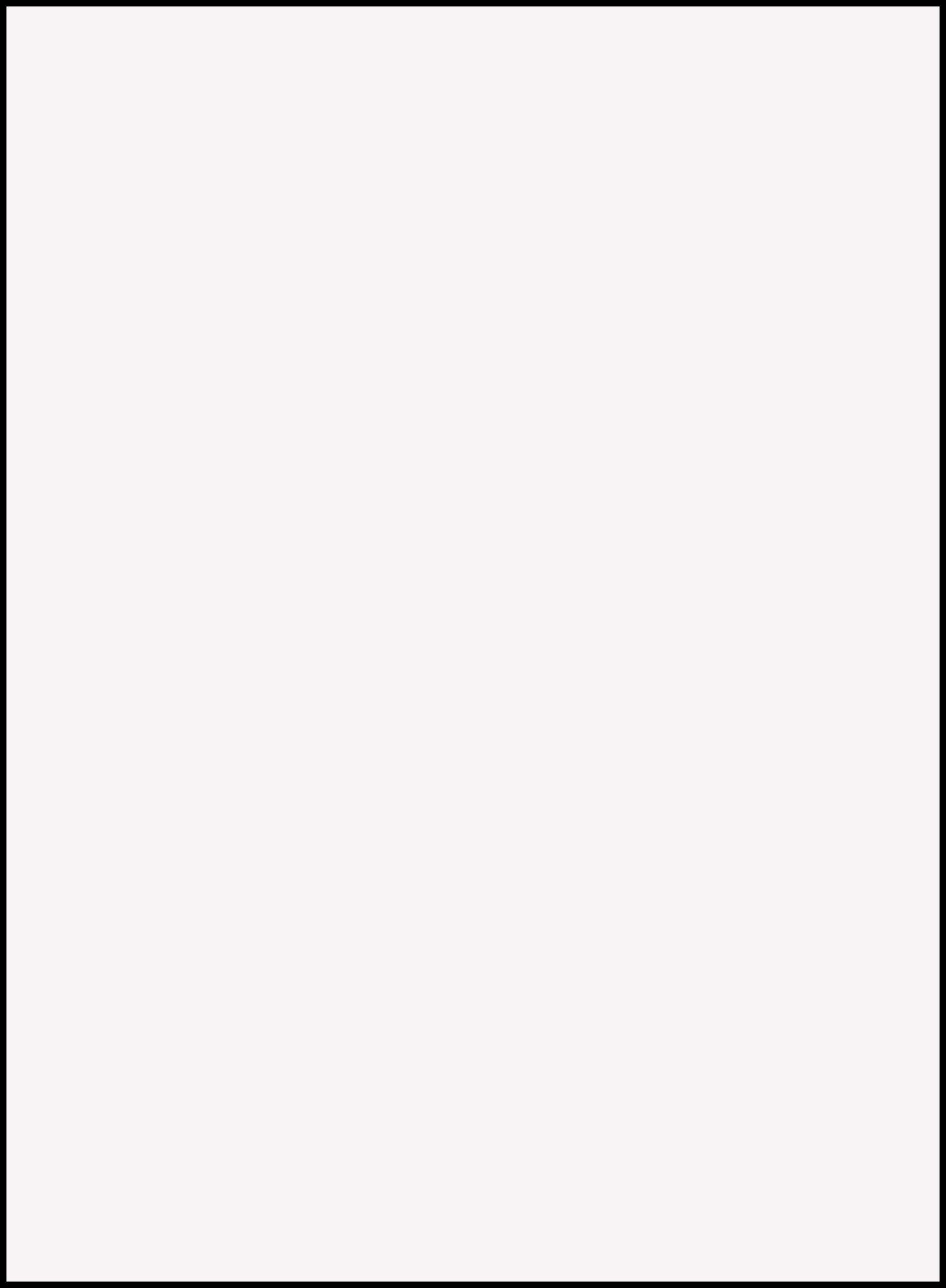


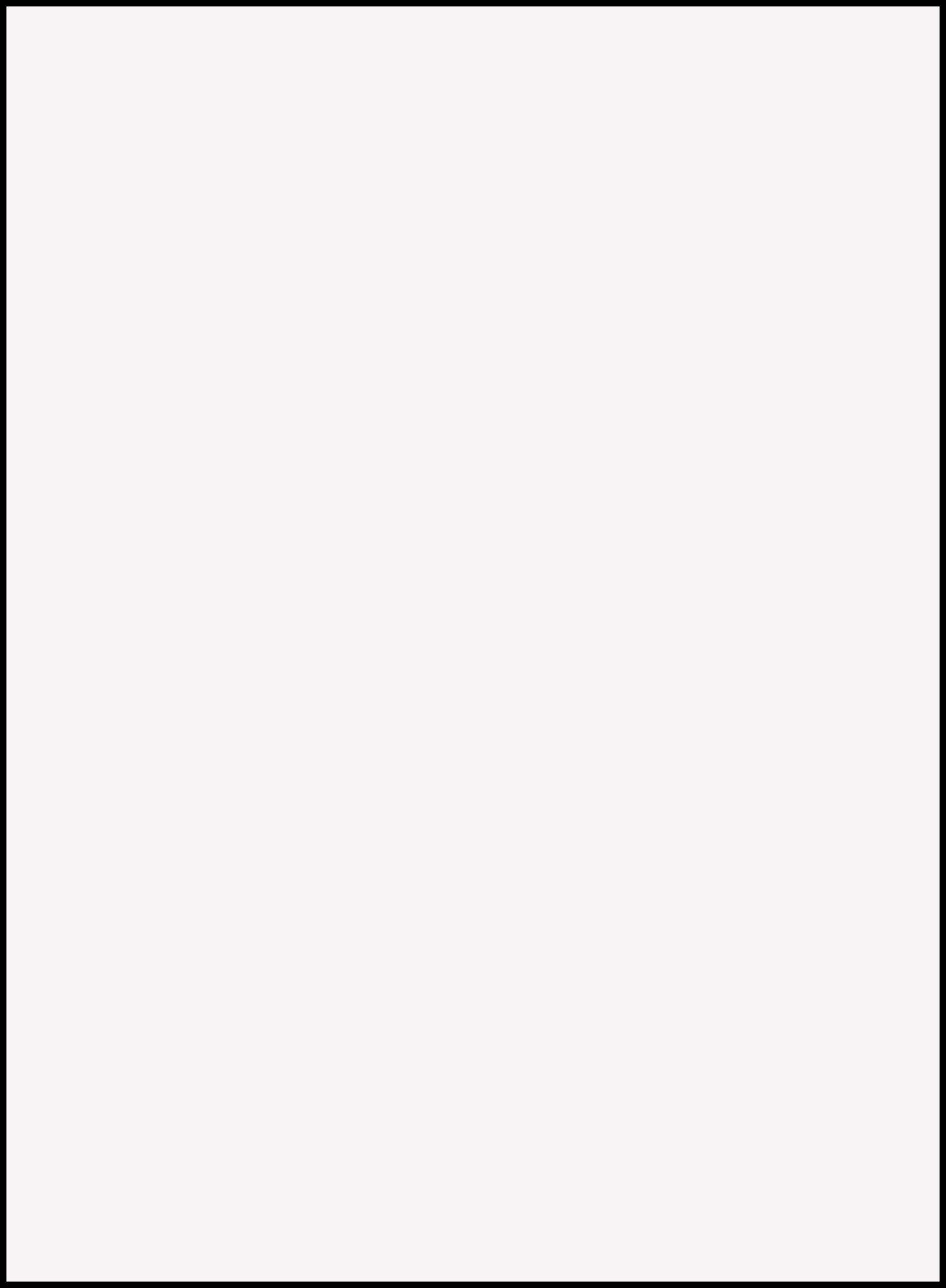
SOFT

SYMPHONY
IN THE KEY OF









Symphony

in the key of '07

Symphonies are made up of a multitude of different people with different ranges and tones. And that is what this years yearbook is all about. It's about all of the students with all of their uniqueness and all of their personalities coming together to make one big happy song.

But also with a symphony, it is important to know your range, voice, and where your personal strengths are. That's why this symphony is in the key of '07. Because this year is about being on tune and finding yourself; finding yourself among the crowd, or finding out things about you that make you, you. So hopefully everyone can find themselves or find out something new and make this symphony not an unsystematic tune but a pleasing and harmonic song.

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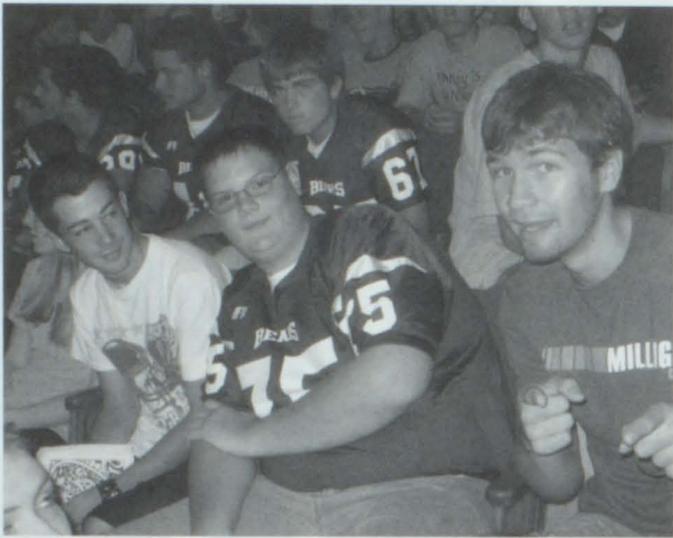
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Melody

of

faces.



Uno, Dos, Tres...

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Sophomores Takin' Over

They may not have.... yet. You never know what they're up to, but you can find out what they are doing, along with the freshmen, juniors, and seniors, on pages 8-21.



Too Much of a Good Thing

...is a good thing! Just like having Senior Superlatives, Prom, and Senior Ads all together on pages 22-31.



An Ad for What?

Curtis Kazimir and Jessica Cooper are two of the many students who have taken to advertising this year on pages 31-45.



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Tempo

to

touchdown.



Strike Two!

Justin Johnson gets ready to strike out his opponent. See more baseball, football, and volleyball on pages 48-53.



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Blake Haugsted gets into position to sink the second of his two free-throws. More basketball, along with boy's and girl's tennis on pages 54-61.



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Brett Paul rears back to drive the golf ball during a home meet. Find more golf, cheerleading, and cross country on pages 62-67.



Breakin' Records

Kacey Willard finishes her leg of the relay strong getting the 4x800 team a 1st place lead at the Mountain Grove Meet. See how the race ends on pages 68-69.

"To become **aware** of the **possibility**
of the **search** is to be onto something." -Walker Perry



Mrs. Brower's Chemistry II class whips up a cold concoction of ice cream.



Kacey Willard does a handstand proving she can balance schoolwork, sports, and fun time.

Harmony
in
homework.



Scientifically Tested

Claudette Johnson and Checotah McDaniel write down their test results. Find more math, science, and history classes on pages 72-77.



FAN-tistic!

Eryn Alcorn shows off her fan she used as a prop in the Spanish Show. See what else is happening in Spanish, along with English, Cabinetry, and FFA on pages 78-81.



Curious as a CAT

BreAnna Newman looks surprised in front of her CAT class. Find out more on CAT, FACS, Educator, and A+ on pages 82-85.



Building Character

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Rhythm
of
high school.



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Ruth Deatherage toughens up for the blood drive hosted by the Student Council members. Find out more about STUCO, art, band, and choir on pages 92-95.



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Robert Eggert works hard at Town & Country after school. See who else has a little extra on their plates with jobs and clubs on pages 96-97 and 98-103.



Hoop Queen Royalty

Jordan Johnson, Michaela Malko, and Bethany Traw smile for Hoop Queen. See who wins this crown, and Homecoming's, on pages 104-106.



Graduation Grouping

Senior girls pose for one last group picture on Graduation Day. See more of graduation on pages 110-111. Also check out the *Senior Maze* on pages 107-109.



Melody

Freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors all unknowingly come together to create the melody for this "Symphony." String all of these grades together and just like that you have what is known in the music world as a melody. Because it's the notes that catch your ear as you listen; the line that sounds most important in the piece of music, that is the melody. So it's easy to say the most important part of school is the people who show up bright and early every morning. So in the next few pages you can put a face with a name for all of the students and faculty at Willow Springs High School, and find out the most important part of it all.

Facing page: student ID name badges scattered on a table before given to the students.





Athletic Director Coach Colley and Principal Mrs. James

Conductors

Every symphony needs their conductor. And like every symphony, every student needs their teacher. While they may not be conducting music, they are always working their hardest to make sure every student acquires the opportunity and knowledge they need for a successful life.



Front to back: Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Letterman, and Mrs. Ward

Leon Blagg
Gena Brook
Jacob Brookshire
Erin Brower
Chris Cochran
Brent Colley



Lisa Cozzens
Larry Dame
Casey Daugherty
Sarah Doss
Steven Dunlap
Amy Dyer



Cherie Gault
Donna Gilliam
Brenda Griffith
Chari Grogan
Pinky Gum
Eva Hale



Sally Hatton
Nick Heggemann
Derrick Hutsell
Serghe Iacovlev
Kate Iacovleva
Russell Jackson



Jimalee James
Jacob Johnson
Sandy Letterman
Ron McGarry
Anne Meredith
Cay Miller





Matt Pendergrass
Sharon Petrus
Beverly Pettit
Pat Phares
Melanie Pitts
Chris Rodgers

Patty Siler
Marty Spence
Byron Stuart
Connie Stuart
Chris Waggoner
Willard Wagner

Brad Walters
Jerry Walters
Beth Ward
Dale Watson
David Wehmer
Dan Zorn

Our mission as elected representatives of the community is to provide organizational alignment and continuous improvement for the Willow Springs R-IV School District.



School Board Members: Back row, left to right: Gene Corman, Derick Fredrick, Terry McElyea, Chris Rutledge, Derrick Hutsell. Front row, left to right: Naomi Dyck, Jeanette Rouse, Janet Shaw, and Gena Brook.

What was your favorite memory from the '06-'07 school year?



"On April 10th, I came to school and the copier was actually working! I was astonished!"
~Connie Stuart



"Watching the students get their awards for academic excellence at the awards banquet."
~Mr. Zorn

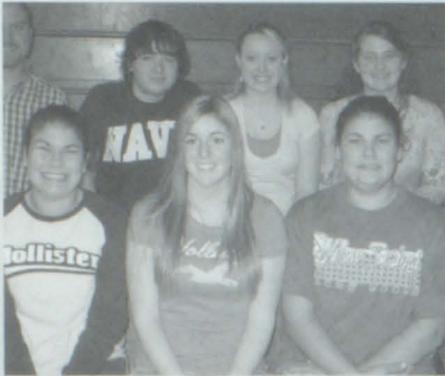


"Mrs. Miller's 50th birthday activities including destroying her room and Saran wrapping her car."
~Mrs. Brower



"The tornado ten miles away at homecoming, but the rain cleared for the girls to walk."
~Mrs. Ward





Freshman Class Officers: Back row: Zach Martin, Erika Renshaw, Cassandra Earls. Front row: Amanda Girdler, BreAnna Newman, Jessica Girdler.

Bass

The freshman came into their first year of high school unknowing of what to expect. Though they were a little scared and unsure of what might occur in their first year, they were able to withstand the mischievous upper class men and make new friends that would last forever. And as they climb the ladder lets hope they would always remember that they too once were young freshman, unknowing and unsure.



Rope and Ride
Freshman Ethan Smith gets his rope ready show off his roping talents at lunch.

Eryn Alcorn
William Alsup
Josh Bandy
Joey Barbrow
Kurt Barry
Kelsey Beavers



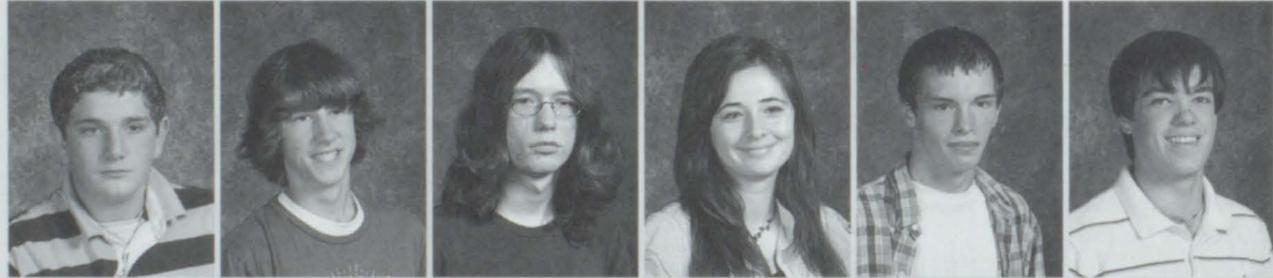
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Shelbi Burtchett



Anthony Collins
Eric Collins
Jesse Collins
Mariah Collins
Wesley Collins
Andrew Combs



Brett Combs
Briann Daniels
Kyle Davis
Candice Dickman
James Dickman
Cassandra Earls





Braxton Ellis
 Mathew Ellis
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Samantha Geer
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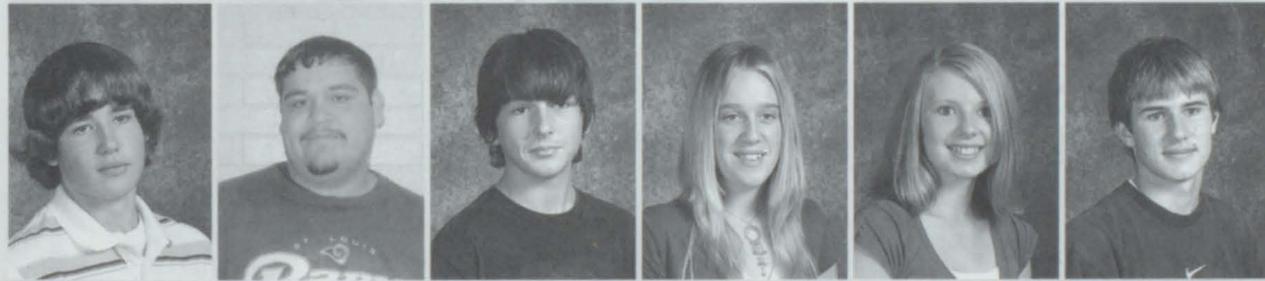
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Svetlana Kharitonova
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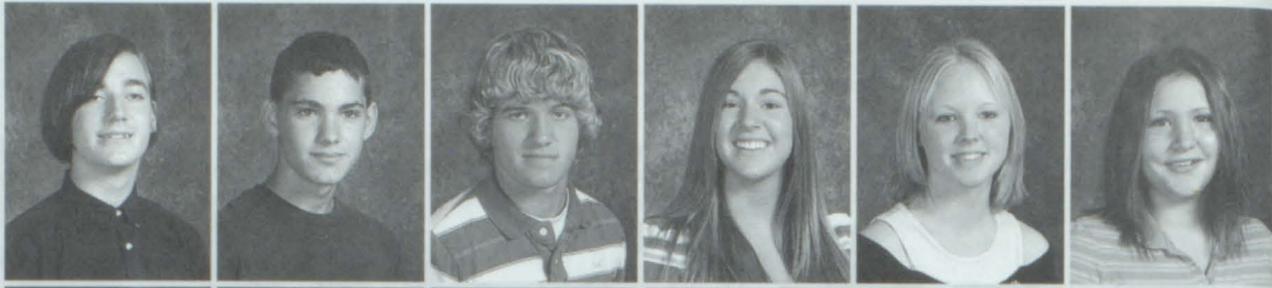


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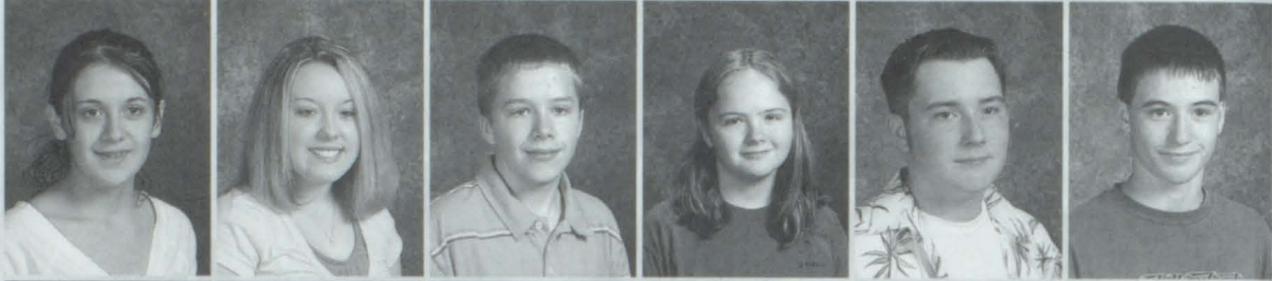
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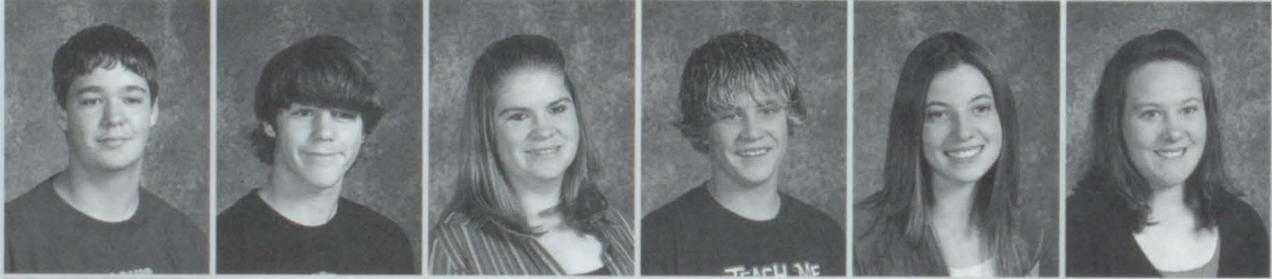
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 Carson Smith
 Christy Smith
 Darren Smith



Ethan Smith
 Lindsay Stolba
 Justin Sweat
 Angelica Taylor
 Netanya Thomas
 Joshua Tooley



Nicholas Tooley
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 Hilary Wake
 Tyler Wheat
 Caitlyn Wiegand
 Monica Wise



Dalton Woodley



Not Pictured:
 Mavrick Hood
 Christopher Roberts

Class of 2010



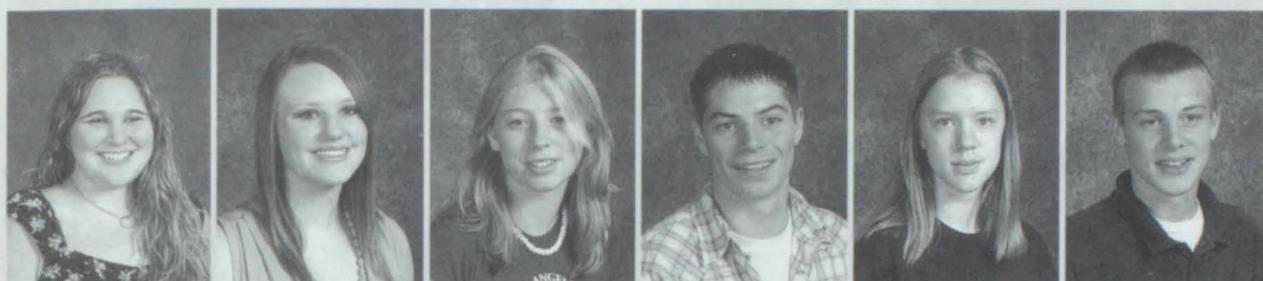
Sophomore Science Class
Mrs. Miller's Biology class is full of
sophomores eager to learn about
environmental science.

Tenors

Sophomores; not the new faces but not quite to the end of the road just yet. Sophomore year is still an exciting year with ordering and receiving letter jackets and class rings, and, for most, getting that much anticipated drivers license. Even though they're somewhere in the middle, they're on their way up. So, upperclassmen watch out for these faces in the halls and on the roads.



Sophomore Class Officers: Back row:
Quencie Colley, Jessica White, Josh
Hicks. Front row: Lindsey James, Kami
Wake, Shelby Scaggs.



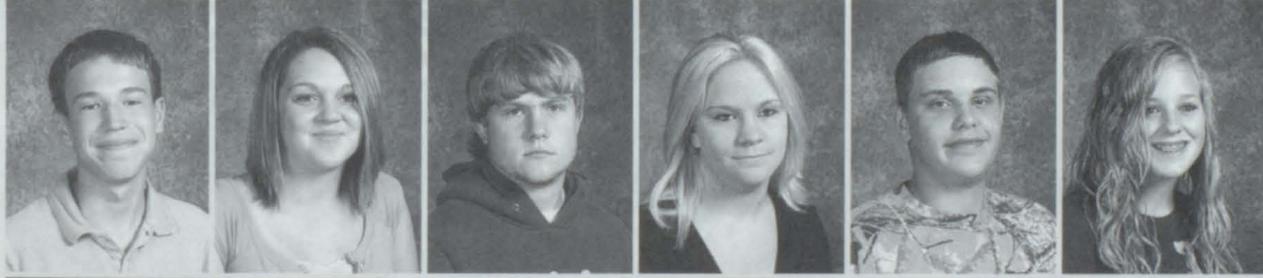
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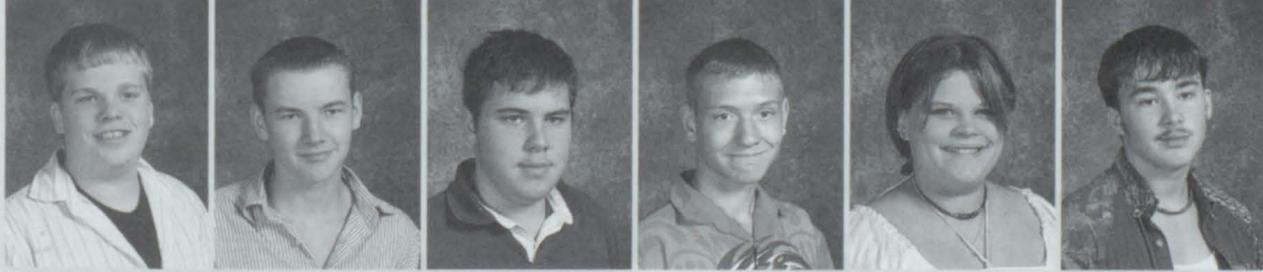
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Zachary Clinton
Quencie Colley
Blake Collins
Codey Collins
Kayla Collins



Preston Collins
Anthony Combs
Matthew Combs
Janice Conner
Shelby Cooley
Andrew Coursen



Daniel Cummings
Amanda Doyle
Robert Eggert
Charlene Enlow
Robert Ennis
Whitney Evins



Stephen Fetrow
Anatoliy Gerasimov
William Girdler
Kord Glenn
Erica Gower-Raber
Cody Gregory

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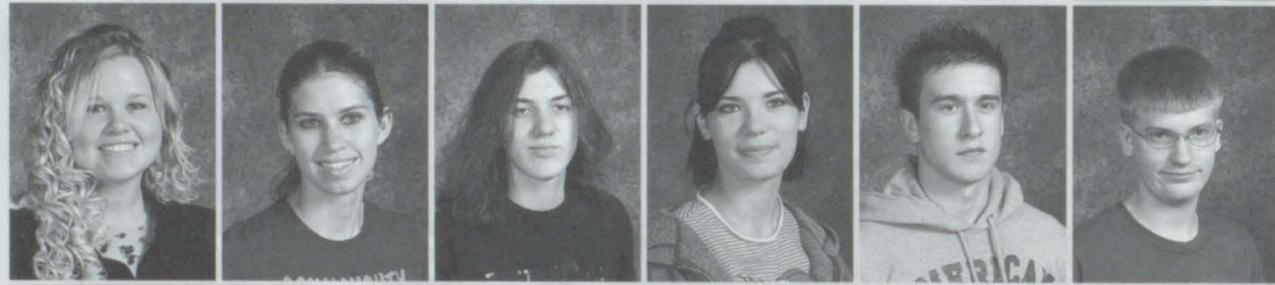
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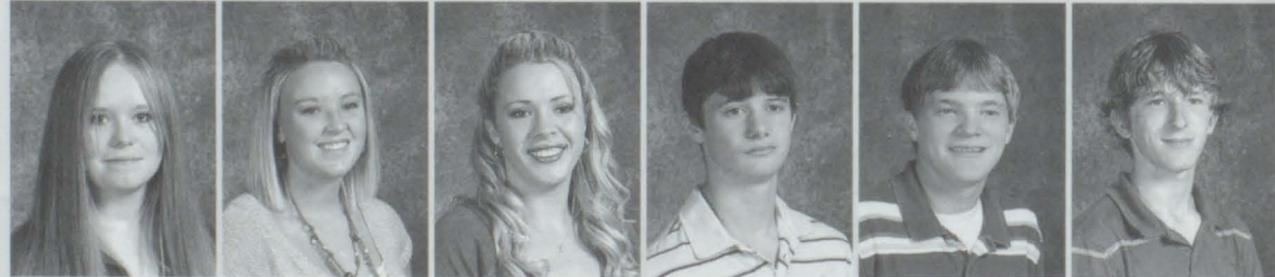
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 Edward Morris
 Susan Pettitt
 David Piatnitsky
 Ryan Pilcher



Matthew Presser
 Vera Protsenko
 Alyssa Ranes
 Debra Reagan
 Caleb Redburn
 Chris Rexrode



Brittney Rose
 Shelby Scaggs
 Morgan Schowengerdt
 Ryan Smart
 Ethan Smith
 Garrett Sorrell





Bobby Thornton
 Kimberly Toten
 Cheyenne Ussery
 Christina Vereshchagina
 Emily Wake
 Kameron Wake



Vanessa Watson
 Zachary Watson
 Jessica White
 Samantha White
 Cole Younger



Sophomore Soundtrack

Doublemint Twins

Above, sophomores Stephen Fetrow, Janice Conner, Quencie Colley, and Josh Hicks dress as Double Mint quadruplets on "Twin Day."

Should've Been a Cowboy

Top right, Garrett Sorrell tips his hat on "Western Day."

Smile

Middle right, Blake Collins puts on his best grin.

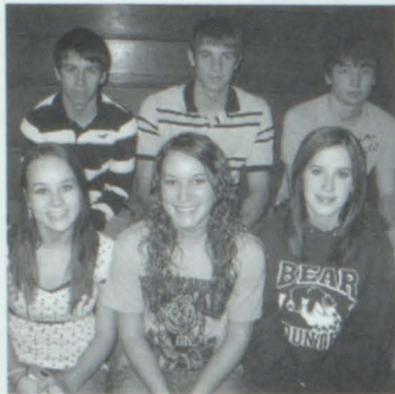
Walk the Line

Bottom right, Brittney Rose turns and smiles for the camera before returning to class.

Monster Mash

Left, Chanea Hunter plays dead at the FFA haunted house.





Junior Class Officers

Altos

Juniors play an important role in the lives of all highschool kids. From showing the lower classmen the ropes, to preparing for their final year.

Pictured Left:

Top row: Adam LeBeau, Jacob Berger, Jacob Capeder.
Bottom row: Christine Lovan, Carrie Lovan, Cateland Collins.

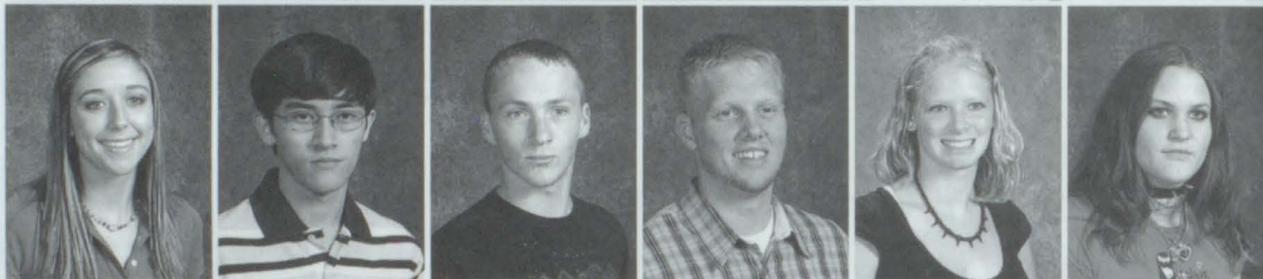


Shania Burchett, Mindy Grogan, and Checotah McDaniel play cards together in Mrs. Brower's science class.

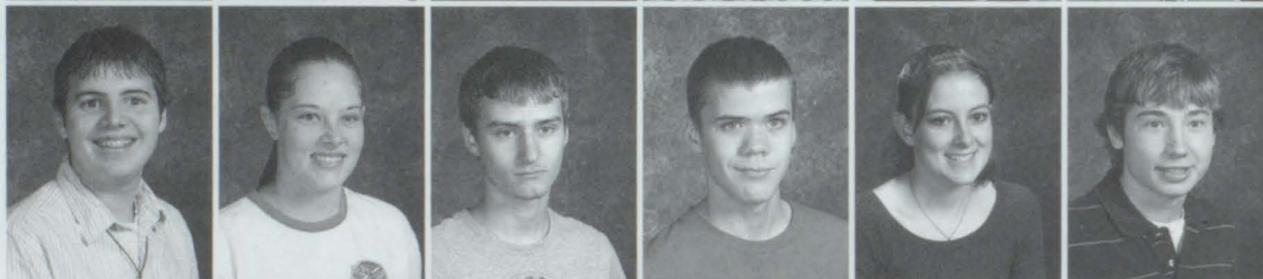
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Jillian Ash
Jessica Bamberg
Patrick Barnett
Mitchell Bell
Jacob Berger



Heidi Biehl
Owen Blagg
Aaron Bowen
Raymond Bowen
Alysha Breeden
Melodee Breeden



Dallas Bridwell
Leann Brown
Shaun Bunch
Adam Burgess
Shaina Burtchett
Jacob Capeder



Melanie Carr
John Carter
Richard Cash
Dereck Chapman
Jordan Chilton
Cateland Collins



Joseph Collins
Taylor Collins
Belinda Crawford
Daniel Creagor
Taylor Dawson
Kseniya Deynega





Randy Dhillon
Ashley Earls
Lacey Ennis
Christine Ewers
Darlene Gower
Craig Green



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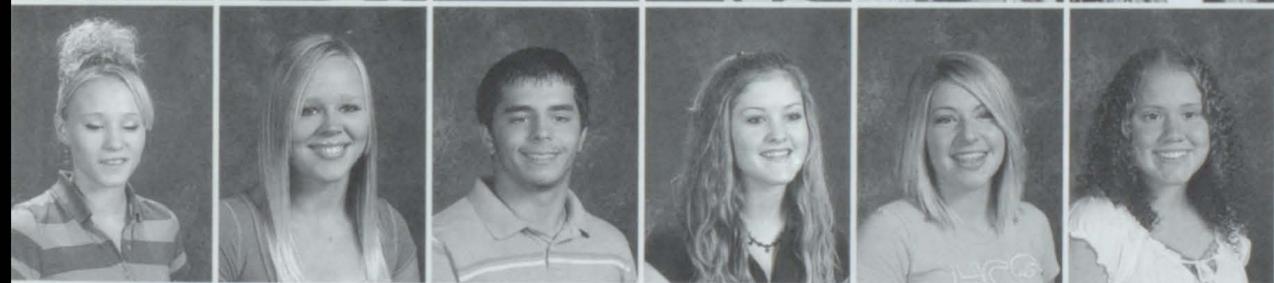
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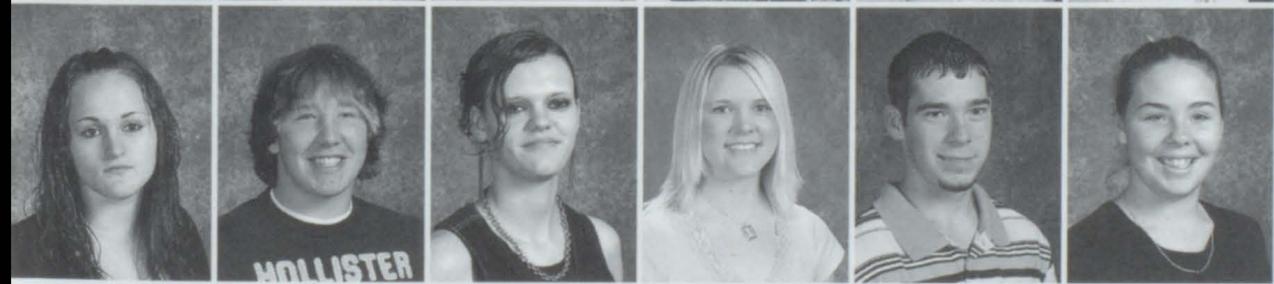
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Tamirah Jones
Spenser Kirsch
Joshua Kruas
Diane Latimer



Adam Lebeau
Kaelia Lee
Kayla Letterman
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Alissa Maloy
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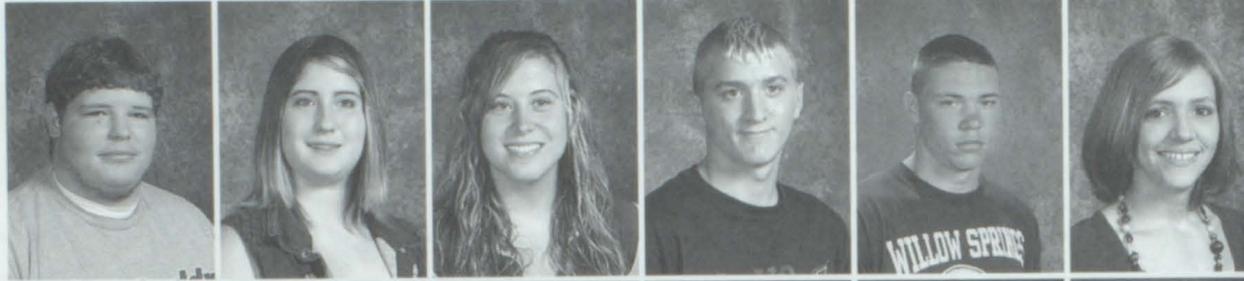


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Chester Rebstock
Shanna Rexrode

Savannah Robbins
 Stephanie Roberts
 Matthew Roche
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 Michael Scarbrough
 Michael Seburn



Zachary Shockey
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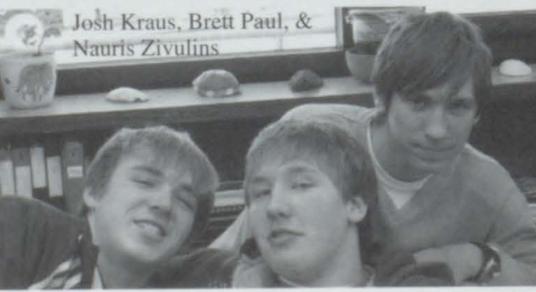
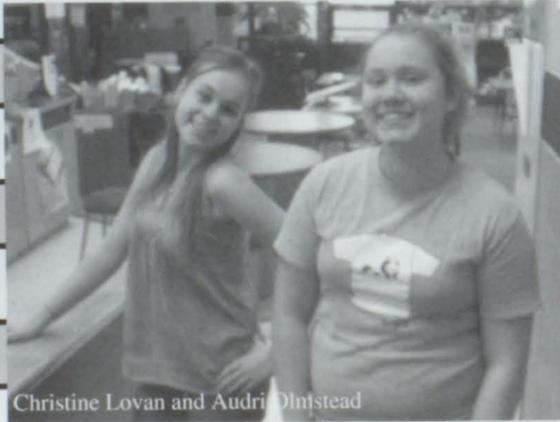
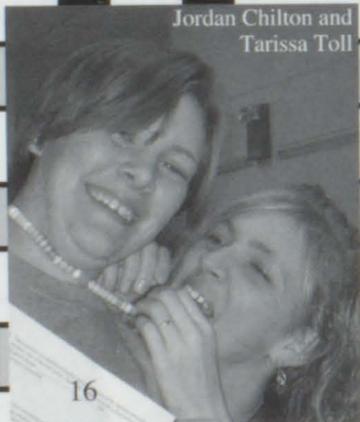
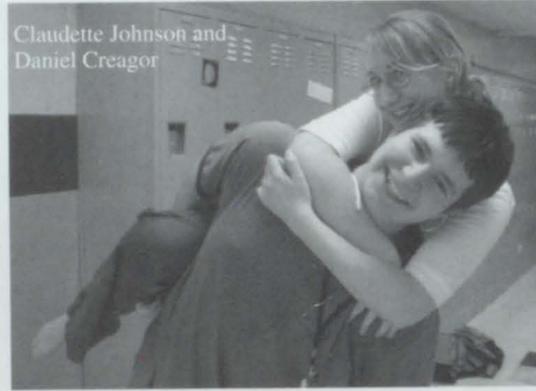


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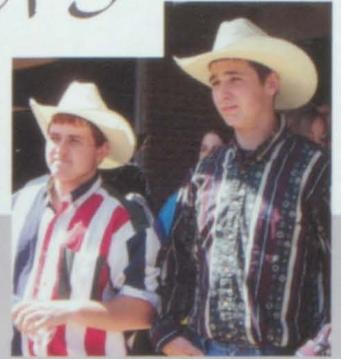
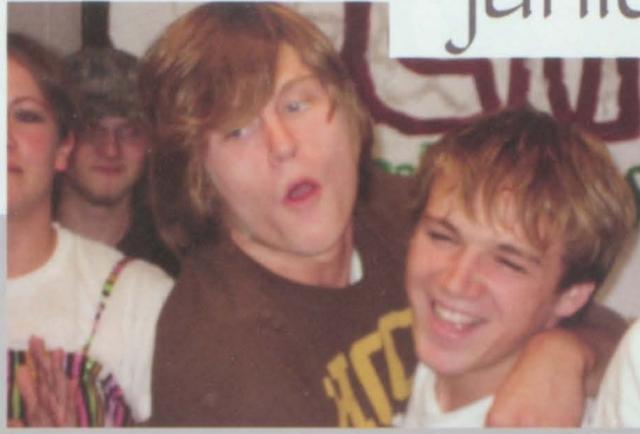
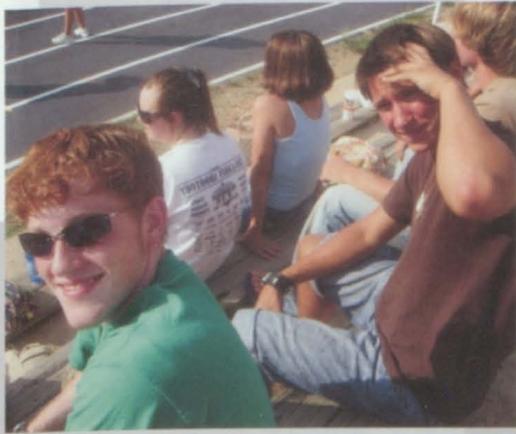


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Juniors



juniors

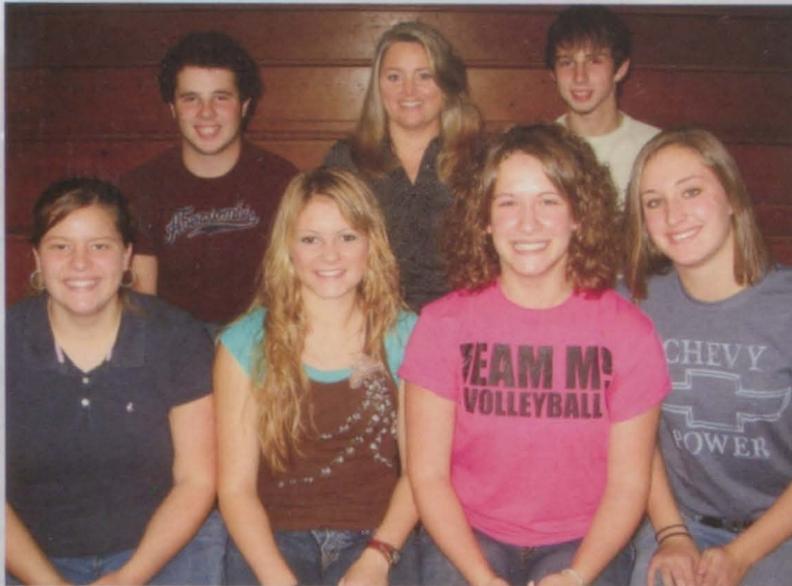


freshmen

Sopranos

The Class of 2007

Seniors always seem to be singing a higher, happier note at the end of the year. Thirteen years of homework and hard work all boils down to the senior year. The class of 2007 has always been a close group, along with having their fun, outgoing, and imaginative personalities. From meteorologist and lawyers, to school teachers and artist, there is no limit to where these graduating seniors plan to take their futures. And with their determined personalities there is no doubt that each one of them will succeed in what they pursue. Congratulations and Good Luck to the Class of 2007!



Senior Class Officers: Back row, left to right, Zane Privette-Vice President, Class Sponsor Coach Daugherty, Zach Kojdecki-Boy Representative. Front row: Lindsey McElyea-Girl Representative, Jordan Johnson-President, Lacey Hall-Secretary, and Megan James-Treasurer.



SENIORS RULE!
Above, Jordan Jordan was decked out in red, white, and blue along with this sign, for spirit week.

Gun Show
Kevin Martin shows off his bicep during the Homecoming Parade



Dustin Barton



Amanda Beltz



Casey Bonar



Hanna Borchard



Jacob Brashers



Bobby Brooks



Joe Bruno



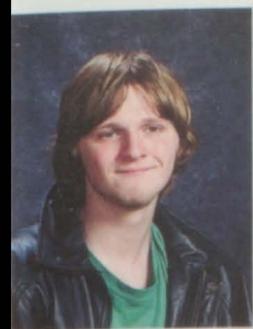
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Chris Evins



Amber Ferguson



Dawn Fox



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Anthony Gorwer



Lacey Hall



Shanica Hicks



Kara Hinten



Aaron Hudson



Ryan Hurley



Megan James



Jordan Johnson



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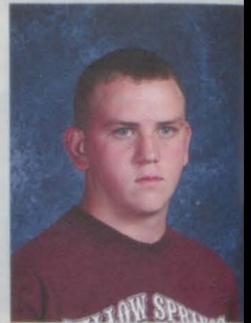
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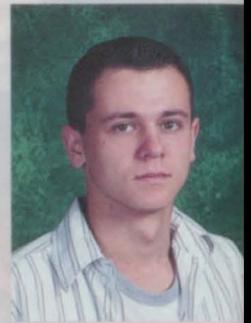
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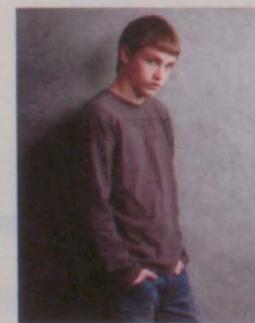
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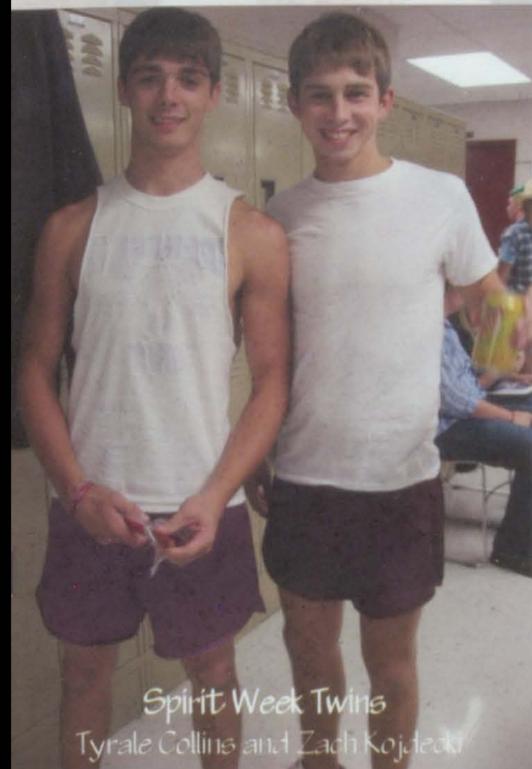
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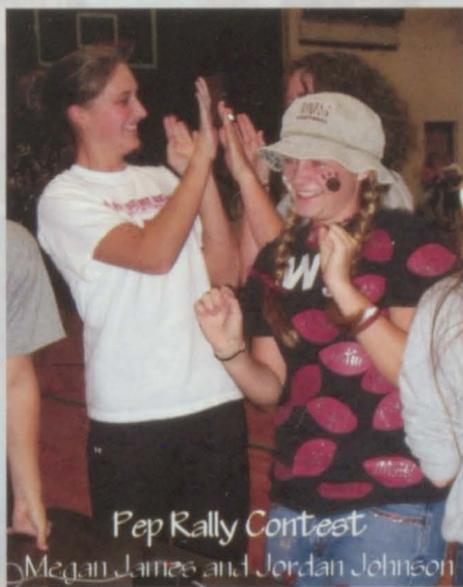
Tracy Yarbrough

"Sooner or Later..."

What will you miss the most about high school?



Spirit Week Twins
Tyrale Collins and Zach Kojdecki



Pep Rally Contest
Megan James and Jordan Johnson



"I'm going to miss giving the teachers a hard time." - Ryan Crewse



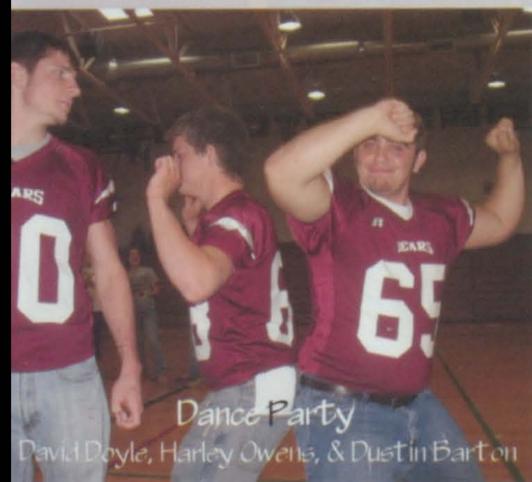
"What am I going to miss? Just the people." - Casey Bonar



Rise and Shine
Hollywood Vs. History

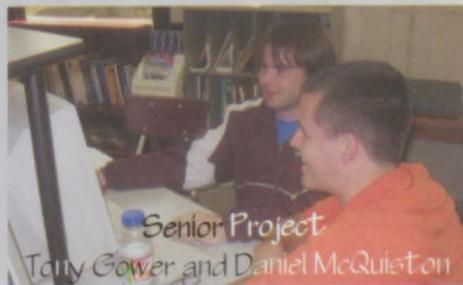


"I'm going to miss Mr. McGarry, because I just figured out he's like Pee Wee Herman." - Conor Lenihan



Dance Party

David Doyle, Harley Owens, & Dustin Barton



Senior Project

Tony Gower and Daniel McQuist on



"Having friends and teachers there to help you go through things you didn't think you'd have to." - Jessica Cooper

we'll be looking back on everything."

Senior Superlatives

"High school changes a lot of people. So it's cool to see that I have changed the most."- Ruth Deatherage

"They chose the right person, it just should've been 'most likely to stay up until 5:30 a.m. watching movies.'"- Crystal Lathrop

Most Involved-
Colin Elmore & Lacey Hall

Most Likely to be Late-
Crystal Lathrop & Colin Elmore

Changed the Most-
Ruth Deatherage & Wesley Collins

Best Eyes-
Tyrale Collins & Savanna McElyea

Class Clown & Best Outlook on Life -
Dustin Barton & Lindsey McElyea

Best Dressed-
Aaron Hudson & Bethany Traw



Most Likely to Try Anything Once-
Crystal Lathrop & Wesley Collins

Shyest-
Ashley Smith & Daniel Rhoades

Changed the Least-
Casey Bonar & Savanna McElyea

"It's weird because the mornings that I'm late to school are the days that I wake up early. So I can't win!"- Colin Elmore

Loudest-
Becca Podemski & Bobby Brooks

Biggest Bear Fan-
Zach Kojdecki & Jordan Johnson

"I'm glad that my class
knows I root them on no
matter what. GO BEARS!"-
Jordan Johnson

Most Academic-
Lacey Hall & Anthony Carter

Most Athletic-
Megan James &
David Doyle

Most
Opinion
ated-
Kara
Hinten
& Zane
Privette

"I speak my mind,
some people like it
some people don't,
but atleast I have
an opinion."- Kara
Hinten

Worst Case of
Senioritis-
Laiken Davis & Joe
Bruno

"Senior
Superlative? It
was an honor."-
Joe Bruno

Most Likely to
be Famous-
Leah Johnson &
Curtis Kazimir

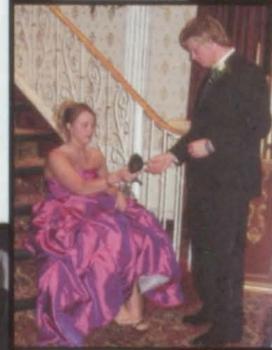
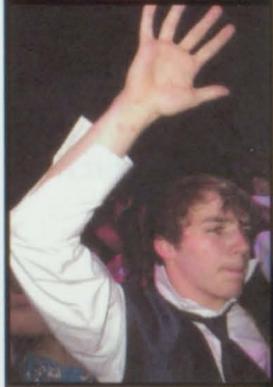
Best Smile-
Kacey Willard & Chris Evins

"It's nice to see people think
so."- Kacey Willard

Mardi Gras Masquerade

Prom 2007 cruises off on the Branson Belle

On March 31, high school juniors and seniors, along with their dates, hopped aboard the Branson Belle Showboat in Branson. Upon boarding the boat, couples had their pictures taken and then were seated for dinner and a show. The show consisted of talented singers and dancers performing Broadway songs, a ventriloquist, and other entertaining acts. Students were allowed to walk around the top deck of the showboat and visit the boat's gift shop. The dance started at ten thirty and students stayed on the boat to dance, and then at twelve, it was time to crown the Prom King and Queen. Every senior attending had received at least one vote for the title, but Dustin Barton and Laiken Davis received the most votes to be named Prom King and Queen for 2007. After a long night of dancing, students got back on the buses to go to the YMCA in Springfield for Project Prom.

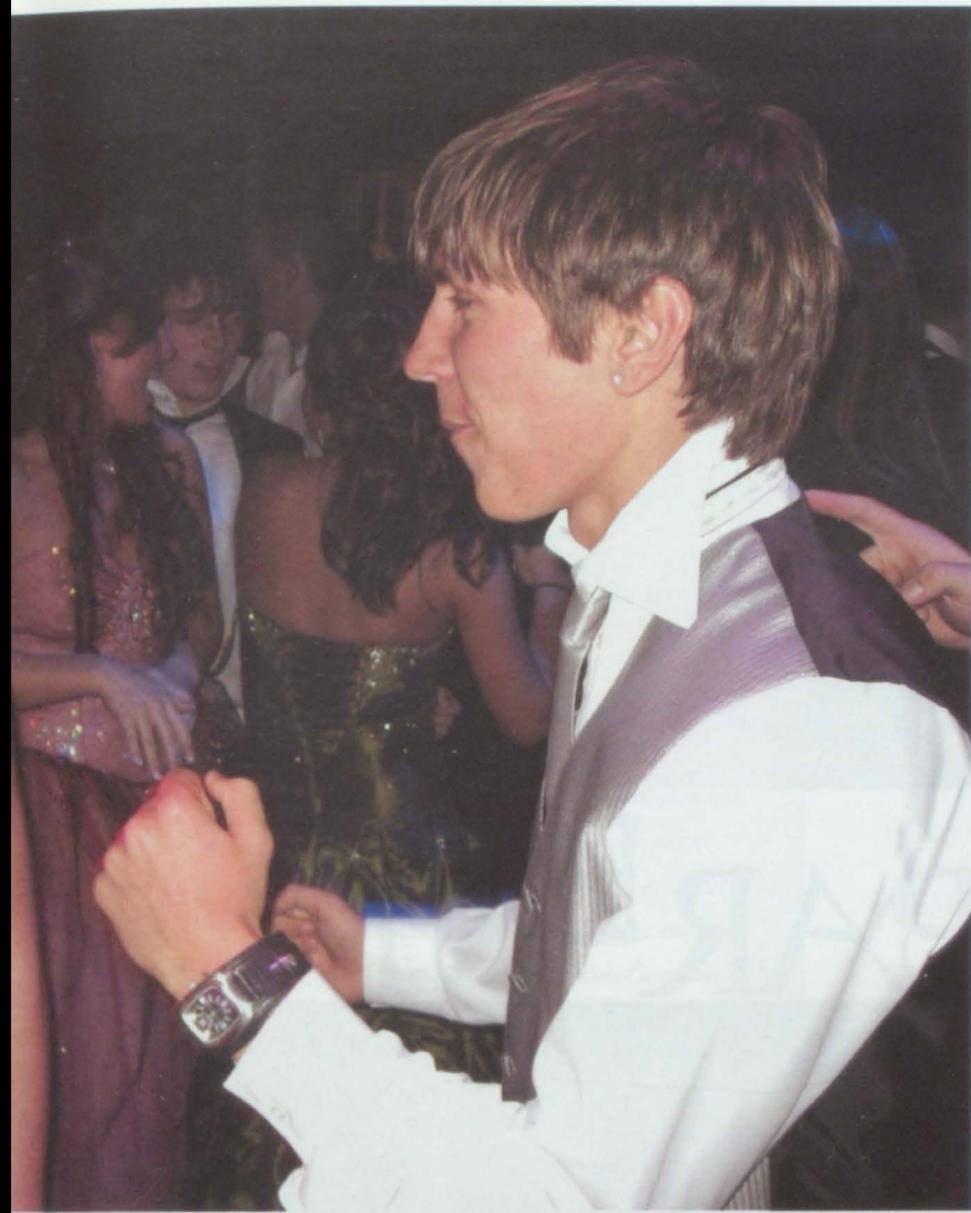


Woo! Prom!

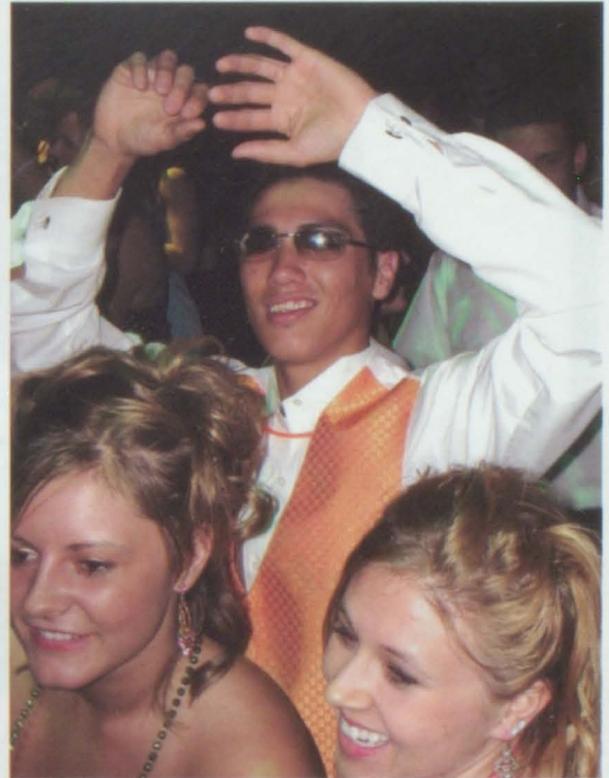
Above, Zane Privette, Jon White, Brett Paul, Adam LeBeau, and John Carter take a second from their dancing to pose for the camera.

Mask Masquerade

Above, Taylor Dawson and Sylvia Pettitt stroll around the showboat in their souvenir masks.



Dancing the Night Away
Left, senior Michaela Malko and junior Nauris Zivulins show off their amazing dance moves.



Throw Your Hands in the Air
Below, Thomas Clark dances behind senior Jordan Johnson and junior Tamatha Green.



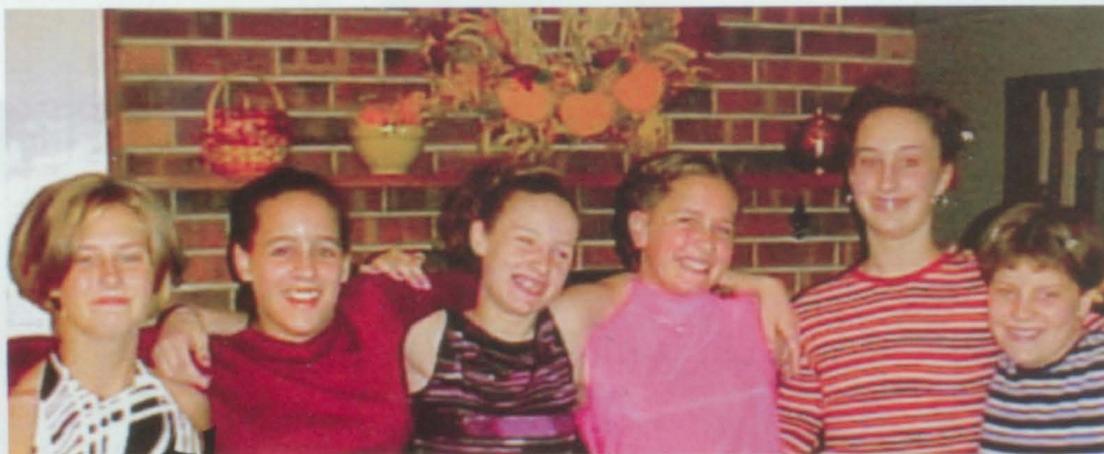
King and Queen of Mardi Gras
Left, seniors Dustin Barton and Laiken Davis were crowned Prom King and Queen during the dance.

Cowboy Up
Above, seniors Allen Eggert and David Doyle find their perfect hats at the gift shop on the Branson Belle.



Four's Company
Cody Letterman, Melinda Grogan, Daniel Cummings, and Shelby Holland squeeze in tight to get a quick picture before the show start.

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Kara Hinten, Alicea Williams, Bethany Traw, Lacey Hall, Megan James, and Lindsey McElyea before a seventh-grade dance. Bottom, Stacey Johnson celebrates with her daughter, Jordan Johnson, after winning Hoop Queen. From their first words to first steps and then first time learning to drive to their first date, it all seems too soon for the parents who watched them grow. After raising their son or daughter for eighteen, wonderful, stressful, and joyful years, it's still hard to see their little boy or little girl become a handsome young man or a beautiful young woman. So, because of their unconditional love and care, we give them their own page to say their congrats and good lucks.

Jessica Cooper



Congratulations Jessie

**We are very proud of you.
Good luck in all you do.
We love you very much.**

Mom, Dad, Shaina, & Shane

Wesley Collins

Wes,
We can hardly believe how fast time has gone by. We are so proud of your accomplishments and look forward to seeing you achieve your future goals. Don't let anyone hold you back! We love you and are blessed to have you in our lives. Love,
Mom, Dad, and Tyler



Colin Elmore

Dear Colin,

When you were asked lately how you saw yourself as a kid or as an adult-you quickly said, "Both."

Some days you are the little boy in the batman suit on the slide-then you express a thought-write the song-that tells us there's more...so much more.

Everyday you amaze us at your hard work and diligence to use what God has given you but greater still is your great heart of compassion for everyone around you. You truly bring us all together-Family-Friends-Everyone. It's just who you are and we couldn't be more proud to call you our son.

We love you, Colin,
Mom and Dad



RUTH DEATHERAGE

RUTH,
THE DAYS HAVE JUST FLEW BY, WE MISS OUR LITTLE GIRL, BUT WE LOVE THE YOUNG WOMAN YOU HAVE BECOME. YOU HAVE A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR, AND MOST OF ALL YOU HAVE A KIND HEART.
MOM AND DAD



Kara Hinten



Kara Jo,
We are so proud of your strength and determination. We have watched you grow and learn through difficult times and know you will succeed in whatever Gods plan is for your future. You have been a blessing Kara Jo! We love you!
Dad, Mom, Danielle, and Donnie



Shanica Hicks



Our little girl is all grown up! We are so proud of you. We love you
Mom & Dad

Megan James

Megan,
 Building sandcastles on the beach,
 Hiking to the mountain peak,
 Playing basketball full-speed without fear,
 We can't believe it's your senior year.

No matter what the future holds,
 We know you'll face it enthusiastically and bold.
 Exciting things lie ahead for you,
 We'll be there to see you through.

We will always love you,
 Dad, Mom, and Lindsey



Lacey Hall

Lacey,
 My, my look how you have grown. You have been a
 wonderful daughter, and sister. We are so thankful for the
 many memories we have had with you. We know you will
 achieve whatever you set your mind to.

Love,
 Dad, Mom, & Casey



LEAH JOHNSON

DEAR LEAH,

WE LOVE YOU!
 WE ARE CONSTANTLY AMAZED BY YOUR TALENT,
 BEAUTY, GRACE, BRAINS, PERSISTENCE, AND
 INTEGRITY. KEEP ON DANCING!

MOM, DAD, AND NICK



Jordan Johnson

God has blessed you with such love and compassion for
 others, regardless of whom it may be. Your enthusiasm and
 love for life is contagious... always share it! We thank God
 for choosing us to share you with.

Love,
 Mom & Dad



No fears, no regrets. Just a future with a promise.

Sis,
 Thanks for always letting me talk to you about everything.



Love,
 Cole

Lindsey McElyea

*Two Roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference*

Lindsey,

*You have always been a leader and not a
follower. Keep on finding your own path.
We are excited to see where it will take you!
We love you very much!
Mom and Dad*



Michaela Malko

Dear Michaela,

*Young woman, my daughter,
My joy and my heart,
You've reached the end
Only to find a new start.*

*The world sees the young woman
With her charm and her smile,
But behind the woman,
I will always see the child.*

*We love you very much, and are so proud of the young woman you have
become.*

*Love always,
Mom and Dad*



Scott Myers

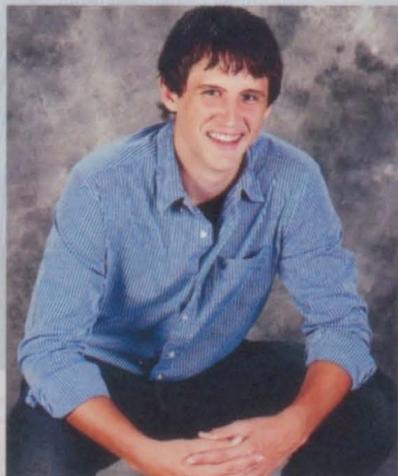
Scott,

*You are a joy to us. We are proud of all you have
done and look forward to all you have yet to accomplish.*

We love you very, very much.

*Mom & Dad,
Allison, Jen, & Josh*

*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me," Phil
4:13*



Savanna McElyea

Savanna,

*You have grown from a precious little doll to a beautiful and
amazing woman. We are so proud of you and know that God
has wonderful plans for your future. You have blessed our lives
more than you can ever imagine. We love you, Vanna!*

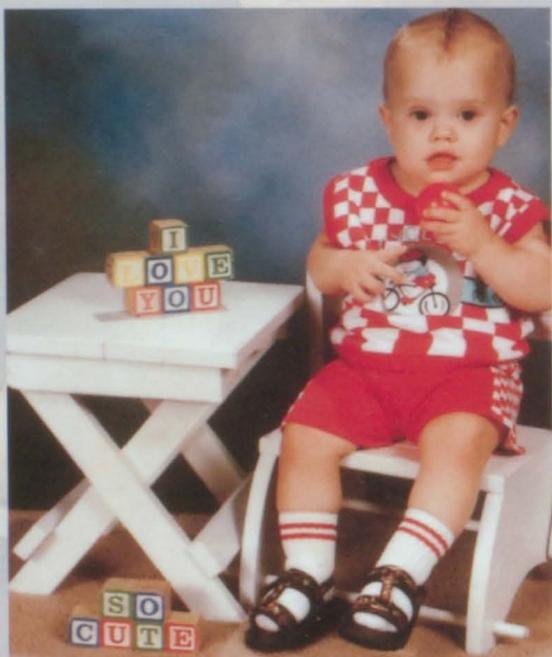
Mom & Dad



Harley Owens

We are so very proud of you! God has blessed you with so many gifts. May he bless you with all the good things you deserve.

Love Mom & Dad

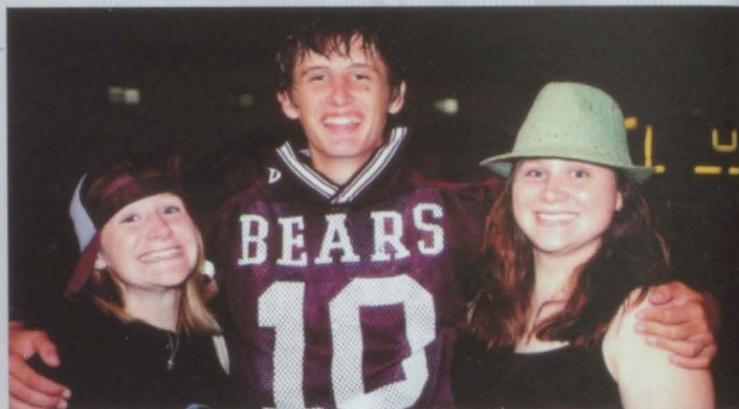


Scott Myers

Brother....
 You are tall as a tree
 And as smart as can be
 Your shot is money
 And you think you're funny
 We're so proud of you
 Oh what to do?
 You'll go to college and learn a lot
 Never forget your sisters love you, you little tot!



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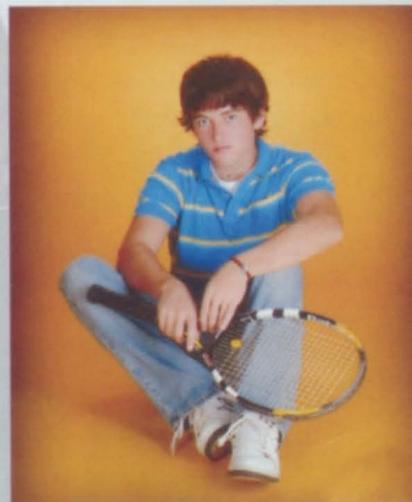
Drew Rouse

Drew:
 You have given us some wonderful memories as well as quite a few laughs through these first years. We know you are ready to take on the world and you will certainly succeed!
 Love Mom, Dad and Nathan



Daniel Rhoades

We are honored to call you our son and brother.
 Love,
 Dad, Mom, Chris, & Sandie



Bethany Traw

We are proud of you and we love you.
 Mom & Dad



From childhood you have known the Holy scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15

Kacey Marie Willard

You are a beautiful ray of sunshine in our lives. No matter where you go, no matter what you do, we'll be right behind you, loving you.

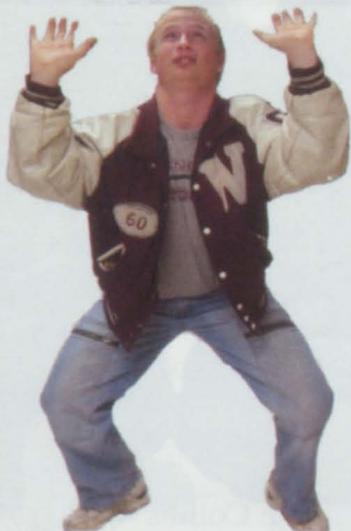
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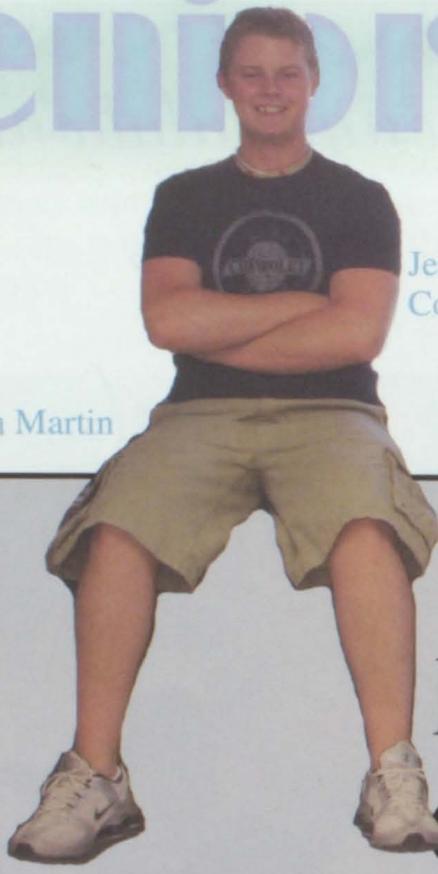
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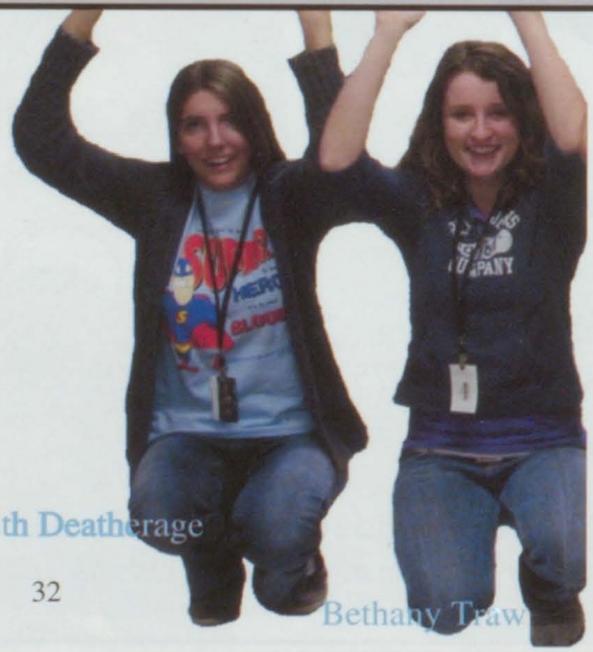
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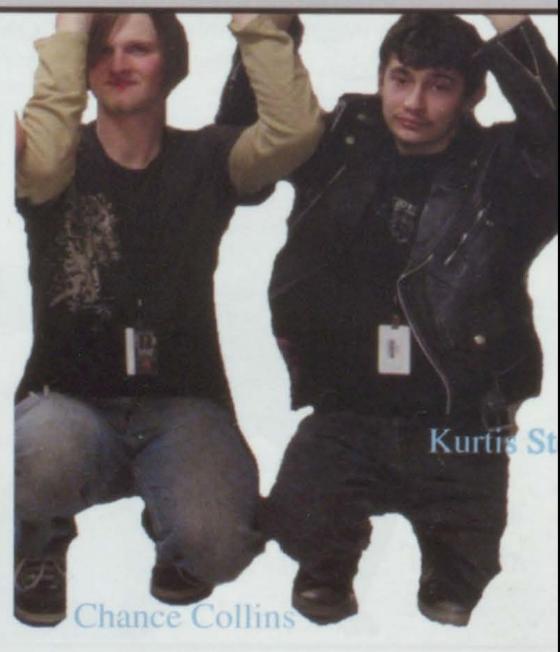
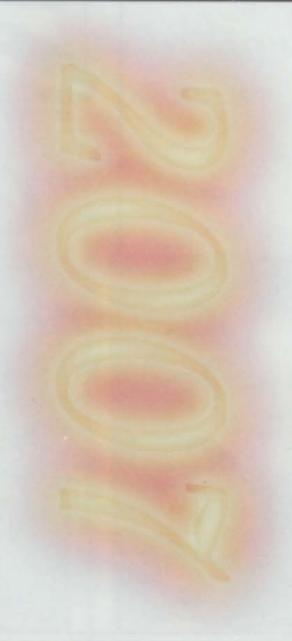
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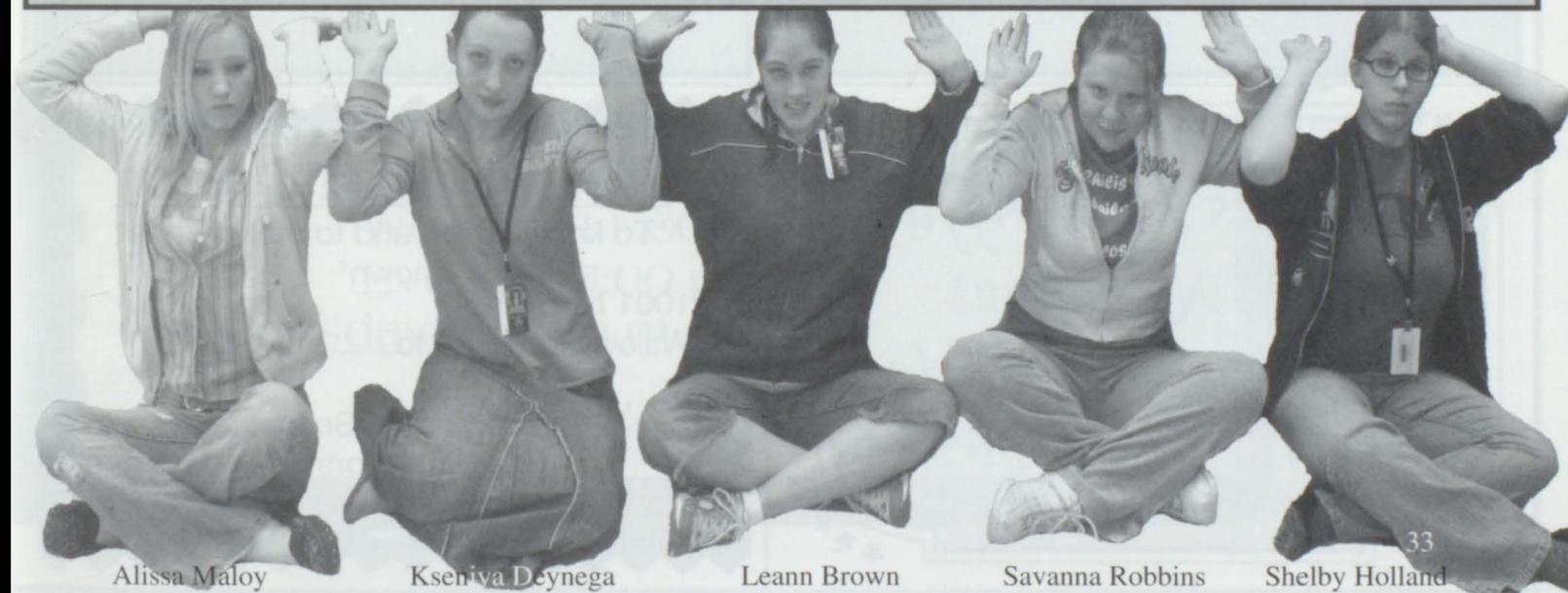
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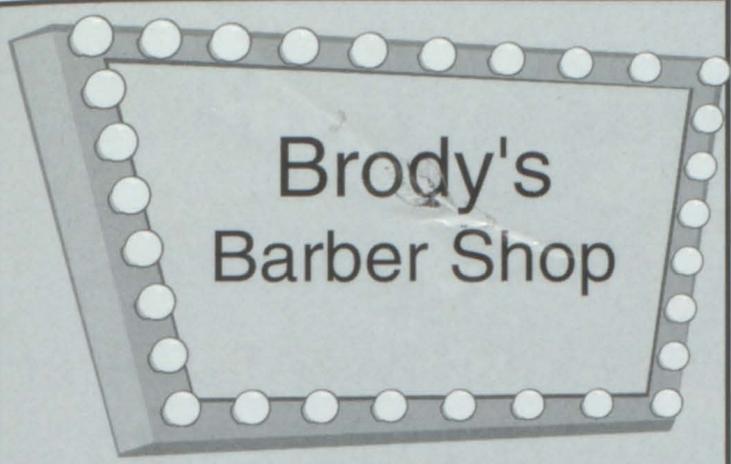
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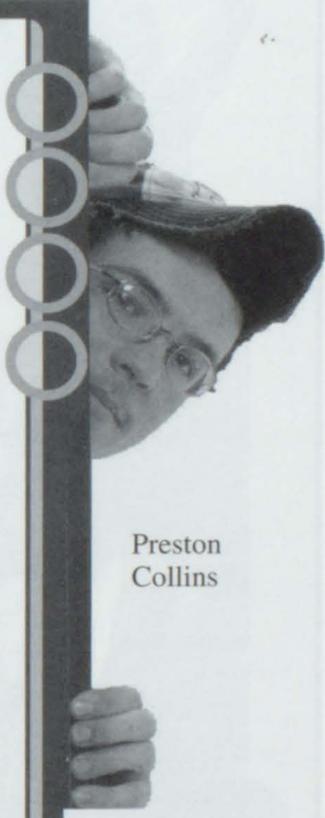
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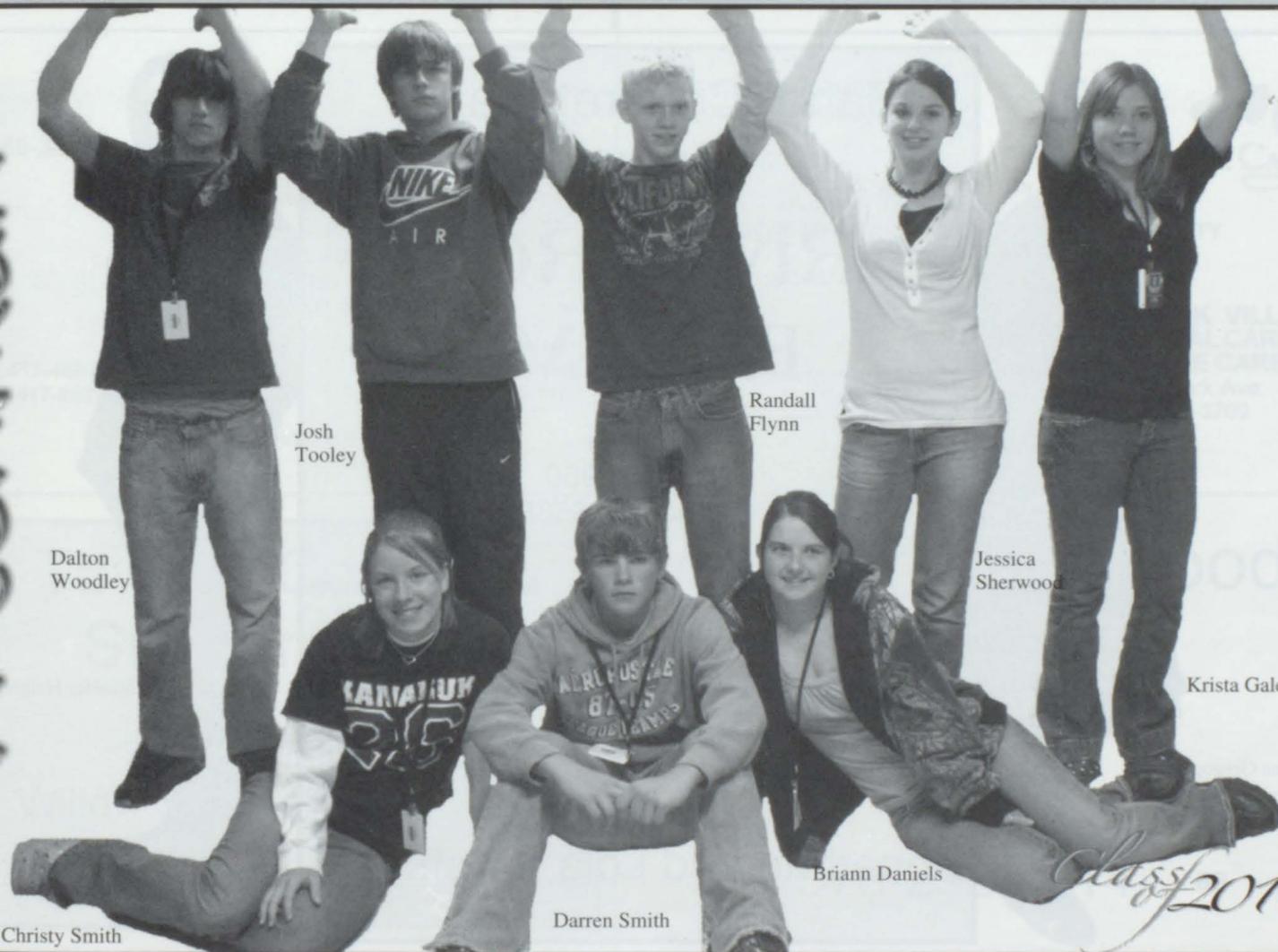
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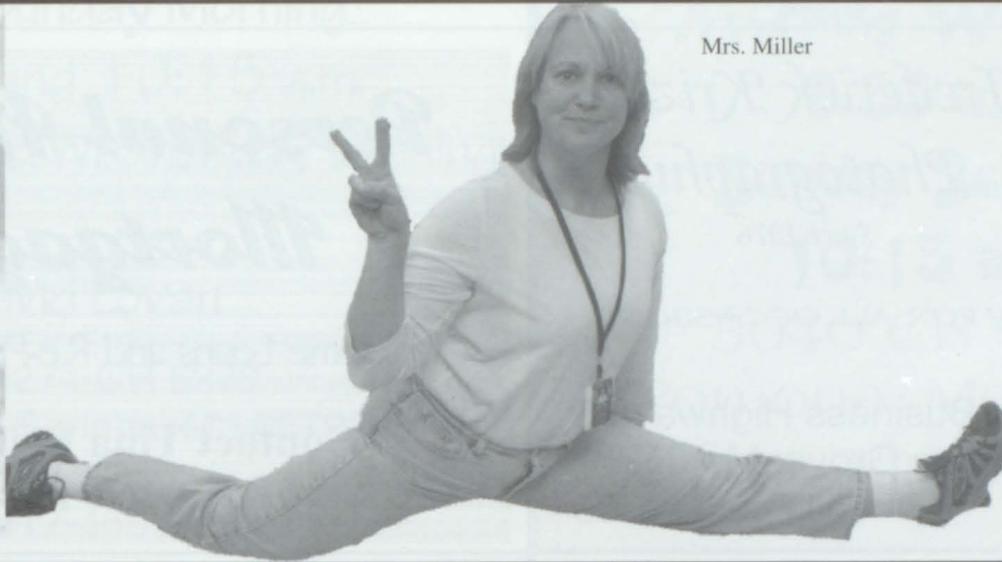
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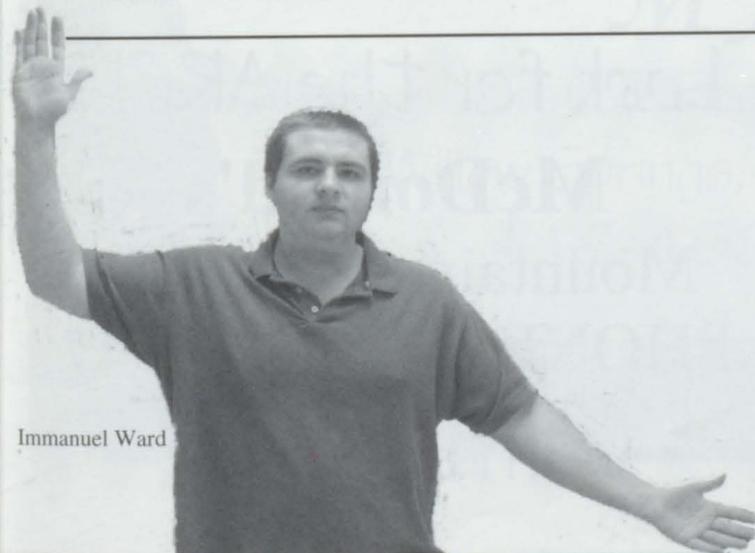
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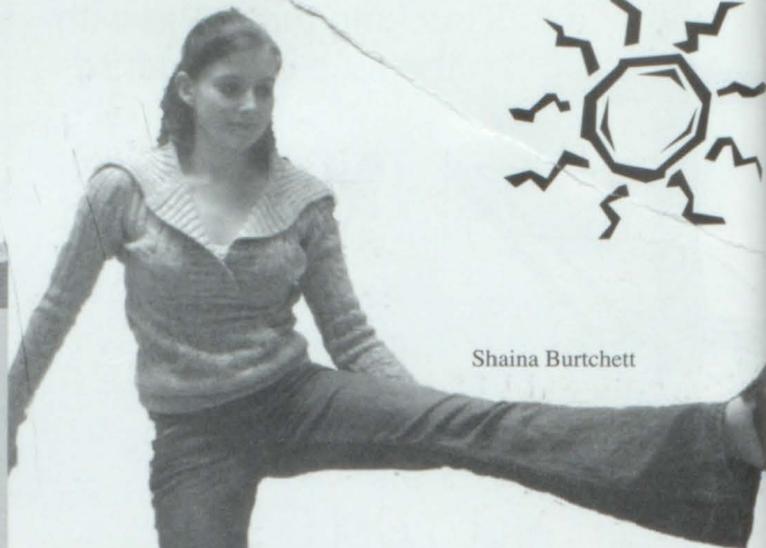
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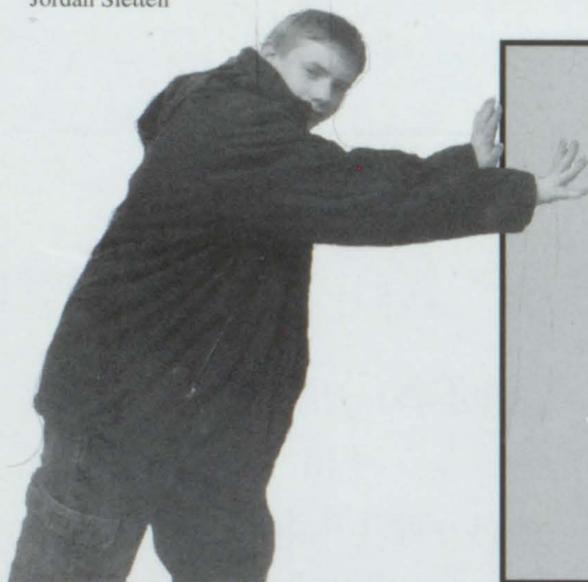
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Tempo

The time on the scoreboard for a football or basketball game tells you just how much more time is left in the game. Not all sports run according to the clock, but rather racing against it. Just like sports set a pace for it's athletes, a piece of music's speed sets a pace for the music. This speed is called the tempo. So whether their tempo be fast or slow, they all have one. For this Symphony, student athletes set the tempo with the athletic department, involving sports such as; football, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, tennis, baseball, track, cheerleading, and golf. Facing page: Megan James makes an amazing leap while jump-serving to her opponents at a home game.



Swing, Swing, Swing...

It don't mean a thing if you ain't got that swing!

"Rip, rip, rip!" the dug out chants to their teammate up to bat. With the bases loaded, the tension is high, and the pitcher has a role of sweat running down his forehead. The pitch, *crack*, the ball goes soaring. Up, up, and its out of here. A grand slam for the home team. The players always root on the team with their phrases; "ata-kid", "let'er rip tater chip", or "nice eye jet eye." Although it was a slow season, the team was closer than most years, whether it be lending their glove to a junior varsity player or giving each other constructive criticism. This year the four seniors, Ty Collins, Zane Privette, Zach Kojdecki, and Daniel McQuiston, finished up their last season of baseball with much improvement from their past years. The coaches this year were Coach Myers and Coach Rodgers. They both contributed great leadership and true senserity for the boys they mentored this season.



"Bears on Three..."
Above, the Varsity boys huddle up to get a game plan together before their frist home baseball game of the season.

Wind Up

Right, sophomore Justin Johnson caught in mid action of his infamous curve ball, throws the last of his three strikes to send the batter back to the dug out.



Put Me In Coach
Right, Brett Combs, Zach Clinton, Wayne Hober, Ryan Smart, and Michael Grindstaff watch the Varsity play while chewing on Sunflower Seeds.



Stat Ladies
Right, Morgan Schowengerdt and Jessica White sit tight in the dug out while taking stats for the team.



Baseball Team

Left to right, top row: Wayne Hober, Ethan Smith. Second from top: Dalton Woodley, Brett Combs, Michael Grindstaff. Middle row: Anthony Combs, Chris Rexrode, Ryan Smart. Second from bottom: Coach Myers, Zane Privette, Zach Kojdecki, Tyrale Collins, Daniel McQuiston, Coach Rodgers. Bottom row: Justin Johnson, Adam Lebeau, Zach Clinton, John Carter, Brick Wilce, Jon White.



"Take Me Out to the Ball Game..."

Working Hard

Above, Zane Privette makes his way to the plate after talking to friend and teammate, pitcher Jon White.

Out of the Park

Top left, Zach Kojdecki aims to send the ball flying over the fence and bring in another run for the bears.

Hey Batter Batter Batter

Left, Christopher Rexrode plans to make a line drive down the third base line.

High Quality H2O

Bottom left, junior Jon White takes a water break and wipes off the hard earned sweat.



"This year was definitely our best season so far. I'm sad I have to leave." - Senior Zach Kojdecki



"I had fun during the season and I wish we could have had a better record." - Sophomore Justin Johnson



"I'm glad I decided to play baseball this year. It was a lot of fun." - Junior Adam LeBeau.



"Baseball is real good, I like it a lot." - Junior Brick Wilce



"I had fun playing with all of my friends." - Junior Jon White



"I had a great time playing and the ride home after with the boys was always a blast." - Senior Ty Collins



Baseball Fan Club

Left, Tamatha Green, Shakara Boles, Kami Wake, Katie Langford, and Jordan Johnson are five girls that were there to see almost every ball game to support the baseball bears.

Rain or Shine

Above, juniors Jacob Capeder, Josh Kraus, and Brandon Messer show their true support in the rainy weather.

Audible

Football Bears call new plays in 2006

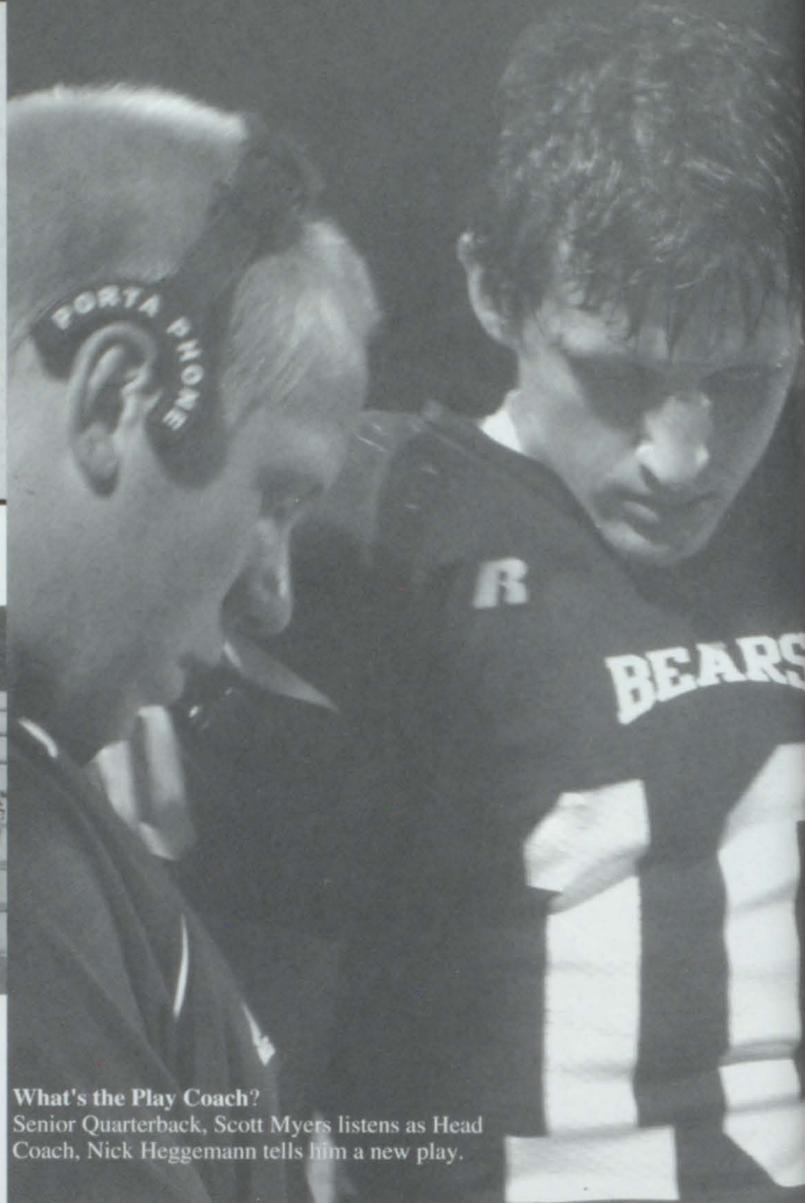
The Willow Bears faced a tough season after losing several key players from the 2005 season. However, a few starters from last year helped to carry the Bears to a better record than the year before. Also, direction from new head coach Nick Heggemann provided the Bears with the change they needed to succeed. "I thought we had a

successful season. The players learned what to expect and how to play hard," said Coach Heggemann. Although the Bears will lose several key seniors to the class of 2007, they plan to head into next year with confidence. With a little more familiarity--the Football Bears look to have a promising season next year.

"The only place you can win a football game is on the field, the only place you can lose it is in your hearts."- Darrell Royal

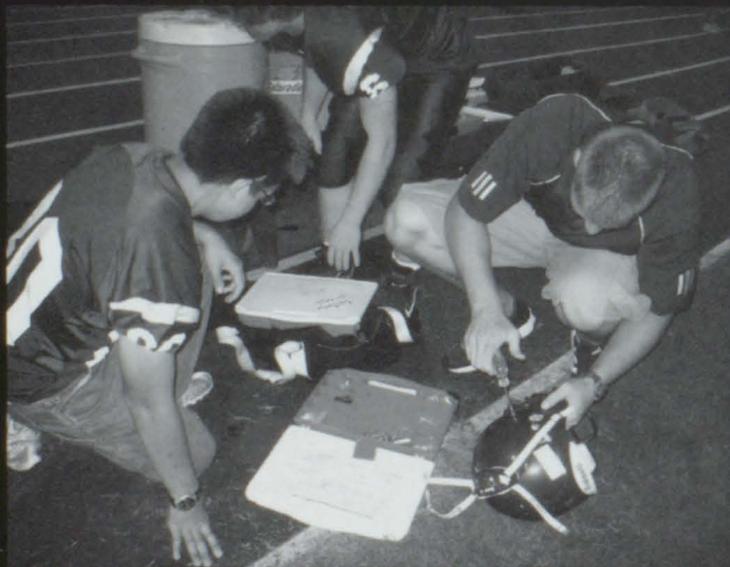


Left to right, top row: Coach Brookshire, Coach Johnson, Dustin Barton, Tyrale Collins, David Doyle, Scott Myers, Aaron Hudson, Allen Eggert, Bobby Brooks, Coach Heggemann, Coach James. **Third row:** Derrick Chapman, Jon White, Clint Ussery, Zane Privette, Ryan Crewse, Harley Owens, Bobby Thornton, Raymond Bowen. **Second row:** Dylan Carter, Cole Younger, Adam LeBeau, Brett Paul, Brandon Messex, Brick Wilce, Zach Clinton, Ryan Hurley, Cody Letterman. **First row:** Dalton Woodyly, Brandon Bunch, Chris Rexroad, Justin Johnson, Anthony Combs, Robert Eggert, Luke Brooks, Nick Tooley, Brett Combs, Manager Matthew Roach.



What's the Play Coach?

Senior Quarterback, Scott Myers listens as Head Coach, Nick Heggemann tells him a new play.





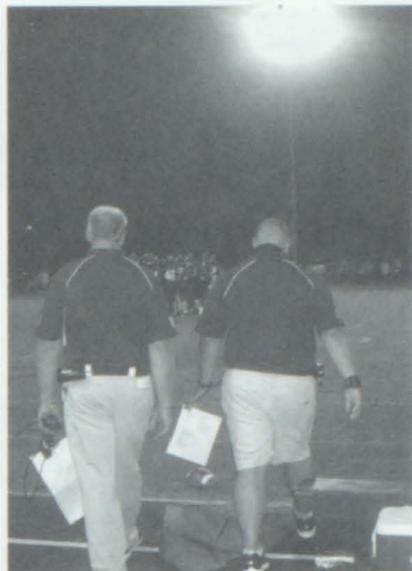
Strength Of Mind

Face of Fortitude (Left): Junior Brick Wilce gets a drink preparing himself for the rest of the game.

Time Out (Above): Senior Zane Privette gets replenished during a timeout.

Paying Respect (Bottom left): The Willow Bears show respect for our country before a game.

Refusing a loss (Below): Senior Scott Myers rests up before having to lead the Willow Bear Offense.



Bear Fan Jordan Johnson
"Football season is a blast! Watching my friends play, in the freezing cold, what more could you want?"



Bear Fan Coach Pitts
"I love the atmosphere of Willow Springs football. Whether we win or lose, the boys work hard and the town supports the team."



Bear Fan Colin Elmore
"Football season was fun, but it was sad knowing we will never sit in those stands as high schoolers again."



Bear Fan and Player Dustin Barton
"I am going to miss getting the spot knocked out of me."



Seniors



Kacey Willard
"This season was so much fun and I'm really going to miss playing with all the girls!"



Jordan Johnson
"I'm going to miss everyone so much! Remember play with one heart!!"



Bethany Traw
"Volleyball season was a lot of fun this year! I will really miss all the girls."



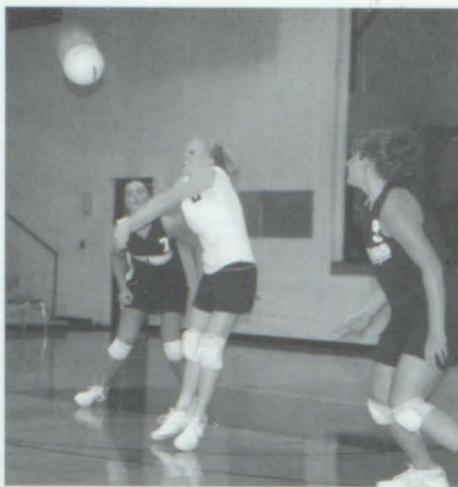
Megan James
"Volleyball season was awesome this year. I enjoyed getting to know all the girls and I will miss it next year!"



Ashley Smith
"I'm going to miss all my friends and the good times. My life wouldn't be the same if I had not played volleyball."



Lacey Hall
"I'll definitely miss the memories (Blue Bull, etc.) and I've made friends that will last a lifetime. I love you all!!"



Playing as One

Can You Dig It? (Top): Kacey Willard, playing the new defensive position called the Libero, passes the ball with back up from Megan James and Lacey Hall.

I Heart to Shag (Top right): Said to be one of the biggest group of fans, the volleyball shaggers are a huge support to the girls.

One Heart (Right): The Varsity huddles up and gets their intimidation faces on for the game.

Self Sacrifice (Bottom right): Jordan Johnson shows commitment by diving after a ball during game warm-up.

All Smiles (Bottom left): Seniors Bethany Traw and Kacey Willard are overcome with smiles waiting for the game.



Takin' Down the Rivals

Senior Lacey Hall, sophomore Lindsey James, senior Megan James, and sophomore Morgan Schowengerdt, show they are in fact number one after defeating their rival, the Liberty Eagles.



Varsity

Left to right, top, Whitley McDaniel, Cameron Wake, Coach Daugherty, Jordan Chilton, Coach Lee, Lindsey James, and Morgan Schowengerdt. Bottom, Kacey Willard, Lacey Hall, Megan James, Ashley Smith, Jordan Johnson, and Bethany Traw.

Number One Hit

2006 Lady Bears Volleyball has a big year.

"What a pleasure it was to work with this group of athletes. These girls were so fun to watch when they were at the top of their game-and our hometown crowds really showed us Lady Bear Pride." - Coach Daugherty

This year's Volleyball Team had an amazing season. It was one of the highest records the Lady Bears have had in many years. Another big achievement the girls had this year was winning First Place at the Cabool Tournament.

The lady bears improved their overall record from last year to an impressive record of 22-8-1 this year. The team was lead by six returning seniors from the 2006 season. Sophomore Whitley McDaniel said, "The seniors livened up the team and there was never a dull moment when any of them were around!"

Next season will prove to be much different due to the fact that the team will only have one returning starter and many fresh faces.



Flying Leap

Left, senior Megan James leaps into the air after the ball to eventually ace her opponents, the Eminence Redwings.

Yea, We're Number One!

Above, the Varsity team holds their First Place plaque proudly, after beating Mountain Grove in the final round of the Cabool Tournament.



Junior Varsity

Left to right, top, Coach Daugherty, Jessica Girdler, Whitley McDaniel, Amanda Girdler, and Coach Lee. Middle, Brittney Brooks, Kameron Wake, and Morgan Schowengerdt. Bottom, Briann Daniels, and Lindsay Stolba.



Talking Strategy

Senior Kacey Willard takes charge by informing her teammates, Morgan Schowengerdt and Ashley Smith, of a new game strategy.

Bittersweet Symphony

Basketball Boys' Great Season Ends Abruptly

Many goals were met this year in Boys' Basketball; winning the Houston Tournament, taking the Consolation trophy home from the Nixa Tournament after a one-point win over KC O'Hara, and winning 20 games in a season, but the Bears had one more goal to cap off the great season, and that was to be repeat District Champions. When March rolled around the Bears found themselves with the number one seed in the tournament, and with an easy win over Licking in the

first round, it was on to the semi finals where the Bears would face the Liberty Eagles. Willow had already beaten the Eagles twice, including the Championship game at Houston, but everyone knows it's the third win that is the toughest. After making several key mistakes early in the game, the Bears fell to the Eagles, 49-37, ending their hopes of being District Champions. Despite the tough loss, the Bears accomplished a lot of goals and had multiple achievements this year.



We Want a Rebound

Above, junior Jacob Berger puts on body on a Licking Wildcat as the Bears get ready to run the break off a free throw.

Time to Kill

Right, Scott Myers and the Bears huddle around to see what coach Colley draws up to seal the deal against the state-ranked Mansfield Lions.



Raymond Bowen led the Bears scoring, rebounding, and shooting percentage.

Us	Them	
51	67	Licking
81	48	Houston
49	30	Mtn. Grove
57	48	Liberty
57	66	Norwood
81	74	Marshfield
66	54	Alton
92	60	Gainesville
48	44	Buffalo
41	61	Mt. Vernon
77	55	Hartville
61	60	West Plains
75	61	Thayer



Junior Varsity: Left to Right, Top Row: Andy Combs, Steven Mallow, Daniel McQuiston, Chris Thomas, Nauris Zivulins, Blake Haugsted, Brick Wilce, Blake Collins, Adam Lebeau. Bottom Row: Dylan Carter, Josh Hic, Coach Perkins, Coach Mallow, Coach Bunch, Derek Chapman, Weston Lemon. **Record: 17-1**



On the Move

Left, junior Jacob Capeder drives past a defender.

Rebound

Top left, freshman Steven Mallow makes sure his man is not getting the rebound.

And It's Good

Top right, Raymond Bowen goes up for two.

Huddle Up

Above, the Bears break the huddle and prepare for a big conference home game.

Change of Direction

Below, junior Derek Chapman changes direction to stay in front of his man in the Ava game. The Bears got off to a hot start and never looked back as they trounced the Ava Bears, proving they were going to be a force to be reckoned with in the conference.



For Another Three

Above, junior Jacob Capeder spots up for one of his five first quarter threes that sparked the Bears' big win over Ava.



Varsity: Left to Right, Top Row: Matt Roche, Josh Kraus, Jacob Berger, Raymond Bowen, Derek Chapman, Blake Haugsted, Brick Wilce, Steven Mallow. Bottom Row: Adam Lebeau, Daniel McQuiston, Coach Bunch, Coach Mallow, Coach Colley, Coach Perkins, Scott Myers, Jacob Capeder.
Record: 20-6

	Us	Them
Seymour	67	56
Nixa	47	57
Harrisonville	62	43
KC O'Hara	66	65
Salem	60	61
Ava	84	37
Mtn. Grove	51	60
Cabool	61	43
Houston	95	47
Liberty	56	52
Mansfield	53	51
Licking	72	54
Liberty	37	49



Josh Kraus received All-Conference Honorable Mention honors along with Jacob Capeder. 55



Megan James helped the team out tremendously by being able to finish up plays by posting up and laying one in for two points.



Through the year Lacey Hall always let her aggressive side shine through and always gave 110% on defense.



Ashley Smith was right at Megan James' side wrapping up a play and putting one in off of the board, getting ready for the opposite end of the court.



Kara Hinten always did an exceptionally good job of dribbling down the court and getting the team off to a good start.



Jordan Johnson, like Hall, had impressive defensive skills and jump shots to tie the bears up or get them a lead.



"Ballin' "

Oh So Close

Above, senior Megan James reaches for the basketball in hopes to take it to the opposite end of the court.

Precious Time

Top right, Kara Hinten, the team's point guard, has to quickly make a decision on who to pass to before time runs out.

Walk It Out

Right, the girls step out on the floor ready to play with everything they have.

One Last Chance

Bottom right, sophomore Kameron Wake, and seniors Lacey Hall and Ashley Smith realize it could be their last game of the season during their timeout at Districts.



Break Down

Above, Lindsey James and Shakara Boles take a look at the crowd for supporting fans to give them a boost.



Junior Varsity: Left to right, top row: Coach James, Dillen Lovan, Lindsay Stolba, Kelsie Hutsell, Coach Brantly. Middle: Jessica Girdler, Kelsey Beavers, BreAnna Newman, Amanda Girdler. Bottom: Renee' Pikul, Brittney Brooks.

A New Kind of Rhythm

Each year in basketball we see old faces leave and new faces come. This year there were more unfamiliar faces to us than just the freshman. Anthony Brantly and Robert James were hired as the new basketball coaches. Coach Brantly originally came from Kansas. He then went to play professional basketball in Europe. Coach Robert James played basketball in Willow all four of his High School years. He then went on to play in college, and returned to his hometown to start his coaching career. Along with new coaches comes new work ethics and different ways to get the players in shape. The girls' record for this year wasn't as good as they had hoped, due to numerous injuries throughout the season. But the team was up against many highly competitive, even state ranked teams, which showed their true abilities and how well they played as a team. The seniors, like many other players, wanted a perfect season, but without the sting of losses the wins would've never tasted quite as sweet.



Game Plan

Left, the girls take a quick seat to rest up and hear the game plan.

Listen Up

Above, the coaches go over plays before getting back to the game.



Varsity: Left to right, top row: Coach James, Jessica White, Kara Hinten, Quencie Colley, Coach Brantly. Middle: Lindsey James, Megan James, Ashley Smith, Lacey Hall. Bottom: Jordan Johnson, Kameron Wake, Shakara Boles, Morgan Schowengerdt.



Defensive Bear

Lacey Hall uses shell defense, something the team had been working on consistently all year.

Swing Music

The Lady Bears swing away another season

The 2006 Lady Tennis bears faced a very difficult season. The Varsity Lady Bears had a fairly young team which consisted of three seniors and three sophomores whom had little varsity experience. Although the team was young, they played hard in every match, beating teams such as Stoutland and Reeds Springs. Tennis Coach, Marty Spence, said this about the team, "We had a lot of fun this year and had everyone advance to the second round of districts. I was really proud of the girls and their passion." Next year the Lady Bears will pick up teams they haven't played before. Therefore, Coach Spence and the team look forward to a new year, but will greatly miss the three graduating seniors from the 2006 season.

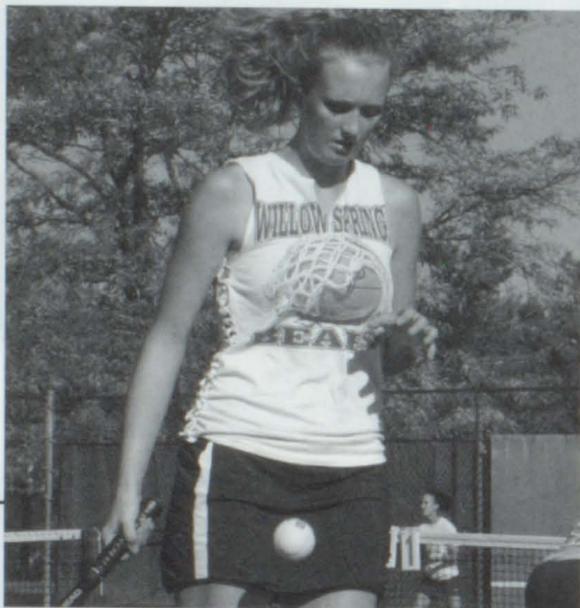
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Shady View
Right, senior Alicea Williams blocks the sun as she waits for her opponents serve.



Down the Alley
Above, sophomore Shelby Cooley swings away as she sails to a Willow victory.



Swing Through
Top left, sophomore Alyssa Raney bounces the ball in preparation for her serve.



Hydration
Far left, seniors Lindsey McElyea and Kara Hinten take a quick break after defeating one team, to move on to the next.



Double Up
Kara Hinten awaits the ball's return while partner Lindsey McElyea covers the back court.

For the Love
Below, sophomore Shelby Cooley eyes her serve before smashing it into the other side.



Power Up
Senior Alicea Williams rallies with her opponent during district play.



Carving the Ball
Sophomore Shelby Cooley "carves," or puts slight spin on the ball, during a match against Lebanon.



Stretched Out
Above, Alyssa Ranes reaches high into the sky for her serve.

Patiently Awaiting
Below, senior Kara Hinten waits for the perfect timing for her powerful forehand.



Top to bottom, left to right: Lindsey McElyea, Kara Hinten, Alicea Williams, Coach Spence. Middle: Janice Conner, Sara Johnson, Shelby Cooley, Alyssa Ranes, Audri Olmsted. Bottom: Chelsea Newman, Whitney Evins, and Caitlyn Wiegand.





Servin' Up
Senior Daniel Rhoades serves to ace his opponent.



Senior Strut
Senior Thomas Clark walks back to serve to his opponent.



Warm Ups
Junior Nauris Zivulins practices his forehand before his match.



Getting Down to Business
Freshman Jimmy Johnson focuses his singles match.

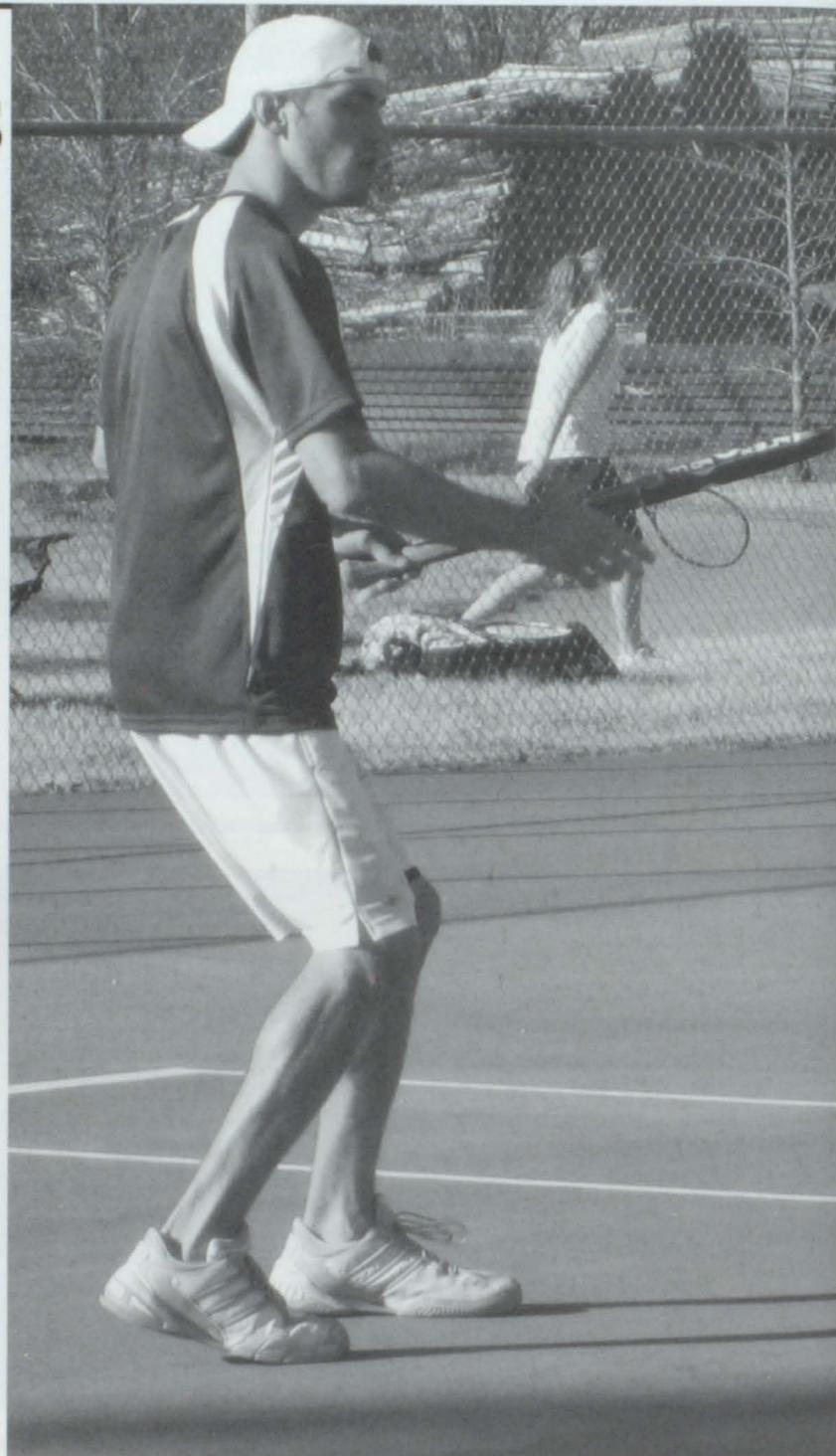
Tennis Addicts

"Tennis is an addiction that once it has truly hooked a man, will not let him go."~ Russell Lynes



Moral Support
Top, senior Drew Rouse sits on the sidelines, after winning his singles match, to encourage his fellow teammates.

Tennis Team
Above, top row, left to right: Thomas Clark, Jimmie Johnson, Coach Rhoades. Bottom: Aaron Hudson, Drew Rouse, Daniel Rhoades, Nauris Zivulins, Daniel Cummings.

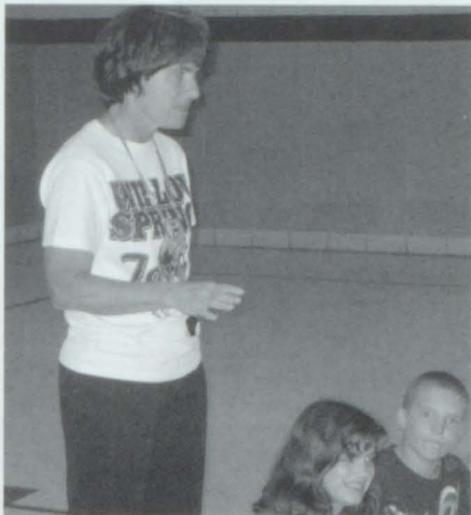


Warm Up
Above, senior Aaron Hudson gets ready for his opponent to return the ball.

Tightening the Strings

A Memorable Coach

Coach Terrie Rhoades has coached boys and girls tennis for years. In high school and college, Terrie was an avid tennis player. She then came to Willow Springs to teach elementary Physical Education and start our very first tennis program. She has had the privilege of coaching all three of her children throughout their high school years. In 2005 Coach Rhoades resigned from head coach the girls' tennis



teams, with some even going on to district and state competitions. She is instrumental in establishing a life-long love for tennis in students ranging from kindergarteners to

adults. Combined with her good attitude and love for the game Coach Terrie Rhoades has always made the game of tennis fun and exciting. She

will be greatly missed by all of the tennis players and the entire tennis program. But we all wish her well with her future tennis

endeavors and thank her for all the successful years, including the success of this year's boys' tennis team. " She is a great coach and friend; she will sincerely be missed."- Senior Aaron Hudson

team but continued to coaching the boys' team. But this year, Coach Rhoades has made the decision to retire her position of head coach.

Coach Rhoades has helped many players meet their highest potential and has coached several successful



District Champs

Seniors Aaron Hudson and Daniel Rhoades took first place at districts in West Plains and the team as a whole came away with 2nd overall.

Taking Care of Business



From top to bottom: Drew Rouse, Aaron Hudson, Nauris Zivulins, and Thomas Clark.

"It was a great season, but I hate we had to end it like we did. It's a horrible feeling when you have something as big as a District Title taken right out of your hands." -Sophomore Josh Hicks

"Boys Keep Swinging"

Willow Springs Golf has another solid season

A Tough Way to End It

If there was ever a time for the Willow Springs Bears' Golfers to play their best at the same time, it would be at the District Tournament; and that's exactly what they did. Behind a 74 from Chris Evins, a 77 from Josh Hicks, a 78 from Steven Mallow, and an 82 from Scott Myers, the Bears shot 311, beating second-place Springfield Catholic by 17 strokes. The Bears also took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall in the tournament. As the scores were being tallied up and Willow was about to officially win its first District Tournament in over 30 years, something unexpected and terrible happened; Chris Evins, the District Medalist, was disqualified for using a range finder that was, to his knowledge, USGA approved and tournament-legal. Unfortunately, the final decision rested in the hands of the Rules Committee, who DQ'ed him, ending Chris', and the team's hopes of a District Title. But even though the season seemed to end on a bad note, the Bears Golf Team had an extremely successful season and achieved some great goals with year.



No Peeking

Above, freshman Steven Mallow doesn't peek as he follows through in perfect motion. Steven's nack for hitting greens helps for scoring, which he proved during the big tournaments, tying for first in the Conference and taking second in the District.

Practice Makes Perfect

Top left, sophomore Blake Collins takes a practice swing before driving the ball.

Putt'er In

Top right, sophomore Stevie Fetrow stares down on a putt at the SCA Relays.

Here Birdie

Middle right, senior Chris Evins prepares for a birdie putt at the SCA meet

Golf Team: Front row: Clint Ussery, Josh Hicks, Chris Evins, Darren Smith, Ryan Hurley, Blake Collins. Back row: Scott Myers, Matt Presser, Brett Paul, Steven Fetrow, Steven Mallow



Freshman Steven Mallow made an immediate impact on the golf team this year, taking first place in the Salem meet and tying for first in the SCA Tournament. Steven also took second at Districts and qualified for state, which is huge for a Freshman.



Sophomore Josh Hicks played a big role in the success of this year's team as the three-man, tying for first in the SCA and winning the District Tournament. Josh also took second at the Salem meet and the Subway Invitational at Mountain Grove.



Senior Scott Myers helped the Bears as the fourth varsity player. The highlight of the season for Scott was shooting an 82 and taking 5th at Districts. Scott joined Steven Mallow and Josh Hicks as the Willow Springs representatives at State.



Senior Chris Evins, number one player, displays perfect form as he crushes his opening drive at the Willow Springs Invitational. He shot a 36 and took home medalist honors at the home opener. Chris also won the Subway Invitational at the Houston meet.

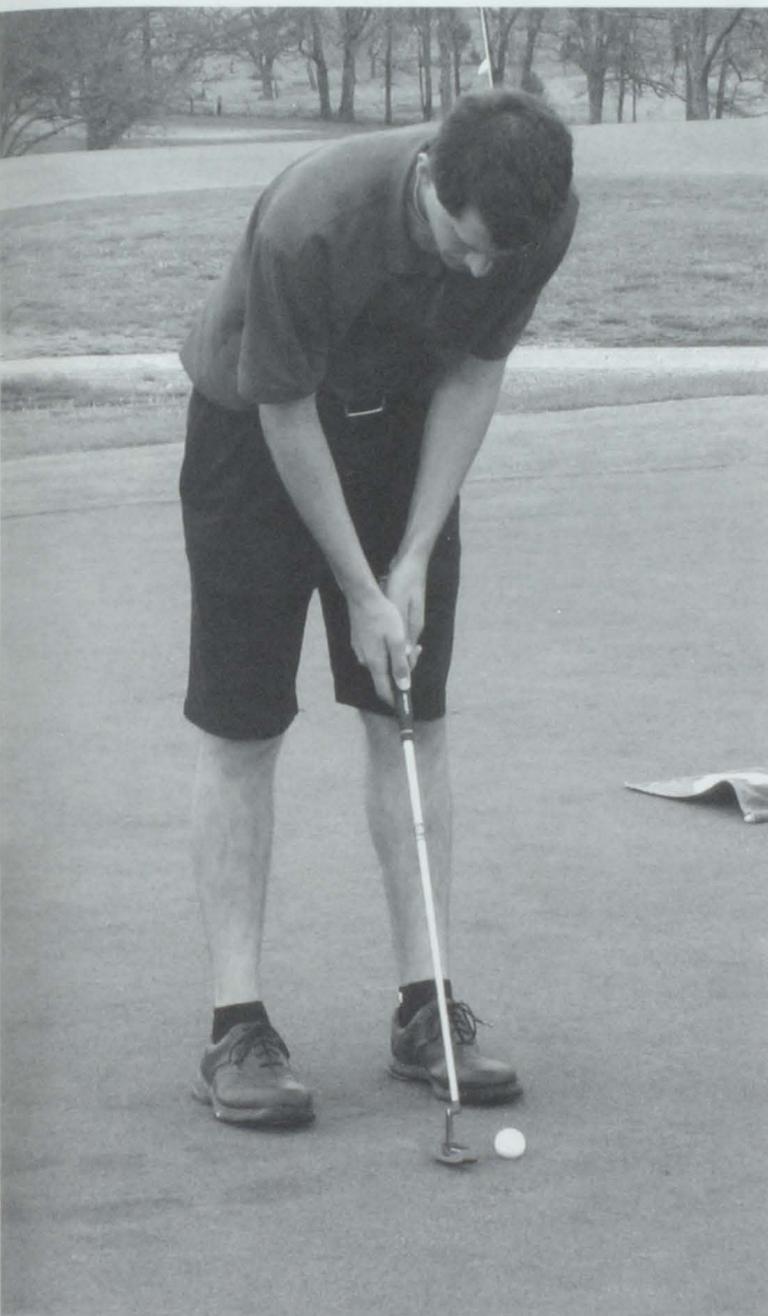
Close Call

Despite a second place finish in the Conference, the top four varsity Bear golfers received all-conference honors, including three first-team players.



All-Conference golfers: Scott Myers (Hon. Mention), Steven Mallow, Chris Evins, and Josh Hicks (1st Team).

The Willow Springs Golf Team came up short of a Conference Championship, losing to Ava by 4 strokes on their home course. Though it was a disappointing loss, the Bears were represented well with three of the top five overall being from Willow. Josh Hicks and Steven Mallow shared Conference Medalist honors with two Ava golfers. Chris Evins took fifth.



For Par
Senior Scott Myers takes his time on an important birdie putt at the SCA Relays, held at Willow Springs.

Rhythm of the Chant

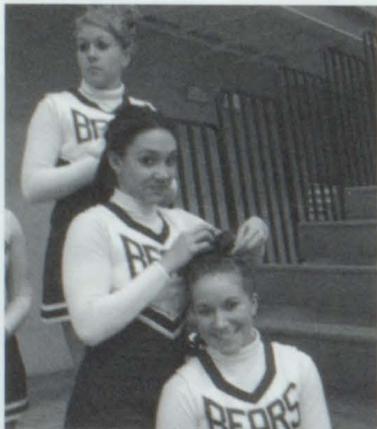
2006-2007 Cheerleaders Chant to the Beat

The Willow Springs Cheerleaders love what they do and let it show. For the year of 2006-2007, the Willow Springs Cheerleading Squad had the opportunity to attend an Elite Cheer Camp during the summer where they learned new cheers, dances, and stunts. The cheerleaders work very hard throughout the year preparing for football and basketball season by practicing stunts, basket tosses, routined dances, and new cheers. No matter how the scoreboard looks the girls are always cheering with everything they've got. They also know exactly how to get the crowd pumped up, along with the players.



Pump Up The Crowd

Above, the Varsity Football Cheerleaders perform a cheer during a time out.

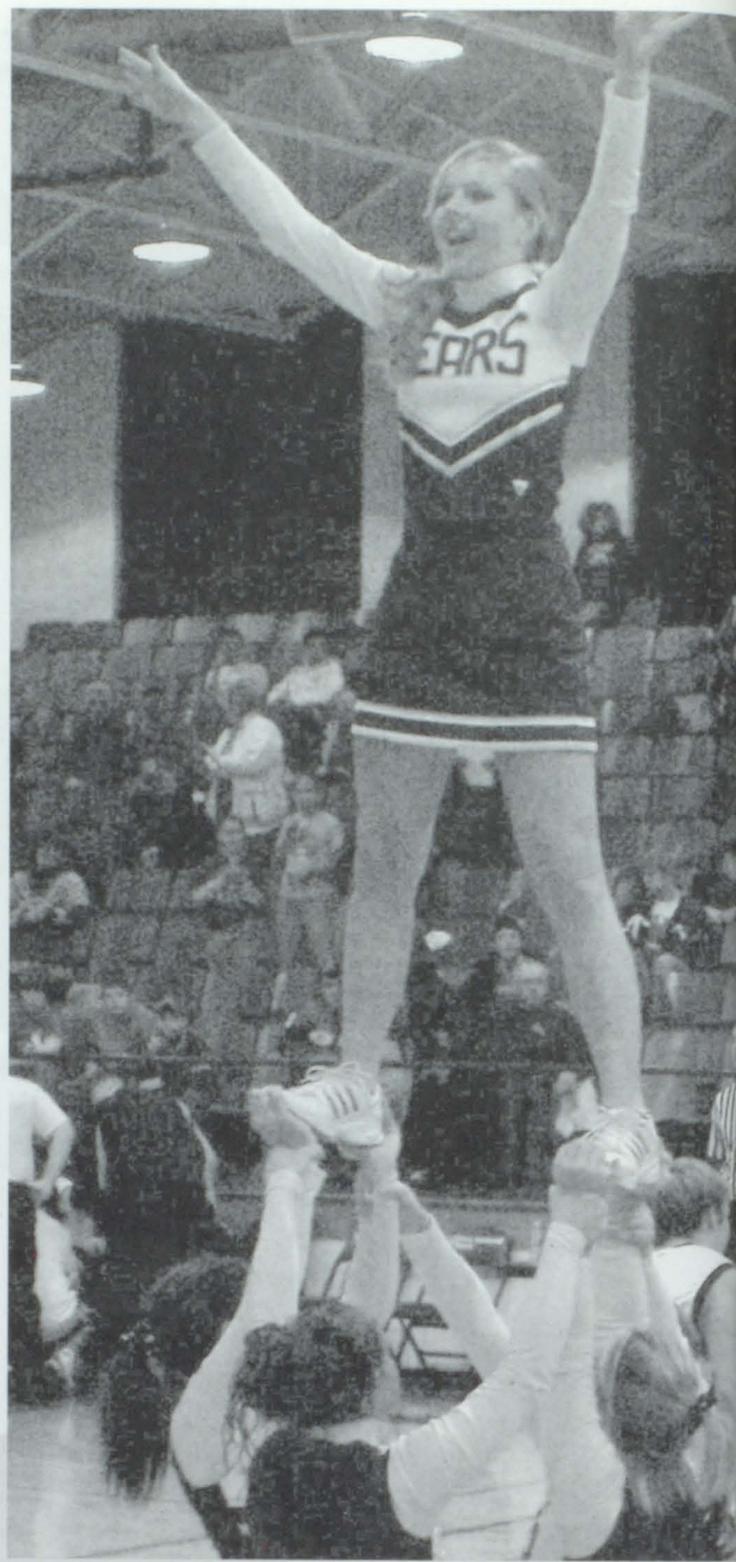


Beauty Shop

Left, juniors Tamatha Green, AJ Wake, and Carrie Lovan show their reliance on each other as they fix each others hair before the big districts game in Cabool.



Varsity Football Cheerleaders: Top, from left to right: Coach Nikkie Morrison, Carrie Lovan, Amber Rackley, Cateland Collins, Anthony Gower. Middle: Kara Hinten, Michaela Malko, Aj Wake. Bottom: Whitley McDaniel and Shelby Scaggs.



"We've Got Spirit"

Above, senior Michaela Malko is put up in a full extension by Aj Wake, Shelby Scaggs, Tamatha Green, and Carrie Lovan, during a half time show.



You Raise Me Up

Left, junior Ashly Myrick is put up in an extended prep with juniors Tamatha Green, Carrie Lovan, and sophomore Shelby Scaggs as her bases, during the starting line up.



Cheerleading

Elite Ladies

Above, Michaela Malko, Shelby Scaggs, Aj Wake, Kara Hinten, Carrie Lovan, and Whitley McDaniel pose with two Elite Cheerleaders after a cheer camp.

One Big Happy Family

Top right, the Varsity and JV Basketball Squad get close for a shot at the district tournament in Cabool.

Tower of Power

Right, junior Ashly Myrick gets a lift from Tamitha Green, Shelby Scaggs, and Aj Wake.

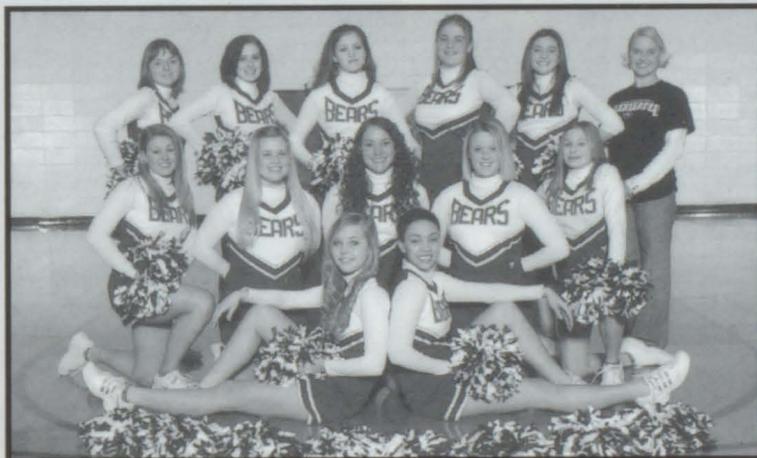
A+ Jumper

Below, junior Carrie Lovan, known for her perfect jumps, shows off one of her best toe-touches.



"Listen Up Ladies"

Below, Coach Nikki Morrison gives the girls a pep talk as the half time buzzer rings.



Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders: Top, left to right: Eryn Alcorn, Shaina Burtchett, Ashly Myrick, Cheyenne Ussery, Caitlyn Wiegand, Coach Nikki Morrison. Middle: Tamatha Green, Whitley McDaniel, Carrie Lovan, Shelby Scaggs, Melinda Grogan. Bottom, Michaela Malko and Aj Wake.



"It was the most relaxing and intriguing sport I've ever done in high school."

-Kara Hinten



"Cheerleading has been a lot of fun and I'll miss all the girls."

-Michaela Malko



"Cheerleading is my life besides theater."

-AJ Wake



"Being a cheerleader inspires me to be who I am in front of a crowd instead of just my friends."

-Ashly Myrick



"The excitement of cheerleading in front of a crowd gives me self-confidence in life."

-Shaina Burtchett



"Cheerleading is wonderful because I've had the opportunity to get to know all girls on the team."

-Caitlyn Wiegand



"Wimps lift weights, cheerleaders lift people."

-Eryn Alcorn

Race Against Time

The Home Stretch



Top to bottom, Nauris Zivulins, Zach Kojdecki, Quencie Colley and Christy Smith, and Kelsie Hutsell kick up the speed to finish the last stretch of the race.

On the Run

"I believe that we've had one of the best seasons that I've coached yet. The girls especially, have shot for some big goals this year and, at this point, have come close to achieving them." - Coach Waggoner.

This seasons Cross-Country team has definitely had some great success. Saturday, October 29, the cross-country team completely competed in districts on their home turf at the Willow Springs Golf Course. With Lindsey James placing 22nd, Christy Smith 11th, Quencie Colley 10th, Megan James 4th, and Kelsie Hutsell placing 1st, the girls came away from the meet placing second overall. These girls then traveled to Jefferson City after clearly earning their seat to State.

At state, the girls placed 7th out of 16 teams, compared to last years placing of 15th. This was a vast achievement for the team and some of the individual achievements were equally as great. Two of the girls did especially well at the state competition; freshmen Kelsie Hutsell, who placed an amazing 13th and, senior runner, Megan James who placed 48th. These girls also had some other honorable achievements with Megan being awarded 2nd Team All-Southwest, and Kelsie receiving 1st Team All-Southwest and Best Runner in Southwest Missouri.

Overall, this years Cross-Country team has kicked it up a step from past years. Both the boys and the girls have had a great season and there have been some big individual achievements. I think we all agree with Coach Waggoner when he says, "I can't wait to see what's in store for next year."

Varsity Cross-Country



Top to bottom, left to right, Coach Waggoner, Lindsey James, Andy Combs, Nauris Zivulins, Zach Kojdecki, and Megan James. Middle, Kara Hinten, Ethan Smith, and Kelsie Hutsell. Bottom, Christy Smith and Quencie Colley.



Water Girls
Megan James, Lindsey James, and Quencie Colley all tip their water back after their races at the golf course.



Tough Terrain
Senior runner Zach Kojdecki takes a second to catch his breath after running in a meet at the golf course in Willow.



Words of Wisdom
Coach Waggoner gives runner Zach Kojdecki a pat on the back after a long race.

Sisterly Love
Best friends and sisters, Megan and Lindsey James, hold on to each other after a hard race as Coach Waggoner stretches out his hand to congratulate them.

A Family Affair

Families, big or small, seem to have a recurring theme in cross-country. Whether it is giving a hug after a race, to congratulate or sympathize, family members are always there to offer their support.



All in the Family
Above, sisters Lindsey and Megan James get a picture while holding on to Dad, Matt James, before he sends them off to race.

Lean On Me
Far left, sophomore Quencie Colley holds her niece after she finishes a race after taking a fall during the race.

Cross-Country Family
Left, even though these girls aren't related by blood, they all have the same passion running through their veins. So, they all grasp hands to say a quick prayer before the race.



Looking Forward

Sophomore Lindsey James keeps her eye focused on the finish line as she keeps the lead in the 100 meter hurdles.



Finish It Out

Matt Ellis brings up anchor after getting the baton from the third runner in the 4x200 meter.



Home Stretch

Kelsie Hutsell pushes her pain aside as she turns her last corner and makes a strong finish for the last 100 meters at the West Plains Open.



Up Up Up!

Senior Harley Owens totally clears the hurdle and gives his 110% effort on his finish at the Salem Relays.

Almost There

Below, sophomore Matt Ellis practices perfect form jumping during the high jump.



Just One More

Right, senior Kara Hinten clears the 100 meter hurdles with no problem during a home meet at Willow.



To Your Mark

Above, Krista Gale positions herself before the starting line and prepares her mind before the 100 meter dash.



All You Got

Right, Brittany Brooks tries her best to break her personal record in the long jump

"Ready To Run"

WSHS Track

Usually track season ends at the beginning of May, but not for six runners who qualified for the state championships this year. Not only did all qualifying runners set personal records, but each one received All-State honors. The girls 4x8 team consisting of Kacey Willard, Megan James, Quencie Colley, and Kelsie Hutsell finished 6th place with their personal best time of 10:07 beating their last personal best by 22 seconds. Freshman Kelsie Hutsell set a new school record in the 3200

meter run with a time of 11:41 placing third overall. Kelsie also placed in her third event, the 1600 meter run, and with a personal record of 5:21:76 she took fifth. Competing for the boys, senior David Doyle took seventh in the 400 meter dash with a time of 52.08. Coach Waggoner was extremely proud of the runners' accomplishments and efforts and said, "The kids went out there and performed their best... It was just a really great weekend."



Rodeo Anyone?

Left, Dustin Barton shows people a new way to jump a hurdle. Above left, senior David Doyle leaves his competition in the dust in the 100 meter dash.

Bear!

Above, freshman Kelsie Hutsell receives the baton in the 4x200 meter run from senior Kara Hinten.

Freshman Spotlight

These freshman set some outstanding records this year. After a few more years of hard work they're sure to be setting even higher stakes their senior years.



Varsity Track- Back row, left to right: Jessica Girdler, Kacey Willard, Lindsey James, Quencie Colley, Megan James, Kara Hinten, Anthony Carter, Christy Smith, Ashley Smith, Krista Gale, Dustin Barton. Bottom row: Zach Martin, Brittany Brooks, David Doyle, Kelsie Hutsell, Harley Owens.



Freshman Kelsie Hutsell set a new school record running a 11:41 in the 3200m.

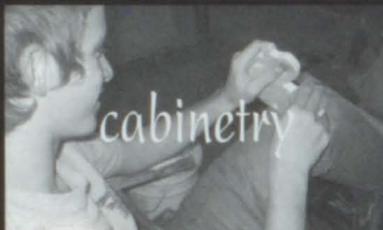


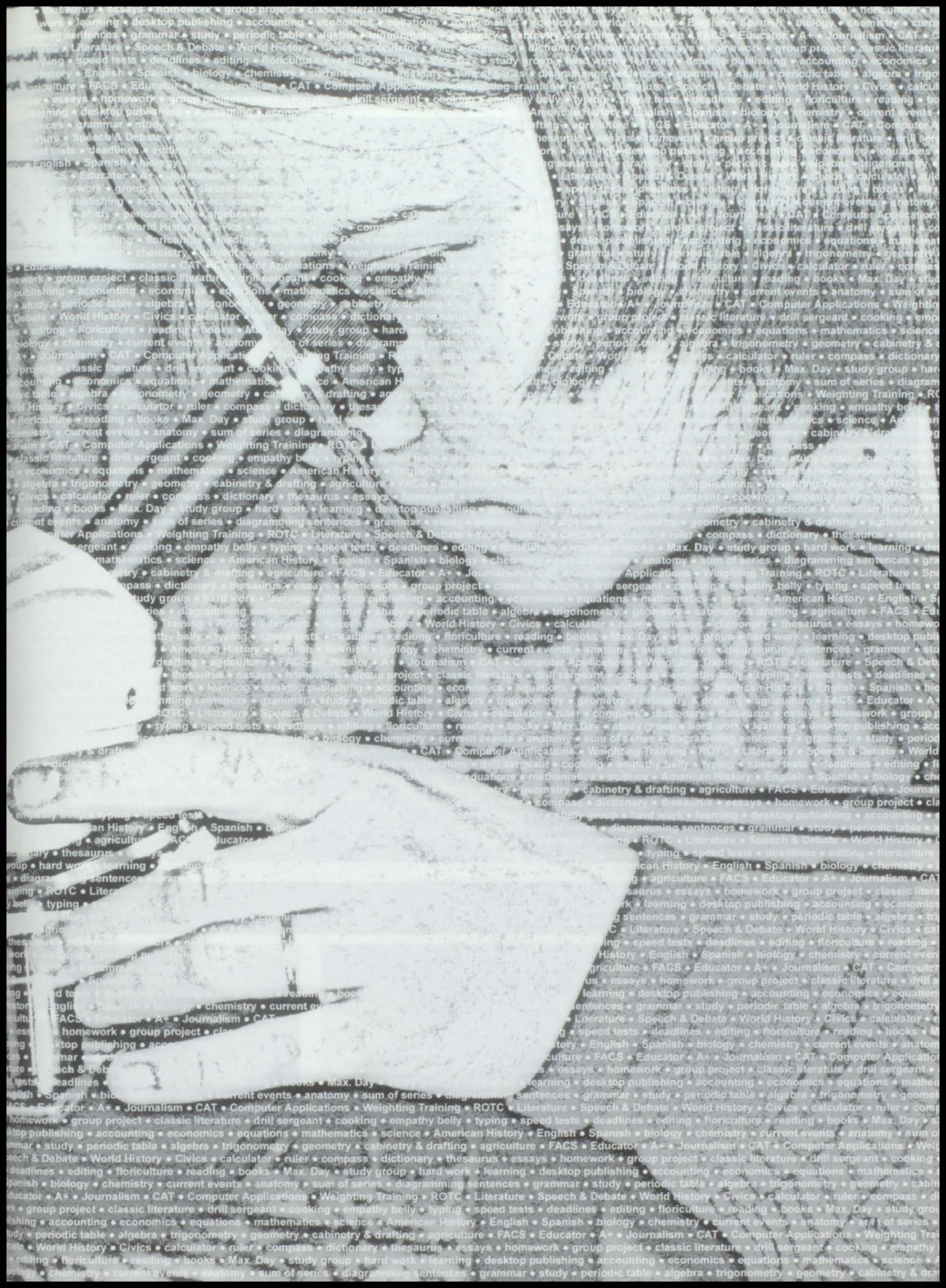
Freshman Jessica Girdler beat a 19 year old school record, throwing 109'9".



Harmony

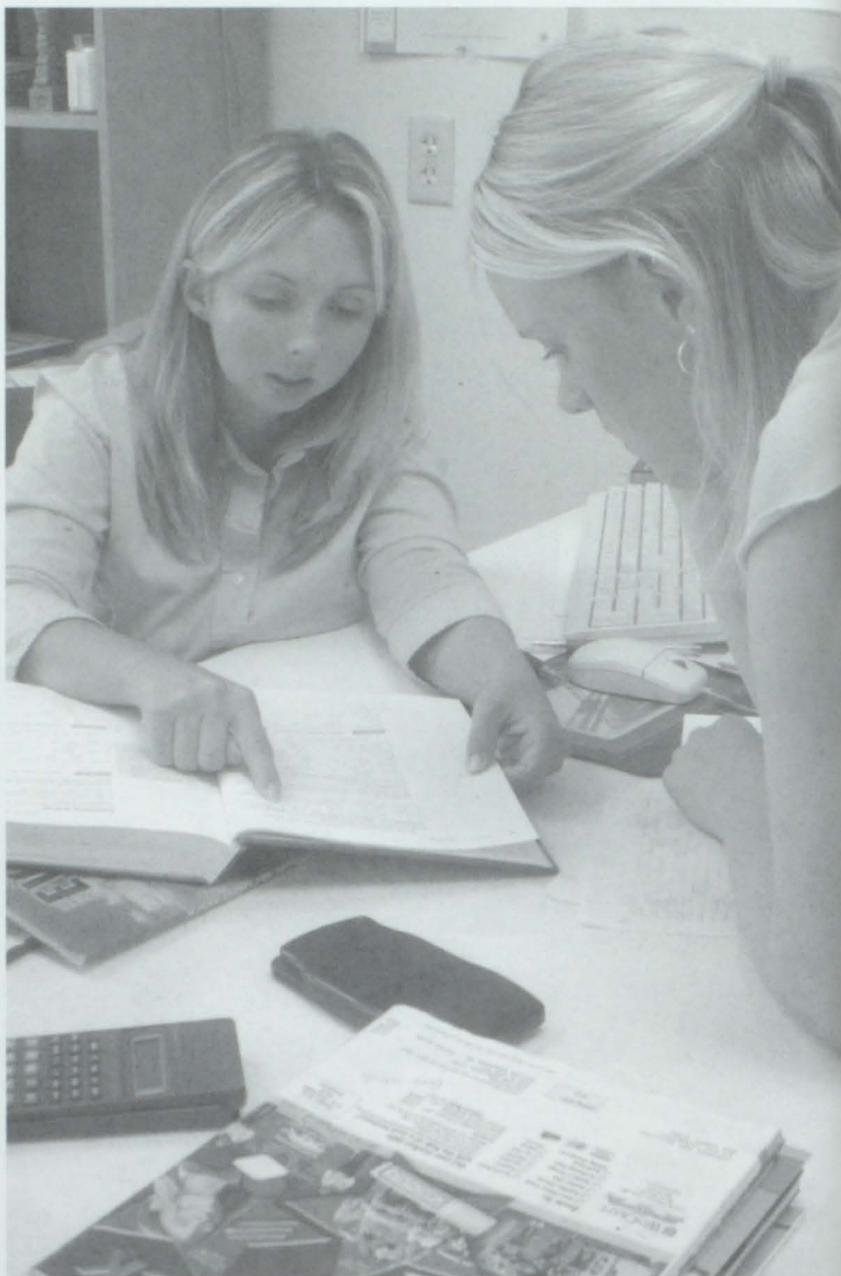
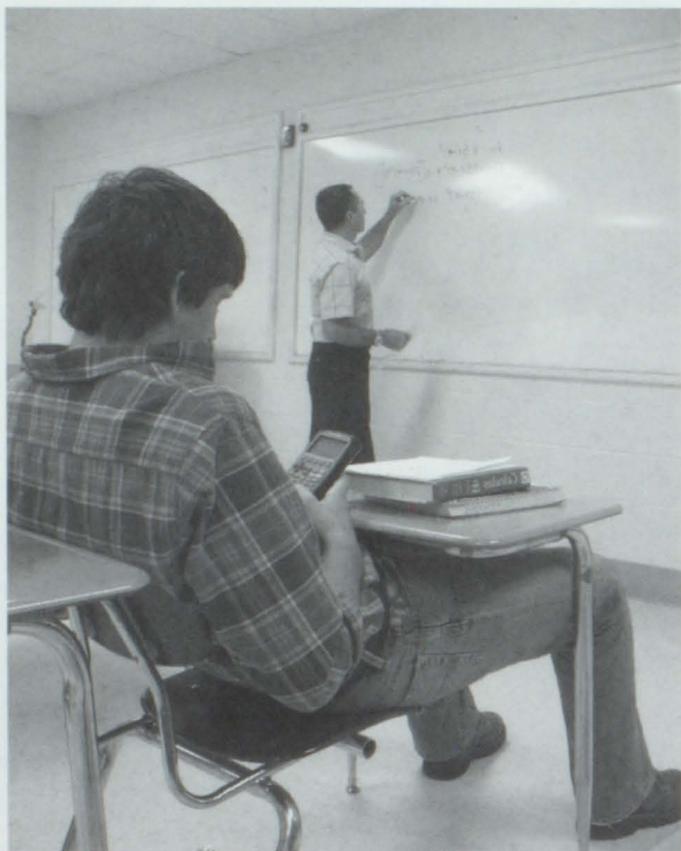
Finding harmony in schoolwork may not be as easy as finding the harmony in your favorite song, But finding harmony in your favorite subject isn't as hard when you're in the classrooms at WSHS. There is always something fun and exciting the teachers are cooking up for their students. Math, science, history, and Language Arts, are the basics every student is familiar with, but there's way more beneath the surface. With classes like, Spanish, Agriculture, Cabinetry and Drafting, A+, CAT, Journalism, Educator, FACS, Weight Training, and ROTC students are sure to never be bored. Facing page: Charlene Enlow looks through a microscope in science class.





Sum of Series

The high school math department has experienced some big changes this year. After the retirement of one teacher and the departure of two others, the department has added fresh faces that have been a big help to the students. The high school teachers and classes include; Mr. Jackson's Math Analysis and Geometry class, Mr. Zorn with Algebra II and College Algebra, Mrs. Ward covers Algebra IA, and Algebra I, and lastly Coach Heggemen takes on Pre-Algebra, Application Math I, and Algebra IB.



Taking a Break
Rene Burgess, a sophomore, takes a break from her work to talk with Mrs. Ward.



Homework Time
Junior, Tamatha Green concentrates as she works hard at her math homework in the library.



Learning the Basics
Mr. Jackson teaches the Math Analysis class its lesson for the day using the overhead and white board.



So How Do You Do It?

Left, Amber Rackley gets some guidance from Mrs. Ward in College Algebra. Far left, senior Scott Myers types a problem in to his calculator to check Mr. Jackson's work.

Hey Coach!

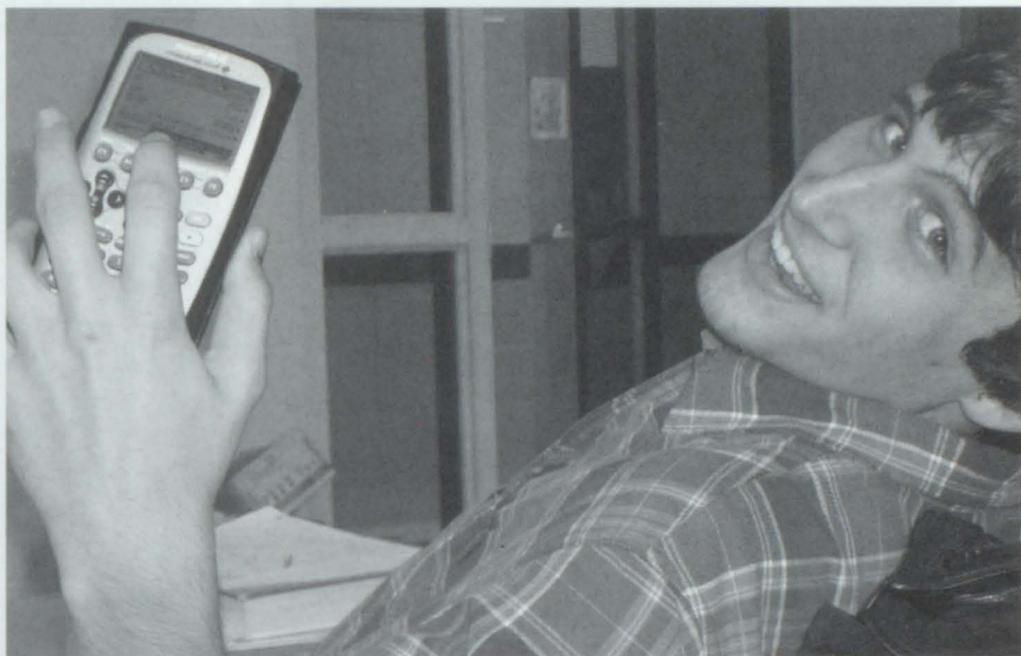
Above, Coach Heggemen gives his students, and his football players, Adam LeBeau and Brandon Messex, a little extra help off the field.

Taking It All In

Above right, Christine Lovan and Tari Toll listen carefully and jot down their notes as Mr. Zorn teaches his daily lesson.

Happy Faces

Right, senior Scott Myers gives a big smile while showing off his fancy calculator in Calculus.



All About Math

Junior Austin Lovan listens as Mr. Jackson gives his daily lesson in Math Analysis during the last block of the day.

A+B=C

Mrs. Ward works an equation out on the board keeping the students interested.

Do You Know the Answer?

Senior, Drew Rouse lets his eyes and mind wander off his math book as he glances around the room for possible answers.

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Aj Wake

Experimental Symphony

From dissecting crayfish to exploding a mixture of Mentos and Diet Coke, all branches of science were hard at work this year. Science classes at Willow Springs provide students with an opportunity to explore diverse topics like Anatomy and Physiology, Biology I and II, College Biology, Chemistry I, II, and III, and Physics. Science teachers such as Mrs. Letterman, Mrs. Brower, and Mrs. Miller make it possible to educate their students, while still having fun. "Chemistry is a blast and we get more one on one interaction with the teacher because we only have ten people in our class." - Junior Jordan Chilton.



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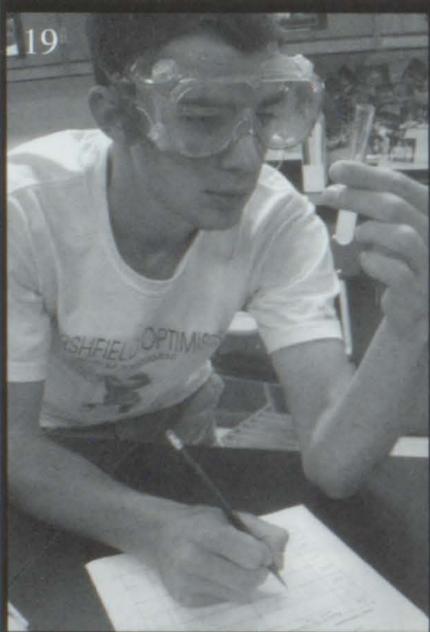
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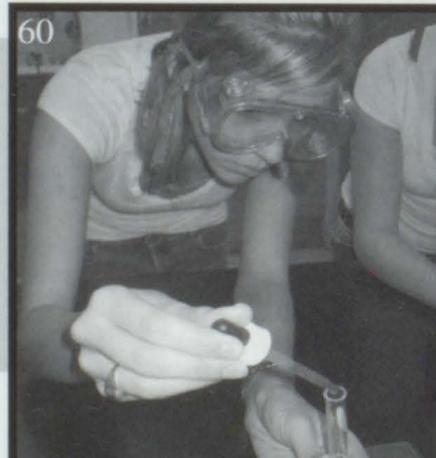
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Symphony of Science
Students test, experiment, record, and observe science. In biology, chemistry, physics, and anatomy students learn the science of life.

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Sylvia Pettitt and Shelby Holland

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Tari Toll

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Melanie Ca

RADIOACTIVE ELEMENTS: Warning: Students handling unknown elements. Elements are not harmful, but students may be dangerous. "We had a lot of fun in Chemistry this year, we got to explode Mentos in Diet Coke it was really cool." - Junior Dallas Bridwell.

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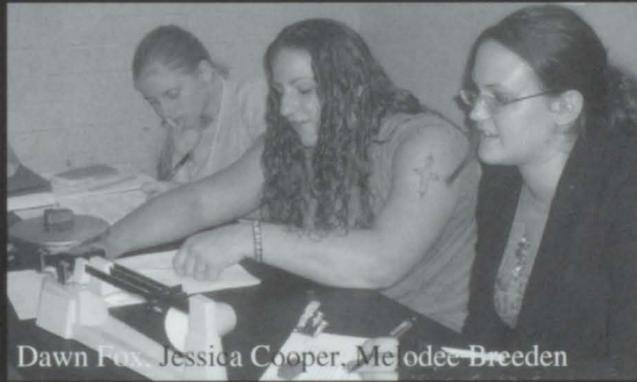
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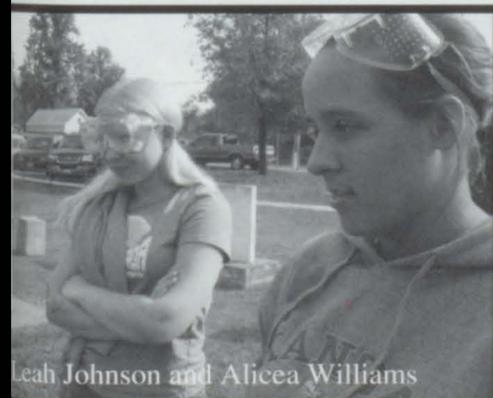
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Leah Johnson and Alicea Williams

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Brandon Messex and Aaron Hudson

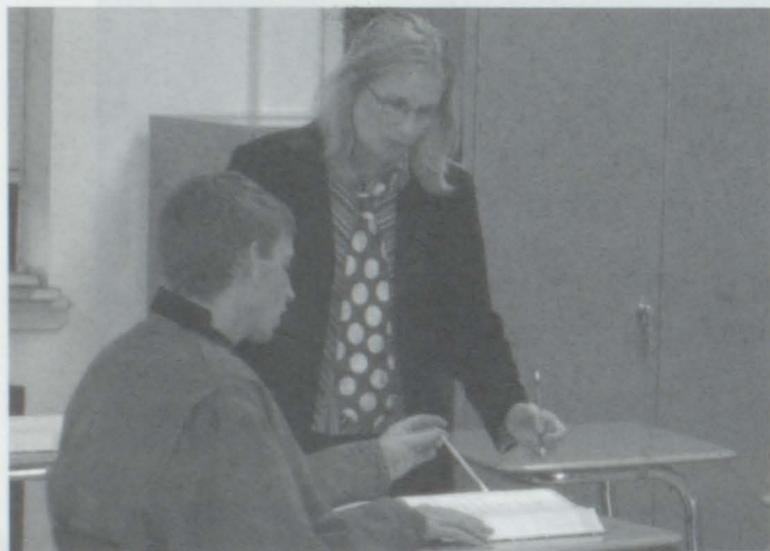
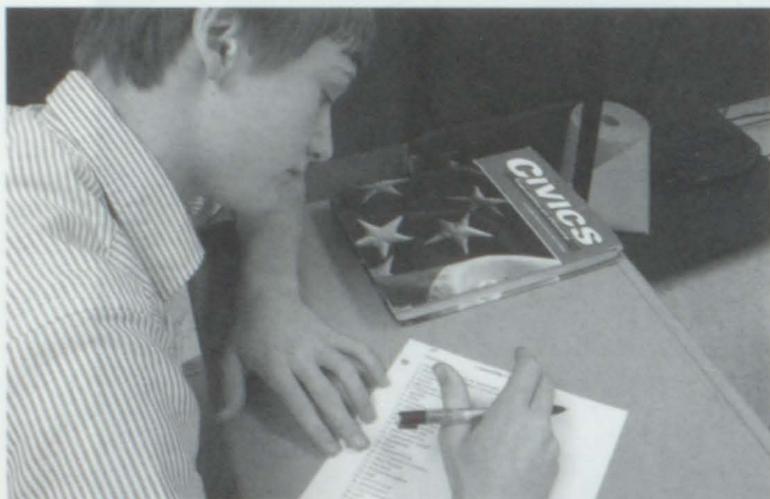
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Education of the Past



Creating our future from teachings of the past.

Whether some realize it or not, history has a greater affect on our present lives and our futures than assumed. Harmony is an important part of a symphony, music, world affairs, and ...History Class. Countries' pasts' decipher if there is peace and harmony in our future, so we learn about the past to better understand our future. And with these history classes, we do just that: Mr. Rodgers' Civics and Geography, Coach Waggoner's Economics and World Studies, and lastly Mr. Wagner's American History.



Can We Use Them Now?

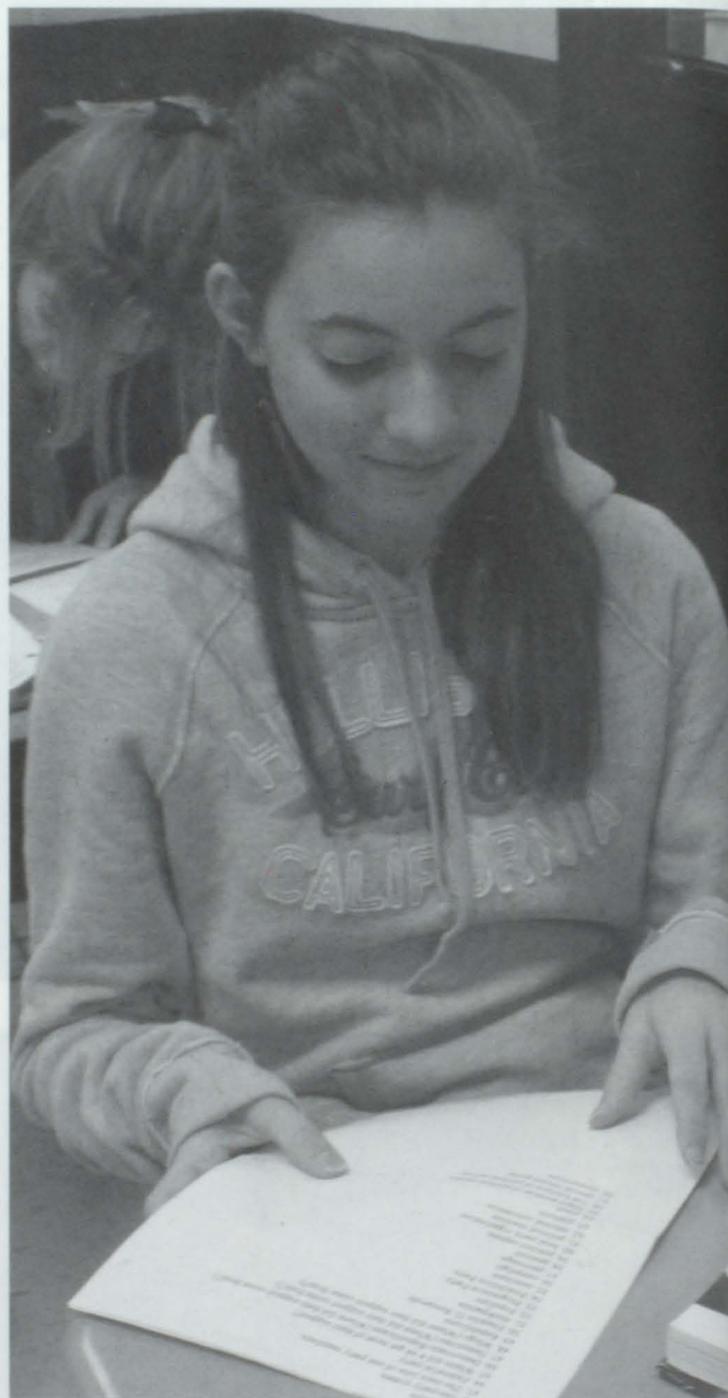
Top, freshman Junior Kight concentrates hard on his Civics test, with his Civics book on hand hoping for it to be an open book test.

Help, Please

Above, junior Seth Hurtt ask substitute teacher, Mrs. Pitts for help on his history.

Soak It All In

Right, freshman Caitlyn Wiegand prepares to do a study guide for Civics class.





A Little Elbo Room

Above left, Joey Barbrow and Brittney Brooks lean on thier desks as they listen to Mr. Rodgers speak in Civics.

Say Cheese

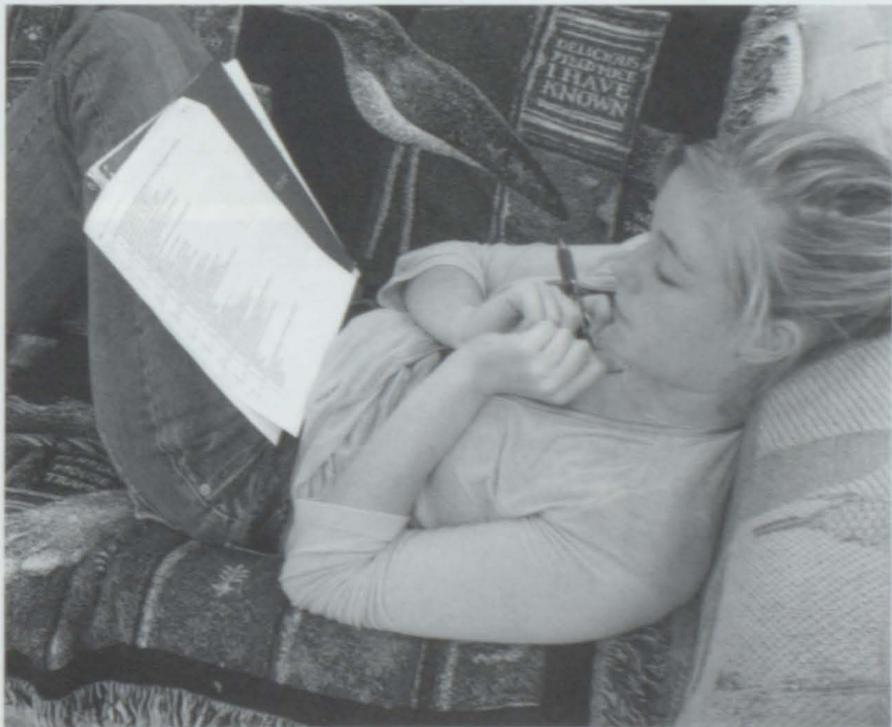
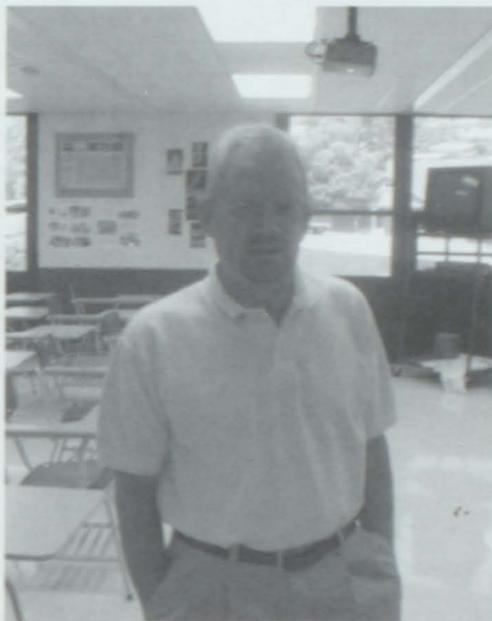
Above right, the entire class of American History takes a moment to smile for the camera and a break from learning.

Time to Say, "Hi!"

Right, Mr. Wagner, our American History teacher of 25 years, poses for the camera.

Down to the Wire

Below, sophomore Kameron Wake studies for a history test on the library couch.

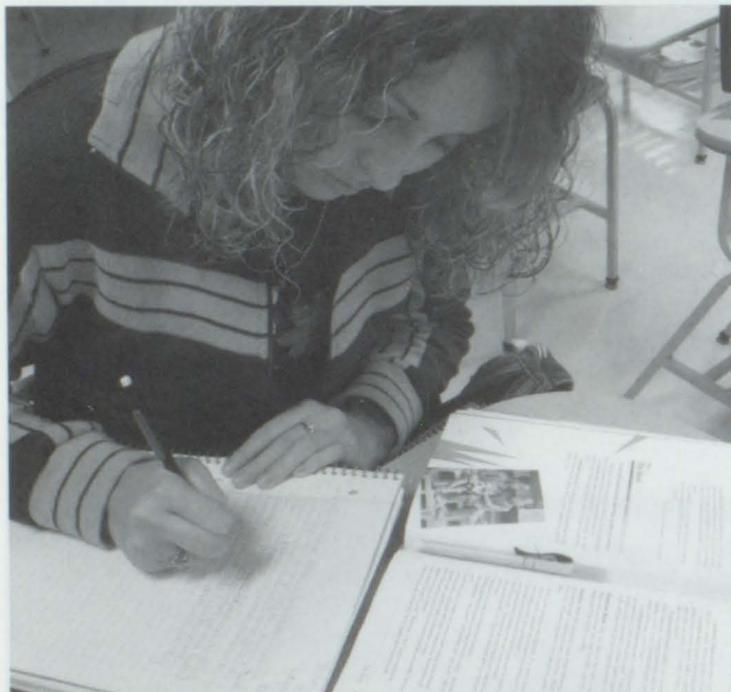
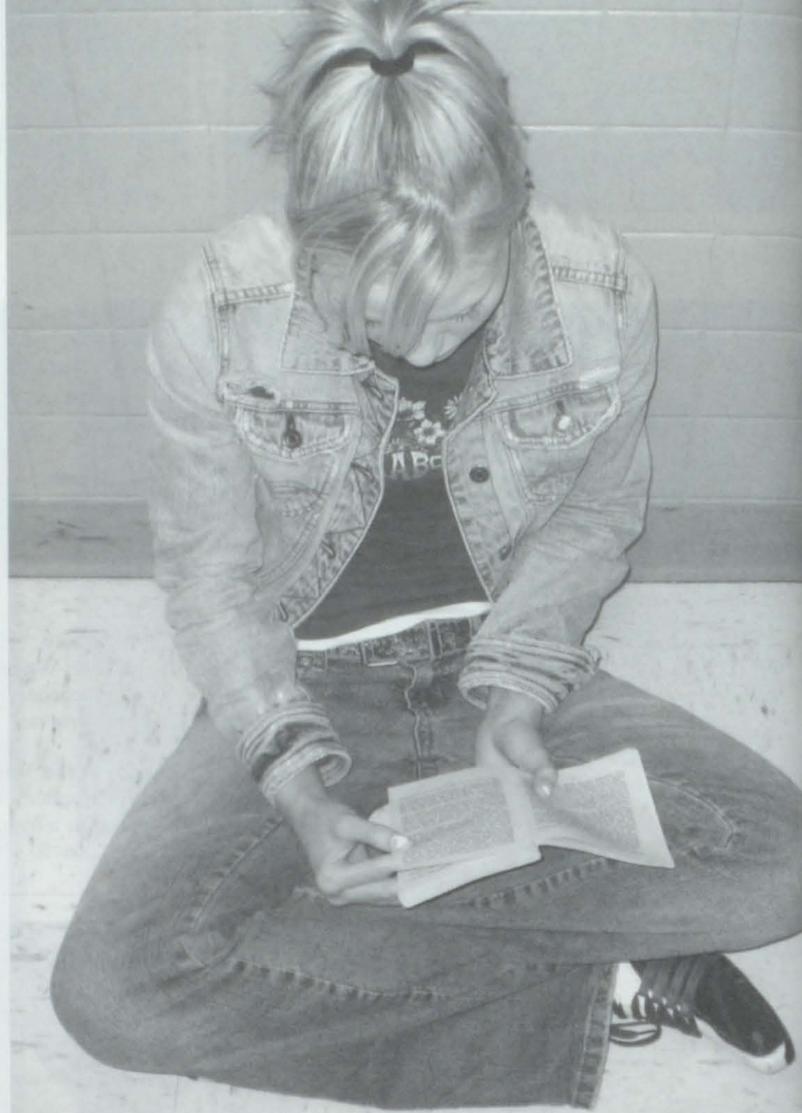


Rhythm and Rhyme

English is the song we use in everyday life...



Always Time to Read
Below, Alissa Maloy uses her freetime to read in the hallway.



SSR Time

Top, seniors Bethany Traw and Crystal Lathrop dive into their books in Ms. Daugherty's Novels class.

Rush Rush

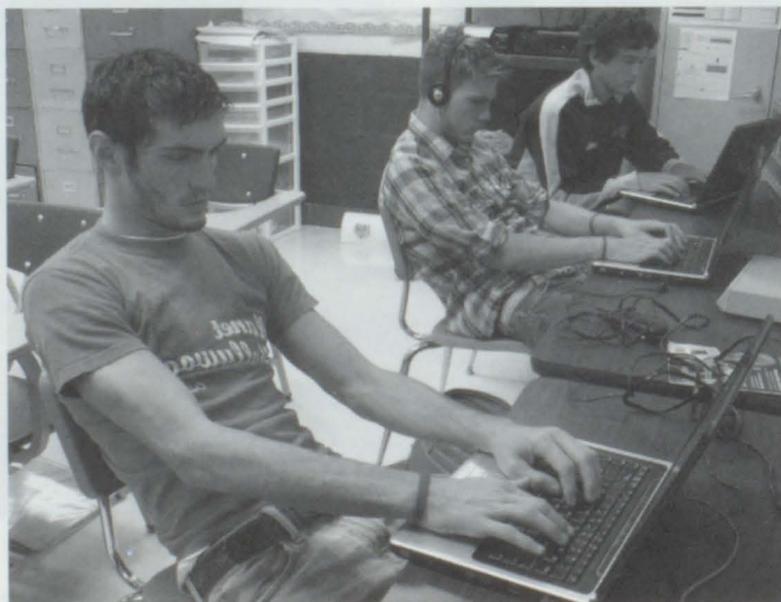
Junior Tami Jones works steadily to get her classwork assignment down before the bell rings.

No Time for a Senior

Right, Aaron Hudson, Joe Bruno, and Daniel Rhoades use a laptop to work on their senior projects.

Stage Fright

Far right, Yelena Gerasimova gives a show and tell book report in Mrs. Phares's freshmen english class.



Cultural Tempo

A cultural experience through the music of exotic words.



Lovely Aztec Ladies
Morgan Schowengerdt and Shelby Scaggs show off their dazzling outfits.



Don Quiote

Top left, Dustin Barton models like Don Quiote with a spanish hat.

Happy School Fish

Above, Victoria Waggoner holds her fish wearing a graduation hat just before she hangs it on the ceiling.

Five Heads Are Better Than One

Left, Sara Johnson, Victoria Waggoner, Dustin Barton, Tarrisa Toll, and Aj Wake put their heads together to scheme a plot on Mrs. Griffith.

Preterit Verbos

Bottom left, Mrs. Griffith shows the beloved stem changing verbs on her white board to her Spanish II class.

Who's Next in Line?

Below, Bobby Holmes picks up a cup to serve some of the students at a dinner for the elementary kids as one of the Spanish Society's members' duties.



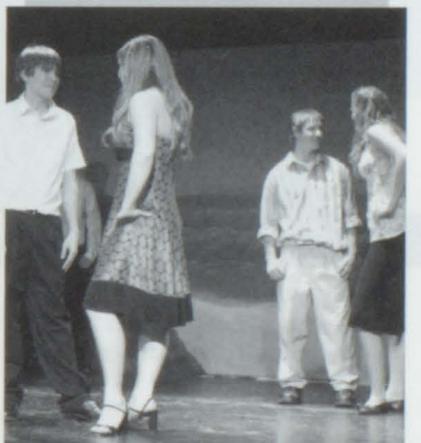
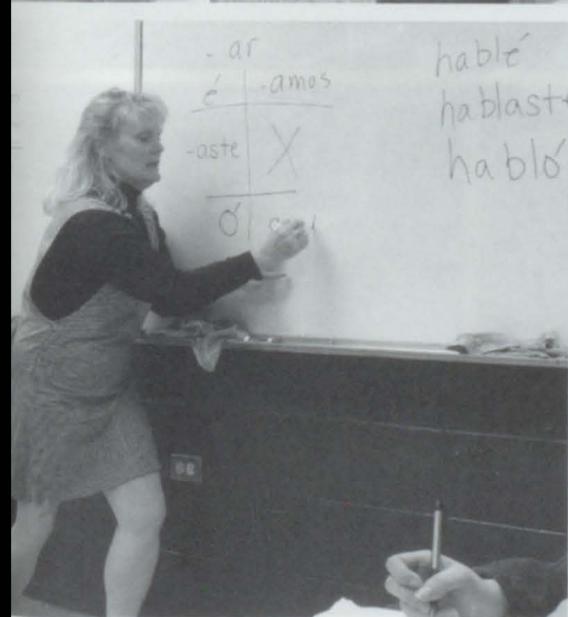
The Blow of the Conch

Derek Chapman and Josh Hicks blow their conchs to spark the beginning of the Aztec Dance.



Attitude Attitude

Sara Johnson sang to the all girls dance. The ladies used fans and their skirts as a prop to bring excitement to their dancing.



Saucy Salsa Dancers

Daniel Cummings, BreAnna Newman, Brandon Bunch, and Alyssa Ranes strike a pose as they begin their dance.

Scale Construction

The cabinetry and drafting classes here at Willow Springs had a lot of construction being done this year. In the Industrial Tech class students built things as small as a nick-knack shelf, and big as an entertainment center. This year we could tell a tremendous amount of work was being done; three students made gun cabinets, one cedar chest, and one oak table. In the Trans Tech class, students learned about transportation. Mr. Wehmer said that this class taught students the principles of construction. In the Trans Tech class, the students took the time to study from the foundation of things to the roofs of them.

Chopping Wood

Right, sophomore Luke Brooks, uses the table saw to cut his board the perfect length so it makes a tight fit on his project.



"This Is What You Do"

Top, seniors Allen Eggert and Thomas Clark take a break from working to instruct the others how to do it right.

Hanging Around

Above, Don Johnson checks his newly built playhouse to make sure it is a sturdy structure.

Climbing High

Right, Robert Eggert looks down in fear after climbing to the top of the shelf to try and find some materials.

Perfect Fit

Far right, after cutting the wood, Steven Fetrow puts together the sides for his birdhouse.

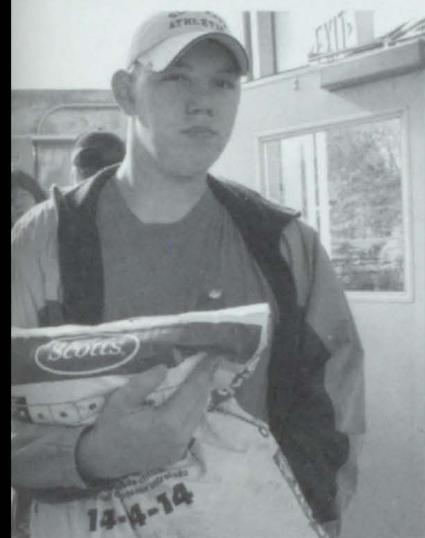


Agricultural Album

Through a lot of hard work and dedication, this years FFA members have placed in the top 10 of the nation, out of 7,210 chapters in the United States.

The FFA Chapter got the opportunity to traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend a national convention for all high school FFA members. Here, the FFA officers presented a presentation to a panel of judges, visited local farms, and learned more about what they could add to their own Agricultural program.

During the last day of the convention, the schools were given awards for their various accomplishments. Willow Springs received the award for their student involvement achievements and were also awarded the title of being *second in the nation!*



Playing in the Dirt, Again

Getting Dirty

Above, Taylor Collins, Alysha Breeden, and Ricky Cash team up to plant some new crops for the greenhouse.

Take a Load Off

Left, Taylor Collins carries a bag of potting soil to put in the potted plants. Everyday students are given specific responsibilities to tend to for the class.



T.L.C.

Patrick Barnett, pictured above, gives a little water, along with some tender loving care to the greenhouse's plants.

Ooo Cacti...

Far left, Kevin Martin and Ryan Crewse are amazed at watching the water drops run off the class cactus.

Clean-Up

Left, LeAnn Brown cleans up the extra debris in the greenhouse after a hard days work.

FACS Clef

Mrs. Gum's FACS class prepares students for life after high school. It deals with the many issues of life such as child care and business. The class goes through several units in which they do small jobs for the community and even some embroidery work for local companies.



Baby Talk

Top right, students have to take home a simulation baby, feeding, burping, and changing the baby just like a real child.

Check it Out!

Left, juniors Amber Rackley and Checotah McDaniel help sort out cans for the food drive.

Team Work

Below, sophomores Shakara Boles, Lindsey James, Blake Collins, and Shelby Scaggs work to on their projects.



Help!

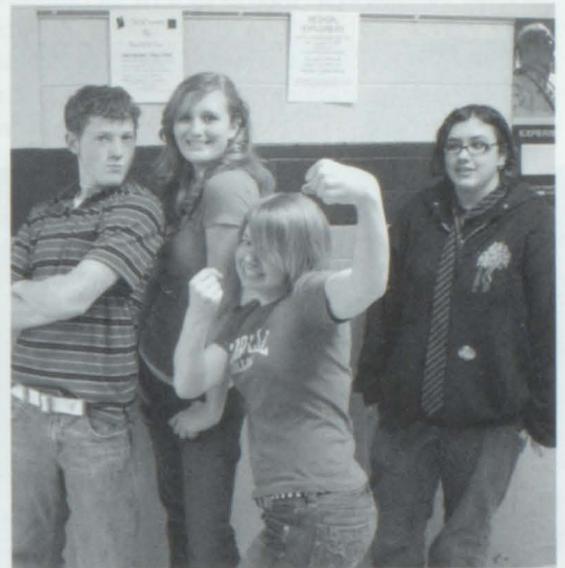
Above, Mrs. Gum helps freshman Lindsay Stolba learn how to use the embroidering machine.

Almost Done

Above, sophomore Kami Wake puts the finishing touches on the Westwood Home Health shirts the FACS class embroidered.

Educator

The Educator staff of 2007 is sponsored by Amy Dyer, and the staff includes: editor, Tory Waggoner, business manager Megan James, and reporters Lacy Hall, Clint Ussery, Crystal Lathrop, Jordan Johnson, and Hanna Borchard, writers, Austin Lovan, Heidi Biehl, Tari Toll, Owen Blagg, Christine Ewers, Audri Olmsted, and Alyssa Ranes.



Working Hard!

Top, The Educator class takes an interesting group picture. From left: Jordan Johnson, Christine Ewers, Austin Lovan, Alyssa Ranes, Hanna Borchard, Owen Blagg, and Clint Ussery. Across: Tory Waggoner.

Hide and Seek

Above, junior Austin Lovan and senior Tory Waggoner hide behind a weekly issue of The Educator.

Say Cheese!

Top right, some of the Educator students smile for the camera.

Down to the Wire

Middle right, juniors Heidi Biehl and Audriaunna Olmsted smile for the camera while taking a trip to report on a story.

Goofin' Around

Right, senior Jordan Johnson sticks out her tongue while getting a laugh from juniors Austin Lovan and Alyssa Ranes.



Tutoring Tune

A+ tutoring is a program that allows high school students that have a 95 percent or higher attendance to tutor children during school to earn a scholarship. The A+ scholarship will pay for a student's first two years of college, but it only applies to some colleges. Not only does A+ help high school graduates further their education, but it also helps children still in school with reading, writing, and math skills.



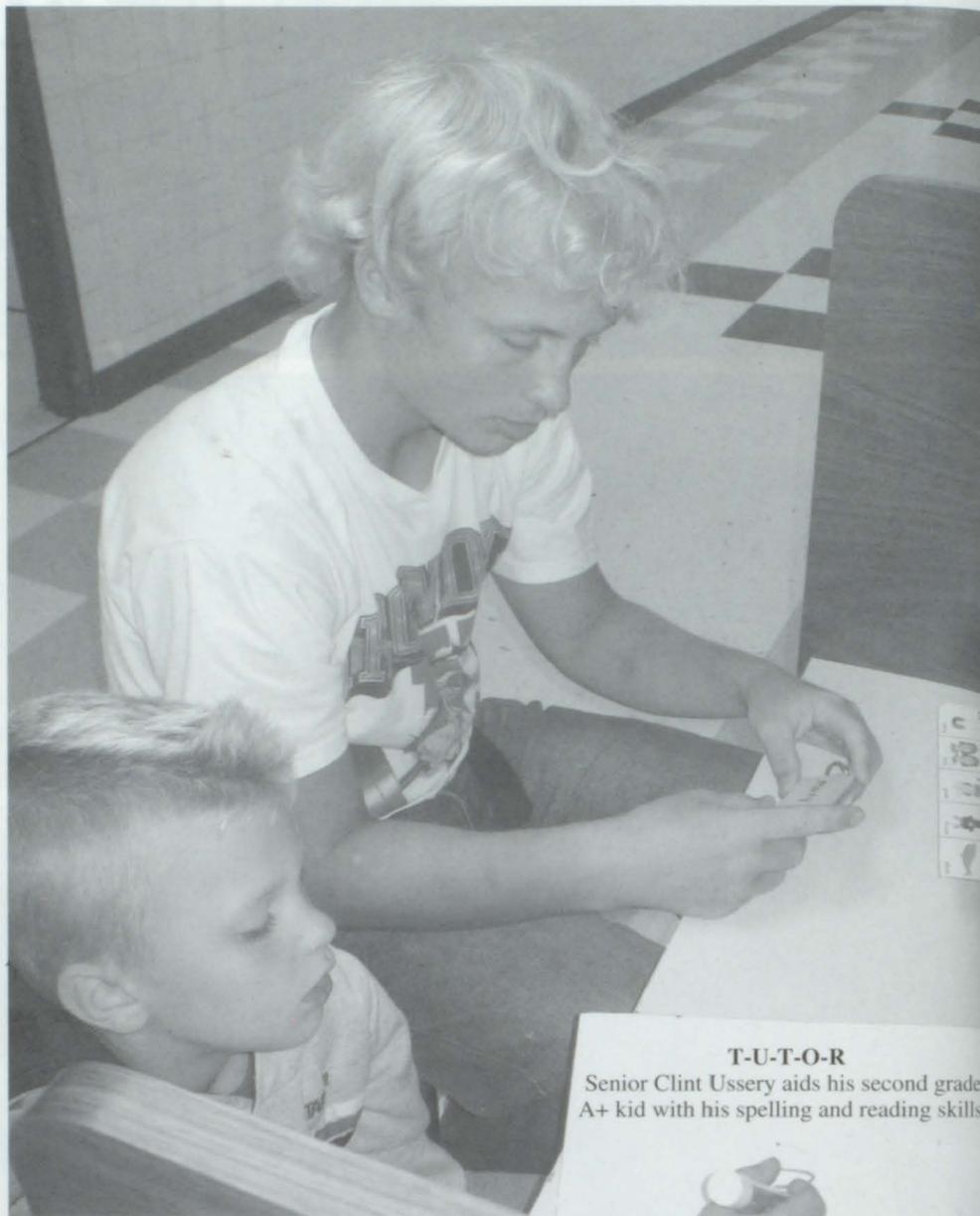
Rhyme Time

Junior Ashley Earls goes over the "rhyming chart" with her student.



Writing Sentences

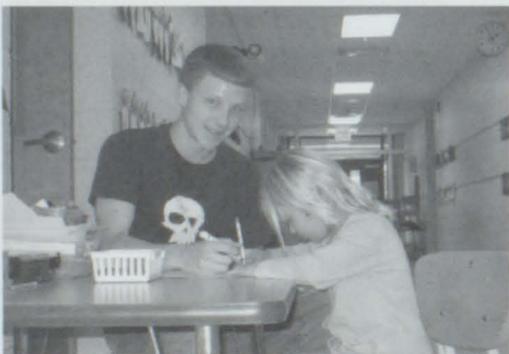
Senior Jacob Brashers supervises his students writing their daily sentences.



T-U-T-O-R

Senior Clint Ussery aids his second grade A+ kid with his spelling and reading skills.

What was your favorite part of A+ this year?



"Getting to see the kids learn, was a greatest part of A+." - Junior Jake Hanson



"My favorite part of A+ was all the cute little kids." - Junior Christine Ewers

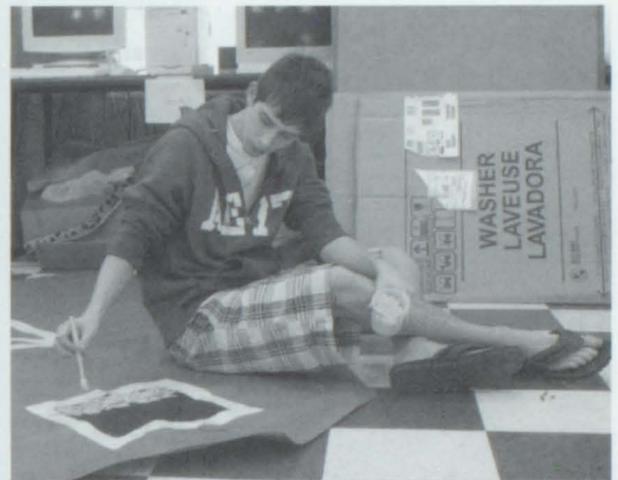


"Getting to teach and just being with the student was a lot of fun." - Senior Jacob Brashers

Classical CAT

Curriculum for the Academically Talented

The gifted program, called CAT, is an enrichment program for academically talented students. The class emphasizes the development and enhancement of skills in creative thinking, problem solving and critical thinking, as well as affective processes such as sensing, appreciating and valuing. Every year the gifted students work on projects and skits that they perform at the district, state, and national levels.



Talent Show

Artistic Ways

Above, senior Zach Kojdecki uses his amazing art skill.

Team Work

Top left, freshman BreAnna Newman works with sophomore Dylan Carter work together on a group project.

All That Glitters

Left, sophomore Dylan Carter enjoys adding glitter to his project.

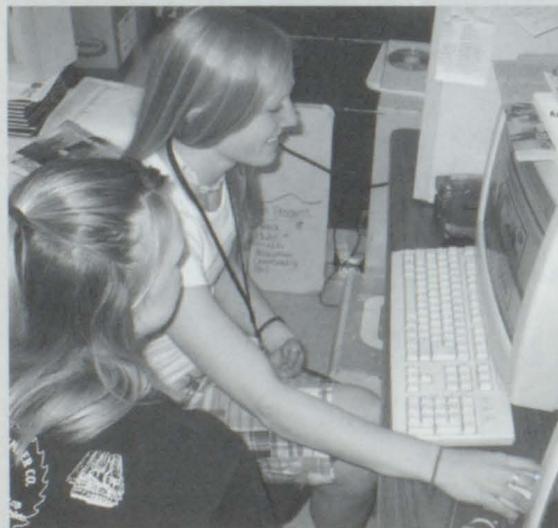
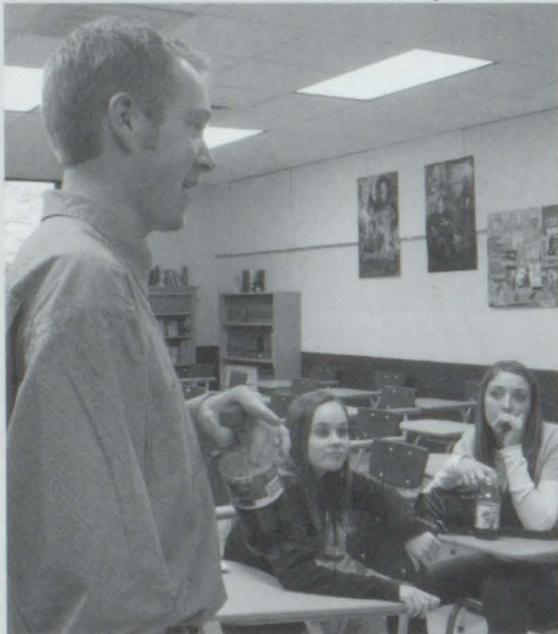
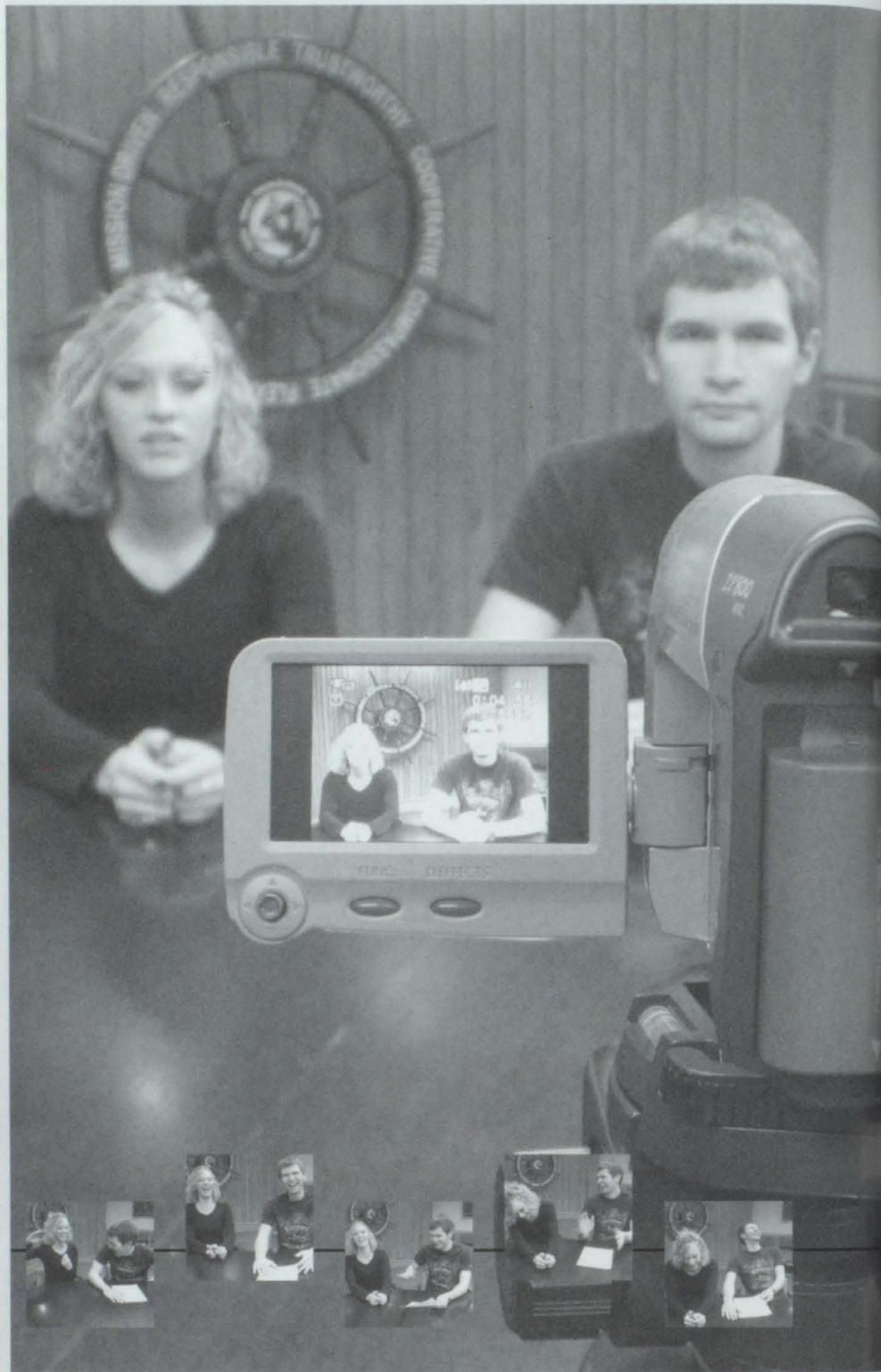
Mind Puzzle

Far left, freshman Steven Mallow works hard on a critical thinking sheet during .



"Now is the Time..."

"...for KWSB News." Every Monday morning teachers turn on their TV's for students to see the weekly news broadcast. KWSB is run by the Journalism class, which is a year-long class where students get to provide information and updates to their fellow student body. Students undercover stories, record, and report the news to the student body. Students receive valuable lessons in Journalism by first hand experience. Also, the Journalism class entails the production of the yearbook. From taking pictures, writing stories, and designing yearbook pages, students have the chance to really experience all the aspects to Journalism. "Being in Journalism everyone thinks is just for fun and not much work. Even though it is a lot of fun, it involves a ton of work and I think is one of the most beneficial classes in school." - Kacey Willard



"Let's Get to Work"

Top left, juniors Christine Lovan and Heidi Biehl listen to one Mr. Spence's daily meetings describing the required work for the day.

"This Is How You Do It"

Left, senior Kacey Willard and Junior Amber Rackley work together on yearbook pages.

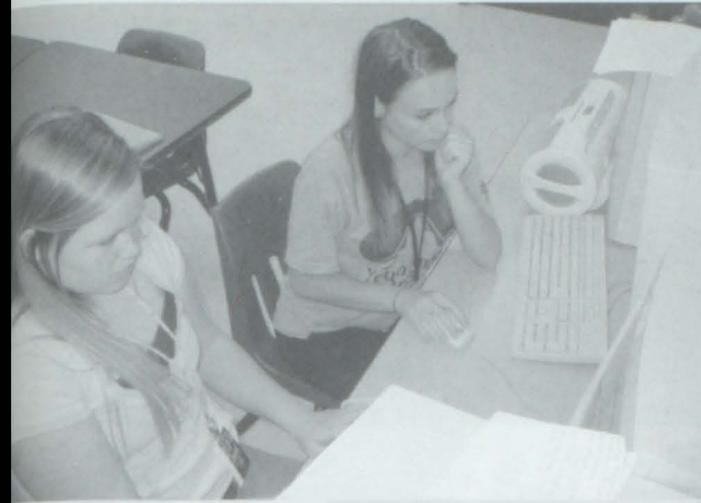
"Good Morning..."

Above, KWSB Anchors Savanna McElyea and Colin Elmore introduce themselves during the Monday morning news.

One Big Happy Family

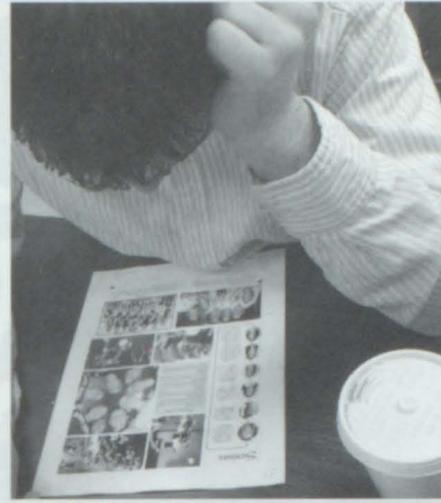
Left, front row: Christine Lovan, Quencie Colley, Whitley McDaniel. Middle: Amber Rackley, Dallas Bridwell, Heidi Biehl, Lindsey McElyea, Savanna McElyea, Katie Langford, Jordan Chilton, Jordan Johnson, Shelby Cooley, Kacey Willard, Mr. Spence. Back: Josh Hicks, Colin Elmore, Anthony Carter

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Hard at Work

Far left, sophomore Whitley McDaniel and junior Christine Lovan work on their Yearbook pages.



Perfection

Left, junior Dallas Bridwell, with BearBucks on hand, reads through a printed out yearbook page to make sure there are no mechanical errors.



"And... Action"

Left, junior Jordan Chilton showing off her talent behind the camera gets into her story.

Yearbook-Palooza

Top right, junior Heidi Biehl, while surrounded by yearbooks, smiles for the camera at a yearbook workshop.

Catching On

Right, sophomores Whitley McDaniel and Quencie Colley show off their skills on their first day working on the yearbook staff.

I Like This One

Bottom right, seniors Colin Elmore and Kacey Willard flip through past yearbooks looking for inspiration for this years Willamizzou.



Strength and Tone

Holding Strong

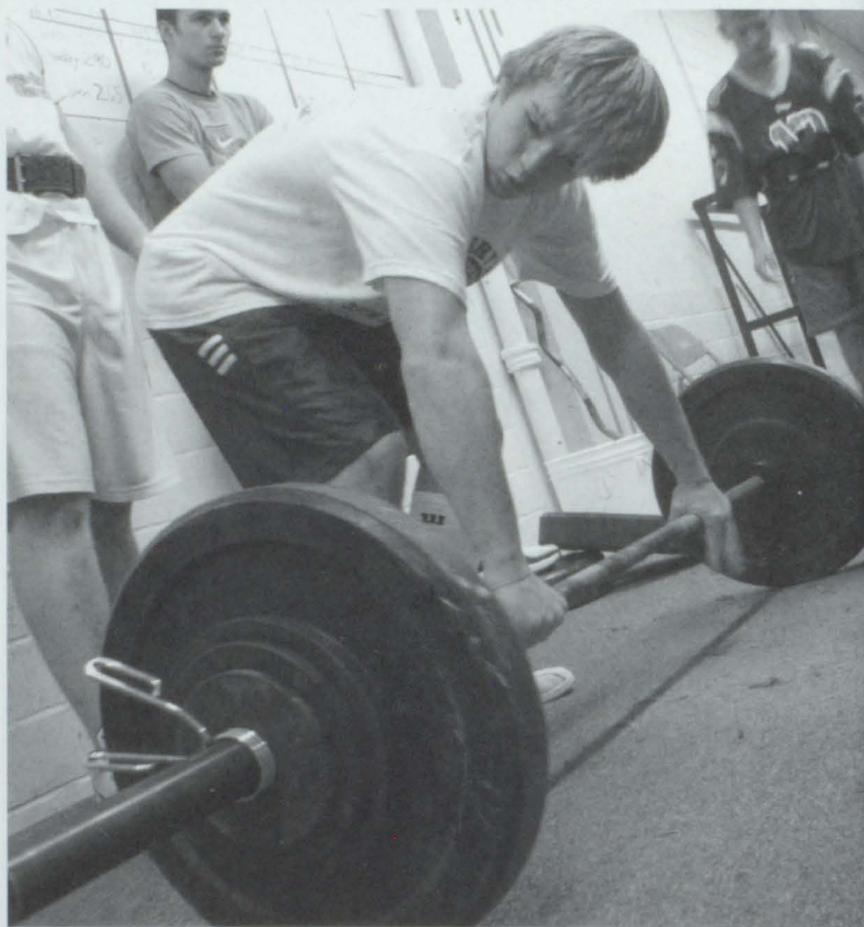
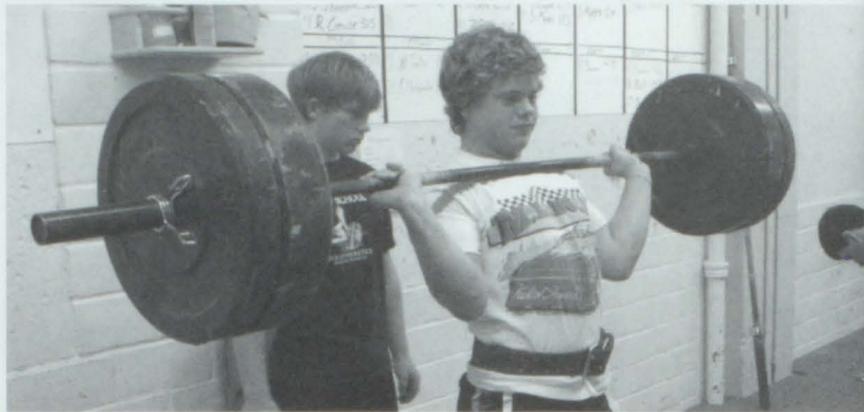
Right, senior Harley Owens shows his strength as he hang cleans.

Hard Work

Middle, junior Josh Kraus takes a deep breath before lifting to prepare himself to hang clean.

Cool Breeze

Below, seniors Harley Owens and Ryan Crewse do 'bumpers.'



Getting Ready

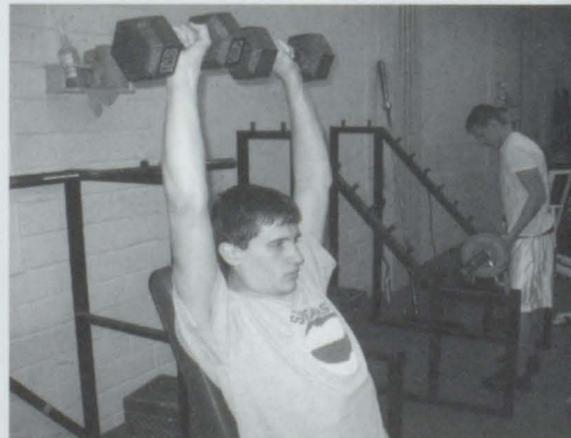
Above, freshman Maverick Hook uses the lateral pull down machine.

Staying in Shape

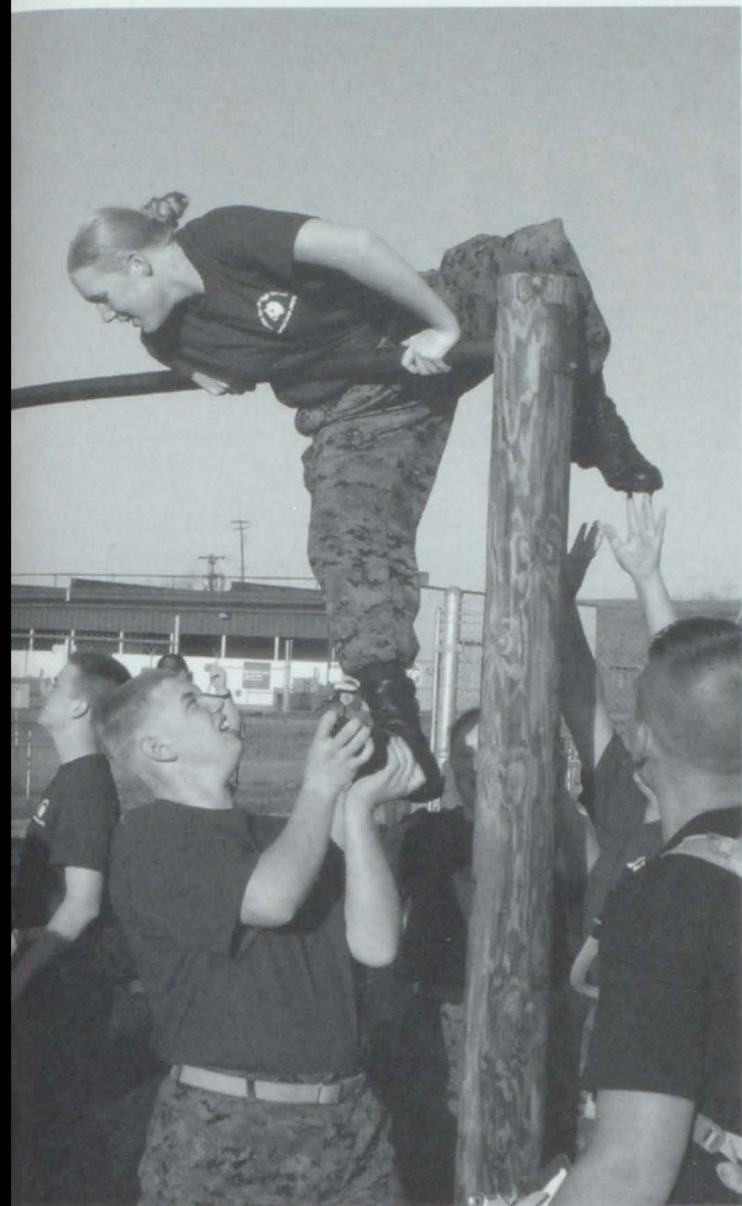
Left, sophomore Cody Letterman lifts off the ground doing tricep dips to work his arms.

Keeping in Check

Right, senior Scott Myer does dumbbell military presses to work his shoulders.



Standing Tall



Working Together

Left, Autumn Brower gets help from her teammates.

Time Out

Top, the ROTC students look over their information packets before starting the squad challenge.

Get to Work

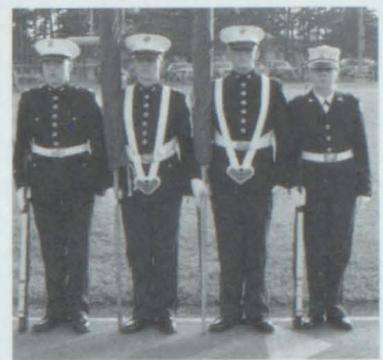
Top right, students really get to work with their drill instructor watching over their shoulders.

Looking Good

Middle right, ROTC students stand at attention, while dressed in their uniforms for the Homecoming Ceremony.

Keeping Up

Right, Samantha Hurley keeps up with the rest of the ROTC class by going over the ropes on the obstacle course.



It's Not All Fun and Games

Above, the class starts off their obstacle course by jumping over logs and trying to keep a good lead on the other teams.

It All Pays Off

Left, after all of their work hard during the Squad Challenges the ROTC students show off their medals and trophy for the teams accomplishments.

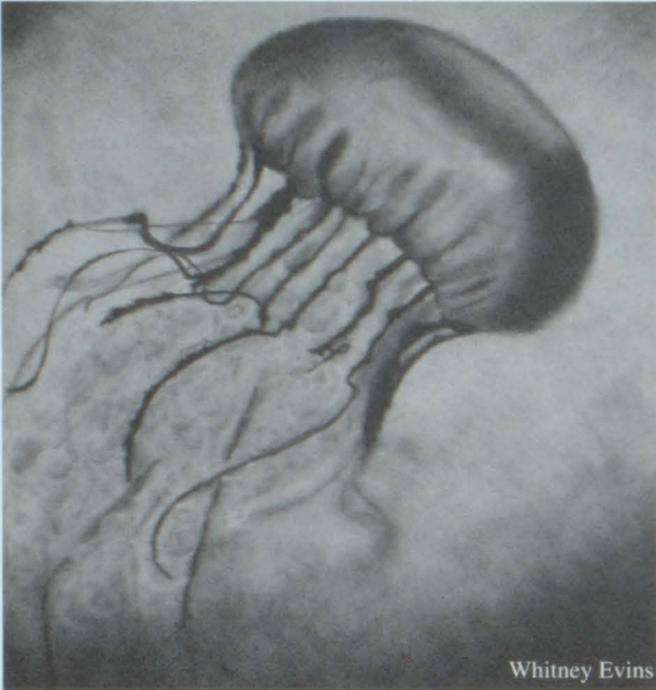


Rhythm

Students find their rhythm in the things they love to do, whether it be in school or out. From things the school offers with art, band, choir, and an array of clubs, students find ways to have fun, do what they love, and get recognition for it. Every student has a different rhythm; one might have school, multiple clubs, and a job, while another might be involved with school, sports, dressing up for Homecoming Spirit Week, and a job. But no matter the student they all have one and in the end it comes out to make a magnificent rhythm for the Symphony of 07. Facing page: Kacey Willard and Quencie Colley find time to play around in the hotel at State Track.



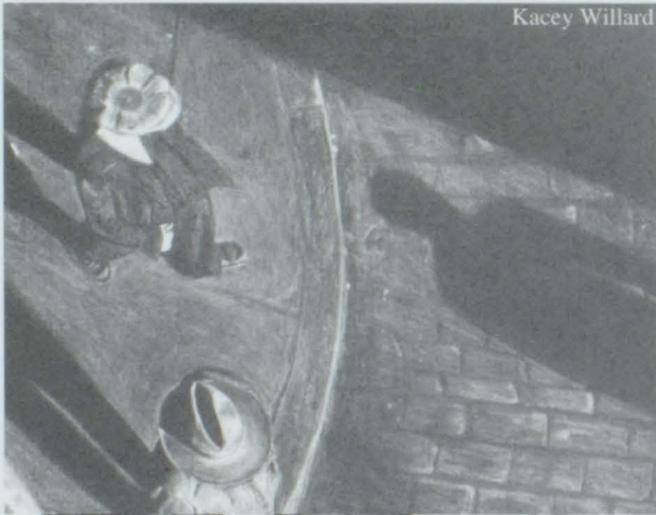
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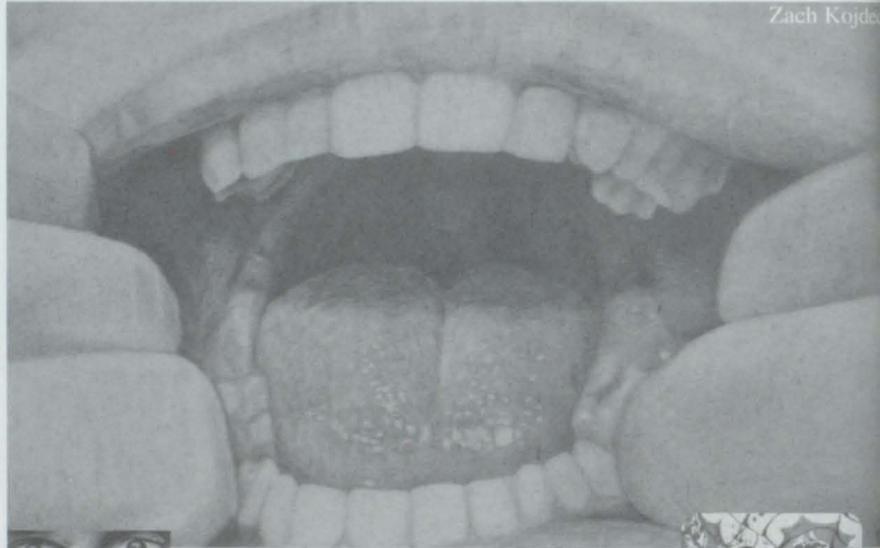
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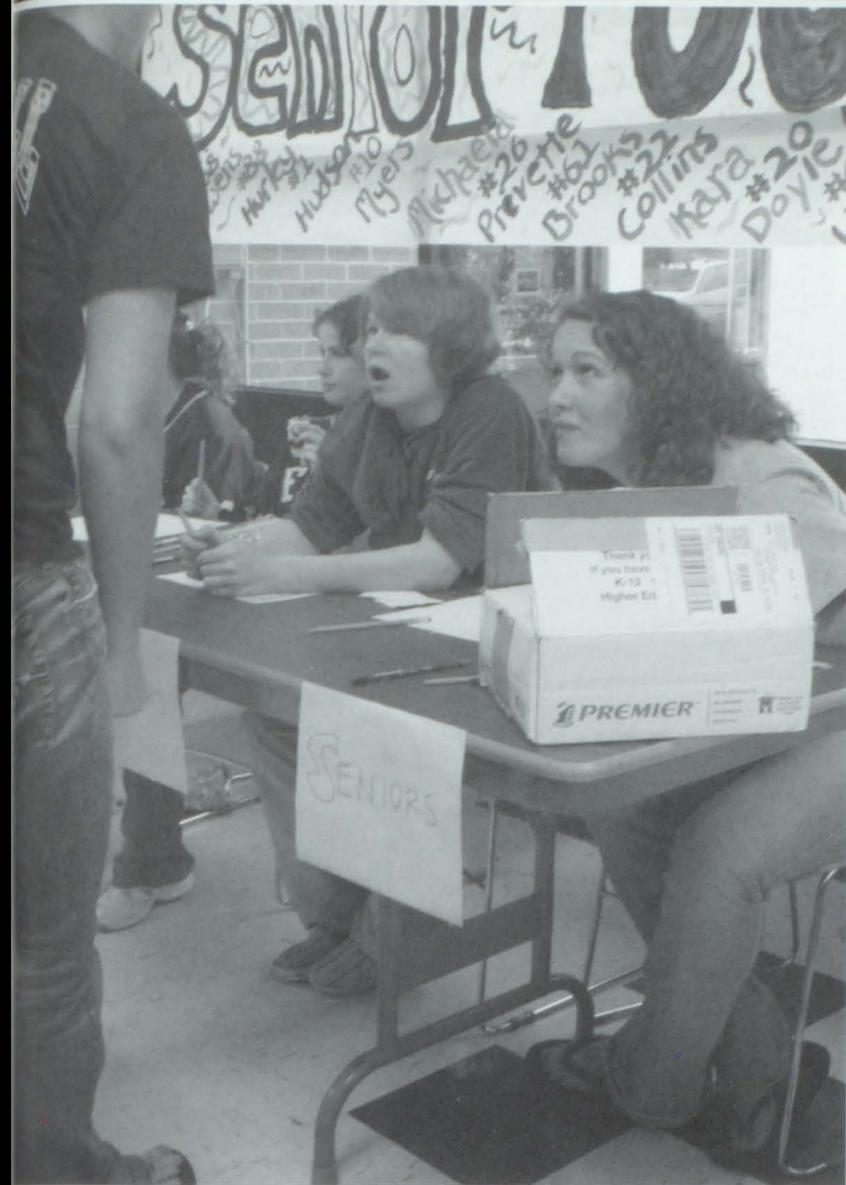


Kacey Willard



STUCO

From Homecoming Spirit Week to Spring blood drives, and everything in between, the Student Council is responsible for planning most of the school's activities. At the end of every year the student body votes on who they want to represent them in the student council for the next year. There are many spots to fill year after year, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and a boy and girl representative from each class.



You Haven't Voted Yet?!

Above left, senior Student Council members, Tory Waggoner and Lacey Hall, run the ballots as students vote for Homecoming.

Student Council Duties

Above, junior Carrie Lovan shows her bravery by giving blood.

Meeting Time

Far left, sophomore boy and girl representatives, Josh Hicks and Jessica White, listen closely during a STUCO meeting.

Blood Drop Suit

Left, STUCO President Lacey Hall takes a break to pose for a picture in the famous blood-drop costume



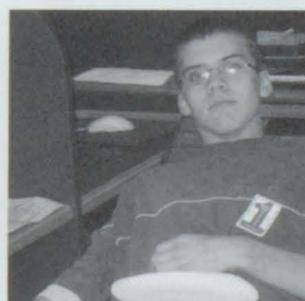
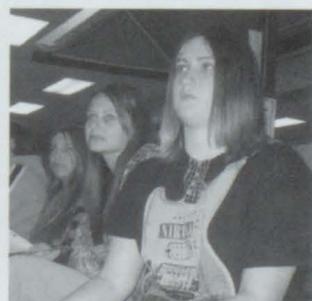
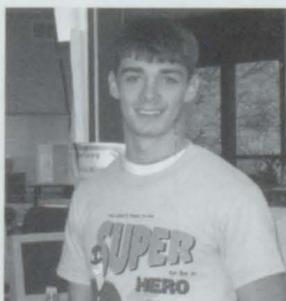
STUCO Sponsor Mrs. Ward teaches by example.

Senior Super Hero Blood Donor Tyrale Collins

Devin Siegrist awaits her call to give blood.

Junior Adam Burgess relaxes after donating blood.

Ruth Deatherage and Lukas Helmers are all smiles after giving blood.



Moving In Rhythm

Marching to the beat of our own drum

Band is usually thought of as the half time entertainment at a football game, but the Willow Springs High School Band is so much more. While, the band does provide halftime entertainment, they also perform the National Anthem, keep the crowd energized during the games, march in parades, and perform in multiple concerts and contests. The many contributions of the band added to the spirit and excitement of this years events.

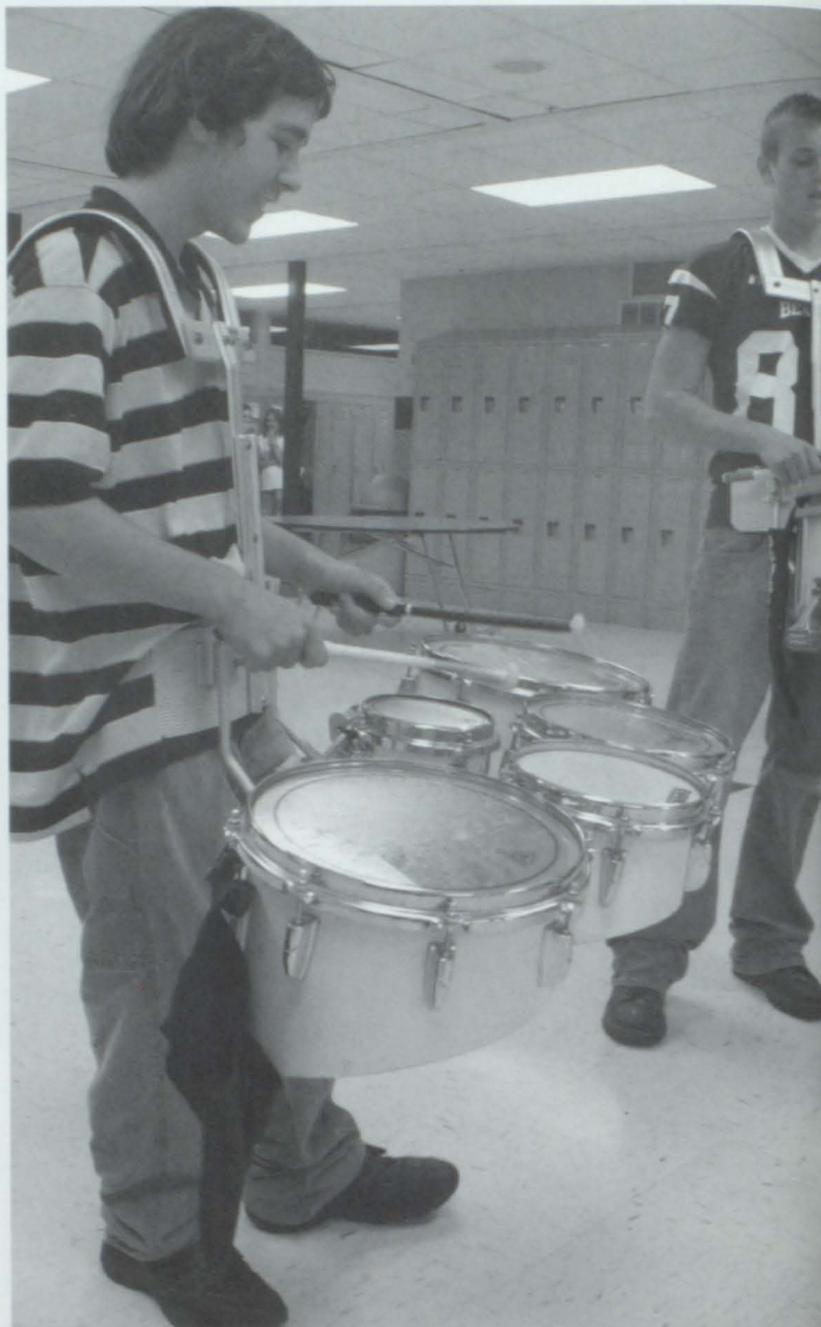


Halftime Show
Above, senior Alicia Williams and freshman Andrea Shotts play their instruments for a football halftime show.



Setting the Beat
Left, senior Anthony Carter keeps pace on his drum for a pep rally.

Drumming Time
Right, sophomore Jacob Vorhees reels in a crowd in the commons area getting everyone pumped up for the pep rally.



Keeping Time
Far Right, sophomore Dylan Carter entertains the crowd during a pep rally in the commons at lunch.

In the Spotlight
Right, senior Amber Ferguson performs the National Anthem before a football game.



All Tuned Up

In tune with another great year

Looking It Over

Far left, Savanna McElyea, Laiken Davis, and Shanica Hicks preview their music.

Singing on Key

Left, Shelby Holland harmonizes with the other girls.

Express Yourself Through Song

"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." - Red Auerbach

Choir students forget the stress of everyday life by losing themselves in their music. Choir consists of students from all walks of life that have one thing in common, music. The Willow Springs Concert Choir has received many awards individually and as groups. When asked about choir Morgan Schowengerdt had this to say, "Choir is always a class I look forward to and is always so much fun; not to mention the lack of homework." This year the choir also had the privilege to travel to Columbia, Missouri to participate in the State Choir Competition.



Taking a Break

Top, Ruth Deatherage rests her voice before starting in on another round.

In Tune

Above, Daniel Cummings sings his heart out while practicing an ensemble.

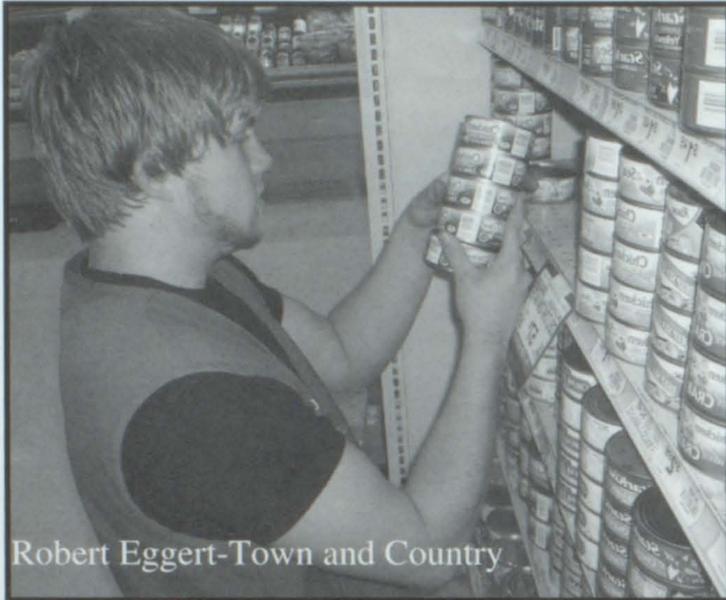
Vocalizing

Far left, Cassandra Earls practices her vocals.

Sharing Notes

Left, Chris Miller and Colin Elmore blend their voices with the bass section.

Student



Robert Eggert-Town and Country

"My favorite part of Sonic is the tips! So tip big!!!"
Whitney Evins



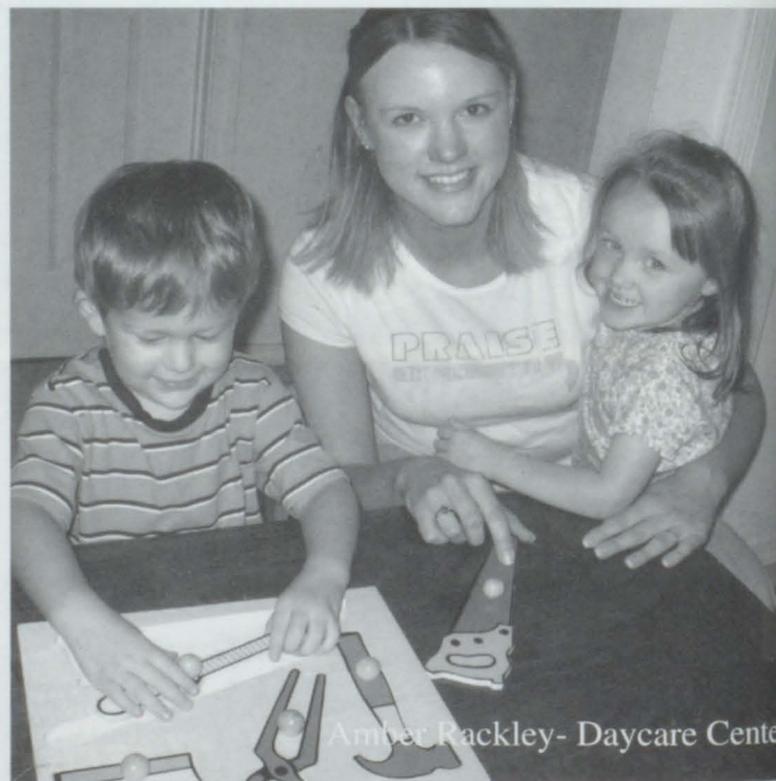
Whitney Evins and Samantha White- Sonic

"I like my job at the daycare because there is never a dull moments and I love the kids!"
Amber Rackley

About 60% of all high school students are employed

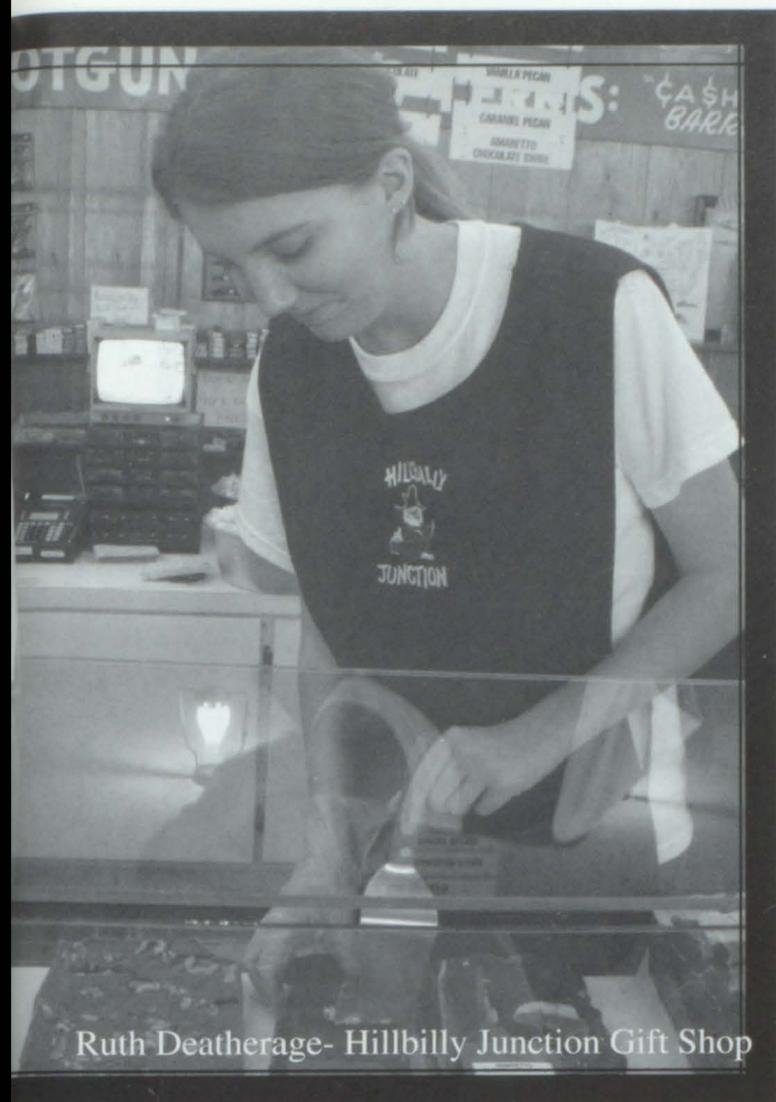


Shelby Scaggs- G&W Foods



Amber Rackley- Daycare Center

Jobs



Ruth Deatherage- Hillbilly Junction Gift Shop

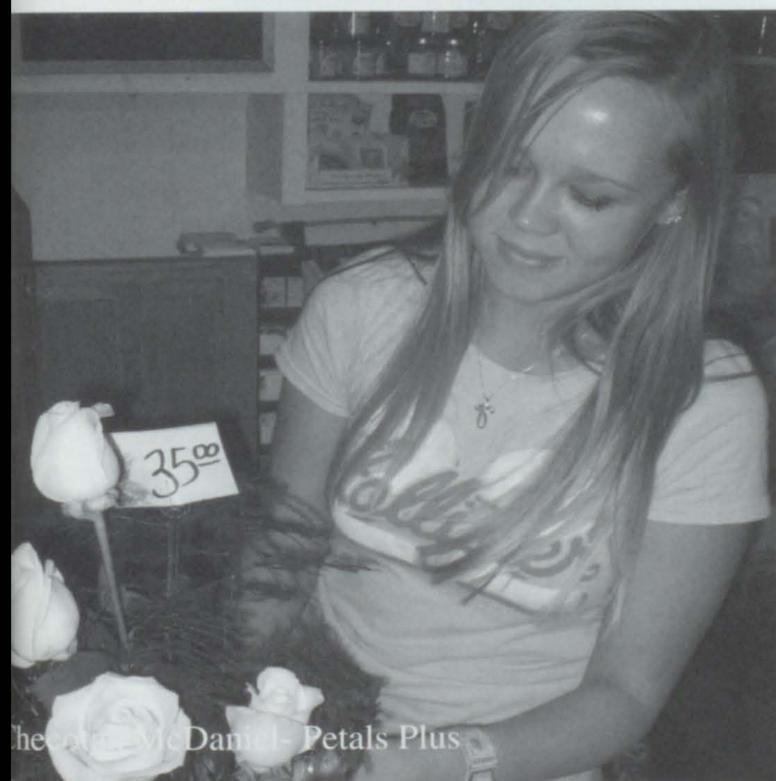


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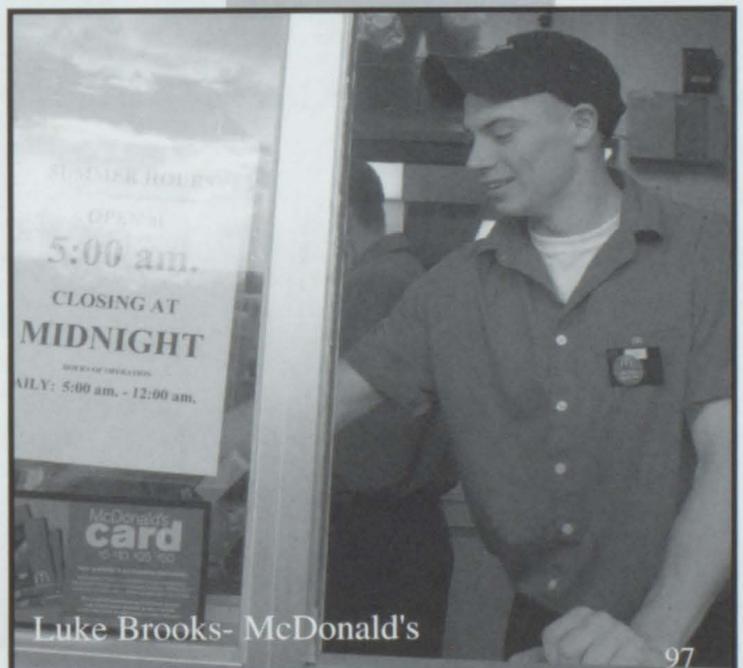
"My favorite part of my job at Hillbilly Junction is testing the fudge for human consumption."
Ruth Deatherage

"My job at Petals Plus is fun because I get to make flower arrangements and be around people!"
Checotah McDaniel

during the school year. - Youth Labor Force Report



Checotah McDaniel- Petals Plus



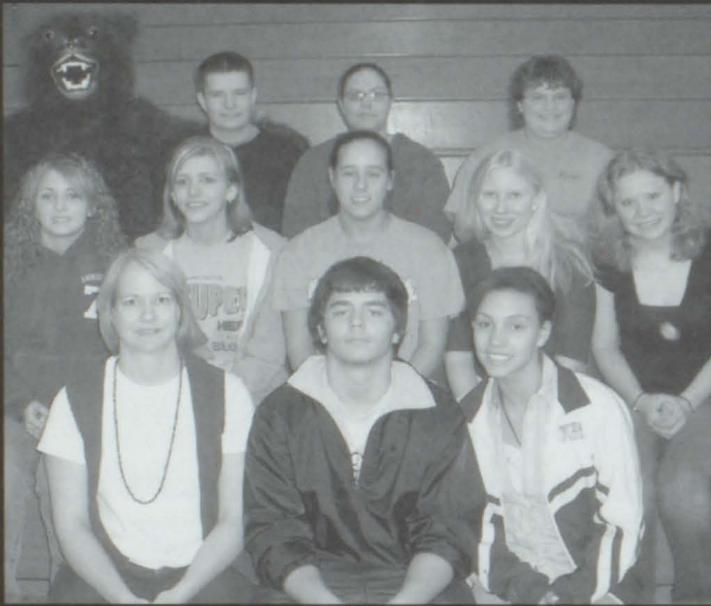
Luke Brooks- McDonald's

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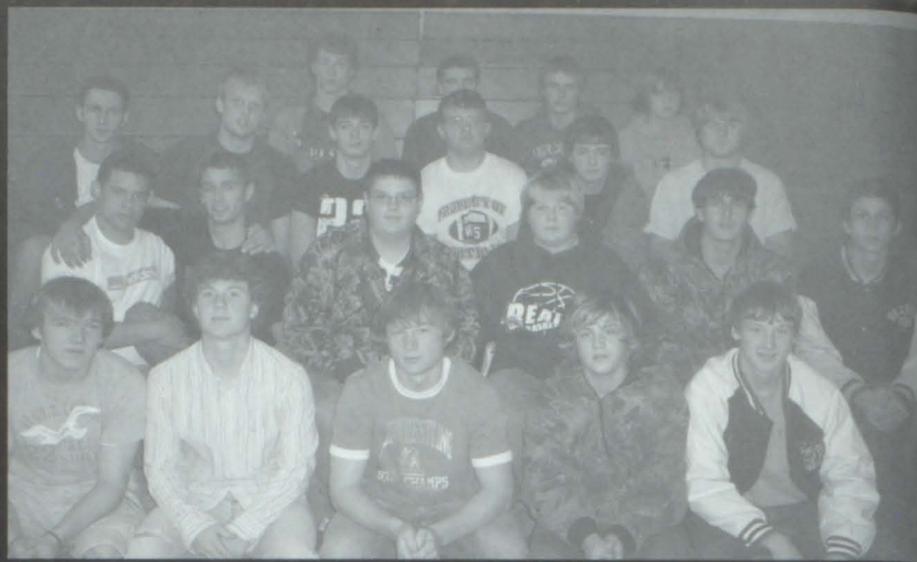
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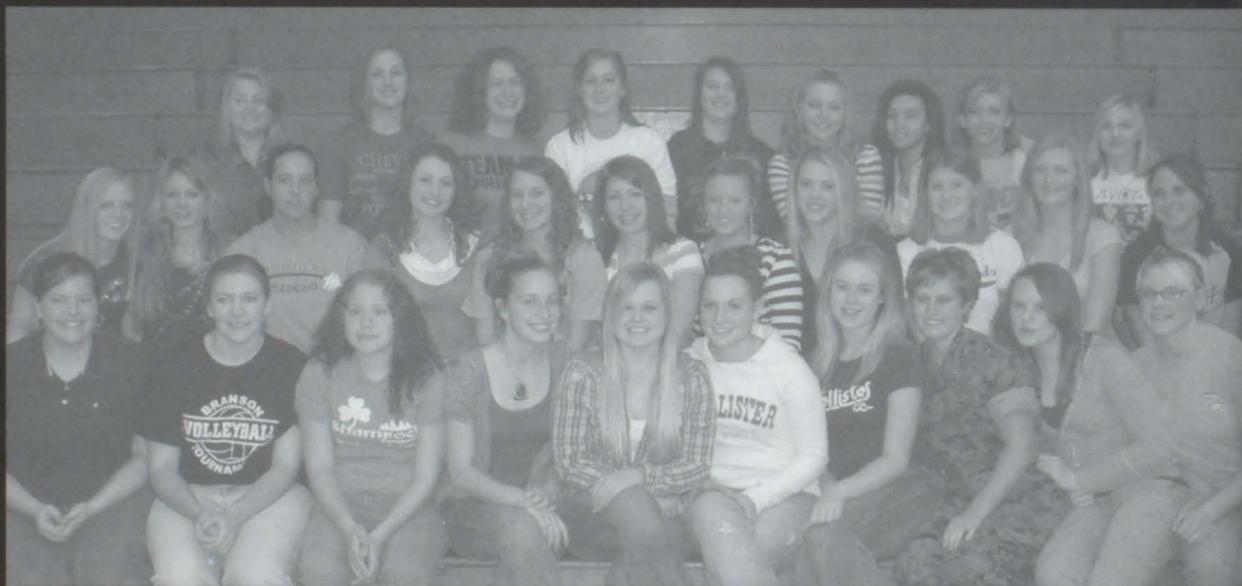


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*Lady
Lettermen*



*Medical
Explorers*



National Honor Society



Relay for Life



*Pep
Club*





ROTC

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Summit*



Student Council



Spanish Society



Science

Olympiad



*Speech and
Debate*



No Club



"American Film Day"



Senior Jordan Johnson and Sophomore Adam Burgess



Senior Tory Waggoner



Freshmen Amanda Girdler and Lindsay Stolba



Sophomore Quencie Colley



Sophomore Morgan Schowengerdt

"The Classic"



Spanish Teacher Mrs. Griffith



Juniors Ruth Woolf and Chelsea Newman



Sophomore Kayla Heath



Seniors Lacey Hall and Megan James



Junior A.J. Wake

"Film Festival"-Spirit Days

"It Takes Two"



Sophomores Cheyenne Ussery and Courtney Bennett



Freshmen Amanda and Jessica Girdler



Junior Raymond Bowen and Coach Heggeman



Seniors Michaela Malko and Kara Hinten



Seniors Ruth Deatherage and Katie Langford

"Super Hero/Fairytales"



Seniors Ruth Deatherage and Tory Waggoner



Senior Jordan Johnson and Junior Adam Lebeau



Sophomores Ethan Smith and Blake Collins

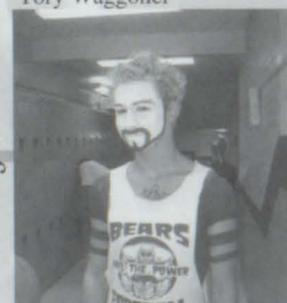


Senior Dustin Barton



Sophomore Lindsey James

"Friday Night Lights"



Senior Zach Kojdecki



Juniors Jordan Vitela, Denise Lemon, and Ruth Woolf



Juniors Carrie Lovan and Cateland Collins



Juniors Jillian Ash and Christine Ewers



Sophomore Jessica White



The Court: (from left to right) freshman Lindsay Stolba, junior Heidi Biehl, senior Shanica Hicks, Retiring Queen Kayla Jones, senior Megan James, senior Bethany Traw, sophomore Lindsey James, and Flower girl Audra Pendergrass.

"Glamorous"

This year's Homecoming theme was "Film Festival." To start the week off was Monday, "American Film Day," students dressed in red, white, and blue. Tuesday, "The Classic," students borrowed their parents clothes to look retro. Wednesday, "It Takes Two," everyone was seeing double as students dressed as twins. Thursday, "Fairytale/Super Hero Day," students dress as their favorite super hero. And Friday, "Friday Night Lights," students decked out in maroon and white to show their school spirit.

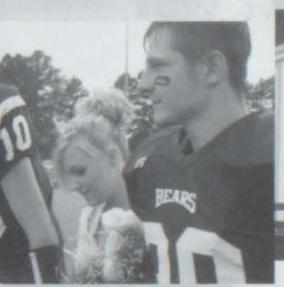
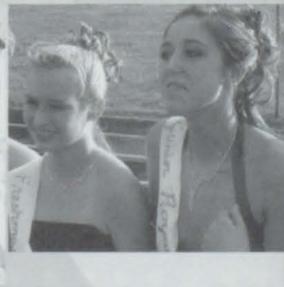
The home coming ceremony had a few rain delays, so the girls had to wait under the fieldhouse until it passed. Luckily, the rain clouds opened up long enough for the sun to shine through and for the girls

to walk out on the field. And Shanica Hicks was crowned Homecoming Queen 2006-2007.

Top, left to right: Seniors Bethany Traw, Shanica Hicks, Megan James.

Bottom: freshman Lindsay Stolba, sophomore Lindsey James, junior Heidi Biehl, and the retiring queen Kayla Jones.

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"Give a Little Bit"

Hoop Queen 2007 takes a new rhythm

This year's Hoop Queen was extremely different than past years. Due to the flu and decreased attendance, school was cancelled on Thursday and Friday. This caused the voting for the Hoop Queen to have to be during the JV basketball game instead of during school on Friday. After tallying all the votes, the girls were escorted onto the basketball court to hear results. With this year's court it was a close race but senior Jordan Johnson took the title. "It was totally unexpected! That night was a blast." -Jordan Johnson

"And the 2007 Hoop Queen is..."

Far right, Jordan Johnson was overcome with shock after hearing the announcer say she had won.

Watching from Afar

Right, Eryn Alcorn watches as the girls file into the gym.

The Hoop Queen Court

Below, left to right: freshman Caitlyn Wiegand, seniors Jordan Johnson, Michaela Malko, and Bethany Traw, sophomore Whitney Evins, and junior Tamath Green.



Freshman Princess Caitlyn Wiegand, "It was a wonderful experience and I was happy that I got to represent my class."



Sophomore Princess Whitney Evins, "I wish every girl could experience walking for Hoop Queen."



Junior Princess Tamatha Green, "It was fun experience. It was nerve-racking to walk, because I thought I was going to fall on my face!"



Senior Candidate Michaela Malko, "It was an honor to be on the Hoop Queen Court. Being chosen to represent my class with the other girls was a lot of fun."



Senior Candidate Bethany Traw, "It was a lot of fun going out there and I'm glad I got to do it for my senior year!"

SENIOR MAZE

Start with Curtis Kazimir who knew



Michaela Malko before she moved here, who on her first day talked to

Lacey Hall, who was best friends in the 6th grade with



Dustin Barton, who was best friends in the 7th grade with



Jerry Campbell, who in freshman class sat next to



Allen Eggert, who in 10th grade joined the 100 lbs. club with



Wesley Collins, who is cousins with



Casey Bona, r who lives next to



Chance Collins, who once worked at Town & Country with



Ruth Deatherage, who in the 4th grade had a crush on



Harley Owens, who threw a 14th birthday party for



Zach Kojdecki, who in 9th grade sat next to



Megan James, who had her hands hot glued together in 6th grade by



Ryan Hurley, whose favorite T.V. show is Family Guy just like



Aaron Hudson, who in the 8th grade lived closed to



Chris Miller, who in the 9th grade had a crush on



Zane Privette, who in the third grade was best friends with



Leah Johnson, who was best friends in the 8th grade with



Laiken Davis, who in 9th grade dated



Scott Myers, who in 3rd grade dated



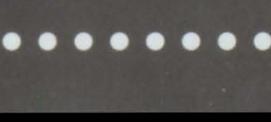
Lindsey McElyea, who went camping and listened to Mariah Carey on the birthday of



Bethany Traw, who in 7th grade had a crush on



Anthony Carter, who in the 4th grade 'dated'



Ty Collins, who also in 9th grade, dated



Jordan Johnson, who learned how to play checkers by



Thomas Clark, who is going to Ozark Technical College with



Katelyn Langford, who when they were 11 years old, played softball with



Tory Waggoner, who was taught how to draw a star in 1st grade by



David Doyle, who played Mighty Mights with

Amber Ferguson, who played basketball in 8th grade with



Kacey Willard, who learned about Vegans in Photography from



Jessi Cooper, who has choir with



Hanna Borchard, who has band with



Amanda Beltz, who in 8th grade sat on the bus next to



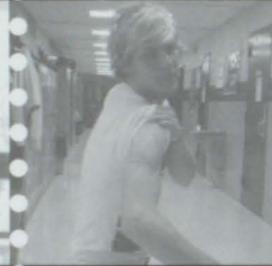
Jacob Brashers, who in 8th grade dated



Kara Hinten, who has English with



Joe Bruno, who on his first day here talked to



Shanica Hicks, whose favorite show is The Hills with



Daniel Rhoades, who played tennis with



Colin Elmore, who in Kindergarten dated



Savanna McElyea, who has English IV with



Ryan Crewse, who is related to



Alicea Williams, who is in Lady Letterman with



Conor Lenihan, who on his first day here talked to



Ashley Smith, who has Speech class with



Drew Rouse, who has College Comp. with



Chris Sedwick, who is into drawing comics like



Bobby Brooks, who played football with



Danny Somsel, who got his nickname Steve-O from



Matt Tooley, who had Speech with



Clint Ussery, who worked at McDonald's with



Chris Evins, who in 5th grade rode the bus with



Dawn Fox, who also had Speech with

Anthony Gower, who when he first moved here talked to



Becca Podemski, who is best friends with



Tracy Yarbrough, who got her first nickname "Trixy" from



Ellie Yanko, who had English with



Kevin Martin, who has been friends throughout high school with

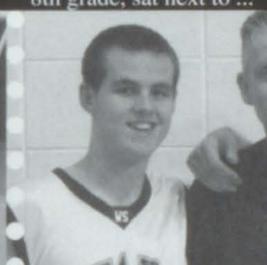


Angela Redburn, who in English talks to

Alex Protsenko, who's always been best friends with



Daniel McQuiston, who in 8th grade, sat next to ...



Vitaliy Gerasimov, who played games on the Senior Trip with



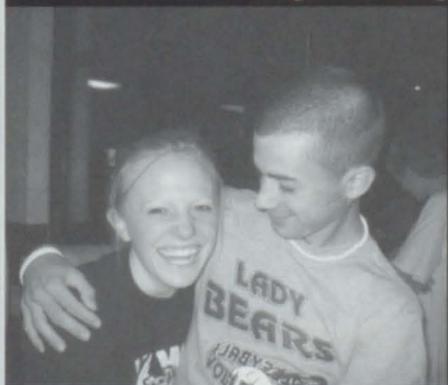
SENIOR MAZE

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Just when you think a senior class can't get any closer, "The Senior Maze" is a little way to show exactly how close they all really are to one another. Whether it be sitting next to each other in a class in 8th grade, or being best friends in Kindergarten, this class has always been closer than they even knew. So after following the dots you can see just how they all connect. Pictures clockwise: Tyrale Collins gets a laugh from one of his best friends David Doyle. Volleyball girls, Bethany Traw and Jordan Johnson lighten the mood on the court with a little joke telling. Ruth Deatherage and Savanna McElyea give Choir a big thumps up. Shanica Hicks tries to get a fist pound from Zach Kojdecki for the camera. Chris Evins puts his arm around girlfriend Kacey Willard and gives a big laugh after a big win for the girl's volleyball team.



Class of 2007



Graduation

Mission Accomplished for the Class of 007

Graduation day is greatly anticipated for many high school students. From the beginning of senior year, the senior class seems to only have one thing on their minds; Graduation. All 63 seniors realize that this is one of the biggest milestones in their young lives. They have come from the exciting world of kindergarten where kool-aid, recess, numbers, and letters ruled. Now seniors enter a new world full of work, new technology, and a step into the unknown. Senior Class sponsor Ms. Daugherty stated to the seniors, "What more does the class of 2007 have to offer? How deep does your surface go? Where will your intellect take you and how will you use the opportunities you have presented to you through your hard work and dedication to your education? You will have a lifetime to answer that." Seniors you are know closing a chapter in your life, only to begin a very new one. Goodbye and good luck.



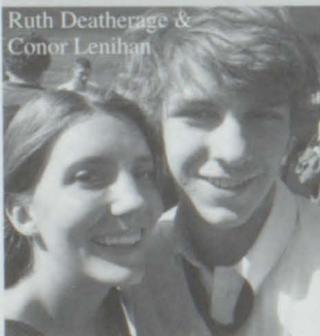
Now You're Ready Right, Savanna McElyea helps out Lindsey McElyea with her cap and gown, while Colin Elmore practices his smile for when he receives his diploma.



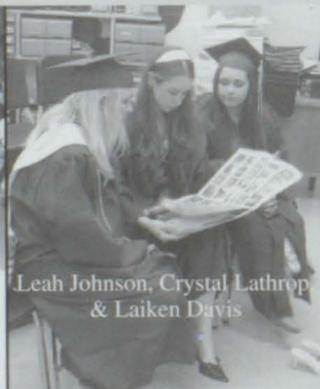
Doe Rae Me Far right, Hanna Borchard and Jessica Cooper play a little something for friend Dawn Fox before the graduation ceremony.



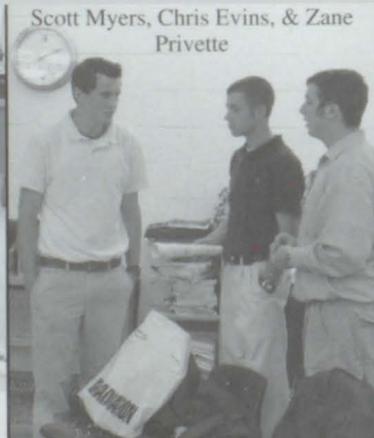
"Those truly linked don't need correspondence. When they meet again after



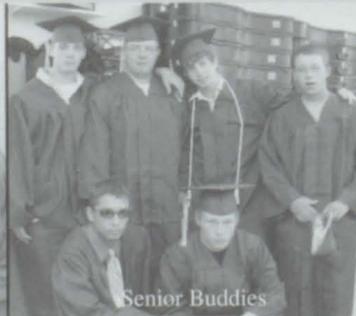
Ruth Deatherage & Conor Lenihan



Leah Johnson, Crystal Lathrop & Laiken Davis



Scott Myers, Chris Evins, & Zane Privette



Senior Buddies



Overcome with Excitement

Left, seniors Tory Waggoner, Ruth Deatherage, and Katlyn Langford grin at the thought of walking onto the stage for their diplomas.

So Long, Farewell

Below left, Dustin Barton and Wesley Collins have a little farewell talk before graduation, promising to always keep in touch.

Lookin' Good Seniors

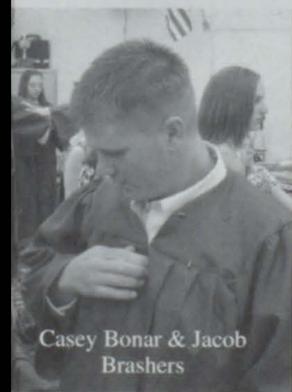
Bottom, a group of girls review pictures as Ms. Daugherty ensures they're their looking great.

Senior Edition

Below, Alicea Williams looks over the Senior Edition of the *Educator*.



many years apart, Their friendship is as true as ever." - Deng Ming-Dao



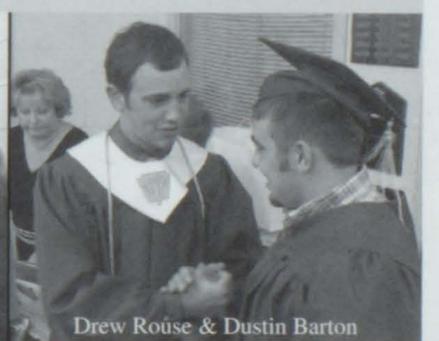
Casey Bonar & Jacob Brashers



Lacey Hall & Kara Hinten



Senior Girls



Drew Rouse & Dustin Barton

Cadence

Like every good song coming to an end, this year, as well, must come to a close. There were many changes for the year 2006-2007; the first year for principal Mrs. James, and assistant principal Mr. Dunlap, the start of construction on the new storm shelter, banding holes in jeans, and wearing student id badges were among the list. But after students getting used to the new administration, having to walk through the library to get to Speech, Spanish, and Math class, and trying to remember to keep those holey pants at home and layards around their necks, the year has been full of great improvement and success. Despite the few tweaks throughout the school, all the right notes were hit, and they set the tone for up and coming years. So, the Symphony in the Key of '07 was one that will be played on forever.

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Symphony in the key of '07

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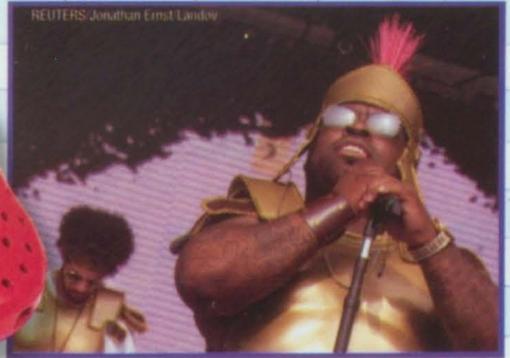
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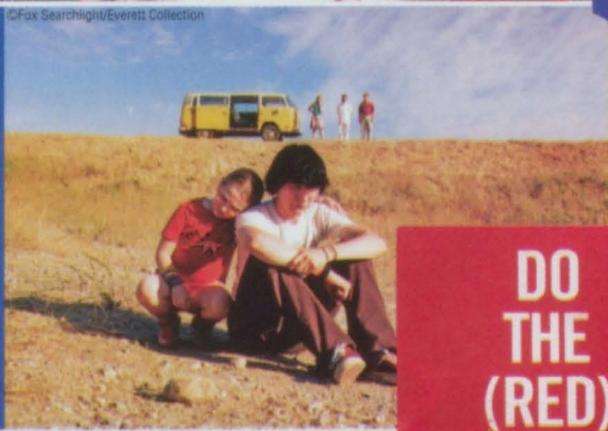
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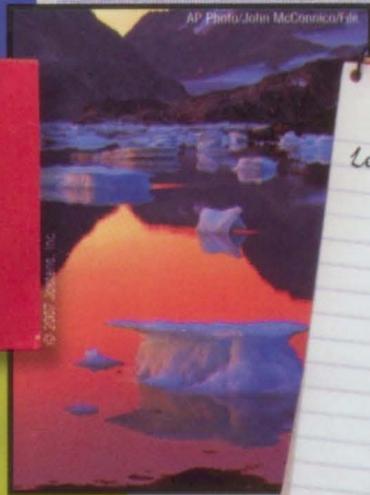


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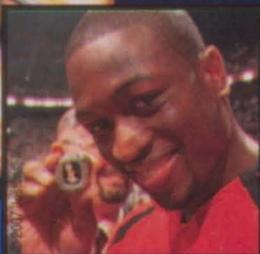
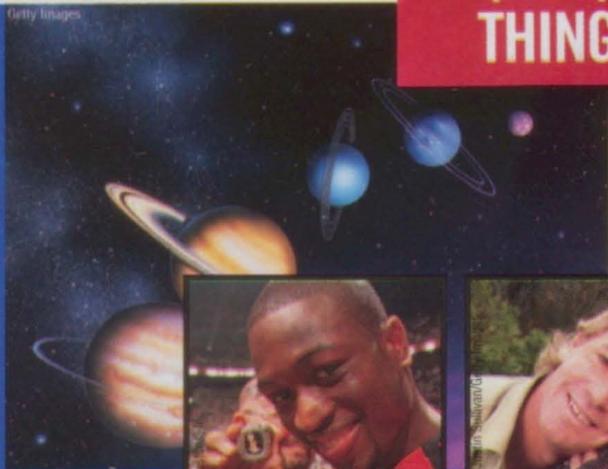
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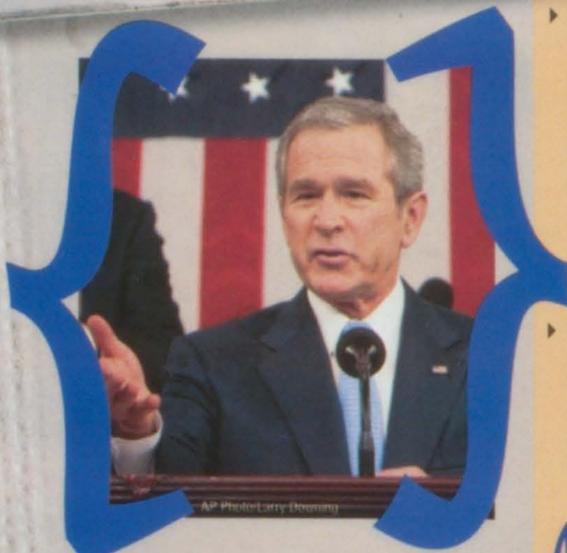
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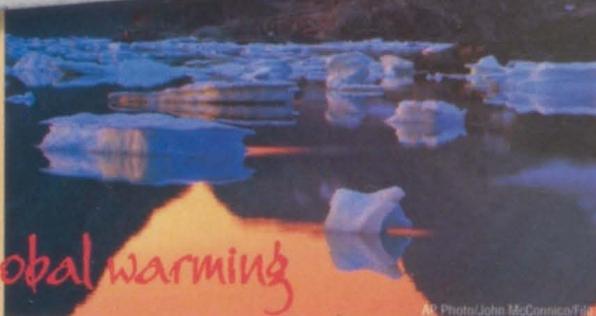


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Global warming

▶ Thanks to the efforts of groups like Rock the Vote, young American voters turn out in record numbers for the 2006 elections.



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voter turnout

▲ In his 2007 State of the Union address, President George W. Bush reiterates his commitment to the war in Iraq and proposes sending additional troops overseas.

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▲ The Internet search giant Google pays \$1.65 billion for the wildly popular YouTube video-sharing service.

{Madam speaker}

▶ Nancy Pelosi is named the speaker of the House for the 110th Congress, becoming the highest-ranking female in the history of the federal government.



Carol T. Powers, Bloomberg News, Land

{Fifth 9/11 anniversary}



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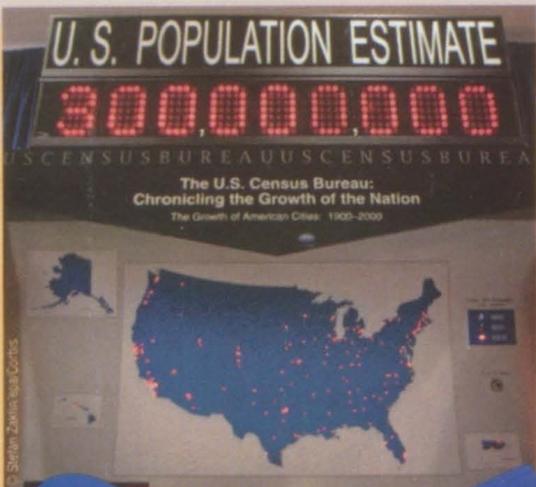
▶ On the fifth anniversary of 9/11, civic leaders and mourners gather to commemorate the occasion with solemn ceremonies and moments of silence.

▶ British authorities foil a terrorist plot to blow up planes headed to the U.S. from the U.K., resulting in airline restrictions on liquids, aerosols and gels.



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Airline restrictions

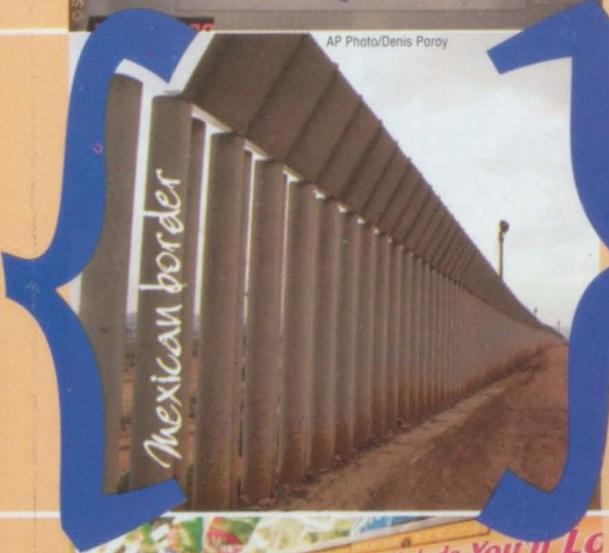


◀ On October 17, the U.S. population passes the 300 million mark according to the Census Bureau's official Population Clock.

National growth

(PRODUCT) RED

- (RED) brands in 2006
- American Express
 - Apple
 - Converse
 - Emporio Armani
 - Gap
 - Motorola



◀ In an effort to curb illegal immigration, the Senate passes legislation authorizing the construction of 700 miles of double-layered fencing on the U.S.-Mexico border.

▶ Bobby Shriver and U2's Bono launch the stylish (PRODUCT) RED initiative to raise money for The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Africa.



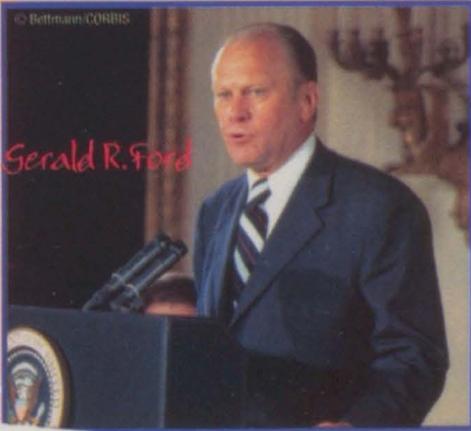
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◀ Spinach tainted with E. coli bacteria kills one consumer and sickens almost 100 more in 19 states, leading to calls for improved food safety practices.

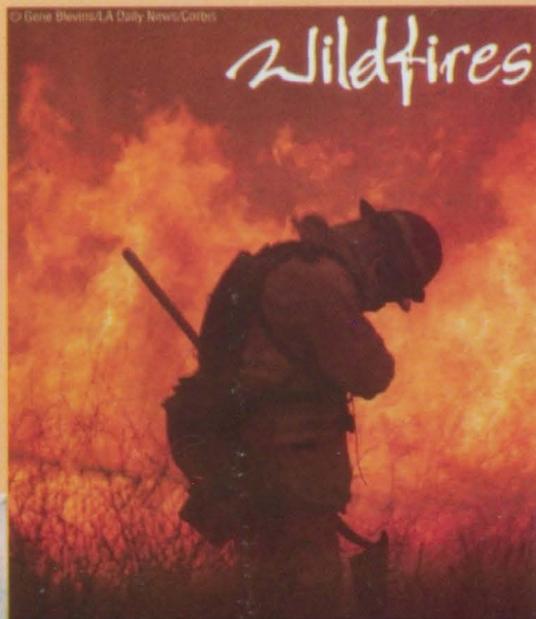
▶ Gerald R. Ford, 38th president of the United States, dies at age 93. Ford was appointed vice president by Richard Nixon in 1973 and succeeded to the presidency after Nixon's resignation.

President Gerald R. Ford

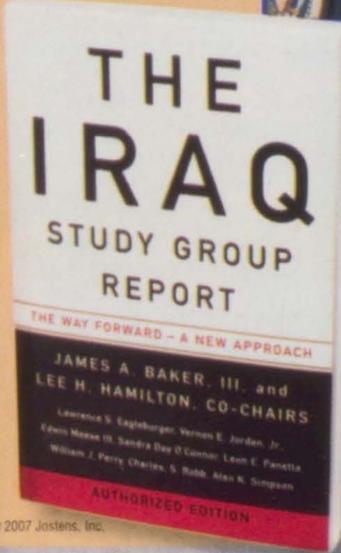


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▶ More than 95,000 fires during the 2006 wildfire season claim more than 9.5 million acres in the United States.



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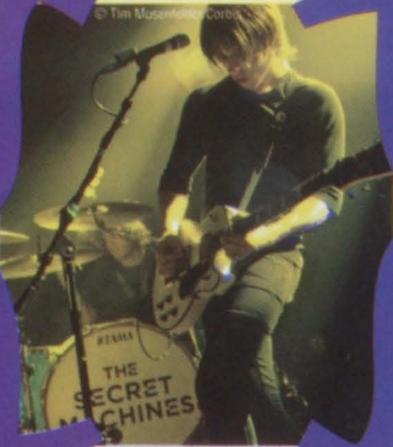


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◀ The Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan panel appointed by Congress, releases a sharply critical report that calls for a new approach in Iraq.

Iraq report

{Global}



Mexico's new CEO

▶ Controversial conservative Felipe Calderón begins his six-year term as president of Mexico after winning by a narrow margin of only 0.56 percent.



▶ MySpace.com galvanizes celebrities and organizes more than 20 Rock for Darfur concerts to raise funds for what the U.N. calls "the world's greatest humanitarian crisis."

List of bands:

- Switchfoot
- Citizen Cope
- Ziggy Marley
- Teddy Seigler
- Jnsane Clown Posse
- Jars of Clay
- Secret Machines
- Alice in Chains
- TV on the Radio
- (+44)
- Atreyu

Academy for girls

▶ Oprah Winfrey opens her \$40 million Leadership Academy for Girls in the deprived small town of Henley-on-Klip, south of Johannesburg, South Africa.

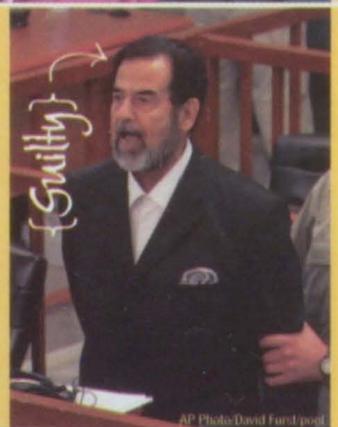


Russian spy

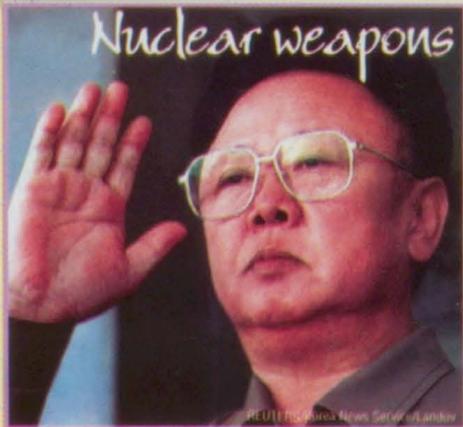


▶ Saddam Hussein is sentenced to death and executed by the Iraq Special Tribunal for the 1982 murder of 148 Shiite inhabitants of Dujail.

◀ Former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko, an outspoken critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin, dies in London after being poisoned by radioactive polonium-210.



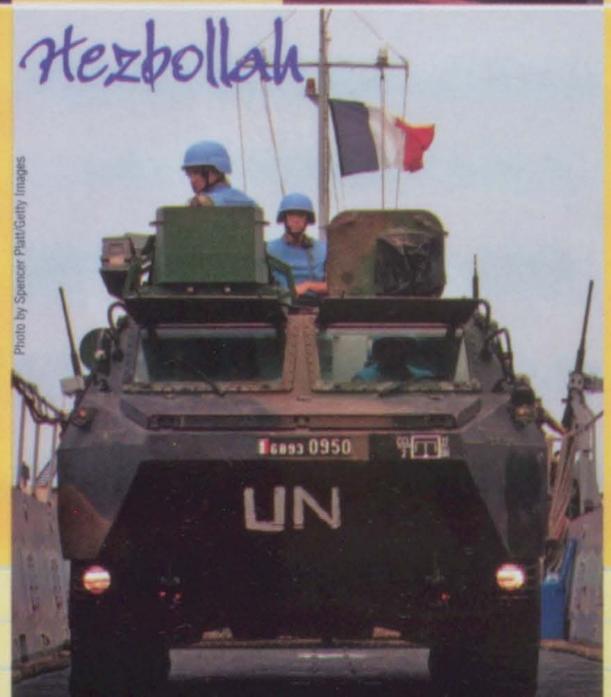
Nuclear weapons

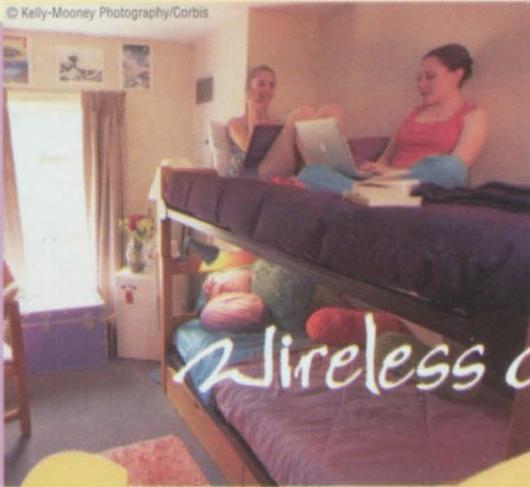


▶ Hezbollah, the Lebanon-based Islamic militia, attacks Israeli military positions and border villages, beginning a conflict that claims more than 1,400 lives, mostly civilians. U.N. peacekeepers are called in to broker a cease-fire.

◀ In October 2006, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il orders the country's first nuclear weapon test. During the Six-Party Talks in February 2007, North Korea agrees to a nuclear disarmament.

Hezbollah





Wireless campuses

Wireless campuses, and entire cities, are popping up across the country. Villanova University in Philadelphia, Pa., tops PC Magazine's list of the Top 20 Wired Colleges.

{Sci-Tech}



Rob Kim/Landow

A handheld, portable electronic zit zapper called Zeno gets FDA approval. In a clinical trial, 90 percent of treated blemishes disappear or fade in 24 hours.

AP Photo/Harry Cabluck

HPV vaccine



The FDA licenses the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer and other diseases in girls and women caused by HPV, the human papilloma virus.

The World Wide Web reaches a milestone when an Internet research survey reports that there are more than 100 million websites online.

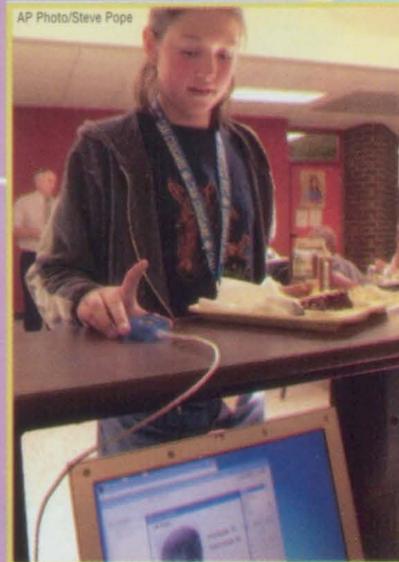


Zero gravity

A team of French doctors surgically removes a benign tumor on a patient in a specially adapted aircraft that mimics zero gravity conditions.



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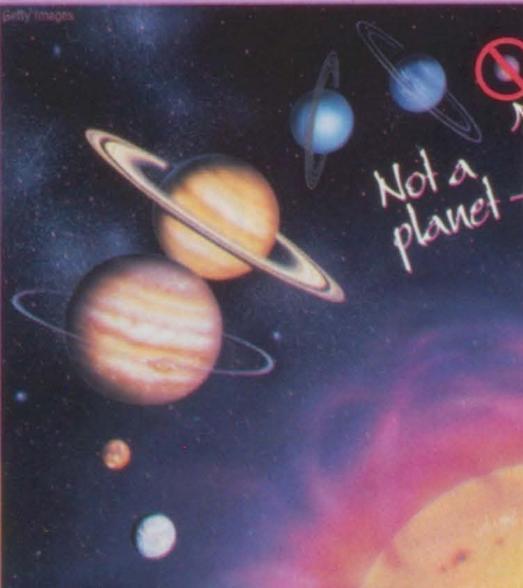
School systems in several states install fingerprint-reading technology that gives students a cash-free way to pay for lunch.

Top 10 clothing websites:

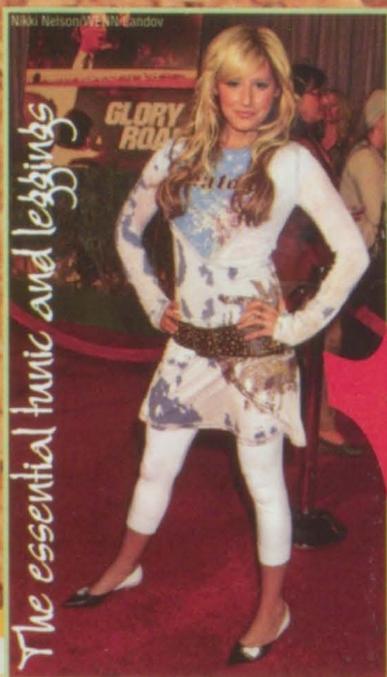
1. ae.com
2. abercrombie.com
3. oldnavy.com
4. pacsun.com
5. urbanoutfitters.com
6. llbean.com
7. fashionmall.com
8. dellias.com
9. gofane.com
10. torrid.com

Source: www.lovetoknow.com

After years of heated debate, astronomers decide to change the definition of a planet; Pluto no longer qualifies. Instead, it's reclassified as a dwarf planet.



{Trends}



The essential tunic and leggings

▶ Mid-calf and ankle-length leggings, last seen in the trendy 1980s, return to the spotlight. Fashion-conscious girls wear them under minis, dresses and tunics.

▶ Pointy toes and high heels are out. The feminine, flirty ballerina flat goes with everything from short skirts to long leggings and super-skinny jeans.



Favorite brands:

{Diesel}



▶ Nearly 31 percent of teens, or 7.6 million, are consuming energy drinks that contain up to four times the amount of caffeine than is in a can of Coke.

▶ The year's to-die-for, must-have-at-any-price jeans are dark, slim, distressed denims from Diesel, the Italian label that inspires a cult-like devotion among its customers.

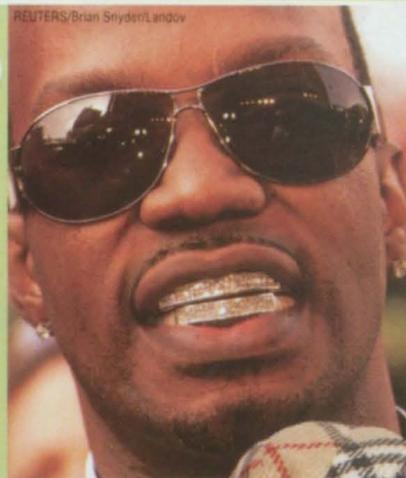
▶ Colorful comfortable cros—made from a buoyant, lightweight, odor-resistant material that molds to the wearer's foot—are the shoe of the year.



▶ Couture designers like Dolce & Gabbana and luxury brands like Swarovski, the Swiss crystal maker, transform boring cell phones into the year's must-have bling.

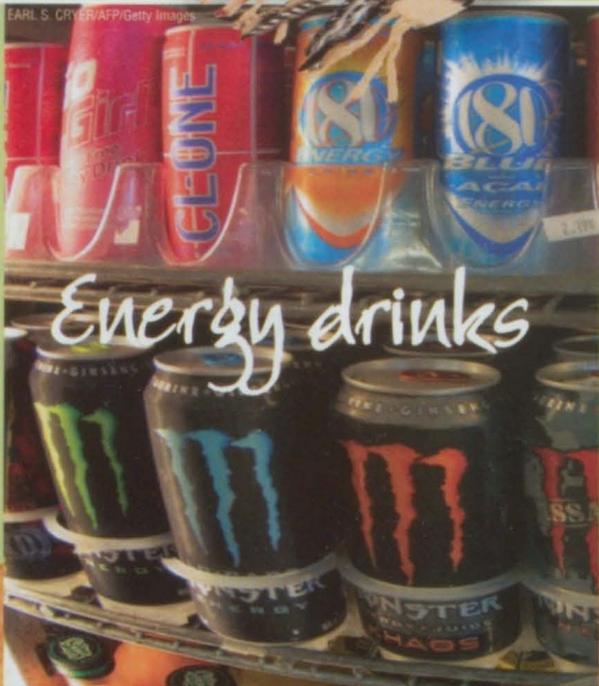


Bling bling



▶ Rapper fashion comes to the suburbs as snap-on grills add a flash of diamonds and gold or platinum to your pearly whites.

▶ Tiny plaid mini skirts look private-school cool. Meanwhile, Marc Jacobs is sending plaid tops down the runway and fashion icons sport Burberry plaids.



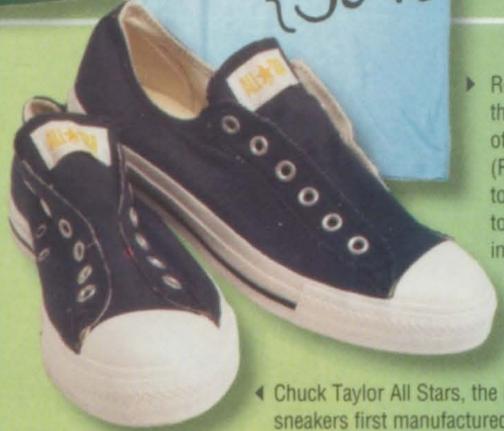
Energy drinks

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◀ Teens are raiding their parents' closets, as well as retailers like Urban Outfitters and American Eagle, for vintage rock and pop culture T's.

{So retro}



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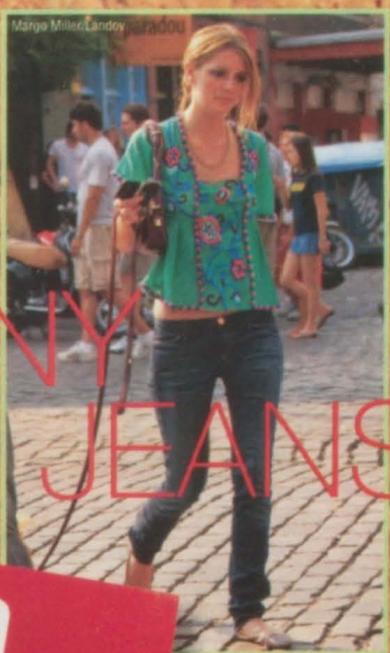
◀ Chuck Taylor All Stars, the basketball sneakers first manufactured by Converse in 1917, are more popular than ever among male and female fashion mavens.

▶ Red is the color of the heart; 50 percent of Gap's PRODUCT (RED) profits go to the Global Fund to help fight AIDS in Africa.

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▶ After several seasons of low-slung boot-cuts and bell-bottoms, designers on both sides of the Atlantic declare that super-skinny jeans are back in style.



SKINNY JEANS

A letter to myself...

Write yourself a letter about your life today that you can read in 10 years to see what has changed.

Large area of lined paper for writing a letter to oneself.

{Lifestyle}



Go Green Initiative Association

▲ The Go Green Initiative reaches out to school campuses in all 50 states, as well as in Europe and Africa, to foster student commitment to environmental responsibility.

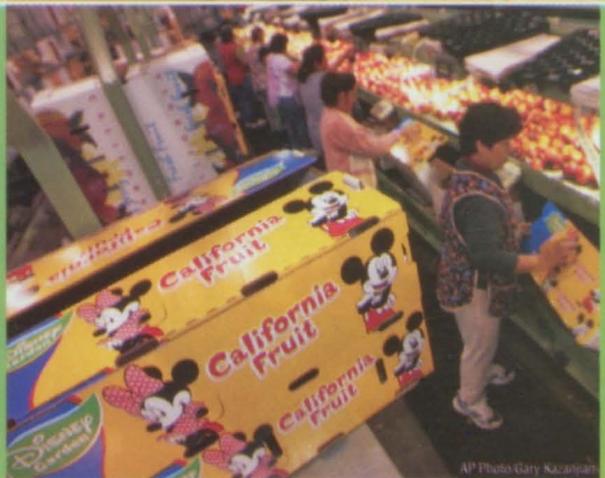
▶ The rise in obesity among young people is linked to an increase in adolescent cases of type 2 "adult onset" diabetes and associated health problems.

Diabetes on the rise



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▶ Disney checks out business in the supermarket, licensing its brand name to a variety of health-conscious baked goods, produce, beverages, snacks and more.



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▲ YouTube, the Web video powerhouse that made "macaca" a household word, is the media story of the year and a wildly popular form of home entertainment.

{Hearing loss}

▶ A marked increase in hearing loss among young people is attributed to the use of ear buds in popular MP3 players like the iPod.



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{Trans fats}

▶ The New York City Board of Health votes to ban all foods cooked in oil containing artery-clogging trans fats from New York City restaurants.

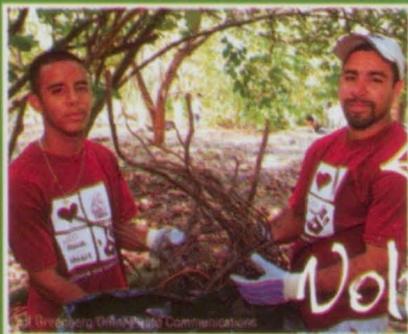


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Volunteers!

▶ College students seek out volunteer opportunities in record numbers—on a local, national and international level—to build their skills and a better world.

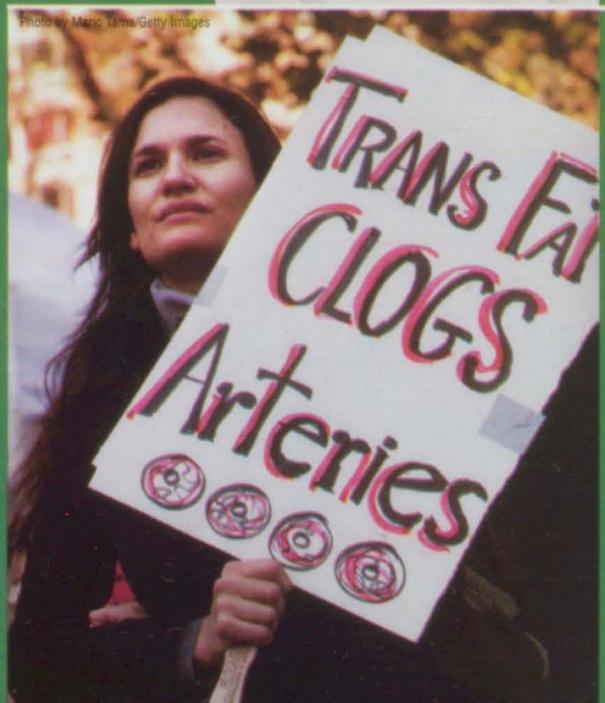
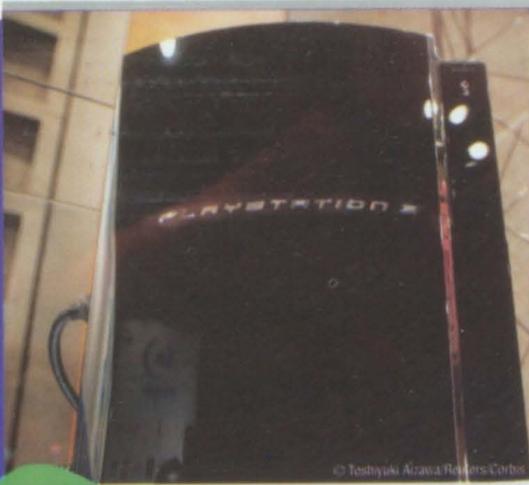


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{Entertainment}



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◀ Sony releases its seventh generation PlayStation, known as "PS3." The basic console has a 20 GB hard drive; the premium version comes with 60 GB.

New game systems

My favorite video games:

◀ Nintendo releases Wii, its newest video game console, which features a wireless remote that can detect motion and rotation in three dimensions.

Nintendo Wii

◀ Madden NFL 07 and a barrage of end-of-the-year action games capture the attention of gamers, capitalizing on a major emphasis on online gaming.



{Popular games}



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TV now!

Watch Full Episodes Online for FREE



◀ The differences between your television and your computer continue to blur now that network TV programs are available online from services like abc.com.

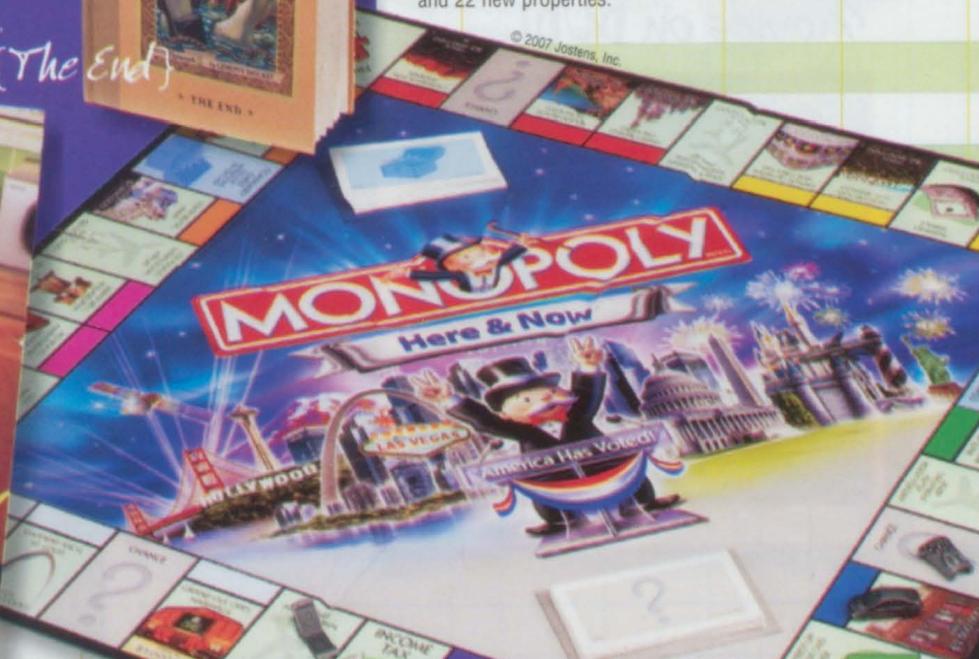
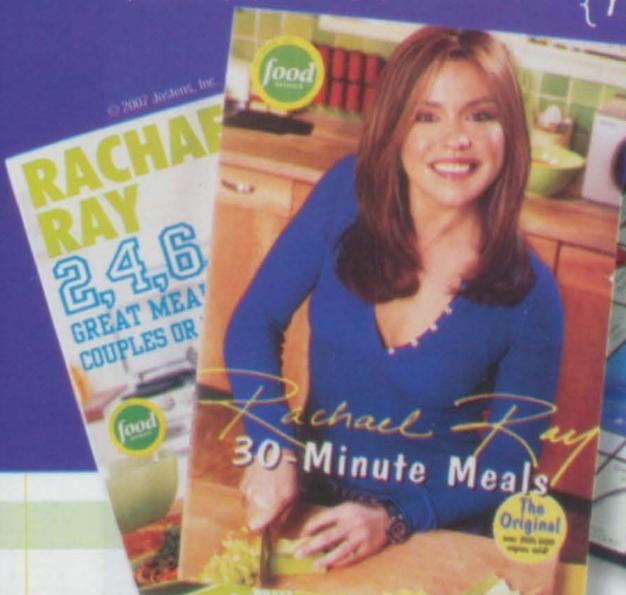


◀ The unfortunate adventures of the Baudelaire orphans come to an end with the publication of *The End* by Lemony Snicket.

▶ The classic board game, Monopoly, gets a 21st century makeover. The "Here & Now" edition features updated tokens, current market prices and 22 new properties.

▶ Perky Food Network star and best-selling cookbook author Rachael Ray gets her own syndicated talk show, produced by Oprah Winfrey's production company.

{The End}



{Movies}

Best Picture Oscar Nominations:



▶ A family of squabbling misfits drives a wheezing VW van to a beauty pageant meltdown in the hit movie comedy, *Little Miss Sunshine*.

Little Miss Sunshine



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▶ Will Smith stars with his son Jaden in *The Pursuit of Happyness*, based on a true story about a struggling single dad.

The Pursuit of Happyness



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▶ There's a new Bond in town and the critics swoon along with the fans. Blonde, brooding Daniel Craig debuts as James Bond in *Casino Royale*.



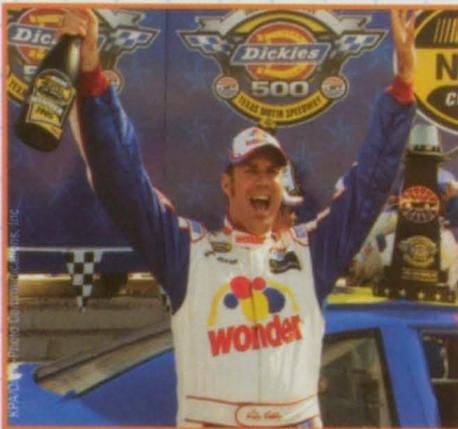
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▶ Many movie lovers opt for DVD convenience, instead of lines at the local theaters, for hits like *Mission: Impossible III*, *Superman Returns*, and *The Devil Wears Prada*.



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This year's {hit} Movies on DVD!



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◀ SNL alumnus Will Ferrell stars as a goofy, "win-at-all-costs" NASCAR racing star in *Talladega Nights: the Ballad of Ricky Bobby*.

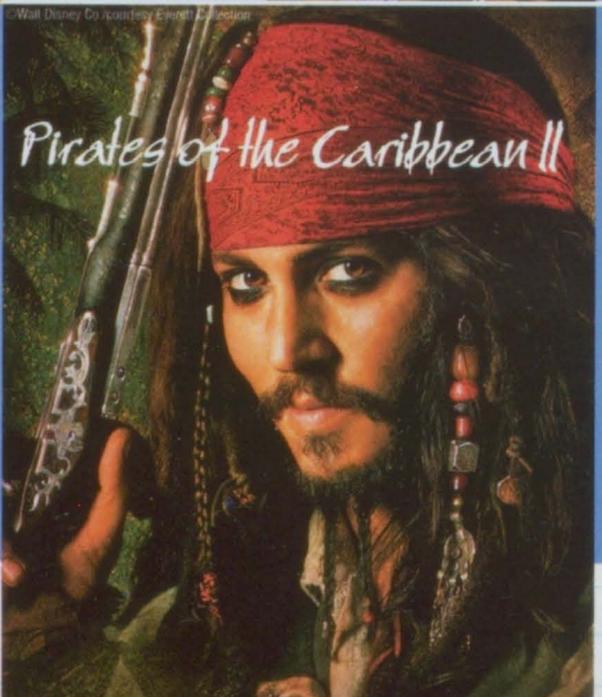
▶ Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow returns to the helm of the Flying Dutchman in the swashbuckling, supernatural sequel, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*.

{Dreamgirls}

▶ Newcomer and former *American Idol* contestant Jennifer Hudson wins the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Comedy or Musical for her performance in *Dreamgirls*.



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{Television}

My favorite shows:

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◀ NBC's game show *Deal or No Deal* is a worldwide phenomenon, with more than 40 versions airing in countries around the world.

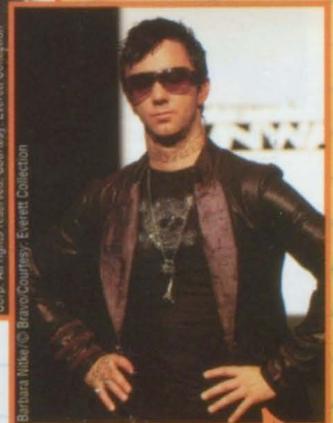
Deal or No Deal



Ugly Betty

◀ The American version of *Ugly Betty*, an ABC show based on the Colombian hit *Yo Soy Betty La Fea*, follows the daily struggles of a fashion-challenged employee of a fashion magazine.

▶ Fox's suspenseful television drama *24* is named Outstanding Drama Series at the 58th annual Emmy Awards after five nominations in the category.



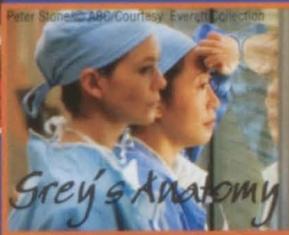
▶ *Project Runway*, a reality show competition for would-be fashion designers, is a ratings winner for Bravo and a guilty pleasure for millions of viewers.

Project Runway



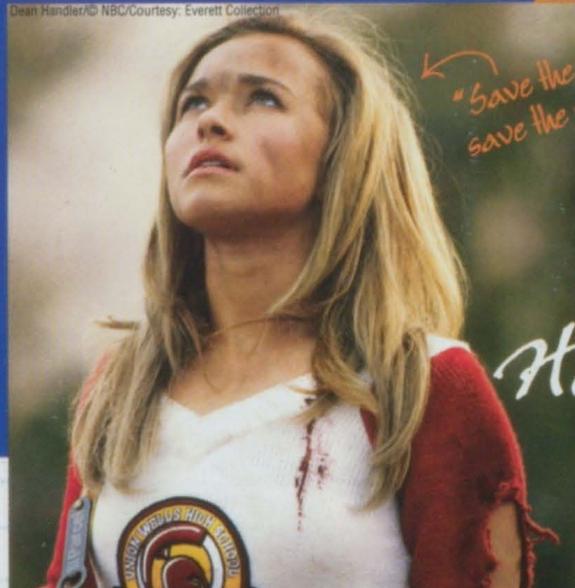
The Office

◀ NBC's *The Office*, starring Steve Carell, wins an Outstanding Comedy Series Emmy and becomes as successful as the original British sitcom.



Grey's Anatomy

▶ Once *Grey's Anatomy* was just a reference book for medical students. Now it's the name of ABC's Emmy Award-winning drama featuring the dreamiest doctors on television.



← "Save the cheerleader, save the world."

◀ The NBC drama *Heroes* tells the story of ordinary people with extraordinary, superhuman capabilities. The hit show features an ensemble cast of 12 main characters.

Heroes

Golden Globe Winners

- Best Motion Picture, Drama: *Babel*
- Best Actress, Drama: Helen Mirren, *The Queen*
- Best Actor, Drama: Forest Whitaker, *The Last King of Scotland*
- Best Motion Picture, Musical or Comedy: *Dreamgirls*
- Best Director, Motion Picture: Martin Scorsese, *The Departed*

{Music}

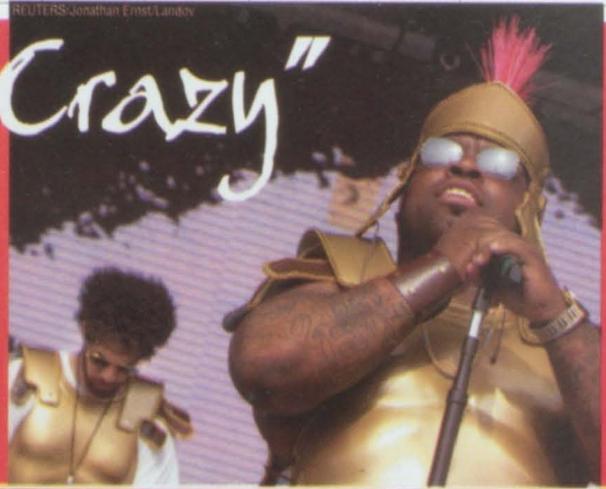


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▶ DJ/producer Danger Mouse and rapper/singer Cee-Lo Green call their collaboration Gnarls Barkley. Their first album, *St. Elsewhere*, features the hit song "Crazy."

▶ Justin Timberlake continues to prove that there's life after the boy band, with the release of his second solo album and two No. 1 singles.

"Crazy"



REUTERS/Mike Cassese/Landov

▶ Evanescence, a goth-alternative-metal-piano-arena-chamber-pop group, releases their second album, *The Open Door*, which hits No. 1 on the *Billboard* 200.

Evanescence



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▶ Panic! At the Disco, an alternative rock band from Las Vegas, achieves mainstream success, despite a heated, public war of words with their ex-bass player.

2006 Teen Choice Award 2 winners

Single: Fall Out Boy, "Dance, Dance"

R&B Artist: Rihanna

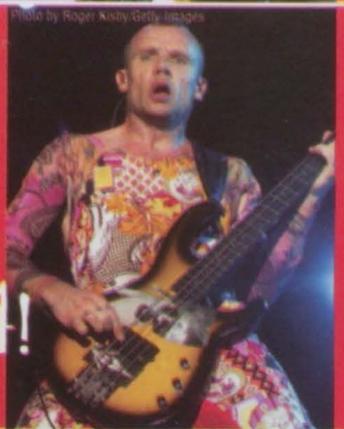
R&B/hip-hop track: Nelly Furtado Featuring Timbaland, "Promiscuous"

Kottie Female: Jessica Alba

Kottie Male: Orlando Bloom

▶ The Red Hot Chili Peppers complete their ninth studio album, the 28-track *Stadium Arcadium*, which debuts at No. 1 and garners four Grammy awards.

Red hot!



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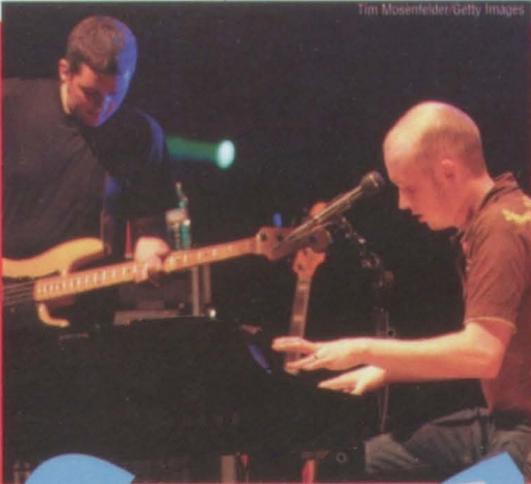
{Shakira}

▶ Shakira launches her biggest tour ever and is honored by the United Nations for her charity that protects children from violence in her native Colombia.

▶ Fergie, of The Black Eyed Peas, releases her first solo album, *The Dutchess*. Her second single, *Fergalicious*, hits No. 1 on *Billboard's* Pop 100 chart.

{Fergalicious}





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◀ The Fray is nominated for two Grammys and releases a cover of John Lennon and Yoko Ono's "Happy Xmas (War is Over)" on iTunes.

The Fray



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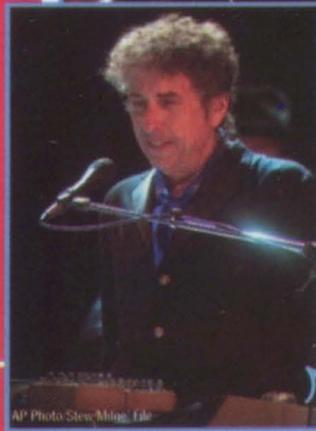
▲ Christina Aguilera releases *Back to Basics*, a critically acclaimed album of blues, soul and jazz music from the 1920s, '30s and '40s.



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◀ After 12 successful years in the music business, Mary J. Blige is stronger than ever in 2006. Her latest album, *The Breakthrough*, earns her three Grammy awards.

▶ With his studio album *Modern Times*, folk rock poet Bob Dylan, age 65, is the oldest living artist to top the U.S. album charts.



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Bob Dylan

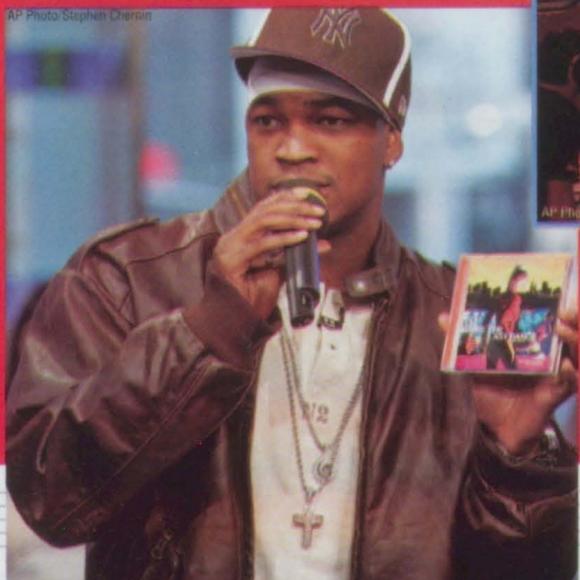


Rascal Flatts

◀ When country superstars Rascal Flatts release *Me And My Gang*, their fourth album, it becomes the top-selling album of any genre for the year.

▼ Singer/songwriter Ne-Yo releases his hit solo album *In My Own Words* in 2006 and co-stars with Chris Brown in the movie *Stomp the Yard* in 2007.

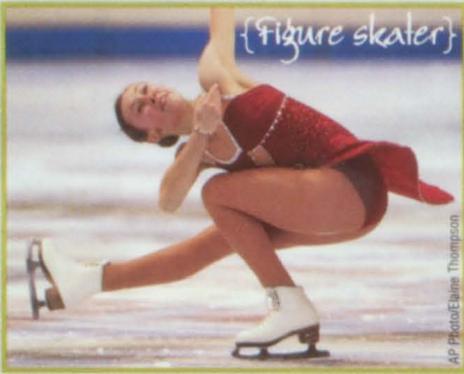
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▲ OK Go releases their oddball music videos on YouTube, performs a dance on treadmills live at the 2006 MTV Video Music Awards, and tours with Panic! At the Disco.

{Sports}



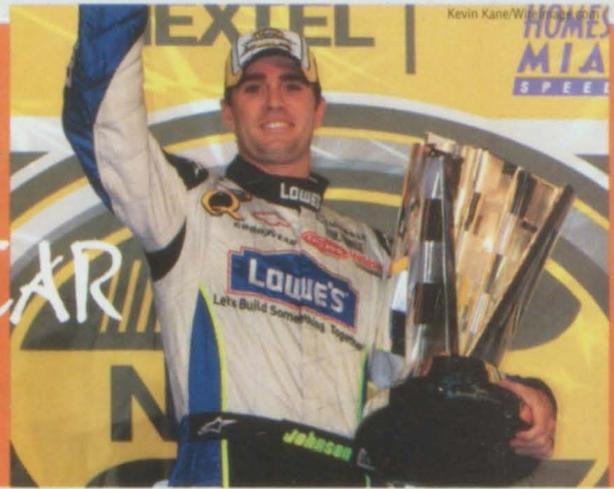
{Figure skater}

AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

▲ Kimmie Meissner, 17, wins the U.S. Figure Skating Championship in January 2007. She is the first female since 1991 to win a world championship before earning the title in her own country.

▶ In the victory lane of Homestead-Miami Speedway, NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson celebrates his 2006 Nextel Cup title and a \$6.2 million paycheck.

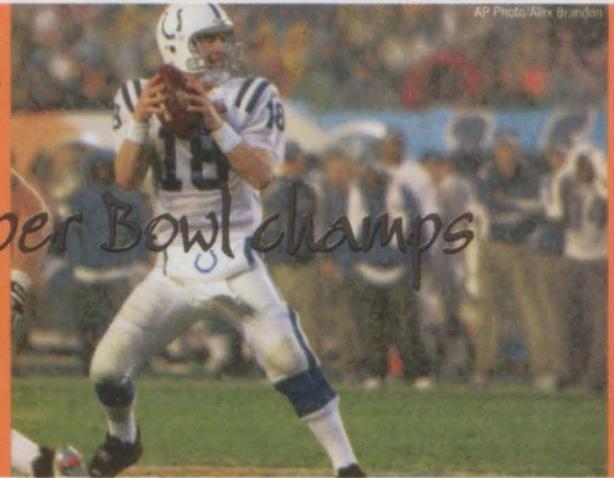
NASCAR



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HOMESTEAD MIAMI SPEEDWAY

▶ MVP Peyton Manning leads the Indianapolis Colts through a steady rain and past the Chicago Bears for a 29-17 victory in Super Bowl XLI.

Super Bowl champs



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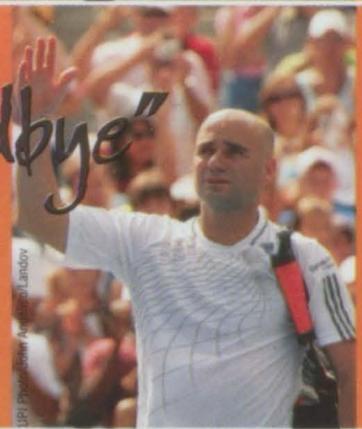


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▲ Roger Federer retains his No. 1 ranking for the third year in a row. Tennis star Maria Sharapova is the world's highest-paid female athlete. Both take home a U.S. Open Championship trophy in 2006.

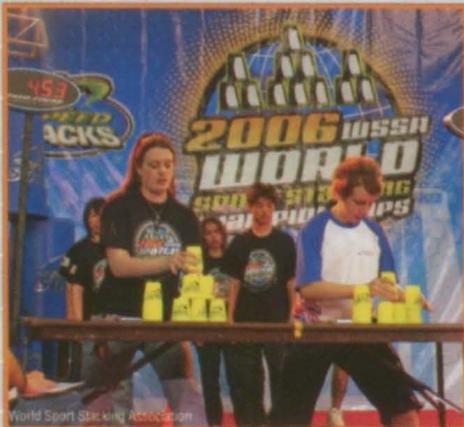
"Goodbye"

▶ When Andre Agassi retires from professional tennis at age 37, he receives a heartfelt, eight-minute standing ovation from the crowd at the 2006 U.S. Open.



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{Sport stacking}

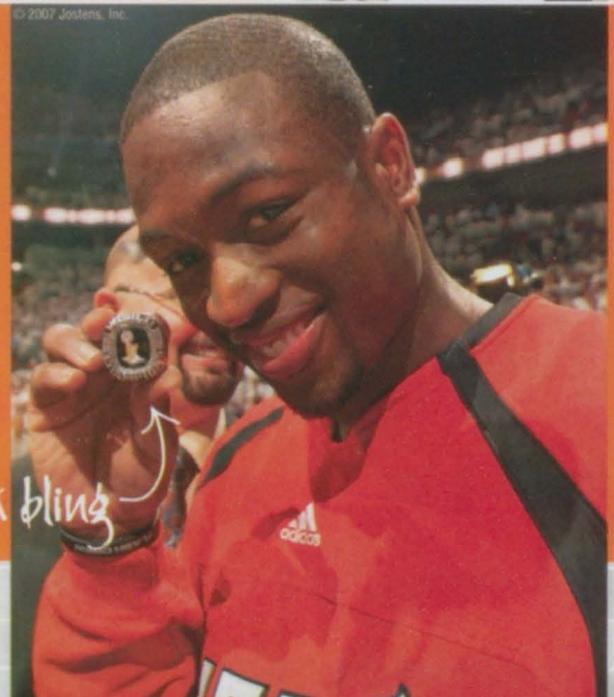


World Sport Stacking Association

◀ Nearly 1,100 competitors compete in the WSSA World Sport Stacking Championships in Denver. Forty-two new world records are set at the 2006 event.

▶ The Miami Heat defeat the Dallas Mavericks in six games to win the 2006 NBA Finals. Dwyane Wade, the Miami Heat guard, is named MVP.

NBA bling



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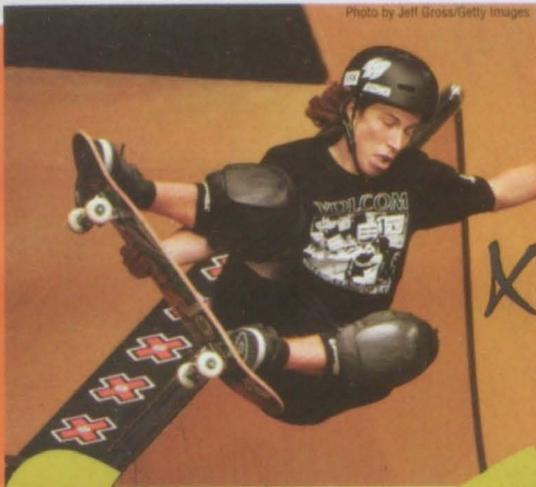
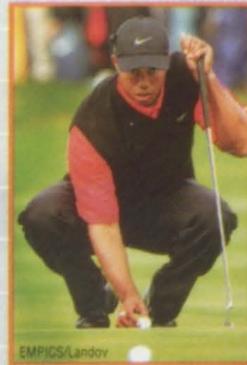


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◀ Shaun White makes his second unsuccessful attempt at the 1080 at the 2006 Summer X Games. He is the only skateboarder to attempt the move in competition.

X Games



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▲ Tiger Woods and Mexican sensation Lorena Ochoa are named the male and female AP Athletes of the Year.

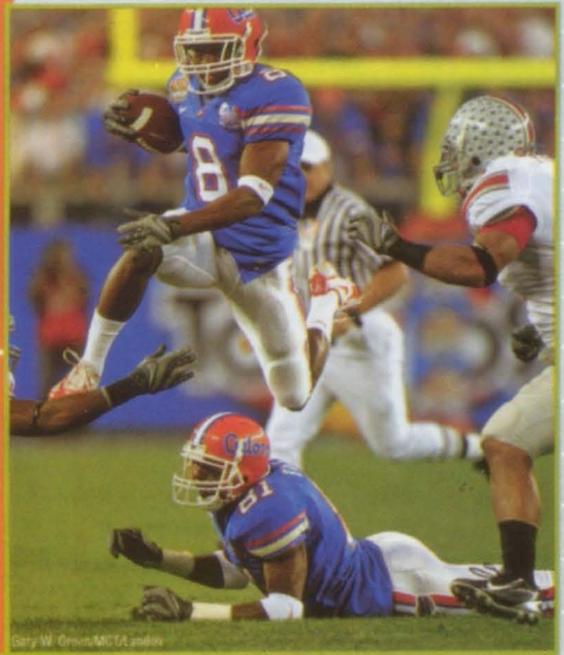


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2006 World Series

◀ The National League champion St. Louis Cardinals win the 2006 World Series by defeating the American League champion Detroit Tigers in five games.

▶ The Florida Gators become the first school in history to win both the NCAA basketball and football titles in the same year after defeating heavily favored Ohio State 41-14 in the 2006 BCS National Championship.



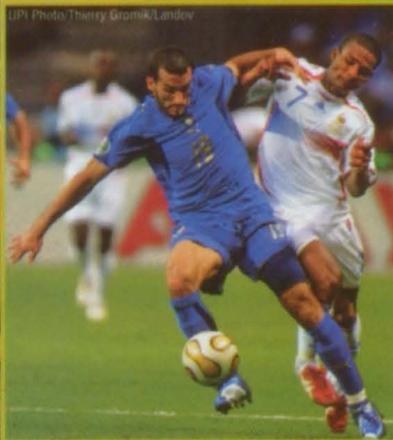
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Stanley Cup

◀ In 2006, the Carolina Hurricanes defeat the Edmonton Oilers four games to three to win their first Stanley Cup in the first post-lockout championship.



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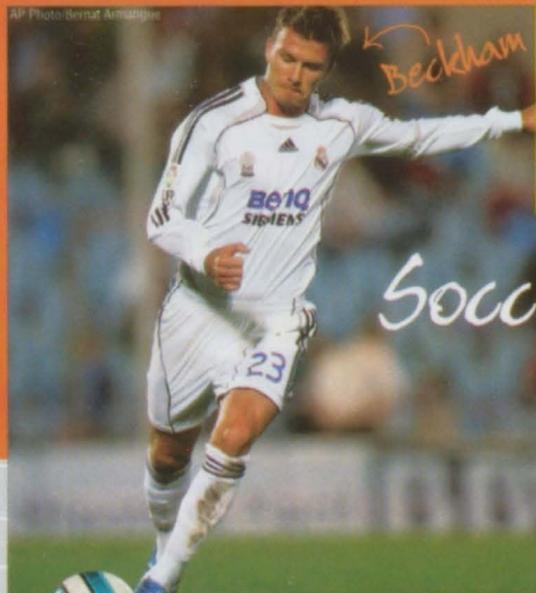
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2006 Heisman Trophy Finalists:

- Troy Smith - Winner
QB, Ohio State
Notes: 2,540
- Darren McFadden
RB, Arkansas
Notes: 878
- Brady Quinn
QB, Notre Dame
Notes: 782

▼ International soccer superstar David Beckham signs a \$250 million contract to leave Real Madrid to play Major League Soccer in the U.S. for the Los Angeles Galaxy.

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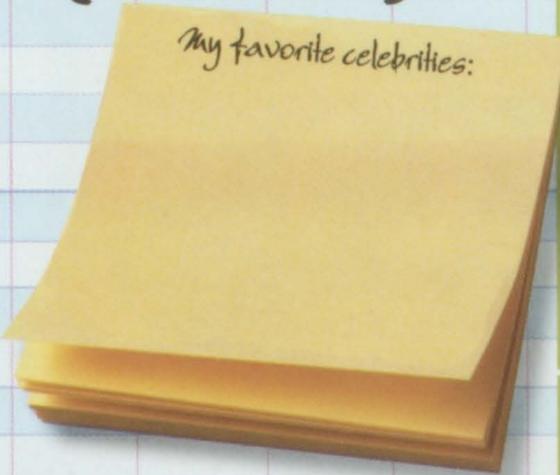
Beckham

Soccer

▲ In the 2006 World Cup Finals, the most widely viewed sporting event in the world, Italy beats France for the title.

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My favorite celebrities:



- ▼ Fans mourn Steve Irwin, the Crocodile Hunter, who is killed by a stingray while snorkeling at Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

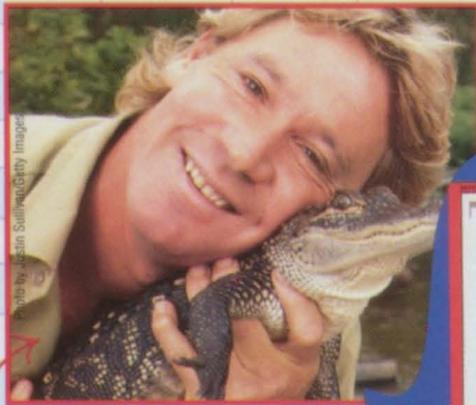


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Crocodile Hunter

- ▶ Due to the popularity of user-generated websites like MySpace and YouTube, *TIME* magazine's annual person of the year is "You."



- ▶ Jessica Simpson's divorce from Nick Lachey is finalized. Romantic rumors link her to skateboarder Bam Margera, NFL quarterback Tony Romo, singer John Mayer and comedian Dane Cook.



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- ▶ Dynamic music legend James Brown, aka the Godfather of Soul, dies at the age of 73. He is remembered as one of the major musical influences of the past 50 years.



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- ▶ Shortly after the birth of their second son makes headlines around the world, Britney Spears and Kevin Federline announce the end of their marriage.



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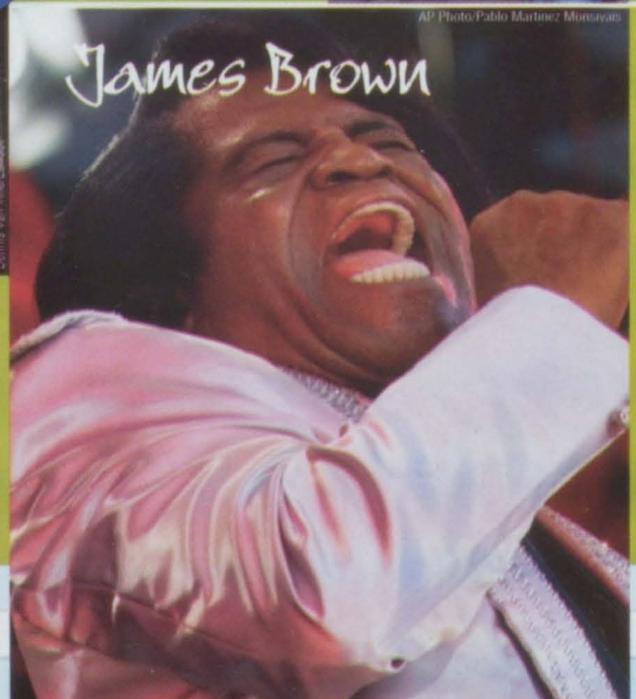
- ▶ Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, also known as "Bradgelina," make headlines when Angelina gives birth to daughter Shiloh in the African nation of Namibia.



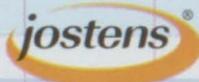
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James Brown



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