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




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





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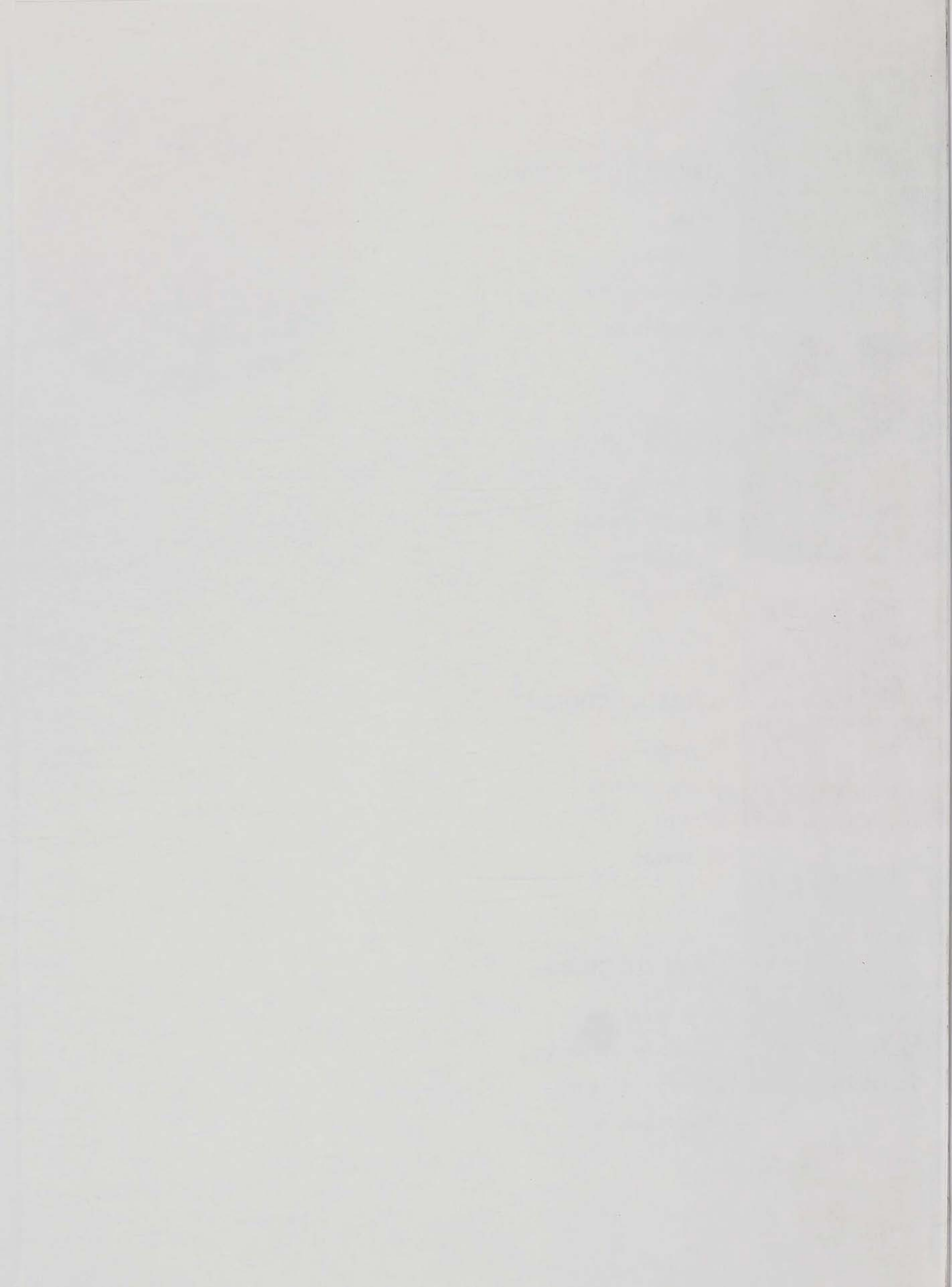
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why fresh?



Freshly fallen snow, bread baking in the oven, hot showers, cold streams, tall glasses of ice water on scorching summer days, new friends, innovative thoughts, creative inspiration ... these are the things which reflect all that is fresh within us.



For the people at Westminster, life constantly begins anew with every year, every week, every day and every minute a fresh start, another chance. Meeting someone new. Joining a club. Writing with a different slant or solving for the unknown.



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And so the year passes with its many opportunities to change, to be something unique, to serve someone uniquely. Amazingly, even the lost opportunities develop vitality and value when viewed through God's freedom-fresh perspective.



To see life in a bright new light, God's light, we must release all previous assumptions about people, activities and places, and purpose to make our lives fresh and interesting every day, claiming as we did this year, "You'll never see me like this again!"



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john maynard keynes



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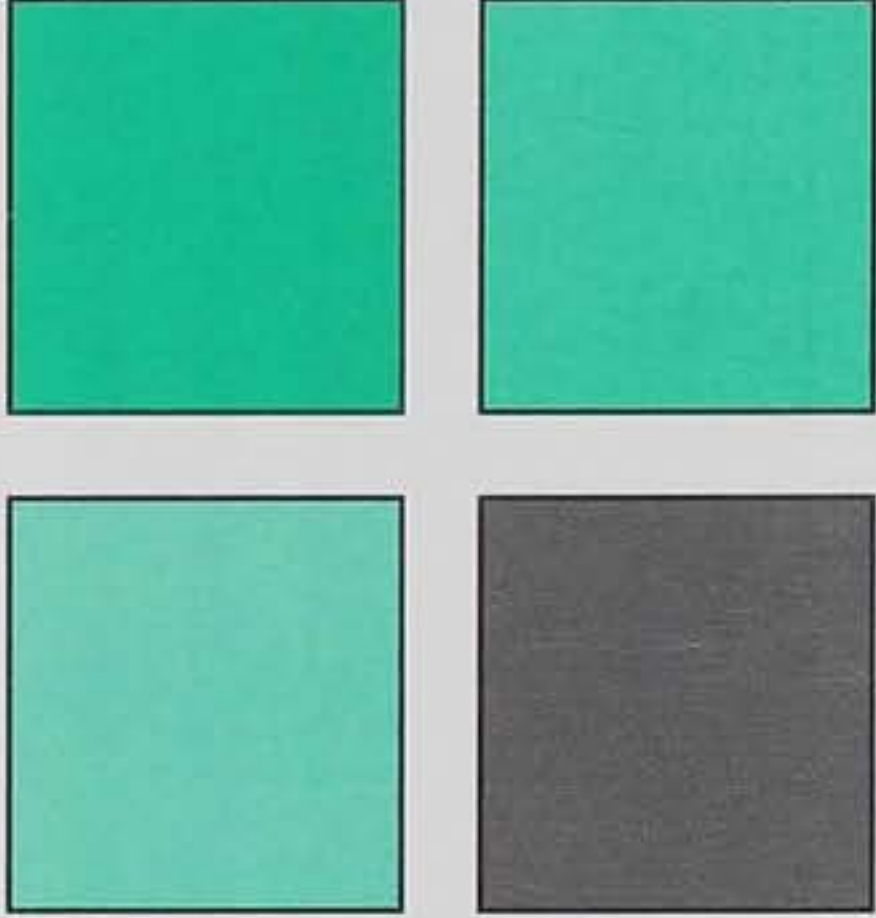
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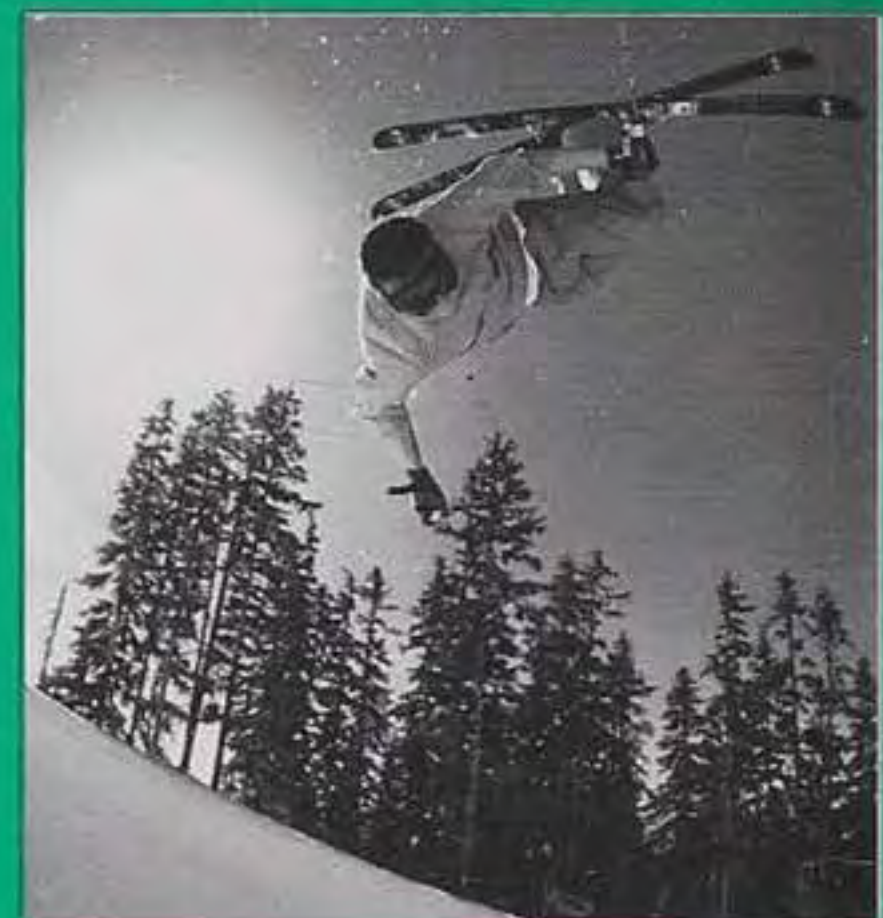
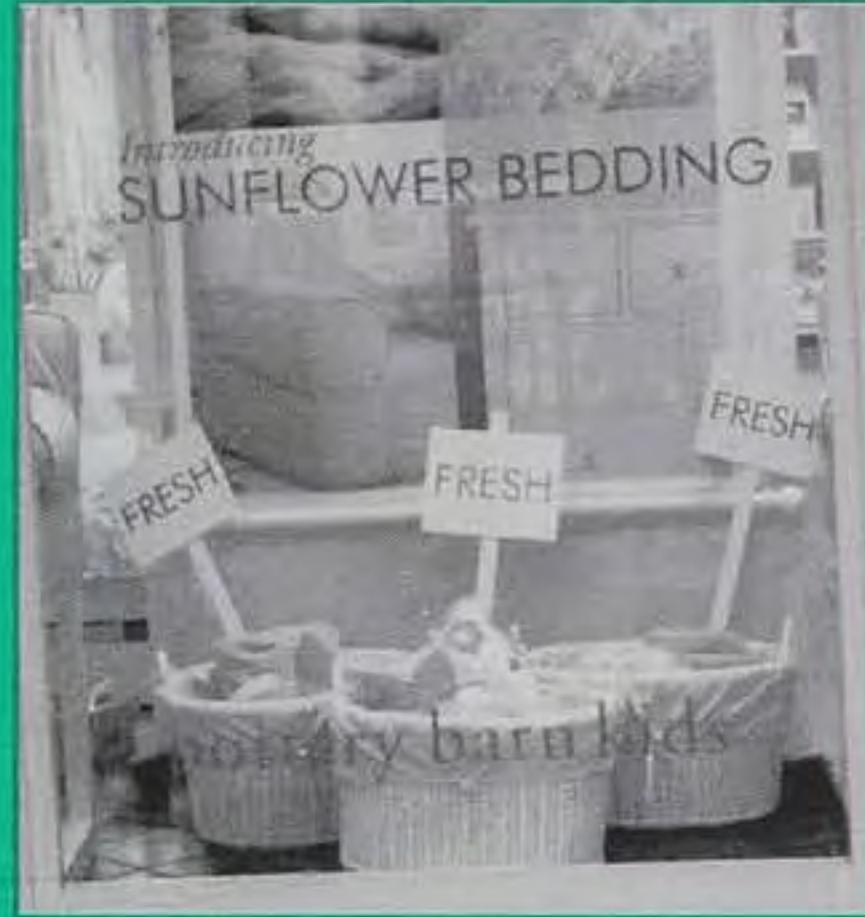
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fresh senses



Varsity Dance Team members Alex Forkin, freshman, and Mary Beth Klotz, sophomore, spray paint hair to raise money for Nationals. WCA only permits Dance Team to attend every few years because of its high cost.



Senior Nick DePietri plays the beautifully crafted hammered dulcimer during Talent Show. Originally, this instrument was played in the Appalachian Mountains.



Junior Ashley Allen and her eighth grade brother Brett perform "Message in a Bottle." This song, originally sung by Sting, is about a person crying out for help.





Resting after the Powder Puff game, junior Jessie Fisher watches Varsity to compare plays. "The powder puff game was fun, but the reffing didn't seem fair. I know we'll win next year," said Fisher afterwards.

five ways to enjoy carnival by kristy shelberg

Who didn't hear of the now-famous Sticky Bun Run or the 2004 Mazda RX-8 in the front lawn? *Carnival 2003* had everything from a dog show emceed by junior Alex O'Neil to US Marines performing pull-ups at their booth by the tennis courts. Whether you were a little kid playing the penny games or a mom buying jewelry from parent Becky Peters in the commons, there was something to smell, see, taste and touch.

Aromas from food cooked by seniors Mason Allbritten, Jon Wilkinson and David Stair attracted hundreds of carnival goers who waited in a line that, at times, measured a soccer field long. And the sight of the dog show

brought many to watch big, small, ugly, cute and even some well-behaved dogs prance around a circle of hay. The Sticky Bun Run brought in another sense: taste. Runners began at nine o'clock in the morning the day of the big event. They ran 2.1 miles and crossed over Westminster's treacherous terrain in the campus backland. What was the reward for completing this mission? A "free" tee shirt and a sticky bun as overheated as a runner's body on the finish line.

Then, the last sense: touch. At 11 am, the girls wearing green from the junior class met on the soccer field. They saw their opponents approaching from the distance without a team shirt. The

juniors could smell the sweet victory ... well, at least until they actually took the field and began playing the official 2003 Powder Puff Game. *Touch* football was it? The class of 2004 made it difficult for the class of '05 to get anything past its defense. Some players were tackled, others kicked and some even became angry, but in the end, friendships and bones were put back together, and the junior and senior girls made amends.

Whether for a Westminster student, teacher, friend or family, the sights, sounds, tastes and touch of *Carnival* made it a day worth remembering.



Junior Lauryn Beasley paints meticulously. Beasley, always ready to serve, helped out the Art Club by working at *Carnival*. Art Club raised \$132 in its one-day effort.





In a state of shock, senior Mason Allbritten's character Mortimer exclaims, "There's a body in the window seat!" His "aunts," played by seniors Liz Forkin and Jenny Reinwart, don't understand his reaction; all they did was kill a few old people to put them out of their misery.

dark comedy enters the little theater



Freshman Billy Bubenik, or "Jonathan," and senior Marta Douglass, his surgeon Dr. Einstein, dispute the plan for an upcoming "surgery." Douglass said, "My favorite part about the play was being able to hit on the underclassmen; I also got to wear a really cute dress."

It wasn't the lines, costumes or lighting that made *Arsenic and Old Lace* memorable to the students involved. It was several funny incidents that the production itself encompassed. For example, senior Mason Allbritten will never forget the time he injured his costar senior Liz Forkin.

"Arguing with Liz was my favorite part of the play," said Allbritten. "It was fun to be able to improvise a little as we went along, being able to do what we wanted within our characters' personalities." In one of these heated argu-

ments, which called for the stomping of his foot, Mason yelled his line, "It's *not* Mr. Hoskins!" He lifted his foot and slammed it onto Forkin's toes.

Another memorable incident occurred during the special cast dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings before opening night. The group walked in totally dressed and fully made up for the show. Freshman Billy Bubenik, or "Jonathan," stood out the most, with a face made up with shockingly realistic scars.

The students were greeted by a spunky blonde waitress who was

slightly curious about her interesting customers. When Allbritten told her they were the cast of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, she perkily responded, "Really? Where exactly in Missouri is that located?" Having witnessed a stereotype come true accompanied by an enjoyable dinner out, each member of the cast was sure he or she would never forget that night or the wonderful experience of producing this dark comedy.





good old-fashioned creepy by emily reed



One more to bury in the cellar! After poisoning one of their visitors, played by freshman Neil McAllister, the two euthenists, played by seniors Jenny Reinwart and Liz Forkin, congratulate each other on their accomplishment.



Insulted after being called a "Boris Karloff," Jonathan, played by freshman Billy Bubenik, tries to strangle one of the police officers, junior Katherine Bear. In the scene, Jonathan is angry about the botched plastic surgery performed on him by his German accented, alcoholic sidekick Dr. Einstein, played by Marta Douglass, senior.



Romance is in the air as Mortimer, senior Mason Allbritten, tries to lovingly focus on his fiancé Elaine, senior Corey Hasting. It is difficult for Mortimer to stay rational around the woman he loves, being side-tracked by the need to prevent his aunts from continuing their nasty habit.





ITSOG



2,876 craft and school supplies to box! Junior Bliss Barber rummages through all the donated markers, crayons and scissors given by students on Friday. Other days of the week featured other items.

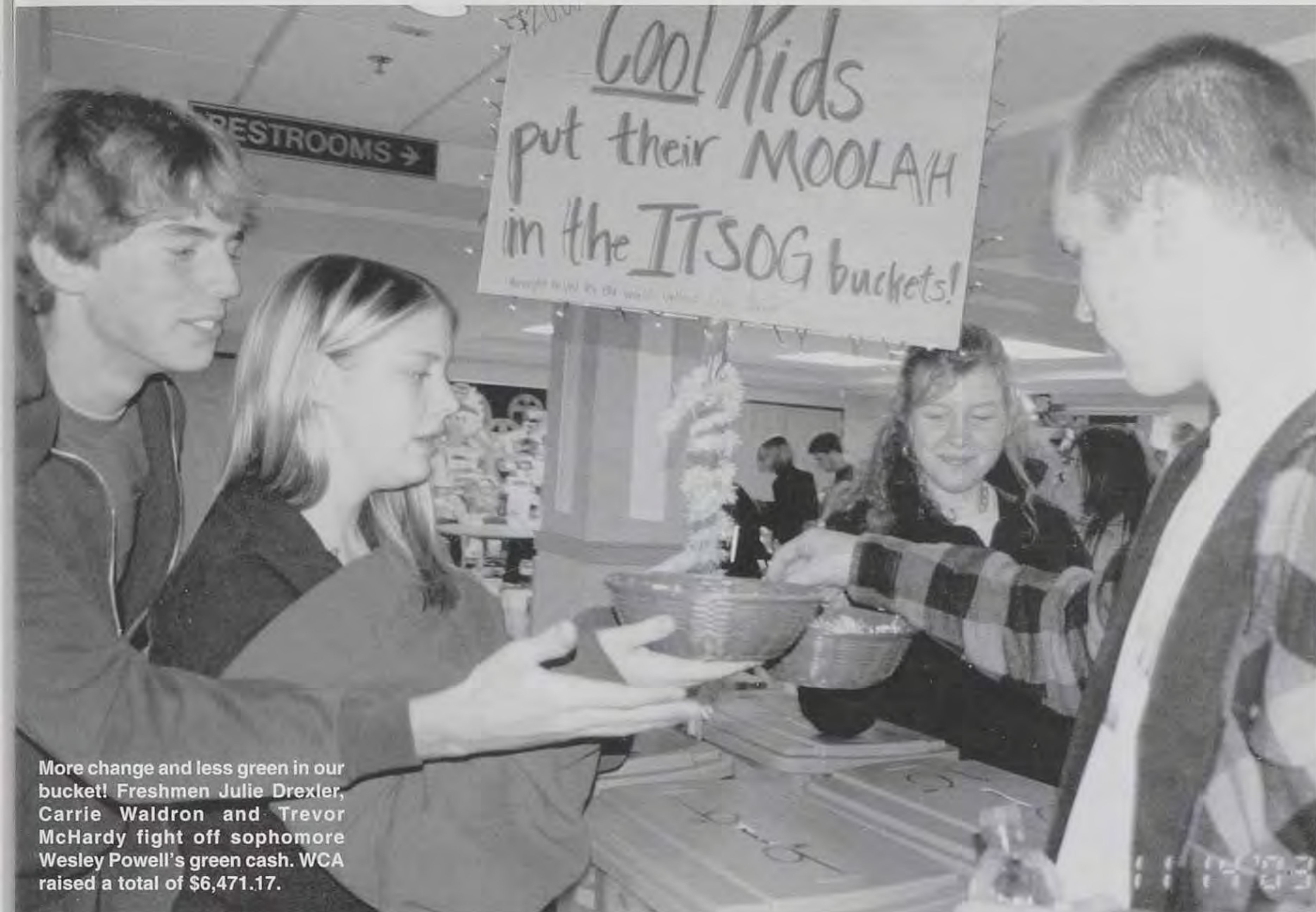


The Great Wizard of ITSOG, junior George Thampy, sits on his throne during the ITSOG kickoff. "Julie Drexler almost tipped me over; that was an interesting twist [to the skit]," Thampy remarked.



Eighth grader Alex Hoban helps Sara Drexler sort the week's items. In addition to the mounds of TP, he helped sort 3,531 canned goods, 5,869 personal care items and 5,844 toys and books.





More change and less green in our bucket! Freshmen Julie Drexler, Carrie Waldron and Trevor McHardy fight off sophomore Wesley Powell's green cash. WCA raised a total of \$6,471.17.

are you down with that "G"? by abby schnitzler

ITSOG was a huge success, bringing in more money and items than ever before. Was it the new name: In the spirit of giving? Was it the hearts of the students? Or, was it the battle of the sexes for extra credit? Whatever it was, the boxes were bursting and the trucks were overloaded with items for the needy.

"We were planning for ITSOG the week before and did not adequately prepare for the barrage of items that would greet us the next week," said junior NHS officer George Thampy.

This year's giving was mainly

focused on refugees living in St. Louis. Tim Baldwin, former teacher, now serves them through ministry on a daily basis. Leadership and Service Director Sara Drexler emphasized the importance of WCA's giving.

"I think God is bringing the need right to our doorstep. It used to be that if you wanted to help in Africa you would send packages. Now, a lot of refugees get sent to St. Louis, and a school like Westminster has a mission field under our noses," said Drexler.

Senior Ryan Fitzpatrick agreed.

"ITSOG gives money to people who need it, and we need to involve ourselves in it for that purpose," said Fitzpatrick.

Every class was involved through its donations. The seniors dominated due to a battle of the sexes for extra credit that the girls won.

"I spent \$30 on toilet paper and \$80 on canned goods. I never thought I'd go broke buying toilet paper," said Will Hotchkiss, senior.

Everyone who contributed added to the week's huge success.



Becca Wippold brings in her toilet paper for the sophomore class. Altogether, the class of '06 collected 770 rolls, helping to bring the total count to 6,696 rolls.





after the banquet ...



You stole my style! Senior Shannon Simmons and sophomore Jerrica Patton strut their stuff in pant suits and hats instead of traditional formal dresses.



Chicken and cheesecake. Freshmen Lindsey Ellsworth and Paul Lewis anticipate their meal at the banquet. Most students commented that the food, served buffet style around 8pm, was better than the chicken fillets of the past.



Eight shakes and four large orders of fries feed sophomores Missy Reed, Emily Meyer, Tim Gee and their group of friends at Steak 'n Shake after the banquet. Students did their own thing after the night of entertainment at the Sheraton, some going to dance and others grabbing a midnight snack.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world," senior Rob Stain should be thinking to himself as he dines in the presence of elegant seniors Abby Dollarhide and Kristen Petry.



students remember night of fun

by abby schnitzler

Two \$28 tickets, one wrist corsage, a fancy dress from Camille, brand new lipstick by Mac, new shoes, tux rental, limo and an up-do? Check! Students went to great lengths to make the Dec. 19 Christmas Banquet one to remember. For freshmen and sophomores, this was their one function of the year to shine. Seniors knew it as their last, and the juniors, well, they were just glad to be there to see Barrett Boody's booty in the entertaining film presented by STUCO.

The real party, however, began after the banquet. Most students made the journey to St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellisville for the

after party, but several did their own thing.

According to junior Christina Jacobs, she and Rachel Tarter spent the afternoon of the big night watching the first and second *Lord of the Rings* movies. Then ...

"We saw the third movie after the banquet," she said.

While this group caught an 11:15pm showing at Creve Coeur, senior Lauren Roberts attended a later show at Des Peres 14 with a group of students that she said, "took up three rows."

Besides entertainment, some kids didn't feel the buffet was filling enough and went to find more food.

"Mark Dudley and I went to White Castle and went home. I was going to get some onion rings, but I didn't like them that night ... too greasy," said George Thampy, junior.

Choosing a different route, junior Lauren Cawein went to The Loop with fellow junior David Whitwell and another friend to eat at Fitz's and do some shopping at Vintage Vinyl.

No matter where the night led students Dec. 19, the conclusion can be made that everyone had a great time. From the Village People to chocolate shakes, memories were made that will last a lifetime.



Chatting among friends, sophomore Erika Suermann enjoys the first part of her three-tier night. After dinner she went to the after-party and then Steak 'n Shake. "Getting ready this year was a lot better than last year. That was a disaster," she said. "The food was better, too. The cheesecake was really good."





it's a music man!



Seniors Stephen Kruse and Mary Mancuso, also known as Harold and Marian, dance to the rhythm of "Shipooopi," a dance number that was popular in the early 20th century.



Sophomore Nate Haines cannot help but blush as he plants one on freshman Julie Drexler, fellow featured dancer. A string of romantic moonlit walks like this one led up to the infamous footbridge scene between Harold and Marian.



Absolutely lovely, ladies! The Pick-A-Little Ladies (senior Cori Chapell, junior Amy Dixon, senior Michelle Scott, junior Katharine Bayer and senior Megan Jones) gracefully pose as a fountain.





The stubborn Iowa townspeople welcome Professor Harold Hill to River City in a colorful opening number. Each member of the cast sang in the mindset of an actual character, having a name, a certain personality and particular friends.

76 trombones hit the stage by emily reed

It was when senior Stephen Kruse, the Music Man himself, began hearing, "Oh ya got trouble, trouble, trouble..." in his sleep that he knew his extraordinarily hard work was paying off. This work pertained not only to memorizing lines at rehearsal and also on his own time, but also to perfecting that special kiss. No one will ever forget that infamous footbridge smooch.

"I couldn't get away from the ongoing harassment and wise-cracks from my peers," Kruse said laughingly.

Performances were actually only a fraction of the entire experience. In addition to laughs in the green room, elaborate snack buffets provided by Mama Kruse and being stalked backstage by AV Crew members with cameras, the cast party was unforgettable.

Choral director Kim Doyle opened her home to the cast and crew after their final performance, and while the chapel band played in the background, cast members enjoyed coronet cookies and fresh sandwiches; they laughed hysterically as they reminisced and re-

laxed after a busy three months of rehearsals and memorizing lines. Later came the highlight of the evening: the backstage video of what really takes place when the performers are not in the spotlight. Members of the audio-video crew had captured sneakily the most random occurrences, such as senior Tucker Grote's impersonations of Gollum from *Lord of the Rings* in the green room. Times like these were the most memorable for the entire *Music Man* family.



Cast members sit back and relax at the Doyles' after a successful sold-out show. They were absorbed by the hilarious backstage video taped by the AV Crew throughout the entire production.





spirit week



During Spirit Week, freshmen Haley Venard and Sarah Moore tug with all their might for the freshman class. This year the freshmen girls received third place in the tug-of-war, the senior girls placed second and the sophomore girls proved their strength by placing first.



Eighth graders Sarah Schlafly and Hannah Coller dance and sing to their class' lip sync song "Foot-loose." With dazzling outfits and abundant energy, the eighth grade class showed its spirit and put immense effort into its performance.



The freshmen boy pomers flip their hats towards the audience as they perform their lighthearted dance. They impressed judges with their creativity when a dancing cow, freshman Jon Heyse, appeared and showed that bovines can dance. Altogether, the routine earned the class of '07 second place.





Seniors Abby Schnitzler, Marta Douglass and Kathryn Fanchi sing along to "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead" while their munchkin costumes swing from side to side. Other classes entertained students and guests with lip syncs from *Annie*, *Footloose* and *Mary Poppins*.

through different eyes by elizabeth simon

To many WCA students, the five days of Wildcat Pride Week (aka Spirit Week) is nothing unusual. We're used to people dressing weirdly, and we like to "go all out" on any costume. Transforming our hallways is tradition, and we do not ask ourselves, "What in the world is going on?" But what does Spirit Week look like through the eyes of foreign exchange students? What goes through their minds when seeing students dressed up like "Big Benji?" What do they think on Christmas dress-up day when they see girls dressed as presents?

I asked myself these questions when I thought about Marcela Vivanco, a foreign exchange student from Mexico. I wanted to know what her first impression of Spirit Week was, and

I wanted to know what she really thought.

Marcela had an interesting response to Spirit Week. She actually participated in the seniors' lip sync, "Ding Dong the Witch is Dead." Here is what she had to say:

"I definitely enjoyed lip sync a lot. That was an incredible thing to do. I enjoyed every practice so much. It was great to learn a song in English and then lip sync it. First, it was hard because I thought that I wouldn't be able to lip sync it. I had so much fun with all the girls in my class, and I loved our costumes. They were really cute!"

My second question for Marcela asked how this was different from anything she had seen before. She responded:

"In this week I could see many different and new things. For ex-

ample, the decoration of the hallways. Usually in Mexico we don't decorate hallways, so that was a pretty neat experience to see how the hallways were totally changed with a lot of imagination. Also, the games were different. My favorite was when each class had to make a machine. But, I enjoyed it all."

Asking Marcela what she enjoyed most about Spirit Week was a difficult task. She loved everything, but she mostly loved seeing Westminster so spirited.

"I was really excited to see all the energy and effort that each class put into all the activities. I think everyone was creative, and that made Spirit Week a lot of fun. One of the things that I liked was the cheer about which class had more spirit. That was new for me."



Junior Chris Nester appears at ease in his duct tape, paper and tinfoil fashion. Although he contributed a worthy effort, juniors came in third. Seniors won the Dress-up Championship, and freshmen came in second.



getting focused



Ken Needham challenges the student body with his thought-provoking messages. Needham has traveled to over 60 countries with his organization, Trans-Mission Worldwide.



Sophomore Daniel Minnella appreciates speaker Ken Needham's humor. Many students looked forward to the daily chapel sessions and showed Needham their appreciation with a standing ovation on Friday, the last day of Spiritual Emphasis Week.



Seventh graders Jenna Kinsinger and Katie Taylor share the moment with their peer counselor, senior Sarah Haas. Needham's accent, along with his captivating storytelling, seemed to keep students of all ages on the edges of their seats.





Seventh graders Nikki Seevers, Claudia Parato and Carmen Harjoe look on with uncertainty as the events of chapel unfold. Neither seventh graders nor first-time attendees to Westminster knew what to expect during Needham's messages.

spiritual emphasis week by angie rill

What did you think of Spiritual Emphasis Week? When posing this question to fellow students, many admitted they did not even know that it existed. Once they finally remembered the week in early December that offered a much-needed escape from the pressures of looming finals, the responses varied.

Many students welcomed the thought of chapel every day because it provided shortened class

periods and an escape from the monotony of teachers' lectures. Others, such as junior Rachel Tarter, said, "It was a tough week but having [Ken Needham, itinerant Bible teacher] here lifted my spirits." Most welcomed a week full of chapel as a spiritual respite and a chance to reflect on what should be most important in life.

Whatever the response, a common theme that rang throughout was "Bring the Irish guy back."

Although he kept students captivated by his humorous story-telling and animated dialogues, Needham also brought the school life-applicable teachings. Many found themselves eager to discover what the next day would hold for them in chapel and what God would have for them to learn. Junior Christina Jacobs commented that "it is hard to not be touched in some way by Mr. Needham's messages."



Dan Koch, senior, sings along during chapel worship. The chapel band played a key role during the week by emphasizing the importance of worship.

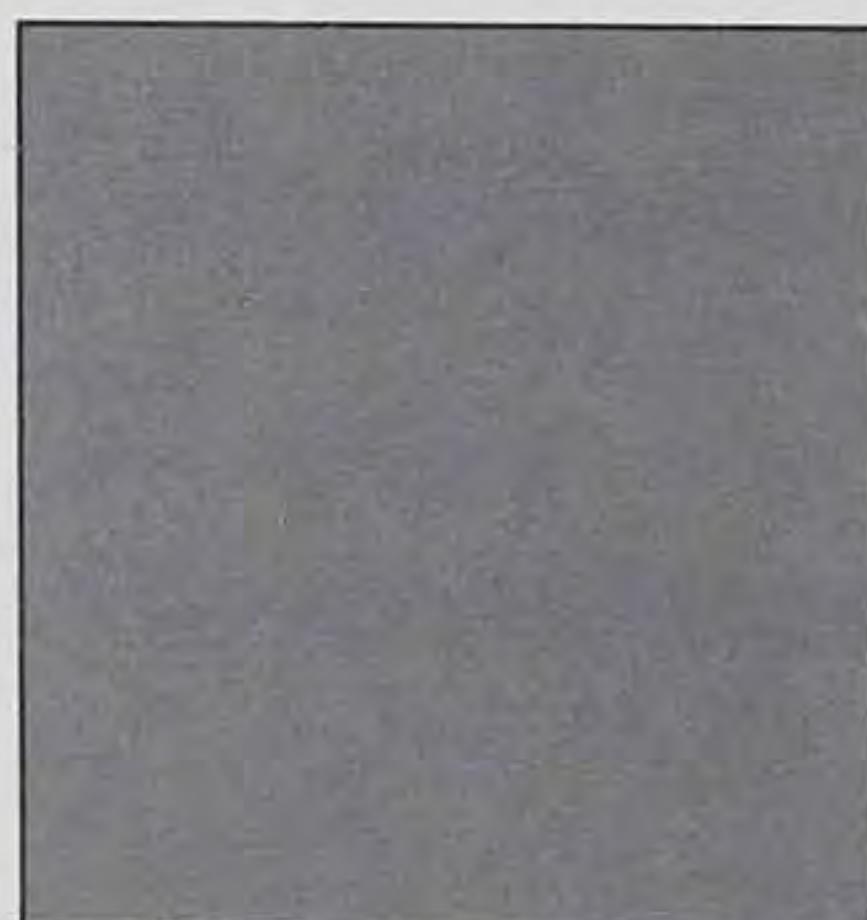




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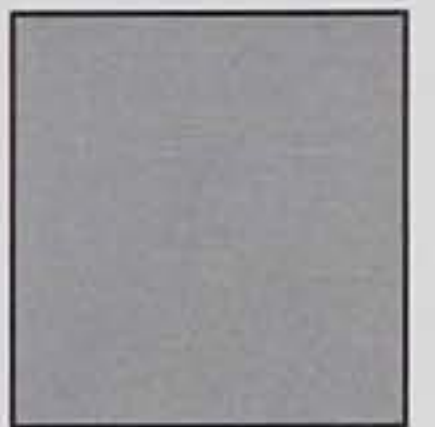
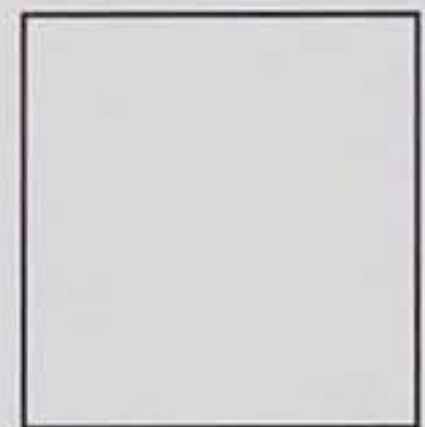
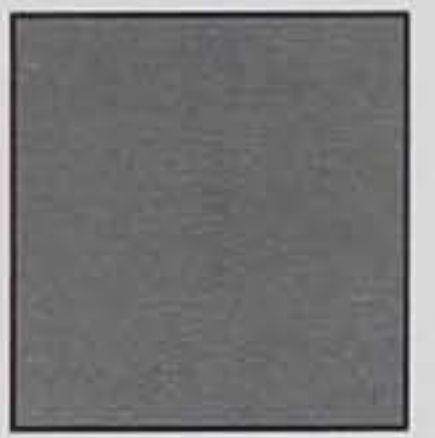


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First, I would like to thank my parents for sending me to the Academy and for their love and support. Secondly, to all the brilliant teachers that I had here, thanks for the wisdom you shared. To my friends, I thank all of you guys for making these years interesting and memorable. I am so grateful God has placed you in my life and blessed me with so many awesome friendships. Looking forward to the years ahead. Peace.



**emanuel luke
adams**



**mason bradley
allbritten**

Mom and Dad, I can't thank God enough for you. Your love and support means more to me than you will ever know. Brooke, I love you, Sis. To all my friends, thank you for the good times and putting up with the Mason dance. Mike, stay tan. Slick, knock it stiff. Dan, patience is a virtue. David, waffle nights were great. Kruse, from day one you were there; thanks for your friendship. D-Star, you look amazing. My fiancé and best friend, keep doing the eye thing. Ashley, Emily, Abby D, Abby S, Becca, Kristin, and all the rest of my gal pals, I love y'all.

Dad, you have the biggest heart. Thanks for always loving without ceasing. Mom, unconditional love. Thanks. You are the greatest parents. Morgan, pop it like it's hot. Always keep it bumpen! Avery, my best movie buddy! You are both Princesses of the King! Never let anyone treat differently! Nancy, New York, lucky charms, late nights. You will always be my greatest friend and the most radiant person. God is crazy about you! Meghan, K-2, the J, older men scrap-booking! Dan, my Prince, "3" forever! "You complete me." My Jesus, thanks for life and love! I love you all!



**lane elizabeth
anderson**



**jessica lynn
arrington**

First, I want to thank my Savior, my strength, who has brought me through circumstances I never thought I could make it through. To my parents who have been there for me and have provided for me always – thank you. To all my Solid Rock girls, I love you. Steph, thank you for always being there. PT and Miss Sheri, you've been so awesome to me; I could never thank you enough for all you've done. Last but not least, Roig, Jones, and KPO, thanks for the lunchtime laughs and late nights. You guys are the best.
I John 5:14

I appreciate the kindness shown to me by everyone, and I hope that we can keep in touch. I wish you all the very best and hope you succeed in your passions.



**robert andrew
bateman**



**crystal lynn
beasley**

Mom and Dad, thanks for loving me even through all my mess-ups! I can never thank you enough! Curtis, you're an awesome little brother, thanks for pumping my gas!! I love you all. To all my friends, thanks for always putting up with me; I would have never made it without you!! I love you all!! JoBeth, Amber! Don't Choke him! Lauren, dang it! This is my Lauren! Woah! Kassie, Skis! Mexican LawnGuys! SUV! Angie, pool (need I say more?). Heather. Bread Co trips!! Jessie, Ed Hinkle! Meat! Chris, shopping for anniversaries! Neil & JD, thanks for always being there!

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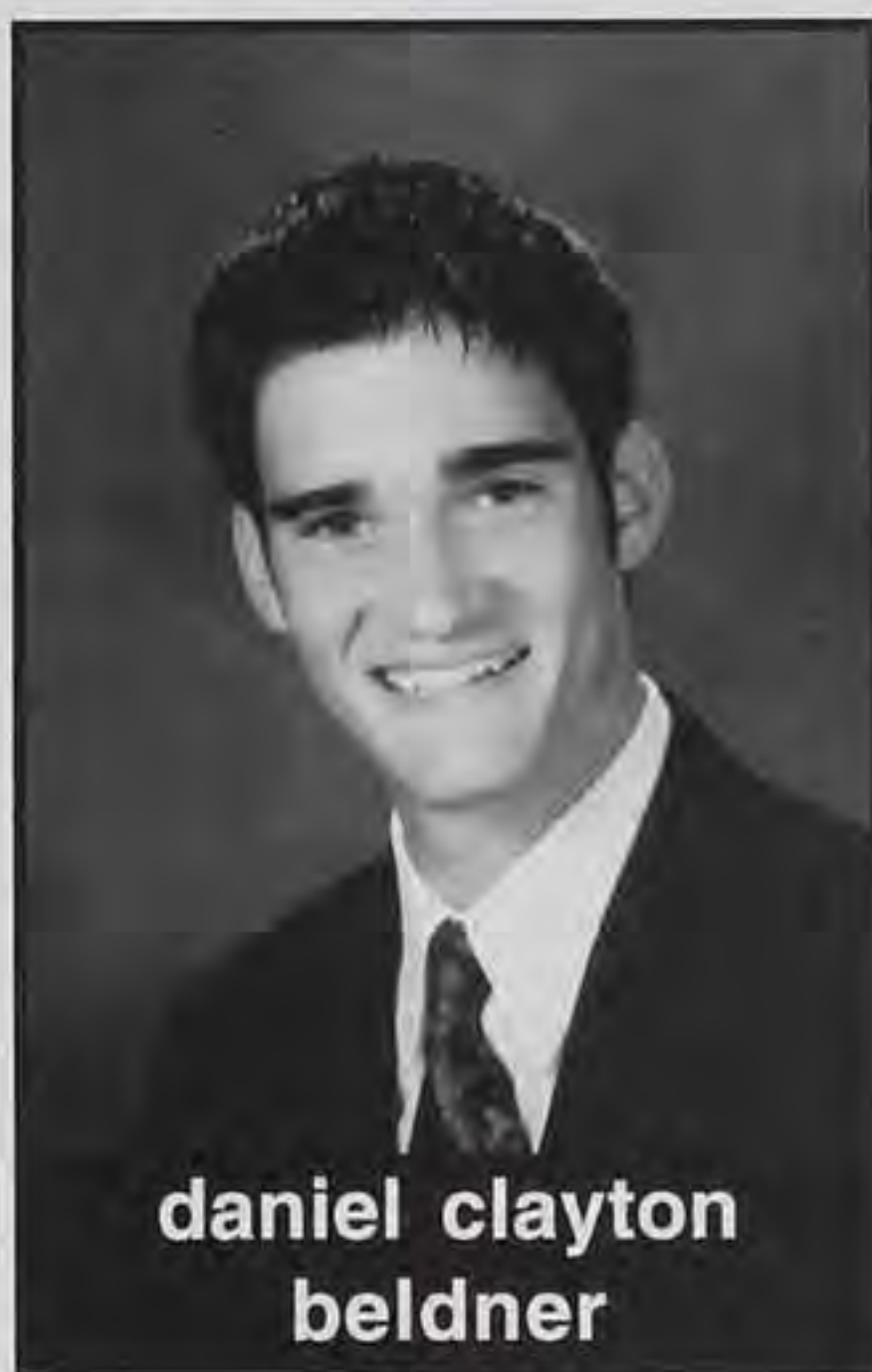
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barrett steven boody



Mom, I live every day trying to be the godly person you raised me to be; I will never forget all you taught me. Brent and Hope, you're still in my heart! Brian, Tim, thanks for the great examples you have set. Bethany, Dad, Nancy, thanks for everything. Stair, friendships last a lifetime. Otto, the lake, TV, waffles, lifting - thank you for becoming my friend when I truly needed one. Kruse, devos, sarcasm, Kiawah! Mason, I'll be coming over. Jon, concussions are underrated. Shaw, never stop laughing. Jesus, I'm weak without you, grant me the strength to go on.



**daniel clayton
beldner**



**britney aline
bennett**

Mommy and Daddy, love you. Granny and Poppa, thank you. Claude, my favorite person, I love bragging about my multi-talented brother. Solomon, you are my BABY bro, and, therefore, I will always kiss you. Ne-Ne and Shannanogan, we are beautiful, black queens. Love y'all. Prissy, don't let anybody stop you from being you. Mrs. Richardson, thank God for you. Mrs. D, we are soul sisters. Black students here and black students who have come and gone, you've been a blessing to me. Class of '04, we are SO HOT!! Thank you for teaching me so much. I love y'all. HOLLA!

Mom and Dad, words cannot express how much you mean to me. These past 18 years have been wonderful, and I look forward to the ones to come. Drew, I am blessed to have you as my brother. Thanks for all the fun car rides and advice. I love you all more than you will ever know. Kassie, 15 years, shabouygan-poppers, "Give we a word." Crystal, ridges, stroke. Angie, hot commade, "Sit." Chris, TG, GG. Brittany, cheese-grinder, camels! Amy, RANK CHEESE! Alex, BPuzzle. MaryBeth, "Holla." Heather, scary movies. Sister, Beck dumb dumb. To the class of 2004, IT'S BEEN REAL.



**jobeth wilhelmina
black**



**whitney rachelle-
elaine bond**

Father, thank you for your blessings, grace, and mercy - Psalm 3. Mama, words can't express my boundless gratitude; I love you so much. Royce, thanks for being my king and letting me be your queen and best friend. Shannon and Brit, thanks for your love. MEJ, what would I've done without you? You're my shoulder. Mrs. Richardson, Trixie, La-La, Poppie, and teacher-friends, thanks for supporting me in prayer and feeding me. My entire family, thanks for EVERYTHING. To anyone I forgot, charge it to my mind, not my heart! Colossians 4:2-6

Mom & Dad, your baby and Princess I'll **always** be. Love you forever. BEN-O, I love you more than St. John! BECCA & EMMY... "Best friends are siblings God forgot to give us." I love you a million boxes of chocolate! AMY, MARY, KRUSE, MASON, & DAVID, **good friends** are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget. I've been blessed. JESS, HANNAH, ABS, PACO, AABERG, RICHARDSON, & KATIE, you're the best - much love! STANGE, love you, bad jokes and all! BABES, live out Joel 2:7. "Someday I'll Fly. Someday I'll Soar" (John Mayer). PROVERBS 3:5-6



**ashley elizabeth
bono**



**barrett steven
boody**

First, Jesus - thanks for going to the cross for me. Mom and Dad, thanks for always being there and never giving up on me. Heather, you're the best big sister, thanks. Baseball guys, I had a great time. We started a tradition; keep it going. Football guys, you're hilarious. Who could forget flaming tennis? To my seventh graders, I challenge you to be men of God and never forget to thank Him. Finally, Rachel, thanks for putting up with my weirdness and not quite being normal yourself. Also, thanks for being so good to me.

Things start over./ We begin something else./ Out with the old./ And in with the new./ We burn away the past./ To make room for the future./ Thank you to all who have cared over the years. It will not be forgotten. And to those of you who didn't, that will not be forgotten either. We can put a nail in a piece of wood. We can remove the nail from the wood. But we cannot remove the hole that is left in the nail's place. "Recognize this as a holy gift and celebrate this chance to be alive and breathing."



**patrick grant
breedlove jr**



**craig fischer
bross**

Wow. I've looked forward to this moment all my life, but now that it's here, I can't help but think back instead of look forward. I have to say thanks to my parents for supporting me in all my decisions. I know we haven't always seen eye to eye, but I appreciate everything. Mr. Graham, thanks for helping me out when I needed it. Señora, thanks for teaching me about myself. Squirrel chasers, thanks for the memories. And Dan, may the birds always fly free.

Mom and Dad, thank you both for being there when I needed you most. You really do mean a lot to me, even if I don't show it all the time. I love you both very much. Maggie, even though there are hard times, you are my little sister, and I love you. Caleb, you've been a brother to me, and I will never forget the times we had together. T.J., same goes for you, man - all the summer days in the pool, good times - I love you guys. To the rest of my SoCo boys, it has been a fun four years; I'm going to miss ya.



**nicholas james
burrus**



**joshua ryan
camp**

Most importantly, to my mom, thanks for getting me through everything; you mean the world to me. I love you! Doug, Dad, Erin, and Grandma, your love has never failed to keep me going. Em and Jay, thanks for letting me give you a hard time. I love you! Fitz, Tahoe, creek rafting, KA! Jeff, backyard wrestling, B-O-M-B-E-R-S! Bretsky, "Bong," "Taco Salad," Bahu! Cascella and Jarboe, DC forever! Sermy, two liters, yuck! Corey, juicy.... PK, lock it up. Mueller, styrofoam balls, TAVIA! Amy, thanks for the memories. I'll never forget. "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Emerson).

Thank you, God, for helping me get this far. I also want to thank my family. Thanks, Mom, for all the help, love, and encouragement throughout all my school years. Thanks, Dad, for being the best coach I could ask for, for all the support you've always given me, and for the cool car. I also appreciate and thank all my friends for helping me get through high school and making it much more enjoyable. Also, thank you Coach Bain, and the whole basketball team for the great seasons. I couldn't ask for a better high school experience.



**jarred matthew
cagle**



**nicholas guy
cascella**

Mom and Dad, thank you for all that you have done for me over the years. I greatly appreciate both of you. To all of my friends, thank you for the memories. Brett, never forget the ducks. Ashley, I drove you around more than anyone, you owe me. Jeff, I'll always remember you as the kid who blew up my toilet. Josh, Jon, Andy, D.C. forever. Rybear and Joe Joe Bean, thanks for always being able to make me laugh. Jon, we've had some great times. I couldn't ask for a better friend. Thanks all of you for making my high school years memorable.

patrick grant breedlove jr



craig fischer bross



nicholas james burrus



joshua ryan camp



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christopher eric collum



corey alan cullum



ryan palmer dabler



romondo edwin davis



Mom and Dad, you've brought me up in the truth and made me who I am. You are dear to my heart. Sissy, my precious gift; I love you more than you can understand. Big brothers, thanks for letting me tag along; you've taught me so much. Heather, Sister, God blesses me through you. Johanna, my dear Dory, your servant heart has changed my life, and I can't wait for the years to come. Heather Leigh, my big strong friend! Your strength in my weakness is amazing. My friends, I praise God for all of you. My eighth graders, fun socks and devos! PC girls, pictures, movies, and encouragement.



**corinne elisabeth
chapell**



**matina dear
chard**

First, thanks be to God for lifting me up and carrying me through thick and thin. Well, WCA, it has been a wild ride. Swimmin', Chicas, and coaches, thanks for all the years of fun and laughter. Kirstin, you are the light of the world; thanks for your encouraging words. Haley, reach for the stars! Jessiah, trust God, never give up. Megs, you still owe me a lollipop, but I'll settle for a free trip to Florida any day. Lauren, thanks for the great stories and laughs. Nothing is impossible to attain if you work hard enough. Dream Big!

To my parents, thank you for all your love and support. You guys will never know how much I love you and how much you mean to me. Thanks for the past 18 years; you are truly a blessing from God. Kassie, what can I say? Life with your company has been truly amazing; thank you for everything you've taught me. To my other ladies and friends, you are all great. I hope you are successful in whatever you do, and may God bless your lives to the fullest. We've had some good times; thank you so much.



**christopher eric
collum**



**corey alan
cullum**

First of all, I would like to thank God and my very loving parents for helping me and supporting me through thick and thin. Brandon, even though we have our differences, I wouldn't have it any other way. You're the best brother I could ask for, and an even better friend. Justin, you're an awesome person and an awesome friend. There are so many memories I am not going to bother with because I know they will just keep coming. Will, Slade, Ryan, Whitney, Kathryn, and Liz, thanks for being real friends. I will love and cherish all of the memories.

Mom and Dad, thanks for all your love and support these last four years. I'll never forget all our great times, especially dinner. Robyn, you're a saint for putting up with me all the times I've pestered you and a double saint for putting up with me during exams. Andrew, Scholar Bowl was a blast. Thanks for introducing me to it. If only we had used the Beating Stick more... Gerrod, your comments always made sure I had something to laugh about. I'll never forget Visitation. To all my friends and classmates, I wish you all the best wherever God leads you.



**ryan palmer
dabler**



**romondo edwin
davis**

Thank you, sweet Jesus. Mom, Dad, you're God's greatest blessing in my life. Thanks for your love. I love you beyond words. Becca, you're an awesome sister. Lee, I've enjoyed seeing you grow. Be defined in love. I love you all. Luke, Dave, Lindsay, Aliza, Mike, Fields, Marta and everyone else, your love has impacted me in innumerable ways. Thank you for your time and care. Continue to follow God's will, and He will never let you down. Grant, your journey is my witness. Never stop fighting. So now the walls recede, eternity awaits. Grace shall set us free. Colossians 2:10



Psalms 121. Daddy-O, I will always be your little girl who sits on your lap but still out-hunts you! Mater, my fortress and mentor, leading me to the Truth. Kristen, CDs, teriyaki chicken, "hummingbird! hummingbird!" Ditto kid! Bobby, "flitter, flutter," football. You are an awesome brother. Aubrit, Swiss Family Robinson; who's on? Be a frog, trampoline camping- "Do a little Dance"- Abigail, Bible Project, B-day TP. Becca, "My" PJs, car alarm, mummy my crazy side! Liz & Kat, Lip Sync - silly times, awesome conversations. Abs, the creek. Ash, brownies. Thanks '04! Dolls, love ya! Jeremiah 29:11



**jessica marie
degnan**



**fredo
derazin**

My opening thanks and perdurable gratitude to the paramount Creator of all things (God), who is the impetus of both my existence and that fatidic experience that I had at WCA. And exceptional thanks to WCA staff and students for being nice to me and welcoming me. Also to the whole family "ROMAIN," I wish I could put into words how much love and gratefulness I owe you. To my folks at GSL (Haiti), thanks for the unspeakable things you've given me. Lastly to Jane G, I surely can't thank you. But, know that I love you and am thankful to you till the terrestrial ages the most unimaginable.

Parents, thanks for your love that you have shed on me in many ways. Taylor, through good and bad times, I still love you. Corey, you have stood by me for years, thanks for your friendship. Slade, once enemies, we have come a long way. Will, long talks and Taco Bell. Rob, stop touching me! Rest of the Gang, thank you for accepting me despite my past. Whitney, I cannot imagine high school without your friendship with me. Thank you for the time spent; I trust that God's will is to be carried through, and He will keep you safe.



**justin anthony
derosa**



**emily ruth
dickerson**

Mommy, you know how much I love and miss you. Daddy, I love you; creature of the deep and the Return of the Dogs. Joan, I guess stepmothers aren't evil after all...thank you for everything. Timo, thanks for caring. Jonah, Earthquake! You are my favorite person in the world. To my 16, no 23, whatever, family members and dogs: Tranquility; always sing really loud (10am-9pm). Cor (I mean Kel), thanks for letting me sleep with worms; you are beautiful. Lauren, thanks for your generosity, care, and joy. KT, U&P to long walks. Cor, blend like the wind; I love you. Father, thank You for loving me.

To those who went before me, thank you for beating the path, and to those behind me, I suggest you follow. To the teachers and my parents, thank you for your kindness and help even when I did not deserve it. To my friends, thank you for being there for me no matter what the case; you know who you are and what you did. Most of all, I would like to thank God for forgiving those who make mistakes in order to fix their own lives, because I would not be here today. I love you all. NIND



**nicholas ian
nathanael dipietri**



**kathleen marie
dolan**

Mom, I know I don't say it much, but thank you. Jim, thanks for hauling me around. Now it's my turn; come visit me sometime. Laila, Nick, Barek, Mike - fun times. Nick, stay out of trouble. Laila, I hope you succeed in your quest to save the free-range chickens. Jenny, enjoy taking over the world. Lizzy, Faith and the rest of you sophomores whose names I can't remember, you've been great for a laugh in the morning when I really needed it. Linden, Kelly, Katie - it's been good. Jo, remember to eat lunch. Friends, thanks for bringing light into my world during dark times.



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emily ruth dickerson



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kathleen marie dolan



abigail cornish dollarhide



marta randle douglass



heidi anne eaton



kathryn ann fanchi



thomas seth ferguson



andrew thomas fields



Mom, Dad, and my CRAZY family, words cannot describe how much I love you, and how grateful I am for EVERYTHING you have done for me. Life wouldn't be the same without you! Cuz, hold me Edward ... Mary and Heidi, we're like a parabola! Do birds have feathers? Shurmee, creepy. Allison, I get the right one! Mason and Pat, don't be dirty. Degan girls, do a little dance ... husband/gimpy, keep playing my songs. Kristin, I was just going to say that ... of course you were! You're super special! ARB! I love everyone and will miss you! Matthew 16:27



**abigail cornish
dollarhide**



**marta randle
douglass**

Mom, Dad, thanks for being strong and listening. Chris, Clay, Steve, you're the standard by which I judge all guys. Bliss, Kat, my friends, cohorts, confidants. Always lose at never-have-I-ever. Keep looking for the perfect Makeout Fountain. Mike, Mondo, Fields, thanks for letting me be "one of the guys" yet "respecting my femininity." Lindsay, "Night-swimming"; thanks for listening. KREW, thanks for letting me be myself. Nancy, you'll have a place in my heart; thanks for the joy you brought me. Nina, you're a god-send. Thanks for telling me when to "stop talking!" To all, when in doubt, improvise. God bless.

Heavenly Father, you never fail me. I will never stop loving you. Mom and Dad, I am fortunate to have you as parents. I never want it any different. I love you both. Caroline and Abby, you are my best friends. You have taught me so much. I'll love you forever. Mary, Abby, Kristin, thank you for being the definition of true friends. No matter where life takes us, we will always stick together. Love you girls. Meghan, our boyfriends, need I say more? Love ya! Diesel, only God could have brought us together. I love you. Jeremiah 29:11



**heidi anne
eaton**



**kathryn ann
fanchi**

Mom and Dad, this is for all the times I was too prideful to say thank you. I love you. Peter, thanks for your constant encouragement. Em, my sister, mentor, friend, I love you. Sis #2, football-game on! Quiet what? Thanks for the ear and for loving me. Forks, tears-laugh, climbing-sleeping, theology-Disney. Rach, I like the way you think. Squeeks, can't wait to read your book. Josh, ah, the memories; you're my second brother. Will, iron sharpens iron. Slade, from eyebrows to music, you've taught me a lot. With pain comes love, with failure comes need for a Savior. Isaiah 64:8

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**thomas seth
ferguson**



**andrew thomas
fields**

Praise the Lord for His grace, mercy, and love. Mom and Dad, thank you for all you have done for me. You will never know how grateful I am for your sacrifices and love. Luke, you'll always be a 35 to me. Mike, thanks for bringing me out of my shell; stay tan. David, I'll never forget the cheeks. Mondo, thanks for not tackling me too hard. The lunch table, stack starts here. To the great teachers, Mr. Vass, Nichols, Graham, Haas, Shaw, Muehleisen, Sr. and Sra., thank you all. The road to hell is paved with good intentions (Marx).

Mom, you're kickbutt; I love you completely. We've been through the mill together; you've always been by my side. Thanks from the bottom of my heart. Dad, Chris Farley! Thanks for your support and love. Tess, I love you with all my heart. Thanks for being the coolest, kindest, most loving sister. You mean so much! Josh, "It was me!" Thanks for the memories; you're a "KB" best friend. Jared, I luv u! Get in your cage! Barrett, two words: Drano Bomb. Jeff, PS UrKA! Brett, camping. Ashley, Kathryn, Liz, Megan, you are sweet and dependable. Will, yeah dirty! Nick, three-week tests! 1 Corinthians 9:24



**ryan howland k
fitzpatrick**



**alexander john
fletcher**

Father, your pursuit will always bring me to my knees. I love you. Mom, Boo, treehouse, birdy kisses, African dancing. You're my best friends. PJ's, thanks for your sacrifice and patience. I love you. Fanch, you take me to NeverNever Land. I pray you'll always feel God's pursuit. Whit, you taught me to be a girl. Boy pillow? Linds, Pierros to Poe. Rae, thanks for laughing. Will, let's solve the world in CA. Slade, I thank God for allowing me to watch as He transformed you from a punk into a godly young man. T-? Class of '04: "Continue seeking Him Unless He wanted you, you would not be wanting Him" (Lewis).



**elizabeth ashley
forkin**



**gina christine
forte**

Family, thanks for showing me Christ's love. I love you muchos. Girls: Okay Go, sophomores, CB, "blind beast," SW, I love getting d/c pink slips with you! Ash/Midget, drawing on my shirt, got gas? "You left the bag open," YURT! Don't fall, I'll get lost in your backyard anytime, let's get sent away. I love your two foot self. Jen, "my favorite," bonfires, Crazy Beautiful, happy bridge. Thanks for everything; you're my sis. Kris, "plastics make panty hose," rappin', kiddy car/speed bumps, our talks, you're priceless, we'll always be friends. Murph, dessert? Boys, you made high school fun. PK, parking lot talks.

Mom and Dad, you have given me so much: late night chats and life lessons, moments I'll always treasure. Thanks for everything you've done and your encouragement. Kyle, you're my best bro. Brittany, glad you're my sis. Emily, you're my encourager and challenger. Thanks. Lauren - Dodo, keep those pants up. CorBear, let's "function." Katie, boys. Chut, Spanglish, por supuesto. Laila/Amy, cherry pit boats rock! Liz, blue eyes, Fire Linden. Jenny, world empress. My teachers, I've learned more than curriculum, thanks. Lunch girls, I love you all. Everyone, you've had an impact. I'll miss you. Jeremah 29:11



**kelly dianne
funk**



**caroline carter
gamache**

Family, thanks for working with my cantankerous spirit and loving me for who I am. You've provided everything I needed to make my dreams become realities. WCA teachers and staff, thank you for equipping me and teaching me in truth instead of the world's lies. To my already graduated Bible study, you're the best thing that ever happened to my spiritual and social life, and you have a special place in my heart. Thanks to my friends, I experienced fun and laughter despite trials and struggles. Teammates and coaches, it was my pleasure. Westminster students, seek Truth and genuine friendship.

ryan howland k fitzpatrick



alexander john fletcher



elizabeth ashley forkin



gina christine forte



kelly dianne funk



caroline carter gamache



ryan david ganz



rachel ann chapman greenplate



tucker mitchell grote



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jeremiah daniel gustafson



sarah lorraine haas



angela lynn haberberger



As my high school career comes to an end, I just wanted to say some things to a few of my close friends: Jared, the Saran Wrap Bandits will live on forever. Pieber, don't let the locker room "Monkey" die and always wear short-shorts to dry-lands. Corey, what's love got to do with it? We have the best secret handshake. Jarboe, thanks for being there for me and being such a good friend. Mom and Dad, you have been such an inspiration for me in everything that I do. Thank you for supporting me and giving me your unconditional love.



ryan david ganz



rachel ann chapman greenplate

Mom and Dad, my first and best teachers. Yes, I'm having a happy childhood. Ginny, thank you for seashells and 4-leaf clovers. Jules, you're a demon with a wrapping-paper tube. I'm proud of you. Linds, you've made yourself a necessity, partly by laughing at my jokes. Mandy, history buddy. Fanch, thanks for listening and being the same as me. Moons, my memory is full of you. I will always look back and smile. Liz, you have the gift of joy. Barrett, I am home with you. Thanks for being my best friend and taking me to Friday's. You are an awesome dancer. 2 Timothy 1:12

Thank you to my parents. My love goes out to you with all my heart. I appreciate everything you do for me. Whitney, thanks for being an awesome friend; and the memories I'll never forget. Slade, my bro! I love you, always on the same level. Danners, Cheetos, Time Splitters, SLANT! Kruse, Lingo. Is it a, b, or c? DeRo, with a capital R! Barrett, Will. The Quartet, what could have been. Robbie, we shall walk ... The Soccer Team, The Nubbin', Jeff the Choadler. Ne-Ne-E-Ster, Remix. Thank you all for changing my life. God loves you. Peace out.



tucker mitchell grote



jeremiah daniel gustafson

Dad and Mom, thank you for your support and for all the sacrifices you have made for me. I love you. Nick, thanks for getting me in the weight room. Tiffany and Abby, you are the best sisters I could have asked for. Carter, we've been through some crazy stuff, but it has been fun. Lauren, Crystal, Perry, Roby, Rob, Neil, Stain, Whitley - football season was a blast. Schopp, we got college football next year that will be even better. Kristin, don't drink any water unless I'm around. Katie, you made the best cookies. You're awesome. I am done!

Family, I love you! Dad, your patience and guidance are priceless. Thanks for jokes, family trips. Mom, my advisor, comforter. Thanks for music, family meals, Heather, great example, friend. Car ride talks, music videos. Jo, keep your spot, trolls, radio shows, kittens. Bubba Dean, dancer, rap, violence, Smallville. Friends, I'll never forget you! MS, Tommy, dates, TP, Tues. soup. JS, boys on Mon., attitude adj., baseball games. GW, bowling, movie night, B.O.B. KT, my cup of T, Wed. adventures, card games. TOPC/SHPC, my family. Seniors, I will miss you! Jesus, finish Your work in me. Come quickly!



sarah lorraine haas



angela lynn haberberger

Dad, thanks for teaching me the importance of life: trusting in God and working hard. Mom, thanks for teaching me about family and for being my best friend. Thank you both for giving me the love of God, and making me the person I am today. Kassie, it's been great singing loud at lunch to *Little Mermaid* songs. "Hey Steve, I want pizza" and "Do it!" Jo Beth, my little S. Machine, never forget "sit" and "yea for J.C!" Crystal, our late train track visits just before our pool games. Jessie, you have been there always. Thanks, and I love you!



**whitney bond
senior**

Bond chose Litzinger School for the mentally challenged as her senior service project, hoping it would help her learn more about special education, one of her potential career choices.

faith in action



Faith In Action is designed to give seniors the opportunity to make a difference every Thursday morning in various St. Louis communities.



WCA, thanks for allowing me to spend my last two years at such a respectable school. To my Mom, thanks for pushing me through the times in my last year of school. I love you. Thanks for all that you have done in my life, for the financial sacrifices that you have made. To all my friends at the Black Table, I will miss you all: Juice, Terrell, Brian, Scott, Fredo, Brittany, Shannon, Priceless, Jerrica, and all the others. To the basketball team and Coach, thanks for all the Love. Holla....



**le'mell clayton
harlston**



**corey kathleen
hasting**

To my choir girls: I've never had more fun singing with anyone; each one of you is so beautiful and unique. To my AV boys: you're the brothers I never had. To all my drama children: remember, if a blind girl wants to paint, hand her a paintbrush. To all my friends: God has given me the privilege of walking beside you; may He continue to bless you as you follow your paths. I cannot express in words how much I love you all, and I promise that wherever I go, I shall take your memory with me.

Mom and Dad, I love you. Thank you for your unconditional love and support. Cameron, don't work too hard in college. Amer, it's been awesome. Enjoy your two years as an only child and my car. Chess buddies, tear it up but watch out for mini baseball bats. George, don't break anything. TC04, go tenors. Scholar Bowl, there is too much to even mention. Poli-Sci Unit 1 rules. Ben, don't live at home too long. We never did get to vote you off... Dabler and Fields, good times. Youth Group, it's been awesome. Keep studying God's word.



**gerrod mcarthur
heise**



**nina catherine
hiles**

I'm trying to think of something sentimental, but all I can think of is what we'll be like at our 10-year reunion. Marta will either be a multi-millionaire or on parole, I can't figure out which one. And even though I can't get that image from my mind, I still need to thank some people. Emmy, you are my best friend; never forget our little altima! Mom, thanks for holding me accountable to do my Bible study. Dad, thank you for teaching me how to deface property. Eric, 27. My "eighth grade" girls, thanks for teaching me more than I taught you! And, of course, thanks to Jesus because He is my hope!

Mom and Dad, thank you so much for all you have done and your support. I love you both very much. Tim, you are an amazing brother and role model. Jill, you're a pretty cool little sister. Brett, Seaside, BONG! Yahtzee. Josh, WWF and all the other immature things we did. Paul, Craig; the lake. Ryan, your attic and jam bands. KA! Nick, the toilet; Chink. Jon, Susie Six; Please use your head; stay out of trouble. Corey, the Jewish. Ashley, 2 liters. Class of 2004: Take it easy, and when easy, take it home.



**jeffrey ryan
holley**



**william richard
hotchkiss**

Mom and Dad, thanks so much for your support and love for me; I've been blessed. Sam and June, now it's your turn to run the house, I love you guys. Slade, 20 mins; you've been a great friend. Jay, I can't play guitar ...boo. Boody, slow down, HALO. Ryan, I'll miss our random fun. Corey, Tony Hawk, Liz - California, tennis, working out, and life planning sessions. Fanch, AAR; I'm a punk at heart; you know my secrets. Whitney, sister, someday the world will catch up to you. Lindsay, bump bump peace. Proverbs 1:7. And finally, God Bless America!

le'mell clayton harlston



corey kathleen hasting



gerrod mcarthur heise



nina catherine hiles



jeffrey ryan holley



william richard hotchkiss



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 other chance to make a
 erence! Mom, more than you'll
 r know, thank you. Gram, what
 erfect example of a godly
 man. I'll try to keep my room
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 ks & all my love. Cuz, I smile
 en I'm happy... Brother, I'll be
 ting in the "shadows." To "the
 w," Pigeon John, shows,
 stling, rainy picnics and BBQY.
 issed you this year. Marcela,
 miss you so much. A very
 vical thanks to the teachers
 ange, Kinmonth, Z, Hughes, Sr.
 ra.); you're all amazing. God,
 re a G- thank You for loving
 unconditionally!!



**aubrey ann
howard**



**robert phillip
jacobson**

First, thanks to my family for
 always being there and teaching
 me that quitting is not an option.
 Thanks to all my friends. Andrew
 Perry... I love you, man! (in that
 brotherly sort of way.) Roby, don't
 worry; you're average, and we are
 all small. All my coaches, thanks
 for everything. You all have made
 me the man I am today.

k, Andy, DC's!! Nick, Dave,
 nley Pagedale? Jeff, Brett,
 zie Six. Nick, 20 pack of soda
 ore school, tennis, whenever.
 I gotta love soda. Kristi, aka
 eetheart, thanks for being
 re. You're the best gf anyone
 ld ask for. We have so many
 mories: JSB, Lacrosse, Farm.
 d all the time we've spent
 ethod. I'll love you always.
 ys, you're the best; we've had
 causing and getting in trouble.
 ys, Sheriff or Pennington? Mom
 Dad, thanks for trying to get
 to graduate. Did it work? Love
 guys. Dave, after your brother
 ves, takes charge of the school.



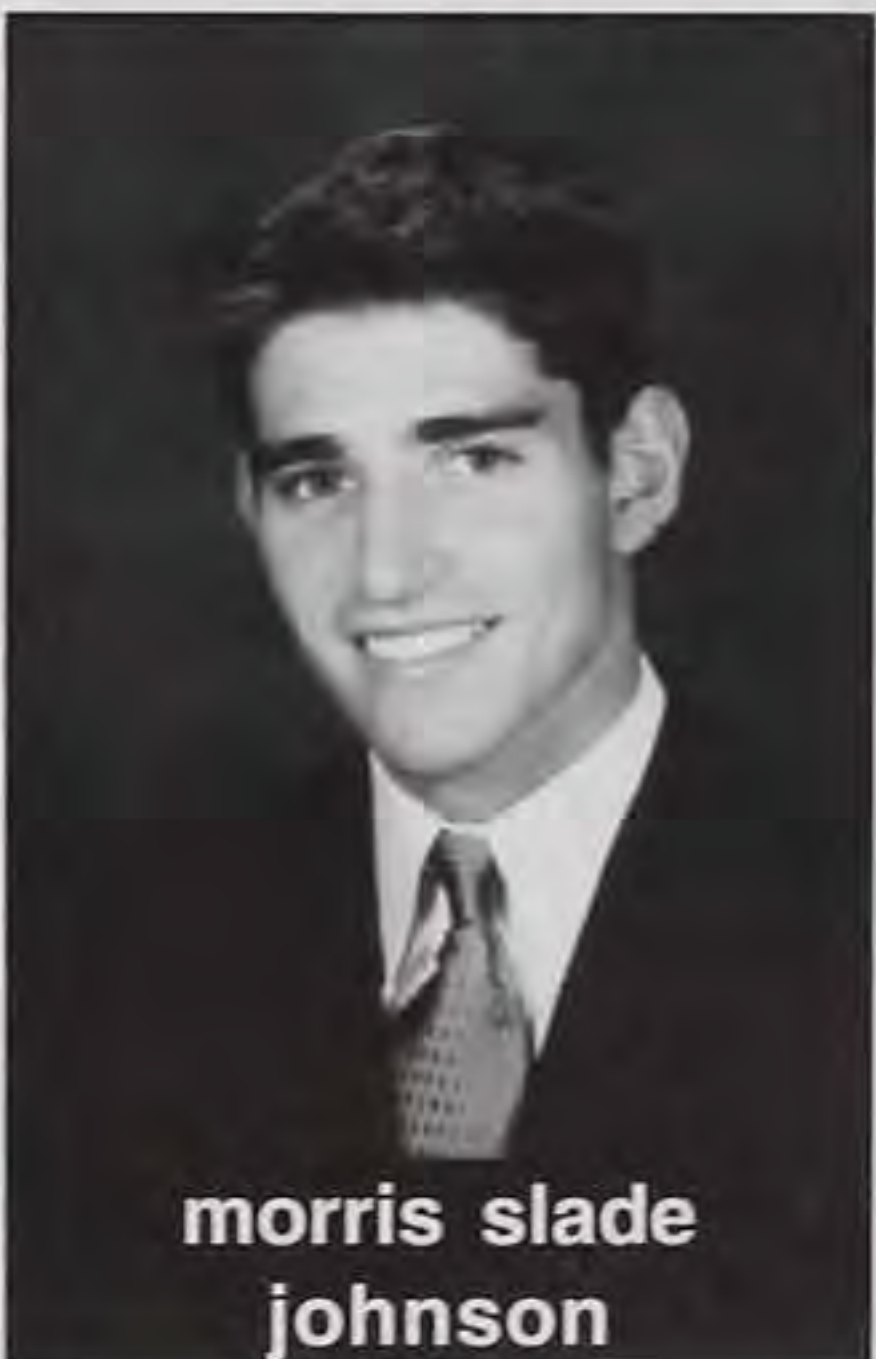
**jonathan dean
jarboe**



**saline elizabeth
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 and storyteller. Mama, my anchor
 and best friend. Auntie and Uncle,
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 ent. Lily, driving, Denny's
 (smoke!), scary movies. Angela,
 fire alarm (AH!) what? (music blar-
 ing) WHAT??? Shannon, BSB,
 "rubber ducky, you're the one!" Jo,
 flavor of the week, Borders.
 Miichellle!! Band, flute army.
 Class of '04: best ever! Teachers,
 thanks for your support. Last,
 thank You, God, for blessing me
 with life.

m and Dad, without your
 dance and sacrifice I wouldn't
 here. I love you both. Elly,
 nks for listening and
 ouraging. Erin, thanks for your
 rice. Ben, you're the brother I
 ays wanted. Liz, "Come what
 y..." you were there for me. I'll
 s you. Dan, late night phone
 s. Creek. Kathryn, you were
 first "girlfriend," and now you
 one of my dearest friends. Will,
 ck booth McDonald's. Jay,
 oles ... what else? Tuck, don't
 get driving to soccer with Mix
 Finally, all praise and glory to
 Lord and Savior, the author of
 life. Philippians 1:20-21



**morris slade
johnson**



**robert welch
johnston**

Thank you to all my friends and
 to my parents for all the support
 through the years. You will never
 know how much your support
 helped me. Guys, let's keep the
 tradition of the lunch table going.

Praise God for His faithfulness and strength when I am weak. Moomy, your love and compassion are astounding. Thanks for all the talks and advice. Dad, I will always live "right here." Philip, thanks for protecting me. I love all of you! Emily, you're my best friends, sister, and true gift from God. Ya know, Pontakeekee! Bondy, never forget Chicago/Choir; you truly understand me. KP, JA, MM, SM- lunches are Fabulous! I love you guys! KM-"Bad." CC, JR, SH, BK, RG, SS- there are no wounds to describe your impact on my life. Thanks! GRACIE! "Megan's Moons," FABULOUS! Love Ya!



**megan elizabeth
jones**



**susanna page
jones**

Family, I love you all. Mom, Dad, thank you for helping me come this far. Aaron and Kevin, sure, you've been annoying, but I will definitely miss you both. MASK, it was fun, wasn't it? Anna, you've been my best friend for so long, we've been through so much! C-Stone (Cherry/Mr. Penguin), and mosh-pits. Love YA! Shannon, BSB, wonderful memories! I will miss laughing with you about everything and going to concerts. Marybeth, RK! I love them too! Yow, miss you already. Lepers! Everyone, thanks for your friendship these past years. I'll miss you all lots. God Bless!

I have been to so many schools, made so many friends, and said so many goodbyes. But Westminster, even with all its laws and rules, has accepted me the quickest and nicest. So thank you very much. I don't think I have much to say except I'll miss you, Shippy, in college. Thanks for helping me and pushing me through some courses, teachers - much appreciated. I hope I can look back at this in 20-30 years or so and say, "I have done well." See ya on the other side.



**berek nathaniel
kamps**



**scott jacob
kaup**

Mom, Dad, Kyle, Monica, Laura, Adrienne, Leigh-Ann... Trevor... I think that's it: thanks for always being there. You know I love you all. To my teachers, thanks for putting up with me for four years. To Jared, Nick and Caleb, I'll never forget the times we had: lunches, the jokes, hockey games, bus rides, BCCT, Philly games, icings, and gooch tickles. To my SoCo boys, and everyone else campin out south of hwy. farty-far: stay true to the South. To all my WesCo boys and cake-eaters: enjoy your parents' money while it lasts.

Mom and Dad, thanks for raising me the way you have. You have always supported me in everything. I love you. Laura, I could never ask for a better sister. Brian, I won't forget car rides with reliant k, debates, math homework. Em, I feel like I've known you forever, nachos and cheese, 3:00am nights, the chocolate box. Ash, hammock, margaritas, slushies from the gas station. Abby, snow princess, Mario, what can I say? We're crazy. Jessie, my adopted sister, Mondays and Thursdays. Amy and Paco, you're two great friends. Mason and Stephen, thanks for all the good times.



**rebecca lynn
keffer**



**kassandra rene
kennedy**

To my family, no words can express what you mean to me. Thanks for the memories, your words of wisdom, and the laughs at dinner. I love each of you with all my heart. Topher, I cherish every moment together, and I look forward for the memories to come. I will always love you. JB, lights go out by 5, getting Jiggy, Girl Scouts... thanks for the past 15 years. Ang, 2am trips to WHITE CASTLE, girls' night out with boys, choir... Always remember the good times! Beasley, SUV, singin' in the car, Mex. lawn guys! Class of '04!... Keep It Real!

megan elizabeth jones



susanna page jones



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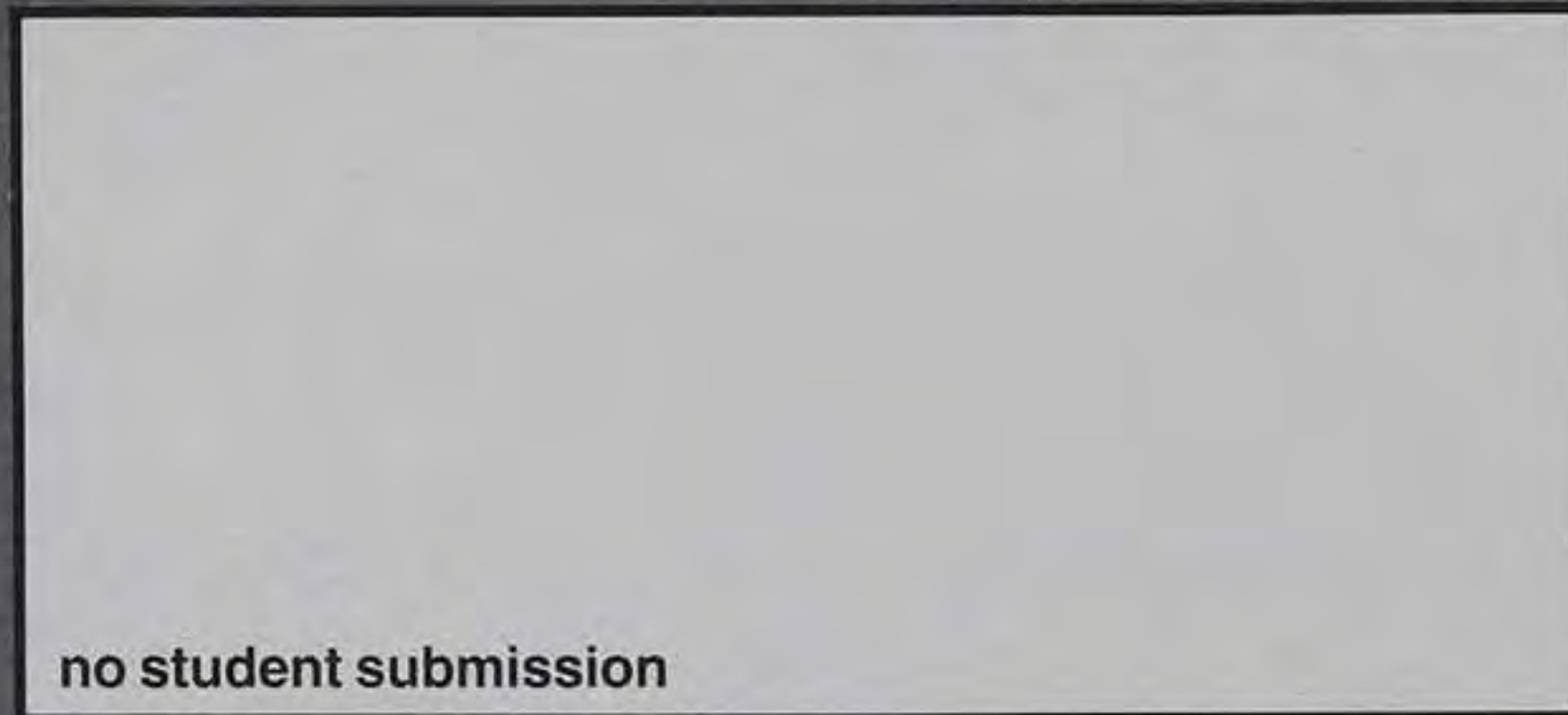
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stephen edgar kruse



elliott coleman lowe



angela nicole ludwinski



Lord, I love you, and my faith is in you. To my family, best parents ever, thanks for everything. You guys are amazing. David, best brother ever, I love you. Lane, you are a blessing in the sky. I love you so much and **always** will, princess. "I Melt." God is going to bless us; we can make it through everything. SJ, never forget nights at your house. "Bright eyes bushy tale." Friends forever, keep in touch. You know where to find me. TG, BB, WH, JD and SK, I love you guys. To everyone else, thank you for everything.



**daniel justin
koch**



**ashley blake
koeneman**

Mom and Dad, you both are amazing. I'm so blessed to be your daughter. Thanks **so much** for your unconditional love and sacrifices over these past 18 years. I love you both with all my heart and will **ALWAYS** be your little girl. Rachie, you're the best big sis ever. I love you. ER, everything. To all my friends, I love you all dearly. Every one of you will always have a special place in my heart. To my Lord and Savior, You are my everything.

Mom and Dad, thanks for your love and support. I know I would have never made it through WCA without you. I love you. Stress, thanks for helping me survive senior year. RVD, thanks for being a good friend and "keeping me out of trouble." The lake, Vail. Stix, thanks for the laughs and being a friend. Remember Bread Co. Gina, you're a good friend. Thanks for the PL memories. AS, thanks for the poem. JK, JJ, CC, it's been fun. DCK, the academy wasn't the same without you. El, I knew you'd want to see your name.



**paul thomas
kruse**



**stephen edgar
kruse**

Mom and Dad, thank you so much for your unending love and encouragement. God has truly blessed me with amazing parents. Laura and Ann, the best sisters in the world! I look up to you and love you more than you can imagine. Beldner, lake house, Kiawah, bench buddies; thanks for your accountability. Dan K, awesome friend through thick and thin. D-Star, my stick shift brother! Jon, Mason, Vitale, Ottolini, Shaw - devos, football, movies; thanks for always being there! Surfers, it's been awesome! Ladies, dinners, Tro Mo, great laughs; you all have been a blessing in my life. Philippians 1:21



**elliott coleman
lowe**



**angela nicole
ludwinski**

My years at Westminster have definitely been fun and unique, and I want to thank all my teachers and friends who have made it memorable. I will miss you. Saline and Lily, frolicking! Band trips. Lily, don't forget to get some karaoke time. Saline, scaring each other, I'm your stylist, Sales! Jenny, Grace, car pool buddies forever! Jo, long talks, shopping. Lauren, be careful at Pasta House. Matinka, double dates, football games. Saline and Jo, politically correct friendship. Mike, I love you so much! I'm so glad that you're in my life. Seven! Flogals, A New Joan Rules!

Wow! We made it guys; somehow we clawed our way through what seems to be the never ending battle of high school. Fam, what can I say? You guys shaped me, sometimes it's ruff, but No Pain, No Gain (right?). Jamie and Victoria, keep pushin'; you'll make it one day. Friends, I love you all. It's fun all the time. Ashley, squirrel drive by, Billy Madison, Friends, Ice. All my girls, love forever. To my favorite person, you know who you are (cranned canberries), 143, 71.5*2 always, library days! WCA, work hard, play harder. Lastly, Jesus, my ENTIRE heart is yours.



**katherine lynn
mackoul**



**megan marie
maher**

Mom and Dad, thanks for your constant love and support through the years! I thank God for blessing me with an amazing brother! Holls, I must admit you're a pretty good BIG sister, although I am FUNNIER! MC, high school is finally over! Now you can swim with the dolphins; O'wait you already did that! K8t, movie buddy! K8t & AK, trick or treat buddies; you guys are awesome! Em, Paint me Pottery...? Admit it, Em, Andy Rodderick's cute! Jones, your friendship means a lot! Bond, Chill at my CRIB any day! Vball ladies, I'll miss you guys next year! Two Words: "Oh Dear!" (K-RO) and Bread Co.

Mom and Dad, thank you for your patience and support. I love you so much. Blake, Hiday, Cornbread and Issy, Parabolos, Cracks, Sting? Thanks for your love, friendship and too many memories to write. Dan, David, Stephen, my boys ...TP, first loves. Erin, my role model in every way, thanks for the shoulder to cry on. Mason, my best guy friend, I owe you \$1,000 now? Thanks for making me feel like a princess and more. I LOVE YOU ALL! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING! "He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy" (Job 8:21).



**mary rose
mancuso**



**katherine ruth
mastin**

Mom and Dad, I love you both tremendously! The Lord has blessed me so much over the past 18 years of my life. I'll miss you both at college, but I know God knows best. Betsy, you're an incredible sister! You've taught me so much. I thank you. I admire you and love you. Lauren, Laila, Kelly, Emily...you have been a blessing to me in so many ways. Megan Jones, I love you dearly. My buddy, I'll miss you in these coming years, but you'll be in my heart and prayers. I love you all. Romans 8

Every time I walked away is the amount of times He took me back. Dad, we got apples. Mom, stay vertical; you believed in me even when I tried digging a pool in the yard. Ross, your scar's a tribal Indian mark; sorry I hit you with a slammer. Pete, you're tan, not adopted-Love ya'll. Vball, delta! stipo's out! MD, Blue Lagoon, singing off key. JD, you cut my hair! MR & RG, I promised: worms & weasle tag. AH, bird rolls, Conklin hill. LA, don't look! Here's to camping across America. YB02, Belinda's boo's, jsb? BH, we're like...friends. Snack Bar, I'll buy my next car in dimes. Psalm 45:11



**nancy jo
maxwell**



**lindsay leona
mcclure**

Mom and Dad, thanks for your prayers and patience. You're truly godly, inspiring parents. Ry, you are wise. Thanks for talking. Love you. Fanch, I love your strength and kindness. Liz, you're my hero. I'm glad we took a chance. Rae, you give me love and smiles. Moo, you've been there through the laughter and the tears. God has blessed me by each of you. I love you all. Michael, you make me laugh the hardest. Smile. Mondo, like a bro, Honduras. Marta, honesty. Guys, laughs, night drives, good times. MR, AH, CG, lunch table, girl talks. 1 Corinthians 2:9

katherine lynn mackoul



megan marie maher



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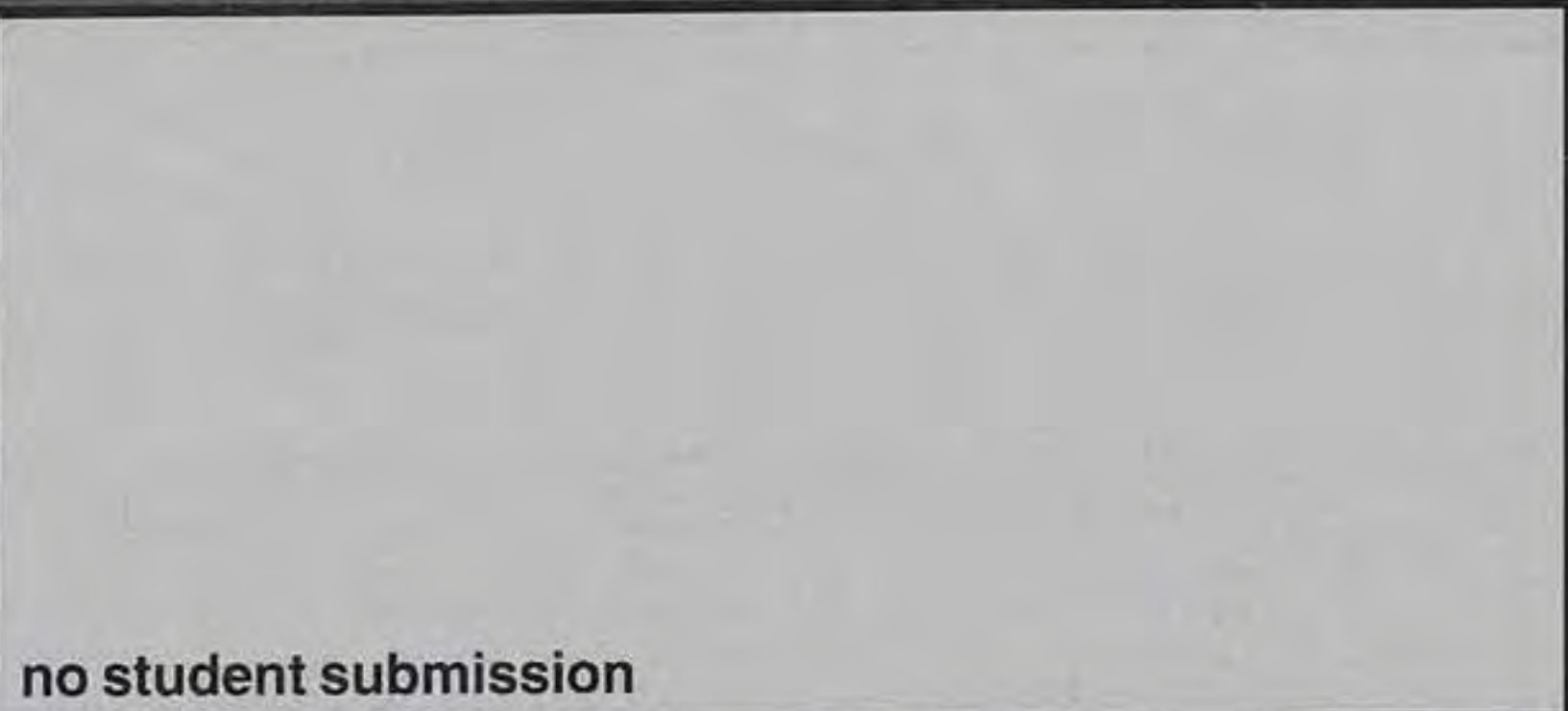
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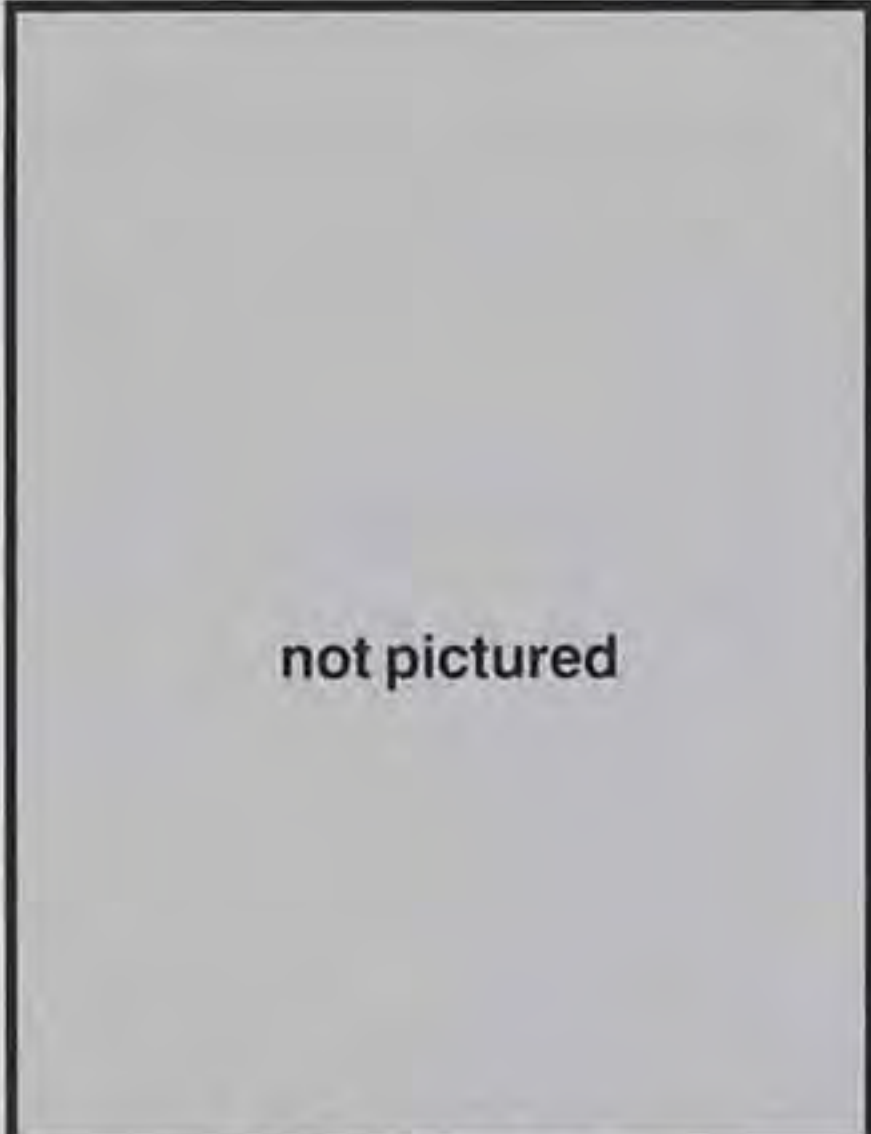


joana leigh middleton



whitney reneé mooney





**jeffrey lane
mcgee II**



**brian christopher
mckindley-byrd**

Where would I be today without my family? You know who you are: Mom, I can't say enough about how grateful I am for you. Aunt Linda, you introduced me to music; thanks so much for that. Uncle Mike, you've always shown me what a real man should be. Aunt Anna, you've always been my favorite goon. To my grandparents, thanks for every-thing. To my boyz, Le'mell keep it old school, much love fo' da SS. Nick, we've been through it all. Scott, you need a real car. Slade, buy GM. Love ya'll. Peace.



**caleb scott
melies**



**cain carlyle
merriweather**

OMG, high school was hard, fun, exciting, depressing and so much more, but I loved it. I'm thankful to God that I made it; He is THE driving force in my life. Mom, I love you. You're always by my side. Thank you for everything. Pops, thanks for the rides. Friends, you were there when I needed you, and I wish I could drag you along with me everywhere I go in life; I can't. To my best friend, the highlight of my life, we had great times and so many more to come! Don't forget stairwells, Island Exclusia, 143.



**joana leigh
middleton**



**whitney reneé
mooney**

Ma/Pa, you've been awesome godly examples. Thanks for trusting me during my years. Mom, keep the coffeepot runnin. Dad, keep the AC going. Fanch, lifelong pal, you've been an ear many times. Space, night drives, football. Lizzy, you never fail to make me laugh; you're going somewhere. Linds, Amarillo, Lake/Island times, your friendship blesses me. Egg, Punt/peepotty sheet. Mands, white pants. Will, big bro you are; thanks for guidance. Slade, woode. Justin, my cowboy, nights of guitar, Mineo's, CBC, *Smallville*, prayers. Thanks for your selflessness; I'm learning. May God truly bless. Thanks to God for you all.

First to my parents, you have been the best, and I will always love you for that. You were there when I needed you most, but wanted you least. And Ashley, who could have asked for a better sister? You all will hold a special place in my heart. I love you. And to the boys: Tyler, we've had the best memories and slurpies rule. Nick, keep that knee safe. Jeff, I'm sure someday you'll find a good race. To the best of SOCO, including former Josh, we played SOCO, and we played it well. Finally, remember, "Fun is fun to have" (Aristotle).

Psalm 124:1 - "If it had not been for the Lord who was on my side..." Thank you, Lord, for bringing me this "mighty long way." To my family, thanks for your love and support. Father, you have not only been my dad but also my friend. Thanks for your godly example; you life is an inspiration to me. Mom, I thank God for our beautiful relationship; you are truly a blessing. I love you both very much. To my friends, I love you all, and I am thankful for your friendship. Each of you has added something special to my life.

Mom and Dad, thanks for the love and support. Words can't describe how much I love you. SoCo, it's been a long ride! Carpool's, soccer, hockey games, guch tickles! I've never laughed so hard; I'll never forget you guys! WestCo: Outer 40, water balloons, and cops. It was an exciting run! Fitz, "Tavia! Where my beans at!" We have made countless memories together. Camp, Ewwh! You're look'n mighty fine today! G-Daddy, who would have thought Saran Wrap could be so much fun? I think D-Robb and I are still itchy! Everyone, thanks for making my WCA years enjoyable.



**jared joseph
mueller**



**linden louise
mueller**

THANK YOU exponentially Mom, PU#2, Gram and Grandpa, *Funsie, FAT ANNA, Heiny, Chubby Cheeks-mymy, aren't we a wonderful bunch? Love you, be good without me. Kristen, Katie (possibly Anna), you're my friends for life, love you more than... anything (*sob) Unmentionable One, I'm so cold... *PCASC Kids- miss you like CrAZy*Laila, Kelly, Michelle, Emily x3, Katie's, Lauren, Lily, and everyone I'll know better and will hit myself for not mentioning, you're great people and friends. Thanks for being kind to the new girl.*Jack, you're H&S+.BBC forever.*You are too AUSTIN.* Love you all.

Mom and Dad, thanks for your unconditional love. I hope I make you both proud one day. I love you. Kelly, you're an amazing big sister. Kpetry, "pink boys." Sully, you're a hero. Gina, "blind beast," cozy coupes, "plastics" sophomore, from showers breaking to having intimate talks, thanks for all of it. Ash, "blind beast," falling, hot tub, sophomore, locker room, serious conversations, you're crazy, but a great friend. Jon, you'll always be my best friend. You've done so much for me; I can't even express my gratitude. Don't ever change because I love you for who you are.



**kristen marie
mullen**



**benjamin george
ogier**

Mrs. Lewis, gratias tibi ago. Mr. Nichols, VOLCANO!!! Seth and Mikey, peanut butter jelly and a baseball bat. To all the band guys (you know who you are), never forget The Stance or The Band Trip Dance. Lily and Corey, thanks for being great friends. Andrew, Gerrod and Ryan, I'll try to "keep that off the table." Clark and George, one of these days... Daniel "Sparky Q" Minnella, BURMA!!! Mom, Dad, Emily and Anne, thanks for being a great family and always supporting me. Finally, I don't have room to type it out, so everybody look up Romans 8:38-39.

Family thank you so much for all your love and continuous support. Mom and Dad, you have always been there for me, always encouraged me, taught me so much, and truly are the best parents in the world. Steven, thank you for all the wisdom you have given me and for being such a good example. Sarah, thank you for your maturity and how discerning you are. I love you all. Friends, thank you all for the good times and the love you have shown me. It has been a privilege and honor to know all of you.



**david michael
ottolini**



**andrew david
perry**

Mom and Dad, thank you for putting up with me for all of these years and for all the help that you gave me. Without you I could not have come this far. My brother Mike, thank you for putting up with me. Roby, I love you, and thank you for all the help in my life and all those deep conversations. Rob, you are truly like a brother to me, you have always been there for me no matter what, thank you. Coach Snyder, you're my hero. Thanks for all the lunches with you, and getting me to play football.

jared joseph mueller



linden louise mueller



kristen marie mullen



benjamin george ogier



david michael ottolini



andrew david perry



neil jeffery peterson



kristen danielle petry



amy claire pierce



katherine elisabeth poland



emily anne reed



jennifer allison reinwart



Parents, we made it. Thanks for support. Sister/older, keep learning; love hard work. Sister/younger, reading is fun. Gus, I am all American. I will find the 10, out there. Roby, be ambitious, you will be great someday; don't fight it. Carter, ...CARTER!... Chris, we rock. Jo, the specialness doesn't stop; be quiet. Unit 4, TFU! Wilimena, you have beautiful shoulders. Lauren, peer pressure! Crystal, it's been good. Ainsley, HUSKER!...POWER! Fb07, WEIGHT ROOM!! You guys have got the talent it takes; work hard. I'll be back to watch. Dar, you're awesome! That is all.



**neil jeffery
peterson**



**kristen danielle
petry**

Thanks first to God and my family for never forsaking me. K.Mullen, "pink boys" Phil, someday...nice shoes! Amo Te! Andy, you're a haus-luv ya! Abby, we're the same person. I know you were just thinking that! "ARB!" You're *ultra* special! Good times... Great oldies! JD, stud! Remember me when you go pro! Amedawg, Paco, Nina, thanks for your great friendship! Mary, I'll *always* love you! Heidi, you're my precious moment! Robbie, I love guys who play guitar! Thanks for being such great friends and always being there to make me smile! I love you so much! I'm going to miss you!

Mom and Dad, thanks for supporting me through everything. I love you. Matt, brother-man, you're the best. Steve, thanks for being the best friend I've ever had. Kristen, SB for life! Elizabeth, freshman year? M-Dawg, you rock my world. Nina, thanks for pulling me aside to pray. Guys, you will always be close to my heart. Girls, toe poppin', purr. You've made my senior year memorable. Court and Schoppay, Ronnies, putt-putt, hot tub. You're awesome friends. Gracie-Lou, I'm so thankful for you. Sword! GQ girls, my second family. I'll miss you dearly. Thank you, Jesus, for all your blessings.



**amy claire
pierce**



**katherine elisabeth
poland**

To God be the Glory! Mom and Dad, thanks for your unconditional love and support! I love you and appreciate you more than I can express. Clark, thanks for being a friend and companion even when we didn't want to admit we were related! Emmy, AKA Hemeroig! Don't eat too many bananas, and eat lots of carrots. (Oh wait, that should be Sarah!) Megan, your incredibly huge hugs always uplift me. Thanks!(wink, wink) Jessica, all I have to say is "40!" Sarah, don't give your number to too many hot guys in pickup trucks. It's of the devil. Thanks all for being there, and I will always love you-ou-ou-ouou!

Mom and Dad, thank you for constantly being there for me. I love you both more than you'll ever know. Missy-Boo, you are the sweetest sister anyone could ask for. Tim, my cool little bro, I will miss you. Becca, nachos and cheese, sticky smoothies, heart-to-hearts. I don't know what I'd do without you. Ash, empty candy tin, margaritas... what can I say? Abby, "OK." We have too much fun. Blake and Paco, Tour '03. Guys, so many laughs and good times. I will miss you. To all my friends, we've shared so many memories. I love you all. God has truly blessed me. He has carried me through everything. Isaiah 26:3



**emily anne
reed**



**jennifer allison
reinwart**

It's hard to believe that I am leaving WCA. I have loved my times here and will always remember it. Mom, Dad, Jimmy, you are wonderful, and I love you so much. Thanks for all your love and support. To my friends, thanks for being there for me and taking me in when I first came in freshman year. You are awesome! Always remember the chickens, cheese and pigs! To my teachers, you have been an inspiration, and I will always remember you, especially Mrs. Klemm and Papa Hearne for having such faith in me.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1-2). Mom and Dad, thank you for your constant testimony, patience, and love. I thank God for you. Alishthedish, you have always inspired me; I will always look up to you. Angie, thanks for putting up with me; you are a great sister. My girls, Philipinas 1:3-11. I love you.



**amanda renee
rill**



**johanna marie
roberts**

Mom and Dad, Uffda! Thank you for your love and support and all the sacrifices you have made to have us here at WCA. I love you both very much. Sam, Starbucks Mondays. Marta, you're loud, but I love ya! Noah, go Cards! Heather and Cori, thank you for your love and encouragement. I thank God for putting you in my life; may our friendship last forever! Covenant youth group and all who have ever been a part of it, thank you! P.C. Jewels, thank you for all you taught me. Proverbs 4:5. Boot Camp Girls and Jen, stay motivated, I love you all! Ephesians 5:1-2

iM&D, you have made me the person I am today. Thanks for loving me the past 19 years. It made me who I am. MereDani, you are great. I look forward to seeing God's work in your lives. I love all of you. Kelly, thanks for being such a great friend. I gotcha Dodo. Your underwear is upside down. Midnight runs at the lake. Emily, Florida was great. Corey, your smiling face brightens my day. Katie, my first friend at WCA. *Lord of the Rings* after CB. I love you all. You made my years at WCA unforgettable. WE MADE IT. Colossians 3:15-17



**lauren elizabeth
roberts**



**andrew john
roby**

To Mom, Dad and Deborah, my greatest comfort through my senior year; to Rob, JD, Rob, Perry, Peter, Voegtle, Mondo, Mark, Luke and Steve, the guys who were an oasis in this wasteland; to the fond memories of Josh, Nathan and Pip, to coaches Muehleisen, Pederson, Perona, Snyder and Bain; Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Boesch, Mr. Graham and Miss Peters; to my fellow TMV editors, Iommi and Corvus; to Schwetye, Rasseiur, Carter, Roberts, Jura, Neinhuis, Devon; the Hon'abuw Danier Minerra and Whitwell; to all WCA cheerleaders; to my God, my Rock, Refuge and Redeemer, thank you.

Mom/Dad, I love you. You've encouraged, taught, and loved me beyond compare. Thank you. Ben/David, you're the best. I love you. Megan/Shorty, my sister, my companion, my best friend. I love you with all my heart. Remember late night talks, Maine, car rides, Meese, inside jokes, pontakee-kee. College won't separate us. You've been SKIPPIFIED! KPO/JA/SAM, band trips, 7-11, movies, lunch table. I love you. GW/BK/AK, study hall. Jorie-"puppy!" Kmyers, the remnant, believe the best. Bondy, saltwater version, reverse Oreo. Phiippians 1:21. Thank you, Lord, for not letting me go. I'm only safe in Your hands.



**emily elizabeth
roig**



**jeffrey allen
schafers**

I enjoyed my four years at Westminster. Causing trouble has been exciting! To the, well I dunno what to call us... The Trouble Causing Young Men (Nick, Caleb), I've loved the four years we goofed around, the good times with MP and Mr. Belz. I think I would have been so bored if I hadn't found you guys. Caleb, I will always remember 270-Dougherty Ferry and cruising Lindbergh. Nick, your gf is cute, I guess, but Cori, ha! Tischler, I beat you. Scotty and Jared, you are so funny! Nice young men. I liked going to lunch.

amanda renee rill



johanna marie roberts



lauren elizabeth roberts



andrew john roby



emily elizabeth roig



jeffrey allen schafers





i never think of the future - it comes soon enough.

albert einstein



**aaron
belz**



**kenton
binkholder**



**ken
boesch**



**susie
brown**



**sherry
buis**



**brian
burkey**



**david
haas**



**judy
haas**



**scott
holley**



**jeff
johnson**



**terry
johnson**



**jill
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neighborhood



**susie
pike**



**betty
richardson**



**rich
van gilst**



**robbie
white**



jennifer ann schaffner



heather christine schaper



abigail marie schnitzler



mark edward schopp jr



michelle elena scott



michael adam shaw



Mom, Dad, I can never thank you enough. I love you! Rachel, I talk to boys! Peter, cut your hair! Amanda, Smitty or Betty, which? Grace, there were guys in our room; we aren't twins (or the same person)! Sarah, I need a guy on Monday and an attitude adjustment. Michelle, Texan Spanish everything's bigger there); cute Mexican kids. Katie, eternal honeymoon. Unit 2, is writing KKK a sin? Bliss, track stretching chats. (Why do we run again?) Laura, I'll miss you too! D-group girls, do we ever stay on track? Choir girls, someday I'll get the numbers! Isaiah 40:30-31



**jennifer ann
schaffner**



**heather christine
schaper**

Padres, you've been amazing parents. I love you so much. Thanks for everything. David, you've been the big brother that I never had. Thanks. Daniel, you've been my best friend. Thank you for caring about me unconditionally. I'll always love you. Jessi, we've been best friends since before preschool. I'll miss you next year. Love ya. KT, Meg, Em, you've been great friends since Central. I love you guys! Crys, I've enjoyed talking to you about stuff this year. You're a good friend. JoBeth, my twin! I'll miss you! Denise, thanks for letting me be your favorite friend. Philippians 1: 3-11

Thank you, Lord, for getting me here; I love you so much! Mom and Dad, I love you more than you know. Thanks for always being here. Joey, thanks for being such a good big brother; I love you. Becca, I love you, my dearest friend: Ensenada, Mario, and sleepovers. Em, I love you so much. Paco, small group food. Blake, Mary, Kendra, Ash, Jess: sisters; love you! Stephen, Mason, David, love y'all; you're amazing! Glade, bass. Grace and Whit, lil' sisters, love you; I'll miss you! Other friends, God's truly blessed me with you. I'm so thankful and love you; I'll miss ya'll more than ya know. Jeremiah 29:11



**abigail marie
schnitzler**



**mark edward
schopp jr**

Dad, Mom, Krista and Zach, thank you guys for supporting me and being a great family. All the guys, it's been fun hanging out with all of you. Courtney, thank you for always being there and being the best girlfriend possible. And lastly, thank you to all my football teammates and coaches. You made football at Westminster an awesome experience and something I will never forget.

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**michelle elena
scott**



**michael adam
shaw**

...He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23. Mom and Dad, you've made me who I am; your wisdom amazes me. Melissa, not every boy can have two mothers; thanks. Matt, thanks for helping me understand the importance of integrity. Mark, you dared boldly; your life is an inspiration. Rachel, thanks for joining the family, Sister. David, thanks for being my rock. Mondo, thanks for always being the same. Andy, you showed me what really matters. Luke, you did it all without saying anything. Lindsay, thanks for getting to know me. Marta, thanks for helping me understand myself. Hebrews 13:21. God bless.

Hi, Mom and Dad. I just wanted to say thank you for all your support and dedication to my schooling, sports, and other areas of my life. Mom, thank you for loving me always. Dad, thank you for the great times, especially flicking wars and sarcastic jokes. Rob, Kris and Jared, thank you for all the great, crazy times at the lunch table. God bless.



**michael carl
shaw**



**shannon gabrielle
simmons**

Lord, through everything you neither left nor gave up on me. I am eternally grateful. Mama, Dada, Marilyn, you guys are the best parents a girl could have. You have loved me unconditionally as your own. I love you with all my heart. Tierra, my other half. My twin. You stupid fat! Whatney, just to let you know, Jesus is Lord, and you DO NOT look betta den me! Britney, since seventh grade we have been inseparable. No one can touch us. I LOVE U! Susana, BSB 4 LIFE!! My reversed oreos, ya'll need some blackness. Little Kiddies, GOD BLESS!

Dad, you're always there to wipe away my tears. Be careful when driving. Mom, someday I'll find "Ryan M," but for now you can keep looking. Ben, I survived. Love you. Sarah, you're my best friend. Vart. Amanda, our nights of wrestling will be missed. I've loved the years. Becca, Emmy, Ashley, Abby, food. Kristin, Amy, will I really be a trash lady when I grow up? Nina, McGee. What you want? I love my mom. Everyone else, you've made WCA a blast! God, all I can do is fall at your feet singing Holy, Holy, Holy!



**elizabeth rose
simon**



**kevin matthew
simpson**

To Mom and Dad, thanks for all the love and encouragement over the years. You guys mean more to me than I can explain in words. Tim, thanks for being a nicer big brother than most big brothers. Thanks for the encouragement in schooling too. To the guys, Rob J., we will tear it up next year. Thanks for being a good buddy since middle school. Justin P., keep it real at Drury. Hope frat life is good. Craig K., Semper Fi and thanks for all the good times. Adam D., keep it real bro. I'll see you around.

Thank you, God, for all that I have. Mom, thanks for all the wisdom and advice. You've been my number one supporter and hero for 18 years. I love you more than anyone in this world. Kristin, you're an awesome big sister. Thanks for the dance parties and drinks. Stephanie, it's been fun hanging out with you; macaroni and cheese forever. Amelie, you're the coolest deutsche madchen I know; love you. Mark, thank you for letting me be your peedgee. "You're all I want, you're all I need, you're everything." You will always have my heart. I love you.



**courtney elizabeth
south**



**robert edward
stain**

Mom and Dad, thanks for... everything. No one has shown me agape like you. Katie, "Smister" the best sister I have. Tommy, my "little" big brother, I love you guys. Football players, you'll always have a special place in my heart- my "brothers in battle." Roby, Rob, JD, Neil, Mark, Petee, Perry, Carter, thanks for the great times. Tuck, 75/Lindbergh. Jay (O), gotch ya! Mary/Kristin, my girls forever! Coach Perona, Pederson, Snyder, you've shown me what a real man is made of. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10a). WCA, be bold in your faith - live for God!

michael carl shaw



shannon gabrielle simmons



elizabeth rose simon



kevin matthew simpson



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brett tyler stewart



lillian sarah strand



ashley-nicole claire suermann



meghan alicia sullivan



m and Dad, thanks so much for everything you have done for me these past 18 years. I love you both very much. Brian, thanks for being a great little brother. I'll miss you. To all my friends, thanks for making these past four years so awesome. Dan, Mr. Jones, I'll never forget the lake. Thanks. Stephen, Porsche Carrera 4S, cowblast. Stevo for mayor, thanks for always being there. Jason, keep dancing and cooking. We love sticks. Mike, see you on the field. David, keep smiling. Soccer guys, the quantlet. Girls, thanks for your friendships. Finally, thanks WCA.



david john stair



lauren marie steingrubby

To my friends, thank you for the laughs. You're awesome. Matina, keep away from the chocolate (dang it!) and watch out for those dorm bathrooms! Katie, you're the best, (serenaded in a restaurant!). Crystal, I couldn't have asked for a better friend. We've had some fun and crazy times that I will never forget. Cheerleaders, I will miss you so much; swimming 4th hour, triples, pouring rain, blisters, preschool talks, swimsuit pictures, competition. Mom, Julie, and Erin, thanks for putting up with me for all these years. Class of 2004, it's been amazing. I'll never forget you.

m, thanks for all the sacrifices you have made for me. I am grateful. Brothers, you guys are pretty cool. Jeff and Jarboe, Susie? Paul, "you spent \$400" better believe it. Jeff, we've had too many laughs to remember. Bong. Oh, your bahu and I will take you to Wonderland. Rybear, you are the "son of all sons" KB. Nick, watch out for them ducks, sheet. Gonzo, you're a silly man. Ash, take it easy...JM, RF, JC, CC, water balloons, running for dear life. Everyone keep it real, keep it simple, keep it real simple.



brett tyler stewart



lillian sarah strand

Mom and Dad, thank you for your endless love and for setting a Christian example. John, don't forget your piano books and listen to something other than KFUE. You're an exceptional brother. I'll miss you next year! Thanks to all my teachers, and special thanks to Mr. Nichols for the boundless energy and enthusiasm that inspired our band to mature and grow. Daniel, thank you for two memorable years and for sharing our Lutheran heritage. See you in Chicago! Best wishes to all my friends, especially those in band, in their post-graduate endeavors. We will always be close at heart.

nily, thanks for all you've put up with; I love you. Kaka, stay strong. I'll miss you. Laura, my best friend, smookie, muffins, ice cream. Jen, let's date; you know everything about me. Gina, spirit week, okgo, CO, senior boys, making out, Christmas Banquet. Kristi, chorus, McAllisters, last day of 12th grade. Boys, you drive me crazy, but I'd rather be with you than anyone else. Brett, take it easy? Jooshie, 17 in a row. Nick/John (and Dave2), pagedale, Steak Shake, senior service. Paul, long convos. You broke up with me, jerk. Jeff, I love you most! You're the ultimate. NEVER change. Ganzo- now?



ashley-nicole claire suermann



meghan alicia sullivan

Mom and Dad, thanks for everything you gave me. I could not be more thankful, even though I don't always show it. Lane, we had some fun times, and you've been a great friend. "Double dates" "Climbing through the woods to listen to karaoke at 3 am." Heidi, I'll miss concept classes with you and boyfriend talks. Courtney: I'll miss lunch and football games with you and the guys. "Smoothie Attack," "Road Trips," "Restroom Presents." Kristi and Gina, "Chicken," "Self-control, you don't need it, gotta get your scurve on." To all my friends, I love you always. Thanks for the memories.

First, I would like to thank God for all He has done for me. Mom & Dad, thanks for your love and support. I love you! Siblings, grow up good. Lily, you were there. Kelly, Corey, Emily, Katie, Katie, Lauren, Linden, thank you (lunch, classes, hanging out-good times). You mean a lot to me. Jenny, VAMPYRES. Saline, weal all black. Long live Drama Club and Art Club! LZ, your dad is Eapentastic. Chloey. Dearest Lydia, everything was beautiful and nothing hurt. 'Where the willows weep/And whirlpools sleep, you'll find me.' So it goes.



**leila elizabeth
thampy**



**josh edward
tischler**

Mom and Dad, thanks for the support through my life; love you. Paul, you're a good friend. Keep up your studum. All the guys, I've learned there are friends that stick closer than a brother. David and Jon, thanks for always encouraging me. I've enjoyed the long intellectual conversations and our three-way stupidity in pre-cal. Football guys, two words: loyalty and friendship - live it. Mark, you're like a brother (from "truth or dare" to "SNAKE!"). Teachers, thanks for answering my questions. AMY, 1 Corinthians 4:3-7. I mean it. Most of all, thank you, Jesus, for revealing Your love to me.



**stephen james
vitale**



**jocelyn marcela
samano vivanco**

I thank God for his love. I want to thank Westminster for giving me this gift to come and learn. Thank you to my class and teachers for all your kindness. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Kinmonth because without your help, I couldn't have had this wonderful experience. To my family here, my aunt and the Burcke family, you'll never know how much I appreciate your love and support. I love you! A toda me familia en México, gracias por su interminable amor. Mamá, gracias por tu apoyo. A Caro por impulsarme. Los quiero mucho.

Well, school's over, and all I have to show for it is a transcript that wouldn't be accepted by any respectable college. I think back on things and all that comes to mind is how I should have done some things and shouldn't have done others. But none of that matters now. The past is written in stone, and I can't change that. But the future brings me hope. So as my final word to you, keep your head up, work hard, do your own thing and don't let anyone discourage you from becoming what you want to be.



**aaron christopher
voegtle**



**christopher neal
wescoat**

Past years at Westminster, along with all the years of school before, have been difficult. However, through all this my parents never gave up on me, and my true friends never left me. I have learned a lot while at Westminster, both in school and out. The most important lesson I learned from my basketball coach of three years. Coach Bain taught me that I will not get much of anything easy in life. Working hard is essential to making it. I have God, family and friends for making it. Thank you.

leila elizabeth thampy



josh edward tischler



stephen james vitale



jocelyn marcela samano vivanco



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christopher neal wescoat



scott allen west



peter harrison whitley



grace julianne wicks



william jonathan wilkinson



grant douglas winship



kevin michael young



I guess it's *my* turn to do some shout-kicking: Mom, thanks for your advice. I really *do* listen, and I appreciate your efforts to guide me. Dad, thanks for being there for me whenever I had a problem I couldn't solve on my own. To my cousins, Jonathon and Stephen, I will always love you guys wherever you are. Seth, G = 7. Benji D., am I an Ostrich? Crystal, thanks for the fun times. Love to all my friends; Bri, you my dirty, but V8s have no top-end power. Got Rice? Jeff, SLOW DOWN, DOGG ... Game Over, Peace, Sianara.



**scott allen
west**



**peter harrison
whitley**

First, I love the Lord with all my heart. He is number one in my life. Thank you, Mom, for everything you have done for me, for all your encouragement and guidance. God has awesome plans for you. I love you, Mom. To my friends, thank you for all the good times at Rob's house. I will miss you guys. Last, thanks to all the teachers for the great education that you have given me.

Mom (Big Mister) and Dad (Big Chunk), thanks for always being on my side even when I couldn't see the bigger picture. You are an amazing example for me, and I love you a lot. Sisters, I have always looked up to you. You are my two best friends and the only ones that make me laugh so hard cry. MS, SH and JS, too many memories, too little space ... thanks for dragging me along even when I resisted. AP, thanks for always listening and encouraging me. Many others, thank you for all the good times.



**grace julianne
wicks**



**william jonathan
wilkinson**

Mom and Dad, thanks for loving and supporting me. Dave, it's been fun. Keep playing golf and maybe you'll beat me someday. Mason, well done, slick. Keep 'em long and straight. Beldy, no more betting. I've lost too much money to you. Otter, Seinfeld Forever! David Puddy rules. Vitale, thanks for your friendship and advice. D-Star, sweet car. Juice, thanks for being a great friend. Good luck with golf. Shaw, don't touch me. Kruse, let me drive! To other friends not mentioned, you guys rock! I had fun hanging out and doing nothing. Colossians 3:23

What's up playas! For all my Westminster playboys, keep it real, keep it simple, keep it real simple. 187 on all the haters. Midnite Club got robbed; watch out Bachman. To my family, you guys put up with a lot and dished some back, but it's all good, much love forever. Masters of Chill 4 Life. Dana D, whether we stay together or spilt up, I'll never forget that badunkadunk. One piece of advice to all who read this: Do Not Front. Ever.



**grant douglas
winship**



**kevin michael
young**

To the Fam (Mom, Nana, Papa, Aunt Linda, Audrey, Aunt Betty, Uncle Rick and Uncle E), thank you for all your encouragement and for putting up with me all of these years. I really do appreciate your love and support even if I don't often say it. To Mr. and Mrs. D, my second family, I thank you for putting up with me to and from school for the past five years. Jules and John, we had some fun times: Pukywah, Angie, Avogadro, Bond. Golf Team: J-Dun, Maaasen and everyone else, it's been great. Good luck in your future endeavors! '04, I'll see ya in 10 years. Holla!

Senior Crystal Beasley calls for help to finish her French homework. Studies show that more than 30% of teenagers use cell phones around the country, 72% of whose bills are paid for by the parent.



Tunes and typing keep senior Britney Bennett focused on her work. Music helped a lot of students concentrate and relieved the stress of schoolwork. According to Billboard, some of the best hits when Bennett was a seventh grader include "Baby One More Time" by Britney Spears and "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" by Aerosmith.



Two sleep deprived students sit at their computers in a "rolly" chair, finishing a paper at 2 am. Student A stares at a computer screen blankly, mouth hanging open, and perhaps allowing a drop of drool to fall upon the keyboard. Student B, however, energetically types a four-page essay with the greatest of ease and, dare I say, enjoyment. What is the difference? Student B wisely picked a Venti mocha frappacino, with an extra shot of espresso.

When researching study habits of average Westminster students, a dominating factor in each case was caffeine and sleep. Its ability to increase alertness and

decrease fatigue makes it a staple of homework completion. Studies also show that caffeine can increase information processing by 10% and speed up metabolism. Applying these facts to her life, senior Whitney Mooney followed a strict routine when it came to getting her work done:

"First I got a cup of coffee with one pink sweetener, one blue sweetener and one tablespoon of cream. Then I worked for about two hours, breaking to see my nightly WB show (*Everwood* or *Gilmore Girls*)."

After watching the tube, it was time to nap; two hours later, Whitney was back to the books

around 10:30. "Mr. Shaw gave the most homework, which was usually lengthy and overbearing, but, okay, I'll admit it was worthwhile for the mind," confessed Mooney.

Freshman Christina Spalding also followed a routine, although slightly less rigorous. "If ignoring homework was a ritual, then sure, I had a great one, but when I actually did homework I needed caffeine and...that was it, caffeine!" exclaimed Spalding.

Sleep also proved beneficial to junior Andrew Wittmaier, who slept from 4 pm to 6:30 pm, ate dinner, and then completed the days' assignments. Sometimes, the

right tunes made all the difference when it came to concentrating. After considering what needed to be done, junior Ben Krumsieg hit the books in his room with Dave Matthews playing in the background. Music had different effects on different students. Dave Matthews stimulated concentration for Krumsieg but listening to music in her room "was too distracting" for seventh grader Christina Ehrmann.

Whether work was done at every opportunity or in the 20-minute car ride to school, success at Westminster required routines.

homework high

by Nancy Maxwell





excuse me ... What's your excuse?

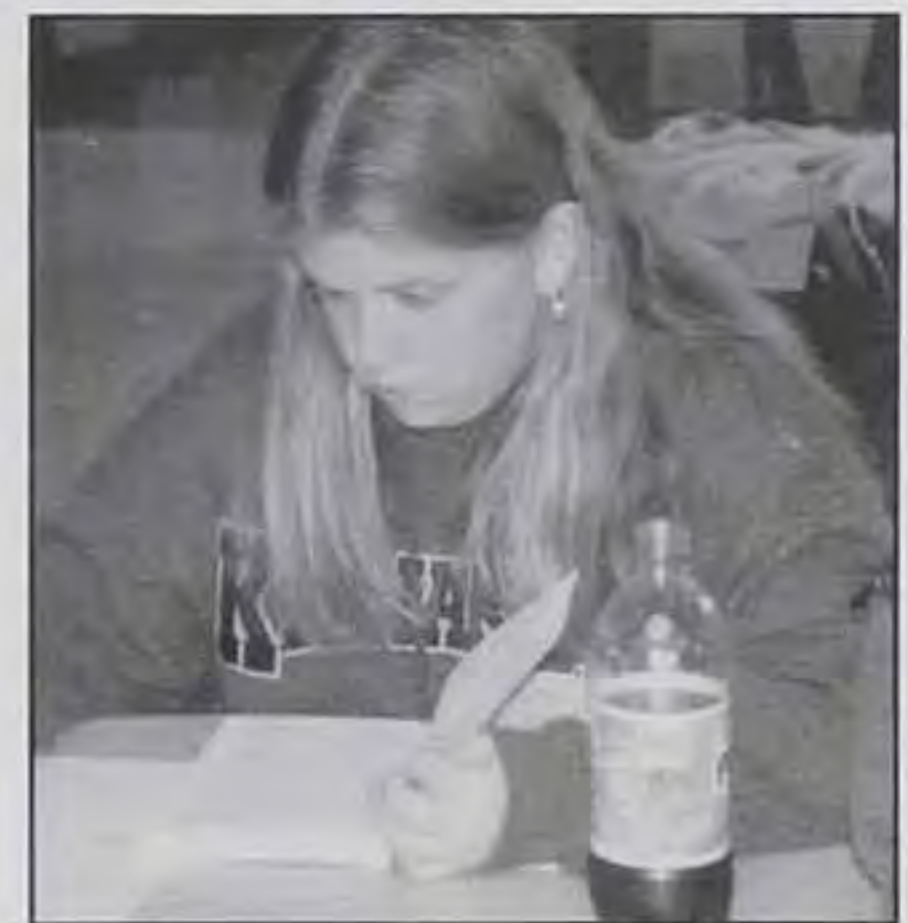
"One time I got sooo mad at my sister that I actually fed the dog her homework."
Natalie Murphy, junior

"I always do my homework."
Eric Taylor, eighth grade

"My brother accidentally took it and turned it in, and I think he got a good grade for it."
Annie Carrington, eighth grade

"I don't even try to make excuses; I just don't do it."
Andrew Whitmeyer, junior

Caffeine keeps senior Lauren Roberts awake to finish her work. Studies show that carbonated beverages represent about 13% of all vending machine sales.



While flipping through his physics book, senior Ben Ogier tackles some of his homework in the commons after school. Since the commons are open before and after school, several students took advantage of this time to study.



Concentrating intently, visiting Mexican student Marcela Vivanco, senior, translates her English homework into her native language. "It takes me longer to do work because it is hard for me to understand," Vivanco said.



juniors

what's the name of your car?

bliss barber: "mikey" - corolla

katharine bayer: "big blue" - land cruiser

betsie boggs: "yolanda the honda" - accord

jamie clark: "percy" - taurus

christina jacobs: "felix" - neon

gregg peters: "beyonce" - grand cherokee

philip pohlman: "dora the explorer" - explorer

grady powell: "the brick" - volvo

allison reed: "estelle" - accord

amanda salkowski: "skittle skuttle" - spectra

kristy shelberg: "roxy" - mirage

andy spalding: "the lawnmower" - 929 s class

kate tepper: "lola the corolla" - corolla

katie young: "barrie" - focus





ashley allen
james arrington
nathan aucker
gregory ayers
stephen babb
bliss barber
katharine bayer



lauryn beasley
daniel berger
david bircher
elizabeth boggs
benjamin bowman
christopher boyd
julianne breck



spencer bubenik
john carrington
cameron carstens
david cascella
christina casey
lauren cawein
peter chieng



jeffrey christianson
yi-seul chung
jaime clark
alexander crump
amy dixon
elizabeth dunn
tyler eaton



sarah edmondson
allison ellsworth
banks estridge
ashley ewell
marjorie falb
jessica fisher
laura fleming



lauren forde
lydia friz
robert garrett
amy gilbertson
jeffrey glidewell
noah gray
matthew gregory



rebekah hager
beth heyse
daniel hoover
sarah huffman
lauren hunt
emily isbell
jessica jackson



juniors

christina jacobs
sarah jones
jeffrey kaufman
adam knight
benjamin krumsieg
jesse lafser
derrick langeneckert



sarah lazare
karah leibovich
melissa lowe
nicholas mare
laura mark
micah maulden
colin mccall



logan mcdonald
michael mckinlay
andrew miller
ruth miller
charles minnick
sarah mosley
megan munson



natalie murphy
katherine myers
steven nagel
joseph nelson
christopher nester
alex o'neil
amy oberle



emily ottsen
terrell owens
abby paddock
charles parson
scott peters
megan petry
jordan phillips



philip pohlman
courtney potter
grady powell
john powell
emily randolph
william rassieur
allison reed



megan reilly
timothy ridderbos
angela rill
michael rohlfig
sarah russell
amanda salkowski
ashlynn savage





megan schmidt
 kelsey schuessler
 james schwetye
 michael seiter
 daniel serber
 kristin shelberg
 emily smith



stephanie south
 andrew spalding
 briana spoto
 lauren stanford
 magdalena stout
 john strand
 rachel tarter



benjamin taylor
 kate tepper
 george thampy
 elizabeth trulaske
 megan valli
 brad venard
 lauren waeckerle



tyler watson
 lisa weber
 brittany wesley
 david whitwell
 andrew wile
 jonathan wile
 andrew wittmaier



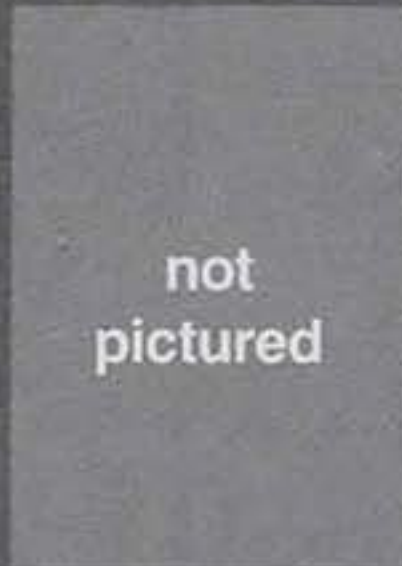
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neighborhood



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baumgartner



evelyn
bowman



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christmann



sharon
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lucy
erdman



mark
hearne



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peters



judy
powell



ellen
robb



andrew
shaw



warren
smith



timothy
wilds



cindy
zavaglia

juniors







seniors, did you know...

75% of you have senior privilege

Where do you spend your privilege?

- 39% nearby restaurant
- 28% on campus
- 11% at home
- 5% at the mall

Is it worth it?

- 95% yes
- 2% no

What is your favorite restaurant?

- 40% Subway; Bread Co.

How often do you use your privilege?

- 49% sometimes
- 21% everyday
- 5% not at all

109 seniors polled Oct. 10, 2003



What is the kinetic energy of the forces when collided? Freshmen Michael Mendis, Peter Schaffner and Erin Steingrubby escape the confines of a room. Physics was a challenging course that required students to work anywhere but their desks on labs involving changes in momentum.



All it takes is a little Saran-Wrap and some sneaky friends. During his demonstration speech, junior Alex O'Neil lectured on how to plastic-wrap a car and TP someone's house. Senior Rob Stain, a member of the class, said, "It was good to get outside where we could embrace some of our better talents."



Junior Laura Mark enjoys her newly awarded junior privilege in the commons with a reviving beverage. Statistics show that 12 ounces of a regular Starbucks coffee contain around 190 milligrams of caffeine.



Senior Mary Mancuso steps out of the art room to work on her project in the commons. Enrolled in both watercolor and oil painting, Mancuso said, "This year was my first year taking art at school, but I have loved art forever!"



Seniors Whitney Mooney, Liz Forkin and Aubrey Howard study art from the challenging Greco-Roman period during AP art history. Howard explained, "For me, studying outside helps me learn the material more quickly because the fresh air helps me concentrate."

Get up off of that thing! Several classes embraced different learning styles in different atmospheres, making the learning experience more enjoyable and memorable for students. Mark Learne's U.S. History classes participated in the annual "out-of-class activities," which took them on weekly trips to Borders in the evenings and several museums around town on the weekends. One of the most popular events of the year was the Civil War reenactment in Frontier Park, located in historic Saint Charles.

Junior Jeff Christianson remarked, "It was fun talking to some of the soldiers. We also talked to the medicine man about what they had to do during a battle and learned a lot."

Additionally, junior Nate Aucker responded, "The real life atmosphere gave me a better grasp of the Civil War and what it was really like."

Classes branched out, sometimes into the hallways. Several art classes had assignments that required them to work outside the classroom. There

were hallway sketches, outdoor impressionistic scenes and drawing time spent on the balcony. This created a more active learning style and helped class time to pass more quickly.

Seniors enjoyed their long awaited privilege of leaving campus, a privilege that really splits up the day. Most of them quickly discovered nothing is better for relieving the stress and frustration of College Algebra than an icy cold Strawberry Sensation from Saint Louis Smoothie in the middle of the afternoon.

Juniors also had a chance to split up their day with their new privilege: using the commons during study hall. Ben Krumsieg, junior, said, "The new junior privilege is nice because it allows me to talk openly with my friends, and that way we can get more homework done." Most agreed that the time in the commons, as opposed to the study hall room, is a beautiful thing.

"I like it; it's nice to have the freedom," said Greg Ayers, junior.

thinking outside the classroom...

by Abby Schnitzler



sophomores

what animal mix do you want to be?

andrea jacobson: A hippo and a hamster because it would be quite a sight.

morgan younkin: A crocodile head with the wings of an eagle so I could bite and fly at the same time.

emily meyer: A panda and penguin because a panda is soft, and penguins waddle.

jeff ehrhardt: I want to fly, so it would be an eagle and a cheetah. It's the best of both worlds.

peter kissinger: I'm thinking an eagle/whale because then I can fly and hang out in the water. Yes, a whale with wings. Preferably a killer whale.





ben aaberg
 michael alexander
 daniel alstadt
 coleman barker
 andrew barth
 katherine bear
 lauren beck



michael beck
 brandon benefield
 elizabeth bowman
 sarah breeding
 adam brown
 elliot brown
 jessica buis



pricellious burruss
 emily camp
 lauren cantrell
 anne castagno
 william cawthon
 edward clemens
 casey coffman



katherine convy
 nathan coughlin
 kaelan cox
 elizabeth crim
 emma dahl
 berenice delgado
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andrew derousse
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 shannon dille
 katherine dudley
 mark dudley
 jeff ehrhardt
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kevin frick
 jasmine frison
 david furlong
 christine gebhardt
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 benjamin glaser



whitney goebel
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 sarah hartmann



sophomores

annemarie heise
kirk helfrich
tom henry
benjamin heyse
edward hiemenz
samantha hobbs
andrew hoekzema



joshua holzhausen
samuel hotchkiss
joseph itzi
michael ivancic
andrea jacobson
kirstin johnson
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karrah kennedy
jamie kim
ji-hoon kim



peter kissinger
mary beth klotz
stephen knobley
sarah larose
hannah lefort
sarah lillenberg
nicole londoff



dustin maassen
joshua maassen
trista malawy
holly mattox
colin mcafee
luke mcgowan
sarah mcreynolds



megan menzel
emily meyer
daniel minnella
jason moore
corinne nagel
heatherlyn neu
joseph nothum



elisabeth o'brien
william osberghaus
sarah ottolini
jerrica patton
jacob petry
whitney pfitzinger
nicholas pieber





grace pohlman
 jonathan poland
 jonathan pollmann
 wesley powell
 jonathan reed
 melissa reed
 stacey reed



amanda renaud
 katharine robb
 jonathon rober
 sam roberts
 deborah roby
 rachael schaffner
 peter schamp



kathryn schlaflly
 emily schnurpfeil
 megan schwartz
 kevin sheehan
 rebekah shippy
 khristopher stillman
 erika suermann



mallika thampy
 sean thomas
 tyler thompson
 ashley timm
 joseph tischler
 lauren treu
 matthew triebe



cassie van dekamp
 cassandra via
 christopher wagner
 matthew walker
 faith white
 benjamin wile
 david wilcox



kiah wilson
 rebecca wippold
 lainey woodward
 andrew young
 jessica young
 morgan younkin
 benjamin yousef



sophie zavaglia
 brendan zee-cheng



neighborhood



mary
becker



larry
birchler



katie
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sickness plagues Westminster

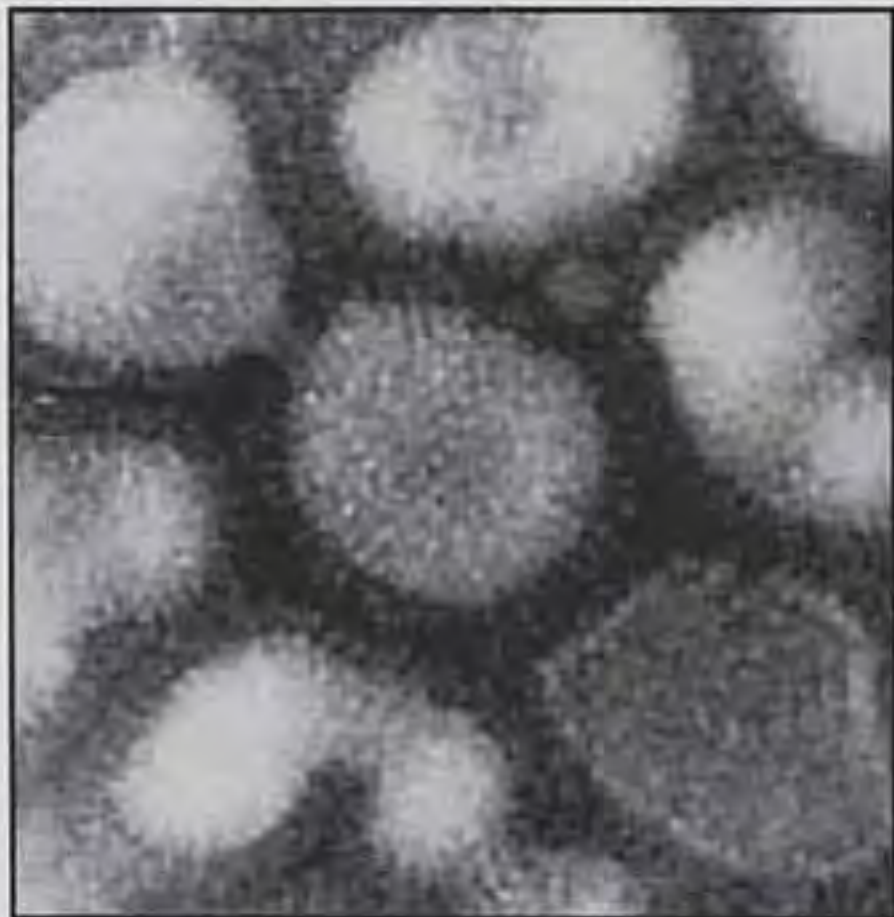
percent absent first period Dec. 9-10

- 63% from aaron belz's worldviews
- 41% from mark hearne's u.s. history
- 62% from larry hughes biblical ethics
- 50% from thomas johnston's ancient history
- 57% from josie kinmonth's yearbook
- 47% from daniel legters' spanish 2
- 70% from ellen robb's computer intro
- 75% from rich van gilst's statistics

data gathered Jan. 13, 16; 182 students polled



Flu survivors in Larry Hughes' first-hour biblical ethics class experience an all-time low student-teacher ratio. Hughes stayed late one night and sprayed desks with disinfectant, hoping to prevent worsening attendance.



What exactly was the bug that nipped Westminster Dec. 9-10, 2003? It is the virus known as influenza, seen here. Of all the deaths in the United States that week, 7.5% were attributed to influenza, according to the US government's Center for Disease Control.



Tammy Mosley, Middle School Administrative Assistant, records daily attendance in the Middle School where the highest absenteeism occurred. "The Middle School was initially hit the hardest because, I believe, of the MS Banquet, considering how quickly the flu spreads and the close quarters of the banquet," said Sue Haverstick, WCA nurse.





Sherry Buis, maintenance staff, cleans lockers in a good-hearted attempt to limit the spread of germs. Jim Drexler, Upper School Principal, sent an automated message to the homes of all teachers and students, requesting they stay away from campus unless fever-free for 24 hours.



Open wide! Nurse Haverstick takes junior Lauren Cawein's temperature. "I was extremely pleased with the way parents came to pick up their children when asked," said Haverstick.

"I couldn't concentrate; my head was pounding ... I walked down the hallway and couldn't see straight," said junior Laura Mark as she remembered her sickness that infected the whole school the second week of December.

Apparently, Mark took both NyQuil and DayQuil for her illness, but neither seemed to help. Like many others, Mark could not afford to miss school the week before finals.

"It was unfortunate that [the epidemic] happened right before finals; it made everything more stressful," she said.

Senior Grant Winship agreed: "Being sick makes it really difficult to get back on track of school because you have to deal with the stress of sickness on top of the stress of academic achievement."

Things were not just stressful for the students, but for teachers as well. Many teachers had to set up times over and after Christmas break for their students to make up finals, and math teacher Rex Janssen was hospitalized from complications following the flu. Other teachers also missed days, but it was the number of student absences that was astonishing.

"I normally only send home one or two kids a day, but with the epidemic I sent home about 30 ... I have been here three years and have never seen anything like this. I don't think the St. Louis schools have seen anything like this for a long time," said Haverstick.

According to Betty Richardson, Upper School Administrative Assistant, on a normal day about five or six kids call in sick. On Dec. 9 and 10, however, there were over 230 kids absent due to illness. The numbers in individual classrooms were just as astonishing, with some classes missing 75% of

their students.

So what exactly was this flu which plagued the school? It is influenza, defined as "a contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus which infects many parts of the body, including the lungs." Influenza is most commonly spread by sneezing, coughing or direct hand contact. On average, it kills 36,000 people a year. Closer to home, the number of confirmed cases in Missouri from Oct. 1 to Dec. 6 was 2,087. Nurse Haverstick said it best: "It was, no doubt, an epidemic."

sick students 'sneeze by' epidemic

by abby schnitzler



freshmen

why are freshmen late to class?

caroline kramer: "I forgot what class I had."

lindsey ellsworth: "I was in the car with my sister, and we had to go back home to get her paper. Then there was an accident."

johnny kelly: "I didn't know what time it was."

meghan palmer: "I tripped on the way to class, and all of my stuff fell. I had to pick it all up."

beth corbet: "I had to tell my mom that I got kicked off the cross country team."

anna gladney: "I forgot about class."





alexander anderson
morgan anderson
alexandra arnold
brian bachman
camille barresi
johnathan bast
nathan bateman



justen beasley
molly beckmann
andrew benes
sarah bennet
jonathan benson
christian binkholder
ryan blackwell



elizabeth boehne
stephanie boyd
alyson brands
jonathan breedlove
william bubenik
maggie burruss
gabrielle burruss



calen caple
gina cascella
joshua chappeau
elizabeth corbet
katherine corder
robyn dabler
james davis



katherine davis
michael dellaquila
anne dimond
claudius docekal
elizabeth doriani
julie drexler
ainsley ducharme



paul duffy
lindsey ellsworth
matthew engelbart
brooke estridge
adam farquhar
rachel ferrara
adam fletcher



alexandra forkin
paul fullerton
anna gladney
joshua gregg
sarah grimes
clinton gulick
joanna haas



freshmen

theresa hasting
ryan haverstick
jonathan heyse
hank hicks
emily hiles
anne hindeleh
alex hoban



traci hoover
holly hunter
devin james
molly james
nicholas jewell
samuel jura
johnny kelly



michael kennison
caroline kramer
christine krumsieg
joseph kruse
garen lafser
donal lambert
anna langenberg



clayton langeneckert
jamie lebeau
matthew leeker
rachel leibovich
conor lewis
paul lewis
paul lisciandrello



lindsay loyd
jamie mackoul
margaret massot
karlita mathes
katherine maurer
jack mcatee
kraig mcconaghy



lizbeth mcdonald
mary mcgee
courtney mcintyre
rachel mcmillan
neil mcallister
michael mendis
samuel meyer



alex moore
sarah moore
julia myers
peter nelson
elliott nester
mark nienhuis
shawn oberle





joshua olson
 meghan palmer
 natalie parato
 katherine parvin
 lauren peters
 alexandria petry
 jonathan plawsky



michael polovich
 john presker
 thomas randolph
 karen rassieur
 jillian ridderbos
 meredith roberts
 samuel robinson



christopher rojewski
 katherine ross
 joel ruprecht
 peter schaffner
 kristen scheitler
 krista schopp
 emily sheehan



evan sherman
 tierra simmons
 sarah simon
 marc-andre simonpietri
 harrison smith
 jasmine smith
 taylor smith



kristina spalding
 brian stair
 erin steingrubby
 david stevens
 katherine stipanovich
 allison thompson
 lindsay tomlinson



brennen unnerstall
 haley venard
 austin vincent
 james vineyard
 carrie waldron
 jessica weston
 daniel wiele



gregory wiele
 megan wiemer
 david wilkinson
 erin wilson
 rachel wisdom
 amanda wolf
 abbey wolff



neighborhood



karen
aaberg

aljay
bast

sherry
blough

jill
darrah

sara
drexler

joan
dudley

larry
hughes



rex
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johnson

thomas
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kent
kehr

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kim

kitty
laird

john
lewis



jim
marsh

becky
mendis

nick
nichols

stacey
ortlund

spencer
savory

cory
snyder

freshmen





jeremy worrell
christine yu
quinn zielonko





clinton alexander
 brooke allbritten
 brett allen
 max anderson
 john arrington
 jonathan autry
 jennifer babb



benjamin baldwin
 sarah ball
 julia berger
 peter boggs
 samantha bond
 eric brown
 stephanie brown



benjamin bubenik
 julia buis
 jared camp
 kelli cannady
 anne carrington
 vincent cascella
 jessiah chard



top 3 favorite teachers

mr. muehleisen

"he makes us express our own opinions and debate issues"
 "why anyone else...why not?"
 "he makes lectures fun"
 "he can totally relate to us"
 "easily distracted from history"
 "i found in him someone who's actually as competitive as me"
 "he's really blunt and to the point"

mr. talley

"i love his great singing"
 "mr. talley really inspires me and gets me excited about the Bible"
 "he plays guitar; it makes me happy"
 "he's never boring, and he does everything a little abstractly"
 "i am comfortable asking him anything"

mrs. bye

"i like her because she's like a grandma to all of us - i just wanna hug her most of the time"
 "i had fun getting the table from mr. muehleisen with her"
 "she's a fantastic teacher in general"
 "does anyone not like mrs. bye?"
 "she's sweet and understanding"

according to a survey taken by 86 students Oct. 30, 2003



michael christianson
 william clark
 andrew clemens
 hannah coller
 alissa cozad
 elizabeth crowell
 margaret crowley

robert degnan
 shawn denton
 taylor derosa
 tyler disch
 kathryn doyle
 david dragan
 kristina dudley

emma dunlap
 erin eachus
 samuel egertson
 joshua eikerenkoetter
 melissa elliott
 abigail ferguson
 jeffrey fitzgerald

eighth grade





eighth grade





tess fitzpatrick
william franz
dominique frazier
paul friz
kristin gilbert
marcy glidewell
timothy glockner



kelsey gordon
lyle gulley
kelyn gum
benjamin guthrie
benjamin haberberger
marshall hamilton
hope harl



karri hess
caleb hickman
bethany hoekzema
jill holley
lisa hoover
benjamin horseman
james horton



june hotchkiss
christopher houchen
harper hughes
joseph hunsicker
sang-jin im
kendall james
kelsey janssen



thomas jarrett
kendra jefferis
sang-ah jeon
ashley jesse
sarah johnston
aaron jones
elizabeth karlake





8th Graders
Bring your U.S.
History textbook to
Class today!





brian keffer
 daniel kim
 jung ah kim
 kristopher kinsinger
 marquis kisart
 corey klingler

catherine klotz
 lauren kozeny
 erik lewis
 kelsey logsdon
 wayne long
 trevor mchardy

margaret meyer
 julia meyers
 cory miller
 daniel miller
 caroline minnick
 allison mitchell

elizabeth moore
 juan mundo-sifuentes
 james munson
 patrick murrell
 taylor o'conner

eighth grade

10 changes eighth graders want to see

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| less homework | allow dances |
| no science | longer lunches |
| include recess | the way boys act |
| fewer tests | more cute guys |
| get rid of dress code | fewer cliques |

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eighth grade

lindsey peters
 david peterson
 derrick phillips
 berkley rallo
 douglas rames
 matthew rohlfig
 david roig



orion ross
 melissa ruhlman
 alex sagi
 natasaha sakovich
 rae salzman
 jordan savage
 sarah schlafly



gregory schoenberg
 megan shapleigh
 michael shapleigh
 sarah shippy
 elizabeth sippel
 daniel smith
 kelsie spann



dale
 beachy

bruce
 becker

chris
 bergmann

pam
 bye

leann
 christiansen

ben
 collison

maria
 deutschmann

neighborhood



tim
 muelheisen

mollie
 pfuetze





ashley stanford
 kelli stipanovich
 samuel stufflebam
 anna sugg
 anna sutphen
 andrea tate
 eric taylor



david testrake
 benjamin turner
 dominick valli
 kayla van dekamp
 victoria van derheide
 matthew wagner
 benjamin walker



kyle wannstedt
 brandon wesley
 alyssa wittmaier
 christy yoon
 nichole young
 hayley younkin
 danielle zee-cheng



todd fuller kari groves susan hall ellen jefferis david johnson lynne johnson jeff kim



scott surgener nate talley becky van valkenburg



peer counselors

Somebody to Lean On

as told by sarah duffy, seventh grade

by Betsie Boggs

Opening my locker on the first day of school, I was greeted by a friendly note from a senior who was going to be my PC. This whole year I was going to get to meet with a senior every week for devotions, and social events too! *How cool is that?* I was ecstatic. My friends and I would get a

chance to spend time with a fun senior.

The year was going to be all I had hoped it would be. Devotions every Tuesday morning were refreshing. We ate breakfast together, and sometimes my PC brought us funky presents like boas and masks. One of my

favorite devotions was the lesson on wisdom, which she illustrated to us by sharing her testimony. She shared pieces of her life with us each week, and I loved getting advice from someone older and more experienced. Every week I could talk and share about what was going on in my life and had a shoulder to lean on when I needed it.

Not only did I have an awesome time in devotions, I also loved the

get-togethers planned throughout the year. One of my favorites was a sleepover. That night we made matching tie-died shirts for our group, and because my PC is hyper, just like I am, we stayed up *all night* talking and laughing. The whole PC experience was fun, and it shaped my seventh grade year to be something special. Seeing how someone can influence others' lives inspired me to be a PC when I am a senior.



Alek Miller, Matt Wuestner, Robbie Johnson and Nevin Cherian, seventh graders, try to stay on top of Will Hotchkiss' plans for them. PCs had many opportunities for learning and bonding throughout the year, such as at the skate party in November.



Meeting with PC Johanna Roberts, seventh grader Carissa McGee learns about wisdom. Wisdom was the theme for all groups.



Senior Ashley Bono shares her heart with seventh graders during devotions. Devotions were inspired by the PCs' theme verse: Proverbs 9:10.



Side-by-side, senior Whitney Mooney and seventh grader Christine Ehrmann share life. Because every PC was a unique individual, PC groups were impacted in different ways.



By sharing his experiences, senior Barrett Boody instructs seventh grader Andrew Wiens. PCs met as a group Monday mornings for devotions taking their lessons to the seventh graders.



8th grade friends

Accident Prone

by Allison Reed

Besides the usual stresses of middle school, the eighth grade friends and their groups had a few separate problems along the way. At the eighth grade friends' field trip in September, Karah Leibovich, junior, planted grass with her girls at the new Westminster campus. However,

the group had a few more problems than figuring out how to rake the ground and plant the seeds. Eighth grader Sarah Schlafly ended up hurting her arm during a fall in the game PDQ, and her fellow classmate Anna Sutphen had a run-in with a rake. Despite the problems, Leibovich said, "I love my girls, and I knew I would because I'm really close to my younger sister."

Sarah Edmondson, junior, also

had a problem, or better yet, an emergency at Central Christian School. At the end of the day, Edmondson and two eighth graders Kelyn Gum and Lindsey Peters stepped onto the bus, and ran into a few things, literally. The bus rolled down the hill and ran into a fence, broke the curb and smashed into the guardrail. Edmondson said, "We all looked at each other in shock while we were rolling down the hill, but I ran

to the front and reached over to push the E-brake, only to realize it didn't work." Fortunately, the two eighth graders were fine, and Edmondson walked away with only a bruised knee and a good story.

Remember, yard work can be dangerous, emergency brakes need to be checked every so often, and great service and relationships have evolved from this program.



Sarah Jones, junior, shares her Bible with eighth grader Natasha Sakovich. The group may not look delicious, but they decided to name themselves "Sarah's Cereal Killers."

Ben Krumsieg, junior, takes prayer requests from eighth graders Peter Boggs and Brian Keffer. "I had fun getting to know them and just being a friend," said Krumsieg.

Megan Petry, junior, gets a little closer with a few of her girls from "Meg's Moos" as she helps support the pyramid on their service-centered field trip. The girls' year-long fun included a four-hour game of Capture the Flag at eighth grader Tess Fitzpatrick's house.

Junior Ben Bowman points eighth graders Daniel Smith, Dominick Galli, John Arrington and Tim Glockner in the right direction. Bowman said, "My group, 'Fake Plastic Knives,' gets along well because we're all loud."

Eighth graders Lisa Cozad and Corey Klingler listen while Kate Tepper, junior, finishes the devotion and takes prayer requests. Tepper's devotions usually touched on such teen-related issues as appearance and dating.





anneleyce alexander
 lindsay allee
 brenton anderson
 tim applebaum
 laura bateman
 leah beck



corinne becker
 benjamin becker
 phillip binkholder
 aaron blackwell
 calvin boesch
 camilla buckley



john burgess
 victoria burruss
 chelsea call
 whitney calvin
 rachel cannon
 hunter carruthers



seventh grade

what one item would you try to save if your house were burning?

vikki burruss - "my phone book to call my boyfriend."

sarah fullerton - "my violin because it's from 1864, or the quilt my mom made me."

tyran roseburrow - "my life."

katherine kennison - "my pillow because no matter where i was it'd make me feel at home."

ben province - "my albert pujols autographed baseball. it's awesome!"

ben lim - "a knife for protection and hunting."

barrett neu - "the hose."

alek miller - "my gameboy advance because it might take a long time to get a new house."

according to a survey taken by 96 students Nov. 6, 2003



carter carstens
michael cawthon
nevin cherian
kenton coffman
alexandria cole
elinor crim

meredith davis
amanda deaguero
melody dickerson
sarah dickerson
linsey dieckmeyer
alayna doiron

john drexler
sean duff
sarah duffy
jordan duke
christine ehrmann
michelle engelbart

seventh grade





seventh grade





haley estes
matthew farquhar
hannah fletcher
sarah fullerton
karen girgis
joseph greenlee
tiffany gustafson



philip haas
bethany haines
carmen harjoe
tyler harper
rory hennings
matthew heyse
abigail hicks



nicholas hoover
brittney hough
robert johnson
han-byul kang
daniel kaufman
katherine kennison
jenna kinsinger



michael kruse
megan laclair
scott lambert
elizabeth lambert
david lane
gerald lebeau
caleb leonard



seth lillenberg
benjamin lim
carissa mcgee
courtney mckinney
jessie menchak
michael menzel
alek miller







adam miller
 joseph minnella
 jammie montgomery
 barrett neu
 paige norman
 eric o'brien
 frank o'brien

anne ogier
 claudia parato
 nadia pasque
 mackenzie pfitzinger
 olivia pierson
 benjamin province
 barksdale pullen

seventh grade

well-known personalities

best athlete	class clown	loudest	most likely to lend a hand
erry	jay	paige	robby
lebeau	yousef	norman	johnson

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seventh grade

emily rassieur
ashley reese
denise rivers
tyran roseburrow
kristin rosen
travis rupprecht



julia russell
christopher ryckman
amanda schaffner
elliot schroeder
nicole seevers
joshua seward



claire simonpietri
paul smallwood
jessica stamps
peter stolberg
paul strebeck
alyssa surgener



tanja
blough



steve
bradley



john
campbell



nicole
collett



kenny
ford



mike
ford



steve
hall

neighborhood



jd
perona



karen
pollack



susan
schmersahl





michael talent
alyson tate
kevin taylor
katherine taylor
robert thompson
alex tilley
jacob turner



austin wallach
kylie watson
kathryn wenberg
kelsey west
andrew wiens
sherae williams
taylor wilmering



watson woodward
jacob worrell
matthew wuestner
jacob yousef



susan
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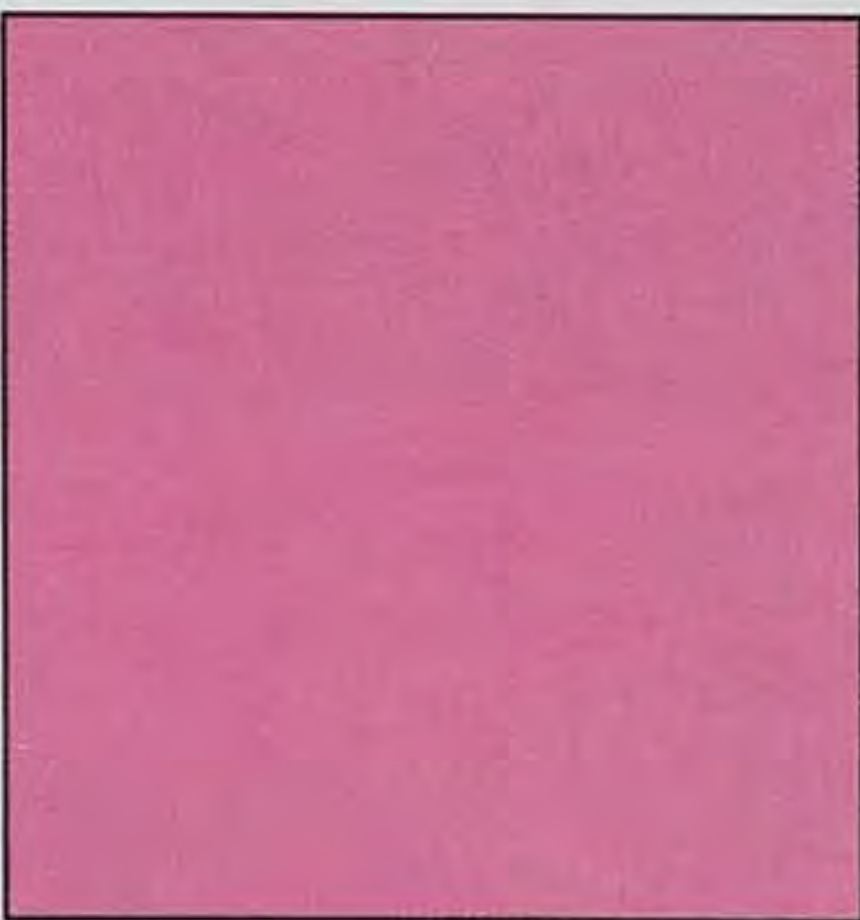
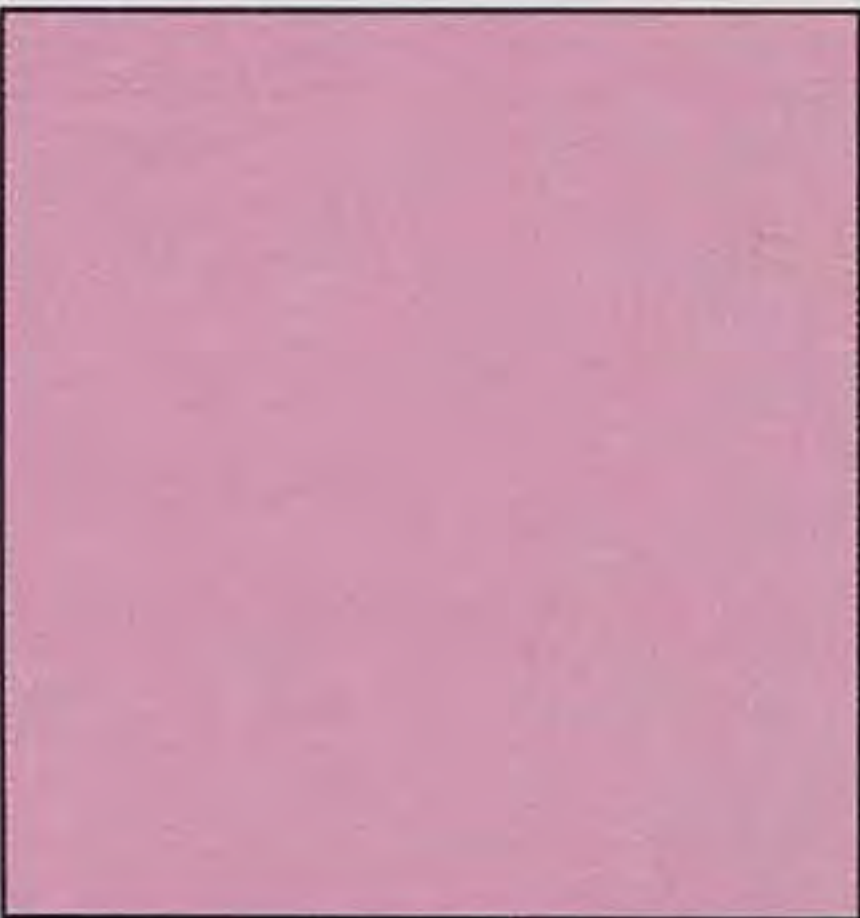
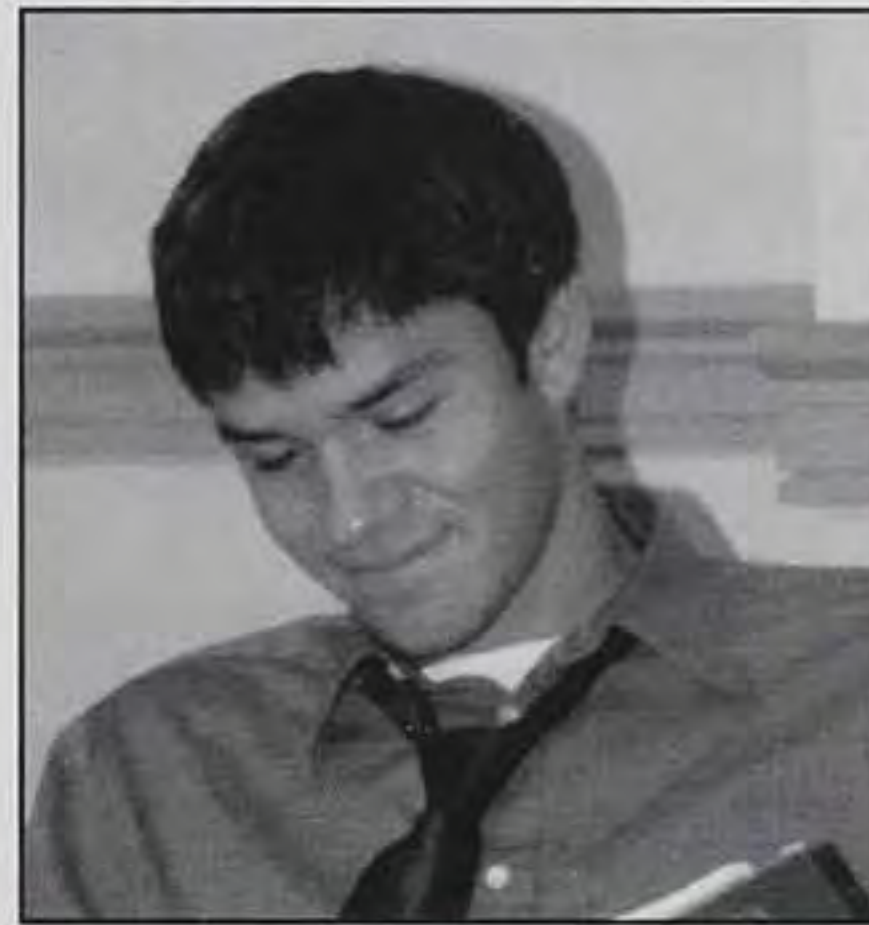
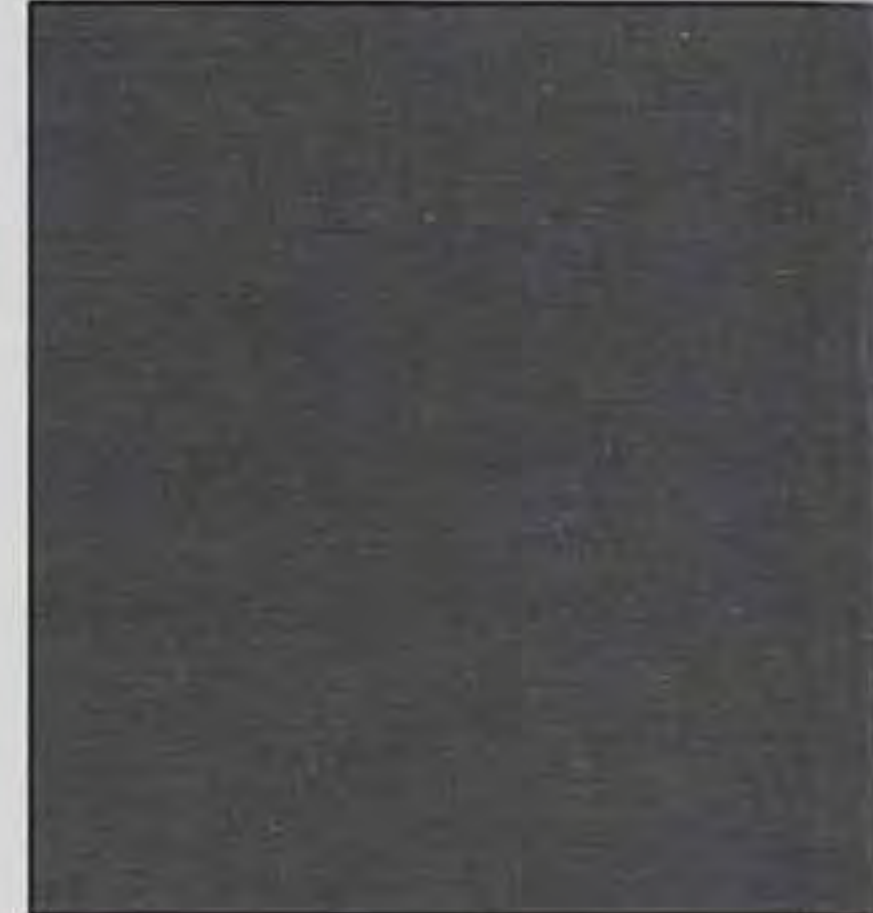
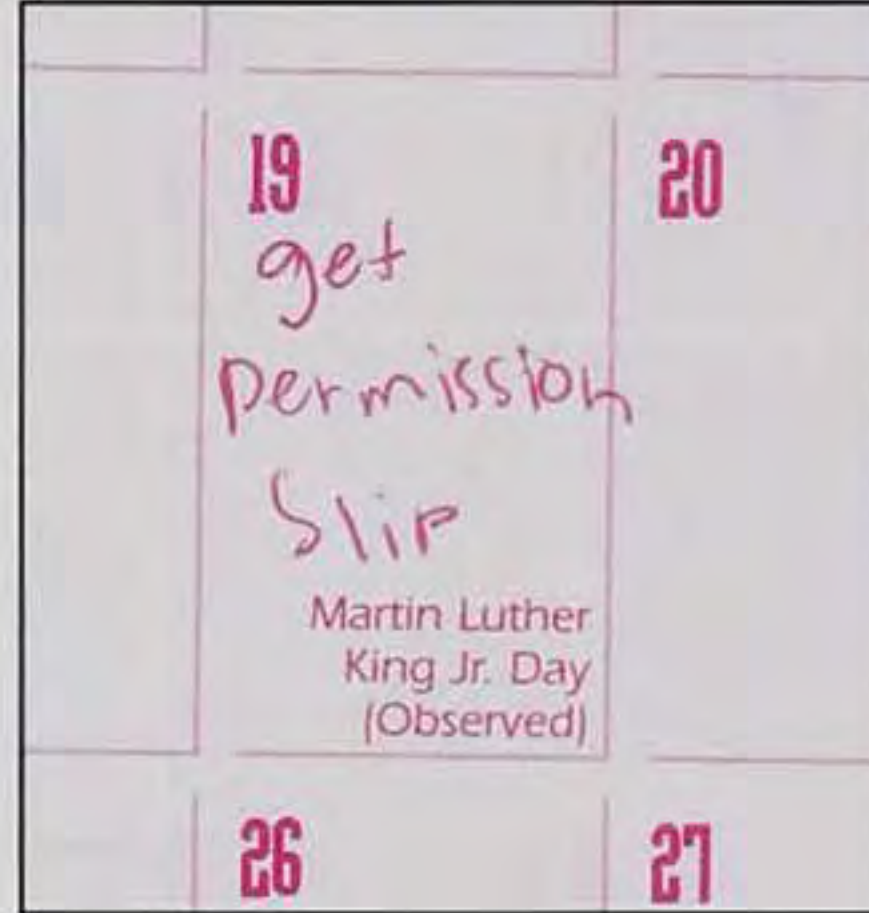
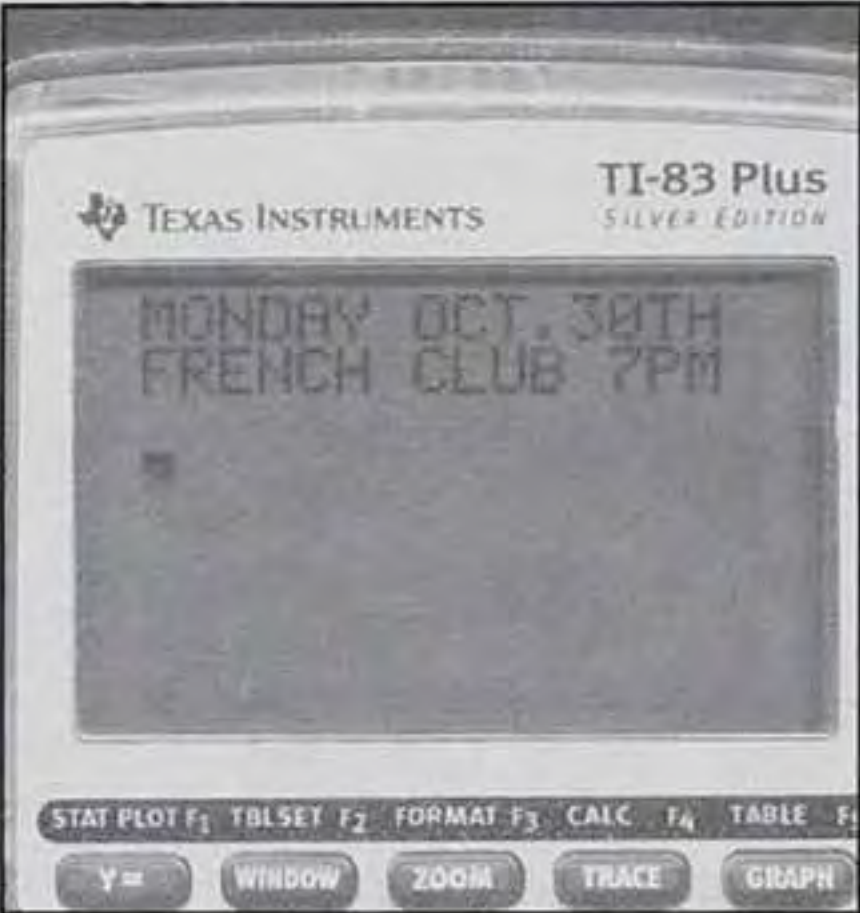
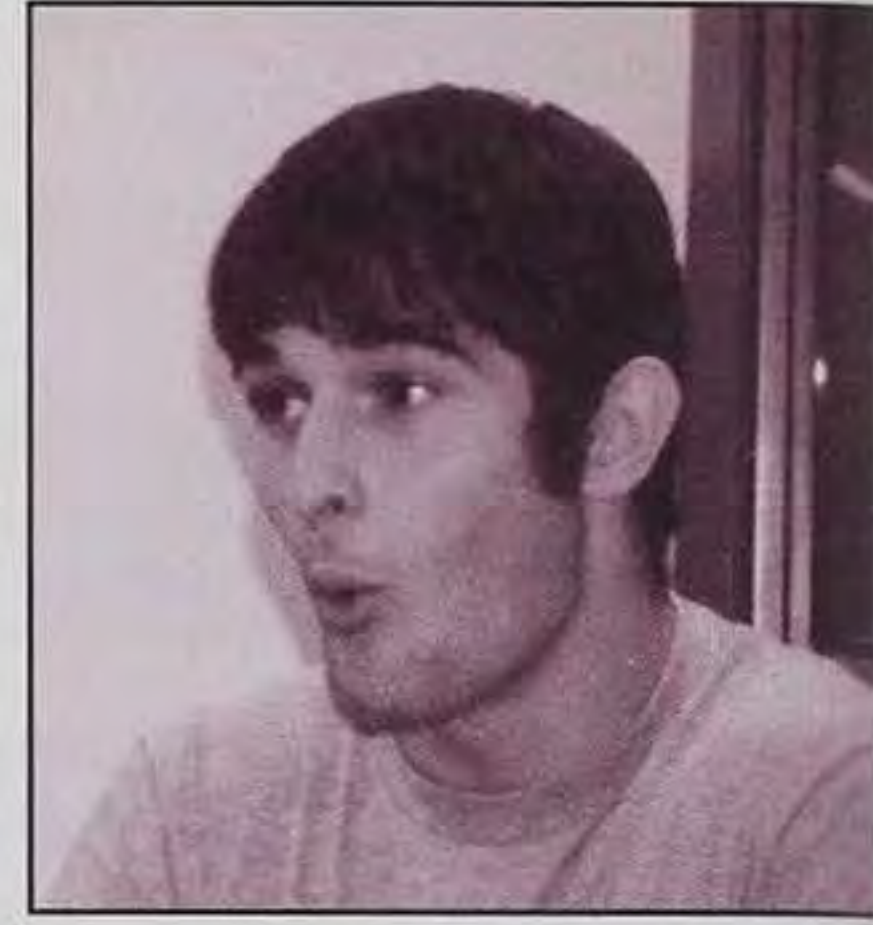


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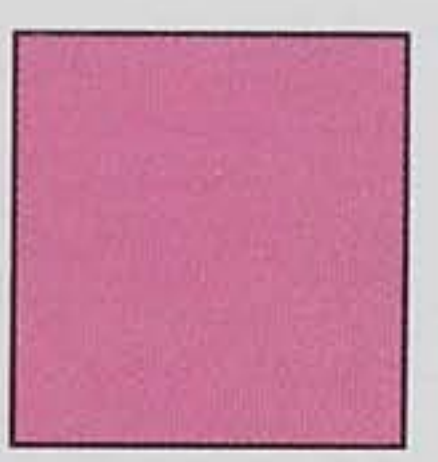
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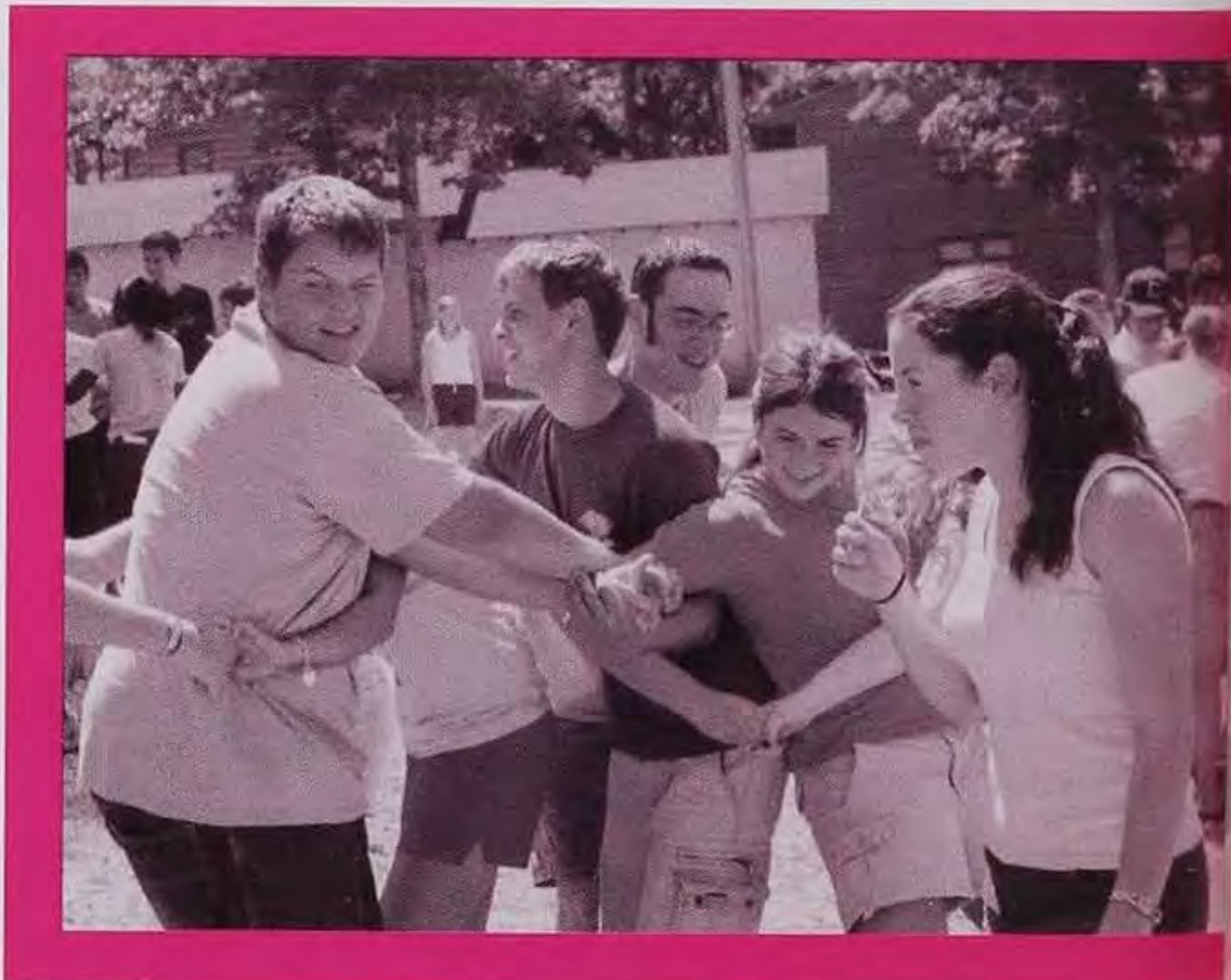


Senior Emily Roig sings a chapel favorite, "The Red Sea." Written by Roig, the song came out on CD in 2003 and seemed to wow all its listeners.

Junior Lauryn Beasley and senior Jessie Degnan compare pieces of a word puzzle that form the lyrics of "You Are My Sunshine." Beasley proved helpful in her leadership positions as junior class Treasurer and, for three years running, director of Spirit Week halls.



Come together! Seniors Rob Stain and Stephen Vitale practice their specialty: leadership. Juniors Beth Heyse, Sarah Edmondson and Dan Serber appreciate this direction and eventually, after much laughter and many sweaty palms, form one perfect circle.





Eighth Grade Friends Gregg Peters, Ben Bowman and David Whitwell, all juniors, are willing participants during the retreat.



Juniors Julianne Breck and Sarah Edmondson take advantage of some down time. Breck French braided a whole roomful of girls' hair.

Senior Ben Ogier looks goofy, but has fun as he plays the part of a machine in an original skit. Ogier saved the day for his team, "The Strobes," and kept the crowd laughing during his performance. "The skits throughout the weekend were hilarious," said Courtney Potter, junior.

as told by ben ogier

Stepping onto the over-heated bus, I wondered what I had gotten into. Along with 120 other leaders, I was headed to Pinecrest Camp for two days. Not knowing what the two days would involve made me extremely anxious.

Our first activity was meeting in an assigned small group. Each group was to put on a skit in front of the group-at-large, and every member had to participate. I have enough trouble talking to people, let alone talking in front of people, so as my group began planning its obligatory skit, I was dreading being assigned my role. *Who*

made up the rule everyone has to participate? And then, if being in a skit isn't bad enough, my group gave me the prominent role: Randy Jackson, judge from the popular *American Idol*.

My group members wrote three ridiculous lines for me to say, and as I sat in the audience before my "performance," my nerves began to build. Finally, it was time to take the stage. I silently practiced my lines during others' performances until the spotlight was on me.

"Yo dawg that was wack," I said with a shaky voice.

Much to my surprise, the second those words left my mouth the audience roared in laughter. I hadn't expected such a grand reaction. Before I knew it, it was time to speak my third and favorite line: "I don't know what you're trying to interpret, but all I saw was a hot, funky mess." By now the whole audience was wild with laughter and applause. I was overwhelmed with a sense of accomplishment, and my lines were so popular there was even an encore.

hot, funky refresher

by betsie boggs



"STUCO team? We are one big, loud family that never shuts up during lunch!" stated Julie Drexler, freshman. Student Council is a group of 26 elected students that meets weekly in order to better the community at WCA. The main events planned by STUCO are Carnival, Christmas Banquet, ITSOG, Spirit Week and a spring event.

Carnival, the first to occur, was completely planned and functional because of this group of dedicated workers; no one will forget

STUCO's traditional cinnamon rolls. Similarly, because of STUCO, Christmas Banquet was possible, though hectic, as representatives tried to assign tables that pleased everybody. Much time and effort was put into making invitations and choosing enjoyable entertainment and a yummy menu. Touching more lives than Carnival or CB, however, was ITSOG. STUCO organized and counted the items received during ITSOG.

STUCO's 2003-04 goal was to

show leadership through service to the classes and to the community. To do that, it was always brainstorming ways to meet needs of the school and the students. It required a lot of dedication and hard work to be on STUCO, but by combining fun, goofing off and meeting responsibilities, everyone was able to get the various jobs done in time. And, STUCO members seemed to love getting to know kids in their respective classes, and everyone in between, on a more personal level.

Katie Poland, senior, leads the weekly Monday lunch meetings. As President, Poland steered the team through occasional conflicts regarding responsibility and deadlines.

"Do you want to go to CB with me?" "Yes, I would love to go to CB with you!" Junior Grady Powell plays with two dolls during a meeting called to select a CB location. The final decision was Sheraton, although rumors said it was going to be at the new Town and Country campus.

David Bircher, junior, joins sophomore William Osberghaus and the rest of his assigned sub-committee. STUCO met as a large group to vote on major decisions, but split into smaller groups to work out details.





Giving a helping hand, junior class Spirit Chair Rachel Tarter carries boxes of cans to the commons. The amount of food collected by seniors alone was more than all food collected in 2002.



Mark Dudley, sophomore, enjoys a Coke during the weekly class officer meeting. Ironically, WCA is contracted as a Pepsi-only campus.



"I have never gone fishing." Juniors Lauryn Beasley and Amy Dixon join others to play "I have never..." at the Leadership Retreat in August. It was a game popular among juniors since they were in seventh grade.

Spirit Week. A week of games, competition, excitement and entertainment. As WCA "goes with the flow," participating in or watching events, does anyone wonder who created that "flow"? For those who wonder, it is class officers.

"My main job is to make sure everything is organized. Making sure everyone is happy is hard...I try to make it a more enjoyable experience," said Mason Allbritten, senior class Spirit Chair.

Along with Spirit Week, there were other jobs that occupied officers' time. Senior class President Britney Bennett explained how February was an extremely busy month for her.

"Not only was there Spirit Week, but Black History Month as well. Third quarter is the longest; people get sick, and there's a lot to do," said Bennett.

Class officers helped with ITSOG, JSB, Carnival and the senior class blood drive. Even neighborhood meetings were carefully pre-planned at their mandatory meetings.

"Organizing and planning small groups was hard because it was a new concept and not many people took to it very well," said junior class President Andy Spalding.

Class leadership is crucial to WCA, and those who were involved

truly had the heart to serve.

"I really like my job. You still work with people, but it's more individual; you can choose what you want to do to serve the class," said Beth Heyse, junior class Service Chair.

Dedication and sacrifice were components of that service.

"Sometimes there's no money in the account, so the officers have to come together and pay so that we don't go into debt," said Bennett.

Being a class officer is not for everyone, but those who were made the year possible and more enjoyable, whether the rest of us realized it or not.

setting the standard

by megan munson

class officers
lead pack



the forgotten few

by kristy shelberg

scholar bowl buzzes

As I watched the Scholar Bowl Team convene one day after school, I saw an elite group of people having fun with a buzzer, a desk, questions, each other and, of course, sponsor Bob Vass. I learned that two teams of four people compete, answering questions of general knowledge ranging from David Letterman's "Will it Float" series to ancient Chinese history. Team members gain knowledge in these areas by watching TV, reading books and

quizzing each other with their self-made questions.

The team proved its buzzer and brain skills during tournament play at Washington University where it placed fourth. At a different competition in Cuba, Missouri, the team shutout all others, bringing home the first place trophy.

"A lot of people joke about our team, but don't realize that we may be one of the only teams to go to State and do well," said Captain Andrew Fields, senior.

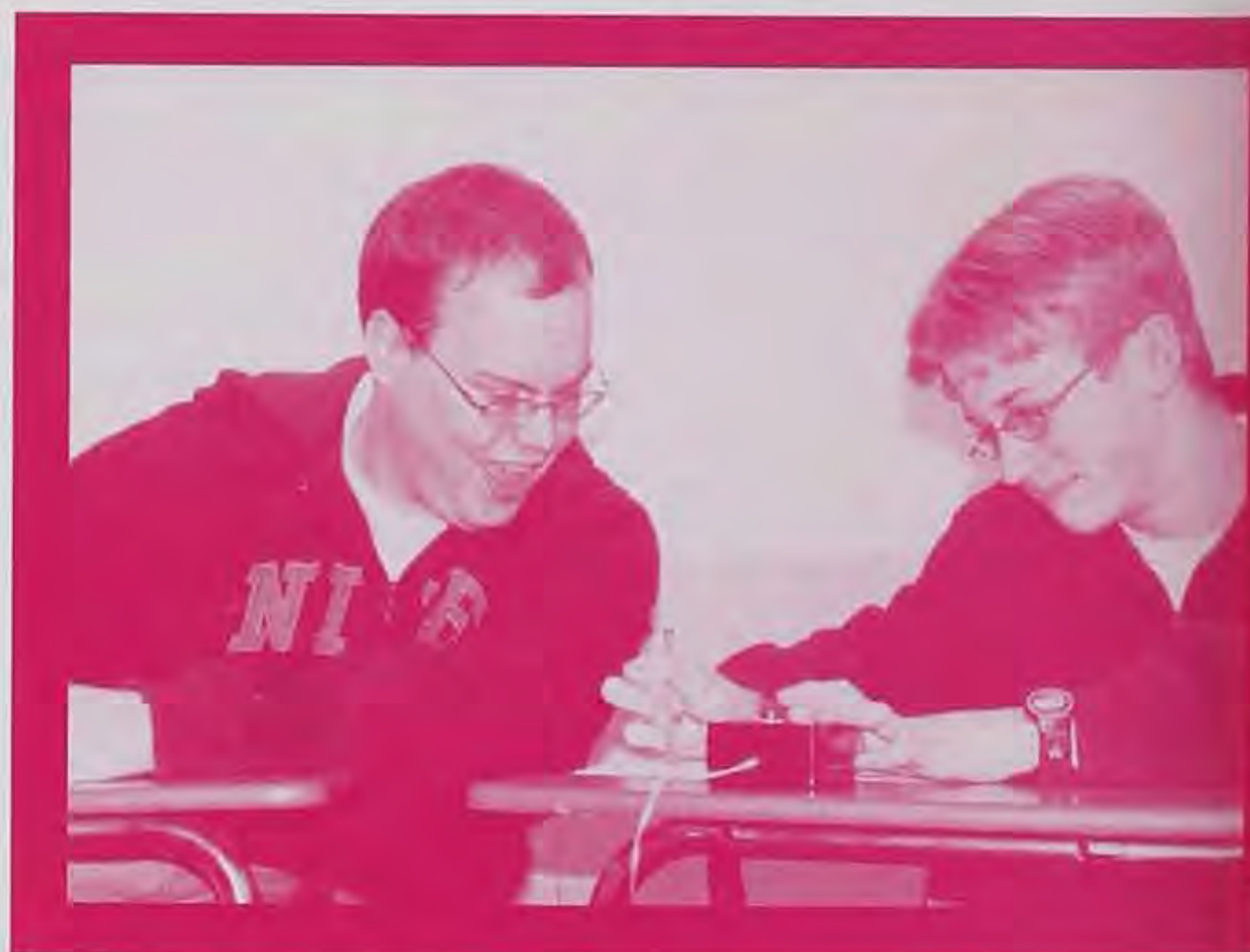
Another thing I found is that the highest GPA is not required to do well.

Sophomore Andrew Hoekzema said, "Most people think they don't have enough book smarts, but really a main way to practice is to watch TV." As I watched this diverse group of guys, I saw how this sometimes overlooked squad came together to become number one in life and teamwork.

George Thampy, junior, takes practice seriously. "Practice is really intense," said teammate William Osberghaus. Competition itself was mostly against teams from rural Missouri.

Excitement rises in a scholar bowl practice as senior Gerrod Heise buzzes in an answer. Team members practiced by writing their own questions and quizzing each other on everything from math and mythology to *The Simpsons*.

Senior Andrew Fields checks sophomore Andrew Hoekzema's list of questions. Fields has competed in Scholar Bowl since his freshman year. Hoekzema, one of the younger players, found that "If you prove you're good at it, you earn respect from the older teammates."





Sophomore Sophie Zavaglia practices while waiting to play in Westminster's Gateway League Chess Action Tournament. The awaiting players ate, practiced and socialized while others competed in the new gym. The first American chess tournament was held in New York in 1843.



Sophomore Lauren Beck looks for the best move. Beck is a dedicated contender and the only female to travel to Jefferson City for State competition Feb. 27.

Sam Meyer, freshman, hangs out with kids from other schools in the cafeteria, where they played practice games called "skittles games." The U.S. Chess Federation took a random survey in 2003 and found chess to be played by 39 million people in America.

I, the pawn, am the smallest among the Rook, Knight, Queen and King. Every Tuesday kids from all grades at Westminster visit sponsor Thomas Johnston's room, where I am stored in a small bag, to play a game of Chess with me. I am tossed, dropped and pushed by other pieces and sweaty hands. The game requires not only a love for it, but also devotion and intellectual skills.

As I stand still on a select few

squares out of the 64 possible, I sense severe competition between students. On Feb. 7, I was part the Westminster hosted Gateway League Chess Action Tournament, in which 77 teams and 282 students competed. Though spectators were discouraged from watching up close, I had a close-up view. Each game was limited to a short 58 minutes and every age competed. One point was awarded for a win, half a point for

a stalemate and zero points per loss. Out of 103 high school players, junior George Thampy placed second in his division.

The WCA varsity chess team was awarded yet another trophy that now sits among many others won over previous years. Whether it is for State Championship or practice, I see varsity players come together to encourage, support and have fun with fellow chess players.

the pawn's perspective

by kristy shelberg

the small
sees all



lovin' the wildman

by emily reed

mixed chorus
makes laughs

Contrary to popular belief, Mixed Chorus was not just another encore class. While the chorus was full of hardworking, talented singers and musicians, its members found each day to be an amusing experience with a great deal of laughter.

Freshman Maggie Burrus said, "It's awesome because we always get our work done, but Mr. Wilds doesn't really mind us goofing off every once and a while. And it's always fun watching him and [freshman] Don Lambert make

jokes back and forth; it's hilarious." Every choir has one, and in Mixed Chorus the funnyman was Lambert.

The choir's unanimously selected 'most memorable' aspect of chorus was the opportunity to learn from, and connect with, director Tim Wilds.

Sophomore Colin McAfee said, "Mr. Wilds was a great vocal coach. The school was very blessed to have him."

Wilds also developed close relationships with his students by

letting them in on his life.

Freshman Beth Corbet said, "I love the days when he'd pause in the middle of class and tell us stories about his family and things that were going on in his life. Not many teachers do that."

With reminiscences from Tim Wilds, random jokes from Don Lambert and the opportunity to use daily the gifts God has given them, Mixed Chorus members would not trade a moment.

Freshmen Christy Krumsieg, Camille Barresi, Allison Thompson and Alex Arnold take part in a massage line as part of their warm-up routine. This routine also included singing up and down the scale and dancing aerobically to Wilds' warm-up music.

Seniors JoBeth Black, Crystal Beasley and Angie Haberberger rehearse "Sakura." This Japanese folksong was a favorite of the mixed chorus.

Director Tim Wilds instructs the chorus with elaborate arm and hand movements, encouraging singers to crescendo certain notes. This year was Wilds' last since he accepted the role as music director at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Wilds taught at WCA for six years, arriving when the class of '04 began middle school.





During its Spring Concert Tour, The touring choir sings for Dr. Joseph Flummerfelt, Tim Wilds' former vocal coach and mentor, at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. Flummerfelt is heralded as the best choral director in the country.



Senior Gerrod Heise sings the tenor part of a Spanish piece called "Adijo." Heise participated in Touring Choir since his freshman year. "Your first year in choir is always the best," Heise said. "But I love to sing, and each year has been awesome."

Sophomores Kristen Scheitler-Ring and Sam Hobbs project their alto voices during the rehearsal before the Fall Concert. They practiced the piece "Mbiri Kuna Mwari," meaning "Glory to God in the highest."

Rather than blazing the choral trail as a single choir, the Westminster Touring Choir initiated its annual singing journey with a fresh start. Due to a shortage of male singers, the choir was divided into the Girls Select Choir and the Chamber Choir.

"At the beginning, I loved the idea of not having to deal with obnoxious boys," said select choir member Sarah Haas, senior. "Then we found out we had to work harder than ever to get used to new routines. But, I eventually became good friends with some of the freshmen in the choir, which

was cool."

It was a blessing for the girls' choir to adopt a significant number of freshmen, three of whom had senior sisters in the same choir.

Freshman Erin Wilson said, "Unlike last year when a lot of people took choir just to get the class out of the way, the freshmen this year were actually excited about participating."

Modifications occurred in the chamber choir, as well. With an entirely new repertoire and a new grading system, this was "varsity choir." And, although the number

of singers decreased from the previous year, the sparkle and passion continued. Each member possessed an enthusiasm for singing that made the challenging experience unforgettable.

Senior Rob Stain said, "I'm going to miss the closeness; each year since I joined the choir as a freshman, we have grown closer as a choir. And I'm really going to miss Mr. Wilds. This guy really knows what he's doing as a choral director; he taught me everything I know about singing."

time for a change

by emily reed

TC04 starts
fresh



athletes hyped for fca

by jeff glidewell

bring your Bible
and \$5 for pizza

With the largest "huddle" ever, FCA began the year with its Kick-off Dinner at Fisher's Restaurant in Belleville, IL. Randy Mayfield provided worship music and entertainment, and Adam Timmerman of the St. Louis Rams addressed the crowd. Current high school students gave testimonies that hyped everybody to lead huddle groups and stick with FCA.

The next event on the FCA calendar was the Boys Weekend of Champions in late fall. First, all the guys split into small teams, and each team developed its own

cheer. One team's cheer stood above all others: "White Chocolate." This team consisted of several white students and one black coach. Everyone had a good laugh.

The keynote speaker for the weekend was St. Louis Cardinals Gold Glove Catcher Mike Matheny. He shared a story about the late Cardinal pitcher Darryl Kile that he had never shared with anyone except Mrs. Kile. Matheny reported that just days before Kile's death, he had a conversation with him that led him to believe Kile had ac-

cepted Christ. Matheny's story seemed to touch the lives of both the athletes and their coaches.

At Monday huddles, student athletes gathered at the home of brothers Jacob (seventh grade), Jeremy (freshman) and Joshua (junior) Worrell for food, fellowship and worship. For many, FCA provided a place where they could relax, forget about schoolwork and learn about the One who gave them their athleticism.

For senior Jon Wilkinson, "FCA provided guys to keep me accountable."

Junior Jeff Glidewell plays a repeat ping-pong match at a Monday night FCA meeting. Students also enjoyed batting cages, pool and foosball.

Junior Jon Wiele joins the talk with friends at the Worrells' host home. The Worrells opened their home to FCA huddles for a second consecutive year. "We have enjoyed watching FCA grow over the years and seeing kids step up to leadership positions," said Mrs. Worrell.

FCA president Mondo Davis, senior, relaxes before beginning worship. "Leading FCA this year gave me an opportunity to interact with other students at a very personal and spiritual level," Davis said.





Freshmen Brian Stair and Evan Sherman play the traditional "Fight Song" at a varsity mens basketball game. Each band member appeared with Pep Band at least three times.



Trombone player David Whitwell, junior, warms up at Central Christian School. Whitwell was nicknamed "Lord Master of the Bone" by his peers.

Baritone player Paul Lisciandrello, freshman, makes some noise during Pep Band. The modern baritone horn first appeared in Germany in the 1830's.

"Varsity" band consisted of 51 upperclassmen, and with this many, the need to expand was unavoidable. The clarinet section grew to include an alto and a bass, and the all-female flute section had, for the first time in WCA history, three baritone players. Director Nick Nichols taught members to play everything he threw at them, which was not only good practice for competitions, but also

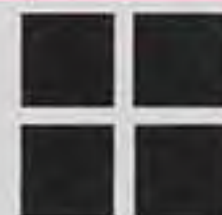
gave the group range at concerts.

The band had humor along with size, and with students like senior "Benji" Ogier and junior David Whitwell, inside jokes and good times were bound to occur. For example, every time the song "Jayhawk" was requested, someone explained that the "Jayhawk" was a mythical bird from the Civil War. In addition, drummer Seth Ferguson, senior, was usually re-

ferred to as "scapegoat Seth," while trombone player Whitwell was apt to comment on Nichols' "hair." Jokes even went on the road with the band, and during bus rides, questions that began with "Uhh, how many ... does it take to screw in a light bulb?" were usually answered by saxophone player Sam Hotchkiss, sophomore.

band's jokes make music new size new sound

by kristy shelberg



gimmie shelter

nhs serves
homeless

by megan munson

Room at the Inn. Unless you are in National Honor Society you are probably not sure what goes on there. As a NHS member, you are required to do one night of "Room at the Inn," which does not count towards your required 30 hours of yearly service. At first it might seem like an obstacle to enjoying your weekend, but besides the fact it happens on a Friday night, most members enjoy the assignment.

A normal night begins at 5pm at Trinity Christian Reform Church with a contribution to the evening meal. Before the arrival of the homeless people you will be serving, you set up cots and prepare

dinner with WCA Assistant Headmaster Lawrence Birchler and his wife, Roberta. The night involves entertaining mainly the children with movies and games. Overall, it is a good experience to interact with people the Westminster community doesn't normally encounter.

While most of the time everything goes smoothly, there were a few instances when things did not go quite as planned.

Junior Betsie Boggs shared her story: "One little girl ran around with a lot of energy; finally, we got her to sit down and make necklaces with us. However, she decided she would take the bucket

of beads and dump them all over the floor. It happened like 10 times." On another night, things got a little more physical.

Witness Laura Mark gives her account: "We were trying to put these hyper kids to bed and they showed some resistance. One kicked Stephen Kruse in the groin and another bit Dan Koch."

On the other hand, juniors Lauren Hunt and Sarah Huffman did not have any bad experiences to report.

"Two of the girls ended up coming into our room to hang out with us. We fell asleep talking with them. They were really cool," said Hunt.

Senior Craig Bross serves as a greeter during prospective student interviews, providing seating and conversation to make a waiting visitor comfortable. Before students began volunteering, visitors had to fend for themselves.

President of NHS Kelly Funk, senior, plays a game with a woman at Room at the Inn. According to fellow member Laura Mark, junior, "Mr. Birchler is very competitive in games and doesn't like to lose."

Junior Amy Dixon and a guest at Room at the Inn compare hairstyles. Room at the Inn is a shelter that has helped over 400 homeless families in St. Louis since 1992.





"Where do these go?" Eighth graders Jonathan Autry and Ben Guthrie helped move donations for Sunshine Ministries. The organization has been around since 1903 when it started as a soup kitchen and homeless shelter.



"The disciples were very scared. Do you remember a time when you were very scared?" Eighth grader Jimmy Munson reads a Bible story to four to six year olds during Children's Church at Covenant Presbyterian Church.



Fold, seal, label. Eighth grader Samantha Bond prepares thank you letters to be mailed after the NJHS field trip to Sunshine Ministries. The organization wrote the letters to those who had made donations.

I stood in the hallway with co-workers from yearbook, waiting for the middle school bell to ring. When it did, I was nearly trampled by eighth graders who have become increasingly larger since I remember, or maybe it is just me who has failed to grow since then. In either case, I managed to round up a few NJHS members and set up interviews with them.

When the time came for me to meet with the eighth grade girls, it was extremely easy to get information from them. It was cool to hear positive feedback about being on NJHS instead of complaints. There were a lot of different options for getting their 18

hours for the year. They could baby-sit, rake leaves or clean out garages; however, it all had to be for people outside of their own families, and it had to be completed while maintaining a 3.5 GPA.

Molly Meyers shared one instance when she earned some hours: "For a class trip we went to the food bank. We boxed about 400 boxes of food; we were so tired afterwards."

Another eighth grader, Samantha Bond, helps Teen MOPS, which stands for "mothers of preschoolers," a program that helps teen mothers. Bond explained, "I watch the kids while

my parents make food for them."

To plan group events, turn in hours or just keep updated, NJHS meets monthly. Also, NJHS is not just for eighth graders. It also consists of ninth graders as well as seventh graders who are inducted in April. The ninth graders did projects such as serving at the Middle School Banquet and the St. Patrick's Day Bowl-a-thon, a March event that raised money for the Pregnancy Resource Center.

NJHS Sponsor Julie Monkley concluded, "The students enjoy [service] projects because they are with their friends and can do them together."

helping hands

by megan munson

njhs projects
touch community



as told by marta douglass

I was on a mission to discover the story; I wanted to be the story; I was the story. I said to myself, "Marta, how can you make students *feel* what it is like to be

a tennis player?" My inspiration for my article "A Day in the Life of a Tennis Player" came from a girl I know at Hazelwood North who is on staff at her paper. The staff there does this kind of angle all the time, and I thought it would be cool if we tried it in the *Wildcat Roar*. So I went to Coach Talley and asked if I could hang out at practices for a while, and I also ended up following some of the players around school. (No, I wouldn't call it "stalking" *per say*.) I wrapped myself in their lives. I ran laps and laps around the court,

but I got tired, so I was like, "I think I'm gonna stop now."

When I finally grasped an idea of what it is like to be a tennis player, it was time to sit down and write my article. I subscribe to the *New Yorker*, a magazine that includes tons of articles with unique styles: journalists write articles from the perspective of the people in their stories. I love that. And with this story, I wanted to use that different style, because who I am would come through the story - the story would be *mine*.

Top 10 Stories to Scoop

10. WCA receives billion dollar endowment
9. Ben Ogier stars in *Star Wars III*
8. Shorts and sleeveless shirts approved in Student Handbook
7. Snow Day called
6. Emily Roig is discovered; signs contract with Rocketown™ Records
5. Shortage of Polartec impedes North Face production - WCA students freeze
4. Marty Peters is caught chewing gum in library
3. Cowboy has lassoed the moon; WCA sponsors first-ever dance
2. Betty Richardson wears the Betty Blouse
1. DeRosa hangs up his blue suede shoes

Freshman Krista Schopp takes a whack at golf for her compelling piece, "A Day in the Life of a Golfer." Schopp spent the afternoon with the womens golf team, trying to get a feel for how golfers really spend their time.

Andrew Miller confers with Alex O'Neil about an upcoming music spread. As juniors, both assumed leadership roles after the year began. Miller's layout skills and O'Neil's column "The O'Neilly Factor" were timely and appreciated.

Senior Marta Douglass and sophomore Kat Bear enjoy a gorgeous fall day outside Pastries of Denmark; they were out to get the story, preparing a segment on restaurant reviews. Staff members often left campus on block days to research their stories.





Photographers Amanda Renaud, sophomore, and Beka Hager and Megan Petry, juniors, show adviser Josie Kinmonth their latest effort. Typically, "photogs" took 15 to 20 pictures for every one used in the book. To get all those pics, the photogs, along with the rest of the staff, received a "press badge" that allowed them to move freely around campus and get into a lot of school events for free.



Ben Heyse prepares a Baby Ad mailing. As assistant business manager, Heyse was critical to staff diversity; he represented 1/3 of the staff's male population and 1/3 of the staff's underclass population.

Angie Rill, junior, crops for the Chapel Band spread. This was Rill's first year on staff. Also debuting were 15 custom-designed flat screen PCs, which were a big help in meeting the year's six major deadlines.

I am a yearbook. I contain many stories, pictures and memories. My staff wanted to make me simple, yet fresh. A team of photographers, writers and layout designers worked day and night trying to make me the best they could imagine. They brainstormed for days forming new concepts, making me different and unique. Seniors Aubrey Howard, Editor, and Nancy Maxwell, Assistant Editor, were my main producers, and they focused on my design and how I would come together as a whole. The Business Managers, junior Andy Spalding

and sophomore Ben Heyse, worked hard earning extra money to add colors to my pages.

My adviser, Josie Kinmonth, was also an addition to our production this year. This was not her first time teaching at WCA, so her experience was welcomed. She was well-prepared to teach my makers some tricks and rules that were critical in developing me.

Though I caused much pain, frustration and work, I also brought joy, laughs and rewards. Deadlines, late nights and teamwork contributed to my upbringing and made me what I

am today.

Because of the 19 talented teenagers who conceived me, I hope to be cherished in 10, 15, 30 or more years from now. Maybe I'll be read by grandchildren who want to see what Grandma looked like in '04, or by former graduates packing for the 25th reunion, trying to remember the kids they stayed up with all night practicing lip sync for Wildcat Pride Week. I might be fresh, and I might be new, but I am a piece of history that will someday take you back to your days at Westminster Christian Academy.

a new year

by kristy shelberg

the staff takes a new approach to design, writing and photography



Joining together in common interest, the Spanish Club's members provided opportunities for WCA to experience Spanish culture. They invited everyone to attend their monthly gatherings at authentic Mexican restaurants and the fiestas they organized at school to celebrate Three Kings Day and Cinco de Mayo. They also stretched themselves to speak Spanish and to learn more about Latin American culture during meetings.

"The meetings push members to realize an understanding of Spanish language and culture to

reach others," said President Julianne Breck, junior.

More significant than meetings and meals, however, was the club's ministry. By selling Toblerone, Zots and bon-bons and by raising \$1000 during Carnival, the club was able to contribute to the Micah Project in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The Micah Project, a ministry founded by Mike Miller, class of '90, houses abused and impoverished boys, gives them a formal education and teaches them to be Christian leaders by serving others.

Club members kept up to date

with the Tegucigalpa boys through monthly newsletters that delivered the boys' prayer requests. Club sponsor Senora Joan Dudley also wrote the boys a number of times.

"Raising money for the Micah Project ministry was really fulfilling, and I enjoyed learning about the progress they are making," said junior Courtney Potter, Vice President.

Not only was Spanish Club a source for fun and learning, it was also a great ministry to people in need.

"Bueno." Junior John Strand looks at the Mexican dish he ordered at Las Chihuahuas. Along with restaurant meetings, a feature of the club was the Newsletter that included information on upcoming activities and interesting Spanish facts.

Using her Spanish skills, senior Emily Dickerson orders her food while out to lunch with the Spanish Club. The club ate at Las Chihuahuas during its October meeting.

Senior Kelly Funk enjoys the tortilla chips while out to lunch with the Spanish Club. Most club members stretched themselves to use Spanish while talking to servers, although speaking Spanish was not a prerequisite for eating.





Excited after an impressive victory, the plaintiff team poses for a picture. The team placed second out of 50 teams in the St. Louis competition held at Clayton City courthouse Jan. 15.



In deep thought, defense member Stephen Babb, junior, works on his case. The Mock Trial Association was founded in 1984 and had its first competition in Des Moines, Iowa.

Sophomore defense attorney Sophie Zavaglia listens intently while preparing for the citywide competition. Mock Trial competition ascends from citywide to regional to national.

Despite being new, the Mock Trial Team proved itself in competition. Sophomore Sophie Zavaglia helped bring the team to Westminster after participating in her former school's team her freshman year.

"I really enjoyed Mock Trial because it brings together a unique combination of law, acting and critical thinking," said Zavaglia.

After proposing the idea to Headmaster Jim Marsh, Zavaglia was able to get teacher Cassi Clausen, a former mock trial team member, and her aunt, English teacher Cindy Zavaglia, to coach

the team.

In late November with 12 members, the team was ready to practice the case it would present at the St. Louis competition. Divided into the Plaintiff and the Defense, two groups prepared three cross-examinations, three direct examinations and opening and closing statements. They practiced every day after school and had special dress rehearsals before each competition.

Finally, the team was ready to present in competition what it had practiced for almost two months. Competitions were held in actual courthouses, and lasted 90 min-

utes to two hours.

"The first competition was nerve-racking because we were in a real courtroom and in front of a real judge, but it was really exciting in the end because we got second out of 50," said Plaintiff member Elliot Brown, sophomore.

Mock Trial's success was in the victories and its members' hearts.

Sophomore Jaime Kim said, "Mock Trial really improved thinking on my feet and my public speaking skills because we had to present ourselves and what we had worked on in competition."

the verdict

by betsie boggs

triumph in court



the good, weird and hilarious

by allison reed

why did you join the improv team?

senior britney bennett: "I was like 'Hey, I would be funny.' Plus, I figured I could learn a lot from the others in my class while adding a little 'color' to the team."

senior pat breedlove: "It is extremely fun and definitely an adrenaline rush. I love connecting with other people on a different level."

senior marta douglass: "My best friend Nancy and I thought we were pretty funny, and we idolized the old-school improvisers."

senior liz forkin: "I was endlessly harassed and put on a round-trip guilt trip to east Egypt and back."

junior ben bowman: "There is nothing better than making people laugh."

junior philip pohlman: "I enjoy having fun and basically acting with no rules."

sophomore tom henry: "One night in a dream a little birdie whispered in my ear, 'You'd like to be on improv.' The birdie intimidated me, so I went with it. I guess it was either that or because Mrs. Klemm told me to."

sophomore emily meyer: "I thought ever since seventh grade that I wanted to be on stage and make people laugh. I think it gives people a chance to get away from anything outside the little theater doors and just have fun."

Dancing Queen Marta Douglass, senior, gets down at City Improv. Alumnus Dustin Reppell invited Westminster's team to compete at Union Station against Parkway West, but West forfeited before the big night.

Westminster PDA? I think not. Junior Philip Pohlman gives senior Barrett Boody CPR. Pohlman said, "Believe it or not, it takes more than ADD to do improv."

"Alas, I am killed." Senior Andrew Roby plays dead after reading this line in the game "Pick a Play." Roby said, "It's my first year, so I feel like a little kid in the family. I guess you could say Mason's the dad, and Marta and Pat are the siblings. It's a good time."





Talking after a meeting, sophomores Emily Schnurpfeil, Elizabeth Crim and Sophie Zavaglia discuss the details of upcoming plays. The only requirement for Drama Club membership was either to have played a part in a play or to have worked on set crew.



Senior Leila Thampy raises a question at a meeting. As club president, Thampy organized people at auditions, made sure things happened and got people involved.



Senior Jenny Reinwart, vice president, performs in the Drama II play *Arsenic and Old Lace*, which the group presented in order to raise money for People of Refuge, the ministry of former WCA teacher Tim Baldwin.

After interviewing several people who I thought were “in” Drama Club, I realized a “Drama Club” sticker on one’s locker does not mean much. Students can “join” the club if they have participated in a production in any way, shape or form. However, not all join the club willingly.

When I asked senior Ben Ogier how one joins, he responded with, “That’s a good question” and said his specific role was “the unwilling inductee.”

Senior Marta Douglass explained it as follows: “Being in Drama Club is kind of weird. People show up at a drama function and suddenly get a sticker on

their lockers. Then they go to a meeting out of curiosity and try to vote on plays, but [Mrs.] Klemm says they can’t because they don’t have enough ‘points.’ Then they don’t go back to meetings because the officers freak them out.”

Although many don’t know how they’ve been drawn into this crazy association, there are devout members. For instance, four-year member and Jenny Reinwart, senior, joined intentionally.

“I have always been the dramatic type, and I enjoy every aspect of the theater,” said Vice President Reinwart.

Similarly, President Leila Thampy, senior, wanted to join.

Thampy said, “*E.T.* revealed that the monotony of my life was inevitable. In order to escape, I decided to gain control of Drama Club as a starting point of my quest for world domination.”

Most agreed the club needs more recognition, but freshman Billy Bubenik said more money would be fine. But truthfully, in order for the club to receive more support, more students would have to take interest, go to shows and participate. Beware though, participation may come your way whether you like it or not. If a random sticker appears on your locker, be proud and take full advantage of it.

are you predestined?

by allison reed

random inductions



“Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” Romans 12:13. The Bible requires Christians to be hospitable, and as a Christian school, Westminster Christian Academy strives to practice this spiritual mandate. The Hospitality Club helped in the process.

Hospitality Club looked to Peggy Johnson, WCA’s Community Relations Director, for leadership. Johnson organizes the school’s Open Houses, and, un-

der her direction, the club’s members escorted parents around the campus and introduced visiting students and newcomers to everything Westminster has to offer. In addition, members were stationed in strategic places during IGNITE (the former Back to School Night) to help lost parents find their children’s classes.

“The kids at Westminster are very good at having a general welcoming attitude and offering a friendly atmosphere to newcom-

ers,” stated junior Lauren Forde, a new student.

Members of Hospitality worked hard at loving others, making new students comfortable and letting God’s light shine through them as they acted out the Christian morals Westminster personifies. Showing a cordial and generous reception towards each guest was both their priority and their pleasure.

Sophomore Mallika Thampy expresses her hospitable heart while helping run the cash register during a chess tournament.

With a smile on her face, sophomore Katharine Bayer holds up her sign during Open House. While leading 15-minute tours around the school, Hospitality members worked to keep their groups together.

Handing out bags filled with information, juniors David Bircher and Lauryn Beasley help Kate Kindbom, College Counselor, during the College Fair. “We couldn’t have done College Fair without them; [they were] absolutely excellent!” stated Kindbom.





Every Friday, Spirit Club meets for lunch to discuss plans. Decisions included what was to happen during pep rallies, fundraisers such as the barbecue and Spirit Day as well as how to design and sell spirit shirts.



Senior Ben Ogier, Spirit Club's Vice President, tosses the die Wednesday of Wildcat Pride Week. On Duck Tape/Tin Foil/Paper Bag Day, he rolled the die to determine which grade went next for Improv Dance and RUCR8TIV Construct.

After school, freshman Kristen Scheitler-Ring flips burgers to feed hungry fans at the Spirit Club barbecue. "We did this so people would come to games," stated junior Rachel Tarter.

"Go crazy, folks! Go crazy!"

Getting students to go crazy is exactly what Spirit Club did during the 2003-2004 school year, which had "without a doubt, the liveliest and most conscientious Spirit Club ever!" said Florence Lewis, "goddess of spirit."

Since there were so many cre-

ative minds and impulsive attitudes among Spirit Club members, meetings were filled with ideas being blurted out all over the place, including ideas about spirit shirts. Settling on bright red with the theme "Movin' On Up," the spirit shirts were popular and "on sale for \$10; see Mrs. Lewis."

Spirit Club also worked hard to decide the overall theme (movies) and fun games (swim noodle/beach ball) for Wildcat Pride Week, an event which made Spirit Club proud as it cranked up school spirit.

ideas burst with spirit

by ashlynn savage

crazy times
crazy club



light it up

av club powers the school

by jeff glidewell

as told by alex docekal

Since making my first circuit at age four, I've always loved the audio-visual world. Three years ago, in seventh grade, I got my start in the AV Club. My role is running the lighting during chapel, graduation, the musical and other special events. For the most part, the lights and sound always work properly and problem-free, but during Middle School's Ignite, we were not so fortunate.

For weeks, Mr. Kim had been

preparing a special video for this event. As the Chapel Band played that night, one of the members kicked out an audio cable. So when the video began playing, the sound could not be heard. As all of us worked to fix the problem, weary parents sat confused, wondering what went wrong. Finally, after 20 minutes, the problem was discovered and sound was restored. Unfortunately, the video on which Mr. Kim worked so hard

was nearly over.

AV Club was fun with Xbox, pizza parties and hanging from rock climbing equipment to work on lights, but also tough. Everybody had to take on responsibilities in order to produce the sound and lighting WCA needs. I hope to carry these skills I've learned in AV Club to college and then on to a career. One day, I hope to be a lighting engineer for a stage company.

Freshman Maggie Massot carries microphone stands to their places for the Fall Festival, which featured performances from the WCA bands and choirs.

"Check. Check one two." Junior Danny Berger, president of AV Club, checks the sound board. Berger first joined AV Club as a seventh grader in 1999.

In preparation for a concert, freshmen Alex Docekal and Joshua Gregg roll a cart of technical equipment to the new gym. They work and train under AV Club sponsor Han Kim. Kim, WCA's Media and Technology Director, produced an award-winning video and entered it into a contest sponsored by Smart Technologies Inc. His award was a SMART Board, the school's first.





Seniors Jon Wilkinson and Rob Stain lead the student body in worship. "It's not about us, it's about Christ and all He has done for us...we're just giving him back praise through the talent that He's blessed us with," said Stain.



Behind the scenes, the beat of the drums resonates throughout the gym and hearts of the student body. Junior Katie Myers let music take her to her previous home in Cameroon, the birthplace of her talent.

Senior Justin DeRosa praises God during his favorite worship song "Amazing Grace-Funky, FRESH Version." His passion for Christ was apparent as he shared his heart for God every Wednesday.

"We worship in the environment of the Spirit, where Christ Jesus is in truth" (John 4:22-24). Chapel is a worship experience.

Pianist Emily Roig made it clear that "chapel wasn't about [its members], but about Jesus and that Christ could be glorified through [them]."

If you asked them about their roles in leading worship, band members would say worship is about focusing on God and not putting on a show for the student body. However, even with common purpose, unity came with a price. Katie Myers recounts their time

during the summer as challenging.

"Different people would try to take charge, and we weren't getting anything accomplished. So, we decided to come together as a group and talk about our differences and reach a common ground where we could meet not only the students' needs but also those of the band. That really made the difference. By laying down our pride before the group, our eyes were opened and we were able to see in a clearer light what our purpose really was," said Myers.

Part of the band's willingness to lead worship was seen in its humility before 800 peers.

"It's really comforting to know that even if what I say is vocally dumb, God can still use me because God is strong despite my weakness, and it makes what God does more incredible," said Myers.

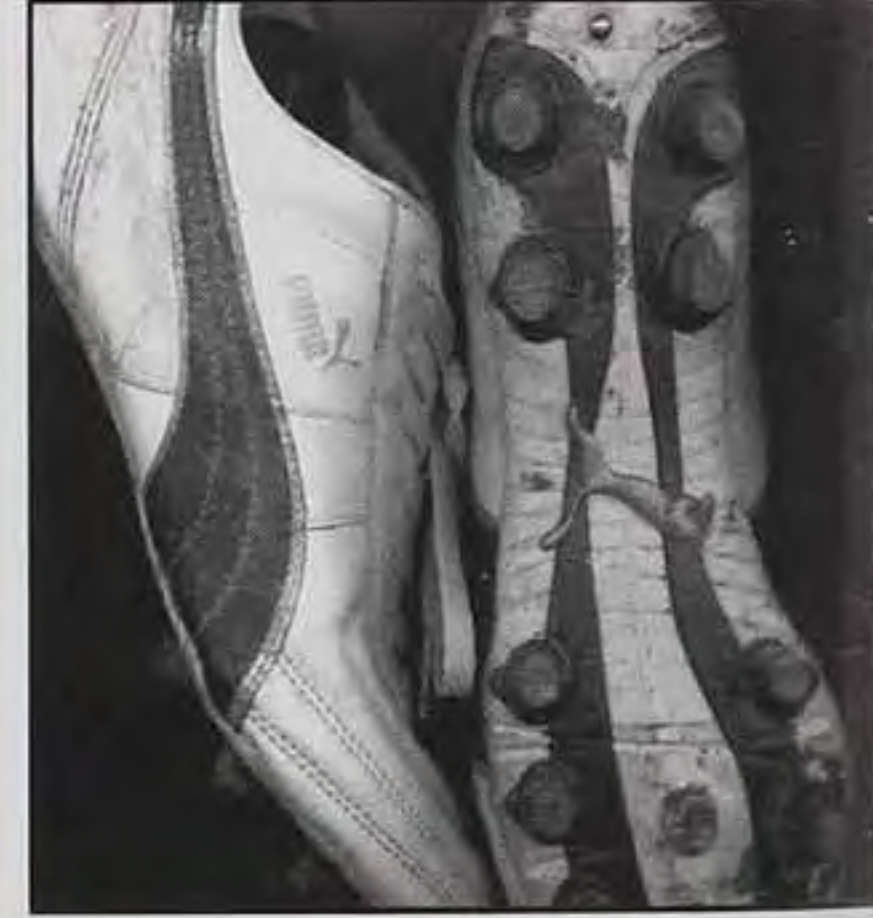
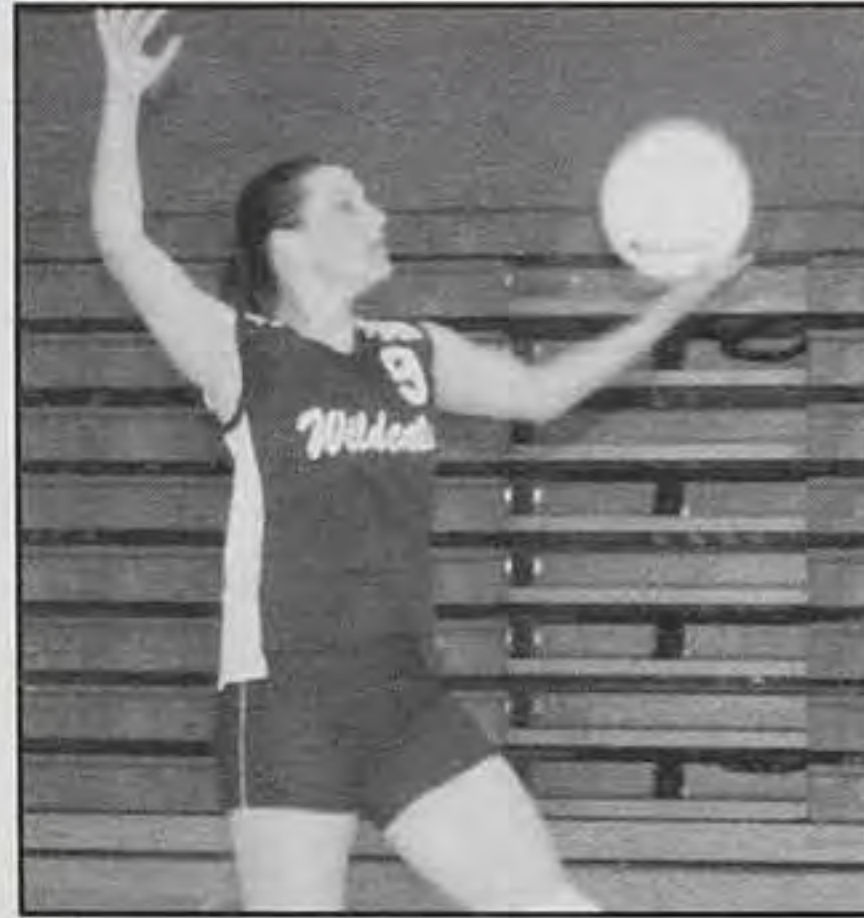
Chapel Band wanted to make a lasting impact on the hearts and minds of WCA students, as examples of God's grace and as people who like to have fun while worshipping their Almighty God.

worship

a road trip to the heart of God

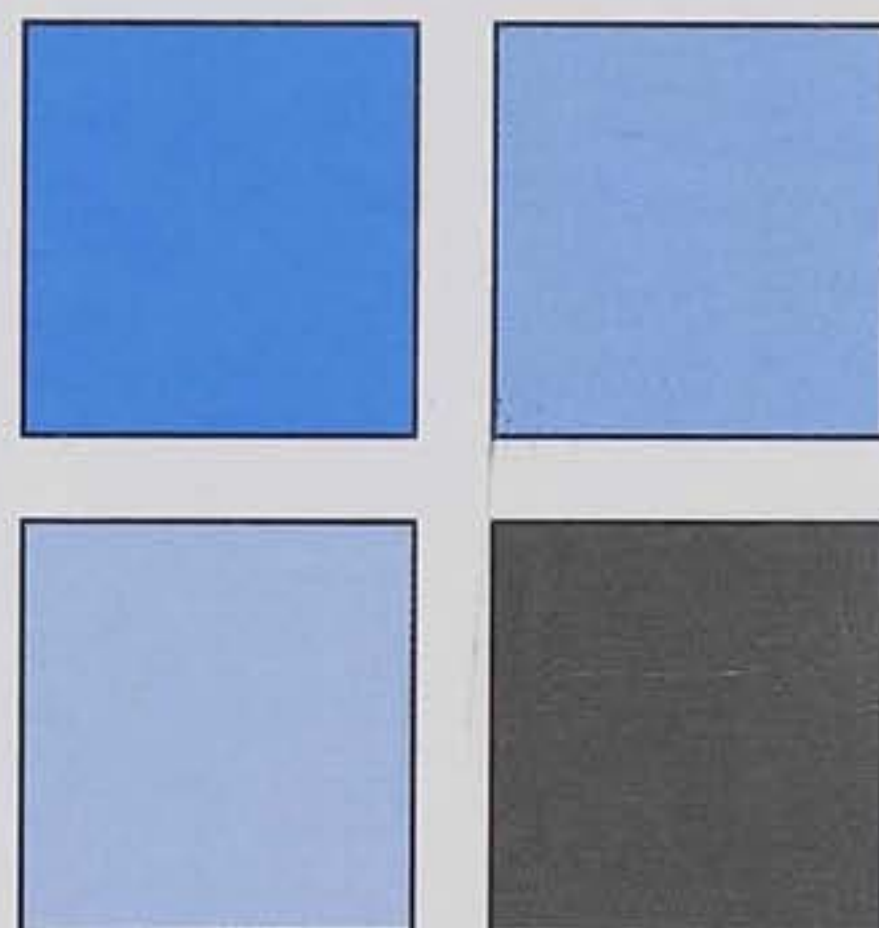
by angie rill





cut grass

fresh





Senior Mike Shaw dashes past his opponent from Ladue. Shaw sunk a penalty kick in the game to score, and the team won 2-0 with a second goal by senior David Stair. Shaw had 20 goals overall this season.



Senior Jeff Holley receives a yellow card for tripping as he puts his hands up in disbelief. The team this year received a grand total of 13 yellow cards.



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Senior Jared Mueller clears the ball after making a miraculous save. Mueller greatly contributed to the team, blocking 115 shots on goal.

Senior Scott Kaup searches for the open man as he kicks the ball past the defender from Principia. Kaup finished the season with 12 goals.



3



Josh Tischler, senior, looks for the open man as he throws the ball back in bounds. This was Tischler's third season with the varsity team.

Junior Gregg Peters plays defense against his Principia opponent. Wildcats dominated the game, winning 6-0.

Priory W - Parkway Central L - Ft. Zumwalt West L - University City W - MICDS W - St. Pius X W - Ladue W
 Gateway Academy W - Rockwood Summit L - Francis Howell North L - Burroughs W - Lutheran St. Charles W



Senior Slade Johnson approaches the opponents' net as he prepares to take a shot. Johnson's been playing soccer since grade school, and statistics show he's among the 46% of all high school males who play soccer.



BACK (L-R): Coach D. Legters, S. Kaup, N. Aucker, L. McDonald, B. Estridge, J. Tischler, C. Nester, D. Stair, S. Johnson, Coach C. Bergman MIDDLE: A. O'Neil, D. Beldner, G. Peters, A. Spalding, J. Holley, N. Burrus, T. Watson, J. Camp, A. Miller FRONT: T. Grote, S. Kruse, J. Mueller, J. Powell, M. Shaw, C. Melies

Trophies in minor moments

by abby schnitzler

There is more to a great season than players' stats and a winning record. For the varsity soccer players, the extra was found in fun and camaraderie during practices, bus rides and other seemingly insignificant moments.

Although the season came to an upsetting loss in the first round of Districts, the guys got more than they bargained for when they reflected on the year. There were a number of interesting stories that came out of the soccer players when asked what was most exciting about the season. Whether it was Tucker breaking

his fifth metacarpal out of frustration, Spalding's eye injury that forced him to wear sexy specs for every game, innocent Stephen Kruse's yellow card or the very interesting and sometimes inappropriate bus rides, there was excitement.

"I remember after the St.

Charles West game Coach Legters lost the keys to the bus, and we spent an hour after the game looking for them. As soon as we found them we acted like we won the World Cup; it was hilarious!" remembered senior goalie Jared Mueller.

comedy and stats a part of the play

Another comical event occurred one day at practice according to senior Josh Camp.

"Tucker Grote was at practice and Josh Tischler stole the ball from him. He got mad because he didn't win the ball so he punched the ground," said Camp. As a result, Grote walked away with a cast he had to wear for seven weeks.

Other team members thought Spalding's eye injury was humorous and all decided to show up to practice one day wearing sunglasses as a joke.

"Spalding looked hot in those

glasses," said David Stair, senior.

Another main bonding experience the guys shared was in the bus. On the bus before every game, the team "sang the Star Spangled Banner to my American flag boxers," said Slade Johnson, senior.

"Bus rides were almost more fun than the games. National Anthems, drumline and Coach Bergmann telling us to stop. We had a great time!" agreed Mueller.

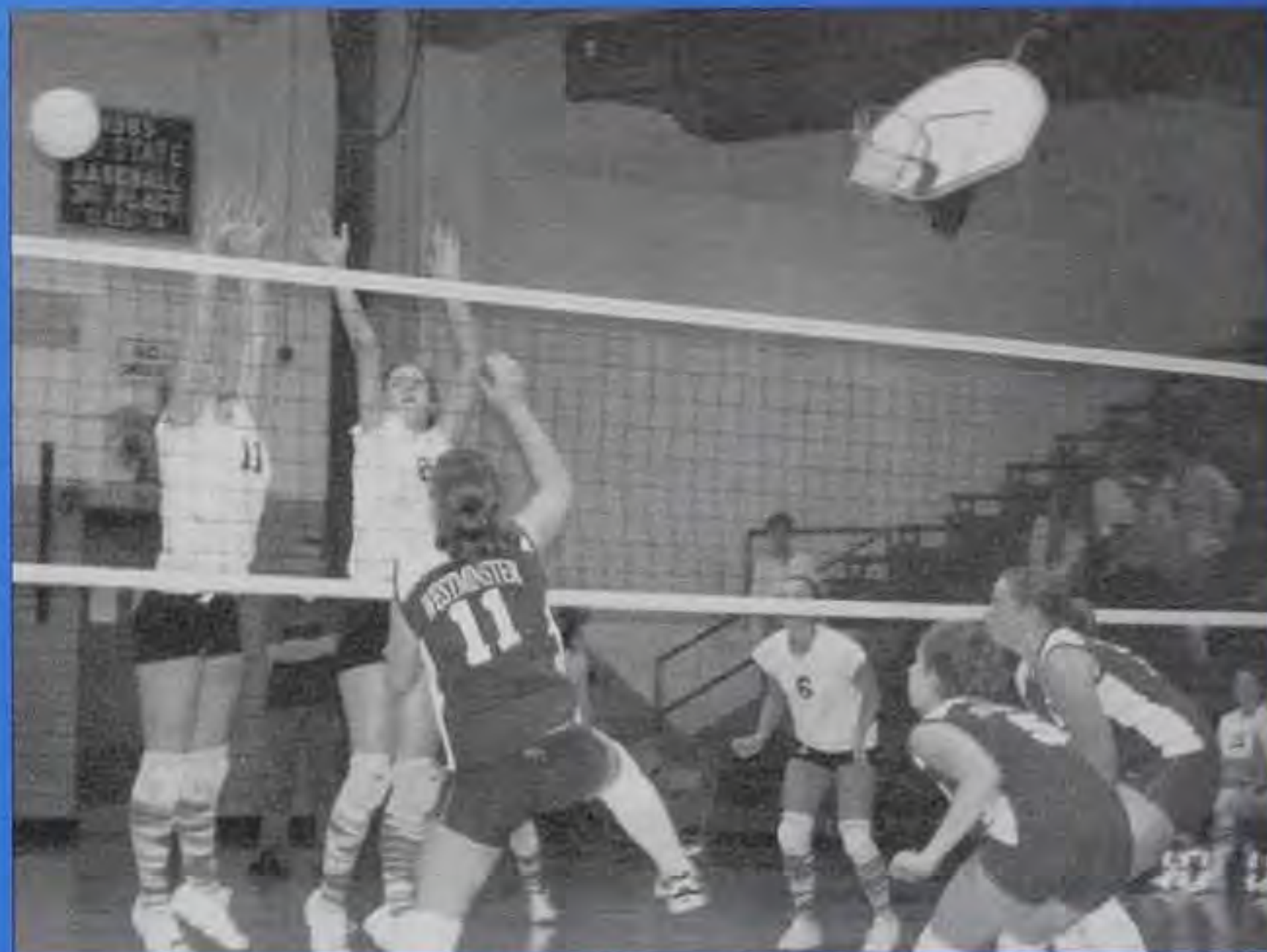
A great time it was, and a great season for WCA's soccer men.

Lutheran North W - SLUH L - Cape Notre Dame T - Principia W - Pattonville W - Trinity Catholic W

Whitfield L - Clayton W - Lutheran South T - Parkway Central T - St. John W - St. Mary's W - MICDS (Districts) L



After a huge block from Lisa Weber, the team comes together for a celebratory cheer. Weber led the Wildcats in blocks on the season with over 100.



As Katie Maurer hits the ball over, Nancy Maxwell and Megan Maher prepare for Affton's return. Although only a freshman, Maurer added the defense that the team needed to be successful.

**bump and set
spike and fish**

rockin' the volleydome

as told by lisa weber to jeff glidewell

Knowing we would be having a sleepover near his house, Coach Hall told us at practice, "Don't try anything tonight."

Ignoring his warning, we went to Wal-Mart after practice and bought a baby pool and fish to put in it, real fish! Then at 10:45 pm we began our mission.

Reaching Coach's house, we noticed signs on his mailbox, trees and house that read: "Don't Do Anything That You'll Regret at Practice on Tuesday," but again,

we ignored his warning.

Unfortunately, just as we were commencing our attack, his motion-sensor lights turned on. In panic, we ran up the street and hid behind a parked car, watching and waiting until the lights went off.

More cautiously, we made our way back to his yard. Carefully avoiding the sensors, we attempted to get the pool set up. But Coach once again outwitted us, and at this time the baby

monitor he had in a tree and the fishing line alarm he had strung gave away our presence.

Hearing our screams, Coach ran out of his house with water guns and water balloons. He chased us up and down the street on foot and then in his car. The fun didn't end until Angie tripped and fell, hitting her chin on the concrete. Coach Hall then invited us in for lemonade and cookies.

Burroughs W - St. John W - MICDS W - University City W - Kennedy W - Villa Duchesne L - Whitfield W

Hancock W - Crystal City Tournament 2nd - St. Elizabeth W - Lutheran St. Charles L





Katie Maurer and Jessie Degnan sacrifice their bodies to save the ball from their enemy, the floor. Coach Hall expected Westminister players to play hard and give their all during every game and practice.

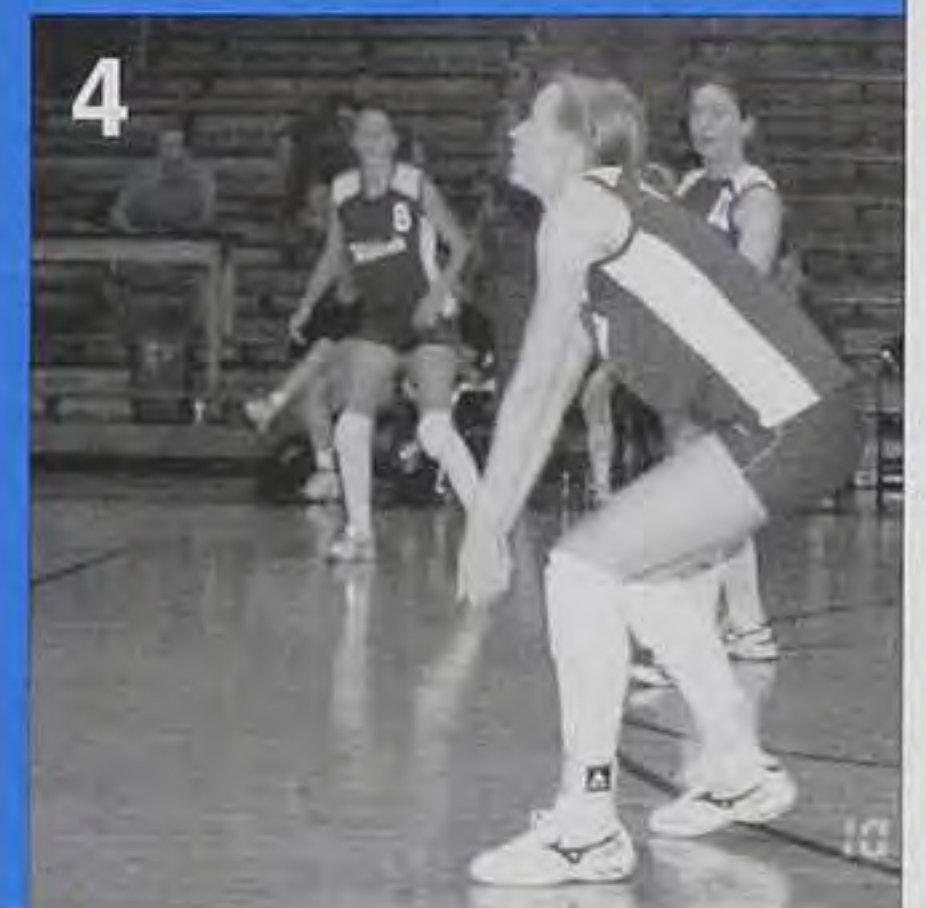
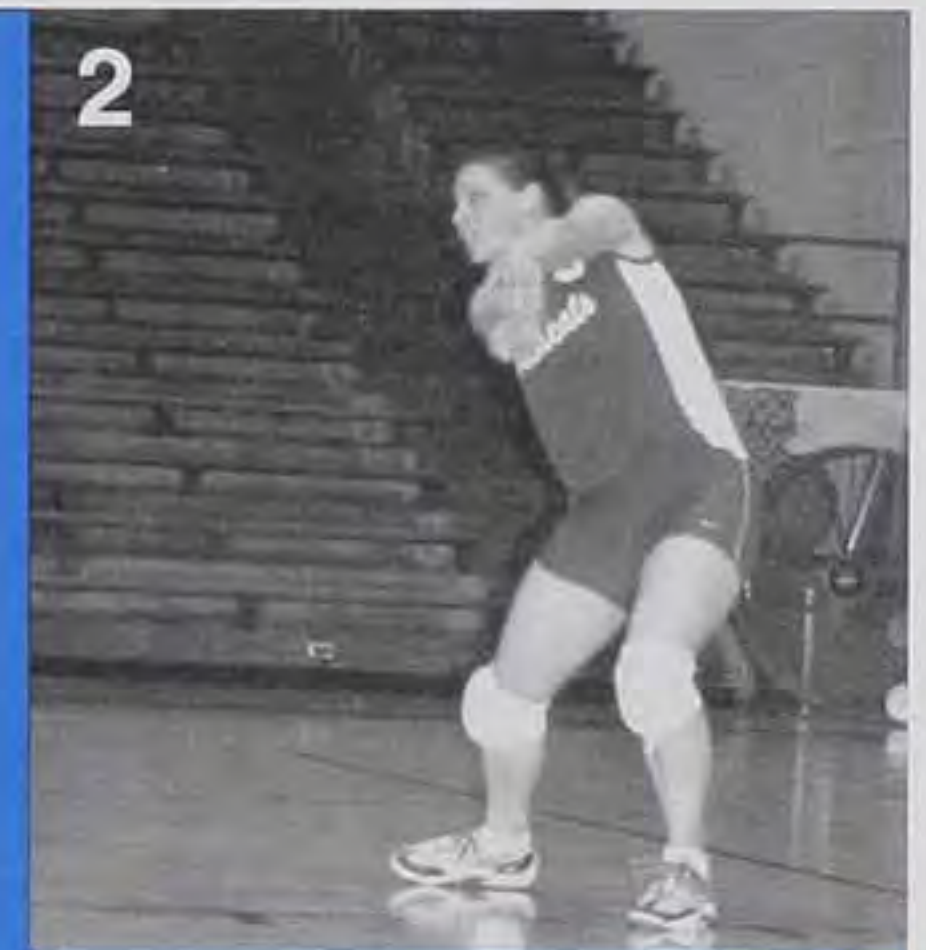
BACK (L-R): Coach T. Hall, A. Rill, A. Rill, K. Maurer, J. Degnan, C. Gebhardt FRONT: C. Vande Kamp, K. Stipanovich, L. Weber, K. Robb, M. Maher

Freshman Katie Maurer goes up for the kill in the game against Affton. Maurer had impressive success during the season with 103 kills.

Senior Jessie Degnan bumps the ball from the back corner of the court for the third hit. Degnan, along with junior Angie Rill, is a defensive specialist, a position requiring them to constantly be on their toes.

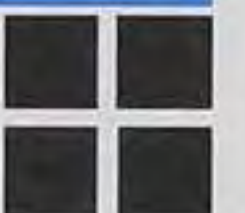
Senior Nancy Maxwell gets one of her 22 attacks in the game. "After missing the first few games because of injury, getting back into the game was a great satisfaction," said Maxwell.

Lisa Weber gets down into position to pass the oncoming ball. Accurate passing was a key component in the team's success.



Illia Duchesne Tournament 4th - Principia W - Lutheran South L - Orchard Farm W - Visitation L - Affton W

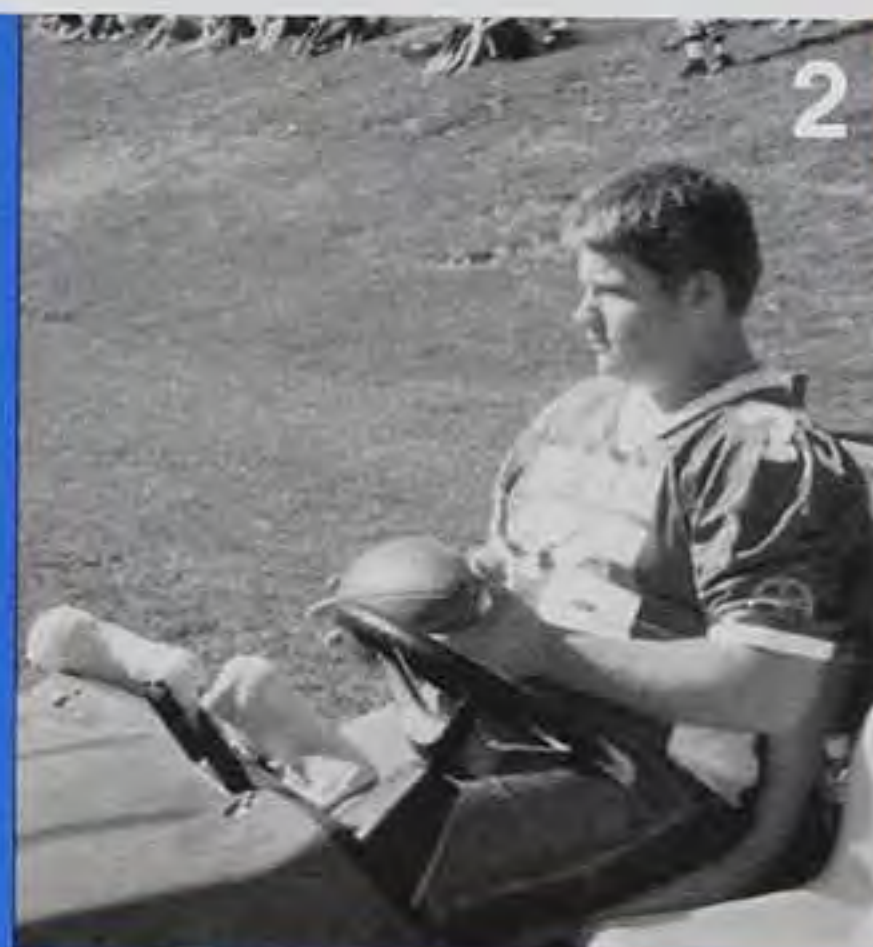
WAA Conference Tournament 2nd - MICDS (Districts) W - Visitation (Districts) L





Sitting on the sidelines after an incredible three-year varsity football performance, Barrett Boody is forced to throw in the towel. "I was pretty discouraged because I was looking forward to finishing my football career as a senior," stated Boody. After hurting the muscles in his neck, Boody was told by doctors it was not wise to play the '03 season.

At halftime during the Carnival game Oct. 18, players take a knee and meet with their specific coaches. An opponent's injury provided the time for some mid-game strategy.



In the huddle, quarterback Jeff Ehrhardt calls the play to the offense. Many plays handed off to junior James Schwetye, who broke WCA's single season rushing record with 795 yards.

Side-lined, senior Rob Stain watches from the Gator. Injuries were a major disappointment; Captain JD Gustafson was also forced out near season's end.



Sprinting toward the endzone, freshman Devon James contributes to a 39-0 win over Trinity. Another first-year player was Coach Perona, who said his first year as Head Coach "was a lot more work than Assistant Coach, but also a lot more fun."

Will Rassieur, junior, bites into a huge sandwich during lunch before playing Duchesne in the final game of the season. Lunch was served by the cheerleaders.

Trinity Catholic W - St. Clair L - Brentwood L - St. Dominic W - Burroughs L - Lutheran St. Charles L - MICDS L





With superb blocking by seniors Andrew Roby, Peter Whitley, David Ottolini and Neil Peterson, sophomore Jeff Ehrhardt follows through with his pass to Mark Schopp. Schopp said, "Anything Jeff threw outside was solid."



BACK (L-R): Trainer L. Baumgartner, Coach J. Nace, Coach W. James, Coach C. Snyder, JD Kruse, D. Ottilini, D. James, S. Roberts, M. Englebart, B. Krumsieg, C. Rojewski, P. Lewis, R. Haverstick, R. Stain, M. Nienhuis, M. Davis, Coach C. Pederson, Coach D. Butte, Coach JD Perona MIDDLE: C. Garrett, D. Benes, L. Adams, R. Blackwell, K. Cox, J. Ehrhardt, P. Whitley, T. Ridderboss, A. Roby, B. Aaberg, J. Worrell, J. Heyse, J. Schwetye FRONT: T. Gee, J. McAtee, JD Gustafson, W. Rassieur, N. Peterson, A. Perry, R. Jacobson, S. Vitale, M. Schopp, J. Olson

new coach; young players can you say 'I love you?'

by jeff glidewell

After losing five All Independent conference players and its head coach, the varsity football team had to start fresh in 2003. Preparation for many began in the off-season with weight lifting and conditioning. But senior Steve Vitale's off-season consisted of practicing soccer. It wasn't until the week before tryouts that he decided to play football.

"JD [Gustafson] told me that this would probably be my last

chance to play football, so I took advantage of it," said Vitale.

The season began with a gargantuan win over Trinity, followed by two tough losses. Next came a rainy Friday night contest at St. Dominic. Amidst two lightning delays, the Wildcats did not falter, beating the Crusaders 32-0 and allowing them only one first down. After the team boarded the bus to return home, Coach Pederson proceeded to call his

wife. Realizing their opportunity, all the players immediately began chanting, "Say it! Say it!" But at the end of their conversation, he couldn't spit it out. Coach couldn't tell his wife "I love you."

Unfortunately, this would prove to be the Wildcats' final victory of the season. One player sums it up: "We did a good job playing with what we had, but we still made lots of mistakes due to inexperience."

Priory L - Duchesne L



Sophomore Emily Schnurpfeil walks with her opponent to the next hole. Emily, along with four of her teammates, turned in the mark of 174 that destroyed the previous Westminster record score of 184.



Coach Steve Bradley, along with assistant Rex Janssen, poses with a few of the lady golfers during a break at The Landings Golf Course in Chesterfield Valley for the District Tournament. The tournament players placed fourth overall on a sunny, warm fall day that provided "perfect conditions," according to Bradley.



Heading to her next class, freshman Sarah Moore graces the sign "My name is Sarah, and I'm a varsity golfer." The womens golf team was called the "Young Guns" because of the fresh spirit of the freshmen, sophomores and juniors that encompassed the team.

Keeping her eyes on the ball, slightly bending her knees and keeping her left arm straight, junior Ashley Allen is sure to make beautiful yardage.

Junior Beth Heyse, in perfect form, concentrates on the ball as she prepares to take a whack at it.

Burroughs W - St. Joe/Nerinx Hall L - Villa Duchesne L - Francis Howell Central W - MICDS L - Ursuline L





Junior Ashley Allen smiles as she enjoys the sunny weather and has the opportunity to swing at a few golf balls. Allen has spent three years being a golfer for the Westminster Wildcats.



BACK (L-R): Coach B. Burkey, S. Moore, E. Schnurpfeil, A. Allen, S. Lazare, Coach S. Bradley FRONT: A. Gladney, B. Estridge, L. McDonald, A. Timm, B. Heyse.

“young guns” rise to the top driving golf balls and cars

as told by ashley allen to elizabeth simon

It all started at 7:15am. Junior Beth Heyse met me at my house dragging a trash bag filled with dress-up clothes. Our mission: to initiate freshmen Libby McDonald and Anna Gladney. In another county, sophomores Ashley Timm and Emily Schnurpfeil were concocting the capture of our other two freshmen, Brooke Estridge and Sarah Moore. It was an exciting morning for the womens varsity golf team. Among many funny stories that would take hours to tell, this is the story of finding Libby.

After our trip to the grocery store, Beth and I headed to the McDonald household. Although I

had been there once before, my mind filled with doubts as I questioned if I could actually find the home again. Sadly, I was the driver, and Beth didn't know where she was going. Finally, I spotted the neighborhood ... reading the sign as we drove right past it. I decided the best way to handle this situation was to turn around in the next neighborhood. Ignoring my biggest pet peeve, I planned to turn around on a stranger's driveway.

I spotted a circle driveway and approached it skillfully. While making my move, I noticed a creature, a small middle school boy, who was camouflaged by his

brick house. Stunned, I turned away from his driveway, which provided a jolt that surprised Beth. A little farther, after making sure there were no middle schoolers nearby, we noticed another circle driveway and successfully turned around. Driving past the frightened boy we saw before, we honked and waved.

Once we were in the *right* neighborhood, we pursued what we thought was Libby's house. After realizing that she had not “bought” two new cars, we decided to keep searching for her house. Once again I had to turn around in a stranger's driveway. As I pulled into the narrow

driveway I, the exceptional driver that I am, pulled as close as possible to the garage as I could (without hitting it, of course)! Unfortunately, Beth decided that my strategy was not working and began to use her “outside motherly voice,” telling me how it *should* be done. I determined that Beth has impaired vision, and her slight handicap makes her see things differently.

After another successful turn, we finally found Libby's house, dressed her up and completed our mission.

St. Dominic W - Lutheran SC W - Ft. Zumwalt South W - Trinity Catholic W - Incarnate Word/Visitation 2nd





BACK (L-R): Coach K. Laird, Coach J. Stange, J. Holzhausen, M. Simonpietri, B. Benefield, A. Voegtle, K. Sheehan, J. Nothum, Coach D. Haas **FRONT:** E. Sherman, M. Beck, T. Tandolph, C. Lewis, B. Taylor, D. Whitwell, M. Gregory, C. Bross



Sophomores Shannon Dille, Amy Flemming and Kelly Schwartz, along with freshman Sarah Simon, stick together during their race. Although cross country seems to be an individual sport, each of the five women running are valuable to the team because of the scoring system. A perfect score is 15 points: first place adds one point to the team, second place adds two points, and so on.



Senior Aaron Voegtle keeps a steady pace while running on the trail laid out for him and other cross country runners. Usually, cross country meets take place on golf courses or in forests and large parks, preferably with hilly, uneven terrain.

Pushing himself, junior Benjamin Taylor keeps moving towards his goal: the finish line. Determination and strength are required in the sport of cross country. In order to gain these qualities, runners run about 50 miles per week and a warm-up usually consists of running two miles.

Preparing for the start, the womens cross country team mentally stretches. Runners compete against their opponents and also themselves. If they finished in last place, they could still be successful as long as they beat their own time.

Mens Lutheran South Invitational 5th - MICDS Invitational 10th - Principia 2nd - Hancock 12th - WCA Invitational 4th





While basking in the sun, junior James Arrington and sophomore Michael Beck strike up a conversation before their race at the new Town and Country campus. Originating in England, cross country trails were created by dropping pieces of paper or other items on the ground. Teams followed the paper trails and headed out on their expedition. Today's trails are marked by colored signal flags.



BACK (L-R): Coach K. Laird, Coach J. Stange, M. Beckmann, J. Clark, L. Cawein, S. Dille, S. Simon, K. Schwartz, B. Wippold, Coach D. Haas
FRONT: B. Corbet, J. Schaffner, R. Greenplate, B. Barber, S. Hobbs, A. Flemming, L. Flemming

free runs motivate pumpernickle success

as told by sarah simon to elizabeth simon

On a cold and rainy day in early October, the cross-country team had a free run, a time in which we get to go off and run for an hour without Stange yelling or making any comment about us. This particular day, the girls decided to play a game to make the run less of a bore and to take our minds off the cold weather. Junior Bliss Barber excitedly explained the rules: First, after pairing up, each pair of girls ran in

random directions for three minutes. In order to find each other again, we all had to scream a word at the top of our lungs. While pondering for a clever name, suddenly a word rang out: "PUMPERNICKLE!"

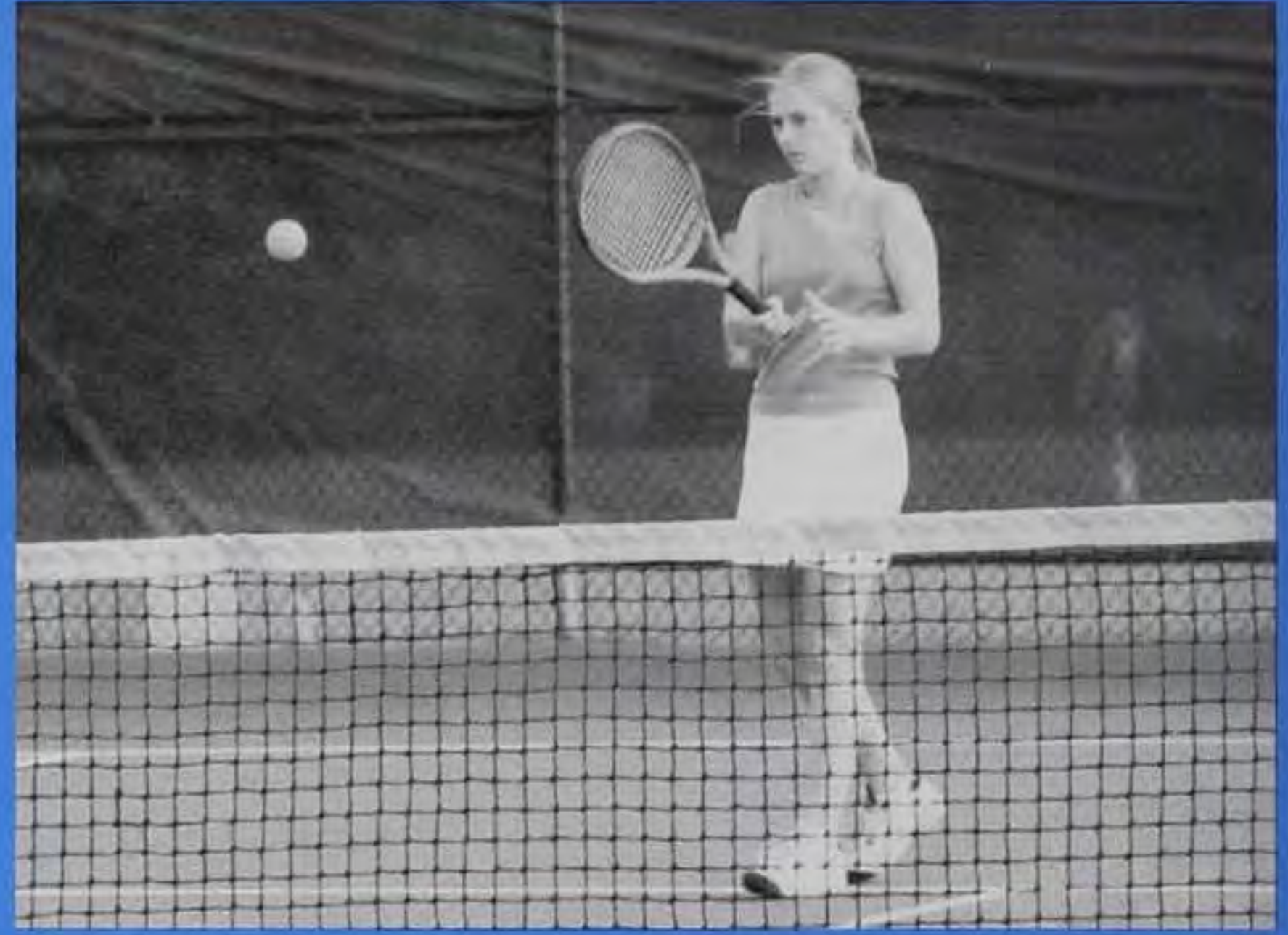
My partner, senior Rachel Greenplate, and I ran our separate way away from the group and began to scream "PUMPERNICKLE," attempting to find all the other girls. However, while we

were screaming "PUMPERNICKLE," David Whitwell, junior, began a vicious attack. He was trying to kidnap Rachel and throw her into the freezing creek that we were running along. Although it was a valiant effort, he was unsuccessful due to his cowardice when battling skilled fighters such as us! Needless to say, we forgot about the cold weather and had a blast during our free run.





BACK (L-R): Coach N. Talley, K. Schlafly, A.M. Heise, E. Ottsen, B. Trulaske, L. Mark, K. Shelberg, L. Woodward, M. Reilly, Assistant Coach S. Reilly **FRONT:** K. Leibovich, A. Reed, A. Dollarhide



Lainey Woodward, sophomore, warms up before the match against Parkway West. Woodward improved her record and regularly played second and third seed doubles with partner Kristy Shelberg, junior.



Senior Abby Dollarhide crushes the ball in a confident serve. She and her partner, junior Emily Ottsen, finished with an honorable mention in the Team All-Conference.

Never flat-footed, junior Emily Ottsen puts away a forehand. Ottsen was doted on by the team, and Coach Talley applauded her for her great enthusiasm and devotion to tennis.



Junior Kristy Shelberg competes against Lutheran South with sophomore partner Lainey Woodward. These ladies were known for playing into the late hours of the night.

**MICDS L - Nernix L - Incarnate Word W - Clayton W - Lutheran South W - Bishop DuBourg W - Visitation L
Clayton L - Villa L - Lutheran South W - MSHSAA Tournament 5th**





Queen of the net, junior Megan Reilly slices a volley over the net. Reilly served as co-captain and did this job well in a variety of ways from planning snack lists to designing the team sweatshirt.



Junior Karah Leibovich plays with passion in a game against Principia. Leibovich and her devoted partner, sophomore Kathryn Schlafly, won the doubles flight in the Parkway Doubles Tournament, which was reportedly a highlight for both girls.

their passion was glory their glory was passion

by karah leibovich

It was a season to remember. According to junior Kristy Shellberg, it was “*the* season to remember.” In the beginning, Coach Nathan Talley set high goals: Talley apparently wanted his team to break .500. Considering it had just barely missed this goal the previous year, the women were hopeful, yet skeptic of just how much higher than .500 they could go.

With one senior, many juniors and a handful of sophomores, the team was “set” for an amazing season. It just didn’t know how amazing it would be. Before October, they passed .500 and won games against schools such as Ladue, which had always seemed to be on a superior level. By the end of the season, Talley needed

to revise his vision for the team.

“My hope is that other schools will see that they have to play WCA and have to exclaim, ‘BUMMER!’ Yet strangely, they will look forward to playing us because of our grace and sportsmanlike attitude on and off the court.” He wanted them not only to be excellent tennis players, but also superior competitors.

One individual who was obviously a “superior competitor” was senior Abby Dollarhide. Although Dollarhide was absent the previous season, she did not let this fact hinder her from rising above the rest of the team as a defined leader in her status as the number one player and as an exceptional role-model.

“Abby’s leadership was invaluable

in developing team morale,” said Talley.

The girls worked hard for their glory. Many players, such as junior Emily Ottsen and sophomore Lainey Woodward, worked constantly during off-season.

“I went to California and trained in the summer. I also played in lots of clinics and National Junior Tennis League matches,” said Ottsen.

Along with off-season training, players trained hard during their short season. “We did some suicides and ran before practice every day, but honestly, most of our tennis training came through playing matches,” said junior Laura Mark, co-captain.

Players would be the first to tell anyone that the tennis team

was not just business. Allison Reed, junior, remembers, “We accomplished what we set out to do and had a lot of food and fun along the way.”

The freshmen initiation and two team parties were a part of the fun.

“Freshman initiation was hilarious,” said junior Kristy Shellberg. “All upperclassmen woke up at dawn and kidnapped one to three freshman each. The best part was pushing the girls out of their beds and throwing them into cars to take them to Bread Co. for a bash. We dressed up the girls and enjoyed seeing them walk through the halls in silly costumes the rest of the day.”

Francis Howell North W - Ladue W - Lutheran North W - Parkway Central W - Parkway West T - Principia W





Sophomore Emily Meyer pitches a curve ball to an aggressive opponent while fellow sophomore Jamie Kim and freshman Emily Hiles anticipate the hit and react promptly. With every pitch, the trio performed what Coach Ortlund called the "Kim-Hiles shuffle," where the girls unintentionally synchronized their steps with Meyer, pitcher. Ortlund reflected, "There was never a dull moment when we had the Kim-Hiles shuffle going on in right field."



Senior Katie Poland concentrates on her swing before the game. Baseball players generally use wooden baseball bats, whereas softball players use metal ones. The average speed of a hit off the fastest bat, a metal model, is 93.3 mph; the average off the slowest bat, a wooden model, is 86.1 mph.



Coaches Stacey Ortlund and Ashley Woodall relax at the end of a game. Both coaches kept up the spirits of the girls by cheering them on.

Sophomore Rebekah Shippy prepares for a grounder. Good thing Shippy wasn't playing softball 50 years ago. Softball players back then had to wear dresses.



Sophomore Alli Petry stays on her toes. Head coach Ashley Woodall emphasized readiness, due in large part to her years on Mizzou's softball team, where she learned good practices translate to good games. "I'm a big fan of keeping practices moving quickly and hustling," said Woodall.

Shippy is ready to make a run for it in the game against Ursuline. Effective base running included such feats as Whitney Goebel's splits at home.

Ursuline L - Lutheran South L - Windsor L - Lutheran North L - Principia L - St. John W - Bayless L - Hancock L - St. Joseph L





Sophomores Jamie Kim and Rebekah Shippy help their eager classmate Kristen Scheitler, on a story for newspaper, learn the art of softball. According to Scheitler, "I was surprised when I observed the team's disappointment over a cancelled Saturday game. It was my mission to find out what made softball so special."



BACK (L-R): Coach S. Ortlund, M. Wiemer, J. Cottrell, J. Kim, W. Goebel, E. Hiles, Coach A. Woodall MIDDLE: A. Langenberg, B. Bowman, K. Poland, S. Lillenberg, A. Petry FRONT: R. Shippy, E. Meyer

for love of the game

by karah leibovich

With a team dominated by underclassmen and new players, coaches Ashley Woodall and Stacey Ortlund wondered whether all of their hard work coaching would pay off. It did! This year the women's season record improved by leaps and bounds. According to up and coming softball star Jamie Kim, "We won twice as many games this year as we did last year!" Basically, the women's softball team won two games last year and four this year. Many wonder what caused this improvement.

Stacey Ortlund, Assistant

Coach, suggested jokingly that it was "because of our superior coaching skills." Ortlund laughed and continued seriously, "The big improvement was probably because the girls didn't goof off. They came out and were coachable and committed to learning the game."

The softball players did many things to improve their skills. Girls not only practiced hard during the season, but individuals, such as sophomore pitcher Emily Meyer, took private lessons. During her summer season, Meyer pitched five strikeouts per game for a to-

wins doubled up with laughter

tal of 53. The women on the softball team were devoted to the game for many reasons. "I've been getting hit in the head with softballs since I was in kindergarten; it's only natural that I'd keep on playing in high school," said Meyer.

Meyer and the rest of the softball team possessed a well-developed sense of humor throughout the season which helped them to laugh off disappointment even when they lost. After nearly every inning the girls yelled different chants to keep up spirits. To further lighten players' moods,

sophomores Sarah Lillenberg and Jamie Kim usually could be found joking about something or another. Often the girls initiated dog piles that resulted in lots of tickling and more laughter. "We laughed a lot," said sophomore Emily Hiles.

But it wasn't just laughs that motivated the softball team. It was, in a word, Poland. As the only upperclassman, Katie Poland took on the key role of leadership and left a legacy not to be forgotten.

Lutheran St. Charles L - Notre Dame L - St. John W - Orchard Farm W - Bayless L - Nerinx Hall L - Vashon W - Visitation L



Strike a pose. Choreographer Shannon Simmons, senior, ends the dance the team learned at camp with a big smile. The team performed five different routines during the season.



Co-captain Megan Reilly, junior, and Brittany Wesley, junior, finish off with blades by their sides. Reilly said, "The past two years were great and all, but I'm out." Becoming #1 in State made the goodbyes especially memorable.

raising the bar going the distance

Out with the pommers, and in with the Dance Team. If Head Coach Jenna Immergoot ever heard talk about "pommers," she was sure to correct and inform that there was no such thing as a pom squad anymore, and that "Dance Team" had taken over. One might ask how Westminster can legally have a "dance" team since there is no dancing allowed, but the team seemed to work around that and even printed on its sweatshirts "Everybody *function* now" as opposed to "Everybody *dance* now."

Immergoot not only had the

name changed, but also enforced WCA's 10 Athletic Pillars and selected a stellar squad, which included freshmen for the first time ever. After forming the team she desired, she was set on seeing the team "function" as best and as often as it could.

Immergoot said, "A team is only as strong as its weakest dancer, and I wanted the team to be the best it could be, so I had to raise the bar. I was also glad to help get the team what it truly deserved."

For the first time in three years,

dance team steps it up

by allison reed

Immergoot's persistence resulted in administrative permission to go the distance and attend Nationals in Orlando, Florida. Similar to prior years, the team received its bid to Nationals at the summer Universal Dance Association camp for an excellent performance of its home routine, which was choreographed by senior Shannon Simmons.

"I like choreographing moves that flow together, but still have their own distinct style, and I also like critiquing the moves to get perfection," said Simmons.

At Nationals the girls received 11th out of 25 teams in their smaller school hip-hop category, doing much better than expected. Their dance was performed to a mix of St. Louis singers and was choreographed by junior Amy Oberle's dance instructor.

The dance team ended its season with the clincher: bringing home the State Championship. It truly made a name for itself, not only with titles, but with hard work and great "functioning" as well.





Junior Brittany Wesley shows the crowd some sass while waiting for the "St. Louis Dance" to start. The dance was choreographed by a hip-hop teacher who toured with Nelly.



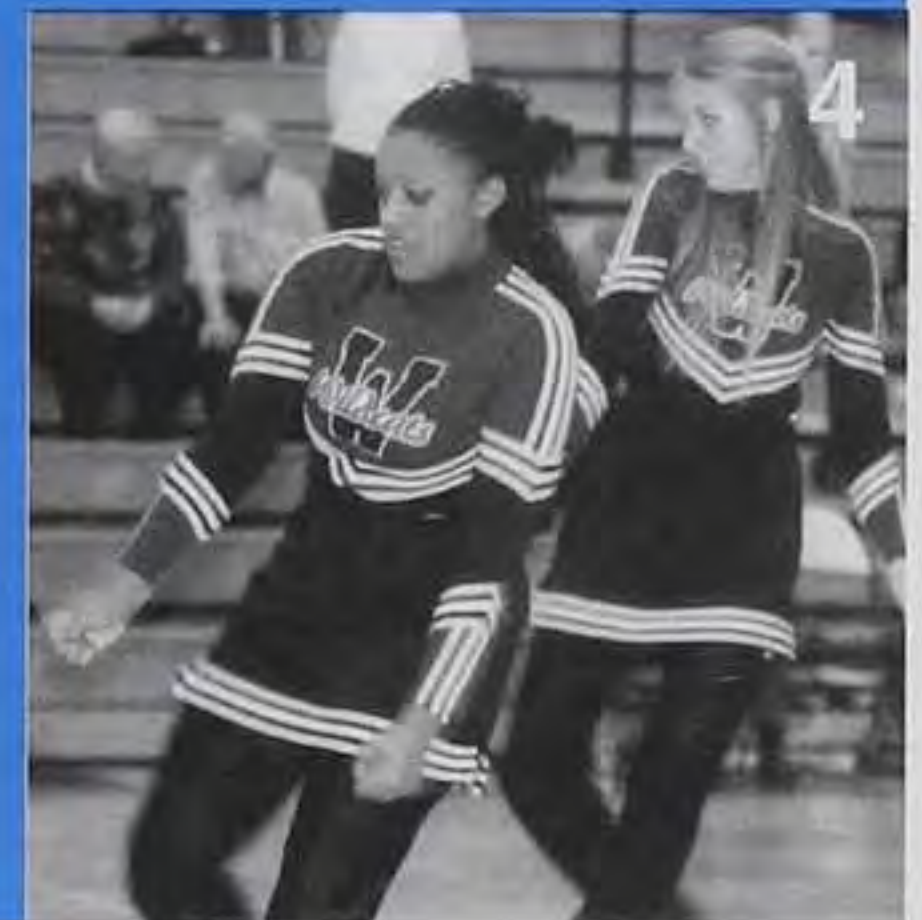
BACK (L-R): A. Oberle, M. Reilly, Coach J. Immergoot, B. Wesley, J. Black MIDDLE: L. Forkin, M. Klotz, C. South, A. Forkin FRONT: N. Londoff, S. Simmons

Known for her facials, junior Amy Oberle lets her hair fly and the moves flow. As co-captain, Oberle led warm-ups and chose game-day outfits.

With a smile as bright as her 13-year-old sparkly uniform, senior Liz Forkin stays sharp with her poms. Forkin said, "We made a commitment to raise the bar, and it was challenging, but worthwhile."

Senior JoBeth Black dances to Nelly's "I am Number One." Black did ballet before the Dance Team and enjoyed this year because she wasn't always in a leotard.

Performing a hip-hop move from "Blowing' Me Up," seniors Shannon Simmons and Courtney South lean with style. This was Simmons' and South's third year on Varsity. South said, "Previous years have been better, but overall the season was okay."





BACK (L-R): Coach D. Ganz, J. McAtee, K. Stillman, B. Venard, M. Leeker, N. Pieber, K. Bateman, L. McDonald, DJ Jones, M. O'Connor, Coach G. Cascella FRONT: J. Kaufman, A. Bateman, J. Nelson, R. Ganz, N. Cascella, D. Cascella, S. Thomas



Nick Cascella, senior, finesses the puck under the referee's watchful eye. According to team records, Cascella was the lead scorer in points, goals and hat tricks in the entire 46-team Mid States League. He had 69 points, 47 goals and eight hat tricks in 18 games.



Forward Logan McDonald takes the faceoff in the Jan. 19 game against Ladue. The Cats went on to defeat Ladue 6-2.

Sophomore DJ Jones races down the ice. As a key forward, Jones contributed 10 assists and seven goals during the season.



"Ready when you are!" Junior Jeff Kaufman, goaltender, gets ready to block a shot. Limiting other teams' goals helped get the Wildcats to second in scoring in the Mid States League.

Inspired by the movie *Miracle*, which the team had watched earlier that day, junior David Cascella checks an opponent on the way to the puck.

Eureka L - St Marys L - Clayton W - Burroughs W - Whitfield W - Ladue W - MICDS W - Priory W - Mehlville W
 Parkway North W - Fort Zumwalt North W - Althoff L - Althoff L





Junior Logan McDonald gets checked from behind. McDonald suffered many collisions; he broke his thumb playing Fort Zumwalt North in the last game of the regular season, forcing him to be sidelined during playoffs. "Watching the game from the stands was torture," said McDonald about post-season play. "I wanted to be out there."



Goalie Jeff Kaufman, and Michael O'Connor, from Orchard Farm, watch for no. 4, Ryan Ganz. Ganz later played in the Senior All-Star game in Webster along with Nick Cascella. Other season highlights: making Challenge Cup and coming back with a vengeance in a playoff game against Althoff. (The score ended 4-3 Althoff, but the team's fight was incredible, especially after being spanked the night before 9-1.)

the entertainers

division win thrills fans

by ashlynn savage

The varsity hockey team became the MSHA Suburban Central Division champions for the first time in the team's eight-year history.

"Being first took a lot of work, but you feel so good because you know all the practices and conditioning finally paid off," junior David Cascella stated.

Positive attitudes, competitiveness, teamwork and hard practice is what it takes and Wildcat hockey shows just that.

"It was our goal to do that from day one, and it was nice to accomplish it," junior Brad Venard said.

Practice makes perfect, so the hockey team spent a lot of time lifting weights, watching films and training on the ice. Mondays and Thursdays included weightlifting

after school, then ice practice at the Chesterfield rink for a little over an hour. Tuesdays and Fridays were used for dryland practice after school. The team ran laps, lifted and sprinted up and down stairs. Because Priory was the team's greatest rival, Coach David Ganz would yell during dryland, "What do you think Priory is doing right now?" Coach Ganz always had excellent motivational stories that his team could hardly believe.

To prepare for games, players watched films of previous games, listened to music and enjoyed time with teammates. Getting relaxed, loosened and focused was always important. Before the boys hit the ice, Coach would routinely say, "Do it nice!"

During the game, the guys on each line worked together and

were successful, as their 15-5 record showed. After losing a game, coaches, as well as some players, reviewed the game and then worked on what needed improvement in practice the next day.

The team faced a few injuries during critical points in the season. Senior Andrew Bateman suffered a wrist injury, and junior Logan McDonald broke his thumb.

"Be entertainers, have fun, play hard and win" was the team's motto.

Junior David Cascella said, "Our team bonded more than ever. We were one big family, and not one person was left out. The close friendships made us play more as a team and also made it a whole lot more fun."

Pattonville W - Affton L - Clayton L - Burroughs W - Priory L - Whitfield W - MICDS W - Ladue W - DuBourg W



Junior John Powell focuses on escaping the rush of the attacking team. Agility and speed were key components of a successful player.



Junior Alex O'Neil takes the kick-off. O'Neil, like several players, was new to the game and learned to appreciate it only after playing a few times. "I was a little skeptical about playing at first because I was afraid I'd break my neck," said O'Neil.



Kevin Simpson, senior, follows his punt. A punt is when the ball is dropped from the hand or hands and kicked to the opposing team before it touches the ground.

Freshman Evan Sherman, the ball carrier, avoids a binding from the defense. To tackle, players grabbed between the shoulder and the hips.



Taking a place kick after a team touchdown, senior Mike A. Shaw leads his team forward to a defensive attack. Re-start kicks occurred after a score or touchdown.

Junior James Schwetye waits anxiously to return the kicked ball. Rugby supposedly originated in 1823 at Rugby School in England when one of its pupils picked up the ball during a soccer game and ran with it.



Seniors Mondo Davis and Jeff McGee talk strategy during some down time. Rugby intricately involved carrying, passing, kicking and grounding the ball, so it was necessary to have a unique line of attack. Davis was a big part of bringing the sport to Westminster.



Josh Tischler, senior, races from oncoming tacklers. Soccer players often came out to stay in shape during the off-season.

american tradition

rugby debuts dirty and painful

by angie rill

A lot of things changed this year, and one of those changes was the addition of a rugby "team": a group of guys who met a couple of times a week to play rugby out back on the practice field. I had the privilege of watching them during one of those practices.

Before watching, I didn't know rugby was anything more than just an odd mix of football and soccer with a weird ball. However, it didn't take long to realize what went on and why there weren't any girls playing. Basically, what the guys did is run back and forth down the

field with a lot of tackling in between.

"It looks dangerous," commented Sarah Edmondson, junior.

No matter how dangerous it was, it didn't fail to attract the boys, many of whom were injured, some rather seriously. Senior Dan Beldner had to go to the emergency room because a metal cleat cut deep into his leg, and John Powell, junior, twisted his ankle.

"We all have our share of bumps and bruises," said senior Mondo Davis.

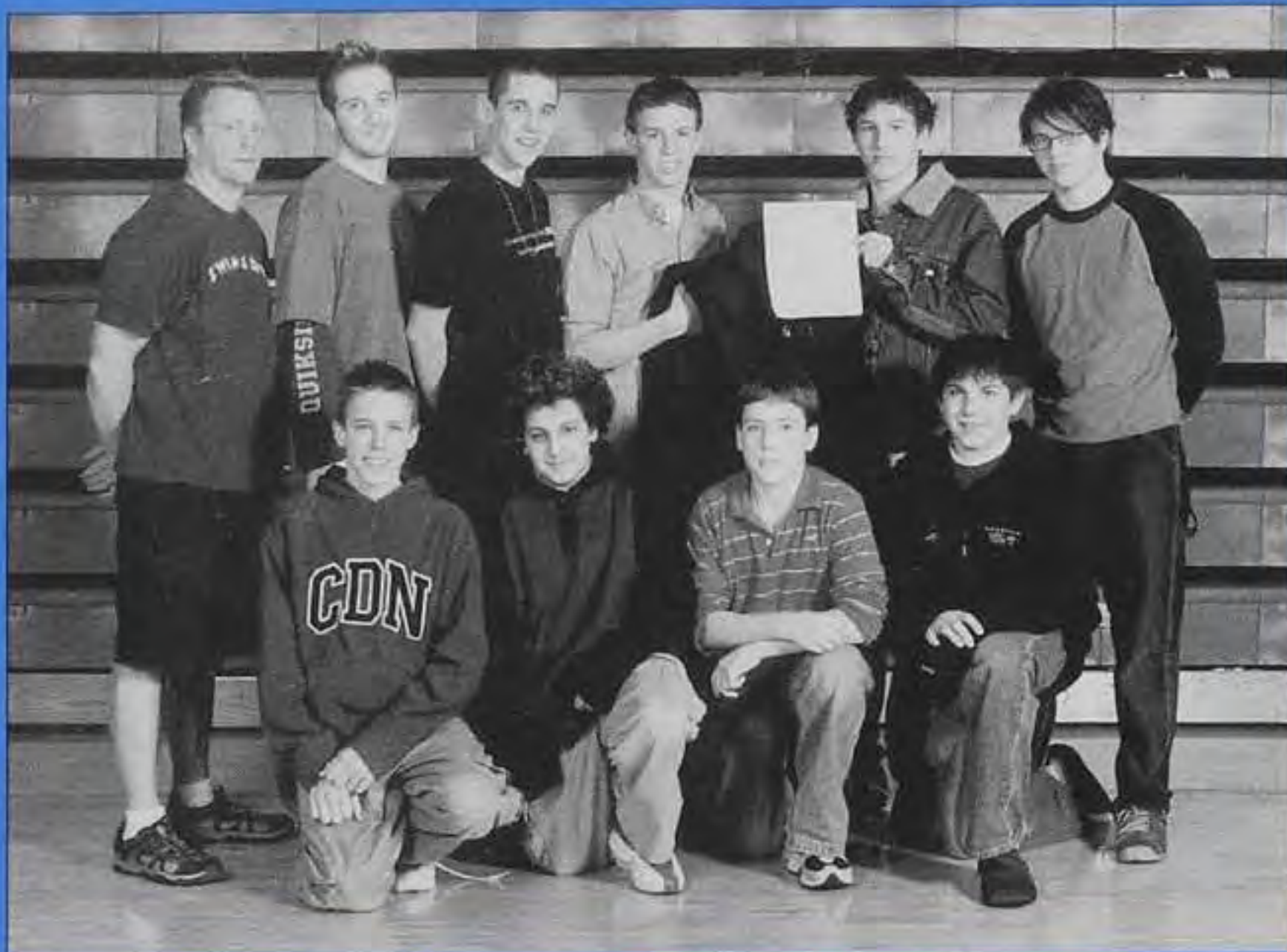
The thrill of injury wasn't the

only reason guys liked rugby, however. After a long day at school, they also enjoyed playing rugby because it was fun and helped them to forget, for just a while, the stress brought on by a day of classes.

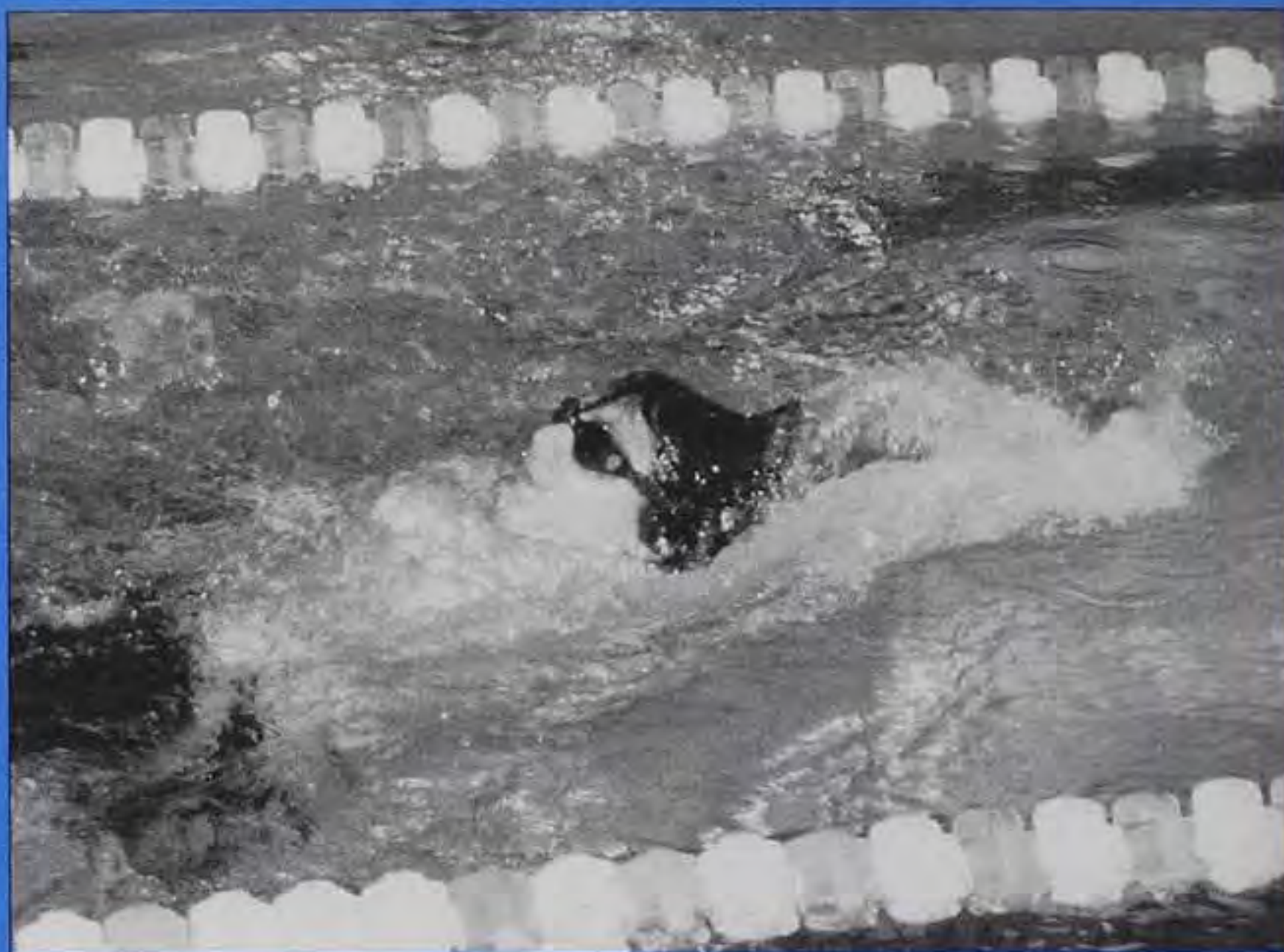
"Guys like to hit each other to relieve stress and to get rid of their frustration," said Powell.

Rugby certainly struck interest in the male population of Westminster. Davis summed it up well when he said, "It's fun, and I can hit people. What more could a guy want?"

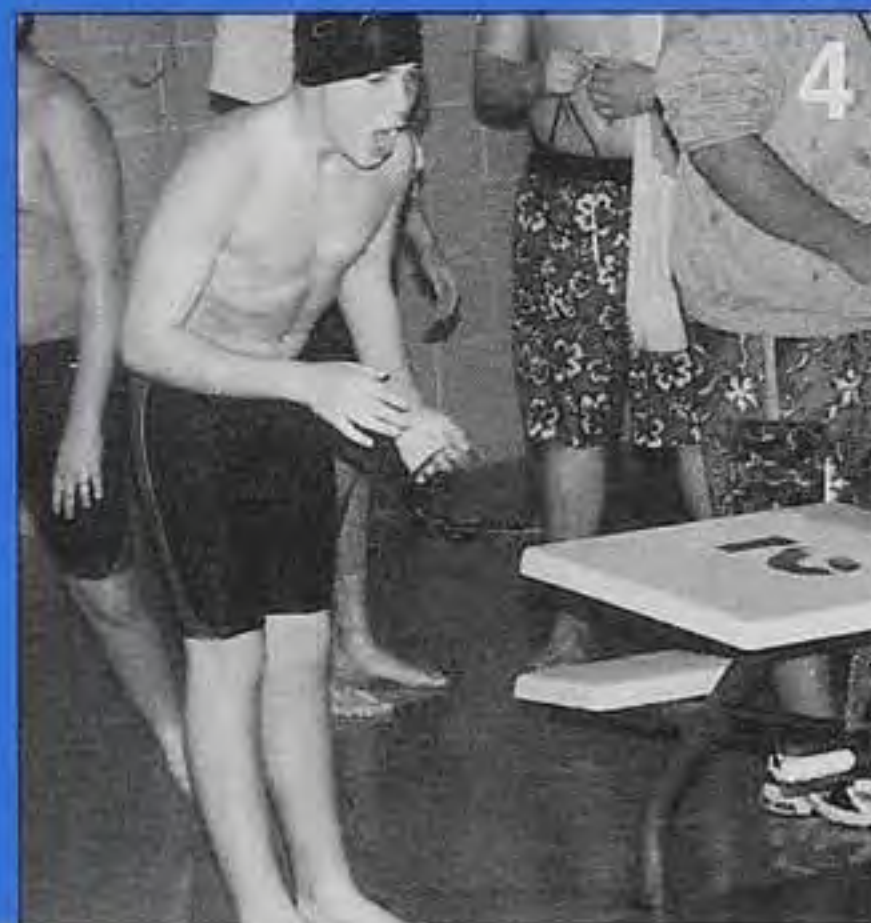




BACK (L-R): K. Kehr, A. Fletcher, T. Randolph, C. Gulick, K. Frick, T. Thompson, N. McAllister FRONT: M. Zandstra, M. Dellaquila, P. Duffy, T. Hiemenz



Freshman Mike Dellaquila swims 50 yards of backstroke in the 200 medley relay. The backstroke was made popular by Harry Hebner of the United States in the 1912 Olympics.



Sophomores Kevin Frick and Tyler Thompson discuss their upcoming medley, WCA's most successful relay.

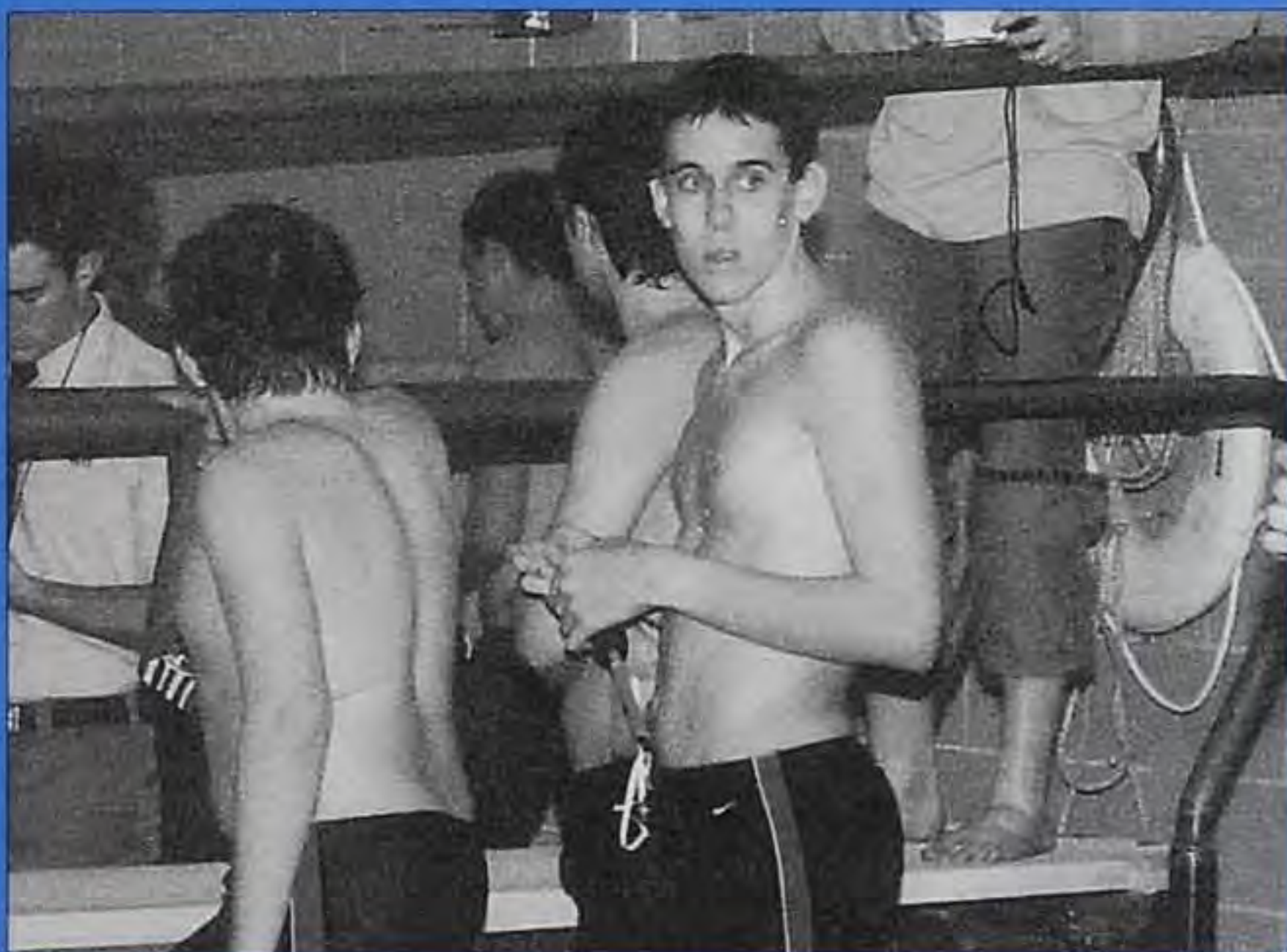
Coaches Kent Kehr and Jerry Vonder Bruegge enjoy down time after the last meet of the season against Burroughs and Principia. Both coaches swam over 150 lengths nearly every day.

Senior Alex Fletcher watches the competition. Fletcher not only swam well in the winter (placed first in the 400 freestyle relay against Missouri Military), he also helped manage the girls team in the spring.

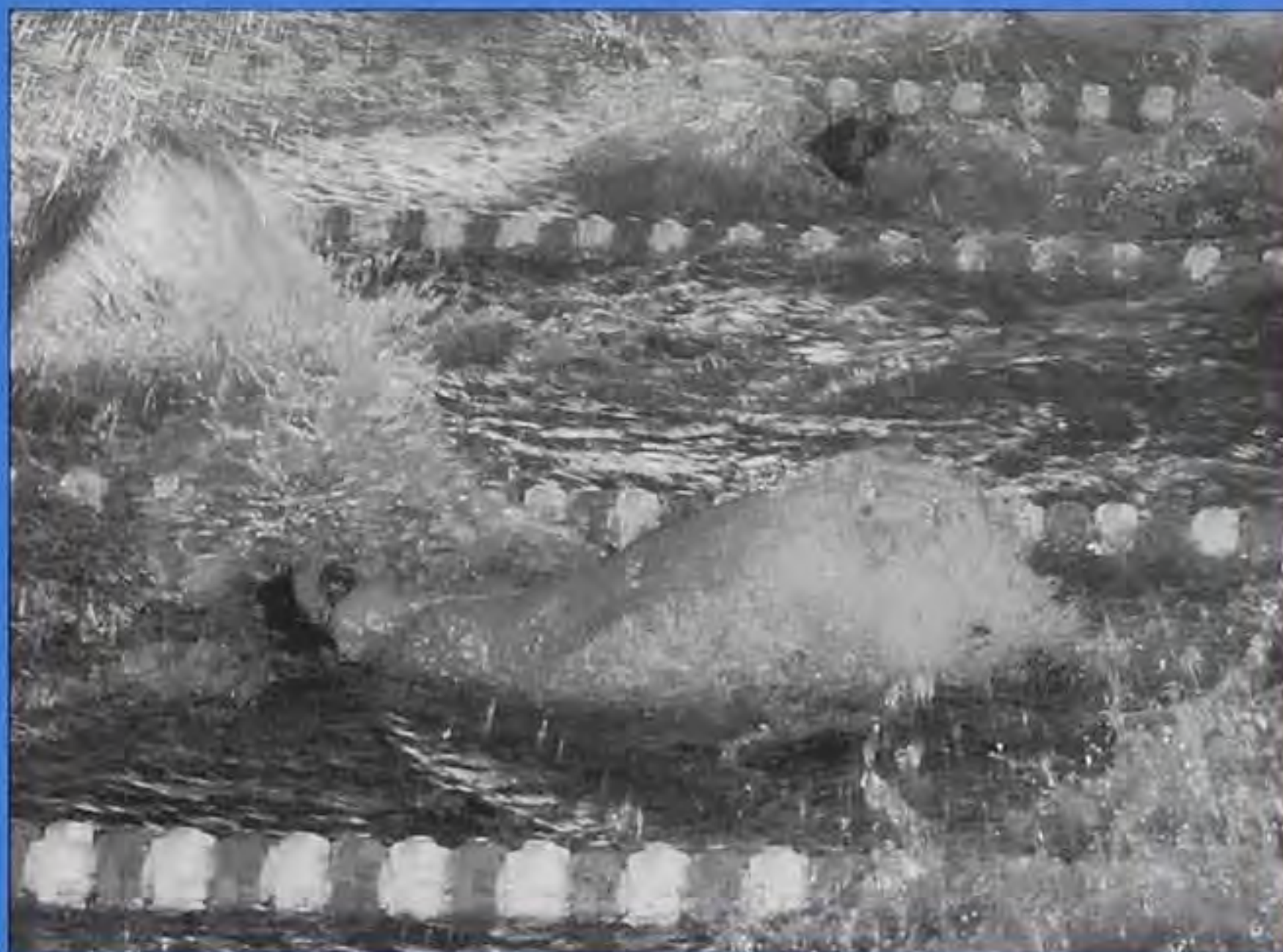
Freshman Paul Duffy cheers fellow teammates. Duffy said, "We were never told to cheer; it just came naturally."

Afton L - Webster Groves L - Wentzville Holt L - Chaminade L - Missouri Military L - St. Dominic W





Freshman Tom Randolph anticipates swimming the 200 free relay. Randolph displayed swimming talents equal to his skills in cross country.



Before taking second place, freshman Paul Duffy swims his hardest in the 100-yard backstroke. Duffy established a reputation for being a "funny kid," according to sophomore Tyler Thompson.

most cats don't swim; ours do young team builds tradition

by karah leibovich

The varsity swimming men started anew with a surprisingly large turnout. Unlike previous years when the guys survived with a mere four swimmers, this year the team was able to do more than just compete; it was able to win over Ritenour and Rockwood Summit and pressure a lot of other teams.

According to freshman Paul Duffy, "It is really sad to lose when it's close. In the meet against Missouri Military Academy, we lost by just a few points [89-80]. For us, a young team, we did really well."

Camaraderie made the tough

losses worthwhile. Sophomores Tyler Thompson and Kevin Frick kept alive such traditions as freshmen initiation. They made sure the team cheer survived as well.

"The team cheer is really pretty simple," Frick said. "The team gets in a circle, and everybody puts his hands in; then, after a prayer, we yell, '1-2-3 FRICK' really loudly. It's intimidating to the other team."

Another tradition that has lived was founded by Coach Kent Kehr in 1989. It involves the swimmers throwing their goggles onto the pool flags, trying to suspend them from the rope for at least a few

seconds. Each guy receives one chance per practice. If anyone succeeds, he wins a free day and is exempt from practice. This year, only freshman Mike Dellaquila achieved the goal.

One tradition not continued was wearing Speedos. Instead, the boys wore long swimsuits. Most fans agreed the less revealing trunks made the sport easier to watch, and all the swimmers but Frick appreciated the change.

"The new suits are itchy and hard to put on," Frick said.

Ritenour W - Rockwood Summit W - Principia L - Burroughs L

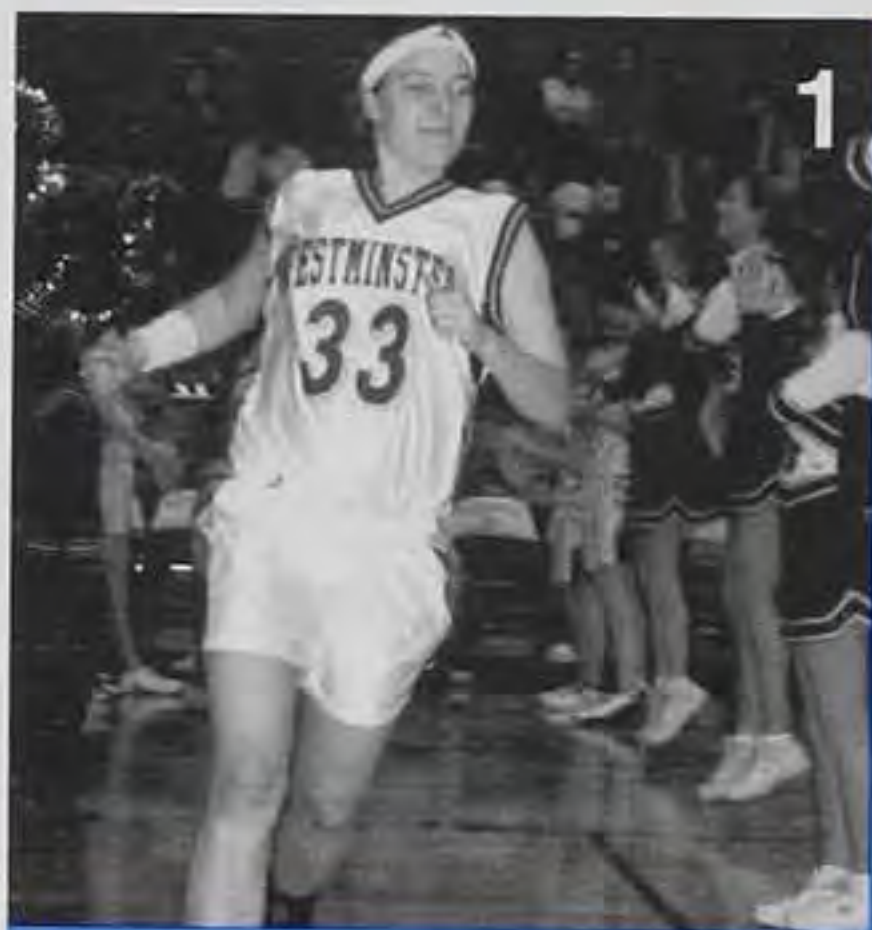




BACK (L-R): K. Stipanovich, E. Dunn, Coach B. Maurer, Coach S. Stipanovich, J. Ridderbos, K. Robb FRONT: M. Falb, K. Maurer, S. Hartmann, E. Roig, C. Casey, J. Lafser



Freshman Katie Stipanovich falls while trying to recover the ball. Such all-out play helped the team beat two rivals who had caused past problems: MICDS 58-49 and Ladue 40-36.



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Senior Emily Roig runs the cheer tunnel to begin a concentrated game. Roig, listed in the *Journal* for free throws, had an 82.4 average.

Freshman Katie Maurer focuses fix- edly on the ball to block an at- tempted shot. Maurer made the *Journal* for scoring, with 274 points and a per-game average of 17.1.



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Freshman Katie Stipanovich searches for an open teammate. Stipanovich was a huge factor in all games, including the second round of Districts when the Wild- cats fought hard to tie at halftime. (Unfortunately, they were outscored 28-17 in the third quarter and even- tually lost the game.)

A determined junior Jesse Lafser refuses to let a rival St. Johns player get by her. Attitude helped get the team to an impressive 15-11 record.

Wright L - Winfield W - Lutheran North W - Metro L - Whitfield W - Orchard Farm W - Ladue W - Bayless W
St. Elizabeth W - Burroughs L - Clayton W - Notre Dame L - Career Academy W - Kennedy L - MICDS W



Junior Libby Dunn takes a breather before returning to the game for the beginning of another play. While games and practices were hard work, the girls enjoyed a few funny moments. A favorite motto of Coach Maurer was "You ugly!"



Quick on her feet, junior Chrissy Casey pushes hard for a quick steal from an opposing St. John's player. Intense practices paid off when the girls found more endurance during long and difficult games according to junior Jorie Falb.

through their eyes

by melissa mcgee

falb and lafser: districts is #1

The only way to know what really went on this season in womens varsity basketball is to let the girls tell it for themselves. When I was trying to decide whom I should interview, junior Jorie Falb was more than willing as was her good friend junior Jesse Lafser. Here's a synopsis of the season through their eyes:

Both girls agreed Metro was the most difficult team to play.

"They played awesome basket

ball!" elaborated Falb.

Lafser and Falb also agreed that Coach Maurer yelling was the hardest part of practice, and Lafser quickly added, "Sprints."

The girls were not quite on the same page with time management, however.

Lafser said, "I had trouble with time management, especially on game nights because we had to be there an hour and a half before."

Falb contradicted her, however, saying, "Because I'm forced to focus more, I can't procrastinate, or it will severely effect me."

So with the sprints, the late night homework, the yelling and an intimidating Metro team, what was rewarding about playing varsity womens basketball? On this the girls saw eye to eye:

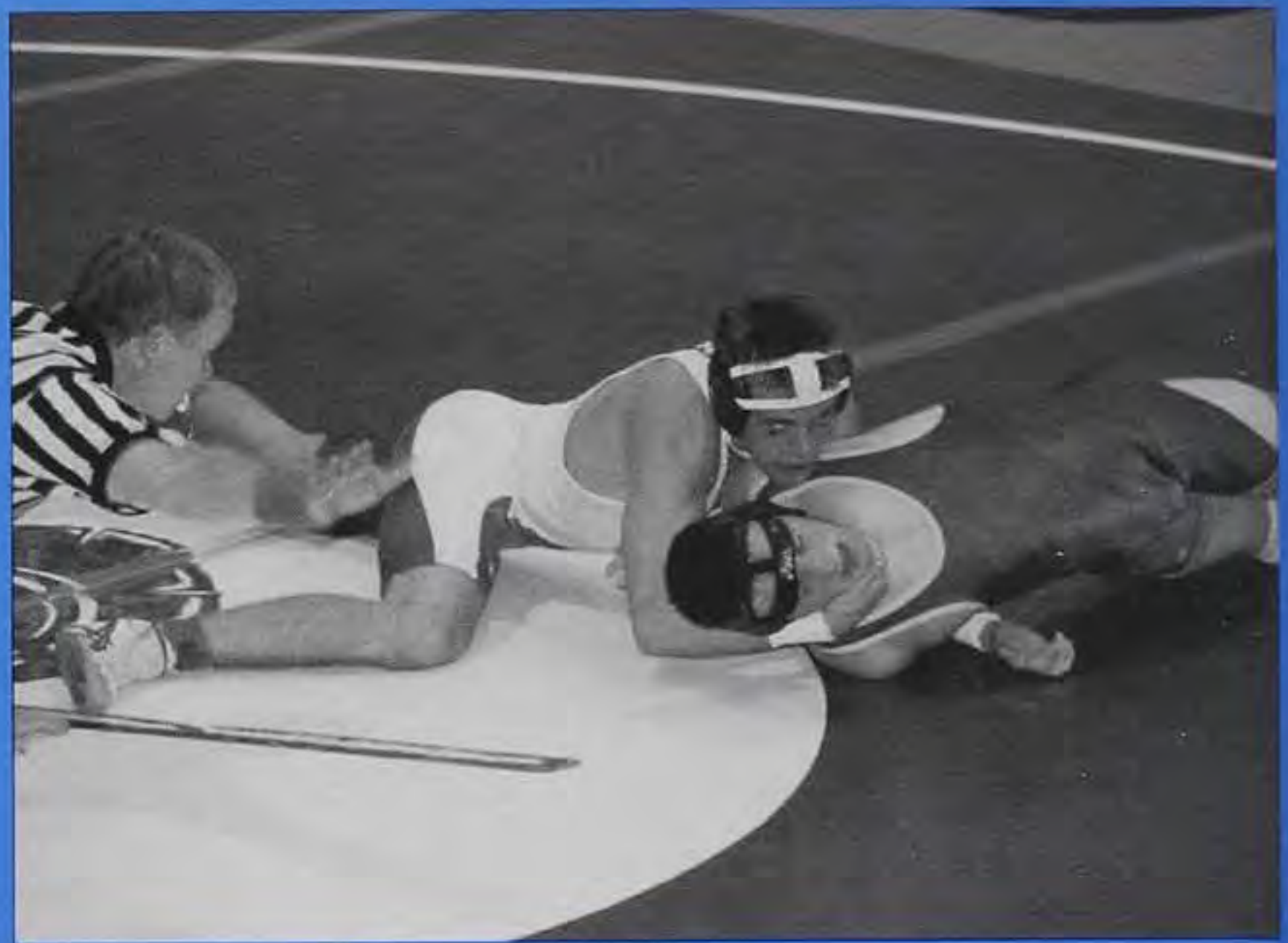
"Winning our first district game and moving past that was definitely worthwhile."

Trinity L - Notre Dame L - Valley Park W - St. Johns W - Lutheran St. Charles L - Orchard Farm W - Principia L
Metro L - Whitfield W - St. Charles West W - Jennings L

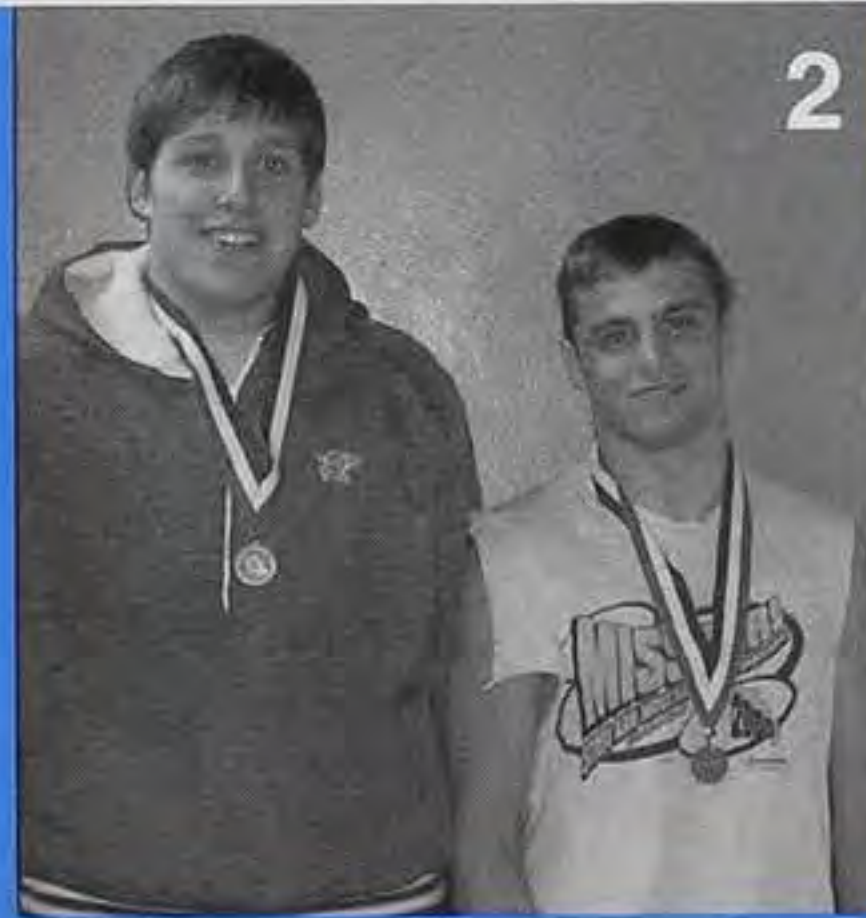
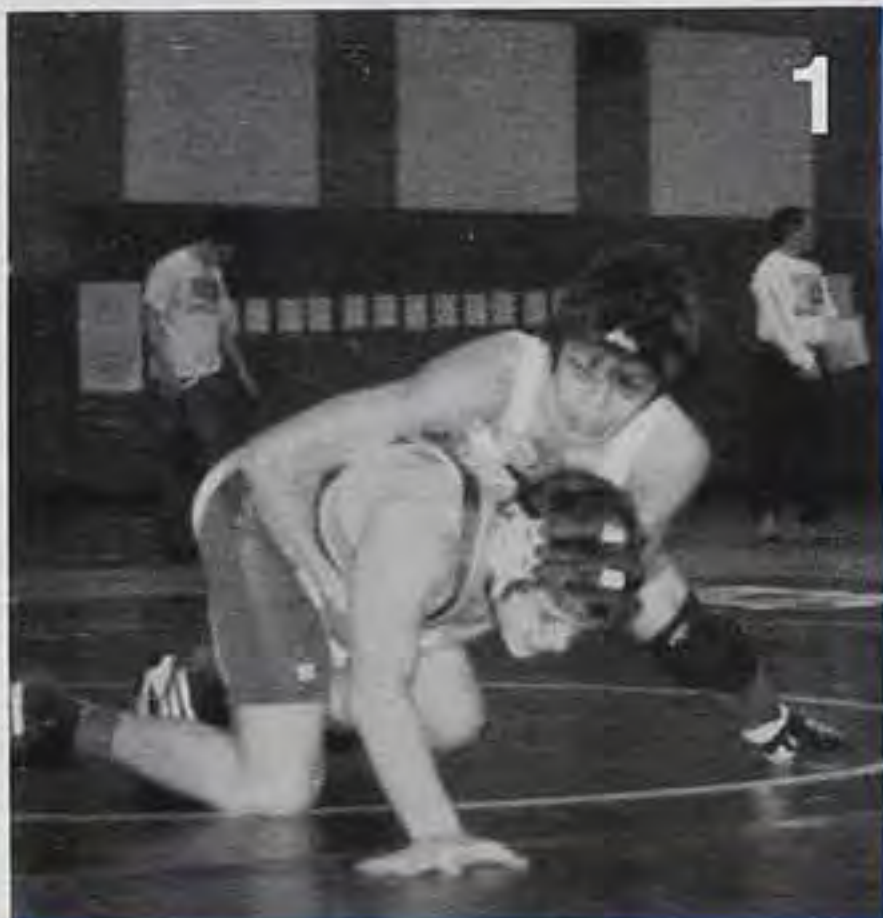




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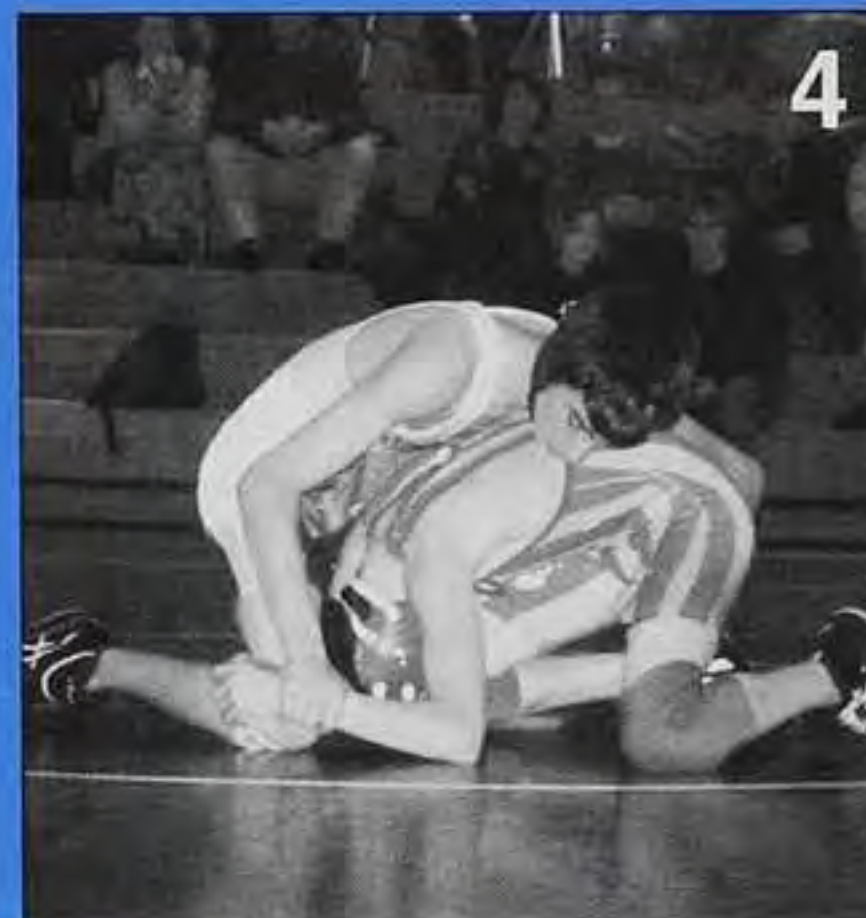


Putting his CBC opponent in a headlock, senior Rob Jacobson wrestles at the DeSmet tournament Dec. 29. Jacobson, as well as teammate Peter Whitley, went on to be the first in Wildcat history to win medals at State.



Sophomore Morgan Younkin wrestles his Timberland opponent at the MICDS tournament. Younkin broke his finger during the season, yet continued to wrestle.

With their medals, Peter Whitley and Rob Jacobson smile for the camera. The seniors' hard work paid off when both placed fifth in their weight division at the state competition.



Freshman Jon Heyse waits beside Coach Muehleisen to take the mat at a tournament at MICDS Jan. 23. "I loved the adrenaline rush that came right before you walked out onto the mat," said Heyse.

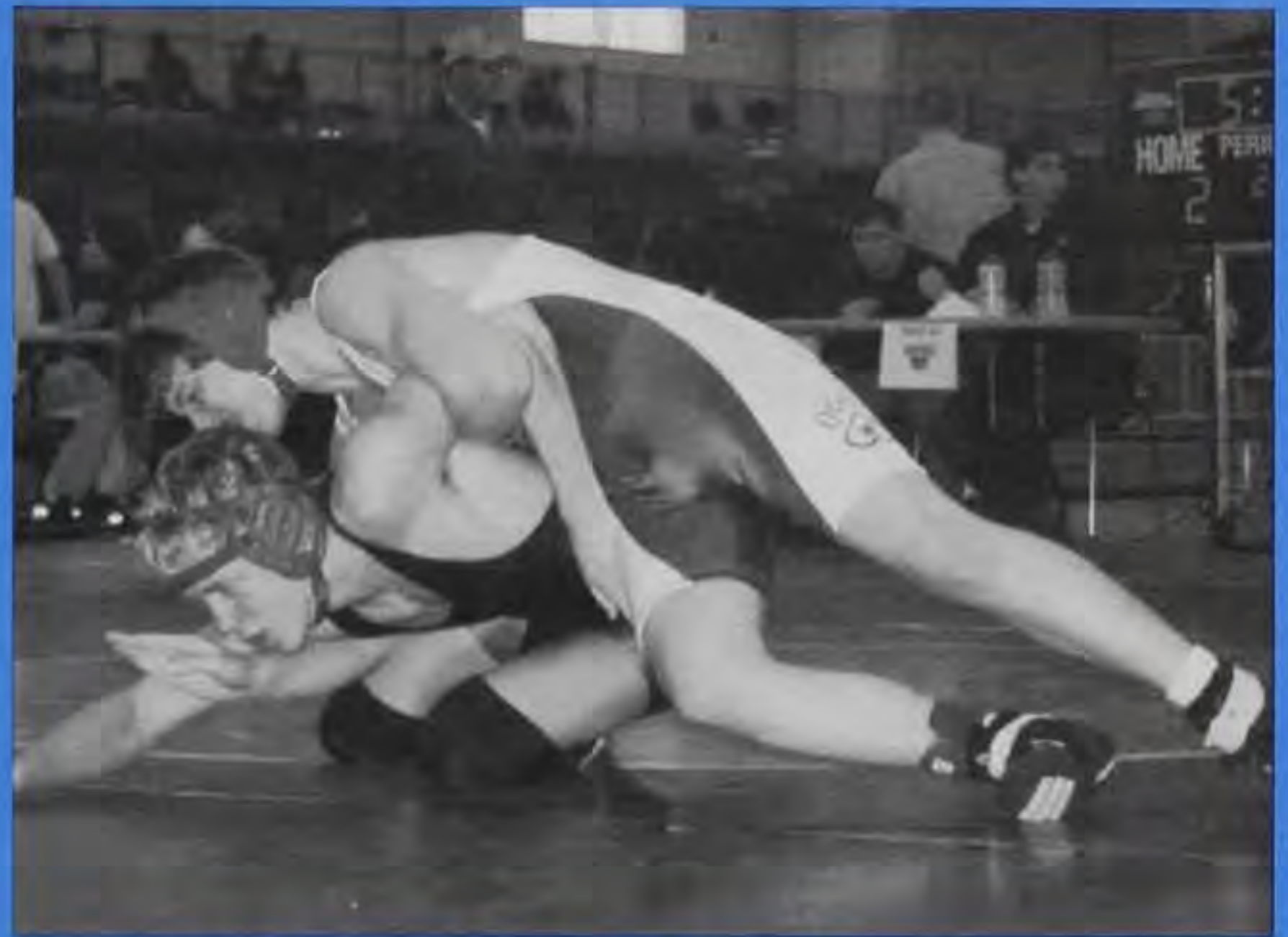
Dominating his St. Clair opponent, sophomore Joe Nothum wrestles at Westminster. At the district meet Feb. 7, Nothum went on to qualify.

Moberly L - Centralia L - Westminster Invitational 5th - Ladue L - Riverdale Tournament 11th - St. Claire W
MSHSAA District Meet 4th





Reaching to lock bodies, senior Andrew Perry prepares to slam his opponent onto the mat. Team members constantly worked on their physical strength and endurance. During one especially strenuous practice, the team did 12 minutes of up-downs.



Clayton Langeneckert, freshman, forces his opponent into a painful hold. Despite being a freshman wrestling with primarily upperclassmen, Langeneckert excelled and was an important addition to the team.

strength from the heart

by megan petry

It wasn't size or stamina, but sheer determination that made varsity wrestling a threat to its opponents. Filling 15 weight classes on the varsity schedule were seven freshmen, contenders who truly belonged in JV ranks but had to "play up" to protect the Wildcats from forfeiting their meets. Seniors Rob Jacobson, Peter Whitley and Andrew Perry led the team by encouraging the freshmen to stay focused and pushed them to work their hardest in order for their talent to form to its fullest.

Along with the upperclassmen nurturing the underclassmen, the

biggest inspiration for the team was Coach Tim Muehleisen. Muehleisen stressed the importance of dedication and competing at the highest level possible.

"Basically, the freshmen were fed to bigger teams. But it wasn't without some great moments, like when Chris Rojewski started off the season as if he were in the fog and unclear about anything he was doing, and then all of a sudden started winning every match and improving every single game," said Muehleisen.

State brought a strong name to the wrestling Wildcats when Jacobson and Whitley placed

underclassmen carry team

fifth. Pleased with their performances, the team agreed that State was the highlight of the season.

Another bonus besides outstanding accomplishments at State were the friendships that developed and carried into the off-season. Perry confessed that the season would not have been as fun without the enthusiasm and devotion of the freshmen. The wrestling season passed with flying colors and dominance on the mat that resulted in a look forward for new wrestlers in coming years. The legacy of the varsity wrestlers is sure to continue.

DeSmet Tournament 14th - Park Hill Central L - Riverview W - Rockwood Summit Tournament 4th - Affton L





(L-R): Coach E. Bain, B. Krumsieg, J. Ehrhardt, C. Wescoat, J. Worrell, A. Miller, A. Wiele, J. Caple, J. Phillips, B. Stewart, B. Estridge, M. Gregory, Coach S. Hall.



Taking it to the house, junior Banks Estridge goes in for the layup. Westminister's season opener against St. John's was also its first win, with a stunning score of 119.



Westminister's rules about dancing don't seem to apply to the Wildcat mascot as he moves to the beat of the upper school band, getting the crowd excited.

Planning for his attack, senior Brett Stewart pauses for a moment to think about his next move. Stewart was an offensive threat, as was most everyone on the team.



Junior Andrew Miller goes for two against Priory. Miller received the team's "First In/Last Out" award because he seemed to spend the most time improving himself during the season. "Andrew is an extremely hard worker with a fantastic attitude," said Coach Eric Bain.

Lining up his shot, junior Andrew Wiele gets ready for a crucial free throw. A close game can be won or lost at the free throw line. The Cats' free throw percentage was 64.

St. Johns W - Principia W - Lutheran South W - Brentwood W - Valley Park W - MICDS W - Affton W

Hancock W - Lutheran North L - Principia W - Lutheran St. Charles W - Clayton W - Whitfield W - Burroughs L



Junior Jordan Phillips loosens up with one of his pre-game stretches. Stretching possibly added a few inches to Phillips' already impressive vertical leap.



Juniors Banks Estridge and Josh Worrell, along with senior Jarred Caple, set up the defense. Due to hard work and commitment, the team was able to come back and beat St. Marys Feb. 12 after a close loss earlier in the season. "Coach Bain had been telling us we need to concentrate on [defense] to win games," said forward Andy Wiele, junior.

story of the year

as told by andy wiele to megan munson

varsity wildcats enjoy turn-around season

Every day brought funny stories, and we always joked around and had fun in practices. Le'Mell was always cracking jokes and poking fun at everybody on the team, even the coaches. It wasn't out of disrespect, it was just because we were like members of the same family. At Hancock Le'Mell spilled a five gallon jug of water during the JV game and delayed it for half an hour. We laughed about this for a long time.

We began practicing for the season in the previous spring. Coach told us that "tryouts began in May," and we worked our butts off during the summer and fall, going to team camps and playing in multiple summer and fall leagues. We could come in early to the gym during the summer and

improve individually, and then play as a team later that evening.

Coach Bain gave us the game plan after we had stretched and were mentally prepared for the game. Then we would hold hands and pray; usually a player would pray. Then we would huddle up, and Le'Mell would count, and we all shouted "Wildcats!"

Our best game was probably the second time we played St. Mary's, just because we lost to them before in the MICDS tournament. We had lost by two and then won by over 10. We really came together as a team in that game, and the seniors stepped up big, especially Jarred Caple.

Coach Bain was the head coach, and he brought our offensive game plan to every game.

He was very personal with us, and after practice we all talked about a devotional book he bought us. Coach Hall was our defensive coordinator, and he brought humor and good times to the team. Coach Hendricks played with us in some practices and was a real friend to everyone on the team. Coach Edema was always intense and helped us to get fired up during games and even during practice.

Our team's year as a whole was very successful. We finished the year 24-4, after only winning eight games last year. We made a buzz in the high school basketball community and set the bar high for the future of WCA basketball.

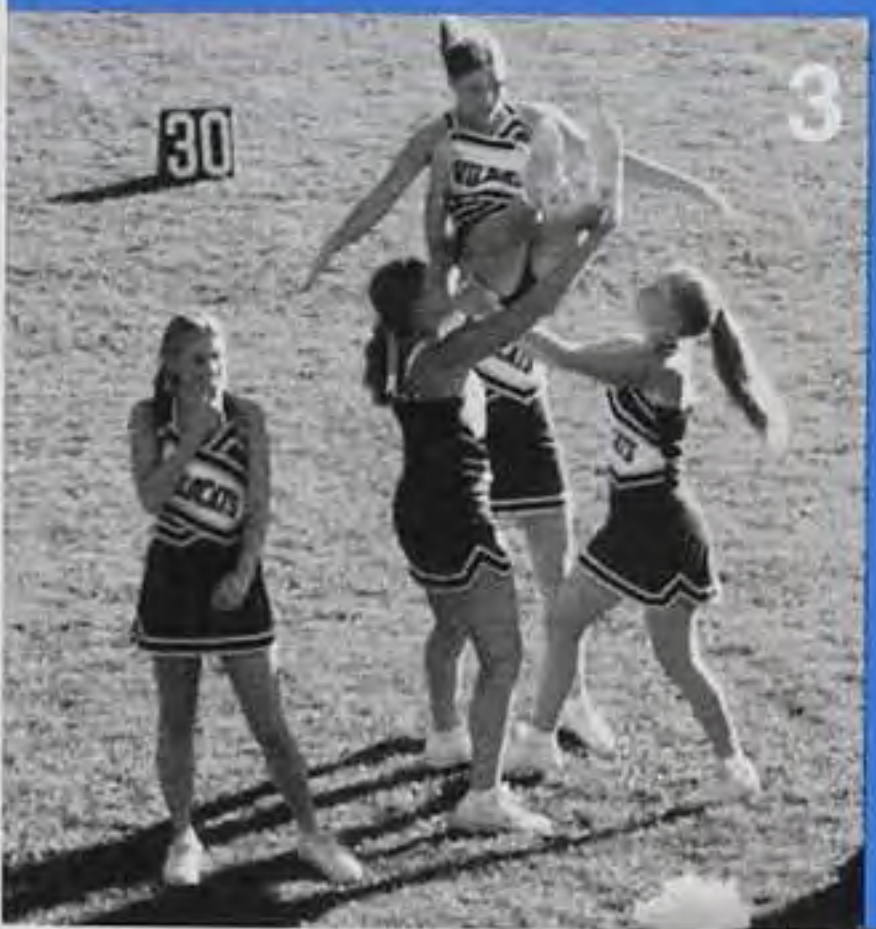
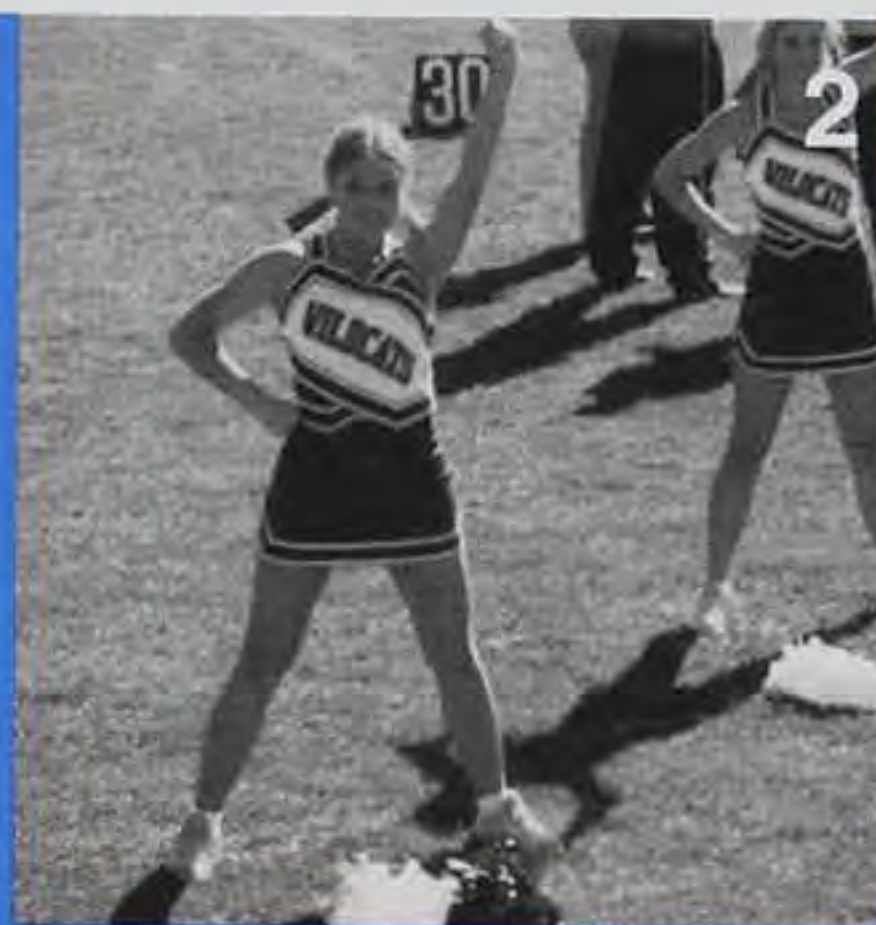
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St. Marys W - Duchesne W - Career Academy W - Valley Park W - Trinity Catholic W - Jennings L



A separate, yet integral, part of the cheerleading effort is Annemarie Heise, sophomore. Heise spent two hours every day practicing routines on her own and had two lessons a week with a coach, learning new routines or perfecting others. Nothing beats the "crowd factor," however. "The crowd has a big effect on how I perform. If there are lots of people and lots of noise, I do better," she said.



Go BIG BLUE! Junior Melissa Lowe said, "Using signs is fun but hilarious for the cheerleaders and the crowd when they're upside-down."



D-EF-EN-SE Defense! Junior Emily Smith, captain, leads with passion. Backing her is Cassie Via, sophomore. Smith was often the first to arrive at practice and the last to leave.

Get excited! Junior Emily Isbell was "the most cheerful cheerleader" on the team according to junior Emily Smith.

The crowd holds its breath as junior Emily Isbell flies sky high. Smith related how difficult it was to cheer in the rain and mud.

With her poms beside her, freshman Katie Corder goes for a right arm punch up. Corder said, "I was really nervous during tryouts because everyone was so good, but after I made it, the whole team was really patient helping me learn."



SCORE! Senior Lauren Steingrby cheers at the varsity mens basketball game against Whitfield. Steingrby was the most experienced varsity cheerleader with four years on the squad.



BACK (L-R): K. Corder, A. Ducharme, L. Steingrby, C. Via **MIDDLE:** M. Lowe, E. Smith, E. Isbell **FRONT:** L. Steingrby, C. Beasley

cheerleaders keep their pep though fliers fall spirit stands tall

as told by crystal beasley to karah leibovich

I had never been so nervous about a game before. The Friday morning of Spirit Week I could feel the excitement at our 6:30am practice. We were asked to perform a new routine at the varsity boys basketball game, and the whole team was eager to perfect it. The hardest part was definitely the stunts. I had no idea stunts were complicated. For three years I had come to basketball and football games and wondered why cheerleaders were falling out of stunts. Let me tell you, they aren't that simple.

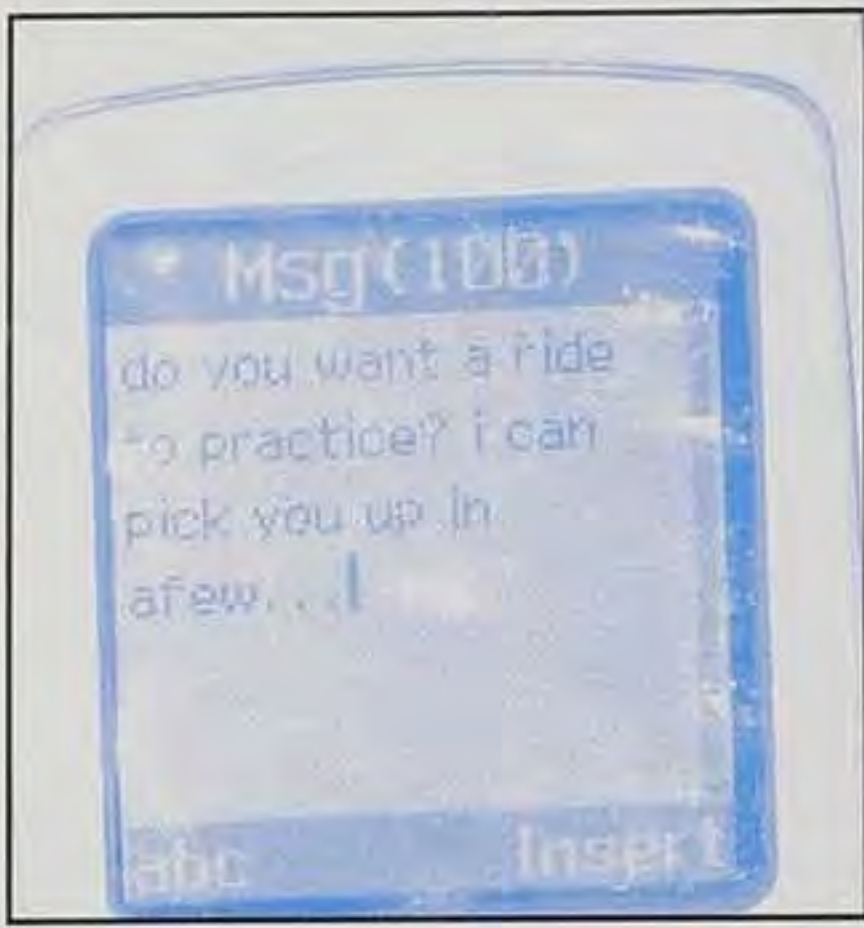
For some reason, stunts seemed especially difficult the morning of the spirit game. That early, our concentration wasn't at its best. On top of this we hadn't practiced this stunt in about a week. Nevertheless, I trusted the girls holding me. Then something went terribly wrong. As the bases lifted me, I struggled to hold my balance. I swayed back and forth for a few frozen seconds then ... fell. Falling out of the stunt was sort of all slow motion. It was terrible knowing I was going to fall the moment before I actually did.

I was in immediate pain when I hit the ground. I had bruises on my arms and hips which made it hurt to move. I went home and took a hot bath. Now the question on everyone's mind was, "Is Crystal going to perform?" The pressure to get well became greater when my coach Jason Roton called and reminded me that, "This routine can't be done without you." I knew this and made up my mind to conquer my pain. It was do or die.

The team was overwhelmingly encouraging when I came on Fri-

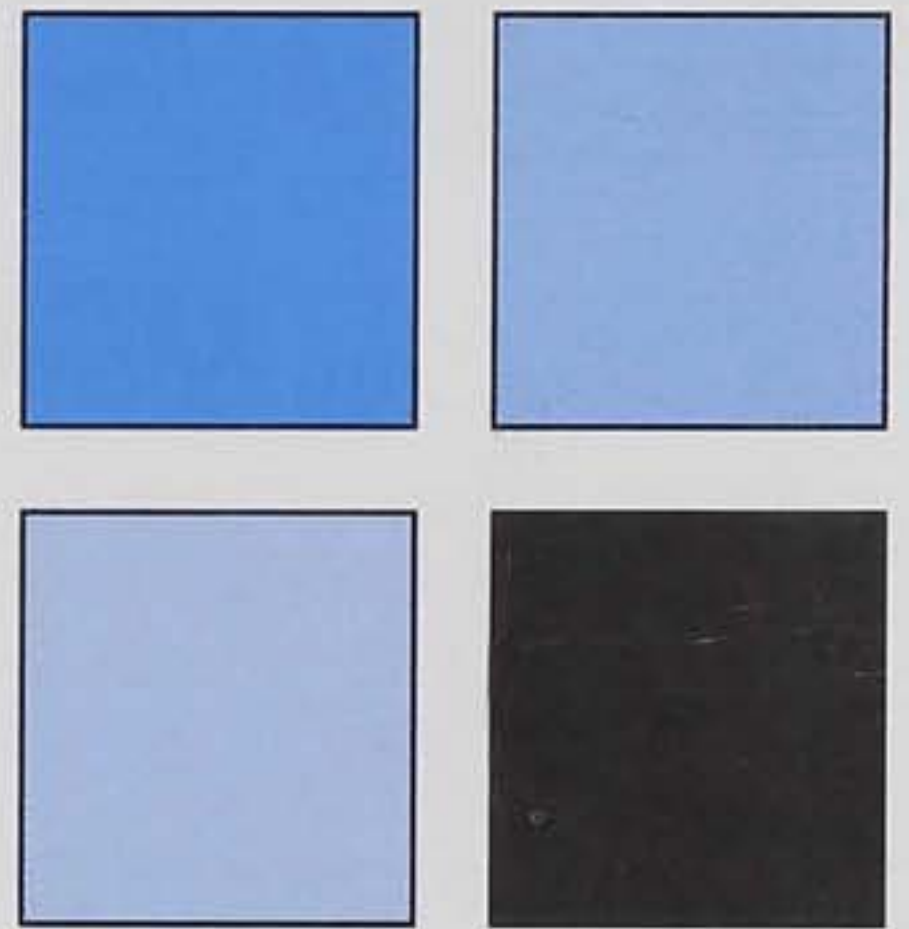
day night. Katie Corder, a freshman, was the first to give me a big hug when I walked through the door. She and my fellow senior Lauren Steingrby were so uplifting. Lauren just kept saying, "It's okay Crystal. You can do it!" I did do it. That night I think we had one of the best performances ever. Although I wobbled a little at the end, that performance culminated a season of tough practices and hard work.





cut grass.

fresh



“Our success should be credited to hard work and practicing against Varsity.”

**paul lewis
co-captain**



**BACK: (L-R): Coach J. Nace, J. McAtee, T. Gee, J. Heyse, R. Haverstick, M. Nienhuis, C. Rojewski, M. Englebart, D. James, Coach C. Pederson
FRONT: D. Benes, R. Blackwell, K. Cox, S. Roberts, P. Lewis, J. Worrell, JD Kruse, J. Olson.**

Quarterback Drew Benes gets the game underway. A short roster required many to play offense, defense and on special teams.

Taking a water break, freshman and newcomer Jon Heyse scans the crowd for friends. As a first-year player, Heyse excelled.

Sprinting past the defense, Paul Lewis evades the Trinity Catholic players to score a touchdown.



determination dominates

by ben heyse

JV's courage and persistence provided the edge needed in games. During its first home game, against Wright City, the players walked onto the field with serious first-game jitters. As the small group of 18 was warming up, it watched in horror as two full busloads of opposing players spilled out onto the field. Amazingly, freshman Ryan Blackwell caught the kickoff and scored on the first play of the game.

“That opening play was like David against Goliath,” said Jon Heyse, freshman. “It was a good way to start the season.”

Players continued to strive for perfection, no matter what odds they came against. Their increasing competitiveness and head knowledge led the team to a victorious season.

“It was especially encouraging as a coach to see the athletes not back down in the face of a chal-

lenge,” said Head Coach Chris Pederson.

Varsity's head coach, JD Perona, said the coaches “expected success” from JV, and the entire coaching staff believes the team gave WCA's football program hope for years ahead. Overall, the 2003 Junior Varsity can be remembered for its competitiveness, strong will and unrelenting determination.

**Wright City W - Burroughs L - Kennedy L - Trinity Catholic W
St. Dominic W - Lutheran South W - Priory W - Lutheran St. Charles W**





IN DARK SHIRTS (L-R): S. Boyd, L. Boehne, K. Schopp, K. Parvin, K. Corder, J. Myers, B. Doriani (Coach N. Talley and Assistant Coach S. Reilly on far left and right in back row)

“It was exciting to see all these girls try out because there is plenty of talent there.”

sharon reilly
assistant coach

In perfect form, freshman Libby Boehne steps into her swing and uses a backhand volley. The girls finished with a 2-1 record.



Freshman Beth Doriani leaps to return the ball. “My first match was against MICDS. We were feeling really defeated,” said Doriani.



With an extended forehand, freshman Julia Myers reaches for the ball. Myers played in several varsity matches.



a triumphant trial

by allison reed

Coach Nathan Talley faced a tough decision during tennis try-outs. He only intended to keep 11 girls for the varsity team, but knew the seven remaining freshmen deserved a chance.

“I just couldn’t let the girls go because I had some of them in Bible class, and I also knew they were going to be the future of the Westminster tennis program,” said Talley.

Talley and Assistant Coach

Sharon Reilly threw together a JV program. Each girl was assigned a week during the season in which she would practice and play matches with Varsity.

When the girls were not attending varsity practices, they proved their dedication by meeting on their own time at local parks and country clubs with Coach Reilly and even freshman Beth Doriani’s dad. However, the girls were almost fully incorpo-

rated into Varsity’s schedule. Freshman Krista Schopp had her most memorable time of the season while being with Varsity.

“I was cheering on Emily Ottsen, and I noticed that her skirt was slowly slipping off. It finally fell off, and I couldn’t stop laughing,” said Schopp.

Hopefully, the bigger budget that Talley is requesting will also include skirts that tie or draw-string, anything to keep them on.

MICDS L - Incarnate Word W - Trinity Catholic W



JV girls volleyball

“In many games we fought back. We were down a lot and came back to win.”

cori nagel
player

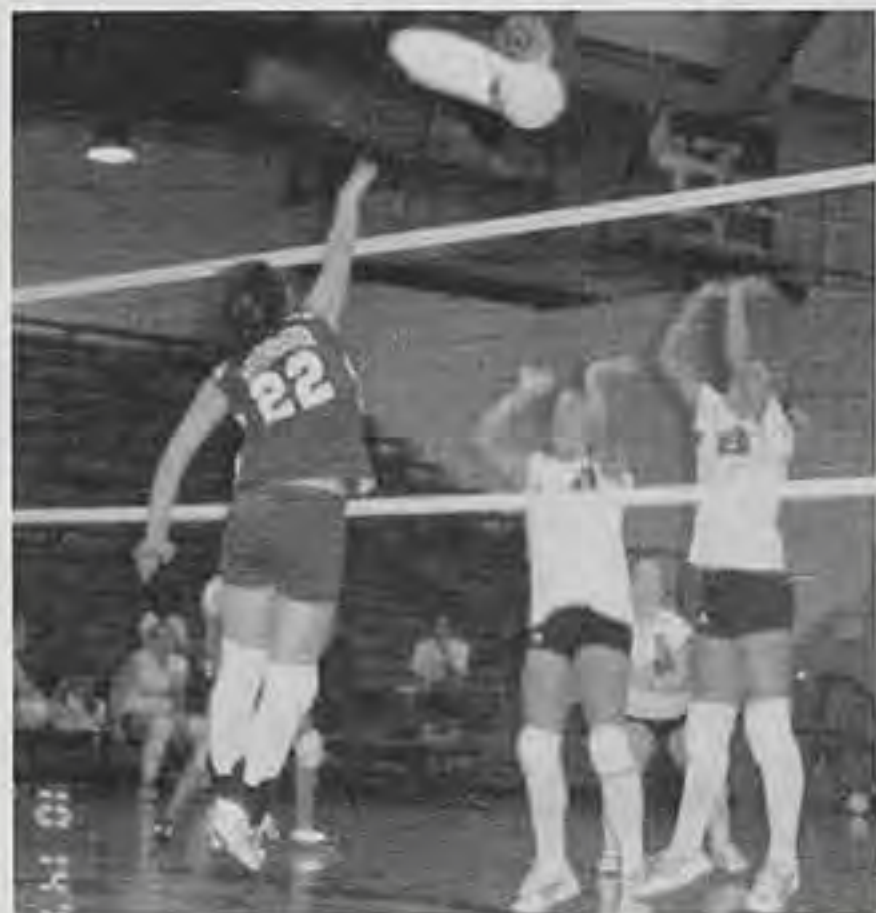


BACK (L-R): M. Menzel, R. Miller, D. Roby, M. Roberts, E. Sheehan
FRONT: C. Nagel, C. Casey, C. VandeKamp, Coach K. Pollack, B. Hamilton, A. Savage, E. Sheehan

Annie Dimond, freshman, spikes a ball against Affton. The team went on to win against the Cougars in a 2-1 game.

Sophomore Cassie VandeKamp aces pre-game drills. To players, the season was “magical,” as was their favorite song.

Serving a spectacular ball to Affton, sophomore Megan Menzel brings home the victory. Menzel was one of the Cats’ strongest spikers.



by betsie boggs

Achievement is the one word that describes JV Volleyball’s season. The team overcame setbacks and achieved its goals of playing together as a team and placing well in the season’s two tournaments.

Achieving an 18-4-1 record, the team also placed first in the Clayton tournament and second in the Lutheran St. Charles tournament.

“Everyone working together, talking, making the right plays when needed and persevering led to a great season for the team,” said Captain Chrissy Casey, junior.

Victorious against its challenging opponent Villa Duchesne, the team lost in a notably close match against Lutheran St. Charles, another tough competitor.

Much of the success was attributable to specific players: On defense freshman Meredith Roberts and sophomore Megan Menzel were strong, and on offense sophomore Cori Nagel and junior Chrissy Casey were big contributors. But another team member also contributed a lot.

“Coach Pollack was one of the best coaches I’ve ever had. She brought me more confidence and improved my skills,” said Roberts.

bumping up to victory

Burroughs W - St. John W - Wright City W - Lutheran North W - Lutheran South W
LSC Tourney W - MICDS W - University City W - Clayton W - Clayton Tourney W
Kennedy L - Villa W - Whitfield W - Principia W - Lutheran South L - Orchard Farm W
Visitation L - Affton W - Hancock W - St. Elizabeth W Lutheran St. Charles L

freshmen girls volleyball



BACK (L-R): M. Palmer, K. Mathes, Coach J. Evans, A. Arnold, M. Burrus FRONT: A. Wolff, C. Kramer, J. Ridderbos, C. Caple, L. Peters, K. Rassieur

Top Five Memories

1. Queen of the Court (Triples).
2. Getting candy for hitting serves over the net.
3. Personal Talks.
4. Giving Coach Evans a bloody lip.
5. Becoming fearless.

Freshman Karlita Mathes serves during a game against Affton. Nearly 800 million people worldwide play volleyball at least once a week.



Freshman Jillian Ridderbos upsets her opponents' block. First used in the Philippines, the spike is nicknamed the "Filipino Bomb."



Caroline Kramer keeps her eye on the ball, before presenting a pass to the setter. Volleyball is a blend of four other sports.



hit the floor?

as told by player maggie burrus to elizabeth simon

It seems practice should make perfect, except during long practices. Yet there is a team that proved practice really does make perfect.

The phrase "hit the floor" literally means hit the floor. Players must do this to keep a ball in play. During practice, Coach Jean Evans threw volleyballs low so we could practice this skill. Each player constantly hit the floor to learn how to control the ball and

keep it in play, and it's not all that fun. Despite bruises and floor burns, hitting the floor became a natural instinct. And, although it was strenuous, it forced us to work as a team. In one of our last matches, it worked.

We won the first game against Lutheran St. Charles, but allowed pride to eclipse our will to play, causing us to lose the second by two points. Before the third game, we committed to playing aggres-

sively. Freshman Jill Ridderbos strengthened us with middle hitting, as did serves from Abbey Wolf and Lauren Peters. But it wasn't until one precise moment that we truly became a team: the opponent hit a low ball that hit the ground. Stunned, we yelled to each other, "Hit the floor!" and, with the next low ball, the whole team hit the floor.

For the rest of that game, the ball never touched the floor.

Burroughs W - MICDS L - Whitfield W - Lutheran St. Charles L - Lutheran South L
Orchard Farm W - Affton W - Burroughs L - St. Elizabeth W - Lutheran St. Charles W

JV boys Soccer

“I feel I was captain because I keep my cool, even when upset about a call.”

brendan zee-cheng
captain



BACK (L-R): Coach B. Collison, D. Furlong, J. Breedlove, S. Thomas, T. Thompson, M. Triebe, J. Presker, A. Anderson, J. Ruprecht, A. Hoekzema, J. Arrington, A. Hoban, B. Zee-Cheng, Assistant Coach D. Illman, S. Oberle **FRONT:** M. Younkin, A. DeRousse, J. Beasley, J. Haas, A. Fletcher, W. Powell, B. Stair, P. Schaffner, B. Heyse

Sophomore Wesley Powell guides the ball downfield. An average soccer player runs seven miles per game.



Sophomore Brendan Zee-Cheng attempts to regain the ball from Priory. Zee-Cheng was team captain.



Though not committing a foul, freshman Jon Breedlove gets aggressive, contributing to a 5-0 victory over Ladue.



for the luck of the game

by allison reed

An amazing 17-3-1 record was not the only thing JV soccer boys had to smile about. Thanks to humor, they enjoyed their season more than expected during tryouts, when several were nervous.

“Tryouts were hard and spirit-breaking. I was nervous. I was afraid I would get cut,” said freshman Alex Hoban.

A bit calmer, freshman Joel Ruprecht said, “There was lots of

running, lots of saying, ‘You’re cut,’ and lots of [visiting] the neighbor’s fence.”

After the boys survived tryouts, sophomores Wesley Powell and “the great wall of China” Brendan Zee-Cheng led them to win the Ladue game in double overtime and a shootout as well as a close 2-1 victory over Whitfield. The team’s wins could arguably be attributed to sophomores Sean Tho-

mas and Ben Heyse, who drank Pimp Juice to “get their game on.”

Ruprecht, however, felt the reason for the wins was Coach Ben Collison’s new John Deere trucker hat after he lost his “lucky” one.

Those more sensible might thank the coaching.

“‘Good’ would be an understatement. Collison and Illman were excellent,” said Jon Breedlove, freshman.

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Ladue W - Lutheran North W - Cape Notre Dame L - Pattonville W - Affton W - Lutheran
St. Charles W - Burroughs W - Clayton W - Whitfield W - Suburban East Tournament 3rd
Parkway Central W - St. Mary’s L - Trinity Catholic W



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Early in the season, freshman Beth Corbett competes. Cross Country runners literally lived out the WCA Athletic Department's philosophy: "... run that you may obtain the prize ..." (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

"Coach even
let us make
s'mores and a
campfire at our
last practice."

michael beck
runner

Sophomore Samantha Hobbs joins varsity runners Jenny Schaffner and Lane Anderson, both seniors, in the Westminster Invitational.



JV runners gather for Coach Stange's pep talk at MICDS. The total number of cross country teams in the U.S. is close to 928.



Sophomore Michael Beck struggles through his 3.1 mile race. He is but one of the 12,008 cross country runners in America.



people make great runs

by kristy shelberg

Many think running is a chore, but not the JV Cross Country team, made up of freshmen through junior girls and boys. The runners all had reasons for running, which eventually became clear to me.

One autumn day at Shaw Park, I decided to bug juniors Laura Fleming and David Whitwell before their race. "Time for a warm-up run!" Laura said to me, knowing I despised any act of moving my

legs faster than walking. Laura, David and I scampered off with me being the weakest link. From that point on, I decided running was not my thing.

When the day's race actually was starting, kids from 18 schools lined up on the starting line. I stood with the team and saw runners Matt Gregory and Ben Taylor, both juniors, with an animal bone. I found out this was the team's

"lucky possum bone." Each runner was blessed with it before Whitwell led the team in prayer.

Then the starting alarm signaled and my "fellow runners" faded away. After their 3.1 mile run, I stood at the finish line. While I was glad to be on the other side of the finish flags, I also knew running can be fun with the right people and the right attitude.

Womens

Principia 2nd - Westminster Invitational 15th

Mens

Principia 2nd - Westminster Invitational 15th

JV girls basketball

“the team worked really hard to keep winning.”

sarah mosley
junior



BACK (L-R): E. Camp, Coach C. Dill, S. Mosley, S. Lillenberg FRONT: A. Petry, C. Caple, A. Dimond, M. Menzel, B. Hamilton, S. Moore

Sophomore Megan Menzel gets set for a field goal against Kennedy. The team finished the season 17-6.

Sophomore Brittany Hamilton and freshmen Calen Caple and Anne Dimond warm up before the Whitfield game, which they won 30-11.

Calen Caple drives to the basket in a game against Metro. As one of four freshmen on the JV team, she played a large part in its success.



as told by sarah moore to jeff glidewell

dressed for success

Looking back, there are two times I'll never forget. The first was when Emily Camp and I dressed in black eye paint and headbands and danced to the warm-up music before a game.

The other was a sleepover at Brittany Hamilton's house. It began like any other, watching movies, playing guitar and playing ping-pong. Then we found

Brittany's costumes, and all that changed. Again, Emily and I dressed up, but this time we found the promiscuous items. This was nothing compared to what we did later that night.

At about 4:30 am, Emily and I were at it again, sneaking upstairs for a little snack. Well actually, "little" is an understatement. In the freezer we found ice cream and

began stuffing our faces with it. Next thing we know, Mrs. Hamilton is standing in front of us.

"What are you girls doing?" She asked.

"Uhhh..."

We had fun this year and learned so much. It might be we were the best (most fun?) JV girls basketball team in Westminster history.

Nerinx Hall W - Valley Park W - Orchard Farm W - Lutheran St. Charles W - Ladue W
Bayless W - Trinity W - Cape Notre Dame L - Valley Park W - Lutheran St. Charles L
Orchard Farm L - Principia W - St. Elizabeth W - Burroughs W - Clayton W - Notre
Dame W - Career W - Kennedy W - MICDS L - Metro W - Whitfield W

freshmen girls basketball



BACK (L-R): M. Anderson, H. Venard, G. Burruss, Coach S. Collison
MIDDLE: L. McDonald, K. Parvin, A. Thompson, M. Roberts
FRONT: R. McMillan, J. Weston, K. Mathes

“[wca] is trying to build up the basketball program, and I think this is a big step.”

shauna collison
coach

Jessica Weston releases a shot just over her MICDS opponent. Having a freshman team was new for Westminster this year.



Karlita Mathes dribbles the ball down the court with Kennedy in hot pursuit. Mathes led the Cats in scoring.



Morgan Anderson looks to inbound the ball to one of her teammates. Anderson, a guard, has played basketball for five years.



breaking ground

by jeff glidewell

Ten girls with fresh talent comprised the first freshmen girls basketball team at Westminster. At first, the players thought they had it all figured out since they brought with them their eighth grade coach, but that was not the case.

“High school basketball is much different, and practices are much harder,” said team captain

Meredith Roberts.

The girls began Winter Break with a 1-2 record, but came back to win their next five, including a game against Villa. They finished with a 6-6 record and a refined sense of technique. Plus, they had the memories of a sleepover at Allison Thompson’s house.

“We had a Krispy Kreme Do-

nut eating contest, and I won,” said Katie Parvin. “I ate one whole box of them.”

Other highlights from the sleepover included finding a bag of chips that expired in 1998 and spilling over 30 sodas on the carpet, causing the team not only to become better athletes, but also better friends.

Ursuline L - Incarnate Word L - Villa Duchesne W - Clayton W - Villa Duchesne W
Lutheran SC W - Orchard Farm W - Burroughs W - St. Joseph L - Notre Dame L
MICDS L - Kennedy L

JV boys basketball

“the hardest practice was a ‘wiele party.’ coach said it was the hardest he’d ever run anyone.”

danny wiele
freshman



BACK (L-R): Coach J. Hendricks, P. Lewis, M. Walker, B. Aaberg, E. Clemens MIDDLE: A. DeRousse, D. Wiele, G. Lafser, B. Stair, C. Barker FRONT: M. Beck, A. Young, R. Blackwell, J. Chapeau

Sophomore Matt Walker makes a great shot despite an attempted block at the Westminster vs. Priory game.



Freshman Danny Wiele uses all his effort to steal the ball from an opposing St. Marys player.



Sophomore Garen Lafser refuses to hand the ball over to an eager Priory player.



by melissa mcgee

we got next

JV players have similar memories of their season, possibly because select events stood out or because they have the same style of humor. In either case, it's not surprising as the boys are remarkably closeknit.

“We had a good time, and we beat people,” said sophomore Matt Walker.

Despite rewarding moments,

practices could get strenuous.

“Once we lost two games in a row. Coach made us run and do pushups and sit-ups for 45 minutes straight. It was horrible,” said Walker.

The boys had a strong bond. Danny Wiele said, “A great memory is the ‘Beck-Young Duo.’ Coach always sat Mike Beck and Adam Young while we were scrim-

maging five on five because we had 12 players. They did everything together, so we called them the ‘Beck-Young Duo.’”

The team also enjoyed building a relationship with its coach, Josh Hendricks, WCA class of '97.

“Hendricks absolutely *hated* the ‘Milkshake Song,’ so we always sang it during practice to make him mad,” laughed Walker.

St. Johns W - Crossroads W - Lutheran South W - Burroughs W - MICDS W
Affton W - Lutheran South W - Priory W - St. Clair W - Kennedy L - Hancock W
Lutheran North W - Principia W - Lutheran St. Charles W - Clayton W
Whitfield W - Burroughs W - St. Marys L - Duchesne L - Valley Park W

freshmen boys basketball



BACK (L-R): Coach R. Edema, N. Jewell, J. Kelly, B. Davis MIDDLE: J. Worrell, J. Kruse, J. Beasley, A. Benes FRONT: E. Nester, R. Haverstick, S. Jura

“we played the freshmen girls basketball team and tried not to beat them too badly.”

sam jura
freshman

Johnny Kelly shoots a successful three point shot in spite of Priory's solid defense.



Sam Jura drives past the defense, hoping to score a lay-up in a tight game against Priory. The boys won with endurance and determination.



Ben Davis completes with follow-through. According to Coach Eric Bain, Davis was “the top defensive player” as well as strong offensively.



friends to the win

by karah leibovich

Their record speaks: the year was a complete success, thanks, in part, to the fact the players were dedicated friends who played with passion. Most of the them had been playing together since middle school, and some as early as first grade.

Ben Davis, captain, was the motivational leader.

“Ben was always the first to

pump up everybody else,” said Sam Jura.

Davis wasn't the only one noted for his actions, however. Great shots and injuries are also in the record books.

Justin Beasley said, “I dislocated my elbow about halfway through the season. I was going up to block a shot and fell over my opponent. I was out half the

season, but at least we won the game.”

The boys' success also came from the overall transformation of individuals to team players.

“I was very proud of the improvement from beginning to end,” said Coach Rick Edema, WCA class of '98.

MICDS L - Affton W - Lutheran South W - Priory W - SLUH L - Orchard Farm W
Kennedy W - Hancock W - Lutheran North W - Principia W - SLUH W - Clayton W
Lutheran St. Charles W - St. Marys W - Burroughs W - St. Marys W

“i not only improved, i also made a ton of great friends. i will never forget this experience.”

carrie waldron
freshman



BACK (L-R): C. Waldron, G. Pohlman, S. South, R. Tarter, C. Kramer
MIDDLE: T. Malawy, L. Treu, L. Waeckerle, G. Cascella FRONT: M. Palmer, K. Schwartz, E. Sheehan

JV dance team

Junior Stephanie South is ready to perform at the spirit game. South had help with the routine from 1999 pom captain, Caroline Taylor Tubbesing.

With precision, JV dance team performs its favorite, a high-energy kick routine, choreographed by junior Rachel Tarter.

Sophomore Trista Malawy and freshman Megan Palmer perform the stomp section of their Spirit Week routine.



dancin' in freedom

by betsie boggs

Taking charge, JV dance team proved itself in both camp and performance, having freedom in choreography and in making decisions.

“The coaches let us make decisions like what outfits to wear, and they also let us make up the routines we performed,” said Co-Captain Stephanie South, junior.

The team had six routines, four

of which team members choreographed. The styles of their routines included jazz, poms, hip-hop and kick, and the overall favorite was the competition routine they called “Britney Mix.” In past years the team took most of its routines from camp during the summer, but this squad thought outside the box to create its own routines.

The team experienced suc-

cess at camp, where it received the “On the Ball Award” for being on time and on task. It also received a bid to Nationals because of its blue ribbons. Plus, freshman Gina Cascella and junior Rachel Tarter received the “All-Star Award” for excellence. The team also received third place for its Spirit Week routine at the St. Charles Competition.





BACK (L-R): Coach P. Smallwood, B. Neu, S. Lillenberg, J. McAtee, K. Stillman, M. Leeker, K. Bateman, T. Disch, B. Franz, Coach J. Wilkinson **FRONT:** D. Kaufman, J. Minnella, D. Kim, T. Smallwood, J. Munson, H. Hicks, S. Oberle, V. Cascella

“we had a lot of fun, got a lot of playing time and the team was laid back.”

shawn oberle
freshman

Blocking a shot, seventh grader Taylor Smallwood defends against Parkway North.



“One-hockey, two-hockey, three-hockey.” Eighth grader Jimmy Munson controls the face-off against the Vikings.



Eighth grader Tyler Disch has a breakaway from the Vikings during the Mar. 4 game against Parkway North.



movin' on up

by betsie boggs

Although the hockey “C” team had a rocky start, it learned and progressed through the season and improved as a result of losses. The team was made up of seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th graders who were all preparing to move to Varsity in years to come.

“At the beginning of the season we didn’t know how good we were going to be, but we pro-

gressed, and ended up beating teams we never thought we could,” said freshman Hank Hicks.

Players had ample playing time on the ice and worked hard to improve their skills. Some freshmen even improved enough to move to Varsity during the season, such as first year Westminster player Khris Stillman.

“We saw the team improve

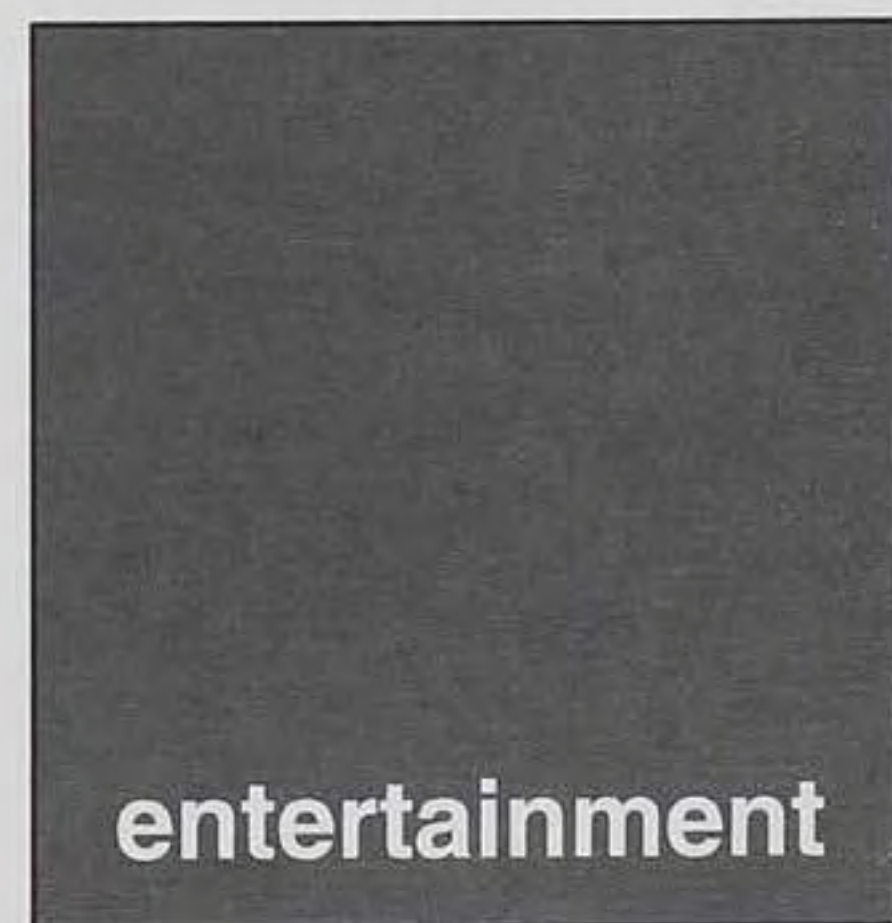
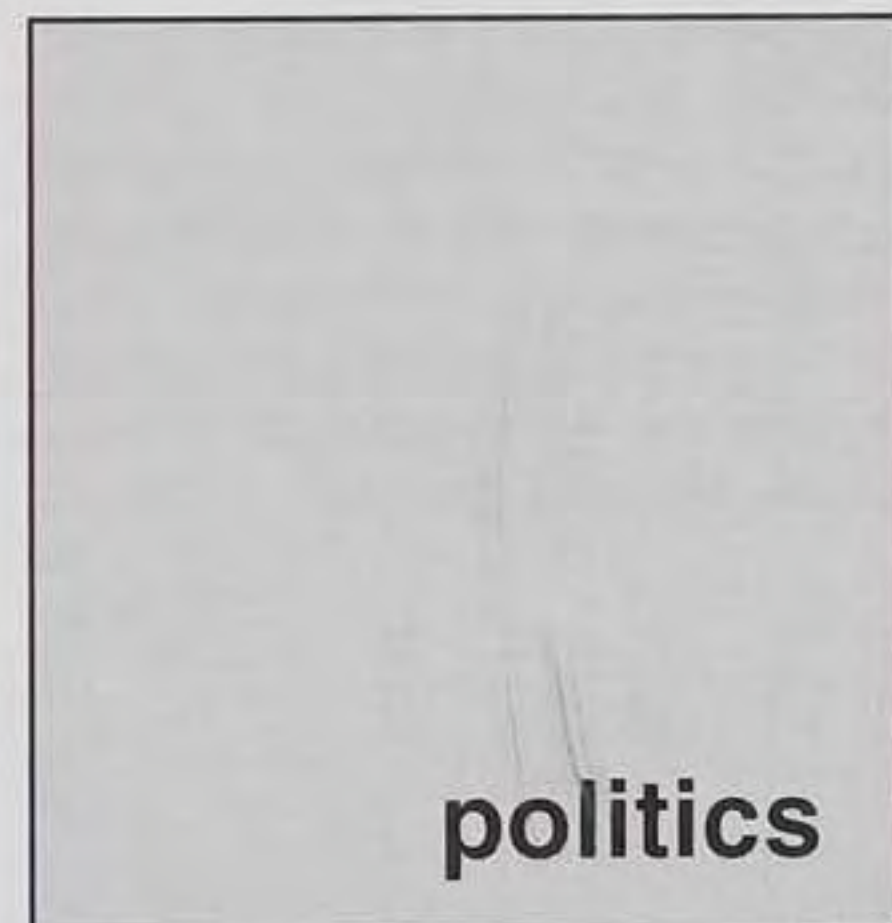
gradually through the season, especially from the losses,” said freshman Jack McAtee.

Along with the losses the team had victories, such as its favorite game against Parkway North. During this game the team beat the Vikings 6-5, after previously losing to them 7-3.

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what happened?



sports



The New England Patriots won Super Bowl XXXVIII Feb. 1, 2004 in Houston, Texas. The game started slowly but went out with a bang as Patriots won 32-29 against the Carolina Panthers. New England Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady won Super Bowl MVP, passing 354 yards to gain three touchdowns. The game will be most remembered for a controversial halftime show produced by MTV.

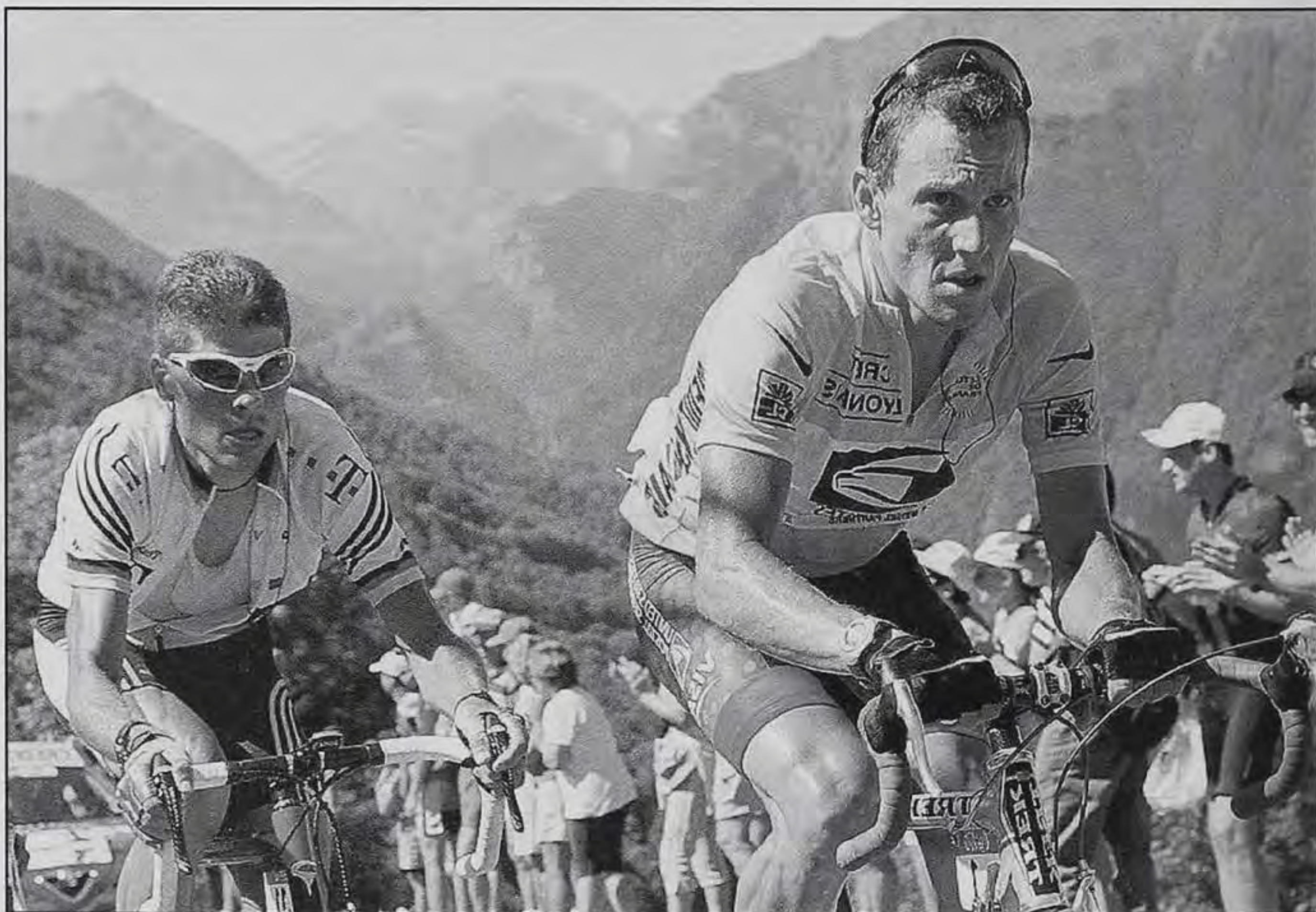
After 15 years of denial, baseball legend Pete Rose admitted in Jan. 2004 to betting on baseball. He made the bets in 1987 and 1988 while managing the Cincinnati Reds. Rose said, "That was my mistake: not coming clean a lot earlier."



Chicago Cubs' player Sammy Sosa was caught using a cork bat in a regular season game June 3, 2003. Using the cork bat, which is illegal in major league baseball, cost Sosa an eight game suspension.



Lance Armstrong won first place in the Tour de France July 27, 2003 in its 100th year. There were 147 other riders in the race, and this was Armstrong's fifth consecutive year winning the yellow jersey. Armstrong is a cancer survivor, which makes his victory even sweeter.



politics

Saddam Hussein's regime came to an abrupt stop Dec. 13, 2003 when US forces captured him in an underground hiding place outside a remote farmhouse near Tikrit, Iraq. Hussein's capture was a major turning point in the War on Terror.



In an historic recall, the people who elected former California Governor Gray Davis voted to replace him. Austrian actor-turned-politician Arnold Schwarzenegger moved into his office Nov. 17, 2003.



President George W. Bush shocked the world Nov. 27, 2003 when he surprised American troops in Iraq for Thanksgiving Day. The President had Thanksgiving dinner with the troops to show his appreciation for their ongoing effort in the War on Terror.



Multi-millionaire Martha Stewart was found guilty Friday, Mar. 5, 2004 for conspiracy, obstruction of justice and securities fraud after sale of her ImClone System stock.



California assemblyman Darrel Steinberg approved gay marriage in Sacramento. Soon thereafter, President George W. Bush stated his disapproval for the matter and released plans to ammend the Constitution. As a rebuttal, talk show host Rosie O'Donnell publicly married her lesbian lover, Kelli Carpenter, Feb.12, 2004.



people



Hurricane Isabel ripped through the coasts of North Carolina, Virginia and Washington D.C. in the second week of Sept. 2003. Isabel hit with a force of 100 mph winds, killing at least 23 people and leaving millions without power.



America lost a beloved actress June 29, 2003 when Katherine Hepburn died at the age of 96. Hepburn held the lead for most Academy Awards by winning four in addition to receiving 12 nominations for best actress. Some of her most famous works include *Summertime* (1955), *The Rainmaker* (1956) and *Long Day's Journey Into Night* (1962). Hepburn once said, "I don't regret anything I've ever done as long as I enjoyed it at the time."



Legendary comedian Bob Hope died July 27, 2003 at the age of 100. Hope was a servant to the military, entertaining troops in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Daughter Linda Hope said, "He loved to make people laugh and make people happy."



Two-time Grammy winner Barry White, 58, died July 4, 2003 from high blood pressure and kidney failure. White will be remembered for such great hits as "Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe" and "You're My First, My Last, My Everything."



Famous singer Johnny Cash died Sept. 12, 2003 at age 71 from complications with his diabetes. Cash recorded over 1,500 songs in his life and won 11 Grammys. His big hits include "Don't Take Your Guns to Town" and "Ring of Fire."



Child icon Bob Keeshan, better known as Captain Kangaroo, died Jan. 23, 2004 at the age of 76. Keeshan entertained children with his television show on CBS for 30 years, winning six Emmys and three Peabody Awards.



At 87, actor Gregory Peck died of old age June 12, 2003. Peck is most famous for his 1962 role of Atticus Finch in *To Kill A Mockingbird*, for which he was awarded an Oscar for best actor. Peck was also nominated for five other films.



entertainment

FOX Broadcasting captivated its viewers with a new teen drama, *The OC*. *USA Today* compared the show to the popular *Beverly Hills 90210*. *The OC* attracted an average of 12.9 million viewers weekly.



Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom stole the big screen with the big hit *Pirates of the Caribbean*. The film raked in \$46.4 million its first weekend, bringing the gross to \$305.4 million in the United States alone, \$652.1 million worldwide.



Once big-time pop sensation Michael Jackson was charged with child molestation Dec. 17, 2003. Jackson pleaded "not guilty" to his seven counts of child molestation.



Producer Mel Gibson released his controversial film, *The Passion of the Christ* Feb. 25, 2004. Churchgoers nationwide rented entire theatres, using the film as an evangelistic and outreach tool. But it had its own attraction as well, grossing \$149 million in its first weekend; eventually, the general public pushed its profit beyond that of most blockbusters.



The friends say goodbye as NBC wrapped up its 10th and final season May 6, 2004. An estimated 34-36 million viewers were expected to tune in for the last big show, and advertisers paid \$2 million for a 30 second commercial slot, the same one would pay for that slot during the Super Bowl.

Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake shocked the world during the Super Bowl halftime show Feb. 1, 2004. Timberlake and Jackson were singing a duet when Justin concluded it with, "I'm gonna have you naked by the end of this song," and ripped Jackson's costume, exposing her right breast. CBS called the stunt "an outrage," and Timberlake explained it as a "wardrobe malfunction." MTV is banned from producing another halftime show for any future Super Bowls.



conclusion???

The absolutely amazing feature about fresh is that there really is no conclusion. Although the year may be over, and events seem to be coming to a close, it is really only the beginning. Soon, summer will be in full swing, and new experiences which we deem as fresh will be upon us, giving us a renewed sense of beginnings. Yes, those graduating are moving to the new and different, but those filling their places will do the same. After all, every moment, in every life, is a fresh beginning of a changing creation.





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rebecca keffer

Rebecca, God has given you a sweet spirit and a loving heart. It has been our privilege to raise you. You have brought so much peace and joy into our family. Your faith is a testimony to your commitment to following Jesus Christ in all you do. Proverbs 3:3-6. We love you! Mom, Dad, Laura and Brian



elliott lowe

All the dreams I prayed you would be are all the things you are. You are a blessing. I thank God for you. Love, Mom

heather schaper

Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Heather, you were the answer to that promise. We love you and are so proud of the young woman you have become. Love, Mom and Dad



andrew bateman

The little man who grew up fast. You have our love and it will last. Put all your trust in God above. He shall guide you with everlasting love. Proverbs 2:7-8. Love forever, Mom and Dad

megan jones

Staring out the bay window, nightly songfests, tucked in feet first, ball games, choir festivals - you made the journey joyous! May each day bring new joy for fresh challenges, and your faith in the Lord be the foundation for each day's response. All our love, Mom, Dad and Phil



david stair

God has blessed us in so many ways through you! We see His character reflected in your life and rejoice in anticipation of what He has planned for your future. While much of what lies ahead will unfold slowly, we are confident that God will be faithful in carrying on to completion the good work He has begun in you - for your benefit and His glory. Love, Dad, Mom and Brian

stephen kruse

We love you and are proud of you for both your servant heart and leadership characteristics. Continue to cherish and build your relationship with the Lord daily. You have brought much joy and love into our family. "Be joyful always, pray continually, in everything give thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Love, Mom and Dad



nicholas cascella

To the Mister, the joy you've filled our hearts with these past 18 years is immeasurable! We've watched with awe as you have grown from an adorable infant into an incredible young man of character and integrity. We admire your passion for sports and your upbeat outlook on life. You are truly a delight ... you have an Awesome Creator! Love, Mom and Dad

kassandra kennedy

Sassy, our first born: you came into our lives and taught us how to love in a totally new way. We are proud of the woman you have become. Remember we will always love and support you throughout your life. With much love, Mom and Dad



rob jacobson

Your smile, enthusiasm and loving spirit have been a blessing in our lives. We love you so much! As you begin this new chapter in your life, "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). Love, Mom and Dad



caroline gamache

Isaiah 40:31: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint."



aubrey howard

You never cease to amaze me! I treasure all our "lasterdays." Who loves you? ... your mother. How much? ... more than you'll ever know. How long? ... forever and ever. "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us" (Ralph Waldo Emerson). God bless you, Aubrey.

linden mueller

Dear Linden, we are so proud of you and thankful for the lovely and godly young woman you have become. You are a blessing to all of us and we love you dearly!



paul kruse

What a blessing you've been. You have brought lots of fun and humor into the family. Your knowledge of sports still amazes us. The Lord has held you from the beginning. Don't be suprised one day if they call you Pastor Paul. We know that God will use you in a mighty way. Proverbs 3:5-7. We all love you. Thanks for the memories. Mom and Dad

jenny schaffner

Jenny, we've prayed for you to hear God's call and to follow Him with your whole heart. He says, "I rejoice in doing you good, and will assuredly plant you in this land with all my heart and soul" (Jeremiah 32:41). Love Him! We are very proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad



grace wicks

You are a precious young lady. God created you uniquely and perfectly for His plans. We pray you will always look to Him for strength and wisdom. May you glorify God in all you do. Remember Isaiah 41:10 and Philippians 4:13. We love you very much. Dad, Mom and Rusty

katie poland

Heavenly Father, we are amazed, awed and humbled when we consider the wonderful privilege you gave us to be Katie's parents! Thank you for her beauty, charm, poise, wit and energy. Thank you for how she has been a blessing to those around her from the day she was born. Thank you for how she will continue to be your vessel in the days to come. AMEN. Psalm 9:1-2.



robert johnston

Robert, you have been and will continue to be a blessing from God. We love you so much. God has given you many gifts; put them to good use. Always look to God for guidance and follow His will and you will never go wrong. Love, Dad, Mom and Sarah

michael a. shaw

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1b). Mikey, we are so proud - what a godly man you are becoming! We pray that God will continue to use your athletic skill, humor and enthusiasm to lead others. Love, the Fam



kristi mullen

As our daughter and friend, you have shown us joy in giving and celebrating special days, encouragement and growth through suffering, depth and understanding based on truth, and pure exhilaration of the ocean. Use your many gifts to the glory of the Lord and ground your life in God's word.



andrew fields

Your compassionate heart for others, your desire to gain knowledge and share it with others, your willingness to serve, your incredible sense of humor and easy going personality are the special ingredients God has placed in you for His purpose. We are so proud that you have discovered early to yield to His purpose. Isaiah 61:1. We love you, Mom and Dad



jonathan jarboe

God has blessed you with so many special gifts. We know that your future will shine! We love you with all our hearts! We will miss you when you go off to college! With love, Mom and Daddy and siblings

jobeth black

Our JoBeth, we were blessed the day you were born. You have enriched our lives with your loving grace that God has given you. Remember, always have a special place in your heart for the Lord. Love, Mom and Dad. "Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Colossians 3:12).



lindsay mcclure

We love and cherish you. Your dad, mom and brother are here for you to give you love, encouragement and support as you "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Dad, Mom and Ryan

ashley suermann

Remember Isaiah 30:21. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it." God will never lead you in the wrong direction if you follow Him. Love always and forever, Mom, Poppie, Erika and TJ



barrett body

Barrett, God has blessed us and provided such joy for 18 years. You have grown into a man of strength and character, focused on God. We are very proud of you. May the Lord bless and keep you close all the days of your life. Love Mom, Dad and Heather

katie mastin

The Lord has been gracious to give us a daughter who loves the Lord as you do. You are a precious gift to our family. "Love the Lord with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind - and your neighbor as yourself." All our love, Mom and Dad



barek kamps

Born in Alaska, baptized in Iowa, raised in Arizona, snowboarded in Alberta, high school in Missouri. Stay on the right road and your life will bring glory to God and joy to you. We are your best cheerleaders. We love you, Dad and Mom

britney bennet

You are our sweet love! You have carried yourself with dignity and grace, and we are so very proud of you! Never forget that you are a world-changer and always seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. Loving you forever, Mommy and Daddy



nick burrus

Nick, we are so very proud of the amazing young man you have become. You are a blessing to our family, and we love you. Your future is bursting with excitement and new challenges; remember, there are no limits to what you can accomplish. Follow your dreams. Our love always! Mom, Dad and Maggie

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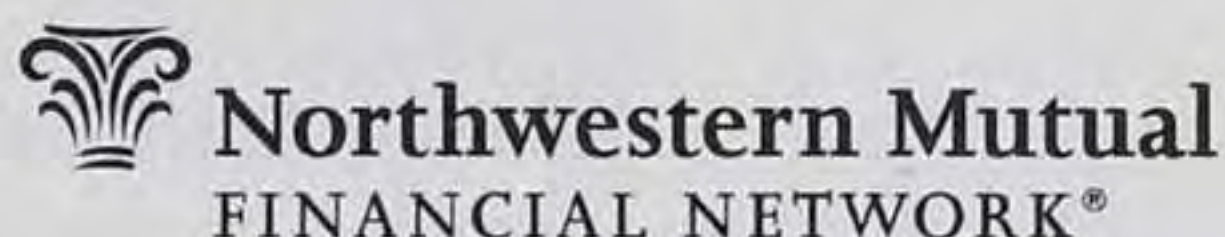
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...and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 1Ti3:14-15

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Basketball games, family church, Sanibel memories, night-time prayers, JSB, Christmas Banquet surprises, sleep-overs, "the-girls," ski trips, long study nights, shoulder surgery, carpool, lunch notes, etc. have all gone too fast. Thanks to God for such a blessing! Whitney, you are beautiful inside and out. We love you! Mom and Dad



daniel koch

Dan, you are "wonderfully made" and incredibly special to us! Due to your birth, Dad accepted Jesus; since then we've had great joy watching you grow! You've experienced the "lion's den" of trials, yet triumphed with God's help. Always trust God to guide you and us to support you. All our love, Dad, Mom and David

rob stain

Rob, your enthusiasm and sense of humor have challenged us and made us smile. We are proud of you and your God-given gifts. Guard them and do not waste them. May God's spirit enable you along your journey. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. We love you, Spanky, Dad and Mom



grant winship

Grant, We love you so much! We rejoice with you in your faith. It is a joy to watch you become a man of God. Trust in Him and be patient. He has an incredible plan for your life. 2 Timothy 2:21. Love, Mom, Dad and Drew

megan maher

You are truly a blessing to all of us, and we know that God has special plans for you. We love you very much! Love Mom, Dad, Holley and your special angel, Rob. Psalm 27:1.



chris wescoat

Our "baby" is graduating - hard to believe. You've blessed our lives with your sense of humor, imagination and love for others. As you begin to walk down a new road may you sense God's presence every day. He will always guide you. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad

lily strand

Lily, you have always had the faith of an angel. We love you and we pray that ... "The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you Peace." Dad and Mom



angie haberberger

To our little princess: you are a blessing to us and we are proud of you. "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). All our love, Mom and Dad

johanna roberts

UFFDA! The time has flown, Johanna! Your gentle spirit rests in the strength of your faith in Jesus. Remember your roots and let the Lord lift you up on eagle's wings. You remain a joy and delight. Smile. Mom, Dad, Sam, Marta, Noah



luke adams

While scrutinizing the life of Curly in the gospel of *City Slickers*, Billy Crystal unknowingly stumbled upon Jesus' "one thing" truth: "One thing is needed and Mary has chosen what is better" (Luke 10:42). Luke, you're called solely to one thing - passionate devotion to Him. So, keep pressing on, always camping out at the Lord's feet. Love ya big time, LA! Mom and Dad



jessica arrington

You are still our beautiful daughter, except that you have grown into a godly young lady. We are looking forward to the next phase of your life. Keep God first; pray often. Matthew 6:33.



amanda rill

Dear Amanda, words cannot express how much we love you and thank God for you. You have brought much sunshine and joy to our home. Keep looking to God for direction in your life. May God continue to bless and guide you in all you do. Philippians 1:6. Love, Mom and Dad

jessie degnan

You sweet bundle of energy! We watched you take those 1,000/day questions and use your gifts to accomplish so much! We are proud of who you've become and look with excitement to where our Jessabarooni will go in life and who will be blessed by your love! Love, Dad and Mom



corey cullum

Corey, you came into the world with a smile. You brighten everything you touch. We are so proud of the awesome person you are. The joy you've brought is endless like our love for you. Don't be satisfied with less than all you can be, for you have greatness within you.

michael c. shaw

Michael, not only do we love you so much, but we like who you are. You're a man with a heart for God and compassion for people. Always trust in the Lord and think outside the box. We're so proud of you. Chewy! Psalm 1 and Numbers 6:24-26. Love, Mom, Dad and Tony



slade johnson

"A wise son brings joy to his father" (Proverbs 10:1). The excitement of your arrival was only exceeded by your emergence as a man after God's own heart. With pride, our prayers and our love, we offer you again to Him who is able to keep you from falling. Mom and Dad

ben ogier

We are so proud of the young man you have become. You have handled life's challenges with so much courage. "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:6). We love you. Mom, Dad, Emily and Anne



andrew perry

We are so incredibly proud of you, not only of your accomplishments and abilities, but we are also proud of the young man you have become. We continually thank God for the great gift He has given us in you. Always put God first in your life, for He loves you even more than we do. Love always, Mom and Dad

justin derosa

Justin, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him." Since a baby you've always been the entertainer, a wonderfully mature, loving and spiritual man. You have enriched our lives. We love you very much! Mom, Dad, Taylor



rachel greenplate

Your body is tall and straight; your heart is strong and kind; your mind is sharp and sensitive. Had you none of these gifts, you would still be our treasure, a priceless gift from a loving God. We love you, Sparky! Isaiah 41:10. Mom and Dad



ashley bono

You've blessed our lives, brightened our days and been a light to those around you. We know God has great plans for you. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart..." (Proverbs 3:5-6) and you will do well. Love you forever, Mom, Dad and Ben xxxooo



amy pierce

Bee: God truly blessed us a thousand times when you were born into our lives. We're so proud of who you are, even more than your accomplishments. May you shine with His light forever! Lobba you, Mom and Dad

elizabeth simon

Elizabeth, consecrated to God. Our hearts are full with the joy of watching you mature into a beautiful young woman who seeks after God's heart. Your sweet and tender spirit is evident to all who know you. We are excited to see what God has planned for your life. Continue seeking His purpose for your life. We love you so very much. Mom and Dad. Proverbs 31:30



emily dickerson

E- Exceptional and Elegant
M- Multi-Talented
I- Imaginative and Industrious
L- Loving and Lovable
Y- You've grown into a lovely young woman. We're so proud of you! Proverbs 3:5-6. We love you, Emily! Dad, Mom, Mom Balraj and Timothy

ashley koeneman

Ashie B., words cannot describe the joy you've brought to our lives. We're very proud of the young woman you've become. Remember that God loves you, and so do we. Can't wait to see what He has in store for you. Remain true to Him and yourself. Love, Mom and Dad



meghan sullivan

You have matured into a lovely young woman. You will succeed in life in whatever you pursue. Meghan, we love you and are extremely proud of you. (If you have a child that is half the person that you are, you will truly be blessed.) Love, Mom and Dad

brian mckindley

From the moment I laid my eyes on you, I knew you were a gift from God. I cannot believe 18 years have passed. You have grown in strength, character, compassion and love of God and life. It has been a joy and a privilege to be your mom. I will also be here for you no matter what God has in store for you. Love, Mom



katie dolan

What a privilege it has been to share life with you. I look forward to sharing your future and pray that you will continue to "Not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). Love, Mom

kathryn fanchi

You are such a precious gift from God. You have brought so much joy and laughter to our family. You are growing into a wonderful, godly woman. Continue to trust God to direct your path. We love you! Mom, Dad, Peter, Chelsea and Emily



scott kaup

What would an amusement park be without a rollercoaster; what would our family be without you? You've made us laugh; you've kept us on our knees. You've taught us more than we've taught you. We have failed you often, but we love you with passion, and are committed to you. Our prayer for you is Proverbs 3:5-7.



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ryan fitzpatrick

Ry-guy ... my adviser. I've cried in your arms. It's hard to let you go. The spy missions, snow fights, hockey - you're the best bro! I love you! Tesser

"Son of all sons." Quite the Buck! You overcame adversity to become a man of virtue, integrity and sensitivity. Use God's strength and soar like an eagle! "KB." We are proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad



emily reed

Emmy, you have brought so much pure joy into our lives. We are truly grateful for the beautiful and confident young woman you've become. We are anxious to see the Lord's plan for you unfold, so we now know we must give you wings in order to watch you soar. Philippians 4:13. Always count on us to be here for you. We love you with all our hearts! Dad, Mom, Missy and Tim

will hotchkiss

Will, congratulations on your graduation from WCA! We thank God for the joy you bring to our family and the young man you have become! "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed" (Proverbs 16:3). We love you. Mom, Dad, Sam, June



emily roig

Our dearest Emily, what a happy baby you were, our dear "Pumpkin." It has been a blessing to watch you grow into a confident and beautiful young woman. Always keep the Lord first as you journey through life. We love you! Mom, Dad, Ben and David

nancy maxwell

Nancy Jewel, the joy you've given us cannot be measured. Always remember, you're just the person the world needs to fill your shoes and smile your smile, to laugh your laugh and share your incredible uniqueness with everyone that is blessed to know you...and the truth shall make you free. Love, Mom and Dad



abby schnitzler

Abby, you have been a true joy in our lives. Your loving and giving heart has taught us so much about God's own heart for his children. You will always be the light of our lives, and we pray that as we send you into the world, you will continue to give your whole heart to the Lord and seek His kingdom above all things. Psalm 91:4. Love, Mom and Dad

abby dollarhide

Our fourth born and the apple of our eye. Your inner strength has blessed us beyond measure. Through your openness, God will surely use you powerfully! So, what's next? It will be just like senior year, except "funner!" 1 Peter 5:10. Mom, Dad, Annie, Ashley and Tim



mason allbritten

Our dearest Mason, you fill our home with endless joy and laughter. We delight in being around you and love you so much. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him" (Proverbs 3:5-6a). Love, Mom, Dad and Brooke

courtney south

Courtney, I'm proud of how you live your life. You offer your love and support to family and friends. Don't allow people to keep you from dreaming. The Lord is faithful and never changes. Jeremiah 29:11. Your smile brings joy into my world. I'll always be there for you. Love, Mom



chris collum

Little did we know that at six months of age, you would already know what direction your future career would take! Always use your talents for God's glory, and you'll lead a very happy, fulfilled life. We love you. Mom and Dad



nina hiles

Congratulations! We thank the Lord for you, Nina. Always remember to measure success by God's standards and not by man's. Continue to let your light shine brightly for Jesus. Grace and peace to you in abundance. We love you! Mom, Dad, Eric and Emily



jeff holley

We thank God for what a blessing and joy you are in our lives. You make us laugh. We are so proud of you, and we see God working daily in your life. We love you so much and pray Christ will guide you in everything you do. Be a man of character Proverbs 3:5-6. Love, Mom and Dad

lauren roberts

As you take your next steps, keep in mind that your potential is as vast as your dreams and your ability is as great as your effort. So hold your head high. Lead with your mind but step with your heart. Dream big and work hard, for the world is yours to discover. Love always, Mom, Dad, Meredith and Dani



lauren steingrubby

Lauren, I can't believe 18 years have gone by so quickly! You are a bright, talented, beautiful young woman. I am confident you will continue to make wise choices and will succeed in all you do. We will miss you, but we are excited to see what the future has in store for you. We are very proud of you! Love, Mom and Erin

gina forte

You have brought so much joy to my life. You are a gift from God, the treasure of my heart. "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9). I Love you, Forever! Mom



mark schopp

Mark, Our greatest wish is that you prosper in the future in all areas of your life. Psalms 1:3: "Whatsoever he does shall prosper." Thanks for the last 18 years. You have added to our life in so many ways. Your life is our gain. Thank you. Dad, Mom, Krista and Zach

josh camp

Soon you will be graduating and leaving home to pursue your own dreams. Keep your eyes focused on God and your heart open to His will for your life. Proverbs 3:5-8. Love, Mom and Doug. P.S. You know where you can always get your back scratched.



brett stewart

Babe, being your mom is a blast! What will I do without you?! You have overcome much and are growing strong and courageous, decisive and discerning. You're ready to step out and fulfill your destiny. Let the Lord be your guide. Know that "The Morris" and I are praying. I love and adore you! Mom

crystal beasley

Crystal, God has blessed us with a beautiful and talented daughter who shows us love, compassion, gentleness and how to care for others. We are so proud of you for being a wonderful role model for your brother and friends. Psalms 32:8: "I will guide you along the pathway of your life. I will advise you and watch over you." We Love you so much. Mom and Dad



peter whitley

Peter, you are the fifth blessing that filled our quiver, and what a strong rock you have been in our family. You know how to encourage, you have tremendous discernment and you are a peacemaker. Remember that God is your salvation, your mighty rock and your refuge. Psalm 62: 7-8. Love, Mom



gerrod heise

My son, preserve sound judgement and discernment, do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you (Proverbs 3:18). Our love for you is without boundaries, and our prayer for your life is to walk in righteousness according to the will of God. Love, Dad and Mom



pat breedlove

Sweet Patrick, what a joy you have been in our family! We are blessed by your love, compassion, affection, sound judgement, wit, charisma and good nature. Our anticipation is great in seeing which way the Lord will direct your path for His glory. You are in God's hands. Make wise choices. We will always be praying for you. We love you very much! Mom, Dad and Jon. Psalm 119:9

liz forkin

Dear sweet Lizzy. YOUR picture is worth more than a thousand words, not 60, but here goes: You are truly blessed with a zest for life. You have been beautiful, smart, ambitious, witty, comical and yes, stubborn, from the very beginning. Your love of the Lord is your greatest gift. You should forever treasure all of these attributes. We love you so much. Mom and Dad



nick dipietri

I thank God for placing you in our family. Your journey from the shy, serious infant you were to the strong, wise, caring man you are has been a joy to us. Continue seeking His ways, and your life will continue to be a blessing to others and a joy to you. Remember Psalm 105:4 and, of course, John 15:13. Mom, Dad and Tony

andrew roby

Son, your natural magnetism draws many to you. It is a joy to watch you striving to learn where to lead them. Stay in the Word and you will grow wiser still. A nimble thinker with flair for witty expression, you've come a long way since the "Dough Show."



neil peterson

As you begin your adult life, you will face many critical decisions. All the best guidance can be found in the scriptures: Psalms 3:5-6, Ecclesiastes 9:10 and 1 Corinthians 10:31. God loves you more than you can imagine always, and we give thanks that He has given you to us. You are in our prayers always. Love, Mom and Dad

mary mancuso

Mare Bear, that beautiful voice filled our house and our hearts. You are filled with a godly joy that is infectious, go, using your talents to serve others. Know that we will continue on bended knee, keeping you close even if you are far away. Remember Ecclesiastes 2:26. Love, Mom and Dad



jenny reinwart

Jenny, always remember how much you are loved. Look toward your future with joy and excitement as you ask for God's direction in using the wonderful gifts He has blessed you with. You have brought us much joy, and we are very proud of you.

craig bross

We are so proud of you and the fine young man that you have become. As we celebrate this special time in your life, remember to acknowledge God in all your ways, and He will direct your path. Love, Dad, Beverly, Whitney, Brooke and Leslie



scott west

Dear Scott, God has blessed our lives with you. We love you, and we are very proud of your accomplishments. Your smile has brightened many a day. God has blessed you with many true talents, music and writing. Seek God's will always; the best is yet to come. Love, Mom and Dad





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