REvealing the SPARTANS

IBID 2006

Seniors REUNITE

The 93 students in the Class of 2006 are a group of diverse individuals who strove for excellence in the multitude of their ambitious activities. The class participated widely in extracurriculars. About 70% participated in at least one sport, 76% took fine art classes and 13 were National Merit Semi-Finalist Scholars, the highest for a high school in the state of Minnesota. With 27 "lifers," here since kindergarten, many Middle School additions, and most arriving by ninth grade, the class grew-up together, learning from and influencing each other.





above right: Preparing for the boat race at the Senior Retreat, **Nathan Brand** and **Charlie Riesenberg** discuss their winning strategy.
above: Floating in the St. Croix River, **Torry Whitney**, **Lindsay Hart**, **Paley Fairman** and **Briana Hobert** soak up the sun on the Senior Retreat. The seniors spent two days and one night at Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI. The retreat offered the seniors a time to bond and prepare to be the new leaders of the school.





right: After climbing the balancing pole on the retreat, **Meghan Ertl-Bendickson** jumps from the pole to ring the hanging bell.
far right: Racing towards the finish line, **T.J. Moss** drives the raft his team built. Teams were given a cardboard box, plastic bag and duct tape to build their rafts.



The senior section at the Homecoming Pep Fest claps and laughs for the Dartin' Spartan Chariot Race.





Unity

The senior class is a group of unique individuals with assorted interests, but for years the Class of '06 was notoriously divided. Known for their Slam Book in Middle School and exclusive cliques, the class had doubts about the infamous Junior Retreat, which supposedly brings classes together. Happily, all were pleasantly surprised as the class came together on the retreat during May of their junior year. On retreat, the class put their differences aside and explored their desires to be more united. "We let ourselves be vulnerable and it was effective in gaining insight into each other's emotions, something we'd never done before," remembers Liz Kigin. Through forums and class discussions, most voices and opinions were heard. They spoke of desires to be friendlier in the halls, more inclusive outside of school, and to curb making judgments of each other. "We all grew a lot closer to each other on retreat," recalls Xander Minns. Juniors left the retreat with an overall consensus that it was not dislike for one another that kept the class apart, but it was due to their individual inhibitions. Putting their inhibitions aside, they entered senior year as a large group of friends, open to every other class member. Conversation in the halls was friendly, there was more mutual respect and everyone made an attempt to step outside their comfort zones knowing that they had the support of their entire class. As a result, those exclusive Middle School cliques dissolved and the Class of '06 turned into a respectful and supportive family.







above: Friendly in the hallway, **Torry Whitney** and **Sara Venjohn** embrace between classes.
far left: At the Senior Retreat, **Alan Yu** flies through the air on the Giant Swing, fifty feet above the ground.
left: Tweaking wires, **Anna Olson** works on her robot project for Senior Art Seminar.

Timeline





far right: On the sixth grade trip to Washington DC, **Liz Kigin**, **Paley Fairman**, **Tim Rank**, **Nathan Brand** and **Scottie Scott** learn about Native Americans.
right: The Lower School is famous for its Halloween parties where first graders, like **Thomas Hartman** and Carter Lee, decorate cookies.

Kindergarten:
- Torry pulls Sonya's hair every day
- Sona, Will B. and Devon get caught repeatedly for playing on the playground during nap time
- Matty wreaks havoc

Second Grade:
- Greta K. leaves half-way through year with a bowl cut
- Garden Game
- At snack time everyone finds out that Brady can't drink milk

Fourth Grade:
- Briana H. comes, talks "Aussie"
- Greg and Pat are best friends
- Emma is abused in "Horsie Game"
- Natalie and Deborah leave

Sixth Grade:
- Washington DC trip
- Pat loves honey
- Girls' basketball is actually good
- It's Perfectly Normal
- "Minns" lay-up is born

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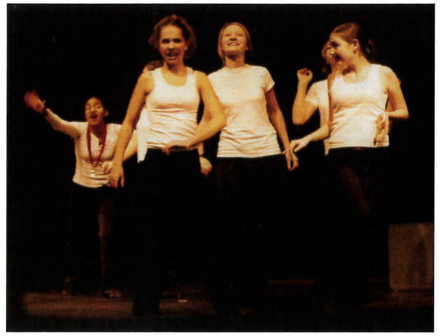
far right: Fridays in the Fall and Spring meant a barbeque cookout for lunch. Fifth grade boys enjoy a treat of chips and hamburgers on the playground.
right: Reading The Big Book and Mr. Plumbean were popular pastimes for kindergartners **Ellie Klein**, **Hilary Rice**, **Christine Hottinger** and **Ana Panone**. KB Teachers Nancy Gannon and Jane Zeddies read often to their young students.

First Grade:
- Devon cuts his rat tail
- Al, Emma, Annie, and Hilary get in trouble for going in refrigerator
- Will B's dad sings
- Wanna-be lifers come

Third Grade:
- Laser background for school pictures
- Scottie dominates Can't-Touch-Ground Tag
- Dr. Wells smokes every day in "no smoking school zone"
- Student of the Week

Fifth Grade:
- 4/5C rules all, 4/5B is loser class
- Briana H. stops talking "Aussie"
- Nathan and Thomas H. almost get expelled for beating up Joe D.
- Mills twins come





far left: Ninth grade girls **Anna Olson**, **Anna Phelps**, **Lizzy Nelson**, **Sonya Aziz-Zaman**, **Hilary Rice**, **Kate McDonald** and **Al Wennberg** go crazy at a sleep over.
left: Sassy tenth grade girls **Shayla Walker**, **Kim Katz**, **Ellie Klein** and **Christine Hottinger** perform in the One Act Play, "Interview."

Eighth Grade:
- Christine burns some of her hair off
- Tim meets God
- Slam Book
- Mr. Nyholm teaches us to waft
- Mr. Smith watches us dance from the balcony

Tenth Grade:
- Jedi Council forms
- We see prostitute get picked up at Urban Immersion
- Fantastic 4 is formed
- Tommy M. moons Ms. Ward

Twelfth Grade:
- Senior Timeline is lost
- New St. Thomas kid? (John G. arrives)
- Jordan, Brady, Nathan and Thomas H. arrested for "XTREEM Hunting"
- Greg too chill to function

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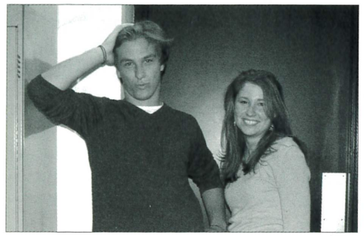
The Junior Retreat at Camp Courage near Maple Lake, Minnesota, was three days and two nights in April, 2005 and helped to unify the Class of 2006. Juniors spent time bonding and learning to become leaders during dyads, team challenges and the emotional Candlelight Ceremony.

Seventh Grade:
- Widji
- Middle School Dances push the limits of social awkwardness
- Andrew L. drinks 48 pack of Capri Sun in Jordan's basement

Ninth Grade:
- Jack and Jordan christen Mr. Severson "Seves"
- Brenden Goetz steals all girls' hearts
- Charles S. gets 5 concussions
- Shy Guy Stage initiates

Eleventh Grade:
- Girls' soccer goes to State, wins runner-up
- Fabio!
- SnoJob is born
- Poker craze, cards out-ruled
- Megan M. sports wheely backpack

Senior Poll



Dream Dates
Will DeBruyn & Lindsay Hart



Best Writer
Kate McDonald



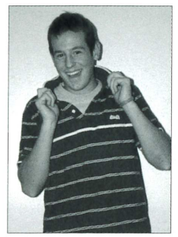
Best Role Model
Maddie Graber



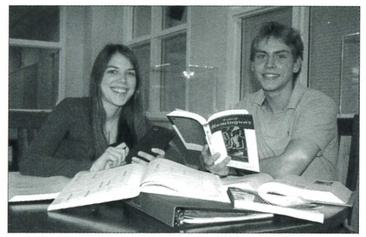
1000-Watt Smiles
Joe Dickey & Bridgette Leslie



Strongest Values
Allison Mills



Most Preppy
John Greenfield



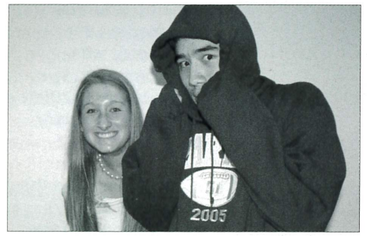
Hardest Workers
Breanna Zarmbinski & Rory Collins



Best Singer
Emma Rotilie



Future Einstein
Jake Heichert



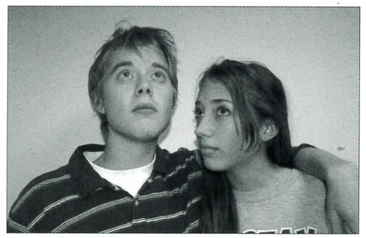
Best Hidden Personalities
Ana Panone & Sandy Ito-Maitland



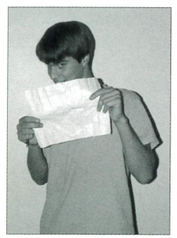
Most Changed
Lien Bui



Most Time Spent Off Campus
Tom Parnell



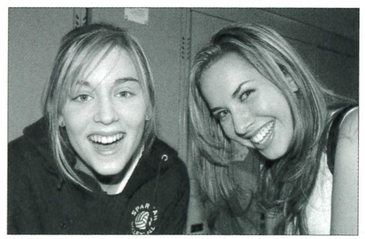
Prettiest Eyes
Tommy Malowney & Greta Egge



Most Shy
Andrew Morley



Most Eccentric
Katherine Swenson



Most Bubbly
Anne Moertel & Kim Katz



Most Awkward
Pat Fahey



Always Energized
Greta Kringle



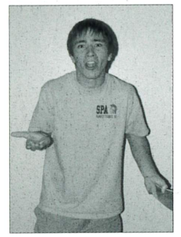
Biggest Procrastinator
David Orman



Most Easy Going
Sonya Aziz-Zaman



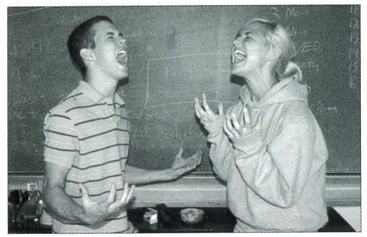
Tree Huggers
Lizzy Nelson & Anna Phelps



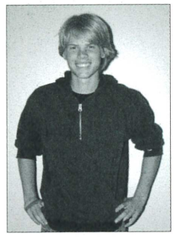
Future Comedian
Tim Rank



Most Creative Dresser
Anna Olson



Loudest
Xander Minns & Annie Heise



Best Leader
Henry Parker



Future Bill Gates
Paul Quast



Most Outdoorsy
Sam Finkelstein & Nathan Brand



Gorgeous Locks
Chloe Abuzeni



Most Motivated
Kate Noel



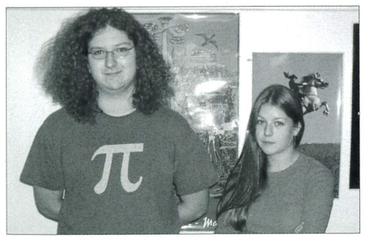
Future Olympians
Al Wennberg & Scottie Scott



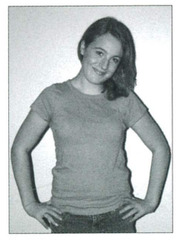
Most Courageous
Megan McCall



Best Dressed
Paley Fairman



Most Cynical
Liam Gilson & Emily Niles



Most Humble
Alyson Tocho

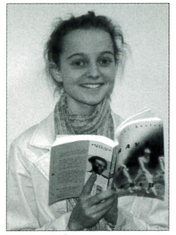


Sharpest Wit
Rachel Johnson

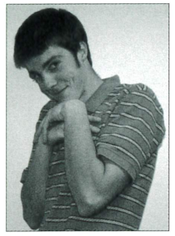


Best Actress/Actor
Ellie Klein & Adam Colton

Senior Poll



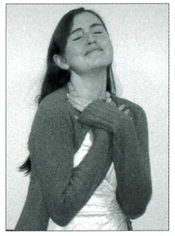
Biggest Bookworm
Alex Gast



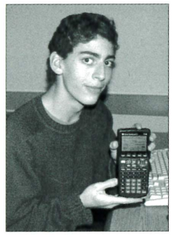
Most Adorable
Will Brunnquell



Inseparable Friends
Meghan Ertl-Bendickson & Laura Evans



Most Dramatic
Christine Hottinger



Biggest Tech Wiz
Marc Davidson



Most Supportive
Olivia Killeen & Anne Fogerty



Shortest Attention Span
John Degerness



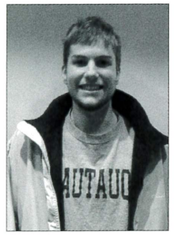
Best Storyteller
Theodore Labuza



Best Teammate
Sara Venjohn



Most Chill
Greg Narayan & Liz Kigin



Our Best Friend
Andrew Lindsay



Most Open Minded
Kate Johnson



Double Trouble
Thomas Hartman & Jordan McKay



Future Political Activist
Max Morris



Best Linguist
Jeongmin Lee



Biggest Daredevil
TJ Moss



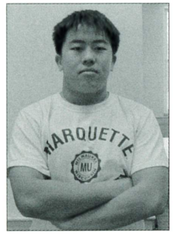
All-Around Achievers
Christina Mills & Hilary Rice



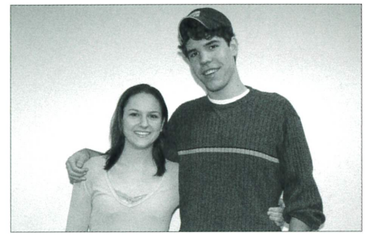
Best Musician
Sam Goldberger



Best Laugh
Emily Becker



Most Respected
Xau Moua



Genuinely Nice
Erin Venker & Alex Georgieff



Most Spunk
Shayla Walker



Most Mysterious
Max Beck & Charlie Riesenberg



Best Arguer
Arielle Bear



Most Eloquent
Alan Yu



Teacher's Pet
Torry Whitney



Biggest Poker Addict
Brady O'Rourke



Animal Lover
Heidi Chun



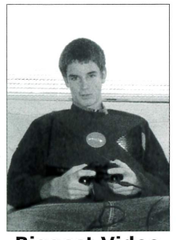
Biggest Widji Kids
Alex Neckar & Margit Miller



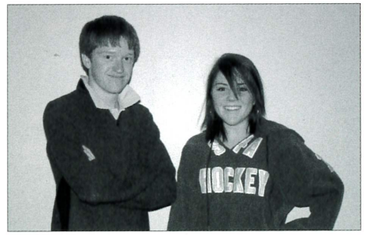
Always in a Rush
Michael Lee



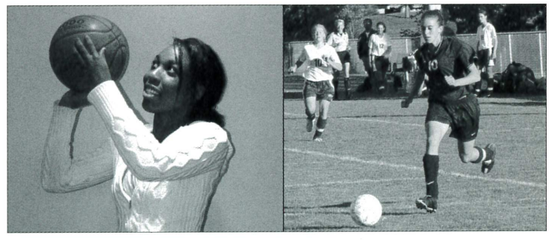
Best 'Dear Abby'
Bri Hobert



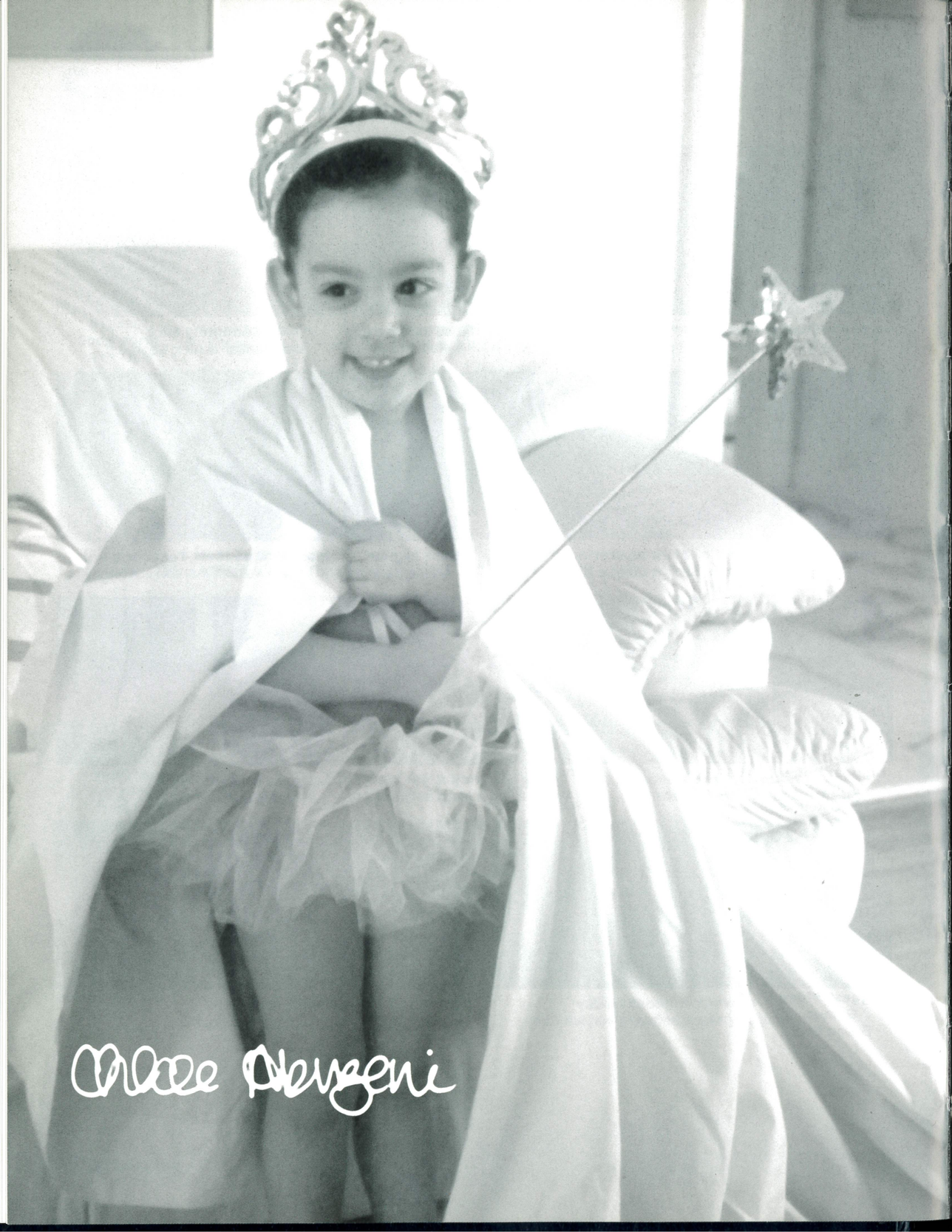
Biggest Video Gamer
Devon Gwin



Most Classy
Jack Bathke & Kaylyn Cody



Most Athletic
Uzo Obi & Ali Schwach



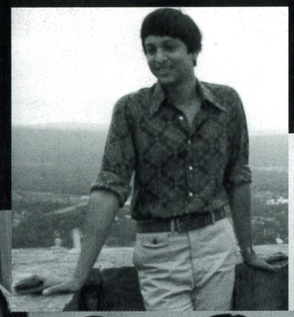
Make Believe



Sonya Aziz-Zaman

And we were laughing at the stars while
our feet clung tight to the ground.

-Modest Mouse











Well, she's walking through the clouds
With a circus mind,
That's running wild.

Butterflies and zebras and moonbeams
And fairytales,

That's all she ever thinks about...

Riding with the wind.

-Jimi Hendrix









I'm in a New York State of Mind
Jack Bathke

















Arielle Nicole Bear
חנה נתניאלה באד



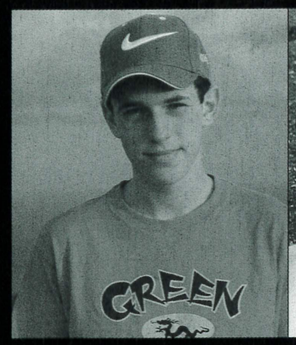
Thank you all for making my life so meaningful.









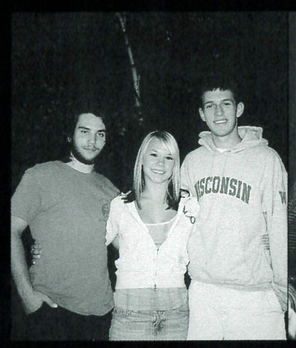








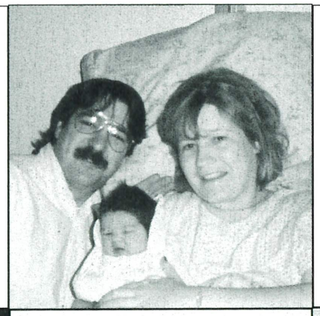
Maxwell Beck



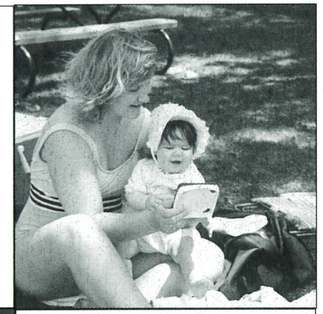




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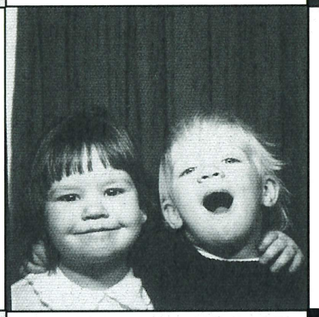


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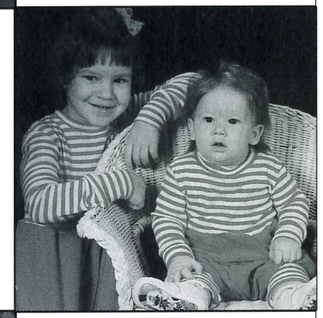


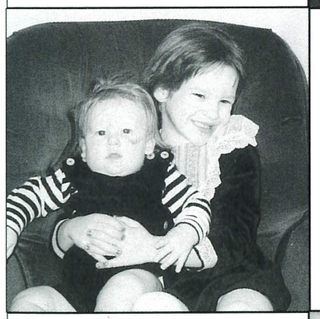
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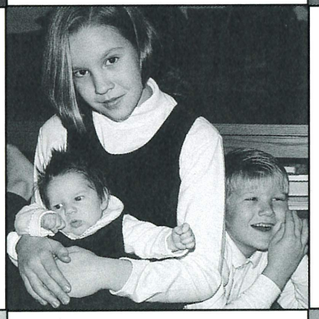


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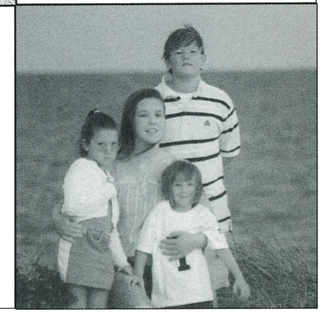


-JACK JOHNSON

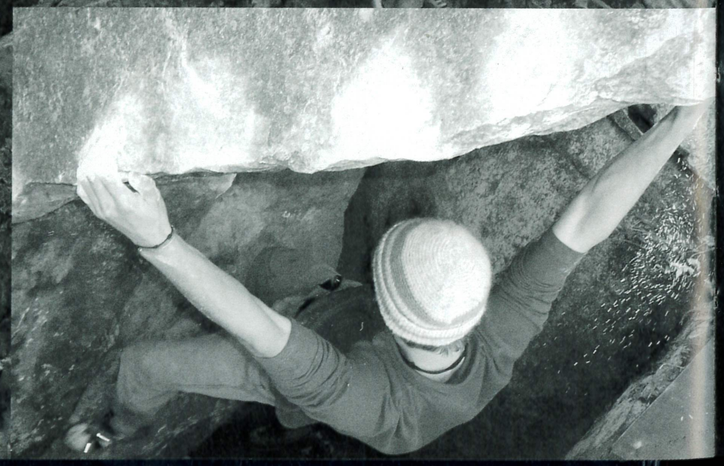
Emily



Becker



Nathan Brand









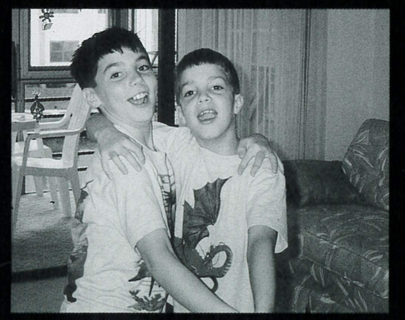






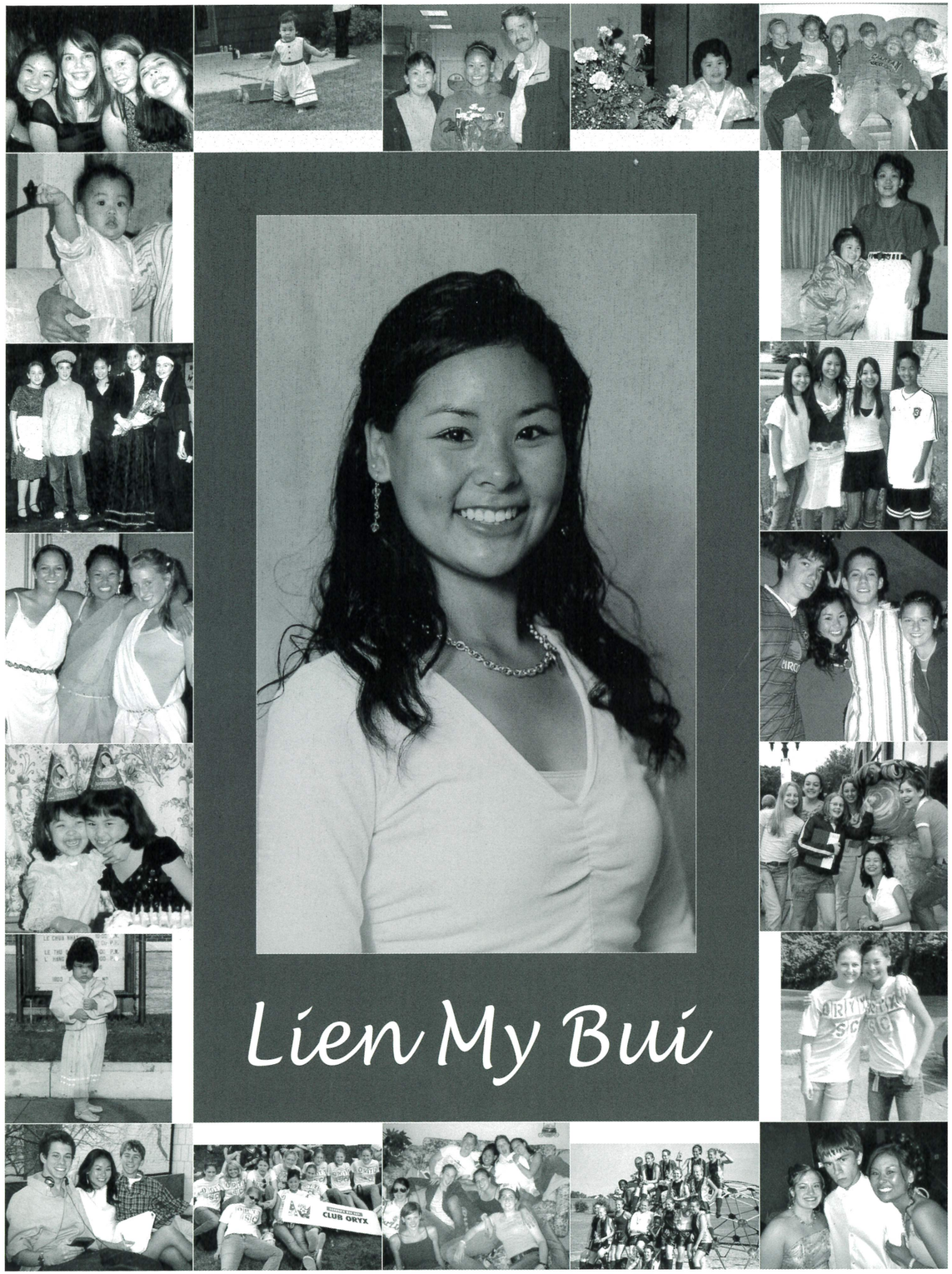








William James Brunnquell



Lien My Bui



Learning is not attained by chance;
it must be sought for with ardor
and attended to with diligence.
-Abigail Adams



Heidi Mei-On Chun



Life is too important to be taken seriously.
-Oscar Wilde

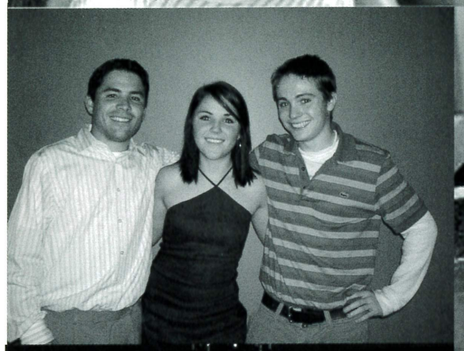


"My advice to you.. is to seek out your gold and sit on it."
-The dragon in *Grendel*





















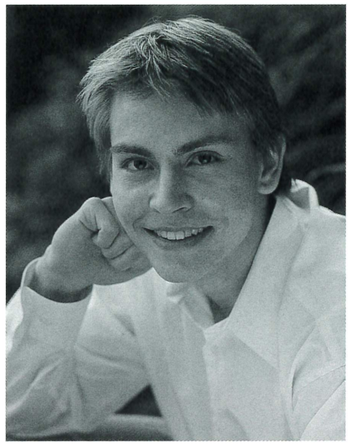
Kaylyn Cody

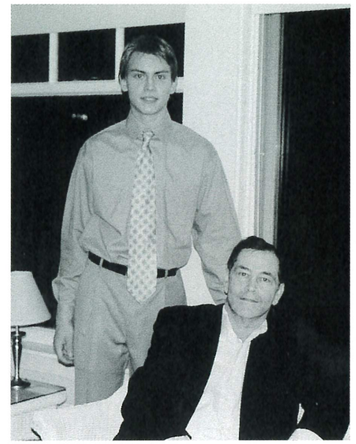












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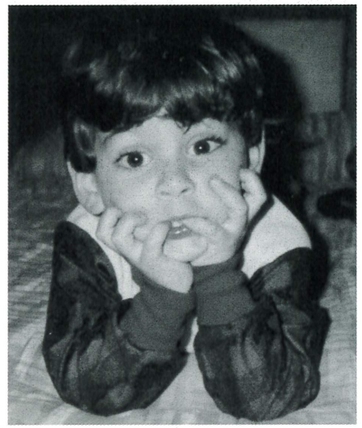


"NOTHING'S LOST FOREVER. IN THIS WORLD, THERE IS A KIND OF PAINFUL PROGRESS. LONGING FOR WHAT WE'VE LEFT BEHIND, AND DREAMING AHEAD." -TONY KUSHNER



Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.
--Albert Einstein

There are 10^{11} stars in the galaxy. That used to be a huge number. But it's only a hundred billion. It's less than the national deficit! We used to call them astronomical numbers. Now we should call them economical numbers.
--Richard Feynman





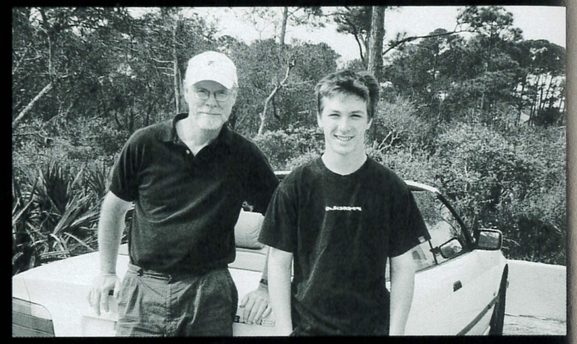
The more we know, the more we feel our ignorance.
--Humphry Davy



Marc Stuart Specter Davidson









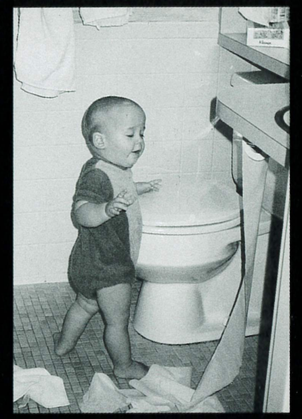




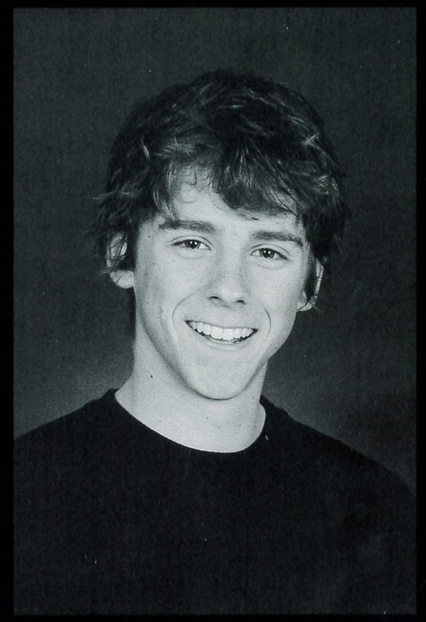
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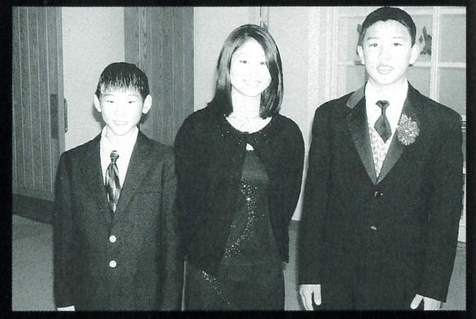
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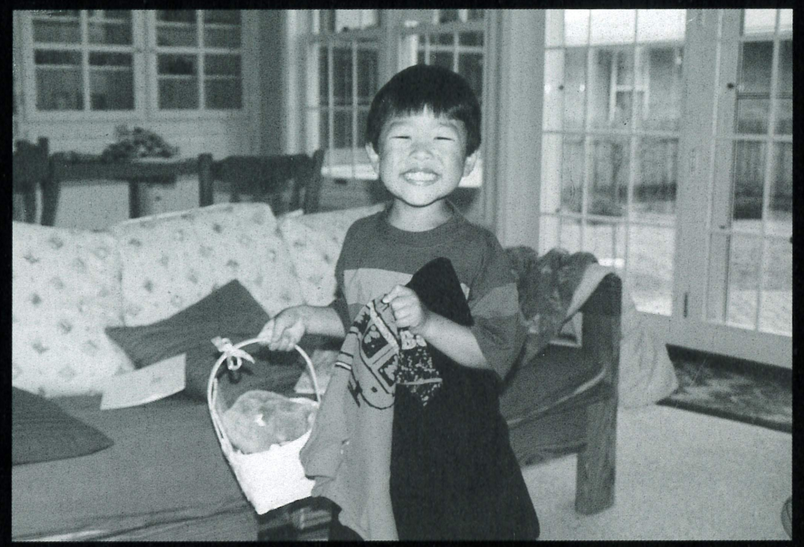








Joe Dickey









Greta Egge



Laura Evans



Do not go gentle into that good night.
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

-Dylan Thomas

Patrick J. Fahey



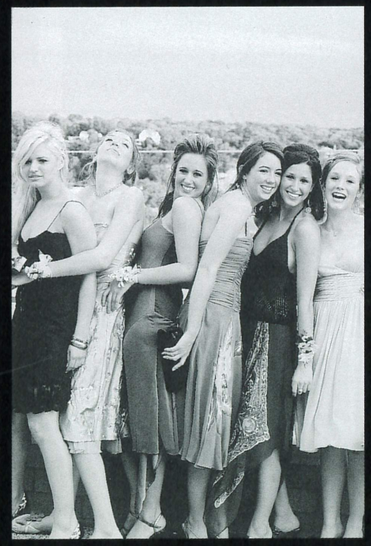








Paley Fairman







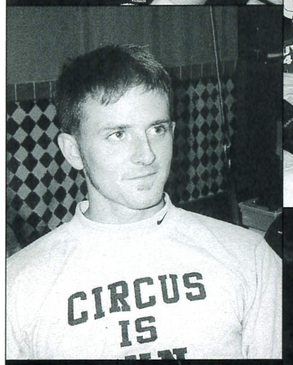
"When God wishes to rejoice the heart of a poor man, he makes him lose his donkey and find it again." -Ted Kooser



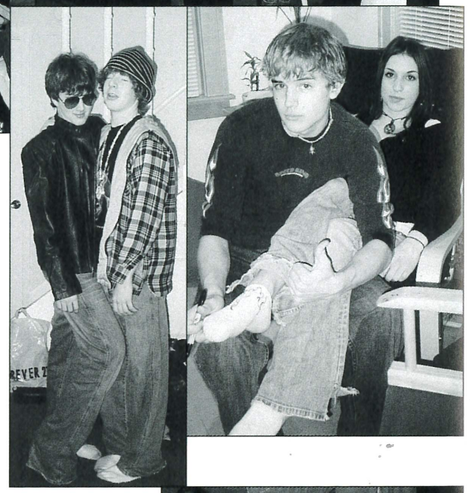


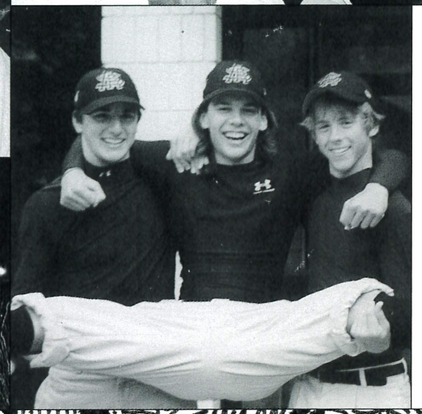






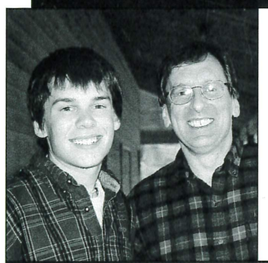












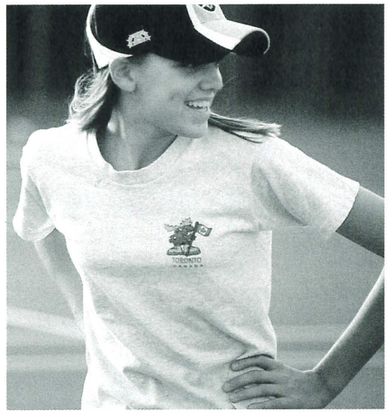


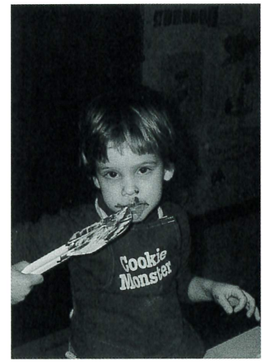


It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them. -Emerson

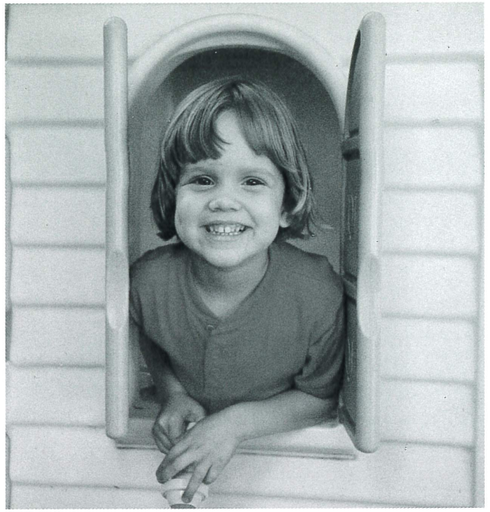


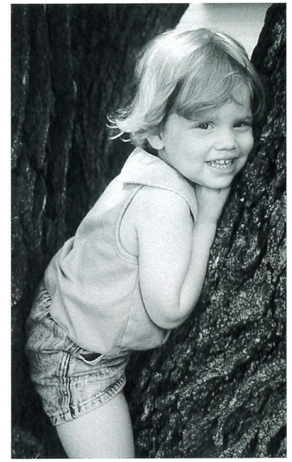








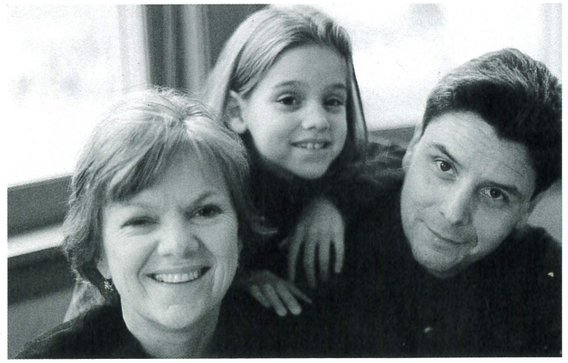






Anne Walker Fogerty

Behind My Hazel Eyes













"Why do I have to grow up? You're not a kid for very long, but you're an adult... FOREVER!"

-Alexandra
3-7-95



Alexandra Gant





"He who can't forgive others doesn't deserve to be forgiven."
-The Countess and Susanna-
Le Nozze di Figaro

"Say not that I am cruel to you: you must know how much I love you and you know that I am true."
-Donna Anna-
Don Giovanni

"If Music be the Food of Love, Play on!"
-William Shakespeare



Thank you to my friends, family and anybody else who has touched my life.

Alexander Kora Georgieff

"Fortunate is the man who is able to make the best of all adversity."
-*Così Fan Tutte*

"Our path will be strewn with roses-but even roses have sharp thorns."
-Pamina-
Die Zauberlöte

Noch gleiche ich dem Hahne hier auf fremdem Gehöfte nach dem auch die Hennen beissen: doch darob bin ich diesen Hennen nicht ungut

Liam

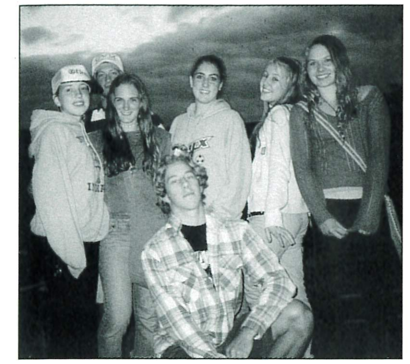
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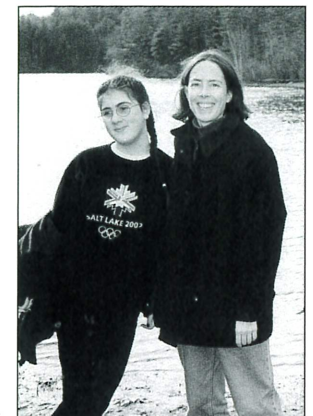
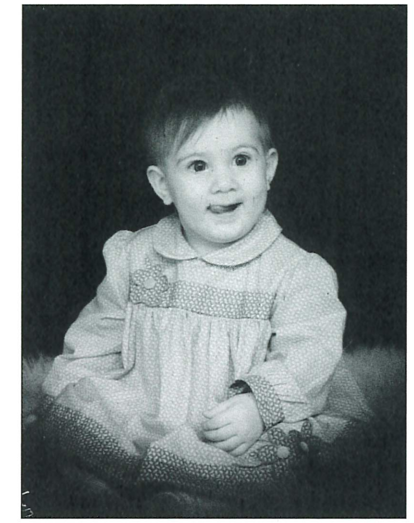


Ich bin höflich gegen alles kline Ärgerniss; gegen das kline stachlicht zu sein dünkt mich eine Weisheit für Igel

Sie beissen nach mir, weil ich zu ihnen sage: für kleine Leute nöthig sind!

Ich gehe durch diess Volk und halte mien Augen offen: sie vergeben mir es nicht, dass icht auf ihre Tugenden nicht neidisch bin — Friedrich Nietesche



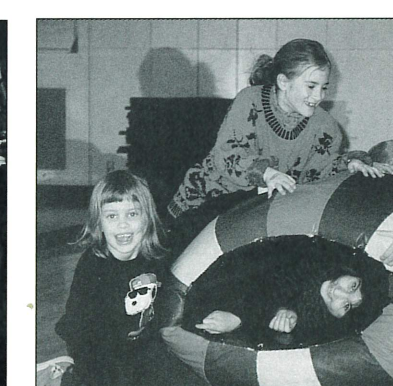







Marjahn Golban

Be the change you wish to see in the world.
-Gandhi





When a man lies, he murders some part of the world.
These are the pale deaths which men miscall their lives.
All this I cannot bear to witness any longer.
Cannot the kingdom of salvation take me home?
-Metallica



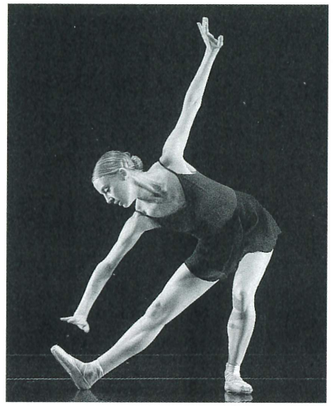
You and me will all go down in history,
With a sad Statue of Liberty
and a Generation that didn't agree.
-System Of A Down

Sam Goldberger











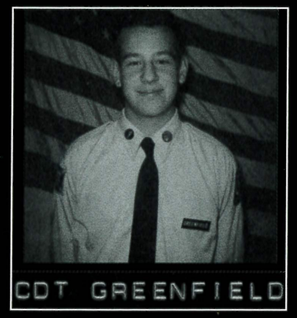




Madeline Sydney Graber



To change the world,
Start with one step.
However small,
The first step is
hardest of all.
Dave Mattews



Hello John!

I always wonder whether the Sun, So powerful and unconquerable, knows the impact it has on the planetary system especially the earth!

It is so hard for me to part with such a young man of class with whom I have worked for three years.

I can say with confidence, that there is nothing I did on the Soccer field with the ball that you did not replicate.

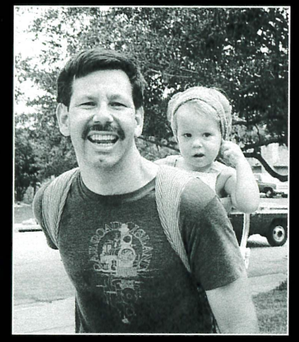
For this and all the other great gifts, qualities and talents God has Blessed you with, I hope you will always hold your head up in everything you do.

Change negative things rather than letting them change and define your world.

Wherever you go from now on, PEACE to you in all that you do, and BLESSINGS.

With deep regret and Sincere Appreciation!

Julius Forgive.

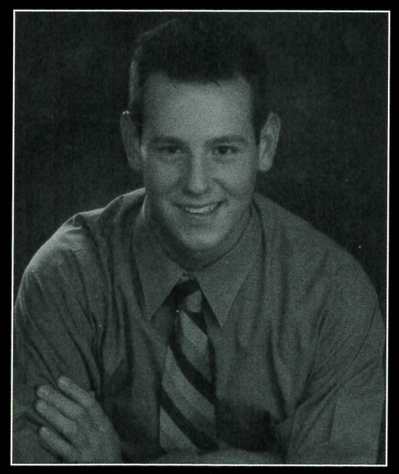


The woods are lovely,
dark and deep. But
I have promises to
keep, and miles to go
before I sleep.
Robert Frost



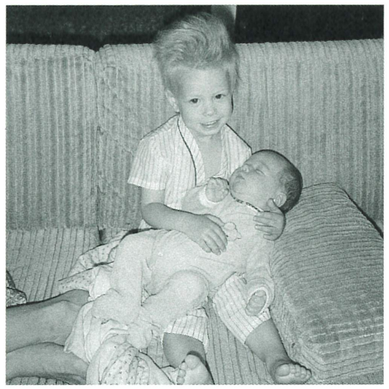
John Greenfield

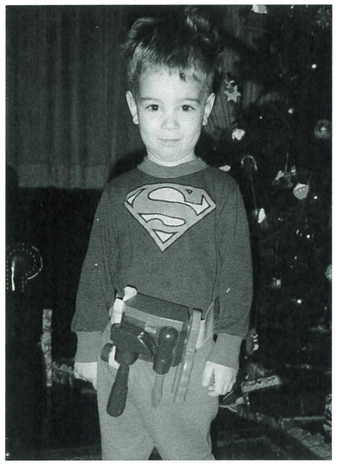
And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.
Roald Dahl



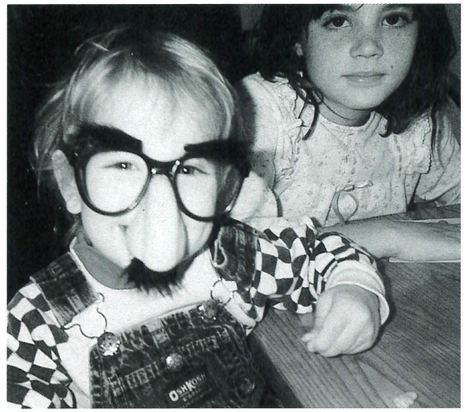
Mom, Dad, Brenna,
For all the times you've believed in me and stood by my decisions. Thank you for always being my biggest fans.

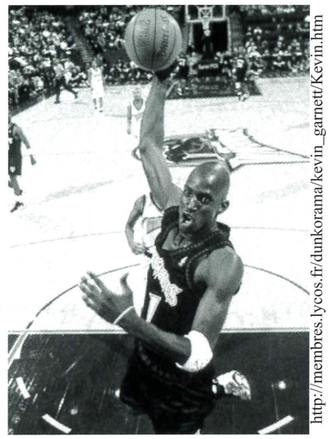




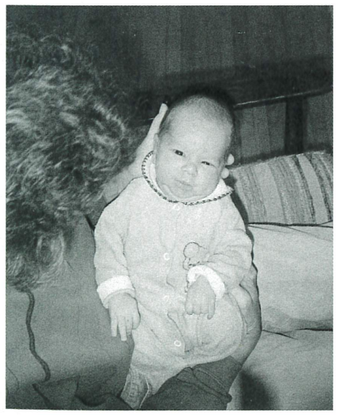


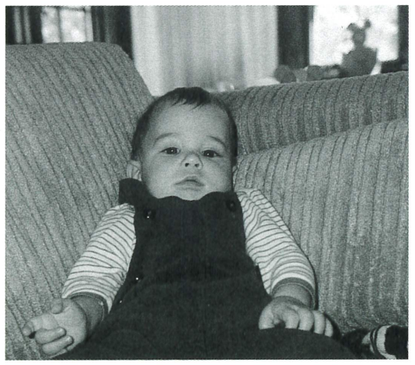
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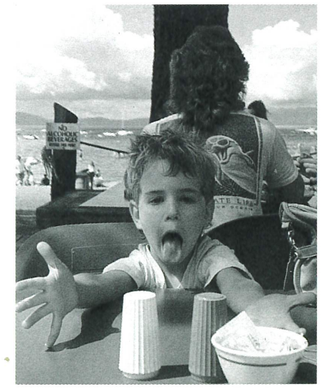


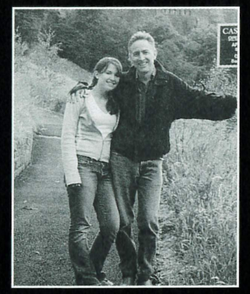


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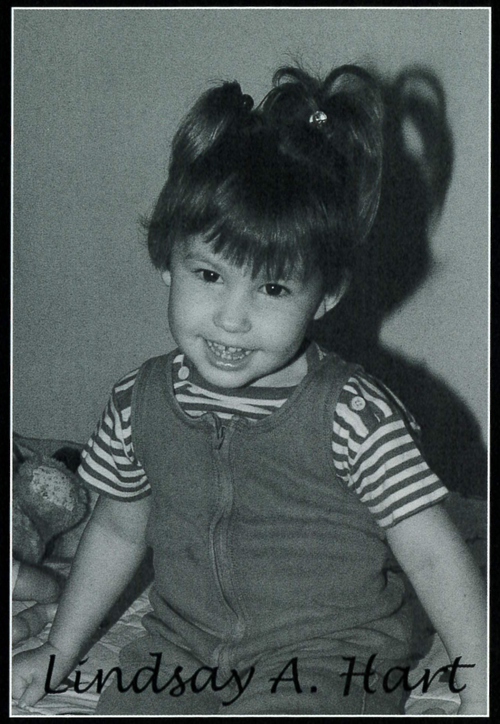






Mom, Dad and Erica ~
I couldn't ask for a better family.
Thanks for always being there
when I needed it the most.
I love you so much xxx





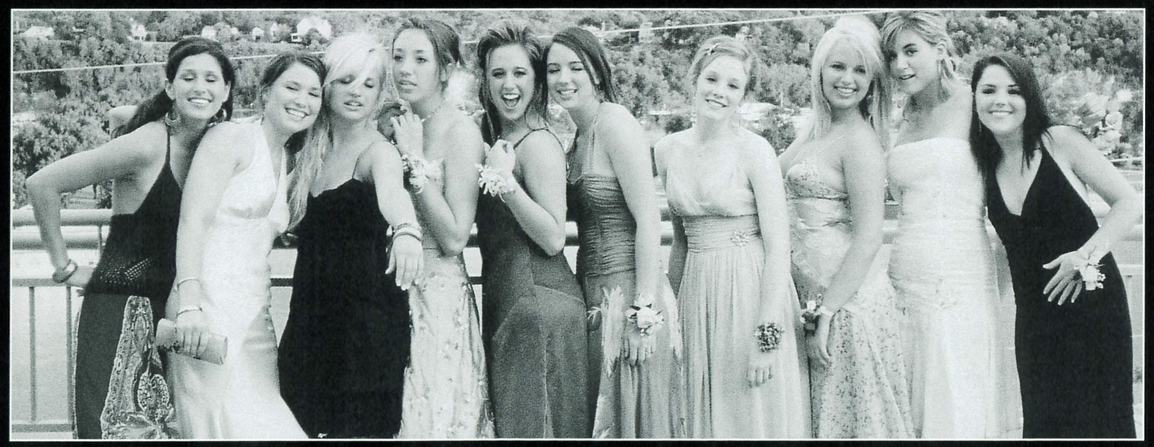


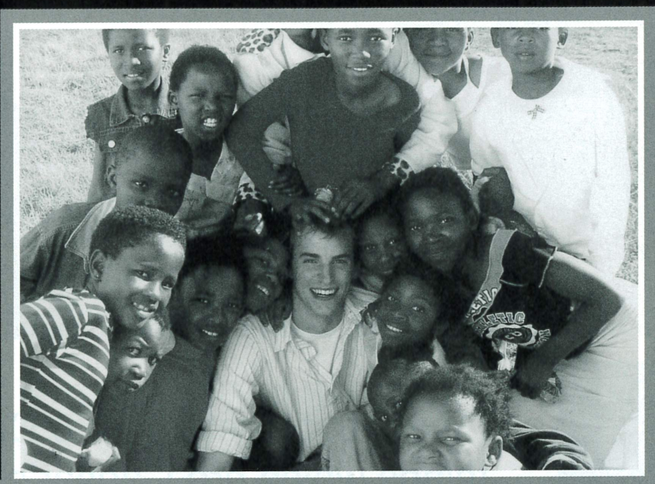


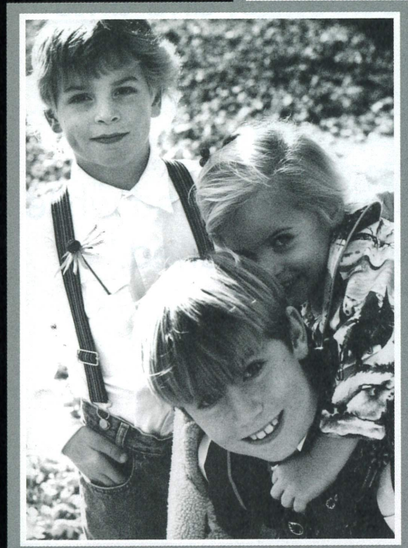


Boys ~
Thanks for always making me laugh

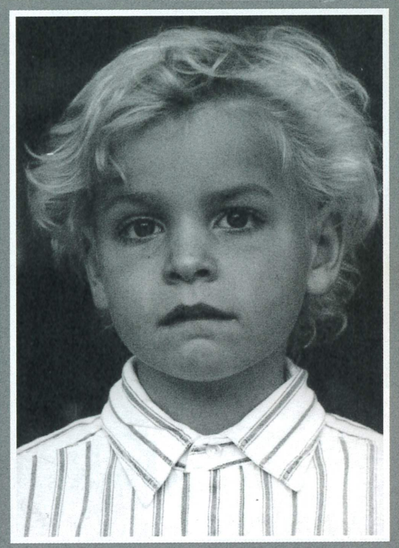
Girls ~
Thanks for all the fabulous
memories
You are all so amazing





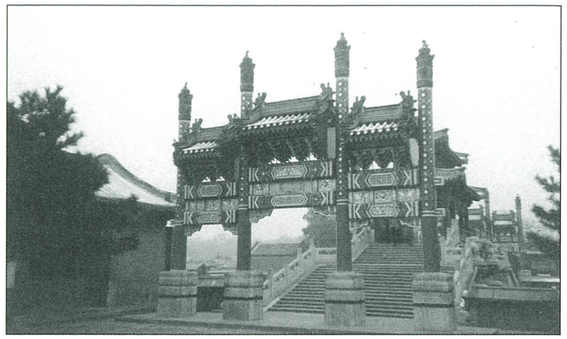


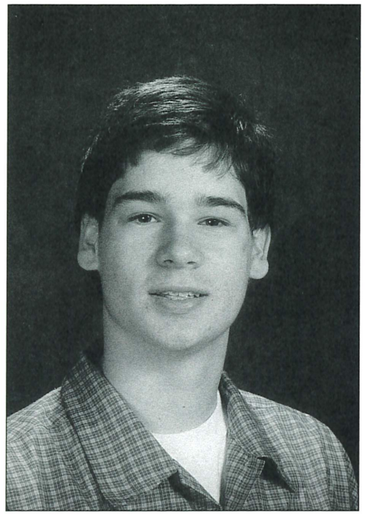
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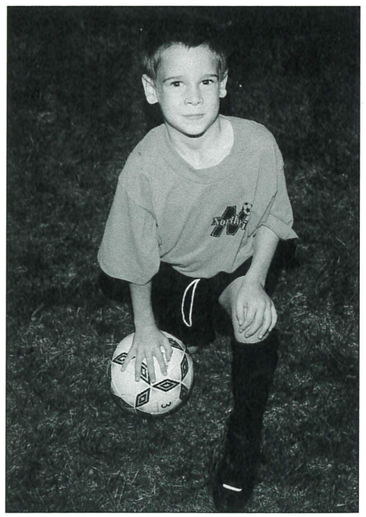


"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."
- Matthew 22:21

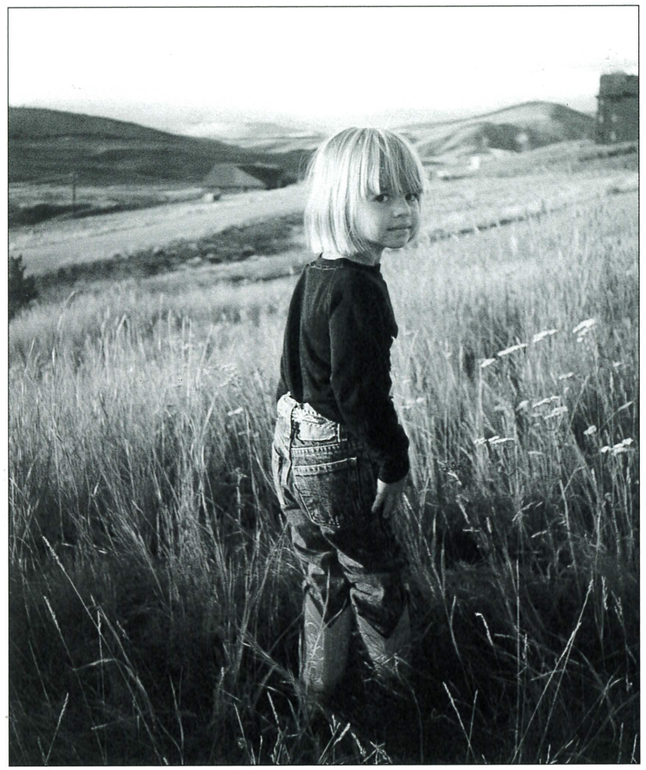
"Politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed."
-Mao Zedong

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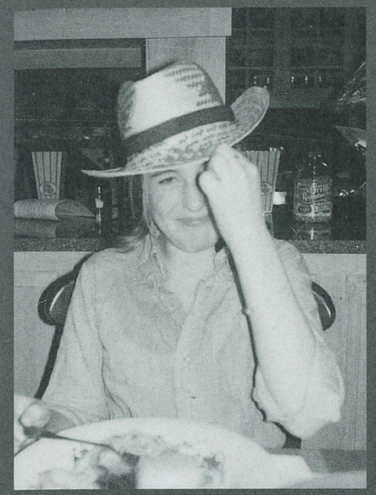


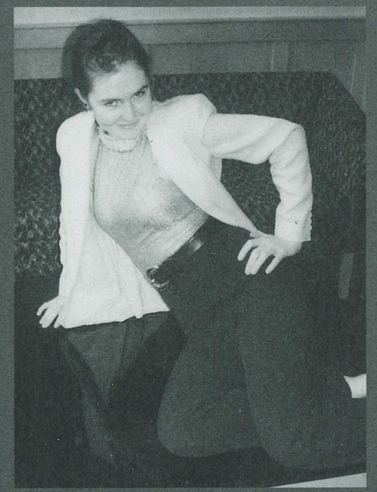
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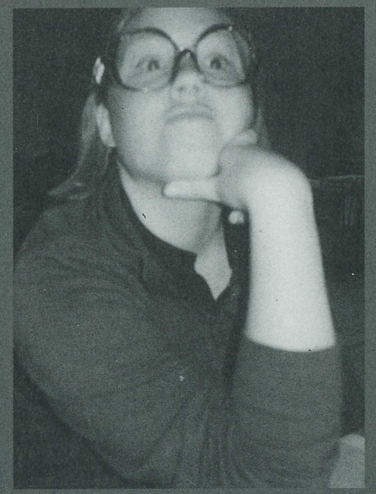
Briana Hobert



Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can.
Danny Kaye









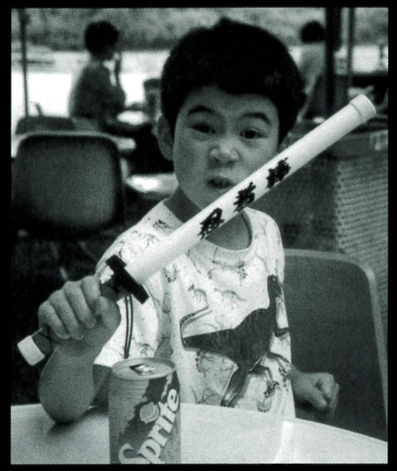






"I get by with a little help from my friends."
- The Beatles
Thank you; I love you all.

Christine Hollinger



At least some things never change



Alexander Sumi Ito Maitland

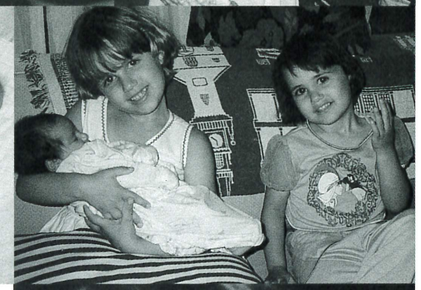


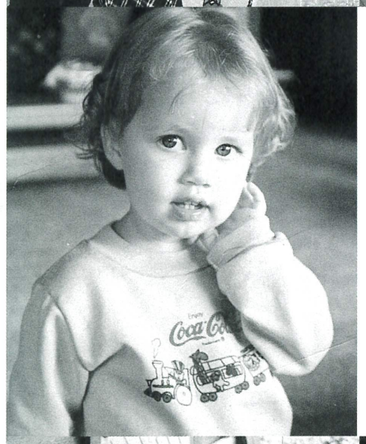








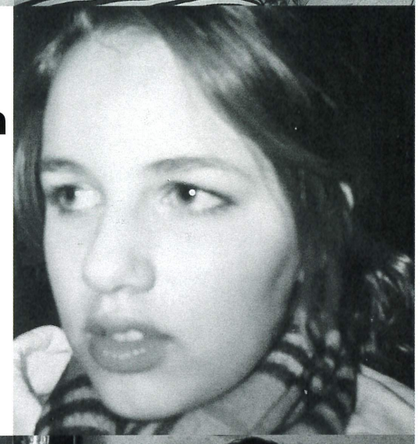




kathryn louise johnson

amidst all the confusion,

i had love









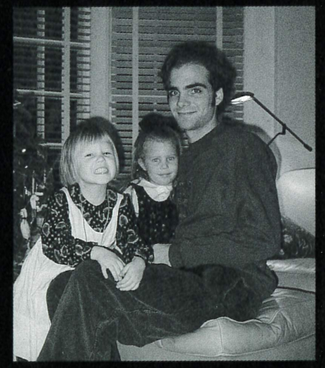










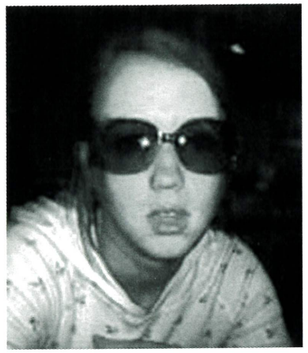




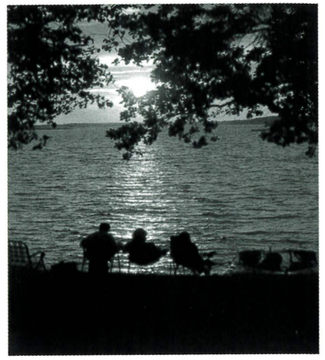
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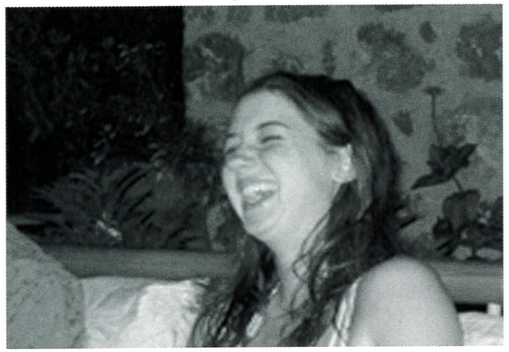






4 is for the energy
which builds exponentially...









5 is for my friends who keep on
reinventing me. -heiruspecs













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Olivia Joy Killeen

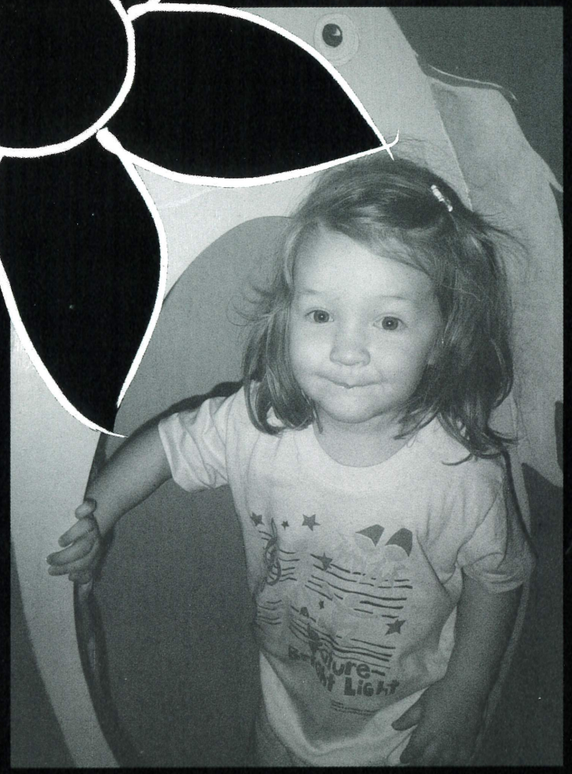




"Something has changed within me, something is not the same. I'm through with playing by the rules of someone else's game."

Elphaba, *Wicked*

ellie klein



It's stupid and childish,
I know, but then so is high school.
-ferris bueller



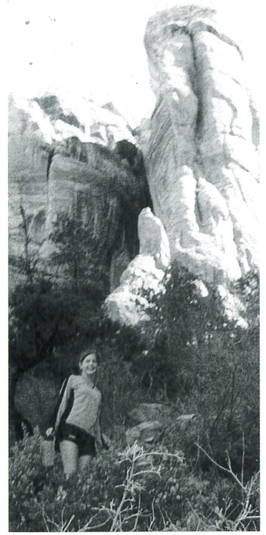




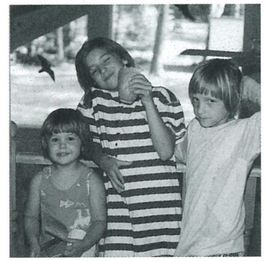












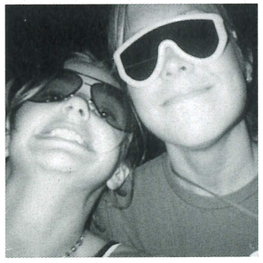












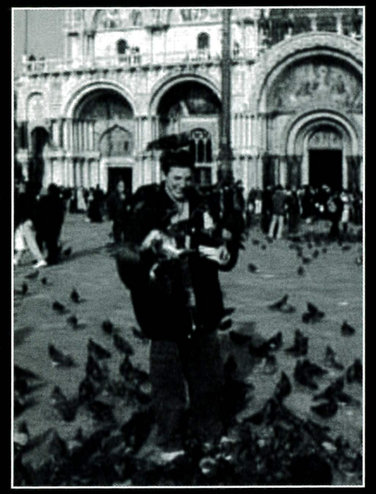
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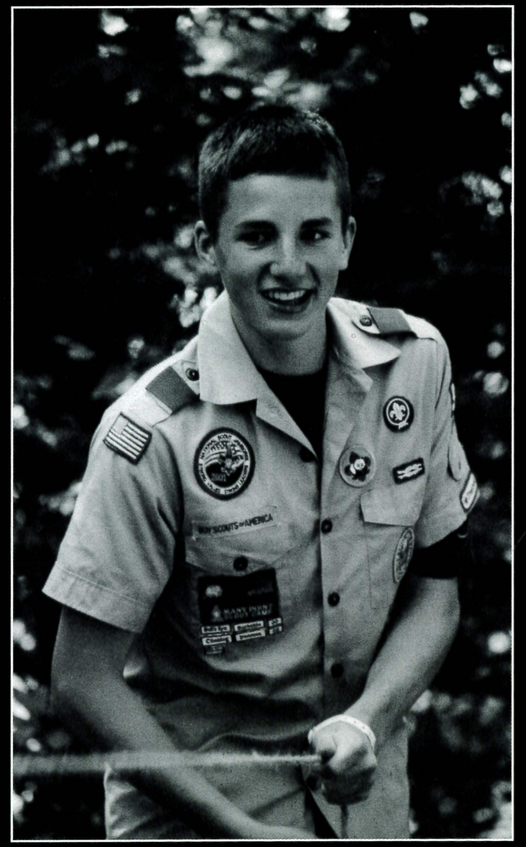


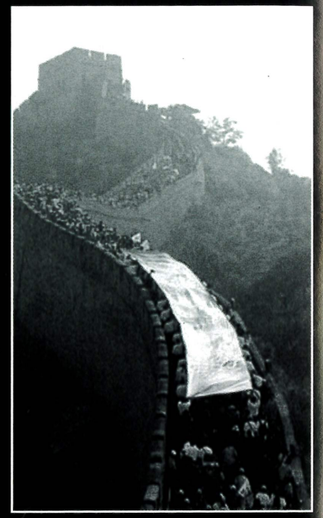


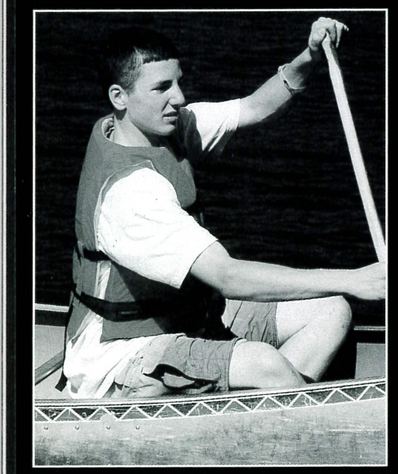


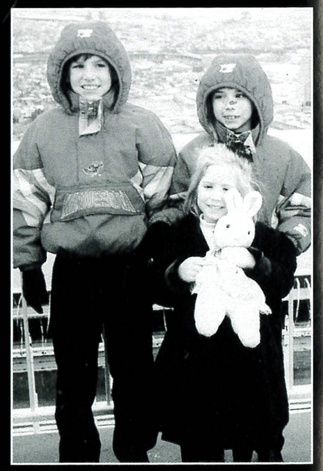












Theodore Joseph Labuza







Jeongmin Lee (이 정 민)

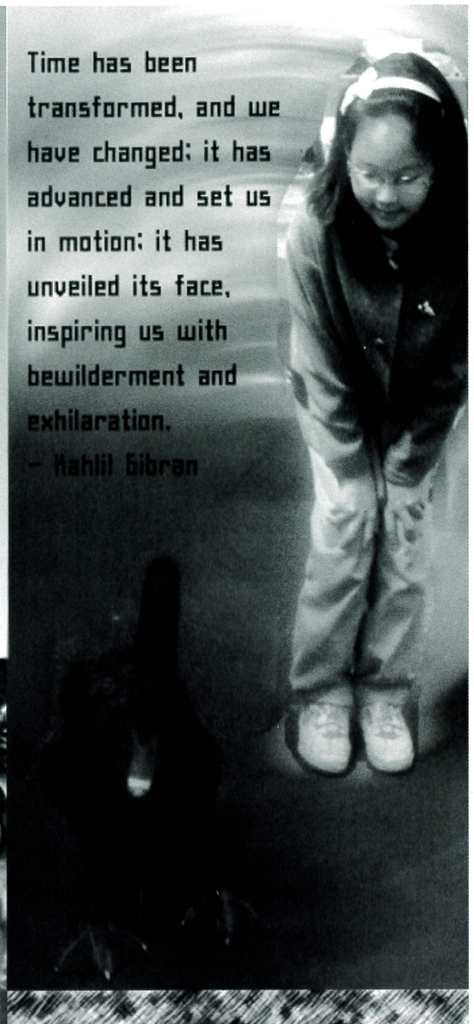




comments to people:
mom & dad, I love you.
나의 아우님들... (한상 & 한준), 나의 귄위에 도전하지 마라.
friends, wish you all good luck; 행운을 빌어요...!



Time has been transformed, and we have changed; it has advanced and set us in motion; it has unveiled its face, inspiring us with bewilderment and exhilaration.
– Kahlil Gibran



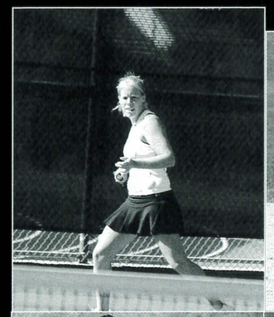


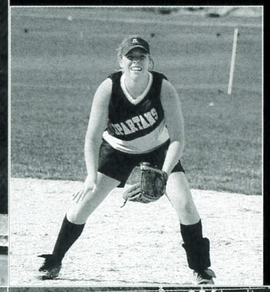
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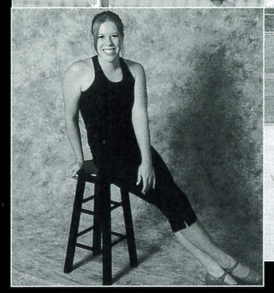
They couldn't hit an elephant at this dist-

The final words of General John Sedgwick, Union Commander













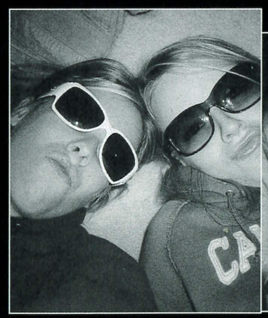




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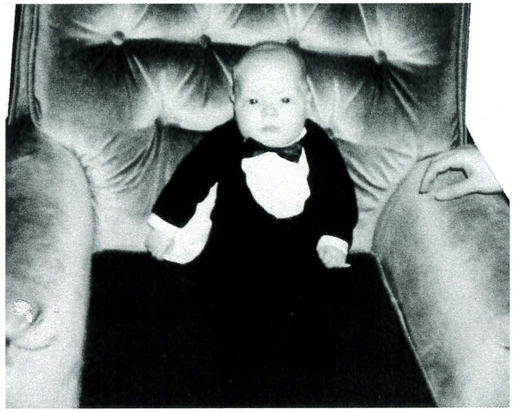




Andrew Lindsay







Thomas Malowney

THE THREATENING

Thank you to all of my family an friends.
To dem biddies, the boyz, mom and dad,
I can't believe that I actually might graduate.
-TMO

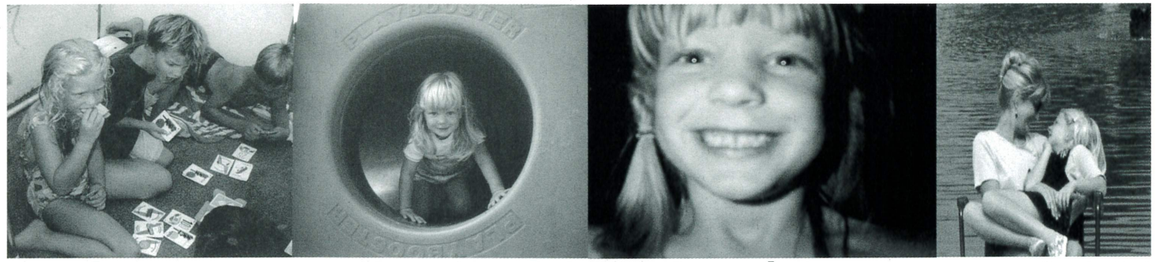




The only ones for me are the mad ones.



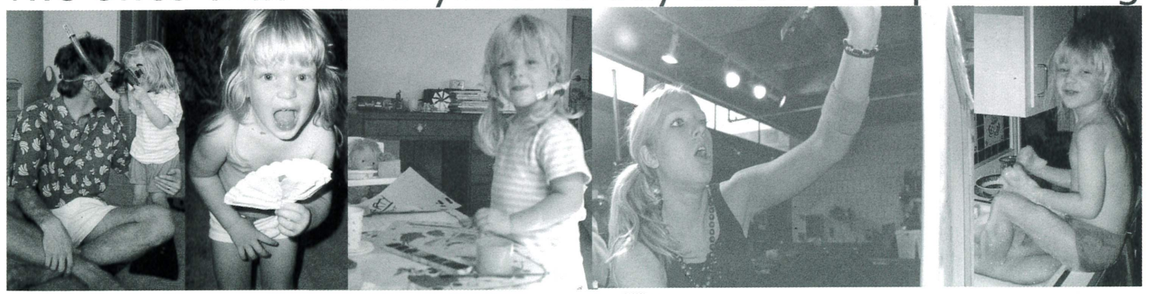
The ones that are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved



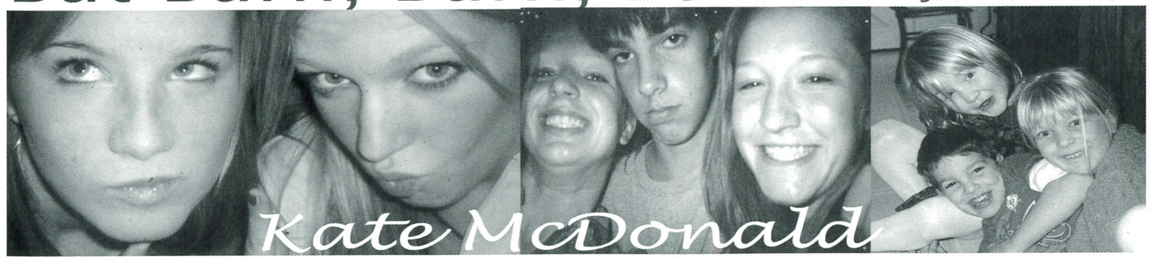
Delirious in everything at the same time



The ones that never yawn or say a commonplace thing



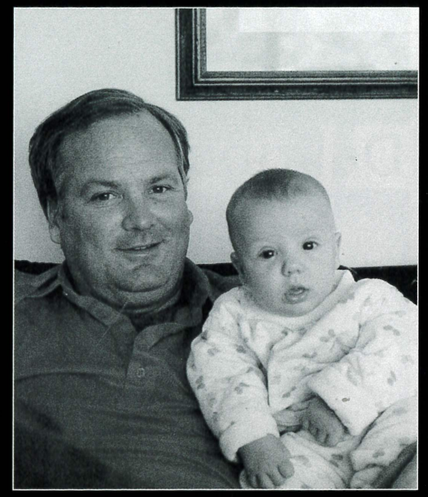
But Burn, Burn, Burn... Jack Kerouac



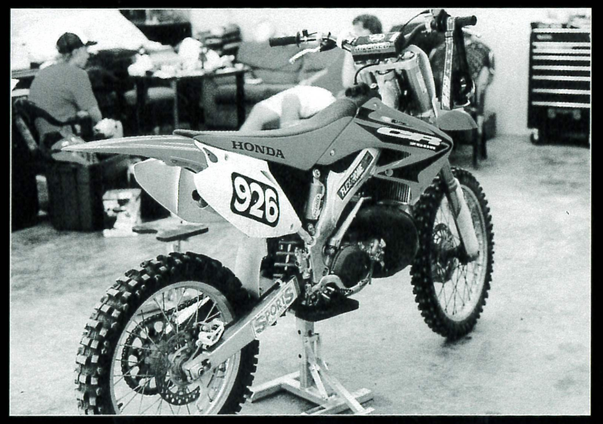




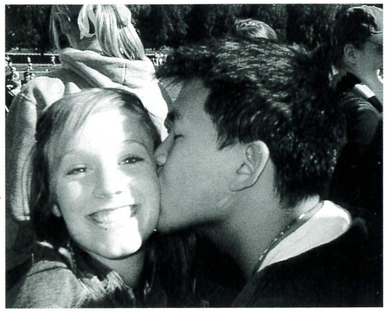




Jordan Charles McKay











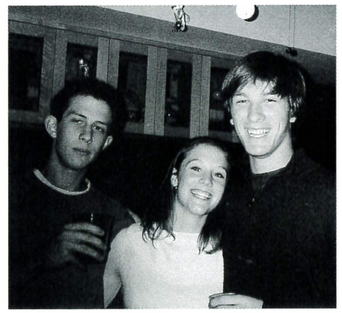
"I fall asleep tonight cause that brings me closer to you."
-Matchbox Romance

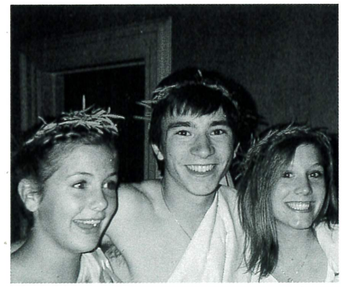




"When the pretty girl laughs oh man she laughs so loud."
-Jack Johnson

"I make you smile for the simple fact I'm good at it. I make you smile so I can sit and look at it."
-Atmosphere





Margit Miller

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world." -Anonymous









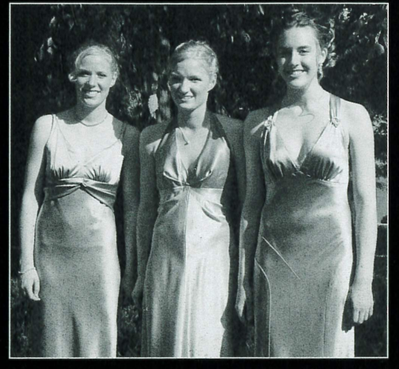






















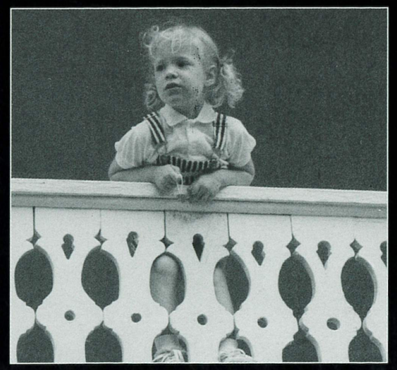


Allison Mills

Christina Mills















Xander Minns



"Dream as if you'll live forever, and live as if you'll die today." -James Dean

















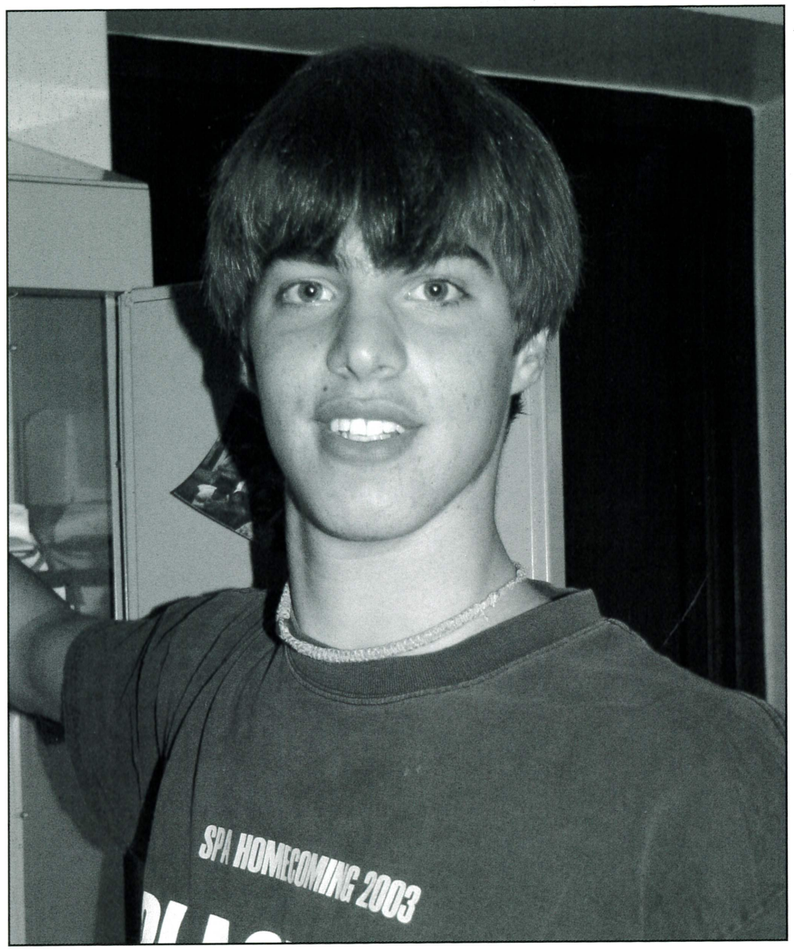




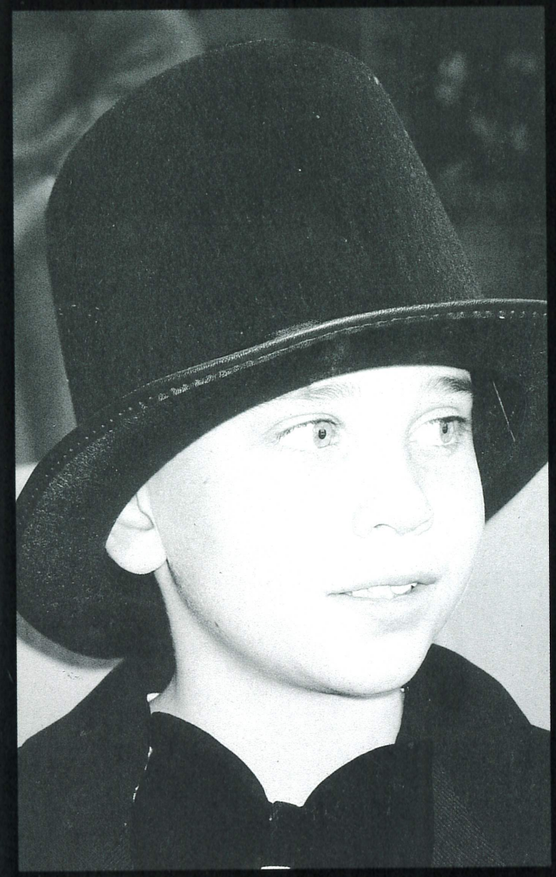




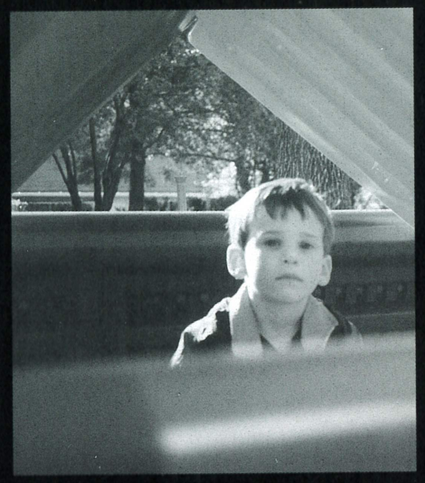
anne moertel



Andrew Morley









Maxwell Bryan Morris





T.J. Moss



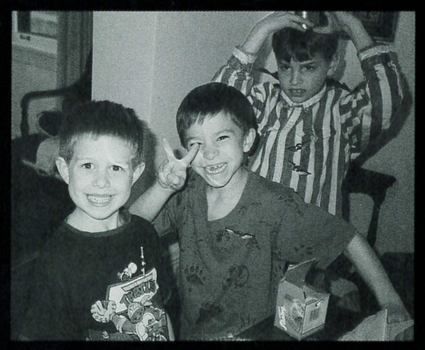
To my family,
Thank you for the never ending supply of love and support.



Andrew, Tommy, Will, Tiam. You guys are the best four friends I could ever ask for.

Paley,
I'll tell you one thing,
"It's always better when we're together."
-Jack Johnson

Pretending to be someone you're not is just a waste of the person you are.











Xan M



"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen."
-Hebrews 11:1

"A man who won't die for something is not fit to live."
-Martin Luther King Jr.



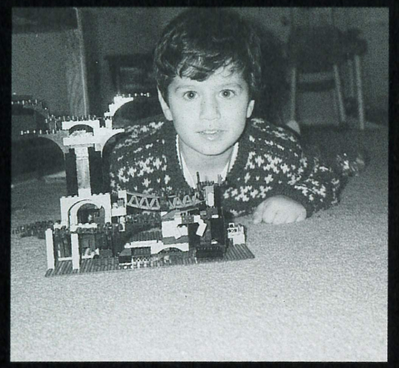




"A person starts to live when he can live outside himself."
- Einstein













Gregory James Narayan





"Regardless of how far I see , I never see my travels end. We're carried by the current being driven by the wind. The scenery we pass we'll never see again, so we store it up as memories and don't let go of them."
- Eyedea

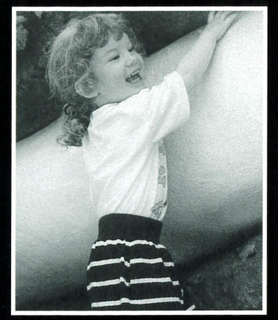
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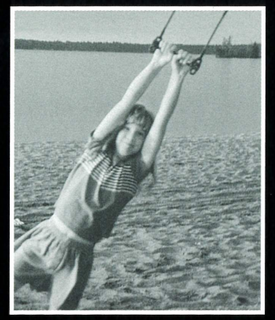


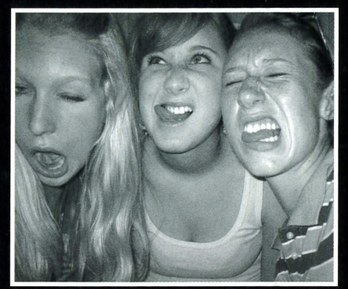


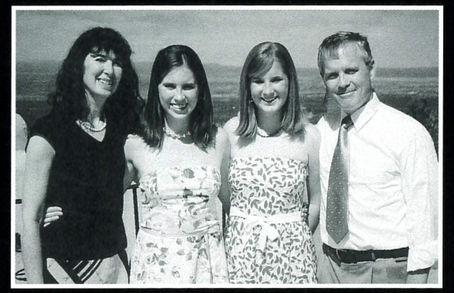




Lizzy A Nelson























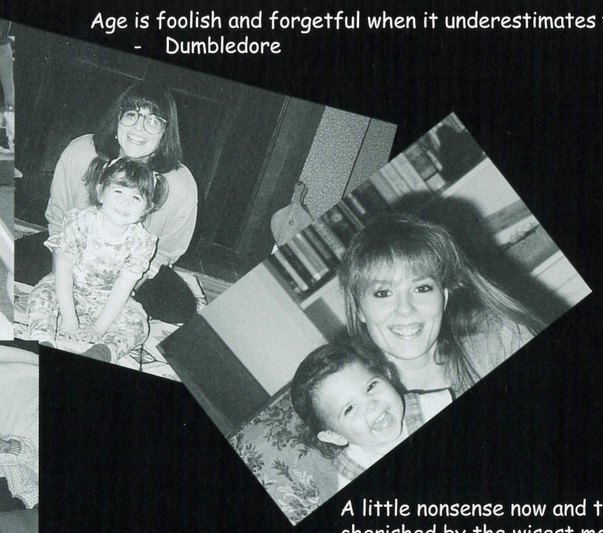




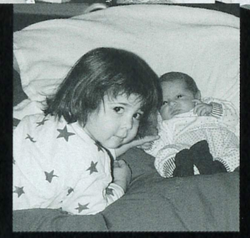
Emily Niles



Age is foolish and forgetful when it underestimates youth.
- Dumbledore



There's Only Us
There's Only This
Forget Regret
Or Life Is Yours To Miss
- Jonathan Larson,
Rent



A little nonsense now and then is
cherished by the wisest men.
- Willy Wonka

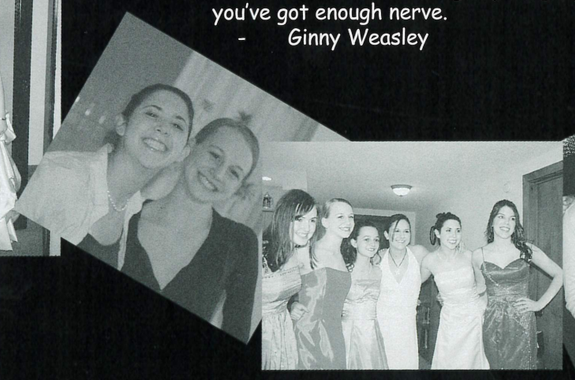


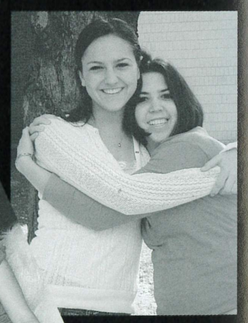






You sort of start thinking anything's possible if
you've got enough nerve.
- Ginny Weasley

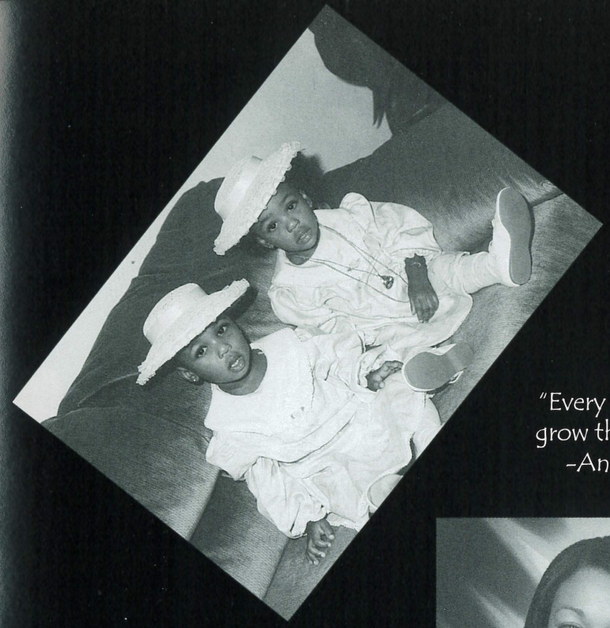




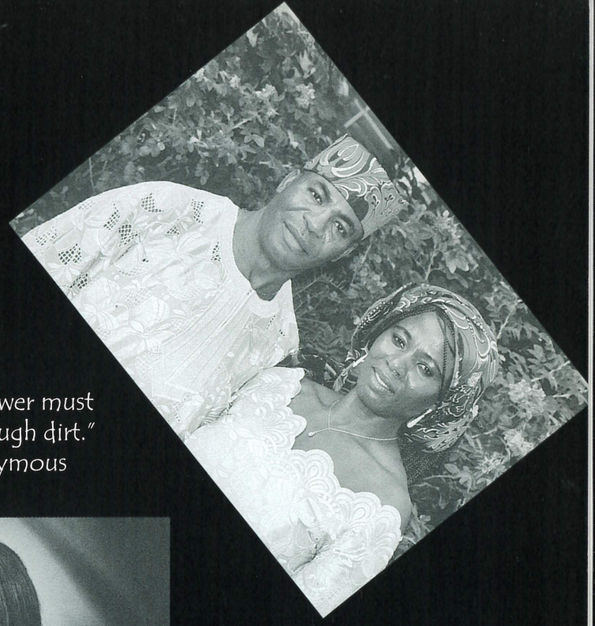


Life's truest happiness is found in
friendships we make along the way.
- Unknown

Kate
Noel



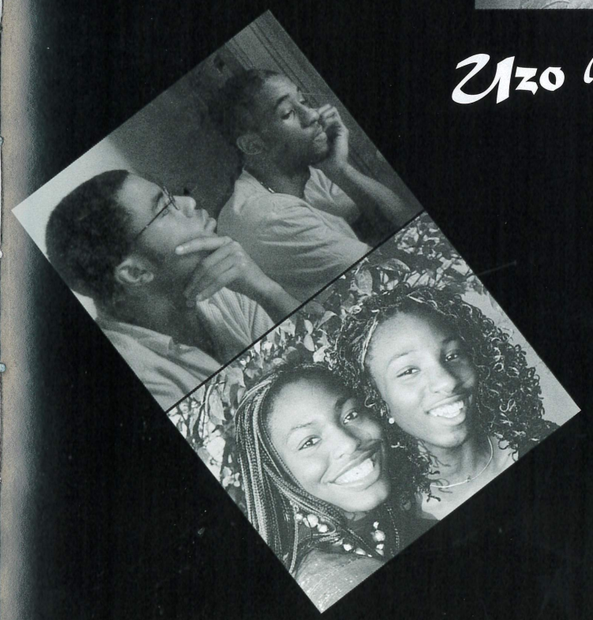
"Every flower must
grow through dirt."
-Anonymous



"Be who you are and say
what you feel, because
those who mind don't
matter and those who
matter don't mind."
-Dr. Seuss



"Every artist dips his brush
in his soul and paints
his own nature into his
pictures."
-Henry Ward Beecher



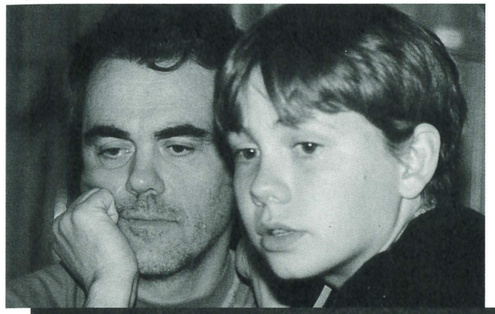
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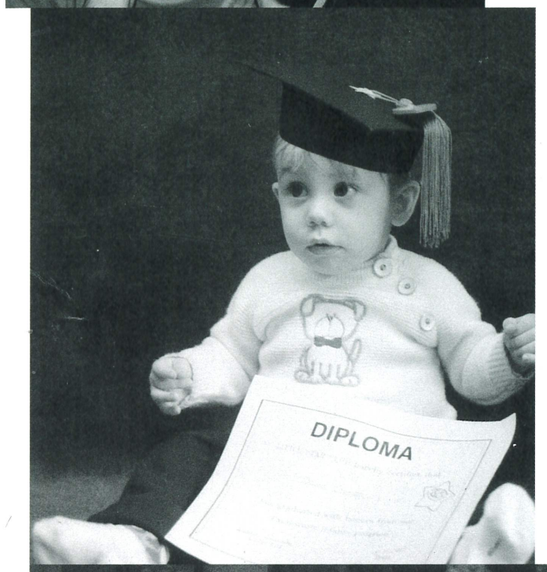


once a silly monkey,
always a silly monkey.

anna olson

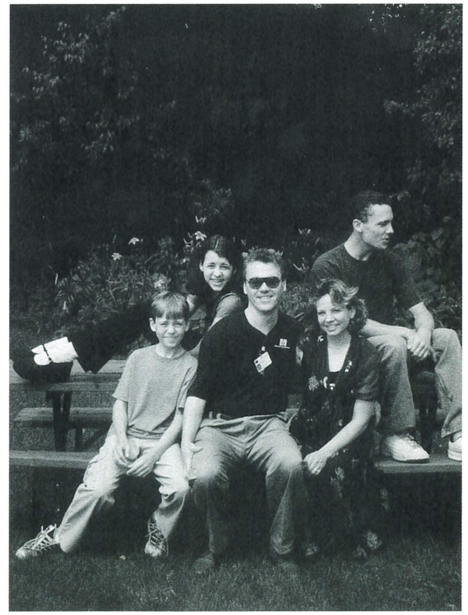


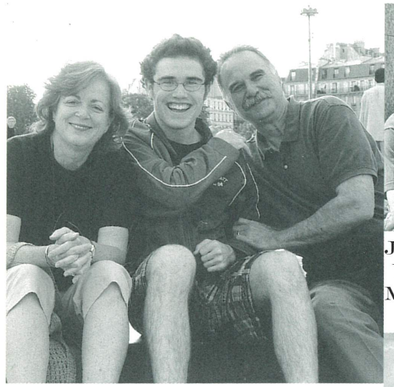
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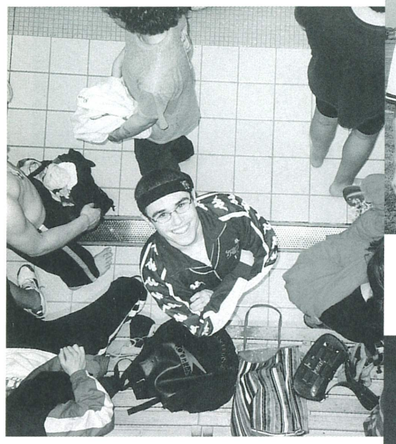






JUST BECAUSE I DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU, OR ACT LIKE YOU, DOESN'T MAKE ME ANY BETTER OR WORSE.
-THE SUICIDE MACHINES

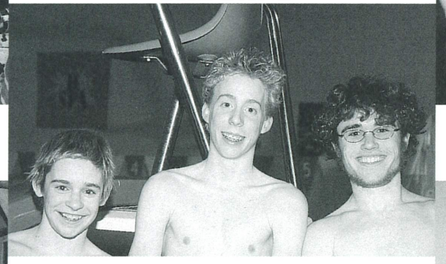






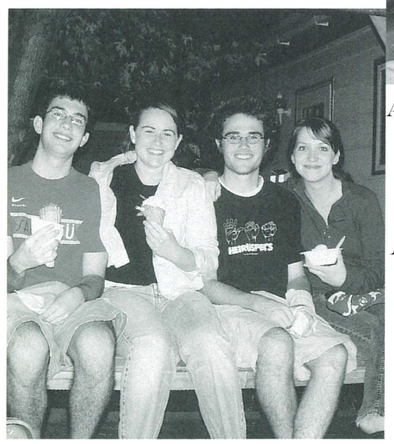
ACROSS THE GREAT DIVIDE-
JUST GRAB YOUR HAT AND
TAKE THAT RIDE.
-THE BAND

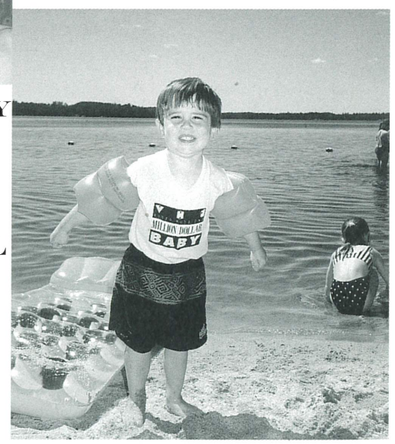




AND I TURNED MY FACE AWAY
AND DREAMED ABOUT YOU
-THE POGUES

AND THIS IS HOW WE CHILL
FROM '93 TILL.....
-SOULS OF MISCHIEF





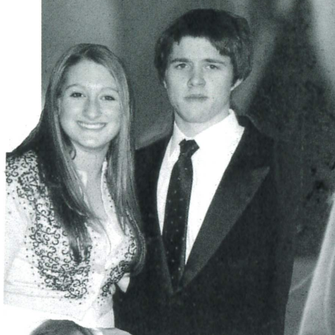
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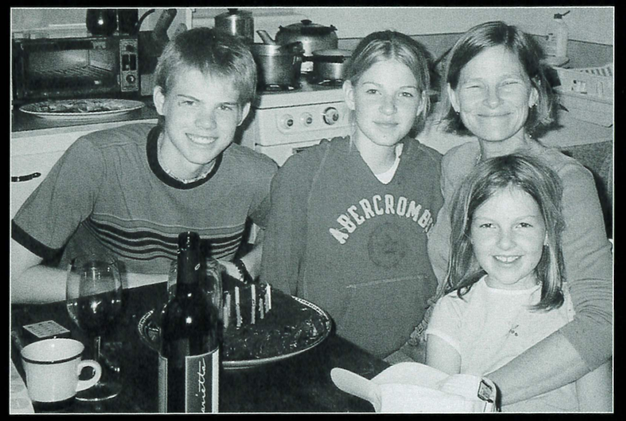
Ana Brooks Panone

I went to the store to buy a candle holder. They didn't have one so I bought a cake.
- Mitch Hedberg













Henry Sorrell Parker

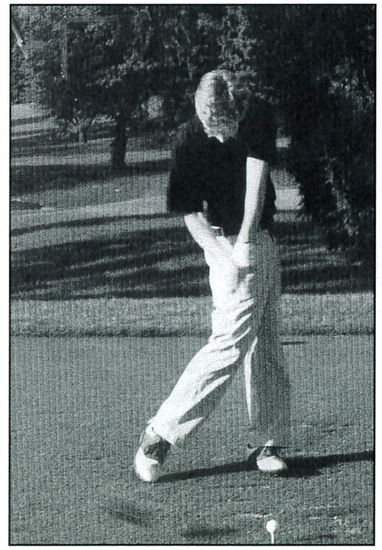


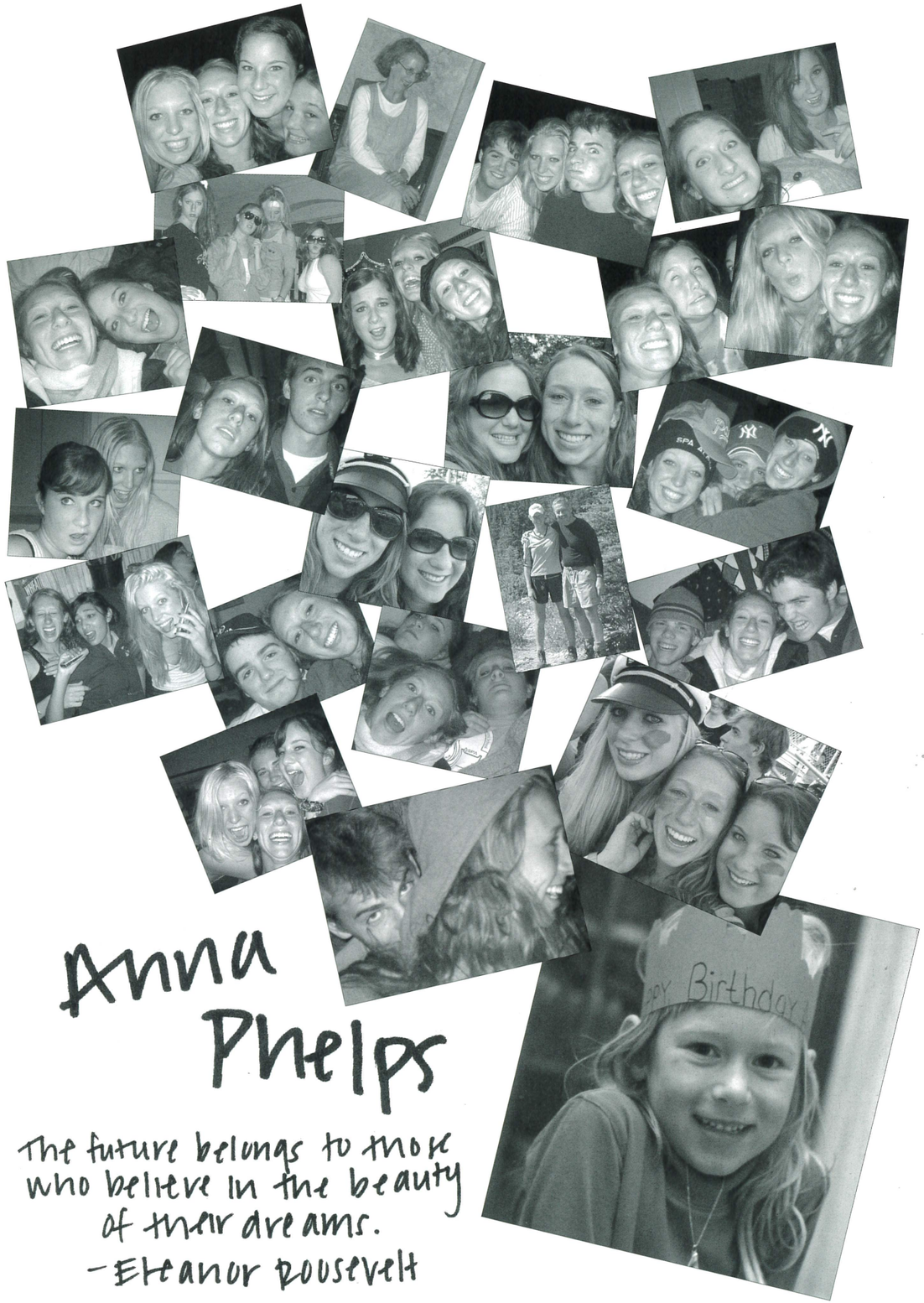






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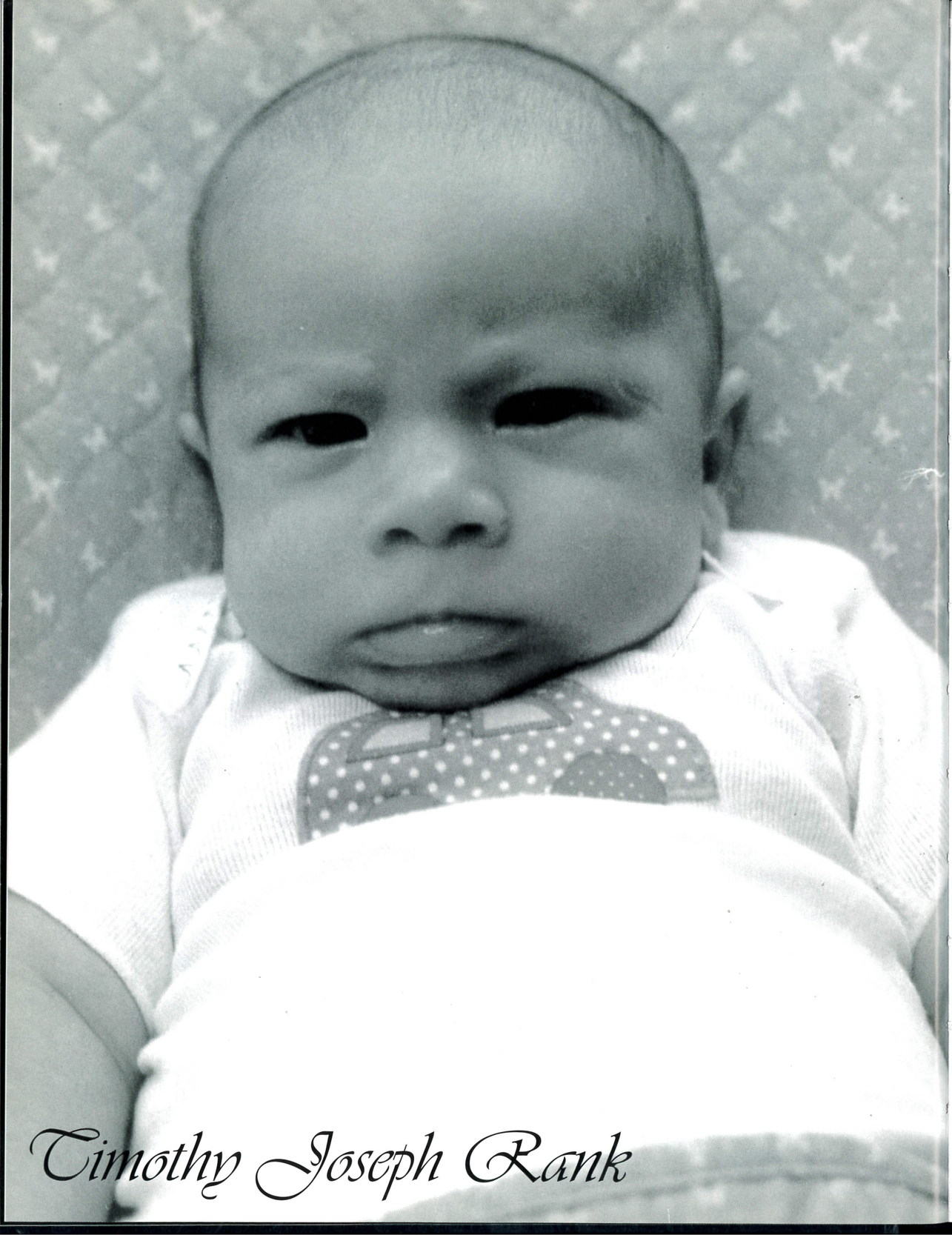
The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
-Eleanor Roosevelt



"Pain heals. Chicks dig scars. Glory, lasts forever." - Keanu Reaves



Paul Quast

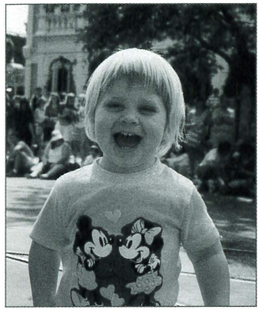


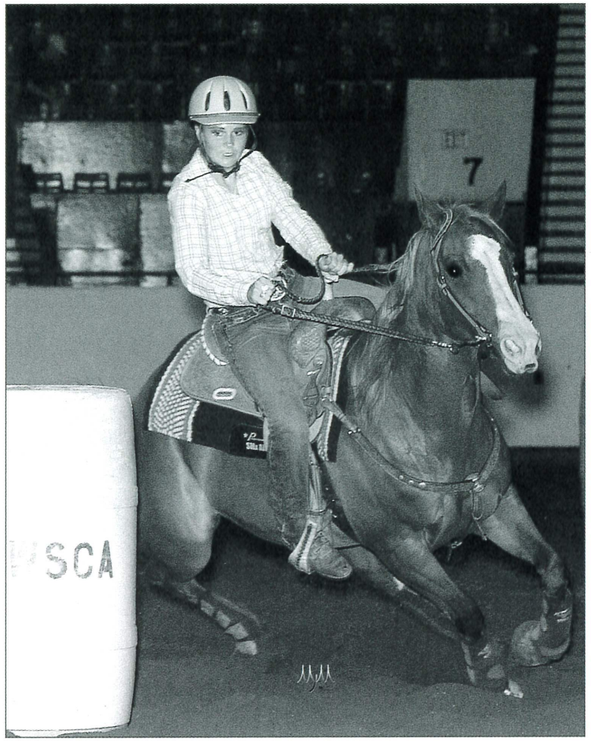
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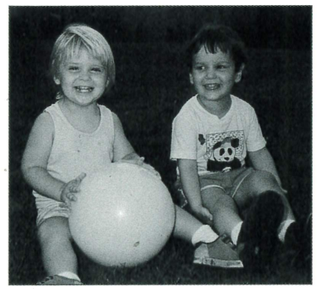






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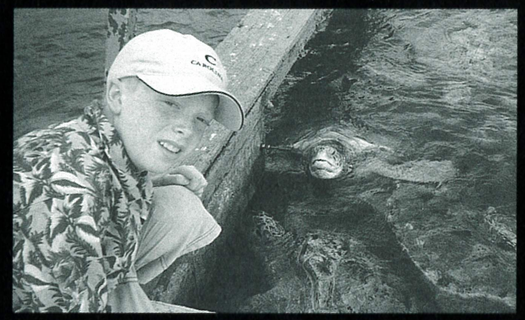










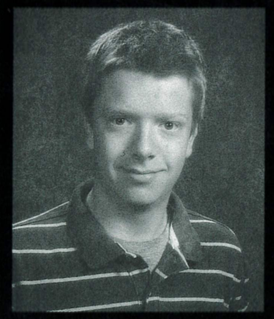




CHARLES E. RIESENBERG











Emma Rotilie



"Life is too important....



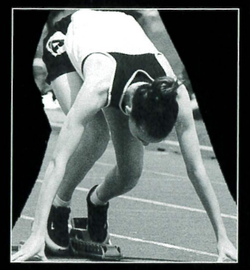
...to be taken...



...Seriously."- Oscar Wilde







In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.
- Robert Frost



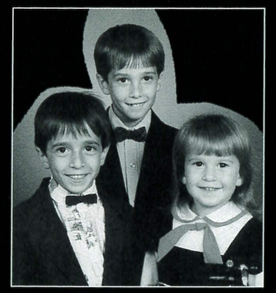
JABF/AWP/CAM/EEN/SAV/AEM/ WJB/SRG/SGV and the rest: You've always loved me, no matter what I did. You're the best friends I've ever had. Each one of you has my heart.







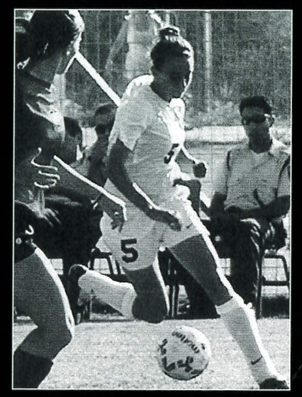
Mom and Dad ~ You are my inspiration and my heroes. I can only hope I'll turn out half as great as you two. Thank you for all the opportunities you have provided me with. I will always love you.



JMS/JAS ~ I love you two unconditionally. Thank you for always being there when I needed you. Thanks for the lessons: with your fists and from your lives. You two are truly amazing.



ALEXANDRA JOY SCHWACH



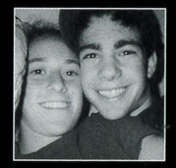


I remember thinking,
I'll go on forever only knowing I'll see you again...
- DMB



Be who you are and say what you feel
Because those that mind don't matter
And those that matter don't mind.
- Dr. Seuss







Scars are souvenirs you never lose
The past is never far.
Did you lose yourself somewhere out there?
Did you get to be a star?
And don't it make you sad to know that life
Is more than who we are?
- Goo Goo Dolls



You cut me down to size
And opened up my eyes
Made me realize
What I could not see.
-Coldplay



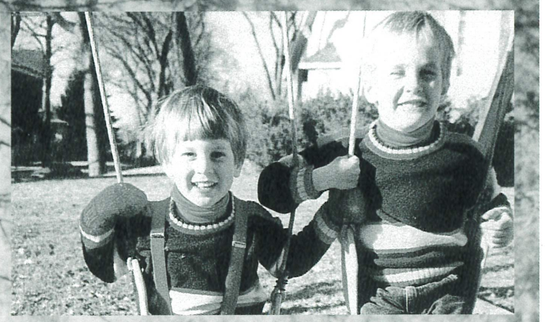
Best friends just won't leave your side.
- Blink 182

Maybe that's all a family really is.
A bunch of people who miss the same imaginary place.
- Garden State









But thanks be to God, who gives us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. There for, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

You are the light of the world... No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works.

Matthew 5:14-16



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I am loved.

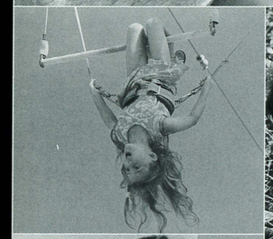








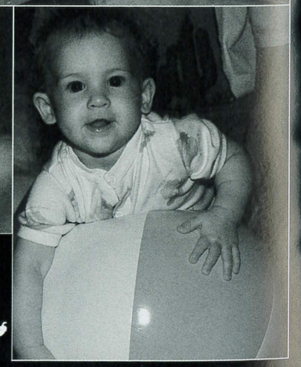
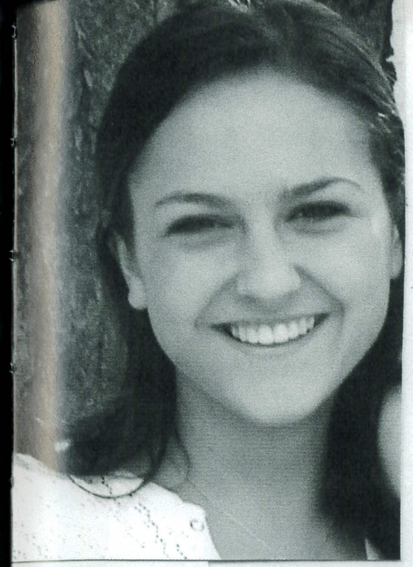
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Love Lifted Me

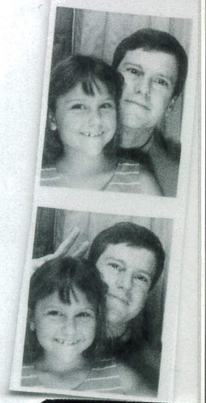
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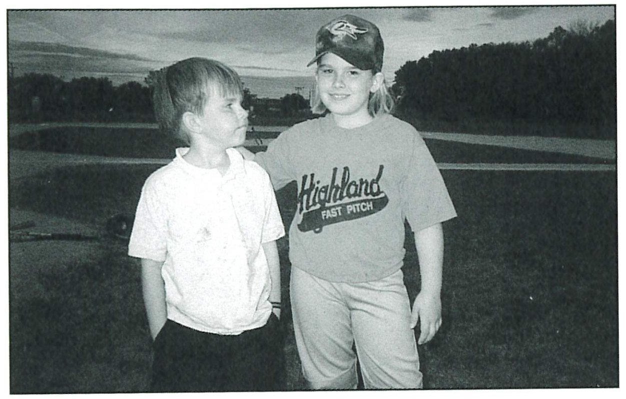


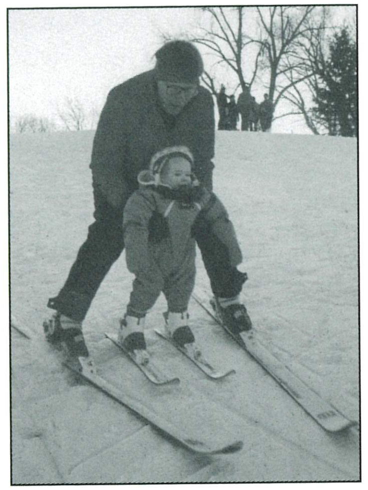


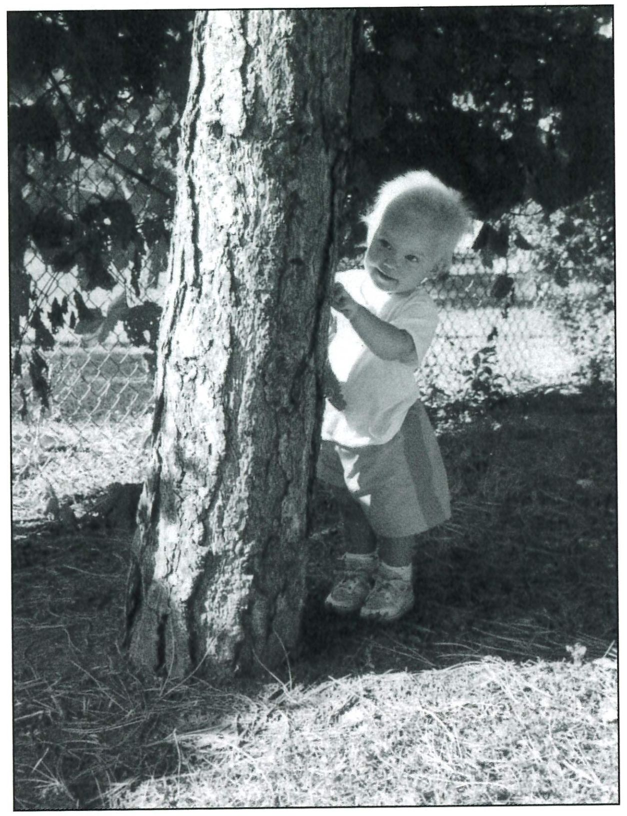
"FRIEND. GOOD." FRANKENSTEIN











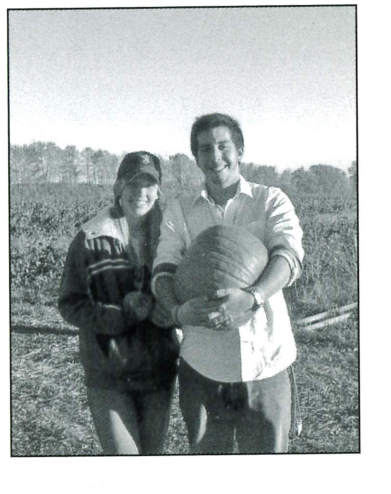


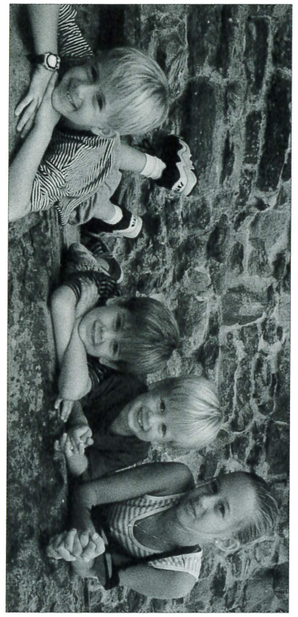


Alexandra M. Wennberg



















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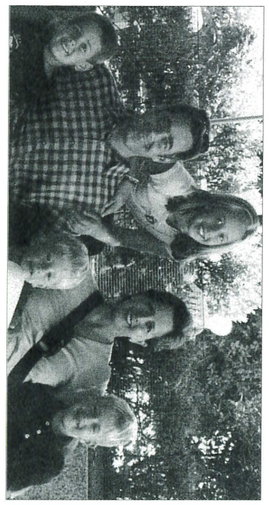




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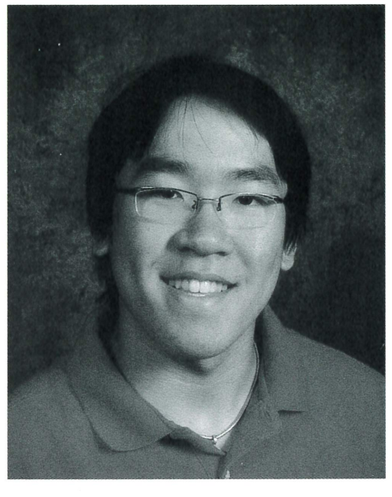


Alan Yu



"If we don't change, we don't grow. If we don't grow, we aren't really living."

- Gail Sheehy



"This life is worth living, we can say, since it is what we make it."

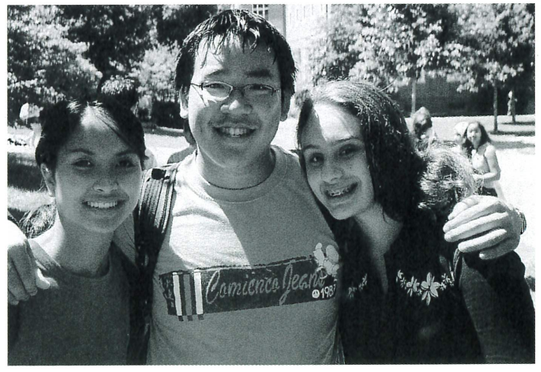
- William James





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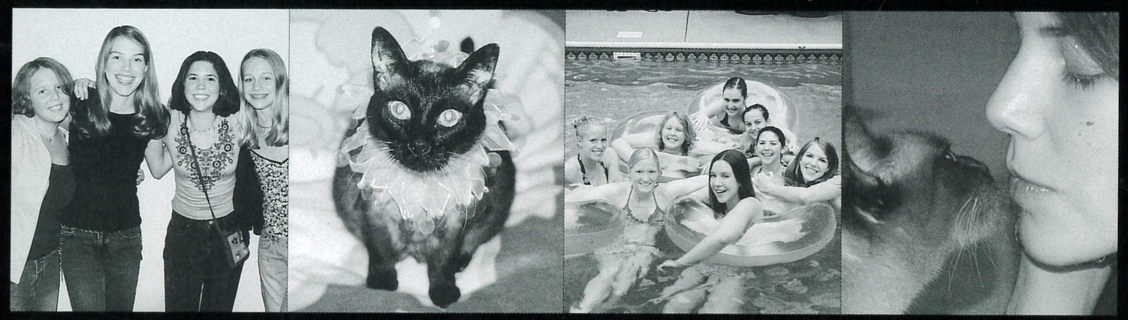




Early in life you will discover that it is a small world after all, but there will still be times when you feel alone. When this happens, make a wish, and your dreams may come true.



Even when you and your friends are confused by the world around you and just want to scream, remember that someone is always there to cuddle or bring excitement into your life.

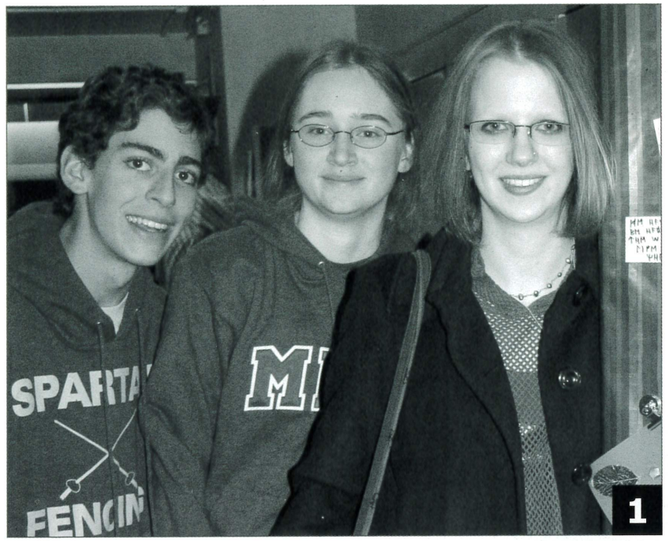


Know that each and every day there will always be friends to grow with you, someone to make you smile, people to bring joy into your life, and maybe even a prince charming to kiss.



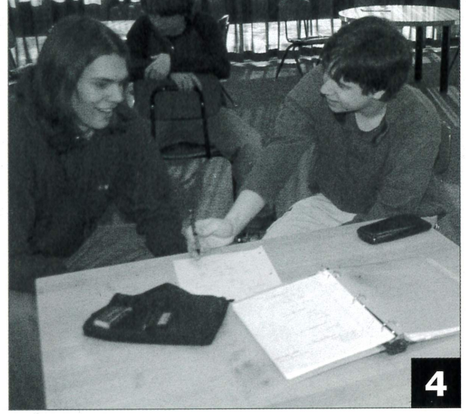
Most of all, there will always be your family to show you that you are forever loved. And so despite the troubles life may bring, you will grow into an amazing person. After all this, you will realize that even if the world is small, it is truly a BEAUTIFUL place after all.

Study and Relax

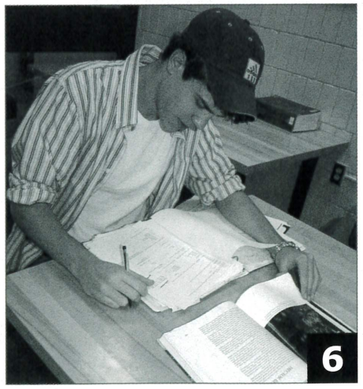












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