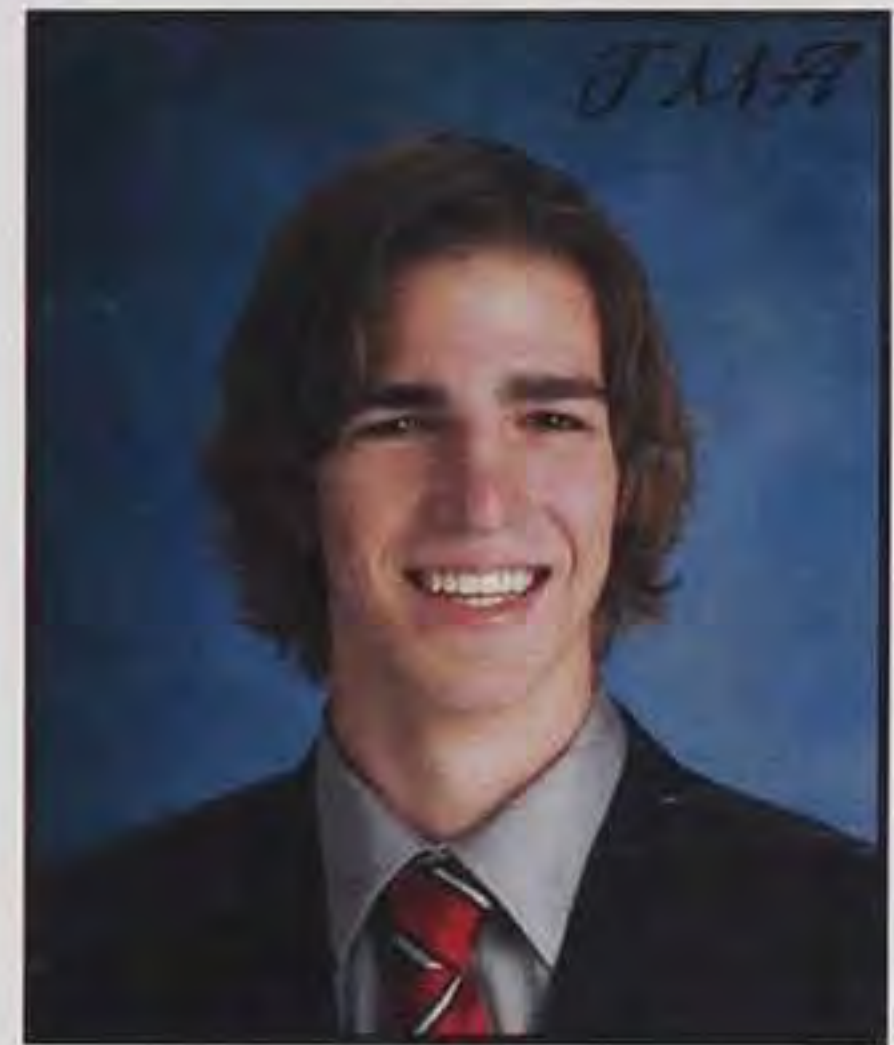
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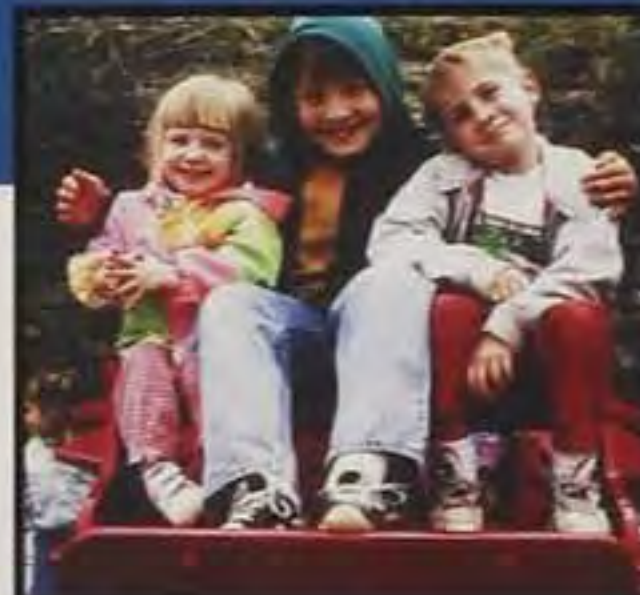
JONATHAN MARK AUTRY



Thank you family for helping me to do well. Mom, Dad, Jessica, James thanks for being a wonderful family. Thanks to WCA Faculty for being godly men and women to emulate and for being friends to learn from. Thanks to my teachers who made even the lame subjects a little less lame. Senora Dudley me ha dado mi gusto por idiomas. Gracias por su corazon magnifico. Mr. Jones you have taught me so much, and your knowledge goes far beyond music. I have enjoyed studying under you and hanging out with you. Thank you, classmates, seek God. He is our best answer.

To my family: Every moment spent with you, whether through trial or celebration, has truly been a blessing. Thank you for showing me what love really is, the love that the Lord has given us all. Friends, the memories created through staying true to each other are precious to me and I will always treasure them. To my teachers: Dr. Shaw, your lessons are amazing, and I will miss your "and you hate it when that happens!" jokes. And finally, Ms. Peters, thanks for putting up with me every time I ran into the library to write a paper due by the end of the day including this!





Mom and Dad, thank you for always supporting me in my decisions and for believing I could do it. Stephen and David, thanks for your kindness and for being true brothers. Thanks to everyone in my family- your beliefs and input have truly shaped my life and who I strive to be. To my friends, thank you for always being there for me, especially during my "special moments," and of course, through all of life's big challenges. I love you all. Thank you for being yourselves. To those who have taught me over the years, thank you for caring and working with me. To anyone I haven't mentioned, thank you for helping me along the way.
Jennifer Babb

Jeremiah 29:11 Mom, Dad: We'll keep working on this whole family thing together. I love you guys. Miller, Keffer: My brothers...Thank you for all you have done for me. Lunch Table: Four years of greatness. Jenny: Beautiful little lady...Wonderfully fun...I'll miss your laugh...love you girl. Matt: Awesome kid...Late night buddy. Continue pursuing God...Don't accept things because you hear them...Ask hard questions. Dgroup: I'll miss the talks, but the work within each of you is eternal. Mr. Miller, Mrs. Miller: Thank you for endless patience & direct love for me and Matt...you will always remain my home away from home. T: I'll eventually defeat you in ping-pong. Matt's Freshmen Gang: continue banding together.



JENNIFER LAUREN BABB

BENJAMIN ARTHUR BALDWIN



Danielle Zee-Cheng, senior, lays on the chair after she gave blood. "It was great. I felt a little dizzy, but otherwise I was fine. I would do it again."

The thought of injecting needles through your veins should have made you cringe. But for a number of students and teachers, the pain was bearable because it was for a good cause.

On September 17, the Westminster Community gave their blood so that others who were lacking could attain some. "The fact that you're helping someone else. It felt good that I helped someone," said Jackson Long, senior.

Long gave blood five times before.

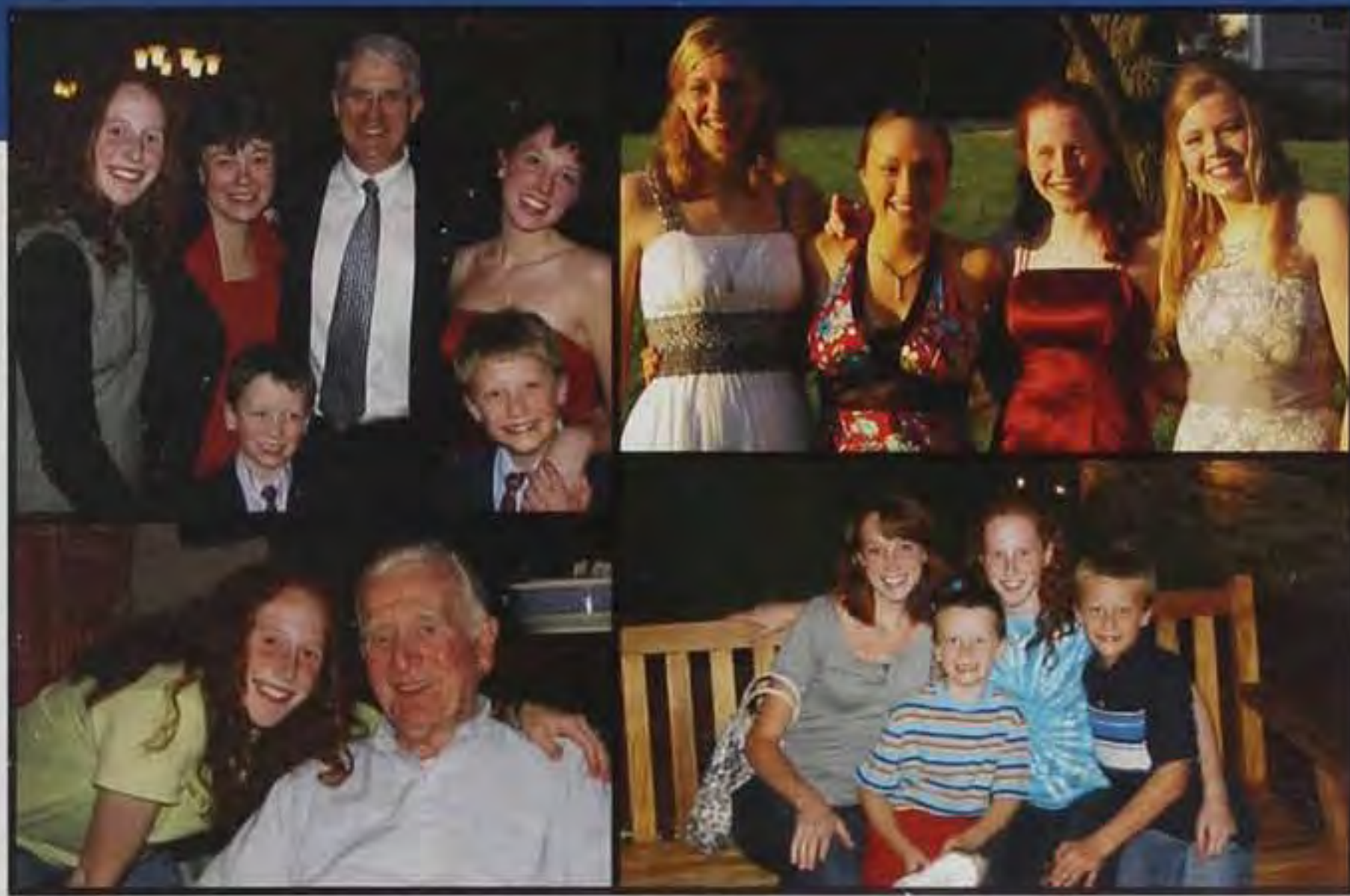
53 people gave blood this year, and for 20 of them, it was their first time. "There were more this year than there were last year," said David Haas blood drive coordinator.



Brandon Wesley, senior, surveys the wound on his arm. Afterwards, he felt queasy and somewhat nauseous.

Altruistic
Blood Shed

Students donated blood to the Red Cross when WCA hosted a blood drive.



First of all, to the sovereign God of the universe, thank you for letting me of all people enjoy You, Your love and Your sacrifice. You are so faithful. JERI, thank you for accepting me, loving me, and having so much fun; I love you so much. Nini, thanks for knowing, loving, delighting, being; I have been changed for good. Betsy, \m/. Jill, thanks for saying a lot more than hi and giving me a true friend. Kim, words don't work. God is so good, thanks for sticking by me even through the distance. Maggie, two is a good number; here's to lonely lunches, long talks and busy nights. Jessie, you are a Godsend, thank you so much. All for my audience of one. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Family & Friends thank you for the love & support you've given me, my appreciation is beyond words. Westminster Community "I love you all." Erik, we've been through a lot together, good times & bad. I want you to know I love you & will always be there for you. Thanks for being a true friend. Football team, it was fun. I am grateful that I could be a part of something so special. I learned a lot from you all. The lunch table, it's been great. We've shared great conversations & great food. Derrick, "its been real," to say the least... caked up or caked up, from solo to broke, we still stayed fly, having fun and smilin'. To my little sister Rachel, I am proud of the young woman you are becoming. I love you. To God I give all the glory.



RACHEL McRAE BANKS

JULIA ANN BERGER

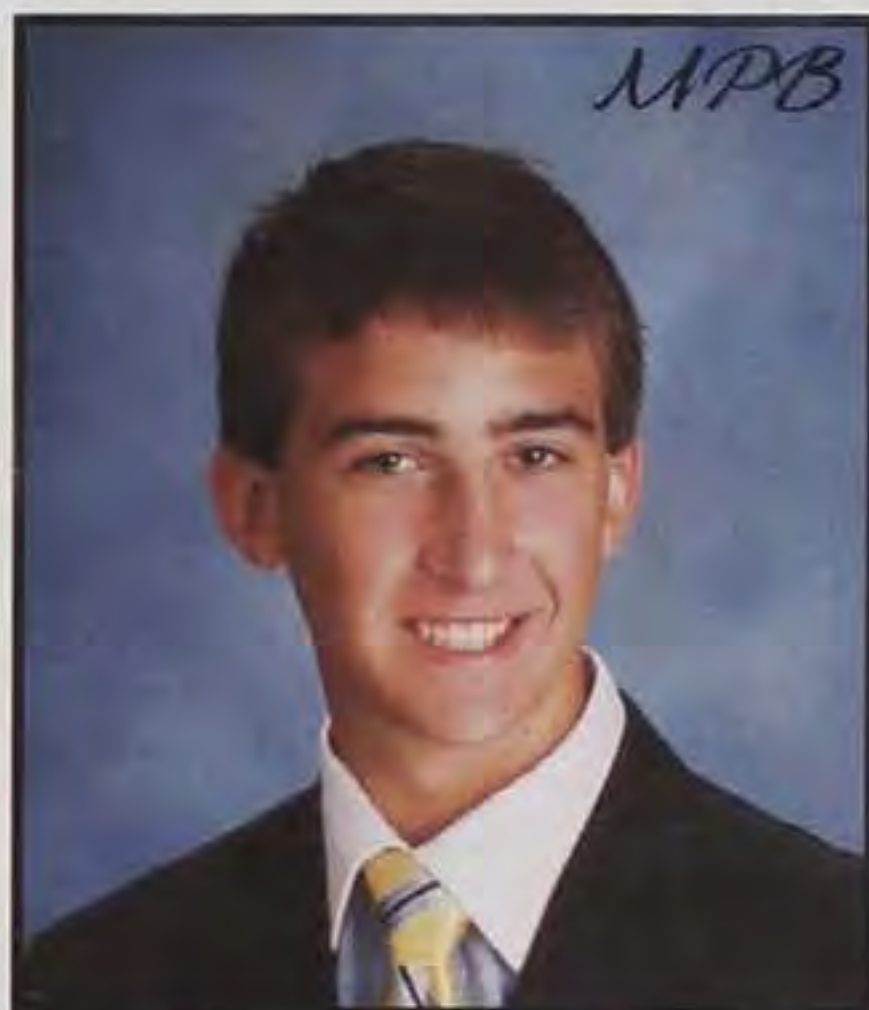
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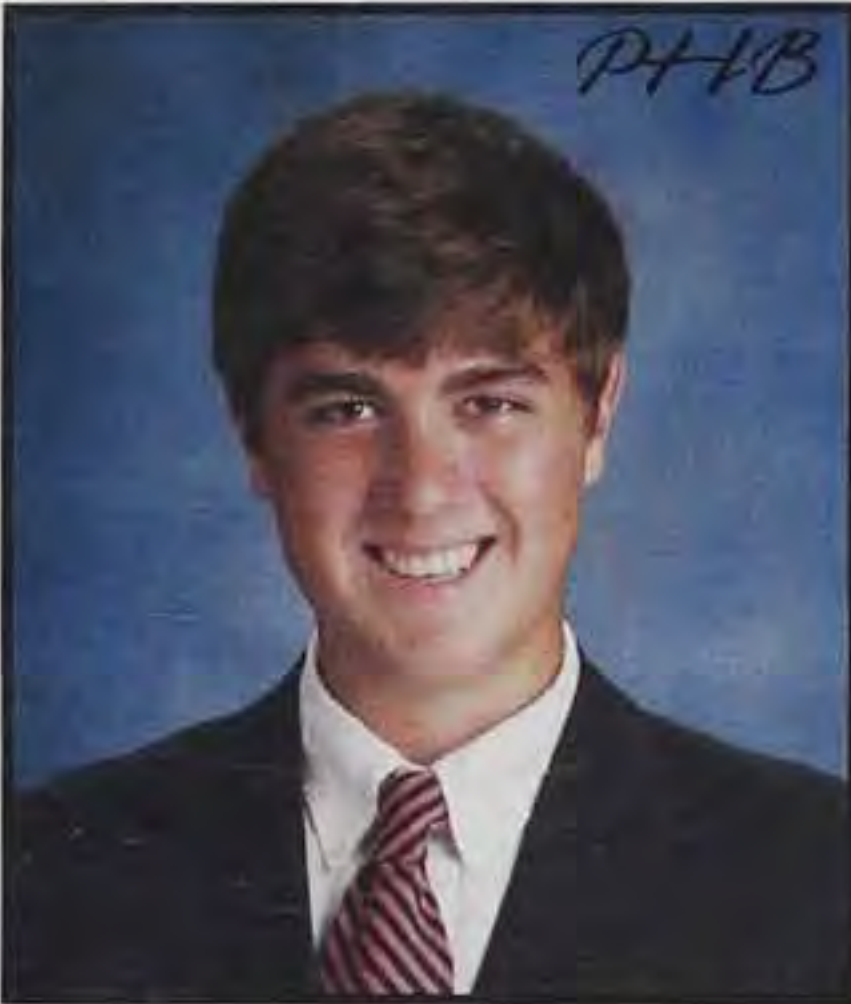
MICHAEL PAUL BIANCA



To all- Thank you for my enjoyable time at Westminster. Thomas- you have been such a good friend, thank you. Natasha- I treasure our friendship and the fun times we've had together. Ballster- You're an amazing friend, I owe you a lot. Alyssa- Thank you for your friendship (and high fives). Dima- Thank you for always making me laugh. JBabbs, Sarah Shippy, Bethany, Danielle- you guys are great, thank you for all the memories. Mrs. Pike- thank you, I've learned so much because of you. To all my teachers- Thank you for the time and effort you've put into my education. Most importantly, God, thank you for never ceasing to love me no matter what I do.

My life has been most affected by the people right next to me. My family and friends have always cared and supported me. Thanks mom for teaching me how to lead a Godly life. Dad, thank you for taking me fishing and all the times we spent together. Stephen, these past couple of years have been fun, I feel we have really developed a closer relationship. Kali thank you so much for being a part of my life. I am so thankful that I met such a strong spiritual person my junior year. I am so happy for all the fun times I shared with such a great girl.





PHB

Mom and Dad, thanks for all your love and support. I would like to thank God most of all for his love and mercy. He has given me a loving family and friends that have supported me. Molly and Betsie, you both have been awesome sisters and have given me great advice. For all my friends, I commend you for being inspiring Godly people. I couldn't have asked for a better group of friends than I have right now. I hope that we can all stay in touch, and I wish that the rest of our lives will always revolve around our Lord and Savior.

Mom, you're my best friend and always will be. Dad, thanks for all the laughs. Alex, I'll always be here for you. You guys mean everything to me. I love you! Brooke (my wife), I love all of our crazy moments when we think we're so funny...oink...oink! Have no worries we will be together forever. Jill, thanks for being patient with me and teaching me song lyrics. Allison, you are the perfect height and our talks are rockin. Ellie, I will miss moments like when cheese landed on my face. Tess, do you have a salami sandwich? Amber, I will never forget Summer Seminar. Anne, Kelsey, Katy, June love you all. Live life to the fullest and remember Deut. 6:5.



SMB

PETER HALL BOGGS

BENJAMIN JOHN BUBENIK

SAMANTHA MARIE BOND

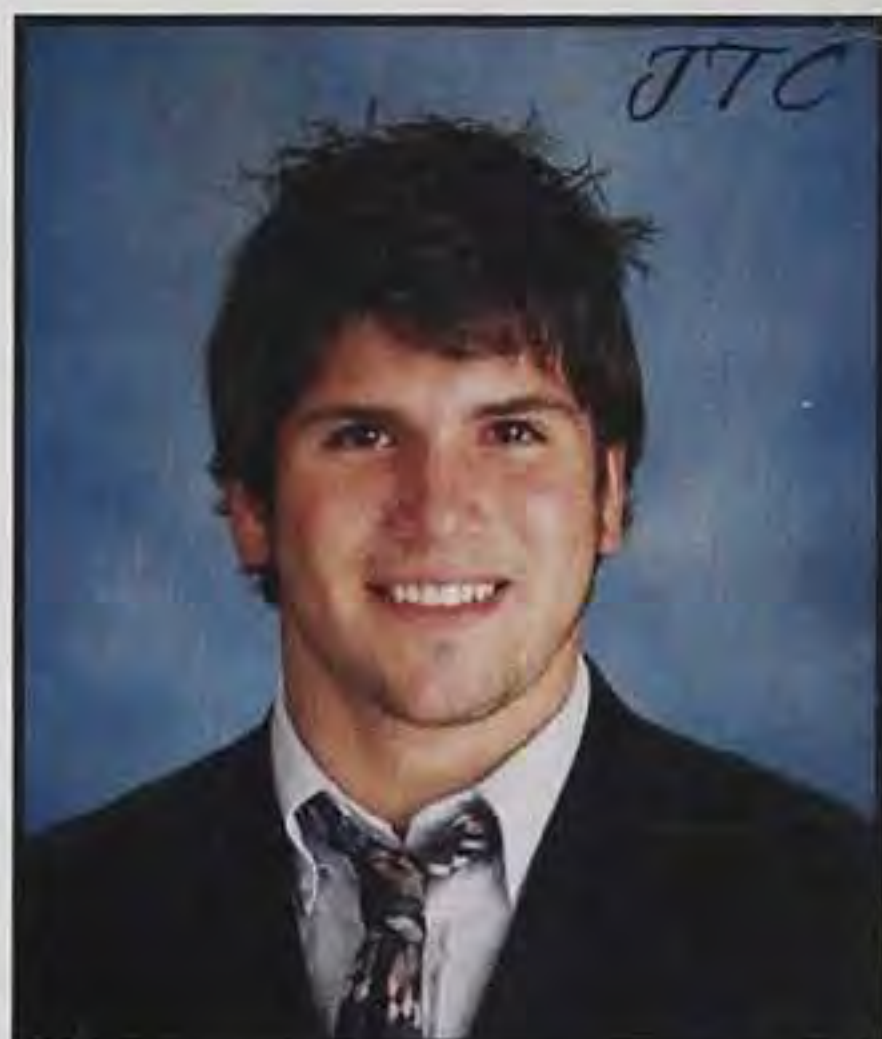
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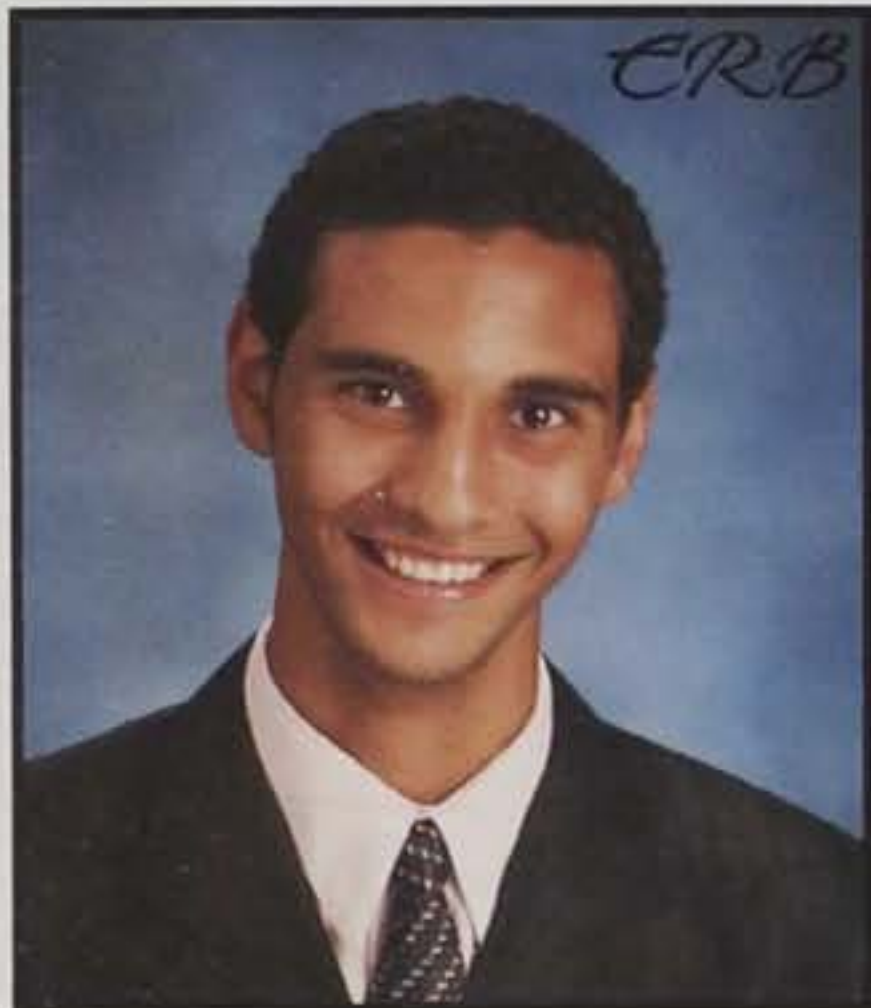
I'd like to think that I could have made it through high school all on my own, but that is not the case. Billy, thanks for all the encouragement, it meant a lot to me. John, you always see the lighter side of things. Mom and Dad, thanks for putting up with me for so long. My teachers, you pushed me hard and you did it for good reasons. Tasha, thanks for changing me, I needed it. Wesley, you were there when I needed you. And I thank God for showing me the love I could never give. Everyone else who has been a part of my life, thank you, and I'll be seeing you.

Thanks to everyone in my life for making my high school experience the best. The only way I could have gotten through all of this is from the help of my amazing mommy. You have been amazing mom! I know there have been rough times through the years, but your unfailing love has always helped me through it. Doug, you've been the best leader in my life. I would ask for no one else to talk to and encourage me. Brett I don't know what I would have done without you and our friendship. Bill, Ben, Disch it's been real, ya'll always know how to make me laugh. Jackson we are SENIORS!!! Lauren we had fun times thanks for everything.



JTC





ERB

First thank you to God for making this possible. Thanks to my mom for all the sacrifices. To my teachers thank you. E-Bain, thanks for everything, we may not have agreed on pretty much anything, but thanks for being there and being inspirational and for being a great Coach. B-ball boys stay tight; you're my second family, love you guys. Bobby stay fraudulent homey, closer than a brother. Homeys for life! Jen, you're great. Sarah thanks for the talks. My friends, may our memories last a life time, I love you all! Shout out to Kaylee Rosen! Lee, remember our handshake, there is none better. Westminster, you will be missed. Eric Franchise Brown. I'm out.

Daddy, Mama, I love you. Thanks for always being there for me, through everything. We had a lot of ups and a lot of downs and I got through it all because you were both by my side. Big bros, I love you guys. Becca I couldn't have asked for a better big sis. Baby brown-welcome to the fam, it's fun. To my sweets, I promise promise. Rache-to all our great times. Jordan-my partner in crime. CB-cheers! B ball girls-we are the best. Ash-great parties. Ambo-Bay Area! To everyone else, keep it real.



SCB

ERIC RAYMOND BROWN

STEPHANIE CLAIRE BROWN



Deborah Knubley, junior, poses for a team USA picture. Knubley recently retired from internationally competing with the U.S. figure skating team. "Qualifying for nationals was my most exciting moment for me in my figure skating career," said Knubley.

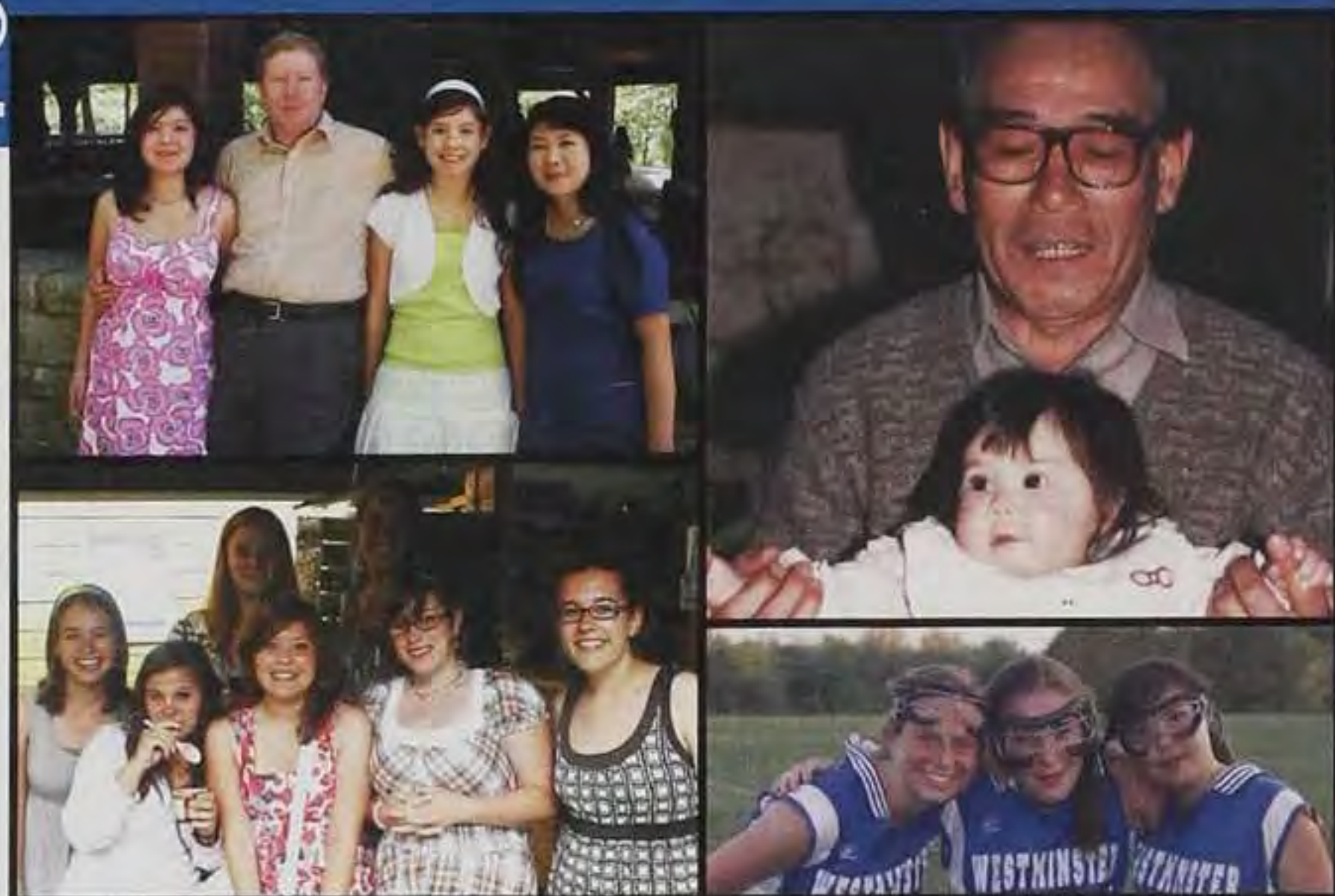
Even though there were nearly 1,000 people at Westminster, it had a fair amount of famous students. Students who were famous themselves by a specific talent and students who were famous by a family name could be seen roaming the halls. People interacted daily with these students and treated them like any other friends. Sometimes these famous students dealt with the disadvantages of being famous, especially out in public. "Whenever my family and I go to my brother's baseball games everyone tries to talk to my Dad. He is the coach and everyone thinks that is really cool," said Katie Matheny, seventh grade. She expressed how sometimes it got annoying. People needed to remember that it may not always have been a good thing to wish to be famous. Being famous came with a price; even if you were simply related to someone well known.

Katie Matheny, seventh grade, designs on the computer in Study Skills. She is the daughter of Mike Matheny, the catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals from 2000 to 2004. "It's nice because he is home all the time since he retired. He also still keeps in touch with his baseball friends. Scott Rolen comes over all the time," said Matheny.



Yes, I am related to him...





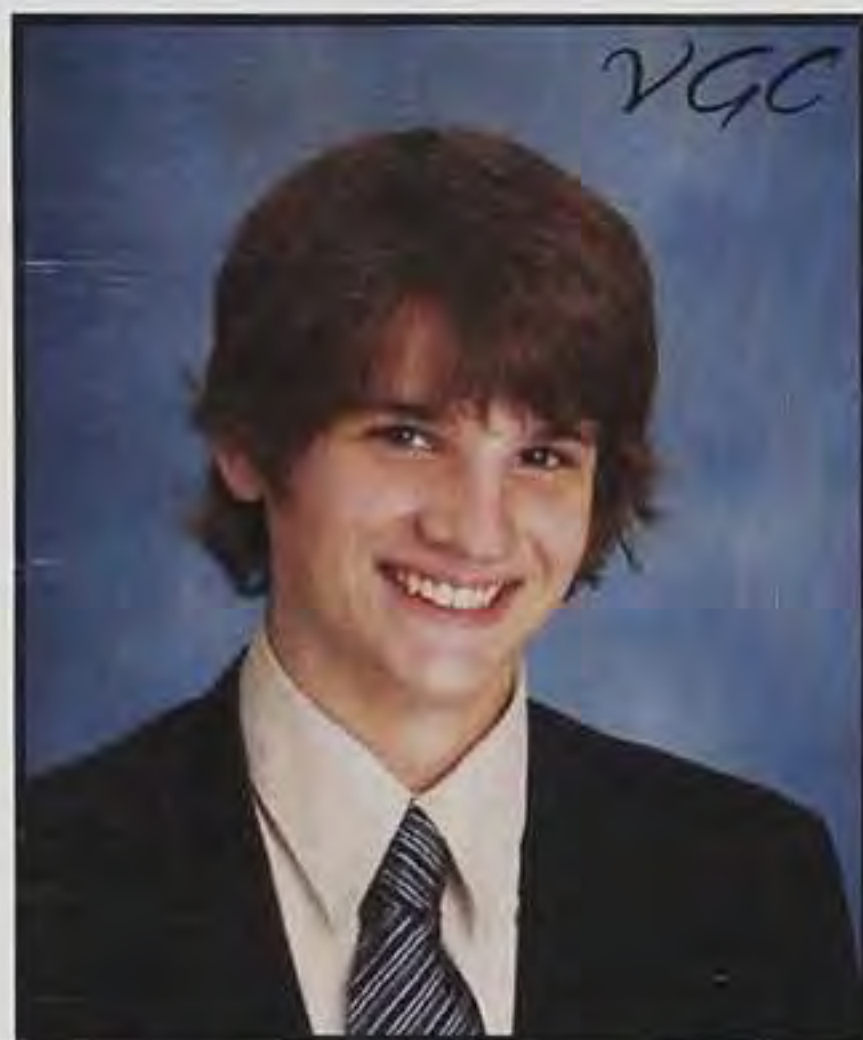
I remember walking into WCA terrified on the first day of seventh grade. Now I'm walking out, this time with confidence, wisdom, and lifelong friends. Karri: ten years of beanie babies, skittles, sleepovers, and lacrosse! Thanks for always being there for me. Emma: French trip ('nuf said). Driving to Ready Readers listening to Hannah Montana has been a blast. Elizabeth: blue haired fairy was fun while it lasted. You made study hall very amusing. Ange: You have been a great sistah and we'll always be best friends, ok? Visit me in the jungle. I promise I won't sell you. Mommy and Daddy: thanks for all the patience and love you have shown me. I will never forget it. I love you.

"We must become the change we wish to see in the world" (Ghandi). Padres- "Love's not blind- it sees more not less. But because it sees more, it's willing to see less" (J.Gordon). Johnny- "It's those we live with, love, and should know who elude us" (N.Maclean). Cappy- "Young people are in a condition like permanent intoxication" (Aristotle). Maggie- "You're the music while the music lasts" (T.S.Elliot). Sam/Jill "Do, everyday, something no one else would be silly enough to do" (C.Morley). Anna- "Love's one's desire and effort to make another great" (B.Waller). Toola- "The world may very likely not always think of them as they think of themselves, but what care they for the world? What can it know about the matter?" (Grimm).



KELLI DANIELLE CANNADY
VINCENT GUY CASCELLA

ANNE NICHOLSON CARRINGTON
ANDREA MARIE CHANCELLOR



Oh, where to begin. First, a word of thanks to my parents. Thank you for putting up with me for so many years, I know it may not seem like it, but I love you. Next, to my senior class, thank you for making my high school experience one to remember. Finally, a word of advice to the young. Don't spend your time bringing down the world with actions of hate and disrespect but improve your world by spreading love and kindness.

Mom and Daddy- Thank you for always being quick to forgive. I know its been a long haul and you guys were great troopers. I love you! Dan and Dave-Wow! There was never a dull moment growing up with you guys. Thanks for always pushing me to be my own person. Ashley, Hope, and Liz- Since our first night together at the concert you guys have always been there, Right there! Thank you for all the advice, even the bad advice. To the rest of you all- you know who you are and I could not have made it without you. "White Bird-Over And Out!"



Wow, You could do that?

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Sports Outside WCA



Rachael Kingma, senior, was involved in Russian Ballet. Number of hours a week: 25 Best Moment: "When I danced for the Make A Wish Foundation. Miss Michigan was there and the kids that were receiving the money were there, too. It was amazing." Hardest move: "The footwork is a lot more complicated than you think." Why you do it: "Because it is the toughest ballet there is. It is very sharp, yet graceful."



Caleb Leonard, junior, traveled all across the country competitively sailing. Number of hours a week: 10 every weekend Best moment: "When I won the race by a long shot." Hardest moment: "During really heavy winds." Why you do it: "It is really different than any other sport."



Max Anderson, senior, was a first degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Number of hours a week: 3 Best moment: "When I snap-kicked a board. My coach said it was the highest kick he had ever seen." Hardest move: A jumping spin heel kick Why you do it: "It is just a hobby I enjoy. Maybe competition would come later in life."

YOON-SUN CHANG

JESSAMI MARK CHARD



God thanks for carrying me through it all. Mom and Dad thank you for all the sacrifices and great opportunities you have given to me. Thank you so much for all the patience, love and trust. I love you both more than you will ever know. Dani, thank you for the many valuable lessons taught in your classes. All my friends thanks for putting up with me. You guys are fantastic. I will miss you all and I will never forget all our fun times. Thank you to the Haas family. It was such a blessing to be with you guys. To the class of 2008 good luck and God bless.

I thank those who endured with me throughout the years. Specifically, the guys on my soccer team and on my wrestling team. I thank my coaches for pushing me to be the best I can be. I also thank my family for their care. Lastly, I thank my friends, who were there in good times and bad.



Dave Schall instituted a new weight and strength conditioning program.

W Weight Room

As music blared from the speakers, students engaged their bodies in intense workouts after school. The weight room was lifted to a new level this year as David Schall, coach and weight room instructor, introduced a new after school fitness program. This program gave athletes the opportunity to prepare for their upcoming sports seasons.

In the fall and spring, Schall lead the students in agility training outdoors. Winter months were spent inside the weight room lifting. The lifting program was welcome to beginners and advanced lifters. "The program is good for underclassmen who want to learn how to lift properly," said Schall.

A new award, Lifter of the Year, was introduced at Westminster for the first time this year. The award was based on three categories: work ethic in the weight room, performance in the weight room and attendance at workout sessions. Due to Schall's new policies and practices, the weight room became more than just another place to lift. It also became a learning environment.

David Schall, strength and conditioning coach, shows Nathan Benefield and Jacob Dahl, sophomores, how to do a proper stride in the weight room. The conditioning program was open to anyone interested in learning the proper techniques of lifting. "It's great for beginners," said Schall.



Kenton Coffman, junior, leg presses 120 lbs. "Working out is nice because I can eat whatever I want," said Coffman. The gym was open after school to students who wished to stay active.

Juan Mundo-Sifuentes, senior, dead lifts 145 lbs. after school. "I like to keep in shape outside of football season," said Mundo-Sifuentes. As a more advanced lifter, Mundo-Sifuentes was a model to others in the weight room.



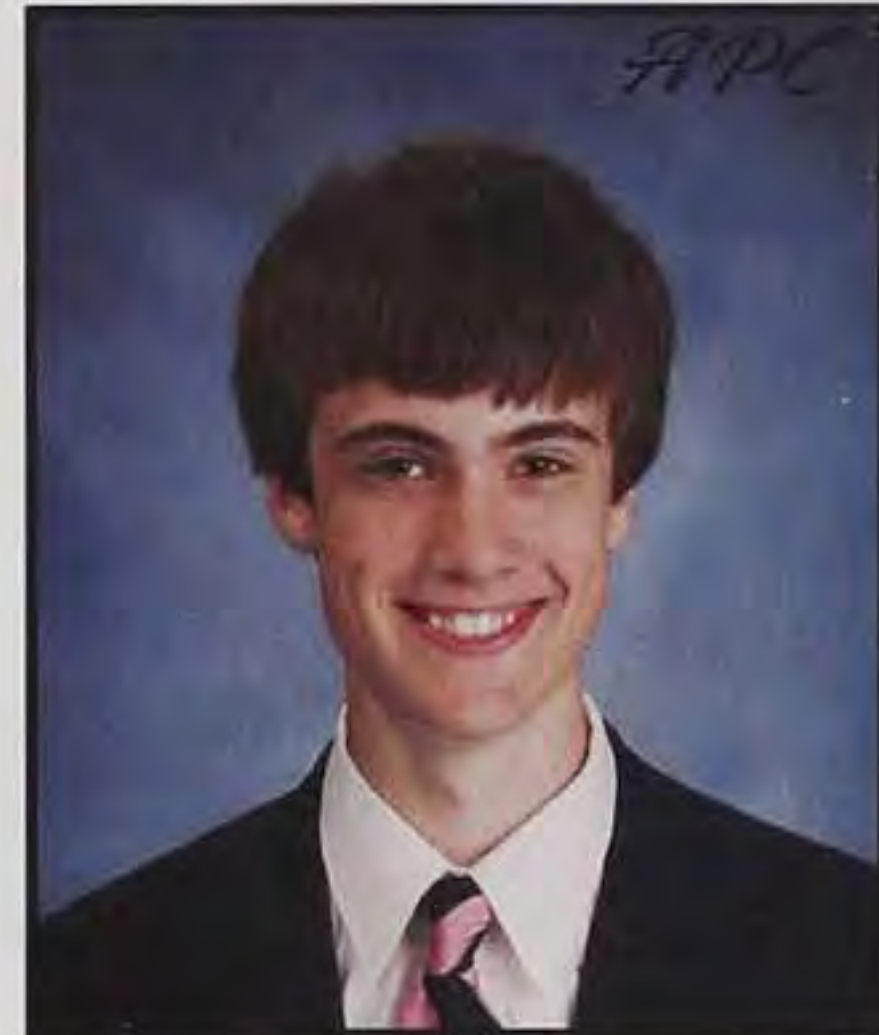
MICHAEL ZANE CHRISTIANSON

ANDREW PENDLETON CLEMENS



I thank God for the unconditional love that He continues to show me and the wonderful ways in which He has taught and will continue to teach me. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving and supporting me and teaching me to grow up as a young Christian man. Jeff, thank you for helping me with school and all the troubles that come with it. All of my friends that I have met throughout my six years at Westminster, thanks for making all six of them the very best that they could be. Autry, we could have become rock stars with our song. Katie, thanks for your friendship these past two years.

First off I would like to thank God for all he has blessed me with. I would also like to thank my family: Mom, Dad, Sam, and Ted for loving and supporting me in everything I do. To Coach P. and Mrs. Erdman; you two are the reason I have gotten this far and I thank you for all you have done for me. To my friends David, Brandon, Kris, thank you all for accepting me and being true friends. To Jared Huffman: words can't describe how you have impacted my life and you truly are a man after God's own heart. To everybody else who has helped me thank you and God Bless. 1 Cor. 10:13





Oh God you are my Father, comforter and joy. Mom and Dad-I love you, thank you for everything. Inky-I wish I loved something as much as you love soccer. Catherine-I still don't know how to thank you enough for your support and friendship, you have such a beautiful heart. To all of my very dear friends-we have had some crazy fun times and I am blessed to have spent time with all of you. To all of the teachers and coaches at Westminster-thank you for teaching me and answering my many questions. And to my fellow classmates-I wish all of you the best, and hope that you succeed and love whatever you do.

120 mere words of my appreciation: God-I am excited to discover the plans that you have set for my future. Mom- I only wish I could be half the person that you are; thank you so much for everything, and yes I will always be your baby. Dad- you will always be my biggest fan and health freak. To my girls- thank you for your laughs, tears, and time spent, words cannot describe the love I have for you all! Softball Girls- District champs...that's all that needs to be said. Coach Woodall- thanks for all your advice and guidance; you've always been a role model. Mitch- distance makes the heart fonder...story of our lives. James 1:2-4



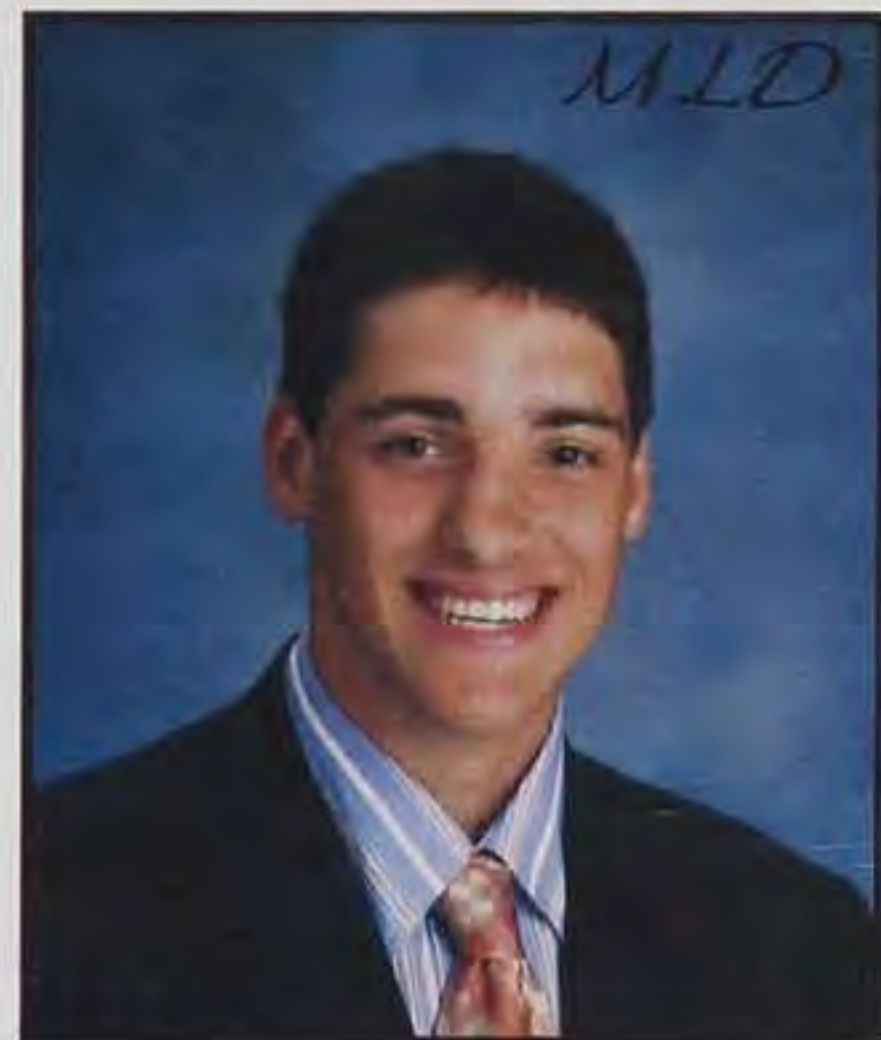
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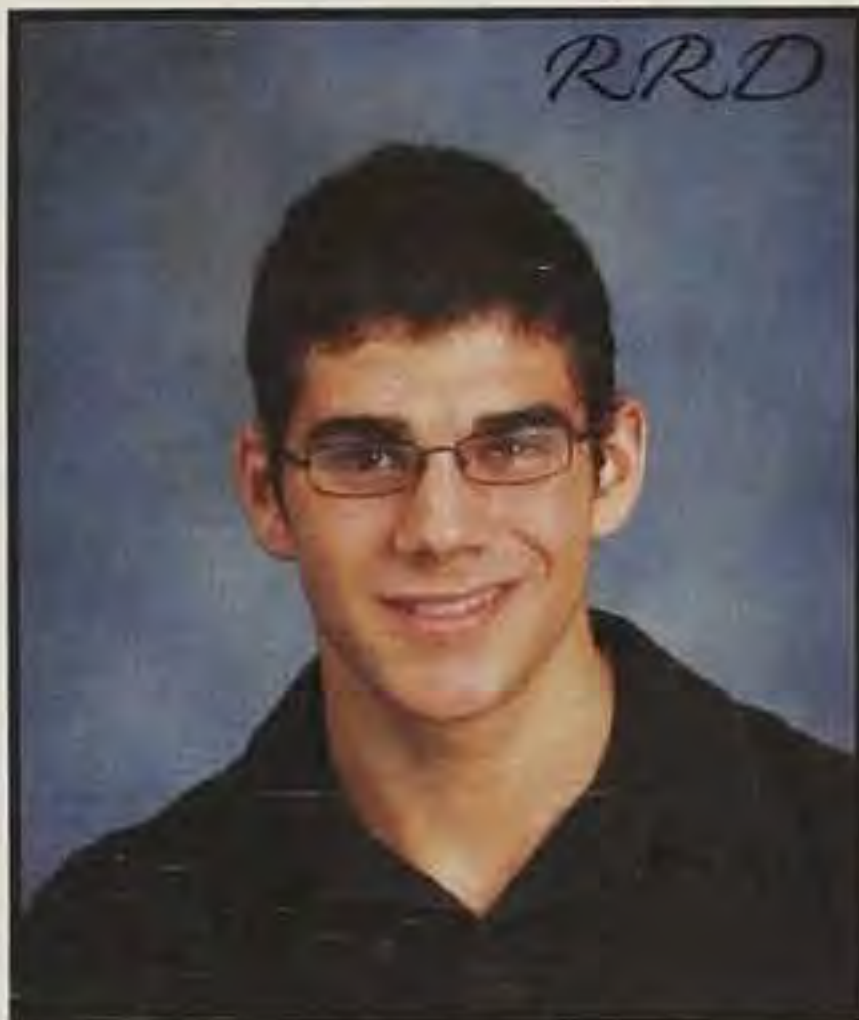
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Thanks family, friends, and WCA faculty. "You live and you learn. At any rate, you live" (Douglas Noel Adams). I have learned to love to learn, I am eternally grateful. Mom- you're the best mom in the whole round world, and I love you. Davie and Mark- you both have been the best brothers; Davie for making me good at sports, and Mark for hanging with me and continually making me think, hard. Dad, Jenn, and Kris- I love you a whole lot. Tess, Ashley, Anna, Hope, June, Jordan, Steph, Sarah, Kelsey, Ellie, Berkely, Claire, Corey, Andrea, and Julie- Honorable Mention.

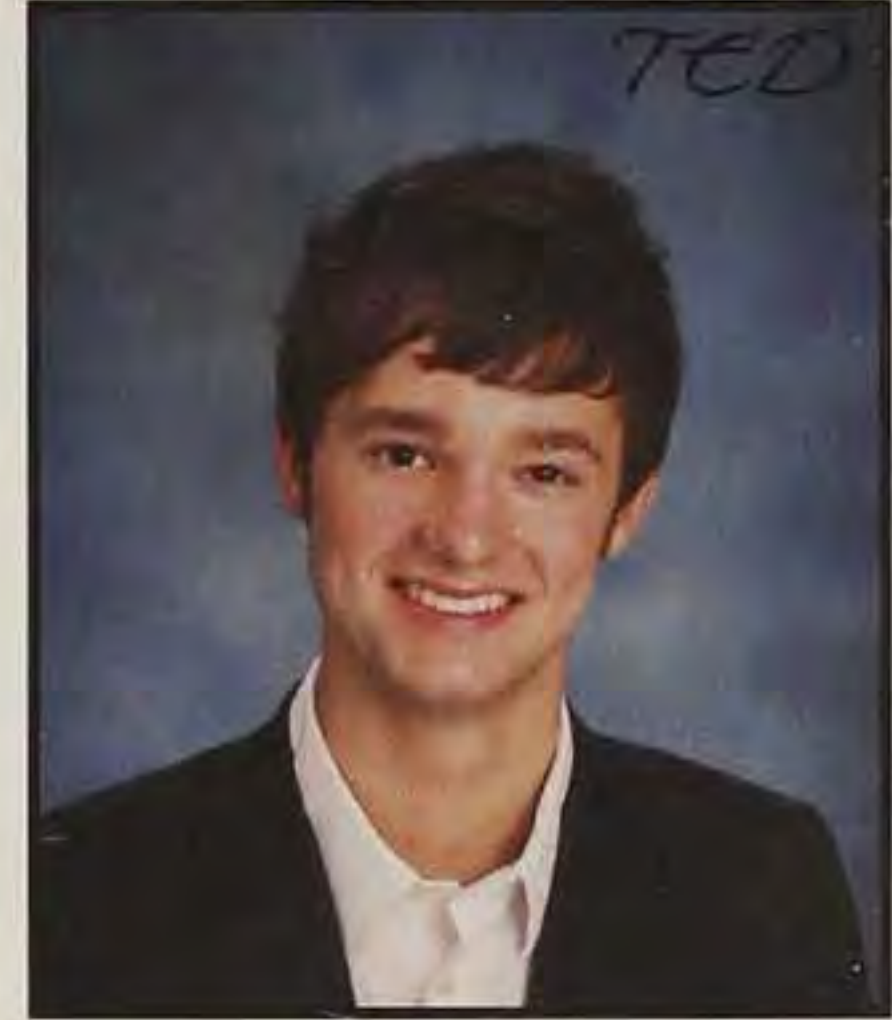
Well, what's the most cliché way to start this thing off? Oh, dedicating to someone. Okay, but who? Of course! Lauren Közeny, this one is for you. Thanks everyone for all that you have done for me to make me who I am. Family: you guys are what defines me. Friends: who could ask for anything more? Bobby Degnan, the tightest dude ever, you Rock. E, the biggest playa I know. Sam, maybe if you bought me a car I wouldn't really need a ride so much, but when I do, "Dat's only in da mornin'". Ben, Greg, Orion, Dom, Rafling, you folks are my heroes. Young guys take care. Take it easy. Peace.





God- thank you for never leaving me, you've led me through the unending depths of my heart, please lead me on. Mom, Dad, thanks for always putting up with me even when spray-painting the house. Thanks for teaching me responsibility & how to be a man who can stand on my own. Tony, you've always been there for me & you're truly my brother forever! Kristen, Jessie, you've been the best of friends! Flitter! Flutter! Jadyn... "What's up Baby Girl!!!" Katie, thank you for everything you've taught me about life & for the time we've had together. You make me better!!! Clinton, you're crazy don't change! Gatorade! Eric- stay Fraudulent! Closer than a brother... Play your part Homey! Peace!!!

To my Mom and Dad: I love you both so much. Thank you for everything you have done for me. Justin, you're my best friend and role model, you have impacted me more than anyone. I have wanted to graduate for so long, but now that the time has come, I see what I will miss next year. To the lunch table: you all are the highlight of my WCA career. Rex keep dancing and singing to Justin Timberlake and I will miss your impression of June's laugh. Dave, who is going to clean up your lunch at college!? To everyone I can't single out, I love you all. Keep it real.



ROBERT RICHARD DEGNAN

TAYLOR EDWARD DEROSA

Co-ed or same sex, small groups were an opportunity for students to talk to people in their grade which they would not have known otherwise. Each class in upper school met once a week during neighborhood times.

When walking the halls of Westminster on a Thursday afternoon during Neighborhoods one would have found classrooms filled with students playing games such as Guesstures, Would You Rather, Signs, Spoons, and many others. "Small groups are meant to be a time of fellowship" said Michael Kruse, junior and small group leader.

Small group leaders created games of friendly competition in hopes to tighten the bond between their group members. "It's a nice break from the day and the girls in our group usually bring food for each other," said Rachel Yu, freshman. New friendships were made between unlikely students through meeting once a week in small groups.



Claire Simonpietri and Annaliese Clark, juniors, get ready to participate in a relay race. Deborah Knubley, junior, watched the other members of her team as they crossed the finish line. Juniors practiced the week before in the hallways during neighborhood time.



Nevin Cherian, junior class president, introduces small group leaders at the beginning of the year.



Hilary Franz and Cheyenne Bartlett, sophomores, talk while eating P.F. Chang's during small group time. The girls talked about how thankful they were for the midday snack. Their small group leader, Thomas Porter, sophomore, ordered the food.

Small groups integrated social networks in unique ways.

Small Groups



BMD

I would first of all like to thank God for four great years at Westminster. I would also like to thank my parents for carrying me through the years. I have many great memories. To the soccer guys, I'm sorry Ronaldinho couldn't produce this year. It wasn't meant to be. I had a blast this year with the team. To the tennis guys, we are going to WIN STATE!!! To my many sisters; Lauren (my real sister), Lizzie N, Chelsea, Lizzie B, Emily, Hannah, and Rachel, what are you going to do without me next year? I will miss a lot of people, because of so many good times and moments. Last, but certainly not least, GO TIGERS!!!

I'd like to thank my parents for always encouraging me and keeping me focused on school. Bill and Vinny, we've had a lot of good times together on the hockey team. To Preston and Brett our spring breaks in Steamboat were some of the best times I had throughout middle and high school and I hope we are are friends for a long time. To all my fellow waterway employees- keep insisting on clean windows Jackson, Kris, Double D, Aaron.



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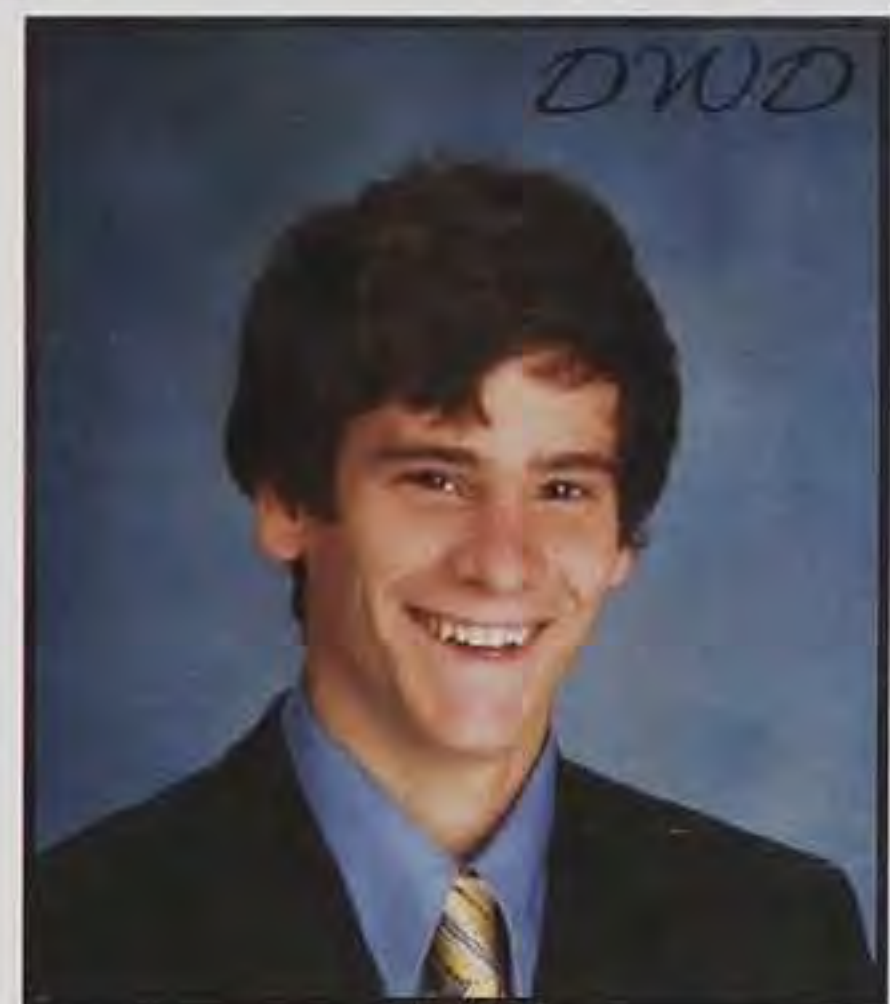
DAVID WILLIAM DRAGAN



KJD

Mommy, my best friend. Thank you for being my encouragement, I truly appreciate all the little things you do. Dad, I'll always be your little doodlebug. Your example of a strong Godly man will forever raise my standards. Tripod - know my love for you girls will never end. I'm only a phone call away. Rex, thanks for always making me laugh. You're "Irreplaceable." Molls, your sweet friendship has meant the world to me these past years. Lolli - iguanas, orange M&M's, Sra., love ya sista. Sammy, Brooke, you are my Hoops and Yo-Yo. Jillian, J'nae: shooooottt man. Ben, dear, my carpool buddy, OCD friend, picnics; you'll always be my favorite guitar hero. Benny J, Jim, Bobby. God Bless.

I want to give a big thanks to Danielle and Steven for all the awesome support you have given me, but especially to mom and dad for the rough times you have walked me through, even though sometimes I don't realize it. You guys were always there for me. One thing I will remember about this year is having freedom for once, and hanging out with B Rad, Pants, Crooked W Kris, Jackson, Caleb Hickman, and the Almighty Baskin. I will also remember the weekends of destruction and mayhem- whether it has something to do with TVs, bowling balls, sheets of glass, or disturbing society. Then playing the Friday night board games. I can't wait for the future, but I will miss the past.



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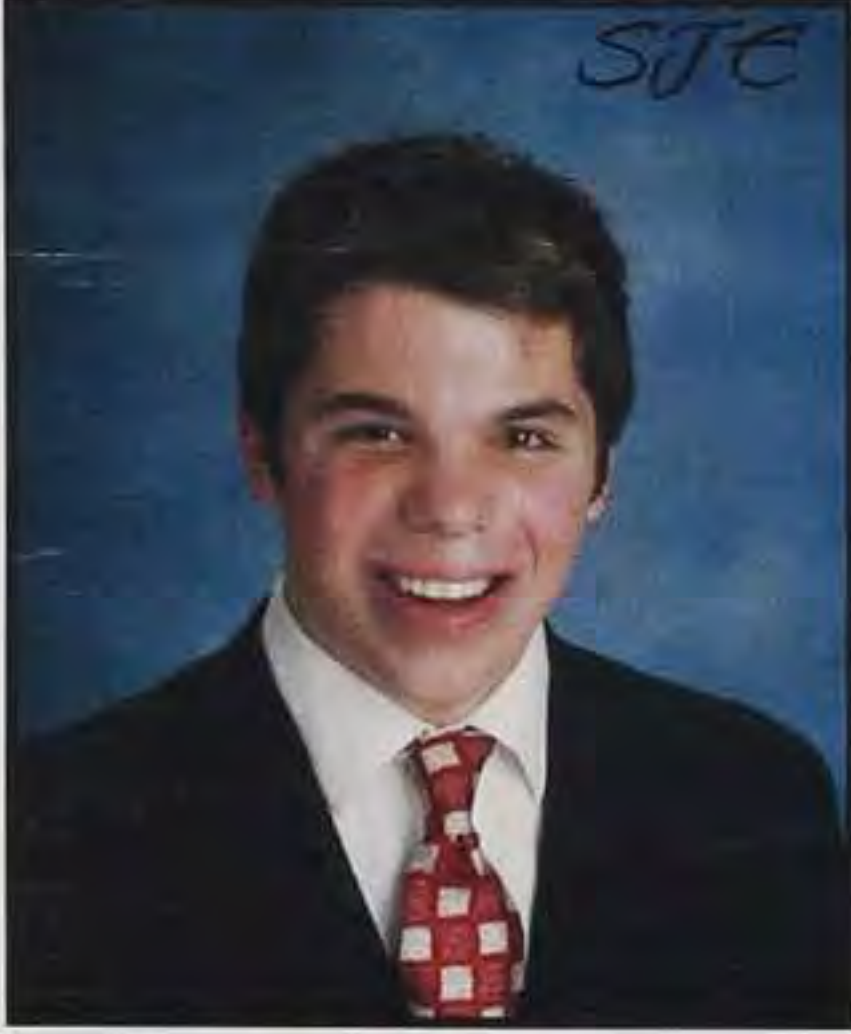
Thanks to my Savior for breathing mercy and love into my life. Family - I cannot express enough gratitude for the compassion and love you have blessed me with. Dad - I am your princess forever. Mom- thanks for offering your tender shoulder I have leaned on. Kat - I appreciate your open arms and sympathy lifting me up when I fall. Michael - keep care of the basement and mom & dad. Abby- so many tennis balls smashed; so many good times together. Michelle - Girl's nights out fun; follow His footsteps and pursue your dreams. Alex - God has begun something special in you; I will miss your laugh. I love you all! 1 Peter 2:17

Mom- I love all of our laughs that we've had and will still continue to have at a distance. (Don't forget my Yo-yo Ma joke.) Dad- You've loved me unconditionally. Thank you for always understanding. Pete- I'm going to miss our car rides everyday! You are such an amazing guy! Don't ever forget that. Lily- you're such a sweetie. I couldn't ask for a better lil sis. Sam- Tu eres mi mejor amiga para siempre. Te amo mucho. Jess- omg, eww, sick-ah! What would I do without you, lil sis? I love you! Bren- no matter how much I mess up, you just keep on loving me more and more. I love you so much!



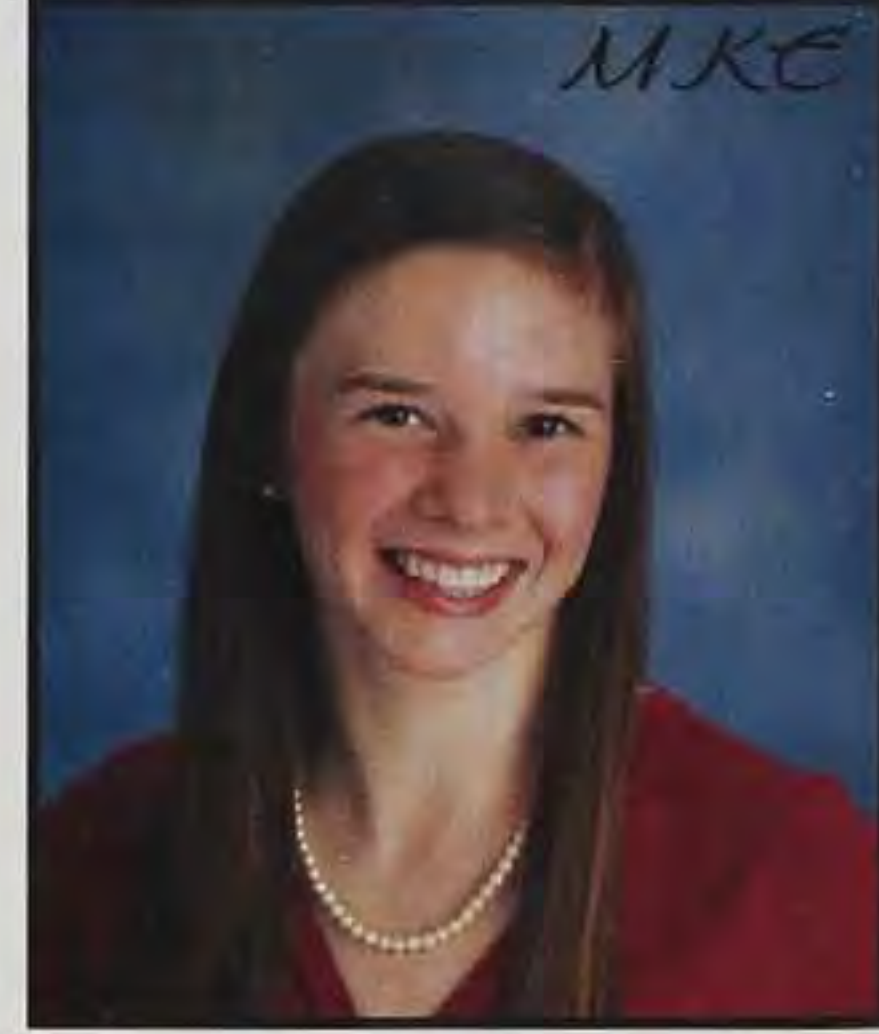
*KRISTINA ANN DUDLEY
SAMUEL JOSEPH EGERTSON*

*ANNA CATHERINE DUELL
MELISSA KATHLEEN ELLIOTT*



Foremost I would like to say that without my Savior Jesus Christ I would be a lost soul. He is my rock and nothing can take Him away. Mom and Dad, thank you for loving me with all your heart. You two are amazing and you never give up on me. I love you guys. Jordan, you are my only sibling and I would ask for no one else. Thank you for always being willing to be there, I love you. To my amazing friends, you know who you are. This is not the end, for it is only a new chapter. Thank you for all the great times. God has blessed me with all of you. Life equals John 14:6.

Mom and Dad, thanks for your continual love and support. It means everything to me. I will always cherish all the lessons I have learned and the memories we have made. I admire you both more than you can ever imagine. Madalyn, thanks for always being there for me. You always make me laugh and smile and liven up my life so much. I love you! Elizabeth, you are always there to listen to me whenever I have a question or concern. Lindsey, I know I can trust you to be honest with me. Hayley, you are such a loving and compassionate friend. You girls are the best friends I could have ever hoped to have. Thank you all.





Lord, thank you for your never-ending love for me. Momma, thanks for always listening and helping. I love you. Daddy, I can't begin to count the number of times you fixed math or science, proofread papers, or taught me how to make carpool fun. Thank you. Cooper, I love talking and laughing with you. Sophie, my Kitty, thanks for being silly with me. To all my friends, thanks for all the crazy memories! Eliza, you've gotten me through it all: math, biology, tests, band. Five. Karri, thanks for loving beautiful Willie with me. Kelli, tu m'as aide survivre au francais. On les pend! Erin, thanks for our Starbucks talks, they've meant a lot to me. To WCA, so long, farewell...

Thank you, Lord for being my all in all and always being there for me. And to my parents, you're always ready to listen and give me advice when I need it. To all of my friends from CCS, you are so amazing and I know you will always be there for me. Taylor, you are such a good friend and I can always count on you for fashion advice. Cak, you are so much fun and always ready to laugh. MB, thank you for all of your good advice and fun new words, like Chiz. Taylor, Cak, and MB, I am going to miss our times at Pei Wei and our many fortune cookies. I will miss you all!



EMMA GRACE DUNLAP

ERIN ELIZABETH EACHUS

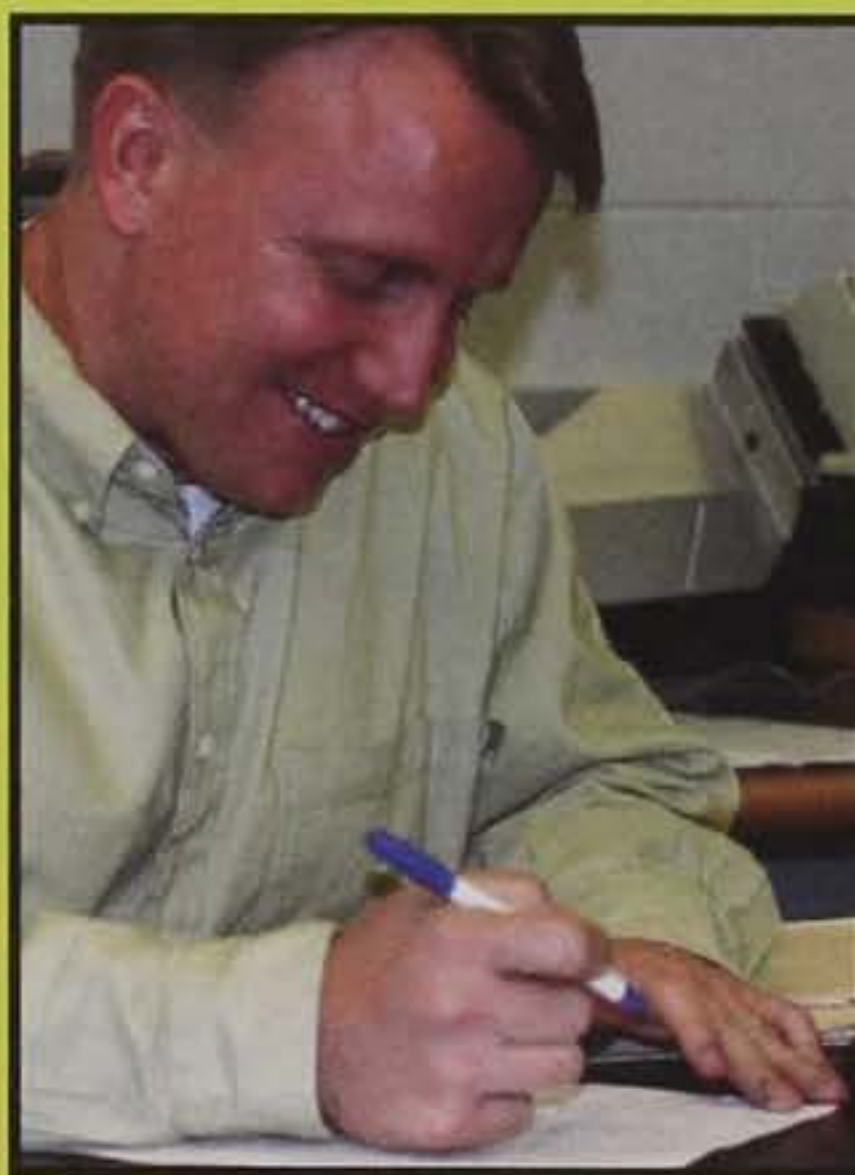


WCA Fun Fact: Steven Bradley, middle school teacher, instructs his students in one of the old classrooms of Westminster. This room was once a home to Timothy Hall and his family before the rest of the school was built. A faculty member would live at the school in order to open the school in the morning and lock it up at night. The Drexler family lived at Westminster at one point as well.

Anneyce Alexander and Aaron Kinder, juniors, work together on the WCA quiz. Together, they managed to earn a score of 70 percent. They did not know the school's address, its founding board members, or details on the school's dress code. Of all of the students who took the quiz, none of them could decide who was a founding board member of the names listed.



Brian Burkey, New Testament teacher, attempts the same WCA quiz that the students took. As a teacher, he scored an 80 percent, the highest score of all of the quizzes. The other teacher that was quizzed was Jacob Mohler, geometry and pre-calculus teacher. As a relatively new teacher, he received a 70 percent, forgetting how many upper school sports there were.



Students sank into the desks for hours each day and pushed their way through the same hallways. But did the students really know their own school? How did it get started and how did it become the growing institute it was? Students were quizzed about Westminster's history, staff,

community, and policies to see what they really knew about their school.

It turned out that students scored an average of 72 percent on the WCA quiz. The most commonly missed question was identifying one of the founding board members. However, almost all the students who were quizzed knew the approximate number of students enrolled at WCA, who the Dean of Students was, and what the dress code policy included.



Life is too much like a good film! It keeps you glued to the back of your seat and puts you through twists and turns but in the end good triumphs over evil and the hero returns to fight another day. Sometimes if you're lucky, those films can have even better sequels to follow. To me, life is kind of like that. My parents were the number one inspiration in my life. If it wasn't for them I would have never ended up where I am today. I also give thanks to my friends for always being there, especially Mike Kruse and John Dinga. Finally, before I'm out of words, thank you Mr. Hughes for helping me my SENIOR year.

Psalm 73: 21-26, Heavenly Father: You are my one true strength. Blessed Be Your Name and Your Grace Is Enough. I will forever seek your name. Momma Cheetah and Paparito: You have given me everything I need. I now can face the world because of you. Love you! Htes: ew era tcaxe sniwt. Scooby: You are amazing and never stop smiling. You light up every room. Beaver: Thanks for your friendship and calming me down all those times. JASON RITTER. Kendall and Sammy: You are beautiful people. Never stop seeking the Lord. Probst Family: Thank you for adopting me and being there... I will forever cherish every minute I spent at your house. Westminster: Tell the world that Jesus lives.

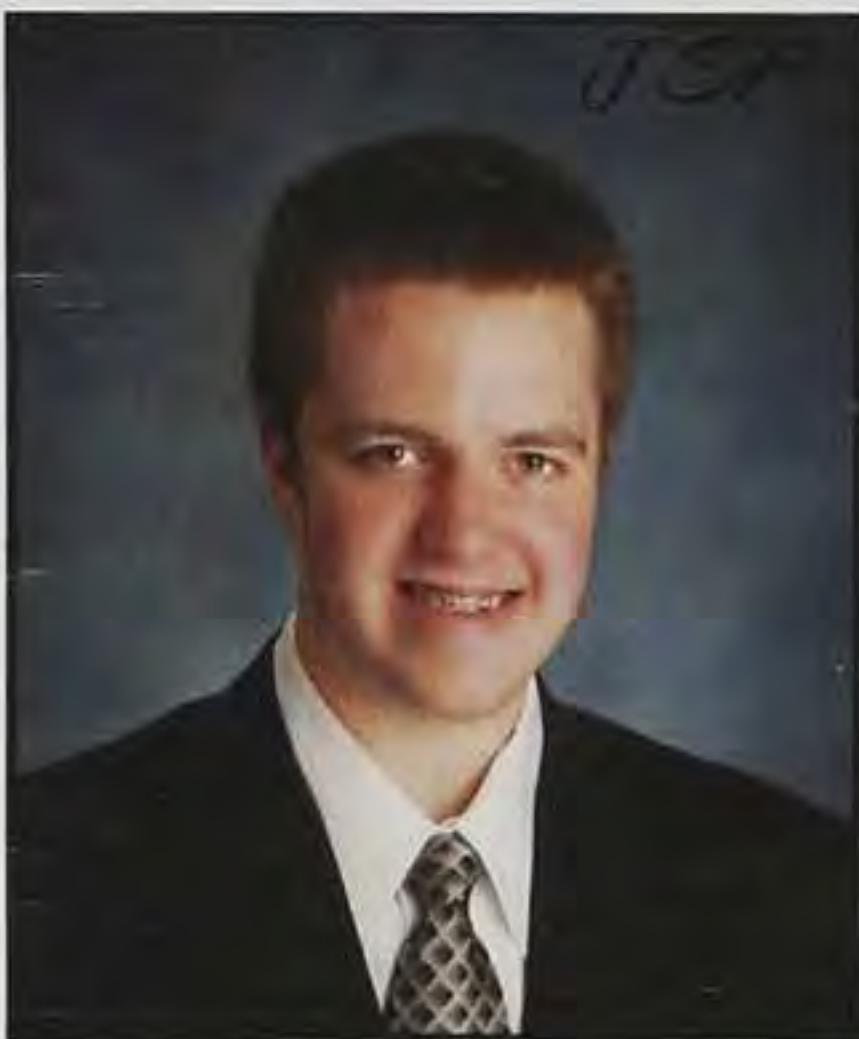


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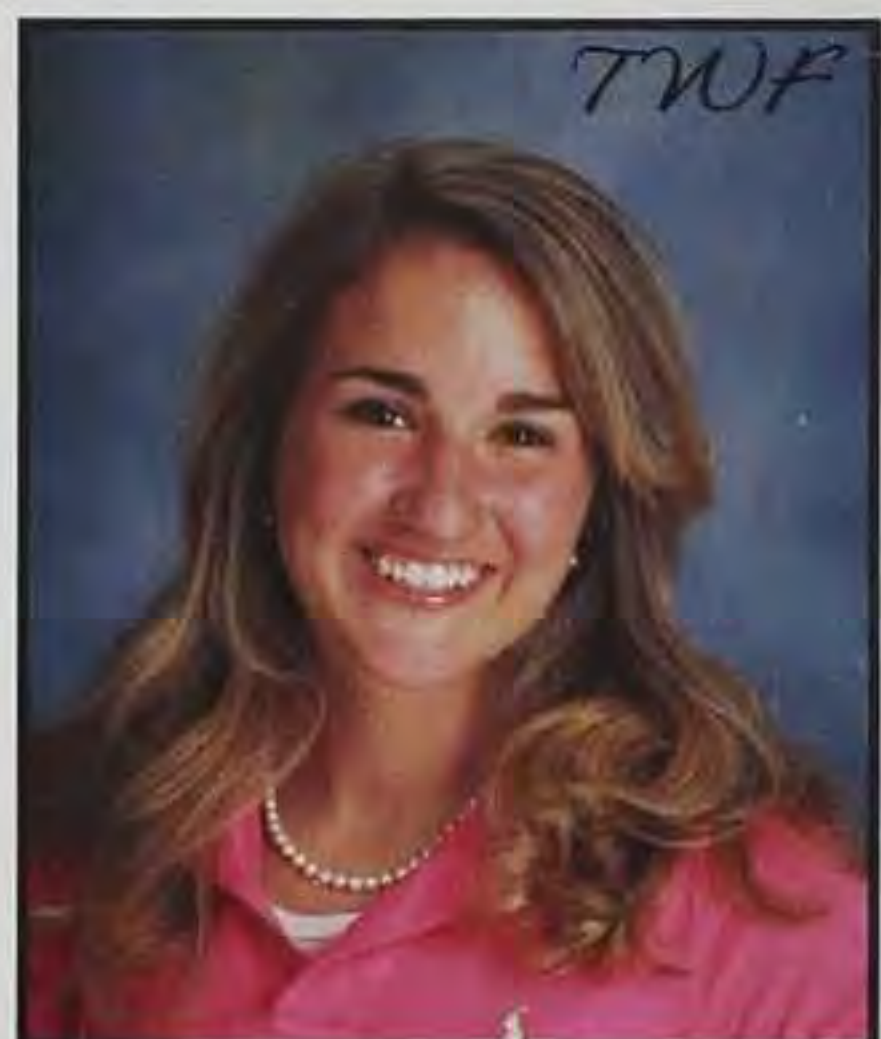
ABIGAIL ELISABETH FERGUSON

TESS WHEELER FITZPATRICK



God thank you for the love you have given me, and so much else that I do not deserve. To my family, thank you for always being there for me during the good times and the bad ones. Mom, thanks for never stopping to love me, your care and kindness will always be cherished. Dad, thanks for the good times and laughs we had during hunting. To my brother Steven, thanks for being my punching bag when I needed it. My friend Caleb, I will have a chocolate mcflurry and a whoopee, yes we had many good times together, and hopefully more to come. Wherever the future takes me, none of you will be forgotten.

Mom, you're so KB! Thanks for your love and support throughout the years. You really mean the world to me. Dad, "what's crack-a-lacking?" I love you with all my heart. RyBear- You are my role model and the best brother anyone could ask for. I love you deeply. Ellie- "No Worries," mountain biking, turkey hunting, tire swing. The Junester- ice cream, SC, "play with Bode!" "I'm not superstitious just a little stitious." Liz- BWW, "House" with Schlaf, your patience with my energy, and our philosophical talks. Elmo- soccer, skateboarding, random adventures. Sam- salami sandwiches, our laughing moments. Jill and Brooke (great JSB date) - McDonald's, late night talks with my mom. Dima- signs, "The Office." KB memories at WCA!



Westminster students use new technologies in school this year.

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New Technology

Smart boards appeared in classrooms. Televisions were displayed in the commons and entry ways, and laptop computers became a part of education. Although some of these 21st century technologies were helpful for learning, several students shared their opinions on which new technologies in the school were helpful in their learning experience, and which ones were not necessary for the school.

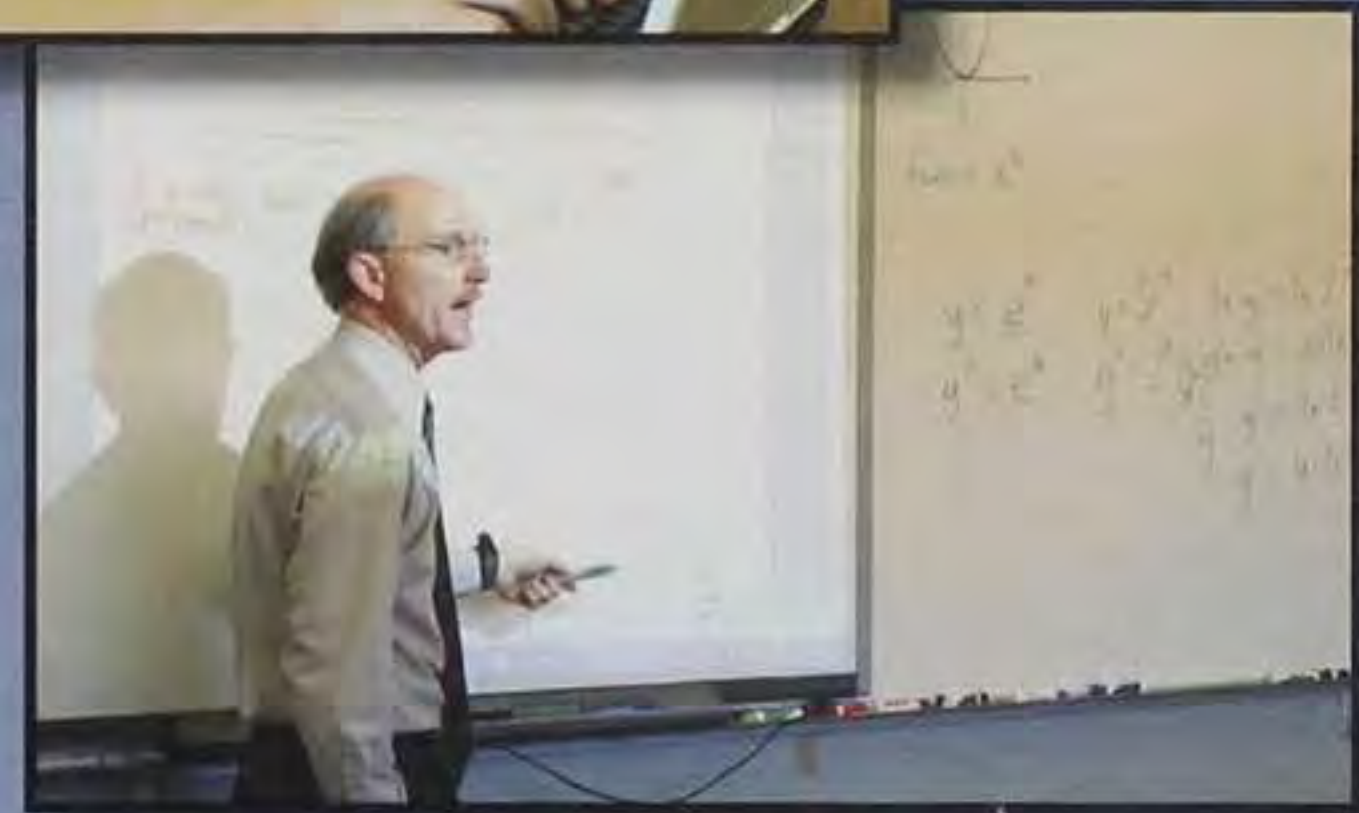
In January 2007, the language lab added a program called LogoLab. By using this computer program, students were able to do listening activities and record themselves speaking a certain language. This allows the students to learn the language by using it and being interactive. It was so helpful that the sixth graders from Central Christian School visited the AP Spanish 4 class just to use this new program. Other technologies were helpful this year as well.

Jacob Boyer, freshman, gets started on a paper using one of the library's laptop computers. These computers were

helpful when all of the library computers were occupied or when a teacher wanted his or her students to type an assignment in class.

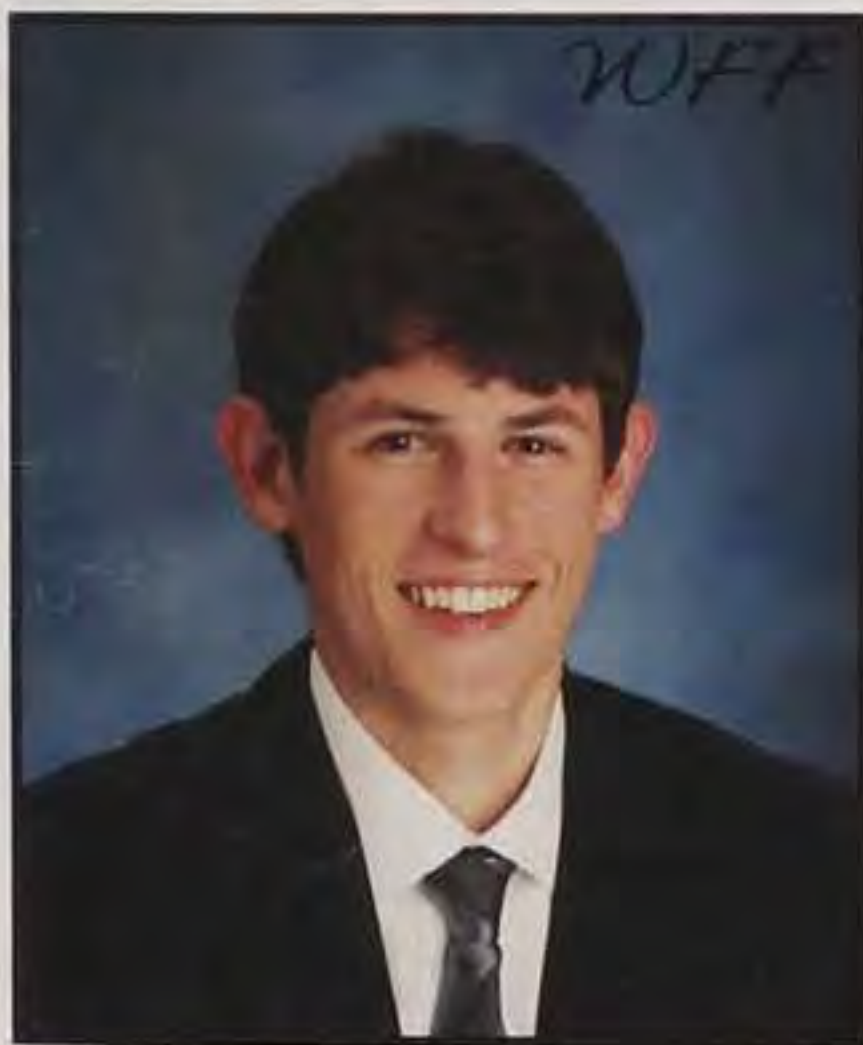


David Haas, math teacher, uses his SmartBoard for a class demonstration. Students said that this technology was helpful in creating a more visual way of learning. "They help me stay focused because it's more interactive than just watching a Power Point," said Melissa Oliver, sophomore.



WILLIAM FRANCIS FRANZ

PAUL DANIEL FRIZ



Mom- my best friend. Dad- my role model. Thank you both for caring so much and giving me more love than I could ask for. Hillary- you're turning out well. Benny- you're my brother and best friend. Thanks for always believing in me. Daniel, Jimmy, and Vinnie- my other brothers. I've had too many amazing times with all three of you. To my Core and other boys and girls who have made me who I am. Molly- I never regret a day we spend together. Thanks for loving who I am. To everyone else, "Take what you can from your dreams and make them as real as anything. There are bad times but that's okay, just look for the love in it" (David J. Matthews).

Future drama club officers, do not let the club fall into inactivity. David, thanks for always being there for me. Michael, I never would have survived one of Dr. Shaw's classes without you. Schwamb, thank you for teaching me to love music. Mrs. Klemm, thanks for all the lunch time advice. Mrs. Scott, you're eccentric. Lisa and Alayna, thanks for always giving me something to laugh about. Mom and Dad, thanks for putting up with me for the past 18 years. May your benevolent pocket book be multiplied as the loaves and fishes, especially as I go off to college. To all my friends who remain, remember that someone is always watching you, so try to be a good example.



Seniors of Westminster touched lives and changed St. Louis.

It's Thursday morning, most Westminster students were still nestled in bed glad that they did not have to be at school until 9:30. Seniors, however, were scattered across the St. Louis area; they touched lives and made the city a better place to live. From schools to animal shelters, seniors served the community in a plethora of ways. While Faith in Action, or Senior Service, was a requirement to graduate, some seniors looked forward to their time of giving back to the community.

Many seniors even looked back on the year and missed their Thursday morning routine. While members of the senior class went to serve at elementary schools and other well known associations; this year, Westminster sent single students to work alone at organizations such as K-Life, FCA, Breakdown, and Kidsmart. The fact that students were willing to go serve alone, rather than hang out with their friends showed that their heart was in the right place.

Jill Holley, senior, listens intently to a student during senior service on November first. Holley, along with three other seniors, worked at The Freedom School in University City.



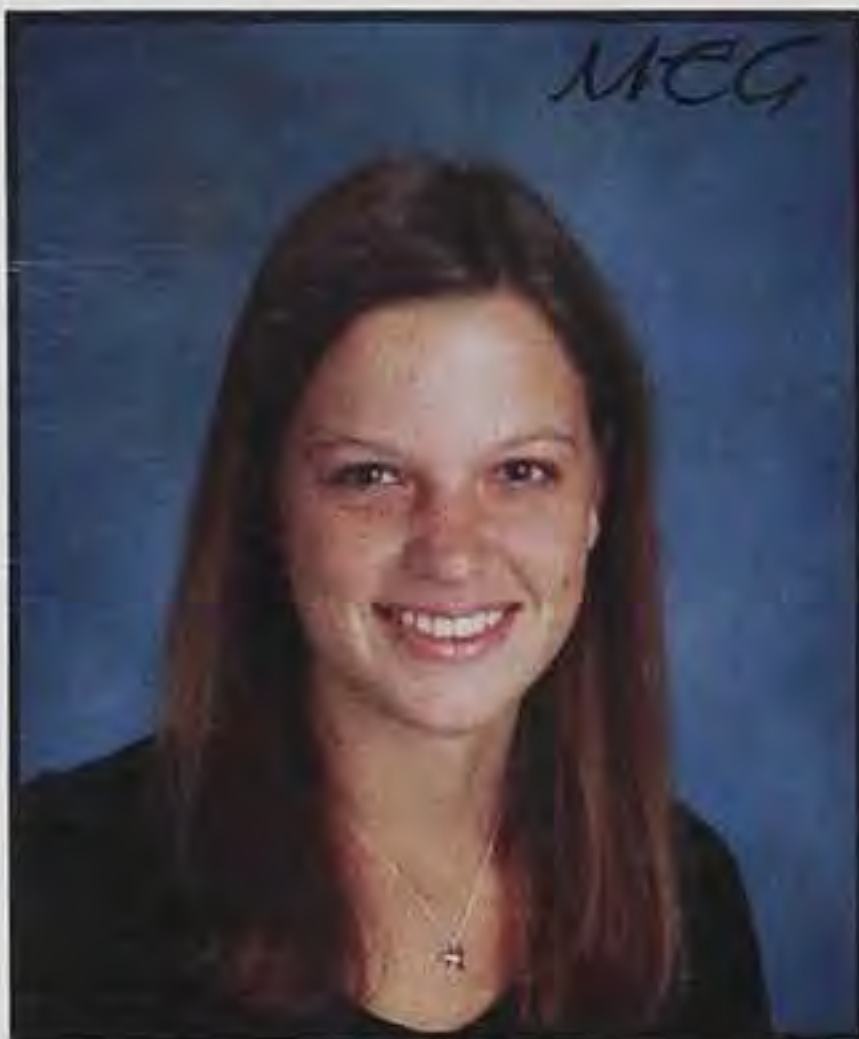
Kelsey Janssen, Senior, reads with an elementary student during senior service on November eighth. Janssen was another one of the seniors that went to serve the kids Thursday mornings.



Brooke Allbritten, senior, walks with students of The Freedom School to class. Allbritten worked with kindergarten and helped with various activities. "One of the kids was working in his chair and he got really excited and flipped his chair," said Allbritten.

MARCY ELISABETH GLIDEWELL

KELSEY LYN GORDON



God, you are my everything. Without you I am nothing. Mom and Dad, thanks for your constant encouragement, guidance, and support. Jeff, I look up to you more than you know. Drew, thanks for being silly. You two truly are my closest friends. Katie, from MOPS, Camp Arcadia, Kanakuk, and now, Samford. I'm thankful for our continuous friendship. Ticket to Christmas, paint fight, dancing in the parking lot. Kali, I'm grateful for our aimless mall walks and indecisiveness. T-Ping, capture the flag. Megan thanks for keeping life interesting. "I've had the time of my life." Catherine, I cherish our Barnabas memories. Lunch table, our random conversations and laughs. Love you girls! Golden Girls, continue seeking the Lord. Micah 6:8

Parents- giving me my space, surprising me with good advice. Mom- thanks for caring so much about every single aspect of my life. Dad- thanks for understanding my teenagerness, and teaching me so many important little things, perfect utilitarian solutions. Poppy- faith can be simple, power of prayer, funny phone calls. Grammy- little treats, praying every night for me, Sundays. Andrew- teaching me unconditional love and patience, the most fun mature little brother- I love you and am proud of you. SAK- trampoline talk, tennis talk, roof night. Chipmunk- boy drama. AJ- thanks for being the best listener. Buddy- kindred spirits, deep talks. KREW- teaching me commitment. El- laughs and pranks. Steph- study hall and Thriller.





Mom and Dad, thank you for the support and for providing me with love, joy, and patience. You have taught me things that nobody else could. Love you. Sisters, your love and encouragement in the right direction have been invaluable to me. Love you both. Friends, thanks for the kicks. The memories and growth with you have been such a blessing. Teachers, coaches, and administration, thank you for teaching me what is important and what is true. Kids, be courageous and real. "God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing" (C.S. Lewis).

Lord, thank you for blessing me with so much I don't deserve. Mom and Dad- Thanks for supporting me and teaching godly wisdom. Through your unconditional love and sacrifice, you've showed me the person I desire to be. Danielle, you're strong and caring. God's awesome and I've seen that through you. Corey, so many memories. Thanks for laughing and listening. You've touched my life more than you know. Fine Nine- crazy times we've had; birthdays and minivans. You guys have taught me the meaning of friendship. Boys, I couldn't have asked for better fiends and bonfires. Probst, SJ, Ferg, thanks for listening and encouraging. LP, take care of Carol! Lauren, Shap, Amber, Rachael, funny moments and cherished talks. PC girls- I love you. God is good!



*ELLIE JEANNINE GAMACHE
KELYN HUNTER GUM*

*KRISTIN RUTH GILBERT
BENJAMIN CAHILL GUTHRIE*



Parents- I could not have become the person I am today if it wasn't for all your guidance and love. Brandon- you are the best older brother a girl could have, my best friend, and my greatest role model. June- throughout everything, you have been consistent, a true best friend which I am grateful for. Kels- I have never had a better wife! Drea- my midget-I wuv you!! Girlies: you all add something crazy to the mix- love every one of you guys! JRN- thanks for never giving up on me. Lunch table-R.I.P., members: stick to your horoscopes. Judy- my second mom- "could anyone be loved more?" My Heavenly Father- I pray I will continue to grow in you. 1 Corinthians 10:13.

First, I must thank God for carrying me through the last eighteen years. Erin: you'll always be my baby sister; I love you. You're a beautiful person with an amazing mind; don't waste it! I have too many people to list who have impacted my life during my time at WCA, but a few must be mentioned. Maestro Schwamb, Mrs. Bye, and Dr. Shaw, you're some of the coolest people I know. You're God's light to Westminster. Harper, Sarah, and the lunch club, I love you all. Thanks for accepting me, despite my...eccentricities. Future Westminster students: be true to God and to yourself. Then you will change the world. Just remember this: Do. Or do not. There is no try.

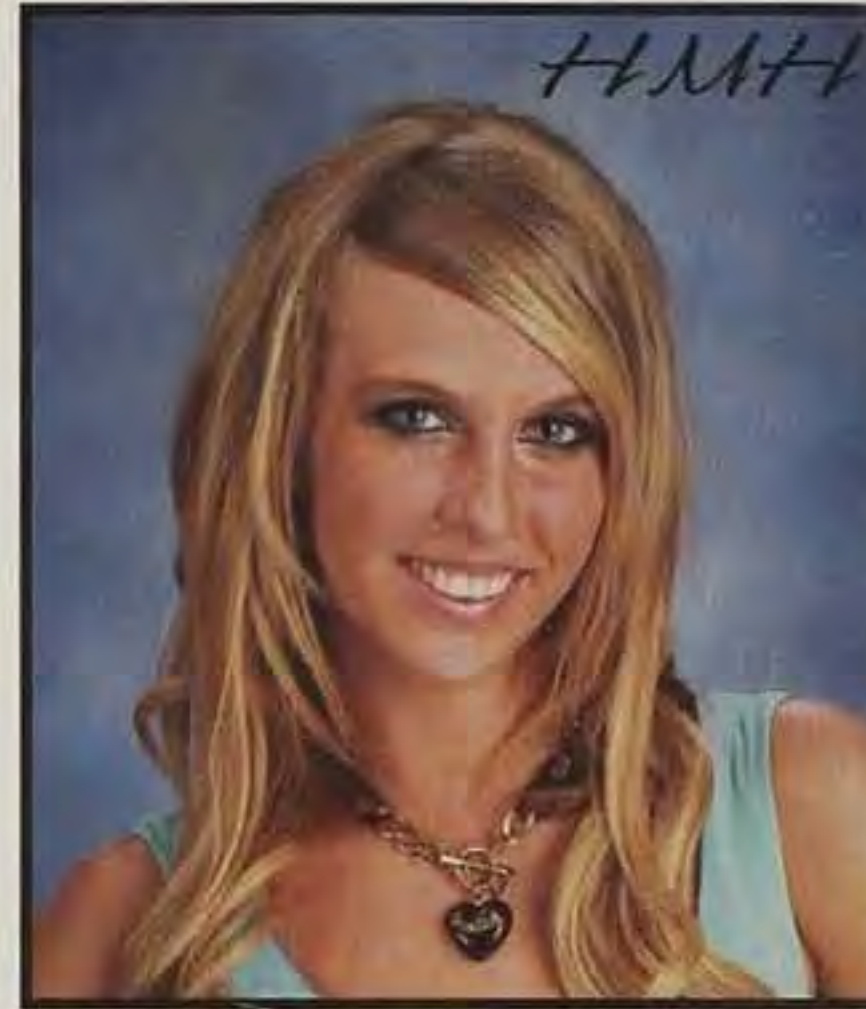




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My family, thank you for everything. WCA, thank you for teaching me through my 6 years of experience here, I greatly appreciate all of the lessons I have learned. Football coaches, thank you for teaching me perseverance and encouraging me in everything. Coach Bain, thank you for teaching me how to be a great man by example. Football team, thank you for all the great times and keep on keeping on, never quit, run hard, we hit hard, we play hard. PC boys, you have taught me more than you know and I hope you have learned how to be men after God's heart. All friends, thank you for everything, hope all goes well. Phil. 4:13. Peace Out.

First, I want to thank my whole family for always being there for me and providing me with so much. I love you Mom, Dad, Bob, Heather, and Grandma Barb. To my girlies; Anna, Ash, and Liz- you girls mean the world to me. Good times are: Greenday, the farm, and many more. Ash and Anna, can't wait till we get a house together. Kels- I always love our deep conversations. Lisa- sneaking out uncle bills @ 3:00 in the morning, zombie rd, and watching Rae ski will always be amazing memories. Cor- you will always be my crazy girl, I love ya! To all my other girls I love you! As we say at Ash's farm, "I'm so hood!"



HMH

BENJAMIN RICHARD HABERBERGER

HOPE MERLE HARL

Q:

What was your pet peeve?

A:

Pet peeves...By definition they made our lives miserable. As we matured, they changed from one thing to another. For some of us, we were annoyed by things that would be expected to annoy mankind: such as chewing with one's mouth open or complainers. But others were offbeat, things that would have only annoyed one person such as chewing on ice or people who poke others; so it is asked, what was your pet peeve?

What annoyed the Westminster community to the end of their wits?

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Pet Peeves

"Chewing with your mouth open."
- Lauren Probst, junior



"When people steal my food!"
- Juhyung Kim, junior

"Homework on the weekends."
- Jacob Turner, junior



Justin Henry and Brian Fellows, seventh grade



Andrew Nichols, sophomore

"Tags hanging out the back of a shirt."
- Grace Johnson, sophomore

"People who rip on movies without seeing them."
- Matthew Evans, senior

"When people use the word 'delish.'"
- Andrew Wiens, junior



God, I thank you for your guidance. Mom and dad, I can't express how much I appreciate all that you have done for me. Melanie and Brandon, you guys are my greatest influence. I love you so much. M.D., I couldn't have asked for a better grandmother. DJ, no matter what, you make high school fun. Jessica and Anne you guys are weird, but you made softball worthwhile. J.K., Reese's pieces! Rhoda, Kristen, Alex, and the whole group, you guys make me smile. Hold it down. To Ashleigh, Nia, and the other SC people, although you may never read this, I'm glad we managed to stay friends through high school. To everyone else at Westminster-luv ya.

God- All the glory goes to You: my Loving Father, Best Friend, and Almighty Savior. Dad, Mom, Tommy, Karlee- I am so blessed to be in a family that loves me for who I am. Your support and encouragement is amazing. VDT & BreakDown- God knew exactly what he was doing when he placed each of you in my life. My WCA experience wouldn't have been half as incredible without you! Rachel- You are such an awesome friend. I'm thankful that we have grown close these past two years. Anne- Thanks for laughing at my sound effects. Love you girl! Charm is deceptive; beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised (Proverbs 31:30).



JASMINE MARIE HARRELL
KARRI RANA HESS

MARGARET CHRISTINE HEINEMANN
CALEB BENJAMIN HICKMAN



Thanks to Mom and Dad, my best friends, for encouraging rather than forcing me to do my best. Emma, Kelli, Hayley, and Erin - thanks for being such close comrades for these past 12 (wow) years. Sippel child and Melissa - I wouldn't have made it through 1 semester of Shaw Chem without you. Sarah- you were an awesome tent mate. Lindsey- your lunch conversations have scared me for life. WCA Teachers; Tiemier, Wilcox, Holley, Dudley - you have equipped me for college, career, my spiritual walk, and beyond. My ultimate thanks must go to God, the one who supports me and gives me peace and in the midst of crazy circumstances.

Shabat shalom and rock n' roll. Fellas, "When the going gets weird, the weird go pro" we have been pros for a long time. Anne, "do you hang out with me because I do pushups every other Sunday...perhaps" grand times indeed. Stufflebam you will always be the cake to my fruit. Jeffrey, stay away from 'whoopies" Haberberger, I have enjoyed your food and your company. Allison, oh the memories, dog bites, photo scandals, and other various conundrums we find ourselves in. Mom and Dad "you've been like a bacon to me," my sisters, thanks for dealing with my eccentricities. David "too weird to live, too rare to die." As for everyone else, as Conan would say "Stay cool my babies."





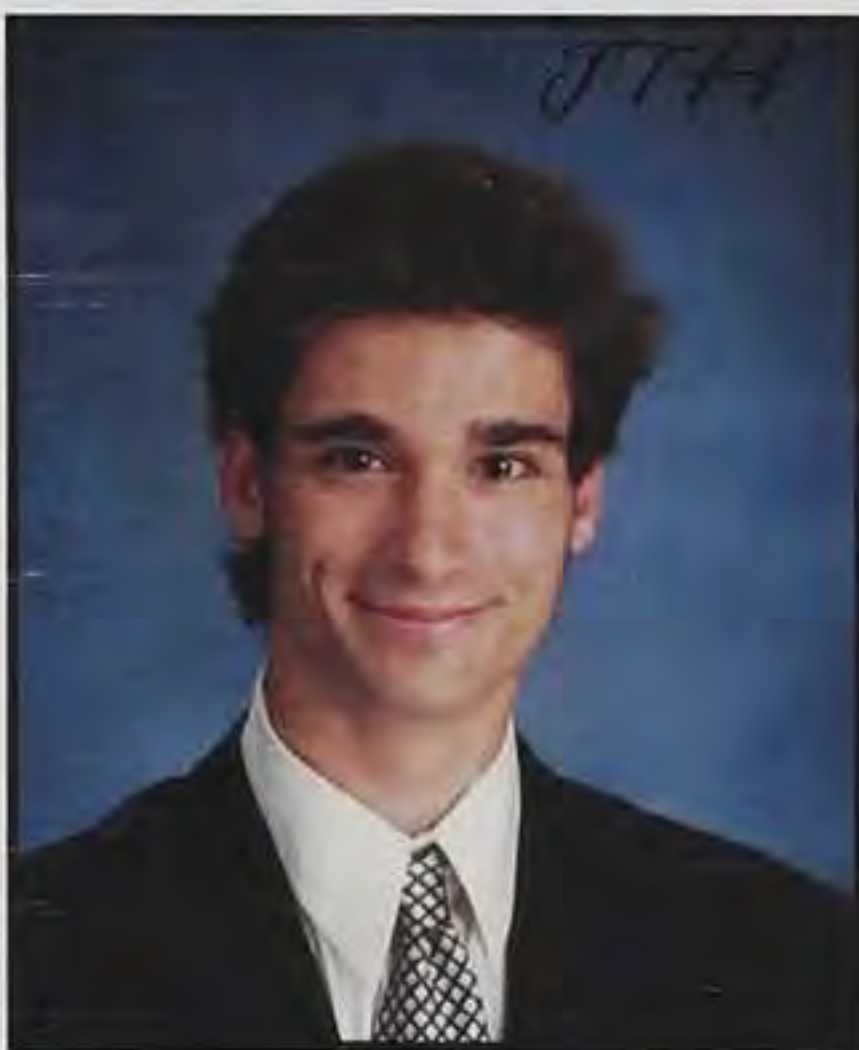
God, you have been so good to me. To all my friends: thanks for not letting me take myself too seriously. 'Mis, that fateful day at soccer practice... you're my favorite twin. Someday we'll publish the book. Harper and Sarah, long live the triumvirate! To my family: you guys are everything to me. Mom and Dad, I can't put into words how much your love and encouragement have meant to me. Andrew, you're my inspiration. James, I'm sorry but we are not naming the car Beelzebub. Matthew, I'll miss watching Stars Wars with you. Hannah, thanks for keeping me a little insane. Don't let the birds boss you around when I'm gone. I love all of you.

Mom and Dad, thank you for your guidance, support and love. You are my role models and this small shout out doesn't give justice to how much I love you and how truly grateful I am for all that you do. Tim, I look up and respect you so much. Thanks for showing me what it truly means to love the Lord. Jeff, thanks for all the laughs and constant teasing, I love you. Allison, my poopy, you are my sister and I love you. Rex, I treasure our friendship and I am so grateful for all your support. Sam and Ellie, thanks for the accountability and love. June, Katy, Tess, Anne, Megan, Brooke, Molly, I love you all.



*BETHANY JOY HOEKZEMA
JAMES THOMAS HORTON*

*JILL CHRISTINE HOLLEY
JUNE VIRGINIA HOTCHKISS*



I can't believe 2008 is finally here! I've made great friends while at Westminster. Jessiah, Bianca, Kali, Jeff, Dom, Kelly, Danielle, Tim, Sagi; I will never forget you guys and all the good times. Good luck after graduation. Wrestling guys and coaches, it was great competing along side you. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Bianca for putting up with us. You always made things fun. Thank you, Gill's for being my second family! Elaine, you are amazing and totally awesome and always will be! Anna-Lynne you are the best sister. You mean more to me than you know. Mom and Dad, thank you for all you have done for me. I love you guys! Your son, James

Lovely friends: Kelyn, Jill, Sam, Tess, Liz, Ellie, Sarah G. I love you! Thanks for loving me and making me laugh. Rex: Thanks for your friendship and my nickname. Wieles: I can't thank you enough for your overwhelming hospitality. Nestie: I love you uncreepily! Greg: thanks for listening to me and praying for me. Your wisdom is astounding. Jared: Thanks for being my extra brother. Erin: thank you for the love, prayers, and banana splits. You two underestimate your impact on my life. Brudders- I love you! Thanks for understanding and protecting me. My beautiful Mommy and brilliant Daddy: Thank you for teaching me what love is and for showering it on me unconditionally. Jesus- when I am weak, you are strong.





I thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for watching over me and guiding me to become the person I am today. Thanks also to my Mom and Dad. I love you both more than you'll ever know. Thanks for always being there for me. Daniel, thanks for being the best brother ever. You'll always be my best brovey! Julie, thanks for being there my whole life, for being the best friend anyone can ever have, and for sharing all the fun and meaningful times we've had together. Alayna, thanks for always singing with me-- someday we'll star in our own musical! Thanks to all my teachers who have taught me many valuable life lessons. I LOVE YOU ALL!!

Mom and Dad- I love you two more than words can express. Your advice, love, and support have shaped me into what I have become. Catie- I love you, little sister. Take care of the parents and feed brownie. Bill- You are my brother and best friend. It'll be fun hanging out with you when we are fifty. Brett- your friendship and accountability have been essential throughout high school. To all the other boys- I love you guys. I'll never forget the good times. Thanks for all the late and crazy nights. To the lady friends- Thanks for making life interesting. "Celebrate we will, because life is short but sweet for certain... Make the best of what's around" (David J. Matthews).



LISA MICHELLE HOOVER

BENJAMIN JOHN HORSEMAN



Q: What were your initial feelings when you first came to America?

A: "At first I was really nervous, because I didn't know English, but other students helped me by drawing pictures of things like bugs, and they would point at it and say "Insects!" Sang-Ah Jeon, senior

Q: Why did you come to America?

A: "America is such a powerful nation, I thought it would be necessary to learn English, and America would be the best place to learn." Yi-re Kim, sophomore

Q: What is your favorite American food and why?

A: Pasta, it has everything I like-- meat, the cheese, and the tomato!" Han-Byul Kang, junior



Imagine having waved goodbye to family, friends, and all the comforts of home as you embarked on a trip across the globe to a new country, a new world where you didn't know anyone, and you didn't understand what anyone

said. It must have been pretty intimidating for these students as they tackled finding their way around, trying new foods, and breaking down the biggest barrier of all: language.

Students from across the globe were adapting to life in America by breaking down barriers



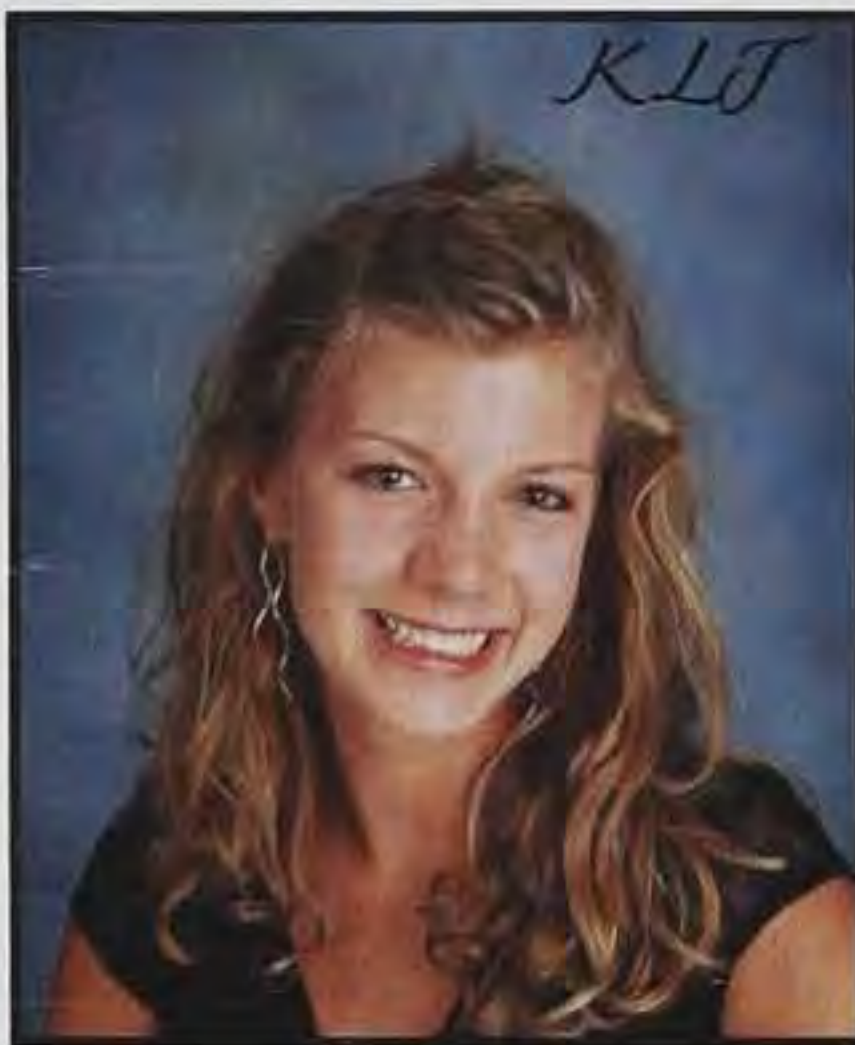
To my loving parents and the world's most awesome brother, Jake- thanks for all your support and encouragement. Thanks to all my fantastic friends- Sarah, Michael, Bethany, Danielle, Kendall, Lauren, and Katie who helped me to calm down, smile, and laugh. "Baby sisters," I love you (even though you drive me crazy) - we are the real Fellowship, not our brothers. All hail the Triumvirate! Ms. Keeton's Lunch Crew- there are too many hilarious stories there to recount. Summer Seminar kids- you are amazing- best trip ever! Varsity softball girls- thank you so much for all the laughter and just the chance to be a part of such an incredible team.

God has blessed me so abundantly and I realize how incredibly fortunate I am to attend Westminster. First off, I thank my family who has supported me in everything. Mom- you're the best mom I could ask for and I love you. Dad- you've taught me what it means to have integrity, even in the toughest of times. John and Sam- you kept things interesting around the house but I wouldn't have it any other way. It's gonna be tough to leave you guys. Bball and tennis team- keep working hard. Lunch table- we talked about school way too much... but I'm gonna miss it. To all my friends, you made high school memorable and made it all worth while.



HARPER ELIZABETH HUGHES
KELSEY LEE JANSSEN

JOSEPH ROLLIN HUNSICKER
THOMAS MICHAEL JARRETT



Christ is my all in all. Mom and Dad, my gratitude for your love goes way beyond words. Thanks for all your advice, you mean so much to me and you're everything I want to be. Caleb, you dancing stud, and Leah my beautiful little sister, you two have been so much fun to have as siblings- don't ever forget our tube talks. I'll love you always! K4: Sisters forever, thanks for always listening and keeping me accountable. Ladies- thanks for some of the greatest times of my life- couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to call my friends. Guys, I couldn't have made it through without you my brothers. Thanks for always laughing. Underclassmen, remember WCA is a blessing.

Well, first of all I gotta say THANK GOD because I am graduating and moving up! He is my support and provider; not my forsaker. To my parents, I say thanks for all the pushing in the past years to make sure I did not deviate, and for all the sacrifices that had to be made so that I received the best of the best. To the WCA African-American community, represent yourselves in the light of God and be pleasing in his sight. Finally to all the underclassmen that I call my brothers and sistas, REMEMBER GOD! Represent Him fully and give all glory unto his name. Everetts, keep on doin' y'all thing. Thanks to everyone!



S Student Jobs

Students redefined what it meant to be in the work world.



Joy Collins, junior

- Occupation: worked as an assistant to an interior decorator
- As part of her job, Collins helped her neighbor sort through boxes of decorations used to decorate Reliance Banks around St. Louis.
- Best part of the job: "The creativity- it inspires you. You have all this material to make beautiful things around you."

Jordan Duke, junior

- Occupation: Worked in the business office, did tech, and taped weddings for Central Presbyterian Church.
- Duke had to show up an hour and a half early, so the tech people could run through lyrics with the band.
- Best part of the job: "The free food; pretzels in the office, and for the evening services-chips, candy, stuff like that."



Julia Meyers, senior

- Occupation: worked at Art Mart
- Something people might not know: "We [the employees] have to use a different door when we come in because the door counts customers as they come in, and then we count sales so we can compare."



Sarah Johnston, senior

- Occupation: dressed up as the bird at Red Robin
- Best part of the job: "When I put that suit on I'm a different person, all of a sudden I become really animated, and I really like entertaining little kids."
- Something people might not know: "It's so hot inside the costume, and there used to be ice packs inside, but we lost them, so it gets really hot!"

KENDALL ERIN JAMES

SANG-JIN IM



I thank God for all the wonderful blessings He has given to me and for never ceasing to love me. Mom and Dad, thanks for never giving up on me and laughing with me through thick and thin. Evan, you are the best brother ever. We will never forget that we look alike! To all my friends, I love you guys, thanks for everything. Bush #2, coughing. The Note, molly + cabin 6= good times! Jensung, wedding plans, guy talks. Big Sis, you mean the world to me. Abby H and Lecy, smoothie king, stalker boys, crazy pics, love you both! Mike, our text conversations, you're amazing. I love all my softball girls! I will miss you all! 1 Corinthians 13.



Mom and Dad thank you for everything! Jane: It's crazy how much you've grown, I love you. Shap: Keep it real with them bright polos. Matt R: You always hear my comments somehow. Miller: Thanks for being a leader and a great friend. Baldwin: Thank you for your sincerity. Lunch table: you guys are hilarious. Thanks for the great times and convos: Joe H. Patrick M. Matt R. Brian K. Dan M. Baldwin. Peter B. Brandon D. Amigas: You guys are super cool. You guys know who you are. To my D-Group: Thanks for being Awesome. Remember to always stay chill. (That's for you Jimmy)



Wild weather left students with memories.

While sweat soaked the back of their shirts, twenty-eight upcoming seniors loaded the vans motivated by the food they were about to eat. After finishing a 40 mile bike ride the group headed back towards the campsite, unaware of what they would face next.

As they pulled over to the side of the road, Chris Knerr and Warren Smith, the drivers, were faced with treacherous wind conditions. "Things were blowing everywhere. It was crazy," said Anne Carrington, senior. Finally arriving back to their campsite the group found their belongings everywhere. "Stuff was blown around. Everything was wet," said Carrington. Waking up in the middle of the night to thunder and pouring rain, "we were afraid the trees above us would fall on us," said Amber Jones, senior. After frantically gathering their belongings the group gathered under a nearby pavilion. After waiting for the storm to die down the boys slept in the pavilion and the girls slept in the vans. "We went back to normal the next night," said Jones. This was one of the many unexpected events on Summer Seminar.

Photos Courtesy of Justen Beasley

Tess Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Moore, and Samantha Bond, seniors, jump off a cliff at Devil's Bathtub. "It was funny to watch Mr. Knerr jump. Mr. Smith was supposed to jump with me, but he chickened out," said Fitzpatrick.



Michael Shapleigh, senior, kayaks on the Cheyenne River. All of the equipment was strapped onto the kayak. "We took a couple outfits with us for a few days. I guess you could say we lived kind of rough," said Shapleigh.

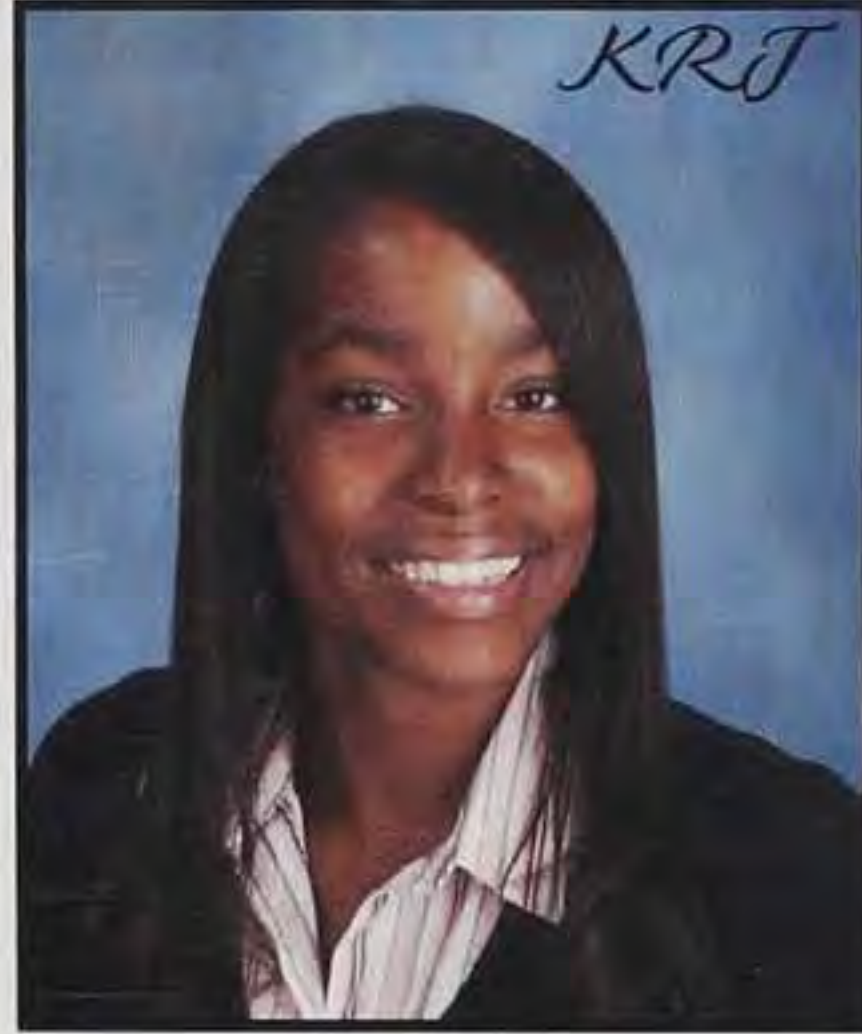
Harper Hughes, senior, finishes the 50 mile bike ride on the Michelson Trail. The ride took four hours to complete. "We trained beforehand at the Creve Coeur bike path," said Sarah Shippy, senior.



"[I] got to stand on top and look down on all of the gorgeous, amazing playground that God created," said Samuel Stuffebam, senior. The 14 day trip allowed students to grow closer to God through nature.

KAITLYN RAE JOHNSON

KAYLA RAE JOHNSON



Mom and Dad thanks for everything. You've given me your love, time, money, everything. Tiphane and Kirstin; best older sister's one could ask for. Kayla we argue, fight, I give you money, and I can't stand you, but you're my twin and my best friend for life. Couldn't imagine life without you. Alex: your mom loves me more, get used to that backseat. Thomas: track, Coach Bain. Kristen: thanks for putting up with us. Jacque: SHOPPING. Catherine: BASKETBALL. We lost. It was fun. "HOODY," I own that name. "Mr. Johnston are you a cop?" Tony Thompson: climbing up ladders, through windows, conversations, and you don't have pure skin! Derrick: always, jail = I'm calling you. Everybody else: it was fun.

First, God thanks for giving me everything I need. Mom, Dad: thanks for sacrificing too much for me. I really appreciate and love you guys. Tiphane, smurf: coolest older sisters. Kaitlyn : my twin and best friend couldn't live life without you. Car rides, gossip girls, stop signs, pinky, "Bye Buddies," grr...Watson: D-one tees "were done." Christine: meerkats and magical cars. Hayley, Debbie: love you. Derrick: BFF baseball player type from the Lou, Illini, me + other girl = POW....Kaitlyn. Paige: you + me = old, friendship cup, umbrellas, dogs, cheerleading, never again moments, chaminade, BFF, your face close to my heart. Cole, Drake: lil bros. Kayla: name buddies. Table: good laughs. Finally, Coach Bain you'll miss me!





Father- you are my everything, always waiting with open arms when I come running, thank you for your unconditional love! To my parents, thank you for teaching and guiding me even though I was difficult sometimes, I'll always be your little princess. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Honey Bunches, the sister someone forgot to give me...for all those times (you know what I'm talking about) and all those to come! Forever and always. Love you more than all the stars. Kristy, you are my role model. You have taught me some unforgettable lessons. I love you! To everyone who has helped make me who I am today, I owe you thanks. To the girls, Psalm 45:11. To the rest of y'all...stay real!

First, thank you God for leading me to where I am now. I have had a phenomenal time at Westminster ever since I came. Mom and Dad- thank you for being a big support from across the world. My American parents- I thank you in everyway that I can think of, and you guys got me forever. Sorry! Megan- you are an awesome sister. I have so much respect for you. Dani-without you, I could not have made it here. You are my mentor, and I mean it. Mr. T- You rock. I had so much fun working on art with you. Class of 2008 and my dear friends-Thanks to all of you. I enjoyed giggling a lot with you guys. I'll miss all of you and love you all. God bless.

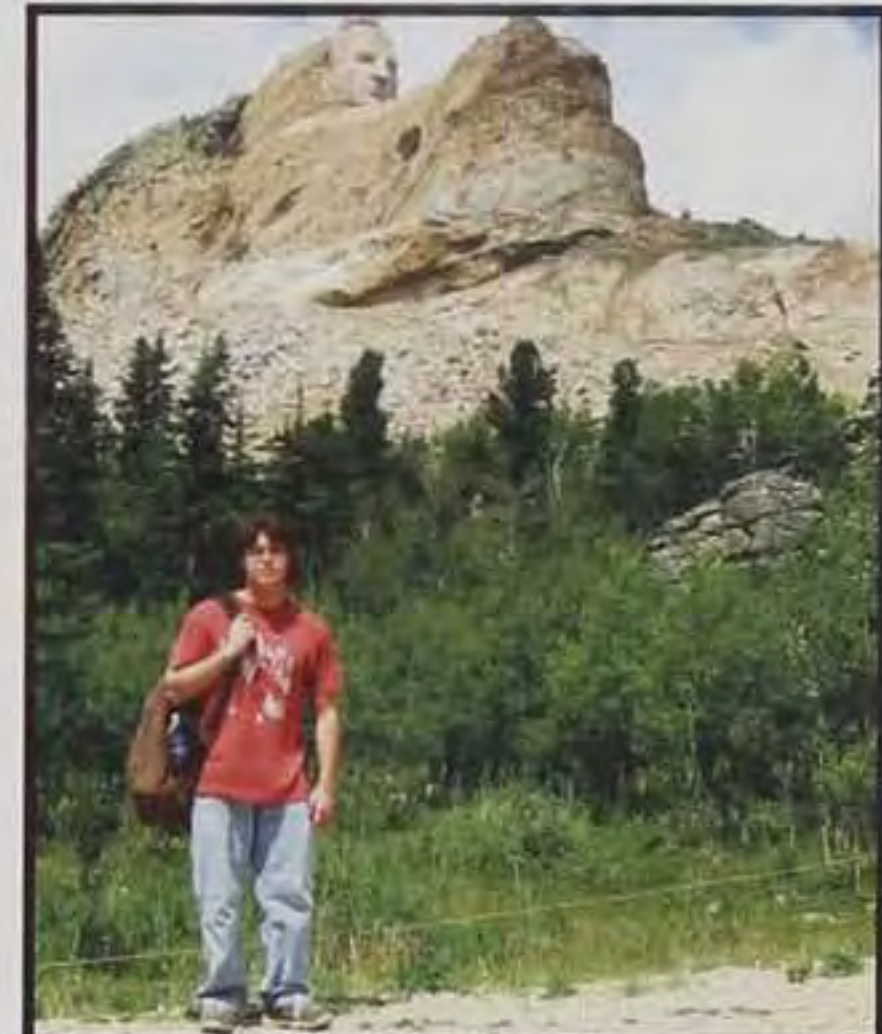


KENDRA NICOLE JEFFERIS
SARAH ELIZABETH JOHNSTON

SANG-AH JEON
AARON MICHAEL JONES



Mom and Dad: Thanks for all your love and support- I will always be your little girl. Rob: Thanks for being there, even though I didn't always deserve it! Abby: Shopping, "playing" with midnight, eating chili-the list will never end. Sam: Oh Sam, You Can't Stop The Beat! Don't forget that promise. Lisa: Hot tubs, massive aerobic balls, and one word- EUROPE! Rae: I will always hum for you. HUG! Melissa: pictures, my hands are going up, Spring Break- I will never itch with anyone like I have with you. Lauren: Keep Carol in line next year! Kristin: Those memories at church will stay with me forever. Everyone else: Thanks for making these six years some of the best. John 15:5





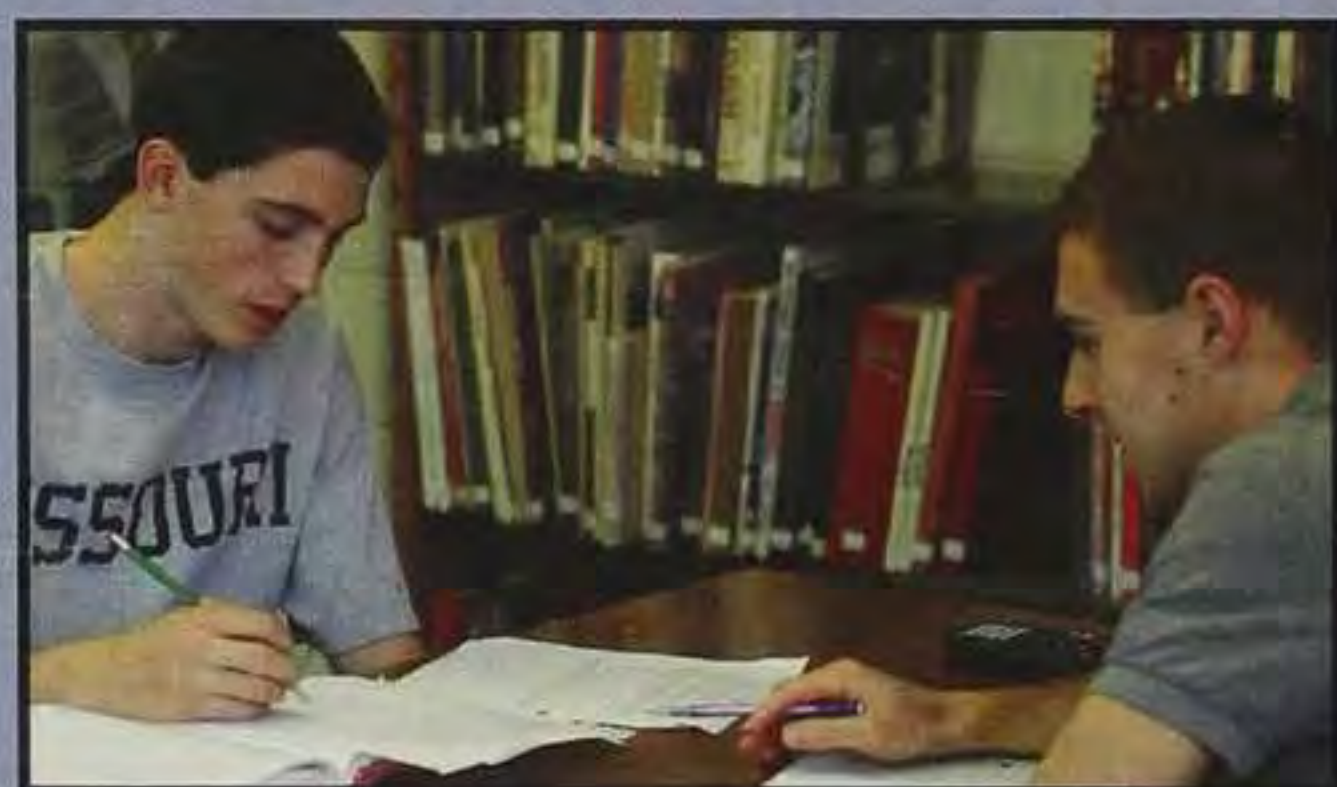
First of all, thank you God for Your grace. Mom and dad, you are the greatest parents. I will never be able to thank you enough for everything that you two have done for me. Thanks to Justin for being you and sending me CDs from school. Also, thank you to the entire Westminster faculty for running a pretty impressive school. My two years at Westminster have been a blessing. Last, but not least, thank you to all my friends. And Lauren, as you say, "thanks for being my best friend." And Steph, we still need to work on our surfing skills. Let's call Pete.

Mum: Thanks for helping me with everything from homework to fashion tips. I appreciate how you and Dad have provided for me so I can have more opportunities than you ever had. Dad: Thanks for all the fun times and the lectures which I'm sure will help later in college. Jimmy: Even though you won't remember me when I come home from college, I want you to know that you're the best baby brother anyone can hope for. Lunch table: there was hardly a dull moment with so many people. Honduras group: Hard to forget those fun trips, who brought a razor, sleeping in a rocking chair, pterodactyl.



AMBER KRISTINE JONES

ELIZABETH BRIANNE KARSLAKE



Sean Duff, junior, tutors with Matt Darr in Spanish. "Spanish 2 gives students the most trouble," said Darr.

As a fixture to the school, or maybe the library, Matt Darr was a savior to students struggling with academics. Darr was a 1999 graduate of Westminster. After finishing a mission trip to Honduras in 2004, Darr started tutoring at Westminster. Darr tutored 20 hours a week his first year. "My favorite part of my first year was that I never worked on Fridays. Amy [my wife] and I had all day dates for the first six months of our marriage," said Darr. Approximately 16 seniors, 12 juniors, 10 sophomores, and 5 freshmen were tutored by Darr. After three years of tutoring, Darr spent nine hours a day tutoring in math, science, Spanish, ACT, and

SAT. As a tribute to graduating seniors, Darr founded the Darr Olympics. "The Darr Olympics are a series of sensational, challenging, and wacky events where students compete for prizes, like college scholarships, and gift cards," said Darr. As for the future Darr left it up to the Lord, but he was excited for the expansion of Darr Tutoring. "There are some neat possibilities of expanding the business online via video-conferences," said Darr. To those that he tutored, Darr's creative ideas and helpful hints made all the difference.

Amber Jones, senior, plays a calculator game with Matt Darr. "He went over everything so it was easier to understand," said June Hotchkiss, senior, who tutored with Darr in Honors Algebra 2 as a sophomore.



How some students survive the Westminster workload.





Mom & Dad, thanks for supporting me all these years, I love you. Mr. & Mrs. Miller & Timmy, you've been a second family. D-group, you've helped me grow immensely. Sang, servant, cars, clarifying, This is Why I'm Hot. Miller, abs, your house, you've been a great example. Baldwin, long talks, venting. Shap, ping pong champs, partners in everything. Joe, tennis, music, phone. Jimmy, my doubles partner will be missed. Walker, halo, long talks. Matt, ultimate TP job. Peter, longest friendship I've had. Patrick, girl talks, halo. Brandon, tennis, GO MIZZOU! Kayla, fountains, bets (I win), aim, circles, you've taught me a lot. Kelsey, phone conversations have been awesome. Everyone not named, thanks for the good times & memories.

Mom and Dad thank you for pushing me the way that you did, even though I always resisted your guidance. I am beginning to see now why you push me, and I wouldn't have made it this far without your direction and love. Chad and Jamie, you paved the way for me and prepared me for the turmoil of high school. My Boys you have made life more fun than I could ever have imagined. Small Group thanks for being real. Billy and Jimmy I love you. Your devotion, openness, and love towards me make our friendships one of the most important things in my life. "Turns out not where, but who you're with that really matters" (David J. Matthews).



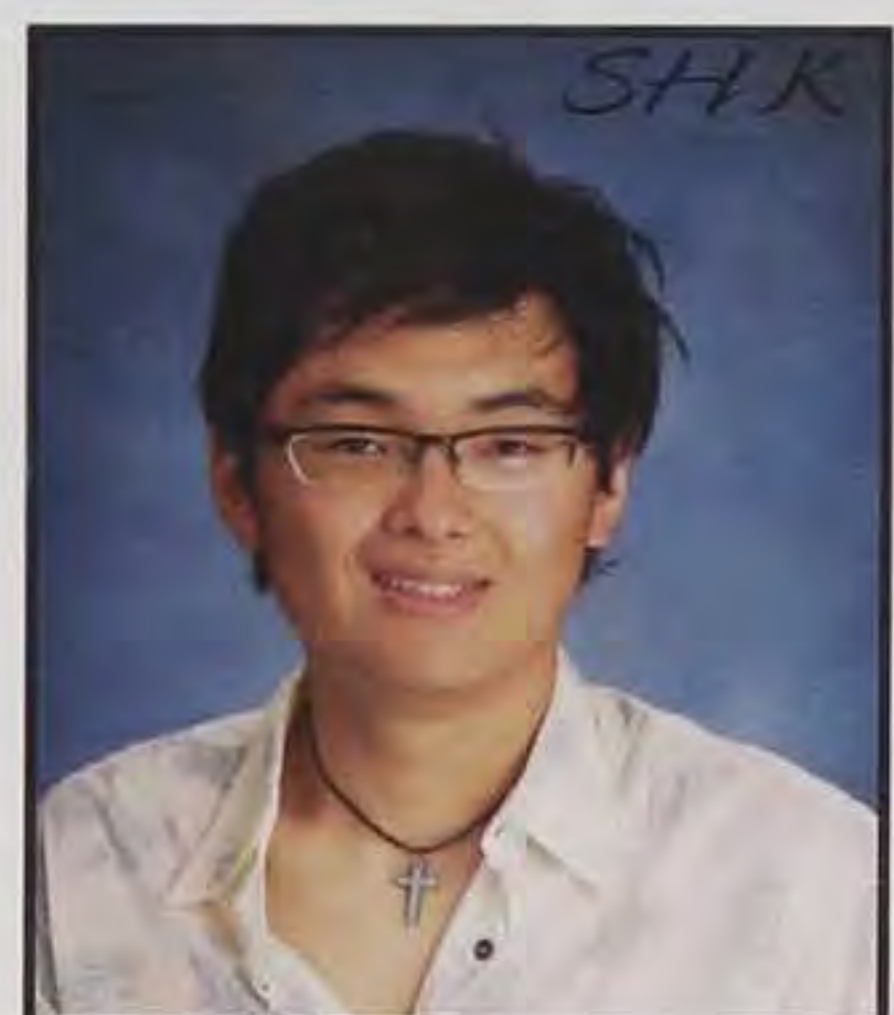
*BRIAN RICHARD KEFFER
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Wow, it's still pretty hard to believe that this is my last year. I have a lot of memories at Westminster since 7th grade so I'm going to miss it a lot. I thank my parents for supporting me. Even though I couldn't find a picture of my sister, Kara, I'm really thankful for a sweet sister like her. I would certainly have to thank my mom the most. I truly understand what it means to be blessed whenever I think of her. Also, thanks to my rival and my cousin, Sunny, that I made it through school without giving up! So my year is coming to an end and I'll be leaving for a new start. Wish me luck!

First of all, I thank the Lord for making me who I am today. I also like to thank my parents and Dani for being there every step of the way. I love you all and I will always remember what you have done for me. My high school years at Westminster have been the most valuable time in my life. I had a great time making friends at Westminster and learned a whole lot about different cultures. I also enjoyed my time being in a Westminster varsity swim team. I had a great time swimming throughout the seasons. I will never forget everyone who helped me through my high school years, which have been the most difficult time in my life.





As an incoming senior to WCA from Michigan, I cannot express how meaningful Westminster's overflowing generosity has meant to me during my unexpected move to Missouri. The 2008 class is such a tremendous blessing in my life. God truly provided an incredible group of friends to welcome me and I am grateful for the privilege to be a member of this spirit-filled campus! God's powerful wings of protection throughout my move never cease to amaze me. I am ecstatic to discover the next chapter God has specifically planned for my individual journey. It is only through Christ's never-ending mercy, my parents' gentle guidance, and friends' encouraging support that I am able to develop into a young woman of God. Jeremiah 29:11

Boys: there's nothing like breaking TVs, fire in the hole, and doing just plain stupid stuff. Double D: 5 shirts, 3 pairs of socks, we're good to go! Glad you came back for senior year. Tye: ride them sea doos baby. Max: You made every moment funny. Kelsey: thanks for being my best bud. Jackson: nothing like Coheed and Cambria on the way to hockey games sophomore year. Kristin: hope we make it to Lambert's someday. B-rad: Glad we got to be friends. Good times riding dirt bikes, 4 wheelers and go carts. Andy: pendency, pants, big head... it's been real. We'll miss "the view." Bro's: enjoy high school, make it your best memories.



RACHAEL MARIE KINGMA

LAUREN ELIZABETH KOZENY

KRISTOPHER MICHAEL KINSINGER

JORDAN RYAN KULAGE



Jeremiah 20:9. Mither and Fither: I couldn't have asked for better parents and I can't thank God enough for you. Love you! Skunk: We really need to fix that beamer or the next four years are gonna be depressing. Suit up! NOW3. Quish: I'll be V-fib without you. LE-GEN...wait for it...DARY! Kiss miss. Jen: ach dis mis dis smish ma! Mr. Rabe. 99 red balloons. Kendall: we should stuff someone in a mailbox, and then we can be like, HA! You're in a mailbox! Don't ever stop waiting for the garden gnome. Sam: gold! I think that's all I need to say. Abby: Egg jokes. Don't go 80 in a 30. Thanks for always being there. "Love is the movement."

Wow, what a Long and Winding Road it has been. Thank you mother for your "words of wisdom" and father for your sacrifices and both for your unfailing love. I am truly grateful. P.S. I Love You- always and forever. Friends, From Me To You, I Want To Tell You: thanks. Michael, Katie, Jessi, Jasmine, you have each shown me something that I will take with me to The End and laughs that will forever be cherished. I wish you the best. It's been real. It's been fun. It's been memorable. But "life goes on," and our journey continues. So: Hello, Goodbye and thank You. "Ob La Di, Ob La Da..." Peace





CEK

Thank you God for blessing me with all the wonderful people in my life. Mom and Dad you have been there for me through thick and thin. Thanks for the support you have given me and the sacrifices you have made. I love you both so much, from the bottom of my heart, I am going to miss you a bunch next year! Kendall, I couldn't have asked for a better sister, you are such a beautiful person inside and out. Thanks for being a remarkable role model. Girls, I will never forget you and the incredible times we have shared. You all have meant the world to me! The best of luck in the future, class of 08!

COREY ELIZABETH KLINGLER

Family, I can't even say how much you mean to me. I love you so much, thanks for all the encouragement and laughs, you're the best. Mom and Dad, thank you for your love and patience, you have taught me so much. Taylor, Erin and Hayley... Honduras, Chicken Biscuits, Pei Wei, you're awesome! Mary Beth, thanks for EVERYTHING! Em and Scott, thanks for moving home and hanging out with me. Em, thanks for all the classroom chats. Hannah, my sister/2nd mom/best friend, your friendship is so special to me and I love you so much, thanks for always being there. Julie, Kels and Claire, thanks for all the laughs at the lunch table. Loco, stay thug! I love you all!



CMK

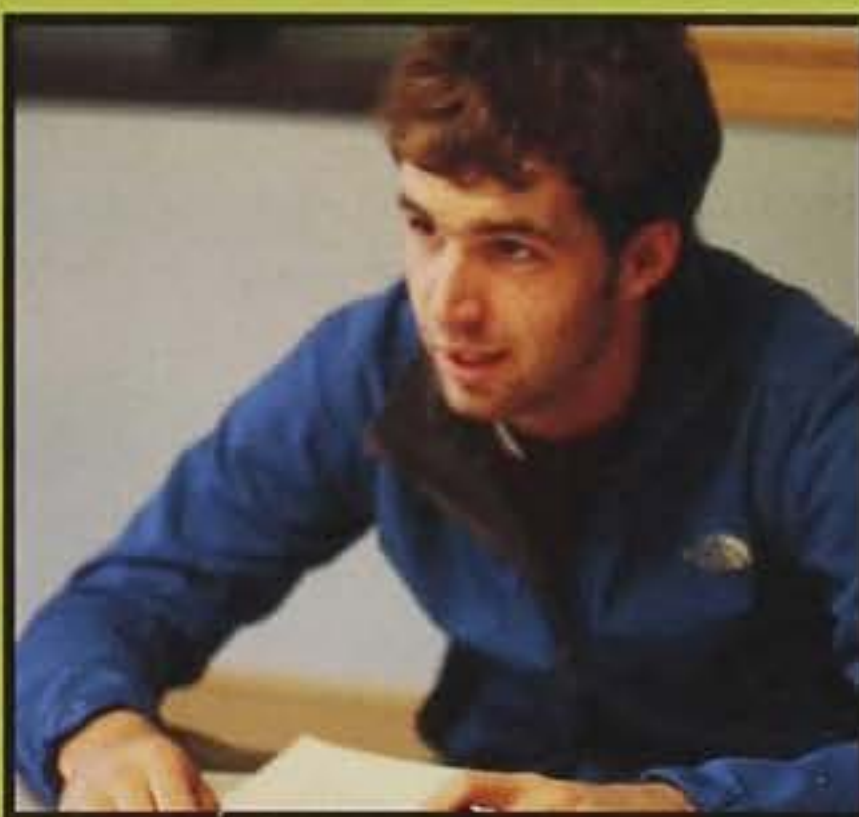
CATHERINE MAE KLOTZ

What's one piece of advice you would give the underclassmen?



"Take advantage of every opportunity, and enjoy being young."
-Theodore Sutcliffe, junior

Don't you wish someone would have given you valuable advice when you were entering high school?

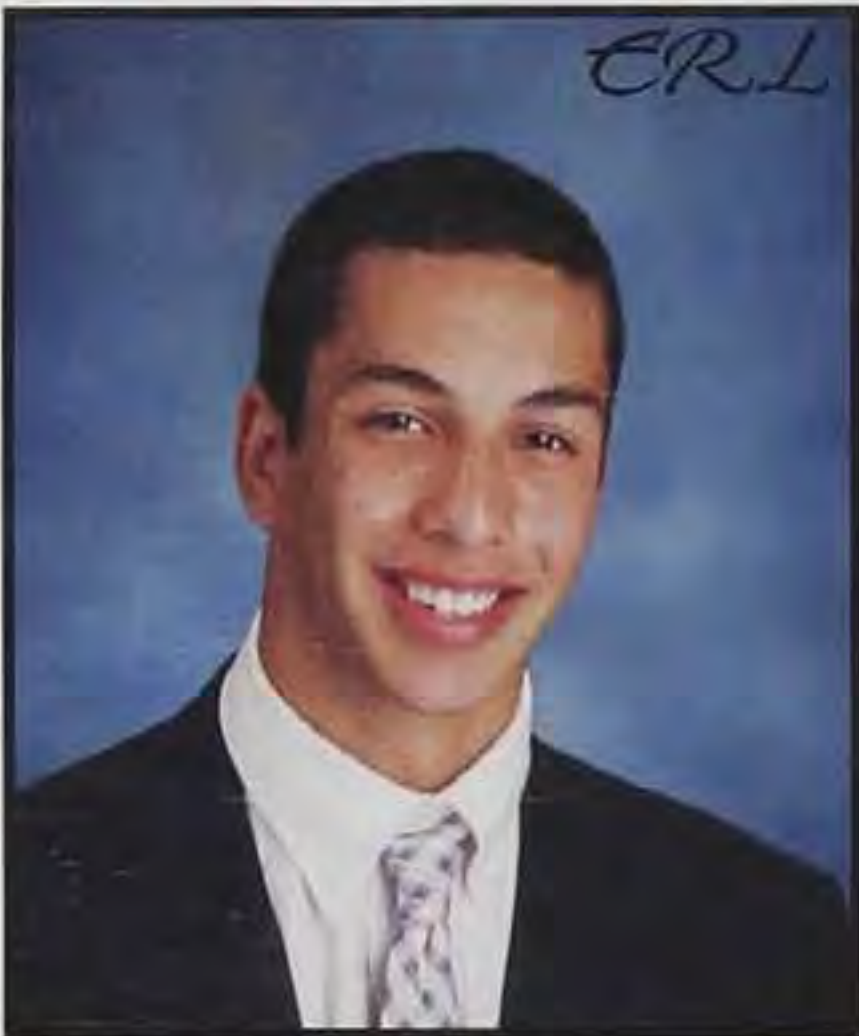


"Do not be afraid to try new things."
-David Mueller, senior

"Surround yourself with good friends, who are a good influence on you."
-Benjamin Baldwin, senior



"Do not let Westminster become your identity."
-Joy Collins, junior



First I want to thank the Lord Jesus Christ, for without Him I have nothing. Mom and Dad: I could not ask for better parents. Love you guys. Paul: not only have you been my bro, but my best friend and I thank God I got to grow up with you. Jeff: I love you. Thanks for being an awesome brother. Extended family: you guys mean the world to me. Teachers and coaches, thank you. Chris, David, Dom: We've been through it all. Thanks for stickin' with me. And also to all my other true friends, you know who you are. Thanks for making high school fun. Despite what others say, Westminster: You're a great school. Thanks for the memories.

God-Thank you for all the blessings you have given me. Without you I wouldn't be where I am today. Mom & Dad-We have been through a lot but you have guided me and loved me through it all. I love you both more than you know. Jayson-Life has been so hard without you here, but you've always remained a part of me and you always will. I love you and miss you so much. Mrs. Kerckhoff-Thank you so much for everything, I wouldn't have made it through without you. My BeAuTi-FuL girls-We have been through so much together. You are all gorgeous, intelligent, and CrAZY girls! To all my guy friends you guys are awesome! Class of 2008-WE DID IT!



ERIK ROBERT LEWIS
WAYNE JACKSON LONG

KELSEY NICOLE LOGSDON
TYE ROBERT MALONE



Buddy, thank you for being my best friend. Through thick and thin you have always been there for me. Joan-Baby, I don't know what I would do without your guidance and support. To my friends; Preston, you are one of the funniest people I have ever met. Thank you for not letting S.T. come between our friendship. Disch, you are one of the coolest guys I know, we just have to rethink climbing bridges. Double D, what haven't we thrown out of a car? You are the true meaning of FRIEND. Sara-Taylor, you have changed my life and my perspective of it. You are AMAZING! Jared, "WE'RE SENIORS!" Thank you everyone, even those not mentioned. Best "buds" forever. I love and thank you all.

In my life there have been many different people that have influenced my life. First I would like to thank my family for being there for me in everything I have ever attempted. My Mom and Dad have always been there for me whether I hurt myself and had to be taken to the doctor or I just needed someone to talk to. My friends have had a lot to do with my life. Kris, Andy, and Brandon have been great friends all throughout high school. Kohl and Brea have been there for me outside of school and have helped form me to the man that I am today. Thanks everyone.



Mission Trips

Students that Made a Difference Around the World.



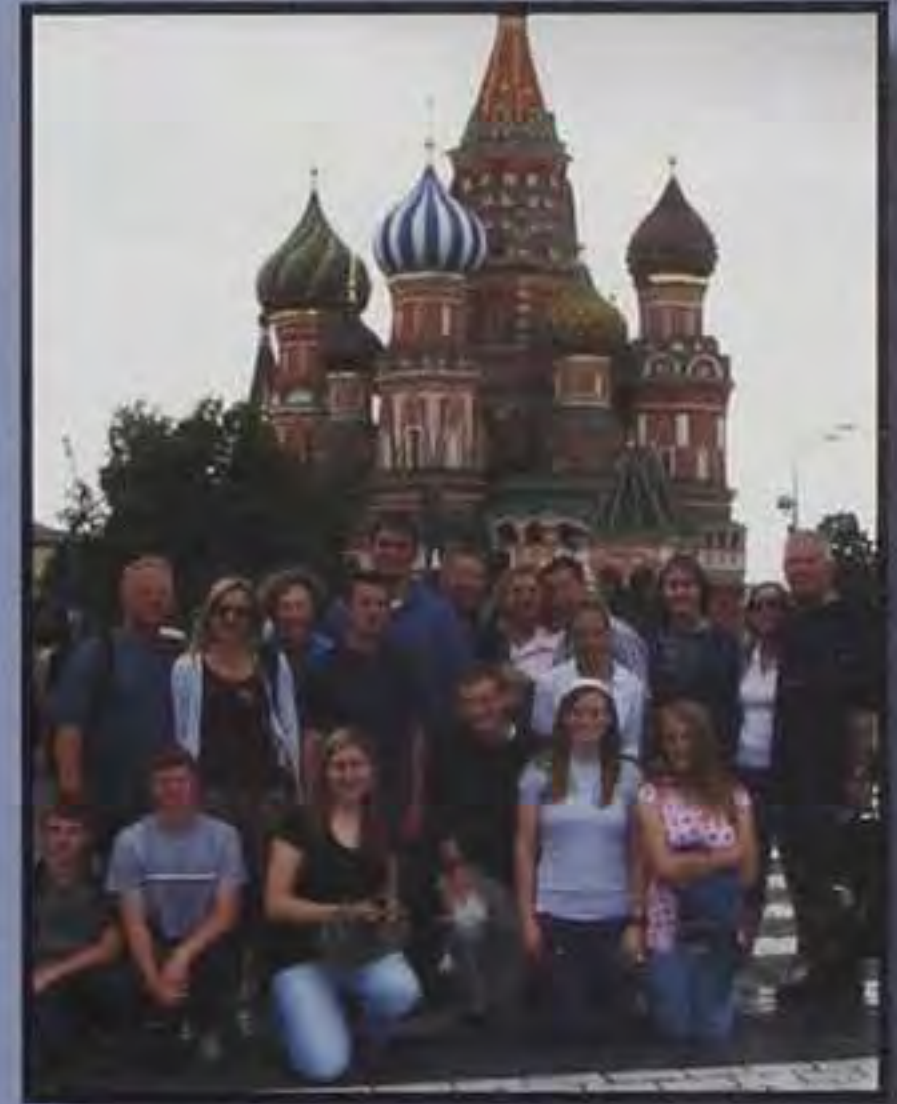
Megan and Michael Shapleigh, seniors, went to Romania on a Missions trip with their local church in July. They hosted a vacation Bible school and a series of youth camps for nine days. "It was the best and most rewarding experience of my life," said Megan Shapleigh.



Benjamin Haberberger, senior, visited Russia on a missions trip. Haberberger and his missions group went to 18 different orphanages. While they were at the orphanages they handed out gifts, candy, Bibles, and Christian books, and they witnessed to the children. "I came out of my comfort zone and learned about real faith," said Haberberger.



Lee Davis, senior went to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and worked along side The Micah Project. Davis and his church built a schoolhouse, ran a sports camp, and also held a vacation Bible school for the local children. "It was an amazing trip that impacted my life as well as the lives of those in Honduras," said Davis.



TREVOR DOUGLAS McHARDY KATHLEEN ELIZABETH MECH



Thank you Lord for the blessing of my family and friends you have given me to cherish and hold. Mother and Father- I will always be your baby boy, thank you for being the heroes and role models of my life; I love you both with all my heart. Duncan- as much as I might not say it, I do love you, I will never forget your constructional criticism. Roig- "stay away from the cookies"; Guthrie- Star Wars studs for life; Sang- "Little Kid", Carl's "vacation"; Kyle- "you look like a tree on a bike... ssssscccc-ssssccccout master!" Allison, you are an angel, God has blessed me beyond my imagination through you. I'm going to the big school, Papa!! Matthew 6:33-34.

Wow, these past four years have flown by. I remember coming to Westminster as a new freshman from Illinois. Although I miss my friends back home, I am extremely grateful for the wonderful friendships I have made here. I would not have made it through high school without all of you. Thank you from my heart. I also want to thank my parents, for without them I would not be the person I am today. Though we may not always agree, I am proud to be called your daughter. To Amanda, you will always be my best friend and I am glad that you are my sister. Finally, I want to thank God for never giving up on me.



The history of traditions continued to shape Westminster.

S School Traditions

Hallways rumbled as students sporting bizarre outfits leapt out of their desks and rushed out of class at the sound of the intercom. To show off their outfits and race to earn the coveted dollar or candy bar were their motivations. Blue and White day was just one of the many traditions held at Westminster. This day was first created and incorporated by Florence Lewis, Latin teacher, almost twenty years ago. It began with only a costume competition, and the races were instigated in later years.

Jared Camp, senior, stands with Susan Brown, Director of Student Services. Dressed as a blue and white golfer, he carried a unique blue and white umbrella, going the extra mile for school spirit.



Another school tradition, ITSOG, stood for "In the Spirit of Giving." This tradition of students bringing in various donations was started by Sara Drexler, former Director of Leadership Activities. It was first named ITSOS, meaning, "In the Spirit of Service".

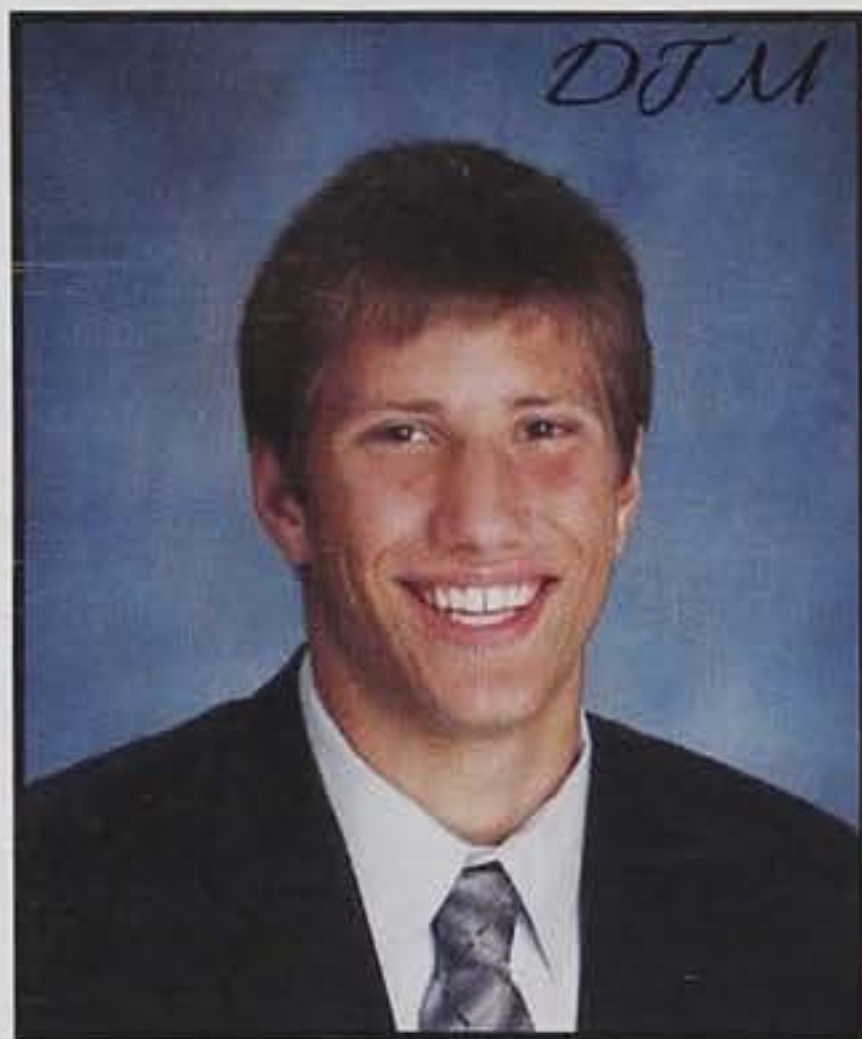


Berkley Rallo, senior, donates spare change to the senior class bin. All of the money collected by the classes was combined to pay for a year of tuition for Ever Martinez, a former Westminster student.

Thanksgiving chapel was one of the most well-known traditions of Westminster. Alumni were invited back to enjoy a breakfast preceding chapel. Because of the administration's decision to eliminate the half day on Wednesday, this year the chapel was held on Tuesday.

DANIEL JORDAN MILLER

ALLISON MARIE MITCHELL



Mom and Dad thanks for loving me. You guys are my best encouragers and I love you so much. Andrew and Timmy, you guys are my best friends. Andrew, I look up to you in more ways than words can describe. Timmy, you're the coolest little brother ever. We've had more fun together than I thought possible. Ben, you are my brother, get rid of the sunglasses. Keffer, thanks for the wisdom, keep up the biceps. Shapleigh, we dominated soccer, get married before 28. Joe, I respect you a lot. Alex thanks for being my friend. Jared C, run the race well. D-group, we learned so much together. Thanks Jared. John and Matt, enjoy the house. Lord, thanks for the blessings.

Mom, Dad- thanks for pushing me to my limits and giving me endless opportunities. You've gone above and beyond. Emily, Anna- growing up with you has been an adventure and I will never forget the times we've shared. Jill- your advice and loyalty have taught me so much...so has your High School Musical dancing. Sam- thanks for always listening to me and talking out of the side of your mouth. Caleb- from Transformers to spying on teachers on dates, we've seen a lot. Rex- I will always be your poopy. Katy, Brooke, Kayla, Anna, Kelsey- thanks for the memories. Anne- "The real test of friendship is: can you literally do nothing with the other person?" 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.





Mom and Dad, thanks for all the support and encouragement. You guys are the best examples. I love you. Sissies, you both have been perfect role models for me to follow. You are the funniest to shop with too. Katy, you are my psychiatrist. I will miss all our late night talks and vent sessions. Jill, my life long sister, since 3 your friendship has been so sincere. Benny, what will I do without someone to panic with about schoolwork? You are the wisest. Billy, you're my favorite. And Berk...nobody does it like us! All the sleepovers, shopping sprees, vacations and car rides. You have no idea what you mean to me. We read each other's minds. I love you.

Mom and dad; I wouldn't be at Westminster without you, thanks for loving me when I didn't deserve it. Becky and Lauren; thanks for being the best older sisters I could've asked for, you have taught me what to do and what not to do. Jeffrey- I love you, keep being goofy, you'll make a great husband one day. To Lisa and Hannah- thanks for never leaving my side, I can't describe how much you guys mean to me. Ellie G., Jordan, Kelsey, Steph, Liz, Catherine, Hannah C., Clare, Sarah- thanks for always making me laugh and being great friends. Thanks to all my cousins, Jordan and Ellie especially. Thanks to God for all the amazing memories, Micah 6:8.



MARGARET WHITAKER MEYER
ELIZABETH RANDOLPH MOORE

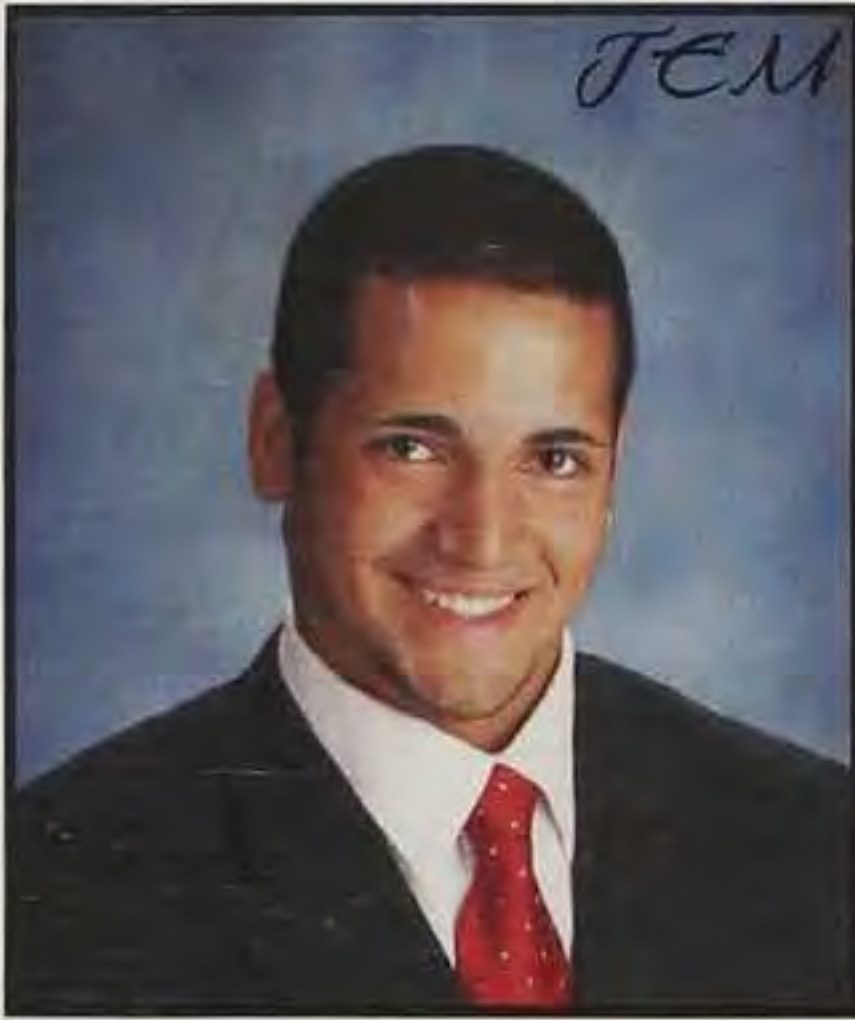
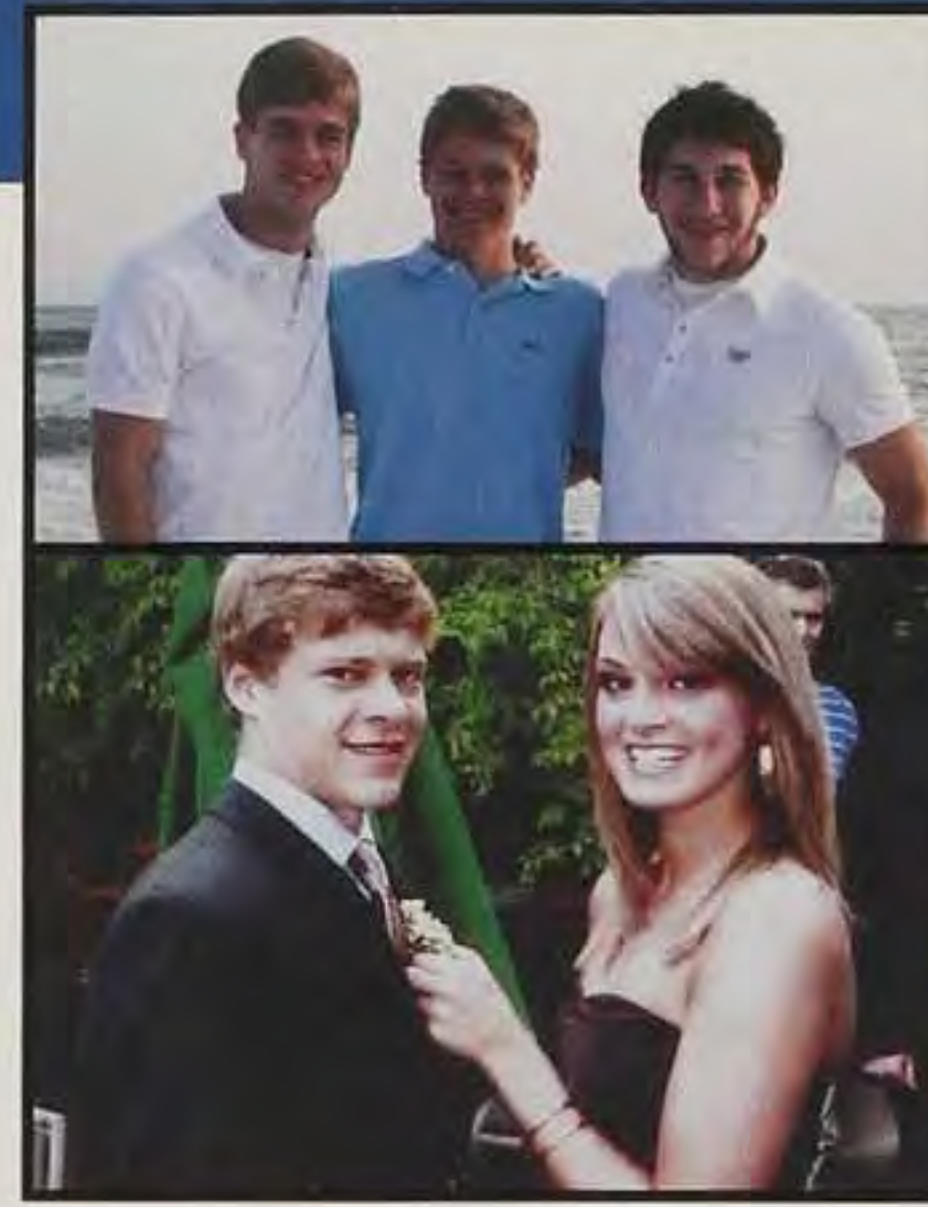
JULIA BRYSON MEYERS
DAVID JAMES MUELLER



Lord, my plan is your plan. Westminster, thank you for preparing me for a bigger plan. Mom, you have given me numerous hours of your time, of which I am so undeserving. Thank you for serving and loving me unconditionally. "You will be high in heaven." Dad, I love you from the heart of my bottom! Your wisdom and encouragement keep me going. Sar, Parks, Margo, Caroli, and Coop-dog, you all are irreplaceable. I can't express how much I love each of you. Ell-bell, wow... thanks for all the memories. Jill, thanks for your accountability and patience. McAllister's family, thanks for the drinks. Jordan and Julie, I cherish both of you and I'm thankful we're family, because we'll never grow apart.

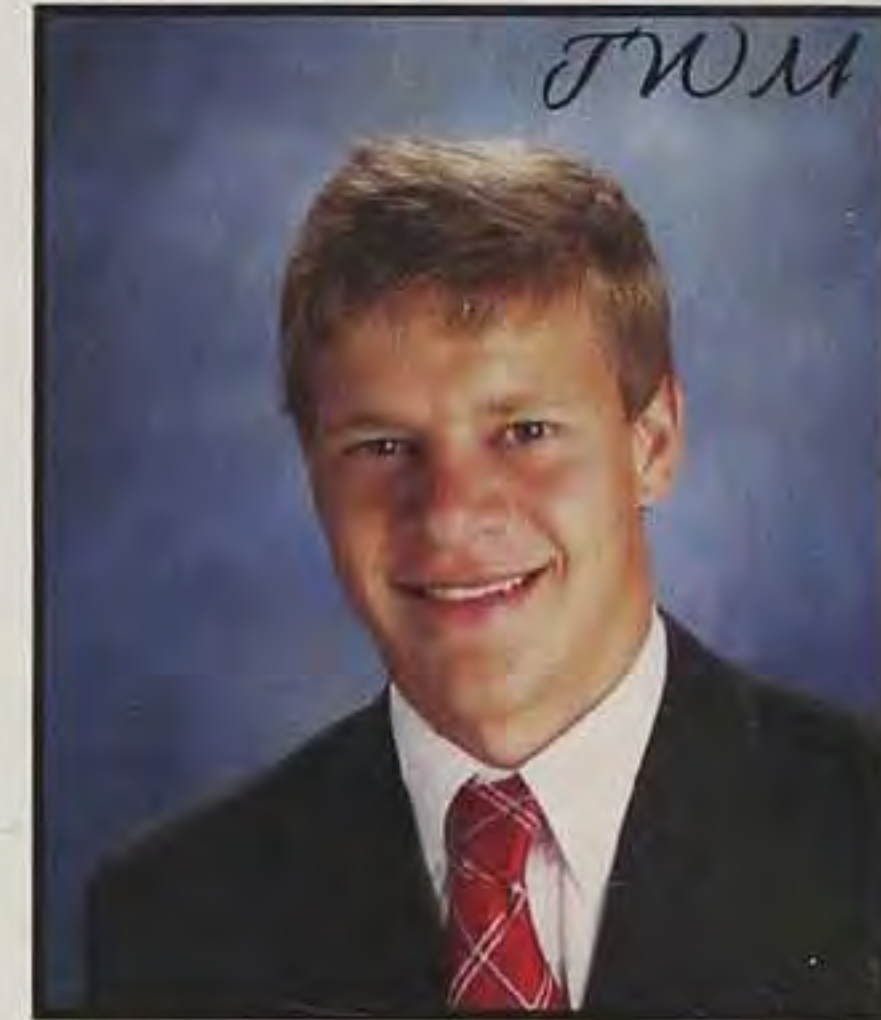
First off, Mom and Dad: Thanks for always being there for me and understanding no matter the circumstances. You support me in everything I do and I really appreciate that. Thanks. Andrew: You're a great kid with a bright future ahead of you, use your gifts wisely and you will do well. Thanks for being my biggest fan. Erik: from the beginning you've been my best friend. We've been through a lot and you've been right there with me the whole way, thanks man I couldn't have made it without you. Taylor: You are one of the realest guys I know, we may be opposites but that's what makes it fun. Thanks for everything bro. Lunch table: It's been real.





It's been fun. First, I'd like to thank my mammy, daddy, and sis for supporting me through the good and bad times. The football team has been a great blessing towards me. Thanks to the coaches (Snyder, Pederson, Perona) for helping me control and express myself through football. The players are like my brothers. To Greg, Sam, Ben, and Lee, thanks for those good times over at Greg's House. To Derrick, Greg, and Dom, thanks for accepting me for who I am and listening to my problems. To the Future Franchise, ("QB", "Reli", and "Bergey-Mon", Thanks for Lunch. Keep fighting, you will prevail. Finally, I'd like to thank Jesus Christ for giving me life and letting me truly live. PEACE.

Dental parental- we're a team. Madre- Thanks for your love. Siblings- last of the dynasty, Lylas. Tdero- that's what the girls tell. Benny J- Ex it! Vinchino- reading rainbow. Miller- you're a leader to all of us. Joe- nice! Shapleigh- pink polos will never be the same. Keffer- speed focus determination excellence. Walker- One day we'll laugh about this in your Ferrari on the way to the club. Classy. Rex- You always make me laugh/make me awkward. Michelle- thank you for teaching me to get more out of life. Lastly, it is necessary to have someone that is loyal, honest; someone that makes you think and also makes you laugh. For this I am thankful for Daniel Kim.



JUAN EDGARDO MUNDO-SIFUENTES

JAMES WILLIAM MUNSON

Daniel Legters, Varsity soccer coach, presents the soccer team with their awards on November 15. Michael Shapleigh, senior, earned a first team All-State title, and Daniel Miller, senior, earned second team All-State.



Daniel Everett and David Everett, freshmen, receive their awards for cross country on November 15. Daniel earned 16th in state and David earned 36th.



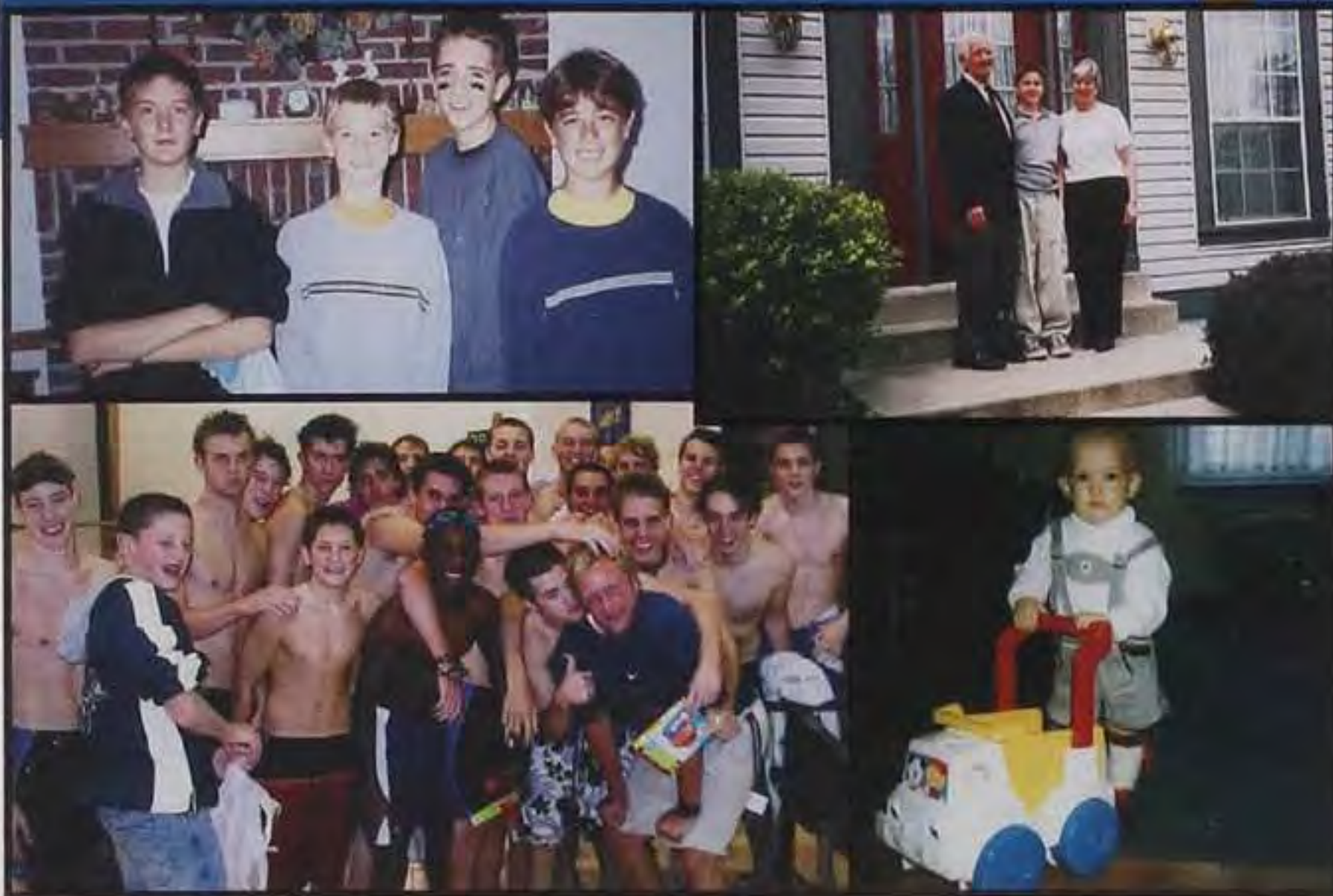
Kathryn Weber, Kelli Stipanovich, and Benjamin Turner, seniors, sign their letters of intent to play division one college sports at the award ceremony on November 15. Weber signed with Samford University for volleyball, Stipanovich with University of Arkansas also for volleyball, and Turner with University of Missouri Columbia for baseball.



The Varsity volleyball team starters cheer after a game at the state tournament on November 2. The Lady Wildcats received an award for their second place state ranking at the award ceremony on November 15. The ceremony was held at the end of the school day.

Individuals and teams were recognized for their accomplishments.

Award Ceremony



Mom, thank you for getting me to Westminster and putting up with me these last few years! I know I can be stubborn sometimes. Thank you for being able to always listen and being there for me. Dad, thanks for helping shape me into the person I have become. I am grateful for it! Keffer, thanks for directing my H3 skills and being an outstanding friend. Boggsie, keep up the golf. You are outstanding. Baldy, enjoyed your presence at senior high! Matt, winning dodge ball every Friday has been a blast. Shapleigh, keep up the spike! Joe, I will miss our "Office" analysis and good lunch talks. Sang, keep it real! Great memories at Westminster! Proverbs 3:5-6.

Thank you God for all the blessings you have given me. Moo and Poo- thanks for everything you do for me. Boys- I'll miss the funny things you do, don't go too crazy when I leave. Hannah- you're my only sister and I'll miss you so much. Keep the boys in line when I'm gone, K. Berni- I'll miss all the fun times we had. You'll always be my "little sis." T- we've been through so much together (too many to name). No matter what, you are always there for me. I know we'll always be BFFs. M- late nights at Kayaks, falling in the creek, movies, college, and your ghetto neighborhood. K- tennis, the country club, movies, Kayaks. I'll miss you all.



PATRICK THOMAS MURRELL

TAYLOR MIKEL O'CONNOR

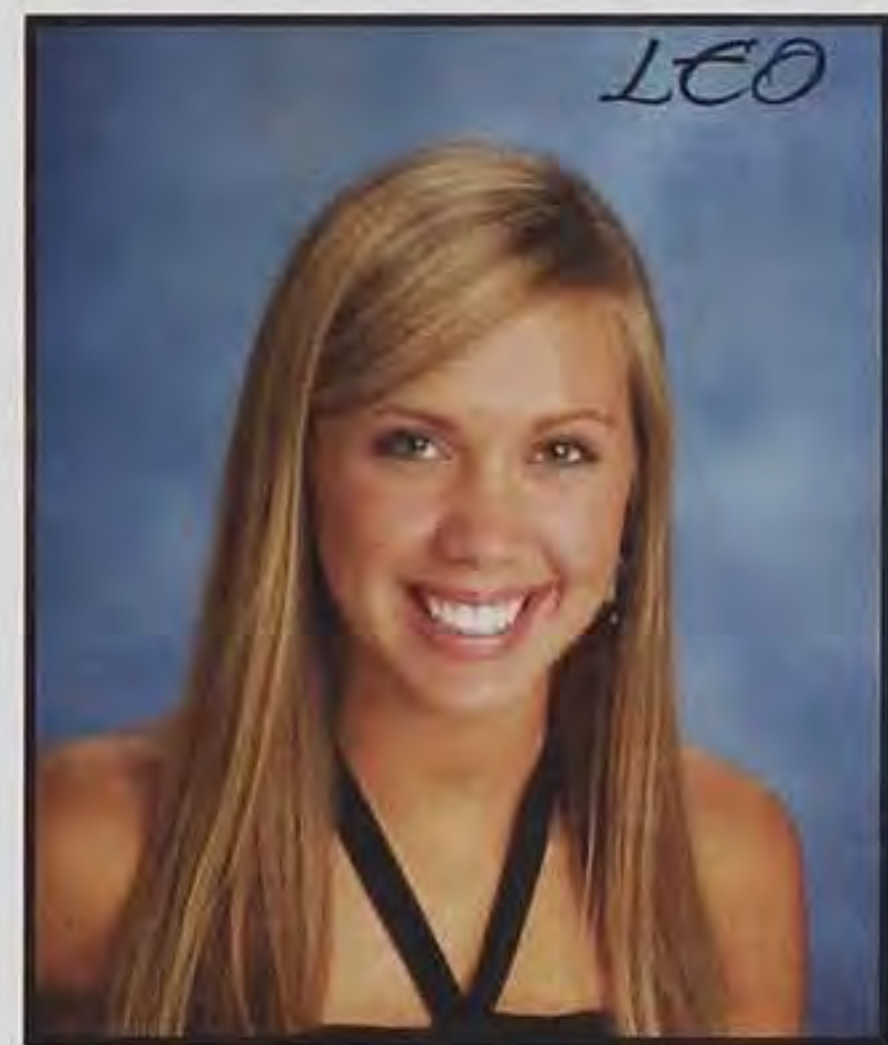
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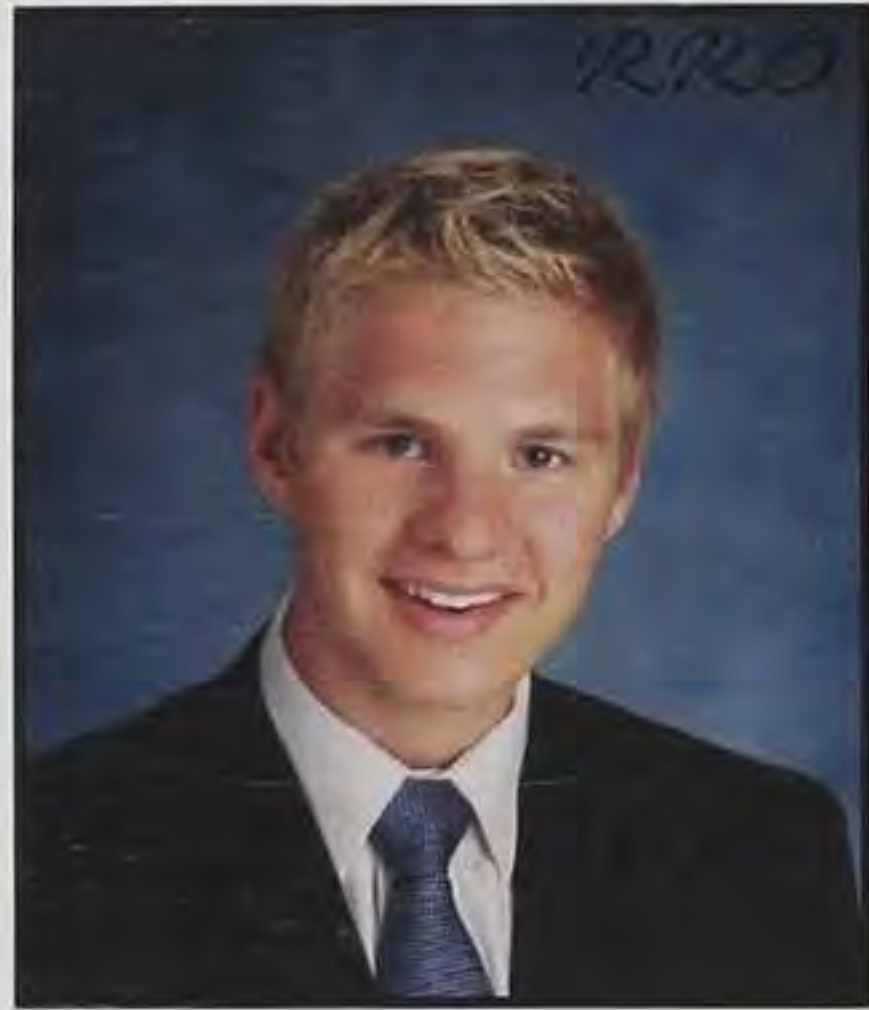
LAUREN ELIZABETH O'LEARY



Mom, my best friend and Godly role model who is always there, even at 10 o'clock. Lulu, what am I going to do without your fashion advice and late night trips? I miss you already! B, where to start, SO many memories! Chlo, thanks for being an amazing friend and always making me laugh, you're the best! Hannah, I would be 300 lbs, if it weren't for you! E, thanks for being the "logical" one in the clique! What am I going to do without our shopping sprees, like every weekend? MB, "clique leader," thanks for being like an older sister! Honduras girls- pterodactyl, rainforest man, John David, mud fights, razor?...Great times! Miss and Love you all!

God, you are my life, everything I have and am, I owe it all to you. Mom and Dad, I love you more than you could ever imagine. I am so thankful for everything you have given me. Kristen, not only are you my sister but also my best friend. You are beautiful and have stayed true to yourself. Kevin, I don't know what I would do without you, you're humble and protect us all. Katherine and Michael, you have taught me patience and love. Amber, Brooke, Kristin, Rachael, and Megan we've made so many memories and thank you for being random and crazy. Volleyball- we made history together! All the way to state! I love you all!! Proverbs 3:5-6





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Mom and Dad, Thank you for seeing the importance of sacrifice. I love you. Amy and Shawn, I love you both. Allison, Never forget your call. Poopie! T-bones, Throw some D's on it. Batmanda, you're the coolest underclassman. McAllister's forever! Daniel, Stay inappropriate with Hamilton and assorted nuts. June, you're one of my best friends, but you're not even indie. Put some clothes on. Brett, stay away from the crazy ones. Katy, Thank you for your honesty (tell anyone what I say and I'll deny it). Jimmy, our back-to-backs and your bag of tricks are legendary. Thanks to all of you for making my high school experience.

Wow, I can't believe it's over. Hayley, I am really going to miss you. Melissa, you are one of the sweetest girls I know. I am proud that God placed both of you in my life. I love you both! Mom and Dad, thank you for all the time and effort you put into raising me. I love you both and am truly going to miss you next year. Mom, yes I will always be your little beginner. You both have inspired me in my faith and I love you! Lauren, I never could have asked for a better sister. Wow, we had some amazing adventures growing up. I love you! Thanks to everyone who impacted my life!



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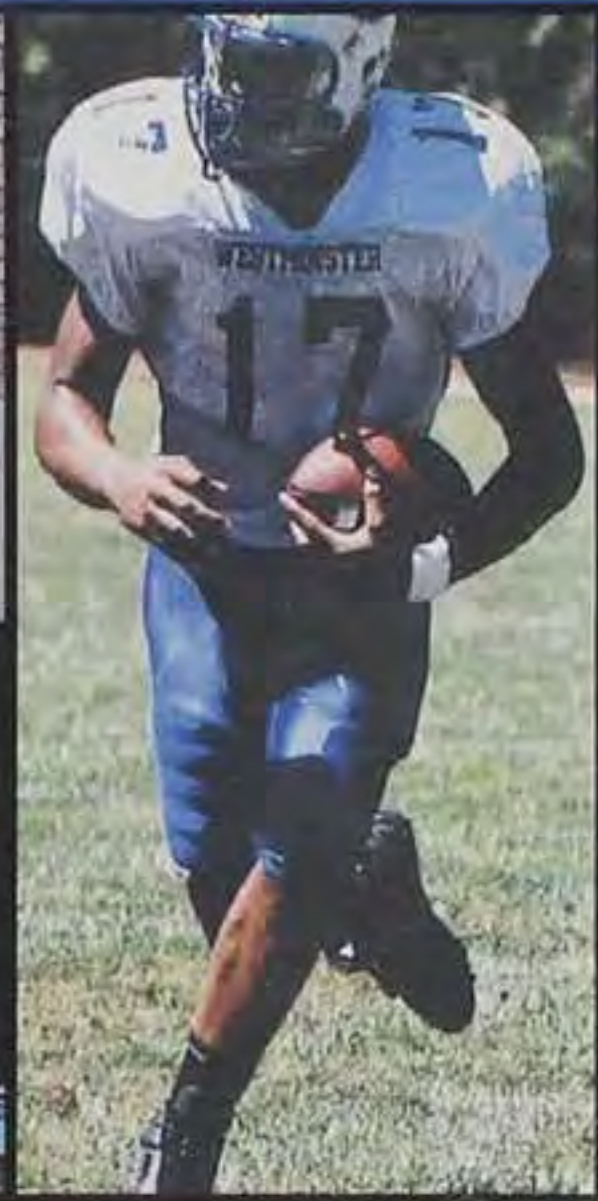


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I would like to thank my friends and family for being there with me through good and bad times. Andy and Lisa, I love you. Thanks for grace. Without it, I would be nothing. Disch, We've had some good times buddy. Jackson, you understand me and that's why I love you. Matt H., we like the same stuff and that's why we are buds. Diaz, you should have gone to Westminster. I know you guys got my back, even if we are held up at gun point. ST, call us what you want, but together we can make anything happen. Brett, you are the funniest guy I'll ever know. A word of advice for my pals: just be yourself in every situation, because God has made you that way for a reason. Don't let anyone change that.

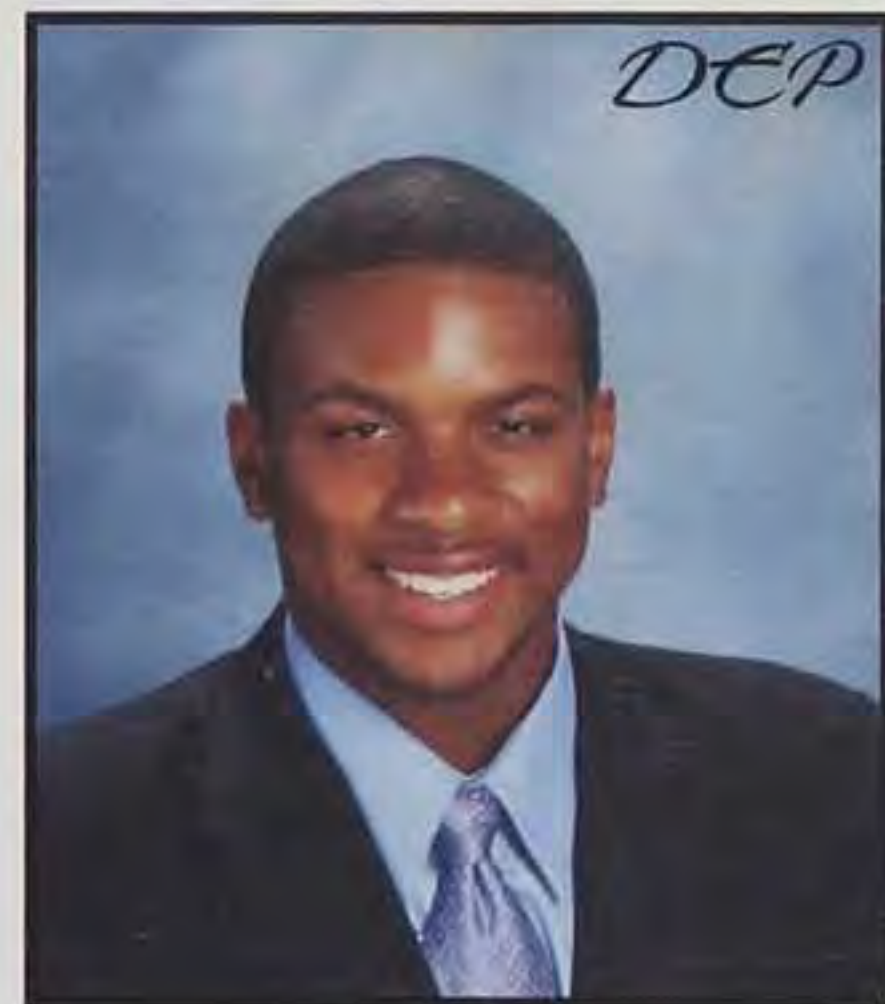
Mom-you're the strongest woman I know, I don't know what I will do without you, I love you more than life itself, and I'll miss you. Paige-I have no doubt that we will be friends forever. I love you and you will always be my little dooder. Jared-you were my only friend in 7th grade...HAHA! I love you and I'll see you at college. Billy-you never fail to make me laugh. I love you and be good to my best friend. Moll-you have always been there for me no matter what. We have a rare friendship. I can't even begin to list the memories we have made. I love you and I don't know how I would of made it through high school without you.





God-you have been with me through it all and never will let me go. You've pushed my limits to make me stronger for you and in you. Mom-(blondie) you're the definition of a beautiful, loving mother. Dad-(my clone) thank you for always being proud of me and for making opportunities for your daughters. Courtney-the childhood memories are endless, you're beautiful! Tay Tay-'you're in my heart.' Girls don't bring too many boys home, our poor dad is going to get a heart attack one of these days! Volleyball team-'November for him!' Anna, Kayla, Kelsey, Kelli, Lauren, Katie, Ben, I love you all! Thank you to everyone at WCA, it was a blessing!

As cliché as it sounds, I want to thank God and my parents. Mama: Thanks for putting up with me throughout these four unpredictable years. Dad: You've made me the man I am today and I thank you. (Persistency, Criticism, Clear the Mechanism) Kimbe: I love you to death, keep doing what you do and stay focused. Bates: WOW Kappa, Amp, Solos, Biscuits with cheese enough said. J- Town: I got love for you always;. Krystal: Drama Food, modeling, College Hill (You Won). Kaitlyn: Sorry. To the rest of the Dub C fam take advantage of the school it gets better. Football much love and Baseball leave me alone. II Timothy 4:7



KAITLYN NICOLE PFEIFER

DERRICK EUGENE PHILLIPS

Field trips were a unique aspect of learning at Westminster. Each class took a couple of trips this year that were needed to learn for different subjects. Whether it was ice skating or visiting the Science Center, students at Westminster enjoyed learning outside the box.



In the past, the eighth grade class has gone to an empty field and an exhibit. On this day trip they learned how to use a compass and many other adventurous things. "We went on this one field trip where we went to three different places.

Every year the eighth grade class took a trip to Elephant Rock. On this trip they climbed freely with all their friends. "I found this really cool spot with my friend Brooke and we sat there. We looked at God's creation and talked for an hour," said Emily Mitchell, freshman.



We learned how to use a compass and did a scavenger hunt," said Elizabeth Blackwell, freshman.



Another field trip that was extremely memorable was the trip to the new Busch Stadium. "The Cardinal's game in seventh grade was my favorite. That was really fun because the stadium had just opened. We were also the only class that got to go," said Taylor Wiggins, freshman.

The most memorable days from the past.

Field Trips **F**



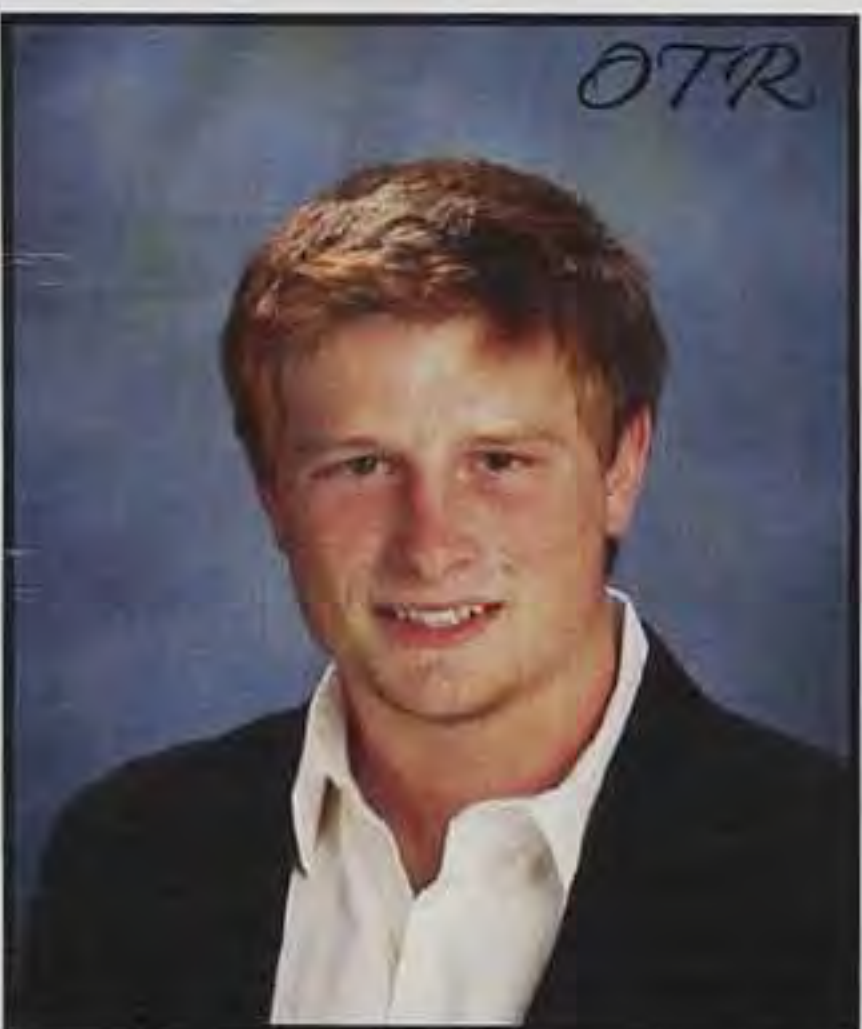
Mom and Dad, thanks for all you've done. I couldn't do it without you. Mike, thanks for being someone I can look up to. Dave, less Halo and more football, you're awesome. To my friends: JP, my other brother. Ben, Eric, Sang Bang, you make life hilarious in and out of volleyball. Dan, We'll never stop coming to your house. Brian, we have so much in common, remember our glorious moment. Shap, I'll always remember our conversations. Joe, thanks for being a great friend. Sam, thanks for being a friend even when I'm a jerk. Kayla, study hall. And to the rest: Walker, Peter, DeRousse, Lee, Patrick, Burgers, and other girls, you're all awesome. And overall thanks to God!

Thank you God for life. Thanks mom and dad for raising me and dealing with me. Ben, thanks for being a great older brother I can talk to. Emily, thanks for being a fun-loving sister. Thanks to all my friends for never-ending joy. Sagi, do not forget about the glow golfing incident. Trevor, sit ups during swim practice. Lee, I am not a punching bag. Thanks Westminster for a wonderful education. Lastly, but certainly no least, thank you Jesus for loving me. Romans 12:1-2



MATTHEW LEE ROHLFING
ORION TYLER ROSS

DAVID WILSON ROIG
MELISSA MICHELLE RUIHLMAN



Halleluia! Dad: through our experiences you have taught me to love life and be strong. Mammy...bless you and thanks for the snuggle and runs-(Proverbs 31). Rich, you're the hottest kid in school and I love you more than you can imagine- tear. Sis, please wait to marry-luv ya girl. Football guys, good times, thanks for the brotherhood. Muehleisen, thanks for the guidance and love. Sam, Thanks for bangin heads; we had some tough but real good times-Jump Rope Club-. Joe, Cacciarelli, Micah-all you boys stay hot on the mat. Job 9:9-God is good.

Firstly, Lord you were here and everywhere I ever was no matter how off track. Thanks for your love. Mis Padres, I love you, and as much as I complain, I'm sorry but it's my job. Anna, my best friend, I promise more deep talks and no worries we'll always be friends. Benny Boy, sorry you're stuck in the tripod, we do love and miss you. Sarah, I want you and your beautiful soul, anytime you need a tab let me know. LO, Carpe Diem. Lane 2 Ladies, Never stop having fun, you're my sunshine and are gorgeous, don't settle. Swim Teams, stay crazy. Summer Seminar, Be agents of Change, you are all leaders. Thanks Academy, for letting me graduate.



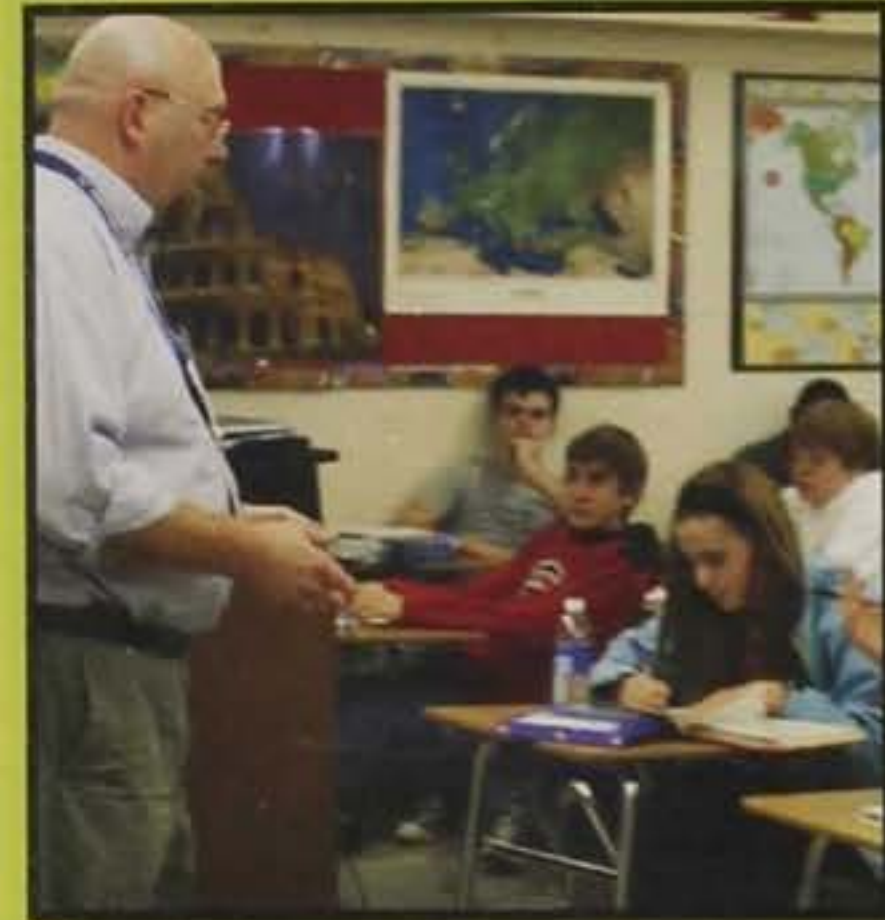
As the majority of an honors Western Civilization class protested about being cold, Robert Vass, teacher, informed them that one student was "hot." The class misinterpreted this statement and responded with laughter. Then Vass said, "Sorry to be all fresh with you my sister," to the student he targeted with his comment.



Chris Knerr, Western Civilization teacher



Throughout the years one thing that students remembered were random statements that teachers have said in classrooms. An example of this would be when Chris Knerr, Western Civilization teacher, sat down in a desk at the beginning of class. The desks were in a circle, and they all prepared for a discussion. He introduced what they were going to talk about and said, "Today's learning experience is like an old country buffet...little bits of everything. You can have dessert first if you want to," said Knerr.



A student struggled with understanding a concept in Ancient History, and Thomas Johnston, teacher, helped him understand by a rather unusual statement. "Stop using logic, this is Ancient History. Therefore, logic does not apply," said Johnston.



When students answered a question correctly Dale Beachy, algebra one teacher, never failed to say "Have a Pez".

ALEX ZOLTAN SAGI

NATASHA ANA SAKOVICH



So many people have given me so much. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for giving me all of your love; I know it took every ounce to raise me. Jared Huffman, you were always there for me as an encourager, teacher, and friend. Thank you, Tim, Dima, Jessiah, Daniel, Baldwin, and Kef for being the best friends anyone could ever have. Thank you, Babe Weir and Mrs. Miller for being my second moms. Thank you, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Knerr, Senior Legters, Dane and Gavin Ortlund, and Coach Schall for being the best teachers possible to me and pushing me to excel. Jake, take care of the team, I love all of you soccer guys.

Mom: you are my best friend, my hero, I love you. Thank you for always being there. I don't know what I would do without you. Friends: thank you for all the nicknames, even though they weren't always accurate. Thank you for your love, listening, and good times. My prayer for this class is that God will guide us in all we do. May He always be enough for me and be at the center of my life. "For what it's worth, it was worth all the while. There's something unpredictable, but in the end it's right. I hope you had the time of your life."



Upgrades in athletic facilities and equipment provided new opportunities.

Year after year, Westminster continued to advance the assets of the school. Westminster had numerous donations that were used for updates in the weight room, brand new tennis courts, and futher construction on lockers and the seventh grade hallway. Most of these items were bought with money that Westminster raised during the year. The tennis courts were donated completely by the family of Cameron Smith, freshman. "The old courts weren't in very good condition. I think that we deserve better courts to play on. These courts will last forever," said Smith.



Joseph Greenlee, junior, works out using the new equipment that was added to the weight room this year. An amount of \$5,500 was used to purchase all of the various items such as new workout machines.



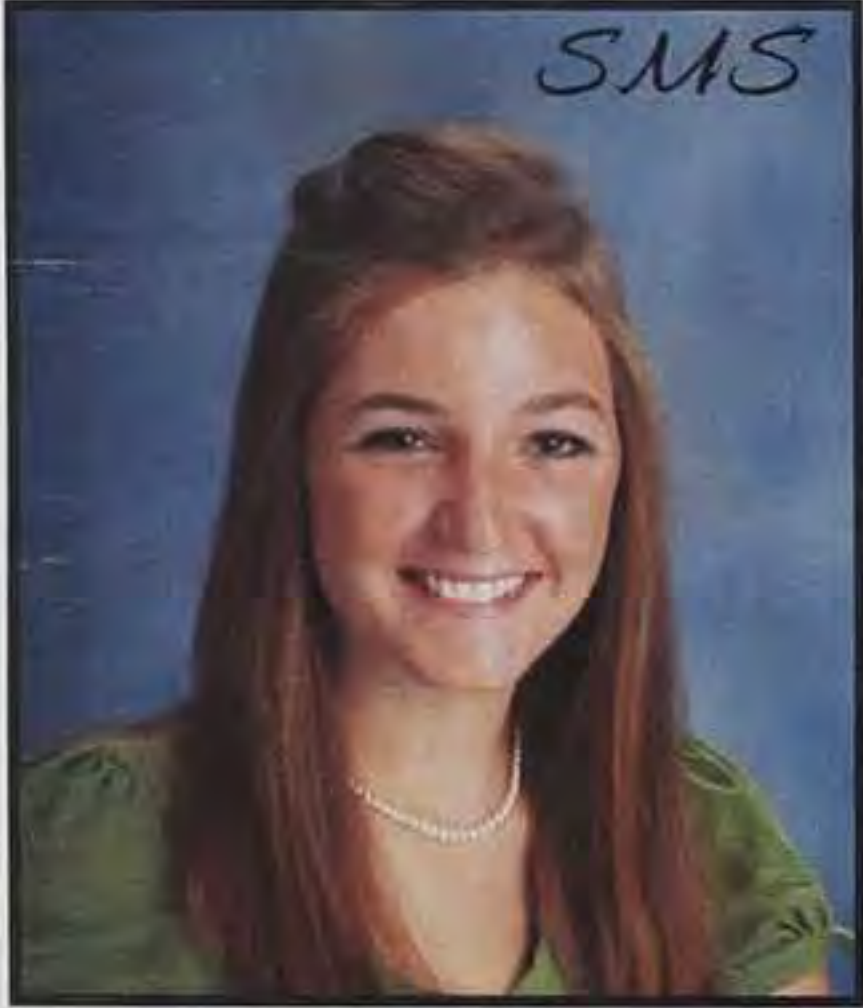
Max Lindstrom practices with the eighth grade A soccer team. Westminster recently renovated the soccer practice fields. A new layer of Bermuda grass was added to the field.



Gilbert Garrison, freshman, asks Elizabeth Blackwell, freshman, to the Christmas Banquet on the brand new tennis courts. Fortunately for Garrison, Blackwell accepted his invitation to the Banquet.

SARAH MARIE SCHLAFLY

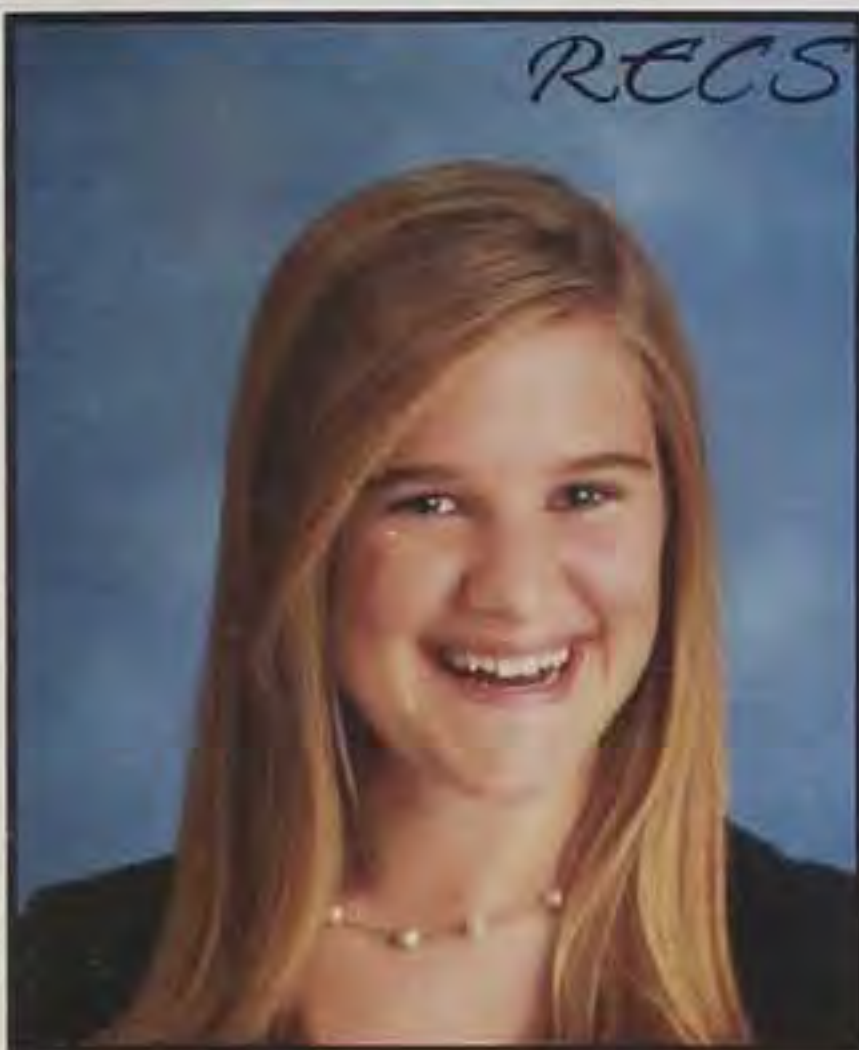
GREGORY PAUL SCHOENBERG



Mom and Dad- You're so much cooler than you realize; Tom- thanks for tivo-ing House and always looking out for me; Mike- interesting laptop wars, way to mooch off me; Kathryn- you set the good example for me; Christine- thanks for keeping me young; Annie you boss, don't baby Matt to much; Matt- without you our family would be boring and arrogant; Snake-thanks for helping me get through high school and for sharing peaches; Anna- gorgeous, everyone thought I was writing in a diary; Gamache-you prevented me from taking life too seriously; Liz-introducer to House, first doubles partner, I loved our talks; Ben- I've always wanted a twin; lunch table-thriller, forming senior year, crepes

Dear Mom and Dad, I can't even begin to thank you for all of the love and support that you both gave to me over the past several years. You two have helped me develop mentally, physically and most important of all spiritually. You have exemplified the fruits of the spirit to the highest achievable level. You provide great balance of all things in my life. Gerrad and Doriana, you guys are great. I love you so much. You guys always have my back and are always looking out for my best interests. Isabella and Christian, I love you so much Thank you Family for everything, I Love you.





Mom and Dad, thank you for your unconditional love and guidance! Kelsey, my secret keeper! Too many inside jokes for me to remember! Thank you for being my best friend! I love you! Lisa, words cannot describe what you mean to me! You are my confidant! I love our date nights, deep convos, and minivan adventures! Melissa, big sis! Thank you for always being there! Sarah, humming and HUG! Kristin, Corey, Kelyn, Andrea, and Kendra, you mean the world to me! My wife and twin, you are two of the most beautiful girls I know inside and out! To my softball family, I am so proud of you! God, thank you for blessing my life with amazing people and opportunities!

Ellie Gamache- I'm so glad God put you in my life. You are truly a blessing. I will never forget all the crazy things we've done together. Thanks for being such a good friend. Steph Brown- We grew to be such good friends this year and it's been so much fun getting to know you. Mom- Your good advice will always be in the back of my head at college, don't worry. I couldn't ask for a better role model as a mother and a friend. I love you. Whitney, Lesley, Annie and Bob- I'll miss you and all your verbal abuse. Julie, Kelsey and Liz- I'm so thankful for our friendship after all these years. Mimi and Popi- I love you



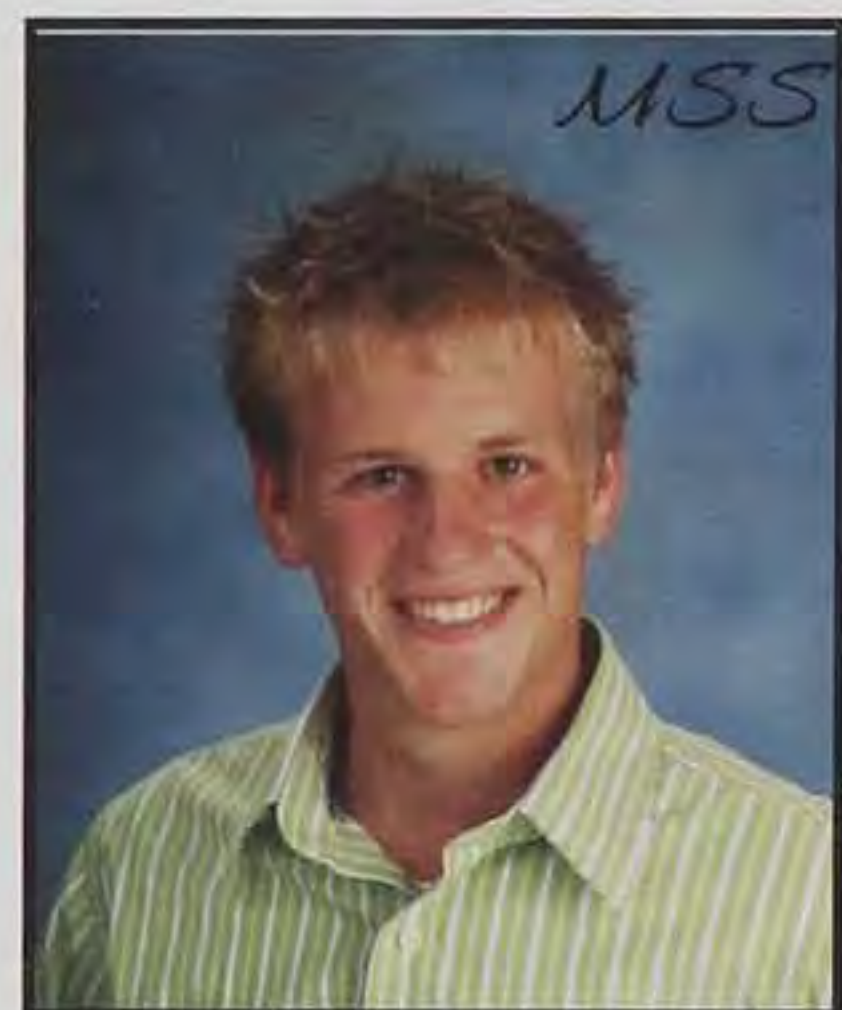
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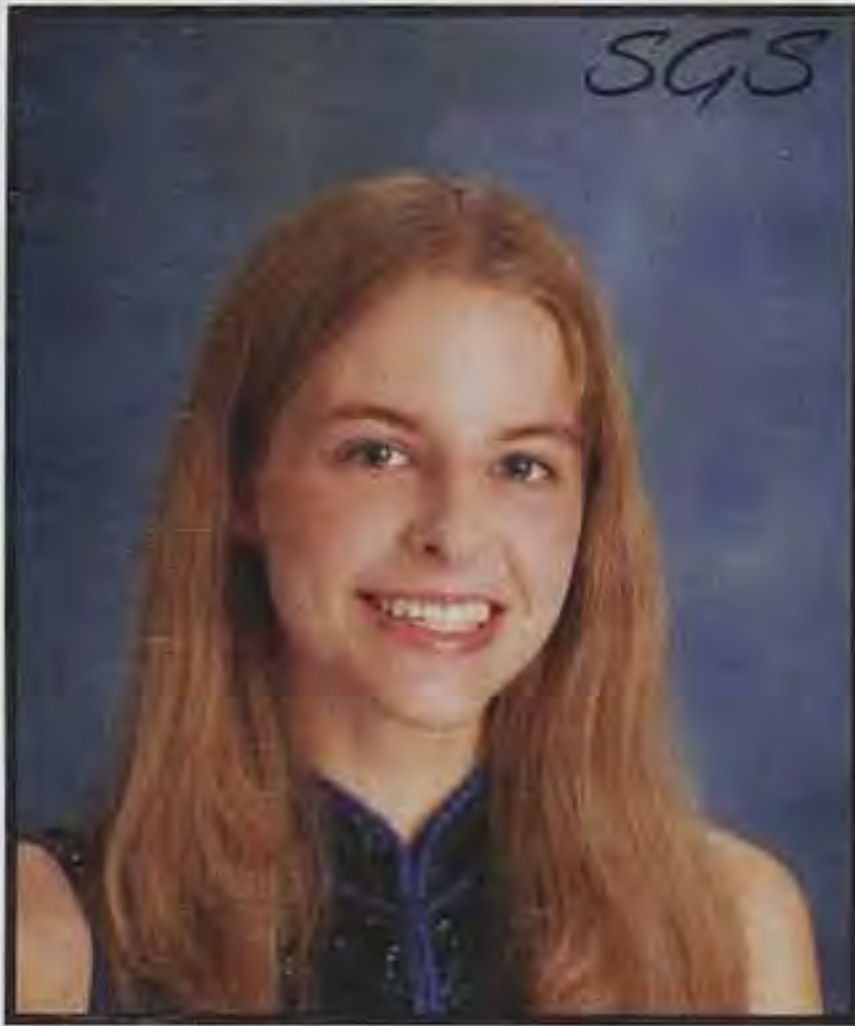
*JORDAN MARY HART SAVAGE
MICHAEL SCHOFIELD SHAPLEIGH*



Mom, Dad- your strong Godly support over the years has helped make me who I am today. Michael- I honestly couldn't have asked for a better brother, watching you play soccer has been a blessing. I love you. Lauren- dancing in parking lots, the boat, hot wings, pizza, you've always been there for me. Kristin- grapes, my accountability. Jill- Nsync. Soccer boys- couldn't have asked for a better team...or for better brothers. Kayla- 13. Marcy- I've had the time of my life. My girls- We've had some pretty crazy adventures, I don't know what I would do without you. Lastly: Lord, You have been so good to me, I am Yours and will go where You send me. Hebrews 12:1-2

Mom, Dad – thank you for the opportunity to attend WCA. Your continuous support has made me the man I am today. I love you both. Megan- I couldn't ask for a better sister, love you. The Millers- my second family. Thanks for the great times. Soccer team- I'd do it again in a heartbeat. D-group – you've always helped me get through the tough times. Jimmy- Wednesday nights. The guys, my friends, my brothers – dark tag, mini soccer, ping pong, poker, basketball, soccer, tennis, Friday nights... it's all been a blast. Thanks for being the best friends I could ask for. And I thank my Lord, Jesus Christ, who has truly blessed me with everything. Luke 2:52





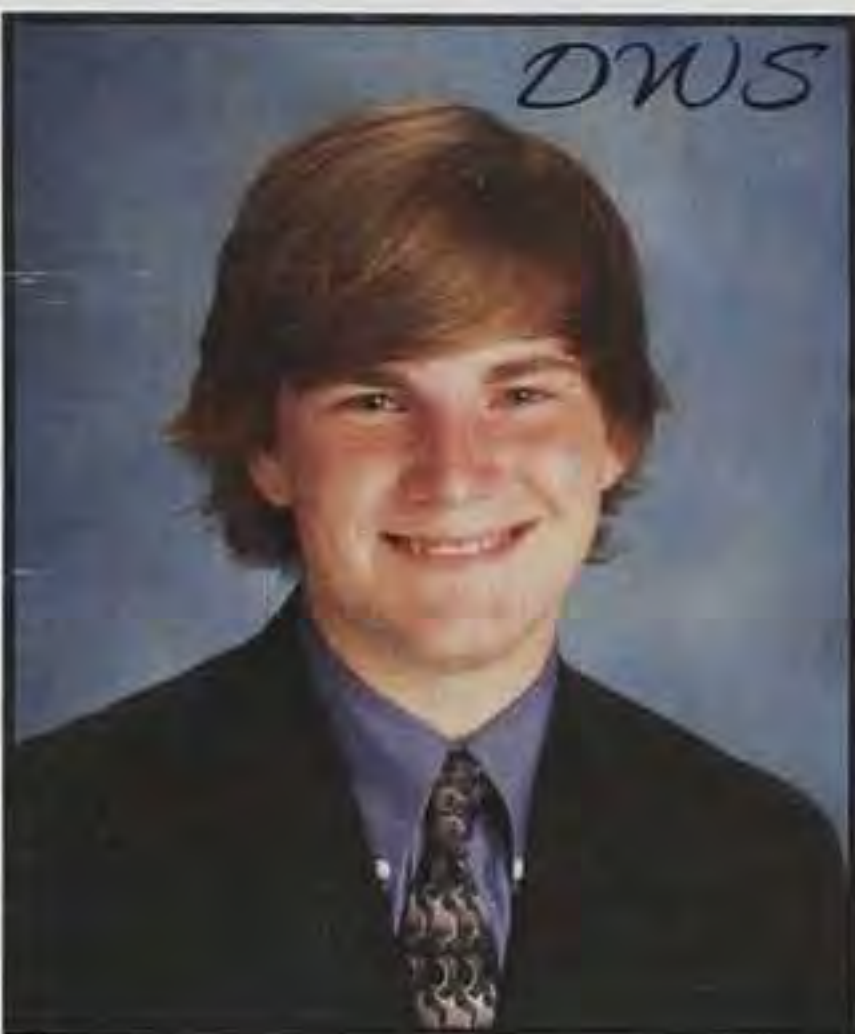
My Parents – I love you so much. Thank you for encouraging and pushing me. Harper- you are my confidant, strength, and laughter. Thank you for being there through all the long talks and hard times. Bethany- you are my sister in Christ. You inspire me to do my best and live for Christ. Danielle- my smiles and craziness. Thank you for keeping me insane and helping me survive high school. Michael – you are truly amazing and wonderful. Thank you for all your care and support when I needed it. To all my friends- you are all a huge blessing to me. Stay extraordinary, creative, and crazy. Everyone- Psalm 121 Persevere through the struggles because God will always see you through.

Lord, thank You for being the source of my strength and hope. Mom and Dad: Thanks for always being there for me no matter what the circumstances. Peter: Thanks for making me laugh...you're the best brother ever! Lunch buddies: love ya! Melissa: thanks for being such a good friend and for understanding and helping me. Emma: my band bud...thanks for always being there through laughter and through tears. Lindsey: Your strong faith and your contentment in Christ have set a wonderful example for me. Hayley: You're a great friend and your smile brings cheer to the lunch table. Taylor: I value our friendship and all the fun memories we shared. To my PC girls; I love you all.



*SARAH GRACE SHIPPY
DANIEL WARREN SMITH*

*ELIZABETH CLAIRE SIPP
ASHLEY MARIE STANFORD*



Hmmm... What to say? First off I gotta give a shout out to my PC group, you guys rock and don't let life get you down! Second off I gotta give a shout out to all the summer seminar peeps that was some of the coolest 12 days of my life thanks to ya'll. On a silent note everyone who is able to go on Summer Seminar should definitely go for it, it will change your life! Thirdly, Doctor G, it's ok that your rebels (Mississippi) are probably the worst team in the SEC they will have their day go DAWGS! Fourthly I owe everything in my life to God! He is amazing. Fifthly Thank you Mom and Dad- you guys are awesome, Sixthly Friends... well you guys already know you're awesome! Micah 6:8 Peace out WCA

Mom and Dad, couldn't have asked for better parents. I love and appreciate you two so much! My sistahs, I can count on you guys for anything, "sisters pact", my best friends, I love you all! My girls (you know who you are), you guys kept me sane here, couldn't ask for a better group of friends, the party's just beginning for us! To Westminster, "The road to life is rocky, and you may stumble too, so while you point your finger someone else is judging you" (Bob Marley), Redbird, over and out!



Students expressed individuality through bonding in bands.

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Student Bands



Catherine Sinclair, sophomore, performs at the Loft with her group Resonance. At this show on November 16, Resonance opened for Eikon. As the oldest, Sinclair was the leader of the group. The rest of the group consisted of students in grades seventh through ninth.

Surpassing the feeling of those last minute nervous complications Catherine Sinclair, sophomore, and three other musicians climbed onto the stage to perform a new song. The band called Resonance was new to the music scene, and hoped to excel in the genre of Christian-influenced rock. "The name Resonance is like play on words. You have the idea of resonating sound with the fact that our music resonates with people, meaning they can relate to it. So it's about the music and the lyrics as well," said Sinclair. The band's next challenge was to open for another Westminster group named Eikon. This band was more experienced and had performed many times before. "We call ourselves Eikon because we want our band to be known as an icon to the world in a sense," said Benjamin Horseman, senior.

Benjamin Horseman and Taylor DeRosa, seniors, play in a concert with their group named Eikon. "I love this group. These guys are more than just my friends, they're my brothers," said DeRosa.



KALIANA MORGAN STEWART

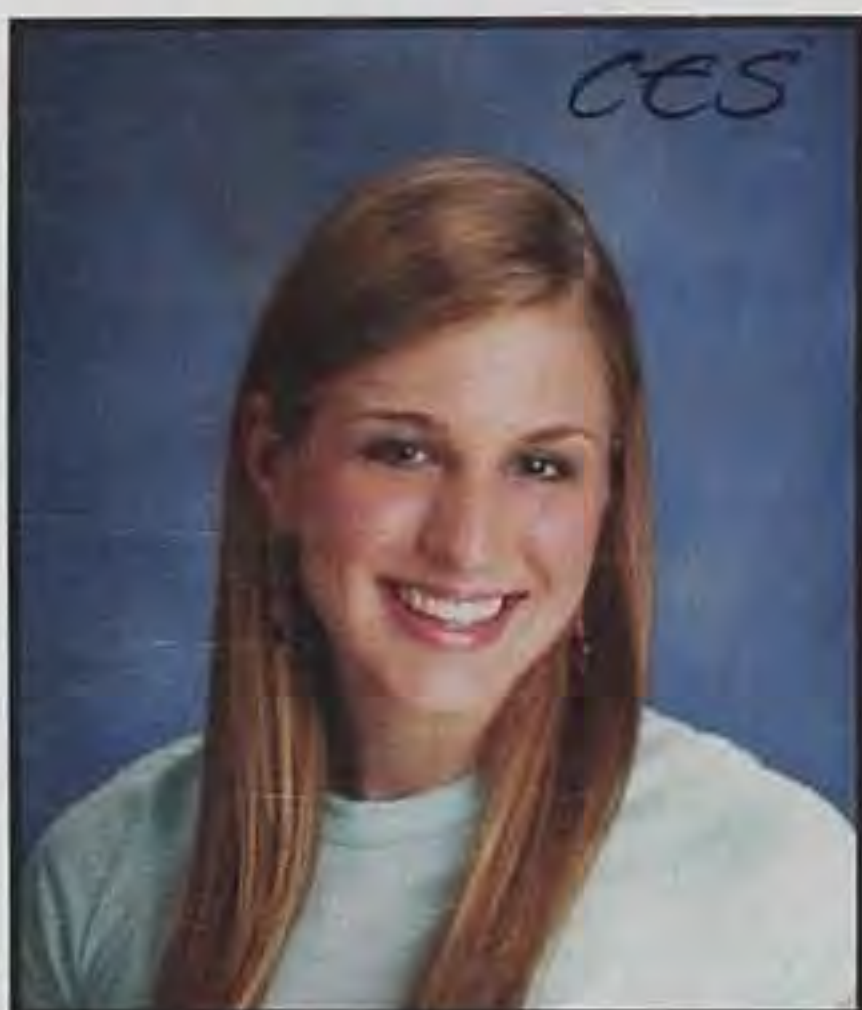
KELLI NICOLE STIPANOVICH



Mom and Dad- You have always been there to listen and encourage me. I know both of you are always praying for me. Kira- Stay bold and be yourself. You have been a steadfast friend; I love hanging out with you. You never fail to make me laugh. Michael- You have constantly been there to listen to me. You have become one of my best friends. Thanks for the great times. James and Jessiah- you guys are like my brothers. Everyone else- The years have been fun and I cherish your friendship. I will always remember the bonfires, capture the flag, carving pumpkins, and study hall. God- you were always there for me to come running to.

To my family-all of you guys mean so much to me. Katie- you are such a role model to me. Sadie and Hannah- you guys are the coolest little sisters ever! Emma and Luke- you guys always brighten my day! Kayla- you've always been there to laugh with me or cry with me. Kelsey- life won't be the same without your outrageous expressions. KP- outsiders rule! Lauren- thanks for making me late to everything! Ying-never stop dancing. Web-you are my twin in so many ways. To my PC girls and 7th grade friends- never stop seeking the Lord. To all of you and everyone else, I love you and you will always be in my prayers.





Mom and Dad thanks for always being there for me. I wouldn't be here without you guys. Peter I know we fight all the time but you know I still love you and would be extremely lonely without you. Thanks to all my friends and all the wild times we have had together over the years. Where did the time go? It seems like just yesterday we were little freshmen and now we are getting ready to go off to college. It's been a blast and I will miss you all so much.

I'd like to thank some people: My parents, the most loving and supportive people in my life, all the guys from the football and wrestling team, you all have been my brothers for years, and I wouldn't have done either sport if it wasn't for you all. I'd also like to thank coaches, especially Coach Pederson and Coach Muelheisen for being great examples of men. Gregory: you're a beast, Caleb: you'll be fruit, always, John: you are "The Arrington", Lee: I'll never drive you again. Rohlfling: thank you for beating me at everything. To Burgers, Orion, Kenton, Jessiah, Abby, Susie, Daniel, Rojo: peace. To all remaining WCA students: live life to the fullest. Jesus: You rock, Jude 1:20



CLARE ELIZABETH STOLBERG
ANNA KATHRYN SUGG

SAMUEL BECK STUFFLEBAM
ANDREA LAUREN TATE



God, I'm nothing without you. Parentals, thanks for your diligence and love. Buddy, never stop loving God and others. Car dancing, basement band, "This is why I'm hot (hot)." Thanks for being my closest friend. Coaches, you challenged me in ways I couldn't even imagine and taught me so much. Chapel Band, your passion for worship is inspiring. Softballers (my sisters), you girls will always have my heart. Swimmers, laugh through practice. Seminarians, shalom was in SD together. My girls, "Girlfriends are your girlfriends" and I'm so glad that I will ALWAYS have you. My love for you is indescribable. Guys, your honesty has helped shape me into who I am. To all, I couldn't have asked for better friends.

I don't want this to sound like a cliché, but there aren't words to describe how God has blessed me with a loving family. Mom and Dad, thank you for the life lessons you have taught me and for your unconditional love. Aly, you are the best sister in the world and my best friend. No one can replace you and I will miss you like crazy XOXO. Kay Jay- We have been through everything together and you are a true best friend. Kellizle- I'm so thankful we have gotten close this year, I wuv you to death. GIRLS- I'll never forget all the fun we've had together. You mean more to me than you know. I Corinthians 10:13





Tale as Old as Time

Members of the school's drama club performed a play in the school's gymnasium. The play was a retelling of the story of the Trojan War. The play was performed in the school's gymnasium on May 1st. The play was directed by Mrs. Thomas (Della) and Mrs. Taylor (Della).



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It's strange to think that this is my last year at WCA. Mom and Dad: thanks for the unconditional love, support, and inspiration over the past 18 years. Kevin and Maya: you're the best siblings I could of asked for. Live life to the fullest. My friends: thanks for all of the laughs and memories. I will cherish them for an eternity. Band and Choir Buddies: we've gone through a lot together. Thanks for always supporting and encouraging me. Austin: thanks for being patient and kind, even when I wasn't. Mr. Nichols: thanks for introducing me to band. Jones and Schwamb: thanks for the opportunities you've given me. You have truly been inspirational, I will never forget your teachings-God Bless.

To my people (you know who you are): I like you guys, see you soon.



DJT

ERIC PACE TAYLOR

DAVID JONATHAN TESTRAKE



Cindy Blanchard and Maya Johnson eighth grade, talk at lunch. "I do not have a lunch card, but I think they would make paying for lunch a lot easier," said Johnson.

Megan Betz and Margaret Duffy, eighth grade, talk in the cafeteria during lunch. "I like lunch because we get to take a break from school and socialize," said Betz.



Brett Cotner, freshman, uses his lunch card to pay for chips. The minimum one could put on a lunch card was \$50. If a student's card ran out

of money, their parents could bring in a check to the cafeteria to put any amount of money back on their account.

As he rushed into the cafeteria, Michael Ferrara, sophomore, went to the back of the line. The smell of Papa John's Pizza made his stomach churn and growl. As Ferrara stacked food on his orange tray, he reached into his pocket for lunch money. To his surprise, his pockets lacked this essential item. Before he put his pizza back, Ferrara remembered that the cafeteria offered lunch cards for the first time. Relief swept over Ferrara as he pulled out his lunch card from his wallet. "The lunch cards are really convenient. If I do not have money on me, I can just take care of it with the card. I end up using most of the money on it before my mom refills it though," said Ferrara.

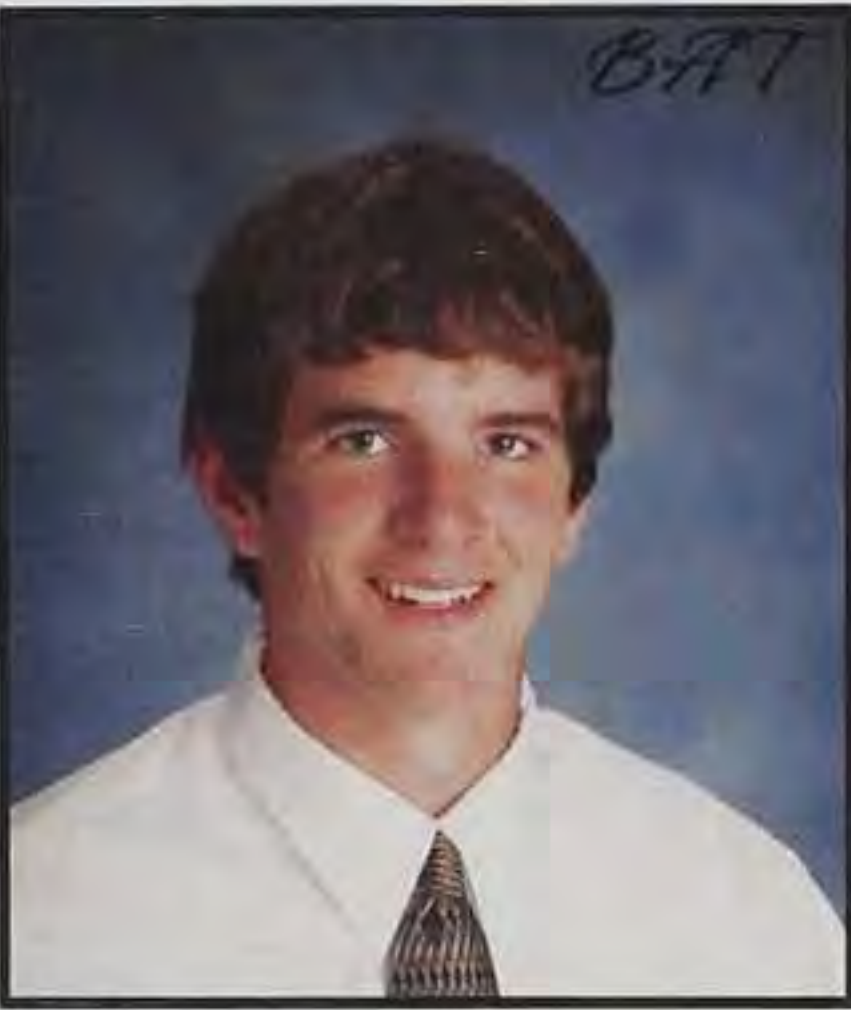
Jaron Randle and Isaac Wachsmuth, eighth grade, talk after finishing their food. "My mom just handed me my lunch card at the beginning of the year and told me I would use it instead of money," said Wachsmuth.



Michael Ferrara, sophomore, pays for his lunch with the new lunch card. This year was the first year lunch cards were available. A student would own a lunch card if their parents prepaid the cafeteria for their child's lunch.



A new payment method made the lunch line flow smoothly.



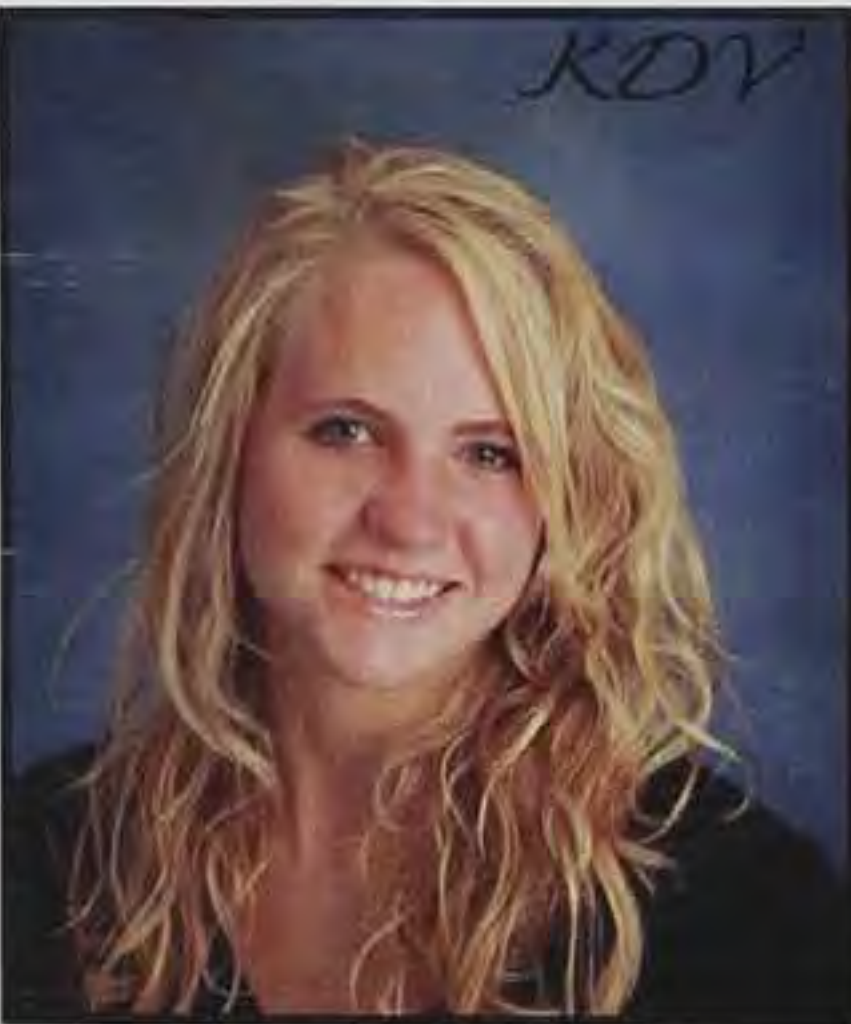
First I want to say thank you to my mom and dad for giving me all the opportunities that I've had in life. Mom, you've been a great Christian influence on me and I love and thank you for that. Dad thank you for always pushing me in school and sports. I love you guys! Jacob you just keep doing what you do. Always a lil shorter than me it's ok maybe one day. Luke, good luck in high school, enjoy it. I know you'll have some great times. I want to thank all my friends for always being there for me no matter what. Anna and Melissa thank you for everything. You guys are great!

Praise the Lord I made it through high school. I could not have done it without my parents' sacrifice and wisdom. Megan, thanks for helping me through and always telling me what to do. Ian, Patrick, Harrison, Mitchell, I hope I wasn't too mean. I know you will all get through high school and be forced to play football. But it will be worth it, I promise. To the football team and coaches, you made me who I am through all the hard work, so keep working hard. To all my friends, you made high school fun. Thanks for everything and I can't wait for college.



BENJAMIN ALLEN TURNER
KAYLA DEANN VANDE KAMP

DOMINICK PHILIP VALLI
VICTORIA ELIZABETH VAN DER HEIDE



Joshua 1:5 Thanks Lord for getting me through tough times. Dad/Mom-thanks for supporting me in all I do. I have the utmost respect for you and dad I do appreciate you. Kev-You've become my best friend, I salute you, thanks for keeping me laughing. Cass-you're my role model; except for clothes according to WNTW. Kelso-Sister's NEVER explain, Pina Colada and Yoga nights have been unforgettable. Kelli-I'll never forget our crazy adventures thanks for keeping life spontaneous. Kpahe- Groupah one. Someday we wil buy a fluffy chicken and lover duck. BK-I've enjoyed profiting off ALL the bets you lose. Allison/Anna-we can get through anything. Vball girls- way to make history! I love you all!

Mom and Dad-thanks for putting up with me. Lots of challenges, but we got through them. Dad, sorry for always doing things later. Mom, I love your randomness. I love you(my papa and mama bear). Elise, you're the awesomest kid ever. Baby-there's been lots of tears(from me) but lots more love. You may not believe it, but you've made me happier than ever. I love you so much. "J. was no monkey." Less QQ. "What can be witched about shall be witched about." Niffer(eee!), Jung(the people's work!), Eric(sorry for all the abuse), Trevor(sss-cout master). "Someday it'll all get better."



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New Teachers

Students anticipated new rules and procedures to accompany new faces.



Kathy Eichelberger, seventh grade Learning Center teacher, hands out gum to Emily Orf, seventh grade, before class. "I like Mrs. Eichelberger, because she is more open than other teachers.

Students slowly strolled into the classroom before the bell rang. As the class intently stared at the new teacher, the first day began. At the teachers first movements and words, students formed expectations for the upcoming year.

"The first class is awkward and uncomfortable. Students look to you as their teacher, and everyone is trying to figure everything out," said Timothy Holley, new U.S. history teacher.



Traci Everett, was a new eighth grade teacher. Last year, she was a Learning Specialist and sixth grade math teacher at Central Christian School.

She also gives us gum before class to help us concentrate," said Orf.

Timothy Holley, U.S. History teacher, talks with John Dinga and Alford Amicy, juniors. "I enjoy having Mr. Holley as a teacher. You can connect with him easily because he is a young, fun guy," said Sean Duff, junior.



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Sarah DeVries, French Teacher, converses with Sheridan Hentrich, freshman. "I really like Ms. DeVries. She makes the concepts clear and she is really easy to learn from," says Brittany Fellows, freshman.



Craig Dunham, upper school Bible teacher, teaches in class. "Mr. Dunham is a great teacher because he talks and relates with us," said Kendall Vanderslce, junior.

Jeremy Hall, eighth grade, receives help from Nathan Vander Wal. He was the new middle school math and science teacher.

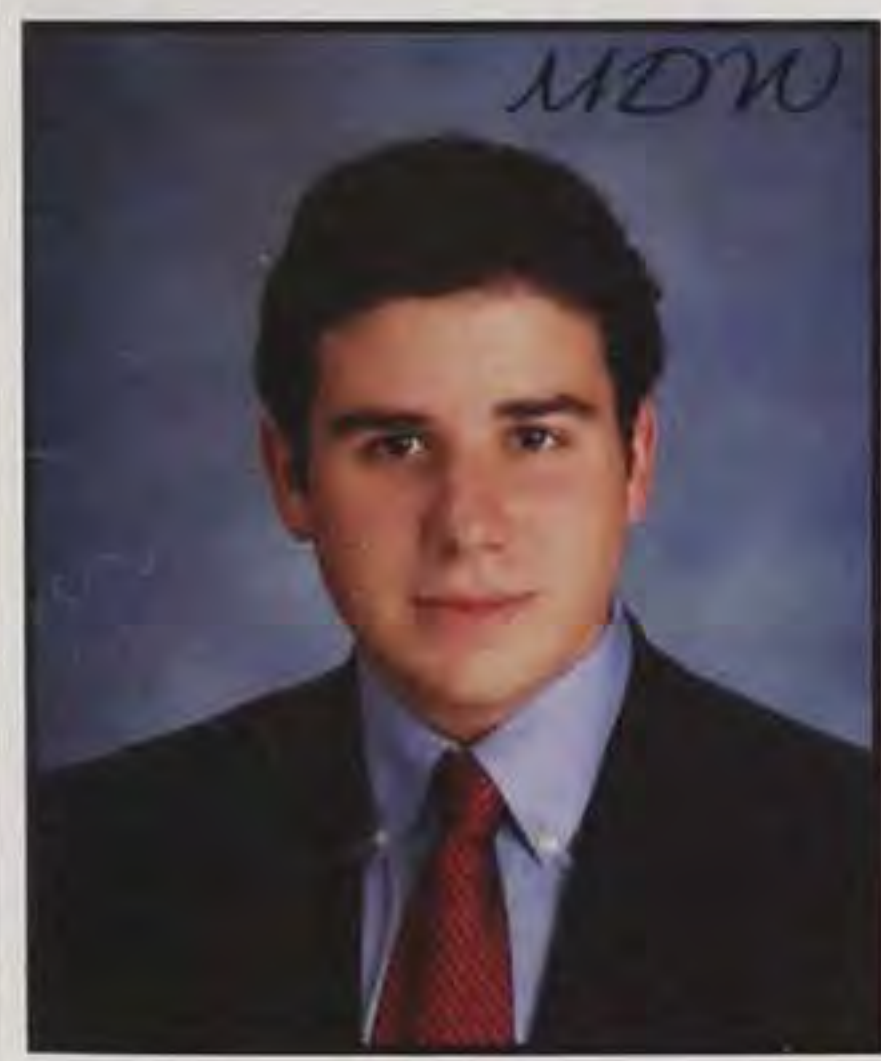


Warren primarily taught US History, but also had a World Views class. "My first impressions of Westminster was a fresh hallway that smelt funny. Also, everyone was very friendly and welcomed me," said Warren.



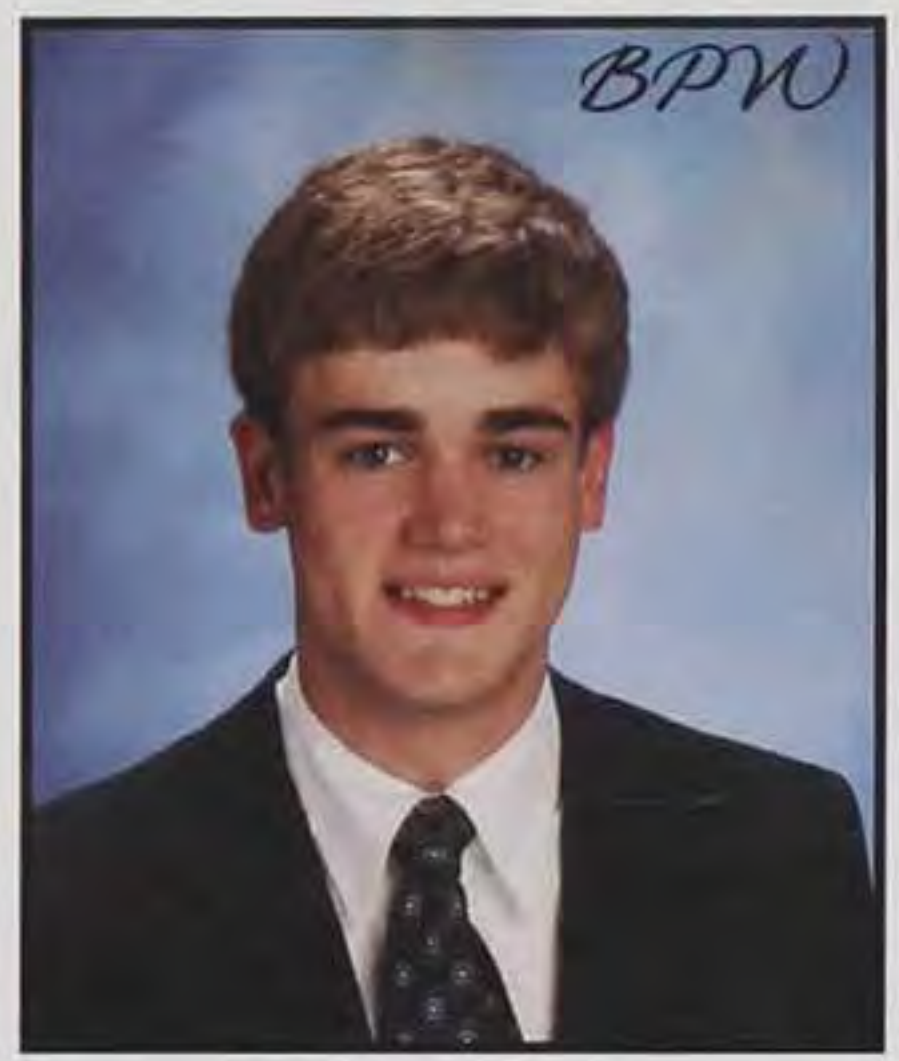
MATTHEW DAVID WAGNER

BENJAMIN PATRICK WALKER



As my time at Westminster comes to a close, I would just like to thank some people who have encouraged me to succeed in my high school experience. I would like to thank all my teachers, especially Coach Pederson, for all his help and advice. My Study lab friends, we have had some good times together. All my friends outside of my study lab class, thanks for the encouragement and good times. Lastly but certainly not least I would like to thank God and my family for standing by me through my struggles through high school.

Thanks to my family, for the values they've taught me and the person they've made me. You've all been extremely supportive and inspirational. Thanks to my friends, who've stuck with me through the good times and the bad times—from the Pasta House dates, to Wednesday night's, to annual parties at Brett's house, it's been incredible. Thanks to Jared Huffman and everyone else in my small group for challenging me spiritually and digging beneath surface issues. It's been amazing getting to know you guys, and being able to grow alongside you. Finally, thanks to everyone for my experience at Westminster. It's been memorable.



Driver's Nightmare

The alarm sounded earlier than usual. Why was it set a half an hour sooner? —Traffic. Due to the January closing of highway 40, many students predicted heavier traffic on their routes to school. Although some people believed there was not going to be any traffic, the general forecast described a living nightmare, cutting short students' dreams in order to get to school on time.

How long did you predict it would take to get to school in January?

"An hour and 15 minutes."

-Lauren Larrabee, junior from Wildwood

"It will take a long time, I know that."

-Christopher Bishop, junior from Florissant

"I thought [highway 40] was already closed. It better not get longer; I'm not leaving earlier."

-Hannah Coller, senior from Webster Groves

"I don't think it will change much."

-David Meyer, sophomore from Sunset Hills

"I didn't know it would affect me."

-Thomas Jarrett, senior from U-City



A policeman allows cars to turn left into WCA. Every morning and afternoon an officer directed traffic, serving in place of a stoplight. Due to Westminster's one entrance and exit, it was difficult to turn in and out of campus without a traffic director.



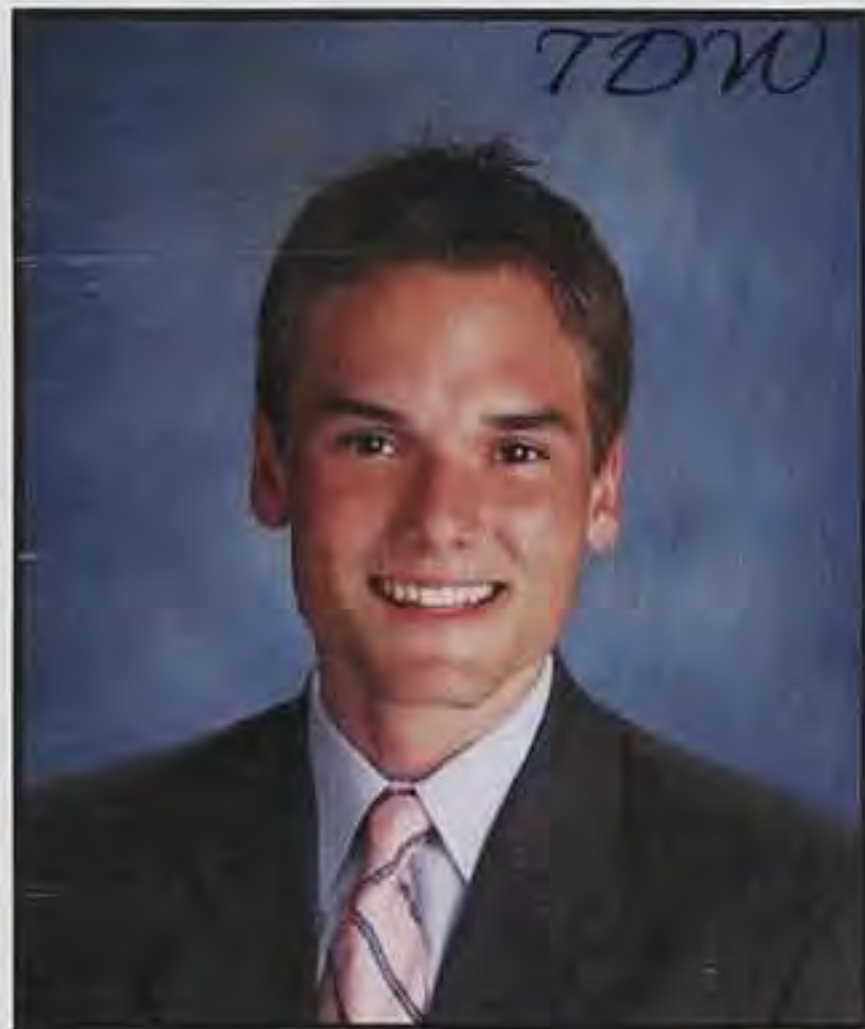
James Young, eighth grade, displays his rubber band string. Young added more rubber bands while waiting to be picked up after school. Westminster's parking lot backed up everyday, making it difficult to find students and exit the campus.



Julia Wiens, freshman, passes the stoplight added in November at the intersection of Graeser and Ladue Road. Preparations for the highway 40 closing, such as adding a stoplight and a turning lane to Ladue Road, began in the fall to manage traffic.

TIMOTHY DMITRI WEIR

MICHELLE LEIGH WELDON



God, thank you for everything you have done for me. Mom and Dad, thank you for your patience and unconditional love. I love you so much. Tolsons, thank you for being so hospitable, you are always great to be around with. Gerritsens, thank you for being so supportive. Donny, you are the best brother ever. Thanks for caring so much for me. Katie, thanks for your continuous jokes and making me laugh. Friends, thank you all for being awesome. Jared, thanks for everything, from your amazing talks to your encouragements. And finally, D-Group, you have been such an amazing group. I have learned so much from you guys, thanks for all you have done.

First and foremost I give thanks to God for all that He has given me. Mom and Dad, thank you for always caring for me. Words cannot sufficiently express my gratitude to you. Victoria, your perseverance amazes me. I love you. Maggie it has been great going to school with you the last few years. You are a great cousin. A—the creek, skipping JSB, there have been so many good times. K—you are awesome, thanks for always listening, don't ever forget hide and seek at the gingerbread party. Everyone, thanks for the memories.





To my family: thanks for being there and helping me through the difficult times. Thank you to my friends from D-group and here's to hoping we stay friends. Jared Huffman, thanks for being such an awesome friend and being supportive of me. Dima, glad to see you return to Westminster, it was great to have a family member in some of my classes. Dr. Gibson, thank you for all the help with my writing and thanks for sticking with it, even if I was a bit unbearable at times. Tori, thank you for always being there and helping me with countless problems, you're an awesome girlfriend and an even better friend. I love you.

Mom and dad—My biggest fans. Thanks for always loving, listening, and supporting me. Love you! Lisa—My biggest role model. A volleyball stud, great listener and my best friend. Love you! Matt—you'll always be my "little" brother! I'll miss you! Volleyball girls—What an amazing year! You're awesome athletes and some of my closest friends. Steamrollah, Beating Villa! NICE! So many fun times! Making history... I'll miss you! Volleyball super fans= best fans ever! Thanks! My Friends—Too many fun times to count! Dancing in the parking lot, zombie road, the pool ball game, being pirates, paint fight, movie nights and just hanging out. Thanks for always being there. Love you and I'll miss you mucho! Philippians 1:3-11



KYLE THOMAS WANNSTEDT
BRANDON PHILIP WESLEY

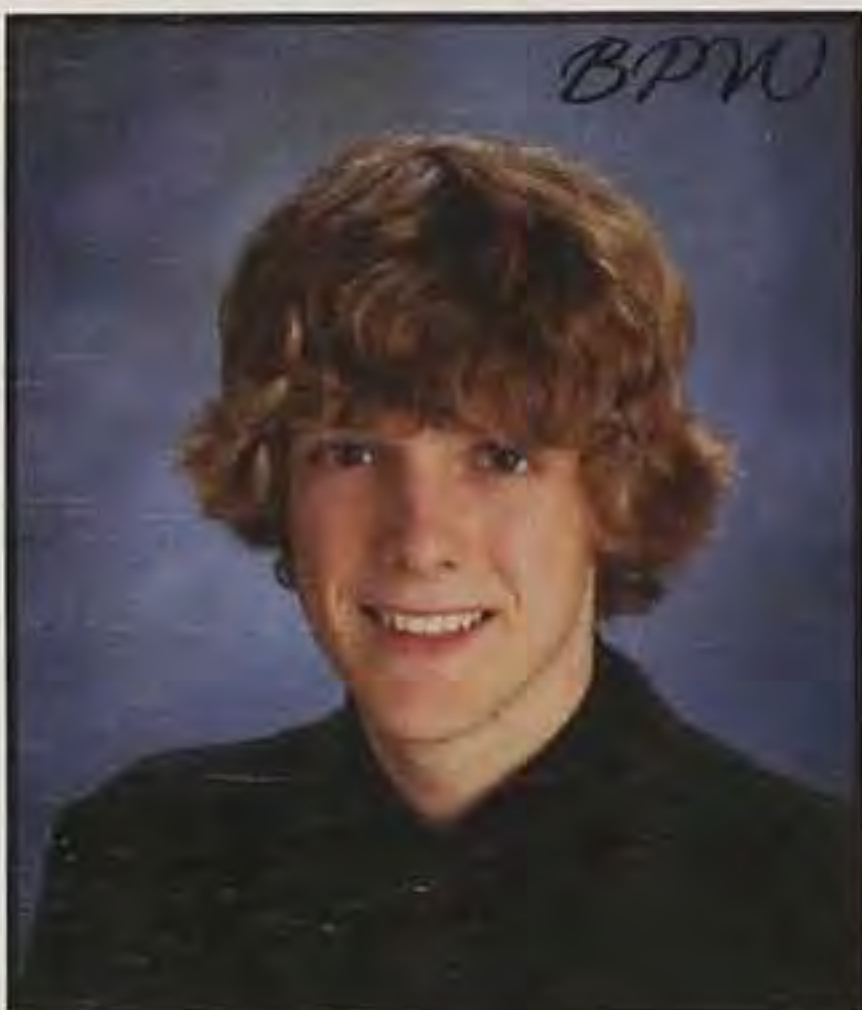
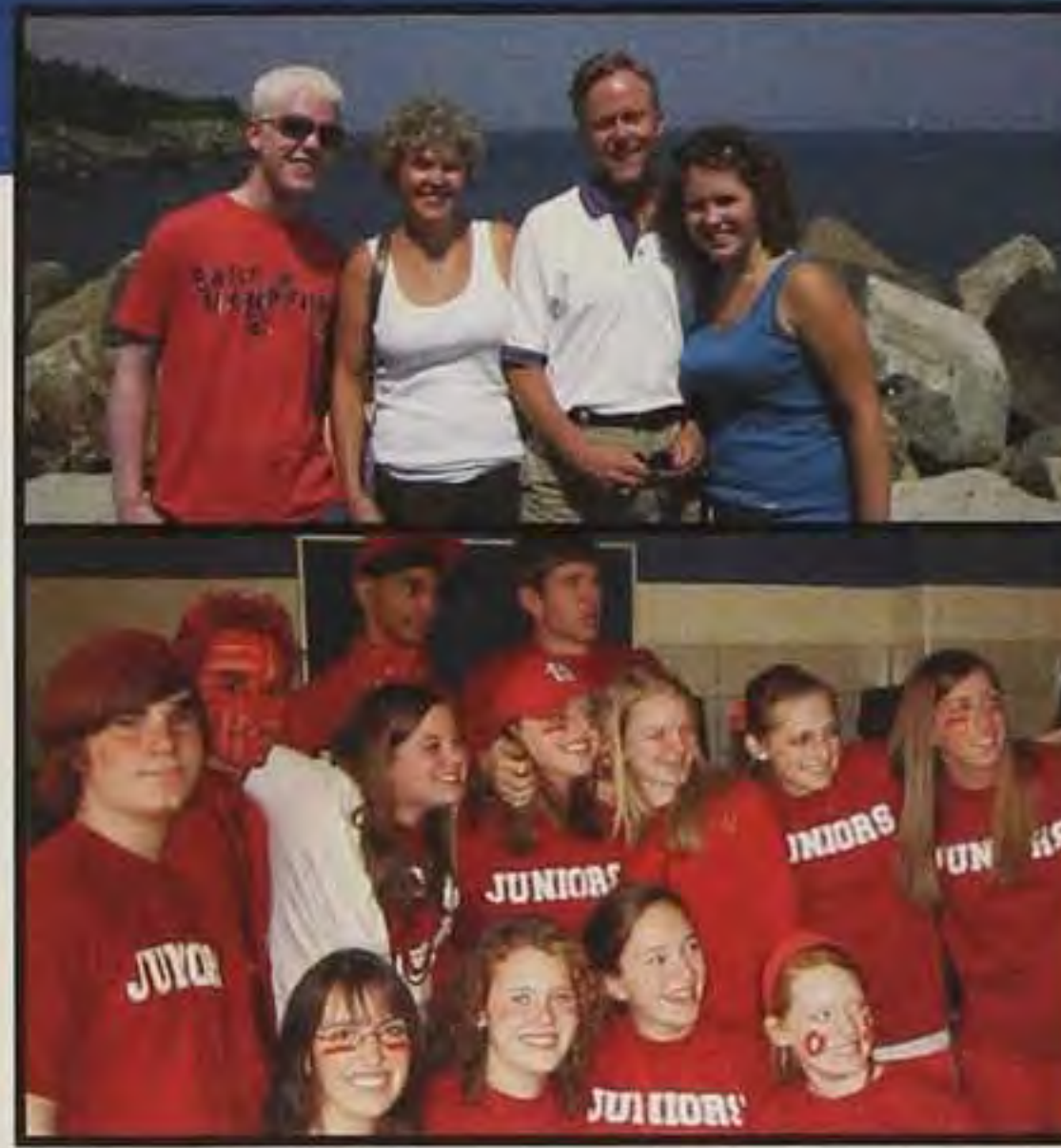
KATHRYN SUZANNE WEBER
JENNIFER LYNN WILLEY



First I want to thank you dad for coming to me and saying "let's talk for a minute" even though I didn't want to. Thank you mom for loving me unconditionally and taking care of me, I really do appreciate you. Britt you were there for a little but I know you still love me. Coach Pederson and Mrs. Erdman, for your help, I am eternally grateful. To David, Andy, Kris, Caleb, Jackson and Tye, weekends of destruction will always be my most favorite memories. You all are my best friends no matter how much we make fun of each other, you're still the best. Lastly I thank God for giving me the best high school experience possible.

FAMILY: Monday, hard to wake up Fill my coffee cup, I'm out the door Yeah, the freeway's standing still today It's gonna make me late, and that's for sure—Hundred dollar cab ride, fogged in, can't fly. Greyhound, Amtrak, oughta bought a Cadillac. Too much stuff. —Well hey, hey Mr. Policeman Bet I can drive faster'n you can. FRIENDS: It aint that bad when your mini horses doo-doo is dusty, dusty—99 Decision Street, 99 ministers meet To worry, worry, super-scurry Call out the troops now in a hurry—I look at her and have to smile As we go driving for a while Looking nowhere in the open window of my car Proverbs 3:5-7





To my parents—thank you so much for putting up with me throughout the high school years. You have taught me so much and are still great role models that I will never live up to. Tom, I will always respect you deeply. Caleb, you're hilarious. Both of you remember to stay focused and to have fun. Clinton, our friendship has been a juicy cerebral pasta that I never want to devour completely. Ryan, let's write a story! Haha it's been fun—thanks for always being my best friend. Sarah, we could both write books about each other. Our friendship over the years has made my life much more interesting and livable. To everyone else: peace, love, and no regrets.

Mom, Dad and Andrew, thanks for putting up with the noise for this long, I love you guys. Nit-Nat, you stuck with me the whole way through. We have too many memories to fit into a little box. Anna, code names will never go out of style. Mel, let's try not to get into trouble at the Fox again. Sarah J., we made Spirit Club/WCA history. Smitty, go Cardinals! JBabbs, our biology projects were always the best. Dima, you're the wind beneath my wings. Eric T., keep singing. Everyone else, you've changed my life and I've learned from all of you. Thank you for helping me grow into the person I am today. Psalms 145: 18-19



BENJAMIN PAUL WINTER

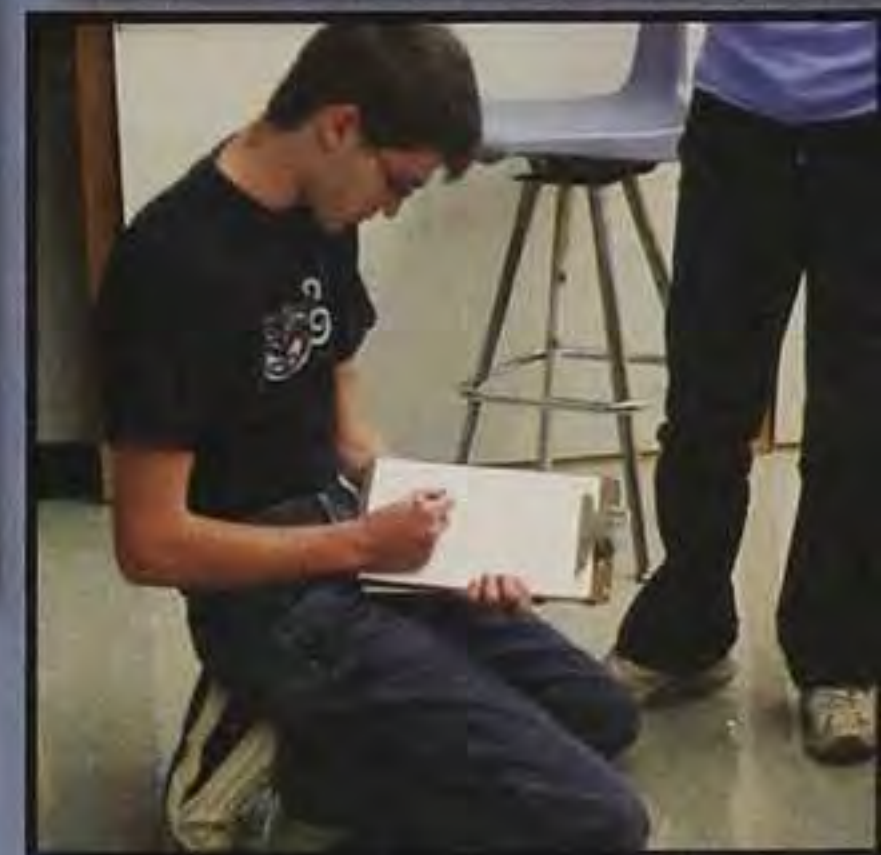
ALYSSA LOUISE WITTMAIER

As the first bell of the 2002-2003 school year sounded, a new group of students began seventh grade. They entered school that day with certain expectations, ideas, opinions, and aspirations that they thought would never change. However, as time passed they were proven wrong. Many things changed between seventh grade and senior year. Whether it was their favorite subject or what career they wanted to pursue, each student left Westminster with different ideas, interests and goals. "Back in seventh grade I wanted to be a zoologist and now I want to be a toxicologist or an arson and explosives investigator," said Kyle Wannstedt, senior.

"In seventh grade I hated Geography because it was really boring learning about the terrain, and now I hate Bio," said Kelsey Gordon, senior.



"I use to like math, in seventh grade, and now I like English," said Andrea Chancellor, senior.



"In seventh grade my favorite book was Redwall and now it's Eragon," said Benjamin Guthrie, senior.

Back in the Day
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The class of 2008 reflected on their lives in seventh grade.



These seven years have been amazing overall because of three groups of people. Without any one of these groups I would have crumbled. God has guided me through several trials through these years and for that I am unbelievably thankful. Now my family, no matter how crazy and out there you all are, you always come together when I need you the most. And last but not least my friends, what do I even say about you all. You keep me laughing all the time, where would I be without you all? Our awkward lunch conversations, crazy nights and bizarre car rides. Bacock! I'm old Greg! We need to interbreed. Do you love me?...I love you all! Love, Nichole

Parents- you've put up with a lot these 18 years! You've shown me what it means to love unconditionally. You're the best! Morgan-Thanks for being the best big bubba in the world. You're my role model. Sister-my best friend. Thanks for all the laughs and memories. I love you soooooo much. Delp- bud for life! You're the funniest person I know. Lindsey- my second sister! Thanks for cuddling and talking. Melissa- You're the most selfless person I know. I really respect you. Others- you know who you are. Thanks for all the crazy times! Hayleywood Stars- You're wonderful and amazing women of God. Hula Girls- Love ya girls! Always be crazy! XOXO Ephesians 3:14-21



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DANIELLE ALICIA ZEE-CHENG



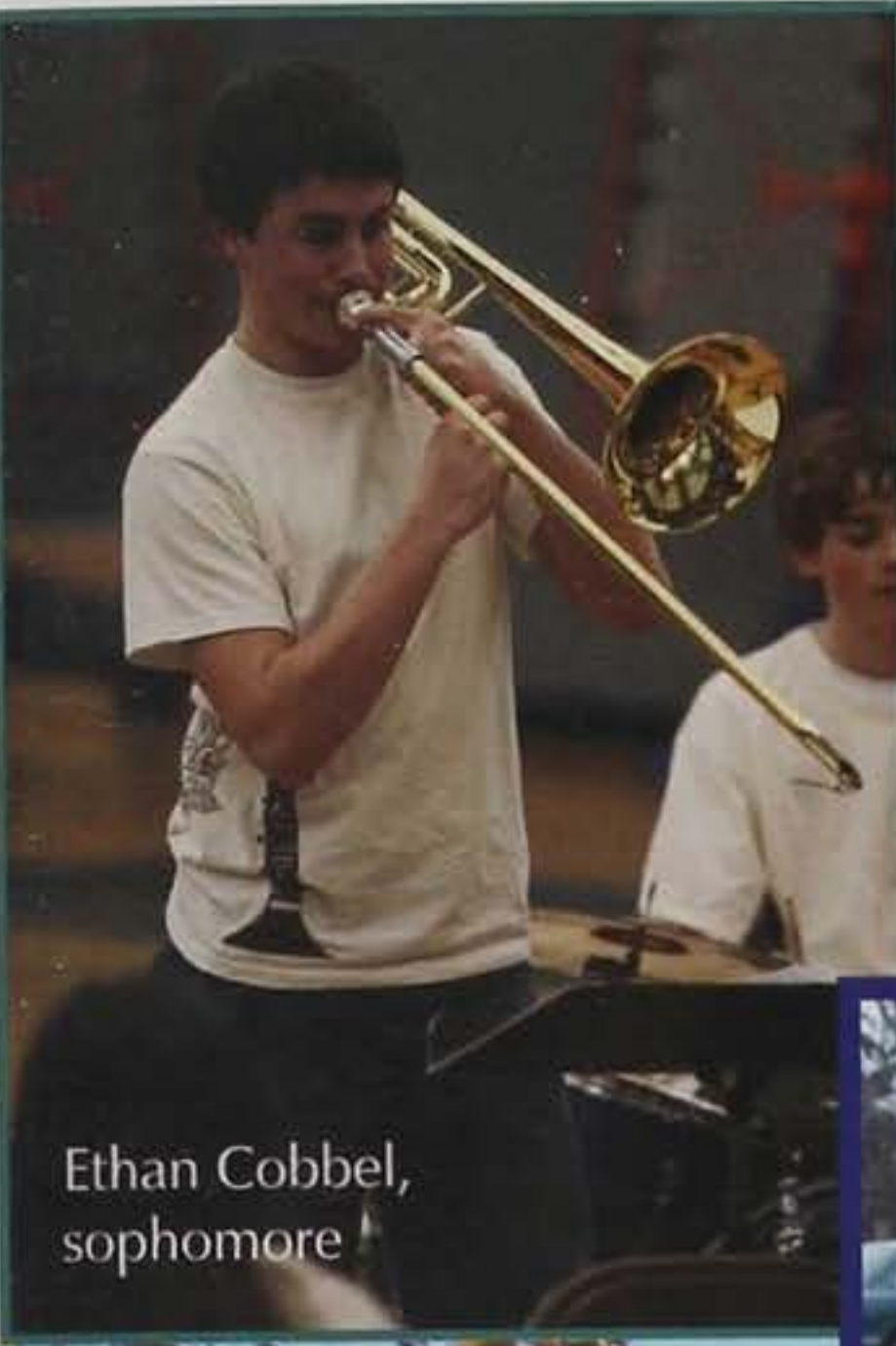
Hey I'm graduating! Four years is a lot shorter than it seems. Thanks mom and dad for supporting me. Dr. Shaw you are the greatest. Zhel thanks for being there for me. Never forget how technique, Z (haven't got "C" for a while..). "Stop? Stop is like really slow, except slower." Best-NHD-EVER! Paul I love you, 6th hour rivalries, RON, SCOBO, shouting matches. Other buddies (Sweet T, Kid, Mel, Alegria), you all rock. "Life and love and why / Child, adult, then die / All of your hoping / And all of your searching / For what? / Ask me for what am I living / Or what gives me strength / That I'm willing to die for..."

Mom and Dad thanks for all the love and support you have given me. Brendan and Brittany thanks for being great siblings. Brittany don't get too bored when I'm at college. Bethany, Harper, Sarah and Michael thanks for all the help. I appreciate it (that was the biggest understatement of the year). Bethany- I couldn't have asked for a better twin, let's go jump off a cliff. Harper- I'm from the Yzlannde of Didididibumnbumn Unk and I want a cape. Sarah- you are the greatest apple ever and you need to eat more to live up to your brother's reputation. Michael- "Do you surrend - bang, bang, bang!" Everyone else thanks for all the laughs along the way! Acts 20:24

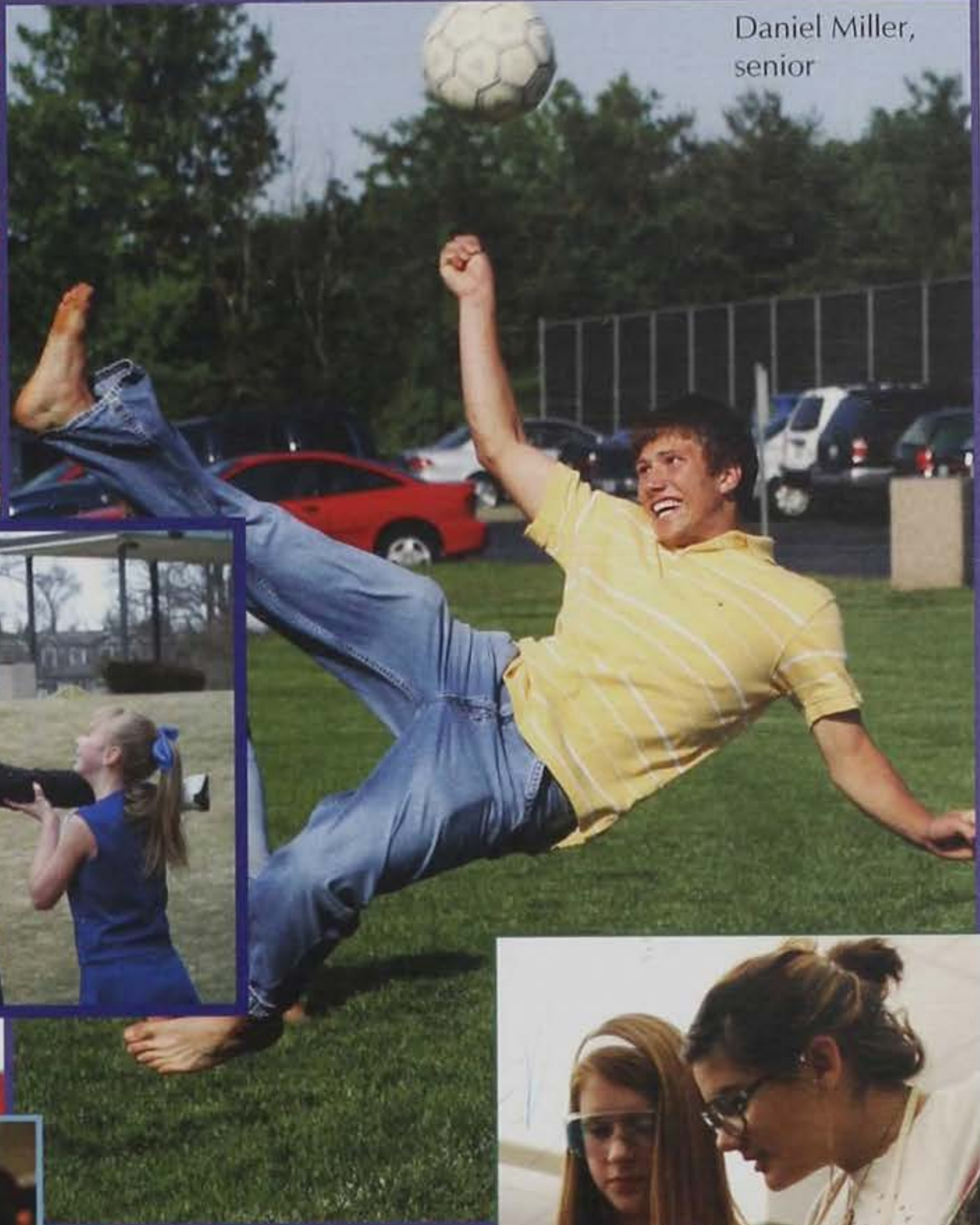


Each student, teacher, faculty, staff and all who contribute to Westminster has a beginning, just like a plant. That beginning is a seed, and each seed is different, needing specific nourishment to help it grow into the finished product. You establish your roots in the beginning of life and use your early experiences to prepare you to grow up and eventually bear fruit for all the world to embrace...





Ethan Cobbel,
sophomore



Daniel Miller,
senior



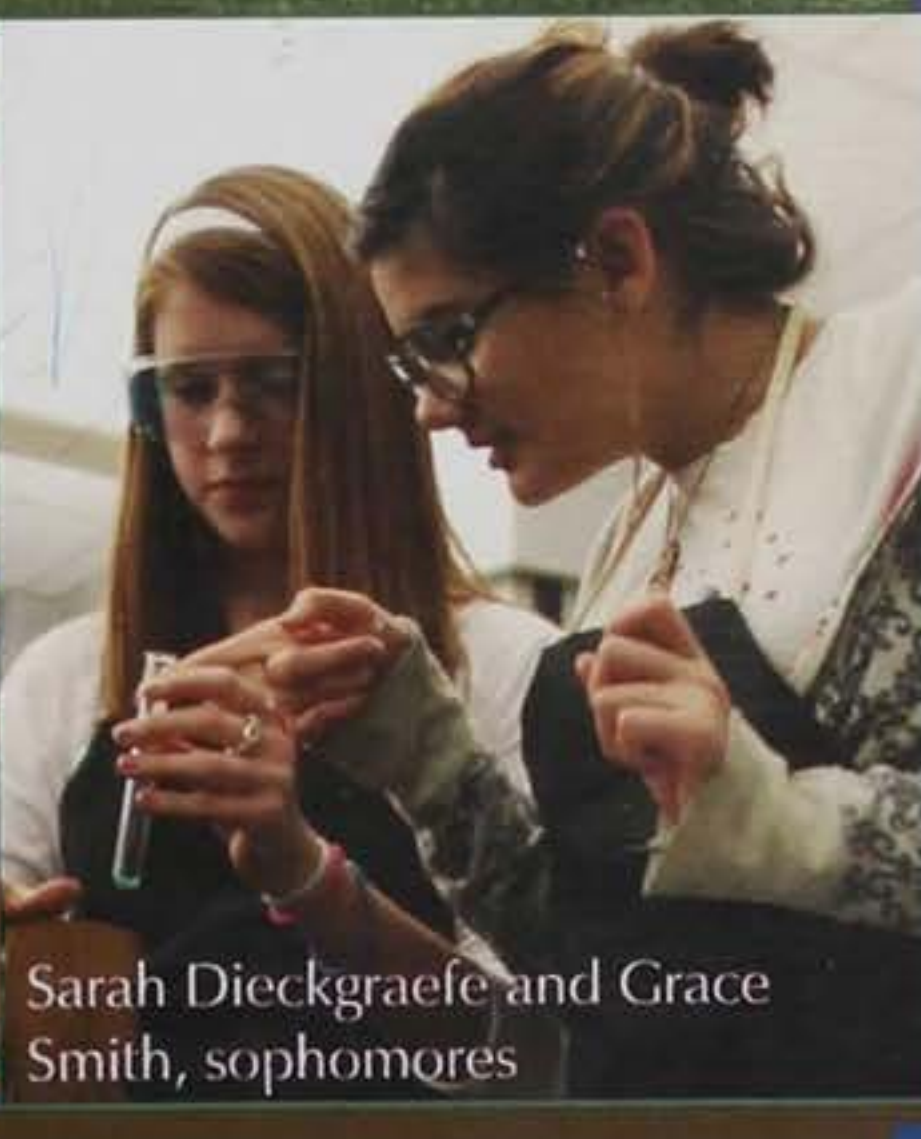
Katelyn Westrich,
junior



Harmony Peterson,
seventh grade



Nadia Pasque,
junior



Sarah Dieckgraeve and Grace
Smith, sophomores

...You reap the harvest of your hard work on the baseball field, on the basketball court or in the swimming pool when the adrenaline kicks in before the hardest game of the season. You see your hard work pay off when your team rushes to the center of the court with the district champions' plaque or when the individual sport suddenly becomes a team when you all get caught up in the rush of the state meet...



Joseph Pollmann,
junior



Nicholas Skrainka,
freshman

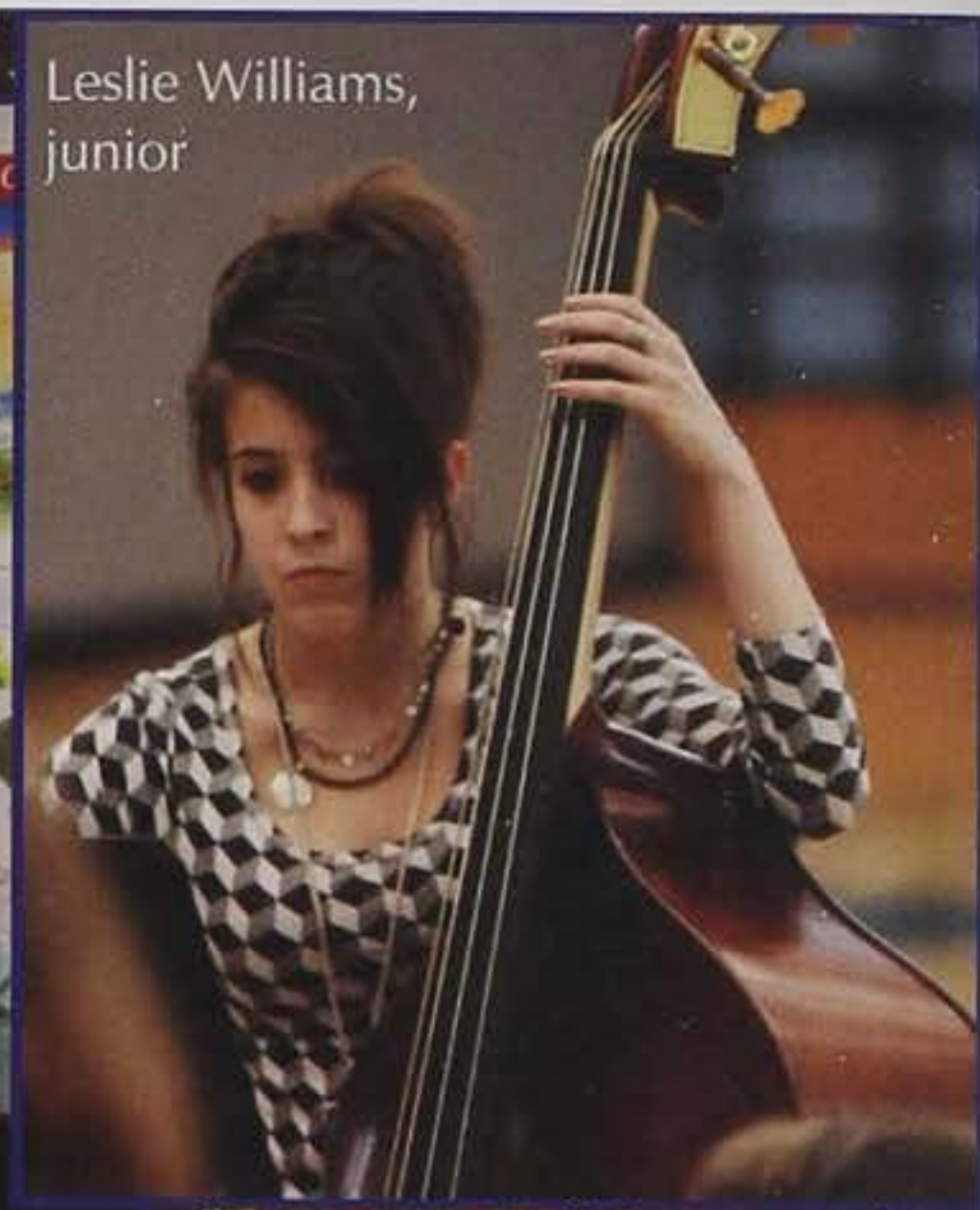




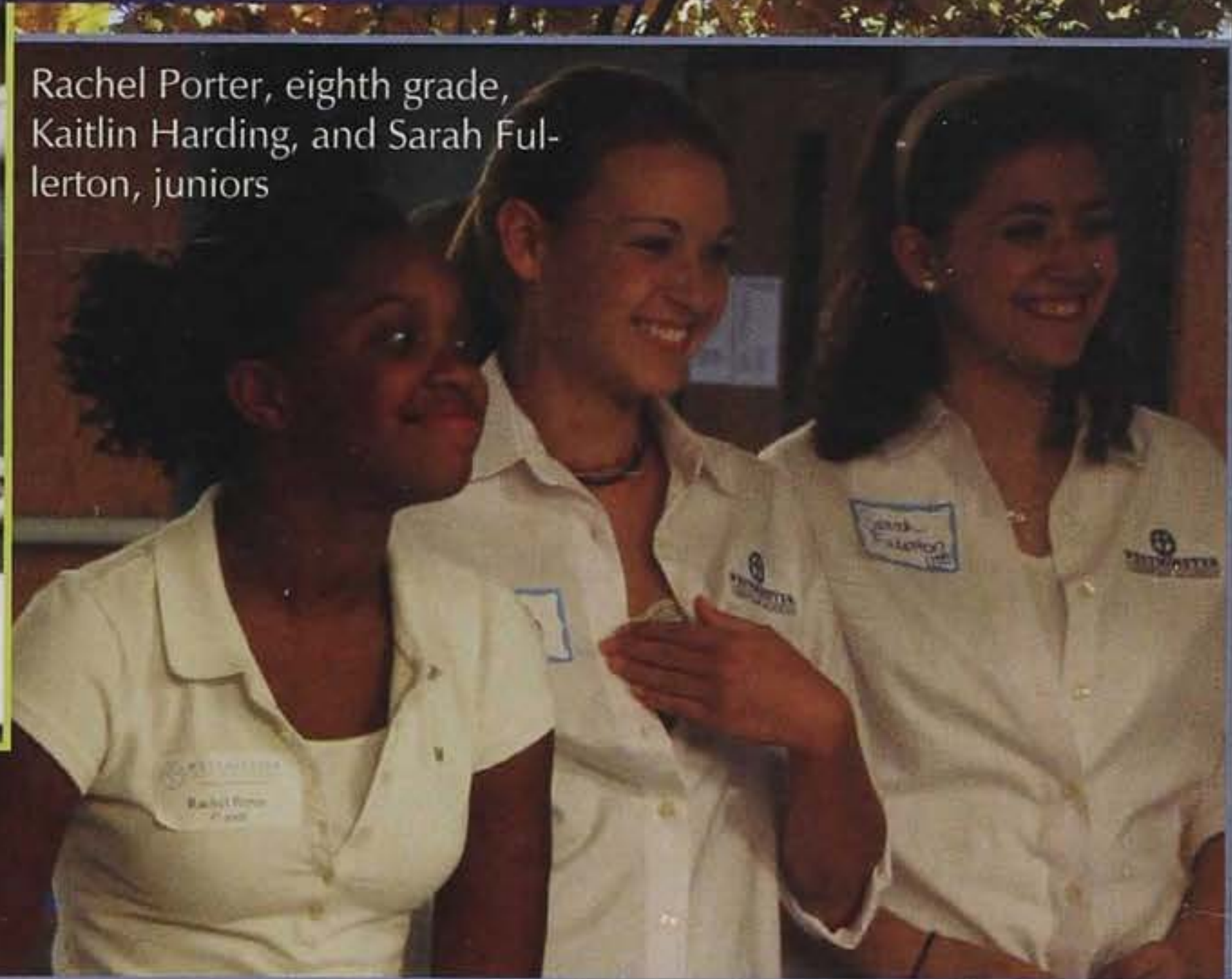
Evan James, eighth grade



Kum Hwa Jeong, junior



Leslie Williams, junior

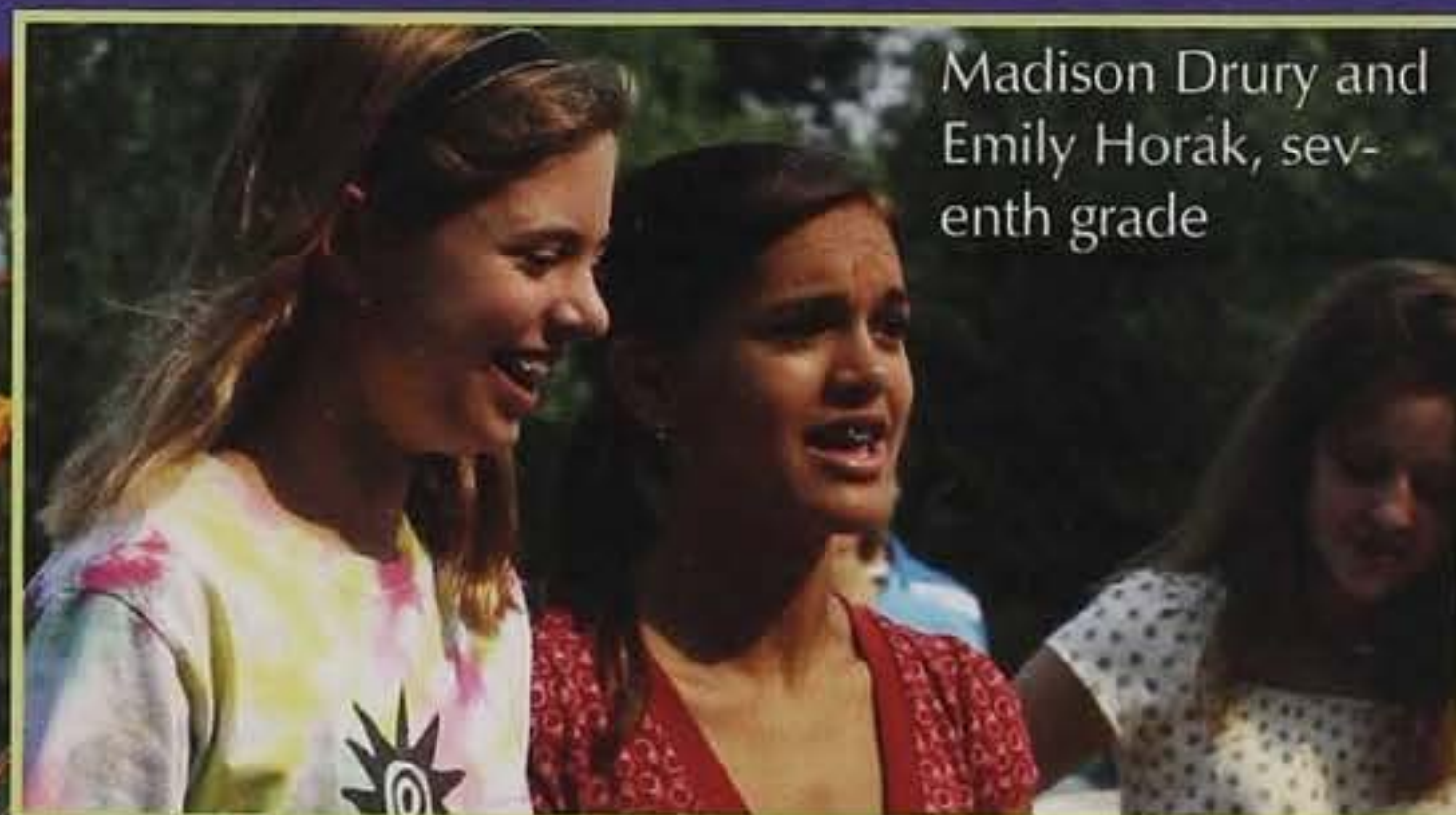


Rachel Porter, eighth grade, Kaitlin Harding, and Sarah Fullerton, juniors

... You Branch Out to see what Spanish club or set club is all about or to visit FCA on Monday nights. You spend hours rehearsing after school and hours at home memorizing lines, but it is worth it when the curtain closes to end a flawless opening night. The bustle of getting everything set up for Carnival and organizing booths for classes and clubs lets you Soak Up the Sun and enjoy life outside of the classroom. You sit in seventh grade English...



Kyle Finn, sophomore



Madison Drury and Emily Horak, seventh grade

...and become rooted in the basics. You then rise by using those basics to write a paper and then become fully ripe as you present your SIP to a panel and go out to senior service. However, this does not end when you walk across the stage with a diploma in hand. What you have seen, known and experienced becomes a part of you, shaping the rest of your life. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will keep on Growing.

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My How You've Grown...

Brooke Allbritten



There are not enough words to express how much we love you and how proud we are of the beautiful young woman you have become. We are so excited for what the future holds for you. To use a Brooke-ism, "You haven't left yet, but you're on your way." Now is the time to spread your wings and fly. Never forget that God has you in the palm of His hand and His love is unfailing and everlasting. Love Mom and Dad

Clinton Alexander



Clinton, Perseverance pays off. We are so proud of you. When you look back on your high school years, think about all the good times you had and the wonderful people you got to know. Philippians 4:8. You have a great future ahead of you. We love you, Mom and Dad

Max Anderson



Max- You've always been so sweet, gentle, and easygoing. You are such a wonderful son and perfect big brother. God gifted you with a personality full of peace and graciousness, yet underneath there's a strength and stability that exudes confidence and draws people in. You will be a leader in whatever path you ultimately choose. Know that God has great plans for you. We love you, and we will always be there for you! Love, Mom, Dad, Mitchell

John Arrington



John, you have grown into a mature young man. You are such a blessing to us. We thank God for you, with your tender heart, compassion and forgiving nature. Continue to use your talents for His kingdom. Proverbs 3:5-7. Love, Mom and Dad

Jennifer Babb



While you are often quiet and accepting, we see your underlying determined spirit. Your giving heart, kind words, and desire for others, as well as yourself, to succeed, attest to your maturity. We know you are and always have been in God's hands. Mom and Dad

Benjamin Baldwin



Dear Ben, You have surprised and delighted us so many times over the years, like when you caught the "uncatchable" lizard. One of our greatest joys now that you have become a young man is to see "Christ in you." We are blessed to have you as our son and want to remind you of what you have taught us, that "nothing is impossible with God." (Genesis 18:14, Luke 1:37, Matthew 19:26) With our love, Mom and Dad

Rachel Banks



Rachel, We are so thankful for who you are and your servant heart. We're especially grateful for your willingness to move from Virginia to St. Louis during 10th grade, leaving much behind, knowing that it was God's will for our family. Remember: Psalm 91:11-12 "For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Christopher Bates



Christopher, You made it! You're a graduate! One year old seems like yesterday! I am so proud of you! ("pleased", per your brother) You have become a remarkable young man. I am so blessed by your love and zeal for God. May He continue to bless you with a boldness to fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel that comes from a deep knowledge of His love and grace over your life. I love you! Mom.

Julia Berger



Jules- We're so proud of you! These 18 years went by so fast and we've treasured every one of them. God has blessed you in so many ways and we know that you will continue to seek to honor Him with what He has given you. We love you dearly. We'll always be praying for you and we'll always be here for you. Proverbs 3:5-6 Love, Mom and Dad

Michael Bianca



Michael, Mom and Dad are so proud of you. You have blessed our lives. You are such a thoughtful, giving and caring young man. Keep strong in your faith, and let the Lord lead your way. We love you always.

Peter Boggs



Psalm 91:2 "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Peter, your life is testimony of God's grace and sovereignty. May you continue to grow in godly character as you trust Him and honor Him with your life. He has blessed us beyond measure! We love you! Dad and Mom

Stephanie Brown



Your mom and I have told you many times that we'd rather have you as our daughter than the finest daughter in the world. Well the truth is, you are the finest daughter in the world. We're proud of all your accomplishments and feel confident that you're ready for whatever comes next. We love you.
Dad and Mom

Jared Camp



Jared, Where are you? Your innocent reply, "the limbs at the top of the tree are really narrow," you have always had an adventurous spirit, never fearing the unknown. From your trademark, preschool, dish towel cape to your graduation gown we have watched you grow into a fine young man. May God who loves you, continue to lead you after graduation into a future that He has prepared just for you. Love,
Mom and Dad

Anne Carrington



Sweet and Precious Anne, Your name means "gracious" in the Hebrew. You are a constant reminder to us of God's gracious nature. Your birth pointed us to Him. John recognized this, too, when he called you "the little blessing". Your constant chatter, "suffocators", wet smackers, thumb sucking waves and funny faces have given us so much joy - and you have so much more yet to share. Let your light shine and your spirit be uninhibited! Psalm 139:23-24 We love you, Mom and Dad

Vince Casella



Bright, fun-loving, playful. Creative, innovative, a wee bit stubborn. That's you, Vinnie! You're a loyal friend. You make us laugh with your goofy faces and strange noises. You can catch fish anywhere and you can turn just about anything into bait. You can ski on your tiny skis faster than anyone we know.... You are simply fun to be with! Our prayer for you is that God will use you and your unique gifts to make this world a better place. Much love, Mom and Dad

Michael Christianson



Congratulations, Michael, on your graduation! We are so proud of you, and we look forward to seeing where God leads you and what He accomplishes through you in the days and years ahead. Never forget the significance of your given names, but always continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18)
Mom and Dad

Andrew Clemens



Andy, You have been such a joy and blessing to our family. You have always kept our home filled with laughter and we are going to miss that so much when you go off to school. At a very early age you were filled with a love for the Lord that has guided you and molded you into the Godly man you are today. We are so very proud of you and pray that you continue on the path that God has put before you. Love, Dad, Mom, Sam, and Ted

Alissa Cozad



Dearest Lisa,
One of your childhood nicknames was "peace babe". God has given you a mighty spirit to achieve peace with Him and others (where possible). You have courage to embrace the truth. Continue to make God your true north. Be still and remember how He has delivered time and again. Fight the good fight, as God gives you strength for the day. Know this, that you are beloved in our eyes. With love and gratitude, Mom and Dad. Mt. 5:9

Brandon DeRousse



Brandon,
Words cannot express how much we love you. We recognize and appreciate the amazing gifts God placed in you. You are joy-filled, forgiving, kind-hearted, compassionate, loving, and loyal. There is no greater fan! We cannot wait to see how God will continue to work in and through you; working "all things" together for your good, for His purpose, for His glory. We promise to be there for you, and love you, forever. Mom and Dad
Romans 8:28

Tyler Disch



Tyler,
The years have flown by just the way everyone said they would. Where did this little boy go? You have forged the way for your bothers and sisters and grown to be a man we not only love, but respect. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what adventures await you in this next phase of life. Always know that you are prayed for, cherished, valued, and loved. Love,
Mom, Dad, Eric, Kyle, and Joanna

David Dragan



David, You are truly a blessing to our family. You are energetic, courageous, compassionate, and have a huge heart for those around you. Your growth over these years has been inspiring to so many. We see God working daily in your life. We love you! Mom, Dad, Steven, and Danielle

Kristina Dudleef



What a blessed joy – watching you grow from a little toddler, following in your sister's footsteps, to an independent young lady, who with prayer and determination, sets off in the path God has appointed for her. It's been a tough path at times, but it leads to a breathtaking mountain view. We pray for peace, joy, and patience on that journey. Be God's servant and witness; looking to him for direction, day by day. Love always, Mom and Dad

Emma Dunlap



Emma Gracie, You have blessed us in so many ways. We love to laugh, to cry, and laugh until we cry with you. You are trustworthy and loyal, creative and caring, and you use these gifts to serve others. We're so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. Be strong and courageous, Memes, because the Lord God and our love will never leave you. But as for the refrigerator, you are on your own! Love, Daddy and Momma

Samuel Egertson



Sweet Sam, Wow – It's been 18 years? What a privilege it's been to be your mom, dad, brother and there's nothing we wouldn't do for you. Its been a delight watching you grow and the one thing that hasn't changed is your kind, loving, and generous heart. We are blessed. Never forget one of your favorite verses – "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jer. 29:13. You have done this and our prayer is that you never stop. You are in our hearts forever – now go fly! Mom, Dad, and Jordan. Oh, and Sam.... Love you more!

Abigail Ferguson



Abby, Abigail means "joy of the Father." You have truly been a joy and a delight for all of us. You love God with all your heart and it shows in all you do! We are very proud of all your accomplishments and hop you'll always remember Rom. 8:28. All things do work together for those who love the Lord, always remember how much we love you! Love, Mom and Dad

Jeffrey Fitzgerald



Jeffrey, What a blessing and joy you have been. You have made us laugh since you were little with your tall tales and funny faces. You are truly your father's son. We could not be more proud of the wonderful young man you have become. We look forward to watching God's plan for you unfold. Always remember we love you and so does God. Keep your eyes fixed on Him. 1 Cor. 10:31

Tess Fitzpatrick



Tesser, God created you with His blessings and amazing gifts. Your zest for life is contagious, your integrity is admired, your leadership, strength of character, and tenacity are respected. Continue to shine your joyful light as you follow God's will. "K.B." Love, Mom and Dad. Tesser, I'm so proud to call you my little sister with the big heart. You know that we will never be too old for forts in the backyard! Love Rybear

William Franz



Billy, It is with a grateful heart that we, your family, say congratulations and unite together as the wind beneath your wings as you pursue your future endeavors. We couldn't be more proud of the man you have become and pray that you will always follow God's calling of your life. Matthew 6:33. "But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." All our love, support, and prayers, Mom, Dad, and Hillary

Kristin Gilbert



Bummer! Krispie Kritter... you make us laugh and bring so much joy to our family! We are constantly amazed by your insights and humbled by your heart for others. We thank the Lord for you every day and pray He will always be the master you choose to follow. Laugh lots, count your blessings, keep your promises, and be true to yourself. We love you! Dad, Mom, and Danielle Psalm 90:17

Marcey Glidewell



Our Dear Sweet Girl, Just yesterday we held you in our arms! People-watching from tide pools, bridal birthday parties, dancing through the house, "What are you? A hoo-k?", hunting Christmas trees, more dancing, family fashionista, still more dancing, Cardinal Fan Extraordinaire, WCA 2008, Samford 2012... We're so proud of the godly young woman you've become. You're such a blessing! Remain faithful to the one who calls you. 1 Thess. 5:16-24 We love you very much, Mom & Dad

Kelsey Gordon



Kelsey,
You are precious to us and have put a smile in our hearts since the day you were born. God has given you an incredible character. You are spunky, playful, wise, loyal, creative, and truly have a heart for God and others. We are so proud of the delightful young woman you have become and are excited to see the wonderful plans God has for you. We love you always,
Mom & Dad

Benjamin Guthrie



Ben, we are so pleased to have watched you grow from the boy whose understanding of God was representative by your three-year-old theology, "God always does the right thing," into the young man you are today. We are excited to see what the Lord will continue to do in you. You are blessed by God with a wonderful talent. May you steward it well as you participate in His redemption and restoration of the Arts. We have always loved you dearly and always will, Mom, Dad, and Erin.

Bethaney Hoekzema



Bethany,
You were named for joy the day you were born and God has been faithful for it brings joy to our hearts to see what a mature woman of faith you have become! Remember, God gets the glory, we get the joy. "I sing for joy at the works of your hands... en las obras de tus manos me gozo" Salmos 92:46 (Psalm 92:46)
Love, Mom, Dad, Andrew, Hannah, James and Matthew

Jill Holley



Dear Jill, Wow, how can you be a senior! We are so proud of you. You are a beautiful young woman who reflects the attributes of God. It has been fun and a joy to watch you grow to be a person who loves God, life, family and friends. We pray that God will take what you have learned and use you in a special way. As you go off to college, stand firm in your faith. 2 Cor. 5:7 "We live by faith, not by sight." Love you forever, I'll like you for always as long as you're living my baby you'll be. A Big Kanakuk "O" to you! We love you, Mom and Dad

Lisa Hoover



Our dear sweet Lisa, what a joy and privilege we've had watching you grow into the sunny, loving, godly young woman you've become. The Lord has blessed us with your smiles and your songs, and we couldn't be more proud of you. May the Lord bless you as you step forward on the path He has set before you. And may you always have a song in your heart for Him! (Psalm 104:33)
Love, Mom and Dad

James Horton



James, one of our most treasured gifts from God has been the privilege of watching you explore life and develop into a fine young man. Your strengths, great loyalty, and compassionate heart, united with your pure exuberance for living have made you into one great guy! It's with confidence; faith and joy that we watch God's marvelous plan for you unfold as you enter this next chapter of your life. Go into it boldly. We love you very much. Congratulations! Way to go, James! We are proud of you, son. Proverbs 4:23. Mom, Dad, and Anna-Lynne

June Hotchkiss



June, congratulations on your graduation from WCA! We are so proud of the young woman you have become! You have brought all of us great joy! "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6) We look forward to seeing the path the Lord leads you on! We love you to infinity and beyond!
Love, Dad, Mom, Will, Sam

Joseph Hunsicker



Joe Man, You have grown from the little man. You ended up quite large! Even though we knew it would happen, we are amazed to see God complete His work in you right before our eyes! Now you are approaching a major milestone in your life. God has prepared a fantastic path for you thus far and we pray that you will continuously seek his path for your future. Psalm 23:3 - "He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness."

Kendall James



Kendall,
It seems only a moment ago that you entered our lives. Your kindness and gentleness of spirit were evident from the beginning. It has been a joy watching you grow from an adorable baby to a beautiful young woman inside and out. Seek the Lord's will in all you do and have the courage to follow wherever He leads. (Matt. 6:33). We thank God for you and we love you.
Dad and Mom

Sarah Johnston



Sarah,
Thank you for being you - your cheeriness, smiles and laughter. We love you always, and we hope that every day of your life you find someone or something to brighten your day. Never forget to thank God for everything He has given you, and continue to trust in your Lord Jesus Christ for everything you need in the future. We know you will do great in college. Love,
Mom and Dad

Elizabeth Karlake



You are such a wonderful blessing from God and we praise Him for all that you are and all that you will become! You are so beautiful. We thank God for the way that you bless others with your gifts of music and humor. We pray that you will keep Him at the center of your life and that you will seek Him in all you do. Ps. 139:7-18. Love, Mom, Dad and Jimmy.

Brian Keffer



Brian, You are our gift from God and our favorite son! It has been a privilege to raise you. You brought energy, fun, sports excitement, love, joy and laughter into our lives. Watching you grow and mature into the man you have become has been a blessing. We are excited for you as you being the next step in your journey. "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6. We love you! Mom, Dad, Laura and Rebecca

Daniel Kim



Determination, tough, intensely competitive, passionate, strong leader, painfully honest, bold, loyal friend, deep thinker, seeking God, great sense of humor... strange words to describe the cute little guy with his tongue out, but that is you, Daniel. You are now applying the intensity you have on the athletic field to other parts of your life and we have only seen a glimpse of what you can accomplish. God has big plans for you. We love you. Mom & Dad.

Catherine Klotz



Precious Catherine, YOU ARE AWESOME! Your sweet spirit and compassionate heart bless all of us. We love your great sense of humor and your dedication to family and friends. Congratulations for a job well done, the world awaits you! We're excited to see what mighty things God has planned for you. Remember Zephaniah 3:17. We love you all the way to heaven and back! Love, Mom, Dad, and Mary Beth, Emily, Scott and Will

Lauren Kozenej



Lauren
You are such a joy to us and we thank God that He placed you in our family. It seems like it was just yesterday when you were the little girl on this picture. We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become, and we look forward to seeing the plans that God has for your life! Love, Mom and Dad

Jordan Kulage



Jordan, Congratulations! We love you and are very proud of the young man you have become. Your willpower and determination is an inspiration to us. You set high standards for yourself while holding true to God's principles. Exciting things are in your future. Our prayer for you is that you know the depth of God's love for you and do what He requires, "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8. Love, Mom and Dad

Kelsey Logsdon



Congratulations Kelsey! We are so proud of you. You began climbing up the dishwasher and haven't looked back since. Little did you know so many challenges that lay ahead. Your perseverance is inspiring, your smile shines and lights up the room. Words can't express how much we love you and God loves you even more! Always do your best...trust God for the rest. Psalm 1:1-3 & Proverbs 3:5-6. Many Blessings Always - enjoy the great adventure! Love Mom & Dad

Teje Malone



What a blessing and a privilege to be a part of your life. We know who formed you before the beginning of time and who gave you your bent. We see your strength, your diligence, your tender heart, your humility. We watched you as the Lord Jesus Christ became a vital part of your life. Those whom the Lord allowed in your life became a part of you, good or bad to build character. I praise God now, because you are a man whom he has put his mark on. Love, Dad and Mom.

Trevor McHardy



Trevor, We have been richly blessed to have such a gentleman and kind-hearted young man for a son. Your accomplishments and the way you live your life, is a testimony of God's grace and mercy. Remember, life has many trials, we will always be there for you, but He is there no matter what. "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." (Isaiah 43:2) Our love and thanks for God's gift of you, Dad, Mom, and Duncan

Molly Mejer



Moll Doll,
You have brought us so much joy! We have watched you grow from a precious, wide-eyed, determined little girl to a strong, funny, hard-working, beautiful young woman. We are so proud of you and we pray that God will hold you close and continue to grow you up in His grace and wisdom. Proverbs 3:5-6. Love always, Mom, Dad, Carla, Katie and Tim

Allison Mitchell



Allison, we have been so blessed to share your first 18 years. We can't express in words how much you have touched our lives. You are truly exceptional. We love you and know that God has a plan and purpose for your life. Use your gifts to His Glory! Jeremiah 29:11. Remember: "tragedy", the tractor beam, Make it a great day, chillax, Have you checked your oil?, Captian Lolli, and Christmas trees! Love, Mom, Dad, Emily, & Anna

Elizabeth Moore



Ellie-Bellie,
You bring such joy to our lives! We are very proud of all that you have become and we look forward to watching how the Lord uses you in the future. Your smile is contagious; your love is evident to all you lead well because your passion is to serve others. We love you so much.
Mom and Dad

Juan Mundo-Sifuentes



Juan, When you were born everyone expected your arrival. Especially your father, you are his only and lovely son. You are the first grandkid from your father's side and the 22nd from your mother's side. When you were born, your grandfather was sick and we named you Juan in his honor. Your grandfather is still alive, so you were a blessing. You were a special baby, smart and strong. You never complained or cried over anything. You learned very fast. God bless you Juan and guide your way through your life.

Rex Oberle



Lo tequiero mucho,
Mami

Rex,
What a joy you are to our family. You have a refreshing way of looking at things. You are a dedicated, hard working, servant leader, while at the same time providing comic relief. You have a soft heart for God and people. It has been exciting watching you grow into an amazing young man. We can't wait to see God's plan unfold for you. We are very proud of you. Keep it real!
Love,
Dad and Mom (aka Doons)

Lindsee Peters



Lindsey,
You have made us so proud in every way and we have been blessed to have you as our daughter. You have become a beautiful young woman with the purest of character. Continue to seek the Lord in all that you do and you will have true SUCCESS. We Love You Beginner!
Mom & Dad

Taylor DeRosa



Taylor,
Your smile and concern for others are contagious. We have been truly blessed to be your parents and we are so proud of the person that you have become! Put the Lord first and seek his guidance in all that you do. Continue to "beat to your own drum", and we will all sit back and enjoy the ride. We respect you; honor you; and, most of all love you very much.
Mom, Dad, Justin, and Holly

James Munson



Jimmy,
You have been such an exceptional baby, child, and now young man. We cherish the years and activities we've shared with you. We pray that you continue to strengthen your walk with the Lord as you daily put on the armor of God (Eph. 6:12-18) and clothe yourself as in Colossians 2. We love you forever,
Dad, Mom, Emily, Megan, Sarah and Scott

Taylor O'Connor



Taylor,
You are such a treasure to our family. Full of life, laughter, sweetness, joy and fashion advice! We are so proud of the beautiful and gifted young lady you have become. As you pursue the God given dreams in your heart just know we will hold onto the wonderful memories of times spent sharing our lives. Trust the Lord - his plans and love for you are magnificent!
Love, Mom and Bryce

Kaitlyn Pfeifer



To our precious Kaitlyn, Our beautiful baby girl is now an amazing, accomplished young woman. We have been given the wonderful gift of being your parents and watching you grow to become a faithful follower of Christ. We are going to miss being with you each day - life is never boring with you around...your joyful exuberance and passion for life, your singing, your sense of humor but we know it is time for you to spread your wings. Keep singing for the Lord Kaitlyn! We are so proud of you! We love you, Mom and Dad

Matthew Rohlfing



We praise God for you Matthew! You have brought us so much joy and laughter throughout these first 18 years of your life. We are very proud of your character and how you have used the gifts that God has blessed you with and know that He has special plans for your future. Jeremiah 29:11.
We love you, Mom, Dad, Michael, & David

David Roig



David,
Our dear, little butter-man! What a fun and lively, little boy you were! You have grown into an awesome, you man and we look forward to watching you continue to grow in the Lord. Your name means "beloved" and "leader". Know that you will always be love as you mature in faith and leadership in the years ahead. 1 John 4:7. Deut. 33:12.
Love, Mom and Dad

Melissa Ruhlman



Missy May,
What a wonderful young woman you have become. We couldn't be more proud! You are thoughtful, caring, gracious, honest, trusting... we could go on and on. We know God has exciting things, planned for you - but only if we "Dare to let go."
Love you always,
Mom & Dad

Natasha Sakovich



Natasha, you are incomparable, irreplaceable, and indescribably special! I will forever be proud of who you are and your strong conviction to honor God in your words and actions. You are beautiful, wise, loyal, a true best friend, an amazing daughter, dependable, funny, tender, and strong. I admire your thoughtfulness, values compassion, respect, honesty, integrity, hard work, and dedication to God in all you do. Sunshine, you are my best friend, my joy, and my inspiration. I will love you forever, Mom.

Jordan Savage



Dear Jordan,
The house will seem too quiet while you are at college. We will miss your smile and your teasing and you non-stop plans. Your search for fun started as a baby with your constant grin. God gave you many gifts, starting with your sweet heart. . Jeremiah 29:11-13
We love you,
Mom, Bob, Annie, Whitney, and Lesley

Megan Shapleigh



Dearest Megs: You have the largest heart of anyone we have ever known. We have witnessed it in your ability to love no matter what, to forgive countless times, to laugh at everything, and find the good in everyone...how God has blessed us more than we could have ever imagined. Our prayer is that you will remember that God created you to be exactly you, and He has great things planned for you. We love you, Mom & Dad. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Michael Shapleigh



Michael, When we prayed for God to give us a child, we had no idea how much He would bless us. You have been such a joy to raise.. we thank God for the honor to watch you grow into a godly young man. You have made so many good choices in your life and our prayer is that you will continue to seek God first and continue down the path you have started. We love you, Mom & Dad. (Romans 12:2)

Sarah Shippey



Sarah,
You are a true gift of God. We are very proud of you. You are a beautiful young woman. You have a generous spirit of service for others. God has a plan for you. Keep your eyes fixed on Him and he will direct your path. Philippians 1:9-11.
Love, Mom and Dad.

Elizabeth Sippel



Elizabeth,
You are a precious gift from God. You have filled our home with love and kindness. Your sweet spirit encourages us daily. Your inner beauty shines in praise to God. We are so proud of you and love you dearly. (Joshua 1:8-9)
Dad, Mom, and Peter

Ashlee Stanford



Ashley (alias Bubbs),
Our little cowgirl has long since put away her badge and boots;her shotgun and pet duck, Woody. She has grown into a strong individual with wonderful potential. May God help to guide your energy and skills toward your passion of serving others who are less fortunate. Your future is wide open, so strive for greatness! We love you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Michelle, Allison, and Lauren

Kaliana Stewart



Kaliana, We are so proud of you. We celebrate your quiet and gentle spirit. You've persevered through trials and you've come out shining in friendships, volleyball, and academics. You love life, seeing and believing for the best in others. Your carefree attitude, and willingness to stand firm for what is right is a rare quality. We pray you will "set the Lord always before you" (Psalm 16:8) and walk in His ways. We love you dearly,
Mom, Dad and Kira

Samuel Stufflebam



Sam,
You are God's handiwork and living proof that God loves to laugh. They call you Renaissance man, and "Stuff." We just call you "our son". You are kind, gentle, talented, loud and "weird" (Abby's word). We love you and can't wait to see what God has planned. We know you will touch many lives. They will smile and see the joy that comes from being a child of the king.

Benjamin Turner



Ben,
From the time you were able to walk, you have had the biggest, kindest, most gentle heart. You have grown from that little baby to a 6'4" young man, still holding onto that gentle, peaceful spirit that God has given you. Take that spirit with you as you go out into the world and use it to always bring glory to God. We love you SO very much - Mom, Dad, Jacob, and Luke

Victoria VandertHeide



Tori,
Our last born. It's been a real joy to watch you grow and mature. You've been blessed with many gifts and talents. Use them for His kingdom and Glory, then you will be in the center of His will. Continue to realize your potential.
Love, Mama and Papa Bear

Matthew Wagner



Dear Matt,
You have been a joy! From your trucks, cowboy hat, backpacks and army stuff, to kayaks, hiking gear and mountain bikes, you have kept us busy! Remember Current, St. Francis, Spring and Mulberry Rivers, Sam A. Baker and great trips to Florida and our West. "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Col. 3:17
Love, Dad, Mom, Chris

Kefle Wannstedt



Kyle,
Never lose your sense of humor. Continue to question and think for yourself. God has given you such wonderful gifts. We can't wait to see where they will take you. "Oh, the places you will go!" Thank you for being such a joy! We love you forever!
Mom and Dad

Kathryn Weber



Katie,
Praise God for your many talents and for the special young woman you have become. You are a great joy and blessing to our family. We've enjoyed watching you mature both on and off the "court". We are very proud of you! Stay focused on Christ and give Him all the glory. Remember, He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Proverbs 3:5-6.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Lisa, and Matt

Dima Weir



Dima,
12 years have passed since Mom and I met you for the first time in St. Petersburg, Russia. We loved you from the moment we met you and have delighted in your growth and walk with the Lord. You are a sweet, sensitive, and thoughtful young man and have a world of opportunity ahead of you. Remember that we love you very, very much. Numbers 6:24-26
All our love, Mom and Dad

Michelle Weldon



Michelle,
My marvelous Michelle! You have kept things exciting since your early arrival in this family! I have watched in awe as you have become an incredible young lady. I know God has many great and wondrous things in store for you. Always look to God for your direction through life. He will always love you and will never fail you. Never forget the family motto! Micah 6:8. I love you bunches and admire you greatly! Love, Mom

Brandon Wesley



Brandon,
Congratulations as you take the next step on the journey God has set before you. We are so proud of who you are and we thank the Lord for blessing us with you. Thanks for always helping us to notice the details that we would look past. Keep making us laugh - we love your humor! Trust in the Lord and let His Word be your compass. Prov. 3:5-6. You are the best son and brother in the world!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Brittany

Benjamin Winter



Ben,
You are so very special.. our precious first-born son given as a gift from God! How we remember the fun days of your infancy just like it was yesterday. Yet in the blink of an eye, now you have become a fine Christian young man. It has been such a joy and privilege to watch you grow up! We know God has great things in store for you (Jeremiah 29:11). We love you so very much! Jesus be with you.

Alyssa Wittmayer



Alyssa, You've made it. Yea! You have been, and will always remain, an incredible blessing. Loving, mature, fun, ambitious, and humble; what else could parents want in their child? (Well, maybe "quiet.") We thank God for you and the many wonderful times we have shared as a family. Thanks for always filling our home with a "joyful noise". God's blessings to you, Alyssa. We love you lots. Mom, Dad, and Andrew

Hayley Younkin



Dear Hayley, What a gift God gave to us in you. Your gentle, sweet, and forgiving spirit have truly been a blessing to our family. We are so proud of what a beautiful (inside and out) woman you have become. Seek the Lord and depend on Him. Remember, you are a daughter of the King; live like it. Ephesians 3:14-21. We love you! Mom, Dad, Morgan, Leah, Gordon

Michael Zandstra



Dear Michael, Jeremiah 29:11-12. God has given you many gifts. From the start you were curious and determined, always striving toward the next achievement. This has already resulted in intelligence, excellence in sports, academic and musical talents, and a wide circle of friends. You have made us so proud. We pray you'll continue seeking His will even more, dedicated to finding the Lord's full plan in your life. There is no greater peace than committing your life to His Kingdom. Love always, Mom and Dad.

Danielle Zee-Cheng



Dear Danielle, It has been a joy and privilege watching you grow into a confident Godly young lady. We thank God and rejoice as you choose to cultivate the fruits of the spirit in your daily decisions. As you embark to discover God's amazing plan for your life, remember to trust in the Lord with all your heart and in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6). Love, Dad and Mom

Gregory Schoenberg



Sweet Gregory, There are no parents anywhere that are more proud of their son than we are of you! We thank God for choosing you to be a blessing in our family these past 18 years. Our hopes and prayers for you shall continue forever. God loves you so much! Acknowledge Him, for it will be worth it all. It's been our delight to watch you grow and mature into the Godly young man that you are. Your love for the Lord and your faith-walk are exactly how God planned it for you (Romans 8:28,32). Gregory, you make this a better world, because you're in it. With "Roots and Wings" God Bless You! Love, Mom & Dad, Gerrad & Doriana

Julia Meijers



Dear Julie, It's difficult to be loved so much, isn't it. Life is rough. Your sisters love you. Jeffrey loves you. And your dad and mom love you very much: Your dad may have run over you with the car when you were little, but you're still alive and now ready to graduate from High School! Keep using and developing the wonderful gifts God has given you. You are very special to us; always remember that. Love, Dad and Mom



Michael Bianca

We have had so much fun together. You have been a real joy and blessing to our family. Thank you for being such a great son.
Love, Mom and Dad



Dominick Valli

Dominick, You are our gift, our reward, a son who makes us proud and brings us honor. You are becoming a man of God, a leader and servant. Sanctify the Lord God in your heart. May God bless your life as He has blessed our lives through you. We love you son.

Mom and Dad

Samantha Bond



Samantha,
It has been an amazing journey with countless memories filled with laughter. You bring continual joy to our lives. We are very proud of the extraordinary woman you have become. We are blessed by your walk with the Lord and look forward to watching God work through your life. God bless you and we love you.
Mom & Dad

Anna Duell



God will use you to bless others in wonderful ways, Anna! Your honesty, character, and wisdom inspire us. You have what it takes and we adore you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Lilly, and Peter

Melissa Elliot



Congratulations Melissa! You are a special gift from God. It has been a joy to watch you grow into a beautiful, compassionate, and loving young lady. We fondly remember all of the dances and violin concerts. God has great plans for your many talents. We love you very much and will always be proud of you.
Mom, Dad, and Madalyn

Ellie Gamache



Dear Ellie,
You have been and will always be our sunshine. God provided you to our family and we are always thankful of this gift. Stay true to your faith and know you will be tested yet God promises to refine you for His best! We love you and are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Katie, Caroline, and Ryan

Jasmine Harrell



Since your birth you've brought us much joy developing into a talented lady. Congratulations as you commence with God's plans for your life. Psalm 121:1-2
Love,
Mom, Dad, Melanie and Brandon



Margaret Heinemann



Maggie,
You have enriched our lives with your gentle spirit, compassion for others, heart for God, sweet nature.. your very presence. You are our "Dancing Beauty".
Love, Mom and Dad

Benjamin Haberberger



Ben,
The time has flown by so fast. You are an awesome man. We pray you continue to seek God's will for your life and have confidence that he has a great plan for you. Psalm 20:4 "May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." We are crazy about you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Steve, and Angie

Daniel Miller



Daniel,
You make us smile, and we all admire you so. God is doing a great work in you. You are an encouraging brother, a thoughtful on, and a devoted friend. May the Lord bless you and keep you.
Love, Mom & Dad
Joshua 1:1-9

Preston Prevost



Preston, What an amazing ride it has been to have you in our life! You've taught us more than you know about what it means to love. Our prayer has been simple since you came to us at three years old... know and live in Christ's love for you in whatever life path you choose, All our love, Andy and Lisa

Presty - brother and best friend, I really don't think you know how much I will miss you being around to get me into and out of trouble. - ST

Samuel Stufflebam



Sam,
Your smile always lights up the room, and the whole family. Football, wrestling, choir, drums, bass guitar and 'crazy ole' Maurice" have made us very proud.
Dad, Mom, Abby and Susie



Kaejla VandeKamp



"From birth we've called you Precious, before time you've been precious to your heavenly Father.. May He count you worthy of his calling (2 Thes. 1:11-12). Stay compassionate, upbeat, relational, spontaneous, Godly."

Victoria VandertHeide



Tori VanderHeide...

What a wonderful gift!

Love,
Mom and Dad.



Brooke Allbritten

There are not enough words to express how much we love you and how proud we are of the beautiful young woman you have become. We are so excited for what the future holds for you. To use a Brooke-ism, "You haven't left yet, but you're on your way." Now is the time to spread your wings and fly. Never forget that God has you in the palm of His hand and His love is unfailing and everlasting. Love Mom and Dad



Matthew Evans

Matthew,

We are so proud of you! You have shown great courage and perseverance throughout your short life. Your determination to battle through life's adversity and reach the summit brings us great pride. You are an inspiration to us all. God has blessed you in so many ways and will continue to do so throughout life's journey. We know God has great plans for your life and we will be here every step of the way to celebrate your successes and offer encouragement when you hit bumps in the road. We celebrate your wonderful spirit and zest for life. Let nothing stand in your way. Be strong, dream big, love your God with all your heart and you will always find happiness and success!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Bridget



Robert Degnan



Dear Bobby:

You make us proud with your zest for life and desire to succeed! Truly, while it seems only yesterday since your birth when we delighted that the Lord had given us YOU, in reality, so much of life has filled in these years as you stand tall before us...our song and friend... a fitting tribute to the man God created you to be. Congratulations as you move into your next season of life!

Love,
Dad and Mom

Congrats! Keep your eyes fixed on God in college. He's your strength now and forever. Be a light. And no matter where you go, know we're here for you. Remember: "I'm laughing," pillows, vacations, tuners, and llamas.

Love,
Tony, Kristen, and Jady

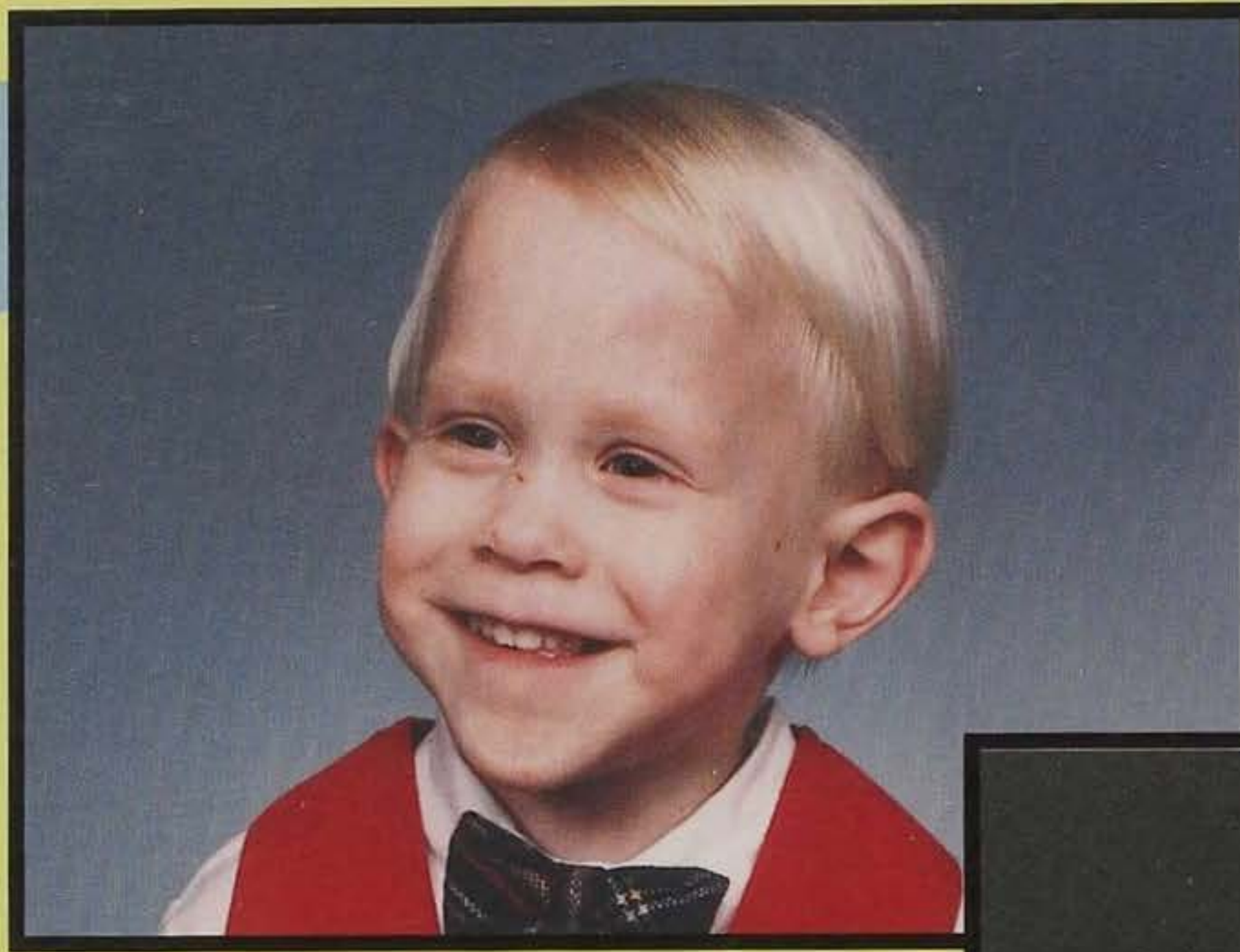
Congratulations, Alber! I'm so proud of you and excited for you to embark upon your next adventure of college. May you go in His grace and be continually led by His Spirit.

Love ya,
Jess

Abigail Ferguson

Abby,
The years have passed so quickly! You have become a lovely Christ-centered young lady. You will be successful in all you do! We love you!
Mom and Dad



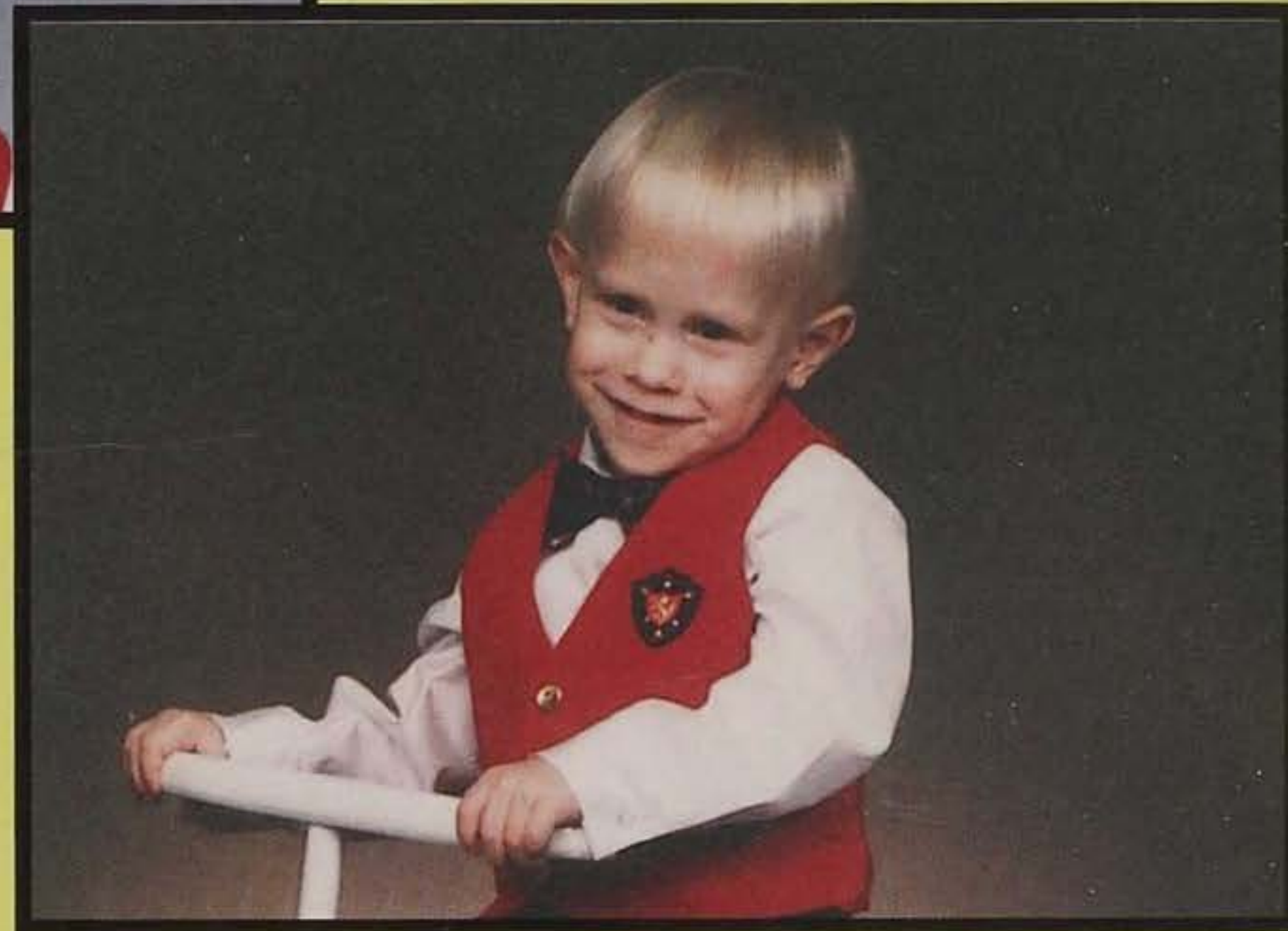


Benjamin Horseman

Dear Ben,

God is good. Life is good. We are blessed to have a son like no other. Remember to always give grace and work for peace. Go where the Holy Spirit leads you and be secure in the love of Jesus.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Westminster Christian Academy Teachers and Staff,

We thank you so much for your kindness to us during our years at WCA. You have been wonderful role models of Christian leaders. We so appreciate everything that you have done for us. You were always there to help us when we needed help, guidance, and prayers. For all this we thank you!

Love,
Hayley Younkin, Lindsey Peters, Melissa Elliott, Kelli Cannady, Elizabeth Sippel and Elizabeth Karslake

Kendall James

Kendall,

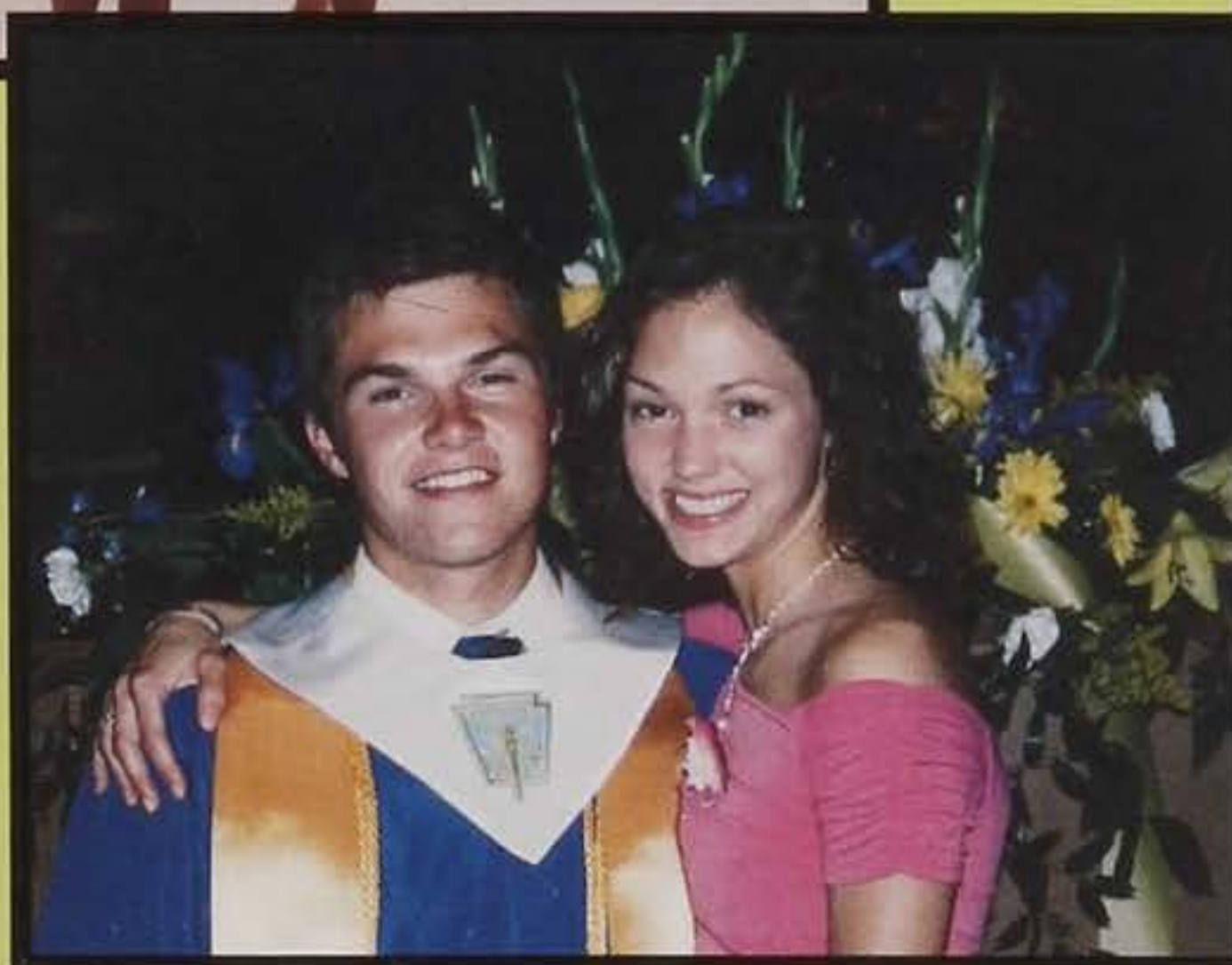
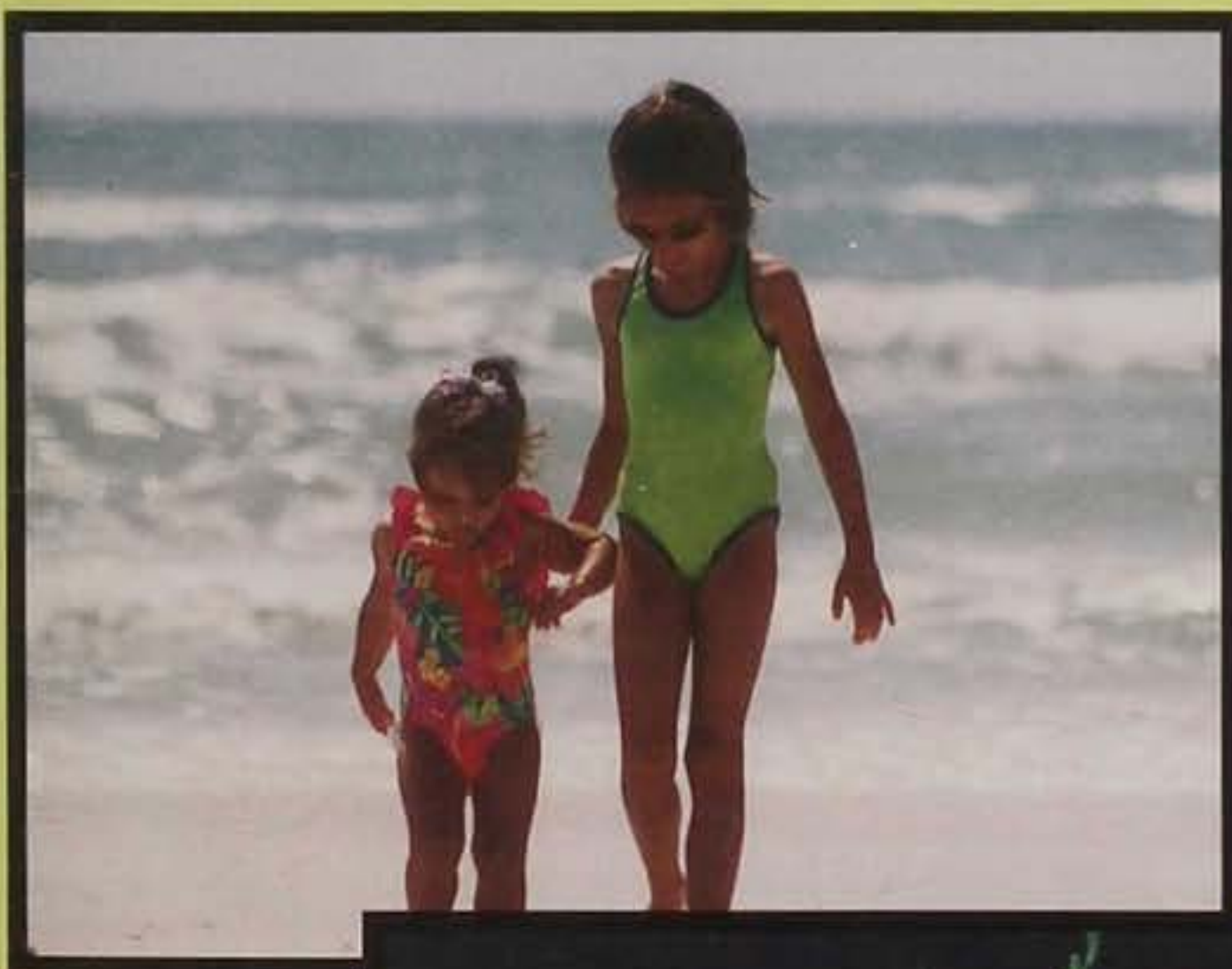
It has been a blessing to watch you mature in your faith. We look forward to what God has planned for you in college.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Evan



Rachael Kingma

Rachael ~ you are a sweet fragrance of Christ's love and gracefully radiate His life giving joy ~ truly a beautiful gift from God! Love, Dad & Mom, Jeremy and Melissa





Corey Klingler

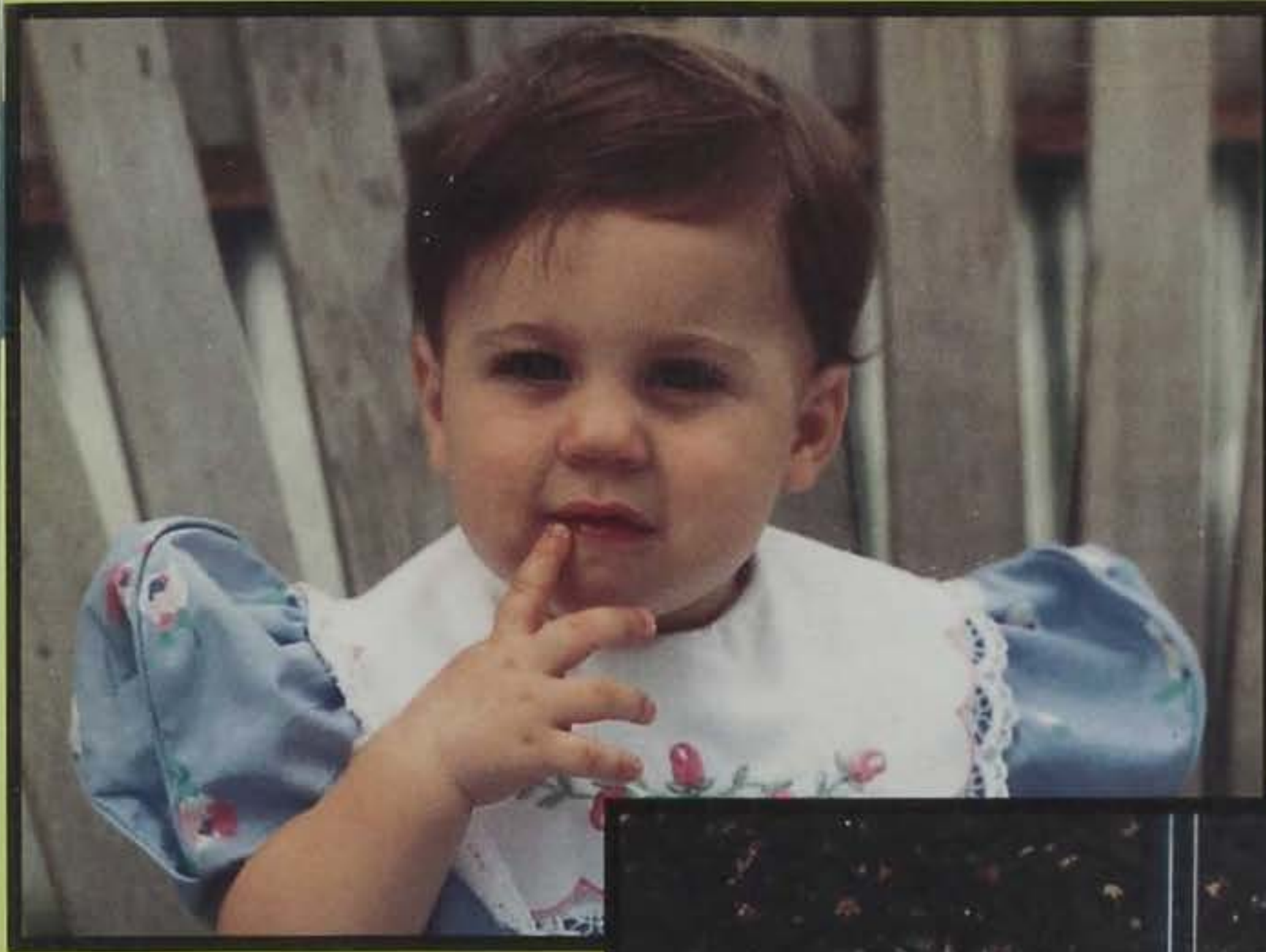
Corey,
You did it! Your perseverance and determination to succeed have been an inspiration to us. You are gifted in so many ways. Stay true to your heart, hold to your values and walk in His path, and life will hold no limits for you. We love you with all of our hearts and wish you much happiness and success on your journey ahead. Remember, we will always be there for you.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Kendall



Rae Salzman



Rae --- Before we laid eyes on you and crowned you with your name, we loved you. Keep smiling, laughing, loving and serving.
Matthew 6:21.
Love, Mom and Dad



Berkley Rallo

Congratulations Berkley! We are so proud of you!

We heart you,
Mom, Blair, and Maffitt



Gregory Schoenberg



Sweet Gregory,

There are no parents anywhere that are more proud of their son than we are of you! We thank God for choosing you to be a blessing in our family these past 18 years. Our hopes and prayers for you shall continue forever. God loves you so much! Acknowledge Him, for it will be worth it all. It's been our delight to watch you grow and mature into the Godly young man that you are. Your love for the Lord and your faith-walk are exactly how God planned it for you (Romans 8:28,32). Gregory, you make this a better world, because you're in it. With "Roots and Wings" God Bless You! Love, Mom & Dad, Gerrad & Dorian



Clare Stolberg

ClareBear,

Always remember to use your talents to glorify God. Your world is starting to blossom. Keep strong in your faith and enjoy the ride!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Peter



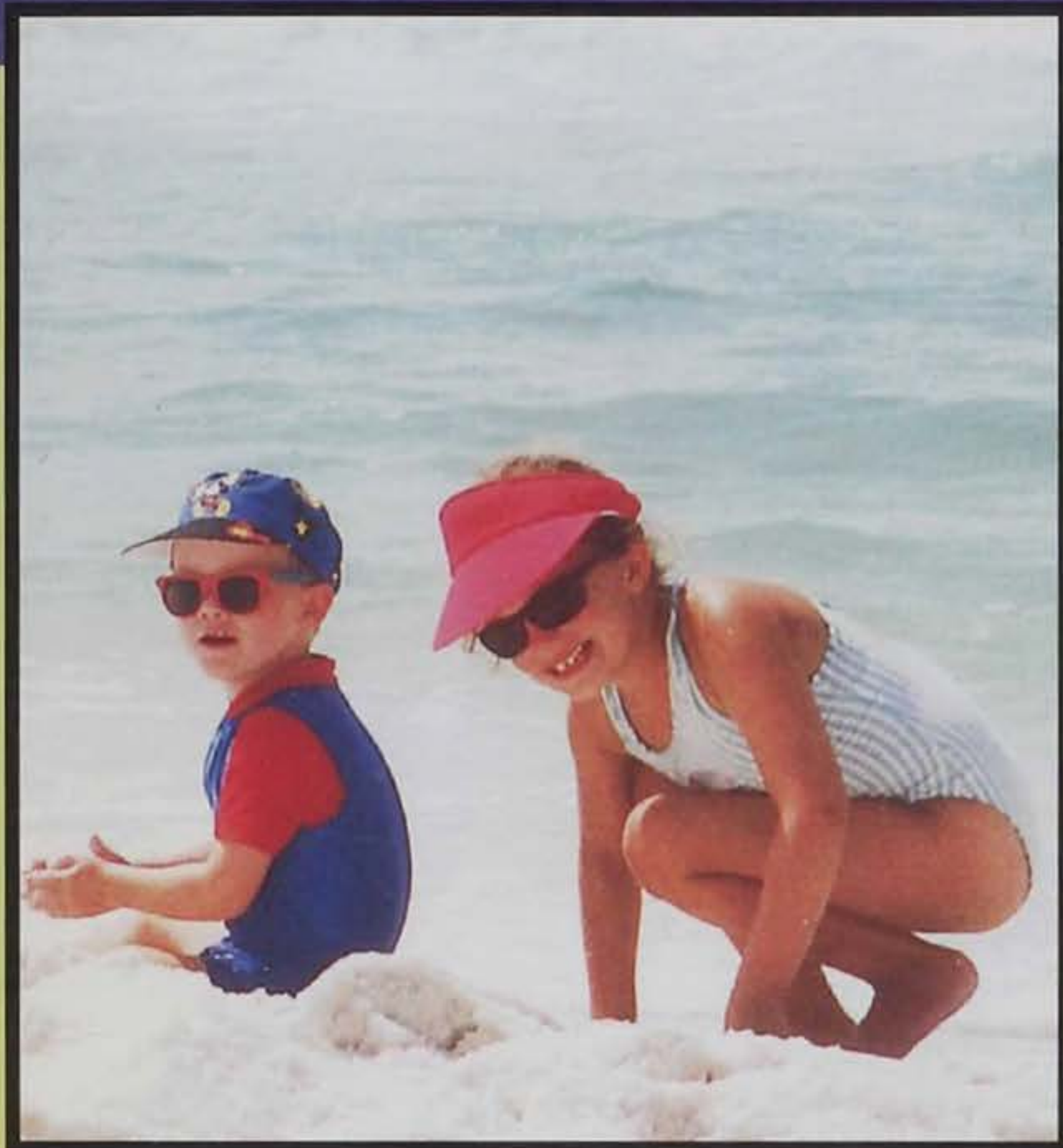
Andrea Tate

Peanut,
We will never forget the day that God placed you in our arms and ever since you have brought us much joy! Our prayer is that you will seek God first and then He will direct your path. Remember, you are loved!! Mom and Dad

Big Sis - You've truly changed my life. If you weren't next door I don't know where I would be today. You're my best friend and always will be. I love you!! Aly



Anna Sugg



What once seemed just a whisper from very far
away
Has grown stronger with each moment, with
every passing day.
It is the call of purpose, the reason you are here
The voice of love and service to the God who
holds you dear.
So as you turn to follow the road He has for you
Let your strength and wisdom be grounded in His
truth.
Go with joy and gladness for He has planned
great things.
Find comfort in His promises and rest beneath
His wings.
And know that as you journey, you'll never be
alone.
Our love ever behind you, God's hand to lead
you on.

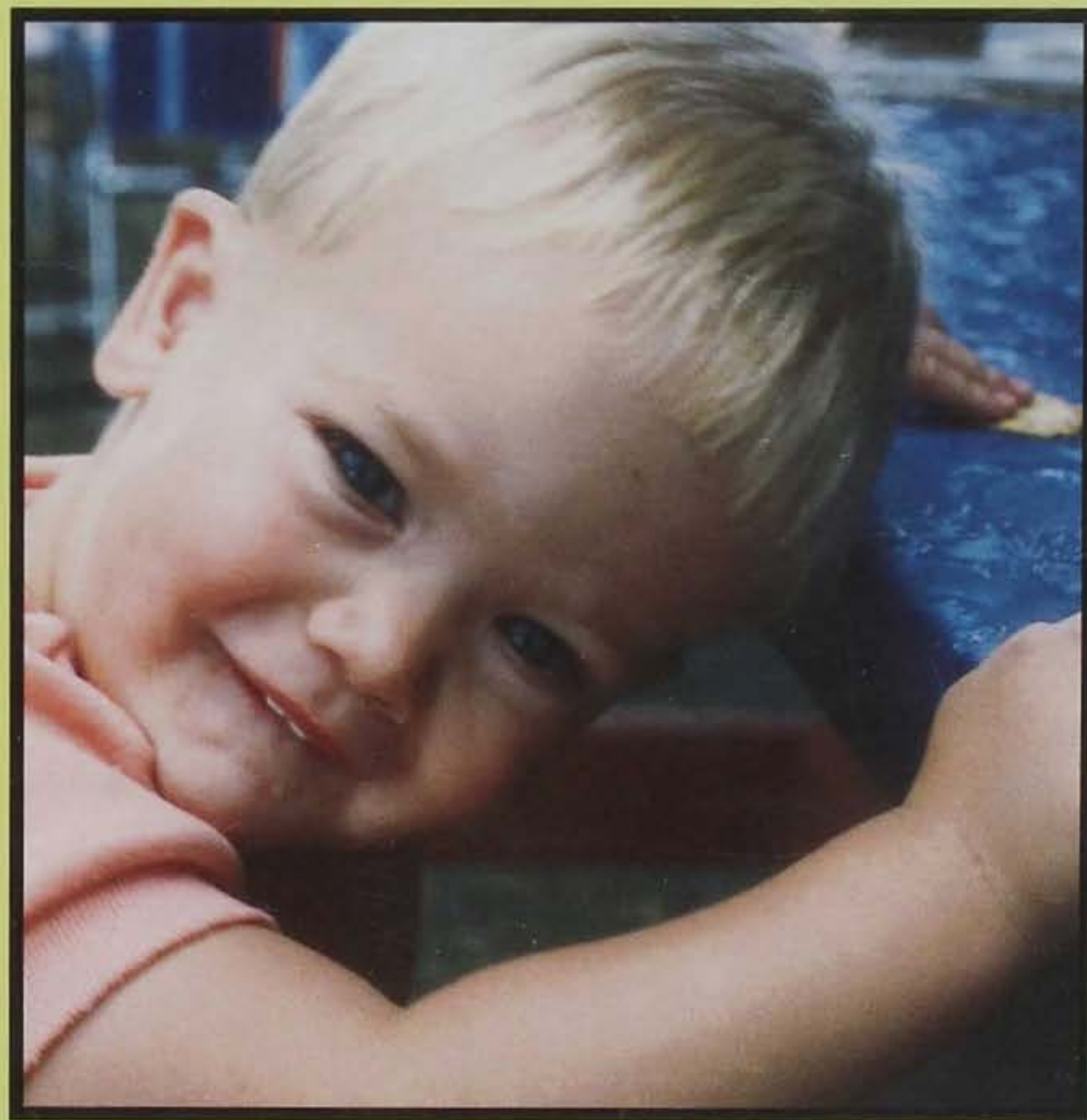
We love you, Anna!
Mom, Dad and Matthew

Benjamin Walker

A difficult as it is to realize how soon you'll be leaving
(wanting to secretly sabotage college applications that are
more than 50 miles away), we can't help but feel reassur-
ance from God, since He has shown us such amazing per-
sonal growth in you beyond expectation. We are praying
that you'll know God's presence with every step you take,
seeking Him forever. It's never too late for medical school.
Love,
Mom (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Dear Ben, Boonie, Tiger,
Rock climbing, biking, hiking, rafting(!) Mt. Antero, Mar-
shall Pass, Blue Ray, music! The Lord has blessed you with
many gifts and talents. Glorify God, enrich Humankind.
Use these gifts. LEAD. "He who walks in another's tracks
leaves no footprints."

Love,
Dad



Jennifer Willey



Jennifer, you are my precious daughter. You are an earthly picture to me of God's love and faithfulness. I am so thankful for you and so appreciative of our relationship - how God has restored it and is now moving it toward a lifelong friendship of mutual love and respect.

Jennifer, you are blessed. I love you sense of humor and how you light up a room by your very presence. I enjoy watching you open yourself up to others and willingly give your time and energy to lighten their load and brighten their day. I applaud how you courageously tackle the personal challenges God has placed before you.

Jennifer, I thank God for allowing me the privilege of being your mother. I will always pray for you as you continue to seek God's will for your life.

Jennifer, I love you.

Mom

Jennifer Willey

Jennifer,
Preschool graduation was one of the first steps in preparing you to experience the great adventure God has planned for you (Jeremiah 29:11-13). Now you've climbed that first great mountain and I rejoice with you! I'll continue to pray for you as you take that next step in following Him. This life's journey is yours to travel, but I pray you'll always carry my words in your heart:

"Live by the principles of grace, because living by the "law" will only bring condemnation. Act with wisdom, because wisdom is knowing what to do with the knowledge you have gained. Always remember, there is nothing you can do (or fail to do) that could ever lessen my love (and His love) for you."

Jennifer, God has truly blessed me through you. You'll always be my little girl, but I am both thankful and proud of the godly young woman you have become.

I love you, Princess.

Dad



Rachel Banks

Rachel,

May God bless you always.
"Delight yourself in the Lord
and He will give you the de-
sires of your heart."

Psalm 37:4

Love, Mom and Dad



Kathryn Doegle

Katy Doodlebug,

If asked to choose one word that describes you it would be JOY! You are that precious miracle that has blessed our family with love and laughter for the past 17 years. We are so very proud of the young woman you have become. Our prayer for you as you leave Westminster and enter KU is that you face life's seasons and changes with Christ at your side. "That Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith. And we pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3: 16-18

More than all the stars in the sky,
Mom & Dad



William Franz

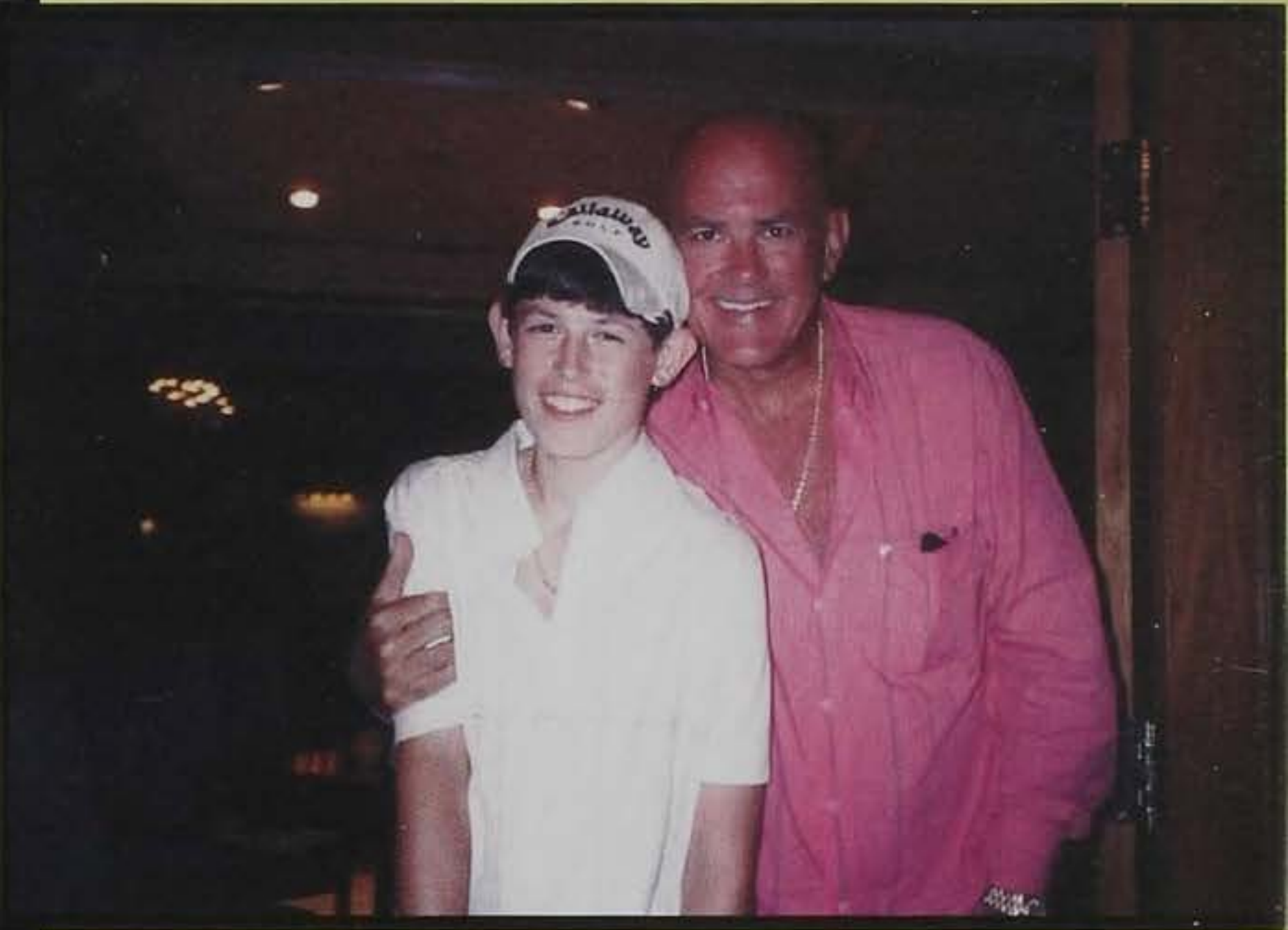


Your smile lights up a room but most of all I have engrained to memory our in-depth conversations about life and the pursuit of it.

Mom

I'm so proud you are my son. I believe God's special calling on you will be a blessing to many. I pray all your collegiate days will be as memorable as your years at Westminster. Proverbs 23:24.

I have great joy in you,
Dad



You're not just my brother, you're my closest friend. Thanks for being there when I needed someone to talk to. I hope you always stay in close touch with me.

Hillary



Caleb Hickman



Caleb-

It seems like yesterday that you were a toe-headed toddler wanting a "cween cwaffy", with an addiction to your pacifier, and a paralyzing fear of Santa Claus. Well, you've given up the "cwaffy", traded your addiction to pretzels and chocolate milk, and lost your fear of Santa (as long as he keeps his distance). You, like all of our children, are a gift from God. It's hard to believe that He loves you more than we do, but we know He does and because of this knowledge we have comfort in knowing that He has a perfect plan for your life. You have been given many amazing gifts and talents and we have confidence that you will use them for God's glory and no one else's. We will miss you next year – your quirky sense of humor, your gentle spirit, and your music, but we know God has your heart and that He will watch over and protect you. Always remember, He is your "Rock and your Salvation". We love you with an everlasting love!

Mom, Dad, David, Katherine, and Hanna

Harper Hughes

Harper Elizabeth,

From "Daddy's baby girl" to "Mommy's helper" you have always been our pride and joy. Words are never sufficient at times like these. Your generous heart, diligent spirit and creative mind are God's gift to you and you carry them well. We have guided you to this point of celebration and departure, and His tender care will guide your next steps, and we will always be at your side.

With all our love, Harpereee,
Mom and Dad and the Jakerman

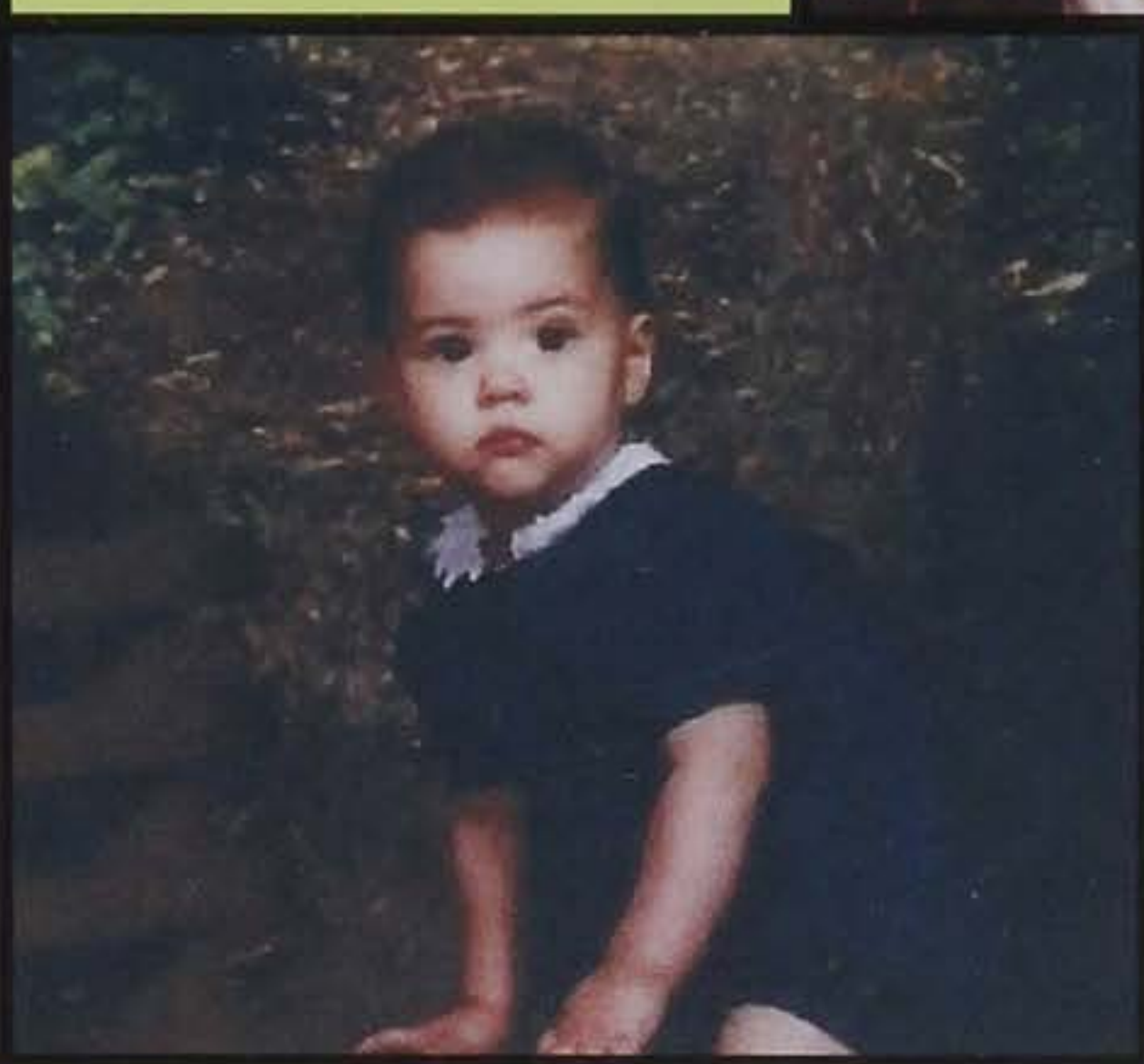
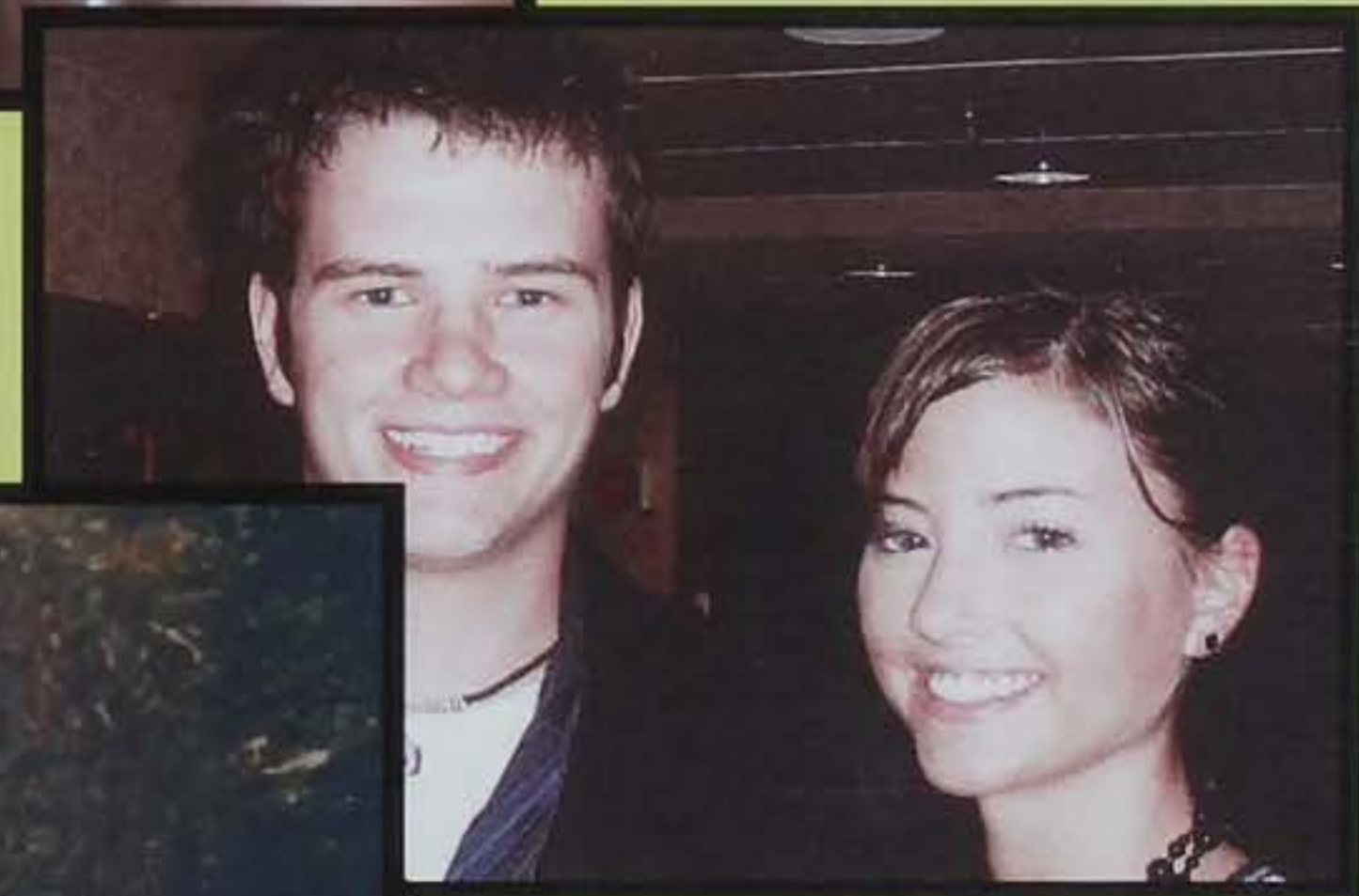


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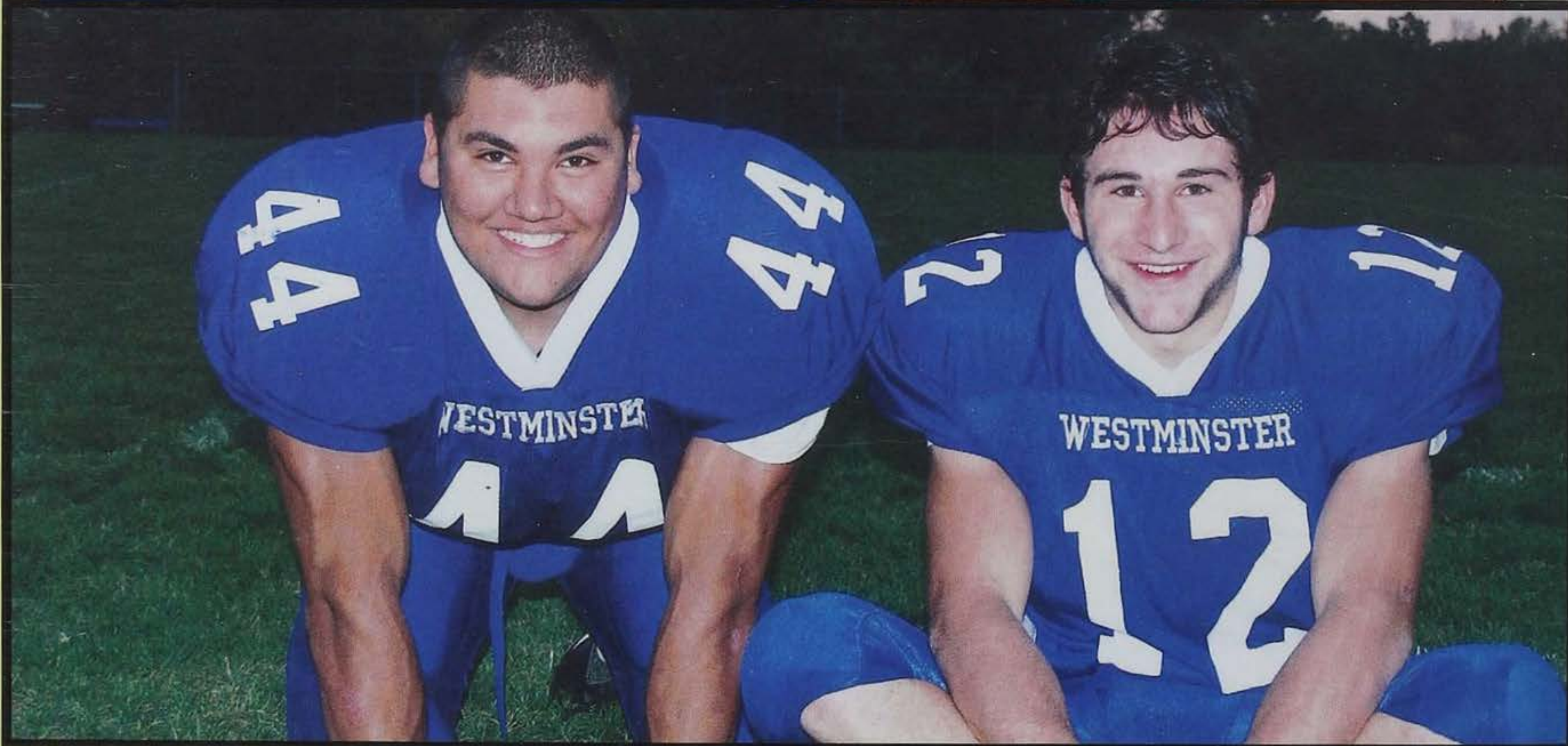
Amber Kristine Jones

We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. We've loved watching you play the piano, dance in recitals, participating in sports but mainly watching you grow. Thank you for all the laughter and joy you have brought into our family. You were wise in your decision to switch schools going into your junior year. This was a tough decision for you and it showed great character. Hold tight to your values and keep your eyes fixed on the cross. We love you and are proud to call you our "sweetie"!

Mom and Dad



Gregory Schoenberg & Daniel Kim



"You've Come A Long Way Baby"

Daniel and Gregory,
We are so proud of the men you have become. Go with God!

With love,
Your Parents, Chuck and Kelly Kim
Paul and Crystal Schoenberg

Lauren Kozeny

Lauren/Beast/Quish,
We are so proud of you and excited to see what lies ahead as you leave WCA. There are so many memories and lots of laughter that we have all enjoyed together. Congratulations to the final Kozeny graduate of the Academy!

Love,
Fither, Mither, Skunk, Onion and Bubbles

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."



Jackson Long



Jackson,
When we knew you were coming into our lives, we prayed for wisdom. I think God gave YOU wisdom. We are so grateful you have been in our family. You have truly been a blessing, pal, and confidant. You are loved by so many. We are so honored to be your parents and are looking forward to growing with you throughout your life. Remember, God has great plans for you, seek His wisdom always. Matt. 28:20.
Much Love,
Dad & Mom



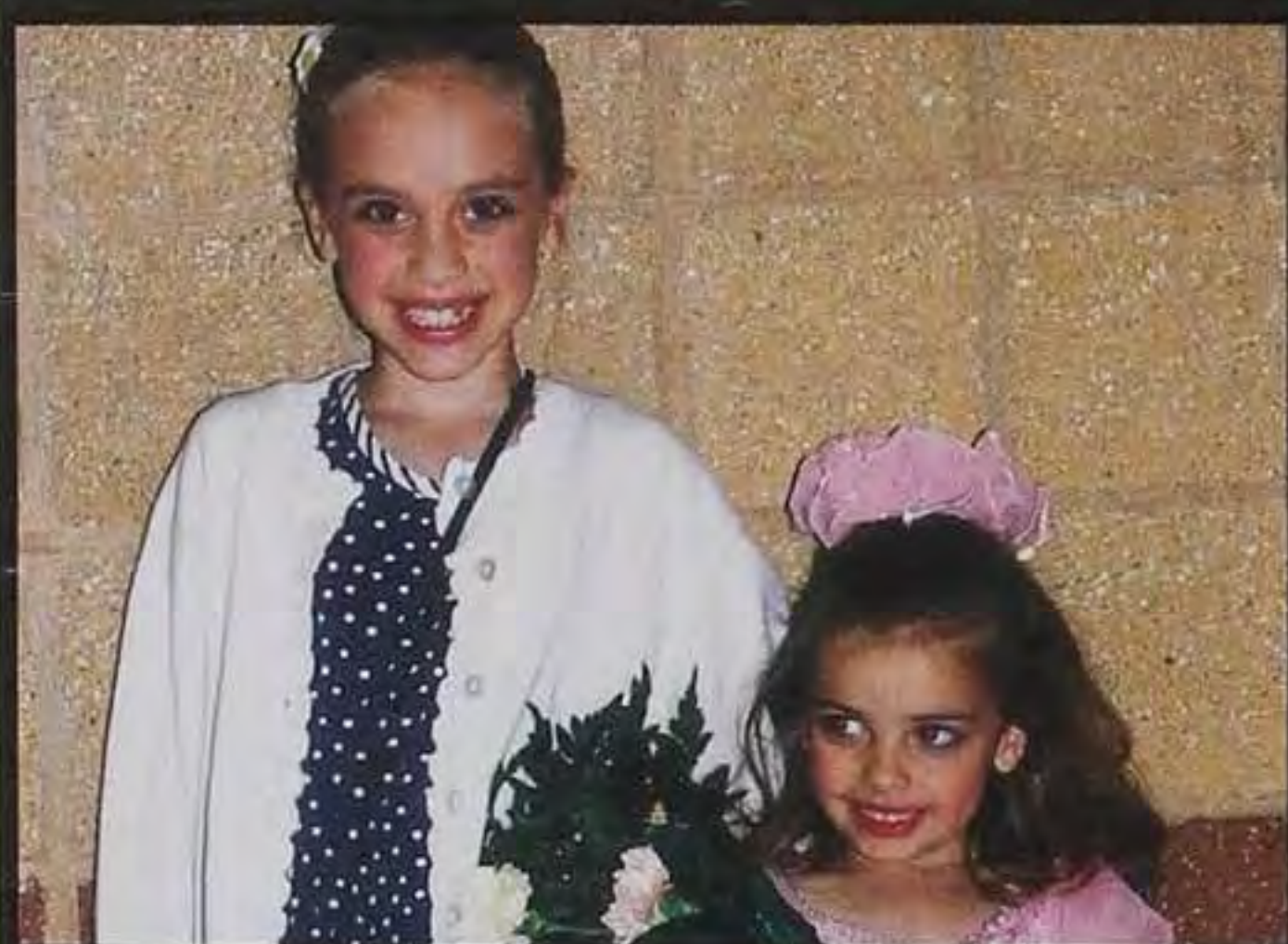
Patrick Murrell

Patrick, Congratulations! We are so proud of you.

Love Always,
Mom, Grandma and Pawpaw.
Ephesians 3:16-19



Lauren O'Leary



On May 4th, 1990 our world became brighter. Since then, your light has shone on our family like the California sun. Your smile makes the brightest days brighter and the darkest days are less dark because of you. Encourager, achiever, leader, and believer, you are an inspiration to all of us. Encourager, your strength and optimism gives assurance to your family, friends and teammates. Achiever, you have shown what hard work and determination can do. Leader, your confidence and selflessness helps those around you do their best. Believer, you are a rock that strengthens the faith of all of us. As you begin the next phase, whether studying, rock climbing, surfing, worshipping, working, flying, playing volleyball, hanging with friends and family, shopping, star gazing, writing, hiking, keep fueling the fire that keeps us all warm and bright! Matthew 5:16. Love, Mom, Dad, Kevin, Kristen, Katherine, Michael.

Lindsey Peters

Lindsey,
When we got that 1st call from the principal's office in kindergarten, we were worried! You refused to participate in P.E. with no explanation! When they put you on the phone, you explained, "Mommy - I cannot play kick ball 'cause what you told me this morning." I then recalled that I had styled your hair into the most beautiful French braid that morning and when I was finished, I said, "Do not do a thing to mess this up today - I mean it!" Ha!

That is the kind of obedience and respect you have given us these 18 years! Thank you. We love YOU Beginner! Mom & Dad.



Natasha Sakovich

We are thoroughly impressed by your continued success throughout school. You are a gal with personality, style, and plenty of common sense. You have the whole wonderful package. We love you and are very proud of you. You GO GIRL! Love, Aunt Pam and Uncle Bob

You have been so special from the day you were born. We always thank God for blessing us with you. You have always been loving, considerate, and respectful especially to God and His ways. You are clothed with strength and dignity. To God be the glory! Proverbs 31:25
Love always, Grandma and Grandpa Whanger



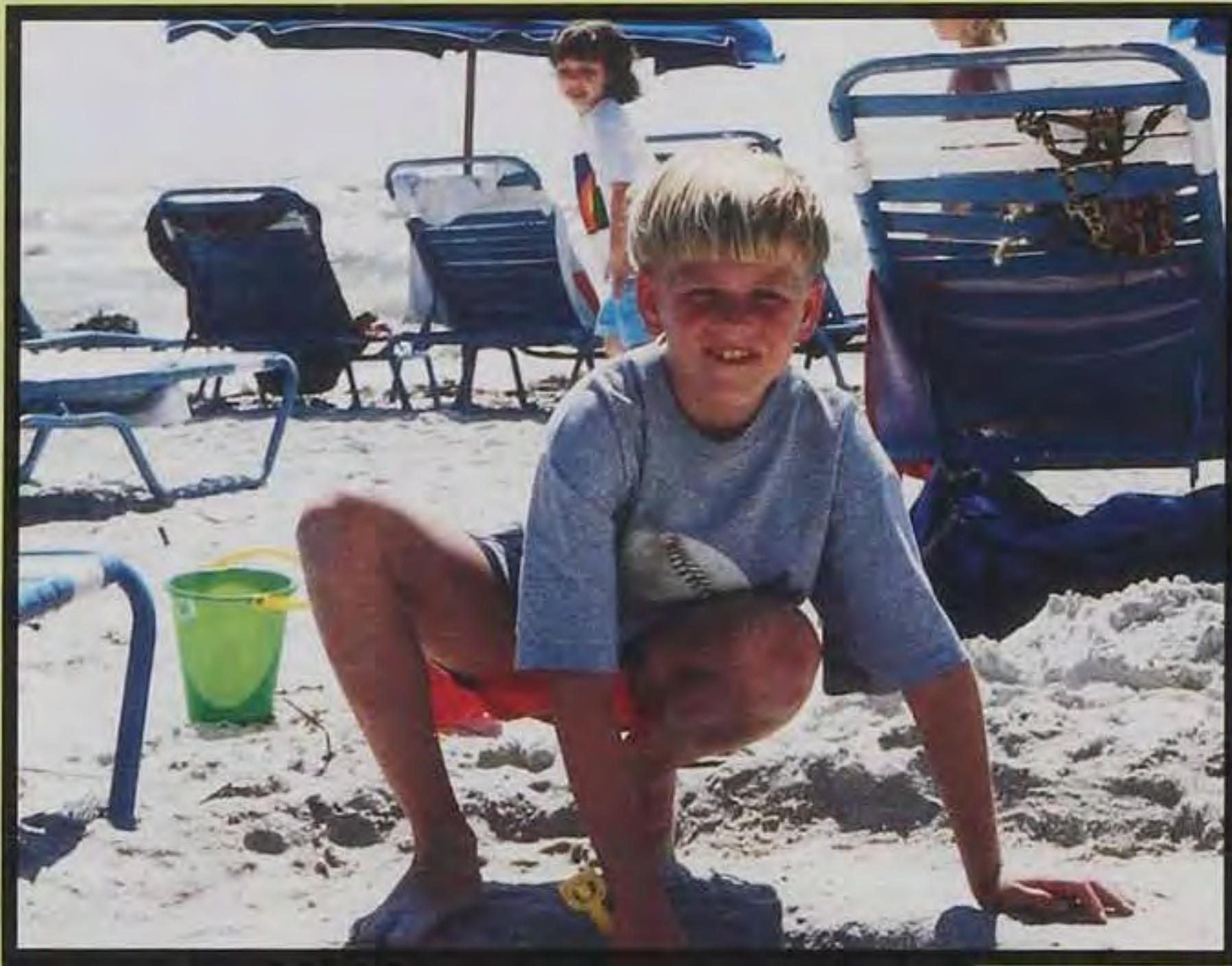
Megan Shapleigh

Megan,
We have enjoyed watching you explore the talents God has given you - from gymnastics and volleyball to cheer leading, painting, teaching, and mentoring. Your willingness to explore what God wants for you has been a blessing to witness. I know the path has not always been easy, but you have shown great perseverance and an unwavering faith in the Lord, and we are very proud of you! Our prayer is that you will continue to worship Him and seek Him as you do today. You have changed our lives, Megs, and we are so grateful! We love you Goonie Bird.

Mom & Dad (Romans 12:6-8)



Michael Shapleigh



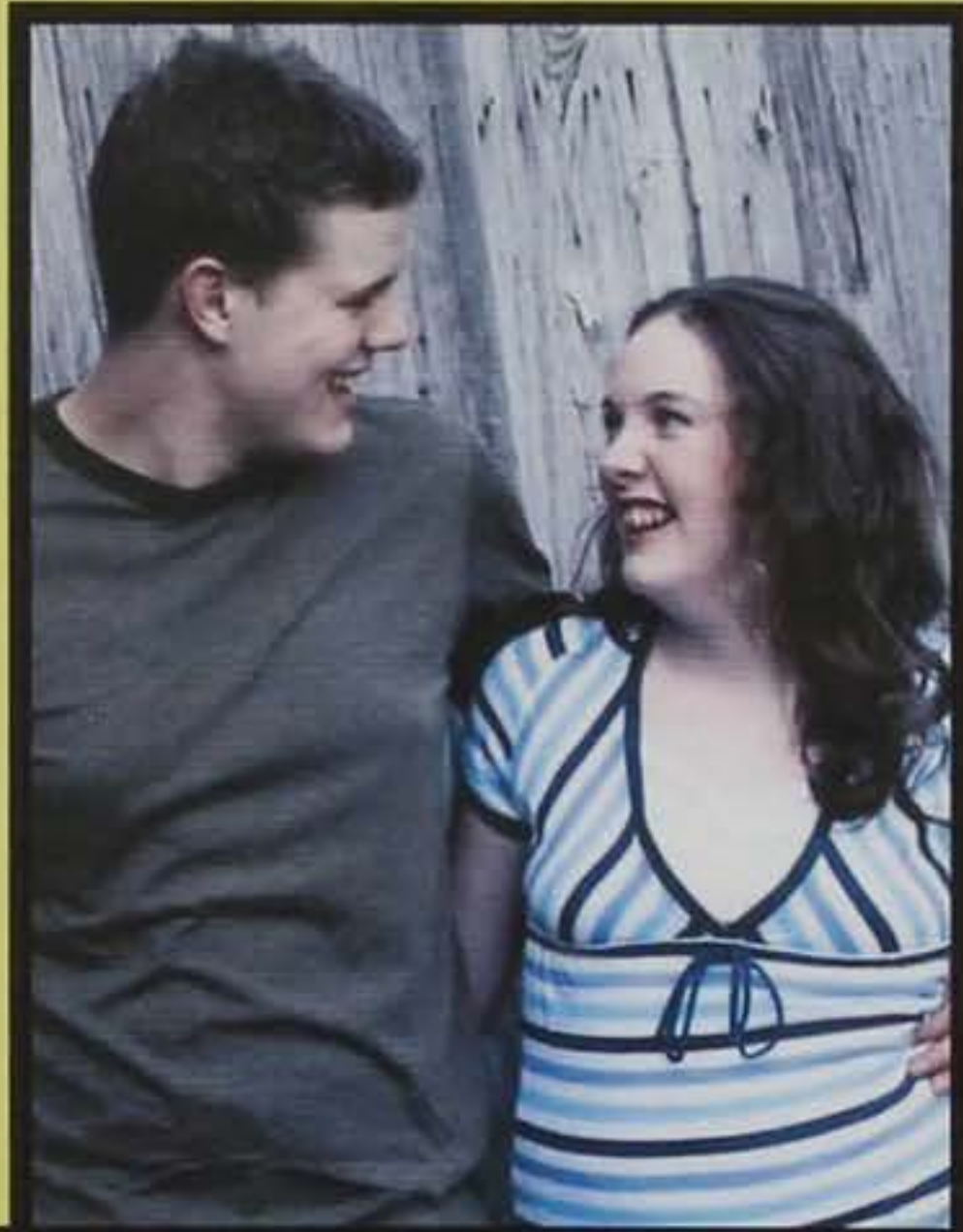
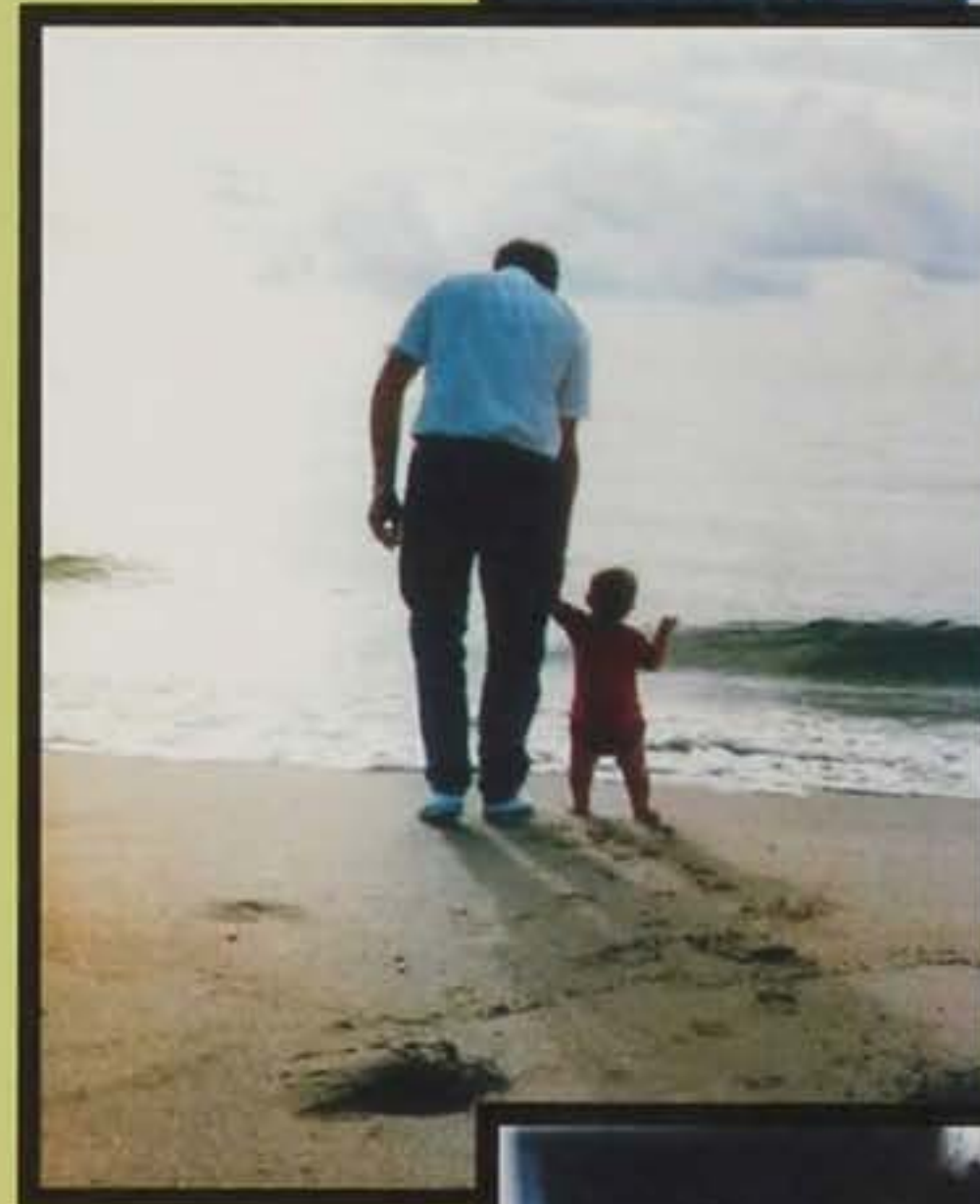
Michael,
From the countless hours of playing games, watching you play sports, laughing at your witty comebacks, to watching you grow in your faith and use the talents God has given you; we have truly been blessed with a wonderful 18 years! Our prayer for you is that you will continue to seek God's will for your life, continue to love and walk close to Him, and give Him the glory in all that you accomplish. We are so proud of you and the godly young man you have become. We love you "Steve".

Mom and Dad
(Jeremiah 29:11)

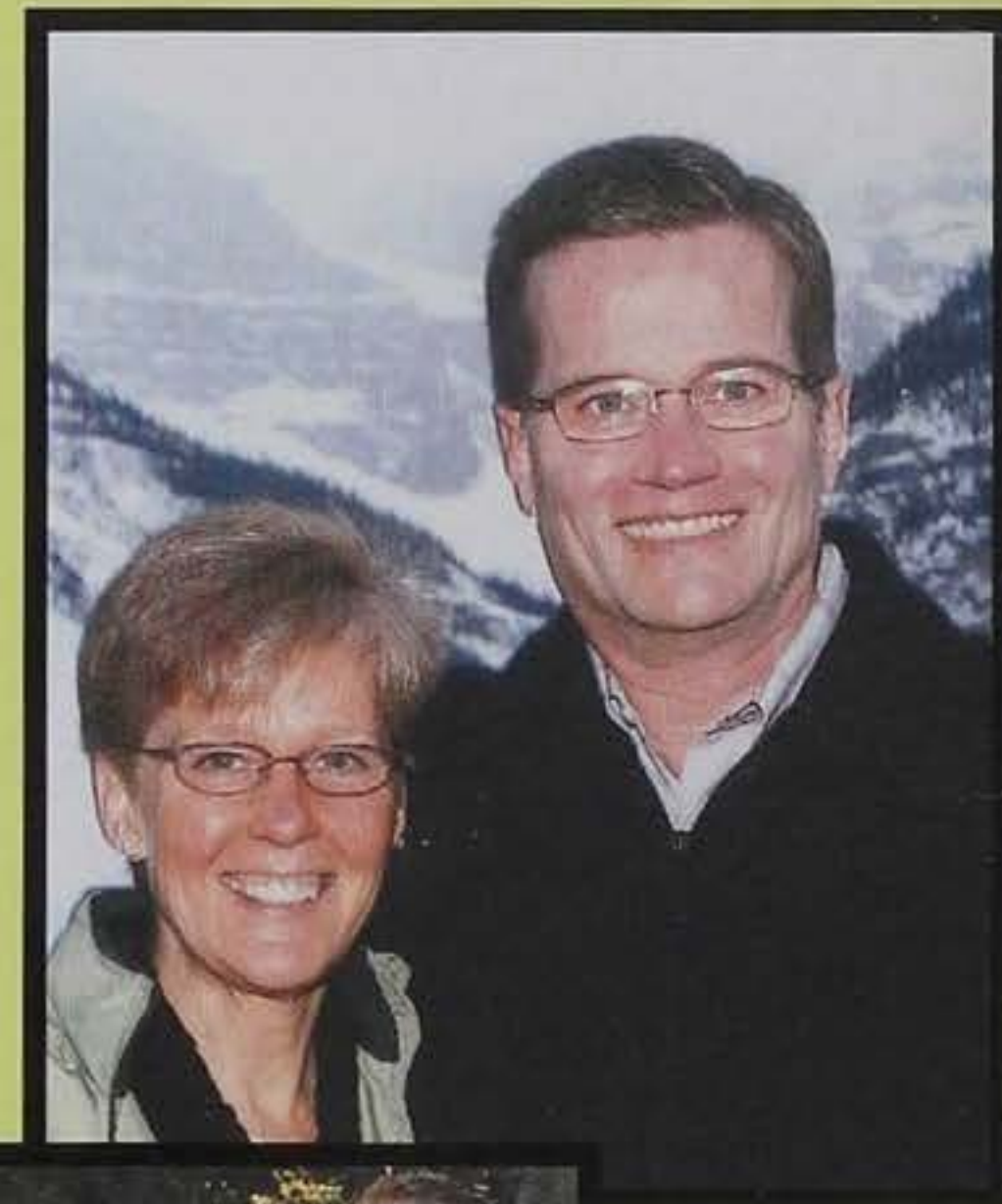
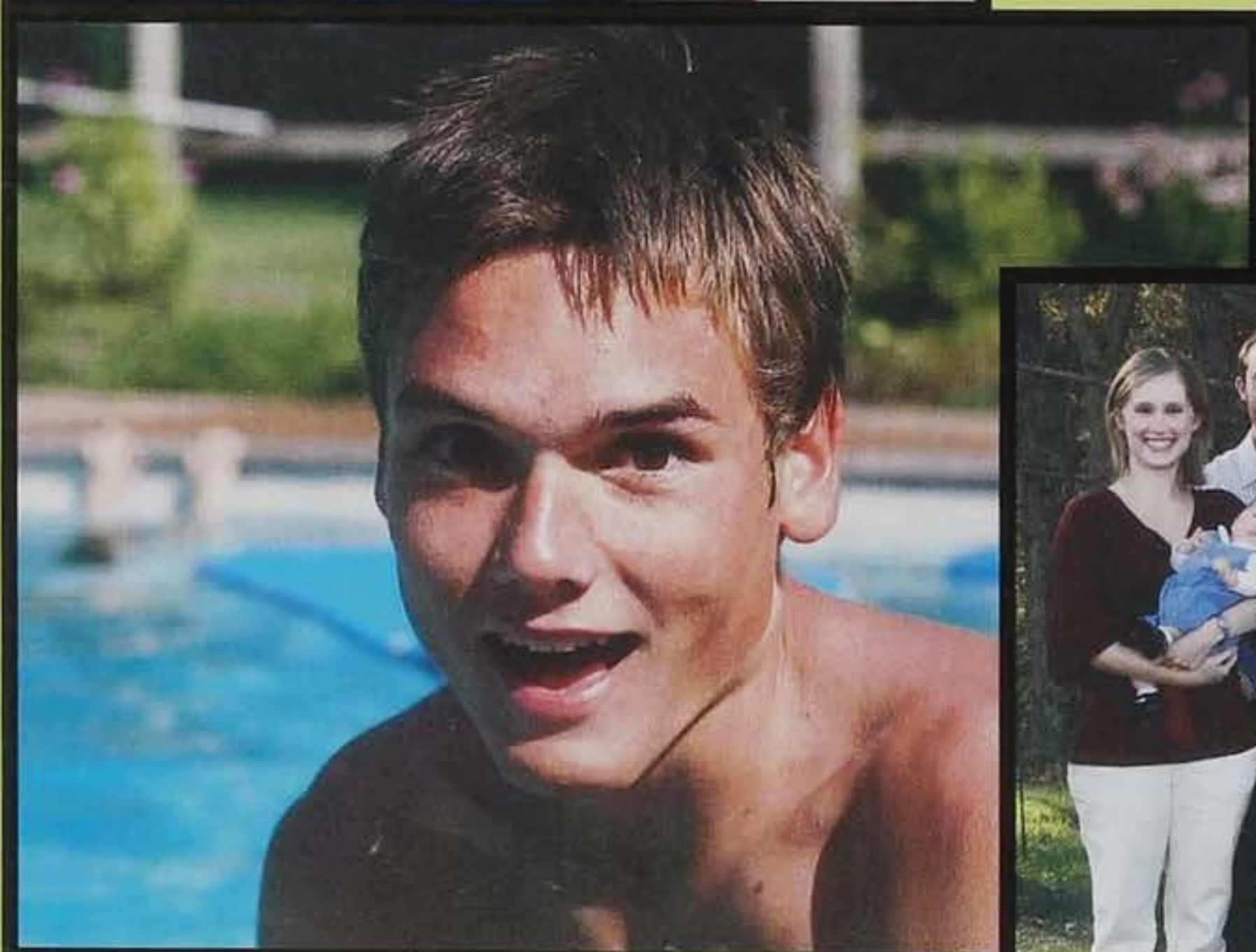


David Testrake

David,
You have grown in wisdom and in stature and it's hard to believe that 18 years have passed. You are the finest son and brother any of us could wish for. You have become such a wonderful, caring and interesting person while bringing us such joy as a child and young man. We're looking forward to knowing you as an adult and watch your life unfold. We're immensely proud of you. Your grandfather Testrake would be proud of you too. He gave us these words and now we pass them on to you. Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in God with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."



Dima Weir



Our Dear Dima:

God has blessed us with you! We are SO proud of you. May you continue to seek Him in everything you do.

Romans 8:23

Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

We Love You!

Mom, Dad, Lisa, Aaron, Katelyn, Janie, Emmie, Pierson, Chase, Donny, & Katie

Nichole Young



"God danced the day you were born"

...and we have been blessed beyond measure to have such a close relationship with you, Nichole. May you have joy, purpose and contentment throughout your life and always remember your days at Westminster with fondness.

Love Always,
Mawmaw and Bobo

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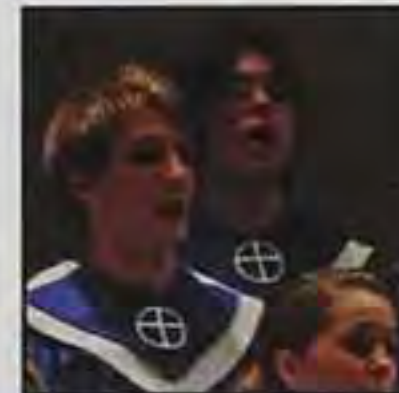
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7th Grade B Soccer: (0-10-1) Back row, from left: Steve Badley, Jeremy Blanchard, Edward Sutphen, Patrick Farmer, Robert Dykhouse, Timothy Kruse, Kim Landes. Middle row: Ross Munroe, Drake Norman, Matthew Hall, Jonathan Pannkuk. Front row: Zachary Kessel, Jesse Gruneisen, Christopher Carter, Taylor Freiner, Michael Nothum.



7th Grade Boys A Basketball: (3-2) Back row, from left: Timothy Burgess, Drew Haynes, John Eric Steiner, John Barry, Doug Coleman. Front row: William Hughes, Jonah Anderson, Michael Becker, John Dohr, Jacob Hicks, Drake Norman.



7th Grade Boys B Basketball: (8-5) Back row, from left: Keegan Brown, Michael Dudley, Nathan Chertan, Benjamin Mitchell, Coach Kerckhoff. Front row: Christopher Cacciarelli, Jesse Gruneisen, Matthew Hall, Bryce Bell, Eric Rideout, Mark McFarland.

- 7th Grade Boys C Basketball: (0-14) Back row, from left: Coach Moore, Jeremy Blanchard, Cole Montgomery, Lucas Johnson, Samuel Barrientos. Middle row: Robert Dykhouse, Jeremy Ebert, Christopher Carter, Thomas Osterholt, Joseph Isaacs. Front row: Christopher Kehr, James Hoekzema, Travis Brandt, Zachary Kessel, Zackary Lokey, Coach Kerckhoff.

- 7th Grade Dance and Cheerleading: Back row, from left: Lauren Mansfield, Melinda Oliver, Sierra Mathews, Emily Horak, Elizabeth Hearne. Middle row: Sarah Nelcamp, Harmony Peterson, Emily Mitchell, Michele Bonacquisti. Front row: Briia Baumgartner, Melisa Kingma.

- 7th Grade Football: (2-4) Back row, from left: Steven Bradley, Lucas Johnson, Samuel Barrientos, Bennett Lewis, Joshua Ortiz, Timothy Burgess, John Barry, Drew Haynes, John Eric Steiner, J.D. Perona. Third row: Michael Dudley, Joseph Isaacs, Brian Fellows, Mitchell Penning, William Hughes, Timothy Kruse, Christopher Cacciarelli, Benjamin Mitchell. Second row: Christopher Kehr, Robert Dykhouse, Eric Rideout, Jeremy Ebert, Parker Briden, Mark McFarland, Keegan Brown, Jesse Gruneisen, Cobern Nye, Patrick Farmer. Front row: Samuel Sherman, Cole Montgomery, Scott Thompson, Dominic Barresi, Jacob Hicks, William Egan, Matthew Hall, Ryan Kelly, Zackary Lokey.





7th Grade Girls A Basketball (10-0) Back row, from left: Kimberly Landes, Jabri Boyd, Annie Hartwig, Ellie Straub, Bailey Benes, Sadie Stipanovich, Steven Bradley. Front row: Steve Stipanovich, Shelby Kehr, Grace Linton, Brooke Cusumano, Summer Smith, Alexis Harvey, Andy Benes.



7th Grade Girls White Basketball (1-9) Back row, from left: Lauren Mansfield, Emily Mitchell, Della Woodward, Sarah Blackwell, Kaitlin Chapel, Steven Bradley. Front row: John Orf, Emily Orf, Harmony Peterson, Emily Heyl, Taylor Cole, Laura Tarantino, Kimberly Landes. Not pictured: Julia Davis.



7th Grade Girls Blue Basketball (6-4) Back row, from left: Sara McClellan, Janay Hardy, Madison Drury, Amber Draper, Megan Tilley, Melissa Kingma, Steven Bradley. Front row: Tom Drury, Amber Terschak, Tomorrow Mundy, Rebecca Nixon, Kaylie Duke, Natalie Bell, Kimberly Landes.



8th Grade Boys B Basketball (3-5) Back row, from left: David Rohlfing, Austin Brown, Anthony Pritchett, Steven Richardson, Joshua Brown, Coach Doug Coleman. Front row: Caleb Winter, Maxwell Lindstrom, Jacob Buffa, Matthew Brugner, Brent Stump.

7th Grade Wrestling: Back row, from left: Dwight Griffin, Bennett Lewis, Alex McClellan, Joshua Ortiz, Mitchell Penning, Samuel Barrientos, Lucas Johnson, J.D. Perona. Middle row: Keegan Brown, Parker Briden, Patrick Farmer, Jesse Grunstein, Christian Thompson, Christopher Kehr, Christopher Cacciarelli. Front row: Brandon Estock, Samuel Sherman, William Egan, Michael Nothum, Christopher Carter, Dominic Barresi.

8th Grade Boys A Basketball (6-7) Back row, from left: Glen Calvin, Ryan Haxel, Nicholas Norman, Kevin Phillips, Connor Fleming, Doug Coleman. Front row: Peter Duell, Connor Einertson, Kevin Yande Kamp, Evan Miller, Henry Griesedieck, Keith Deagler.

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Rachel Hart, eighth grade



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Jeffery Meyers, eighth grade



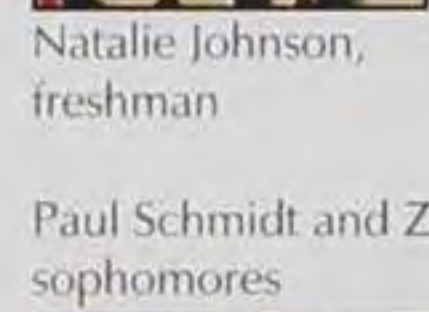
Mitchell Anderson, sophomore



Natalie Johnson, freshman



Sheridan Hentrich, freshman



Paul Schmidt and Zachary Hanson, sophomores





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8th Grade Dance Team: Back row, from left: Katrina Dalbey, Lucy Wynn, Elizabeth Duesenberg, Kaitlyn Frederick. Middle row: Jessica Owens, Taylor Dabney, Laura Hammann, Anna Franceschelli. Front row: Miranda Dabney.



8th Grade Football: (4-1-3) Back row, from left: J.D. Perona, Chris Scott, Connor Fleming, Steven Hughes, David Rohlfing, Alexander Frogge, Tim Muehleisen, Jeremy Scott. Third row: Peter Duell, Evan James, Ryan Haxel, Samuel Reeves, Noah Roberts, Landon Burke, Joshua Brown. Second row: Forrest Oberhaus, Austin Brown, Kevin Phillips, Max Miller, Jae Hwan Chung, Glen Calvin, Keith Degler, Huston Adkisson. First row: Nicholas Ramos, Jeremy Hall, Cameron Clay, Brendin Loveland, Kevin Yande Kamp, Taylor Bookout, Zachariah Hampton. Not pictured: John Hancock.

8th Grade Girls Basketball A: (7-5) Back row, from left: Jerica Blanchard, Danielle Evans, Brynn Benes, Cindy Blanchard, Caroline Thompson, Margaret Duffy, Andrea Bradley. Front row: Tamika Blanchard, Madeleine Smith, Rachel Becker, Margaret Moore, Avery Anderson, Brittany Hawkins.

8th Grade Girls Basketball B: (4-3) Back row, from left: Rebecca Krause, Miranda Dabney, Morgan Nixon, Rebecca Waller, Megan Rasche, Rebecca Weise. Front row: Thane Veltkamp, Rachael Gantner, Brittany Zee-Cheng, Hannah Hoekzema, Taylor Dabney, Adrienne Kaup, Nate Vander Wal. Not pictured: Chloe Camahan.

8th Grade A Volleyball: Back row from left: Eric Bain, Rebecca Krause, Brynn Benes, Avery Anderson, Danielle Evans, Jean Evans. Front row: Rachael Gantner, Kristen OLeary, Megan Rasche, Adrienne Kaup, Madeleine Smith.

8th Grade B Volleyball: Back row from left: Abigail Leibovich, Laura Brands, Maegan Nelson, Elizabeth Linhoff, Doug Coleman. Middle row: Taylor Burch, Ashley George, Aimee Farquhar, Elizabeth Duesenberg. Front row: Ramya Gruneisen, Jessica Owens, Lucy Wynn.



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Mens Varsity Cross Country: Back row, from left: Jim Stange, Matthew Thampy, Calvin Boesch, Alex Lindstrom, Kiprotich Ballach, Thomas Jarrett, Thomas Winter. Middle row: Nevin Cherian, David Everett, Andrew Wiens, Daniel Everett, Benjamin Walker. Front: Juhyung Kim, Daniel Keith, Lukose Thampy.



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Freshman Womens Volleyball: (14-1) Back row, from left: John Powell, Danielle Roberts, Kaylee Rosen, Mari Knehans, Haley Bettlach, Samuel Knehans. Front row: Rebecca Canfield, Kayla Gehhardt, Elizabeth Miller, Elizabeth Nestor, Kira Stewart.



Varsity Womens Swimming: (10-6) Back row, from left: Kent Kehr, Trevor McHardy, Margaret Meyer, Leslie Williams, Andrea Waackler, Anna Sugg, Shaylynn Weststeyn, Kelsey Janssen, Annalese Clark, Sarah Duffy, Brittany Maase, Thomas Porter. Third row: Jane Im, Lucy Egan, Rebecca Zandstra, Kathryn Wenberg, Haley Bergman, Katherine Fleissner, Madelyn Elliott, John Kehr. Second row: Molly Anderson, Margaret Wenberg, Haley Kane, Rachel Cannon, Melissa Ruhman, Ambeth Thompson. Front row: Emily Sherman, Jill Holley, Kristin Kilpatrick, Nadia Pasquo, Han-Byul Kang.



Varsity Womens Cross-Country: Back row, from left: Tammi Woodward, Kathryn Wenberg, Rebecca Harding, Hayden Lewis, Hayley Younkin, Maggie Kane, Rebekah Boesch, Julie Sharp, Sarah Hughes, Ken Boesch. Middle row: Kayla Johnson, Han Byul Kang, Rebecca Harner, Deborah Knutley, Karen Girgis, Amanda Schaffner, Adrienne Boyd. Front row: Watson Woodward, Katherine Kennison, Sarah Fleming, Abigail Clark, Margaret Wenberg.

Varsity Cheerleading: Back row, from left: Lacey Call, Anna Becker, Christian Davis, Finley Kuban, Claire Innerstall, Lauren Baum, Rachel Raines. Middle row: Jessica Stamps, Sarah Johnson, Meredith Davis, Madison Burke, Brooke Sletchman, Jaclyn Duff. Front row: Sara Taylor Sharpe, Julia Russell, Megan Shapleigh, Camilla Buckley, Jennifer Willey, Emily Splights, Chelsea Call.



JV Dance Team: Back row from left: Heather Kurth, Katherine Haxel, Hayden Lewis, Emily Mitchell. Front row: Elizabeth Nester, Kelsey Cline, Jordan Leib, Elizabeth Blackwell, Abigail Clark, Elizabeth Simakoff.



JV Womens Basketball (11-7) Back row, from left: Timothy Gibson, Lauren DeRousse, Marci Penning, Hannah Wornell, Lauren Sulewski. Front row: Rachel Yu, Jordan Klein, Haley Bettlach, Maggie Kane, Katia Weir.





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JV Womens Volleyball (12-2-1) Back row, from left: Natalie Wilson, Danielle Pfy, Sarah Hall, Brit tony Maass, Christina Dohr, Timothy Hall. Middle row: Katherine Krause, Sarah Hughes, Annaliese Clark, Courtney Pfeifer. Front row: Kelsey Kindbom, Heidi Hunter, Audrey Knight.



JV Mens Soccer: Back row, from left: Caleb Unser, Matthew Schwartz, Seung-Been Lee, Forrest Hughes, Austin Gantner, Nicholas Arnold, Ethan Cobbel, Marc Breneman. Middle row: Jacob Appelbaum, Luke Schroeder, Andrew Beck, John Hunsicker, Matthew Baldwin, Soo-Heon Baik. Front row: Benjamin Stratton, Sang-A Park, Stephen Lillenberg, Timothy Reed, Steven Hall, Ryan Krupp, Curtis Stump, John Ross.



Varsity Womens Tennis: (9-4) Back row, from left: Abigail O'Brien, Jordan Montgomery, Kristina Dudley, Nathan Talley. Middle row: Kristin Gilbert, Amella Heame, Ellie Gamache, June Hotchkiss. Front row: Liz Crowell, Lauren DeRousse, Christine Schlafly, Sarah Schlafly, Corey Klingler.

Varsity Softball: Back row, from left: Jordan Klein, Alesia Cozad, Donald Shippy, Ashley Woodall, Shaylynn Weststeyn, Hannah Worrall. Middle row: Anna Sugg, Suzanne Weston, Sarah Shippy, Harper Hughes, Katelyn Haversock, Kendall James. Back row: Jasmine Harrell, Rae Salzman, Alexandra Bond, Jessica George, Anna Martin.

JV Womens Tennis: (10-2-1) Back row, from left: Amanda Wiele, Nicole Schueseler, Danielle Cicka, Elizabeth Korb, Lindsey Irwin. Middle row: Taylor Jewell, Ashley Segrave, Rachael Aucker, Christin Palmer. Front row: Elizabeth Blackwell, Mallory Alpert, Bethany Leitovich. Not pictured: Jamie Zimmer, Jane Im, Emily Rassieur.



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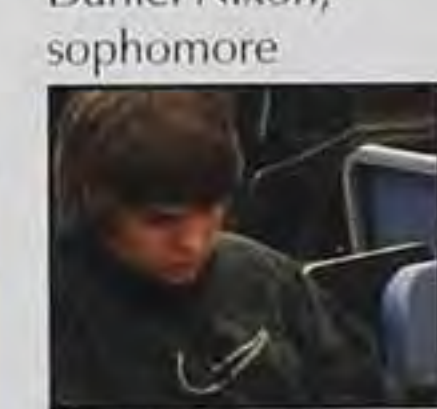
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Freshman Mens Basketball (5-11) Back row, from left: Ryan Krupp, Nathan Terschak, Doug Coleman, Matthew McDaniel, Andrew Menzel. Front row: Daniel Moore, Gilbert Garrison, Andrew Beck, Steven Hall. Not pictured: Jacques Hughes.



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itting in your desk waiting for the bell to ring, you wonder what the afternoon is going to hold for you. You are trying a new sport, but you are not alone. The school is bustling with activity as everyone gets ready for spring. Some go to musical rehearsals, others go to an ACT workshop, and even others go shopping for their JSB dresses. The seniors have started the big count down and teachers are trying to wrap up before the final. You look longingly out the window just waiting for lunch so you can go sit outside in the warm weather that seemed to take too long to come. You pull out your flip flops and the administration reminds you not to wear shorts. You watch as the outside seems to magically transform into a new world. The flowers are growing and blooming, the trees are getting fresh buds, the grass is green again, and you remember that you have to endure the last bit of school before summer. You have to stay rooted in your studies, get ready to shine on the field and on the stage. You must finish strong, you must stay PLANTED.

Natalie Johnson, freshman, talks with friends on the soccer field during a routine fire drill. The school also practiced a lock down in the case of an intruder entering the school.



Kelsey Leib and Jessa Mourey, eighth grade, decorate posters for the spirit week assembly. The eighth grade class color was brown and their hall theme was



Steve Bradley, science teacher, explains to Leah Janssen and Paris Watson, seventh grade, how to properly dissect a frog. The experiment allowed the students to better understand the anatomy of a frog.



Bryan Willey, sophomore, works on a math problem at the board. Most of the math rooms had smart boards, but many students still preferred the white boards.

Elizabeth Simakoff, freshman, sets up her catapult in Latin I. Florence Lewis, Latin teacher, left Westminster two years ago, but then returned to teach this year. Lewis helped plan events such as Latin club's dinner at Zia's on April 18.



Seventh Grade Soccer A: Back row, from left: Emily Heyl, Alexis Harvey, Bailey Benes, Sadie Stipanovich, Summer Smith, Jabri Boyd, Emily Horak, Della Woodward, Steven Bradley. Middle row: Kaylie Duke, Brooke Cusumano, Katie Matheny, Grace Linton, Shelby Kehr, Elen Wenning. Front row: Natalie Bell, Annie Hartwig, Sarah Levenhagen, Laura Tarantino.



Seventh Grade Soccer B: Back row, from left: Sara McGellan, Kaitlin Chapell, Ellie Straub, Madison Drury, Melinda Oliver, Anne Rebbe, Kim Landes. Middle row: Rebecca Nixon, Elizabeth Hearne, Emilie Schroeder, Emily Mitchell, Taylor Cole. Front row: Sarah Agan, Emily Orf, Gayeong Lee, Lauren Hance.



Eighth Grade Soccer: Back row, from left: Chloe Carnahan, Madeleine Smith, Kristen O'Leary, Hannah Hoekzema, Lucy Wynn, Ramya Gruneisen, Chris Carnahan, Thane Veltkamp. Middle row: Miranda Dabney, Brittany Zee-Cheng, Margaret Moore, Berkley Thudium, Andreae Bradley, Tiffany Hennings, Megan Rasche. Front row: Rachel Becker, Rebecca Weiss, Caroline Thompson, Morgan Nixon, Taylor Dabney.



Seventh Grade Track: Back row, from left: Amber Draper, Holly Sumner, Edward Sutphen, Mitchell Penning, Timothy Burgess, John Dohr, Ross Munroe, Robert Dykhouse, Andy Kerckhoff. Third row: Nathan Cherran, Matthew Hall, Drake Norman, Taylor Deves, Emily Horak, Lauren Hance, Hannah Mitchell, Morgan Patterson-Gill. Second row: Michael Seifert, Jonah Anderson, Bryce Bell, Travis Brandt, Samuel Sherman, Michael Nothum, Dominic Barresi. Front row: Christian Thompson, Kathryn Boesch, Brandon Estock, Chris Carter, James Hoekzema, Lauren Mansfield.



Seventh Grade Softball: Back row, from left: Summer Smith, Annie Hartwig, Bailey Benes, Sadie Stipanovich, Jabri Boyd, Megan Tilley, Shelby Kehr, Bria Baumgartner. Middle row: Alexis Harvey, Kaylie Duke, Anne Rebbe, Sara McGellan, Della Woodward, Katie Matheny, Melissa Kingma, Kaitlin Chapell, Sarah Levenhagen, Sarah Nelcamp. Front row: Laura Tarantino, Sarah Agan, Taylor Cole, Rebecca Nixon, Natalie Bell, Lauren Mansfield, Amber Terschak.



Eighth Grade Softball: Back row, from left: Britsany Hawkins, Rebecca Waller, Avery Anderson, Brynn Benes, Cindy Blanchard, Aimee Farquhar, Rachael Gantner, Doug Coleman. Front row: Tinsira Tieuel, Joann Johnson, Olivia Handler, Megan Betz, Aurlanna Salem-Turvol, Margaret Mauze, Kinsey Martin.



Seventh Grade Golf: Front row, from left: Della Woodward, Bria Baumgartner, Brooke Cusumano, Natalie Bell, Emily Orf, Lauren Hance, Shelby Kehr, Steven Bradley.



Eighth Grade Golf: Front row, from left: Steven Bradley, Madeleine Smith, Rachael Gantner, Margaret Moore, Berkley Thudium.

Compensation

The teams could not believe it, it was raining again. What did that mean for them and their sports practices coming up soon? Most of the time it meant practicing in the gym and sharing it with multiple other teams.

With spring sports also came spring weather. The annual rain showers in the spring put a damper on the middle school girls sports. The eighth grade softball team had few practices outside before their first game. "I felt confident for my first game, but we weren't used to the field, so it was hard to adjust," said Joann Johnson, eighth grade.

When practicing inside, the teams learned to compensate with the limited amount of space available. The teams focused mostly on improving skills rather than being able to play in a game-like situation. "We mostly did sit-ups and improved on getting in shape," said Johnson.

Some teams had difficulty adjusting to the differences from the gym floor to the grass. "It's different playing in the gym for soccer because the ball's speed is different from the grass than when it's in the gym," said Rebecca Nixon, seventh grade.

Through all the difficult scheduling conflicts, the teams were able to practice and be prepared for their games.

With the many rainy days during the spring, the sports teams had to compensate with the little space they had to practice.

APRIL 8, 2008

The seventh grade A soccer team played their first game of the season against Vardar.



APRIL 10, 2008

The seventh and eighth grade track teams competed in their first meet of the year. Morgan Patterson-Gill, seventh grade, broke the seventh grade record for the 200 meter race, which was half a lap around the track.



APRIL 12, 2008

The eighth grade softball team played their first game of the season against St. Roch and tied 4-4.



APRIL 12, 2008



The seventh grade softball team won their first game of the season against Clayton 9-1.

APRIL 14, 2008

The eighth grade soccer team beat MICDS 8-0.



Rachael Gantner, eighth grade, gets help from a trainer at the middle school golf team's first practice. This year they had thirteen girls, which was enough for two teams, opposed to the two girls last year.



Ellie Straub, seventh grade, dribbles the ball during the game against MICDS. The middle school girls did not have enough small sized jerseys, so some had to wear extra large shirts during games.

Middle School Girls Spring Sports



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Luke Turner, eighth grade, warms up with the rest of the eighth grade A baseball team on April 7. J.D. Perona, coach took advantage of one of the first full sunny days of the spring sports season by sending them to the fields right away.



Landon Burke, eighth grade, practices his backhand during tennis practice. Rather than playing competitively, the eighth grade tennis squad worked on perfecting skills.

Jacob Buffa, eighth grade, fields a pop fly and hurls it to third base during a fielding drill one Tuesday afternoon. Due to rain, the baseball teams had almost as many games as they did outside practices.



All middle school games and practices were cancelled because of bad weather. Many of the spring sports had to have alternative practices indoors because of all the rain in the early spring months.

The middle school golf teams had one of their first practices of the season at Tower Tee Golf course in Affton. The teams were limited to practicing on weekends due to scheduling and location conflicts.



Eighth Grade Baseball: Back row, from left, J.D. Perona, Forrest Obenhaus, Taylor Bookout, Huston Adkisson, Nicholas Norman, Glen Calvin, Connor Einertson, Steven Hughes, Nate Vanderwal. Front row: Jacob Buffa, Anthony Pritchett, Graham Rollé, Matthew Brugner, Wesley Froeschner, Michael Matheny, Matthew Brugner, Luke Turner, Brandon Hafenrichter



Max Miller, eighth grade, softly forehands the ball back to his opponent in a game of mini tennis. The game of mini tennis was designed to teach novice players control on the court.

April Showers

Unfortunately for sports, the spring rains hindered the middle school boys from practicing their various sports outdoors. This, however, did not stop the teams from practicing in some manner.

The baseball teams worked inside in the multi-purpose room on skills such as pitching, and when that

Whether it was running, batting, or volleying, the middle school boys battled the rain as well as their opponents during the spring sports season.

was not available, they even worked on their bunting in the halls of the school building.

The track teams bundled up, or when the weather was unbearable outside, ran in the gyms, and they braved the elements when possible to run outside. "In track, we have had to do more indoor training: stair running, plyometric activities, and running games in the gym. We also spent some time in the classroom talking about techniques. It's been challenging, but it has not been terrible for the kids," said Andy Kerckhoff, coach.

Practices were not the only thing cancelled though. Most teams had their first, second, and even third games cancelled due to the rain. However, whether the rains came or not, the middle school boys sports teams did what they could when they could to be prepared to face their opponents.



Seventh Grade Baseball B: Back row, from left: Samuel Barrientos, Lucas Johnson, Joseph Isaacs, Mitchell Penning, Joshua Ortiz, Jeremy Blanchard, Christopher Caciarelli, Brian Fellows, J.D. Perona. Front row: William Egan, Ryan Kelly, Zackary Lockey, Govern Nye, Ross Munroe, Zachary Kessel, Taylor Deves, Jeremy Ebert



Seventh Grade Baseball A: Back row, from left: J.D. Perona, Ben Jamin Lovell, John Barry, John Eric Steiner, Drew Haynes, Benjamin Mitchell, Timothy Burgess, Nathan Cherian. Front row: Samuel Canfield, Drake Norman, Michael Becker, Jacob Hicks, Michael Dudley, Keegan Brown, Jesse Grunisen



Seventh Grade Boys Golf B: Back row, from left: Zachary Kessel, Robert Dykhouse, Drake Norman, Taylor Deves, Parker Briden, Govern Nye, Jeremy Ebert, Steve Bradley



Seventh Grade Boys Golf A: Back row, from left: Thomas Osterholt, Samuel Barrientos, Drew Haynes, Justin Henry, Lucas Johnson, Jesse Grunisen, Steve Bradley



Eighth Grade Boys Golf: Back row, from left: Evan James, Alexander Frogge, Noah Roberts, Steve Bradley. Front row, from left: Brent Stump, Maxwell Lindstrom, Kevin Vande Kamp, Kevin O'Leary, Matthew Brugner



Eighth Grade Track: Back row, from left: Eric Bain, Peter Duell, Jae Hwan Chung, Keith Degler, Ryan Haxel, Joseph Collins, Devin Payne, Jeremy Scott. Middle row: Gordon Younk, Rachel Porter, Abigail Leibovich, Danielle Evans, Jerica Blanchard, Kelsey Leib. Front row: Jaron Randle, Tyler Wilson, Selah Chappelle, Laura Hammann, Anna Franceschelli

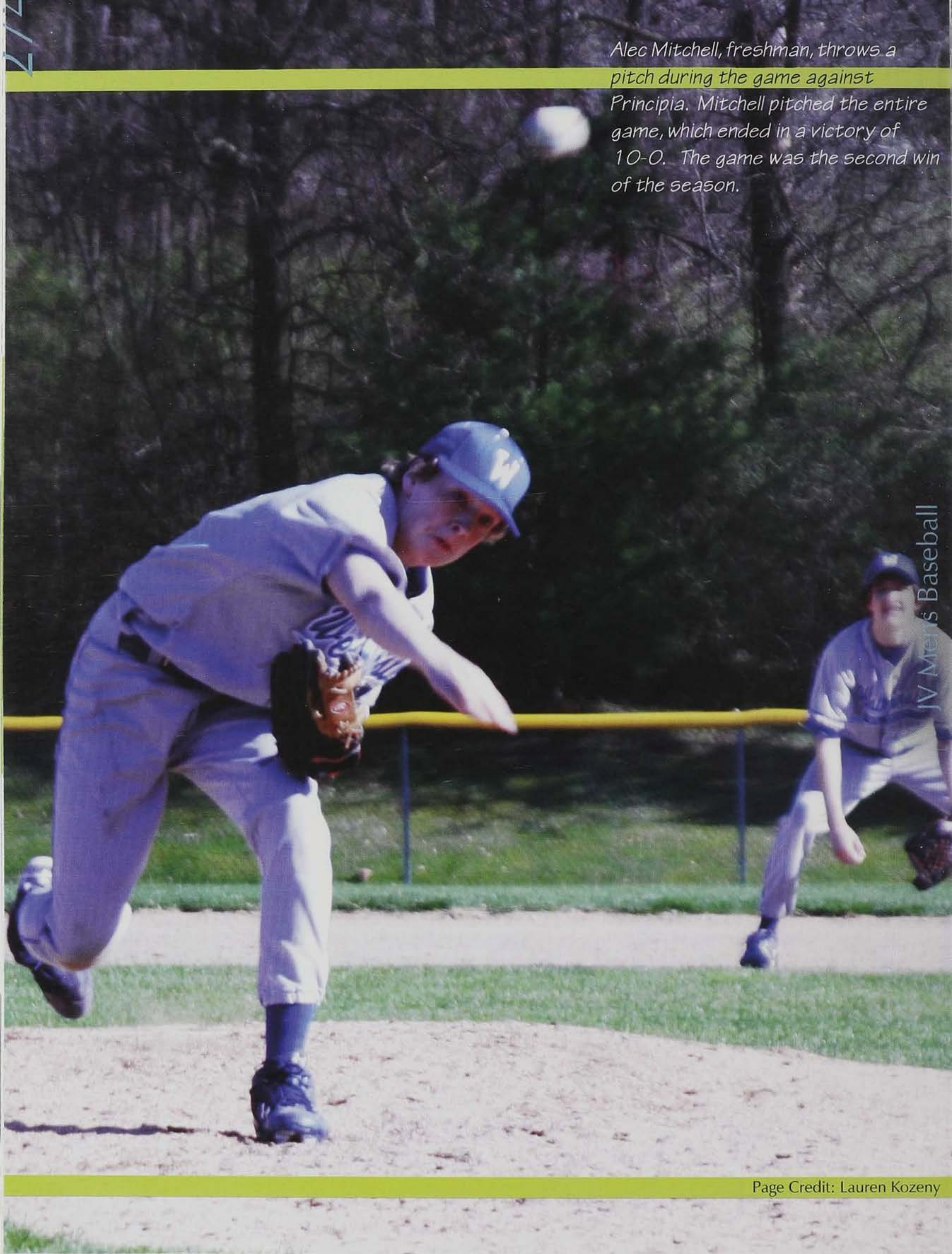
Evan Miller, eighth grade, returns his opponent's volley during an afternoon practice. The eighth grade tennis team did not play any matches. Rather, Nathan Talley, coach, instructed and prepared them for high school tennis.

Middle School Boys Sports



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Alec Mitchell, freshman, throws a pitch during the game against Principia. Mitchell pitched the entire game, which ended in a victory of 10-0. The game was the second win of the season.



JV Men's Baseball

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William Rock, sophomore, pitched a shut-out game against Lutheran North. Rock played first base in addition to pitching.



Nathan Smallwood, freshman, tagged an opponent out at second base to keep the Principia team scoreless.



Andrew Beck, freshman, hit during the game against Principia, the second shut-out of the season. The game ended after only five innings with a 10-0 score.

Brett Cotner, freshman, ran to catch a pop fly at first base for an out during the game against Chaminade.



Michael Koebbe, sophomore, singled for an RBI. The Cats scored two runs against Chaminade.

Matthew Atry, sophomore, catches the ball in right field during the game against Chaminade on April 17.



Jacob Appelbaum, freshman, sprints back to first base after a pop fly during the game against Principia. Appelbaum played center field. Although it was his first year on the team, he had played baseball for nine years.



Andrew Beck, freshman, throws the ball during the Principia game. Although the game was the seventh scheduled, it was only the fourth game played because of rain.

Little League Ties

JV players in general were often thought of as not having very much experience, but the 2008 JV team shattered that stereotype. Baseball had been a part of all of their lives since elementary school, and most of them played for more than ten years. For example, Alec Mitchell, freshman, had played for eleven years, and Ryan Allee, freshman, had played for twelve.

Every JV baseball player had played the sport since elementary school, and their years of experience contributed to their strength as a team.

In fact, not only did they play baseball when they were younger, but some of them played on the same team. "Me and Billy Rock have played on the same team since second grade," said Michael Koebbe, sophomore. Playing together for so long allowed Koebbe and Rock, sophomores, to know each other's strengths and weaknesses very well, but there was a drawback as well. "In high school you have to compete for a spot on the starting lineup, even against your best friends. It is hard, but it must be done," said Rock. Even though they had to compete with each other sometimes, that did not stop them from standing strong against the competition from other teams.



Jacob Kinsinger, freshman, gets a hit against Principia on April 15. Kinsinger and Ryan Allee, freshman, had played together since the summer before they were in seventh grade. "Jake was the first person from WCA I played with," said Allee.



Ryan Krupp, freshman, runs home to score during the game against Principia. The Wildcats scored five runs by the third inning.



Ryan Allee, freshman, catches at the game against Principia on April 15. Allee played catcher for most games, and during the game against MICDS on April 21, he hit a three run home run to left center field.

MARCH 17,
2008



The girls opened their season against Cor Jesu. "We gave up 4 goals, but not due to lackluster effort," said Judy Pritchett, coach.

Amanda Bettlach, sophomore runs past her opponent. Bettlach had been playing soccer for 12 years when she started for WCA.



Chloe Martinez, sophomore swing player, was awarded with an assist at the Varsity game against Lutheran North. The girls won 10-0.



APRIL 2,
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APRIL 8,
2008



Elizabeth Blackwell, freshman, netted two goals while Bianca Elliott, sophomore, tended the net to lead the team to a victory against Notre Dame. It was the team's first win of the season.

APRIL 9,
2008



The JV girls tied 1-1. The only goal was scored by Elizabeth Blackwell, freshman. "It was the best game we've had," said Amanda Bettlach, sophomore.

APRIL 14,
2008



Danielle Cicka, freshman, scored while Christine Schlafly, freshman, and the Cats posted a 2-0 victory over MICDS.

Field Frustration

The JV soccer girls dealt with their fair share of frustration from the down pour in the beginning of the season, but they also dealt with

the irritation of not practicing all together before their games. Practicing with Varsity everyday after school and never having the chance to practice with their own teammates, Emily Sherman, Chloe Martinez, Christina Dohr, Molly Anderson, and Adrienne Boyd, sophomores, had to play in the first JV game of the season. These girls that trained with Varsity but were on the JV team were called "the swingers".

Five swing players trained with Varsity, yet played their first game with JV not knowing their teammates.

Surprised that they even had a game before the students' spring break, the girls still did their best to play with their unknown team. The first game they played was against Cor Jesu. "Cor Jesu is already a very difficult team to play against, and then we had to play with a team that we didn't even know. I knew a few of the girls because they were in the same grade as me, but for the most part I really didn't know any of them. Me and the other girls [the swingers] didn't even know one of the coach's name. The game was very interesting," said Adrienne Boyd, sophomore. Soccer was all about teamwork, and it became tough when the teammates did not even know each other. Although it was a slightly chaotic game to play, the girls persevered through the frustration and played together.



Elizabeth Blackwell, freshman defends the goal. Blackwell had scored for many of the teams wins throughout the season. "My favorite position to play is outside midfield and forward," said Blackwell.

Katia Weir, freshman runs towards the ball. The JV girls tied Villa 1-1. "Our head coach participates with us. I love it when coaches do it too," said Weir.



Danielle Cicka, freshman takes aim at the goal. Cicka and Kristin Kilpatrick, sophomore were captains. "I love soccer because its a contact sport. If you've been pushed or shoved down, you can still pick yourself up and give it your all," said Cicka.



Julia Wiens, freshman quickly passes the ball to her teammate to guard the goalie. Wiens had been on a soccer team since she was five years old. "I'm competitive and I can't remember a time I didn't like to play soccer. Plus, I was into lots of sports when I was young because I was a tom-boy. But soccer has always been my favorite," said Wiens.



Adrienne Boyd, sophomore crosses the ball into the goal box. Boyd played for both JV and Varsity this season. "I really enjoy training with Varsity and playing a lot for JV," said Boyd.

Sarah Hall, freshman, kicks the ball right past her St. Joseph opponent. The girls only had two practices on the field before that game. "We had the ball down on their end almost as often as they were on ours, we just didn't finish our chances and they did," said Judy Pritchett, coach.

JV Womens Soccer



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APRIL 8-9, 2008

APRIL 14, 2008



The opening match of the season resulted in a 5-2 defeat over Priory.

Parkway North failed to win a match when they faced Westminster, who won 8-0 in just the second match of the season.



The Belleview Tournament began with Westminster's top three doubles teams dominating their opponents in both first and second rounds. The teams earned second place in the championship round.

Facing MICDS and Principia in the ABC Tournament, each doubles team came away with defeats over both schools.



John Burroughs left the courts of Westminster defeated by a match score of 7-0.



Hayden Harper reaches for his serve in a doubles drill in practice. "He's a Harper, he gets [every shot]," said Jeff Schipper, coach.



JV Mens Tennis: Back row, from left: Jeff Schipper, Stephen Lillenborg, Kenneth Weiss, Ian McGee, Thomas Witter, Robert Thompson, Samuel Bowman, Daniel Chae. Front row: Caleb Olson, Reid Keech, Luke Schwedler, Connor Zielonko, Hayden Harper, Parker Moore. Not pictured: Zachary Schopp and John Ketr.

Kenneth Weiss, sophomore, waits for his forehand feed in ready position during a doubles drill. "When I can get it, I think my serve and my forehand [are my strengths]," said Weiss.



Pelted Players

Three boys sprinted across the court while being pelted by tennis balls. Normally this scenario would not be common for a JV tennis practice; however, games were regular and beneficial for the team. To work on aim in a serving drill, the goal was to succeed at striking one of the targets, either one of the water bottles placed on the court or a teammate standing, waiting to be hit. When they did, their reward was choosing a teammate to run around the court. Usually, members worked together to make a teammate run the entire time and added to their fun by aiming tennis balls at them while running. "We joke around a lot, but we are still serious," said Stephen Lillenborg, freshman. In addition, "kick the can" was a unique game that kept the exercise level high. Fun games during practice added levity to the routine day of match preparation while they still helped the players improve on accuracy, form, and quickness.

The JV team used unusual "punishments" when players failed to follow through, in order to motivate them to improve.

When not playing a challenge match during practice, the players worked on refining their skills through drills that motivated the players to win. If they won, they received the coveted reward of not picking up the numerous tennis balls at the end of practice.



Connor Zielonko, freshman, hits a backhand in a game of "King of the Court" with teammates after finishing a quick match against Whitfield. "It has been really fun to represent the school and really get into good competition. Playing doubles has been the best thing lately because I had never played it before," said Zielonko.



Caleb Olson, junior, swings his backhand in a challenge match for position at practice. Due to rain, even during the season, the players were still fighting to find their position and doubles partners.

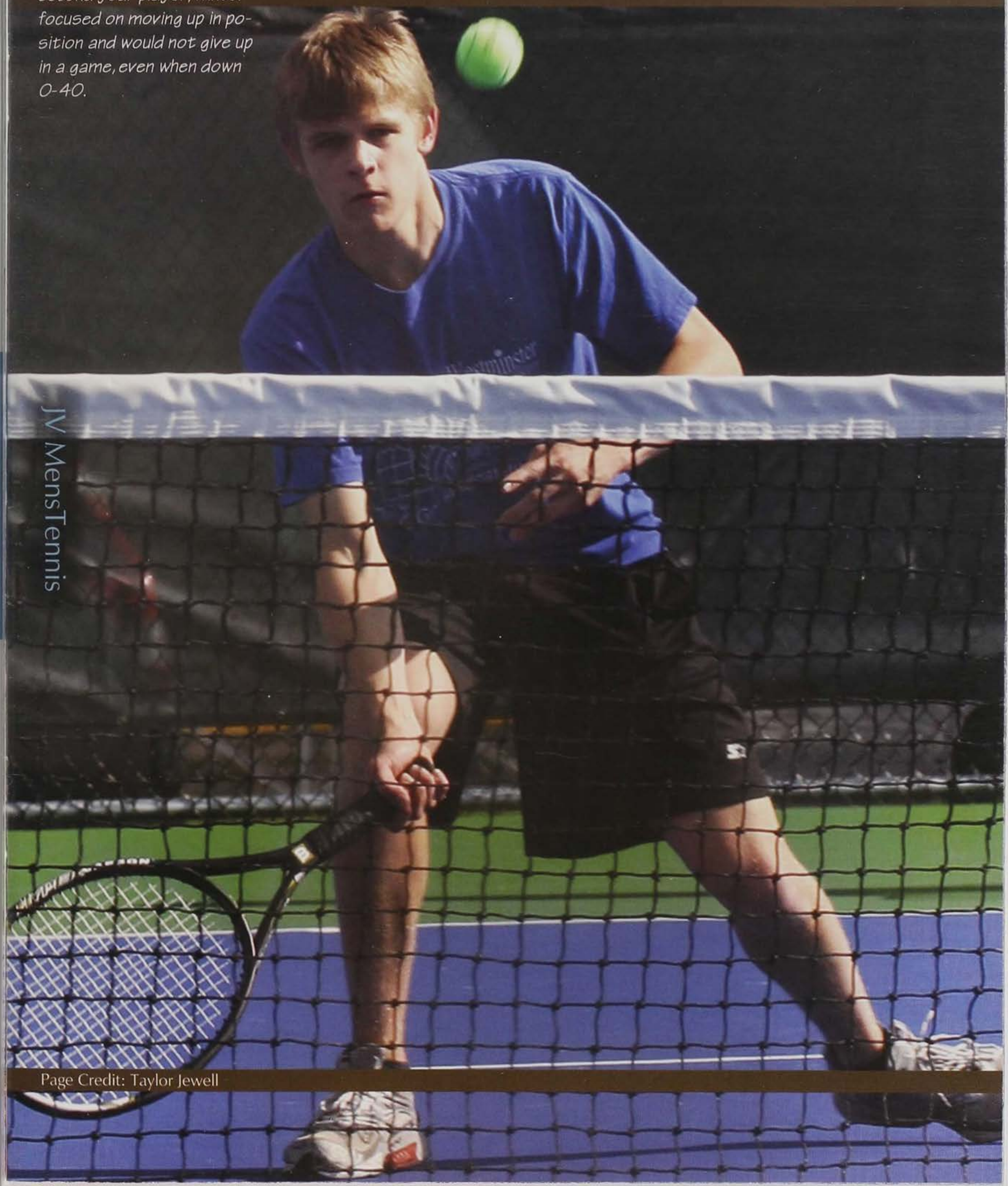
Daniel Chae, sophomore, hits a backhand to his John Burroughs opponent. "Encouragement is the most important thing [in the game]. If we're down, we want to give up, but we just have to encourage each other," said Chae.



Thomas Winter, sophomore, reaches low for a volley. A second year player, Winter focused on moving up in position and would not give up in a game, even when down 0-40.

JV Mens Tennis

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MARCH 19, 2008

The Wildcats lost their first game against Duchesne 25-3. However, "this loss was a pivotal point to our success as a team," said Nathan Benefield, sophomore.



MARCH 31, 2008

The team defeated Bayless resulting in the first win of the season. The JV Wildcats won two of the three games in the match back-to-back.



APRIL 8, 2008

During the game against DeSmet, Andrew Menzel, freshman, spiked the ball in to bring the Cats within a few points of defeat. But the JV team ended with a hard loss by only five points.



Matthew Baldwin, freshman and team co-captain, played the entire match against Pattonville. "Matt is always the first one to pass the ball which helped us score a lot of the points in our game," said Landon Chard, sophomore.

APRIL 10, 2008

The JV Wildcats entered in the DeSmet tournament with nine other teams. The team played four schools throughout the day.



APRIL 12, 2008

Fresh Start

Rookies to the sport, the JV Wildcat volleyball team could not have had a successful season without the assistance of the freshmen girls volleyball squad. With the exception of one player, the entire JV volleyball team consisted of all players that were new to the sport. "It's my first year and I really loved the experience of actually playing competitively," said Nathan Benefield, sophomore, and team setter.

The JV mens volleyball team used more than just drills to inspire and motivate them this year.

However, since the whole team was made up of rookies, there was also a chance of slight underestimation. "At first I just thought that volleyball was just hitting a ball around, and hoping to get it over the net. But then I realized that it was much more than that, and it required skill and confidence," said Steven Hall, freshman, and co-captain.

When it came to getting ready for matches, the team sought out help and guidance from the girls. During practices, five or six girls from the freshmen team in the fall would play against them in scrimmages. "It started off very rough, only a few of them had ever even touched a volleyball before, but they have improved and taken to the sport very well," said Kelsey Kindbom, freshman.

But, when it came to their first game against Duchesne the Wildcats were defeated 25-3. "After that loss you could see that they started to take the sport more seriously as a team, and I think that it helped them out tremendously on their skills," said Kindbom. The freshmen and sophomore guys entered the sport as amateurs and left as an experienced team.



Mens JV Volleyball: Back row, from left: Seung-Been Lee, Nathan Benefield, Andrew Menzel, Landon Chard, Jacob Dahl. Front row: Daniel Moore, Steven Hall, Matthew Baldwin, Sang-A Park.

Daniel Moore, freshman, bumps the ball to the setter in hopes of a spike during the DeSmet game. "We always come out shaky in the first game and then we turn up the intensity," said Moore. The team lost to the DeSmet Spartans by only three points in the final game.



Kira Stewart, freshman, spikes the ball in the JV mens volleyball practice. "I volunteered to help the boys, because most of them had never played the sport before," said Stewart.



Sang-A Park, freshman, prepares for a serving drill in practice. "Sang-A scored twice in the same spot which put us within two points from winning the match," said Andrew Menzel, freshman.



Landon Chard, sophomore, spikes the ball to win a point for the team during their match against DeSmet. "We worked hard, but it ended with a tough loss for us," said Chard.

Steven Hall, freshman and team co-captain, prepares for a spike during a drill in the JV practice. Hall held the position of the right side hitter during practice. His job was to set up the ball so a teammate could spike it during games.



Peter Sippel, freshman, tees off the fourth hole at Bellerive Country Club at Westminster's match against Priory. "Peter has played in a lot of tournaments and has had some experience. He is one of our top five players," said Brian Burkey, coach.



APRIL 3,
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Ryan Wiggins, junior, shot his best round with a 39, at Glen Echo Country Club. "Ryan is a great middle man for the team. Whenever a match is close, it's the scores of the middle man that we count on," said Brian Burkey, coach.

APRIL 7,
2008

Even though it was his first year on the golf team, Jacob Grimes, sophomore, strongly contributed in many matches for the team. Grimes shot a 44 against MICDS, placing third out of the Westminister golfers.



APRIL 14,
2008

Alex Cusumano, sophomore, finished with an impressive round of 39, only 3 strokes over par even with an out of bounds ball on the last hole.



APRIL 17,
2008

Peter Boggs, senior, shot a 76 at The Warrenton Golf Tournament, taking 11th place.



JV Mens Golf: Back row from left: Bryan Willey, Joseph Burzinski, Andrew Moisson, Jacob Boyer, Rex Janssen. Front row: Matthew Sugg, Richard Copeland, John Ross, Schaeffer Bell

Individually Linked

It has been said that golf is a life long sport. Many kids started taking golf lessons or tagged along with their dads on the golf course by the age of five. Later in life this sport continued with charity tournaments and business golf games. It has been a never ending sport teaching lessons of integrity, patience, and unconditional hard work. The Varsity mens golf team agreed. "I love the challenge of trying to stay positive and overcoming difficulties. I started to play golf when I was eight because I thought it could be a sport that I could play when I am 70," said Peter Boggs, senior.

The Varsity mens golf team shared how the unique scoring system makes their sport different than others.

Even though the golf team practices together, when they begin a meet they slowly pair off. Usually in a match only two teammates play together with two other players from another school. "The last match, it was a quad meet so each player had to play by themselves so they really play individually and miss out on that team bonding time," said Brian Burkey, coach. The golf boys really had to learn how to maintain mental focus and patience with hardly any teammates to help. "These boys want to compete and are respectful and show integrity in competition each day," said Burkey.

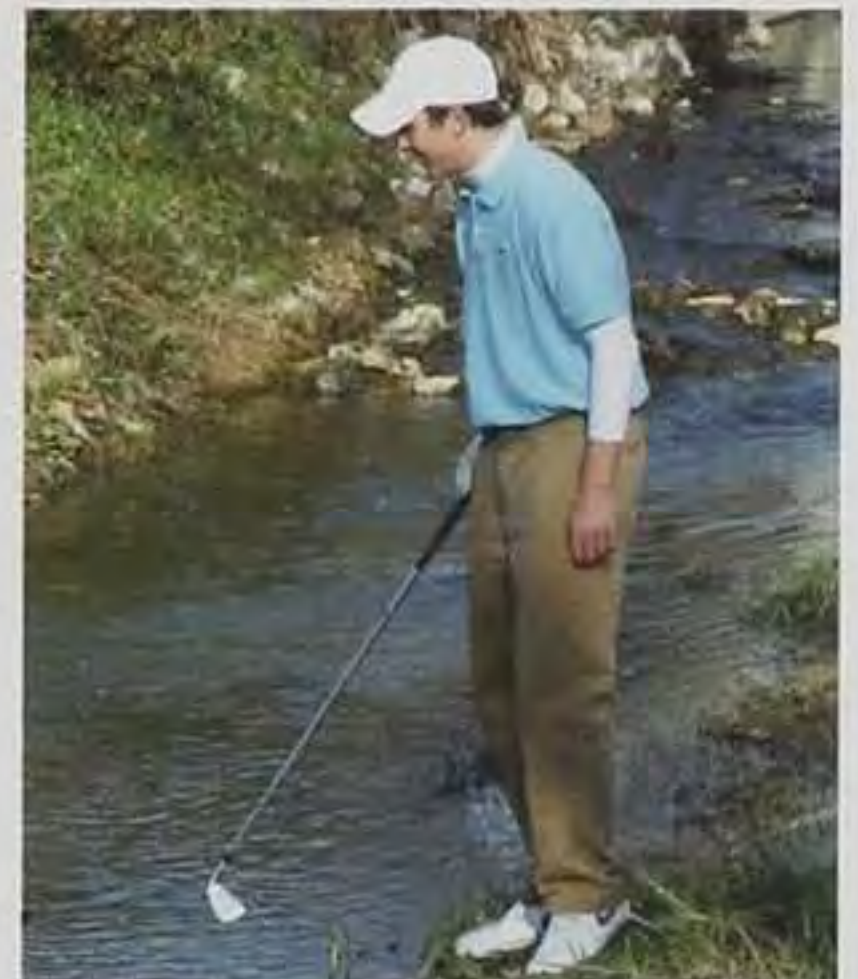


Kevin Bell, sophomore, takes a few practice swings before stepping up to his golf ball on the first tee at Bellerive Country Club's new course. "Kevin is one of our most solid and consistent players on the team," said Brian Burkey, coach.



Brian Burkey, coach, brings his top six Varsity players their score cards and gives them tips on Bellerive Country Club's challenging golf course. "The competitiveness is the best part of golf. That is the reason we all play the game I think. The relationships are really good too. Everyone gets along well and respects each other," said Kevin Bell, sophomore.

Alex Cusumano, sophomore, searches for his lost water ball on the ninth hole during the team's match against Priory. "I have been playing golf my whole life and while it is a lot of hard work it can be really laid back at the same time," said Cusumano.



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The JV team swept past Parkway Central with a final score of 10-1. This was the first win for the team.



The Varsity team opened their season against John Burroughs with a 9-3 win.



The Varsity team secured their first win of the season with a 5-1 victory against Parkway Central.

Both JV and Varsity came away with a loss after playing Nerinx Hall.



The Varsity team won 8-4 against Webster Groves after trailing the first 15 minutes in the first half.



Varsity Womens Lacrosse: Back row, from left: Hannah Victor, Ellie Gamache, Carmen Har'joe, Lucy Egan, Leah Younkin, Leslie Williams, Emily Beerbower. Middle row: Rachael Aucker, Nadia Pasque, Berkley Rallo, Kelli Cannady, Chelsea Call, Danielle Pfy, Nichole Young, Han-Byul Kang, Alyssa Wallach, Karri Hess, Corey Klingler.

JV Womens Lacrosse: Back row, from left: Chris Knerr, Rebecca Harding, Catherine Horseman, Andrea Waeckerle, Bethany Leibovich, Sarah Dieckgraeffe, Maria Gjordeni, Victoria Urban. Middle row: Emily Speights, Jennifer Thompson, Baylee Acord, Kathleen Mech, Jessica George, Danielle Roberts, Katelyn Westrich. Front row: Claire Simonietri, Christina Grayson, Cheyenne Bartlett, Hannah Nothum, Nicole Hoban.



Han-Byul Kang, junior, cradles the ball. The sport required a lot of running. "I ran cross country in the fall to build endurance," said Kang.



New Changes

This lacrosse season came with a handful of changes. After losing a few talented seniors, the team had a lot to make up. Another change came when the school announced they would sponsor lacrosse. This meant that the school covered many of the expenses, including uniforms. With over 36 players, the coaches also provided change to the program. The Varsity team was coached by April Mininger, a student at Covenant Seminary. "April came with a lot of experience, which helped us a lot," said Ellie Gamache, senior. Chris Knerr, moved down to coach the JV team.

Changes in the program's structure and dynamics allowed the team to flourish and grow to the next level of competition.

The team was also welcomed into a new league. "We play Burroughs, MICDS, and Nerinx. They are all excellent, well-established programs," said Knerr. Competition increased which meant practices also had to intensify. Practices usually consisted of "passing and scooping drills, sprints, shooting, transitions, and scrimmage," said Nichole Young, senior. Running was key in helping the girls move to the next level. "We run a lot. Sometimes we run hills or go for a long conditioning jog," said Kathleen Mech, senior.

The new changes have allowed the sport to grow. "This year I can really see our team taking shape. We have more players than ever before," said Karri Hess, senior. Accepting the changes, the coaches realized the importance of this season. "We are in a rebuilding year," said Knerr.



Lucy Egan, sophomore, runs to the goal. "This is Lucy's first year playing. She picked it up really fast. Her speed is a great contribution to our success this year," said Chelsea Call, junior.



Rachael Aucker, sophomore runs to defend the ball. For some, the skills came naturally. "I started playing freshman year, and for me it came really easy. My dad played in high school, so he helped me learn the basics," said Aucker.



Nicole Hoban, sophomore, heads to the goal. "This is my first year playing. I learned during the pre-season clinics led by Nichole Young," said Hoban.

Leslie Williams and Emily Beerbower, juniors, defend a Parkway Central player. Beerbower was new to the sport this year. "She's been a great addition to the team and will help us become more competitive in the following seasons," said Chris Knerr, coach.



Lacrosse

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Jacob Worrell, junior, tosses a curveball to a Valley Park batter. Jacob was the third Worrell to pitch at Westminster.



Michael Christianson, senior, turns a crucial double play ball. "Christianson is perfect for the second base position because of his quickness," said John Bergman, sophomore.



David Mueller, senior, guns the ball to first base after a routine ground ball. Mueller had the luxury of being able to play not only third base, but also starting pitcher.



Derrick Phillips, senior, begins his pre-swing routine before a pitch. Phillips was one of several players that batted cleanup throughout the year.



Michael Ferrara, sophomore, tunes into the pitcher. Ferrara was one of four sophomores on the Varsity team.



Jacob Turner, junior, pitches from the stretch. Turner was known throughout the area for his 94 mph fastball. Turner was ranked fifth in the nation out of all high school juniors during the pre-season.



John Bergman, sophomore, attempts to steal second base. Bergman was a pinch runner for the catcher and pitcher whenever they got a base hit.



Dynamic Duo

Benjamin and Jacob Turner, or the "The Turner Brothers" as they came to be called were the dominant factors on the Westminster baseball scene, and they had been for their entire high school careers.

The two brothers were the leading players in several statistical categories. They were also in the top of both of their recruiting classes and not just for college. Benjamin, senior, and Jacob, junior, were both observed by major league scouts in future prospect of being high picks in the Major League Baseball high school draft. Not only were they paired in the game with Benjamin as the catcher and Jacob as a starting pitcher, but they shared a unique connection as brothers that enhanced their performance.

"It is like we share an uncanny bond during games. I will rarely shake him off," said Jacob, referring to the pitch calls. The brothers trained together during the off season and encouraged each other to do better. They have even played on the same summer teams as children before they came to Westminster. "We played on the same summer ball team for several years and that really developed our knowledge of how each other plays," said Jacob. The bond these two shared was unique and proved to be an advantage not only for them but also for their team.

The Turner brothers shared a unique bond that made them a dominant pair on the baseball diamond.



Varsity Men's Baseball: Back row, from left: Ben Brown, Todd Worrell, David Mueller, Benjamin Turner, Jonathan Aubry, Michael Christianson, Justin Westover, Jacob Turner, Jacob Worrell, Rich Vanglist. Front row: Erik Johnson, Michael Bianca, John Burgess, Derrick Phillips, Jonathan Harwig, Michael Ferrara, Tye Malone, David Rola.



The Wildcats competed in the Westminster National Baseball Classic in Florida and took third place overall.



The Cats hosted Lutheran North in their home opener. Jacob Turner, junior, threw 16 strikeouts against the Crusaders.



The Varsity baseball team went undefeated throughout the Westminster Invitational.



The Cats shutout MSHSAA Class IV, Chaminade Preparatory. The Wildcat pitching sealed the win with a score of 6-0.

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Benjamin Turner, senior, prepares to drive home the runners on base. Turner planned to attend Missouri University on a scholarship, becoming the third Westminster baseball player to play at a NCAA Division I school within the past two years.



Varsity Baseball

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Mackenzie Pfitzinger, junior, and Elizabeth Moore, senior, started the season by each contributing a goal to beat John Burroughs 2-0.



The Varsity soccer girls shut out Lutheran North 10-0. After winning by 8 goals before half, the girls finished the game after two goals in the second half, due to the mercy rule.



Christine Ehrmann, junior, crosses a corner kick across the width of the field. After being tied at half time, Westminster pulled out a 6-3 victory over Ritenour.



On this Wednesday afternoon, the girls were tied to Visitation Academy 0-0. After two ten minute over times, the game progressed into a round of 5 penalty kicks. Every WCA shooter scored their PK while Whitney Calvin, junior stopped one goal which resulted in a victory.



Haley Bettlach, freshman, throws in the ball. Bettlach was the only freshman to receive a position on the Varsity team. Even though she primarily played defense, Bettlach got the opportunity to score in the game against Lutheran North.



Katelyn Haverstick, sophomore, dribbles up the field to clear the ball out of the team's defending end. Even though Haverstick took a hard fall in the first half of the game against MICDS, the girls came out with a 6-0 victory.



Leah Beck, junior, battles with a Villa opponent in the middle of the field. After letting up two goals in the beginning of the game, the team came from behind and beat Villa Duchesne 3-2.



Elizabeth Moore, senior, shields the ball from her Notre Dame opponent. Moore served as the Varsity soccer team's captain along with Tess Fitzpatrick, senior. At the beginning of each week, Moore would present a Christian attribute for the team to dwell upon and apply into their game of soccer and life.

Rain Rain, GO AWAY

Wide eyes watched as the rain dripped down the glass window and the soccer team waited to see if they would get to go outside. Smiles became frowns as Warren Smith, coach, posted the practice times - inside once again. The excessive rain this year prolonged outdoor practices for the womens soccer teams. Spring sports fought for gym times as the rain accumulated into puddles on the fields. The Varsity soccer team practiced inside for weeks, and the only hope of setting foot onto a grassy field was to travel to Creve Coeur Park. Numerous announcements sent through e-mails publicized the first couple games as rainouts. Instead of playing a few games before spring break, the girls were forced to open the season against the team rival, John Burroughs. Last year, Varsity beat Burroughs in overtime of the district finals, so winning this game was crucial to defend their district title from the previous year.

On a windy day after school, the girls laced up their cleats and stepped onto John Burrough's turf field. With only seven returning starters and zero time played outside, chills ran up and down the girls backs as the nerves settled in. "All day I was shaking in my desk because I was so nervous we would lose, but we didn't and it was a great relief" said Christine Ehrmann, junior. The girls earned a victory that day with a score of 2-0. Although they didn't get to practice outside before the game their determination to win drove their winning efforts.

The 2008 weather didn't cause the Varsity womens soccer team to quit.

Christina Dohr, sophomore, crosses the ball. Dohr held a swing position along with four other sophomores. These five players practiced with Varsity and played their games with each team. "I get to play more time on JV while experiencing the level of Varsity. This stretches me to push myself to become a better player by playing at a higher level," said Dohr.



Lauren Probst, junior, cuts the ball while an opponent attempts to slide tackle her. Probst was a new addition to the soccer team as she transferred from St. Joseph's Academy. This game against Notre Dame was the second game in a row that Probst scored a hat trick.



Varsity Women's Soccer

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The men started out the season with a bang, winning their first match 11-0 at Alton High. The top six players were able to compete in both singles and doubles matches.



The team placed second at the ABC Tournament held at MICDS. Cameron Smith, freshman, won eight singles matches.



At a match against John Burroughs, the tennis men pulled off a shut out victory with seven wins. All three doubles teams won their matches in straight sets.

At the Belleville East Tournament, Joseph Hunsicker and Brandon DeRousse, seniors, fought in the number one doubles bracket until finally taking the victory at one o'clock in the morning.



The team played the day of JSB at 4:00 then had to rush from MICDS to the banquet.



Varsity Mens Tennis: Back row, from left: Nathan Talley, Timothy Miller, James Munson, Brian Keffer, Seth Lillenberg, Joseph Hunsicker, Gregory Schoenberg, James Myers, Sharon Reilly. Front row: Nick O'Neal, John Hunsicker, Matthew Reilly, Cameron Smith, Brandon DaRousse.

James Munson throws his weight into the serve during his match at MICDS. "Jimmy's just really inspiring to the underclassmen," said Seth Lillenberg, junior.



John Hunsicker, freshman, slams the ball across the court. He and Cameron Smith, freshman, teamed up to win the number three doubles match against Clayton on April 21.



James Myers, sophomore, leans into his serve at the ABC tournament at MICDS. After aggravating a previous back injury during his match at Burroughs, Myers was out for a week.



The Principles

"Confident, powerful serve, flawless forehand, poised, discipline." This was how the play of Varsity tennis captain, Joseph Hunsicker, senior, had been described by his teammates and coach. After making the team as a freshman, Hunsicker went on to participate at the team state competition his first two years. As a junior, he established himself at the number one singles position. He solidified his position with key performances, including a victory over a former state runner up. His skills were also on display in the district doubles semi-finals when he hit a volley behind his back.

The Varsity mens tennis team played their season with a mission in mind.

This year, as a senior and returning captain, Hunsicker continued to lead the team. He found success from the start, dropping only three games his first match of the year. The rest of the team thrived off of his leadership, winning its first three matches convincingly.

Another essential strength of the team was depth. "The back of our line up can play with the front. This is the deepest team we have ever had," said Nathan Talley, head coach. "We have excellent freshmen in Timmy Miller, Cameron Smith, and John Hunsicker that add a lot of depth to our team," said Brian Keffer, senior.

However, the team did not only focus on athletic success. "Every match we recognize two battles: a physical battle and a battle to display God's grace through our play," said Talley. This was the mark that the Varsity tennis team aimed for every time they stepped on the court.

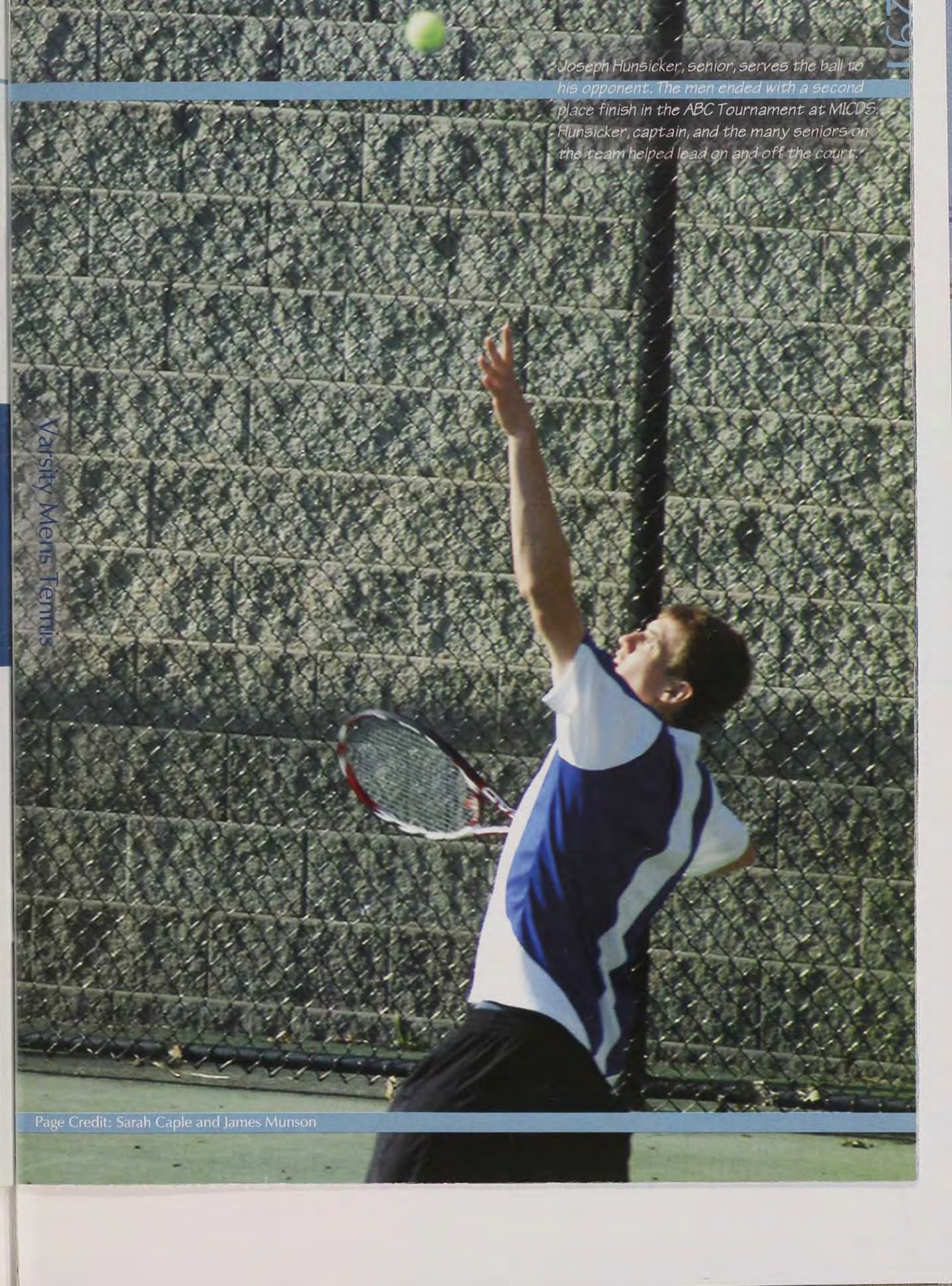
Nick O'Neal, sophomore, waits to return the ball over the net. O'Neal celebrated his birthday with cake and victories at the Priory match on April 1. O'Neal and Gregory Schoenberg, senior, won their doubles match and the team brought home a 6-1 win.



Joseph Hunsicker, senior, serves the ball to his opponent. The men ended with a second place finish in the ABC Tournament at MICDS. Hunsicker, captain, and the many seniors on the team helped lead on and off the court.

Varsity Mens Tennis

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The Wildcats played their second home game against Bayless in March.

Jeffrey Fitzgerald, senior, hit the ball over the net for the third win of the season. The Wildcats beat Trinity 2-0.

For the third home game in a row, the Wildcats continued their winning streak. "Everyone really started working together," said Adam Miller, junior.

After placing first in their pool, the Wildcats went on to the semi-finals in the Fort Zumwalt South tournament. They placed third overall.

The Wildcats beat defending state champion, St. Mary's, for the first time ever.



Looking to Win



Mens Varsity Volleyball: Back row, from left: Martin Davis, Benjamin Baldwin, Erik Lewis, Sang-Jin Im, Matthew Rohlfing, Adam Miller, Jeffrey Fitzgerald. Front row: Juan Mundo-Sifuentes, Joseph Pollmann, Michael Menzel, Samuel Krichans, Juhyoung Kim, Jessiah Qhard.

The crowd gathered into the air-conditioned gym as the mens volleyball team began to warm up for a big game. After only losing one starting senior, the team was already familiar with one another. Although this was an advantage, the season did not start off easily. Matthew Rohlfing, Erik Lewis, and Juan Mundo-Sifuentes, senior starters, were all unable to play at the beginning of the season due to injury. However, their absence did not stop the team from opening up their season with a 2-1 victory against Duchesne.

After losing only two seniors and placing third in state last year, the mens volleyball team looked to win state.

"We really want to win state this year, everyone is very determined. We have a lot of good players and will only settle for the best," said Adam Miller, junior and captain. Being familiar with one another was an advantage that led to the team's determination.

One major change that led to the team's increased determination this year was the new coaching. Jean Evans coached mens volleyball along with Tim Hall for the first time. Even though the Wildcats had almost the same team as last year, many changes were made to make the team stronger and ready for victory.

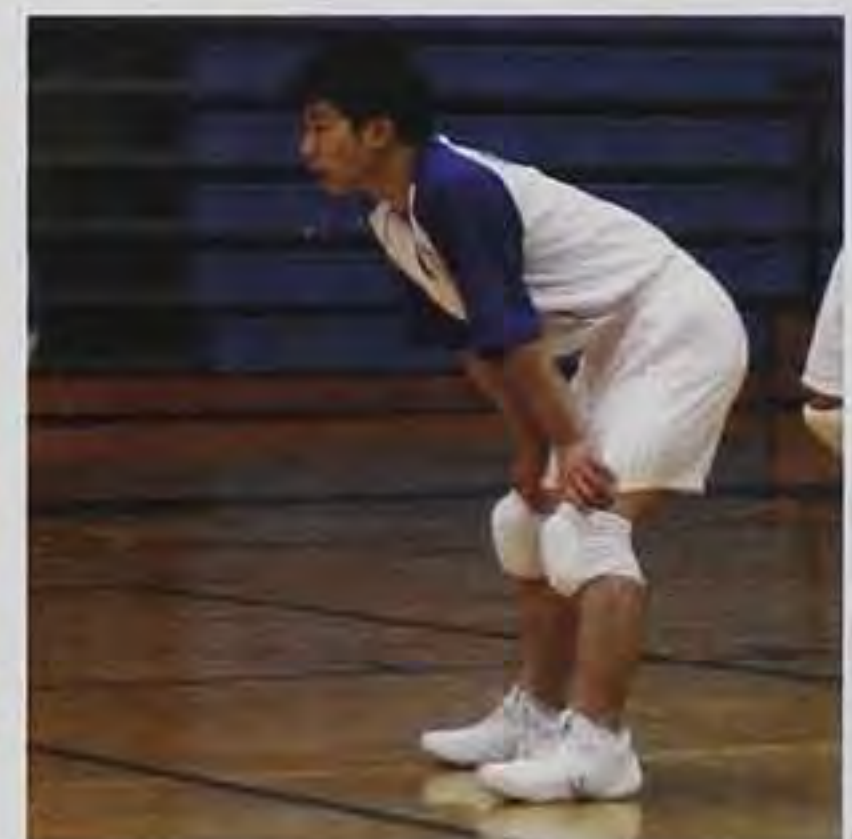
Joseph Pollmann, junior, serves the ball to the opposing team. The Wildcats beat Bayless in the first two games.



Sang-Jin Im, senior, sets the ball at a home game to outside hitter, Adam Miller, junior. This was Im's third year as a setter for the Varsity mens volleyball team.



The Varsity mens volleyball team huddles up before their first home game against Fort Zumwalt South. The Wildcats lost the first game, won the second, and then lost the third.



Juhyoung Kim, junior, waits for Bayless to serve to the Wildcats. Kim's job as a back row passer was to try to successfully receive serves and pass them to setter Sang-Jin Im, senior.

Matthew Rohlfing, senior, spikes the ball over the net after a set from Sang-Jin Im, senior. The team won against Bayless without four of their starters. This was the beginning of many wins for the Wildcats.

Varsity Men's Volleyball



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While running a relay, Deborah Knuble, junior, broke the school record for the 400 meter sprint by three seconds at Burroughs.

Kayla Johnson, senior, ran a leg in the 4x100 relay helping her team win the event. "I want to go home, lie down, and eat a popsicle!" said Johnson, to celebrate their victory.



Julie Sharp, sophomore, placed in the top ten in the one mile. This is Sharp's second time competing at a state level.



Kaitlyn Johnson, senior, sprints in the 4x200 relay at the MWA meet. Johnson assisted the relay team in taking 2nd place in the conference.

I Run For?

For those not accustomed to throbbing pains, aching muscles, and a pounding chest, track might have appeared to be a major turn-off, but for the women's track team the pain was all part of the pay-off. "The pain is important because you feel so proud when you've finished a race and you know you've accomplished something good. But

the pain is definitely not my favorite part of track" said Kathryn Wenberg, junior.

Obviously the girls did not participate in track for the pain. So why did the ladies of the track team sprint, leap, and even hurdle? "During the heat of the moment I am concentrating on how I'm doing and what my time is, but ultimately it's a spiritual experience and I know what I do glorifies God," said Katherine Kennison, junior.

Due to the length of track meets, track members had plenty of time to socialize and converse in between events. On the track, however, the ladies got in the zone and focused on one thing and one thing only: the finish line. When asked what was going through their heads as they competed, their response was everything from concentrating on breathing, to leaning around corners, or the importance of ending an event with as much power and heart as possible. The ladies of the track team were thoroughly conditioned, and no matter what they ran for, they ran with power and a purpose.

The women of the track team all ran for different reasons, but no matter what they ran for, they ran with determination and focus, keeping their eyes on the finish.



Varsity Womens Track: Back row, from left: Eric Bain, Kathryn Wenberg, Kaitlyn Johnson, Catherine Klotz, Kayla Johnson, Ken Boesch. Front row: Maggee Kane, Karen Girgis, Amanda Schaffner, Paige Norman, Deborah Knuble, Julie Sharp.



Amanda Schaffner, junior, prepares to hand off the baton to Paige Norman, junior. "The thing that sets track apart from other sports is the number of new friends you make during the season," said Schaffner. These friendships were key to the cooperation of the relay teams throughout the season and the success they achieved.



Paige Norman, junior, stretches before a meet at Villa. In order for the team to get accustomed to running in spikes, Eric Bain, coach, made the girls walk around the track in their bare feet before the first meet.



Maggee Kane, freshman, prepares to get in position for her hurdle event. Kane worked with her dad all season because he was the new hurdle coach for the team.



The girls stretch in a circle before the start of the Villa meet. Stretching was a time of hanging out and chatting about everything from their favorite founding father to Hannah Montana.

Catherine Klotz, senior, overcomes the last hurdle in the 300 meter hurdles. "It's embarrassing when you mess up, but you just have to laugh and keep going," said Klotz, when asked about the hardest part of track. Klotz won her event at the MICDS meet.

Women's Track



Thomas Jarrett and Dima Weir, seniors, handoff the baton during the first meet at John Burroughs. The team worked on their handoffs very hard during practice in order to compete well in meets. If the baton was dropped and rolled into another lane, the team was automatically disqualified. However, the team never dropped the baton during the meet.



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John Arrington, senior pushed himself through the last meters of the 100 meter dash. During the first meet, there were several occurrences where fellow runners stumbled, requiring Westminster runners to go around. However they avoided hurting their times or the fallen athlete.



Kevin Taylor, junior, ran the third leg in the 4x 800 meter event while several teammates cheered from the sidelines. During the meets, it was especially encouraging for runners when the fans cheered for them. "People who cheer actually help me stay focused and push harder," said Thomas Jarrett, senior.



Daniel and David Everett, freshmen, competed in the one mile event at the John Burroughs Conference meet. During the meet, both Everetts beat the school mile record placed by Calvin Boesch, junior, with times of 4:32 and 4:35.



Mens Track: Back row, from left: Eric Bain, Kevin Taylor, Andrew Wiens, David Everett, David Meyer, Clinton Alexander, Andrew Wends, Michael Kruse, Robert Deagan, John Arrington, Daniel Kim, Jordan Duke, Matthias Wood, Kiprotich Balach, Theodore Sutcliffe, Ken Boesch. Front row: Alexander Lindstrom, Thomas Jarrett, Caleb Leonard, Daniel Everett, Alfred Amicy, Chandler Huatt, Alex Sagi, Arthur Amicy, Calvin Boesch, and Dima Weir.



Matthias Wood, sophomore, competes in one of the 100 meter dashes. There were only eight lanes for the multiple runners.

Although there were so many heats, the races did not last very long.



Caleb Leonard, junior, races in the JV mile at John Burroughs. This was the first meet where JV and Varsity had separate races.



Brennen Grone, junior, competes in the event of shot put. The players throw four times, but only their best shot put was counted.



Daniel Kim, senior, anchors the 4x 400. He ran with Theodore Sutcliffe, junior, Dima Weir and Thomas Jarrett, seniors.

Theodore Sutcliffe, junior, runs the 4x100. Sutcliffe also ran in the 100 meter dash and 200 meter race. This was his second year that he competed in track.



Alex Sagi, senior, starts his race in the blocks and focuses on the finish line. This was Sagi's first meet in which he competed in sprints.



Robert Deagan, senior, completes the 100 meter high hurdles. The first meet had two hurdle events and Deagan completed both, running in the fastest heat.

Multiple Motivations

Out the parking lot, over the looming hill to Mosley Road, and throughout the Creve Coeur Campus

vicinity, the runners' calves compelled them to finish what they started. However, while they worked in unison, the athletes' goals and mindsets for running were different. Some ran to reap the benefits of pure passion while others wanted to simply get in shape.

However, one senior runner had a unique motivation to run well considering he was offered an athletic scholarship to compete at a college level. Thomas Jarrett, senior, competed in track at Westminster all throughout middle school and high school. Jarrett also ran cross country, which at times he enjoyed better. Jarrett signed to run for Judson University for all four years of college, which surprised him since it was his first year running cross country. However, Jarrett was not only running because of his scholarship. "Track is like a love/hate relationship. I like it at the end because you feel good but throughout the season I find it painful," said Jarrett. Whatever their motivation was, the team used it to compete their best throughout their meets.

Though the mens track team competed together, their motives and inspiration were various.



Caroline Thompson and Marissa Harjoe, eighth grade, help each other put on their costumes before dress rehearsals for the middle school play. The middle school performed the story Irene and Curdie for the play which was presented every spring.

Catherine Klotz, senior, stands with a Family Central Presbyterian Church helped in Honduras over spring break. Before spring break, Klotz proposed the idea of raising money for this woman to help her pay for a house. She was renting a house and struggled to pay rent every month when the owner of the house declared he was going to sell the house. Central came to her aid and fund-raised enough money not only to buy her a house but a refrigerator and a stove as well.



John Caldwell, junior, helps to set up before International Day. All students in a foreign language class before or after lunch helped set up the food onto the tables.



SPRING TRADITIONS

Students flocked into the commons as scents of various ethnic dishes joined together and filled their noses. After taking a whiff of the smell and observing the tables crammed with food, a high schooler knew that International Day had arrived. Some teachers dismissed classes early to claim first dibs on the food. "Coach Bain even brought our p.e. class back fifteen minutes early from bowling because International Day is his favorite day," said Justin Weststeyn, junior.

Every spring, language teachers assigned their students the task of cooking an ethnic dish to share with the entirety of high school during lunch. Ten minutes before the lunch bell sounded, a long line had already formed behind the tables laden with food. Plates were not distributed until after the bell. Therefore some students had no choice but to go through desperate measures to satisfy their grumbling stomachs.

"Justin and I were impatient and instead of waiting for lunch to receive plates, we went into the cafeteria and took two plates so we could get a head start on the food," said David Mueller, senior. International Day could be viewed as thirty minutes of stuffing plates and cramming stomachs with diverse foods. Others perceived it as a dreaded half an hour plugging noses of the stench of the foreign foods. Either way, the overflowing tables of food marked that spring had approached.



Rachael Gantner, eighth grade, lights the candles during the National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony. The candles were lit for characteristics of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character. Gantner sparked each candle after a middle school student spoke about each aspect.



Zachary Hanach, sophomore, places his food tray on a table before school. Along with the assignment of cooking an ethnic dish, students could earn extra credit by wearing clothing from a different country.

Austen Crim, Tyler Wilson, and Jessica Owens, eighth grade, warm up before the middle school play. Before taking the stage, the performers would do little games to warm up. This particular game was played by following the lead of the drama teacher.





Aaron Blackwell and Michelle Engelbart, juniors, chalk on Kylie Watson, junior's, driveway. Blackwell asked Watson to JSB on the chalked driveway.

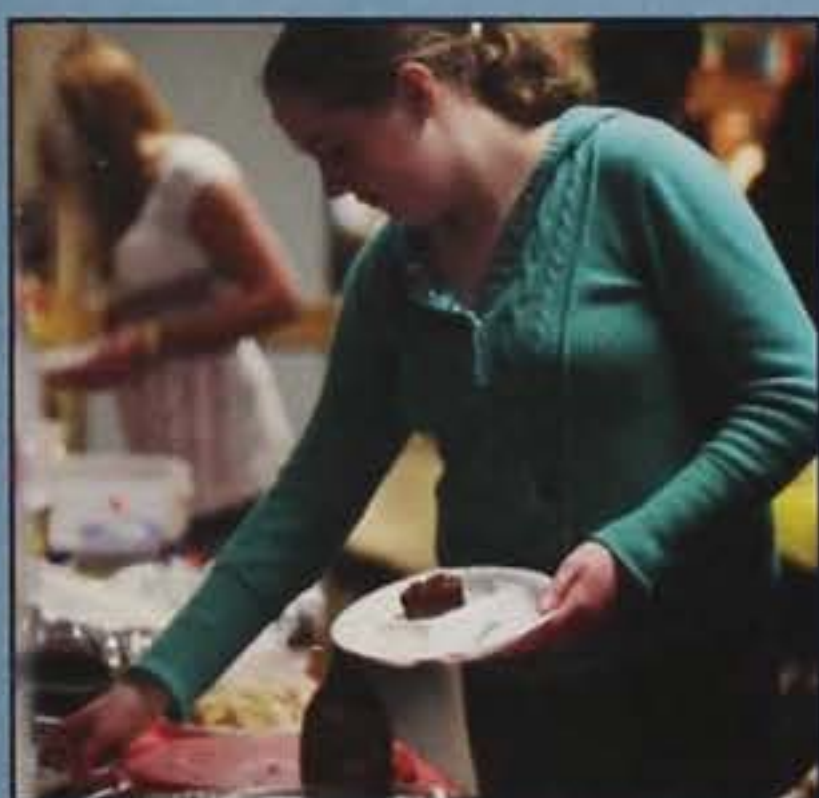
International day, JSB, and spring break were some of the many things that occurred every spring.



Arthur Amley, freshman, reads John 3:16 in Creole on the intercom Wednesday of International week. To start the day, a different student would read John 3:16 in a foreign language he or she knew.



Tiffany Gustafson, junior, examines an unknown food on International Day. Language students had the privilege to make an ethnic food of their choice. Therefore, the majority of the foods were not recognizable.



Jennifer Tetrake, freshman, picks up a dessert on International Day. Students begged their teachers to let class out early to beat the rush to lunch. At the sound of the bell, people rushed to get first dibs on the food.



Taylor O'Connor and Hayley Younkin, seniors, and David Rasche, sophomore, hang out with Miquito, a Honduran teen, over spring break. Miquito assisted Central Presbyterian in building a school for the community.



Andrew Wendt, junior, asks Sarah Duffy, junior, to the Junior Senior Banquet in biology class. Once Sarah walked into the classroom, she spotted a teddy bear placed on her assigned chair with a sign that read, "Sarah, JSB?" Then, she glanced up to see Wendt entering the room from hiding with a bouquet of flowers.

The audience reaction towards the performers could create distractions or ideas.



Alayna Doiron, junior, swats away the hand of Catherine Godi, junior, in a game called Double Blind Freeze, where the players switch scenes with the players on stage before them in a game. "I love being with all of the people," said Anne Martin, junior.



Allen Schwamb, music teacher, directs the Concert and Chamber Choir. Both choirs traveled to Chicago to compete. One of the most anticipated events for the choir to go to in Chicago was the Blue Man Group concert.



Nicholas Piazza and Parker Briden, seventh grade, and Joann Johnson, eighth grade, prepare for the middle school play during a dress rehearsal. The play was Irene and Curdie written by Matt Buchanan and performed on April 11 and 12.



Aaron Krumsieg, sophomore, plays his trumpet in the band and jazz band. Krumsieg participated in both for two years.

Elizabeth Karlake, senior, plays a classical song on the harp at an orchestra performance. The orchestra section went to Chicago with the choir and band but all went to different activities and performed at various places.



The Concert and Chamber Choir sing to the upper school on Thursday, March 20. Their songs ranged from traditional Latin songs to Irish folk songs. The Chamber Choir committed a few weekly practices to their selected songs.



William Serber, freshman, plays the french horn in a performance at Westminster. He played in the band since seventh grade. Serber learned how to play a variety of instruments and had been interested in music since elementary school.



Haylay Younkin, senior, plays her violin in an assembly for the Westminster upper school. Younkin had a special solo that she played along with the orchestra and another soloist.



Hannah Victor, junior, shows Sarah Dieckgraeffe, sophomore, how to properly use the bow for a violin. Dieckgraeffe usually played the oboe, but needed to play the violin for a band concert. "I had no idea how to play it. It was really different because you can not see your hands" said Dieckgraeffe.



"When you talk it is like scribbling on an artist's painting. This is their art," said Allen Schwamb, choir director. According to the choir, they could hear every minute whisper and sound while they performed. This fact was not always realized by the audience. However, the choir knew this all too well. Something that was barely audible such as a quiet laugh to something as loud as a cell phone ring could disrupt their performance. "The first time I ever heard that happen was when I was singing Home reprise in *Beauty and the Beast* as Mrs. Pots," said Lisa Hoover, senior.

However, unlike the choir and band, there was one group which needed the noise of laughter. The Improv class relied on audience participation and comments throughout their performances. Crazy ideas and scenarios were needed for games like Scene it and Infomercial. "The funniest thing that happened to me on stage was when we were playing Joke Round; worst thing to say on a roller coaster," said Anne Martin, junior. Some new suggestions were especially needed this year as Improv members came up with new games for their performances.

The audience reactions could make or break the productions. Different performances called for different audience reactions.

PERFORMANCES SPRING



Matthew Sugg, freshman, plays the drums in a band concert. He had been a part of the blue man stomp for two years and they won this year and placed second last year.



Christopher Bishop, junior, plays his clarinet at a performance on March 18. The band took a trip to Chicago during March. "I liked all the freedom that we had. We could just go out and hang out with friends," said Deanne Chae, freshman.



Anna Duell, senior, concentrates on the music during a practice for orchestra. "Orchestra is my favorite class because it is a nice break in the day and it is different than normal core classes," said Jessica George, sophomore.

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Kristin Rosen, junior, performs during a novelty routine of the WCA Varsity dance team. The team did well enough this season to go to state, where they placed third overall. "We had our first year coach taking us to state and we placed really well, which I was really pleased with," said Rosen.



At the state meet for women's swimming, Annaliese Clark, junior, and Rebecca Zandstra, sophomore, placed in two individual events. Other members of the team who participated at state were Katherine Fleissner, sophomore; Haley Bergman, freshman; Melissa Ruhlman, Anna Sugg, Jill Holley, and Molly Meyer, seniors. Thomas Porter, sophomore, and Trevor McHardy, senior, also attended as managers.



Daniel Everett, freshman, displays the medal he won for finishing in the top twenty in Westminster's division with other members of Westminster's team. "State was a fun, rewarding weekend after a hard season of cross country," said Julie Sharp, sophomore.



STATE AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Late one cool November night, teams from more than 30 schools in the St. Louis area nervously awaited to hear who was the top scoring school at the 2007 World Quest academic competition. Then, the winning team was announced: Westminster Christian Academy. Matthew Thampy, Nevin Cherian, and Michael Talent, juniors, as well as Catherine Sinclair, sophomore, jumped up in elation to receive their awards for winning the competition. World Quest was an academic competition involving ten rounds of categorized questions about current events, foreign cultures, and leaders of foreign countries.

There was slight irony in this victory. SLUH came in second, just one point behind Westminster. Before the actual competition started, one of SLUH's team members had gotten into a political argument with Talent. In this discussion, the SLUH student divulged information about a certain world issue. Later, in the contest, a question was asked that related to this topic and Westminster would not have won that point if it hadn't been for what Talent learned in his debate. Therefore, Westminster would have tied with SLUH and might not have won the overall competition after the tie-breaking round.

However, because the World Quest team did win the regional competition, the students and leader Bob Vass, history and English teacher, were invited to attend the national competition in Washington, D.C. five months later. To prepare for this event, the team met in Vass' room each Wednesday at lunch to discuss current events and quiz each other with questions that pertained to the national contest's categories. "The work I've done goes back four or five years and it's finally paying off. I am a strong believer in Proverbs 16:3: 'Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed,'" said Thampy.

Christian Davis, sophomore, performs her skit about Martin Luther King and Malcolm X during a National History Day assembly during neighborhood time. At this assembly, Davis performed her skit in front of the entire upper school. At the NHD competition at UMSL, Davis won first place in the individual drama category. With Davis, 13 other students from Westminster also qualified for the state competition, where five of them further qualified for the national competition.



Michael Talent, Nevin Cherian, and Matthew Thampy, juniors, complete some last-minute studying just minutes before the national WorldQuest competition. Westminster's team finished as the 17th top team in the nation. "The competition was really tough this year. The team got a score that was comparable to the 5th place team's score in 2005," said Bob Vass, history and English teacher, who coached the team in both 2005 and 2008.



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Kathryn Weber, senior, spikes the ball over the net in a game against Reeds Spring High School at the state tournament at CMSU. Westminster won the game against Reeds Spring and placed second in state.

In Washinton, D.C., Matthew Thampy and Nevin Cherian, juniors, view the Japanese Memorial to Patriotism During World War II. While walking through the city, the World-Quest team stumbled upon this memorial and chose to visit it. Earlier that day, the team took a tour of the Capitol Building.



Calvin Boesch, junior, participates in the state cross country meet. Boesch was one of four Westminster students to run in the state-level competition on November 4, 2007.



Many teams from Westminster continued on to excellence at state or national competitions this year.



Hayley Younkin and Kristin Gilbert, seniors, participate in We the People, a high school competition styled as a congressional hearing. Westminster won first place in the state. Each group of students was required to prepare three speeches about specific areas of Constitutional interest.

June Hotchkiss and Brian Keffer, seniors, discuss one of their speeches after presenting it at the state We the People competition. Hotchkiss and her group members did a lot to prepare for this event. "I pulled a lot of late nighters at the 24-hour Starbucks. There was a lot of reading involved," said Hotchkiss.



Schaeffer Bell, freshman, studies for a memory verse quiz in a studylab. Studylabs helped students manage their time if they, like Bell, were in a spring sport.



Eric Levenhagen, sophomore, adjusts his wooden catapult in Latin I. The class went out to the soccer field and tried different materials to see which object flew the farthest.

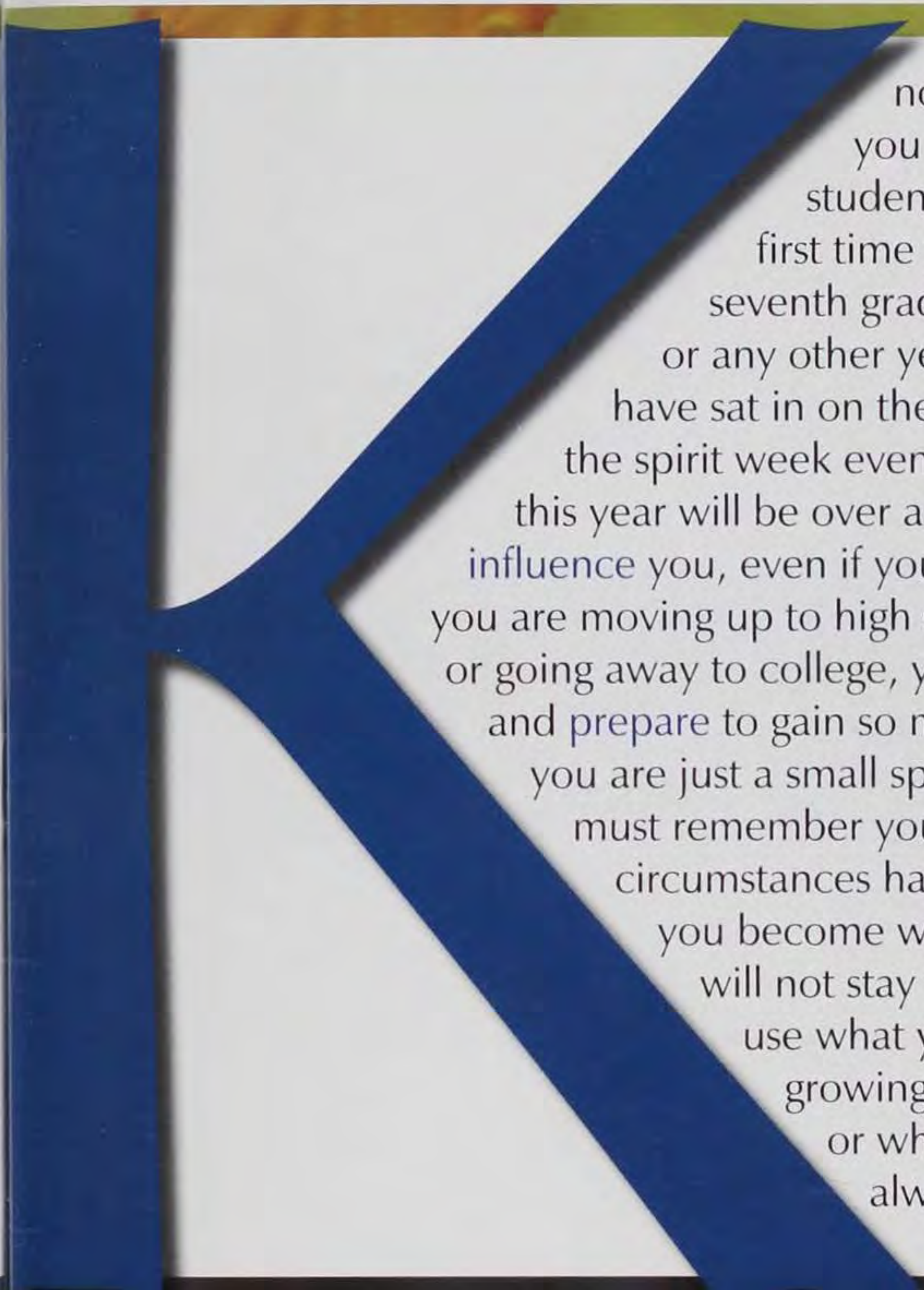


Nathaniel Arnold, seventh grade, climbs a rock wall during the middle school Christmas party. The students spent one Friday in December playing games and racing go-carts at the St. Louis Mills mall.

Connor Sullivan, eighth grade, exits Tim Muelhisen's history class. In the class, students studied United States history from the revolution to present day.



Michael Shapleigh and Clare Stolberg, seniors, study for an AP calculus test. The AP test took place on May 7 at the Town and Country Campus.



Knowing it is the last time that you will ever sit in chapel as a student, your mind goes back to the first time you were here, whether in seventh grade with all the new students or any other year as the "new kid." You have sat in on the chapels, the assemblies and the spirit week events. But soon, it will all change; this year will be over and all that it has held will influence you, even if you do not realize it. Whether you are moving up to high school, becoming a senior or going away to college, you leave something behind and prepare to gain so much more. It may feel like you are just a small sprout, in a big land, but you must remember your roots and how all your past circumstances have shaped your roots to help you become who you are today. But you will not stay young, you will continue to use what you learn, bear fruit, and keep growing. No matter where you were or where you are going, you will always be PLANTED.



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