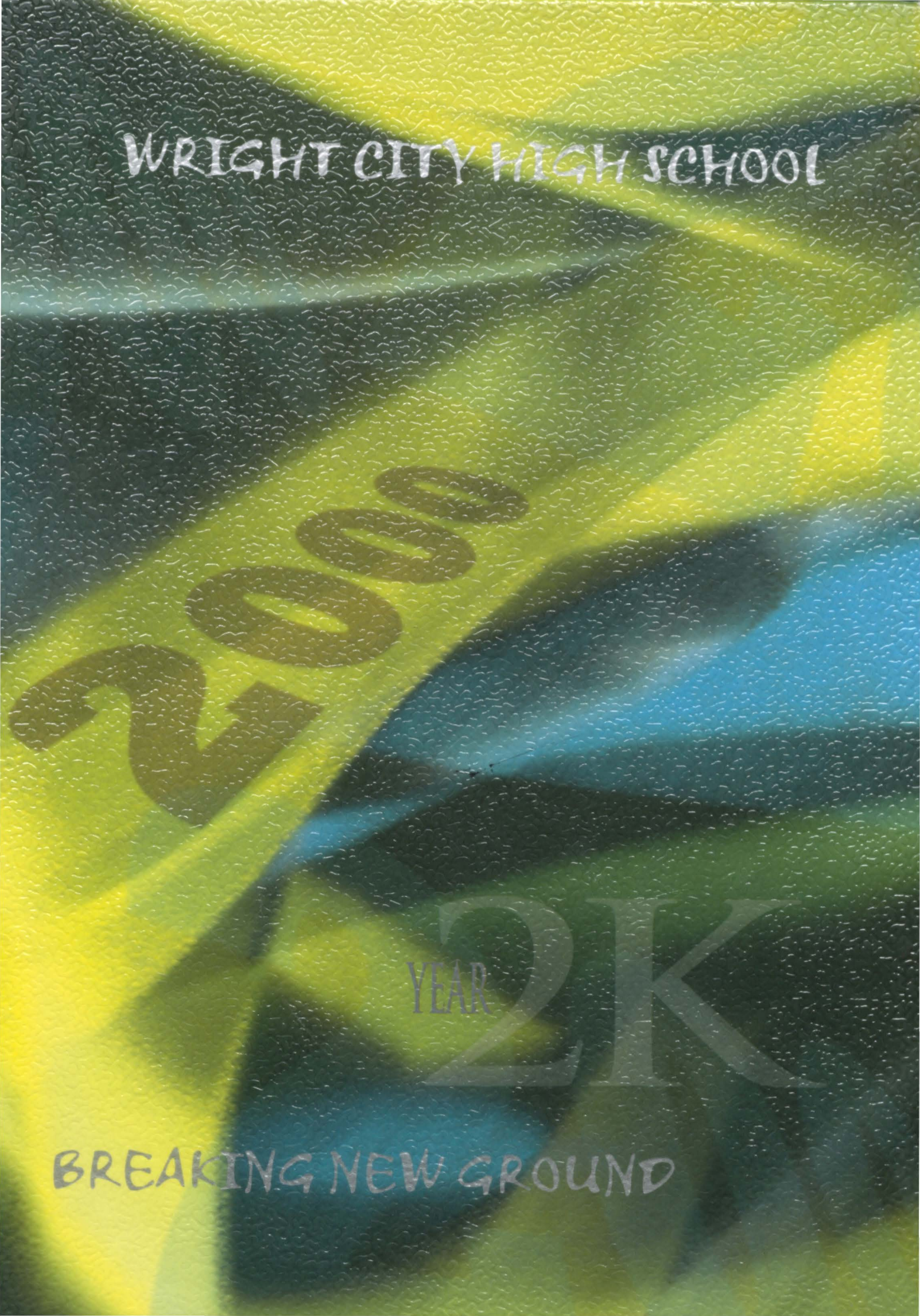
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Student Life

Students paint paw prints on the road leading to the high school~*Cinderella* is proclaimed a smashing success~Chris Lewis and Michelle Blanton are crowned Homecoming King and Queen~Students are seen roaming the halls before the first day of school for "workday"~Record amount of student participation for Strassenbash both in parade and booths~Homecoming week shows WCHS pride with outstanding hall decorations and student participation~Students learn the hard way the consequences of drunk driving~Perfect attendance has new perk with prizes~Students join together to collect canned food for needy families~Amy Schubert and Josh Gerland win Fall Fest King and Queen~Wright City's first Homecoming Queen returns to watch the crowning of the new millennium~Amy Schubert, Kevin Huggins, and Patricia Gerland are featured in the *Suburban Journal*~ Freshman Jessica Kiser has poetry published ~WCHS students prove that they are all about e x c e l l e n c e .

Shake It

Do A Little Dance...
Josh Pellerito busts a move as the crowd watches on.

Choo...Choo...All aboard...
Make way for Kerry Hynek, Jackie Cain, Lindsey Davis, and Pat Cole, the train is coming through.

I Think I Love You...
Fall Fest King and Queen Josh Gerland and Amy Schubert dance to their favorite song.

GROUND BREAKING FACT

Chorophobia is the fear of dancing.

Everybody say Ahhhhh... Freshman Tim Woods gives Mike Duffy a look at his tonsils.

Show the bright whites... Carol Vehige and Amy Schubert smile big as they enjoy themselves at the dance.

TOP 5 SONGS TO DANCE TO AT FALL-FEST

YMCA
It's an easy song to dance to, and everyone knows it.
Tegan Viggers

All My Life
It's one of my favorite songs to dance to with my boyfriend.
Krystle Bergjans

Nookie
I like it because everybody jumps around.
Brent Haas

Wonderful Tonight
I like to dance to this since my boyfriend sings it to me.
Kristin Kersting

Grease (Remix)
It's a fun song to dance to and sing.
Megan Lagemann

WRIGHT CITY FFA HOSTS
THE ANNUAL FALL FEST DANCE
OCT. 11, 1999

FALL FEST 1999

Passing on the crown... Trish Gerland crowns the new Fall Fest Queen Amy Schubert during the ceremony.

Wright Ctiy's High School fall season was highlighted with the Fall Fest Dance. Fall Fest was sponsored by FFA who provided their guests with barn-yard decorations, plenty of refreshments, and a D.J. to dance the night away. Fall Fest was topped off with the crowning of King and Queen to reign over the festivities. The King was senior Josh Gerland, and the queen was junior Amy Schubert.

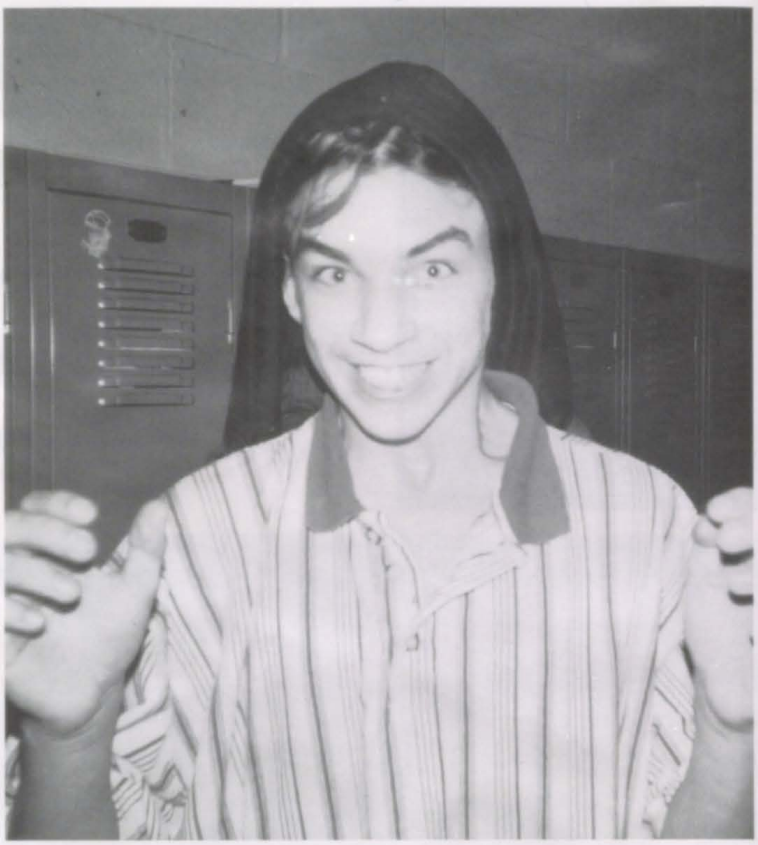
1999 Fall Fest Court...(left to right, top) Carol Vehige, Teri Farley, Natasha Hill, Christopher Balven, Jeff Edwards, Mike Duffy, (bottom row), Amy Schubert and Josh Gerland.

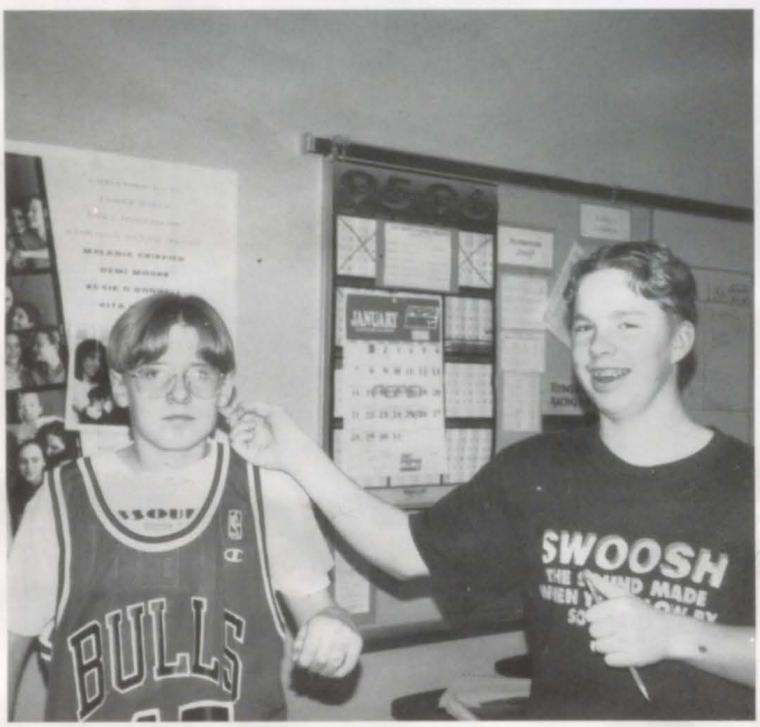
The Fun Never Stops... Kerry Hynek, Josh Lewis, Pat Cole, and Lindsey Davis, showing their wildside.

Back
In The Day

Most of us will cherish our childhood memories forever. We will remember our best friends and the laughs that were shared, the games we played at birthday parties, and kickball at recess. Looking back, we will notice how things have changed. People dress differently, the way we talk has changed, and the people change. Throughout the years we make new friends and have new good times, but we will always remember our memories from back in the day.

Some things never change... Senior Travis Kehoe picks on one of his classmates, Stephen Feise, way back in the eighth grade.



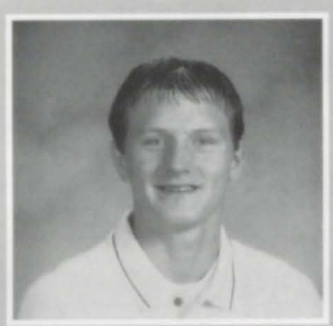


And your little dog, too... Even in seventh grade, Junior Matt Lewis still shows his "tough" side by threatening the picture taker.

Striking a pose... Senior Missy Briscoe always wanted to look her best showing off her "cool shades" as a four year-old.

Smile for the camera... Juniors Bret Odom, Amy Schubert, James Hasse(no longer attends), Philip Heiliger(no longer attends), Marcus Hayes, and Elisabeth Meyer bond together as seventh graders.

Do you like "see" food??? Eight year-old Veronica Ellis, now a freshman, sticks out her tongue while eating a piece of cake at a friend's birthday party.



"I remember when I was in first grade and a kid in my class had to go to the bathroom. Our teacher said he couldn't go...so he went in the corner."

-Patrick Cole (11)

"My best childhood memory that I can think of is when I got my new baby puppy. He is so cute and I love him to death."

-Savanaha Schrader(9)

Going for a badge... Sophomores Sandy Koperstynski, Tegan Viggers, Grace Jung(no longer attends), Danielle Bennett, and Teri Farley try to earn their next Girl Scout badge as nine year-olds.

GROUND BREAKING FACT

Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because Donald doesn't wear any pants.

Are You Ready?!

By: Sandy Koperstynski

What happens when you mix the musical forms of rap and metal? Limp Bizkit, KoRn, and Kid Rock are some of the bands that may come to mind. Be ready for the new millennium to throw new sounds at you.

In the '70s, heavy metal is what caught the attention of young audiences. Metal introduced the loud, heavy guitar-driven rock trend. High school and college students were listening to albums such as *Dressed to Kill* by Kiss, *On Through the Night* by Def Leppard, or *Love it to Death* by Alice Cooper. As the '80s approached, metal bands faded as rappers came into view. Teenagers started listening to songs such as "Wild Thing" by Tone Loc.

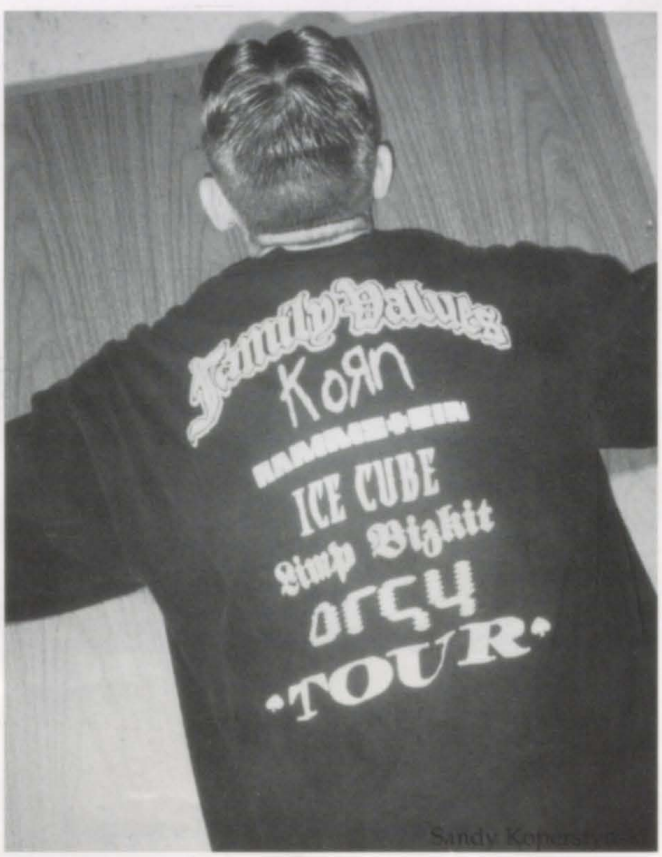
At that point, heavy metal and rap music appeared to be at opposite ends of the music spectrum. You either liked rap and not metal, or you liked metal but not rap. Very rarely did somebody enjoy both.

Now, as the '90s are about to end, these two musical trends are starting to come together as friends. In 1998, a '90s metal band KoRn toured around the United States singing "Children of the Korn" from their new album *Follow the Leader* with famous rapper, Ice Cube. This started the "new music" as other famous rock bands such as Limp Bizkit and Kid Rock followed with the new beat. Many young adults in the St. Louis area waited for October 10, 1999. They paid $40.00 to pile into the Keil Center to once again see the *Family Values Tour* as it passed through Missouri. "When you get there you don't know what to expect, but when the bands come out it's a rush, and that is a great feeling," KoRn fan Stephen Feise states.

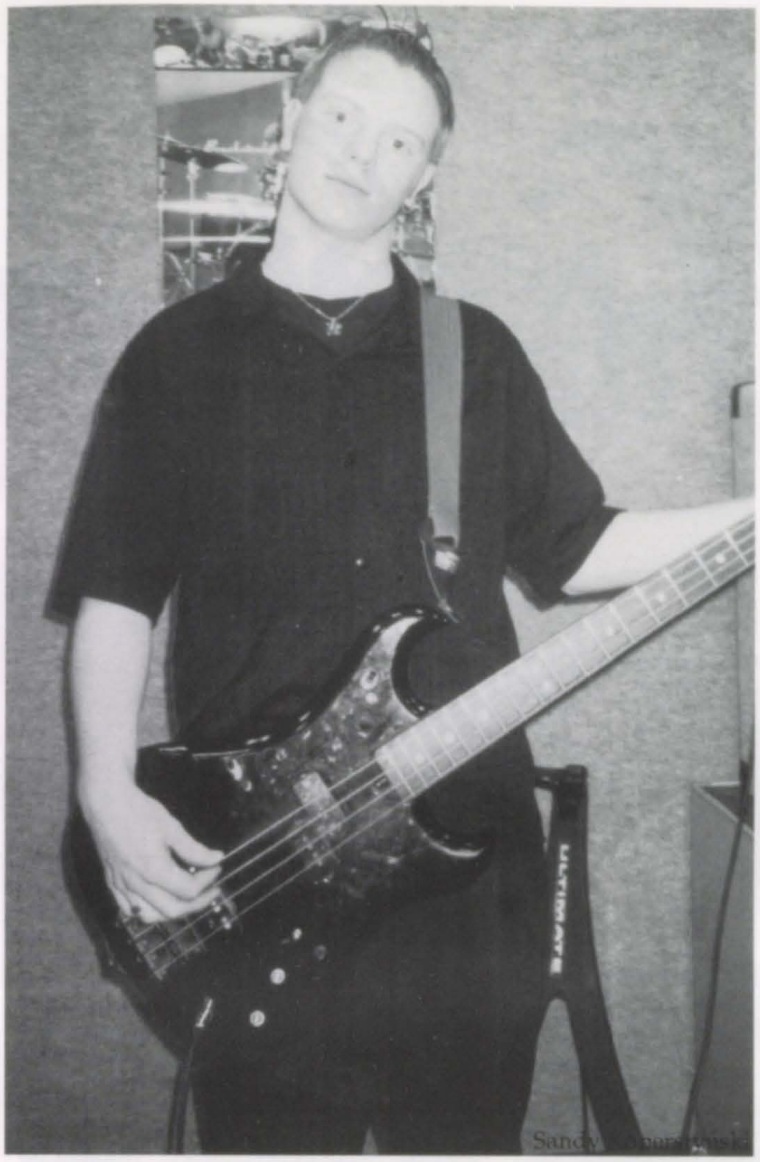
You may think to yourself that $40.00 is a lot of money to spend on a concert ticket, but not according to Bill Gilpin. "It was well worth it, because you get to see good bands that don't come around very often." he adds. The concert began at 7 p.m. with a performance by Stained, followed by Crystal Method, KoRn, Filter, and that left Limp Bizkit to end the night. Some music trends come and go in a few months. Will this fade soon, or will it be labeled the

new.....Music of the *Millennium?!?*

Smells Like Teen Spirit...Kurt Cobain, the lead singer of Nirvana, started the alternative Grunge trend in the late '80s.



Playing Dead...Sophomore Michael Chapman lays down, showing off the shirt he bought at the first Family Values Tour.



Born to Play... Sophomore Dan Young plays his beloved guitar every day in Mr. McNeill's fifth hour band class.

Significant Others... Limp Bizkit's most recent CD, *Significant Others*, was released at midnight on June 21, 1999.

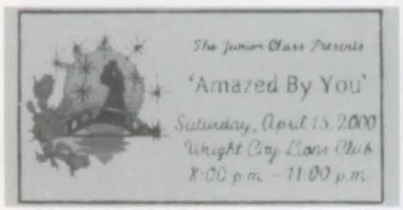
Who's YOUR favorite band... & Why?!?

"Limp Bizkit, because my brother plays them all the time, and I like their music."
-Emily Maschmidt (12)

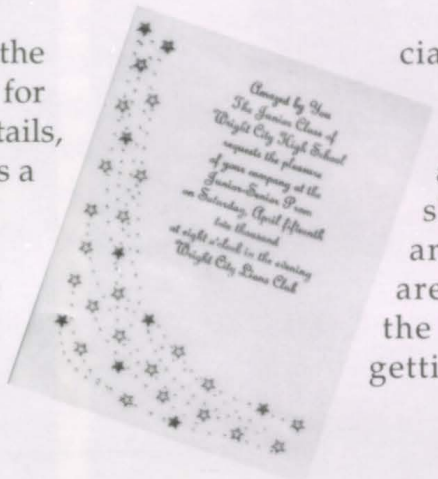
mu*sic (mju:zik) *n.* 1. The art of giving structural form and rhythmic pattern to combinations of sounds produced instrumentally or vocally. 2. Any series or combination of pleasant sounds. (example; KoRn, Limp Bizkit, Sevendust, etc.)

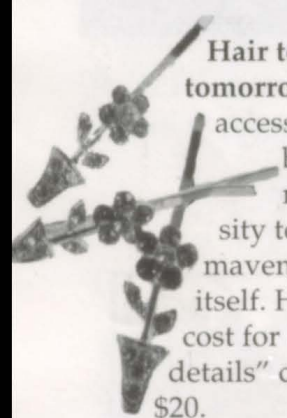
"DMX, because he raps about stuff that is really going on in the world."
-Shaun Rivera (11)

Getting Ready for the *Big Night*

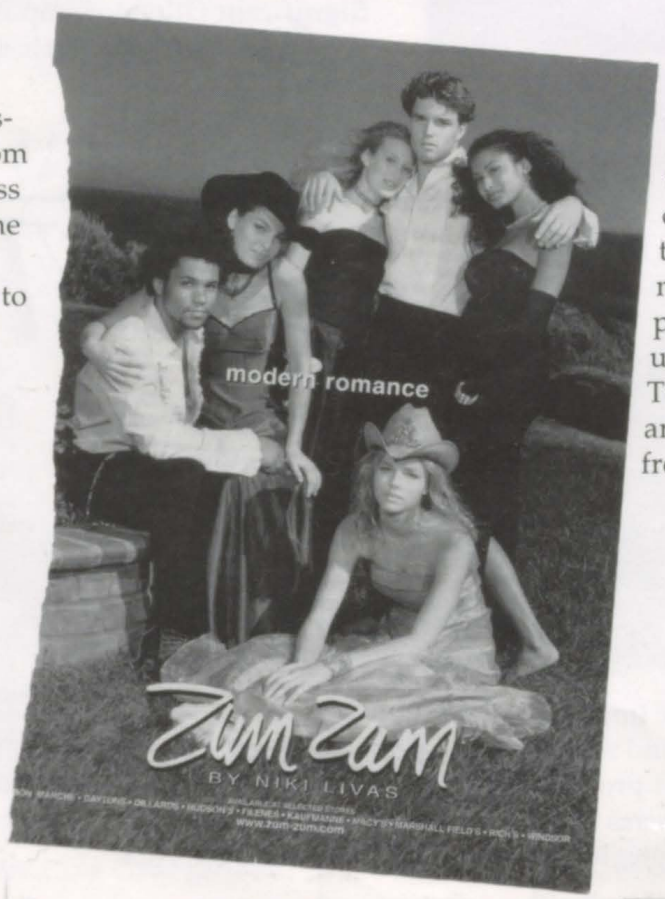


From the corsage to the shoes, getting ready for Prom is all about details, details, and nails. It's a tradition at almost every high school in the country to begin the never-ending list of "things to do" to prepare for Prom the very second the date is officially announced and Wright City is no different. Hair and nail appointments, dress shopping, shoe shopping, and tanning appointments are just the beginning of the long list necessary when getting ready for Prom.





Hair today, gone tomorrow... Hair accessories have become as much necessity to every prom maven as the dress itself. However, the cost for the "little details" can cost up to $20.



Perusing the options... Prom just wouldn't be Prom without the glamorous dresses and classic tuxedos. The traditionally high prices showed no slack this year with dress prices ranging from just under $100 to well over $200. Tuxedo rentals started at around $100 and went up from there.

Glass slippers??? Maybe not, but this years popular shoe styles had prices that suggested they were made of expensive crystal. Styles shown range from $17 to $75.

The Court

Dustin Reckamp and junior escort, Andrea Paul

Lauren Holiway and junior escort, Eric Oppeau

Dustin Reckamp and Lauren Holiway

King and Queen

GUYS

Matt Hayes and junior escort, Trish Gerland

Travis Kehoe and junior escort, StephanieBalven

Stephen Feise and junior escort, Amy Schubert

Chris Lewis and junior escort, Elisabeth Meyer

Julia Owens and junior escort, Richard Clifton

Megan Lagemann and junior escort, Jimmy Harris

Missy Briscoe and junior escort, Matt Lewis

Rebecca Filson and junior escort, David Kemp

GIRLS

Prom 2000

By: Megan Lagemann

Zoot-suiting... Senior Mikel Pierce shows his originality in a tuxedo reminiscent of '20s gangster fashion.

Nail appointments, hair designs, occasional tanning, limousine renting, and dinner reservations... As juniors and seniors awaited to be escorted to the Lions Club on April 15, butterflies were fluttering and questions were rising. What would Prom be like? Does my hair look okay? Who would be the prom king and queen?

When the clock struck eight o'clock, Wright City High School students walked into the Lions Club to be truly "amazed". They were captivated by the waterfall that flowed under the white wooden bridge, and the intriguing sunset backdrop. "Prom 2000" and the theme song, "Amazed by You," were weaved throughout white lattice fencing in green ivy with a circular water fountain in the middle. The decorated Lions club was topped off with baby blue and white streamers, balloons and centerpieces.

At prom this year, fashion definitely made a statement. Although everyone looked impressively classy, there were several memorable dresses and tuxedos. Danielle Lacy's dress was a hit because "it made her look like a Princess," said junior Andrea Paul. In the design and color category, Lindsey Davis, Lauren Holiway, Tara Blanton, Andrea Paul, and Julie Sherrell wore dresses to note.

On the men's side, Wright City guys proved they were not to be overlooked. A variety of tuxedos were sported this year. Chris Lewis was the only guy to wear a white tux, while Mikel Pierce's "zoot-suit," complimented with cane and top hat, was a hit because of its originality. Tyler Pugh also zoot-suited, but added a hat and chain.

On the eats list, The Olive Garden, Pio's, Tornatores, and Imperial Garden topped the list. For prom couples on the go, Jack in the Box and McDonalds were not unpopular choices.

Back on the dance floor, the magic hour soon arrived. While the crowd gathered around the prom court and camaras flashed, nerves were gathering among all who waited. "Now for the moment you've been waiting for", announced junior Amber Pickett. "The 2000 prom king and queen are... Dustin Reckamp and Lauren Holiway." Everyone cheered as the new royalty took the dance floor to celebrate to the theme song, "Amazed by You," by Lone Star.

Model Behavior... Senior Kevin Mudd and freshman Marcus Arroyo take a break from dancing, and their dates.

Amazed by You.. Prom attendees are amazed by their partners' dancing skills.

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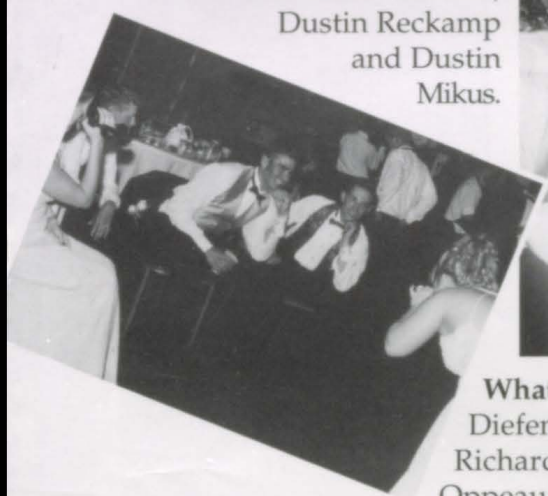
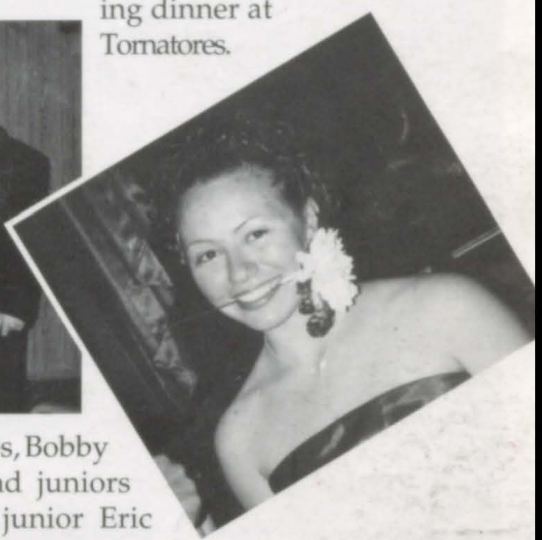
Flower Power... Senior Lisa Vrabel playfully poses for the camara while having dinner at Tornatores.

Smile... Senior Carol Vehige takes a snapshot of best friends and fellow seniors, Dustin Reckamp and Dustin Mikus.





What??? Seniors Johnathan Balven, Matt Hayes, Bobby Diefenbacher, Tyler Pugh, Stephen Feise and juniors Richard Clifton and David Kemp immitate junior Eric Oppeau's trademark look of confusion.

Top Row L to R: Stephanie Balven, Danielle Lacy, Andrea Paul, Elisabeth Meyer, Amy Schubert, Ms. Lutfiya. **Second Row:** David Kemp, Ms. Brandon, Brian Perine, Richard Clifton. **Bottom Row:** Toni Denman, Kella Mozee, Amber Pickett, Patricia Gerland.

Prom Committee

Shake it Up... Freshman Lindsey Davis and senior Sharice Adkins dance to music provided by the Cruiser D.J. Service.

UNVEILING WILDCAT CREATIVITY

Creation en mode.... Senior Nicole Wiest and sophomore Tegan Viggers use hair therapy to find divine inspiration.

By: Mary Kelbel

In a world where discovery is alive , creativity brings about new worlds.Here at WCHS creativity is not just for the art room. It is a constant subject in every class.From hallway art murals to writing Civil War period-style letters in history class, WCHS's halls are decked with creativity.

Although creativity is not something that is taught, it can be nutured. At WCHS creativity is encouraged no matter what form it comes in. From the wacky to the elegant, creativity is something we use everyday. Whether it's a school day or a work day, creativity is there opening new doors.

Show Me The Creativity. . . (Right) Junior Nicole Sherry listens to art teacher Mr. Beer.

Mary Kelbel

A Walk in the Art . . . (Below) Standing next to his artwork is sophomore Matt Lund.

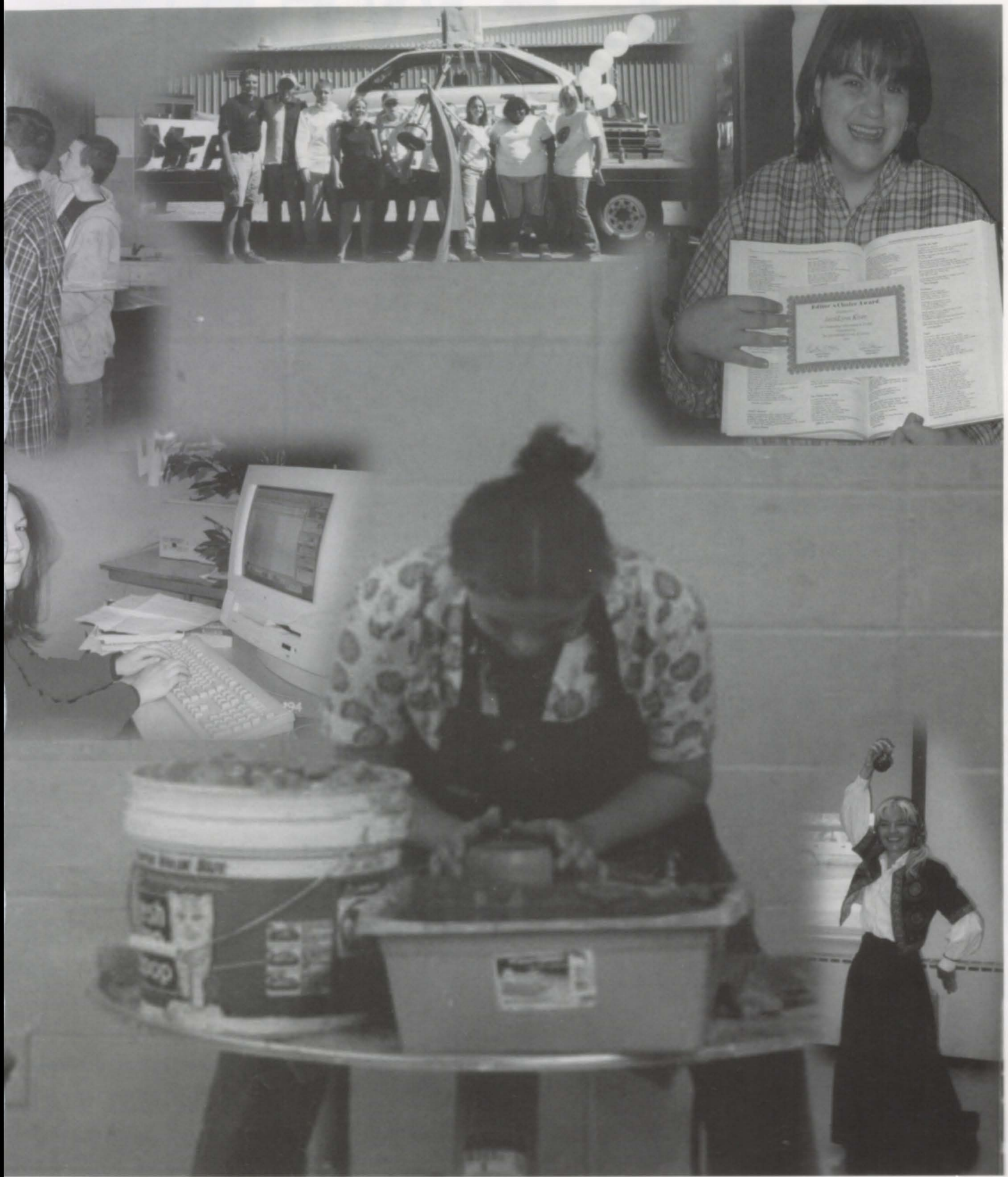
Mary Kelbel

GROUND BREAKING FACT

Here's a creative bomb , did you know that the electric chair was invented by a dentist?

The Chef Artiste Prepares to Dazzle . . . Junior Michael Johnson shows that even food can be a beautiful creation.

Mary Kelbel



HALL WEEN

By:Missy Briscoe

On October 31 , 1999 the Halloween spirit broke loose in the halls of Wright City High School. The costumes ranged from angels to doctors. There was even a member of the Star Wars family, played by Tara Blanton.
However, the students were not the only Halloween spirits that hovered the halls of WCHS. Spanish teacher Candy Boyd-Suffern dressed as a gypsie, and science teacher Sue Wright frightened her students with her spider headpiece. "It was a fun day. There was exceptional color everywhere, people smiled," says English teacher Ms. Wise.

The Pumpkin, the Witch, and the Fairy... Junior Richard Clifton, Freshman Angel Spradling, and Aide Ms. Dawn Moore pose for their five minutes of fame. (Right)

Oscar the Grouch... Freshman Valarie Montileone dresses as a trash vender while looking through her locker.

What is Your Favorite Scary H

Halloween H2O...Grant Boschert (12)
Halloween...Andrea Paul (11)
The Great Pumpkin...Lauren Holiway (12)
Scream...Ashley Williams (9)
Friday the 13th...Deanna Kallbrier (12)

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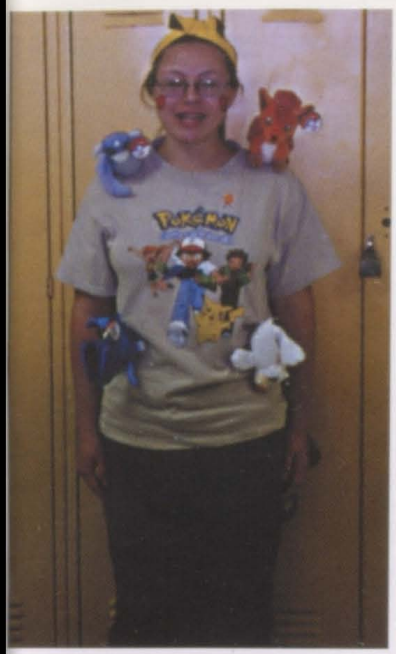
The Shining... Joe
I Know What You
The Exorcist...Jen



Pikachu I choose you... Senior Lisa Vrabel sports her favorite cartoon, Poke'mon (Left).

Angels in the operating room... Juniors Amanda McGah and Amy Neldon dress for the occasion. McGah dresses as a doctor, while Neldon dresses as an Angel (Below).

The cat in the hat... Sophomore Sarah Parker sits on her perch.(Above).

Meow... Junior Nicole Sherry shows her kitten qualities (Left).

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Once Upon A Time In Wright City...

From the people who brought you the award worthy musical, *The Sound of Music*, comes the production of Rodgers and Hammerstien's performance of the classic *Cinderella*. With amazing performances by Lindsey Davis, Chris Lewis, Amy Schubert, Jackie Cain, Richard Clifton and Krystle Bergins, the crowd was dazzled and given a show they would never forget.

With its familiar storyline and hopelessly romantic plot, *Cinderella* waltzed its way into the hearts of Wright City.

Special production highlights included a hand-built fantasy stagecoach, the performance of the waltz by nearly every cast member, and Chris Lewis' unforgettable smile.

If the shoe fits, Cinderella gets her man... Freshman Lindsey Davis plays Cinderella opposite Chris Lewis (Prince Charming).

May he have thePractice Dance?... Junior Chris Lewis and Freshman Lindsey Davis practice their waltz for the play.

GROUND BREAKING FACT

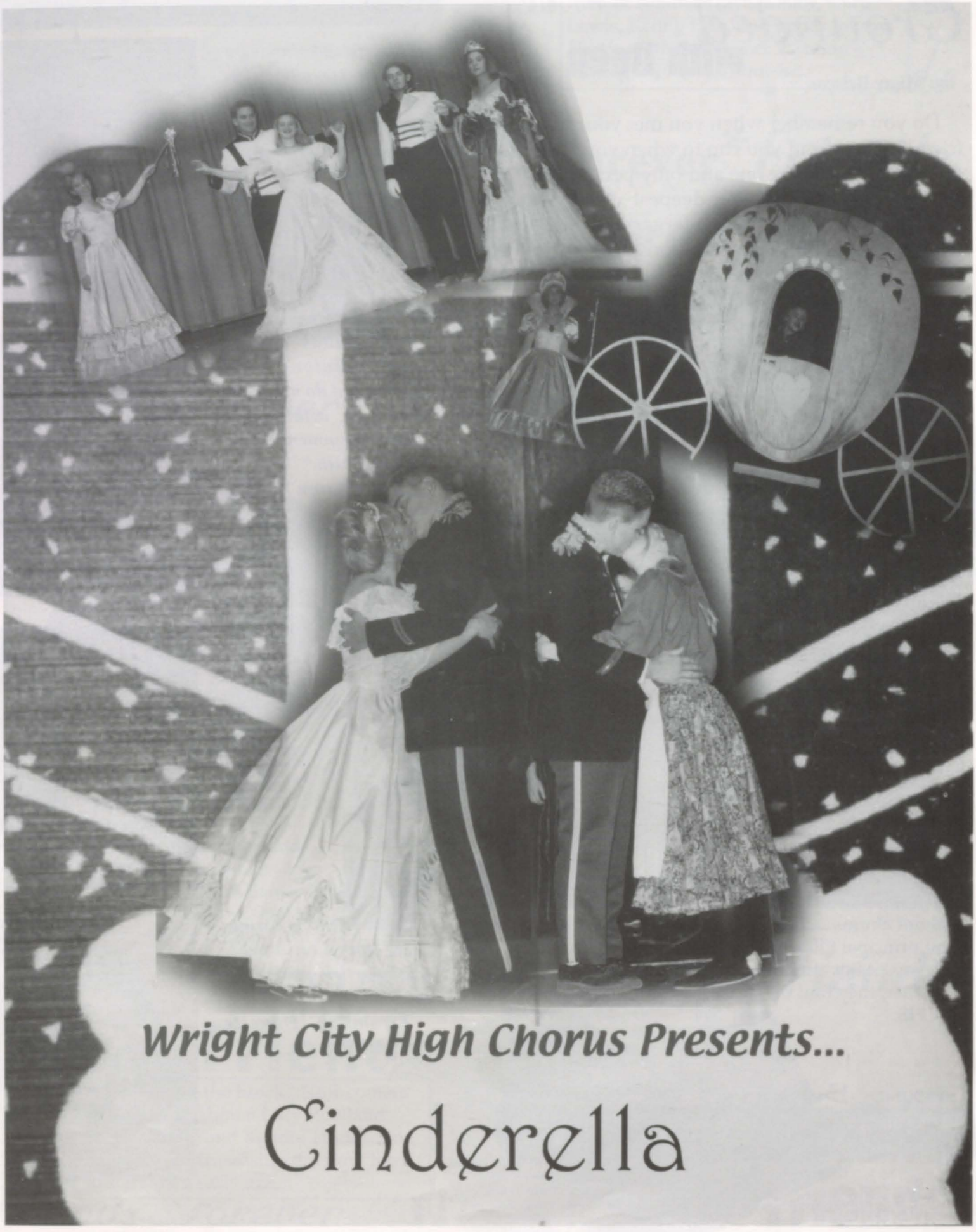
Cinderella means "little cinder girl."

In years to come, Wha Will You Remember Most From The *Cinderella* Play?

"I guess the actual night of the performance," junior Amy Schubert.

"My brother dropping th shoe," junior Richard Clifton.

"When Richard and I shoved as many Sweetart in our mouths before we had to go on stage; we were trying to say our lines and we were laughing the whole time, "freshman Krystle Bergjans.

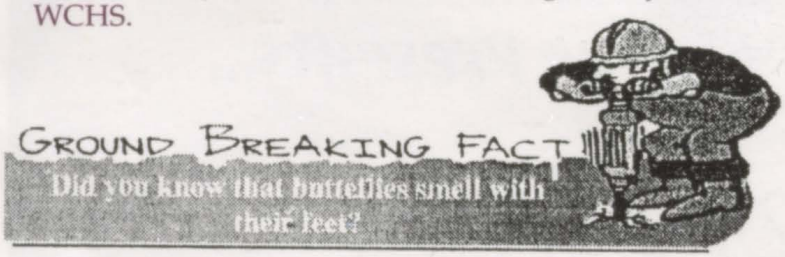

Wright City High Chorus Presents...
Cinderella

FRIENDSHIPS Grounded with Deep Roots

by: Missy Briscoe

Do you remember when you met your best friend? The friend you run to when you feel scared or alone. The one and only person you can completely trust with your deepest ,darkest secrets. Maybe you met in kindergarten while waiting in line for your afternoon snack, or maybe you met on your first day of high school your freshman year. Regardless of how you and your best friend met, you are connected on a higher level, a level that no one can compete with. Senior Carol Vehige has proved that your best friend doesn't have to live next door. " I met my best friend in kindergarten , even though our friendship travels from Missouri to Florida, we will be friends forever." Friendships may come and go, but best friends last for a lifetime.

School chums... Coach and science teacher Sue Wright and principal Ellen Young were friends from back in the day. After attending both high school and college together, they find themselves working side by side at WCHS.



What is Your Definition of a True Friend?

"A true friend stands by you no matter what happens. Even if you get into it with each other, you can always find a way to work your problems out."
Senior Josh Gerland

"True friends respect your opinions and choices and do not pressure you into doing something your not comfortable with."
Senior Laura Vrabel

" A true friend is someone who is always there for you, no matter what."
Junior Danielle Lacy

" A true friend is caring, there for you, sweet, trustworthy, and honest."
Freshman Danelle Laviolette

It's a bird it's a plane... No it's close friends: seniors Travis Kehoe, Chris Lewis, Kenny Pike, and junior Jimmy Harris on their summer vacation outting at Johnson Shut-Ins.

Lean on me... Sophomores Tracie Lawson and Kimberly Nicholas have been leaning on each other since their kindergarten crayon days.

Beauty school drop outs?... Juniors Amy Schubert and Patricia Gerland show their beautician aspirations as they prepare for the Fall Fest dance. Former queen Patrica Gerland had the honor of crowing her best friend Amy Schubert queen.

New kids on the block... New comers to WCHS, freshmen Lacy Rowland, Sarah Young, and Kendra Huddleston have proved friendship does not have to start at an early age.

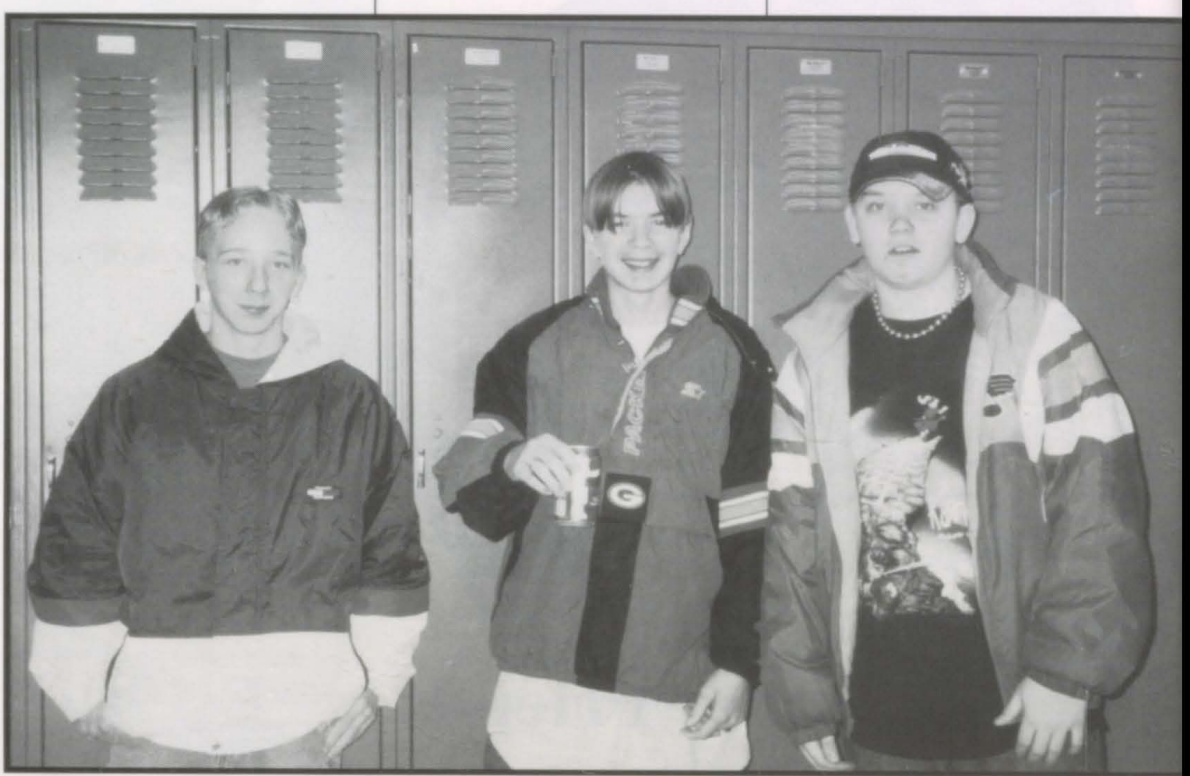
How Much Was That??

Looking good rates high at WCHS. From brand name fashion to unique styles, the school halls are a showcase for the fashion-forward.

The latest fashions of the year 2000 are cargo pants and very loose clothes. One of the most worn colors in America is black. The top brands in the clothes we wear areTommy Hilfiger, Nike, Adidas, Rue 21, and many others. Nike is probably the most expensive brand. Where do WCHS students go for name brands? The Warrenton Outlet Mall is one popular place where you can get a good price on top brand names. Rue 21 pants are priced around 15 to 25 dollars. Perhaps the ultimate place for high-quality, yet inexpensive clothing is Old Navy. Specializing in fleece, jeans, hats,sweaters, T-shirts, cardigan sets and, of course, the ever-popular tech vest, Old Navy carries it all.

By: Luke Kelly

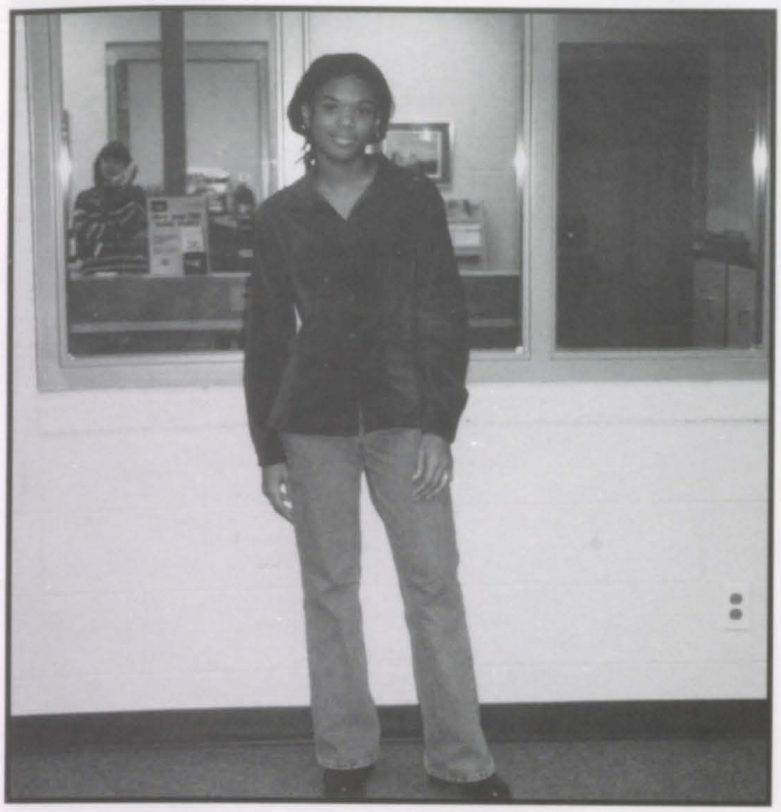
The many available varieties of watches are a way to let your personality show.



The ThreeStooges... Friends Tom Bueker, Quinton LaRocque and Cory Schafer prove that comfortable is the way to go in their baggy jeans and warm winter coats.

GROUND BREAKING FACT

WCHS students rate American Eagle, Nike, Tommy Hilfiger, and Calvin Klein as brand names to be seen in.



How suede it is... Shirae Simpson shows off her personal style in suede.

Nice legs... Senior Chris Lewis shows his feminine side by sporting a leg revealing dress.

Ho,Ho, Ho... Mr. Wiegert shows his spirit of winter break by wearing a warm Santa Claus hat.

How much money do you spend on fashion?

$10.00-235.00

$35.00-70.00

$30.00-150.00

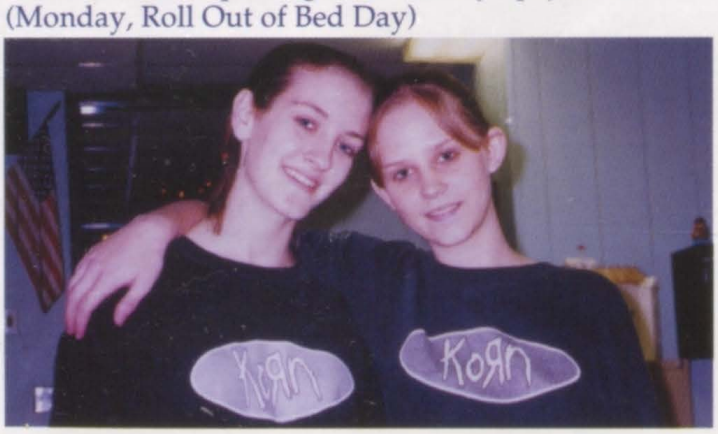
Spirit Week

By: Sandy Koperstynski

Homecoming week is not only about picking out what to wear, or finding a date for the dance. The whole week before, students at WCHS spend all their extra time decorating their halls, making banners, collecting canned food, and even dressing up to collect points. It is a friendly competition among the freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Although every class did very good in showing its school spirit, there can only be one real winner. This year, the seniors, with the theme"Aloha 2000", got first place in all four of the categories, giving them 1200 points. "2003 Space Oddesey" brought the freshmen in second place with 820 points. Third place was taken by the Sophomores, with their theme "Getting Wild in 2002" which kept them close behind with 740 points. This left the Juniors in last place with only 600 points, with "On Top of 2001". On December 16, seniors Carol Vehige, Stephen Feise, Chris Lewis, Josh Gerland, and Missy Briscoe, along with teacher Sue Wright, delivered 1, 374 canned goods to the United Methodist Church of Wright City. After all of the cans were collected, banners were made, and students were dressed up, Friday came along. The theme was "Blue & Gold" and the idea was to show school spirit. At approximately 12:30, everybody piled into the gym and participated in the games such as Tug-a-War, Relay Races, Dough Boy Races, Banana Eating Contest, Paper Towel Rolling Contest, and more. In 1998, the class of '00' won first place also. Who will be the winners of Spirit Week in 2000, when the seniors are all gone???

I Don't Wanna Go To School...Junior Richard Clifton, Senior Chris Lewis, and Freshman Lindsey Davis come to school sporting their "comfy" pajamas. (Monday, Roll Out of Bed Day)

She's All Mine...Junior Amy Shubert and Senior Lisa Vrabel fight over the stunning female version of Senior Matt Hayes. (Tuesday, Opposite Day)



Double the Fun...Best Friends sophomores Sandy Koperstynski and Sarah Parker go all out with the same shirts, jeans, socks, hair ties, and even shoes. (Wednesday, Twins Day)

Aloha... Seniors Lauren Holiway, Kristin Kersting, Josh Gerland, Missy Briscoe, Tyler Pugh, Sharice Adkins, Matt Hayes, Jennifer Arnold, Carol Vehige, and Bobby Diefenbacher wear their Hawaiian outfits to school. (Thursday, Hall Theme Day)

Homecoming 1999

Once Upon a December

During Wright City High School's homecoming basketball game against the Clopton Hawks, the homecoming court was announced. Seniors Chris Lewis and Michelle Blanton were named the 1999 Homecoming King and Queen. Also, freshman Josh Lewis and sophomore Kimberly Nicolas were crowned Prince and Princess.

The homecoming coronation took a different turn this year as well. In addition to the annual crownings, Kings and Queens of Wright City's past were spotlighted, including the very first Queen and her escort.The very first Queen was Virginia McCoy Wise and Dennis Brakensiek who graduated with the class of 1963. Other returning kings and queens came back from 1974 to last year's queen to pass on the crown.

"We brought back the past Kings and Queens to express our excitement for the new millennium. It seemed like everyone enjoyed it," said senior Kristen Kersting, who helped organize the event with Ms. Wright and Megan Lagemann.

The homecoming court for 1999 included freshmen: Kendra Huddleston, Lacey Rowland, Josh Lewis and, Macrus Arroyo, sophomores: Kimberly Nicolas, Tegan Viggers, Mervin Yoder, and Brent Haas, juniors: Amy Schubert, Patricia Gerland, Sarah Fuller, Richard Clifton, and David Kemp, seniors: Rebecca Filson, Michelle Blanton, Dustin Reckamp, Chris Lewis, and Travis Kehoe.

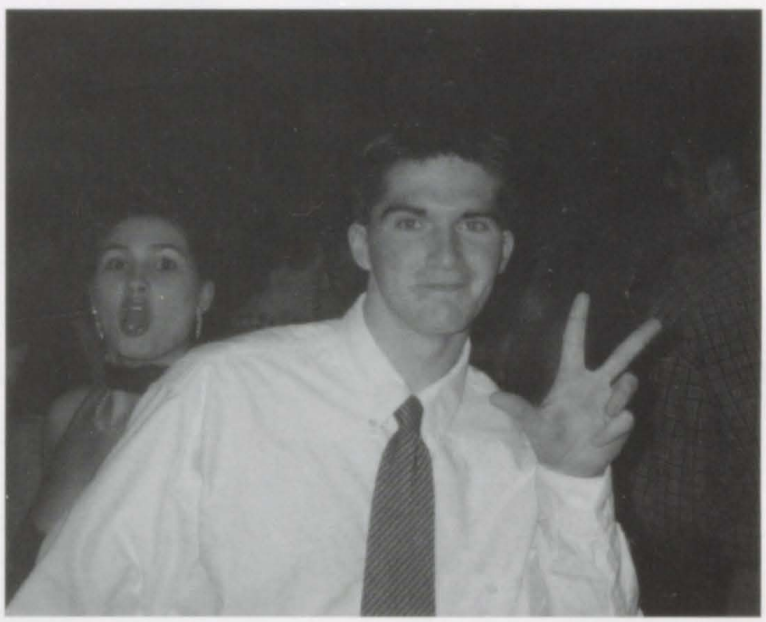
I won, I won!!! Seniors Chris Lewis and Michelle Blanton leave the homecoming court after being announced the 1999 Homecoming King and Queen.

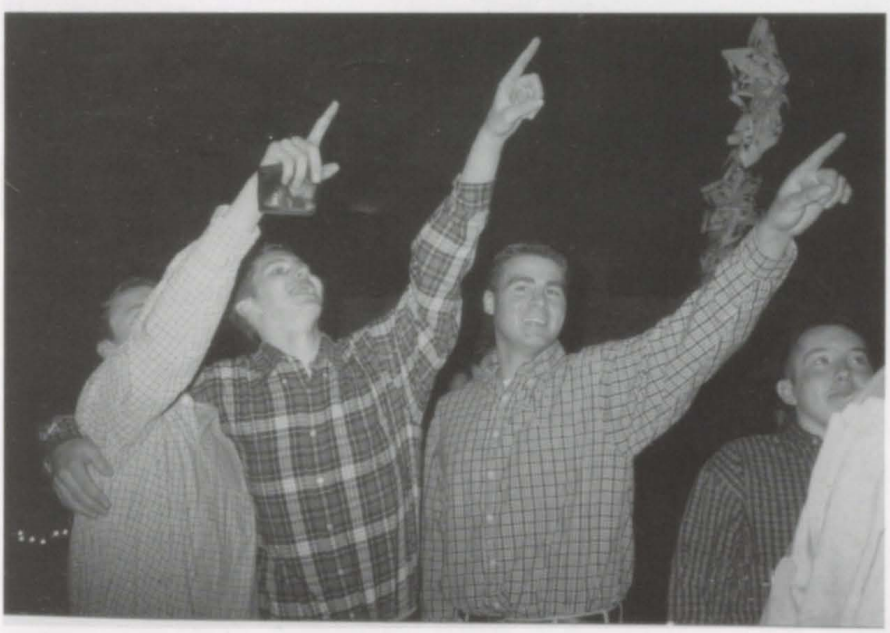
Are we done yet??? The 1999 Homecoming Prince and Princess, freshman Josh Lewis and sophomore Kimberly Nicolas, wait patiently while their picture is taken.

Raising the roof... Junior Kelia Mozee shows off her dancing moves at the Homecoming dance.

Three musket...ears??? Senior Kenny Pike puts bunny ears on seniors Megan Lagemann, Lauren Holiway, and sophomore Tegan Viggers.

Smile for the camera... Freshman Sarah Young expresses the great time she has dancing by smiling big.

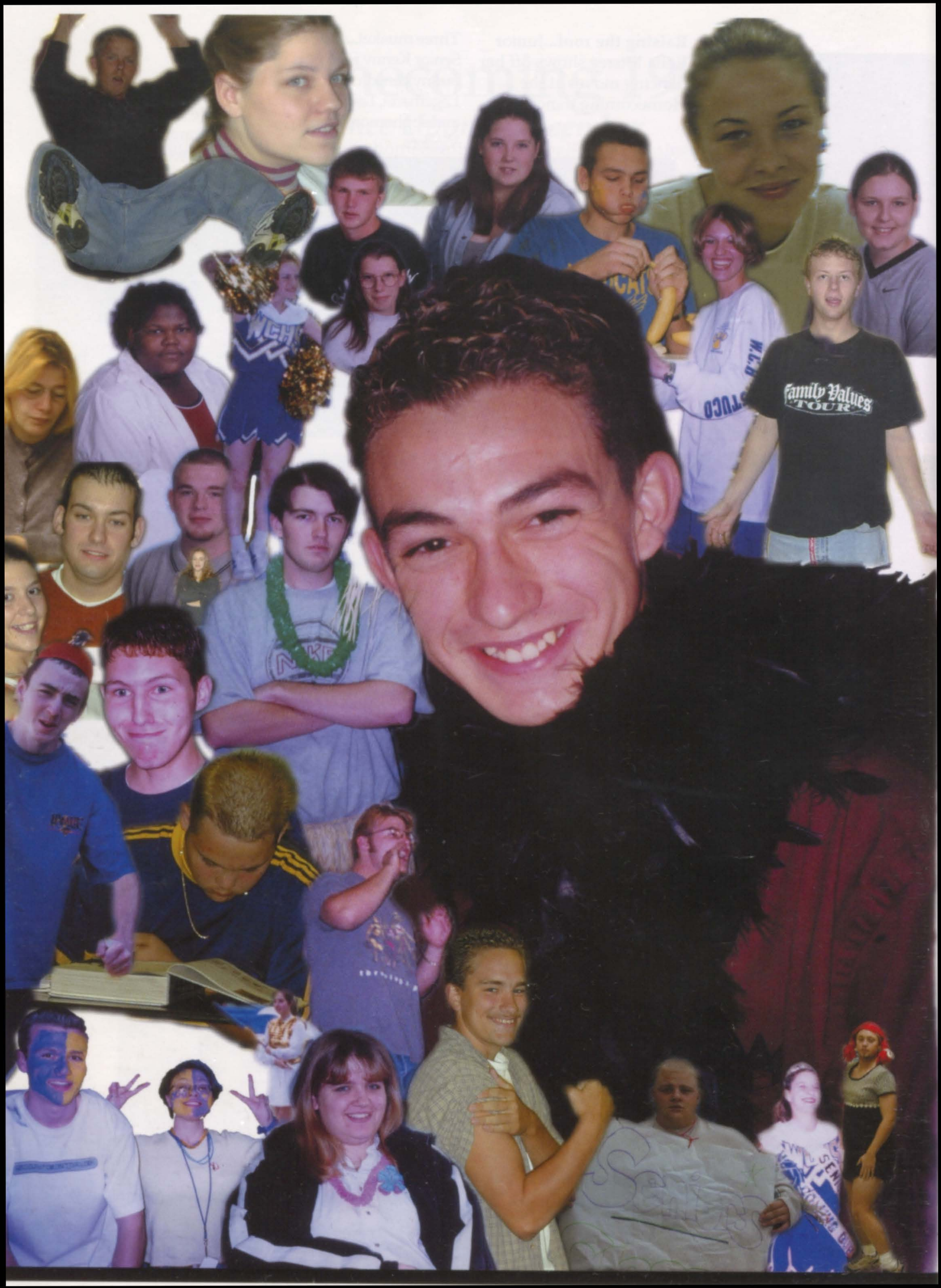




Look at what I have... The homecoming King, senior Chris Lewis, shows off his crown at the dance (Above Left).

Do you see what I see??? Seniors Dustin Reckamp, Scott Hastings, and junior Jimmy Harris show off one of their famous trademarks (Left).

Give it to me baby... Letting his moves come out, junior David Kemp dances the night away(Above Right).


Family Values
TOUR

Making Decisions from the GROUND UP

By: Nicole Wiest

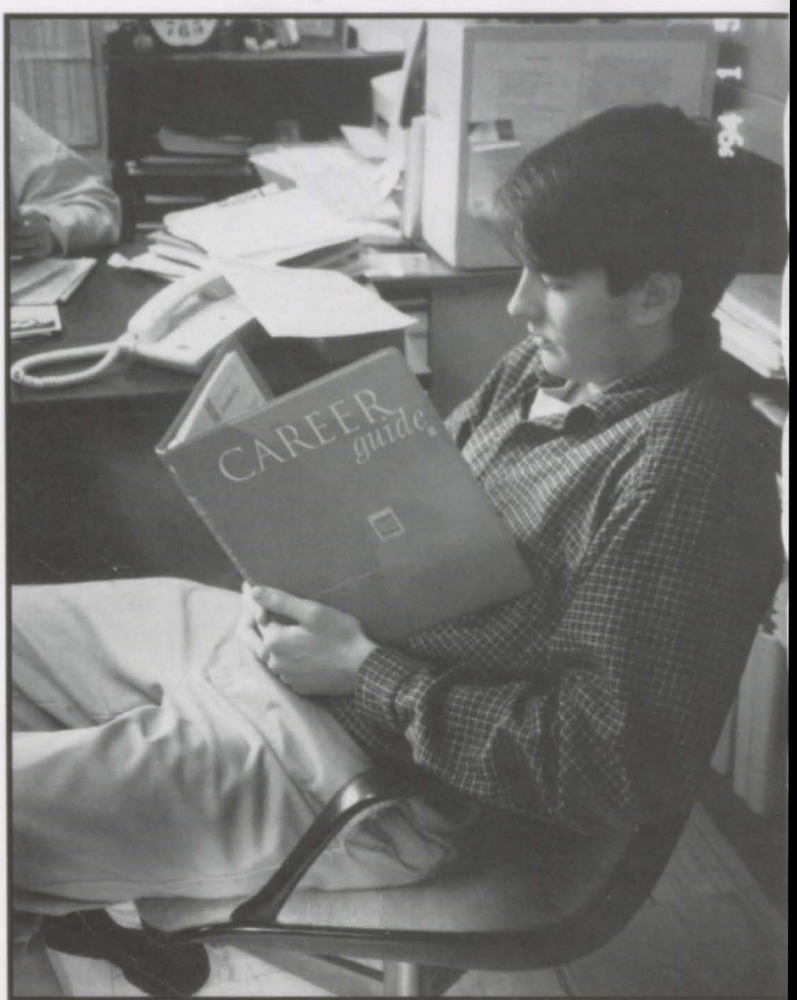
Life is full of decisions -from which outfit to wear each morning to whether or not to take a chance on eating the school lunch. However, some decisions we make affect our lives on a much grander scale. Decisions such as which college to apply to or whether or not to go to college at all. For Seniors, their last year of high school is spent making decisions that will last the rest of their lives

"You want your decisions to be well thought out and educated, but there never seems to be enough time with busy schedules and deadlines," said Senior Class President Lauren Holiway. Some decisions may seem simple while others appear ominous, which we attempt to avoid altogether.

In the end, it all comes down to keeping yourself grounded and your eye on the goal.

Tegan Viggers

Show me the money... Local VFW Veterans present a check to Senior Tyler Pugh for his winning essay in the Voice in Democracy Contest. By winning first place, Pugh was able to compete for a $20,000 scholarship if he made it to the national competition. Scholarships are an important part of the college process, and WCHS students apply for hundreds of them every year.



Nicole Wiest

Decisions, Decisions... Senior Jarod Viggers browses through a career guide to give him some direction on his future career. However, many students haven't decided on a major, much less a career field before entering college.

Quiz

DO YOU MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES WHEN IT COMES TO CHOOSING YOUR FUTURE?

By: Nicole Wiest

1.) It's 7:00 Saturday night. You know you have a major test on Monday, but your friends just called to see if you want to go to a party. You...

a.) Go to the party, but veto your plans to hang out with your friends on Sunday to make room for a major cram session.

b.) Decline the invite, choosing to do the responsible thing, hoping you don't miss anything great at the party.

c.) Go to the party and keep your plans to hang with your buds on Sunday. After all, it's only 20% of your final grade and you don't need the class to graduate.

2.) You have a huge pile of college applications collecting dust in the corner of your room. You...

a.) Make plans to fill them out next week. Besides, the deadline isn't for another month.

b.) Blow off the dust, take a deep breath and plunge in. Your future begins here, right?

c.) Continue to watch the pile grow ominously larger and wonder how many trees could have been saved had they notcontinued to come.

3.) You spotted this "gotta-have" outfit at the mall last week , but the price tag was way out of your reach. You can't take on any more hours at work because you have practice after school all week long. You...

a.)Beg your buds to loan you the cash promising to pay it back next week.

b.) Decide against buying the outfit claiming that it will have to wait until after the season is over.

c.) Skip practice one day faking a toothache and work the five extra hours you need to afford the outfit.

4.) You are on a college visit to a major university. Your tour guide asks if anyone has any questions. Your hand flies into the air. You...

a.) ask if there are any coffee shops open late so you can hang out after you finish your paper that is due the next day.

b.) What their placement rate is for your major.

c.) Where the best parties are on Friday night.

5.) It's Thursday night and you have the night off of work and practice. Your friends have called and asked if you want to go to the movies, but you know your parents have been wanting to spend some quality time with you. You...

a.) Go to the movies with your friends but make plans to spend your next day off with your family.

b.) Tell your friends that you can't make it and bring down the Twister in anticipation of a fun filled family night. After all, the movie will be out on video in a couple of months, right?

c.) Giving your parents one of those "I'm not a kid anymore" looks, you go to the movies with your friends.

6.) It's finals week and you think you did pretty well on most of your tests. But it's 5th hour and you didn't get a chance to study for this one. The kid sitting next to you is known as the class genius, and his paper is right within your view. You...

a.) Answer as many as you can remember but take an occasional glance at his paper "just to make sure".

b.) Take the test trying to remember as much as you can from class discussions and deal with the grade you get.

c.) Copy every one of his answers rationalizing it, telling yourself you would have known the answers if you had studied anyway, so what's the difference?

HOW YOU RATED

Give yourself 1 point for each 'a', 2 points for each 'b', and 3 points for each 'c'.

6-10: You show signs of maturing, but still opt for some irresponsible actions at times. Giving a little more thought to your decisions could lead you to making choices that would make your future a little brighter.

11-14: You are definitely on the road to making decisions that will make your future bright. Your responsibilty is evident by the choices you make and your parents and peers will respect you for it.

15-18: Some major guidance on the difference between right and wrong would do you a world of good. Your decisions prove to be irresponsible and often careless. Perhaps more thoughtful consideration of your choices would be helpful.

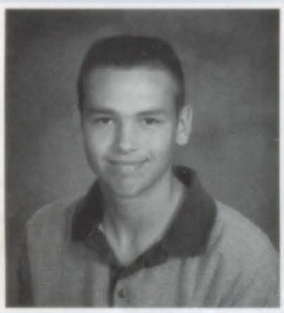
Sharice Adkins, "Stankreese"

Band 1,2,3,4; Spanish 2,3,4; Boys Basketball Manager 2,3; Track Manager 2,3; Softball 2,3; Stu-Co 3,4; Prom Committee 3; National Honor Society 3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4.

In 10 Years... I will be teaching kids their reading, writing and arithmetic.

Jennifer Arnold, "Jenn"

Basketball 1,2,3; Stu-Co Secretary 2.



In 10 Years... I hope to be a successful veterinarian with a nice family.

Johnathan Balven

Band 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Quiz Bowl 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 2,3; Soccer 4; Stu-Co 2; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4.

In 10 Years... I'll be on the cover of *Time* magazine as sexiest man of the year.

Michelle Blanton, "Shell"

Chorus 1,2; Cheerleader 4.

In 10 Years... I don't know.

Grant Boschert

Soccer 1,3; FFA 1.

In 10 Years... I will be the Executive Vice President of a major corporation.

Amy Braun, "Runt"

Chorus 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading 1,2,4; Track 1

In 10 Years... I will be a full time interior designer getting my career started and I will be married with a family.

Melissa Briscoe, "Missy"

Track 1,2,3; SADD 1,2,3; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; High School Heroes 2,3,4; Class Officer-Treasurer 2,3,4; Cheerleading 2,3,4; Prom Commitee 3; Yearbook 2,4; National Honor Society 3,4.

In 10 Years... I plan to be out of college and making a million dollars a year with a family.

Robyn Bruner

Basketball 2,3,4; Newspaper 4

In 10 Years... I will have money and be happy.

Jackie Cain

SADD 1; Chorus 4; FFA 1; TSA 4.

In 10 Years... I will be hopefully retired from the Airforce or still pursuing a career in it.

Aliessa Craig

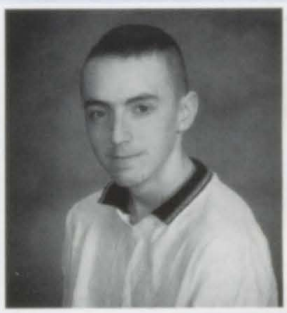
Vo-Tech 3,4; Honor Roll 4.

In 10 Years... I will be a phat paid airplane mechanic mechanic making $100,00.00 a year and married with ten kids.

Danielle Cress, "Munchkin"

Chorus 1,2,3,4; FFA 1; SADD 1,2;

In 10 Years... I will married and pregnant with my second child.



Caleb Daugherty, "That Wierd Guy"

Spanish Club 4.

In 10 Years... I will be long gone from Wright City.

Robert Diefenbacher, "Bob-o"

Band 1,2,3; National Honor Society 3,4.

In 10 Years... I will probably be in California living with my hot wife doing nothing.

Andrea Dougan, "Douganfife"

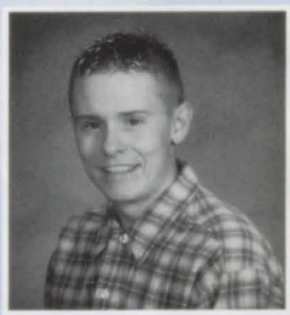
Chorus 1,2,3,4; FFA 1; SADD 1,2,3; Art Club 2; TSA 2; FCA 4.

In 10 Years... I will be taking off in a good job, living the good life and married and pregnant with a child.

Dewayne Doyle

Baseball 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Junior Health Occ 3; Senior Health Occ 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4.

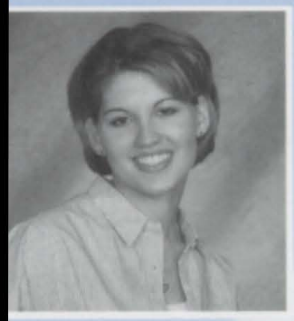
In 10 Years... I see myself as a registered nurse and a paramedic.



Stephen Feise, "Tree"

Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4

In 10 Years... Hopefully be in a successful band and make a lot of money. Also me and Bill will be in a bowling league.



Rebecca Filson, "Beck"

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; SADD 1; Stu-Co 2,3,4; High School Heroes 2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Prom Committee 3; Junior Health Occ 3; Class Officer 4; Peer Mediator 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4.

In 10 Years... I will probably be married with a kid, but only time will tell.

Ryan France

Soccer 2,4; Softball 2.

In 10 Years... I will be the same as always.

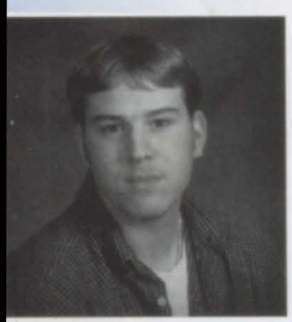
Rebecca Freund, "Becky"

Swimming 1,2; Volleyball 1,2; Stu-Co 1; Cheerleading 4; FFA 4.

In 10 Years... I will be a chef in my own restaurant.

Joshua Gerland

Track 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; High School Heroes 2,3,4; Stu-Co 2,3,4; SADD 3,4.



In 10 Years... I will be a trained police officer.

Andrew Gibson

Vo-Tech 3,4.

William Gilpin, "Bill"

Girls Basketball Manager 1,2; Band 1; Math Club 2; Knowledge Bowl 2; Soccer Manager 2,3; Stu-Co 4; Yearbook 4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4.

In 10 Years... I will be running my own gentlemen's club and be single for the rest of my life.

Judy Gripentrog, "Judster"

Cheerleader 1; FFA 1,2.

In 10 Years... I will have graduated from college and will be working as a teacher or an interior designer.

Jeffrey Hastings, "George"

Basketball 1,2,3.

In 10 Years... I will be rich.

Matthew Hayes

Band 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; High School Heroes 2,3,4; Prom Commitee 3; National Honor Society 3,4.

In 10 Years... I will be in Zimbabwe wrestling with natives for food to feed my nine kids and webfooted wife.

Curtis Haynes, "Kurt Dog"

Chorus 1,2,3,4; Band 2,3,4.

In 10 Years... I will be very successful with my band thing and married to my girlfriend and *maybe* one kid.

Chasity Heimburger, "Chas"

Basketball 1,2.

In 10 Years... I don't know.

Crystal Heppermann

Lauren Holiway, "Laury"

Track 1,2,3,4; Stu-Co 2,3; High School Heroes 2,3,4; Basketball 3; Prom Committee 3; Class President 4; Peer Mediator 4.

In 10 Years... I will be starting my career as a teacher.

Kevin Huggins, "Goldberg"

Band 1,2,3; Vo-Tech 4.

In 10 Years... I will be married with two kids working on BMWs the rest of my life.

Jessica Iannicola

Holly Jarvis

Student Council 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4.

In 10 Years... I have no clue.

Kawnisha Jones, "Shanky"

Softball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; Stu-Co 2,3,4; Yearbook 2; High School Heroes 3,4; Peer Mediation 4.

In 10 Years... I am going to be the top executive of the biggest booming business in the world, baby!

Deanna Kallbrier, "Sandra"

Band 1,2,3,4.

In 10 Years... I will be in an office working on a computer as a secretary or some other type of assistant.

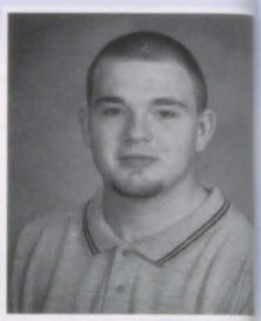
Travis Kehoe, "Curt"

Baseball 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Band 1,2,3; Spanish Club 2,3; Prom Commitee 3; National Honor Society 3,4;Stu-Co 3,4; Peer Mediator 4.

In 10 Years... I will be a professional Pilot Crashing into a house near you!

Shawn Keown, "Ed"

Band 4.



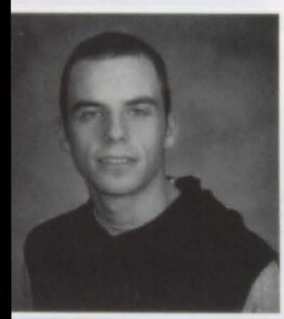
In 10 Years... I hope to have band and travel the world. Most importantly, I hope I will attend a tour with Korn.

Kristin Kersting

Stu-Co 1,2,3,4; SADD 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3; Cheerleader 2; High School Heroes 3,4.

In 10 Years... Who knows??

Christy Knisley



Steven Krueger, "Beave"

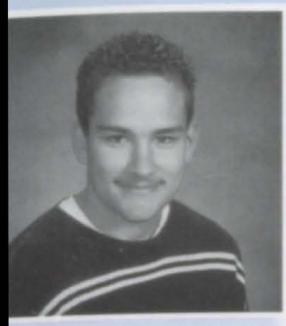
Basketball 3.

In 10 Years... I will be rich and hopefully have a good job and a beautiful wife.

Megan Lagemann, "Meg"

Softball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4;Chorus 1; SADD 1,2,3,4; Stu-Co 1,2,3,4; Junior Class President 3; Yearbook 2; High School Heroes 2,3,4; Prom Committee 3; Basbeball Manager 3; Jr. Chamber Member 3,4; Newspaper 4.

In 10 Years... I will be married with at least one child and working as a teacher and coach or a broadcaster.



Christopher Lewis, "Lou-dog"

Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; Soccer 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2; Band 1,2; High School Heroes 2,3,4; Senior Class Vice President 4.

In 10 Years... I will be a professional baseball player.

Emily Maschmidt, "Ems"

Band 1,2,3,4; Flags 1,2,3; Chorus 2; FFA 4.

In 10 Years... I will be a counselor for children who need family assistance. I will have my masters degree and one child.

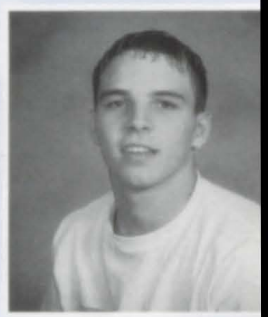
Marsalesa Mayfield, "M&M"

Chorus 1,2; SADD 1,2; Spanish Club 4.

In 10 Years... I will be rich and run this school.

Charles Meyers, "Big Ones"

Basketball 1,2,3.



Dustin Mikus, "Cowboy"

Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3; Stu-Co 1,2,4; FFA 1,2,3,4;

In 10 Years... I will be a substitute at Wright City High School.

Kevin Mudd, "Mudd"

Band 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; TSA 1,2.

In 10 Years... I will be a drummer in a popular band.

Torrey Niemann, "Biggun"

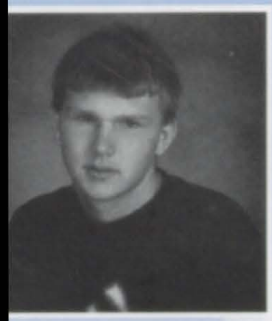
Soccer 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3;

In 10 Years... I will be a millionaire with a big house and nice cars.

Julia Owens, "Julia Ghulia"

Chorus 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Band 1; SADD 1; Stu-Co 4.

In 10 Years... I will be a singer with a big limo and a huge record contract.



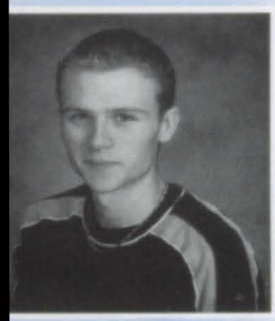
Dusty Paul

Soccer 1.

In 10 Years... I will probably still be in Wright City.

Mikel Pierce, "Mikey"

Guitar Club 2.



In 10 Years... I will have been a poet, a musician, a song writer, and a millionare. I plan to get by on my good looks.

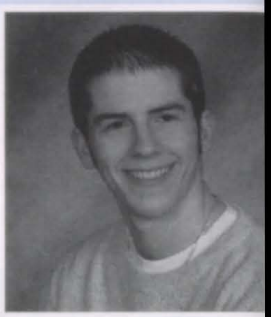
Kenneth Pike, "Kenbob"

Baseball 3,4; Soccer 3.

In 10 Years... I will be 28 years old.

Raymond Pugh, "Tyrone Maxwell"

Soccer 1; Basketball 1,2,3; National Honor Society 3.4.



In 10 Years... I will be ten years older.

Dustin Reckamp, "Reckamp"

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Stu-Co 3,4.

In 10 Years... I have no idea.

Kevin Rohan

In 10 Years... I will be working and hopefully rich.

Jennifer Rygelski

Basketball 1. Swimming 1,2,3; Pep Club 3.

In 10 Years... A candidate to be the first female President.

Julie Sherrell

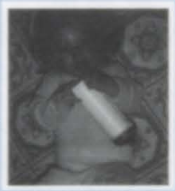
SADD 1,2; FFA 4.

In 10 Years... I will have a good paying job and married with a few kids.

Russell Tainter, "Russell the Love Muscle"

Track 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4.

In 10 Years... I will be a head butcher at a grocery store and a part time stock car driver.



Richard Tinsley, "Rich"

Baseball 1, Basketball 1,2; Soccer 1.

In 10 Years... I will be working at a successful job and starting a life with my beautiful wife in Florida.

Mandi Tucker, "Mandi Fandi"

SADD 1,2; FFA 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; Honor Roll 1,2; Stu-Co 1; Girls Basketball Manager 2; Basketball 3; Junior Health Occ 3; Senior Health Occ 4.

In 10 Years... I will be an equine vet and very rich.

Carol Vehige, "Grandma"

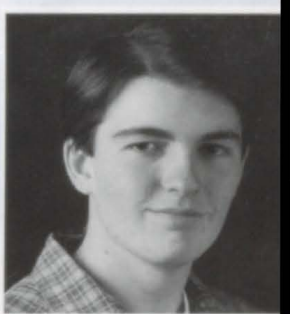
Stu-Co 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3; SADD 1,2; FFA 2,3,4; High School Heroes 2,3,4; Sophomore Class President 2.

In 10 Years... I will probably be married and very successful in the business field.

Rani Viers

Band 1,2,3,4; Flags 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading 2.

In 10 Years... I will have a masters degree in social work, be married, and have two kids.



Jarod Viggers

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Prom Commitee 3.

In 10 Years... I will be watching T.V.

Laura Vrabel

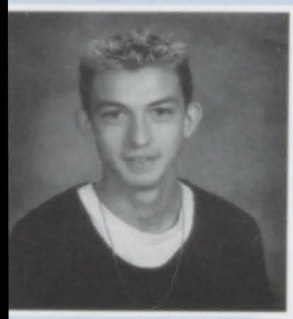
Band 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4 Spanish Club 1,2; National Honor Society 3,4; Girls Basketball Manager 3,4; Stu-CoTreasurer 4; Knowledge Bowl 4.

In 10 Years... I will be saving the world from environmental destruction.

Lisa Vrabel, "Hair"

Track 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3; SADD 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Knowledge Bowl 1,2,3,4; FFA 1; National Honor Society 3,4.

In 10 Years... I will be a famous scientist appearing in all the science magazines for my great discoveries.



David West

Track 1; Soccer 2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4.

In 10 Years... I will still be in Med-school.

Nicole Wiest

Spanish Club 1,2,4; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Newspaper 2,3; Yearbook 2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4; Track 3; Prom Commitee 3; Tutor 4; Technology Commitee 4.

In 10 Years... I will be the editor of a magazine in Chicago or New York.

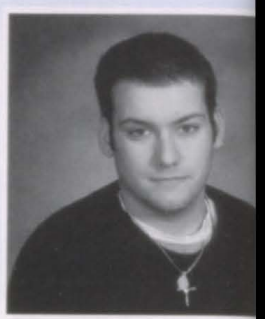
Jason Williams, "Jay"

Basketball 1,2,3; Track 1,2,3.

In 10 Years... I see myself as being very successful male gigolo or married with kids.

David Winfrey

Soccer 1.



In 10 Years... I don't know.

Luke Zuhone

Vo-Tech 3,4.

2000...Need We Say More??

First Place- Strassenbash Parade Float

First Place- Canned Food Drive

First Place- Spirit Games

First Place- Hall Decorations

Winners- Spirit Trophy

We are the seniors, the mighty, mighty seniors...We do mighty things!

Commons Area... Seniors only. Senior Lounge... Seniors Only. Paws Lead the Way... Seniors Did It.Billboard leaves our mark... Seniors 2000.

Gave can goods to the "Giving Tree." "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown." Won Best Float Strassenbash Parade "Meet the Seniors." Senior won Strassenbash Contest.

Mischief in the Halls... Hey! Hay! Hay! Yes, Pizza Hut DOES Deliver to the Office. No, Prince Charming Doesn't Drive a Lawn Mower, but Stephen Feise on the Other Hand...

We Got Spirit, Yes We Do... Can Food. Hall Decorations. Aloha 2000. Dress-Up Days. Spirit Flag. Spirit Trophy.

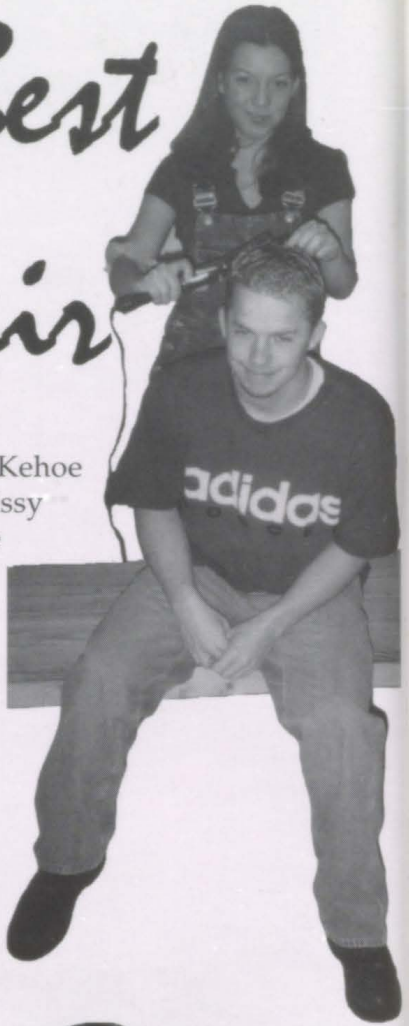
Triumph

2000

2000

Senior Traits

Best Hair

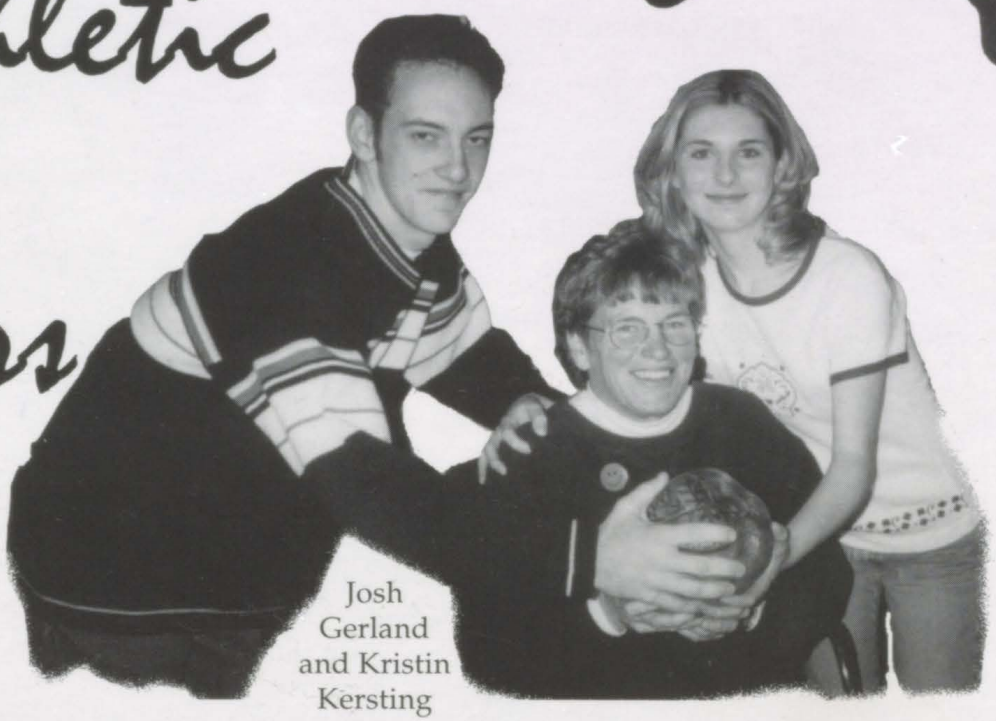


Travis Kehoe and Missy Briscoe

Most Athletic

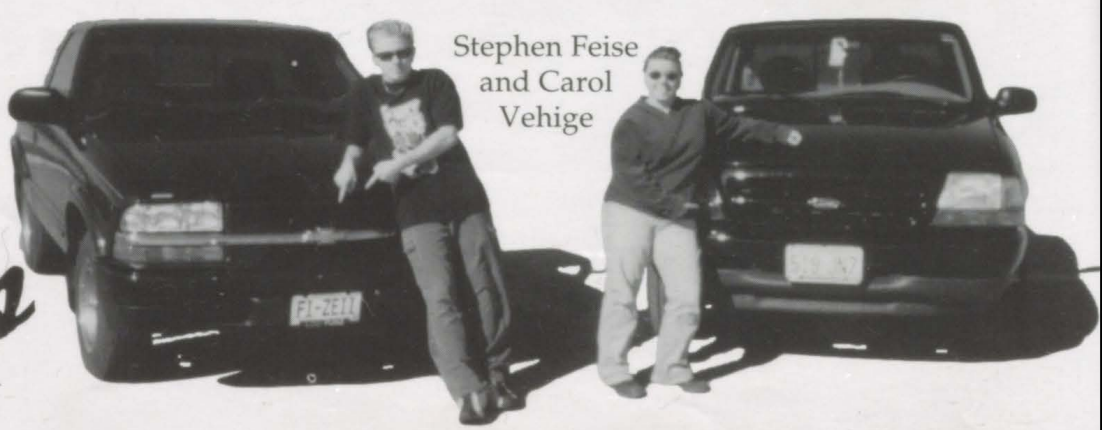
Kawnisha Jones and Josh Gerland

Teachers Pets



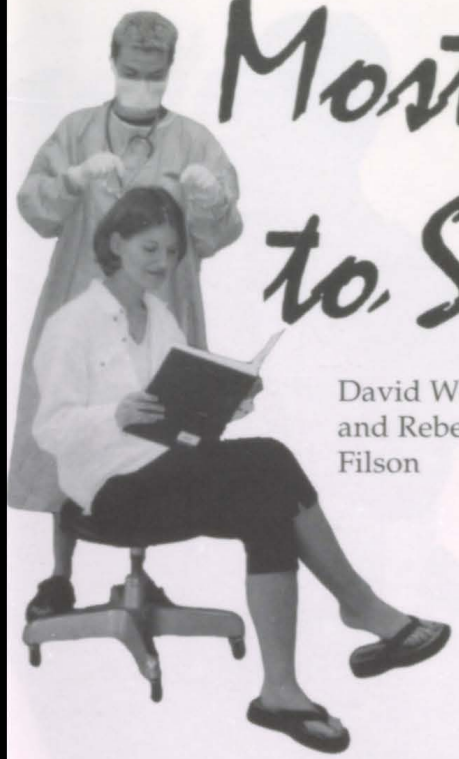
Josh Gerland and Kristin Kersting

Best Cars



Stephen Feise and Carol Vehige

Most Likely to Succeed



David West and Rebecca Filson

Megan Lagemann and Jason Willians

Most Outgoing

Matt Haye and Laura Vrabel

Most Talented

Bill Gilpin and Carol Vehige

Biggest Gossips

Senior Traits

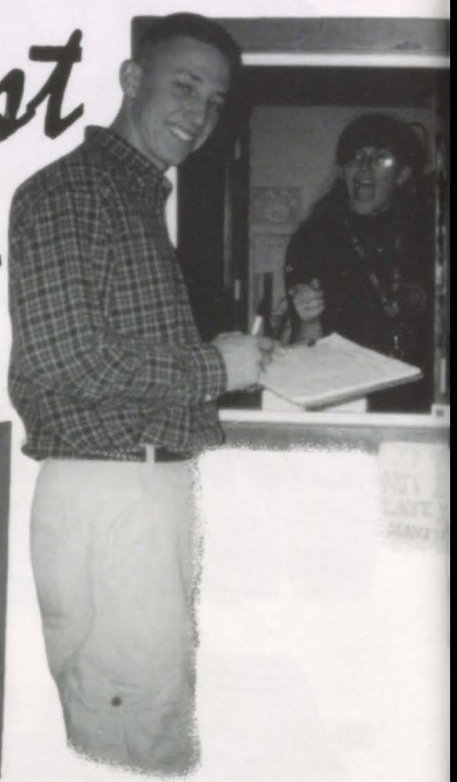
Biggest Flirts

Jason Williams and Jennifer Arnold

Tyler Pugh and Julia Owens

Best Smile

Most Likely to be Late

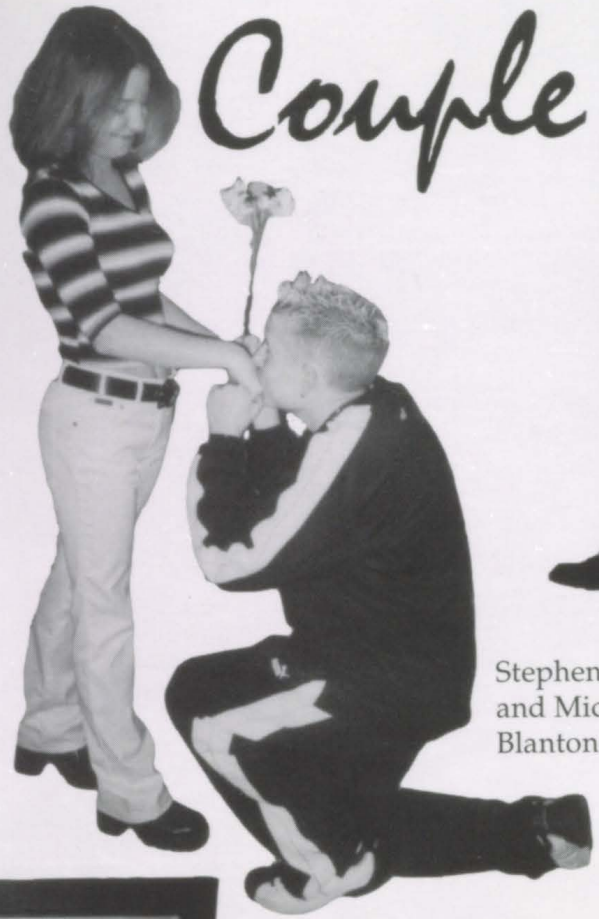


Holly Jarvis and Dustin Mikus

Scott Hastings and Lauren Holiway

Most Easygoing

Cutest Couple



Stephen Feise and Michelle Blanton

Best Dressed

Grant Boschert and Jennifer Arnold

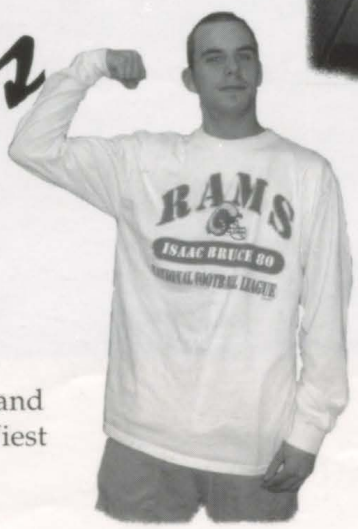
Most Cheerful

Judy Gripentrog

Best Eyes

Steven Krueger and Nicole Wiest

Class Clowns



Stephen Feise and Michelle Blanton

GRADUATION 2000

(Left)**Valedictorian Lisa Vrabel** salutes the Class of 2000. She will be attending the University of Missouri-St. Louis this fall.

(Right)**Salutatorian Sharice Adkins** sends warm wishes to fellow classmates. She will be attending Truman State University this fall.

(Far Right) **Class Dismissed...**The first graduating class of the new millennium celebrates.

(Left) **Anticipation...** Rebecca Freund and Josh Gerland enjoy a final senior moment.

(Left) **Let the music ring...**Ms. Clarke directs the chorus. Julia Owens and Amy Braun were the featured soloists.

(Right) **The Sendoff...** Ms. Sachs congratulates senior Steven Krueger.

(Far Right) **Cookies, Mr. Lagemann???** Middle School Principal Richard Lagemann shares a humorous, personal story about the lessons of sharing.

(Left) **Roses are for Parents...**Carol Vehige and Rebecca Filson open the traditional rose ceremony.

(Right) **Senior Sponsor and so much more...**Ms. Wright was honored for her devotion to the senior class. She also shared some words of wisdom from one of her all-time favorite authors, Dr. Seuss.

GOODBYE, GOOD LUCK

FROM *THE WRIGHT CITY CONNECTION*

In a gymnasium filled with emotion, members of the Wright City High School Class of 2000 said goodbye amid the applause, tears and hugs of well-wishing classmates, parents and teachers.

The ceremony was complete with the traditional trappings that make graduation at Wright City so intimate and personal: The rose ceremony, where graduates recognize their parents, the slide show that displays both baby and senior pictures, and the heart-felt speeches of administrators, teachers and students.

"We waited so long for the Class of 2000 to graduate, and it was everything we expected and more," said senior Nicole Wiest, who plans to attend Southwest Missouri State University this fall.

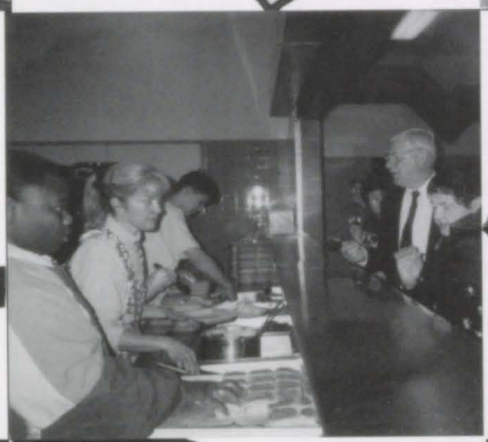
Special attention was given to veteran teacher Sue Wright for her commitment to the senior class. Wright, who has served her students as teacher, coach, and sponsor for numerous clubs, was honored with flowers and the we'll miss-you tears from her students.

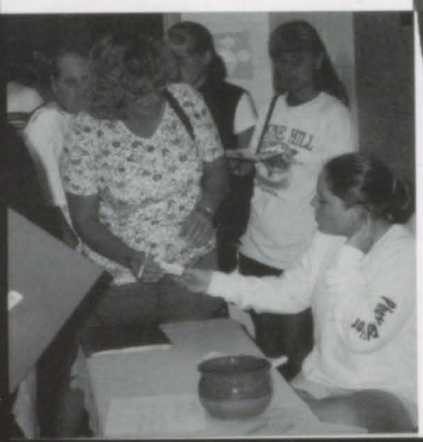
Ms. Wright, Mr. Lagemann and Ms. Sachs gave the class a special send-off wish.

Valedictorian was Lisa Vrabel and Salutatorian was Sharice Adkins .

CONGRATUALTIONS CLASS OF 2000!!!

Clubs





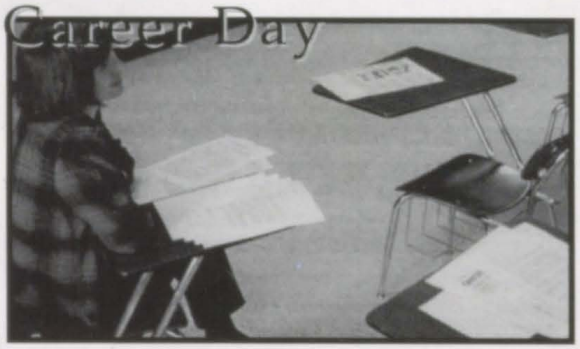
Band marches out of Kirksville with a first place trophy for the second year in a row~Spanish Club holds various fundraisers to travel to Costa Rica summer of 2000~Susan Hertzler and David Kemp win a superior rating and the coveted spirit stick at the summer drum major camp~Newspaper is given a plaque and recognized by the Wright City Chamber of Commerce~NHS sponsors an adopt-a-family for Christmas~Chorus walks out of Florida with third place in their first National Competition~FFA travels to New York for competition~NHS takes senior members to Art Museum for an enlightening experience~SADD sets of red balloons in the parking lot as a message for being drug-free~FFA goes above and beyond with blood drive~Student Council wins first place for "most collected cans per student" and the can sculpture at Tri-County~Knowledge Bowl shows good teamwork and sportsmanship at competitions ~WCHS clubs prove that they are all about e x c e l l e n c e .

A+ Hits The Roof

A+ in Action...*The A+ program gained momentum this year through increased membership, ongoing peer tutoring, job shadowing and Career Day. A+ coordinator Shirley Case said it is the goal for every freshman and sophomore to enroll in the program, which offers free college tuition to any Missouri community college or vocational school.*

(First Row) Tegan Viggers, Amy Schubert, Nora Famous, Kimberly Nicolas, Tracie Lawson, Nicole Sherry, Keil Mozee, Amanda Mcgah, Kerry Hynek, Kristina Lindsey, Jessica Kiser.
(Secound Row) Ms. Shirley Case, Amanda Reckamp, Danielle Lacy, Elisabeth Meyer, Andrea Paul, Dan Young Sandy Koperstynski, Tamika Thompson, Ryan Shaw, Craig King, Kevin Bueneman.
(Third Row) Angie Dorman, Patricia Gerland, Stephanie Balven, Felicia Prentice, Heather Smith, Sarah Parker, Josh Lewis, Lacy Martines, Shannon Walters, Allen Koehler, Natasha Hill.
(Fourth Row) Josh Pellerito, Andy Fingers, David Crose, Sarah Young, Crystle Johnson, Chris Balven, Jason Berschied. **(Fifth Row)** Mervin Yoder, Michael Dreyer, Lucas Kelly, Travis Shell, David Kemp, Eric Oppeau, Brendon Weidner, Tyler Turner, Shane Reinhold.
(Sixth Row) Bryan Snider, Rachel Davis, Lindsey Davis, Heidi Box, Kendra Huddleston, Carolyn Freeborn, Ann McKee, Ashley Williams, Kevin Vaughn, Michael Vaughan.

Career Day



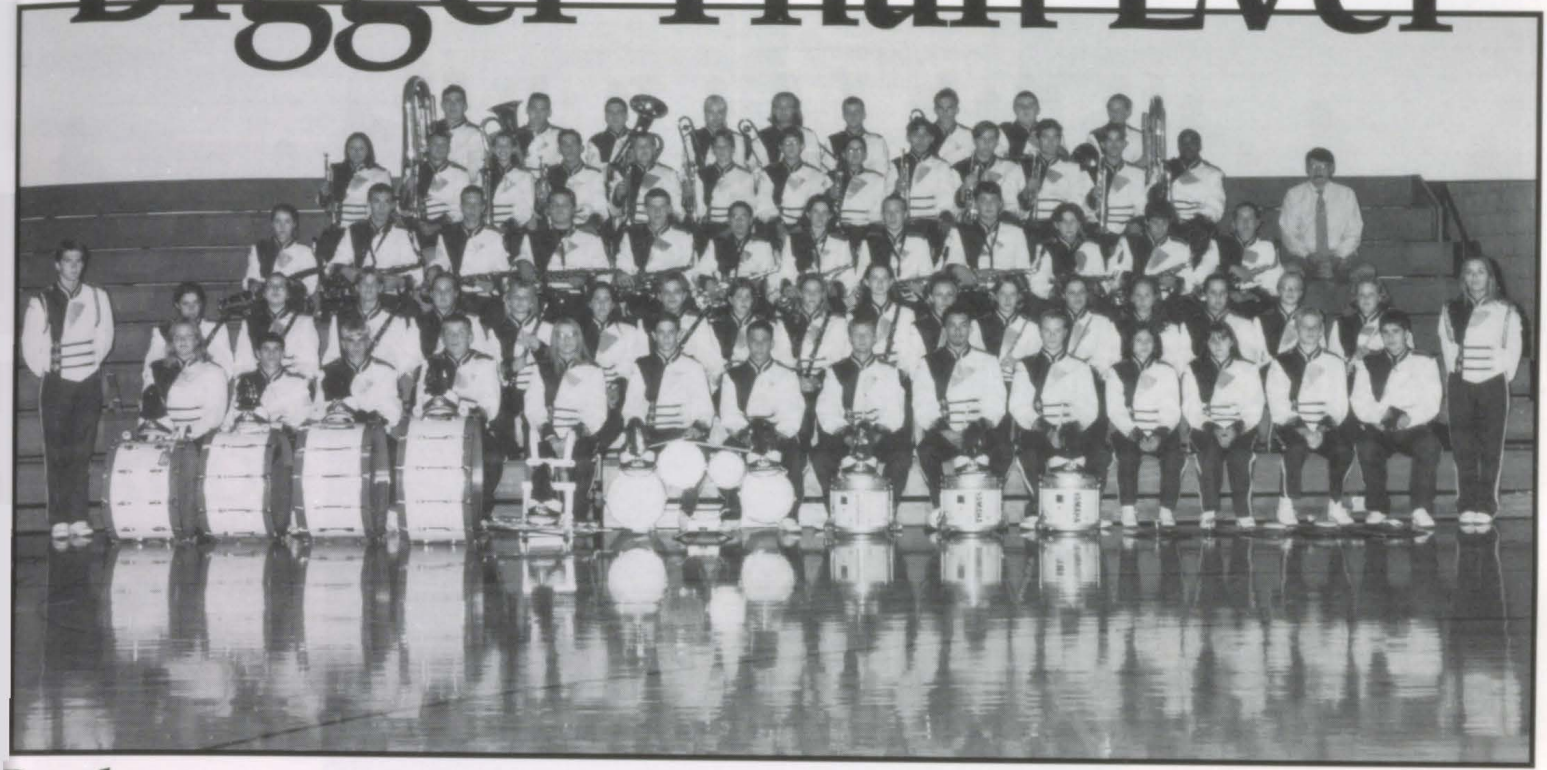
Peer Tutoring

(Left) Media specialist Connie Mitchell explains the career path in public relations. (Right) Freshman Tony Tiller and peer tutors.

GROUND BREAKING FACT

Ms. Kesler's advisory class was the first advisory group to achieve 100 percent A+ membership.

Bigger Than Ever



Band... *Competitive marching, gorgeous uniforms, flags, indoor concerts, outdoor performances alongside members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, select members playing at Powell Symphony Hall, the back beat behind every school assembly, ceremony and basketball game.*

(First Row) David Kemp, Teri Farley, Mike Johnston, Keith Niemann, Travis Shell, Angela Dorman, Brent Haas, Mike Arroyo, Kevin Mudd, Matt Lewis, Dan Young, Natasha Hill, Krystle Bergjans, Nick Clark, Jim Ellis, Susan Hertzler
(Second Row) Anna McKee, Abigail Martin, Kelly Howard, Sharice Adkins, Krystle Coliny, Kerry Hynek, Mary Kebel, Danielle Lacy, Stephanie Balven, Christina Heleine, Tracie Lawson, Andrea Paul, Laura Vrabel, Trish Gerland, Carolyn Freeborn, Lindsey Davis, Crystal Johnson
(Third Row) Veronica Ellis, Brandon Duke, Joe Mason, Michael Dreyer, Timothy Kallbrier, Kevin Vaughn, Ashley Williams, Jeremy Stanek, Mike Duffy, Nathan Mudd, Jason Walker, Bobby Diefenbacher
(Fourth Row) Lisa Vrabel, Matt Hayes, Amy Schubert, Josh Gerland, Christopher Balven, Phillip Priest, Joseph Snyder, Lucas Kelly, Shawn Jaeger, Michael Fingers, Josh Pellerito, Andrew Riley, Nicole Towns
(Fifth Row) Brendon Wiedner, Johnathan Balven, Jason Berscheid, Heidi Box, Elisabeth Meyer, Kevin Bueneman, Josh Lewis, Bryan Snider, Sarah Young
(Director) Robert McNeill

Flags

(Right) Nick Clark and Danielle Bennett lead the band down the streets of Columbia, Mo. during a fall march.

(Left) Flags of pride... Tamika Thompson warms up before march time.

Banner Pride

Hang Time . . . (From Left to Right) Junior Patricia Gerland , Junior Elisabeth Meyers , Sophmore Teri Farley , Junior Amy Schubert , and Junior Angie Dorman find themselves just hanging around at a FFA camp near the Great Lakes this past summer.

FFA

FFA STARS:

Star Green Hand-
Amanda Reckamp

Star Agriculture Bussinessman-
Mike Justice

Star Chapter Farmer-
Jeff Edwards

FFA . . .

First Row: Ms. Kessler (Sponsor) , Danielle Lacy , Andrea Paul , Elisabeth Meyer , Amy Schubert , Patricia Gerland , Dustin Reckamp. Second Row: Stephanie Balven , Mandi Tucker , Angie Dorman , Kelly Howard , Teri Farley , Rachel Davis , Amanda Reckamp.Third Row: Amber Pickett , Kevin Bueneman , Jeff Edwards , Sarah Young , Ashely Williams , Lindsey Davis , Heidi Box. Fourth Row: Julie Sherrell , Crystal Johnson , Mike Justice , Josh Gerland , Chris Lewis , Kevin Vaughn , Dennis Mozee. Fifth Row: Emily Maschmidt , Jason Berscheid , Natasha Hill , Chris Benoist , Jeremy Stanek , Mervin Yoder. Sixth Row:Chris Balven , Tim Woods.

Down to Earth in Wright City. . .

WCHS is where you'll find students who, as part of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) 2000, know the meaning of being down to earth Throughout the year, students in FFA found themselves participating in activities such as FFA Week where they inducted new members through the "Green Hand" initiation. Students also got the chance to venture out and meet other interesting people by competing at state, district and area competions. Over the summer Ms. Kesler drove members of FFA to New York to attend an FFA camp. Along the way, the group visited such sites such as The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Niagra Falls and the Great Lakes. What a teacher! The group concluded its year in an annual banquet. To be apart of FFA you must have fullfilled a semester agricultural class.

SADD

First Row: Kawnisha Jones , Megan Lagemann , Sarah Young , Tegan Viggers , Carrie Freeborn. Second Row: Amanda McGah , Andrea Paul , Danielle Lacy , Patricia Gerland , Ashley Williams. Third Row: Ms. Suffern (Sponsor) , Josh Gerland , Amanda Reckamp , Mr. Ross (Sponsor).

SADD's Message

Students Against Destructive Decisions is a group of brave students who take time out of their lives to try to help others. Whether they are setting loose balloons in honor of Red Ribbon Week or using drama to make a point about the effects of drunk driving, SADD members could be counted on to send the right message about the importance of making positive decisions.

(Below) The vehicle that junior Marcus Hayes was driving was brought to the campus to remind students of the dangers of destructive descions. Marcus' accident was the most tragic event of the year.

S A D D

S P A N I S H

A Mexican Sunrise. . . Members of the Chamber of Commerce enjoy a Hello breakfast courtesy of the Spanish club.

Andele! To the Spanish Club...

Spanish club students will be heading to South America this summer. After spending many months selling candy and raffle tickets for hand-crafted blanket trunks, students are packing their bags for Costa Rica. This will be the first out-of-the-country school trip WCHS has ever taken. Class sponsor Ms. Suffern is no stranger to the land. She once lived and there and taught school.

Espanol

First Row: Jessica Stroup, Paulette Wiedner, Keila Mozee, Sharice Adkins, Nicole Wiest , Kelly Walker , Michelle Wallace , Tony Tiller. Second Row: Laura Domko , Tamika Thompson , Richard Clifton , Caleb Daughtery , Mary Laredo , Mike Duffy. Third Row: Ms. Suffern (Sponsor) , Susan Hertzler , Amanda McGah , Patrick Cole , Chris Noah , Phillip Priest , Josh Maschmidt. Third Row: Matt Hayes , Johnathen Balven , Travis Kehoe , Ryan France , Tyler Pugh.

GROUND BREAKING FACT

Second language studies have proven to raise scores on college entrance exams such as ACTs and SATs.

CLUBS

SING LOUD, SING PROUD... Amy Braun and Julia Owens receive the third place trophy at a competition in Florida.

Cooking Up Some Fun... Senior class members Missy Briscoe, Carol Vehige and Kristin Kersting help prepare the teacher appreciation barbeque.

Youth Alive
Back: Tina Gerdeman, Josh Pellerito, Andrea Doug
Front: Amy Neldon and Amanda Neldon.

National Honor Society members enjoy authentic East Indian cuisine at India Palace restaurant after a tour of the St. Louis Art Museum during a field trip courtesy of the Warren County Fine Arts Council.

Athletes enjoy dinner together at the end-of-the-year banquet.

National Honor Society
Front L to R: Sponsor Ms. Wise, Sharice Adkins, Laura Vrabel, Missy Briscoe, Lisa Vrabel, Patricia Gerland, Angie Dorman. Second: Danielle Lacy, Nicole Wiest, Amy Schubert, Andrea Paul, Rebecca Filson, Elisabeth Meyer, Nicole Sherry, Stephanie Galven. Third: Kelly Howard, Richard Clifton, Travis Kehoe, David West. Back: David Kemp, Johnathan Balen, Bobby Diefenbacher, Matthew Hayes, Tyler Pugh. Not pictured: Sponsors Ms. Walker and Ms. Wobbe

Kawnisha Jones, Rebecca Filson and referee DeYoung take a pause during the annual flag football contest sponsored by the yearbook staff.

Newspaper. . . (Left to Right) Mary Kelbel , Robyn Bruner , Megan Lagemann , Brent Haas (Editor) , Ms. Wise (Adviser).

School + Community= The Connection

In most schools the newspaper never makes it past the student halls , but here at WC H S the paper is not only a school service but a community one as well. WCHS students who enroll in this challenging class find themselves covering topics ranging from town elections to our very own Pepsi Man.

GROUND BREAKING FACT
More and more , the Internet is becoming a popular venue for student newspapers.

Hot Stuff . . . Senior reporter Megan Lagemann questions a hot topic of the year , the Pepsi Man.

Newspaper

What will you remember most from Newspaper Yearbook in about ten years?

"The time of rest between issues when we get a break."
-Sophomore Brent Haas

Echo

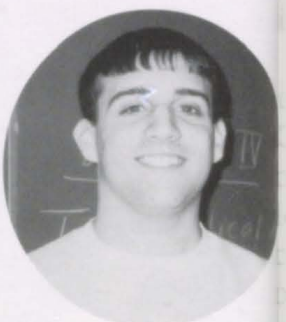
Echoing the Year's Images

Photography , captions , deadlines , and creativity are all factors of yearbook.From the attribution of the photos to the yearbook's theme , members of the yearbook staff are in on every detail. There may be times when tearing out our hair was tempting , but with the guidance of our editor we toughed it out and created a yearbook that we hope you are proud of.

First Row:(Left to Right)Nicole Wiest (Editor) , Bill Gilpin. Second Row:(Left to Right) Missy Briscoe , Tegan Viggers , Sandy Koperstynski , Josh Pellerito , Mary Kelbel.Third Row: Luke Kelly.Not Pictured: Ms. Wise (Adviser)

Earth To Sandy. . . Sophomore Sandy Koperstynski gets lost in thoughts of creating a layout.

Mary Kelbel



"Helping Nicole get through her tuff times."
-Senior Bill Gilpin

Behind The Pages

Junior Health Occ.

First Row: Patrick Cole Second Row: (Left to Right) Amanda McGah , Kelly Howard , Angie Dorman , Nicole Sherry Third Row: Ms. Ell (Advisor)

WCHS's Own E.R.

CLEAR! Because America's future health pioneers are breaking through at WCHS. It all starts in Ms. Sue Ell's Junior Health Occupations Class where students hear from both colleges and professionals.

Next comes the second phase, Senior Health Occupations, in which student get more of a hands-on experience by observing certain fields of expertise and reaching out into the community.

Vo-Tech Ventures Forward

Everyday, just when the students of the Vo-Tech program arrive at school, they find themselves right back on a bus. These students are on their way to Four Rivers Area Vo-Tech School where they learn valuable information for future careers.

All Vo-Tech students must have earned enough credits to achieve a junior standing. Graphic arts and auto mechanics are just some of the paths that students can learn. Besides learning, these students are also earning college credits. In addition to getting hands-on training, they gain valuable skills that prepare them for the workforce.

Senior Health Occ.

The Doctors Are In . . . Seniors Mandi Tucker and Ryan Doyle were this year's only members of Senior Health Occupations.

Compliments of Ms. Ell

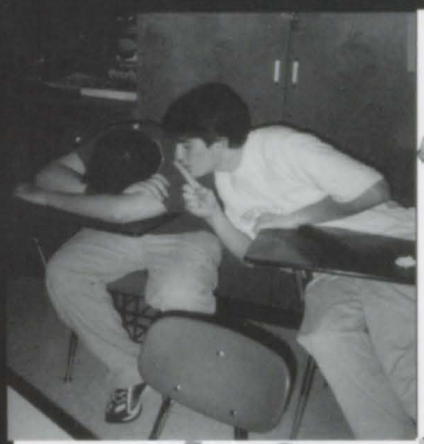
Talk About Your Handyman. . . Senior Kevin Huggins shows off his mechanic skills in Vo-Tech.

Mary Kelbel

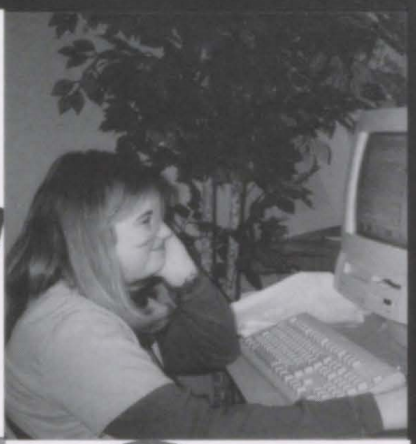
First Row: Julie Kettmann. Second Row: Justin Christensen , Kevin Huggins , Bret Odom.Not Pictured: Andie Gibson , Aliessa Craig.

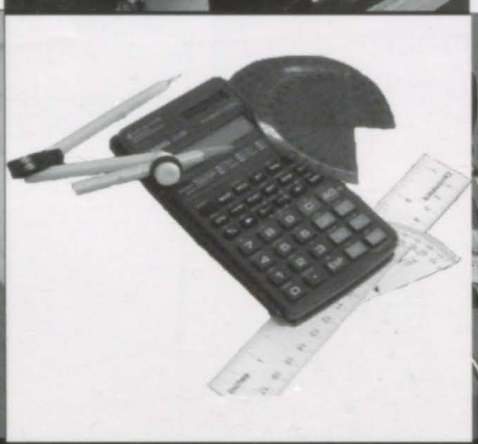
Vo-Tech

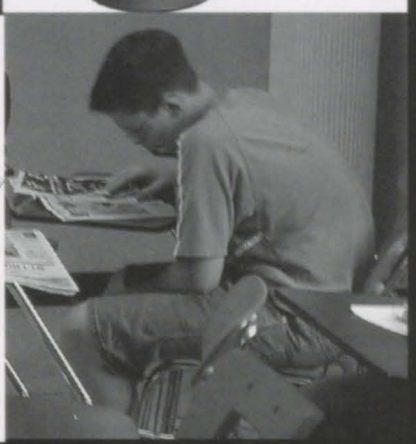
Academics




PRIDE AND PREJUDICE
FRANKENSTEIN
MARY SHELLEY
Macmillan Writer







A numerous amount of students recieved the Inter-National Foreign Language Award ~Tyler Pugh, Megan Lagemann, and Nicole Wiest win the Voice in Democracy contest sponsored by the VFW~A record number of students earn their way onto the Princpal's A Honor Roll and recieve Cardinal baseball tickets~Susan Hertzler, Kimberly Nicolas, Tracie Lawson, and Ryan Key win the Best Cell Project in Ms. Wright's biology class~Several students recieve the English Merit Award~27 students achieve perfect attendance and don't have to take 2nd semester finals~Rebecca Filson is given Scholar Athlete of the Year for outstanding academic achievement and involvement in basketball~Wright City girls basketball team is awarded The Missouri State High School Activities Association for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement for its 3.82 GPA~WCHS students prove they are all about e x c e l l e n c e .

Math & Science Classes

Finding the Right Formula

a2 + b2= c2

It pays off... Ms. Wright shows Angie Dorman hard work pays off as she finds research for her project.

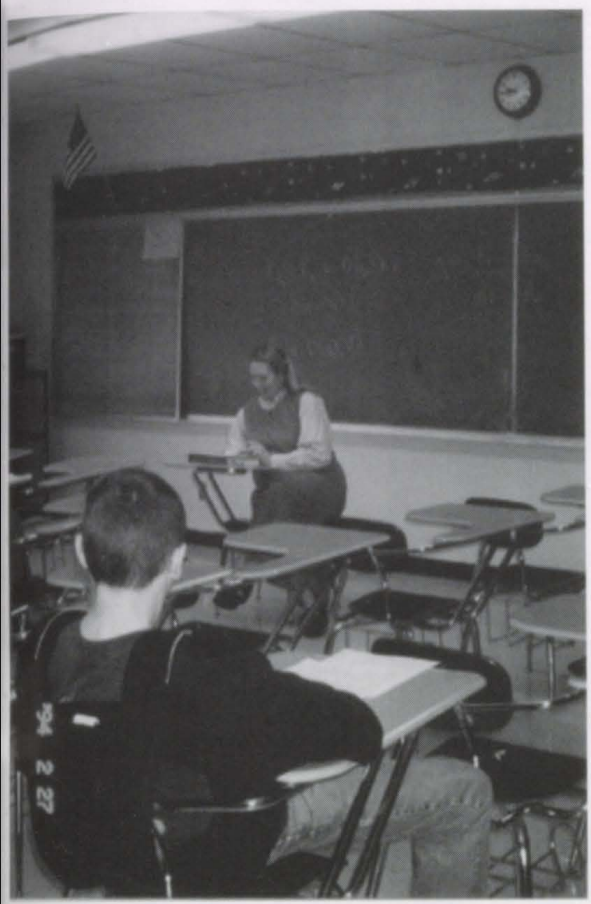
Blending in... Mr. Brocat blends in with his students while he works on on one with Michelle Wallace.

GROUND BREAKING FACT

When Einstein died his brain was given to science, and they are still picking at it today to search for signs of genius.

Above: I think this is right???David Kemp carefully adds chemicals to the test tube while eager classmates, Daniel Lacy, Trish Gerland, Mi Duffy, and Toni Denma wait to see if it explodes

Always listening... Caleb Daugherty pays close attention to Mrs. Wobbe's every word in physics.

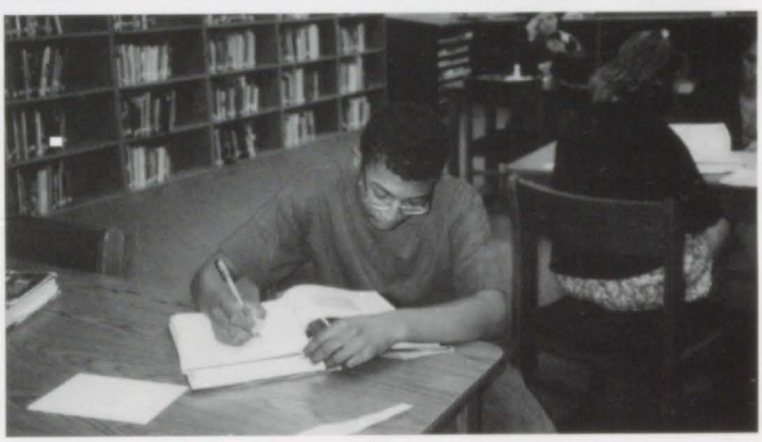


Getting stressed??? Organizing info for her project, Tracie Lawson sets an example that organization leads to good study habits.

+ Adding Up +

E=MC²...A guy well ahead of his time, Dustin Reckamp works on his physics to be the next Einstein of the future.

No, I'm right... Michelle Blanton uses her leadership skills to help Matt Lewis find the right answer to his Algebra II homework.



Tools for learning... Jeff Edwards, with pen and paper in hand, finishes his report for science class.

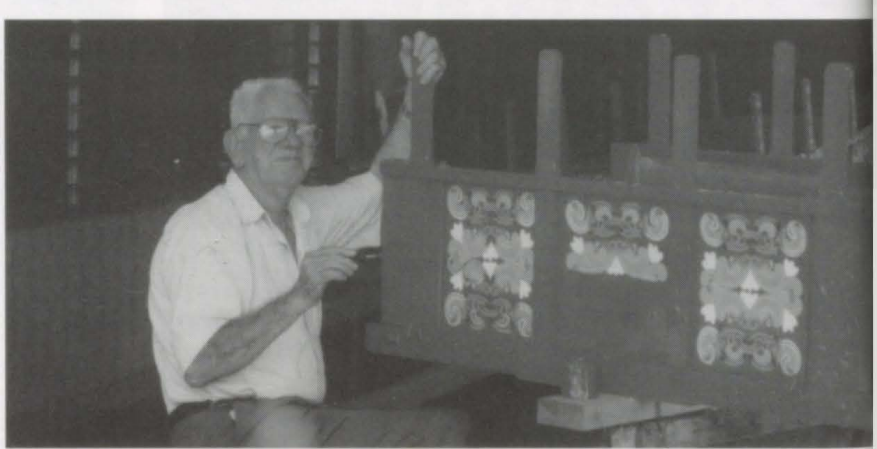
POSTCARDS FROM A DREAM COME TRUE

COSTA RICA. A COUNTRY WHERE RAIN FORESTS STILL EXIST EXOTIC BIRDS, VOLCANOES, DOT THE LANDSCAPE. A PLACE WHERE YOU WANT TO BE OUTSIDE, BREATHING THE AIR OF SUNNY AFTERNOON RAINS, COASTAL BREEZES, FRUIT GROWING ON TREES, THE SPANISH LANGUAGE.

Being there was a dream. It was more than a vacation. It seemed like real travel. It was exploring, learning, sensing a location, climate, exotic in its foreigness, familiar in its friendliness. We got to skytrek across rain forest, drink wonderful fruitshakes, *Bebidas Naturales*, listen to the rhythms of salsa, marange, hike above unbelievable waterfalls, watch a live volcano spew.

Strangers in a Foreign land... Spanish Club members Laura Domko, Nicole Wiest, Mrs. Suffern, Josh Maschmidt and Michelle Wallace grow accustomed to their new surroundings

Monkeying Around... The Costa Rican travellers spotted many exotic animals on their trip ranging from parakeets to monkeys.



The Giant Chia Pet... Pruned to perfection, these shrubs line the entrance way to a local church.

Keeping Tradition Alive... A local artisan painstakingly paints intricate designs on a traditional Costa Rican ox-cart. Although ox-carts are no longer used for everyday Costa Rican life, they have become a popular tourist item

High Ambitions...Senior Nicole Wiest soars through the air above the top of the rain forest of Monteverde on one of many cables that served as trek across the sky.

Kayak Attack...Members of the Costa Rica group tried out the challenging yet fun sport of kayaking while staying in a lake-side hotel.

Nature Blows its Top... The Arenal Volcano erupts spilling lava down its sides that are visble in daylight onlybecause of the steam that rises from it.

Grows with You... Not only are the students good at art, but crisis counselor Sue Ghiglione "Ms. G" shows her gift of drawing also.

Artist on the Way... Senior Kevin Rohan drew Ms. Case this beautiful portrait (above) which hangs in her office, and designed this mug (right) for the new A+ Program.

TOP 5 Things to do in Mr. Beer's Classroom...

#1 • Drawing

37% of the students' favorite thing to do is nothing more than just drawing on a piece of paper.

#2 • Painting

29% of Mr. Beer's class enjoys painting more than anything else.

#3 • Socializing

19% of the students admit that their favorite thing to do is listen to the radio and talk to their friends all hour.

#4 • Computers

9% of the class likes to hang out on the computers and do freehand drawing.

#5 • Pottery Wheel

6% of all students like to get on the pottery wheel and experiment with the clay.

Some of the Better Things

pOtTeRy WhEeL

One of the most fun things in art is to make projects on the pottery wheel. Students are allowed to make whatever their heart desires. Senior Aliessa Craig forms a bowl in her 7 th hour.

iMAC cOMPUTERS

These neat computers are fun, colorful, and allow you to expand your ideas and get creative with your projects. Senior Jen Rygelski experiments the options she has on these new computers.

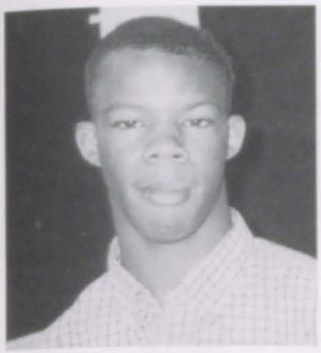
aSsOciaTioN

Mr. Beer has his 4 th hour class gather around him and listen carefully to his instructions on how to do their latest project. Sophomores Tracie Lawson and Craig King pay close attention as their teacher talks.

Why did YOU decide to be an ARTIST???

GROUND BREAKING FACT

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do.

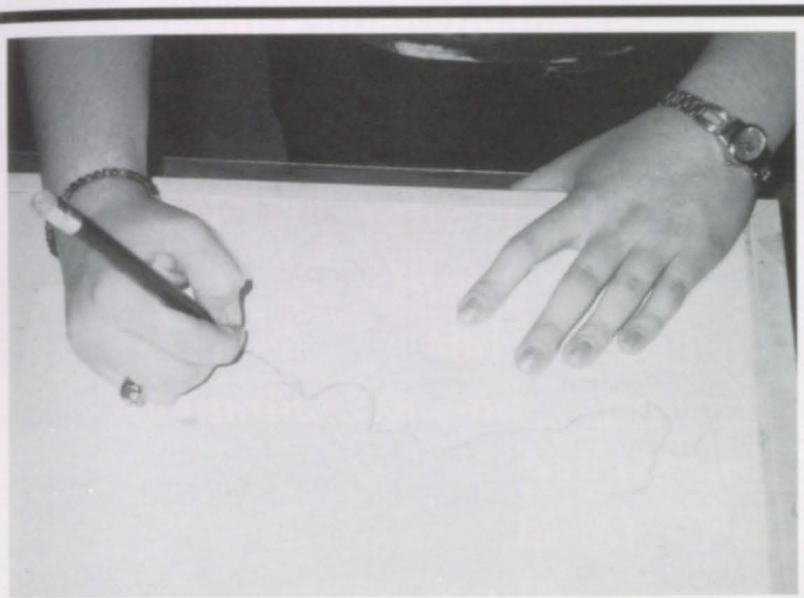


"Because I love to draw."
-Jermaine Johnson(9)

"I want to be an architect when I grow up."
-Kimberly Nicolas (10)

"Because I really like to paint scenery."
-Tara King (11)

"Because you get to express yourself."
-Kevin Rohan (12)



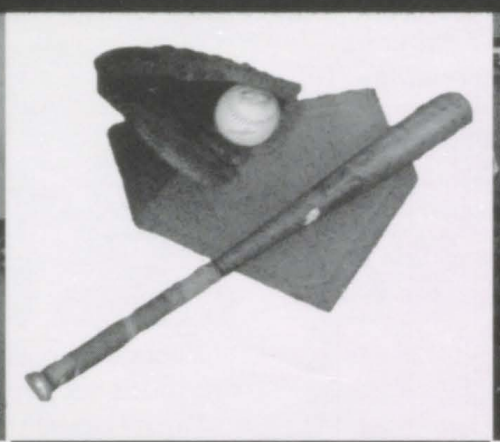
Heart for Art

By: Sandy Koperstynski

(A tribute to Mr. Beer's Class)

Art classes are very important in the Wright City school district. It is the one class where the students can let loose and express themselves and how they feel. There are many different classes, so the students are able to expand their creativity in many different areas. The classes have made great progress for the year 2000. The A+ Program, new to the school last year, gave the school district enough money to purchase three new iMAC computers.

Sports






Josh Gerland is named *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* Scholar Athlete~Girls and Boys Basketball teams advance to second round districts~Boys track team takes home a second place overall trophy from Grandview~The Rams' Devin Bush comes to WCHS gym to show support and award an autographed football for an athletic booster raffle~Johnathan Balven advances to state in discus~Jimmy Harris, Torrey Niemann and Chris Lewis hit game-clinching home runs~Kawnisha Jones breaks the school shot-put record with a 35.9' throw at Grandview~Matt Lewis has the leading number of stolen bases in the district~Sarah Fuller and Amy Braun win NCAA All American Cheerleader~Boys Baseball team places second at districts~The girls track team takes home a second place overall trophy from Hallsville and a first place overall trophy from Grandview~Joe Mason is given the title "Most Improved Player" for the 1999 soccer season~Patricia Gerland places fourth in the 100 hurdles at districts~Girls basketball team learns to survive without junk food and soda~Johnathan Balven advances to state finals in shot-put ~WCHS athletes prove they are all about e x c e l l e n c e .

Amy Schubert relays the baton to Natasha Hill

BOYS BASKET-BALL BEATS YE-SHIVA IN SEASON OPENER

Above: Josh Gerland

WILDCATS STRIKE AFTER THUN-DER, 21-6 WIN OVER SILEX

Patrick Cole goes the distance.

WILDCATS TAKE FILL SHOES, 24

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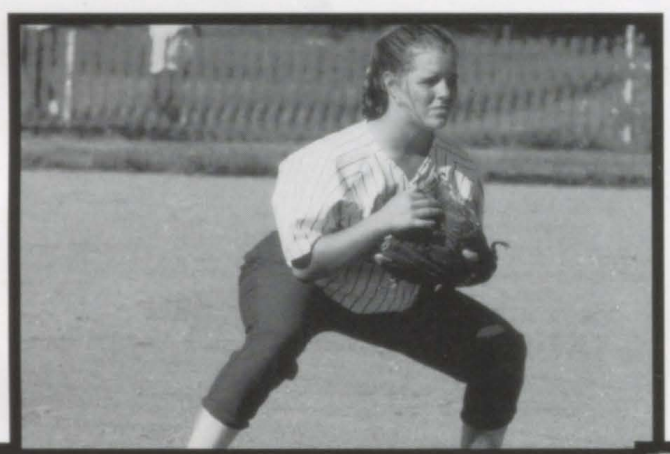
The Pep Band played a vital role i

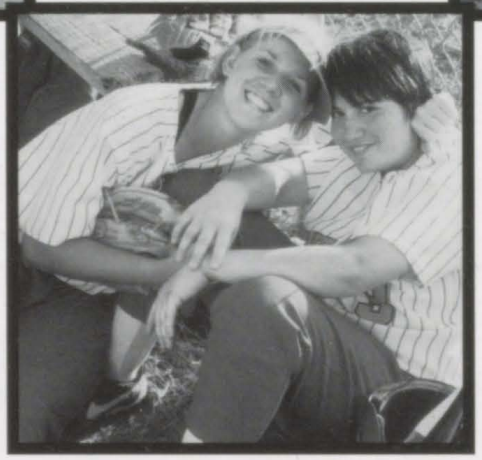
SOCCER: HEART OF WILD-CATS SHINES THROUGH



RAMS PLAYER VISITS WRIGHT CITY

Carri Freeborn awaits the catch.

JOHNATHAN BALVEN HURLS DISCUS TO STATE FINALS



Can we say Ahhh???

KAWNISHA JONES RECORD IN SHO

WILDCAT BASKET-BALL TAKES UPWARD TURN IN POST SEA-SON: AMANDA RECKAMP SCORES 19 POINTS AGAINST LOUISIANA

Josh Lewis keeps the ball in his court.

light.

OFF, BACK-UPS WIN

CATS TAKE SECOND

Yearbook sponors flag football tournament. Students, faculty, board members participate.

ic spirit.

YOUTH A FACTOR IN SOFTBALL SEASON RECORD

The boys of summer take to the field.

JOSH GERLAND PERFORMS DOUBLE DUTY IN TRACK, BASEBALL

OWS NEW T

'Cats hang tough against Orchard Farm.

PATRICIA GERLAND SETS HURDLES RECORD

Mrs. Penny Freeborn

The Eye of the Tiger . . . In a display of pure athleticism freshman Carri Freeborn prepares to throw the ball with full force.

Stephen Feise

The Young & The Strong . . . Freshman Sarah Young shows her strength when she hauls the team's cooler into the dugout.

When Softball Girls Attack . . . the girls softball team shows they're just as tough off field as on when they attack a stingy snack machine.

Mary Ke

GROUND BREAKING FACT

The first ever women's professional softball team was formed in the 1970's. It was called Women's Professional Fast-Pitch League.

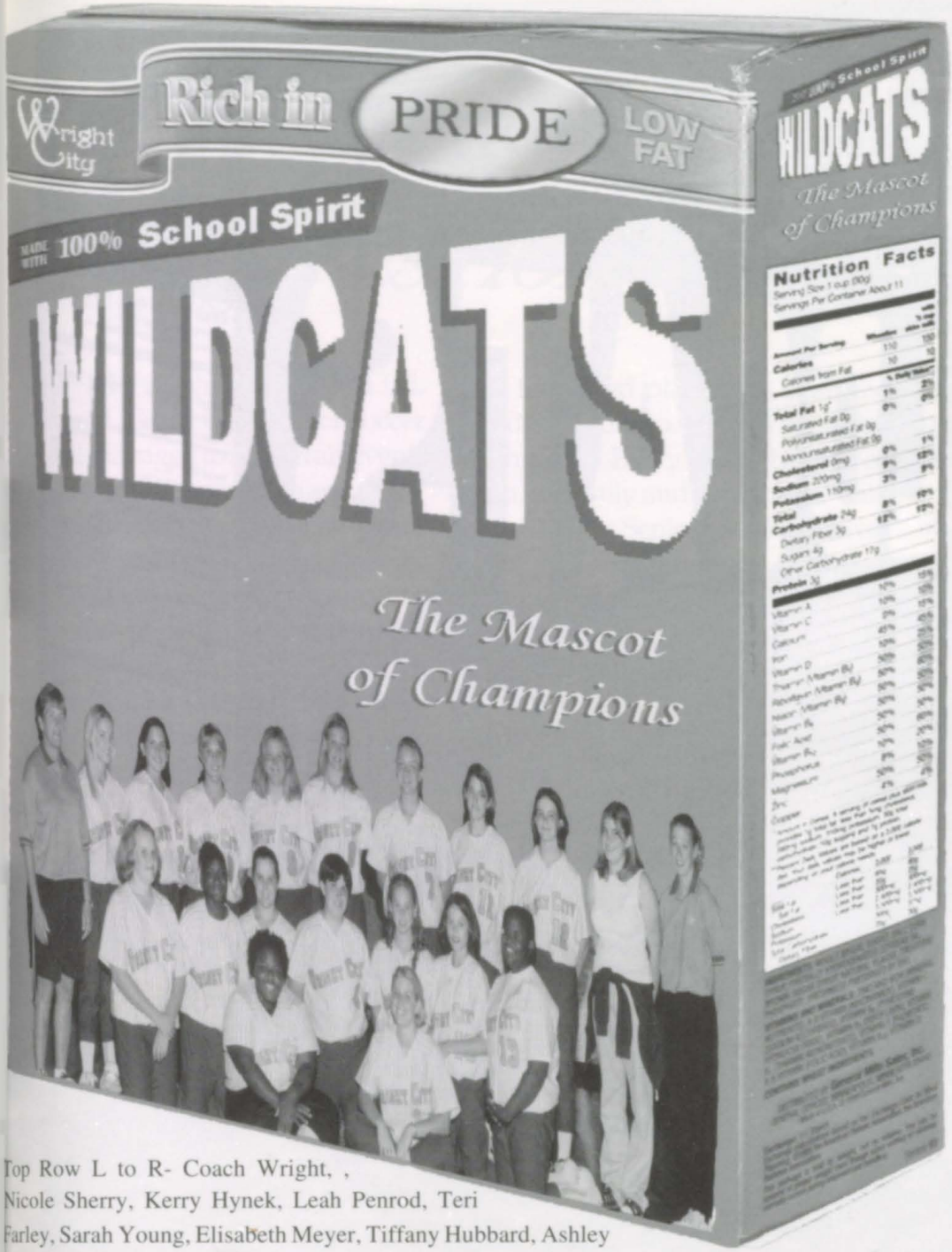
Softball

Win One For The Gipper . . . Coach Sue Wright gives freshman Carri Freeborn the old sideline pep talk.

Mrs. Penny Freeborn

Courtesy of Mrs. Penny Freeb

WILDCATS



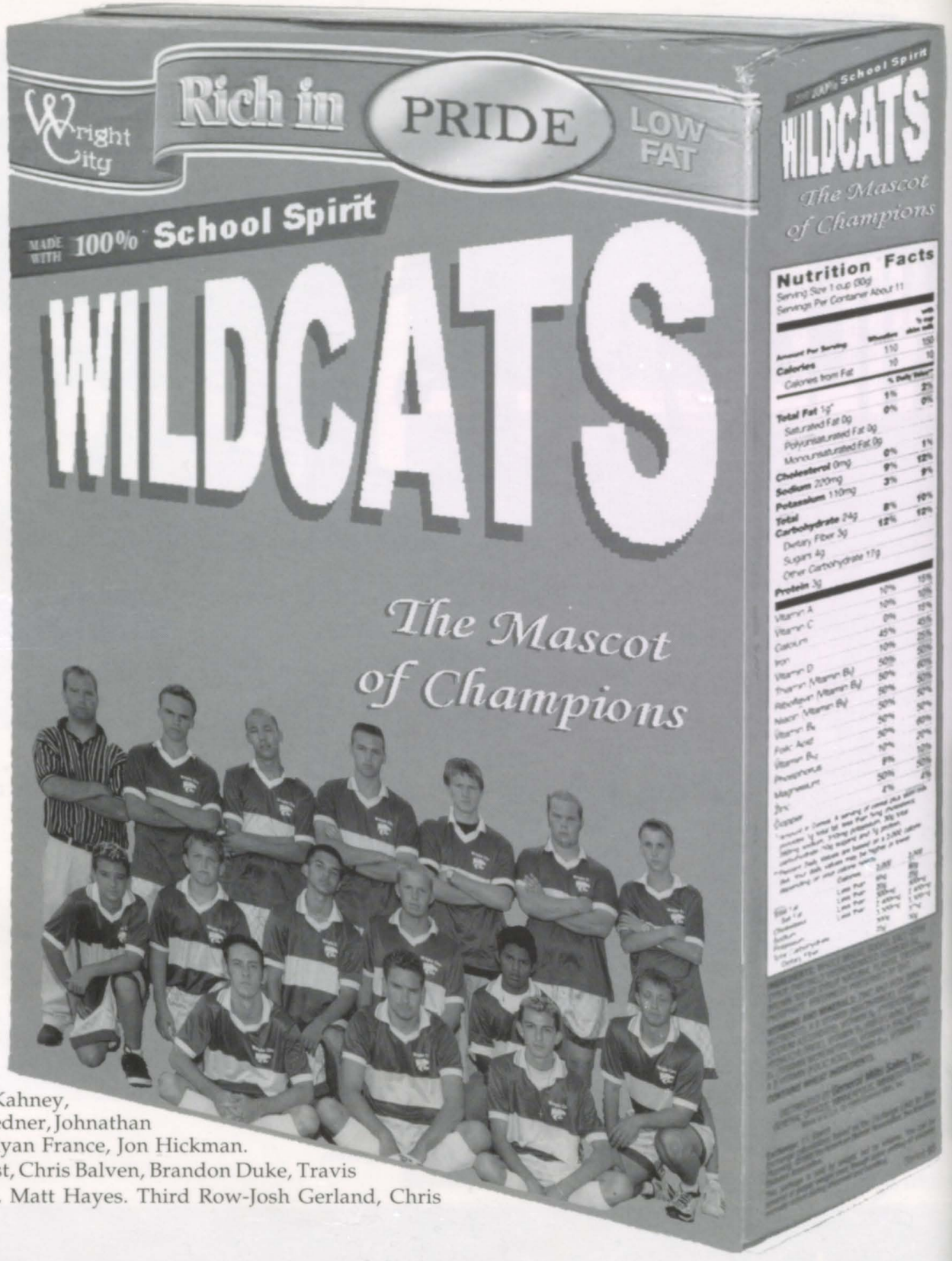
Top Row L to R- Coach Wright, , Nicole Sherry, Kerry Hynek, Leah Penrod, Teri Farley, Sarah Young, Elisabeth Meyer, Tiffany Hubbard, Ashley Williams, Tegan Viggers (score keeper), Assistant coach Melissa Brandon. Second Row- Crystal Johnson, Remona Jones, Carri Freeborn, Amanda Reckamp, Patricia Gerland, Natasha Hill, Semona Jones. Third Row- Team Captains Kawnisha Jones and Magan Lagemann

The Record

Opposing Team	Us	Them
Aquinas Mercy	3	14
Clopton	0	15
Lousiana	1	10
Van Far	6	5
Silex	2	10
Warrenton	0	10
Fort Zumwalt West	8	10
Silex	7	18
Warrenton	0	3
Borgia	3	15
Wentzville	0	10

Opposing Team	Us	Them
Silex	5	6
Montgomery Cty	7	5
Elsberry	0	7
Fort Zumwalt South	2	7
St. Dominic	0	10
Elsberry	1	11
Winfield	2	12
Union	0	3
Francis Howell Central	0	10
Lousiana	2	7

SOCCER



Top Row L to R-Coach Kahney, Josh Lewis, Charles Wiedner, Johnathan Balven, Patrick Cole, Ryan France, Jon Hickman. Second Row-Ricky West, Chris Balven, Brandon Duke, Travis Kehoe, Sergio Casillas, Matt Hayes. Third Row-Josh Gerland, Chris Lewis, David West.

The Record

Opposing Team	Us	Them	Opposing Team	Us	Them
Yeshiva	3	2	Windsor	2	3
North Co. Chr.	0	3	Winfield	1	4
Elsberry	0	4	Troy	0	10
Elsberry	0	8	Winfield	0	8
Crossroads	5	0	Luthern N.	0	10
Bayless	3	7	Brentwood	1	5
Winfield	1	4			

it's a Whole new Game

By: Sharice Adkins

With all the changes this past fall, the Wright City High School soccer team still managed to pull off an eventful season. With a new coach and a new team, the members of the team were each others' best teacher. Coach Kahney said he had a difficult time getting the team to follow his expectations, so the senior captians David West, Chris Lewis and Josh Gerand helped the younger members of the team.

Throughout the season there were many highlights. "Joe Mason was voted most improved player this year and very deservedly so. He was outstanding in goal . Every game he played tough, mentally and physically," said coach Kahney. Senior Matt Hayes was one of the most consistent defenders until his injury late in the season. Pat Cole and Chris Lewis did a good job connecting throw-ins and some excellent goals were scored. Senior Josh Gerland was named an All-Conference player as a defender .

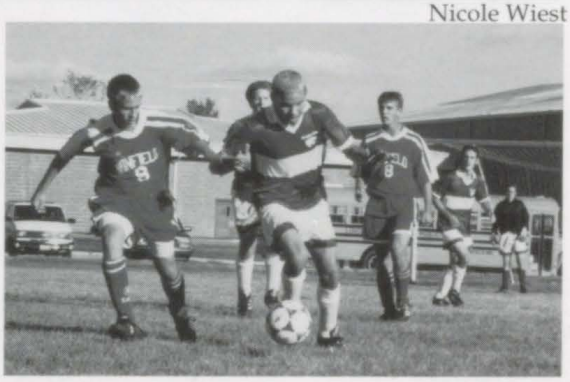
As the season progressed, each player learned more about his teammates and coach, became better soccer players and matured.

"Many players matured this season. It took the players a long time to get to know me and what I expect. At first this was a struggle and we had many long discussions about this issue during the season. I think each player matured greatly and each challenged each other to become better players," said Kahney of his team.

Nicole Wiest

Kicking up the dust... Senior David West attempts to gain the ball from a Winfield player while team member Chris Lewis runs to back up the play. This home game ended with a score of 2-3 in Winfield's favor.

Nicole Wiest



Nicole Wiest

Ambitions of steal... Freshman Ricky West slides in front of an opposing team member to kick the ball back to a Wright City teammate.

Keeping ahead of the game... Sophomore Charles Wiedener struggles to maintain possession of the ball in the second half of the home game against Winfield.

Improving their Game

excerpt from *The Wright City Connection*, by Megan Lagemann and Robyn Bruner

The Wildcats entered the season with a new coach, new rules, new challenges, new uniforms and a new attitude toward discipline. It began with mandatory weight lifting in the morning before school. The usual one-to-two-hour practices changed to two-to-three-hour workouts. The practices included an increased emphasis on running. "The practices are meant for the better, and we're in better shape, so it was worth it," stated senior captain Rebecca Filson.

Diet was another change. The players were required to give up their cherished sodas and junk food, "to prepare their bodies for the long, hard season of basketball," said coach Fred Ross.

While the team worked to become better focused and disciplined, the players had to contend with some tough obstacles such as small numbers, illness and injury. "It's hard to adjust with such a small number of girls," stated Ross.

The challenges the team has had to face and the efforts the players have made may not have come across in the final score, but coach Ross says he believes the ladies have shown improvement on the court.

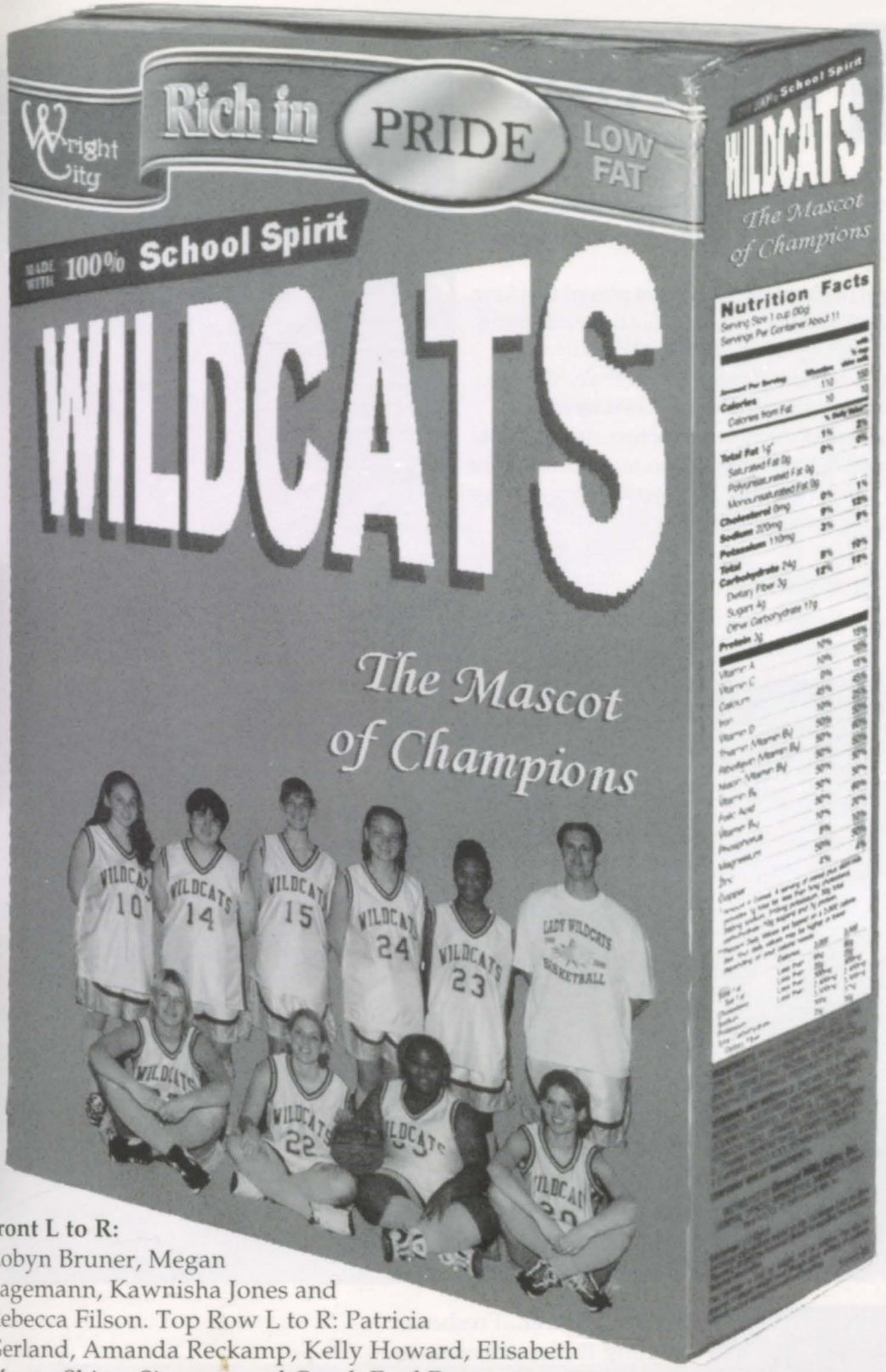
The girls basketball team celebrates during parent night.

Got Water??? Coach Fred Ross was known for his hard workouts and strict diet rules.

Wildcats in action... Elisabeth Meyer overcomes Orchard Farm defense.

Hello to team... Amanda Reckamp scouts for an opening

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Front L to R:
Robyn Bruner, Megan Lagemann, Kawnisha Jones and Rebecca Filson. Top Row L to R: Patricia Gerland, Amanda Reckamp, Kelly Howard, Elisabeth Meyer, Shirae Simpson and Coach Fred Ross.

The Record

Opposing Team	Us	Them	Opposing Team	Us	Them
St. Dominic	19	64	Silex	60	82
Silex	48	79	South Tech.	29	87
Yeshiva	66	57	Kennedy	43	78
Zumwalt West	30	66	Warrenton	45	79
Clopton	45	76	Hermann	29	69
Montgomery Co.	37	75	New Haven	38	88
St. Dominic	28	84	Elsberry	25	79
Lutheran SC	54	84	Welsville	35	69
Aquinas Mercy	45	54	Winfield	49	71
Elsberry	31	68	Orchard Farm	57	55

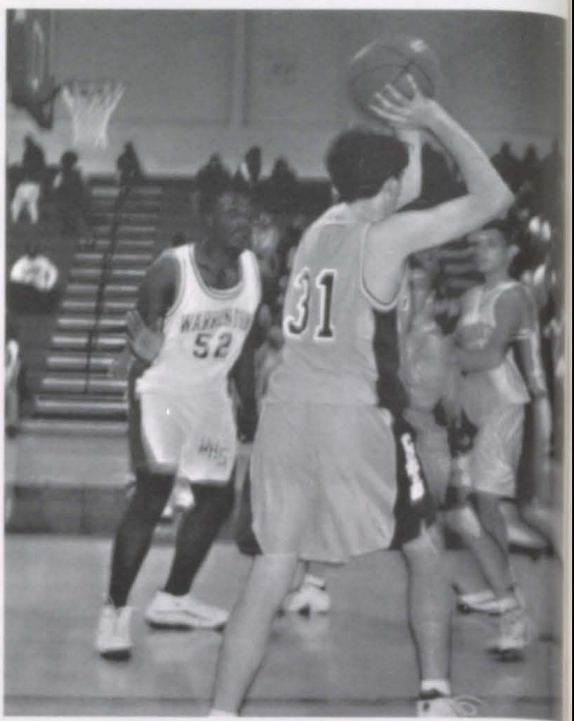
Breaking the Rim

By Stephen Feise

Wildcat basketball has taken a new turn. New coaches, new faces and a new millennium. Although this season didn't look much different from recent years, the team is improving.

The team was totally renovated, most of the players have not played that long. Josh Gerland, Dustin Reckamp, and Jarod Viggers were the only three returning seniors .These guys tried to teach the younger players what it takes to win.

Despite this, the team didn't win until its third game, a win over Yeshiva with a final score of 66-57. Following this exciting victory, however, another triumphant win would not be until the first round of districts. It was here that the 'Cats won a tough game against Orchard Farm, despite losing to this team earlier in the year 71-27. That shows dedication and hardwork. It might not have been a pretty season, but the new millennium may bring some big changes.



Holding Court... Senior Jarod Viggers looks for an open teammate to throw the ball to.

Sterling Silver... Freshman Sterling Butler attempts to shake a Wentzille player at a home game.

Reaching for the goal... Freshman Bryan Snider goes for a two-pointer.

Basketball - Girls

Top Row L to R - Dave Kemp, Jarod Viggers, Dustin Reckamp, Torrey Niemann, Sterling Butler. Second Row - Pat Cole, Josh Gerland, James Simpson.

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WHO Needs the Ground?

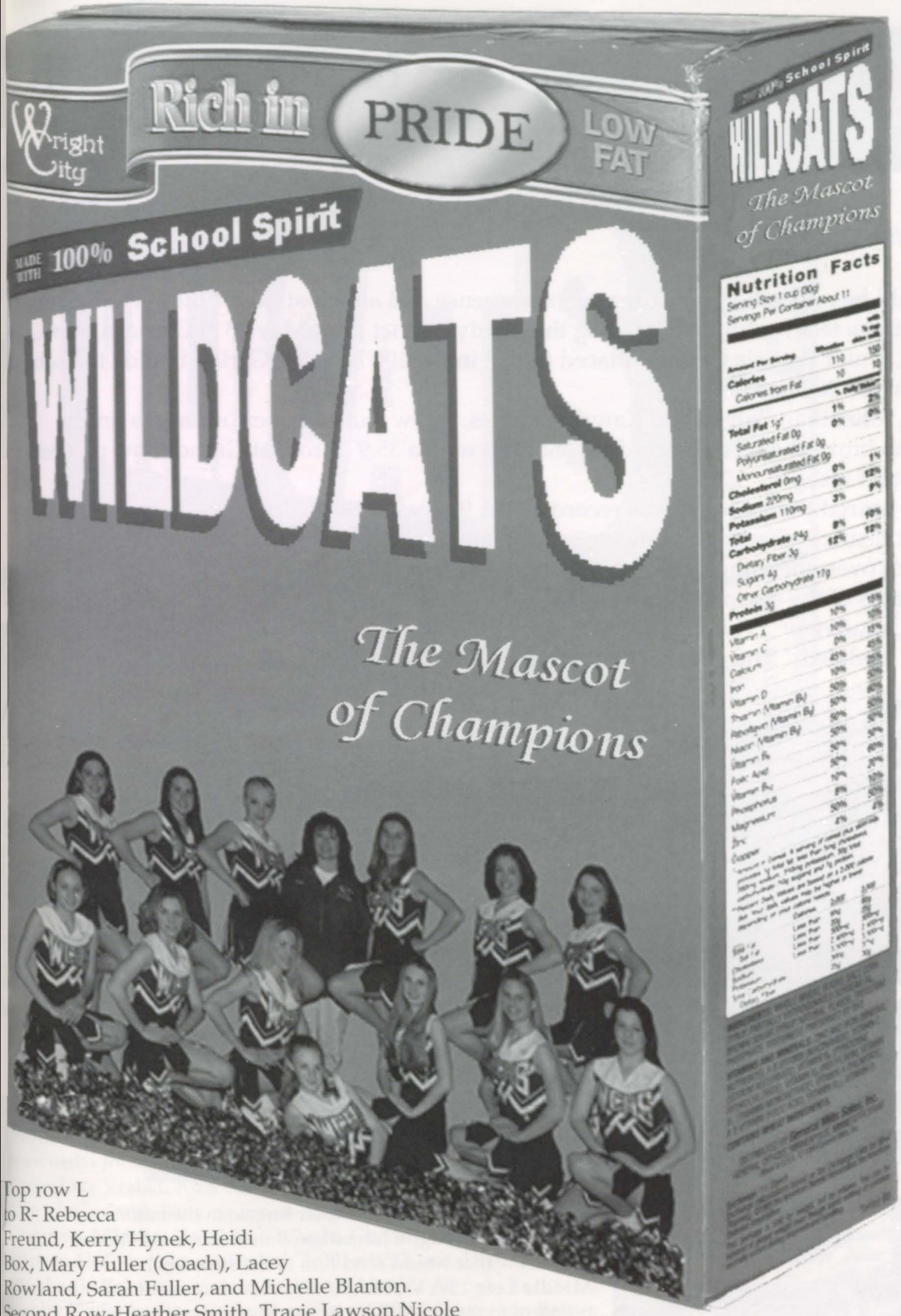
One of the most active organizations at Wright City High School, the cheerleader not only kept the momemtum going throughout a long basketball season, but coul be counted on to shake the bleachers during pep assemblies, host cheerleading clinics at the elementary school and advertise school spirit in a special display cas in Deana Moore's insurance office window. By the end of the year, the 13 members of the squad, under the direction of sponsor Mary Fuller, not only knew what it took to work as a team, but perfected their athletic and artistic development to ground-defying depths.

Schmoozing with Fame... Cheerleaders surround Ram's Devin Bush and his wife during the last home basketball game of the season.

Building the Spirit... Cheerleaders pep up the crowd at a home game with their own special brand of Wildcat enthusiasm.

Three Cheers for Wright City... Sarah Fuller and Amy Braun returned from the National Cheerleaders Association summer camp with the All American Award.

CHEERLEADING



Top row L to R- Rebecca Freund, Kerry Hynek, Heidi Box, Mary Fuller (Coach), Lacey Rowland, Sarah Fuller, and Michelle Blanton. Second Row-Heather Smith, Tracie Lawson,Nicole Sherry, Kimberly Nicolas, Kendra Huddleston, Missy Bricoe (Captain). Bottom Row- Amy Braun.

Making Tracks: Making Tracks:

Team Ends Season With Individual and Team Highlights

From *The Wright City Connection*

In what would be remembered as a season of suspense and anticipation for the Wright City girls and boys track team culminated during the windy district meet May 13 at Orchard Farm.

On the track, junior Patricia Gerland placed fourth in the 100 hurdles. Gerland holds the schoo record of 53.8 in the 300 hurdles.

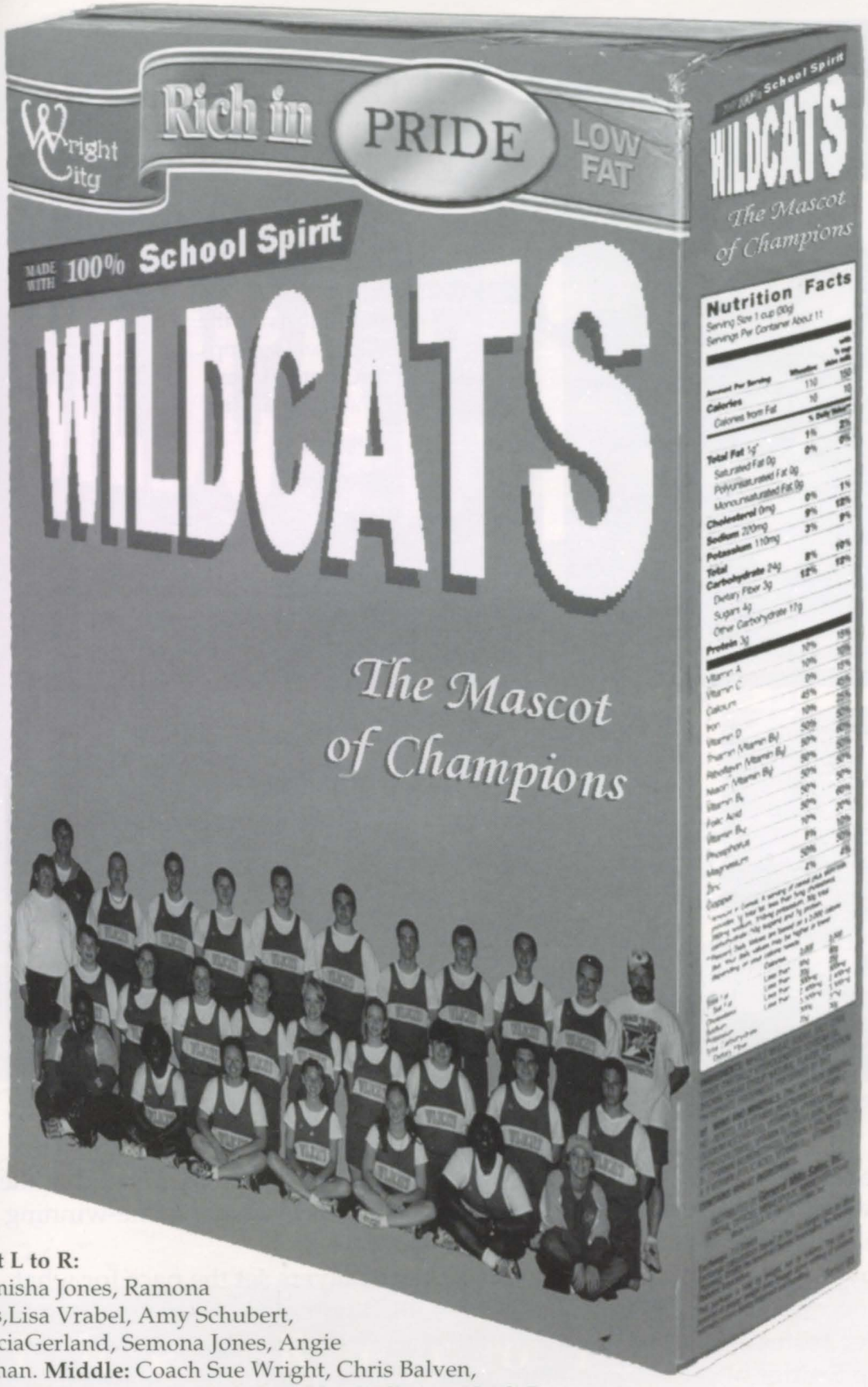
Two seniors, Johnathan Balven and Kawnisha Jones, threw stunning performances on the field. Jones, who broke the school record for shot put with a 35.9′ throw at Grandview, placed third at the district meet.

Balven, who neared the school discus record of 126.9′ several times during the season, took second place at districts, thereby advancing to the state finals in Jefferson City. "It's an honor to be there, and it's overwhelming once you get there," said coach Sue Wright.

Other highlights of the season include the girls first place overall and boys second place overall trophies at Grandview. "This was a tremendous effort," said Wright. "Every athlete, both boys and girls, medaled." The girls also earned a second place overall trophy at Hallsville.

Top Left: Lady 'Cats show their finesse in the baton exchange. **Top Right:** Johnathan Balven hurls the discus in a throw that would send him to the state finals. **Middle Left:** Lisa Vrable strikes classic form as she prepares to throw. **Middle Right:** Kawnisha Jones took third place in the shot put during the District meet at Orchard Farm. She holds the school record of 35.9′. **Bottom:** Patricia Gerland proves that hurdles are no obstacle. She holds the school record of 53.8 in the 300 hurdles.

TRACK AND FIELD



Front L to R: Kawnisha Jones, Ramona Jones,Lisa Vrabel, Amy Schubert, PatriciaGerland, Semona Jones, Angie Dorman. **Middle:** Coach Sue Wright, Chris Balven, Lauren Holiway, Laura Vrabel, Ashley Williams, Heidi Box, Stephanie Balven, Amanda Reckamp, Marcos Arroyo. **Back:** Coach Fred Ross, Bobby Diefenbacher, Craig King, Patrick Cole, Johnathan Balven, Brendon Weidner, Josh Gerland, Timothy Kallbrier, David Crose, Josh Lewis, Mr. Balven.

HIT AND RUN: BASEBALL BOASTS GREAT SEASON

David Kemp circles the field.

Wildcats on the prowel to stop Clopton from stealing a base.

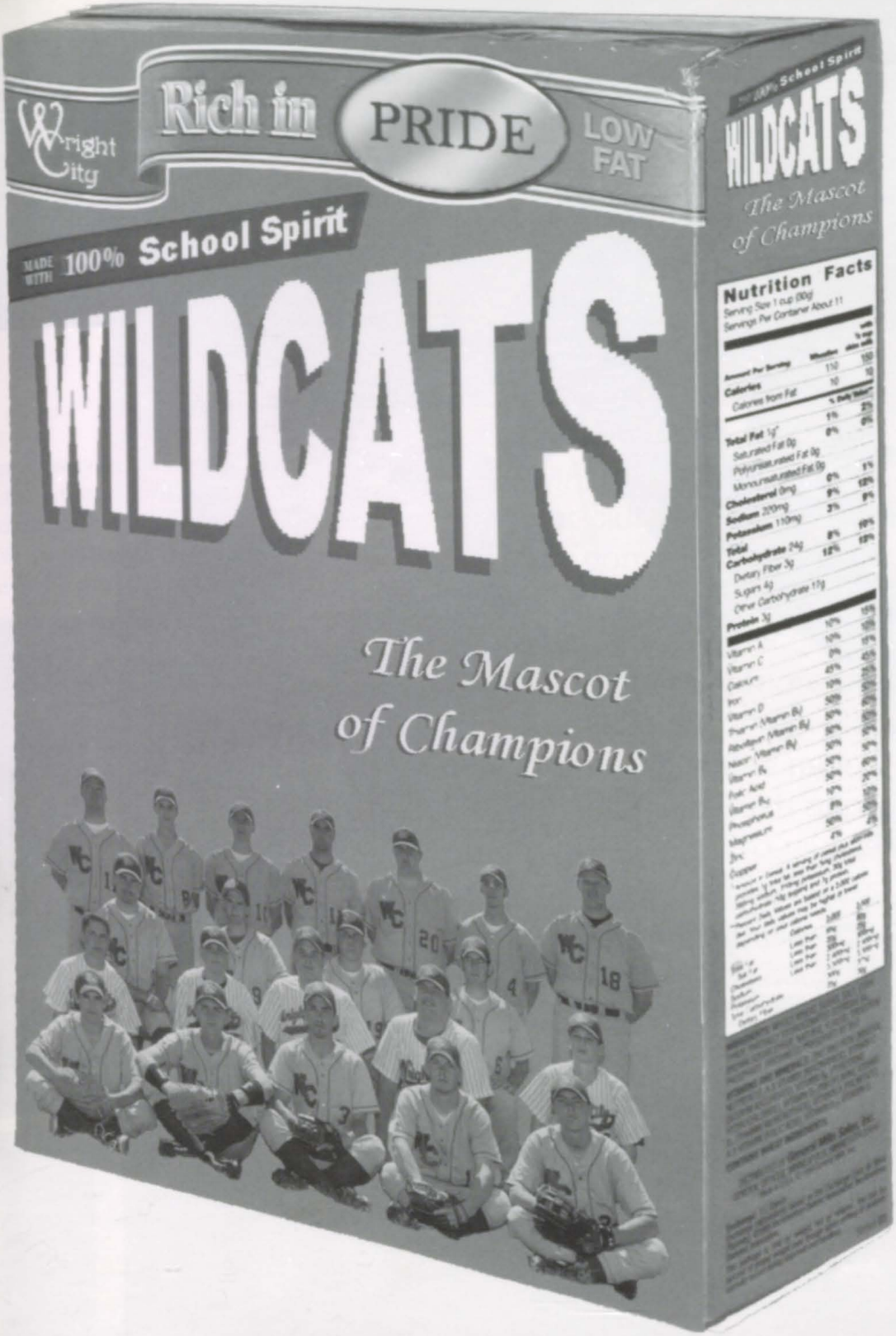
Bryan Snider proves the defense isn't out in left field.

A pre-game pep photo takes away some of the shyness. Yeah right.

Travis Kehoe chooses his pitch carefully.

The Wildcats opened their season March 27 against the Clopton Hawks. By the end of the fifth inning the teams were tied 8-8. It was junior **Jimmy Harris** who blasted a game-winning home run to seal the deal for the Wildcats, who closed the game 10-8.

Close scores and an over-the-edge play by one of many team players set the pace for what ended up an exciting, successful season that, for once, was filled with wins. Other exciting moments included senior **Josh Gerland's** winning RBI that scratched the way past Montgomery 8-7--freshman **Bryan Snider** pitching a complete game against Clopton only allowing two earned runs--senior **Torrey Niemann's** line drive home run that went over the wall to tie Montgomery and go the extra inning -- home runs by **Torrey Niemann, Travis Kehoe and Matt Lewis** at Silex --Senior **Chris Lewis's** five strikeouts against Wellsville --junior **David Kemp's** five RBIs and four runs by sophomore **Justin Coliny** against Wellsville --spectacular pitching by freshman **Chris Vohsen** at Crossroads.

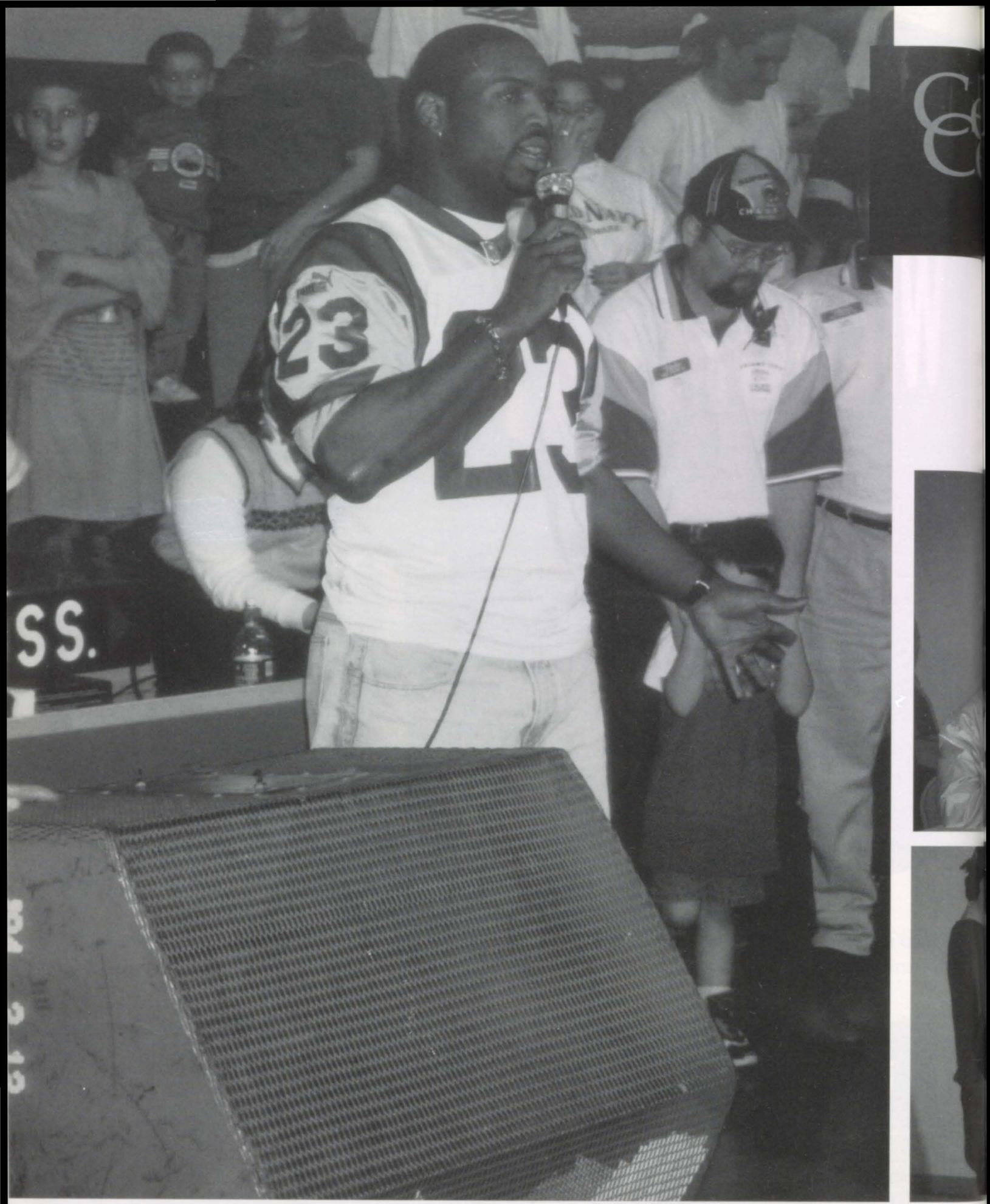


BASEBALL

The Record

Opposing Team	Us	Them
Clopton	7	4
Lutheran	2	12
Clopton	8	6
Montgomery	8	7
North Callaway	4	13
Silex	21	6
Wellsville	16	5

Opposing Team	Us	Them
Jennings	4	12
Orchard Farm	4	5
Crossroads	24	1
Elsberry	6	2
Palmyra	8	6
Elsberry	0	22



St. Louis Rams' defensive back Devin Bush drew the winning raffle ticket for an autographed football during half-time at the girls basketball game February 24.

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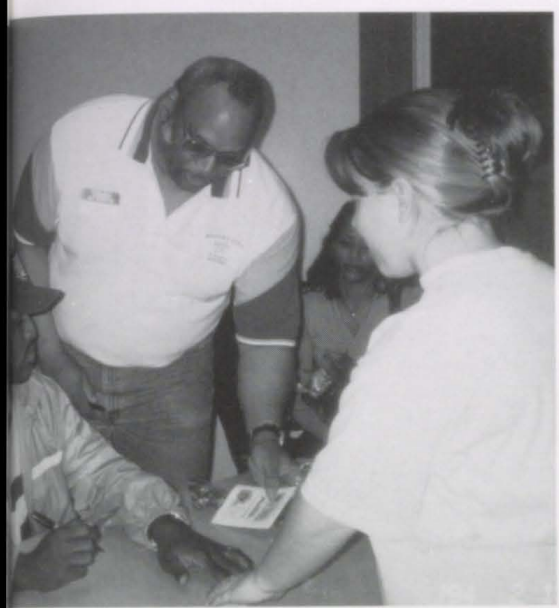
Rams' Devin Bush

Generosity wins hearts... Devin Bush charmed students, parents and community members by spending more than an hour giving autographs before the raffle drawing.



A winning Superbowl team. An active athletic booster club. A connection is made at a St. Charles County convenience store where athletic booster Lori Hindman works, and Ram's wife Kesha Bush patrons. The two become friends. Ms.Bush has a football signed by more than 30 Rams players. Gives ball to Hindman. Raffle tickets sell for $2.00. More than $7,000 is raised. Fame visits Wright City. Husband Devin Bush appears to pick the winning raffle ticket. He also gives young football players a pep talk. Signs autographs, lots of autographs. The last home basketball game is being played, the bleachers are packed. A star has paid a visit, and the community and school are sharing the excitement.

Sign My Tee... Bush signs the back of a middle school student's shirt.

Following Bush are athletic booster Lori Hindman and wife, Kesha.

People

Honor Roll~Sharice Adkins~Marcos Arroyo~Chris Balven~Johnathan Balven~Stephanie Balven~Krystle Bergjans~Jason Berscheid~Reid Billham~Michelle Blanton~Tara Blanton~Heidi Box~Megan Bradshaw~Amy Braun~Missy Briscoe~Amanda Broyles~Robyn Bruner~Kevin Bueneman~Michael Chapman~Richard Clifton~Aliessa Craig~Danielle Cress~David Crose~Kati Dalton~Caleb Daugherty~Lindsey Davis~Toni Denman~Bobby Diefenbacher~Laura Domko~Angie Dorman~Andrea Dougan~Ryan Doyle~Mike Dreyer~Beth Dunakey~Rebecca Filson~Michael Fingers~Carri Freeborn~Rebecca Freund~Sarah Fuller~Josh Gerland~Patricia Gerland~Bill Gilpin~Shawn Grealer~Judy Gripentrog~Brent Haas~Matt Hayes~Chasity Heimburger~Christina Heleine~Natasha Hill~Ryan Hoffman~Lauren Holliway~Kelly Howard~Kendra Huddleston~Kerry Hynek~Jessica Iannacola~Shawn Jaeger~Crystle Johnson~Kawnisha Jones~Remona Jones~Michael Justice~Travis Kehoe~David Kemp~Kristin Kersting~Julie Kettmann~Craig King~Tara King~Jessica Kiser~Sandy Koperstynski~Steven Krueger~Danielle Lacy~Megan Lagemann~Mary Laredo~Tracie Lawson~Chris Lewis~Josh Lewis~Kristina Lindsey~April Lolley~Lacy Martines~Amanda McGah~Anna McKee~Megan McNeill~Justin Meier~Elisabeth Meyer~Valarie Montileone~Keila Mozee~Kevin Mudd~Kimberly Nicolas~Keith Niemann~Chris Noah~Eric Oppeau~Julia Owens~Andrea Paul~Josh Pellieito~Leah Penrod~Phillip Priest~Tyler Pugh~Jen Ratteree~Amanda Reckamp~Dustin Reckamp~Shane Reinhold~Kevin Rohan~Lacy Rowland~Shanna Sachs~Stephanie Schaffrin~Amy Schubert~Jesse Schulte~Ryan Shaw~Julie Sherrell~Nicole Sherry~Shirae Simpson~Bryan Snider~Jeremy Stanek~Tony Tiller~Mandi Tucker~Tyler Turner~Michael Vaughan~Kevin Vaughn~Carol Jean Vehige~Jarod Viggers~Tegan Viggers~Chris Voshen~Laura Vrabel~Lisa Vrabel~Jason Walker~Shannon Walters~Brendon Weidner~David West~Ricky West~Nicole Wiest~Ashley Williams~Candace Winfrey~Ashley Witte~Mervin Yoder~Dan Young~Sarah Young~Luke Zuhone

FRESHMEN FRESHMEN FRESHMEN

Getting By With a Little Help From Friends

(Far Right) **They won't leave until they get the job done...**Mrs. Lewis has two very helpful office aides, Heidi Box and Josh Lewis.

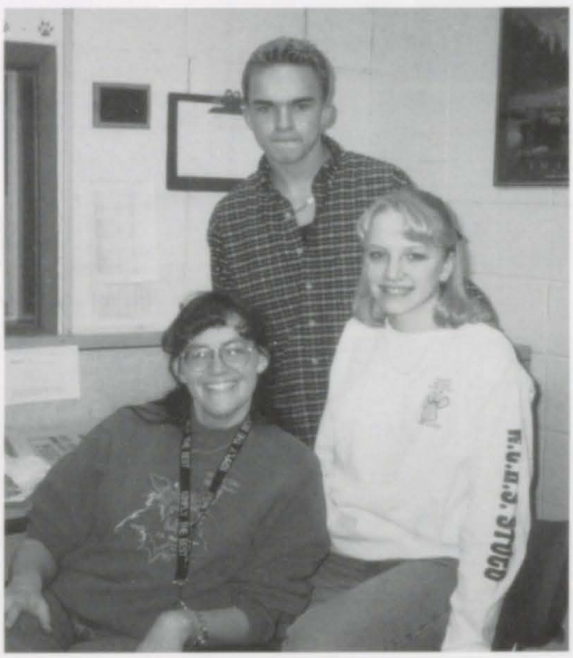
(Middle Right) **What's not to like about being a freshman??** Kendra Huddleston finds a great friend in sophomore Beth Barcum.

(Near Right)**Having Fun...** Heather Murray races round and round mummifying Krystle Bergjans, Mary Laredo and Felicia Prentice trying to beat the sophomores during the spirit games.

(Bottom Right) **Students helping students...** Sophomore Dan Young gives freshman Mike Justice a music lesson on the tympani.

top 5 reasons being a freshman isn't *soooo* bad

1. The Class of 2003 is eligible for the A+ Program
2. The Class of 2003 is the first class to attend four years of high schoo in the new millennium.
3. The high school doesn't have steps to climb.
4. More vending machines are available than at the middle school.
5. We have such great role models in our upperclassmen.



Freshmen "Dig in" to High School

Nicole Wiest

Leading the Way... Freshmen Class Officers, (Top Row), Sarah Young-Treasurer, Heidi Box-Secretary, Krystle Bergjans-Representative, Ashley Williams-Representative, (Bottom Row), Carri Freeborn-Representative, Kevin Vaughn-Vice-President, Amanda Reckamp-President, Tony Tiller-Representative

What upperclassman do you admire most?

"Tracie Lawson is who I most admire because she is very friendly."

-Heather Smith

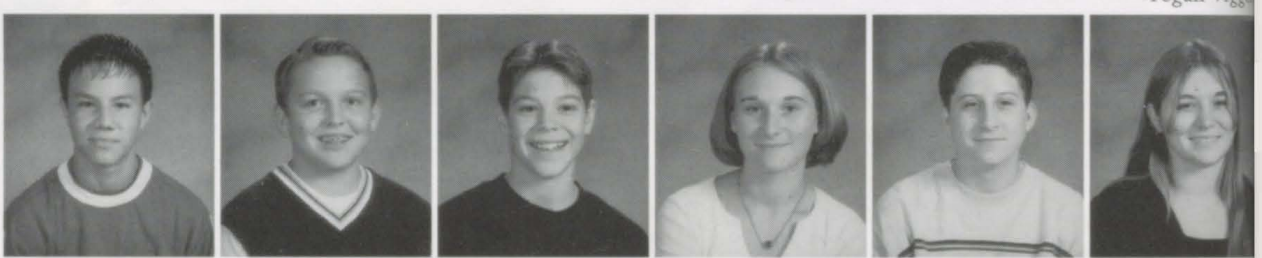
"Missy Briscoe is the person I most admire since she is so outgoing."

-Toni Blanton

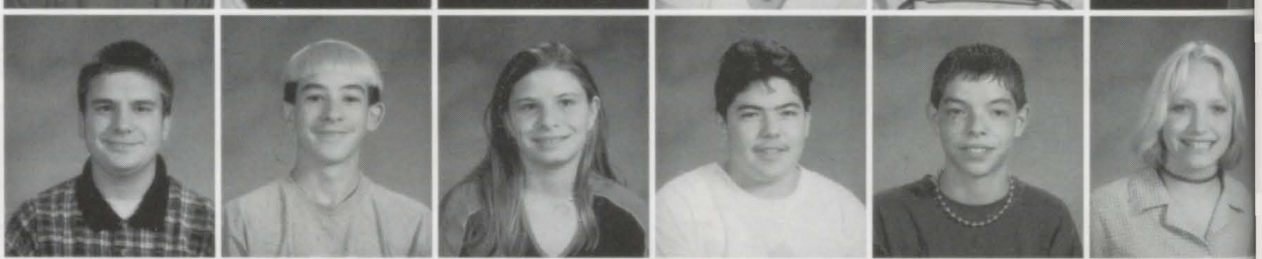
Seeking Royalty... Freshman Natasha Hill rides to center stage in the Strassenbash Parade. Natasha was one of nine queen contestants participating in this years' Strassenbash.

Tegan Viggers

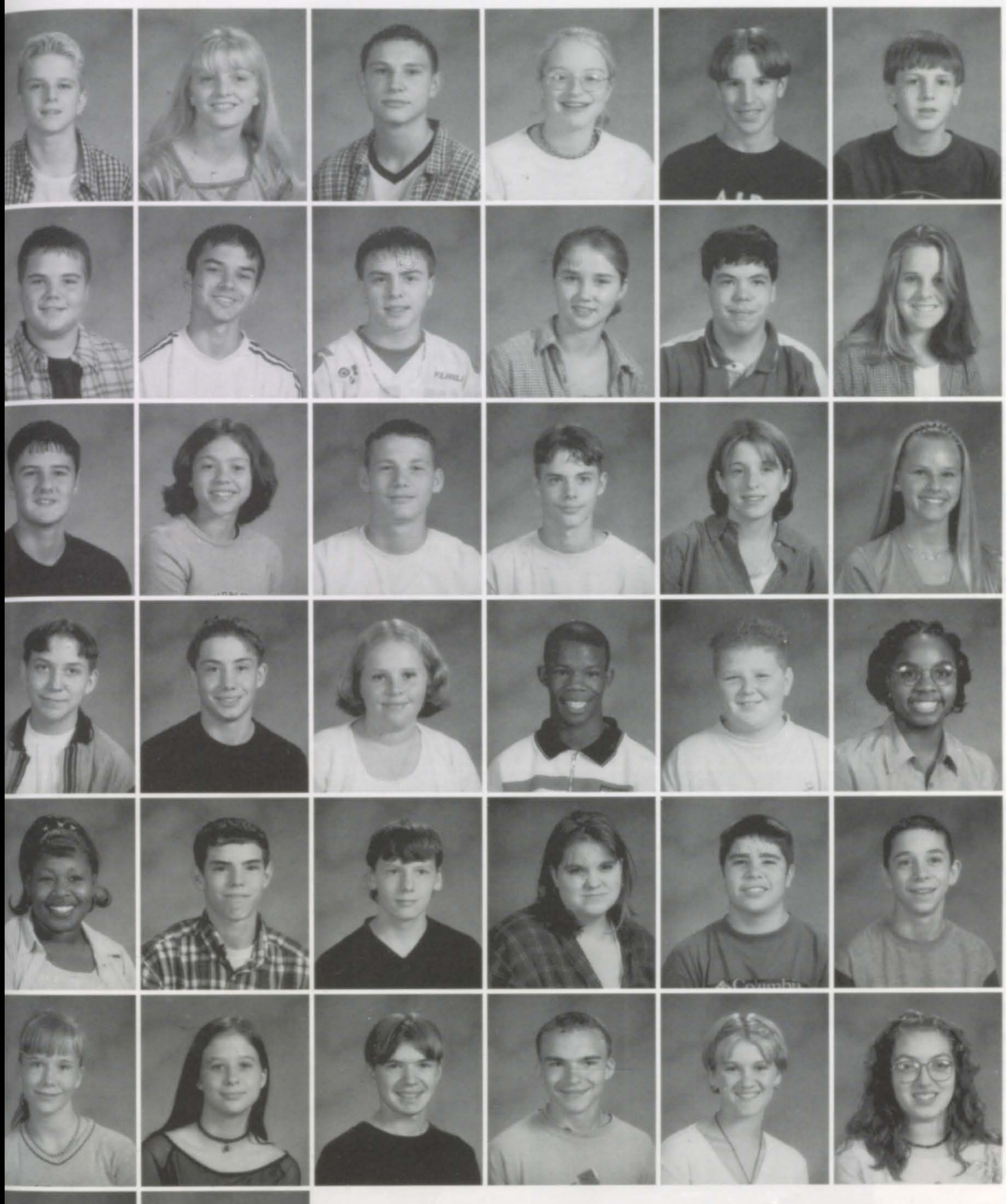
Marcos Arroyo
Christopher Balven
Edward Banks
Elizabeth Barcum
Christopher Benoist
Krystle Bergjans



Jason Berscheid
Robert Billham
Antoinette Blanton
Timothy Blanton
Gregory Blanton
Heidi Box



Megan Bradshaw
Paul Brandon
Amanda Broyles
Sterling Butler
Sergio Casillas
David Chapman



Nicolas Clark
Krystle Coliny
Robert Copeland
Lindsey Davis
Tyler Davis
Stephen Doom

Michael Dreyer
Brandon Duke
Nickolas Dwyer
Veronica Ellis
Joshua Epperson
Carolyn Freeborn

Shawn Graeler
Natasha Hill
Garry Hodges
Ryan Hoffman
Tiffany Hubbard
Kendra Huddleston

Shawn Jaeger
Anthony Johnson
Crystal Johnson
Jermaine Johnson
Joshua Johnson
Marcia Johnson

Melvina Jones
Michael Justice
Timothy Kallbrier
Jessica Kiser
Eric Korte
Eric Kreitner

Jenifer Lamke
Mary Laredo
Quinten LaRocque
Joshua Lewis
Kristina Lindsey
Abigail Martin

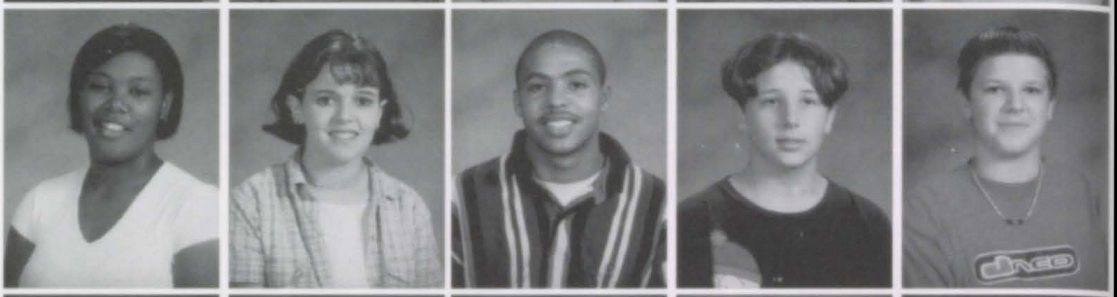
Lacy Martines
Josh Maschmidt

GROUND BREAKING FACT

The average Freshman speaks 4800 words per day.

Joseph Mason
Nicholas McFadden
Anna McKee
Heather McKnight
Megan McNeill

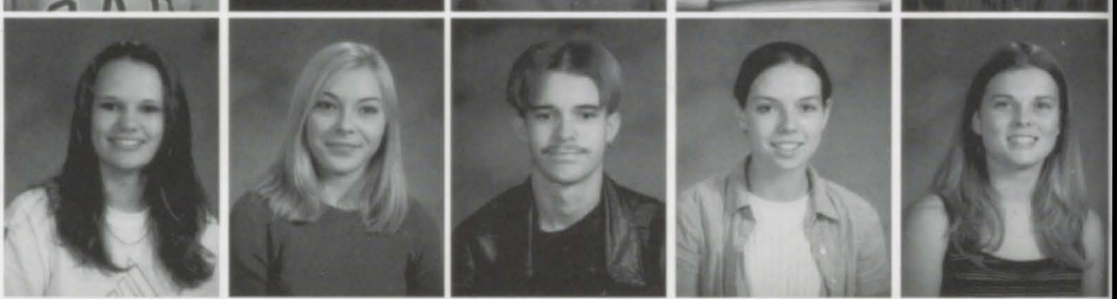
Tyechia McRoberts
Valarie Montileone
Ronald Mozee
Nathan Mudd
Christopher Noah



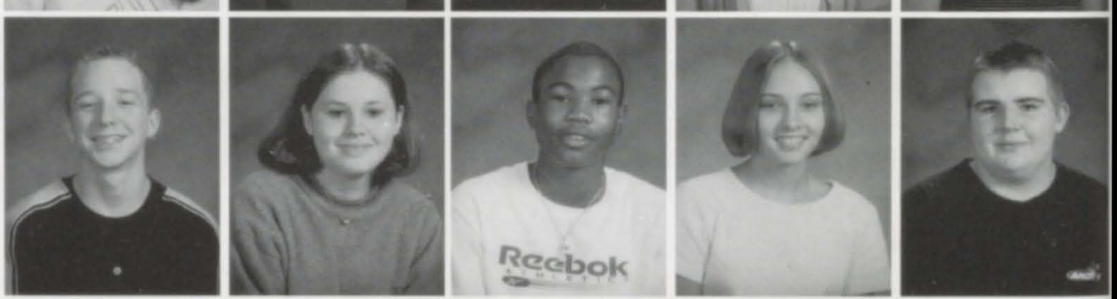
Travis Odom
Anthony Paul
Brandon Paul
Leah Penrod
Jeff Polkinghorne

Felicia Prentice
Phillip Priest
Erica Randle
Amanda Reckamp
Shane Reinhold

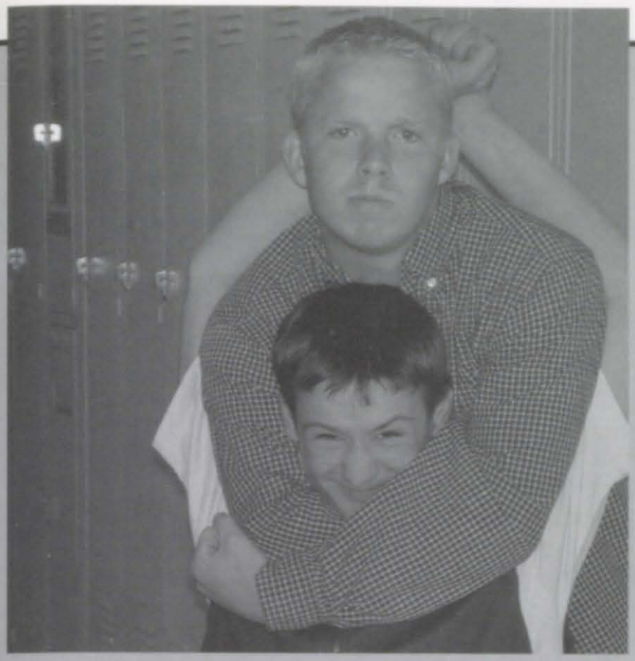
Jessica Richardt
Samantha Rich-
mond
Andrew Riley
Abby Roeder
Lacey Rowland



Cory Schafer
Savanaha Schrader
James Simpson
Heather Smith
Bryan Snider



Joseph Snyder
Angel Spradling
Jeremy Stanek
Jessica Stroup
Dayress Sydnor



Tough with a capital T... Senior Travis Kehoe shows his senority over freshman Josh Maschmidt.

Freshmen Tell All!

What was your biggest fear about becoming a freshmen in high school?

Shane Reinhold
"It was a new year in a new school, and I felt I wouldn't fit in."

Tim Woods
"Having to grow up and do more school work."

Jason Berscheid
"I was afraid of getting freshmen initiation and having to much work."

Garry Hodges
"I was scared I wouldn't fit in a group of some kind."

Not Pictured: Daniel Boenker, Penny Collier, Destiny Kallbrier, Eric Neill, Tina Rodriguez

Gaberial Sydnor
Tony Tiller
Tyler Turner
Michael Vaughan
Jesse Vaughn

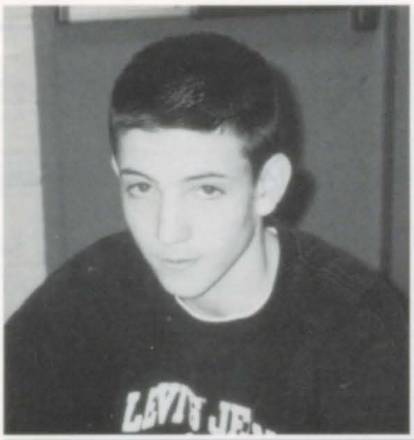
Kevin Vaughn
Christopher Vohsen
Eric Walker
Kelly Walker
Michelle Wallace

Shannon Walters
Brendon Weidner
Richard West
Paulette Wiedner
Ashley Williams

Ashley Witte
Timmothy Woods
Sarah Young

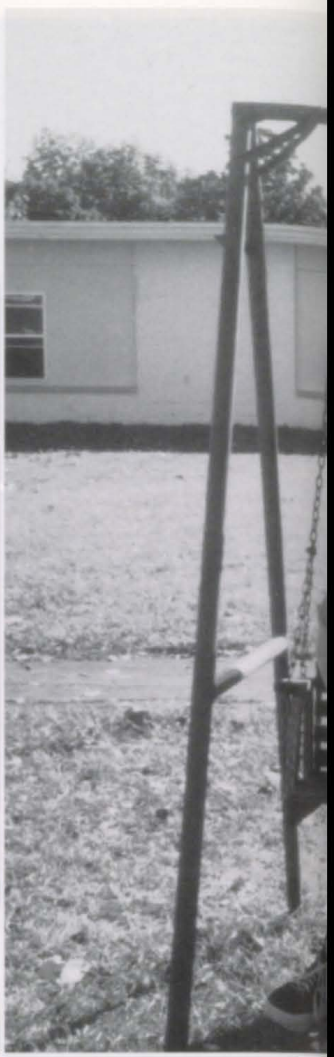
CLASS OF 2002

What Do You Enjoy or Look Forward to as a Student?

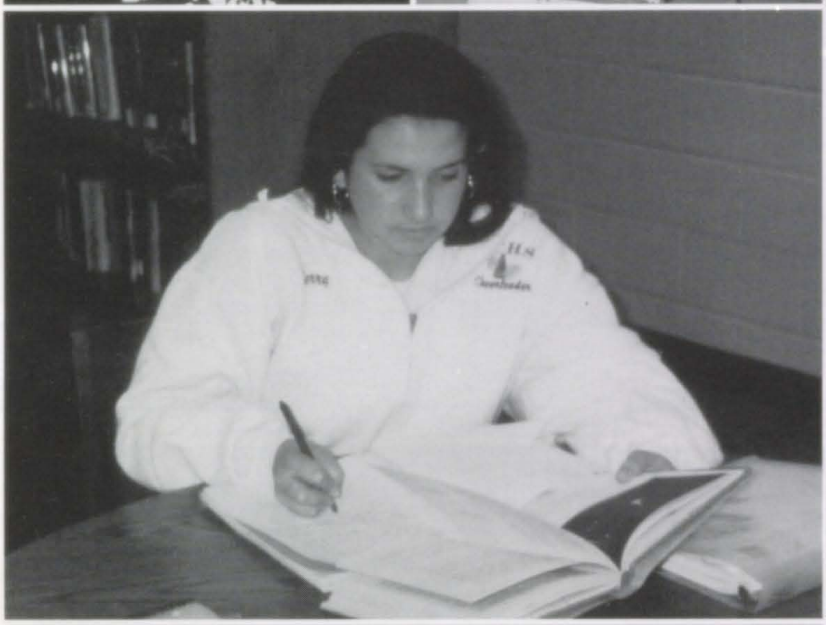


(Left)Brent Haas: "I enjoy being on the newspaper staff."

(Right)Mervin Yoder: "I am going with the choir to Florida."



(Far Right) Class Action: Members of the sophomore class are Craig King, Tegan Viggers, Christina Heliene, Kimberly Nicolas and Tracie Lawson.



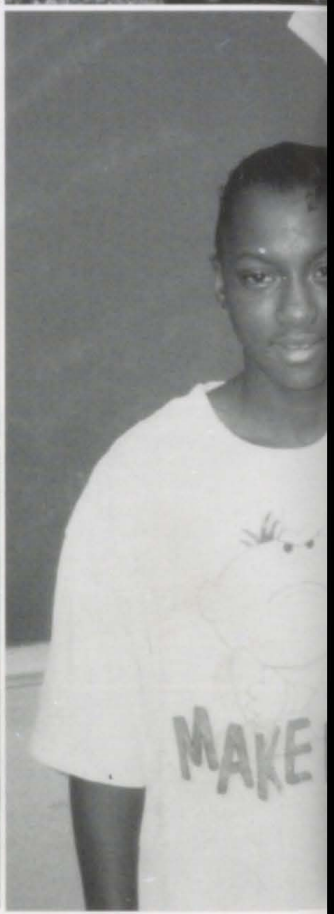
(Left) Kerry Hynek: "I was a cheerleader for the basketball team."

(Left) Jana Kauble: "I am working on bringing my grades up. I plan to go to college to be a vet."

(Right) Ramona Jones: "I enjoy playing basketball."

(Left) Tegan Viggers: "I enjoy being the sophomore class president."

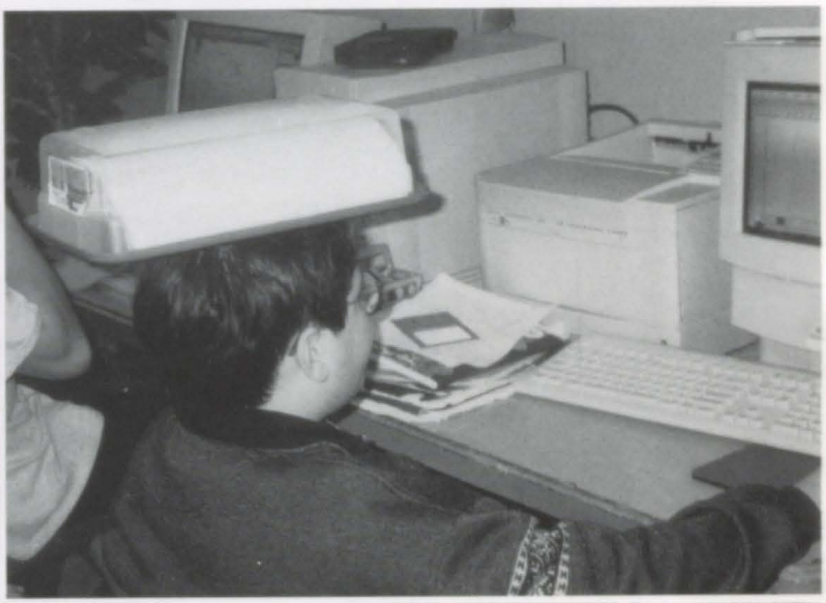
(Right) Tyechia McRoberts: "I want to finish school and move on to college."

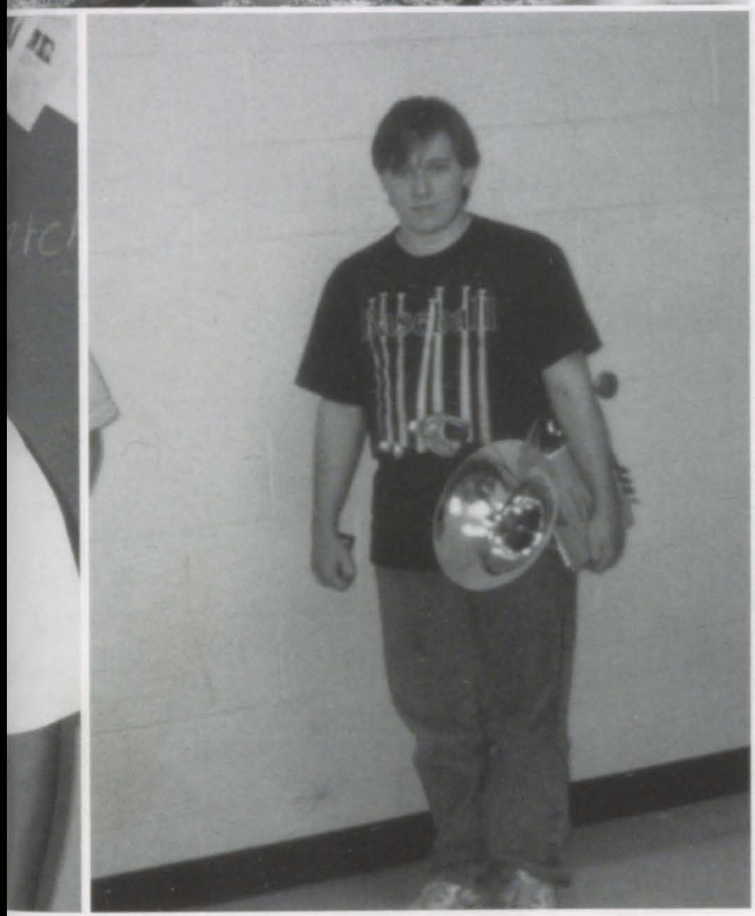


CLASS of 2002

SOPHOMORE SPOTLIGHT

Ergonomics... Luke Kelly practices his posture while working on the computer.





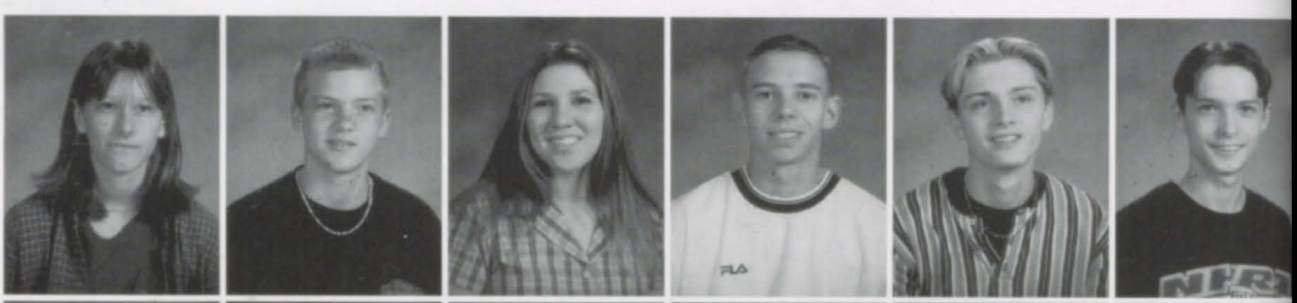
(Above) **Secret Recipe...**Travis Shell mixes it up in Ms. Flake's class.

(Left) Andy Fingers: "I enjoy playing my trumpet and being in band."

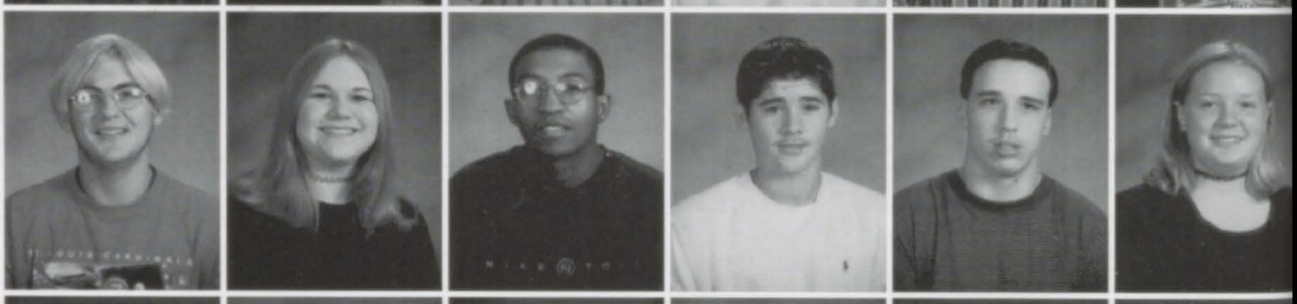
Sophomores 2002

Up close and personal... Sophomores Ryan Key, Laura Domko, and Tracey Myer look through a magnifying glass examining different slides in Biology

Danielle Bennett
Kevin Bueneman
Mary Jane Carver
Michael Chapman
Justin Coliny
David Crose

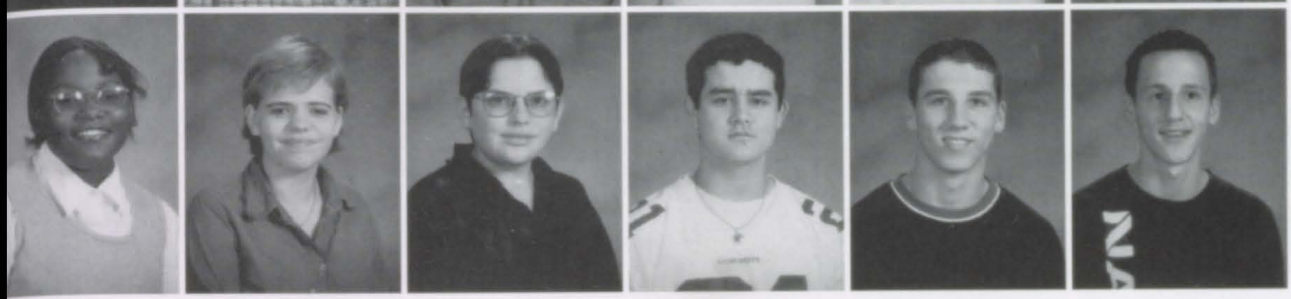


Paul Denman
Laura Domko
Jeffery Edwards
James Ellis
Gerald Epperson
Teri Farley



Michael Fingers
Jesse Ford
Kelly George
Brent Haas
Christina Heleine
Susan Hertzler

Jon Hickman
Kerry Hynek
Daniel Jaeger
Nicole Jaggie
Adam Jennings
Remona Jones



Semona Jones
Mary Kelbel
Lucas Kelly
Wesley Keown
Ryan Key
Craig King

Learning Something new... Mr. Wiegert helps Luke Kelly study for a test.

Thinking hard... Mary Jane Carver is writing a paper on the Titanic for Mr. Slenker (left).

Playing Mom... Tamika Thompson is learning what it is really like being a mom in child development class by carrying around a simulated baby (far left).

GROUND BREAKING FACT

Did you know that when the Titanic sank it had over 1500 pounds of ham on it??

Allen Koehler
Sandra Koperstynski
Tracie Lawson
Matthew Lund
Billy McCarty
Justin Meier

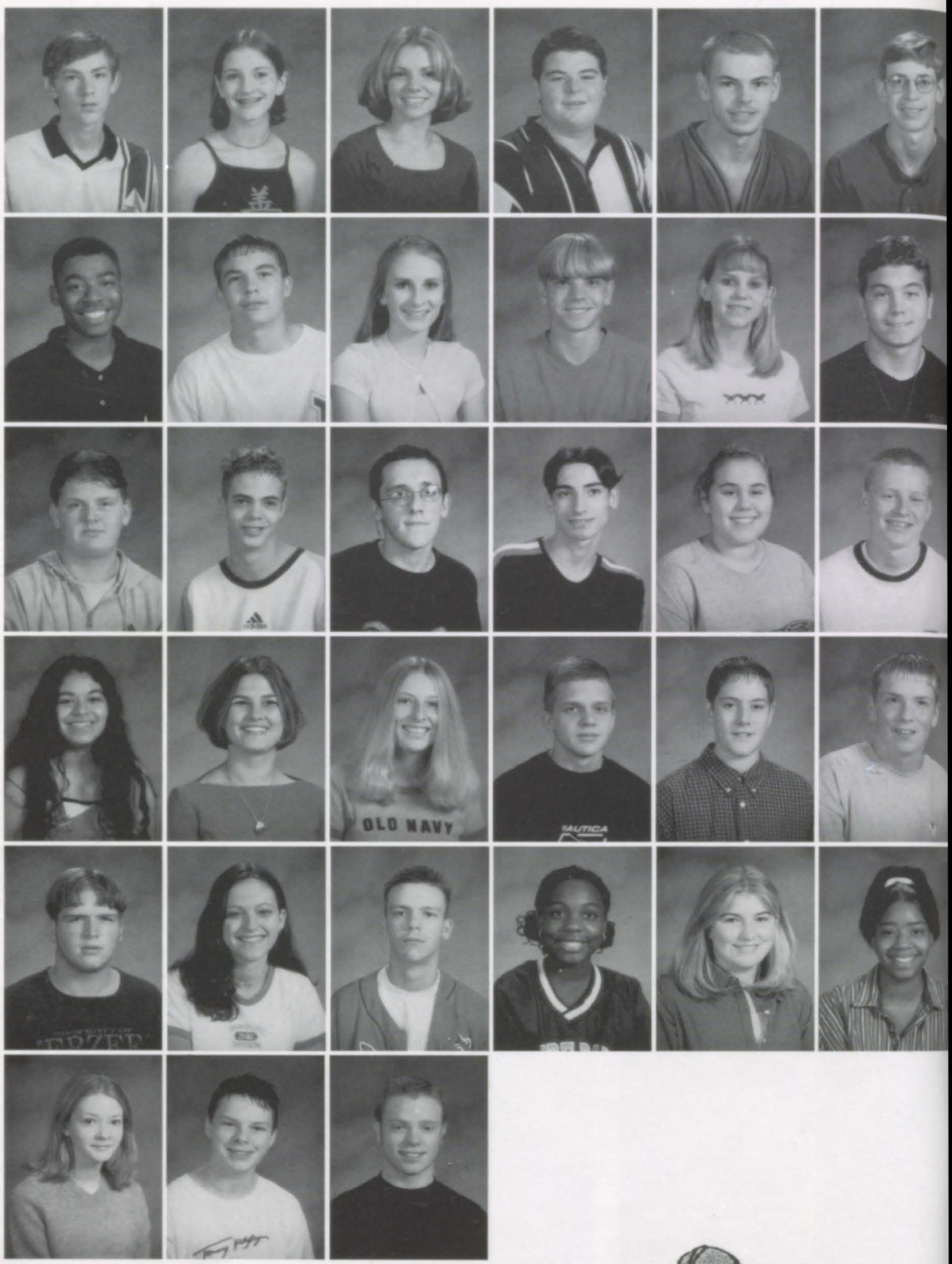
Dennis Mozee
Jason Myer
Kimberly Nicolas
Keith Niemann
Sarah Parker
Joshua Pellerito

Brian Perine
Robert Phelps
Matthew Rader
Jesse Rios
Shaun Rivera
Levi Roberts

Nayelly Rodriguez
Victoria Rowland
Shanna Sachs
Jesse Schulte
Ryan Shaw
Travis Shell

Kyle Short
Jennifer Starks
Timothy Starks
Tamika Thompson
Tegan Viggers
Tiffany Whiteside

Candace Winfrey
Mervin Yoder
Daniel Young



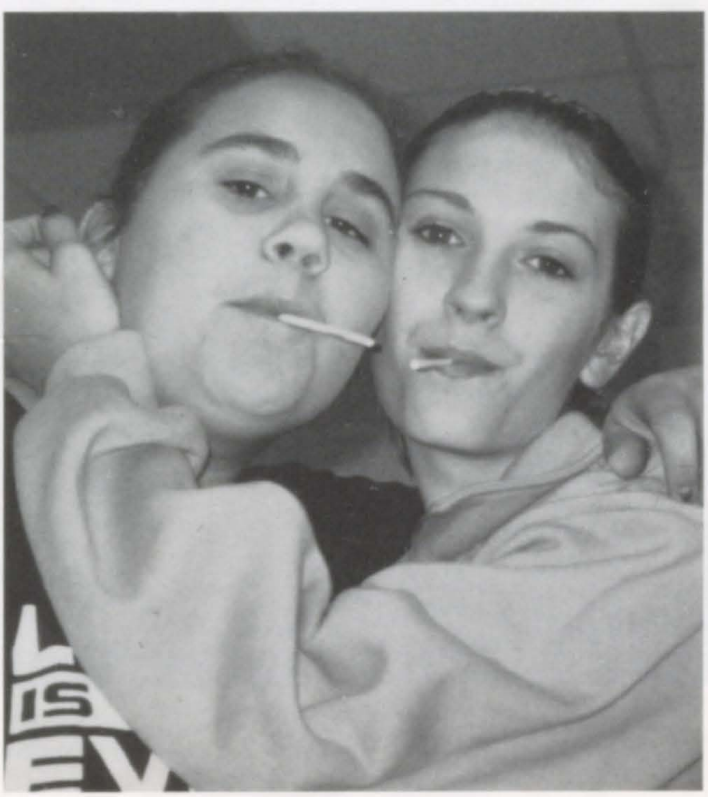
GROUND BREAKING FACT

How can a Sophomore also be a Junior? Answer: Robert Phelps Jr. is the only sophomore who has the same name as his father.

SOPHOMORE PRIDE

the trumpets play loud... While playing the marching song *Ciera,* Andy Fingers leads his almost perfect line in practice and soon at mpetition.

mething smells good... Foods and Nutrition is the only place will find Justin Coliny cooking.

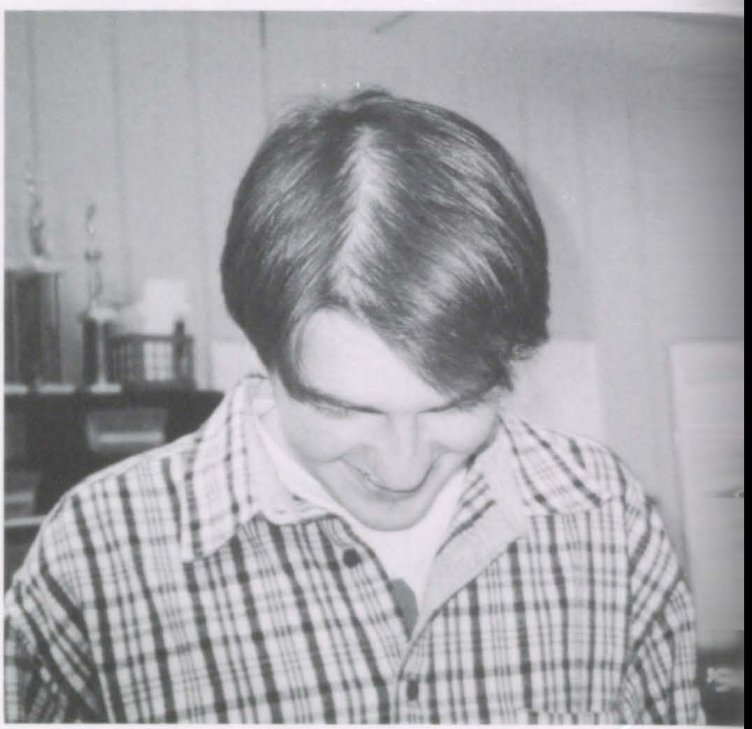


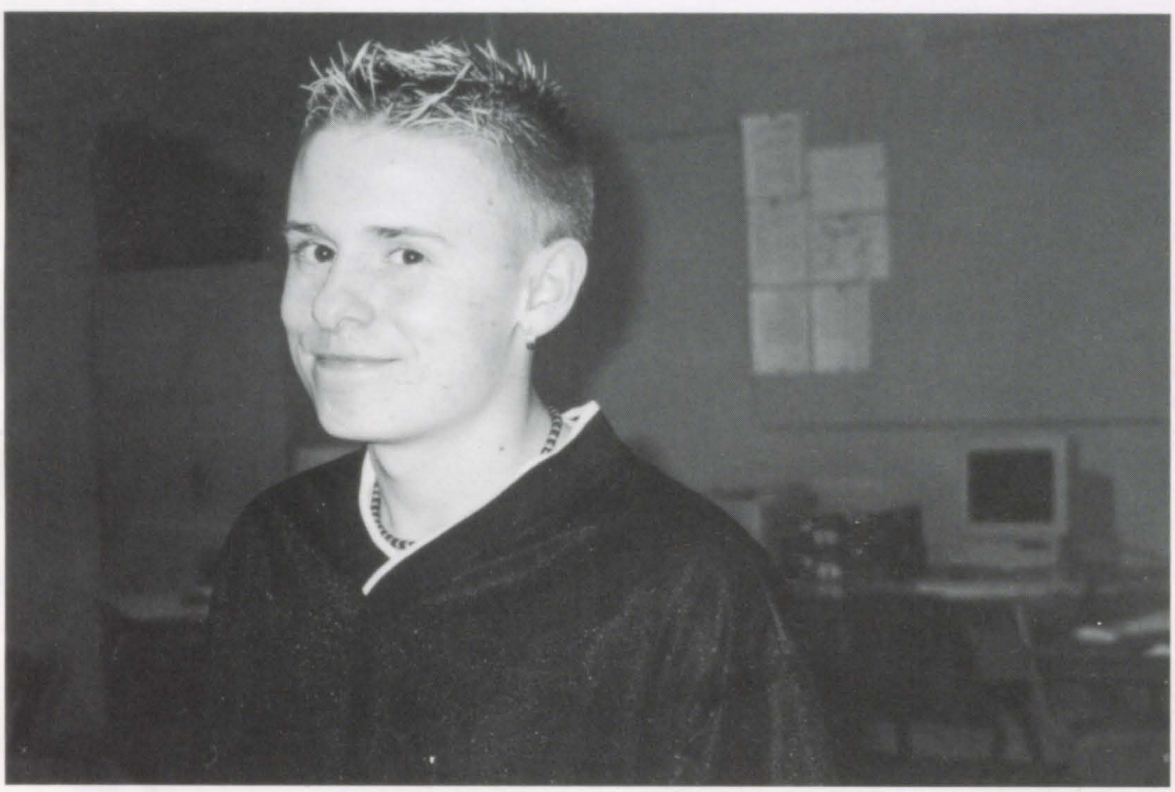
Isn't it just so cute?... Shaun Rivera gives close friend Sandy Koperstynski a hug.

WHO ARE YOU?

Famous Nicknames around the high school.

Many students around the High School have nicknames their closest friends call them by. Here are just a few that are most known by the student body.





What's Missing...? Jarod's hair! Jarod Viggers shows off his receding hairline. He is known throughout the school as the **Hairless Wonder**.

It's a bird... It's a plane... No... it's TREE...! Stephen Feise, also known as **Tree** shows off the Feise Physique.

Big Red... Trish Gerland, a.k.a Pippy, earned the nickname from her flowing red hair.

Senior NICKNAMES

Judy Gripentrog- Judester

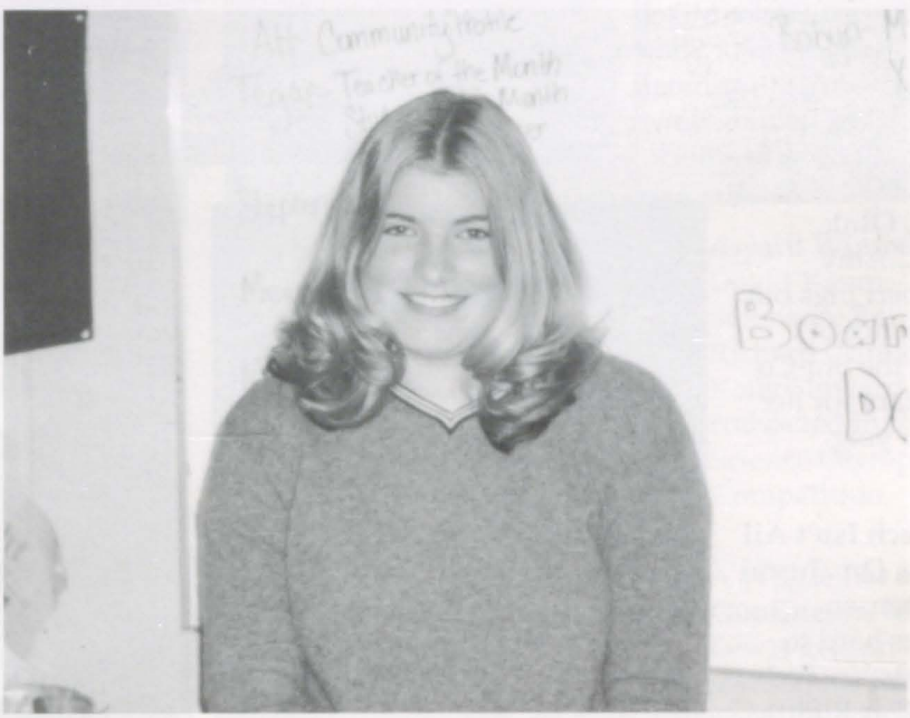
Steven Kreuger- Beave

Torrey Nieman- Biggun

Dustin Mikus- Cowboy

Carol Vehige- Grandma

Do it again Dougan... Senior Andrea Dougan achieved the nickname **DOUGAN** as a ten-year old when she had a reputation as a hooligan.

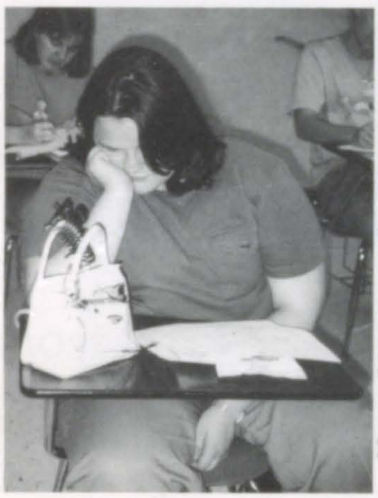


Need an oil change???Sophomore Tegan Viggers got her nickname Manhands McTegan the Mechanic from Jason Williams and Tyler Pugh when they put a greasy hat on her, and because she looked like a mechanic.

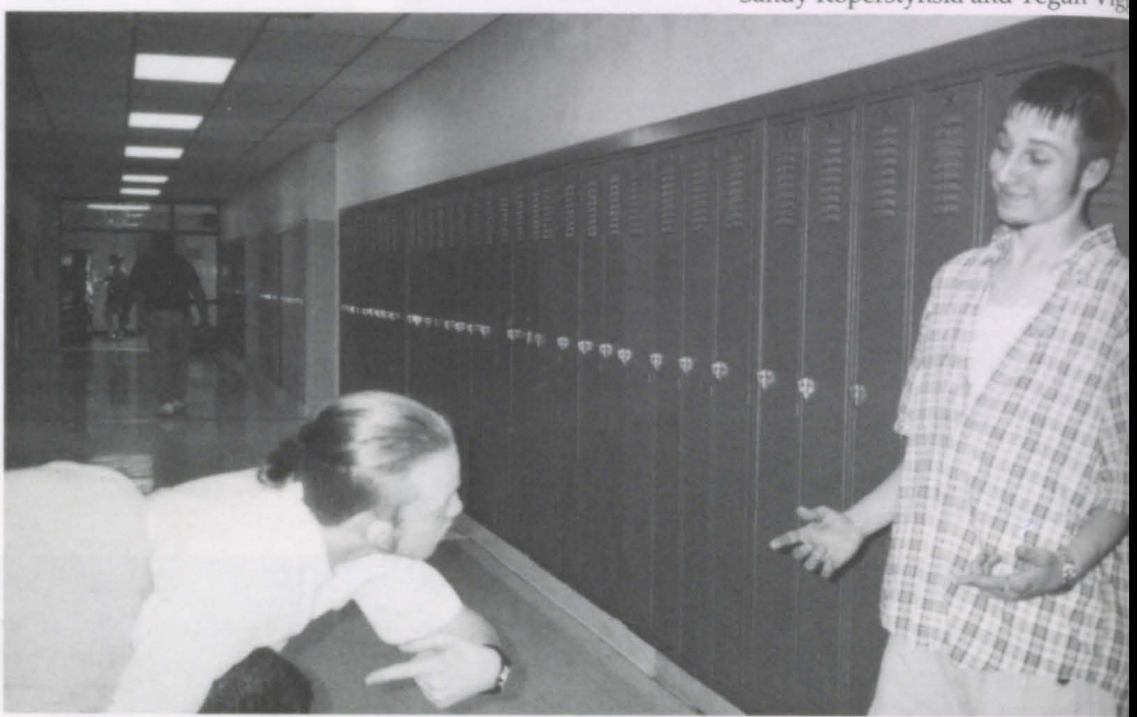
Sandy Koperstynski and Tegan Vig

ZzZzZzZz... Junior Amanda Neldon "really cracks down on her studies" getting ready for college after her Senior year.

Vote for Me... Junior Amber Pickett hangs up her sign to be Vice-President of Student Council for her Senior year of high school.



Sandy Koperstynski and Tegan Viggers

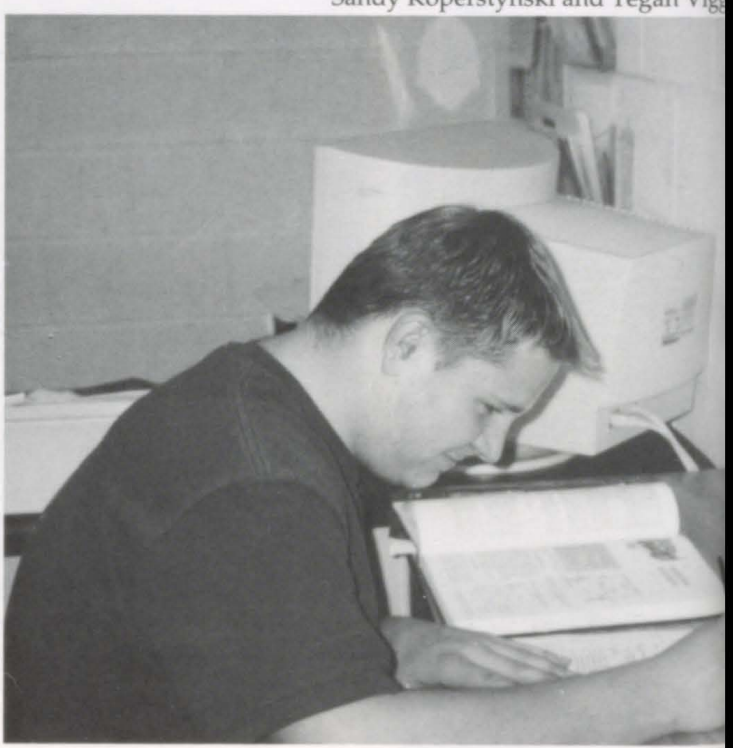


Sandy Koperstynski and Tegan Vig

A Little Bit of Toughness... Senior Mikel Pierce teaches junior Shawn Paul how to do "freshman iniation" by holding down J.T. Snyder in a headlock.

Oink, Oink, Oink... Amy Schubert pigs out in practice of being the Stu-Co Secretary for her Senior year.

Vo-Tech Isn't All Hands On... Justin Christensen studies hard to pass his Vo-Tech class (Far Right).



WANTED: JUNIORS TO BE SENIORS

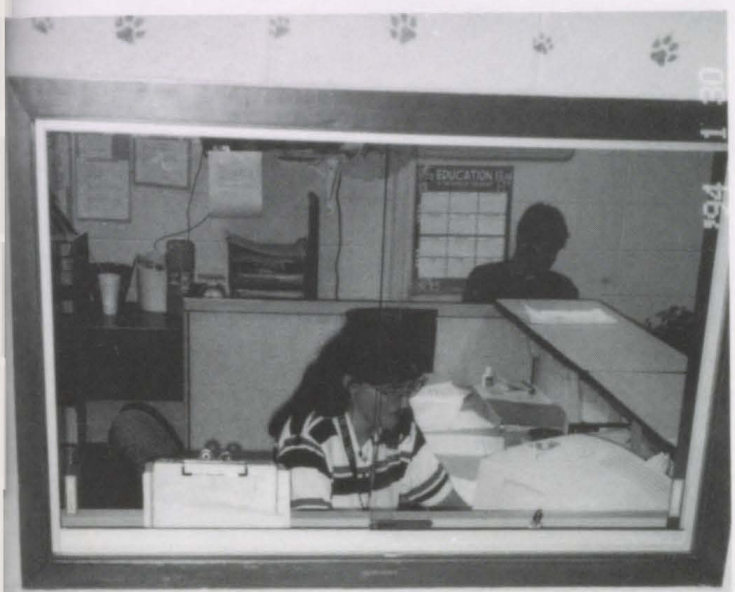
What is one thing you look forward to as a Senior?

" I'm finally out of here and I get to leave Wright City! "
- Nora Famous

" Having only one more year of high school stuff left"
- Mike Johnston

" I'm looking more forward to going to Florida again next year for chorus right before I graduate."
- Tina Gerdeman

" Geting out in only one year and freshman innitiation."
- Justin Bruce



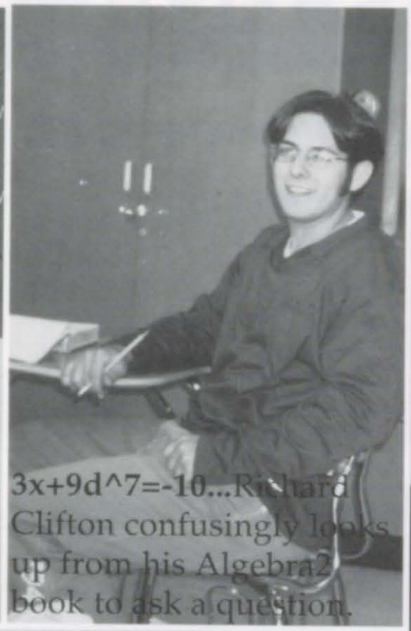
Sandy Koperstynski and Tegan Viggers

Ssshh! Be Very, Very Quiet... Juniors Elisabeth Meyer and Shirae Simpson start early learning how to sneak out of school without getting caught.

Award Winners... David Kemp, Stephanie Balven, Richard Clifton, and Kelly Howard competed in the Science Olympial Competition.

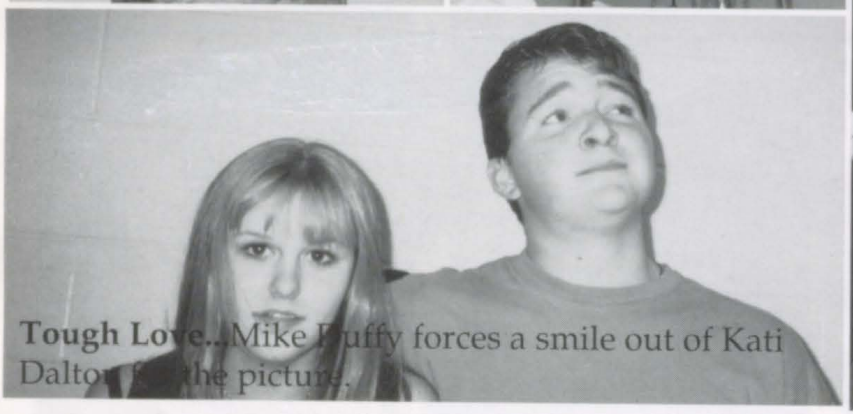
A Whole Lot of Goofiness... Matt Lewis gets an early start on his funny, goofy moments in band with freshman Mike Arroyo.

Crowning Glory... Patricia Gerland smiles as she spends her last few moments as a Fall Fest Queen.



3x+9d^7=-10... Richard Clifton confusingly looks up from his Algebra2 book to ask a question.

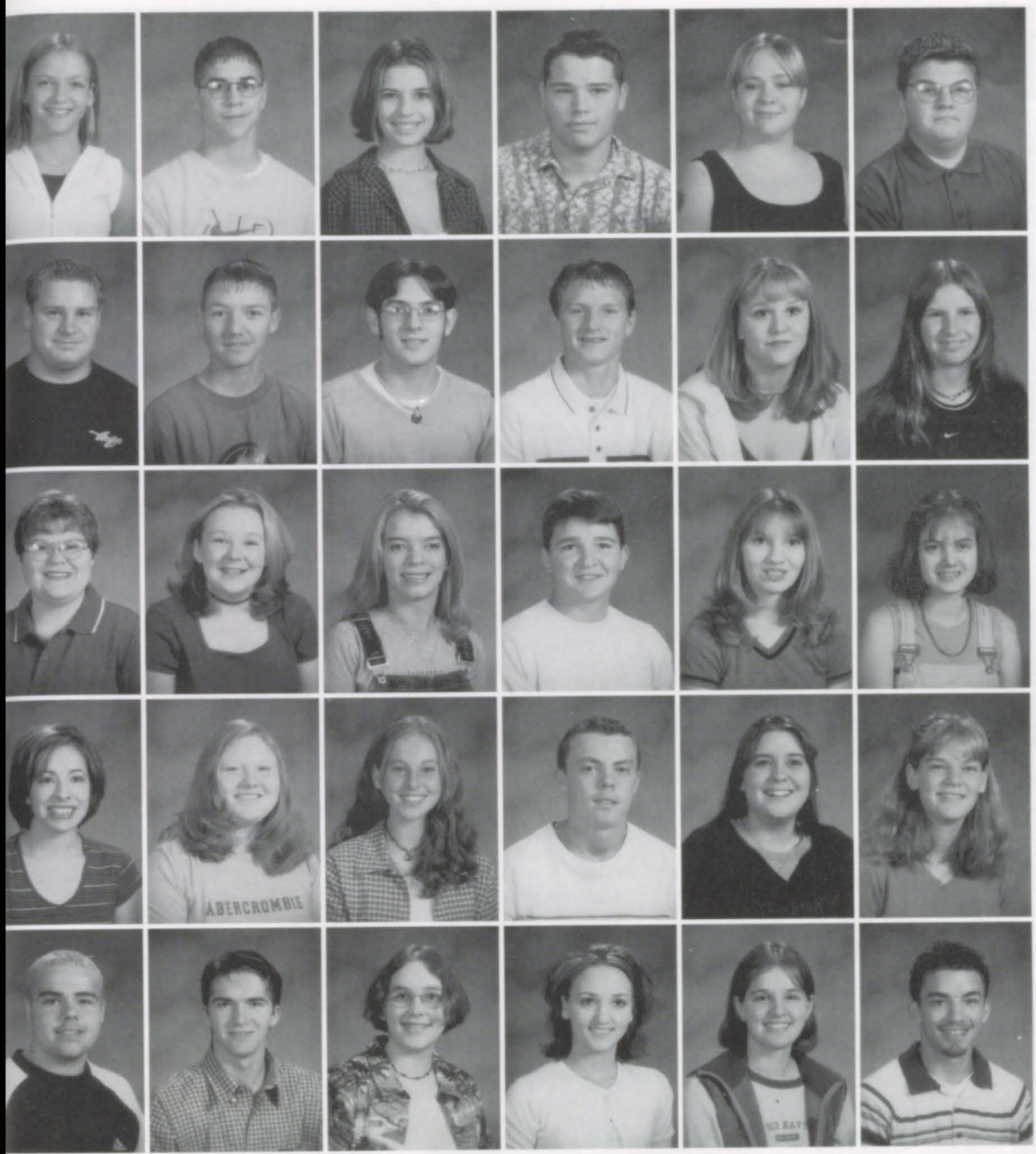
Not a Freshman... Sophomore Dan Young shows Junior Matt Lewis he isn't a little freshman anymore by holding him down.



Tough Love... Mike Ruffy forces a smile out of Kati Dalton for the picture.

*Junior * Class * Officers*

Top: Elisabeth Meyers, Danielle Lacy, Rachel Davis
Bottom: Patricia Gerland, David Kemp, Amy Schubert, and Stephanie Balven



Stephanie Balven
Benjamin Banks
Tara Blanton
Joseph Boerner
Jessica Brazel
Justin Bruce

Justin Christensen
Jeremy Claus
Richard Clifton
Patrick Cole
Kati Dalton
Rachel Davis

Toni Denman
Amanda Dewey
Angela Dorman
Michael Duffy
Elizabeth Dunakey
Nora Famous

Sarah Fuller
Tina Gerdeman
Patricia Gerland
James Harris
Shauna Hayes
Kelly Howard

Michael Johnston
Jerry Kemp
Julie Kettmann
Tara King
Danielle Lacy
Matthew Lewis

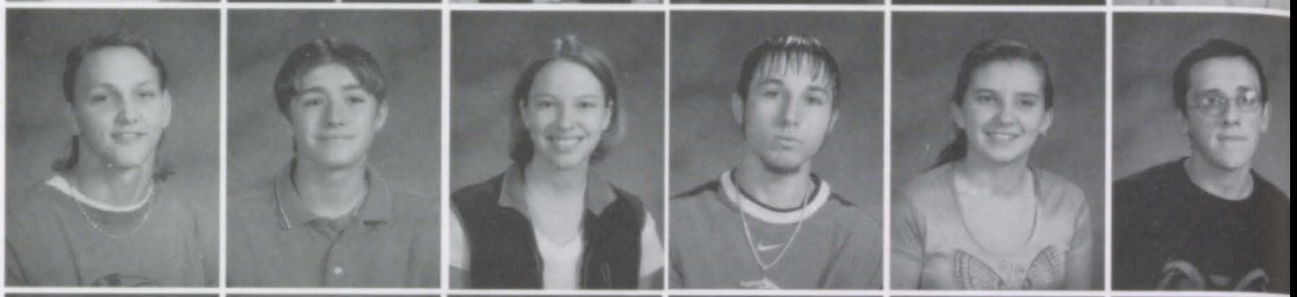
Mason Markham

GROUND BREAKING FACT

Beth Dunakey, who has arachniphobia, does not know that the average person will swallow eight spiders in a lifetime, while sleeping.

Amanda McGah
Laurie-Ann Menees
Elisabeth Meyer
Keila Mozee
Amanda Neldon
Amy Neldon

Bret Odom
Eric Oppeau
Andrea Paul
Shawn Paul
Amber Pickett
Matthew Rader



Jonathan Rampani
Jennifer Ratteree
Shaun Rivera
Destiny Schafer
Stephanie Schaffrin
Matthew Schlipp

Amy Schubert
Tammy Sherrell
Nicole Sherry
Shirae Simpson
Brandy Spradling
Dana Spradling

Timothy Starks
Nicole Townes
Jason Walker
Charles Wiedner

Not Pictured: Brian Biter, Marcus Hayes, Timothy Hi
Brandi Jolly, Stacy Stout, Shaunn Williams

Juniors

GROUND BREAKING FACT

We spend an average time of six months of our lives waiting at red stoplights.

CLASS OF 2001

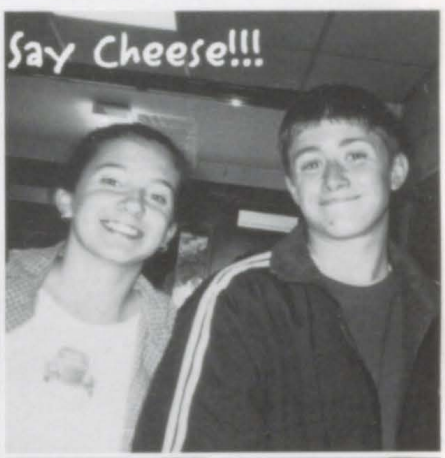
Where do you like to hang out on the weekends?

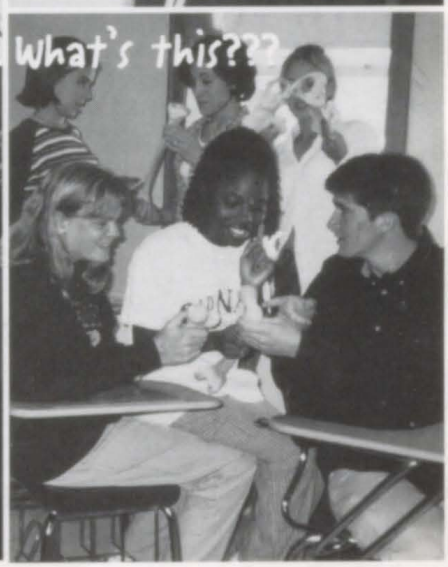
I hang out with my friends and family because we have fun and I care about them a lot.
-Angie Dorman

I go to the stable because I love my horse and riding with my friends.
-Rachel Davis

I just party and have a lot of fun on the weekends.
-Bret Odom

JUNIORS SHOW THEIR INDIVIDUAL, AND SOMETIMES STRANGE, PERSONALITIES





wishing, waiting, wishing, waiting

Senior Jason Williams will graduate before Wright City gets a full football program. He dons the gear to symbolize the anticipation of many.

What Does A Tree Mean?

Early in the fall, vandals descended on the school campus, destroying branches from the trees that line the front of the building. The trees were planted in memory of students who passed away. Although the trees showed signs of life in the spring, they will never branch into mature trees.

WISHING MARCUS WELL

We didn't have the good fortune of having Marcus with us since the late fall. During Thanksgiving break, he was involved in a tragic driving accident that left him with severe injuries. At the point of this publication, he is still recovering. In December, Marcus's father visited the school and talked to students about the importance of wearing a seatbelt and driving responsibly. The impact of Marcus's tragedy has left an important message to students. We regret that Marcus had to suffer the consequences of actions that were not unique to just him. We think of Marcus as a fun-loving friend, and his absence as a genuine loss.

This photo of Marcus was taken during his sophomore year.

When a Man Loves a Woman

It was a dynamic year for our new principal. Not only did she the ground running with her vision of excellence, enthusisam, school spirit, but she also managed to meet the man of her ams, David Sachs.

The two shared their blessing before students, friends, family members of the community in a special wedding ceremony June the gym . Sharing the message that love is a gift that needs to honored and respected, the two read a special message to each er and their mothers. Friends and family members also read , rus members sang solos, band members played and the erleaders created a special cheer.

e: Mr. is reads s of eciation to other

Right: Mr. and Mrs. David Sachs celebrate their love before the school.

Josh Pellertio sang a speical solo in honor of the event.

anada Nelson sings before the uials.

The get-away carriage awaits the newlyweds.

Ms. Ellen Sachs
Principal

Wright City High School's 1999-2000 Faculty

Teachers are people who we will always remember. Especially the ones who helped us with a certain problem, gave you your first "A" on a paper, or the one who always sent you to PAS.

Dr. Virgil Freeman
Superintendent

John Aber, custodian
Billie Arnett, secretary
Terry Beer, art
Ed Bohler, custodian
Melissa Brandon, business

Becky Brinkmeyer, English
John Brocato, math
Virginia Burr, special education
Shirley Case, A+ coordinator & curriculum director
Janet Clarke, chorus

Robyn Cole, aide
Michael DeYoung, athletic director
Sue Ell, health occupations
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Sue Ghiglione, crisis counselor
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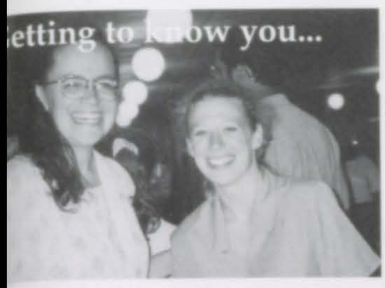
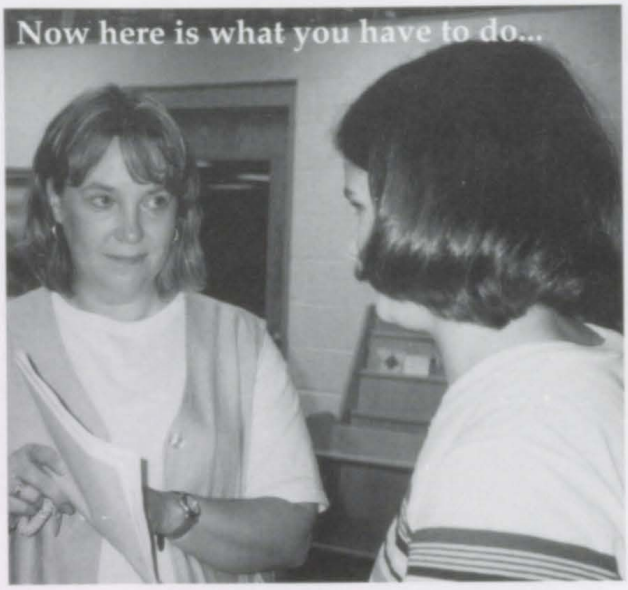
Helen Klasing, cook





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Vicki Matthis, at risk
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Robert McNeill, band
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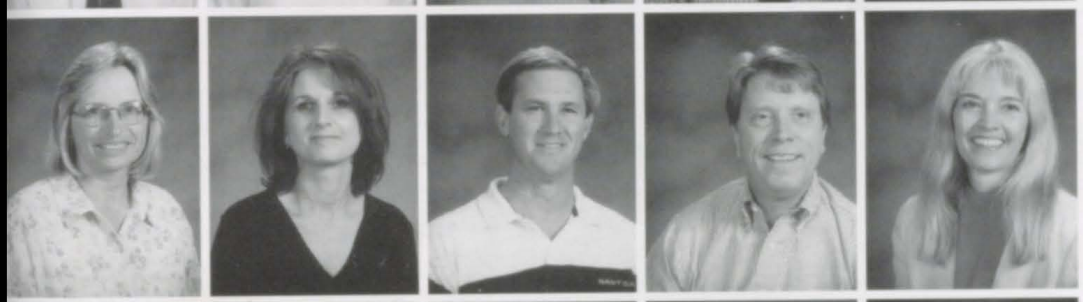

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Fred Ross, health & physical education
Dan Slenker, English
Candy Boyd -Suffern, Spanish

Lois Summers, cook
Mike Thompson, maintenance
Virgina Tomschin, cook
Ed Wiegert, social studies
Victoria Walker, counselor

Kara Wise, English
Priscilla Wobbe, math
Sue Wright, science

Not Pictured:
Bernadette Bader, math
Natile Hastie, aide
Dawn Moore, aide and
Rich Tinsley, technology.

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The Many Steps of Making "THE" Yearbook Just for You...

#1. Choosing the Topic of the Page

Sandy Koperstynski posts the latest page assignments

The first thing we do in yearbook class is try and figure out a topic that will interest the people who buy the yearbook (that's you). It isn't always easy to think of something new, exciting, and different for 128 different pages. There is a whole lot of things that go on every day in the high school, but the tough part is, will it catch your eye???

#2. Picking the Layout to Fit Your Topic

Tegan Viggers looks for a sample template to use

After you have finished choosing what your page is going to be about, the second thing that we are supposed to do is pick out what type of layout you are going to put it on. This is also something that has to catch your eye...because if the page isn't interesting, then we haven't done our job.

What is Your Favorite Part About Being in Yearbook Class???

"Because I can usually find an excuse to get out of fourth hour."

-Tegan Viggers (sophomore)

"The messing around with computers."

-Josh Pellerito (sophomore)

"It is a very tubular experience"

-Luke Kelly (sophomore)

"Because I can always find and steal the bad pictures of me."

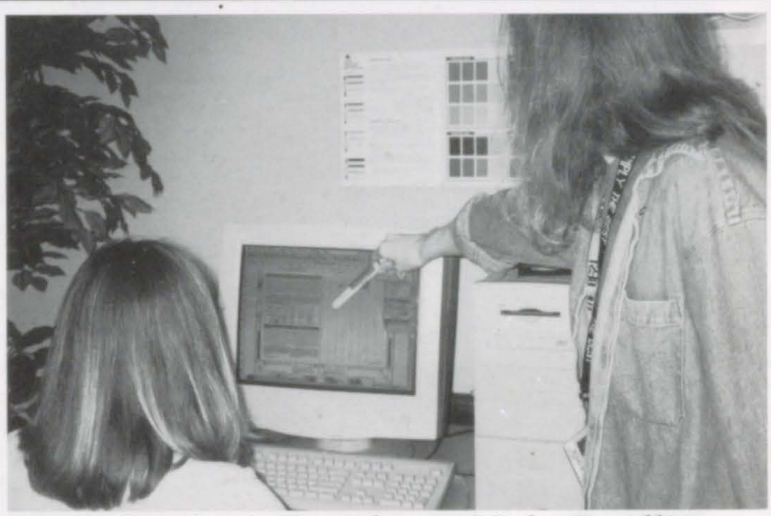
-Sandy Koperstynski (sophomore)

The Many Steps of Making "THE" Yearbook Just for You...

#3. Taking the Pictures

Luke Kelly is being entrusted with the new digital camera

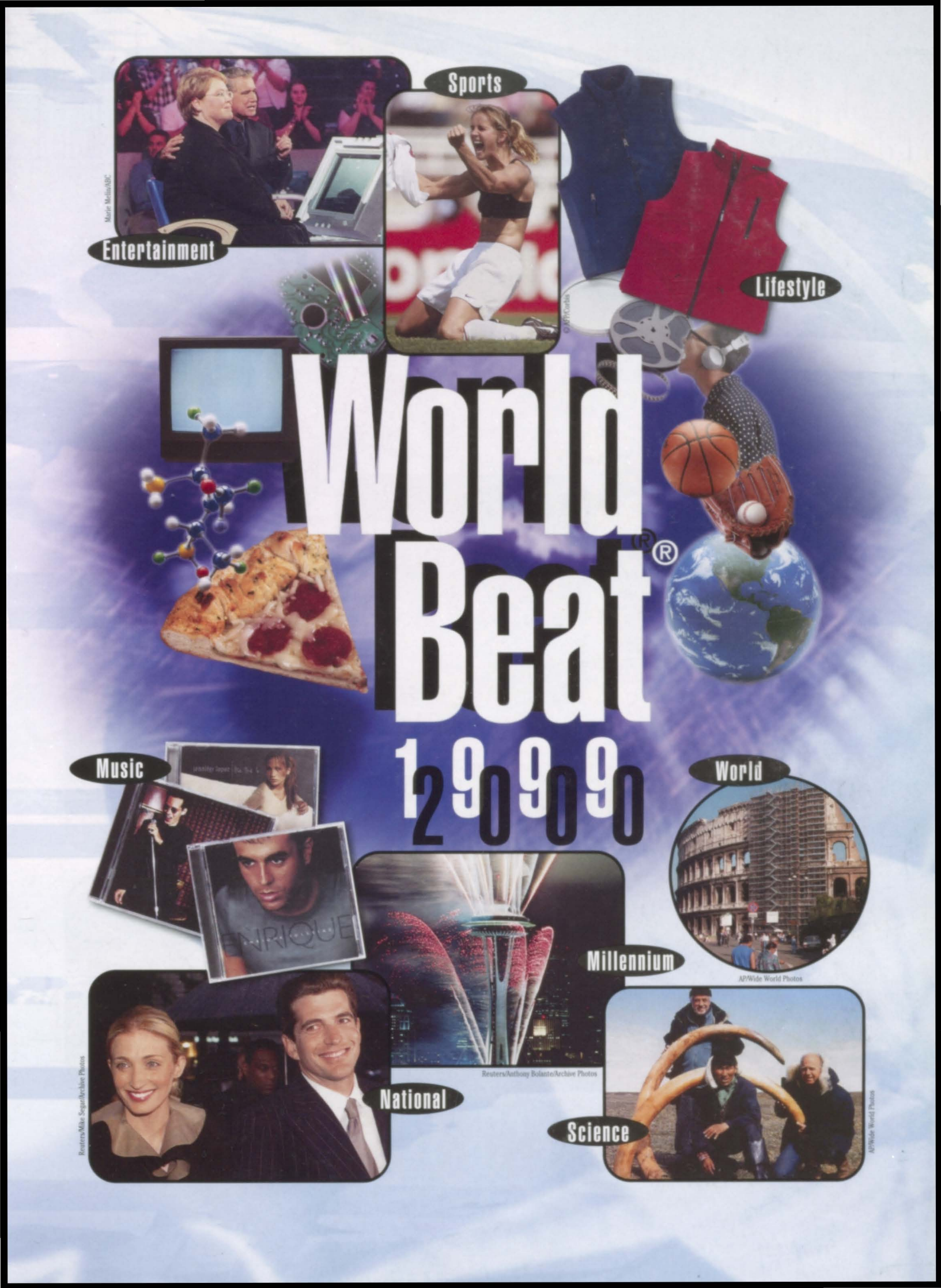
After we choose the topic we are going to cover and the layout we are going to use, the next step we take in completeing the yearbook page is taking the pictures that will catch your eye. We have to figure out what photos would go with story, arrange time to shoot the photos and make sure that the photos are active, meaningful and in focus.



#4. Putting it Together to Make Deadline

Ms. Wise and Tegan Viggers working on deadline

Finally, the last thing that we need to do is put a story with the pictures that goes with the topic of the layout. Despite the frequent frustrations of computers crashing and disk errors it is all worth it, because you can look back when the finished product and say "I did that." And hopefully, the end product will be something that will catch your eye.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World News

AP/Wide World Photos

As part of Rome's continuing restoration, the city unveils a plan to create an 18,000-square-yard rambling space connecting the Imperial Forums with the Roman Forum.

EgyptAir Flight 990 crashes into the Atlantic Ocean on October 31, killing all 217 people on board. Although suspicious actions of a pilot are under scrutiny by American and Egyptian officials, the cause of the crash remains a mystery.

Reuters/STR/Archive Photos

On October 12, the world's official population hits 6 billion. The designated 6 billionth human is a baby boy born in Sarajevo.

AP/Wide World Photos

In September, more than 300,000 Japanese are checked for radiation exposure after an inadvertent nuclear reaction at a uranium processing plant.

AP/Wide World Photos

AP/Wide World Photos

Nearly a million ethnic Albanians flee Yugoslavia and thousands are killed after Serbs begin a violent ethnic cleansing campaign in 1998. Seventy-eight days of NATO bombing bring the war to an end in June. An international tribunal later charges Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic with crimes against humanity.

In an October coup, the Pakistani army dismisses elected Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his government after Sharif announces the removal of his powerful military chief, General Pervaiz Musharraf.

AP/Wide World Photos

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In a violent October coup, gunmen storm the Armenian Parliament and assassinate Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian and six other top officials.

Flash

Britain's Prince Edward marries longtime girlfriend Sophie Rhys-Jones on June 19.

Cuban Elian Gonzalez, 6, becomes the center of a bitter citizenship debate after surviving a November boat wreck off the Florida coast in which his mother dies.

AP/Wide World Photos

In India, two trains collide head-on in August, killing 285 people and injuring more than 300. It is one of the worst train disasters in the country's history.

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AP/Wide World Photos

In June, Thabo Mbeki succeeds President Nelson Mandela, South Africa's first democratically elected president.

Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" is unveiled in June after 21 years of restoration. The centimeter-by-centimeter rehabilitation cost $7.7 million and involved electronic microscopes.

Liaison Agency

After almost nine years in power, Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces his resignation in January 2000. Yeltsin names Prime Minister Vladimir Putin acting president pending elections in March.

In September, Russia begins a military campaign against Chechen nationalists to regain control of the breakaway republic. More than 200,000 people flee the region, but a fierce rebel resistance stays to fight for control of the capital, Grozny.

AP/Wide World Photos/Robert King

AP/Wide World Photos/Cheng Chieh-wen

Pierre Vauthey/Corbis Sygma

In September and October, powerful earthquakes strike around the globe, killing 15,000 people in Turkey, 1,450 in Taiwan and at least 122 in Greece.

Kenneth Garrett/NGS Image Collection

Archaeologists excavate 105 mummies in a 2,000-year-old underground Egyptian tomb believed to contain a total of 10,000 mummies. The necropolis will shed new light on the Greco-Roman era and will allow scholars to chart demographic data and the incidence of disease.

AP/Wide World Photos

On December 31, the U.S. returns control of the Panama Canal to Panama. Opened to the world in 1914, the canal is considered one of the greatest construction achievements in American history.

Flash

A tropical depression producing heavy rain hits Mexico in November. The resulting floods kill more than 350 people and cause 100,000 to evacuate.

In August, the U.S. pays $4.5 million to victims of NATO's accidental bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. Three Chinese are killed and 27 are wounded in the May 1999 bombing.

AP/Wide World Photos

In December, torrential rains cause Venezuela's worst natural disaster of the century. Mudslides and flash floods kill up to 30,000 people, while damage estimates run into the billions of dollars.

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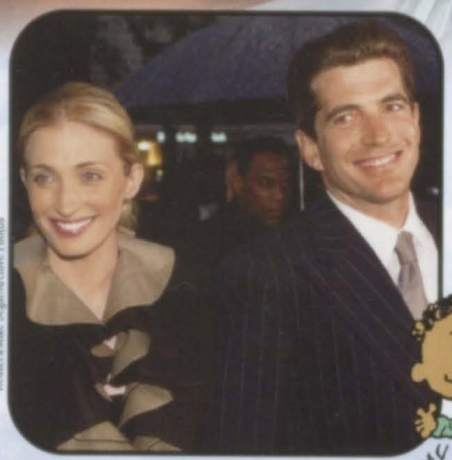

Reuters/Mike Segar/Archive Photos

In July, John F. Kennedy Jr., 38, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, 34, die in an airplane crash in the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard. Kennedy, a relatively inexperienced pilot, is believed to have become disoriented in heavy fog.

Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz retires in January 2000, bringing an end to PEANUTS, America's most popular comic strip for almost 50 years. Schulz dies in February, the night before his last strip runs in the national newspapers.

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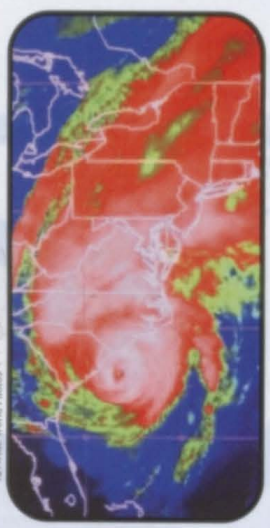
As a way to boost tourism, Chicago displays 301 life-size, fiberglass cows decorated by local artists. The public art exhibit lasts all summer until the cows are auctioned for charity.

People Weekly © 1999 William B. Sallaz

Hurricane Floyd strikes the East Coast in September, killing 51 people and destroying over 4,000 homes. North Carolina is hardest hit with total damages estimated at a record $6 billion.



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The drought of 1999 causes severe damage to Northeastern and mid-Atlantic farms. Several states impose mandatory water use restrictions and emergency federal loans are made available in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

Lewis and Clark's Native American guide Sacagawea is featured on a new gold-colored dollar coin released into circulation in early 2000.

Beginning in 1999, the U.S. Mint releases specially designed state quarters, the first five representing Connecticut, Georgia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. By 2008, each state will have its own quarter.

Flash

In August, a rare tornado strikes downtown Salt Lake City. Winds up to 112 miles per hour make it Utah's second-worst tornado in history.

In July, Air Force Colonel Eileen Collins, 42, becomes the first woman to command a U.S. space shuttle mission.

AP/Wide World Photos

President Clinton announces the removal of the American bald eagle from the endangered species list. In 1999, there are over 5,800 breeding pairs, an increase from 417 in 1963.

Dave McDermand/Bryan-College Station Eagle/Corbis Sygma

In November, a 60-foot log tower collapses at Texas A&M University, killing 12 students and injuring 27. The tower was to be burned at a traditional bonfire pep rally.

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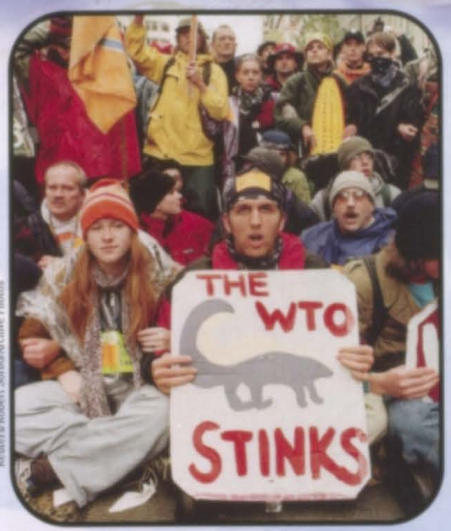

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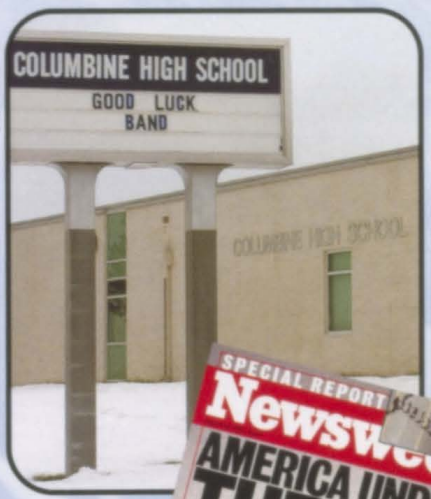
In November, protesters at the World Trade Organization (WTO) summit in Seattle provoke a show of force by local, state and federal officers. Protesters blame the WTO for eroding human rights and labor and environmental standards.

On April 20, 1999, the nation mourns after two students go on a shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Colorado, wounding 23 and killing 15, including themselves. Schools across the country take extensive security measures to ensure the safety of students and staff.



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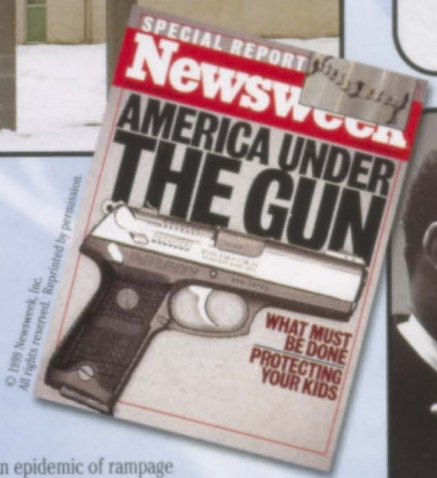

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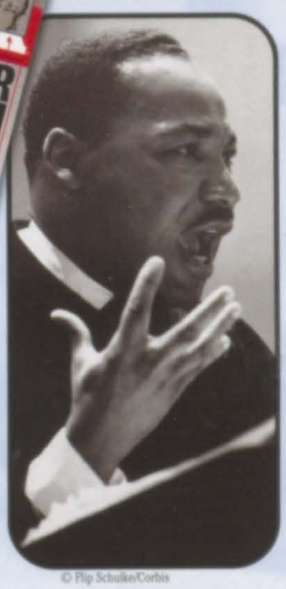
An epidemic of rampage shootings intensifies America's growing concern over gun control. Many state legislatures pass new gun-control measures despite nationwide controversy over restrictions vs. Second Amendment rights.

In an effort to ease the burden on the traditional courts, most states now offer teen court for juvenile offenders. After determining guilt, a jury of teens along with a judge decides the sentence, typically community service and financial restitution.

Timothy C. Sharp



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Despite 30 years of official denial, in December a jury finds the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was the result of a conspiracy, not the act of a lone gunman.

Ron Garrison, San Diego Zoo/Reuters/Archive Photos

In August, a female panda is born at the San Diego Zoo. Hua Mei, which can mean "China USA" or "Splendid Beauty," is the first panda born in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade.

1-800-4MY-TEEN

A bumper sticker invites drivers to call a toll-free number to report reckless driving. Officials hope the system will help parents stay informed about their teenagers' driving habits.

Flash

In the first such admission by a cigarette manufacturer, Philip Morris publicly concedes tobacco is addictive and can cause serious diseases.

Hillary Clinton announces her candidacy for a U.S. Senate seat from New York. As law requires, Clinton establishes New York residency in suburban Chappaqua.

Reuters/Jeff Christensen/Archive Photos

In September, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and his wife Melinda announce the creation of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. The Gateses will donate $1 billion over the next 20 years to finance scholarships for minority college students.

2000

Science News

AP/Wide World Photos

In August, NASA releases photos from the Chandra X-ray orbiting telescope of a hot cloud of gas from a star that exploded more than three centuries ago. The telescope took 23 years and $1 billion to develop.

FEELit technology allows users to experience computer technology through their mouse. Users can "feel" buttons, text, the weight of a stuffed desktop folder and the groove of a scroll bar.

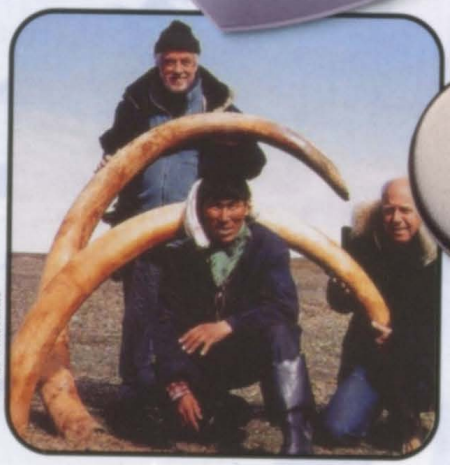
Immersion Corporation

Fifteen-year-old Amber Ramirez undergoes surgery in which half of her brain is removed to stop the spread of a rare neurological disease. Doctors hope the remaining portion of Ramirez's brain will compensate for the removed tissue.

Lincoln Journal Star

Courtesy of Dallas Semiconductor

The Java Ring contains a computer chip providing electronic access into buildings for students. Eventually the ring could be used as a library card, digital wallet, electronic ID and authentication for students' online homework.



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The body of a 23,000-year-old woolly mammoth is discovered in October frozen in the Russian tundra. Study of the preserved fur, organs and soft tissue could unlock the mystery of why the species died out.

Cyberonics, Inc.

In an epilepsy treatment breakthrough, surgeons implant a "pacemaker" into the chest with a seizure-preventing nerve stimulator connected to the brain. The computer-controlled, battery-powered unit can last up to five years.

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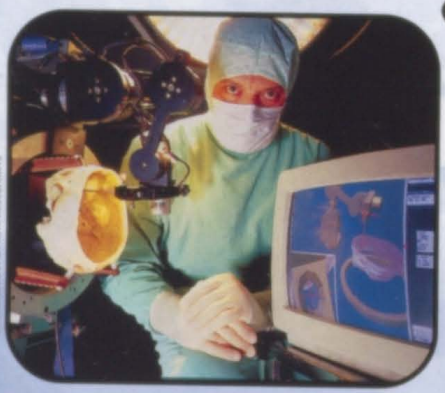

Gallo Images/SPL/Photo Researchers

In August, U.S. surgeons begin using computer-enhanced robotic technology for heart bypass surgery. Because the chest cavity is never opened, this technique reduces pain and shortens recovery time.

Flash

Researchers announce in July the creation of a cancerous human cell by genetically altering a normal one. This significant breakthrough is an important step toward developing drugs that could potentially wipe out cancer.

In December, IBM announces a $100 million research initiative to build a supercomputer 500 times more powerful than current models.

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AP/Wide World Photos

On August 11, the last total solar eclipse of the millennium crosses the globe. Thousands of people from Canada to India experience daytime darkness during which the moon completely covers the sun.

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Parents, with help from their doctor, select the gender of their baby using a technique called MicroSort, which separates X-bearing (female-determining) and Y-bearing (male-determining) sperm. The success rate is about 92 percent for females and 69 percent for males.

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Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital reveal in July that they have successfully regenerated the central nervous system of lab rats with severed spinal cords. Applications for human paralysis treatment are very encouraging.

The jawbones of two kangaroo-sized dinosaurs are discovered in Madagascar in October. Dated to the early Triassic period, 230 million years ago, the bones could be the oldest dinosaur fossils ever found.

Reuters/Scott Olson/Archive Photos

David R. Bernell

A new board game, Infection, hits stores in July. Fun and educational, players race around the board catching diseases, described in detail, and trying to be cured.

Boeing Media

In October, Sea Launch Company, a multi-national consortium, launches the first commercial satellite into space from a floating platform in the Pacific Ocean. Boeing is a major partner in the venture, along with companies in Russia, Ukraine and Norway.

Reuters/Mike Guastella/Archive Photos

In October, biologists isolate one of the enzymes that sets Alzheimer's disease in motion. This scientific discovery will lead to new treatments and, possibly, a cure. Over 4 million Americans, including former President Ronald Reagan, are living with the disease.

Reuters/HO/Archive Photos

Researchers report they have successfully altered the learning and memory behavior of mice by inserting a gene into their brains. This genetic-engineering breakthrough may be helpful in treating human learning disorders and Alzheimer's disease.

Flash

In June, scientists announce the creation of two new elements. The nucleus of new, super-heavy element 118 decays into element 116 within a millisecond.

Scientists studying Albert Einstein's preserved brain report it has unique characteristics. The region governing mathematical ability and spatial reasoning is significantly larger than normal.

AP/Wide World Photos

To mark the 30th anniversary of the first moon landing, astronaut Neil Armstrong's lunar footprint is featured on a 1999 postage stamp.

2000

Lifestyle News

Maybelline

Cosmetic companies increasingly use entertainment celebrities instead of models for their advertisements. Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Jennifer Lopez and Shania Twain are among the celebs who appear in ads.

The fashion accessory of 1999 goes by many names – power beads, mood beads and prayer beads. Many sellers claim the beads boost tranquility, energy, creativity and intelligence.

Ian Spanier

Airlines begin installing elaborate in-flight entertainment systems that allow passengers to watch movies, play computer games, listen to music, read headlines or browse the Internet.

Eric Sander/Liaison Agency

With the huge increase in cell phones, many cities enact laws restricting their use while driving. Restaurants and theaters are also requiring patrons to turn phones off as a courtesy to others.

AP/Wide World Photos

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In August, a Levi Strauss & Co. megastore opens in San Francisco. The store features a hot tub where shoppers can soak in their jeans for the perfect fit and a computer-scanning system to help customers get the right size.

A continuation of the cargo pants trend, messenger bags with pockets galore hang at the hips of teens everywhere.

AP/Wide World Photos

Apple Computer introduces its new iBook laptop in September. The super-slim, neon-colored units follow the highly successful launch of the translucent iMac desktop.

Flash

In December, Honda introduces Insight, a car that combines a conventional gasoline engine with a small electric motor, decreases ozone and carbon dioxide emissions and gets 80 mpg.

Several companies offer "digital wallets" for teens who want to shop online but don't have credit cards. Parents deposit money into an online account; then teens can spend the money at designated Web sites.

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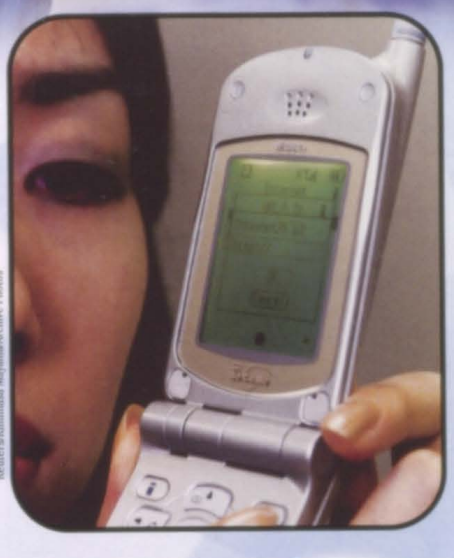
Courtesy Aromapharmacy

A new line of scented candles called Aromapharmacy comes in amber glass containers and looks like prescription drug bottles with creative names such as Ritalert, Cramprin and Valiumello.



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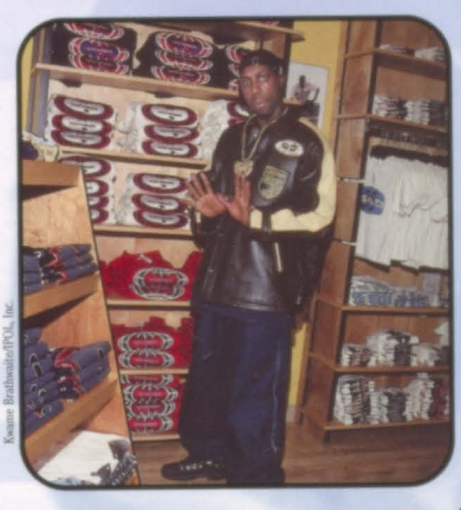
Wireless Web access becomes a reality in September when Sprint PCS announces the first nationwide wireless data service. Shortly thereafter, several other providers debut similar service for hand-held Web phones.

Globe Photos Inc./Andrea Brizzolt

Shawls and wraps show up everywhere in the fashion world. Hollywood celebrities like Salma Hayek sport the fashion trend in all colors and fabrics.

Inline skaters can now power themselves along with the new Roller Cycle Personal Power Accelerator featuring a 1.5-hp-driven wheel. An optional spiked rubber tire for traction makes it also possible to use while cross-country skiing.

Roller Cycle



Kwame Brathwaite/PPOL, Inc.

Several rappers start their own clothing lines, making hip-hop wear big business. Popular artist labels include FUBU, Roc-A-Wear, Phat Farm, Wu Wear, Sean John and X-Large.

A Gap TV advertisement for vests starts a trend across America that has teenagers wearing the fashionable sleeveless jackets.

AP/Wide World Photos/Ron Margol

Stretchy nylon jewelry that looks like skin tattoos is a big hit in 1999. The nylon bands are worn around necks, wrists, arms and ankles, and come in several colors.

Courtesy Magellan Corporation

Magellan, a satellite navigation system for motorists, offers complete U.S. mapping data, voice and visual instructions in seven languages, turn-by-turn directions and a library of points of interest.

Flash

Teenagers need an average of nine hours and 15 minutes of sleep a night, according to research at Brown University's Bradley Hospital. The study also shows a direct correlation between school grades and duration of sleep.

An influx of dot-com companies advertise on television. Ads during the Super Bowl sell for an average of $2.2 million per 30-second commercial.

2000

California Prune Board

A growing number of U.S. school cafeterias offer pruneburgers, a healthy low-fat combination of hamburger and prune puree. Other prune items in the works include hot dogs, pizza sauce, barbecue sauce and gingerbread cookies.

Entertainment News

Photofest

The Sixth Sense with Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment is the No. 1 box office hit for five consecutive weekends in the summer.

Sega

Video game fans snap up a record 15,000 copies of Sega's highly anticipated Dreamcast system in the first 24 hours after its launch in September.

ABC's summer fill-in quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," with host Regis Philbin, returns in November and is a huge hit with viewers. By January 2000, several major networks launch quiz shows of their own.

Marie McGinn/ABC

Launched in January 1999, MTV's "The Tom Green Show" becomes one of the season's most popular shows. The Canadian host's bizarre man-on-the-street pranks are the show's main attraction.

After 19 nominations, Susan Lucci finally wins an Emmy Award for best actress in a daytime drama series for her role as Erica Kane on the ABC soap opera "All My Children."

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Photofest

The Blair Witch Project, the year's surprise movie hit, is the documentary-style footage of three students lost in the Maryland woods and threatened by the presumed Blair Witch. The film costs $100,000 to make and grosses $140 million.

Andrew Brusso/Corbis Outline

Photofest

Jennifer Love Hewitt leaves "Party of Five" to star in her own Fox television drama, "Time of Your Life." The show focuses on Hewitt's character trying to make it in New York while searching for her biological father.

Flash

Tom Hanks and Tim Allen return as the voices of Woody and Buzz Lightyear in the animated feature Toy Story 2. The sequel breaks box-office records during its Thanksgiving release and wins a Golden Globe award.

In a botched stunt, WWF wrestler Owen Hart falls from the rafters at Kemper Arena and dies in front of 16,300 fans.

Photofest

In June, Mike Myers' sequel *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* proves to be a bigger hit than the 1997 original. Dr. Evil's alter ego Mini-Me is extremely popular even though he has no lines.

1999

Konami Corporation of America, Inc.

The new arcade game Guitar Freaks features two guitar controllers and a screen to help players follow along to popular songs.

Photofest

In December, actor Jim Carrey portrays zany comedian Andy Kaufman in *Man on the Moon*. Carrey wins a Golden Globe award for his performance.

American Beauty, starring Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening and Thora Birch, captures the Golden Globe Best Drama Award. The dark satire of suburbia and family dysfunction receives a total of six Golden Globe nominations.

Photofest

DreamWorks Television

Set in 1980, the critically acclaimed NBC show "Freaks and Geeks" follows two groups of teens trying to make their way through high school.

Photofest

The long-awaited prequel *Star Wars*: Episode I *The Phantom Menace* hits theaters in May 1999, taking in a record-breaking $28.5 million on its opening day and going on to gross more than $420 million.

Six Flags Great Adventure

Medusa, the world's first floorless roller coaster, opens in August at Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. The 4,000-foot, toe-dangling ride has enough drops, loops, rolls and corkscrews to thrill every rider.

Flash

Michael J. Fox announces in January 2000 he will leave the popular ABC sitcom "Spin City" at the end of the season to promote awareness of Parkinson's disease in hopes of finding a cure.

After 10 seasons, Fox cancels the hit show "Beverly Hills, 90210." The show followed characters through high school, college and careers.

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In September, the New Roc City entertainment center opens in New York. The complex includes an amusement park ride on the roof, two skating rinks, 19 movie screens, restaurants, an arcade, a health club, a supermarket and a hotel.

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The Talented Mr. Ripley, starring Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Cate Blanchett, opens in December and earns popular and critical praise.

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Music News

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Released in June, Santana's *Supernatural* shoots up the *Billboard* album chart, sells over 6 million copies, and earns 10 Grammy nominations.

U.S. sales of music by Latin artists shoot up 48 percent in the first quarter of 1999 thanks to artists such as Ricky Martin, Jennifer Lopez, Enrique Iglesias and Marc Anthony.

Superstar Mariah Carey releases *Rainbow* in November and begins a world tour in February 2000. Carey is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Decade and is awarded the distinguished American Music Award of Achievement.

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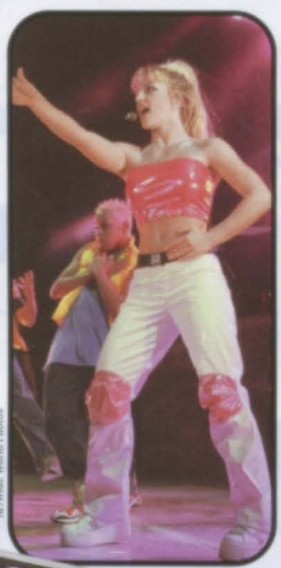
Britney Spears' album *...Baby One More Time* is the second-best-selling album of 1999, earning Spears the *Billboard* Music Awards Female and New Artist of the Year Awards.



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Limp Bizkit leads the way in the resurgence of rock music, along with Kid Rock and Korn. In September, MTV showcases the trend by airing "1999: Return of the Rock," which examines the history and future of rock music.

Saturday Night Live: The Musical Performances Volumes 1 and *2* are released in September. The CDs feature 30 of the 600 musical acts that have appeared on SNL over the past 25 years.

Computer games feature big music stars on their soundtracks. Sheryl Crow contributes her talent to the *Tomorrow Never Dies* soundtrack, Metallica to *Hot Wheels Turbo Racing* and Naughty by Nature to *NBA Live 2000*.

Flash

Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and the Dixie Chicks are a few musicians who rock Central Park in a first-ever trimulcast concert seen and heard on the radio, television and Internet.

More than 1 million viewers tune in each weekday to vote on their favorite videos on MTV's "Total Request Live" with host Carson Daly and popular musical guests.

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Backstreet Boys' *Millennium* wins the *Billboard* Music Awards Album of the Year and becomes the best-selling album of the year with over 10 million copies sold.

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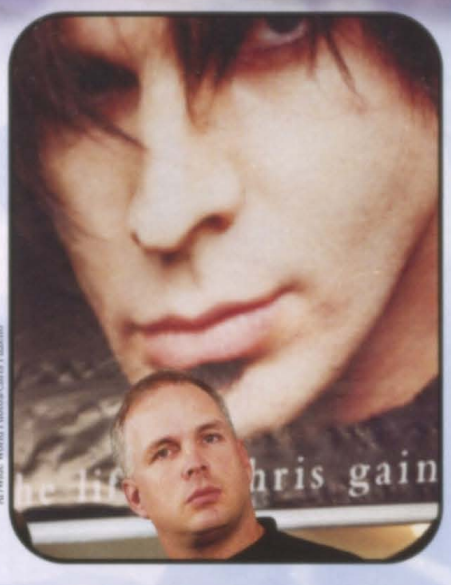

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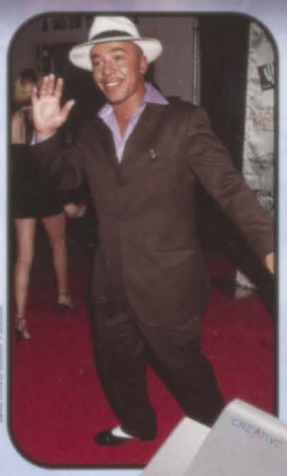
In a strange twist, Garth Brooks releases the album *The Life of Chris Gaines* in which he pretends to be a fictional rock star. Gaines will be the main character in a movie called *The Lamb*, currently in development.



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Lou Bega's rhythmic "Mambo No. 5" hits the Top 40 in August after selling 2 million copies overseas and topping the chart in 15 countries.

"NetAid," a concert dedicated to relieve hunger and poverty, airs live in October on MTV, VH1, the BBC, as well as radio stations in 120 nations, making it the widest-heard musical performance in history.

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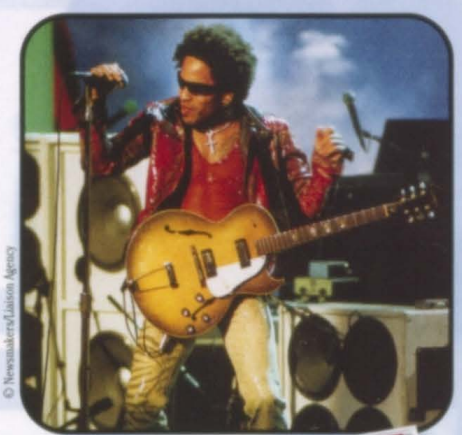
MP3, technology that compresses sound into a very small file, becomes a popular alternative to the CD. MP3 files are downloaded from the Internet onto computers or portable player units, making it possible to take a personal music selection anywhere.



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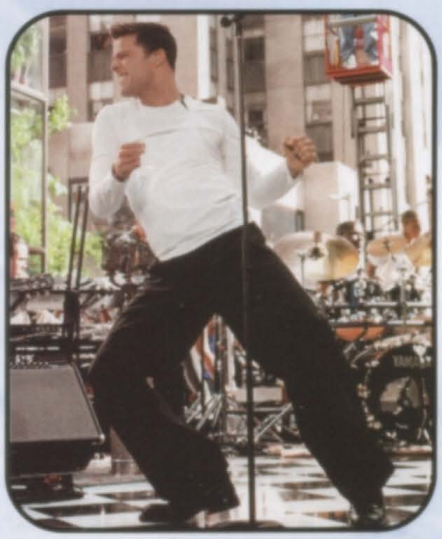
Shania Twain becomes the first woman since 1986 to win the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year Award at the 33rd annual awards show.

VH1's "Concert of the Century" spotlights the importance of music education in schools. The all-star show includes Lenny Kravitz, Sheryl Crow, Eric Clapton and B.B. King, as well as high-profile actors.



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Ricky Martin takes the music industry by storm after his show-stopping performance at the 1999 Grammy Awards show. Martin's first chart-topping single, "Livin' la Vida Loca," helps him win the *Billboard* Music Award for Male Artist of the Year.

Fiona Apple releases her long-awaited second album to rave reviews in November and begins a tour in February 2000. The album features a 90-word title, which is commonly shortened to *When the Pawn*.

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After a successful New Year's Eve reunion performance, the Judds begin their first tour in almost 10 years in February 2000. Since they disbanded in 1991, Naomi has recovered from Hepatitis C.

Best New Artist Grammy nominee Christina Aguilera gives an exciting performance during the Super Bowl XXXIV halftime show.

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Sports News

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David Cone of the New York Yankees pitches a perfect game against the Montreal Expos in July. Cone's feat is the 14th perfect game in modern baseball history.

Lance Armstrong wins the 1999 Tour de France in July. Armstrong, who survived a three-year battle with testicular cancer, becomes the second American to win the event.

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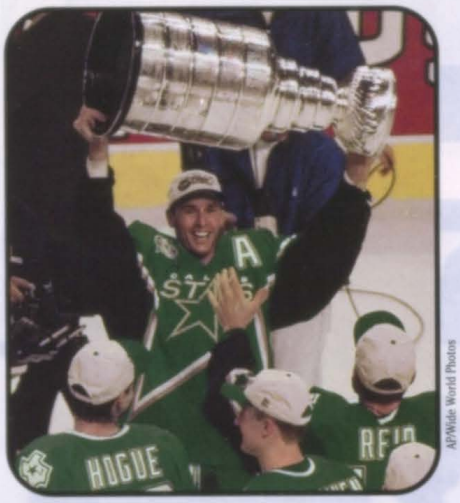
The Dallas Stars beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 in triple overtime to win the 1999 Stanley Cup championship, four games to two.



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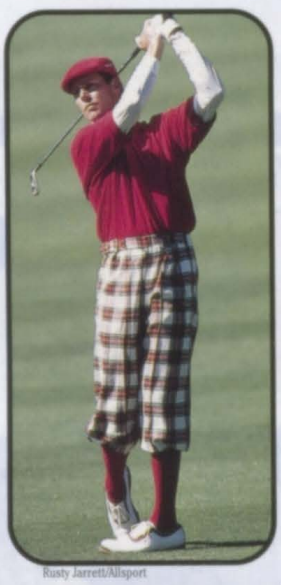
Golf champion Payne Stewart is killed in a bizarre airplane accident in October. After the airplane's takeoff from Florida, an apparent loss of cabin pressure incapacitates everyone aboard. The aircraft flies on autopilot for four hours until it runs out of fuel and crashes in South Dakota.



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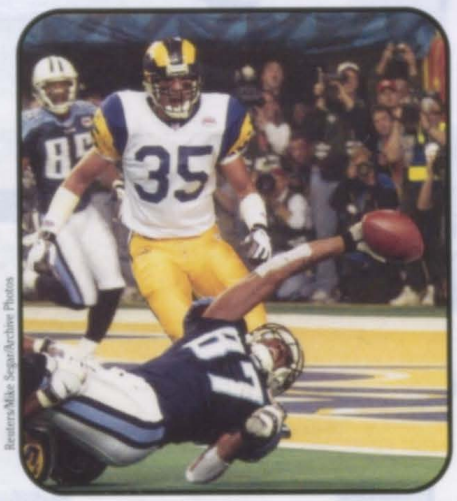

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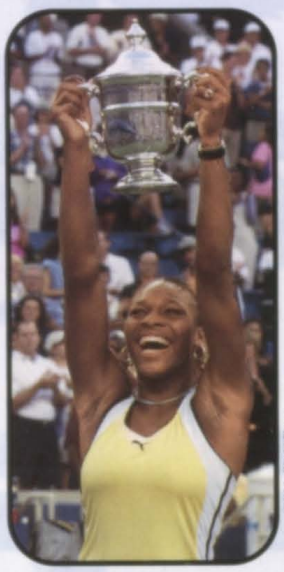
The St. Louis Rams stop the Tennessee Titans at the 1-yard line on a final play to save their 23-16 Super Bowl XXXIV victory.



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In September, tennis phenom Serena Williams, 17, overpowers Martina Hingis to win the 1999 U.S. Open title.

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The Houston Comets earn their third straight WNBA championship in September, beating the New York Liberty 59-47 to win in three straight games.

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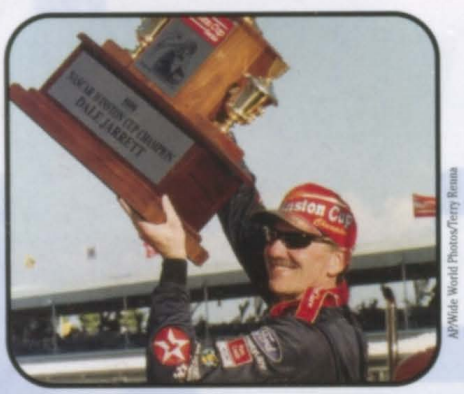
Both Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders and German tennis star Steffi Graf announce their retirement in 1999.

On February 7, 2000, Tiger Woods wins his sixth consecutive PGA Tour event, tying Ben Hogan's 1948 winning record.



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Dale Jarrett wins the 1999 NASCAR Winston Cup championship after a four-victory season.

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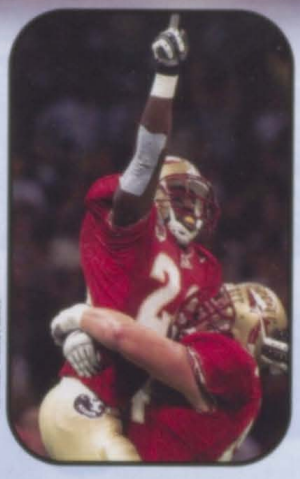
In July, the U.S. women's soccer team wins the 1999 World Cup by beating China 5-4 in penalty kicks following a 0-0 tie. More than 90,000 fans attend at the Rose Bowl and another 40 million watch on television.



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In the January 2000 Sugar Bowl, No. 1 Florida State beats No. 2 Virginia Tech 46-29 to capture the National Championship.

Travis Pastrana, 15, wins the gold medal in the X Games' inaugural Moto X freestyle motocross event. The fifth year of this ESPN-sponsored competition is held in San Francisco in June and July.

Andre Agassi wins the French Open in June and becomes the fifth man ever to complete a career Grand Slam. Agassi goes on to win the U.S. Open in September.

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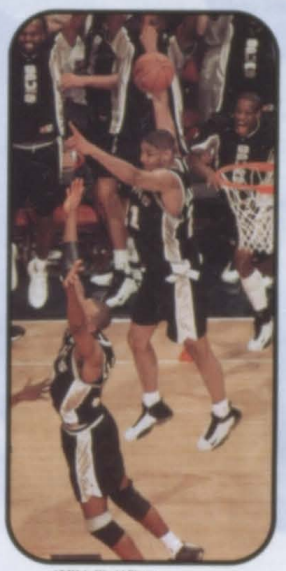
The New York Yankees win the 1999 World Series in a four-game sweep against the Atlanta Braves.



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In June, the San Antonio Spurs win their first NBA championship by defeating the New York Knicks four games to one.

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The U.S. team beats the European team to win golf's Ryder Cup at Brookline, Massachusetts, in September. The American's stirring comeback is marred by unruly galleries and a premature victory celebration.

Flash

In July, many major league baseball umpires announce their resignation as a labor protest. The strategy backfires when owners accept the resignations and in September, 22 umpires lose their jobs.

In January 2000, Michael Jordan returns to pro basketball as part owner and President for Basketball Operations of the NBA's Washington Wizards.

AP/Wide World Photos

Twenty-year professional hockey veteran Wayne Gretzky announces his retirement in April 1999 after setting or tying 61 records. Two months later, "The Great One" is inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

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Millennium

Y2K

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Clock Tower
Ottawa, Canada

Patrick Robert/Corbis Sygma

Pyramids
Cairo, Egypt

Times Square
New York City,
New York

As time zones welcome the new millennium on January 1, the world celebrates with grandeur, pageantry and spectacular fireworks. President Clinton gives a hopeful speech in the minutes before midnight at the Washington Monument, and 2 million people gather in Times Square to watch the specially built 1,000-pound Waterford crystal ball drop at midnight.

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The Eiffel Tower
Paris, France

Space Needle
Seattle, Washington

Flash

The public and private sectors spend hundreds of millions of dollars to ward off the Y2K bug. The world lets out a sigh of relief after midnight strikes and no major computer malfunctions occur.

The FBI warns of possible terrorist acts on New Year's Eve and stays on national alert throughout the celebration. After the arrest of one man with bomb-making materials, Seattle decides to cancel its Space Needle celebration.

Steve Las/Corbis Sygma

Fearing the collapse of the world's banks, utilities and transportation systems, thousands of people stock up on food, water, money, ammunition and generators. After midnight, it soon becomes apparent that the preparations were unnecessary.

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A surprising number of people, appalled by the exorbitant costs of travel and events, decide to stay home on New Year's Eve. Many companies and performers drastically slash prices as a last-minute lure.

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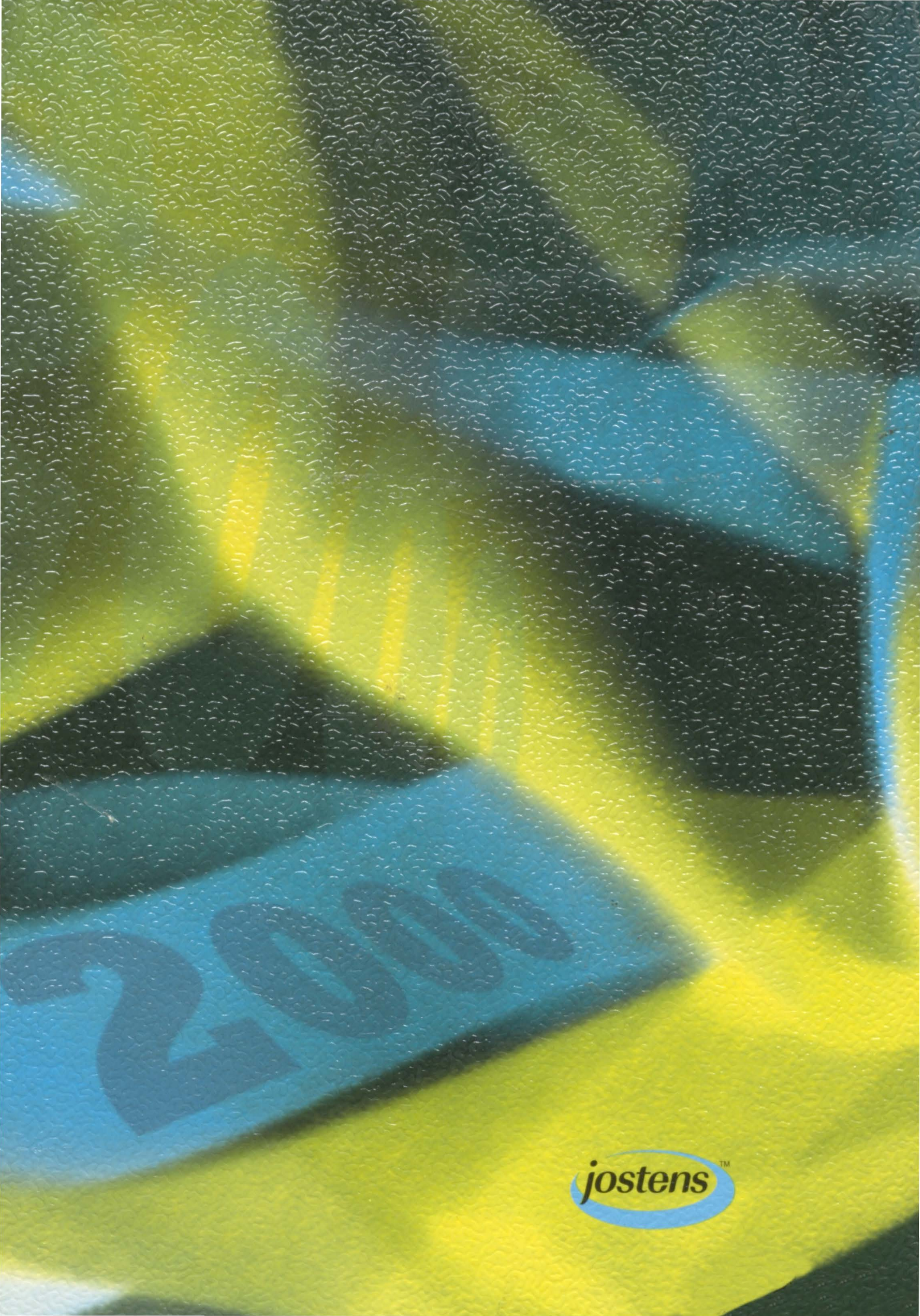
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