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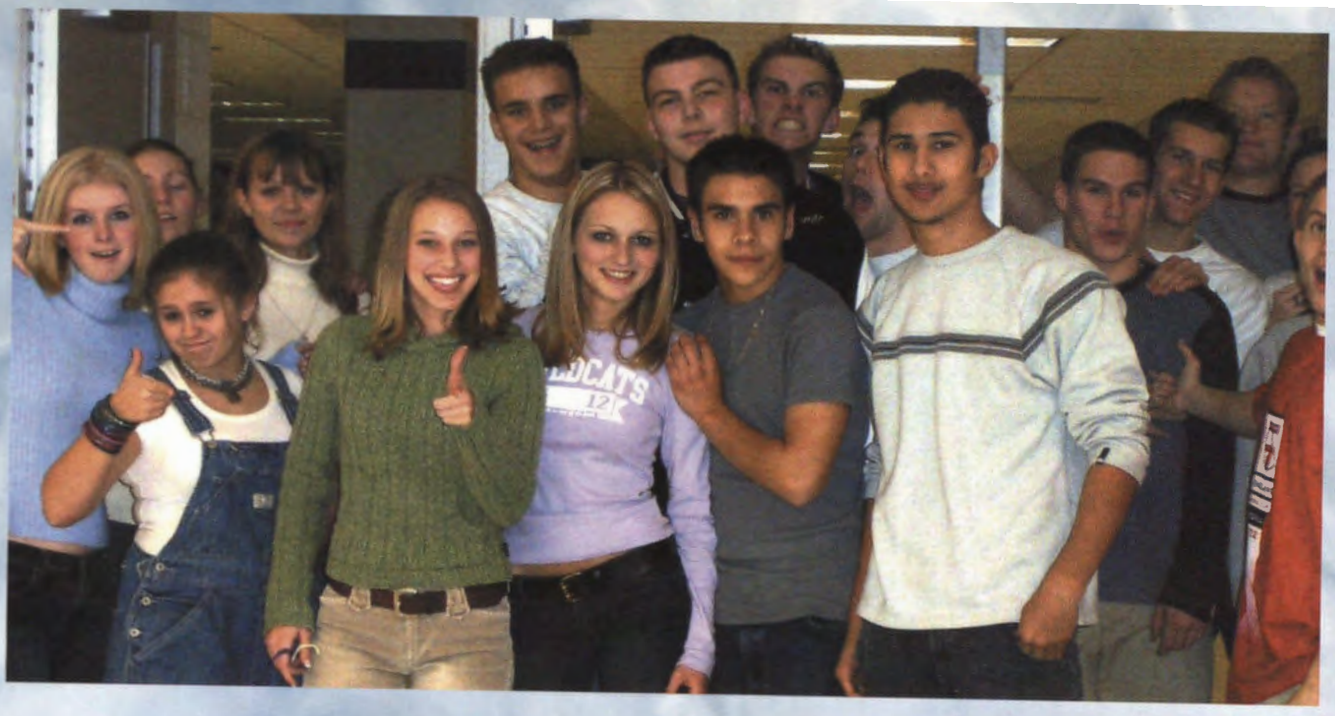

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Student Life

Scott Sieder ('03), Matt Kallas ('03) and Chris Sanzeri ('03) stand proud.

Lisa Martin ('04) and Molly Knaak ('04) help out each other while window painting.

Untamed wildcats spend most of their time catching their prey and snoozing under the cool shadow of a tree. West Chicago Wildcats, on the other hand, spend their time studying for tests, practicing for Friday night games, fund-raising for their clubs and of course having FUN!

Students at Community High School arrived at about 6:00 in the morning in 2003. A few started their zero hour classes, but most arrived at the crack of dawn to find parking spots. Groups of friends could be seen sitting around their lockers and eating breakfast, enjoying the school day before it even started. One sure thing, the students showed that a wildcat's life is full of surprises.

-Brisa Mendez and Maricarmen Osorio

Brad Bytof ('04), dressed as Michelangelo, shows his school spirit.

Merium Koch ('05) concentrates as she plays her violin.

Carlos Santillan ('05) shows his loyable side and hugs the Wildcat.

Lauren Johnston ('04), Cari Brown ('04), and Kristin Voss ('04) put on smiles, while cheering for the team.

Juan Abundez ('04), Said Mendoza ('03), and Beto Salinas ('04) share a brief moment before heading to their 10th hour class.

Jazmine Martinez ('06), Victoria Sagen ('06), Marissa Mendoza ('04), Christine Moody ('04) and Angelina Panozzo ('06) know how to party.

What is the best part of the school day?

"French class because I enjoy learning French."
-Hayde Antonio <'05>

"Passing periods because I get to hang with friends."
-Nevia Hernandez <'04>

"Lunch because I am not in class."
-Matt Kimber <'04>

"Having a lot of time in the morning."
-Heather Barron <'03>

Incredible People

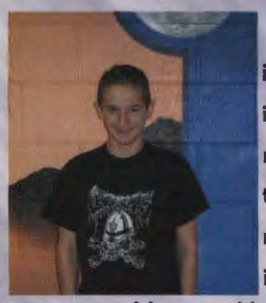
The student body of Community High School consists of many different people from many different walks of life. Each and every person comes from a unique background shaped by his/her ethnicity, culture, and beliefs. With their talents and spirit, these individuals help to shape and share the spirit of We-Go. The staff members of *Challenge* annually select students to profile that represent the best of West Chicago. Although many of these students excel in terms of academics and athletics, traditional criteria are not the only factors for which these students are selected for this honor. These students also contribute to Community High School through their personalities and their dedication to the school, their peers and their community. These students profiled in the following stories come from all grade levels, have impacted student life in a positive way, and have shown outstanding qualities in and out of the school's walls. Most importantly, these are the students who truly represent Community High School and make us proud.

Those students profiled include: Freshmen: Harry Podschwit and Mary Hesterman; Sophomores: Gil Valenzuela and Dana Heman; Juniors: Nils Higdon, Jackie Vavrek, and Fabian Cruz; and Seniors: Jeremy Rose, Beca Duran, Ernesto Romo, Luzmaria and Lourdes Tlatehui.

-Krissy Joy and Adriana Vargas

Mary Hesterman is no ordinary freshman here at Community High School. Mary had her first year jitters, but quickly found out everything was going to be okay. "I thought I would get lost and everything, but I actually didn't!" Mary said. She jumped right into high school and made a name for herself.

Mary always brightens up a room with her positive attitude and big smile. Others are drawn to her cheerful personality. She enjoys making new friends and meeting new people. "Every time I turn around she is smiling! I mean she's got tons of friends!" said Mary Turnquist ('05). As well as being a great friend, Mary is a great student. She also plays on the Varsity Tennis Team. Despite her busy schedule, she manages to squeeze in time for her traveling soccer team, which she has been a part of for five years.



A rebel to the end, Harry Podschwit dares to defy what is considered normal. With his outlandish haircuts, outfits and ideas, he is definitely destined for his own path in life. "I have no group. I hang out with them all," Podschwit admits. Even though he is a freshman, Harry already feels like he has made many friends with many different interests. Harry's own interests range from academics to the creative. With friends at every turn, Harry is widely known among the school. Harry is involved in Junior State of America and Global Citizenship. After graduating high school Harry hopes to attend Stanford University or Allston College.

"Our opinion of people depends less upon

Dana Heman is as active as a person can be when it comes to sports. The action, the pressure, the anxiety and the momentum of sports attract this 15-year-old sophomore to being invovled in the athletic program at Community High School. Volleyball, basketball, and softball occupy Dana's time. She has earned a spot on the varsity volleyball team this year and hopes she will eventually earn the spot for basketball and softball. Dana loves all three sports and plans on continuing with them for her next two years. She loves being involved because of the pride she feels when she represents the school. "Dana presents herself as a very passionate, serious person with everything she does, but she also loves to laugh and just kick back and be herself," says fellow classmate Peggy Saul ('05). In her determination to excel, she stretches beyond what is expected.

He can dance, sing, and play instruments. What can't this 5' 2" sophomore do? Gil Valenzuela has traveled all over the world, even though he is still young. He was born in the Philippines, lived in the Middle East, and moved to Kentucky before arriving in West Chicago. He is a two-year member of the Marching, Concert, Pep, and Jazz Bands. Gil's instrument of choice is the trumpet, which he has played since 6th grade. He has been a featured soloist in Jazz Band and was named Best New Marcher his freshman year. Yet, his musical abilities don't end there, he is also a very talented singer. "He's really nice, and the boy can sing!" says Nicole Chudoba ('05). In addition to his musical talent, Gil also break dances with style and passion. With all he has accomplished in his first years of high school, Gil has definitely set himself apart from the crowd.

A music-loving individual who always has a beat in his head is one of the many things sixteen-year-old Junior Nils Higdon does to pass his time. Nils' happy-to-be-alive attitude is contagious. His sense of humor and ability to bring joy into others' lives is unquestionably a talent and something which sets him apart from others. Mike Smeraglia ('05) describes Nils as "the most funkenest, hip-hoppinest [sic] cat in town." Nils is highly involved in the school's music program and his dedication shows even once the bell has rung at the end of the day. He is a part of Student Action, a club that allows Higdon to discuss world issues and figure out solutions for world problems. Nils is an easy-going, optimistic individual with a great sense of humor, whose ability to be true to himself is nothing short of amazing.

Along The Way

what we see in them than upon what they make us see in ourselves." -Sarah Grant

After winning state freshman year and placing second sophomore year in the 50-yard freestyle, swimmer and Junior Jackie Vavrek shows a great of dedication both in and out of the water. Since age 5, she has been swimming competitively with the West Chicago Sharks Swim Club. She knows what it takes to be a top athlete. "Can't is not a word in my vocabulary," said Jackie. Her top Swim Club accomplishments include winning Illinois Senior Championship and Speedo's Sectional Championship in the 50-yard freestyle. Friends, teammates, and coaches describe her as the girl who never gives up, a dedicated and determined young lady, and someone everyone should get to know. She has been the Student Council Class President for the past three years, a member of the Student Ambassador Club, and captain of the Girls Swim Team.

Fabian Cruz can usually be seen at Open Gym, in the middle school, showing off his amazing break dancing moves or at the school's variety shows. Cruz is a 17-year-old Junior this year. Like most other teenagers, he enjoys watching movies, hanging out with friends, and going to parties. He is mostly known for his great sense of humor and his ability to break dance. Fabian is also a member of the Varsity Wrestling Team at Community High School. When asked what he would like to do when he gets older, he said, "Maybe I would like to become a wrestling coach." He would also like to attend Eastern Illinois University after graduating in 2004. He is truly a unique student and a great person to be around.

Luzmaria & Lourdes Tlatehui are 17-year-olds, who are not only excellent students but incredible role models. They share the same physical appearance and have the same passion for foreign languages. For many students keeping track of their second language is hard enough, but for these girls keeping track of four languages is no problem. They both speak Spanish, English, French, and Italian. "I love being able to talk to my sister in different languages. I think that it has allowed us to expand our knowledge and still be able to share it with each other," Luzmaria stated. Students from all ages describe them as overall great girls. Their charming accents and outgoing personalities are admied by many. Both girls have been involved in dance production for two years now, and they plan on attending La Salle.

Beca Duran is the student who picks up that empty soda can sitting in the hallway and deposits it in the trashcan. While other students keep walking, Beca stops and makes a difference. With her involvement in a host of school activities, Beca shows how much she cares about her classmates.

As an active member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), she serves as Parliamentarian. In Junior State of America (JSA), she is Secretary. Beca also participates in service events like Adopt-a-Family, Christmas caroling at the senior citizens home, and blanket drive. Outside of school, Beca takes sevice and volunteer trips with her church youth group. Beca also spends much of her time devoted to her church, Living Lord Lutheran Church. Both her parents are ordained ministers, and her mother is the pastor of the church.

As founder of a new club, committed government student helper, and true leader, Jeremy Rose has made the lives of many students and staff at Community High School more exciting. As a freshman and sophomore, he was active in Student Council. During his junior year, Jeremy formed the first Debate Team here at West Chicago. As a senior, he focused more on studying government. After finishing high school, his plans for college involve majoring in Political Science. During the summer between his junior and senior year, Jeremy and three other students took a trip to Washington DC for a three week long session to help them understand the government. After his experience in Washington DC, he brought new ideas into our school. The Debate Team dream of last year has now become Junior State of America.

Responsible for supplying several hundred students and faculty with "Squad" tee shirts, 18-year-old senior Ernesto Romo spreads school spirit with his commitment to the high school. A dedicated student, Ernesto is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the German Honor Society. He is also vice president of Student Council and plays forward on the school soccer team. He is involved with Snow Flurry because he loves helping little kids. Ernesto is often described as a people person and has excellent leadership skills. He intends on attending Loyola University and would like to become a Pediatric Surgeon. However, Ernesto is the first to admit that he is not perfect. "If I could change one thing about myself, I would grow about five inches," he says.

Senior T-Shirt

Back of Senior '02-'03 T-Shirt

Senior '02-'03 T-Shirt

Junior T-Shirt

Key Club T-Shirt

T-SHIRT MANIA

Trends change from year to year, but the Wildcats have taken fashion into their own hands. Sports teams, classes, and even the faculty adopted the t-shirt craze this fall and showed their "Here We Go" pride.

For Homecoming, the English Department teachers created their own shirts that read "Got English?", but they were not alone. Members of the Social Studies Department designed shirts that honored the heroes of 9/11. Soon, an Economics class began marketing the shirts which saluted the New York City Fire Department and then donated their profits to charity.

Whether the t-shirts celebrated "The Squad," the senior class or the Fall Play, students and faculty showed their spirit and their humor through their apparel. "I think it's a pretty cool thing that we have different shirts that are able to represent clubs and sports, unlike just wearing your regular jerseys and decorating each others lockers," said Lorena Mansera ('04).

-Erica Fatigato and Lettecia Cruz

Fall Play T-Shirt

Girls' Swimming T-Shirt

Girls' Swimming T-Shirt

Girls' Swimming Chick T-Shirt

Cheerleading T-Shirt

Junior Mint T-Shirt

FBLA T-Shirt

FDNY T-Shirt

Football T-Shirt

Trumpets T-Shirt

SADD T-Shirt

Cheerleading T-Shirt

Boys' Soccer T-Shirt

Girls' Volleyball T-Shirt

Squad T-Shirt

Faces of Fall

The beginning of 2002-2003 school year at West Chicago signaled major changes for the entire student body and staff. As everyone started to get back into the Wildcat spirit, they also needed to adjust to a new principal, a new schedule and a winning football team. As freshmen were introduced to the high school experience, sophomores and juniors began to realize exactly how much work awaited them, and seniors showed up everywhere ready to show their school pride. Most remarkably, after a 24 year drought, the varsity football team earned their first play-off berth. And, yes, the West Chicago Wildcats really beat Naperville Central High School.

In addition to Mr. Highland taking over for Dr. Jones as principal of the school, changes abounded for students. For the first time in Community High School's history, truancy became an expensive endeavor. After the passing of a new city ordinance, students who ditched classes received fines starting at $75. And the daily schedule confused everyone with classes beginning and ending at new times. Despite the confusion, however, finishing the school day ten minutes earlier allowed for a few smiles.

Despite the host of new faces and changes at the high school, some things stayed the same. Student parking continued to be a hot issue, mice viisted lockers and desk drawers, and freshmen searched for the fourth floor. Sophomores celebrated getting their drivers licenses, juniors dreaded their reserach papers, and seniors slept through their first period classes. Toilet paper decorated the school on Homecoming Weekend, and fire alarms provided the entertainment at the Homecoming Dance. All in all, students will remember the Fall of 2002 as a time filled with laughter and a few Good stories.

-The Challenge Staff

Heather Bien ('03), Heather Koslow ('03), and Heather Mosteller ('03) swap stories after along summer break.

What is your favorite event in Fall?

"I love watching the soccer games because fall is the best weather to play my favorite sport."
-Shana Galto ('04)

"My favorite event to do is watch people frolic in the leaves, like me!"
-Justin Pineda ('03)

"Halloween is the best event in fall because I get to dress up and get lots of candy."
-Allyson Laloggia ('03)

Left: Kim Mueller ('04), Julie McKee ('04), Allyson Laloggia ('04), Laura Baumrucker ('04), and Fabiola Leal ('04) enjoy the excitement of the Friday night football game.

Right: Jorie Vlach ('04) gets the crowd involved and inspires school spirit at the first home football game of the season.

Four words remind students to wave good-bye to summer and say hello to school once again.

Top 10 Ways to Have Fun at the Football Games:

-Be the Mascot all the time, every time
-Play Mafia
-Yell and scream for your team
-Walk around and socialize
-Run around and heckle the band members
-Guys: Take off your shirt and paint yourself in Wildcat colors
-Watch the cheerleaders jump and yell for the Wildcats
-Meet friends
-Girls: Go scout the other side for guys

What do you like best about Fall?

"I love wearing hoodies because it is the best weather to do that."
-Katie Knoll ('04)

"It's pretty outside to see the leaves change colors and I love that it is not freezing but it is not too hot either."
-Tracy Macias ('04)

"I get to chill with all my guy friends outside because it is the perfect weather to be outside."
-Eric Radloff ('04)

Top 10 Ways to Get Back into the School Spirit:

-Attend football games
-Try out for the fall play
-Go to the pep rallies
-Try out for a sport team
-Dress as a Superhero for Homecoming
-Sport We-Go Wear (see pages 6 & 7)
-Support school events
-Count the days until Christmas break
- Enjoy fire drills
- Complain about arriving to school early

Left: Courtney Rubin ('03) shows the world her school spirit and Senior Pride by dressing in the proper attire.

Right: Jami Murphy ('03), Lindsay Paulsen ('03), Joanna Szeszycki ('03), and Heather Koslow ('03) celebrate the ingeniousness of the Senior Prank.

Homecoming Week 2002

When the stress of school becomes overwhelming, who can offer salvation and relief? Superheroes, of course!

Themed "We-Go Saves The World," Homecoming 2002 differed from all Homecomings preceding it. With the traditional Friday Pep-A-Thon split into multiple assemblies, West Chicago spirit spread into a week-long affair.

In a huge upset, the junior Powderpuff Teams defeated both senior teams, and a different class won each morning game. But, as expected, everyone scored massive points during hall decorating. The Senior class and the Social Studies department repeated their championship performances in the Tug-Of-War, with the teachers defeating the students in the final contest.

The week culminated with a weekend of Homecoming festivities. Although Wheaton Warrenville South prevailed on the field Friday night, no other school came close to matching West Chicago's spirit.

-Patty Carmona

Senior Ernesto Romo warily stands in front of the senior male cheerleaders before they perform their routine at the Homecoming Pep Rally. Brian Nelson, Mike Paschke, Dan Deutsch, Alex Baker, Bob Nagel, Mike Treachler, Derek Jensen, Nick Michael, Justin Steck, Sean Chapman, Dan Callahan, Pablo Herrera, Tom Aguirre and Brian Romanelli made up the squad.

We-Go Saves the World

2006 - X-Men 2005 - Batman
2004 - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2003 - Spiderman

Members of the senior class summon their energy for the Tug-of-War against the Social Studies Department.

What is do you think of Homecoming Week?
"Teachers need to lighten up."
-Mrs. Clifford

How was the pep rally?
"I went to pick up my yearbook and stayed because of school spirit."
-Amanda Tollas ('04)

What do you think of Homecoming Week?
"Homecoming Week was fun because we beat the seniors in Powderpuff."
-Tami Kuka ('04)

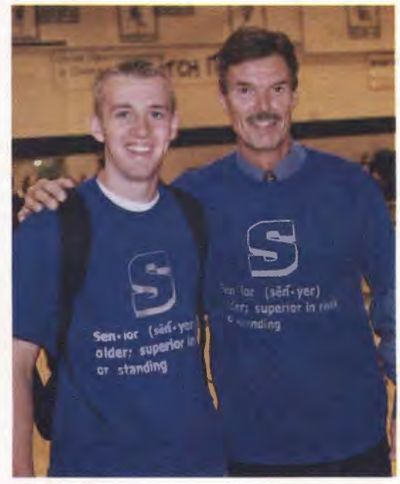
How did you feel being nominated for Homecoming Court?
"It's amazing I was nominated by my peers and in the top twelve!"
-Sean Warren ('08)

Riddle me this, Riddle me that. Did you see the painting from the big bad Wildcats? Sophmores create murals for Homecoming Week during window painting portraying Gotham City as West Chicago.

"It was my favorite Homecoming ever because the dance was interesting with all the disasters that happened, and afterwards, I slept in my car at Chris Sanzeri's because there weren't adequate sleeping quarters. Thank you Mr. Sanzeri."
-Greg Hodge ('03)

Emmanuel Vazquez and Katy Kostal, surprised just to be nominated, now wear the crowns.

Jasmeen Castillo and Kristin Koltz prepare to hike the ball for the seniors. Ready to charge for a quarterback sack are juniors Lisa Martin and Molly Knaak.



Principal Highland, nicknamed "Old Man" on his shirt, and Nick Bernard ('03) show senior pride.

Cheerleaders wait for the football team to come crashing through the Homecoming banner.

The West Chicago Wildcats accept the challenge in the Homecoming game against the Tigers of Wheaton Warrenville South High School.

Christine Hendron ('03) smiles for the mascot, played by Jessica Stentz ('05).

"Joe Klingberg and Justin Steck disappeared before the Meet The Candidates Assembly to buy roses at Jewel. I thoughtI was going to have to walk up alone."
-Margy Schwartz ('03)

Who was your favorite male cheerleader?
"Nick Michael! With those long skinny legs and him being so tall...and his lack of rhythm."
-Kelly McCarthy ('08)

Who was your favorite male cheerleader?
"Well I do like blonds!"
-Dave Chronowski ('04)

Scott Sieder ('03), Matt Kallas ('03), and Chris Sanzeri ('03) dress up on superhero day as Generic Cape Man, Tights Boy, and Quail Man respectively.

Jorge Carlos ('06) and Paul Reyes ('06) enjoy the morning games.

HOMECOMING DANCE 2002

We-Go Saves The World

Students arrived at the 2002 Homecoming dance ready to see friends and dance the night away. With a D.J. playing music to calm the mind, everybody seemed prepared for a good time. But minutes into the dance Commons needed to be evacuated as the fire alarms sounded. The D.J.'s fog machine had set off the alarms, forcing partygoers to rush out of the school and firefighters to join the festivities. After a brief visit to the parking lot, students returned to Commons to lose themselves in the rhythmic beats and sweltering atmosphere. Despite the night's shaky beginning, the dance proved to be a success.

-Bob Vondrash

Mike Martinez ('03), dressed to impress, tries his best to drive the Batmobile!

Jasmin Celozzi ('06) and her date make an astonishing entrance.

King Emmanuel Vazquez ('03) and Queen Katy Kostal ('03) have the spotlight on them as they dance.

Lindsay Doerr ('04) and Tito Pedraza ('04) share a moment at the dance.

Seniors Natalie Chudoba and Jessi Crockatt glam up Homecoming in basic black.

Ian Holmes, Jon Leitherer, Merium Koch, Micah Hitchcock, and Brad Murison all ('05) strike a pose.

Jeff Raymond ('04) and Moey Stone ('04) play Santa between songs.

Survivors of the false alarm are Emily Chadraba ('06), Amanda Gibson ('05), and Shelley Koch ('05). Despite the early interruption, the Homecoming Dance still gave them reason to smile.

Hoping this night will last forever are freshmen Matt Sharko and Alicia Leonhardt.

Seniors Luanne Kozlowski and Shannon Mazzuca show the strength under their dresses.

This crowd of freshmen, together since middle school, squeeze tight to capture the memorable moment of their first Homecoming Dance. Wonder if they can recreate this pose in three years?

Erick Mariano ('06) supports an exhausted Alejandra Alegria ('06) after hours of fun.

The King (Emmanuel Vasqez) ('03) and Nick Rardon ('03) share a dance.

Thirteen senior and junior girls scrunch to take one last picture before calling it a night.

Scott Sieder ('03) snaps a picture of himself at his last Homecoming.

Tom Grove ('04), Kelly Williams ('04), Courtney Mathias ('04), and Brad Bytof ('04) "Peace out people."

Lauren Kirby ('03) and Kelly Siekmann ('03) dance the robot.

Tanya Hisey ('04), Heather Edminson ('02), Kelly McCarthy ('03), Ericka Coletti ('04) show "Peace America!"

Seniors Andy Barton, Jessica Varble, and Heather Koslow express the Homecoming spirit.

Vince Czernik ('05) waits impatiently for his ticket.

Senior guys Chris Sanzeri, Scott Sieder, Jim Rylowicz, Josh Kane, Mike Martinez, and Matt Kallas flex for the entire school.

Junior Amy Norman gladly pays full price for a dance ticket.

Halloween 2002

at Community High School

"On Halloween, the coolest thing seen were all the students so dressed up, from a princess to ketchup." -**Vanessa Vergara ('05)**

Salome Yigzaw ('04) brings the 1970's back to We-Go.

Monaca Thomas ('03), Tigger, bounces through the LRC

Is that an English teacher or is that Quasimodo? Wait...it's Mrs. Minor frighteningher students. Is that Spongebob Squarepants Studying Calculus? Nope...it's just Ashley Mazzola getting into the Halloween spirit. October 31st at West Chicago is a day like no other. With goblins and ghouls wandering the hallway and football players taking over the counseling office, the phrase "trick or treat" takes on new meaning. Almost everyone celebrates the fright fest and savors the sweet tarts.

- Ryan Nelson and Christine Hednron

"I like that the teachers aren't so serious and they dress up sometimes too!" -**Chelsea Deitz ('05)**

Lauren Kirby ('03) demonstrates the hula dance.

Jami Murphy ('03) shows off her "flapper" 1920's style.

Luigi (Jaqueline Ruiz ('04)), Mario (Nikki Lederman ('03)), and Wario (Leanna Czernik ('03)) work as new We-Go plumbers.

With Elvis (Mrs. Arnold) as their sidekick, math department members flaunt their poodle skirts.

Seniors Gumbi (Nick Chillemi) and Goo (Christine Hendron) prepare to take on Blockhead (Chris Gauldin).

Watch out Good Charlotte! Here come junoirs Anna Nubie and Ashley Rodgers as girl punk rockers.

"I like Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. The commercials are great and and I always try to eat them like they do on T.V."
-Stephanie Bodane('03)

"I don't like candy. I like it on Halloween when old people give you ten pennies wrapped up in foil."
-Elliott Tinnes('04)

BATTLE OF THE CANDY!

"Twizzlers are my favorite because they are yummy in my tummy. Oh, that rhymes!"
-Kate Parnaude (03)

"Hershey's milk chocolate is my favorite candy because you can put a smile on."
-Cory Arta ('05)

"Skittles! They make mouths happy!"
-Melissa Stevens ('03)

Seniors Stephanie Bodane, Lynn Mielke, Sean Warren, Kori Flagg, and Beth Kipp model their Halloween attire.

The force is with Obi Wan Kenobi (Steve Salinas ('03)).

Spiderman (Alex Serrato ('03)) clings to the lockers.

Brian Romanelli ('03) shows his wild side as a cowboy.

Mr. Doll, Blue's friend Steve ponders clues in his notepad

TOP FIVE COSTUMES

1. Mrs. Minor-Quasimodo
2. Nick Chillemi-Gumby
3. Ashley Mazzola-Spounge Bob
4. Nick Michael-A Bunny
5. Dan Deutsch-A Gorilla

TOP FIVE CANDIES

1. Snickers
2. Skittles
3. Twix
4. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
5. 100 Grand

Wildcat Antics

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

Disobey at your own risk!!!

From the first day of school in August to the final days in June, wild antics and pranks marked the 2002/2003 school year. No one was immune to the unexpected attacks that caused the student body to laugh and groan on a daily basis. Even Principal Highland became the victim of practical jokes. If his office wasn't covered with toilet paper, a gigantic fish waited for him on his desk.

During Homecoming, the flow of the toilet paper continued. Freshmen walked through the hallways, wary of their classmates filled with school spirit. But the only person who truly needed to fret was whoever finally cleared that tree off the football field.

These antics have been and will continue to be an integral part of Community High School, continually causing laughter and keeping the Deans in business.

-Adilene Chavez

Wait a minute. Has that tre
ways been on the football fi

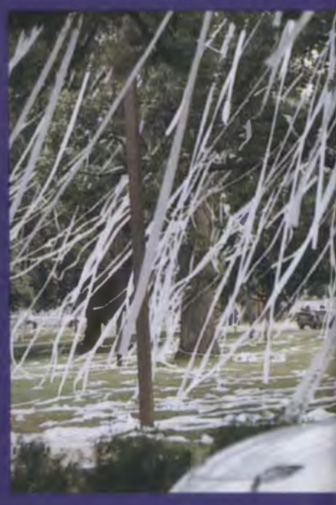
A stream of toliet paper welcomes students on the first day of school.

The West Chicago Police Department continues to search fo
culprits who defaced the Principal's office.

"What makes life great is the joy of laughter." -Janette Gonzalez

Why is a gigantic fish sitting on Mr. Highland's desk?

Mr. Highland dresses for the occassion as a show of support during a teacher training.



Each year the Deans hope
We-Go Homecoming wi
toilet paper decorations.

Cruising with the CoolestCars

What is old is now new. In 1964, the Volkswagen Beetle was the hottest car around. Today, this car has come back into action and is seen everywhere. As time goes on, history repeats itself.

With this in mind, the cars here at Community High School have their own style with booming stereo systems and sweet rims. "When I get older, my car is going to look bad in its pimped out wheels and its leather interior," said Sophomore Ricky Eldridge.

The need to have the best car around is present in every generation. The parking lot will always have those cars that will make a person look twice.

There will always be a car that makes mouths water, and only time will tell if it's a Subaru Baja or Ferrari 360.

-Lettecia Cruz ('04)

Senior Jessica Cwiak loves riding in her Mitsubishi Eclipse GT.

Junior Guillermo Perez's '98 Honda Civic looks good even in the winter time.

n the school's parking lot, Sophomore ose Cuevas' two seated Del Sol stands ut among the parked cars.

Junior Jorge Vargas and other students feel that the '03 Escalade is by far the most recognizable parents' car at We-Go.

Junior Jeff Beideman's blue Subaru is a widely recognizable car here at We-Go.

enior Paul Majchrowski enjoys every inute in his '73 baby blue Ford Musng.

What is your dream car?
"A nice one!"
-Adrienne Sanchez ('05)

What color do you prefer most for a car?
"My favorite color for a car has to be black. It can make a bad car look good."
-Ryan Nelson ('04)

Senior Jaclyn Demes loves riding in her cat, '88 Mercury Cougar.

driana Vargas enjoys riding in her sun of Lexus.

Is that a real car? No, it's a model that decorates Mr. Krebsbach's office.

Junior Nancy Luna struts her stuff with her new 02' Mitshubishi.

getting away With Murder

Fall Play Nov. 7, 8, 9, 2002

WHODUNNIT? WITH ITS COMPLEX COMBINATION OF MURDER AND MYSTERY, THE FALL PLAY *GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER* BY STEPHEN SONDHEIM AND GEORGE FURTH KEPT EVERYONE WONDERING.

THE PLOT OF THE PLAY INVOLVES A CURIOUS PSYCHIATRIST WHO FORMS A THERAPY GROUP IN WHICH EACH MEMBER REPRESENTS ONE OF THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS. THE PSYCHIATRIST, DR. CONRAD BERING (JESSE LORD '03), GETS KILLED WHEN HE FINDS OUT THAT MARTIN CHISHOLM (SEAN WARREN '03) KILLS HIS SON, JR (RYAN NELSON '04). THE GROUP DISCOVERS MARTIN HAS KILLED THE DOCTOR, SO MARTIN DECIDES TO KILL EVERYONE AND NEARLY 'GETS AWAY WITH MURDER' WHEN HE ACCIDENTALLY FALLS INTO THE BROKEN ELEVATOR SHAFT. BY THE END OF THE PLAY, EVERYONE IN THE CAST IS DEAD.

-CHRISTINE HENDRON

JR (Ryan Nelson '04) gets away with the murder Charmaine (Kaitlyn McAvoy '05) at a park.

Cast Quotes:

What was the best thing about working with this play?

"The cast is extremely diverse in just about all ways. That means an opportunity to grow throughout relationships and to learn a great deal." -Jesse Lord '03

"The cast was small, but because so many characters were brought to life it felt like I met so many new people. At times the play was very intense, but we found a way to make it a great and memorable experience." -Jessica Sandz '05

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Vassili Laimorgos (Mike Giese '04) organizes his array of food, being sure not to forget his baklava.

Dan Gerard (Andy Dameron '04) and Nam-Jun Vuong (Jessica Stentz '05) join the group after coming in from the rain.

The group is astonished to find that their faithful doctor was killed. Dossie Lustig (Dana Grant '04) cries from the loss of her lover.

The group discusses how Dr. Conrad Bering was murdered and exactly why JR has a message on the answering machine.

Dr. Conrad Bering (Jesse Lord '03) finds out Martin Chisholm's (Sean Warren '03) secret of killing his son JR.

Chisholm imagines killing the group including Vuong (Jessica Stentz '05) and Pamela Prideaux (Emy Krauspe '04).

SLOTH

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LUST

Cast of Characters

Martin Chisholm.....Sean Warren
Dossie Lustig (lust).....Dana Grant
Young Man-J.R (sloth).....Ryan Nelson
Charmaine.....Kaitlyn McAvoy
Pamela Prideaux (pride).....Emy Krauspe
Vassili Laimorgos (gluttony).Mike Giese
Gregory Reed (greed).....Jonathan Hall
Dan Gerard (anger).....Andy Dameron
Nam-Jun Vuong (envy).....Jessica Stentz
Roberto.....Steve Migliorato
Dr. Conrad Bering.....Jesse Lord

Director
-Mary Hafertepe

Technical Directors
-Margot Reges, Timothy Walsh

Set Construction
-Rick Flowers, Tim Shelley

Set Decoration
-Joanne Gilbert

Student Assistant
-Monaca Thomas

7 Deadly Sins Photos by Sarah Hasse

ANGER

ENVY

GLUTTONY

PRIDE

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Fall into the Act

D.J Henning ('04) sets the crowd to go crazy with his break-dancing skills.

Jeff Linsenmeyer ('05) leads the crowd in singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

The Caramelatinas show off their matchi outfits with dance.

What did you enjoy about the Variety Show?

"Mr. Highland was the best because it was funny to see our very own principal sing."
-Jeff Raymond ('04)

"It was awesome how the break dancers performed with the band Blind Fate."
-David Reynolds ('04)

As the curtain dropped and the lights dimmed, the audience waited for the entertainers to appear and show off their various talents. A variety of acts such as break-dancers spinning on their heads, ballet dancers twirling around stage on pointe, and singers belting out their songs at the top of their lungs took the stage. All the while the audiience applauded and screamed out the names of the performers. The singers and dancers felt the vibes from their fellow students. "I love the feelings of energy from the crowd. That is what makes the breakers rock the show," said Fabian Cruz ('04) whose dancing crew left the audience screaming and wanting more.

The variety Show is an event where students share their talents with the school, showing faculty members and peers where they shine. We-Go students really felt like they attended the Emmys in the auditorium, especially when Mr. Highland joined the festivities and serenaded the audience with a ballad from The Phantom of the Opera.

-Leah Christiansen

How did the performe feel about the show

"It's amazing the power music holds. It can chan your life, your outlook, or love."
-Mark Foote ('08)

"We (Blind Fate) fall asleep to dream we want to be, wake up and try to it our reality."
-Ben Aguirre ('05)

Left: Alex Serrato ('03) performs with Aimee Beutke ('03) to Nelly N' Kelly.

Right: Mark Foote ('03) rocks out while playing the guitar with Blind Fate.

Yuko Otsuka ('03) concentrates hard while showing her talent playing the piano.

The crowd goes into shock as Mr. Highland comes on stage to perform.

"The Past is Now Present" presents Br Bachelor ('04) and her lovely voice.

David Aguirre ('04) shares his natural talent playing the drums.

"I promised Ms. Blume and Mrs. Wirth I'd do it in a weak moment. However I felt foolish and embarrassed in that ridiculous outfit."
-Mr. Highland

Javier Cruz ('03) shows off his Oaxaca flavor with his amazing voice and style.

"White Rice and Bean are very talented. Some day they'll make it big."
-Ryan Henning ('04)

Greg Hodge ('03) and Alex Baker ('03) laugh on stage while making jokes to entertain the crowd between perfomances. Looks like they laughed a little harder than the audience!

"Javier Cruz can sing. He has a strong voice and is a natural performer."
-The Caramelatinas

Becky Wilkening ('04) makes the crowd sit in silence while she sings to a slow jam.

Sean Reynolds ('04) and Mena Gentile ('04) entertain the crowd while the acts scramble to get ready backstage.

Nicole Chudoba ('05) belts out her voice to the sounds of the piano.

Matt Shambo ('03) walks Emily Ekstrom ('04) down stage to introduce the next act.

Left: Tom Aguirre ('03) spills his heart out in his words to the crowd.

Aron Morris ('03) and Courtney Mathias ('04) introduce the next performers.

The Snowball Effect

Snowball 2002

"Snowball was a really great experience. ... People who thought they weren't going to have fun actually had the best time!" -Jenna Pelej ('04)

"It's so much more than 'SAY NO TO DRUGS!' It's actually fun, and it gives you the opportunity to learn about old issues in a fun and challenging way." -Rachel Moguel ('08)

"Snowball was an awesome experience. For one day we put pretensions aside and talked about real issues." -Kristina Wanous ('08)

"Snowball was a core ordeal that I met many friends at. I love Girl." -Eric Oglantan ('04)

Imagine a high school student at a party. Someone hands him a drink, he accepts, he chooses to drive home, and an innocuous event SNOWBALLS into a catastrophe. In an attempt to prevent this type of tragedy, Operation Snowball educates teens about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, while teaching leadership. On November 16, 2002, a blizzard hit Community High School for the second time, bringing with it 93 participants. Three teen directors, eight staff members, and 14 adults spent many hours and nights planning. Speaker James Lilly, a former gang member and now an Olympic wheelchair participant, shared his stories about his own involvement with drugs. Mark Sanders spoke to the teens about making the heart and the mind agree and recommended they remember to right wrong decisions right away. The "No Talent/ Talent Show" was the highlight of the day. After getting to know each other, small groups needed to prepare a group talent in less than thirty minutes. According to Junior Ryan Henning, his talent involved winning $100.00 in a random drawing that afternoon.

Respect was the theme. "Respect: Learn It, Earn It, Abuse It, Lose It."

-Melissa Prusko

RESPECT

Above: A small group takes a picture break.

Below: Junior Ryan Henning cheers after winning $100.00!

The Day. What To Expect

LEARN IT

ABUSE IT

General Sessions. Here teens hear speakers on various topics. These sessions are intended to help the teens share their feelings.

EARN IT

LOSE IT

Mini Workshops. Workshop cover a wide horizon of topics. Teens select that day which workshops to attend.

Lunch time! The participants adults mingle.

Below: A small group does trust walk.

Small Groups. They are led by a teen or adult. Here teens can discuss general topics or anything they feel.

Midnight Madness

Tumblin' Away

The Jesse White Tumblers entertain the crowd with daredevil stunts.

After its successful debut in 2001, Midnight Madness returned with fun and spirit. Planned by Mr. McCarthy's marketing class and co-sponsored by Woody Buick, Midnight Madness, a basketball-oriented fundraiser, allows the girls and boys basketball teams to start their season by competing with each other. The concept of Midnight Madness first began in colleges when basketball players met the day before the season began.

Community High School celebrated this college tradition on an November evening. Bishop Gym turned into a wrestling arena when students competed against teachers in fat body suits. By far, Sticky Buns was among the crowd's favorites. With tape placed on their rear ends, participants attempted to pick up as much as $200 spread across the floor.

Winners of contests received prizes such as McDonald's gift certificates and a Lifetime Fitness membership. But, unfortunately, no one won the grand prize: a 2002 Buick Century in a basketball shoot-out.

-Brisa Mendez

It's the battle of the sexes! Nick Michael ('03) and Alethea Norton ('04) fight for the ball and their gender.

Secretary of State Jesse White poses with the marketing class and shows his enthusiasm for the success of Midnight Madness.

Participants of sticky buns try to get as much money as possible while blindfolded.

Dan Polacek ('04) stuffs himself in the hotdog eating contest.

Jesse White's surprise appearance proves to be the highlight of the night.

Mrs. Donovan and Lisa Montenegro ('03) get ready to start their sumo wrestling match.

Amy Ackerman ('05) and Kim Palka ('04) pace off each other.

A Road Less Travelled

Very few people decide to accept the challenge of a three mile race, but the Girls' Cross Country team stepped up to the line week after week, ready to do what so very few even attempt.

The road less traveled was the new 5k-course distance, raised from 2.5 miles since last year. The extra distance called for strength, mental toughness, and a true passion for pushing beyond one's own limits, pushing through the pain. The Wildcats did just that and made history along their journey.

The Wildcats began with back to back championships at the Crystal Lake and Wauconda Invitationals. The momentum gained at the beginning of the season tapered off midway until the Falcon Classic Flighted Meet. The top seven Varsity runners competed in seven separate races, and five girls medaled. The Wildcats hosted the DVC Conference Meet at Manville Oaks, their new home course. Stellar performances came from senior Katy Kostal in 5th and junior Christy Adduci in 7th, and the team placed 5th overall in the conference.

With the dream of state still very strong the team easily qualified for Sectionals and ran to a 6th place finish - the best in school history. The top five teams qualified. Though the last goal of the season ran away from them, it has only added to the motivation to improve on the best season ever for West Chicago for next year.

-Katy Kostal

Coach Claiborne discusses race strategy with Aimee Beutke ('03).

CC HONORS

MVP ~ Katy Kostal & Christy Adduci

MIP ~ Kelly Wdowiarz

ROOKIE AWARD ~ Amy Ackerman

"Every race is a test. The question is, are you passing or failing?" said Katy Kostal ('03).

Kaneland ~ Crystal Lake ~ Wauconda ~ Kaneland ~ Bartlett

Lauren Anders ('04) takes times with Japanese exchange student Yuko Otsuka.

After the first of many successful meets, the girls pose at Elburn Woods where they won their first meet of the season, Kaneland.

Megan Andracki ('05) pushes through the pain at Kaneland.

Mary Beth Selby ('04) grabs a post-practice bagel.

"My favorite moment was at Sectionals waiting for results. They got closer to the top 5-6th was We-Go. What I'll remember is the reaction of everyone hearing 6th."
-Kaylo Halsall ('03)

"My favorite part of the season was at the line when we would sing, loudly, "I Feel Good"! People thought we were nuts, but other teams also sang and jived to our ghetto groove!"
-Mary Beth Selby ('04)

"One funny moment was when we found our team mascots (Patty the praying mantis and Greco the gecko)."
-Captain Christy Adduci ('04)

"My favorite part of the season is after meets. It feels good to finish and we get to hang out and EAT! The best meet was Benet. We chased a golf cart during the race."
-Bryce Wolfe ('04)

Amanda Weier ('04) and Kaylo Halsall ('03) pack up the home meet.

Girls Cross Country Front: Laura Tan, Coach Katerina Claiborne, Carmen Saucedo **2nd Row:** Kelly Wdowiarz, Amanda Weier, Hilary Tennant, Christy Adduci, Megan Andracki, Gwen Murphy, Lauren Anders **3rd Row:** Stephanie Schwabe, Bryce Wolfe, Katie Ulin, Kim Palka, Katy Kostal, Madeline Foote **Back:** Mary Beth Selby, Krystal Muhlberger, Kayla Halsall, Amy Ackerman, Laura Hahn, Danielle Freebern

Health nut Christy Adduci ('04).

The girls pose after qualifying for Sectionals.

Just plain nuts Krystal Muhlberger ('03)!

Kim Palka ('03) and Kelly Wdowiarz ('04) support the exhausted and muddy legs of Krystal Muhlberger ('03) after a dual meet.

Falcon Classic ~ Benet ~ Conference ~ Regionals ~ Sectionals

Meet Champs-Crystal Lake ~Between championships ~ Meet Champs-Wauconda

"I think my favorite part was singing oldies at Wauconda - everyone got so pumped! And getting first place as a team made it 10 times better!"
-Kelly Wdowiarz ('05)

"We-Go - how do you feel?!"
-Captain Katy Kostal ('03)

"I FEEEEL GOOD!"
-West Chicago Girls Cross Country Teams

Carmen Saucedo and Krystal Muhlberger cherish their last year as We-Go CC girls.

"Don't be afraid to push yourself. You don't know how far you can go and if you don't you'll be disappointed with yourself."
-Katie Ulin ('05)

"My favorite moment was when I got my first medal EVER at the Wheaton North meet."
-Carmen Saucedo ('03)

"Best meet Kaneland. I did my best before my injury, passed people at the end, got a ribbon - always run your race like it's your last."
-Lauren Anders ('04)

"The ghetto blaster was awesome! All of the songs, singing 'I Feel Good' before every race."
-Megan Andracki ('05)

...And That Has Made All The Dfference

Prior to big meets, the team surrounded a boombox, belting out inspirational speeches about how hard the runners needed to work in every inch of their races.

The moments of inspiration paid off with Sophomore Tom Harwood and Senior Pat Baur earning All-Conference honors and a 4th place Conference finish for Varsity.

After months of preparation and weeks of meets, the team faced their greatest challenge at Regionals. They took a heartbreaking 6th place, one spot shy of going onto Sectionals as a team.

Harwood and Baur were both individual qualifiers for Sectionals. The sour inevitability that the season would end was sweetened by the fact that the CC Boys gave it their all during every day of practice, and every step of each race. Reflecting on his last season of Cross Country, Derek Jensen said, "Cross Country has turned enemies into friends, and friends into brothers."

-Katy Kostal

Coach McLeland gives George Visser ('06) his views on how his first invitational race went.

Boys Cross Country Front: Matt Nowaczewski, Coach Paul McLeland, Kevin Duffy **2nd Row:** Frank Anderson, Phil Lam, Kyle Householder, John Kiechmann, Tom Harwood, Zach Farber, Sal Rizzo **3rd Row:** Andrew Bass, Pat Baur, Miles Lincoln, Ben Hoshaw, George Visser, Greg Moore **Back:** Jason Shreeram, Jason Becker, Richard Visser, Bill Winter Justin Hoshaw, Erich Musick, Derek Jensen

Pride remains evident amongst the team as they wait along a course to cheer on the girls' teams.

CC Honors

MVP:
Tom Harwood
MIP:
Jason Becker
Coach's Award:
Rich Visser

"DVC was the most amazing meet ever for me. The race just fell right into place - I came in 11th for an All-Conference award and the team placed 4th, beating out Wheaton North, our rivals throughout the season. It was the nicest day I could ask for for my final DVC race."
-Captain Pat Baur ('03)

"An embarrassing and hilarious moment was running against Naperville North without my shirt."
-Rich Visser ('04)

Tom Harwood ('05) strides out during mile two at the season opener.

Greg Moore ('03) holds a steady pace through the season's first race.

The entire slew of West Chicago runners runs their warm-up prior to their first meet at Kaneland.

Derek Jensen ('03) runs his first invite of the season - in one shoe!

Frank Anderson('05) rounds the final bend at Kaneland.

Rich Visser ('04) checks for his nonexistent competition.

Jason Shreeram ('04) prepares to sprint it into the chute.

The West Chicago Cross Country Banner hangs along the Crystal Lake course.

"Four seasons are already over. I remember coming in here as a freshman and making it to about half the practices. I worked harder each season. Before this season I pledged to the team I would give every workout my all. Not only did I keep my word, but I proved it many times. Four seasons, and each year people left and joined. I'm proud I was given the chance to run with all of you. You guys were the reason I enjoyed waking up at 6:00 AM to come and run. We all pushed through the same pain, spilled the same sweat, breathed the same air, and pushed each other. There is no other group of guys that I can say I went to hell and back with, and I know I didn't do that alone. Before Regionals I prepared my race like it could be my last. I woke up hoping it wouldn't be the last day I had butterflies in my stomach, I had faith that it wouldn't be the last time I put on the We-Go uniform for a CC race. It was the hardest race I've ever run. I'm a senior now, there's no more next year. I can't run these races gain. Cross Country is a sport about resilience. Where we failed this year is where you all will succeed. You all have the same goal, the same desire, and the same dream - state. Everyone else has the same dream as you guys too. The only difference is who is going to wake up and who is going to be living it. I thank God for giving me the chance to run with you guys. I leave you with this: Cross Country will leave marks on all of us, but are you willing to leave your mark on Cross Country?"

-Portions of Team Captain Derek Jensen's Final Speech to the West Chicago Boys' Cross Country Team

"All through the season we had the hope of making it down state. Even though we fell a little short, we had fun and held our heads high. Even during the worst parts of the season teammates were there for each other to help everyone through."

-Anonymous Runner

"It was a fun and enjoyable season and we'll really miss our seniors."

-Jason Becker ('04)

Senior team captains Greg Moore and Derek Jensen model their warm-ups.

Derek Jensen ('03) pushes through the halfway point on his home course.

After narrowly missing out on qualifying for Sectionals, the team smiles after a strong effort at Regionals at Kaneland, where their season began.

Pat Baur ('03) and Jason Becker ('04) rest after Regionals.

Rich Visser ('04) puts on a surge to catch his competition.

Stretching The Limits

What was special about this football season-other than making the play-offs?

"We got to tackle Mr. Assaf on his birthday."
-Alonso Torres ('06)

"We had a lot of fans that supported us and came to watch us. We also had a lot of faith and never gave up."
-Hugo Saucedo ('05)

" I will never forget playing football at West Chicago, and I will never forget the men I played with this year."
-Brian Calabrese ('03)

Every season begins with goals. West Chicago's Football Team accomplished one massive goal 26 years overdue. This team of unified athletes achieved their goal by making the play-offs for the very first time in over two decades. These athletes played as one, lost as one and succeeded as one. Perhaps the inspiration for success came from Mr. Highland, the new principal, who coached the previous football team more than two decades ago. However Coach Josh Chambers said the team's "inspiration came from each other."

The 2002-03 West Chicago Wildcat Football season began by separating the men from the boys. Anyone who experienced it knows what it is like: blood and sweat. The dedication, hard work, and teamwork all came together in the first week of football camp.

"This team had more unity than any other team that I have played on. There was no separation between seniors and juniors or offense and defense like in recent years," said Brian Calabrese ('03).

Going into the last game of the season with a four and four record, the Wildcats had to win the last game to earn a play-off berth. The Naperville Central Redhawks also entered the field with four wins and four losses, needing a victory just as badly as West Chicago. Little did they know the Wildcats were ready to accept the challenge of defeating the Redhawks, knocking them out of the play-offs and attaining a position in the Illinois State Play-offs after 26 years of coming up short.

To rekindle the feelings of unity, determination and hard work felt by the 1976 Wildcats, the 2002 team drew upon massive crowd support. Seniors on the team, overcome with the weight of their accomplishment, and cried tears of joy. As the seconds ticked down and the Redhawks' heads fell in disappointment, the Wildcats rushed the field and raised their voices in triumph. The Wildcats fell short in the post season, but the season will never be forgotten.

-Brisa Mendez, Maricarmen Osorio, and Brian Calabrese

How do you think that making the play-offs affects future We-Go football players?

"Making the play-offs gives us the confidence to be a better team for the future."
-Jorge Carlos ('06)

"I think it will motivate future players to improve during the off seasons in order to make the play-offs."
-Ryan Funderburk ('05)

"It inspired us to work and to take our school higher than ever before."
-Manny Resendiz ('06)

"The greatest thing that could happen to the school, community, and student body was the play-offs. There was a genuine school spirit, something I would like to see happen every year." **-Principal Highland**

The football team huddles together before a game to get their spirits going.

Head Coach Bob Stone carefully examines his next move that will bring the team into victory.

Junior Jason Jensen prepares to charge an opposing player from Wheaton Warrenville South.

"This season was probably the most satisfying season I ever had. The seniors took ownership of the team, which was really special. Making the play-offs gave future players a more realistic goal to shoot for." **-Head Coach Bob Stone**

"We may be as different as it can be when we are wearing different clothes, hanging out with different friends, but when we all have our jerseys on, we would give our both for one another, and that is just magical." **-Simon Blanco ('08)**

Varsity Front: Robert Rhodes, Joe Klingberg, Matt Kallas, Charlie Cloutier, Pablo Herrera, Gabe Pinto, Mike Smolucha **2nd**: Matt Russell, Brian Calabrese, Brad Bytof, Elliott Tinnes, Brian Holt, Tyler Piech, TJ Shanahan, Derek Koelsch **3rd**: Eric Oglanian, Mike Martinez, Assistant Coach Pete Martino, Assistant Coach Josh Chambers, Head Coach Bob Stone, Assistant Coach John Walters, Assistant Coach Jeff Ford, Rob Casey, Ryan Henning **4th**: Scott Sieder, Wyatt Schuyler, Mike Boland, Steve Singer, Jeff Raymond, Tim Murrey, Emmanuel Vazquez, Scott Campbell, Justus Taylor **5th**: Andy Denniger, Dan Millard, Joel Somers, Mike Vargas, Hulie Davalos, Jason Jensen, Adam Vann, Taylor Curran **6th**: Mike Liszka, Ryan McQueen, Ryan Stuhr, Aron Morris, Tony Zumpano, David Reynolds, Errik Loosli, Simon Blanco, Tony Reyes **7th**: Chris Sanzeri, Bob Hock, Zach Hedger, Matt Kuhn, Bob McLaren, Nick Fairbanks, Kris Walski, Jake Delort **Back**: Dan Kaylor, Jared Hall, Dan Harms, Brian Allison, Josh Bentham, Tom Cleveland, Matt Coiley, Jim Rylowicz, Roger Strike

Freshman Front: Dexter Gonzales, Tony Balsman, Nick Nolte, Jordan Meissner, Dung Nguyen, Jorge Carlos, Andrew Singer, Steven Benson, Justin Garrett **2nd**: Nathan Oelslager, Joel Barker, Chris LaFleur, Don Koltz, Brian Correa, Brian Brewster, Kevin Grobe, Bruce Guevara, Dan Shelhamer, Dennis Rocha **3rd**: Charles Blanchard, Rob Hawco, Kyle Rohrdanz, Coach John Melody, Coach Clay Reagan, Coach Mike Assaf, Coach Ward Rau, John Taylor, Nathan Wheatley, Kyle Frank **4th**: Brian Russel, Ricardo Mendez, Max Tufano, Dustin Hedmark, Kyle Hobday, Cuauhtemoc Correa, David Lam, Eric Steere, Andi Szyszko **5th**: AJ Mendoza, Roel Martinez, Tim Polacek, Jay Hammock, Derek Jones, Josh Kerber, Matt Albrecht, Adam Schumacher, Scott Kimball, Miguel Leal **6th**: Pat Geissman, Alonso Torres, Joe Malandruccolo, Jon Perdue, Jim Siekmann, Vince Petronzio, Norman Hudecki, Ryan Foytik, Jared Vasiliauskas **7th**: Jerry Henning, Seamus Joyce-Olson, Pat Howe, Jonathan Kammes, Steve Glinka, Mitch Bridges, Cesar Garcia, Dan Brogan **Back**: Chris Gates, Mike Tunk, Greg Dunn, Travis Saville, Kyle Wiersbe, Larry Pope, Eric Wiechert, Matt Schneider, Kevin Memoli

Varsity Scores

Glenbard East	31-20	L
Naperville North	48-7	L
Wheaton Warr S.	31-20	L
West Aurora	48-19	W
Wheaton North	27-7	L
Glenbard North	28-10	W
Naperville Central	10-7	W
Overall Record:	5-5	
Conference Record:	3-4	
Conference Place:	4th	

Sophomore Front: Coach Zeitler, Julio Velazquez, Hugo Saucedo, Bill Myers, Carlos Santillan, Dan Eckler, Nick Verzillo, Coach Bicker **2nd**: Tyreese Barber, Mike Avila, Hugo Conde, Chris Kane, Tony Sosa, Adam Tancl, Steve Trevino, David Vann, Erik Hernandez **3rd**: Dan Zieche, Dan Liszka, Brad Kraft, Brandon Kutilek, Rob Lakics, Alberto Terrazas, Dale Staton, John Karnoscak, Tom Healy, Cole Coats **4th**: Anthony McNerney, George Chiarito, Mike Hanrahan, Ryan Funderburk, Kenny Tinnes, Joel Castro, Matt VanGorkom, Bryan Loosli **Back**: Mike Brzeczek, Ryan Morris, Vince Czernik, Dustin Saville, Nick Doncoes, Jeff Gilbert, Chris Wiersbe, Luke Martin, Brad Murison, Bob Conard

JV Scores

Naperville Cenral	34-6	L
Glenbard East	30-14	L
Naperville North	14-0	L
Wheaton Warr S.	24-18	L
West Aurora	14-9	W
Wheaton North	27-6	L
Glenbard North	14-8	L
Overall Record:	1-7	

Varsity Coach: Bob Stone

Assistants: Josh Chambers, Jeff Ford, Peter Martino and John Walters

From BOYS to MEN

"The team may not have done as well as we wished, but it was our first year."
-Quin Barclay ('06)

Driving It Home

With putters in hand, the varsity boys golf team started off the season with high hopes. They roamed the green searching for any lost balls in hopes of finishing the hole and attaining par or birdies.

At their first meet, they competed valiantly scoring a win for the Wildcats, with Dan Pazar ('03) and Dan Polacek ('04) leading on. The team then went back to the basics. At St. Andrews, they swung, putted, and teed off, getting better with every stroke, while enjoying the sunshine and fresh air. The knowledge of having supportive teammates behind them, such as Josh Hahn ('04), Mike Paschke ('03), and Jeff Beeks ('03), drove them on. Rarely taking a break from practice helped Tom Grove ('04) and Dan Bulleri ('04). Hoping to hold that feeling, the team with coaches Joe Schrom and Eric Lasky went right back to St. Andrews, no longer focusing on the basics but on winning. The Wildcats started to advance their technique. Powering on to state, the team had high hopes of taking back a win. Greg Hodge ('03) and Joe Staiton ('05) were recognized as MVPs for their hard work and dedication. "Coach Lasky made the sport fun," said Dan Polacek ('04).

Dan Pazar ('03) and Josh Hahn ('04) high five after a well putted round.

The We-Go boys rest and talk before getting back to the green.

Teammates Greg Hodge ('03), Joe Staiton ('05), and Tom Grove ('04) plan their strategy.

Front: Jeff Beeks, Dan Pazar, Greg Hodge, Tom Grove, Joe Staiton, Mike Paschke. Back: Assistant Coach Joe Schrom, Dan Bulleri, Dan Polacek, Josh Hahn, Head Coach Eric Lasky.

"The Junior team really stepped up this year."
-Dan Dovan ('04)

"We didn't do to good in DVC, but atleast we tried."
-Chris Prochnow ('06)

Putting Along

Jamie Klingberg concentrates on the putt before going for par.

Off it flew, the first golfball of the girls' season, signaling the beginning of a season destined for improvement. Despite conference struggles, the team acquired two non-conference victories an improvement from last year. Sophomore Jamie Klingberg had a successful year at the number one position for the team. Every single golfer decreased her score by a few strokes from the beginning of the season to the end. The credit belongs to Coach Mike Cain for the team's improvement.

"He is a great coach and continued to make progress with us," said Klingberg.

The team consisted of six returning players and four helpful newcomers. Seniors Jessica Varble, Heather Goorley, McKenzie Maloney, Brittany Brown, Jessica York, and Margaret Schwartz led the team. Sophomores Jamie Klingberg, Michele Walters, Dana Yormark, and freshman Katie Quarto helped make a formula for a memorable season.

"It's a fun sport and we have a good time," said Yormark. The team hopes to have another successful and are looking forward to more sunny days.

"It doesn't matter how good you are, as long as you look good doing it." -Girls Golf Team

The We-Go Girls have a "bond session" before a meet.

Front: Michele Walters, McKenzie Maloney, Brittany Brown, Jamie Klingberg, Jessica York, Margaret Schwartz Back: Katie Quarto, Dana Yormark, Coach Mike Cain, Jessica Varble, Heather Goorley

Dana Yormark ('05) and Jessica Varble ('03) take a break from playing golf.

Team Song: Too many Wheaties, not enough hips. Head down, butt out. Good miss!

"This year was a lot of fun with the mix of newcomers and people who returned from last year... we won a couple of matches which is a plus!" -Dana Yorkmark ('05)

Shoot for Your Goals!

Though their record may not show it, 2002 was definitely a memorable season for West Chicago Boys Soccer. Teamwork and everlasting memories made up for the teams' losses. According to Senior Carlos Ramirez, the best part of soccer was "getting to know all of the new players in the team and learning how to work with each other." With 33 people in total on the Varsity level at the beginning of the season, the coaches needed to drop a few players to the J.V. level. Despite this difficult decision by the coaches, both teams showed their outstanding sportsmanship and had a great season. Led by new head coach Stephen Brugmann and Assistant Coach Cesar Gomez, the boys began practicing in the hot summer weeks prior to the beginning of school. After the start of school, the boys arrived before 5 a.m. to finesse their skills and then practiced again in the heat of the afternoon. They maintained this relentless work schedule when school began, sandwiching their classes between practices. "We trained hard and accomplished a lot," said Daniel Ballines ('03).

While their season may not have ended with a stellar record, the boys will always have their camaraderie to remember.

-Katy Kostal and
Mercedes Castro

The varsity team prepares for a game by sprinting up and down field.

The team congratulates Varsity Captain Daniel Ballines during senior parent night.

Jessie Hernandez ('05) tries to head the ball into the goal.

Captain Ryan Masschelin busts his moves to get the ball

"Overall we finished strong. Our Sophomore team finished 2nd or 3rd in the conference. Our JV team did well. Varsity level was very young this year. Hopefully next year with more experience something more positive will come out of the season." -**Coach Antonio Del Real**

STATISTICS:

Varsity
Overall Record: 6-12-2
Coach: Stephen Brugmann

Junior Varsity
Overall Record: 2-6-4
Coach: Cesar Gomez

Sophomore
Overall Record: 15-3-0
Coach: Bob Owens

Freshman
Overall Record: 4-8-0
Coaches: Julio Del Real & Antonio Del Real

Varsity goal keeper Ted Gernand (04) rolls the ball to a teammate.

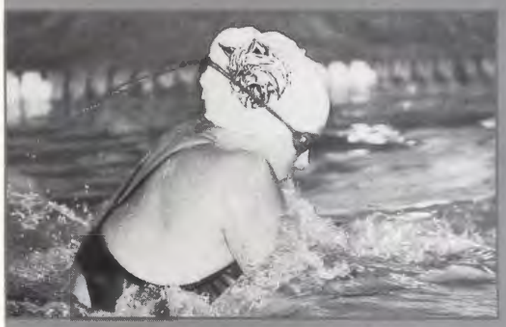
Victor Lopez ('06) defends the ball against Marmion.

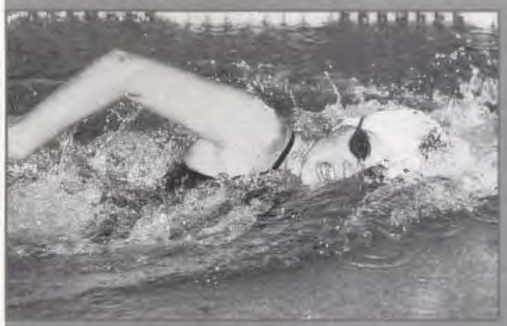
The new head coach Stephen Brugmann gathers his crew to encourage them to go into the game and try their best.

Varsity Front: Manager Amy Lichtfuss, Head Coach Stephen Brugmann, Ted Gernand, Bruce Janek, Asst. Coach Cesar Gomez, Vicente Fernandez, Manager Nicole Strayve **2nd Row:** Javier Cruz, Christian Hernandez, Ismael Ferrer, Emmanuel Escobedo, Tyler Hempel, Ernesto Romo, Jose Castellanos, Jaime Martinez **3rd Row:** Justin Taylor, Jesmar Rangel, Matthew Peterson, Tom Aguirre, David Aguirre, Paul Reyes, Edward Alvarez **4th Row:** Ryan Masschelin, Andrew Kiger, Nicholas Bernard, Daniel Ballines, Carlos Ramirez, Jose Villa, Joshua Jeter **Back Row:** Brian Romanelli, Derek Jensen, Mike Doll, Donnie Jackson, Dan Callahan, Gilberto Calleros, CJ Wostratzky.

Sophomore Front: Steve Bicek, Coach Robert Owens, Irubiel Ferrer **2nd Row:** Victor Lopez, Jon Crotty, Nestor Monroy, Steve Ramirez, Jorge Morales **3rd Row:** Marco Campos, Jessie Hernandez, Ignacio Correa, John Doeseckle, Jose Correa, Ryan Woodbury **Back Row:** Greg Callahan, Dieter Rudolph, Chris Jones, Chris Carrington, Jeff Cisowski.

Freshman Front: Tony McDaniel, Peter Kiger, Coach Antonio Del Real, Steven Ocampo, Martin Castro **2nd Row:** Andy Lane, Cesar Ortiz **3rd Row:** Jose Salinas, Sergio Sanchez, Edgar Perez, Jorge Alejo, Raul Huerta **Back Row:** Michael Hernandez, Cesar Salazar, David Amos, Matt Rohn, KC Gronke **Not Pictured:** Coach Julio Del Real, Alex Soto, Erick Mariano, Omar Galvan, Marco Torres, David Marcelino, Antonio Martinez.





Swimming In the Fast Lane

The Girls' Swimming and Diving Teams splashed into success from day one. Although o 20 girls joined the swim team and 6 competed on the diving team, Swim Coach Bryan Artel had doubt in his mind about the ladies' potential for success. "We do not need a big team to get big resul Artel said. "Although our team is small, we can be just as fast as any other team."

Captains Emily Biancalana ('03), Meredith Koch ('03), Rachel Horvath ('03) and Ja Vavrek ('04) led the team through their victorious season. With hard work, determination fortitude, the swimming and diving Wildcats showed their style in the water. By the time DVC Sectionals arrived, the girls were finally ready to put their months of vigorous training to use. the DVC meet, the team finished fourth at the Varsity level and fifth on the JV level. At Section they earned a third place finish. Six girls on two relay teams and three individuals really 'swam in fast lane' when they qualified for the state meet.

Competing at the state meet in the 200-yard Medley relay, Rachael Slattery ('0 Heather Crabbe ('06), Kristina Sedjo ('05), and Jackie Vavrek ('04) placed 7th overall with a of 1:49.43. Slattery and Vavrek, along with Emily Biancalana and Missi Sheme ('03), placed 4 the 200-yard freestyle relay, winning All-American honors with a time of 1:37.52. In the indivi events, Crabbe qualified in the 200-yard IM and 100-yard breaststroke, Slattery in the 50-y freestyle and 100-yard backstroke, and Vavrek in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle. Overall Vav who earned All- American Honors in both events, placed seventh in the 100 free with a time of 52 and won the 50-yard freestyle with a winning time of 23.41, just 18 100s of a second away f qualifying for the 2004 Olympic Trials. The team finished ninth over all in the state.

Overall, the ladies' swimming and diving journey definitely was one never to forget. Each made many sacrifices to be the best she could be. Many new records were set and memories were m Great job ladies!

-Jessica Cwiak ('

Left: Betsy Drzal, Emily Biancalana and Jackie Vavrek take a break from practice.

Right: Sophomores Kristina Sedjo and Rachel Slattery model their Sectional suits.

Above: The Lady Wildcat swimmers share a ment together before their first meet.

Left: Seniors Horvath, Biancalana, Sheme, D Cwiak & Sagen congratulate each other on a ter season at AwardsNight.

"Music."
- Jaime Sterne ('05)

What motivates you before a meet?

"Betsy's inspirational talks."
-Kelly Mateas ('06)

What was the funniest thing that happened this season?
"When Coach Bryan farted during yoga."
-Ashley Olson ('05)

What was your favorite meet?
"Sectionals because everyone swam really fast, and the pool area was filled with energy."
-Betsy Drzal ('08)

S W I M M I N G

The Swim Team takes a quick break for lunch halfway through their 60 mile bike trip. The team biked from West Chicago to Algonquin and back a few weeks into the season.

D I V I N G

What was your favorite part of practice?
"When we got to play the Elf, Wizard, Giant Game."
-Rachael McKenney ('04)

What was your favorite memory from the season?
"The 60 mile bike trip!"
-Katie Kostel ('06)

Head Coach Bryan Artel is deep in thought about his ladies' potential for success at this year's Sectionals.

A group of Wildcat swimmers relax after a challenging D.V.C. meet and enjoy the moment together.

Swimming Front: Julie Shah, Head Coach Bryan Artel, Katie Kostel **2nd Row:** Nicole Franz, Rachel Horvath, Jaime Sterne, Athenna Joyce-Olson, Kristina Sedjo **3rd Row:** Heather Crabbe, Rachael McKenney, Rachel Rivera, Ashley Olson, Missi Sheme, Keri Sagen **Back:** Rachael Slattery, Betsy Drzal, Jessica Cwiak, Leigh Hellman, Jackie Vavrek, Emily Biancalana, Kelly Mateas.

Diving Front: Corrine Coffman, Katherine Patnaude **Back:** Kate Rehbock, Coach Beth Gottlieb, Liliana Bieniek **Not Pictured:** Amy Infanger, Meredith Koch.

Top 10 Reasons to Join the Girls Swim Team:

10. Don't worry about those damaging UV sun rays, because you will never see daylight.
9. Get Cool T-shirts.
8. Be Yourself (even if you act all crazy).
7. Have an Excuse for Mood Swings.
6. Get to Meet Lots of Interesting and Unique People.
5. Don't Have to Worry About Shaving Your Legs.
4. Get to Listen to Music During Practice.
3. Get in GREAT Shape.
2. Park in front of the school everyday.
1. Bond with team.

End of the Season Awards:

Most Improved -*Julie Shah ('05)*
Rookie of the Year -*Heather Crabbe* ('06)
M.V.P. -*Jackie Vavrek ('04)*
Coaches Award -*Rachel Rivera ('04)*

Above: Jackie Vavrek ('04) enjoys her victorious moment after winning the 50-Free at the State Meet.

Left: Vavrek ('04), Sedjo ('05), Slattery ('05) and Crabbe ('06) show off their 7th place medals from the State Meet.

Setting New Standard

Intensity, communication, determination, and teamwork were all things a person could expect w attending a girls volleyball match. Lead by Senior Captains Joanna Szeszycki and Jami Murphy, the team fi fifth in conference with two members nabbing All-Conference spots. The season culminated with an appearance at second stage of the Regional Tournament, one match shy of being named Regional Champs.

Senior Parent Night for any sport is exciting, but it was amazingly special for the Lady Wildcats. They sh everyone how much heart it takes to win a match when they took down the number one seed in the conference, Whe North. Coming in with a strong first game but faltering in the second, the girls came together as a team in the and accomplished the unthinkable - a victory for the team.

More history was made at the Autumn Fest Tournament. Joanna Szeszycki, eventual DVC All-Confe first team, achieved All-Tournament status. The team won the bronze division. Another stellar senior performance from Lindsay Paulsen, as she capped off her West Chicago volleyball career with an All-Conference honorable me

At the fall sports awards night, three other girls were recognized with awards. Jill Kufta ('03) received the Co Award, Nicole Skala ('03) was given the Wildcat Award, and Dana Hernan ('05) was named Most Improved Pl

As the season came to an end, the Lady Wildcats were not yet ready for it to be over. They went into their Reg finals with a win against Bartlett but fell one game short of victory against Geneva. The season may have ended s than planned, but the journey was well worth it.

-Joanna Szeszycki and Katy K

What was the most memorable part of the season?
"Winning our senior parent night because when we worked as a team, we were unstoppable!"
-Jami Murphy ('03)

Varsity Front: Coach Kristi Hasty, Assistant Coach Beth Schomig, Jill Kufta, Kelly McCarthy, Sammi K Tnarri Kilgore-Manager **2nd Row**: Stephanie Bodane, Nicole Skala, Heather Cirone, Jami Murphy H Lindsay Paulsen, Dana Hernan, Elizabeth Jacques, Joanna Szeszycki, Heather Koslow.

V **Front:** Coach Laurie Murphy, Kristen Rocha, Valerie irone, Sara Kalkman, Peggy Saul, Head Coach Kristi lasty **2nd Row**: Lauren Kragg, Karin Sweas, Yajaira odriguez **Back**: Sinead Walsh, Alethea Norton, Megan orbrook, Christine Harris.

Sophomore Front: Coach Candace Kairys, Connie Castillo, Head Coach Kris Hasty **2nd Row**: Mallory Russo, Emily Timko, Heidi Colliander, Katy Cloutier **Back**: Alyssa Claude, Bridget Rood, Tania Dorsey.

reshman A **Front:** Coach Kim Maloney, Head Coach Kristi lasty **2nd Row**: Brittney Peters, Sara Kufta, Maria Macias rd Row: Kelly Mildebrath, Mallory Sanzeri, Marilyn Jacques, layla Kramer **Back**: Kadi Flagg, Shelley Lullo, Jasmin elozzi, Lauren Buscemi, Jacqueline Boyd.

Freshman B Front: Coach Heather Goebel, Head Coach Kristi Hasty **2nd Row**: Veronica Dorsey, Natalie Russo **3rd Row**: Nina Galto, Carol Fortman, Jennifer Wojcicki, Laura Steere, Joanna Smith **Back**: Dianna Photopulos, Danielle Pappas, Caroline Hein, Laura Conard.

Varsity Volleyball

Destination Love

Kim Peterik ('03) uses her backhand to return the ball in hopes of victory.

"Tennis team is lots of fun and you make lots of friends and of course its great when you win your game!"
-Andrea Johnson ('04)

Before each competition, the Lady Wildcat tennis players engaged in a ritual that still causes some of the girls to giggle and blush. Despite its rather embarrassing implications, it worked. During a season focused on rebuilding, the players showed a significant amount of improvement from last year. Returning varsity players Catherine Iannello ('03), Leanna Czernik ('03), Krista Johnson ('04), Kim Peterik ('03), Katie McClintock ('05), Andrea Johnson ('04), Beth Toms ('05), and Noorah Koita ('03) brought valuable experience and shared their expertise with newcomers Mandi Wessman ('05), Mary Hesterman ('06), and Vanessa Vergara ('05).

With all the practices led by Coach Moeaki, the team formed strong bonds, both on and off the court. On all levels, the players worked hard to improve and compete with the hard tennis players in the DVC. "We did better this year than last, and I'm looking forword to next! I hope they work hard in the off season so when they come back we will have a chance to play in the USTA tournment," stated coach Moeaki.

Coaches Tim Martin and Fred Toms led the JV and Freshmen teams to many successes, finishing strong at tournaments. Frosh-soph player, Maricarmen Osorio stated, "Our greatest victory was against East Aurora, the whole frosh-soph team won!"

-Krista Johnson

Noorah Koita ('03) warms up, prep herself for the next match.

"I like tennis because you get to be outside, cheer for your team, and we all share food. It' picnics every time we have a game."
-Maricarmen Osorio ('05)

Coach Moeaki gives the team a pep talk and a few last mintue pointers.

Mandi Westman ('06), Katie Podzchwit ('06), Emily Saviano ('06), Emily Chadraba ('06), and Vanessa Vergara ('05) take a break from their matches

Mary Hesterman('06) and Krista Johnso take first in Second Doubles.

Vanessa Vergara ('05) keeps her eye on the ball and prepares to make the return.

Front: Patsy Salgado,Jazmine Martinez,Michelle Krueger, Emily Saviano,Amanda Wessman. **2nd Row:** Justine Egert, Assistant Coach Tim Martin, Head coach Sione Moeaki, Assistant Coach Fred Toms, Crystal Arias. **3rd Row:** Jessica Day, Denise Almaraz, Amanda Neal, Maricarmen Osorio, Angela Cordero, Megan Keefe. **4th Row:** Ashley Rawls, Amanda Schwinn, Deborah Corson, Bethany Toms, Vanessa Vergara, Sarah Kuna, Catherine Taylor. **5th Row:** Andrea Johnson, Noorah Koita, Catherine Iannello, Ashley Egert, Kathryn Podschwit, Lauren Bertram. **Back:** Emily Chadraba, Katherine McClintock, Leanna Czernik, Kelsey Lesniak, Kim Peterik, Krista Johnson, Mary Hesterman.

Beth Toms('05) strategically places th to help her win her match.

SURVIVE THE CHALLENGE!

2002

Susan Lincoln ('03), Brian Calabrese ('03), and Kim Peterik ('03) model their outfits for Day Two of the contest.

Ashley Mazzola ('03) comes to school as the most famous reindeer of them all, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Ashley Mazzola ('03) finally finds Adilene Chavez ('06) and gets her signature for Day Three.

What would you do for a parking space? Sing a Christmas carol in Commons facing a crowd of people? Dress up as your favorite Christmas character for an entire school day? This is what students that entered the contest, "Survive the Challenge," had to face in order to win a parking space for a month.

The Yearbook Staff organized the contest to see how involved Wildcat students would get for a parking space, a rare commodity at Community High School. During the week before winter break, each participant had to complete a certain task each day to qualify for the next round.

Monday and Tuesday included a day of donating to the community: ten nonperishable items for VICA's food drive and three toys for the NHS toy drive. After the first task was announced, only five of the original participants continued the contest. On Wednesday, the remaining five participants came to school dressed as their favorite Christmas characters. On Thursday they had to search the entire school in order to get all signatures from all Yearbook Staff. Senior Ashley Mazzola did an outstanding job of getting every signature as well as Mrs. Santella's, the yearbook advisor. It all came down to Friday when the winner would be chosen. Their last task before the final decision was to sing in Commons. Realizing the embarrassment of such an act, Senior Brian Calabrese dropped out of the contest. It was all up to the ladies now.

Mazzola, with an outstanding performance of Elvis Presley singing "Here comes Santa Claus," won this year's contest.

-Maricarmen Osorio

Here's Ashley Mazzola ('03) resurrected as the one and only Elvis Presley.

Brian Calabrese ('03) on a scavenger hunt to get all signatures from the Yearbok Staff.

Ashley Mazzola ('03) gets down and dances to her chosen Christmas song "Here Comes Santa Claus"

Catch the

Pep Club: Sharing their enthusiasm for Community High School's sports teams, the Pep Club organized more than five pep assemblies during the 2002/2003 school year. They even planned a special assembly to honor fall sports that were extending their season, notably the football, volleyball, and cross country teams. Pep Club also designed those incredibly artistic signs plastered all over the school encouraging Wildcat fans to attend games.

-Lilli Cassidy

Pep Club consists of football/basketball cheerle ers, poms, soccer/wrestling cheerleaders, and o students who help to keep the high spirits rol during each season of the year.

Varsity Football Cheerleaders get the croud pumped up as they give the football players an introduction to remember!

Left: Emily Gehrke (scans the crowd for wildest fans, as she ke the crowd going showing off her spi

The Sophomore sq shows off all their h work during half tim

Left: Shaila Shallo ('04) encourages crowd to get up and rowdy at the pep r during football seas

Poms: Hours of practicing hard in the summer helped Poms to earn second place overall after several competitions at North Central College. They also achieved 7th place at a competition at Six Flags Great America. Poms continued to show We-Go their award winning routines during the football and basketball games. "All the hours and days of hard work and dedication, really payed off when we hear the crowd cheering for us when we walk off the field," said Captain Hope Vock ('03).

-Lilli Cassidy

Front Row: Courtney Mathias, Molly Knaak, Amanda F Caitlin Riermaier, Brittany Boehm, Emily Gehrke. S Row: Jill Novak, Melanie Stone, Jamie Hall, Sarah Woo Martin. Third row: Emily Doll, Kim Mueller, Hope V Kelly Williams, Nicole Brown.

Spirit!

Front: Jorie Vlach, Margaret Wdowiarz, Beth Kipp, Kelly Siekmann, Megan Shane. Second Row: Shaila Shallcross, Nikki Schar, Laura Wheeland, Sarah Assian, Norah McAvoy, Lindsay Nash. Third Row: Bridgette Sanzeri, Kirsten Goranson, Christina Orda, Lauren Mroz, Stephanie Hicks, Amanda Kvasnicka, Stephanie Geissman.

Front: Kate Rehbock, Vicki Lawn, Alyssa Giliberto. Second Row: Lindsay Pater, Christina Mazzone, Lana Paulsen, Paula Mazzola. Third Row: Marisa Pavone, Jessica Boyd, Cassidy Schuyler, Lilli Cassidy.

Front: Christina Orda, Kelly Siekmann, Nicole Schar, Margaret Wdowiarz, Lindsay Nash. Second Row: Jorie Vlach, Lauren Mroz, Norah McAvoy, and Stephanie Hicks. Third Row: Bridgette Sanzeri, Beth Kipp, Sarah Assian, Laura Wheeland, Shaila Shallcross. Forth Row: Kirsten Goranson, Megan Shane, Stephanie Geissman, Amanda Kvasnicka.

Front: Vanessa Vergara, Alyssa Giliberto, Lindsay Pater. Second Row: Jamie Klingberg, Cassidy Schuyler, Paula Mazzola, Lilli Cassidy. Third Row: Vicki Lawn, Jessica Boyd, and Marisa Pavone.

Front: Katie Desik, Kristen Redden, Julie Polz, Nina Slater, Lena Gomez, Lindsey Stern. Second Row: Danielle Zirbes, Jessica Morrison, Leny Escobedo, Becky Eagels, Rebecca Kimber. Third Row: Jenna Pelej, Sam Kleczewski, Linsey Perez, Jennifer Kammes, Melissa Deutsch, Kristy Skogsberg, Lindsey Doerr.

Front: Melissa Deutsch, Kristen Redden, Molly Ogrin, Alicia Leonhardt, Jennifer Kammes. Second Row: Jessica Spaniol, Nina Slater, Maria Espinoza, Jessica Morrison, Sabrina Potirala. Third Row: Katie Desik, Rebecca Eagels, Samantha Kleczewski, and Rebecca Kimber.

Cheerleading: With their school pride and unique dance routines, We-Go's Cheerleaders inspired spectators to support their teams throughout a school year marked by athletic success. During the Homecoming pep rally, the football and soccer cheerleaders united and performed a cheer that included all of the Homecoming Superheroes.

HORNS UP!

It began for the band and colorguard in the sweltering days of August with a week of band camp. They spent six hours a day for five days learning marching technique, music, charts, and routines all in preparation for the show, *Carmen*. The week of sound, sunglasses, and sunblock culminated with a pool party.

Ah, they thought, 'tis marching season again!

The 2003 year brought one major change to the West Chicago Band: competition. The Marching Wildcats earned second place at St. Rita's Marching Band Competition. They narrowly missed first place by fractions of points when the scores were released.

Taking their award-winning show on the road led them to the feeder schools for the annual Marching Showcase Performances where they performed the field show and pep band music. Not only did they entertain, more importantly, they spread band love.

-Katy Kostal

Famous Band Quotes, Phrases, and Sentiments

"We don't have a lot of time, so everybody take off your pants."
-Mr. Guter

"No hacky sack, no cards."
-Mr. Guter

"Get out of here!"
-Mr. Guter

"Listen to me, NOT GUTER."
-Drum Major Melissa Lund ('03)

"Left...left...YOUR OTHER LEFT!"

"NO PANTS!"

"'Land of a Thousand Dances'" is the new school song!"

Assistant Band Director Mr. Far lends a helping hand to Band D tor Mr. Guter.

Band officers make like cheerl and form a pyramid, smiling b they collapse.

The Marching Band stands at attention as they walk off the field after performing their field show *Carmen* during halftime at a home football game.

Senior band members apolog their prank with this sign to Mr. G

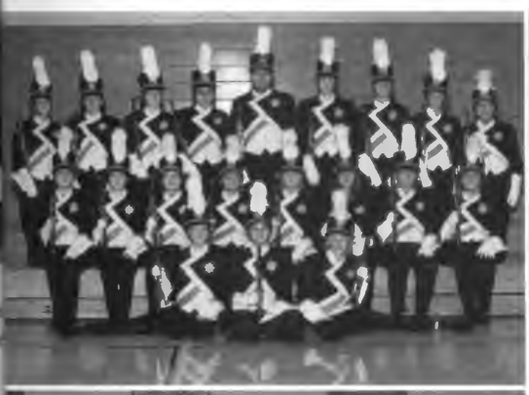
The complete Marching Band including Color Guard stand in formation at the annual Marching Band Showcase held at the end of the season for friends, family, and fans of participants to come and watch.

Drum Major Melissa Lund lays across the arms of Assistant Drum Majors Katie Taylor and Sam West.

Color Guard members pose in their *Carmen* costumes designed to add flare to the show.

Captain Sarah Hammer, Assistant Captain Jessi Crockatt, and Captain Heather Coakley.

Color Guard Instructor Mrs. Troy helps organize the group at a home football game.



Kim Rovtar ('04) accompanies the choir in the first concert of the 2002-2003 year.

Separate Paths

Concern abounded earlier this year as to what would happen when over 100 band members attempted to take the stage during concerts. Thankfully, like two paths diverging in a wood, splitting the band into a duo of musicality solved the problem.

None of this could have been possible without We-Go Alumni Brandon Fantozzi taking over the duties of Mr. Guter for the second band. The split put pressure on each musician to play to the best of his or her abilities, but it wasn't all notes and breaths. The split had to be decided upon in a just manner. Therefore, lower chairs could challenge peers for their spots in the band. Adding a competitive edge to the class seemed to enhance the players' technique.

Notable performances included a solo fest in "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," a solo for Melissa Lund on French horn in "Morceau de Concert," "Nessum Dorma" with Nick Chillemi on trombone, and "Also Sprach Zarathustra," the theme from *2001: A Space Odyssey*. "I can't play that song without laughing," said CJ Wostratzky ('03).

The Band went to compete in the St. Louis Music Festival in May. As usual, they took home many trophies.

The last finale for seniors came at graduation, where they took up instruments one last time under the direction of Mr. Guter, but for once did not play "Pomp and Circumstance" - twenty times over.

-Katy Kostal

Brian Steere ('03) belts out "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" on euphonium.

"I'm...too sexy for my poncho, too sexy for my jacket, too sexy for my pants, too sexy for my flip folder."
-Taylor Alperin ('06)

"That's not a word, that's Italian!"
-Gabe Pinto ('04)

The West Chicago Concert Band

The West Chicago Jazz Band

Fellow alum Hans Moscicke ('03) adds some cowbell to his solo, eventually earning him recognition at the New Trier Jazz Fest.

Nick Chillemi ('03) plays the trombone for the Jazz Band during an exhibition concert for the faculty.

Winfield percussion alum Nils Higdon ('04) concentrates on his vibes.

Band President Melissa Lund ('03) keeps the beat with the bass.

"The best part about band was the all-out war between the classes during the Christmas decorating. Between the wrapping-paper walls, hanging sleds, Christmas twigs, and millions of lights, we managed to get through rehearsals!"
-Salome Yigzaw ('04)

Memorable Moments in West Chicago Jazz:

-Jazz Band (5th) and Combo (4th) receiving Superior Ratings at the 26th Annual North Shore Jazz Fest
-Hans Moscicke ('03) and Rick Camp ('04) gaining recognition for their solos at the New Trier Jazz Fest
-The Jazz Combo's performance of "The Chemistry Theme" at the final concert

Theresa McEvoy ('03) knows how to play "All That Jazz" on her trombone.

Peter Mantz ('04) joins the jazz band for his first year as the guitarist, and boy does he look the part.

Classical Cats

Community High School's Orchestra hit all the right notes when they performed at this year's Fall and Holiday Concerts. They had great turnouts, and the audience members left with smiles on their faces. The 2002-2003 Orchestra members enchanted listeners as they performed music from the baroque, classical, and romantic periods. But when they started to play music from the 20th century, they really livened up the crowd.

During her second year leading, Mrs. Branch has shown dedication. She has put in a lot of time and effort into her students, and strived to improve performances.

"Last year was my first year as the orchestra director and so it took a while for both me and the students to get used to each other before they could really play well. But this year it seemed as if by the end of the first practice they were sounding better. They started improving right away," commented Mrs. Branch on the students' improvements.

Although there are only eighteen members in this group, they all bring their own uniqueness to the orchestra. "This year is great. We have a wonderful group of seniors that I will be sad to lose. We have a tiny group of freshmen but they are really fun to work with. They are all a lot of fun," said Branch.

-Adriana Vargas

Mrs. Branch focuses on maintaining contact with pupils as she leads the orchestra.

The string section of the orchestra performs at the Holi Concert.

All 18 members relax into their poses after a great performance. Their selections ranged from technically challenging to musically difficult.

What do you enjoy most about being in orchestra?

"The orchestra parties."
-Melissa Lund ('08)
"New and good music."
-Carrt Wostratzky ('05)
"Quality people."
-Jeff Hansen ('04)

Why did you decide to joi orchestra?

"To be with my friends."
-Carrt Wostratzky ('05)
"Because orchestra needs people wh
-Melissa Lund ('08)
"It's so much fun it shouldn't be all
-Jeff Hansen ('04)

What are some advantages of being in Orchestra?

"In school field trips."
-Cary Coffman ('05)
"More exciting than math."
-Mariam Koch ('05)
"Challenging but easy at the same time."
-Rachel Bednar ('05)

What is your most memora experience from orchestra

"Going to Disney World...oh wait th the band!"
-Mariam Koch ('05)
"When Brian got locked in the closet."
-Carrt Wostratzky ('05)

Left: The girls play and jump around at one of their orchesta parties.

Left: Mike Treachlor ('03) performs flawlessly.

Top: Mrs. Branch conducts with passion.

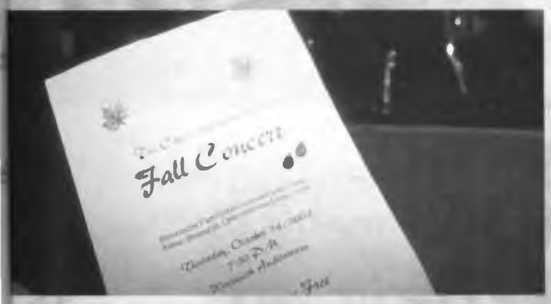
Right: Brittany Boehm ('04) plays the cello.

ill Musick ('05) concentrates as she performs like a natural t the Holiday Concert.

Michelle Del Valle ('06) pays attention at practice to make sure she will play perfectly at her next perfomance.

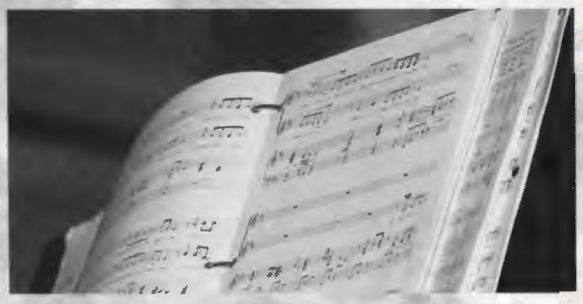
Betsy Drzal ('03) and Samantha Kimber ('03) perform as one as they play their instruments in synchronicity.

The string section tunes up the instruments before they can perform for the anxiously awaiting audience.



Left: The Fall Concert program informs the audience of the musical selections.

Right: A note sheet displays the music from the baroque period.



HEAR We-Go

From the first note to the last, the music came alive when the We-Go choir began to sing. With a new director, an additional concert, and a new format for the Holiday concert, West Chicago's four choirs were ready to sing and entertain. With the addition of a new concert to their schedules, the choirs members needed to be ready for anything. The man behind the choir is a former Wildcat student, Brandon Fantozzi.

The choirs started off the year with a Fall concert. Here, each choir sang a couple of selections for everyone to hear. The choirs sang songs from all over the world, in many different languages.

The next journey took 15 students to North Aurora High School to audition for the District 9 choir. After an extremely long day of school, these students piled onto a bus and went off to test their talent at auditions. Sopranos Susan Lincoln ('03) and Peggy Werle ('04), Altos Brooke Bachelor ('04), Jenny Buchman ('04), and Liz Valdez ('03), tenor Mike Treachler ('03) and Sean Warren ('03) all made it to the district level. They performed later in the year in a choir conisisting of about 300 other students from other schools.

As the journey lengthened, the choir faced more challenges. Later in the year, Brooke Bachelor and Mike Treachler found out that their scores for their audition were good enough for them to make the state choir. The choirs performed three more concerts throughout the year.

-Sean Warren, Patty Carnoma, and Adilene Chavez

Mr. Brandon Fantozzi speaks to audience as the next choir prep to sing.

The Mixed Choir poses for a group picture before their first performance. The Mixed Choir is a combination of all first year choir students.

The Women's Choral consists of girls ranging from sop more year to senior year.

The men from the Mixed Choir sing their tenor and bass parts.

Mr. Ron Bennor, the Choir's accompanist, plays along with the Women's Choral.

Hilary Tennant ('05) prepare her concert by grabbing the nea stole.

he Concert Choir stands in their mixed formation awaitng their first concert. They performed three different ongs, including one in Italian, "O Bella Fusa"!

The Chamber Choir, the smallest singing group, begins the first concert. Singing a capella, and sounds Molto Buono (very good)!

The Girls Ensemble sings an old favorite, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." They complimented the song by looking like a rainbow with their brightly colored shirts.

Peggy Werle ('04), Jesse Lord('03), Cassy Peletis('05), and Jenny Buchman ('04) of the Chamber Choirs sing for people coming into the concert.

The Women's Choral sings at the Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 15.

"It's a lot of fun, and I love to sing in concerts and travel."

"I like to express my talent and be able to meet new people."

"Joining choir didn't change me much but I enjoy going to choir everyday to have fun."

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Here We Are

On the road of life, eighth graders become freshmen, and freshmen become sophomores. It is a cycle that is destined to continue forever. But what makes freshmen year so special and so memorable? The Class of 2006 received their first taste of high school life in the Fall of 2002. They tasted the freedom, the fear, and the power. Most of the 558 freshmen couldn't wait to become upperclassmen and share the power they see their peers yield. Athletic success helped increase the school's spirit this year. The year of athletics started off with the football team making it to playoffs for the first time in 24 years. Then, to make things all the better, the basketball team made it to the sectional championship for the first time in 43 years! Having such exhilarating events occur in their first year of high school guaranteed the commitment of the Class of 2006 to Community High School.

"I think the best part of the year was just being part of a team," said Vince Petronzio, a member of the football team.

What do freshmen look forward to? In two or three years, freshmen will be old enough to drive. They will share the joy of getting up at six a.m. to find parking. Until then, they may depend upon their parents, family, or the bus.

With so much happening at West Chicago in their first year, the freshmen Class of 2006 felt anxious and excited to fill the shoes of their predecessors.

-Bob Vondrash

Ashley Gruber registers on the first day of school.

Lauren Buscemi plays the Frozen T-Shirt game at Midnight Madness.

Gwen Murphy runs her best to
to finish line.

A.J. Mendoza supports the Wil
at a football game.

Crystal Arias and Jose Juan Salinas dance one last song at the Homecoming dance.

Amy Ackerman
Andres Acosta
Anisoara Aguilar
Alejandra Alegria
Jorge Alejo

"Be Real." -Dung Nguyen

Alonso Alfaro
Gildardo Allende
Taylor Alperin
Jaime Altamirano
David Amos

Rachel Anderson
Guadalupe Arellano
Crystal Arias
Blair Arlington
Brandi Arwood

"Did you know that if monkeys could fly...The zoo would have to clip their wings." -Tyler Dameron

Jesse Avalos
Samuel Avalos
Amy Axelrod
Veronica Ayala
Danielle Baker

Travis Saville dresses as a farmer to
spirit on Halloween.

Julisa Ballines
Vareliana Ballines
Rachel Balmaseda
Tony Balsman
Aide Barajas
Quin Barclay
Joel Barker
Amanda Bass

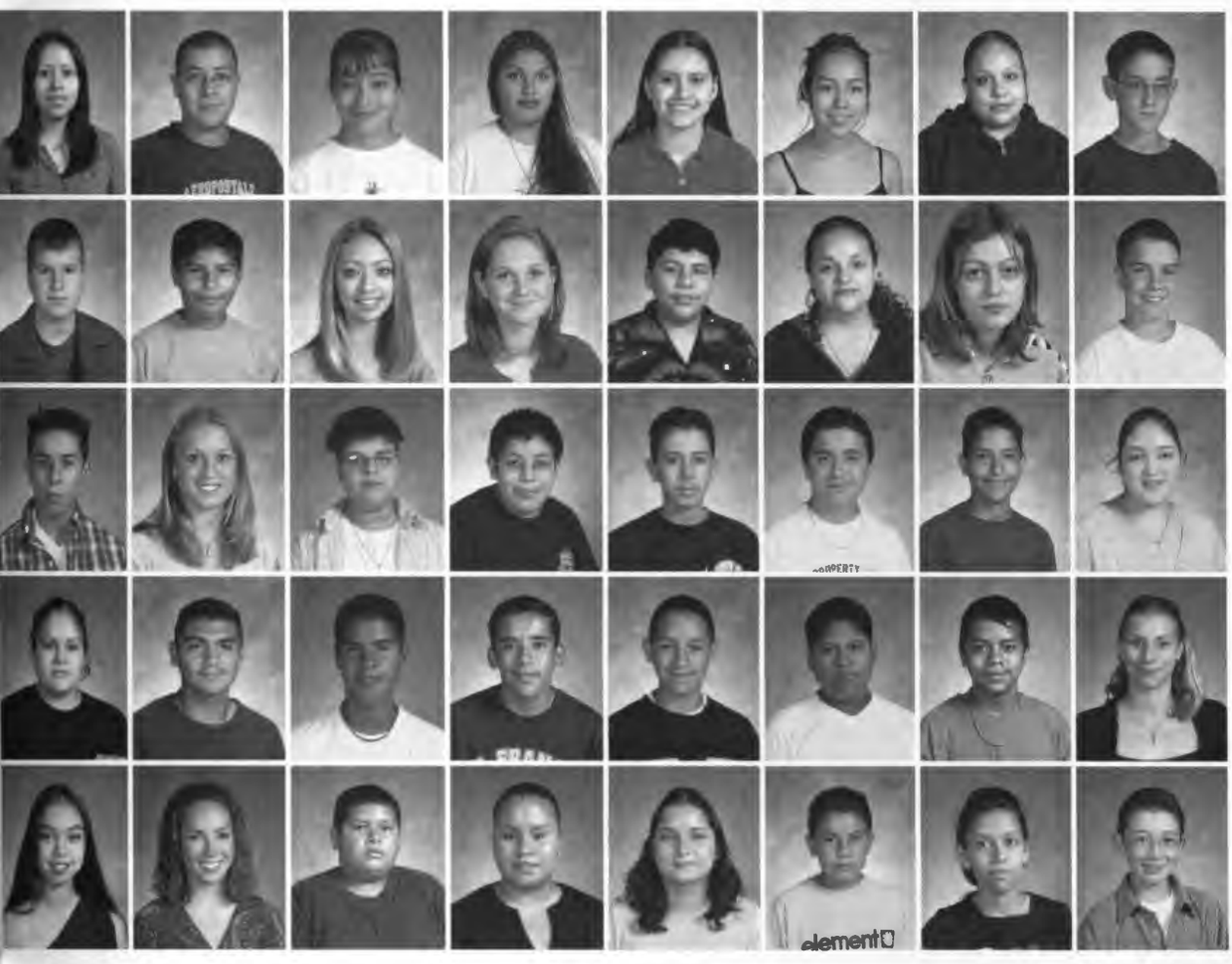
Jennafer Bedard
Claire Beeks
Jessica Bejar
Steven Benson
Joffrey Benter
Amber Bergmann
Jeannette Bermudez
John Besch

Katie Birkey
Carolyn Blackman
Brittany Blanchard
Charles Blanchard
Jose Blanco
Matthew Bolton
Audrina Booker
Stephanie Borchardt

Jacqueline Boyd
Jamie Boyer
Andrea Bradley
Raymond Braunshausen
Alexandra Breinig
Brian Brewster
Mitchell Bridges
Emmanuel Briseno

Daniel Brogan
Eric Brown
Heather Brugoto
Sarah Brugoto
James Burke
Ryan Burlison
Lauren Buscemi
Nathan Butters

"This year is going really fast! I can't remember the date." -Janeth Carrasco



Claudia Cabral
Noel Cabral
Jessica Cabrera
Vicky Calderon
Patty Carmona
Guadalupe Carrasco
Janeth Carrasco
Mike Caruso

Kenneth Castan
Martin Castro
Jasmin Celozzi
Emily Chadraba
David Chairez
Adilene Chavez
Valerie Clark
Kevin Cocciemiglio

Jhojan Colorado
Laura Conard
Seth Contreras
William Contreras
Arthur Correa
Brian Correa
Cuauhtemoc Correa
Guadalupe Correa

Guadalupe Correa
Ignacio Correa
Jose Correa
Jose Correa
Roger Correa
Emilio Cortes
Benjamin Cortez
Heather Crabbe

April Crawford
Jessica Crawford
Jorge Cruz
Maria Cuevas
Maria Cuevas
Jose Cuiriz
Sandra Cuiriz
Tyler Dameron

"I love ships, but the one I love the most is friendships." -Guadalupe Correa

"When you don't know what's going on, just smile and nod your head.
-Ashley Vargas

Frank Deblasio
Thomas Delegge
Maria Delgado
Noemi Delgado
Amanda Demes
Fiona Demiri
Carly Demitropoulos
Daniel Dennis

Stephanie Diodonet
Christopher Dolan
Lluvia Dominguez
Robert Doremus
Veronica Dorsey
Gregory Dunn
Miguel Duran
Sara Duran

Daniel Dyrda
Sara Earhart
Michael Eberlein
Justine Egert
Jennifer Elliott
James Erickson
Esmeralda Escalante
Marlene Escalona

Maria Espinoza
David Fairbairn
David Farmer
Giana Ferrari
Deanne Fitzenreider
Kadi Flagg
Shannon Fleming
Paul Flores

"Best friends see the hurt in your eyes when eveyone else is fooled by your smile.
-Gina Mangialomini

Abigarely Fong
Carol Fortman
Ryan Foytik
Daniel Francik
Kyle Frank
Katerina French
Jose Galeano
Diana Galvan

Omar Galvan
Gema Garcia
Guillermo Garcia
Jasmin Garcia
Jesus Garcia
Ricardo Garcia
Wilivaldo Garcia
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Katie Gargula
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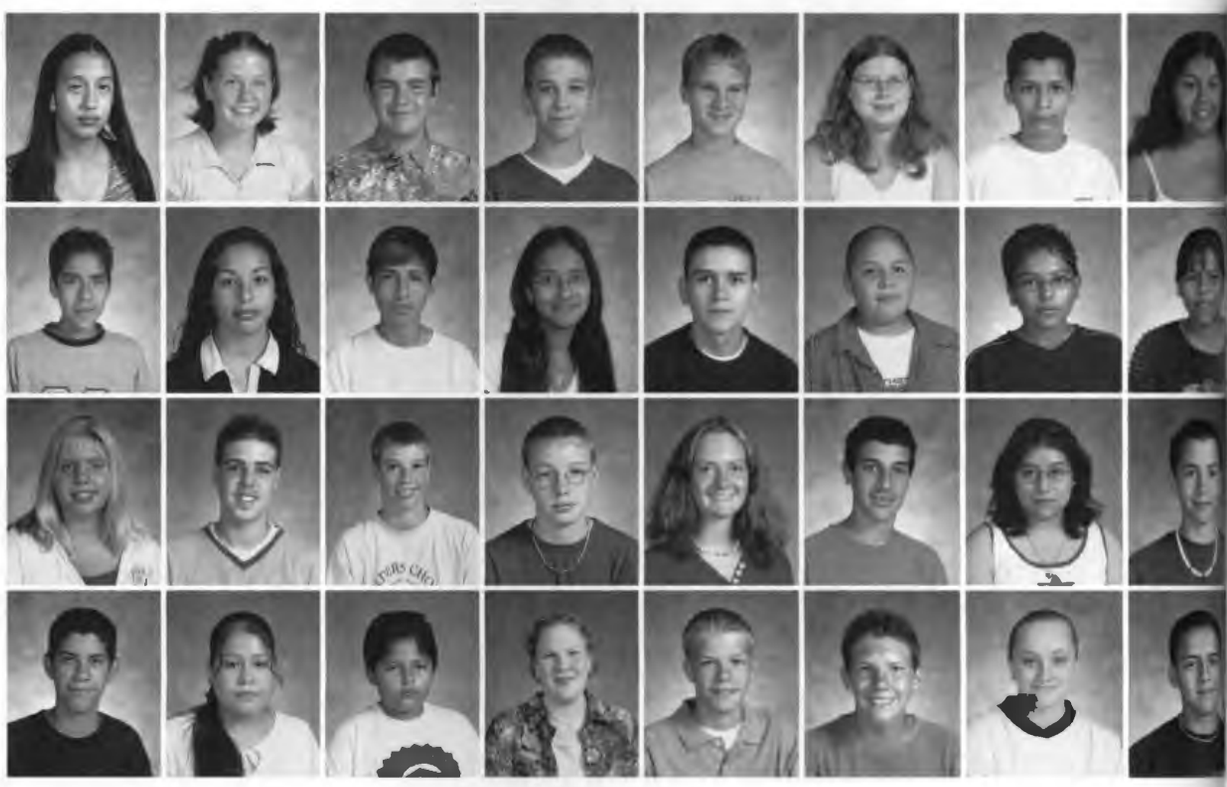
Bruce Guevara



"The time I spent was too short, for I have enjoyed being a Freshman."
-Tony Balsman

think that freshmen are the coolest people around because we can come up with the coolest excuses."
-Noemi Delgado

Pamela Guevara
Benjamin Gutirrez
Jessica Guzman
Martha Guzman
Mark Halberg
Eliza Hamilton
Jay Hammock
Anthony Harris

Kayla Harris
Brianna Harte
Ismail Hassan
Robert Hawco
Caroline Hein
Stephanie Hendron
Jerry Henning
Jose Hernandez

Julio Hernandez
Michael Hernandez
Phillip Hernandez
Zayra Hernandez
Michelle Heron
Jose Herrera
Mary Hesterman
Kyle Hobday

Matthew Hodge
Daniel Hoshaw
Patrick Howe
Raul Huerta
Danielle Hughes
Brienna Hunter
Bethany Inch
Masha Ishkov

"I think school is cool but getting up and coming to school is the hardest thing I will ever try to do!"
-Guadalupe Arellano

Marilyn Jacques
Christopher Jelen
Jacob Jeter
Kelly Jezior
Carl Johnson
Darlene Johnson
Kari Johnson
Derek Jones

Megan Jones
Seamus Joyce-Olson
Martha Kaczmarczyk
Monika Kalicka
Jonathan Kammes
Gezim Kashtanjeva
David Kelsey
Amanda Kennedy

Nicholas Kennedy
Joshua Kerber
Craig Ketelaar
Peter Kiger
Scott Kimball
Cassandra Kleczewski
Donald Koltz
Phyllida Kornoski

Katie Kostel
Alaynna Kovac
Kayla Kramer
Sara Kufta
Harrison Kuras
Christopher Lafleur
David Lam
Philip Lam

"Real friends are the ones you have the most fun with and the ones you can trust no matter what!"
-Jamie Schmidt

"Seniors seem so tough and talk a lot of smack! But they were freshmen once!"
-Janette Gonzalez

Bethany Lamping
Andrew Lane
Meghan Larson
Eric Lauer
Samantha Lawson
Miguel Leal
Kenneth Leindecker
Alicia Leonhardt

Kelsey Lesniak
Janette Leveille
Tasha Lillie
Jessica Limbrick
Miles Lincoln
Eric Lindner
Whitney Link
Jennifer Linsenmeyer

Nicholas Livingston
Jacqueline Lopez
Shelley Lullo
Maria Macias
Joseph Malandruccolo
Gina Mangialomini
Julio Mansera
David Marcelino

How was your first day as a freshman?

"I was very excited and I was very nervous because I couldn't find my classes and my friends." -Nancy Ortiz

"I was scared on the first day because there was a lot of people in the halls." -Maria Delgado

Above: Crystal Arias and Jessica Bahrenburg singing at a choir concert.

Right: Jazmine Martinez, Tori Sagen, and Angie Panozzo at the Homecoming dance.

Erick Mariano
Andrew Marshall
Natalie Martin
Antonio Martinez
Jazmine Martinez
Jose Martinez
Patricia Martinez
Patricia Marvin

Kelly Mateas
Anthony McDaniel
Oscar Medina
Jordan Meissner
Dolores Melgoza
Kevin Memoli
Ricardo Mendez
A.J. Mendoza

Mayra Mendoza
Steven Migliorato
Kelly Mildebrath
Jacob Miller
Terri Molo
Joseph Morabito
Haleigh Moreno
Victoria Moungkhounsavath

"Being a freshman gives me the opportunity to meet new people and go to parties!"
-Diana Solis

"No matter what anybody says I am the most smartest person alive. But not as smart as the Seniors!"
-Tony McDaniel

Diana Munoz
Maria Munoz
Sonia Munoz
Gwendolyn Murphy
Shannon Myers
Amanda Neal
Jessica Neihoff
Dung Nguyen

Marisa Nichols
Mariel Nieto
Jorge Nieves
Nicholas Nolte
Kimberly Norman
Matthew Nowaczewski
Adrian Ocampo
Nathan Oelslager

Molly Ogrin
Tracy Opel
Cristian Ortiz
Nancy Ortiz
Maria Osorio
Mallorie Ott
Lourdes Padilla
Yulehimy Palacios

Left: A.J. Mendoza takes one for the team at the Pep Rally tug-o-war.

Above: Cheering on the team. Ashley Vargas shows her spirit at the Pep Rally.

"What is your goal for this year?"

"My goal for this year is to focus on school and try not to get distracted by my friends."
-Esmerelda Perez

"My goal is to get the chance to meet new people and not be so shy and quiet."
-Isabel Vargas

Angelina Panozzo
Danielle Pappas
Jessica Pedraza
Vince Peduzzi
Samantha Peebles
Stephanie Pekich
Jonathan Perdue
Adriana Perez

Luis Perez
Martha Perez
Salvador Perez
Brittney Peters
Vincent Petronzio
Michael Petrusaitis
Lesley Pfeifer
Dianna Photopulos

Ryan Pinto
Harry Podschwit
Timothy Polacek
Lawrence Pope
Ashley Portretow
Katie Quarto
Sarahi Quiroz
Francisca Ramirez

"Freeeeeeeeeeeeeedommm!" -Quin Barclay

Martin Ramirez
Miguel Ramirez
Eileen Reedy
Brenda Resendiz
Angelica Reyes
Katherine Roberts
Dennis Rocha
Matthew Rohn

Kyle Rohrdanz
Danielle Romano
Brittany Rose
Kathia Rubio
Brian Russell
Natalie Russo
Victoria Sagen
Victor Salazar

Jose Salinas
Jose Salinas
Carlos Sanchez
Estefany Sanchez
Natasha Sansone
Pedro Santana

Lauren Santelli
Alany Santillan
Mallory Sanzeri
Travis Saville
Ashley Schadeberg
Jamie Schmidt

Matthew Schneider
Adam Schumacher
Evan Serwinski
Matthew Sharko
Danielle Shaw
Daniel Shelhamer

Jim Siekmann
Kevin Sierocuk
Erin Silk
Andrew Singer
Dana Smith
Joanna Smith
Kevin Smith
Diana Solis

Jessica Spaniol
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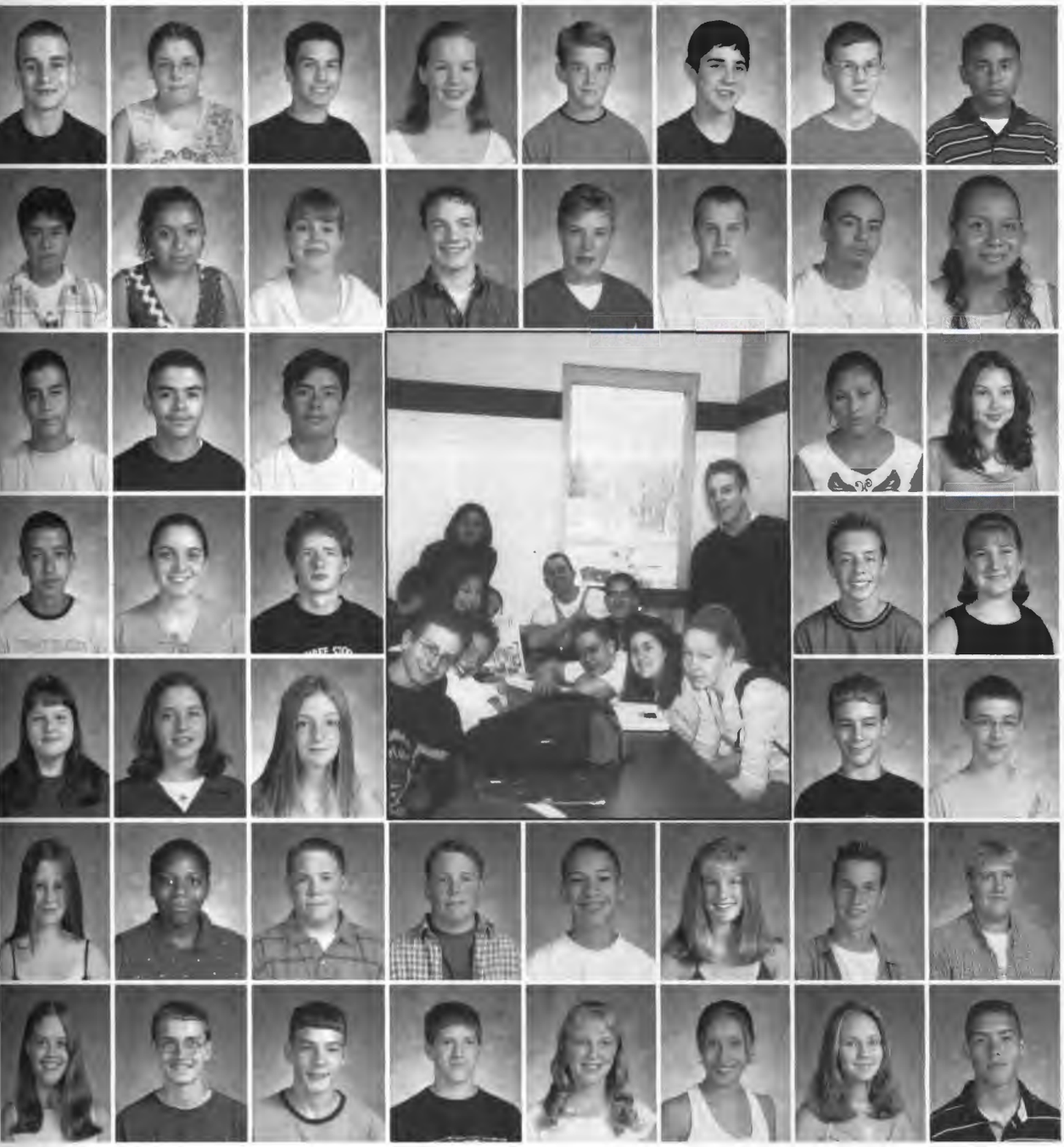
Elena Suarez



Andi Szyszko
Paige Talip
Adam Tawney
Catherine Taylor
David Taylor
John Taylor
Eric Thomas
David Tirado

Alonso Torres
Daisy Trujillo
Kate Trush
Michael Tunk
Nickolas Tynczuk
Jared Vasiliauskas
Brian Vazquez
Mayra Vazquez

Tony Vazquez
Ivan Vega
Benedicto Vera
Imelda Vera
Alejandra Villa

Jose Villa
Kellie Virnich
Georger Visser
Steven Vlasvich
Lora Vodicka

Sarah Volk
Brittany Vollmuth
Mackenzie Volpe
Robert Vondrash
Braden Waldow

Kaitlyn Walsh
Kimberly Wehr
Dustin Westrom
Matthew Westrom
Nathan Wheatley
Lindsey Wheeland
Eric Wiechert
Kyle Wiersbe

Jennifer Wojcicki
Thomas Wood
John Yednock
Brian Youngberg
Julie Youngwith
Ivonne Zerpa
Kristina Zieche
Felix Zuniga

What is the most memorable moment of 2002-2003?

"I liked the experience of how the school is arranged to have classes with different class ranks. My classes are more fun now!"

-Evan Perez

"I loved how the year started where every freshman tried to help each other. Now I wi miss all my friends from before an that I meet this year."

-Marta Espinoza

FRESHMAN

"Everyday of school seemed to go really slow, now that I think back on it school was going too fast. Now I want to go back and take my time in some things I wanted to finish."

-Cesar Correa

What made the year interesting to you?

"I liked how the principal let us pl Playstation in school at the cafet for like a week!"

-Carlos Sanchez

"My year in High School was very boring but sometimes it was exciting depending who I would talk to and who would want to hang with me. Classes were boring but the experience of being a freshman was alright."
-Gilbert Garcia

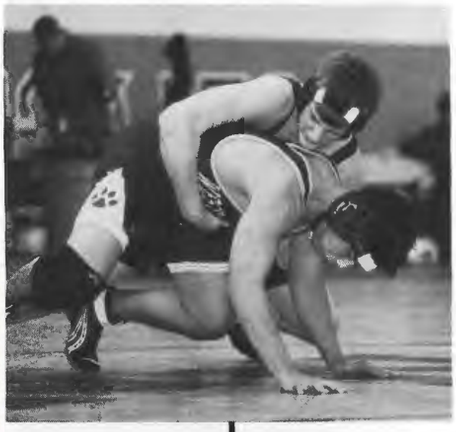
Has this year taught you anything?
"Yes, it has taught me that school can be hard sometimes if you fall behind. Responsibility is the main word to describe my High School year."
-Claudia Cabral

Class of 2006

What kinds of things would you change about this year?
"I would want to have a longer lunch time and to have less classes. That will never happen. This year seemed to be easy."
-Martha Perez

"What kinds of new things did you do this year?
"I got the chance to be part of the lady Wildcats basketball team. I tried my hardest and had a lot of fun playing with a great team!"
-Vareliana Balltines

Winter Weather Advisory: Expect Delays



Winter is the time of year when we all try to go into hibernation. For good reason ju getting out of bed each day can be a challenge. The cold, dark journey continues all the wa to school. Through the miserable walk from the Kerr McGee parking lot, through the class and work given daily, and through the sport and club commitments, somehow we survive, an the winter of 2003 was no exception.

As the bitter cold weather lasted through the long winter months, it gave us time crack down and get our schoolwork done. Everyone seemed to be getting ready for first semes finals or trying to finish up last minute projects. For students, winter break seemed out of reac with all the work assigned. The last week before break was one of the hardest to bear, so clo to two weeks of freedom.

Even with the threat of war in the air, people continued to make plans for winter bre Some people filled their time with dreamy Hawaiian vacations or luxurious cruises to th Bahamas with the intent of working on their tans. The rest of us stayed here, at home, so working out and staying in condition, while others slept and enjoyed their time off.

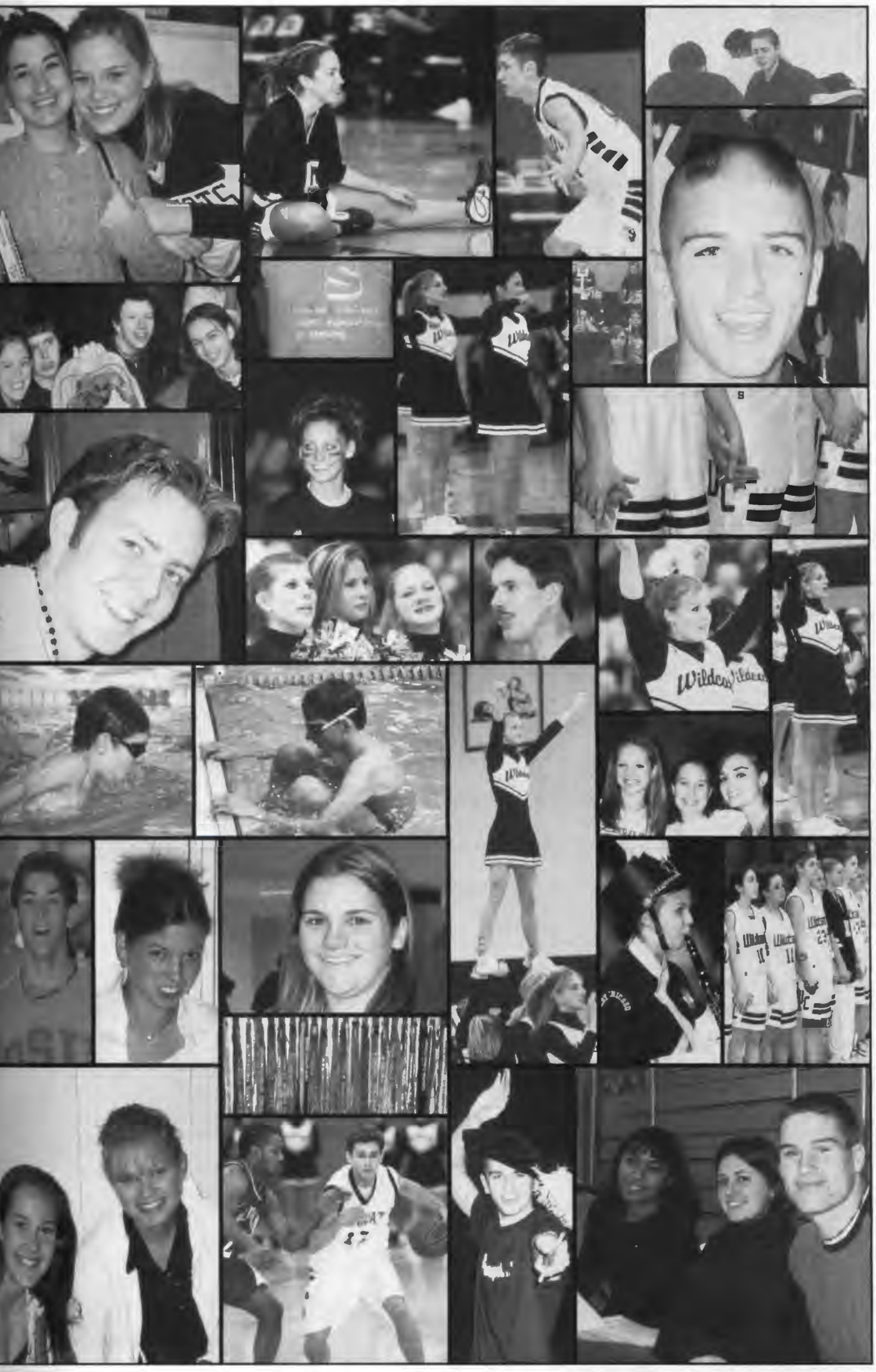
Sadly, winter break and the good memories passed too quickly. Second semester brou us reassurance that we could make it, with only a few months left until summer break. Bef we knew it, Valentines were being handed out. The Sophomore Student Council ran fundraiser called "I've Got a Crush on You." Students who donated two dollars were able to le cans of Crush delivered to their special someone.

The winter season for Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Swimming, and Wrestli drew to an end, and finally Spring was in sight.

-Krissy

Roger Maritote ('04) performs a chemistry experiment in front of the class.

Courtney Mathias ('0 peps up the crowd.



Lights Camera Dance! 2003

Breath Taking Moves

Let go, feel the rhythm, and dance. To many, dancing is a way to express themselves in their own unique way. "Dance is motion, so just swing free," said Katy Kostal ('03). The girls involved in Dance Production enjoyed the exhilaration of performing, their annual show "Lights, Camera, Dance!" for their audience.

The show was only part of the action. What happened backstage proved to be even more hectic as the girls struggled to change costumes between dances in less than two minutes.

Dance Production was not always fun and games. The dancers put a great deal of time and effort in perfecting their dance routines, but in the end it all turned out for the best.

-Lettecia Cruz ('03)

Norah McAvoy ('03) struts her s while performing "Signs of Pride" her American Flag dress.

Front: Molly Knaak, Melanie Stone, Lourdes Tlatehui, Luzmaria Tlatehui, Emily Doll, Lindsay Nash, Heather Goorley, Hope Vock, Jenna Bedard, Katie Desik First: Tatiana Podstavkova, Brittany Boehm, Caitlin Riermaier, Jill Novak, Lisa Martin, Megan Keefe, Jessi Crockatt, Courtney Mathias, Kaitlyn McAvoy Back: Marlene Uy, Mary Turnquist, Michelle Heron, Katy Kostal, Norah McAvoy, Allison Danes, Emily Gehrke, Claire Beeks.

Lindsay Nash ('04) leads the Ju dance, "Boys," with Juniors Me Stone, Brittany Boehm, Court Mathias, Jill Novak, and Marlene

Sophomore Emily Doll smiles and reaches out to the audience, while performing "Music Box."

Caitlin Riermaier ('05) displays her talent during her performance.

Luzmaria Tlatehui ('03) dances to room/Latin Dance," with her sp guest Luis Perez ('06).

...ekar these stylish hairstyles. Kaitlyn McAvoy ('05) and Norah McAvoy ('03) show off their attitude and sisterly love for the night.

What was the funniest moment of the night?

"Watching people randomly fall especially during the finale."
-Courtney Mathias ('04)

"Heather putting on her pants and yelling, 'These aren't my pants!'"
-Molly Knaak ('04)

Jenna Bedard, Michelle Heron, and Claire Beeks perform "Like I Love You" and put on a spectacular show for their audience.

Lindsay Nash ('04), Jill Novak ('04), and Brittany Boehm ('04), dance with enthusiasm for their crowd.

Hope Voek ('03), Emily Doll ('05), and Melanie Stone ('04) perform "Musicbox."

The girls show off their hard work, dedication, and skill for the Thursday and Saturday night performances of "Vogue."

Reality Strikes..

With a cast of 32 members, many new to the stage, *Glimpses* offered a youthful and energized glimpse into adolescent life. Relating the trials and tribulations of teen experiences to the audience proved to be a difficult task for the actors, but after Ms. Hafertepe revised the script, the production evolved into a huge success.

When Ms. Hafertepe, the play's director, first read the *Glimpses* script, she didn't feel that the entire play was appropriate for this school and this cast. The original *Glimpses* consisted of a series of skits by teenagers that focused on issues such as drugs, prejudice, racism and relationships. Ms. Hafertepe decided to combine *Glimpses* with two other plays to make the West Chicago version of *Glimpses* unique. With these additions, *Glimpses* consisted of seventeen different skits, but Ms. Hafertepe still wasn't finished with her revisions. She then allowed the cast to put their voices into the play by writing their own monologues about their lives and problems. These monologues served as the transitions between scenes in the play.

-Sean Warren, Brisa Mendez, and Maricarmen Osorio

Brad Bytof ('04) demonstrates the pr way makeup should be put on, backsta

Brittany Rose ('06) and Tiffany Nitti ('05) discuss the challenges teens have to face in order to fit in.

Brenda Chavez ('05) expresses her irritation with her boyfriend T DeLegge ('06).

Adrienne Sanchez ('05), Tnarri Kilgore ('04), and Natasha Sansone ('06) talk about misconceptions.

Tiffany Nitti ('05) and Aida Hernandez ('06) comfort Brad Bytof as he describes his problems.

G L I M P S E S

aitlyn McAvoy ('05) reads her monologue of her dreams and goals.

Justin Horwitz ('05) complains about the obstacles teens face with their parents.

How many stars would you give the play, 5-breath taking and 1-awful?

"I had a great time watching the play and I thought the characters were just like normal teens. It was also awesome to see some of my friends perform."
-Andrea Hunkzicker ('05) ****

"It was good but Brad Bytof made it really good. He looked very good and did a great job performing."
-Steve Singer ('04) ****

"The play was interesting and realistic attempt at showing the chaos of a teen's life. The students performing captured our world very well and I thought it rocked."
-Caitlin Riermater ('05) *****

"*Glimpses* was a great play and let you see the lives and stories of teenagers of today."
-Jackie Gola ('05) ****

"I thought the play was entertaining. Sean's skit was hilarious. It made it worthwhile to go, but I also enjoyed how real to life the skits and monologues were."
-Melissa Prusko ('04) ****

What is the best part of being in *Glimpses*?

"The fact that all of us got to act our ages and show others what things teens go through everyday. . . made it fun and enjoyable for the whole cast."
-Mallory Russo ('05)

"The entire cast was just a blast to be around and we got to create a show that had something for everyone... Brad flipping off the crowd was not bad either."
-Julie Evans ('05)

"Being in the play gave me a chance to meet new people while doing something that I love."
-Brittany Rose ('06)

"It was a big challenge to be on stage the entire time, but I think it really helped our cast bond together."
-Sean Warren ('08)

Words of Wisdom

"I have realized lately that high school has been, so far, the best years of my life. And it goes by all too fast. I guess I have to start thinking about what I am going to do in a couple of years. Yeah, I know what my dream is but I don't like admitting it all the time, because people shake their heads and think, "It will never happen." But who are they to bash my dreams, and limit my possibilities? Everyone has dreams or goals, and people are always finding success. So why wouldn't we be able to?"
-Kaitlyn McAvoy ('05)

"As with any group of people, "teen" is a term that covers a diverse spread of personalities. In addition to the negative stereotypes associated with the word, teen also describes the serious college bound student, the sweet and romantic gentleman, and even those talented few destined for greatness. Always keep in mind, "teen" won't tell much about a person except her age, because we come in all different shapes and sizes."
-Natasha Sansone ('06)

Brittany Rose ('06) listens attentively as Maritza Gonzalez ('05) reads her monologue.

Erin Henry('03), Becki Hoffman ('04), and David Kelsey ('06) talk about teen issues.

Taking It To The Net

Weier ('03) aggressively passes the ball keeping it away from the competition.

Coach Gimre impatiently awaits the conclusion of the game. This was his 2nd year as Head Coach.

The Boys' Basketball Team took the 2002-2003 season to new heights with its best record in six years. Senior Captains Jared Hall, Nick Michael, and Johnny Weier led the team to victory. The boys tipped off the season by placing 2nd at the Marmion Thanksgiving Tournament and 3rd at the Glenbard West Christmas Tournament. In both tournaments, the team demonstrated significant improvements from previous years.

According to Captain Jared Hall, the team learned a valuable lesson at the Marmion Thanksgiving Tournament. "Going into the Thanksgiving, we expected to win it," said Hall. "We went out and won the first two games by a huge margin. However, we did not win the tournament because we lost our last game in the final seconds. That loss taught the team a huge lesson. That was to finish each game strong and that we are not winners until the final buzzer goes off."

Highlights from the season include beating We-Go's arch- rivals Glenbard North at home with a winning score of 77-55 and Naperville North 58-48, Senior Matt Coiley slam dunking against Glenbard North, and the team earning a 3rd place Regional seeding.

By the time the end of the regular season rolled around, the shooting Wildcats finished the season in good standing. Over the years, the team has shown a great deal of improvement. The boys have not played this in six years. The Cats' record was 18 -10 overall and 6 -8 in conference play. Nicholas Michael earned the MVP award, Matthew Coiley earned the Most Improved Award and John Weier was given the Coaches' Award. The wildcats' will take a big hit after they loose five seniors. John Weier, Jared Hall, Matt Coiley, Nick Michael, and Mike Paschke will be greatly missed.

-Jessica Cwiak

Leo Baylor ('04) shows off his g face. Baylor gave the team a m boost this season.

A few students from the 'The Sq enthusiastically watch and che their Wildcats.

Seniors Matt Coiley, John Weier, Jared Hall and Mike Paschke congratulate each other on a job well done.

Captain Jared Hall ('03) drives the ball to the net. Throughout the sea Hall demonstrated his leadership qualities both on and off the court.

The team prepares themselves for the tough game ahead.

The Varsity team gathers before the start of their game against Glenbard North.

Lee Corning ('04) looks for the right oppo nity to pass the ball.

Captain Nick Michael ('03) looks into his opponent's eye as he carefully defends the ball.

Before the fans fill the stands, the Varsity boys get pepped up football-style by huddling and cheering to create an adrenaline rush.

Matt Coiley ('03) searches for an open teammate.

Varsity Front Row: Austin Monroe, Robert Jeffery, John Weier, Doug Sieder, Jason Shreeram **Middle Row:** Head Coach Kevin Gimre, Lee Corning, Matt Coiley, Nick Michael, Mike Paschke, Greg Prill, Ass. Coach Eric Lasky **Back Row:** Leo Baylor, Ted Gernand, Tom Grove, Jim Rylowicz and Jared Hall.

Opponent	Result	Score
Glenbard North	Loss	66-55
Joliet Catholic	Win	76-47
W.W. South	Win	56-55
Geneva	Win	65-40
Naperville North	Loss	67-50
York	Win	73-68
Wheaton North	Loss	59-46
Naperville Central	Loss	58-42
Glenbard East	Win	67-49
West Aurora	Loss	70-32
Larkin	Win	70-56
Glenbard North	Win	77-55
W.W. South	Loss	56-48
Naperville North	Win	57-51
Wheaton North	Win	54-51
Glenbard East	Win	71-55
West Aurora	Loss	85-54
Reg. vs Streamwood	Win	45-41
Reg. vs Dundee Crown	Win	68-58
Sec. vs Glenbard West	Win	71-67
Sec Final vs Batavia	Loss	78-68

Sophomore Front Row: Coach John Gallagher, Jonathan Hall, Sam Acosta, Carlos Santillan, Coach Dave Sayner **Middle Row:** Chris Jones, Nick Doncoes, Jeff Gilbert, Nick Lelito, Nick Gentile **Back Row:** Miguel Tapia, Nick George, Chris Carrington, Greg Callahan and John Doeseckle.

Freshman Front Row: Asst. Coach Paul McLeland, Joe Malandruccolo, Kevin Grobe, Nick Nolte, Dexter Gonzales, Dennis Rocha, Head Coach Tim Martin **Middle Row:** Mike Tunk, Eric Wiechert, Larry Pope, Greg Dunn, Pat Geissman, Dan Brogan **Back Row:** Phil Lam, Jordan Meissner, Brian Russell, Keith Gronke, Jason Jefferson, Naman Patel, & Danny Shelhamer.

Leo Baylor ('04) fights for the rebound.

John Weier ('03) makes his enfrance before the game begins.

Mike Paschke ('03) focuses on the free throw. Paschke not only helped the team under the boards this season, but from the line as well.

Just Hoopin' Aroun

"All Season All Out," the team motto for the 2002-2003 basketball season, showed the determination of the Lady Wildcats to achieve success. The girls showed "an improvement from last year," said Coach Kim Wallner. "We went from winning 10 games last year and 15 this year, and we had a win in a regional game."

Despite only having four returning Varsity players, the ladies showed consistently that they wanted to win. These players, Nicole Skala '03, Lathie Norton '04, Lauren Johnston '04, and Shania Sullivan '04, showed the way while three seniors, Magen Rogers, Lynn Mielke, and Kori Flagg, also contributed to the final scores of many games.

At the end of the season, the team took fourth place in the DVC with 7 wins and 7 losses. In conference, the varsity team played two major games that really made the season memorable. "One of the games was when we played Glenbard North at their gym," said Wallner. "Glenbard North was a quality team and it was one of our better games." The other game occurred on Senior Parent Night against Glenbard East when the team tied their record high of 74 points.

-Erica Fatiguto

Magen Rogers gets pumped f game as she breaks the throug sign.

Magen Rogers and Nicole Skala hustle back to play defense.

Front: Megan Forbrook, Yadira Perez, Kristen Rocha, Lynn Mielke, Leonard **Middle:** Coach Wallner, Lathie Norton, Dana Hernan, S Sullivan, Drew Krecek, Kori Flagg, Coach Goebel **Back:** Lauren John Nicole Skala, Ashley Egert, Karin Sweas, Jessica Crawford, Magen R

"This year was the best year because a lot of friendships were made and we worked together as a team."
-Lynn Mielke '03

"The relationship between the plagers is equa important on and off the court."
-Drew Krecek '05

haina Sullivan shows no fear s she fights for the rebound d mixes things up on defense.

Front: Dana Yormark, Amanda Wessman, Peggy Saul, Amanda Bass **Middle:** Coach Arroyo, Jackie Gola, Ashley Saville, Kelsey Lesniak, Amanda Gibson, Coach Stark **Back:** Alyssa Claude, Sam Corriero, Sammi Kufta.

lagen Rogers puts pressure n a Naperville North Husky, sulting in an eventual turn er and basket for the Wild- ats.

Front: Stephanie Pekich, Kari Johnson, Mallory Sanzeri, Kelly Mildebrath, Sarah Humphries, Veronica Dorsey **Middle:** Coach Kosek, Kayla Kramer, Kadi Flagg, Jackie Boyd, Caroline Hein, Kelly Mateas, Krissy Zieche, Kim Norman Coach Pick **Back:** Alex Villa, Vareliana Ballines, Eileen Reedy, Jenny Linsenmeyer, Shannon Myers.

SWIMMING & DIVING We-Go Boys

50 Yards to Freedom

The buzzer went off and so did the boys. With a splash, the Boys' Swimming and Diving season began. Putting in hours of practice each night and day, the boys rose to the challenge.

Facing Hell Week proved to be one of the team's biggest obstacles. During Hell Week, the team endured the most stressful practices. There were no breaks, no stops, and no mercy.

With coaches like Bryan Artel (Swimming) and Beth Gottlieb (Diving) leading them on, victories were assured for the team. Taking down opponent after opponent, the boys took standings in DVC and amongst the team itself.

Coach Artel had the boys practice on dry land before school and in the water after school. Pushing them on, he had no intention of losing a meet without a fight. He challenged the boys to swim faster, and longer than ever before. Testing their mental and physical capability remained his main goal. "One extra breath, and it is a lap of lunges for you!" said Artel.

Coach Gottlieb took her team to the peaks of their height, quite literally. She pushed the team to jump higher, flip faster, and twist harder than before. She hoped to put them on another level for next year, but still kept the present in mind. "Do it or kill yourself trying!" Gottlieb said.

The teams endured the burdens of their sport for the joy of the challenge, the sport they had chosen and the time they had given, just for their own enjoyment. "As long as you work hard through the season, not only will you be a better swimmer but also a better person," said Steve Bicek ('05).

-Bob Vondrash

Back: Karl Donovan, Peter Oelslager, Alex Wemple, Peter K
3rd row: Bryan Artel, Bob Vondrash, Drew Weigand, Erik N
James Oroni, Matt Simon, Mrg. Rachel Rivera, Nathan Oels
Beth Gottlieb 2nd Row: Chris Prochnow, Steve Bicek,
Colliander, C.J. Wostratzky, Matt Marvan, Chris Nelson
Michael Hernandez Joel Somers, Jeff Lesniak, and Matt Be

Joel Somers ('04) and Drew Weigand ('05) stop their laps to see what the excitement is all about.

Peter Kiger ('06) sneaks a breath before C
Artel catches him.

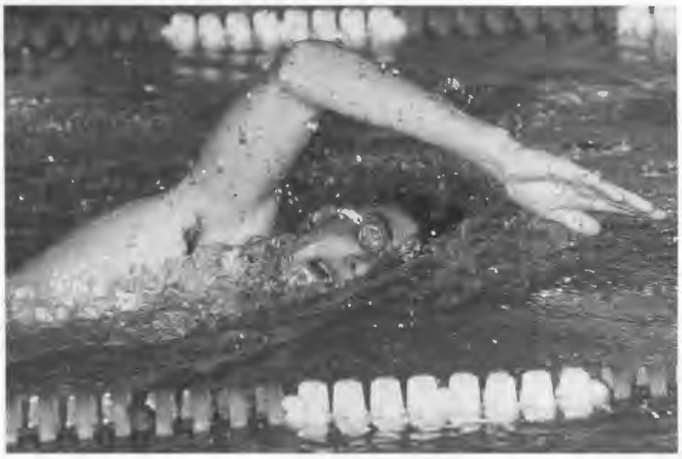
Wildcat swimmers and supporters sit and watch from the sidelines.

Alex Wemple ('04) takes a break from the ri
ous workout that he swims daily.

"You'll never catch me, I'm the Ginger Breadman!" -Nathan Oelslager ('0

"Bryan could cure the deaf with his yelling."
-Chris Prochnow ('06)

Joel Somers ('04) jumps in for a cool dip before practice, but his hair refuses to go down with the ship.



In his leg of the relay, Chris Prochnow ('06) goes for the gold and the win.

Steve Bicek ('05) pulls through for his team, to shave a few seconds off his time.

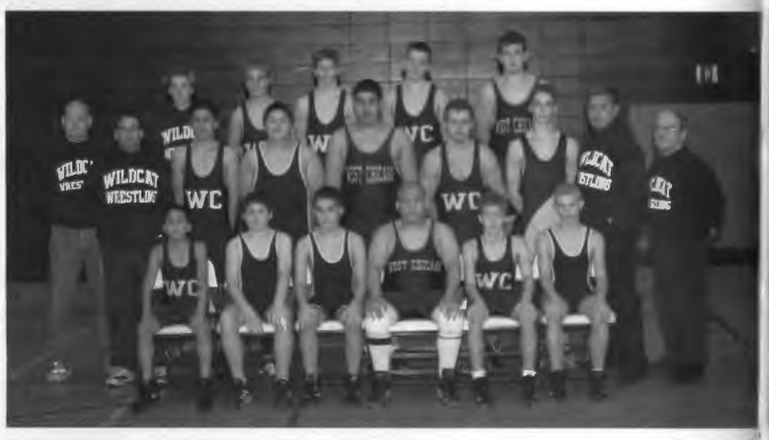
Lock n' Grip

Where some see sweaty bodies in tights, others see hours of effort and strength training. No one really knows how much time and effort the wrestlers put into their sport. They train daily in order to get into the shape needed to wrestle in a suitable weight group. Along with making weight and enduring practices, they swallow their insecurities and don the skintight uniform before engaging in a match.

"I joined wrestling to see how competitive the sport is," said Dung Nguyen ('06), "but I really don't like all of the running around."

Although this wrestling season proved difficult, Head Coach Marty Molina hopes that the future will bring success for the team, and the discipline and determination of the wrestlers shows a bright future. "It was encouraging to see the positive direction in which the team was going," he said.

-Mercedes Castro



Freshman Wrestling Team: **Front**: Steven Ocampo, Phillip Hernan[illegible] Joey Morabito, Hector Cantu, Andrew Singer, Steve Benson **2nd Ro[illegible]** Coach Marty Molina, Asst. Coach Mike Assaf, Paul Reyes, Seth Contre[illegible] Ismail Hassan, Seamus Joyce-Olson, Jonathan Kammes, Asst. Co[illegible] Mike Zepeda, Coach Bob Hein **Back Row**: Manager Heather Edmins[illegible] Kyle Frank, Brian Youngberg, Jacob Jeter, Ryan Foytik.

Left: Mike McInerney ('04), Tyler Hempel ('04), Fabian Cruz ('04), and Urias Carmona ('03) take time to enjoy their wrestling season.

Above: Mike McInerney ('[illegible]) tries to pin his rival wrestler [illegible] only having one hand avail[illegible]

Head Coach:
Marty Molina

Asst. Coaches:
Mike Assaf
Bob Hein
Mike Zepeda

Manager:
Steven Benson

What were your feelings about this year's season?

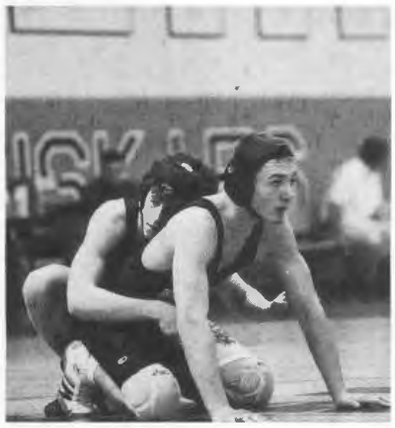
"Although a little disappointed, I know we're building things to look for the fut[illegible]"
-Coach Mike Assaf

"We had a good year but we need more wrestlers to come out next year."
-Coach Michael Zepeda

Wrestling

Urias Carmona ('03) prepares to wrestle ferociously like a bear, and bring a victory home for our Wildcat wrestling team.

Varsity/J.V Wrestling Team: **Front**: Fabian Cruz, Mark Trygar, Stephany Vasquez, Kiel FarJeat **2nd Row**: Derek Koelsch, Mike McInerney, Tyler Hempel, Mike Dieter, Adam Pineda, Bryan Duffy, Manager Heather Edminson **3rd Row**: Asst. Coach Mike Assaf, Coach Marty Molina, Brad Murison, Nick Fairbanks, Justin Pineda, Joel Castro, Jonathan Kurtz, Coach Bob Hein, Asst. Coach Mike Zepeda **Back Row:** Tony Sosa, Jose Garcia, Travis Saville, Hugo Conde, Dale Staton, Urias Carmona.



Mike McInerney ('04) waits impatiently for the whistle to go off and wrestle his heart out while his opponent tries to stop him.

What has been the most challenging school the wrestling team has ever faced?

"I think that the most challenging school the team has faced would be Wheaton Warrenville South."
-Ismail Hassan ('06)

"The most challenging school he has faced is Glenbard North."
-Seamus Joyce-Olson ('06)

Wrestling has been thought of as a sport in which only men could compete, but Sophomore Stephany Vasquez put a sock in every guy's mouth by joining. Throughout the season, she remained up to the challenge of taking on any guy who thought he could take her. "I got bored of doing my nails so I joined wrestling," she said. Stephany, being the only female wrestler on the team ,showed everyone that a girl can do anything a boy can.

Even though she's a female , she trained and sweated just as hard as any other boy on the team." It is like she's one of us and she doesn't get any special treatment," said Ismail Hassan ('06). Before she would wrestle during practice, Stephany spent a great deal of time conditioning. According to Stephany, this is the hardest part about wrestling and "It builds up a wrestler's stamina." Since this was only her second year of wrestling, her biggest accomplishment was being treated as one of the guys. She plans to keep wrestling for the Wildcats for the next two years.

-Mercedes Castro

What usually attracts people to join wrestling?

"To get into a better shape and because it is fun."
-Andrew Singer ('06)

"Watching it on TV and some of my family members wrestled in high school."
-Paul Flores ('06)

A Common Goal

The 2002-2003 campaign has brought many changes for the Community High School hockey players. For the past two seasons, the West Chicago/Wheaton Academy hockey team played in the junior varsity level. The Wheaton North team was almost unable to field a hockey team. However, they shared a common goal as the West Chicago/Wheaton Academy team, and so they joined together, and the Wheaton West Hockey Club was born. At the time of the yearbook deadline for this article, the team was in first place in the Western Division of the Illinois Suburban Hockey League. We-Go hockey players include Quin Barclay, Ray Braunshausen, Justin Gracyas, Mark Laabs, Tyler Piech, and team captain Brian Nelson. During the season, Mark Laabs and Brian Nelson were selected to play in the league all-star game, with Mark Laabs earning Co-MVP honors.

-Lilli Cassidy with
Pete Laabs

Junior Tyler Piech works behind the net, while Freshm Ray Braunshausen prepares to shoot.

Senior Mark Laabs anxiously awaits the next player d ing to challenge him at the goal.

West Chicago

Wheaton Academy

Wheaton North

"The team displays maturity and determination in ord get where we are thus far."
-Coach Jim Shaver

Front: Matt Stubits, Justin Gracyas, Mark Laabs, K Fahrforth, Tom O'Connell. 2nd: Chris Marella, J Neveu, Brad Skeba, Ray Braunshausen, Mike K Keyle O'Halloran, Tyler Piech, Justin Wicks, Jon Sh Bill Zahery, John Sullivan. 3rd: Todd Kolb, Kevin Na Tom Adair, Rick Simmons, Mike Frey, Karl Bro Quin Barclay, Mike Moore, Brian Nelson, Jim Sha

Stop and Draw The Wildcats

Qualities needed to be on the Literary Magazine Staff:

Creative
Artistic
Photogenic
Democratic
Responsible
Hard working
Sociable

Ready, set, draw! "Mind's Eye", the Literary Magazine, seems to have an "underground quality" to it and is designed to be a showcase of students' creative abilities. Students are able to submit their works of art, photography, and writing. Some of the previous submissions have been poems, essays, and short stories.

There are only 17 members on the staff, most of which are Freshmen, all in the hands of their advisor, Mrs. Cobbett. "Mind's Eye" has for the last four years won the NCTE Literary Magazine Competition. When asked what was the most enjoyed aspect of being head of a club, Mrs. Cobbett replied that it was, "getting to know creative students."

-Marissa Mendoza

Officers:

President:
Melissa Stevens

Vice President:
Kirsten Stockhoff

Secretary:
Erin Linsenmeyer

Treasurer:
Javier Terrazas

aff members take a break in ommons before getting back into e swing of things.

Front: Nathan Butters, Tom DeLegge, Eric Lauer, Erin Linsenmeyer, Mrs. Cobbett **Back:** Steve Migliorato, Dan Dyrda, Jennifer Kamphaus, Justin Doyle, Kristina Wanous, Kirsten Stockhoff.

Freshmen Nathan Butters and Eric Lauer look eager to begin an new day of "Mind's Eye".

Freshman Tom DeLegge waits outside the classroom before the "Mind's Eye" meeting.

Erin Linsenmeyer ('04) sheds a smile at the success of "Mind's Eye".

Eric Lauer ('06) and Tom DeLegge ('06) spend time together before their meeting.

The advisor, Mrs. Cobbett, is pleased to begin another day of the Literary Magazine.

Nathan Butters ('06) and Eric Lauer ('06) prepare for the busy day ahead of them.

Steven Migliorato ('06) and Dan Dyrda ('06) take a break from their busy "Mind's Eye" schedule.

Panic Until Deadline!

Front: Christine Hendron, Lilli Cassidy **Second Row:** Marissa Mendoza, Melissa Prusko **Back:** Sean Warren, Katy Kostal **Not Pictured:** Sarah Hammer.

Choosing a theme for the yearbook is no simple task. We wanted something that would bring a sense of pride to those attending Community High School, as well as something exclusive that we could call our own. "Here We Go" is a unique way of incorporating our school nickname, "We-Go," and showing how we feel from the beginning of the school year when we first walk through those front doors. Whether a student is entering this school as a freshman or leaving it as a senior, the thought running through everybody's mind as he/she embarks on a new journey is "Here We Go."

The Challenge staff members are constantly going out of their way to make sure the students of We-Go will remember this year as the best. The staff gives it their all by coming up with new layout designs, spending time on crucial picture cropping, and struggling to meet all their deadlines. It is also our job to become involved and be a part of the action for all school events. In the end, the hard work is worth it. For every deadline we meet, we have a pizza party. Although we don't get paid, we always get fed.

-Adriana Vargas

Ms. Santella bosses around the yearbook staff.

Questions Ms. Santella shouldn't have asked:

"Bob what do I do when people don't use apostrophes correctly?" -Ms. Santella

"Umm...pull out the big stick?"
-Bob Vondrash ('06)

"Sean do I look like I have the face of a happy woman right now?" -Ms. Santella

"Do you ever have the face of a happy woman?"
-Sean Warren ('08)

Front: Ms. Santella, Liliana Mariano, Joanna Szeszycki, Christine Hendron, Lilli Cassidy, Erica Fatigato **Second Row:** Raul Guzman, Adilene Chavez, Marissa Mendoza, Melissa Prusko, Jessica Cwiak, Adriana Vargas, Lettecia Cruz, Mercedes Castro **Back:** Bob Vondrash, Kristine Joy, Sean Warren, Katy Kostal, Maricarmen Osorio, Brisa Mendez.

Crazy Yearbook Quotes.

"If you're gonna call somebody a "ho" on a bathroom stall, at least spell it correctly."
Ms. Santella

"The bell hasn't rung yet, I don't have to talk to you."
-Sean Warren ('08) comments to Ms. Santella

"My most memorable antic from yearbook class was when Sean and Katy gave a live cricket to Ms. Santella on Valentine's Day."
-Brisa Mendez ('08)

Top 5 Things about Yearbook Class.

5. Having hands on computer action.

4. Watching Ms. Santella have a nervous breakdown if we don't make our deadlines.

3. Getting free admission to sporting events while everybody else has to pay.

2. Seeing the pictures and quotes before anybody else in the school.

1. Eating Pizza, Ice Cream, and did we mention Pizza?

Letters From the Editors:

Sean Warren
"It's friendship, friendship, just the perfect blendship!"
"Anything Goes"

To all of my friends. YOU ROCK!!! Thank you for making my senior year the greatest year ever. It has been a blast being with all of you guys and I am sad to have to leave. But as the years go on, I know that we will continue to become closer and closer. I wouldn't be the same without you!

Sarah Hammer
"Muchas"

The best thing about high school for me was all of the relationships that made the experience so exciting. To all my friends, thank you for making high school such a memorable time in my life, you know who you are. May God bless you in the years to come.

Katy Kostal
Irreplaceable & Unforgettable
Hope, Sean, Joe, Mike, Kim, Beth

Get involved! I don't remember who told me that, but it changed my life for the past four years. I'm letting my pictures speak for me.

Hot Off the Press

Once a month students rushed to grab their copies of the Wildcat Chronicle and learn about school news . The high school's newspaper, the Chronicle, informed the faculty and students about everything from the newest student of the month to the demolition of Lincoln School. In 2002, the American Scholastic Press Association honored the Chronicle with a first place certificate and the Northern Illinois School Press Association awarded the staff with a silver certificate. The newspaper also received the International Honor Award for significant achievements in scholastic journalism.

-Brisa Mendez

What is the best thing the Wildcat Chronicle offers its staff ?

"The Wildcat Chronicle prepares the staff by preparing us for the future and everything that can come."
-Melissa Stevens ('03)

"Deadlines...NOT!"
-Jessica Myers ('03)

"I believe the Chronicle offers students the opportunity to work with others they may have not been associated with before, opening the door to friendships and a solid understanding of teamwork"
-Laura Kuehn

Organization is the key to successful journalism: Assignments are given to the Wildcat Chronicle staff and posted on the bulletin board.

Looking for her latest assignment from Ms. Kuehn, Anna Nubie ('04) checks her mailbox as she enters the journalism lab.

Bridget Geraghty('05) concentrates on a major story as she works on one her assignments after school. Like many newspaper staff members, she shows her dedication by frequently working after school hours.

A We-Go student, like many of his classmates, enjoys reading a copy of the Wildcat Chronicle at his locker before school starts. A story about the Forensics team seems to capture his attention.

Wildcat Chronicle

Front Row: Bridget Geraghty, Jessica Myers, Anna Nubie Back Row: Jaclyn Demes, Kyle Bullis, Ian Rewers, Melissa Stevens, Tyler Link, John Jennings, Sam West.

Chronicle Staff:

Editor-in-Chief: Stephanie Bodane

News Editor: Sam West

Perspective Editor: Melissa Stevens

Features Editor: Kyle Bullis

Sports Editor: Elliott Tinnes

Specials Sections: Anna Nubie

Photo Editor: Jessica Myers

Reporters: Michelle Loerzel, Marybeth Selby, Logan Schrage, Brittany Rose, Bridget Geraghty

Contributing Writers: Brandi Bodie, Jaclyn Demes, Bridget Geraghty, John Jennings, Nicole Klingberg, Sarah Kuna, Tyler Link, Jeanine Macrito, Greg Moore, Larry Petrie, Ian Rewers, Amanda Tollas, Carly Tuma,

Advisor: Laura Kuehn

Top 5 Sections of the Newspaper:

1. Front Page
2. Sports
3. Entertainment
4. Comics
5. Business

Melissa Stevens ('03) works on copy.

Jaclyn Demes ('03) looks for photographs.

Editor Sam West ('04) leads the staff.

Jessica Myers ('03) begins a new story.

Worst places to read the newspaper:

-SATs
-Party
-Football Game
-Driving
-Movies
-Chemistry lab
-School Play
-Circus
-Church
-Yoga Class
-Funeral
-Prairie State Exams
-Bar Mitzvah
-Quincenera

Live From West Chicago

Lights, camera, action! *We-Go Through the Tube*, West Chicago's student-produced television show, proved to be one of the best sources of information for students throughout the school year. Airing once every month during third hour announcements, the show highlighted everything from interviews with ordinary students to highlights from basketball and football games. Since its premiere in 2002, the program allowed everyone to enjoy once-in-a-lifetime moments like Mr. Highland's performance at the Variety show, Mr. Healy's impression of Superman at the Homecoming pep rally, and even a clip of the principal competing in a swim meet.

-Adilene Chavez

Prepare the cameras! The cast and crew of *We-Go Through the Tube* are ready to roll the film.

Rachel Moguel ('03) discusses her ideas for the next show with Caitlin Riermaier ('05).

Two thumbs up!!! Jeff Linsenmeyer ('05) reviews movies for the show.

Caitlin Riermaier ('05) rates the movie *D devil*, giving it three pieces of popcorn.

Caitlin Riermaier ('05) and Elyse Damsch ('05) prepare to tape another episode.

"I love being on TV. I feeling like a celebrity."

-Caitlin Riermaier ('05)

"It's an opportunity for peopl to explore new possibilities."

-Rachel Moguel ('03)

"No, we don't get paid."

-Elyse Damsch ('05)

Rachel Moguel ('03) and Caitlin Riermaie laugh at a clip of Mr. Highland in a swi

Different Strokes

Mr. Exner, a "Jeopardy" fanatic and the art teacher who stered Wildcat Impressions (casually referred to as the art club), has ated an open forum where students can express themselves. While dents work on their artistic creations, they have the options of ning to music for inspiration... or watching Mr. Exner yell out the wers to Alex Trebek.

Anyone can join in on the creative fun, which ranges from mple drawing to ceramics and computer applications. Students can n use shop class skills to express themselves. "I have a lot of fun pecially when Mr. Exner gives me more confidence in myself and in y art," Stephanie Hendron ('06) said with a smile.

The art club's journey began twelve years ago and hopefully ll ntinue for years to come. Wildcat Impressions is much more an a fee-free club run by a "Jeopardy" fanatic - it is a journey where ry stroke of a paint brush, every end of an eraser, and every creation process results in a masterpiece.

-Patty Carmona

Mr. Exner relaxes and supervises the afterschool activity trying to pass time.

Front: Veronica Beth, Chris Contreras, Aimee Beutke, Christine Hendron, Rachel Balmaseda **Back:** Dan Roloff, Larry Petrie, Jim Oroni, John French, Stephanie Hendron, Lora Bodicka. **(A.K.A. The John, Chris, and Dan Rock Club.)**

How would you describe Wildcat Impressions?

"I would describe Wildcat Impressions as a very fun after school activity.I enjoy making my art work even better with Mr. Exner helping me."

-Stephanie Hendron ('06)

What is necesary to join Wildcat Impressions?

"The desire."

-Mr. Exner

John French, a We-Go graduate, shows one of his masterpieces.

"One never knows what one is going to do. One starts a painting and then it becomes something quite else. It is remarkable how little the 'willing' of the artist intervenes."

-Kahnweiler, Gesprache mit Picasso, 1959

Stephanie Hendron ('06) concentrates on finishing her art work.

Word On

Music Of Today

Who is Marshall Mathers?

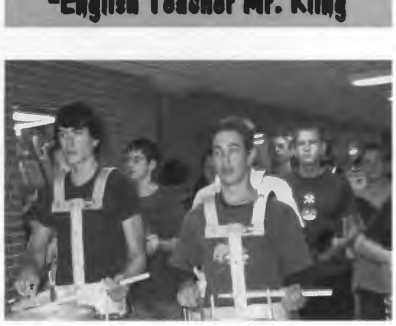
"Father of the Beaver's friend?"
-Math Teacher Mr. Burzynski

"Eminem. I cheated on this question."
-English Teacher Ms. Marchiando

What is "emo" music?

"No clue and I thought I knew a lot about music. Is it techno?"
-French Teacher Madame Bulut

"Emphasizes personal/angst-ridden lyrics set to driving guitar licks."
-English Teacher Mr. Kling



Phrases

What does the term "pimped out" mean?

"Your bling bling is blinding me."
-Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Laimins

"Less CPU dependency."
-Anonymous AP Chemistry Teacher

What is a player?

"Someone who participates?"
-Math Teacher Mr. Burzynski

"An untrustworthy person, sometimes called a 'gigolo'."
-French Teacher Madame Bulut

Hidden Meanings

Phat. What does it mean?

"Opposite of thin?"
-Math Teacher Mr. Burzynski

"Something that is not ghetto."
-Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Laimins

What would "LYLAS" mean?

"I don't have the 411 on this one."
-Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Laimins

"Holla back!"
-French Teacher Monsieur Skertich

Fill in the blan

If something is ghetto is_____?

"Not very nice."
-English Teacher Ms. Marc
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"Cheap and outdated!
-English Teacher Mr. K

The term "crib" is slang _____?

"Home."
-Anonymous AP Chemi
Teacher

"House."
-Science Teacher Mr. Z

Aren't students told by their teachers not to cheat on anything? Yet, when th was given to teachers, many of them cheated to find the answers. English Tea Marchiando even admitted to cheating. Quite ironic.

The following are the answers for the teacher questions: 1. Eminem, 2. Your b is blinding me, 3. Pretty Hot And Tempting, 4. Bad, 5. Short for emotional 6. An untrustworthy person who has many partners, 7. Love You Like A Siste Home.

The Street

Music

Who is Buddy Holly?

"He sounds like an elf"
-CJ Westratzky <'03>

"The other 'King' as in Elvis, but not."
-Bria Hunter <'06>

What was American Bandstand?

"The old TRL."
-Bria Hunter <'06>

"Woodstock."
-CJ Westratzky <'03>

Television

What 70's show featured John Travolta's gang The Sweathogs?

"Happy Days"
-Ruben Valenzuela <'04>

"That 70's Show"
-Kim Palka <'04>

MTV's "Singled Out" is equivelent to what dating game show?

"I don't have cable."
-Mark Tenchick <'04>

"The show where they say 'whoopee' instead of sex."
-Tim Valaski <'05>

Past Presidents

Who was the President during The Great Depression?

"Eisenhower"
-Lauren Look <'04>

"Roosevelt"
-Vince Petronzio <'06>

What President is known for his Fire-Side Chats?

"Ronald Reagan."
-Ruben Valenzuela <'04>

"Washington-before central heating, clearly."
-Anonymous Sophomore

Historic dates

When was the Korean War?

"2004 - hasn't happened yet."
-Mike Peters <'03>

"Back in the day."
-CJ Hinojosa <'05>

When was the last space shuttle accident? Who was invovled?

"It happened before?"
-Anonymous Junior

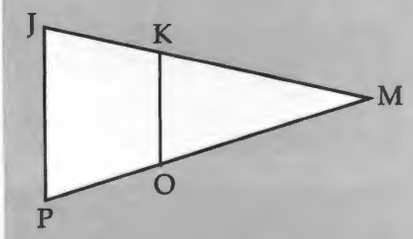
"Apollo 13-guy who lost his legs in Forest Gump."
-Karl Sagan <'03>

The following are the correct answers for the student questions.
1. A singer from the 50's, 2. Welcome Back Kotter, 3. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 4. 1950, 5. A TV show where the music and bands of the time came and people went to dance, 6. The Dating Game, 7. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and 8. 1986, The Challenger, Michael Smith, Dick Scobee, Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Christi McAuliffe, Gregory Jarvis, and Judith Resnik were all involved in that crash.
-Melissa Prusko and Marissa Mendoza

We Go Farther with Our Minds

Solve.

1) Given: angle J is congruent to angle MKO.
MK = 12 , KO=8, MO=10, JK =3. Find PO and JP.



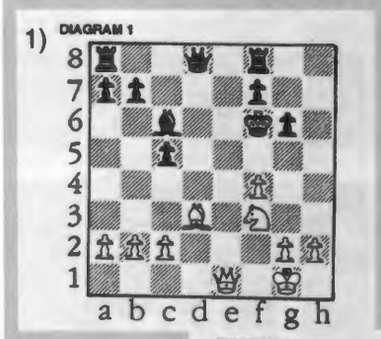
2) Write the sums and differences in standard form.

(3-i)+(2+3i)

ANS: 1) 5/2 ; 10. 2) 5+2i

Check.

1)



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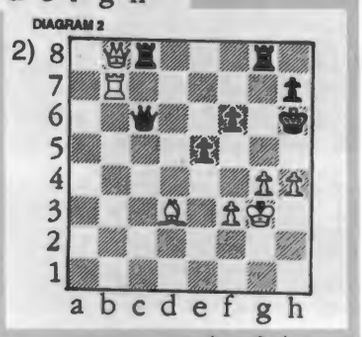


ANS: 1) Qe5 2) rh7

Buzz.

TOSS-UP - Category:Fine Arts

This modern artist created such paintings as a series of brightly colored portraits of Marylin Monroe and Cambell Soup cans. Name this artist.

BONUS - Category: Theatre and Math

Imagine the stage in a theatre as a clock, upstage is the 12 , then what number would the actor be moving if he were following these directions?

1) Runs stage left.
2) Walks casualy downstage.
3) Skips stage right.

Toss-up: Andy Warhol. Bonus: 1) 3 2) 6 3) 9.

Mathletes have often struggled with incorporating their skills in mathematics into dating – until Mr. Hayes saved the day! Each year, an inspiring and often hilarious quote is included on the Math Team shirt. This year was no exception – the theme was math-related pickup lines. The pickup lines included, "Hey baby what's your sine?" and "Let me take your derivative so I can be tangent to your curves."

-Katy Kostal

Front: Emily Biancalana, Laura Gilbertsen, Sarah Assian, Katie Gehrke, Kim Peterik, Theresa McAvoy, Katy Kostal, Tatiana Podstavkova, Estefania Ballines, 2nd Row: Dustin Hedmark, Nathan Butters, Jennifer Linsenmeyer, Naiya Panchal, Natasha Sansone, Elena Suarez, Roger Maritote, Stephanie Hendron, Amanda Weier, Michelle Weiss, Ruchita Patel, Patrick Baur, Joe Tumidalsky. 3rd Row: Athenna Joyce-Olson, Melissa Johansen, Tom Harwood, Andy Kiger, Mark Tonchick, Summer Hassan, Rachel Kuna, Michael Peters, Christopher Galdin, Ms. Slobodecki, Ms. Nuesser. Back: Brian Youngberg, Amanda Massih, Angie Losacco, Nathan Roberts, Michael Doll, Tyler Hempel, CJ Wostratzky, Melissa Prusko, Hope Vock, Sean Warren, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Mathews.

Patrick Baur ('03) and Theresa McEvoy ('03) remember the good times and puzzling problems they just encountered at the math team meet.

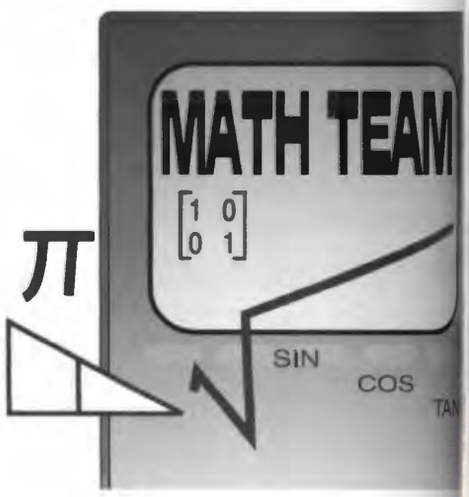
Interesting Math Team Quotes:

"How was the cornfield?"

"Worm Micah worm."

"Mafia Love!"

Mrs. Mathews, Ms. Slobodecki and Ms. Nuesser help correct the mathletes' problems during practice.



Tom Burke ('04) makes his move during practice while James Burke ('06) watches and learns.

Front: Anne Sticksel, Tony McDaniel, Eric Lindner, Jason LeGear, Justin Doyle. Back: Ismail Hassan, James Burke, Michael Buerger, Christopher Gauldin, Greg Luebker.

"It's fun, and not as geeky as you might think," said Jason LeGear ('05), a member of the 2002/2003 chess team. Chess team is indeed a mind-sport as well as fun, according to the team. The seniors came in first place at state competitions in Bloomington and achieved honors at Rockford. With Joe Splinter as coach and Michael Buerger ('03) and Justin Doyle ('04) as the captains, they worked to make sure that everything goes smoothly on tournament days and practices.

-Christine Hendron

Michael Buerger ('03) ponders his next play against his opponent during practice after school.

Do you consider chess a sport?

"No. Chess is a science and an art, but not a sport."
-Greg Luebker ('04)

"I consider chess a sport because it challenges your mind and it takes a lot of practice to play."
-James Burke ('06)

Melissa Prusko ('04) offers a warm welcome for the opponents from Glenbard East at a West Chicago DVC meet.

Front: Kristina Wanous, Erin Linsenmeyer, Kirsten Stockhoff. Row 2: Steve Migliorato, Tom DeLegge, Eric Lauer, Christine Hendron, Amanda Ritchie, Mrs. Wilson. Row 3: Brienna Hunter, Emmanuel Duran, Leticia Villa, Sarah Hasse, David Bennett, Allison Haley, Kevin Roloff. Back: Dale Szul, Leigh Hellman, Jeff Cisowski, Jeffrey Burgess, Andy Kiger. Not Pictured: Melissa Prusko and William Burlison.

From toss-ups to bonus problems, West Chicago's Scholastic Bowl team worked hard to beat their opponents. The meets against other schools allowed the team to see how their minds matched up in the DVC. It was an overall successful year with a lot of participation from all of the members. With Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Caltigrone as the advisors/coaches, 'Scho Bowl' made this year into a great learning experience.

-Christine Hendron

Emmanuel Duran ('04) and Erin Linsenmeyer ('04) prepare to board the vans to held off to a DVC meet against Naperville North.

" When Jeff Burgess, co-captian, saw a teammate's sheet that said " Say google for all" and answered "say google" for all parts."
-Jeff Cisowski ('05)

"It's like bowling...only completely not."
-Melissa Prusko ('04)

Take A Walk In Our Shoes . . .

. . . Do They Fit You

To help others, a person does not need to meet many requirements; however, a person does need love and care for the residents of the community. Many students have found Key Club to be the perfect place to make a difference in people's lives. Every month, the club planned various activities, some which required many hours of behind the scenes work, like the Heifer Project. Every year, Key Club's goal is to raise $500.00 to buy a cow through the project for a poverty stricken country.

Throughout the year, Key Club worked with the Kiwanis Club of West Chicago on small projects. Key Club also worked with Heartland Blood Center on the Blood Drive, which collected close to 100 pints of donated by the staff and students. Since September 11 2001, the interest in donating blood has taken on a new meaning. Some students that day walked out of the small gym with saddened faces because they were unable to donate blood.

Key Club did not require its members to partake in every activity, but for its members to take the projects into their own hand. According to Junior Linsey Perez, Key Club "is fun and the people are great. We do many things to give back to the community."

-Melissa Prusko

Officers:

President: Melissa Heron ('03), Tom Grove ('04)
Vice President: Tom Grove ('04), Melissa Prusko ('04)
Treasurer: Tyler Hempel ('04)
Secretary: Melissa Prusko('04)

Projects:

-Blood Drive
-Leaf Raking
-Chili Cook-Off
-Heifer Project
-Humanitarian Service Project
-Trailer Park Clean-Up
-Prairie Path Clean-Up
-Spastic Paralysis
-Homeless Sleep Out

Fast Facts About KeyClub

Key Club works with Kiwanis

Division 10/11 in International Key Club

Spastic paralysis is an ongoing project

Literacy was the Governor's Project

The club has to send in monthly reports

Neena Cimat is our Lt. Gov.

KC is a great way to help others

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all times you can, by all the means you can, as long as you can."

-John Wesley

Front: Pamela Martin, Melissa Heron (President), Melissa Prusko (Secretary, Vice President), Linsey Perez, Ashley Griskell, and Lauren Ziberna. Middle: Mr. Rau (Advisor), Jenna Pelej, Kelly Jezior, Drew Krecek, Martha Kaczmarczyk, Tom Grove (Vice President, President). Back: Tyler Hempel (treasurer), Kellie Virnich, Amy Axelrod, and Rachel Balmaseda.

"use the talent I am blessed with: helping others." -Melissa Prusko ('04)

The Key To The Future

Students in Need

Help Is On The Way

When a person is in need, help is just around the corner at Community High School with the Peer Helper Program. Consisting of sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are willing to share their time, Peer Helpers welcome incoming freshmen and help the student body. During every period of the day, a Peer Helper waits to help students in the Academic Skill Center. Students can receive assistance with homework that may be too difficult for them and advice for personal problems. Group sessions are held once a week when Peer Helpers and freshmen meet and talk about teen issues.

Peer Helpers are not just about helping students, but the community as well. During the 2002-2003 school year, they adopted a local family in West Chicago. The local family of eight members was facing economic problems that made it difficult for them to have a joyful Christmas. Peer Helpers bought gifts for one member of the family just in time for the holidays. "This made the kids feel good that they did something for the community," said Ms. Woodson.

-Maricarmen Osorio

Front Row: Keri Sagen, Nicole Melone, Dominique A. Scott, Natalie Chudoba. **Second Row:** Jill Kufta, Tom Aguirre, Brian Calabrese, Melanie Stone, Alyssa Campagnoni, Brad Bytof, Elizabeth Jacques. **Third Row:** Lena Gomez, Nicole Klingberg, Ms. Woodson, Michelle Howard, Greg Powell, Nick Bernard. **Back Row:** Andria Bernard, Allison Danes, Katherine Cloutier, Paula Mazzola, Valerie Cirone, Sammi Kufta.

Two We-Go students look to Keri Sagen ('03) for help with their math homework during study hall.

Nicole Klingberg ('05) and Simon Blanco ('03) assist a student in need.

Elizabeth Jacques ('05) and Sammi Kufta ('03) relax with friends.

Paula Mazzola ('05) and Katherine Cloutier ('05) put their heads together to assist Nicholas Nolte ('05) with his Español.

What's the best part of being a Peer Helper?

"The satisfaction of knowing you helped someone, whether it's socially or academically."
-Sammi Kufta ('05)

"It was a good opportunity to make new friends."
-Lena Gomez ('04)

"Working in the ASC has allowed me to enhance my communications skills and fully understand the world around me."
-Anonymous

"Helping my dogs get through the rough times! Holla Oaxaca!"
-Tom Aguirre ('03)

"Chillin' in the ASC with Ms. Woodson."
-Brad Bytof ('04)

"Being a Peer Helper for the last three years has given me an opportunity to learn the best possible ways to mediate others. I had a lot of fun, thanks everyone."
-Natalie Chudoba ('03)

Here We Com

Sophomore year is said to be one of the most important years of one's life. It is a year in which teenagers are able to prove they are responsible enough to have drivers licenses and in many cases cars, but that special day is often not as pretty as it may seem. "The first day I got my license, I sideswiped the side of my garage and my whole bumper fell off," Kate Rehbock said.

Overcoming challenges like learning to be a better driver or passing a chemistry test are part of a sophomore's everyday experience. Challenges like these make sophomores more determined to do it all. With this certain determination, sophomores made their first priority to make the Class of 2005 special.

Renato Correa proved that individuality is the key to winning. Renato was a part of the contest Life Smarts. Life Smarts is a Jeopardy type of game in which the questions focus on everyday life. All participants were expected to dress formally, but Renato showed up wearing a suit and his Vans. Actions like these make events stand out and be remembered for a lifetime.

Whichever challenge it may be, sophomores take one step forward and scream, "Move over West Chicago . . .here we come!"

-Lilli Cassidy, Erica Fatigato, Brisa Mendez, and Maricarmen Osorio

Austin Monroe, Chris Carrington, and Tori Jeffery wear their game faces.

Micah Hitchcock is not afraid to off his feminine side in class

Sophomores dance the nigh on Homecoming night.

Mrs. Ioli and Tom Wingstedt show their Halloween spirit.

Micah Hitchcock and Ian Holmes attempt to blend in with the school.

Alberto Acosta
Leticia Acosta
Marissa Adams
Carissa Adamson
Patricia Alcantar

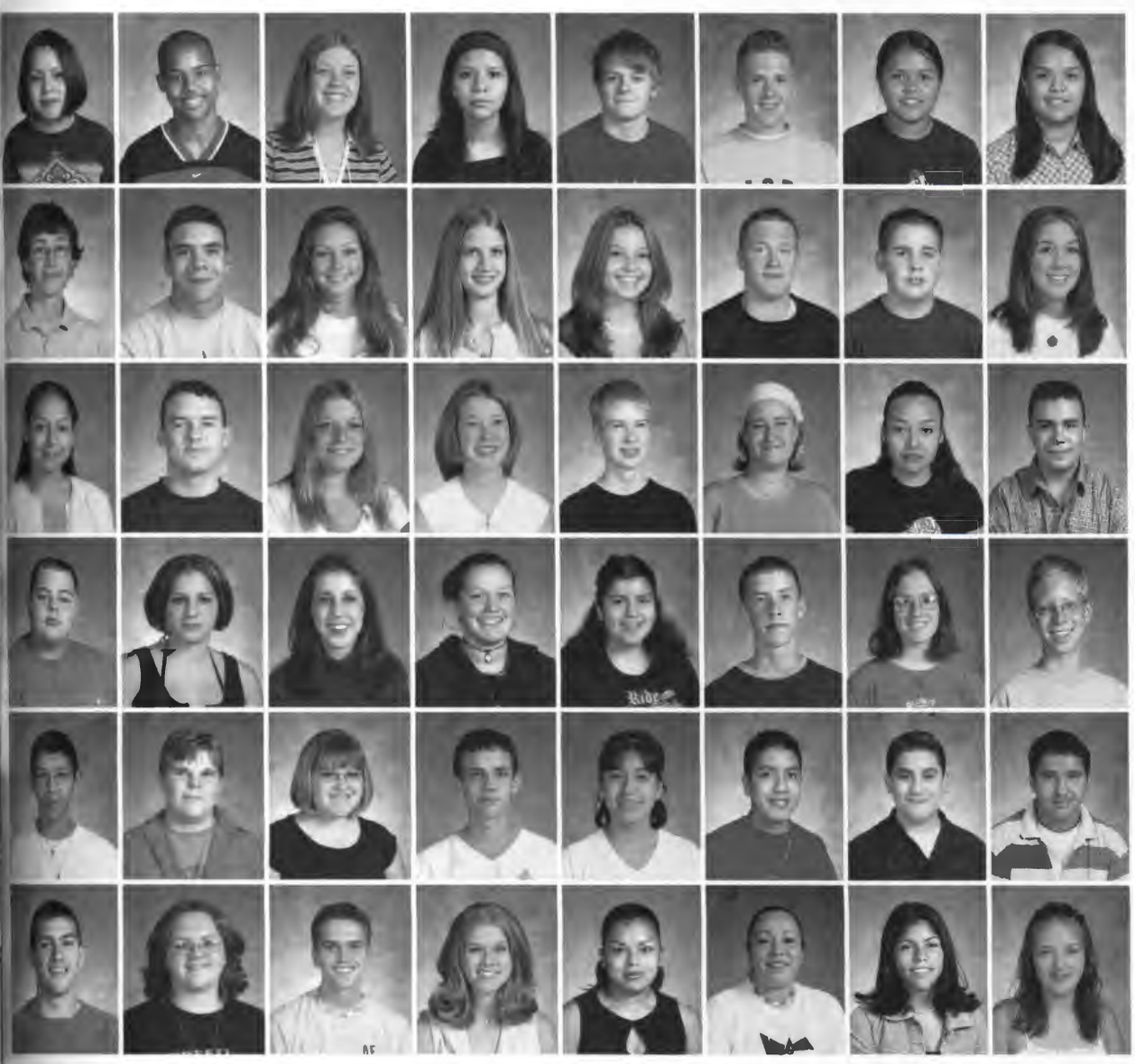
Jesus Alfaro
Denise Almaraz
Melissa Alvarado
Anabel Alvarez
Frank Anderson

Megan Andracki
Julio Anicua
Hayde Antonio
Art Apo
Daniel Arellano

Evelyn Arias
Alexandra Arnold
Romelio Avila
Heather Ballek
Estefania Ballines

Maricela Ballines
Shayla Balo
Tyreese Barber
Jimmy Barrera
Jose Barrera

Dana Yormark and Jamie Klingbe out the competition before a matc



Noemi Barrera
Andrew Bass
Rachel Bednar
Ivonne Bedolla
Luke Belding
Matthew Belding
Maria Benitez
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Julien Benter
Jacob Bermudez
Andria Bernard
Lauren Bertram
Kristen Betts
Steven Bicek
Jacob Bien
Jennifer Birkey

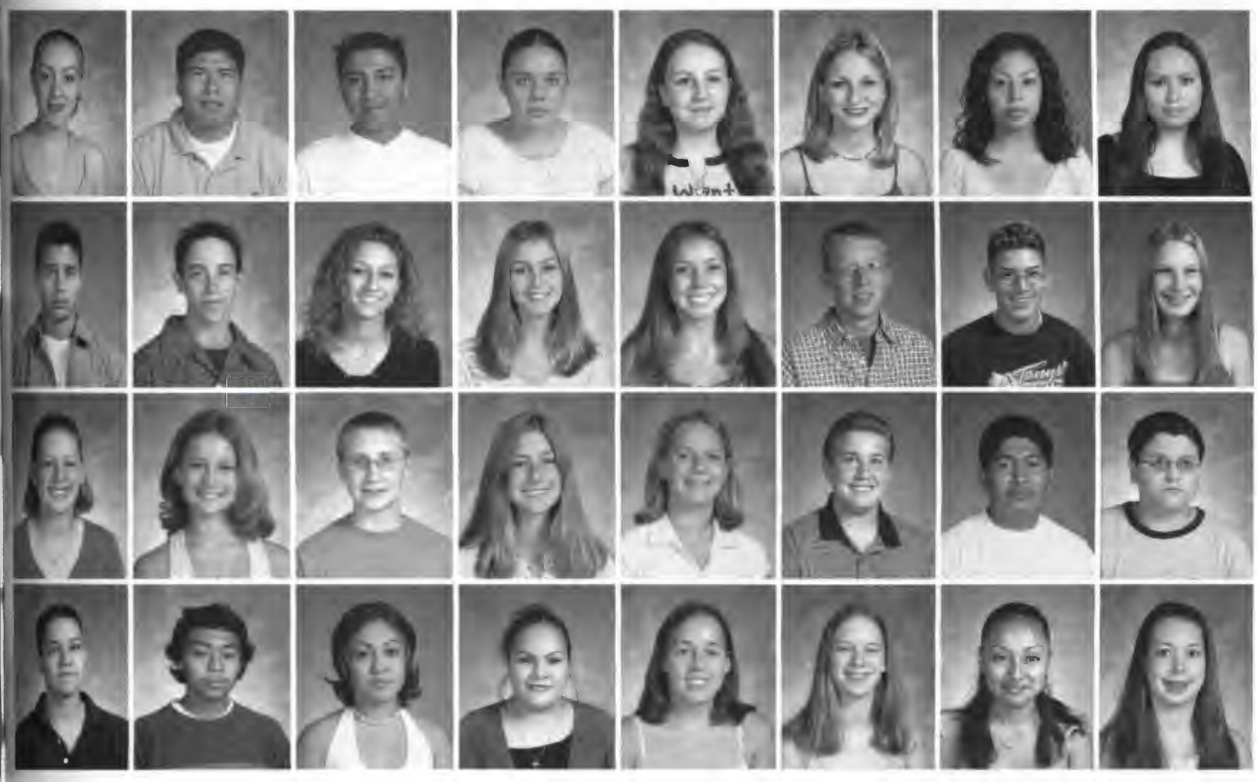
Angelica Blanco
Christopher Bodane
Brandi Bodie
Kathryn Boland
Timothy Bolt
Rebecca Bonarek
Maira Borjon
Valentin Borjon

John Borkowicz
Kristin Borsodi
Jessica Boyd
Pamela Briner
Ingrid Briseno
Michael Brzeczek
Melissa Buckles-Haley
Jeffrey Burgess

Cesar Caballero
Glen Cadwallader
Nichole Cagnina
Gregory Callahan
Brenda Calleros
Alonso Camargo
Alexander Carpenter
Giovany Carrillo

Christopher Carrington
Jessica Carter
Michael Casey
Lillian Cassidy
Elizabeth Castellanos
Astrid Castillo
Connie Castillo
Leslie Castillo-Warning

"I can't wait to be an upperclassman because it will be a lot of fun despite all the hard work." -Whitnie McCaffrey



Carmen Castro
Joel Castro
Noe Castro
Shantal Cervantes
Lyndsay Chaffin
Karin Chase
Brenda Chavez
Elizabeth Chavez

George Chiarito
Larry Christatos
Stephanie Chromek
Nicole Chudoba
Valerie Cirone
Jeffrey Cisowski
Timothy Clairmont
Kilye Clark

Alyssa Claude
Katherine Cloutier
Cole Coats
Corrine Coffman
Heidi Colliander
Robert Conard
Hugo Conde
Frank Conforti

Andrew Correa
Renato Correa
Sandra Correa
Teresa Correa
Samantha Corriero
Deborah Corson
Fany Cortez
Kim Cracraft

"I'm looking forward to being an upperclassman because we'll get tons of privileges and it'll be a blast!" -Jessica Boyd

Jonathan Crotty
Lucia Cruz
Jose Cuevas
Austin Curran
Vincent Czernik
Meghan Dalton
Elyse Damsch
Allison Danes

Matthew Davidson
Chelsea Deitz
Alejandro Delgado
Fidel Delgado
Katie Desik
Tilia Detrick
Lisa Diaz
Alex Dieckmann

James Dieckmann
Michael Dieter
Bernadette Dimas
Kari-Ane Dimas
John Doeseckle
Emily Doll
Nickolas Doncoes
Daniel Doremus

Tania Dorsey
Agustin Duran
Daniel Eckler
Ashley Egert
Ricky Eldridge
Jessie Elson
Julie Evans
Erica Fatigato

Yesenia Fernandez
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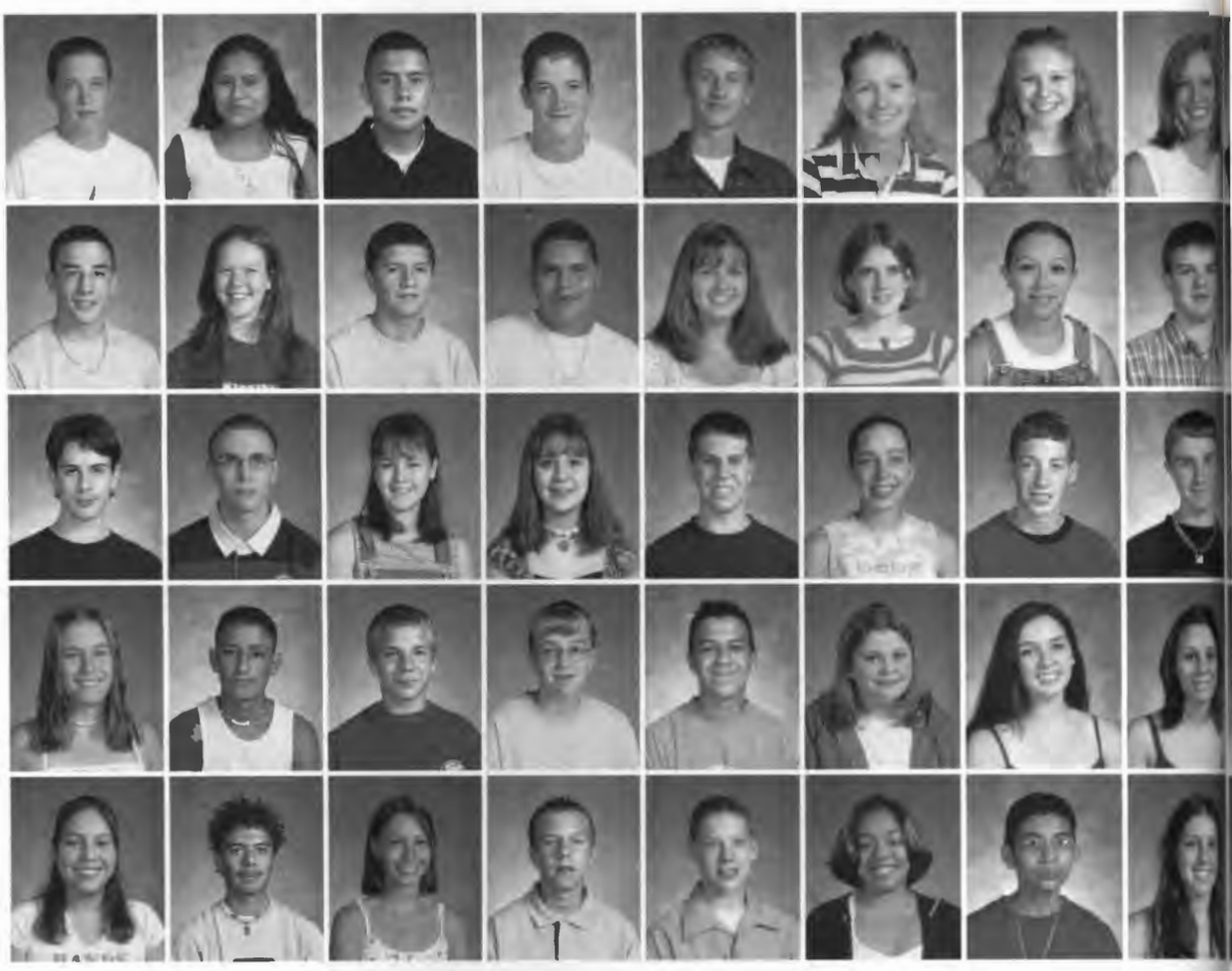
Madeline Foote



What is the best way to get your teacher sidetracked?

"I ask a question that makes no sense, even though I don't care and then I act interested to know the answer." -Christopher Bodane

"Pretend to faint so you don't have to do anything for a while." -Mariana Flores and Lauren Koontz

Megan Forbrook
Eric Franckowiak
Nicole Franz
Danielle Freebern
David Frommert
Keil Fuchs
John Gaede
Patrick Galeano

Jessica Gallegos
Erin Gallimore
David Galvan
Cristina Garcia
Elizabeth Garcia
Gabriela Garcia
Jose Garcia
Mauricio Garcia

Miriam Garcia
Nestor Garcia
Stephanie Garcia
Maria Garfias
Joseph Gehrett
Emily Gehrke
Giovanni Gentile
Nicholas Gentile

Nickolas George
Bridget Geraghty
Kelsey Gerber
Abigail Gerwin
Amanda Gibson
Jeffrey Gilbert
Alyssa Giliberto
Elyse Glunt

Jaclyn Gola
Corine Golzer
Griselda Gomez
Daniel Gonzalez
Denise Gonzalez
Maritza Gonzalez
Melissa Gonzalez
Eric Gotkowski

Ashley Griskell
Cirilo Guerrero
Diego Guerrero
Lucia Guerrero
Octavio Guerrero
Laura Hahn
Allison Haley
Jonathan Hall

Andrew Hamm
Kristie Hammock
Michael Hanrahan
Mark Hansen
Mary Harms
Cesar Haro
Joseph Harte
Thomas Harwood

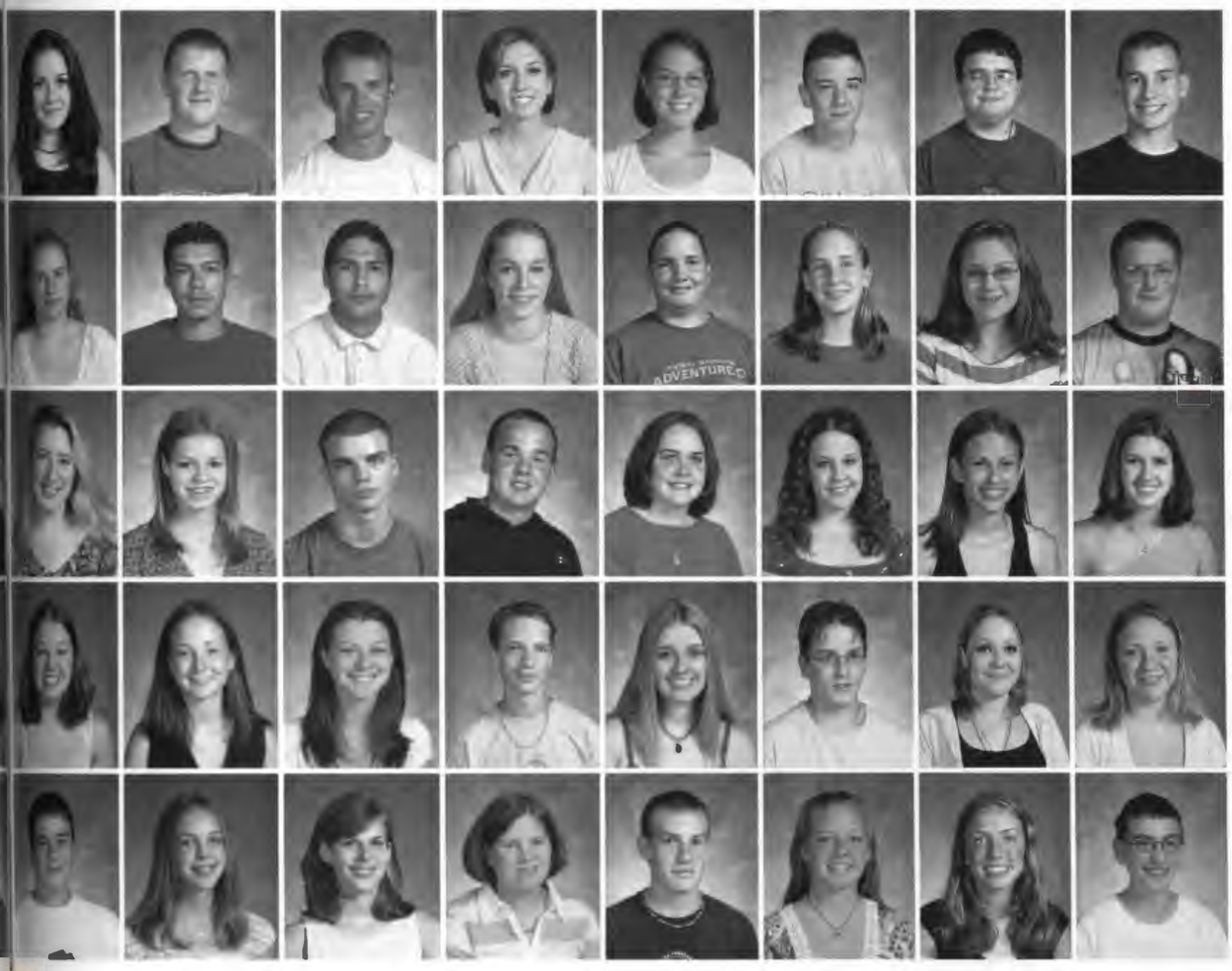
Summer Hassan
Sheila Hasselberger
Kyle Heiden
Donald Henning
Dana Hernan
Alondra Hernandez
Carmelita Hernandez
Cristina Hernandez

Erik Hernandez
Jessie Hernandez
Juan Hernandez
Luis Hernandez
Christopher Hinojosa
Andrew Hish
Micah Hitchcock
Ian Holmes

Michael Howard
Michelle Howard
Keith Hund
Andrea Huntzicker
Michael Infanger
Madalyn Ivory
Briana Jakubik
Bruce Janek

"Flamingoes cannot fly!" -Cesar Nunez [Mr. Kargol]
"You're a saucy boy [from Romeo and Juliet]." -Tim Valaski [Mr. Kargol]

What is the craziest thing a teacher has ever said to you?



Tori Jeffery
John Jennings
Derek Jensen
Jamie Jirik
Melissa Johansen
Jared Johnson
Adam Jones
Christopher Jones

Athenna Joyce-Olson
Mario Juarez
Ramiro Juarez
Sara Kalkman
Christopher Kane
Erika Kane
Jocelyn Karbach
John Karnoscak Jr

Misti Katte
Megan Keefe
John Kennedy Jr
Jonathan Kimber
Rebecca Kimber
Alexa Kipp
Samantha Kleczewski
Jamie Klingberg

Nicole Klingberg
Merium Koch
Shelley Koch
Gary Koester
Lauren Koontz
Nick Kostel
Ashley Kovacevic
Tracey Kowalczyk

Brad Kraft
Lauren Krage
Drew Krecek
Michelle Krueger
Matt Kucera
Sammi Kufta
Sarah Kuna
Nicholas Kuras

Jonathan Kurtz
Brandon Kutilek
Michael Kuzmicz
Robert Lakics
Ryan Lange
Vicki Lawn
Jason Legear
Jonathan Leitherer

Nicholas Lelito
Katelyn Lenertz
Lisa Lentz
Jeffrey Lesniak
Kim Liberg
Michael Liddicoatt
Timothy Lillie
Jeffrey Linsenmeyer

Daniel Liszka
Gabriella Llanos
Bryan Loosli
Alejandro Lopez
Maria Lopez
Victoria Lopez
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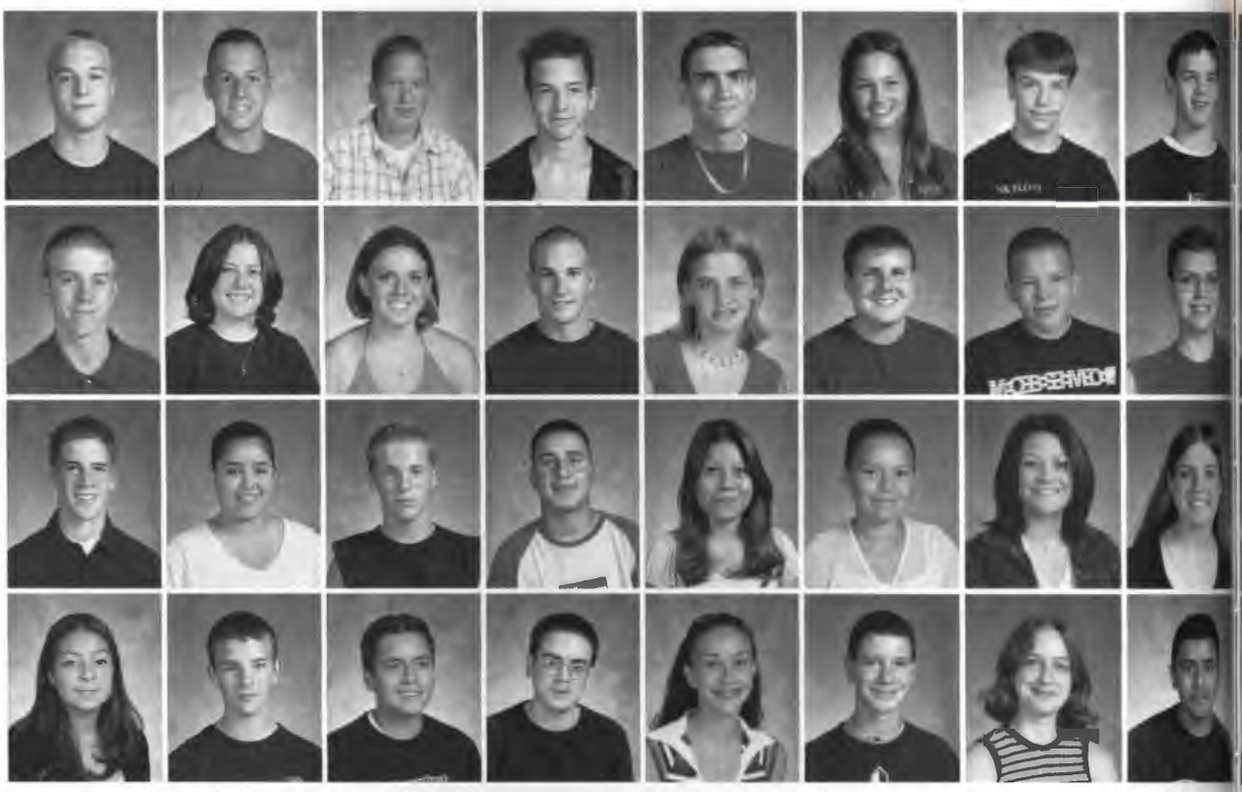

How does it feel not to be freshmen anymore?

"I don't feel so short all the time with freshman around. Nevermind, most of them are taller than me."
-Margaret Saul

"I tell them the wrong way to their classes."
-Alejandro Delgado

Above: Are they trying out for the next play? No! That's Ms. Santella's sophomore English class!

Below: Sophomore class pulls their way through Homecoming week.

Jose Mancera
Kenneth Marcellis
Nancy Marin
Monica Maris
Robert Marschall
Jessica Martinez
Sandra Martinez
Matthew Marvan

Amanda Massih
Paula Mazzola
Christina Mazzone
Kaitlyn McAvoy
Whitnie McCaffrey
Katherine McClintock
Adam McMahan
Anthony McNerney

Robert Medeiros
Brisa Mendez
Daniel Meyers
Jessica Minelli
Fernando Mondragon
Austin Monroe
Nestor Monroy
Almadelia Montenegro

Jorge Morales
Ryan Morris
Adam Mosley
Guadalupe Munoz
Maria Munoz
Sergio Munoz
Keith Murrell
Jill Musick

William Myers
Brianne Nadolny
Amy Natale
Heather Nehmer
Lindsay Neuman
Tiffany Nitti
Lee Nolan
Alexandra Nunez

Cesar Nunez
Michael Oleksiak
Ashley Olson
Eric Olson
Arizbe Ortiz
Linda Ortiz
Ricardo Ortiz
Maricarmen Osorio

Zully Pasindo
Amit Patel
Lindsay Pater
Lana Paulsen
Marisa Pavone
Monica Pecoraro
Cassandra Peletis
Armando Perez

Carlos Perez
Cristina Perez
Francisco Perez
Maria Perez
Mariano Perez
Nancy Perez
Patricia Perez
Silvina Perez

Left: Christina Mazzone and Jessica Boyd show their sophomore spirit during a football game.

Above: Tony Perham busts a move and shows off his breakdancing skills.

What's the best thing that has happened to you sophomore year?

"Having fun classes and being with my friends."
-Hugo Saucedo

"Having knowledge, turning 16, and knowing the way around the school."
-Jenny Rincon

Victor Perez
Anthony Perham
Ashley Peterson
Nicholas Pietrobon
Kathryn Podschwit
Gregory Powell
Cecilia Proa
Indalecio Proa

Shawn Przybyla
Jose Quiroz
Oscar Ramirez
Ashley Rawls
Arturo Recendez
Kate Rehbock
Ian Rewers
Jessie Rewers

Emily Richert
Kimmy Riehm
Caitlin Riermaier
Jenny Rincon
Timothy Ritchie
Jennifer Robertson
Jessica Robertson
Juan Robles

Dante Rodriguez
Jose Rodriguez
Yajaira Rodriguez
Kevin Roloff
Bridget Rood
Dieter Rudolph
Mallory Russo
Sarah Rysell

Daniel Sala
Angelica Salazar
Ivan Salazar
Fidensio Salinas
Adrienne Sanchez
Alyssa Santiago
Carlos Santillan
Oscar Santos

Hugo Saucedo
Margaret Saul
Matthew Sauter
Alycia Savegnago
Emily Saviano
Ashley Saville
Dustin Saville
Cassidy Schuyler

Amanda Schwinn
John Schwinn Jr
Julie Shah
Ben Shelley
Douglas Sieder
Jamon Siefert
Diane Sitts
Evan Skarin

Rachel Slattery
Jason Slusar
Michael Smeraglia
Daniel Smith
Danielle Smith
Gabriela Solis
Miguel Solis
Jhanvi Soni

Anthony Sosa
Angel Soto
Emmanuel Soto
Jenna Spaniol
Matthew Spence
Josef Staiton
Dale Staton
Anthony Stearn

Chase Stearn
Jessica Stentz
Lindsey Stern
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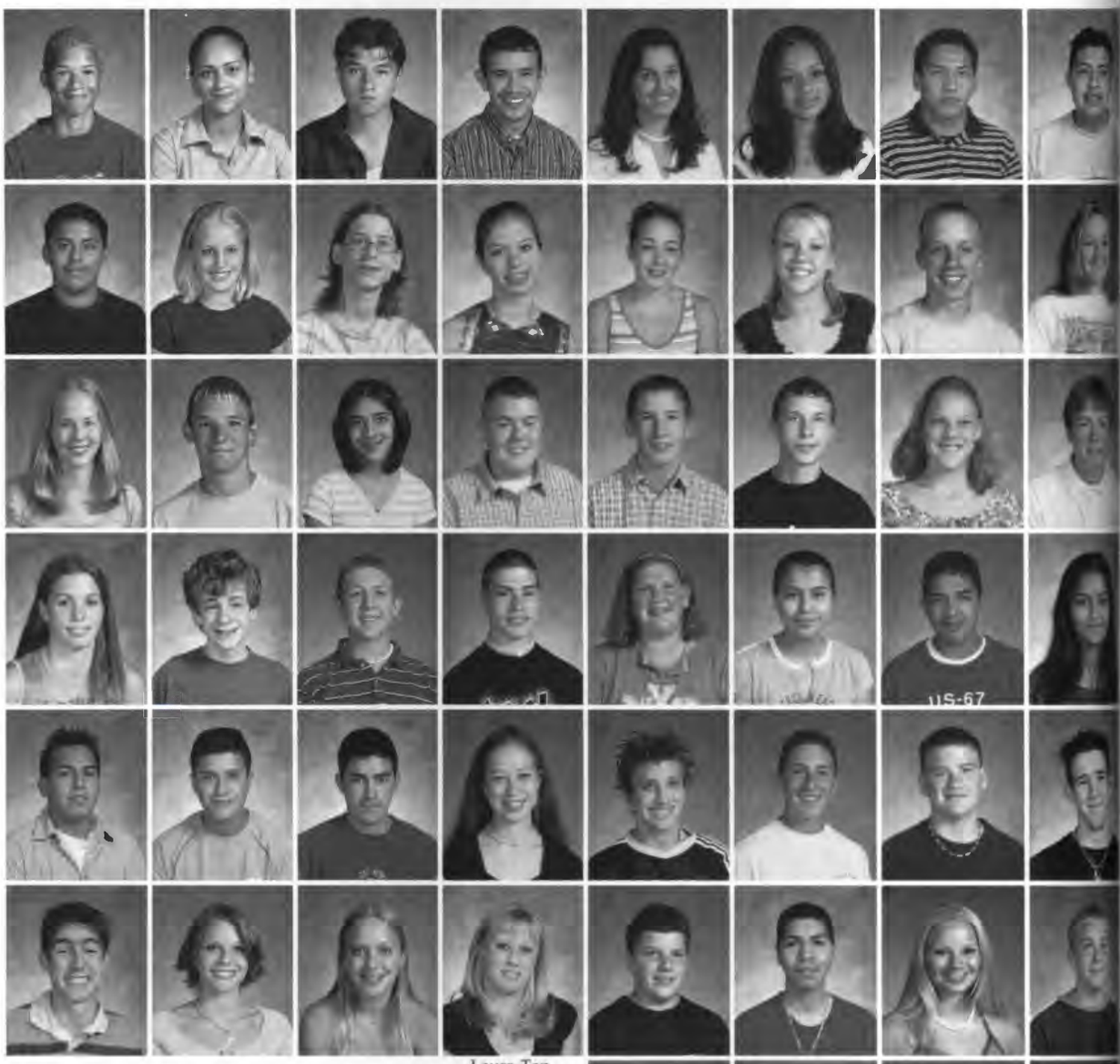
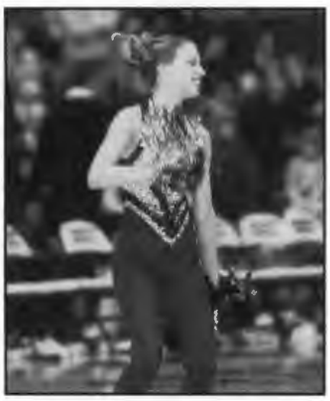
Matthew Stout
Javier Suarez
Karin Sweas
Dale Szul



Laura Tan
Adam Tancl
Hilary Tennant
Rachel Termunde

"I love sophomore year because there are so many new opportunities like going to my locker and getting my license."
-Chelsea Dertz



Alberto Terrazas
Mitchel Thomson
Kenneth Tinnes
Bethany Toms
Shannon Treachler
Stephen Trevino
Amanda Tumidalsky
Mary Turnquist

Katie Ulin
Timothy Valaski
Jorge Valdez
Gil Valenzuela
Matthew Vangorkom
David Vann
Tatiana Vargas
Stephany Vasquez

Natalie Vela
Julio Velazquez
Rosemarie Venen
Vanessa Vergara
Nick Verzillo
Jose Villafuerte
Nathan Villegas
Irene Vivaldo

Courtney Voelz
Matthew Waldow
Jill Walkoe
Sinead Walsh
Thomas Walsh
Jacob Walter
Michele Walters
Jessica Wasielewski

Kelly Wdowiarz
Sara Weiner
Michael Weiss
Shane Welch
Amanda Wessman
Christopher Wiersbe
Christopher Wiersema
Sarah Wilde

Tom Wingstedt
Ryan Woodbury
Carolyn Wostratzky
Dana Yormark
Jennifer Young
Ana Zacatzi
Elizabeth Zeyen
Robert Zeyen

Lauren Ziberna
Dan Zieche
Ryan Zieche

"Sophomore year is better because last year I would always envy those who could drive and now this year I can drive myself."
-Bernadette Dimas

"When I get my license, I'm going cruising around town."
-Rafael Perez

"When I get my license, I'm going to be out 24/7 with my friends partying. WooHoo!"
-Dustin Saville

"The first thing I did when I got my license was go driving by myself and I played my music really loud!"
-Bethany Toms

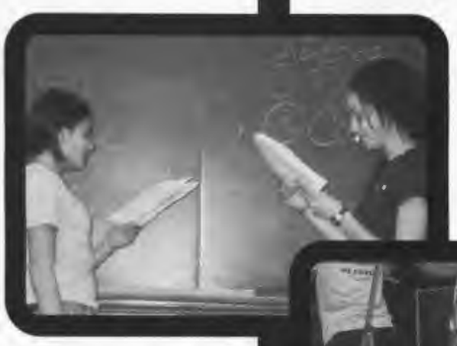
"I got my license! Oh Yeah!"
-Amanda Schwinn

"I can't wait to drive because I can just get up and leave whenever I want!"
-Ashley Griskell

"The best part about being a sophomore is you still get to enjoy two more years of High School and get your license! Prreeee

"The best part about being a sophomore is knowing that we don't have to take health class! We have better things to look for. Licenses and being upperclassmen! Just two more years of school...YEAH!!"
-Tracey Kowalczyk

"Being a sophomore is like reaching equilibrium. It doesn't get better than this. We can finally drive and homework is easy!"
-Keith Murrell



"Sophomore year is cool but classes get harder."
-Lindsay Pater

"This year was fun, but I can't wait for next year. Juniors, oh yeah!"
-Denise Almaraz

"Sophomore year is so much easier than freshman year because you know the school better."
-Sarah Rysell

"The best thing about Sophomore year is having more freedom."
-Hayde Antonio

"The best part about being a sophomore is knowing who the freshmen are, since they have huge backpacks."
-Brenda Calleros

Almost There

Three years down, one more to go. Being Juniors, we've come a long way with our future in sight. Although we may have overcome many challenges, we have only begun to experience the challenges that lie ahead of us.

For swimmer Jackie Vavrek, the challenge of going to the Olympics is no longer a dream but a close reality. And, for the Junior football players who helped West Chicago gain a spot in the playoffs for the first time since 1978, the dream of the state championship remains. For others, the challenge of college lies ahead. What colleges will we choose? What professions will we enter? These questions begin to plague us daily.

During our Freshman and Sophomore years, we knew what to expect and we were told what to do. But during our Junior year we have taken our fate into our own hands. We have just begun our life journey, preparing ourselves for Senior year.

With our first prom, we set our own expectations and set our limits. For the first time ever, We-Go Juniors sponsored a Prom Fashion Show. With ten Junior models and ten Senior models, the night brought in $700.00. Mena Gentile, one of the lucky winners of the night, won a one-year membership to Executive Tan. "I was so excited that I won, even though I don't tan too much. Skin cancer is always a good thing!" said Mena. The Prom Fashion show was organized to lower the price of prom tickets and to have better gifts for the raffle at All Night Long. The memorable night of our Junior prom took place at the Marriott Hotel in Oakbrook.

Looking back on all the memories from the past three years, we realize how much each person has changed, matured, and grown up. We have formed our own opinions. We are just beginning to explore how we feel, and taking responsibility for what we do. Even though we have one year left to our high school journey, we still have many years of adventure and learning ahead of us.

-Krissy Joy, Marissa Mendoza, and Melissa Prusko

Matt Kuhn . . . Show me the money!

Bob Hock, Tom Grove, Robert C and Tyler Hempel enjoy comm

Leo Baylor and Robert Jeffery sport their basketball pride.

Brad Bytof accepts his role as a N Turtle.

Zahara Nasir and Manny Escobedo share a special moment at the Homecoming Dance.

Juan Abundez
Nicole Adams
Christina Adduci
David Aguirre
Blanca Alanis

"Variety is the spice of life. And I'd rather be paprika!" -Linsey Perez

Julieta Alegria
Lucia Alfaro
Grisel Alvarado
Edward Alvarez
Lauren Anders

Diego Aramburu
Joshua Armstrong
Arturo Arvizu
Jonathan Aube
Jennifer Auchincloss

"Junior year was the start of my cosmetology career." -Lindsey Doerr

Gerardo Avalos
Brooke Bachelor
Crystal Ballines
Octavio Ballines
Dawn Barzso

Marissa Mendoza and Sarah Swats show off their Junior spirit.

Sean Battersby
Laura Baumrucker
Leo Baylor
Aaron Becker
Jason Becker
Jeffrey Beideman
David Bennett
Crystal Bermudez

Noe Bernardino
Becki Best
Jaclyn Bicek
Liliana Bieniek
Dennis Birtcher
Michelle Blanco
Brittany Boehm
Lisa Borg

Douglas Boyd
Jake Brandstedter
Jonathan Brandt
Michael Brooker
Cari Brown
Nicole Brown
Isaiah Buado
Jennifer Buchman

Jonathan Buczak
Phil Buksa
Daniel Bulleri
Thomas Burke
William Burlison II
Bradley Bytof
Cesar Cabral
Amanda Cagnina

Ramon Calamia
Richard Camp
Alyssa Campagnoni
Scott Campbell
Andres Cantu
Elisa Carlos
Robert Casey
Leodegario Castellanos

"If you don't understand someone's viewpoint, walk a mile in his shoes. Then you'll be a mile away from him and you'll have his shoes." -Bill Winter

Megan Castelvecchi
Cristal Ceja
Sandy Chan
Kirsten Chase
Richard Chmelik
Leah Christiansen
Brian Harvey
David Chronowski

Michael Chronowski
Ericka Coletti
Sarah Contreras
Nancy Correa
Valentin Correa
Lucia Cortes
Luz Cortes
Jovany Cortez

Fabian Cruz
Lettecia Cruz
Taylor Curran
Andrew Dameron
Jonathan Daru
Hulices Davalos
Kiel Day
Brandon Deam

Jason Debolt
Sandra Delgado
Andrew Denniger
David Dieter
Lindsey Doerr
Christopher Dolen
Noel Dominguez
Karl Donovan

Justin Doyle
Kevin Duffy
Timothy Dupree
Emmanuel Duran
Faviola Duran
Ashley Edminson
Emily Ekstrom
Leny Escobedo

The craziest thing ever done for school spirit was wearing diapers to support the Boys' Basketball team. "I wear the diaper in this relationship." -Chase Stearn

What is your favorite quote?

"Abercrombie and Fitch. Proudly fooling American teenagers into thinking people are something they are not since 1892." -Richard Visser

Nicholas Fairbanks
Zachary Farber
Kiel Farjeat
Dominic Fatigato
Danielle Ferrari
Zachary Flagg
Jonathon Flick
Alberto Flores

Rocio Flores
Raul Florian
Jorge Fong
Joshua Foster
Deya Franco
Michele Frantzen
Maria Gallegos
Shana Galto

Ariadna Galvan
Sandra Galvan
Guadalupe Garcia
Jesus Garcia
Jose Garcia
Kimberly Garcia
Liliana Garcia
Lorena Garcia

Maria Garfias
Stephanie Geissman
Mena Gentile
Edward Gernand
Michael Giese
Rodolfo Godinez
Darlena Gomez
Antonia Gonzalez

Homecoming Quotes

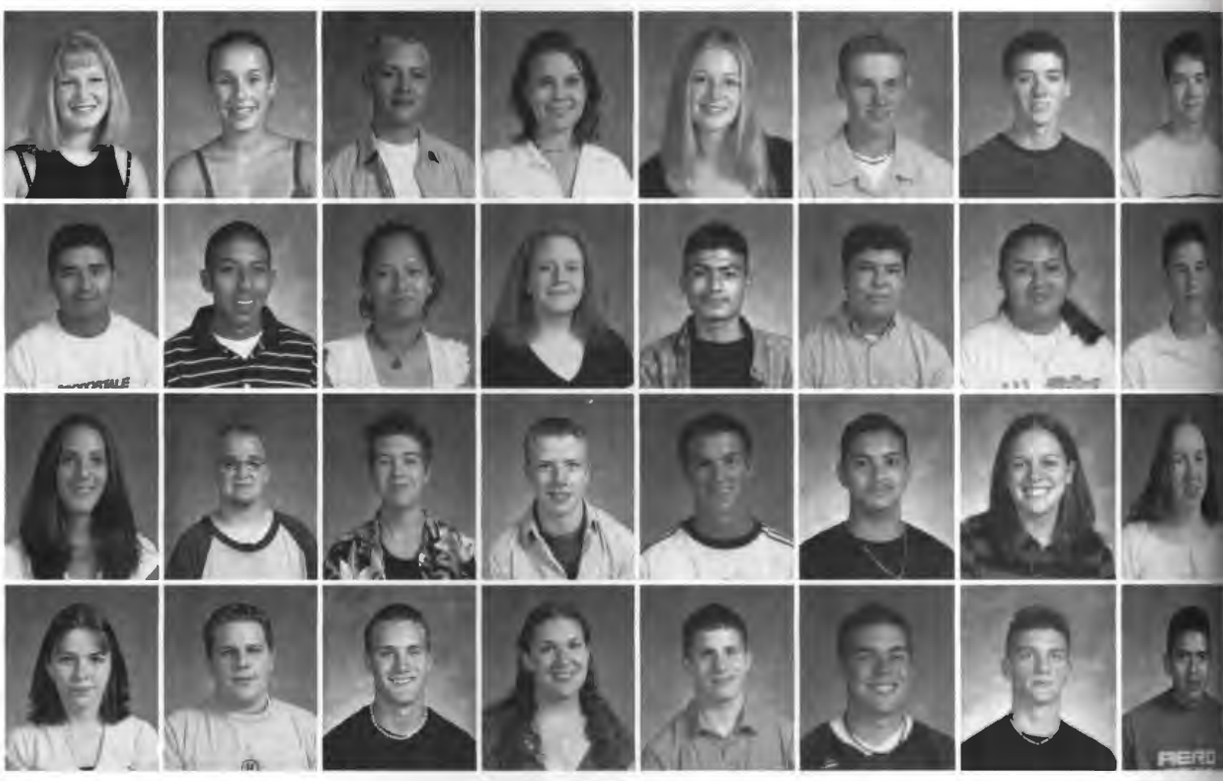
"I do like blondes . . ." -Dave Chranowski
The pep assemblies "make me happy and proud of We-Go." -Patsy Salgado
Homecoming is good because "It helps us remember the real life heroes." -Molly Knaak

Kirsten Goranson
Sarah Gouskos
Justin Gracyas
Dana Grant
Amanda Groppi
Thomas Grove
John Grue
Nicholas Grue

Frank Guerrero
Joel Guerrero
Maura Guerrero
Kathryn Gutirrez
Abel Guzman
Raul Guzman
Rosa Guzman
Joshuah Hahn

Jamie Hall
Matthew Hancock
Chase Hanlock
Jeffrey Hansen
Daniel Harms
Jose Haro
Christine Harris
Sarah Hasse

Heather Hayes
David Heath
Zachary Hedger
Leigh Hellman
Tyler Hempel
Ryan Henning
Brandon Herbert
Christian Hernandez



What is the best part about being a cheerleader?

"Wearing the uniform three out of five days a week. There is nothing like wearing the SAME thing everyday."
-Nina Slater

"Getting my license after turning 16! Oh wait! I DON'T HAVE MY LICENSE!" -Andy Dameron

Junior Year Memories

Nuvia Hernandez
Esteban Herrera
Stephanie Hicks
Nils Higdon
Tanya Hisey
Elizabeth Hlotke
Robert Hock
Kathryn Hodge

James Hofmann
Brian Holt
Benjamin Hoshaw
Elisabeth Hoskinson
Donnie Jackson
Emma Jacob
Elizabeth Jacques
Robert Jeffery

Jason Jensen
Joshua Jeter
Enrique Jimenez
Andrea Johnson
Krista Johnson
Lauren Johnston
Kristine Joy
Ana Jurado

Mark Kaczmarczyk
Kelly Karbach
Shqipe Kashtanjeva
Dianne Keck
Jacob Keeley
Andrew Kiger
Matthew Kimber
Molly Knaak

"Umm . . . I don't remember!" -Sandy Chan
"Marissa's ballerina impression!" -Leticia Cruz

Junior Year Memories

Katie Knoll
Derek Koelsch
Cori Koeppen
Katelyn Kovac
Emily Krauspe
Brian Kreml
Matthew Kuhn
Tami Kuta

Amanda Kvasnicka
Allyson Laloggia
Dustin Lamczyk
Amanda Lane
Candace Laramie
Ashley Lasiowski
Seyda Lavariega
Jeff Lawson

Fabiola Leal
Karla Leonard
Michael Letts
Brian Lillie
Hillary Lim
Erin Linsenmeyer
Michael Liszka
Lauren Loek

Michelle Loerzel
Janine Loewe
Eber Lopez
Fabiola Lopez
Jose Lopez
Gregory Luebker
Blanca Macias
Tracy Macias

"A real friend is one that will stay by you, even if you're acting like a complete fool." -Ariadna Galvan

What is a real friend to you?

SAY WHAT?

"Call me Johnny Dangerous." -Noel Dominguez

"Know your role and shut your mouth." -Gerardo Avalos

Hillary Maloney
Benjamin Mancera
Lorena Mansera
Peter Mantz
Roger Maritote
Lisa Martin
Nicholas Martinello
Jose Martinez

Jessica Mascarella
Robert Mason
Ryan Masschelin
Courtney Mathias
Patric Matysiewski
Todd McComb
Michael McInerney
Julie McKee

Rachael McKenney
James McKinlay
Robert McLaren
Ryan McQueen
Breandan McTighe
Brian Means
Katie-Lynn Melbourn
Marissa Mendoza

What was the best part of junior year?

"Cancelling the European History Tour and sending us to Australia!" -Erik Nelson

"Once I found $5.00 on the floor, but that's about it." -Andrew Kiger

Above: Angelica Salazar and Guadalupe Morales work in commons before school.

Right: Junior girls take a rest from the Botany Field Trip at Navy Pier.

Alejandra Mercado
Kimberli Meyerholz
Matthew Mikes
Megan Millard
Ryan Mims
Juana Montalvo
Christine Moody
Jessica Morrison

Kimberly Mueller
Mayra Munoz
Sandra Munoz
Timothy Murrey
Zahara Nasir
Erik Nelson
Ryan Nelson
Ryne Neltnor

Kevin Nichols
Jose Nieves
Luis Nieves
Amy Norman
Alethea Norton
Steven Nota
Jill Novak
Anna Nubie

SAY WHAT?

"Roar, look at me with my monstrous finger extensions." -Leigh Hellman

"I like big butts and I cannot lie." -Elisa Carlos

"The thing I will miss most about Junior year is knowing that I only have one year left." -Melissa Prusko

Casimiro Ocampo
James O'Connor
Eric Oglanian
Jose Olague
Jose Olague
Noe Olague
Christina Orda
Mark Orseno

Nancy Ortega
Delia Padilla
Kim Palka
Brett Palmer
Guillermo Pantoja
Nikesh Patel
Tito Pedraza
Jenna Pelej

Alberto Perez
Guillermo Perez
Israel Perez
Linsey Perez
Yadira Perez
David Peterson
Larry Petrie
Tyler Piech

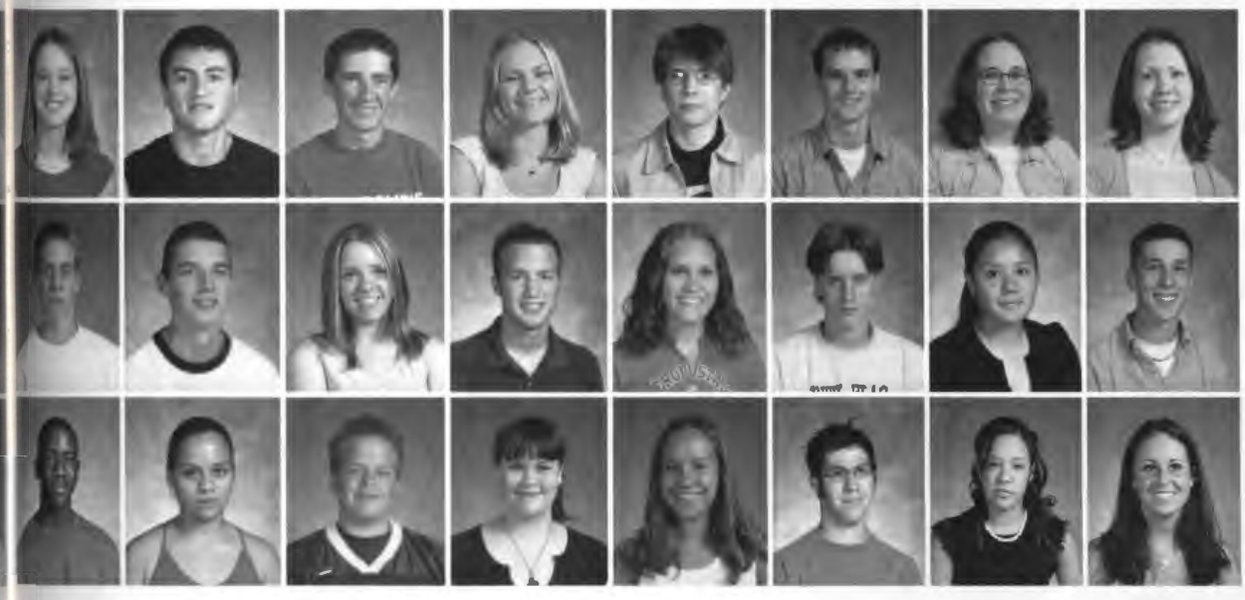
Left: These girls cheer on the Varsity Football team at the Playoff Game.

Above: Amy Norman and Raina William "paws" in the hall before school.

What was the best part of junior year?

"Turning 17 and no longer having a legal curfew!" -Amy Norman

"Mrs. Tunt using 'phat,' and 'ghetto' in the same sentence." -Chris Soriano



Jillian Pinder
Gabriel Pinto
Daniel Polacek
Julie Polz
Joseph Portretow
Gregory Prill
Melissa Prusko
Nicole Puccetti

Jeffrey Puetz
Eric Radloff
Beth Rakow
Jeffrey Raymond
Kristen Redden
Bradley Rehmus
Melissa Resendiz
Sean Reynolds

David Reynolds Jr
Judith Reza
Robert Rhodes
Amanda Ritchie
Rachel Rivera
Salvatore Rizzo
Ariana Robles
Kristen Rocha

"Whose hair is longer mine or Brian's?" -Jake Keeley

"My worst quality is that I am indecisive, or that I am a procrastinator, no that I am indecisive ... can I get back to you?" -Adriana Vargas

Ashley Rodgers
Kailey Rohrdanz
Allyssa Rosalez
Kimberly Rovtar
Jose Rubio
Maria Rubio
Brian Ruetsche
Asalia Ruiz

Jaqueline Ruiz
Felipe Salazar
Jose Salinas
Bridgette Sanzeri
Juan Sarellana
Paola Sarellana
Carl Sauter
Carrie Savaglio

Michael Savegnago
Heather Schadeberg
Morgan Schar
Jared Schneider
Paul Schwabe
Stephanie Schwabe

Lindsay Scott
Mary Selby
Shaila Shallcross
Thomas Shanahan
Megan Shane
Charlott Sharp

Jason Shreeram
John Siekmann
Adam Sierocuk
Stephen Singer
Brian Skala
Kristin Skogsberg

Tracy Slaga
Nina Slater
Ryan Smith
Michael Smolucha
Stephanie Smothers
Eduardo Solis
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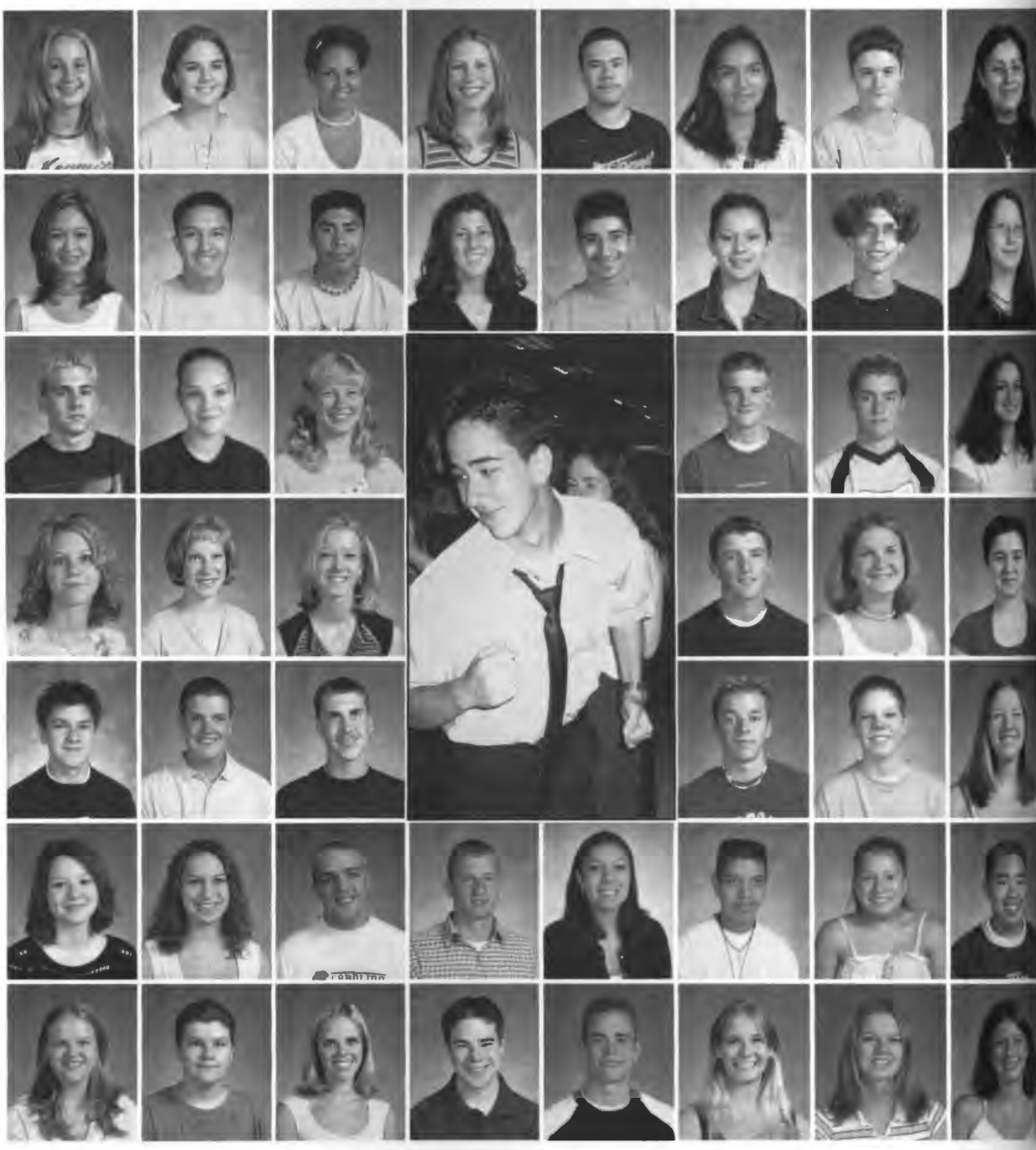

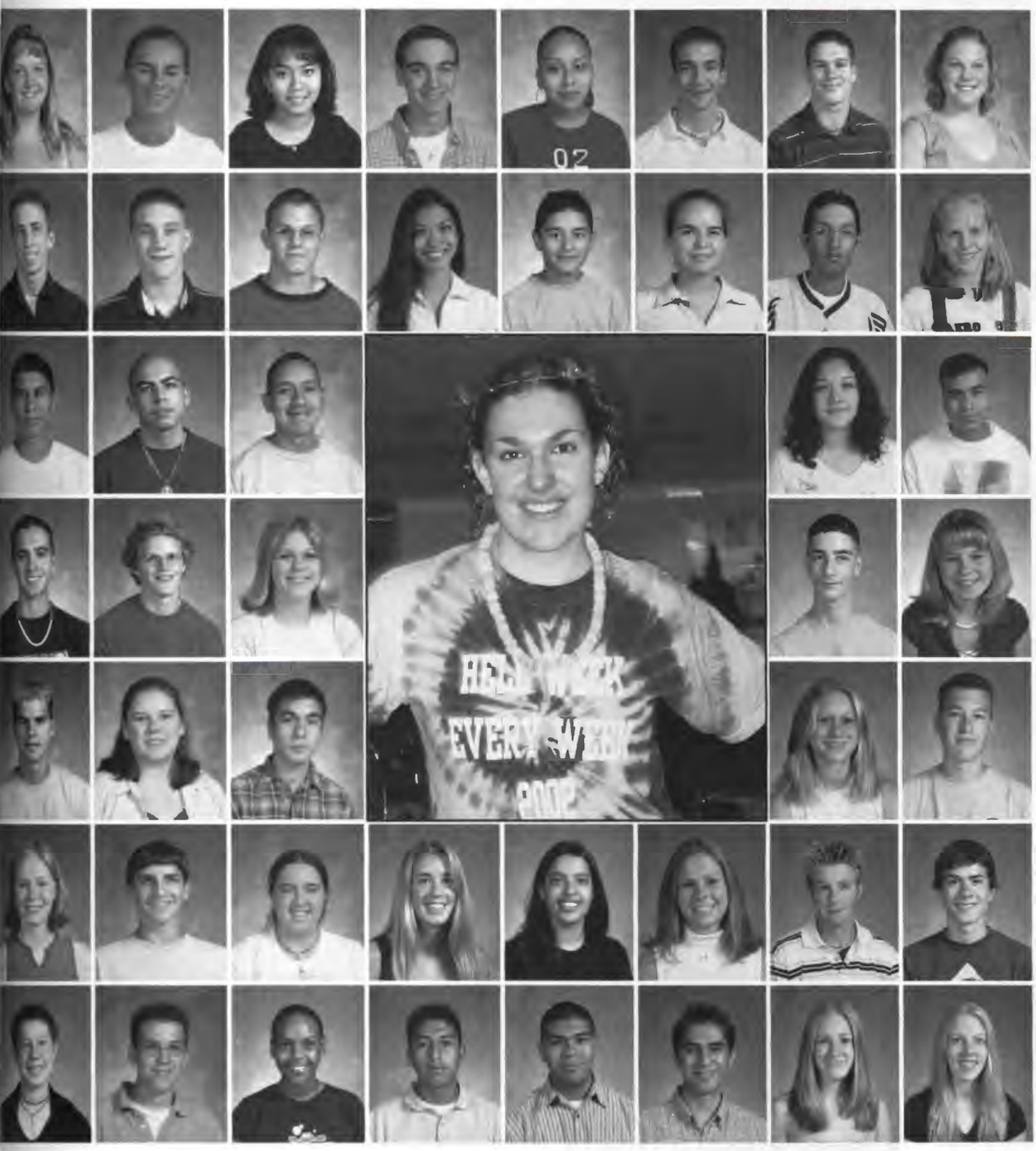

Sarah Swatsworth
Yolanta Szyszko
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Justin Taylor
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Steven Thomas
Elliott Tinnes
Amanda Tollas

Ryan Tomassoni
Mark Tonchick
Mark Trygar
Marlene Uy
Guadalupe Valdez
Adriana Vargas
Jorge Vargas
Jacqueline Vavrek

Carlos Vazquez
Eden Vazquez
Ulises Vazquez
Leticia Villa
Jose Villafuerte

Patrick Virnich
Richard Visser
Jorie Vlach
Chris Volpe
Kristin Voss

Kristopher Walski
Jessica Warbiany
Kenneth Wasiqi
Amanda Weier
Alexander Wemple

Margaret Werle
Samuel West
Danielle Wieczorek
Rebecca Wilkening
Raina William
Kelly Williams
Ryne Wilson
Bill Winter

Kristin Wolfe
Jarett Worth
Salome Yigzaw
Luis Zacatzi
Renato Zagal
Dennis Zavala
Julie Zimmermann
Danielle Zirbes

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POWDERP

"I like Spring because it gets warmer, and you can wear cuter outfits."
-Lee Corning ('04)

"April showers bring May flowers!"
-David Kelsey ('06)

"I like Spring because I am able to drive my 5.0 with the top down."
-Gilberto Calleros ('04)

"When it rains outside I tend to look for the worms that have washed up on the driveway. Then I make mud castles for them."
-Ashley Peterson ('05)

"I like Spring because I like to listen to the thunderstorms in April."
-Becky Bonarek ('05)

"I like Spring because it's almost summer!"
-Laura Hahn ('05)

"I like Spring because it's not too warm, and you can sit outside for lunch."
-Alex Schneider ('06)

"[I like Spring because] the weather is warm, and there are a lot of flowers!"
-Alonso Camargo ('05)

Springing

Sunny days, warm rainstorms, and fresh flowers were missing in the first few days of spring. Instead, chilly days, a few inches of fresh snow and talk of the war in Iraq welcomed students back from Spring Break. Fortunately, all was not lost for the resilient Wildcats.

Eventually, the sun came out, as did the shorts and flip-flops so long forgotten. Cleats, bats, and racquets were once again stored in lockers and the excitement of summer lingered in the air. Students began to count down the days until the end of the school year - for the seniors, the end of high school altogether.

The Wildcats' work was not done yet. The ever-creative Mr. McCarthy's marketing class organized another school-wide event. Students arranged baseball games against Joliet Catholic (ESC) and Naperville Central (DVC), and West Chicago (DVC) and Benet Academy (ESC). The DVC/ESC donated all its profits to the children of those who lost parents in the Columbia Space Shuttle tragedy of March 2003.

"It was a lot of fun. We helped organize almost everything, but it was worth it. We couldn't have done it without Mr. McCarthy's help though. I hope this becomes an annual event. We made over $2000!" said Lindsay Nash ('04).

-Lilli Cassidy

Joe Tumidalsky ('03) sky dives over Texas during his vacation.

Jonathan Hall ('05) daydreams about summer while sporting his spring apparel.

Mrs. Laimins' students decorate her room for the end of the year.

Shelley Lullo ('06) tries to stay awake for the last moments of her freshman year.

"Walking outside in the rain and getting wet is the best part of Spring. Of course, not having an umbrella in a

"The birds sing in the morning."
-Abby Gerwin ('05)

"I like that Spring is warmer than winter so you can go outside easier."
-Justus Taylor ('08)

"[The best part about Spring] is the beginning of the countdown to the last days of school."
-Hope Vock ('08)

"I just gosh darn love Spring so very much because it just looks so super pretty outside."
-Lana Paulsen ('05)

Spring because school is almost and I get to play badminton!"
-Summer Hassan('05)

"I like Spring becuase I don't have to wear a jacket, and it's nice outside."
-Keith Hund ('05)

ny and you can go outside and have fun!"
-Griselda Gomez ('05)

"I like Spring because school's almost out and I can play pickup games all day."
-Jon Fisher('05)

Forward

tt Peterson('03) and Marisa one ('05) decorate a cake.

Peter Kiger's ('06) ears perk up as he hears the last bell.

s Volpe ('04) finishes a book h to the pleasure of his En- h teacher.

Dan DeLort ('03) and Jason Sulzar ('04) study hard for finals.

downpour is always fun... On a particularly rainy day, I play the blues on my guitar." -Josh Foster ('04)

Hit the Runway with MR. WILDCAT 2003

Everyone knows about the Miss America Pageant, but what about West Chicago's own Mr. Wildcat Contest? On April 11, 2003, eight senior males strutted their stuff in the auditorium for the 10th annual coronation of Mr. Wildcat, sponsored by the varsity cheerleaders. After entertaining the audience and serenading a young woman, Derek Jensen was crowned the 2003 Mr. Wildcat. All eight participants performed and participated in interviews to determine who deserved to wear the crown.

The 2003 candidates included Emmanuel Vasquez, Simon Blanco, Sean Warren, Alex Baker, Derek Jensen, Tom Aguirre, Michael Martinez, and Patrick Baur. The second runner up, Mike Martinez, performed a skit of Chris Farley's called "Matt Foley." The first runner up, Sean Warren, displayed his musical talent by singing "Razzle Dazzle" from the hit movie musical *Chicago*. And the man declared 2003 Mr. Wildcat, Derek Jensen, sang a remix of the Backstreet Boys while asking a young lady from the audience for a date. The hilarious hosts, Ashley Mazzola and Jacob Delort, made the night exciting and memorable for everyone.

-Christine Hendron

Future Mr. Wildcat Jensen is helped by his "posse" of Blanco, Delort, Baur, and Vazquez while asking out Beth Fawkes, his future girlfriend.

Baker delivers a stirring medley of '80s songs, including "The Boss."

Aguirre bares his soul and a lot more he sings for the crowd.

Baur opens the show by twirling a staff and attempting to breakdance.

MCs Mazzola and Delort occupy the crowd between skits.

Blanco delivers his own rap-infused version of "Too Good to Be True" with dancers including Vazquez, Warren, Jensen, and Baur.

"We should split that crown 8 different ways because we're all winners."
-Simon Blanco ('03)

What was your favorite talent act?

"Mike Martinez's skit of Matt Foley. I was dying."
-Emmanuel Vazquez ('03)

"Mike Martinez. It was different compared to the rest and absolutely hilarious." -Carrie Gallimore ('03)

What was your favorite part of the contest?

"My talent was by far my fav."
-Michael Martinez ('03)

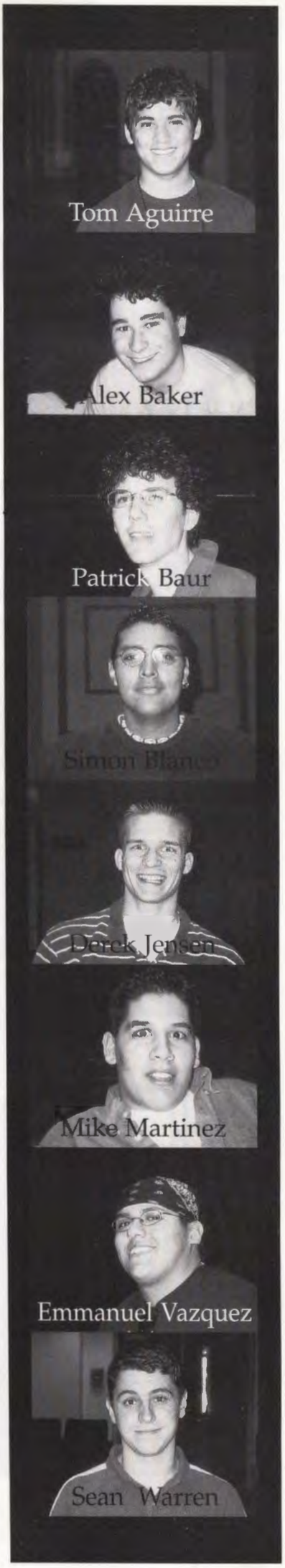
"My favorite part was definitely seeing all of the reactions to everything from the crowd."
-Sean Warren ('03)

Contestants anxiously await the judges' final decisions and kill time by thanking the crowd, thanking their parents and sending out belated birthday wishes.

Warren dazzles the crowd with his powerful voice.

Blanco wows the crowd with his rhymes and lyrics.

Fostering patriotic sentiments is easy for fatigue-clad Jensen. After waving the flag, he falls to his knees in *Bravehart* fashion, screaming "Freedom!"



Three Enchanted Evenings

On May 15, 16, and 17, the Weyrauch Auditorium was transformed from Chicago style weather to beautiful sunny *South Pacific* weather. With a cast of 48 students, directors Mary Hafertepe, Melissa Bortnik and Brandon Fantozzi presented this classic tale of love and discrimination. The musical focuses on Marines and Sailors from World War Two stationed in the South Pacific. who find themsleves lonely and far from their wives. "We've got sunlight on the sand, we've got moonlight on the sea," these thirteen sailors sing in the song "There is Nothing Like a Dame." These men soon find that their mood changing when they meet the new nurses stationed with them.

The head nurse Ms. Nellie Forbush, played by Susan Lincoln ('03), introduces the romantic conflicts in the play when she leads the nurses in singing "I'm Gonna Wash that Man Right Out-a My Hair." She feels this way after she meets Frenchman Emile de Becque, played by Andy Dameron ('04). They quickly find one thing in common, they are in love. The conflict arises when Nellie finds out that Emile has two children with a Polynesian woman. Nellie, a Southern belle from Arkansas, disapproves of Emile's actions, but quickly realizes that the two are in love and she sings "A Wonderful Guy" with all the nurses supporting her. Unfortunately, Nellie has little time for Emile since she is putting together a Thanksgiving show for all of the Marines and Soldiers. She and Luther Billis, John Hall ('05), plan the show together and in the process, Billis develops a little crush for Nellie.

Another story unfolds when the new lieutenant Joe Cable, Michael Treachler ('03), relocates to the South Pacific. He meets a native woman named Bloody Mary, Kristin Koltz ('03), and she introduces him to her daughter Liat, Marlene Uy ('04). After a night of romance, Cable realizes that they cannot live together. Liat vows that she will marry no one except Cable. Unfortunately for her, after Cable is sent on a mission with Emile, he suffers a tragic death. Emile makes it back to find Nellie taking care of his son and daughter. All ends well for the two of them and for the cast of *South Pacific*. The show was truly a huge success.

-Sean Warren

Nellie (Lincoln) and Billis (Hall) put on a show for all the Marines.

Sailor (Ian Rewers '05) brings Captain Brackett (Mike Giese '04) a special delivery.

What was the best line or song from the play?

"I turned, and he said to me, 'I am going to kill you now'"
-Dave Taylor ('06)

"He'll jump out of his skin!"
"I would like to see this kind of jump! Come on!"
-Andy Dameron ('04)

"I do enjoy 'You've got to be Carefully Taught.' It's a song that can be sung with powerful emotion."
-Jesse Lord ('08)

Song List

"Dites-Moi" - Ngana and Jerome
"A Cockeyed Optimist" - Nellie
"Twin Soliloquies" - Nellie and Emile
"Some Enchanted Evening" - Emile
"Bloody Mary" - Sailors
"There is Nothin' Like a Dame" - Sailors
"Bali Ha'i" - Bloody Mary
"I'm Gonna Wash that Man Right Out-a My Hair" - Nellie and Nurses

South Pacific

Cable (Treachler) holds onto Liat (Uy) as he dreams about their life together.

"Aren't you just the cutest things I ever saw?" asks Nellie (Lincoln) as she first sees Emile's (Dameron) children.

What did you like about this musical the most?

"I was in it, so being a part of it was more fun than just watching it."
-Bill Winter ('04)

"The people. Some you'd laugh with, some you'd laugh at, and others made you laugh!"
-Jeff Hansen ('04)

"Dave Taylor playing a little kid. It was so hilarious."
-Ian Rewers ('05)

"A Wonderful Guy" - Nellie and Nurses
"Younger than Springtime" - Cable
"Happy Talk" - Bloody Mary and Liat
"Honey Bun" - Nellie, Billis, and Stage Ensemble
"You've Got to be Carefully Taught" - Cable
"This Nearly was Mine" - Emile
"Finale Ultimo" - Emile, Nellie, Ngana, and Jerome

Bloody Mary (Koltz) sings about how life would be for Cable (Treachler) here on Bali H'ai.

After the dinner party, Emile (Dameron) and Nellie (Lincoln) get to know each other better.

Cherish The Moment

Couples Dance Toward A Magical Night

It's monumental and unforgettable. It's glitz, it's romance, and it's one last fling with all our friends – it's Prom.

On May 23rd, 2003, the Junior Class transformed the Oakbrook Marriott to behold couples from the high school and to make the night worthy to be cherished. Due to their efforts, Prom 2003 will not be forgotten.

The Junior Class Student Council worked hard to create an unforgettable Prom. For the first time West Chicago hosted a Prom Fashion show. Ten Juniors and ten Seniors walked down the stage, modeling Prom wear. At the end of the night, the organizers of the night raffled off prizes to the audience. These prizes included free prom tickets and a year membership to Executive Tan. All proceeds went to help make Prom tickets more affordable and to help have better giveaways at All Night Long.

"Everything I Do, I'll Do For You" by Bryan Adams was the song of the night. Couples danced their way through a magical night, even right through the restart of the Prom song by the DJ. "It was the best night of my high school experience," said Junior Linsey Perez.

-Melissa Prusko

Prom Queen Laura Baumruck and King Elliott Tinnes ('04) their crowning moment toge

Last year's Prom King Joe Kl ('03) and Queen Aimee Beut push through the crowd.

Juniors Mena Gentile, Jennifer Tan, Karly Leonard, Molly Knaak, and Kim Palka share a moment of their Junior Prom together.

Bridget Geraghty ('05) and Tumidalsky ('03) rock.

Who was the best dressed?

"Kristen Voss ('04) looked the best. Her hair and dress went so well together!" -Kirsten Chase ('04)
"Jenna Pelej ('04). Her dress was so cute! She looks the best. She is such a cutie!." -Linsey Perez ('04)
"Heather Coakley ('04). She made her dress. It was amazing!" -Sean Warren ('04)

Seniors Hans Moscicki, Melissa Lund, Justin Howshaw and Sophomore Meghan Dalton pause before returning to the dance floor.

Senior sisters Lourdes and Luzmarie Tlatehiu share a Prom experience together.

Dressed for success! Mr. Highland and the other members of the administration join in the Prom fun.

Top Ten Ways To Ask Someone To Prom

10.) Ask in a foreign language
9.) Have people hold up posters in the hall
8.) Put flowers in her locker
7.) Put an ad in the school newspaper
6.) Ask with glow-in-the-dark stars
5.) Ask at a sporting event through a cheer
4.) Do a scavenger hunt of clues
3.) Put an announcement in student announcements
2.) Make a movie

And the Number One way to ask someone to Prom is . . .

1.) Through a song. Either change the lyrics to a song or write your own

Feelin' the love are Tim Murrey ('04) and Eric Oglanian ('04).

Nick Chillemi ('03) and Liz Brosseau ('03) take a break from eating dinner.

Julie Polz ('04) and Bridgette Sanzeri ('04) clean up nice.

"Laura Baumrucker and Jake Keeley." -Mena Gentile ('04)
"Me and Brett." -Mary-Beth Selby ('04)
"Ashley Rodgers and her guest." -Lisa Martin ('04)

Who was the cutest couple?

Soaring To New Height

Laura Hahn ('05) relaxes and prepares to smack the birdie.

Smack! The 2002-2003 West Chicago Badminton season began with a winning shutout. By dominating their first match against Streamwood, they showed their determination to win. The team went 15-0 on both the JV and Varsity levels, proving themselves to be tenacious athletes ready to compete.

Coached by Ms. Donovan, Ms. Gilgallon, and Mr. Caltagirone, the team rose above the usual lack of attention for the sport. The team put a birdie into the mouths of those who doubted them by crushing the competition. "Badminton is a sport not a hobby!" exclaimed Gema Garcia ('06).

"Badminton is just as good as any other SPORT. We play hard and actually win. Badminton, love!" said Sarah Swatsworth ('04), a varsity player. Ashley Rawls ('05) added, "It's a lot of work, but it's worth it at the end."

The Birdie-Bashing Lady Cats of 2003 changed everybody's opinion of Badminton. Simply by putting their hearts into their play, they earned the respect and wins they deserved.

-Adilene Chavez

Stephanie Smothers ('04) [illegible] for the birdie, winning her [illegible] against Plainfield.

Freshmen Front: Nick Caltagirone, Adriana Perez, Naiya Panchal, Maria Espinoza, Noemi Delgado, Kellie Virnich, Corrie Gilgallon **2nd:** Terri Molo, Jen Elliott, Jenny Linsenmeyer, Sarah Humphries, Elena Suarez, Jodi Donovan **Back:** Lupe Carrasco, Cassie Kleczewski, Marisa Nichols, Danielle Pappas, Brittany Rose, Gema Garcia.

JV Front: Pam Martin, Amanda Massih, Corrie Gilgallon, Nick Caltagirone, Jodi Donovan, Suzan Rizk, Sheila Hasselberger **2nd:** Rebecca Kimber, Megan Millars, Salome Yigzaw, Ashley Rawls, Summer Hassan, Justine Egert **Back:** Kyle Heiden, Briana Jakubik, Kelsey Lesniak, Abby Gerwin, Danielle Freebern, Meghan Dalton.

Varsity Front: Jodi Donovan, Sarah Swatsworth, Sam [illegible] Alison Dahl, Corrie Gilgallon **2nd Row:** Sarah Alt[illegible] Stephanie Smotheers, Ashley Egert, Morgan Schar [illegible] Brosseau, Sandy Edlund, Fawn Montag, Nick Calt[illegible]

"Birdie-Wackers!" -Alison Dahl ('03)

Liz Brosseau ('03) concentrates on delivering the perfect serve.

Above: Sandy Edlund ('03) approaches the birdie, dropping it with ease.

Below: Meghan Dalton ('05) prepares to serve.

"Smack it good!" -Kelsey Lesniak ('06)

Briana Jakubik ('05) follows through after s[illegible] ing a message to her opponent.

n Masschelin ('04) makes the e of tennis look easy.

Peter Espinoza ('04) sends the ball over the net and follows through with his hips.

Michael Weiss ('05) delivers a swift backhand to his opponent.

Roger Maritote ('04) puts his game face on and is ready for any hit.

Courtship

West Chicago players rule the game

ter a day full of well-executed atches, the guys line up for a st-match meeting.

Standing on the court, anticipating the return from the opposing player, and suddenly-SMASH! Here it comes, bouncing a foot ahead and immediately makes contact with the racquet. The strong backhand crushes the ball, thrusting it towards the opponent. The goal for the match accomplished: Victory for West Chicago!

When asked how the team gets pumped up for a match, Reyes Gonzalez replied, "We tell jokes and play Mafia!" Not only does the team goof off to get prepared, but they also work hard during practices as early as seven in the morning on Saturdays.

With a few returning champions and training from Coach Lemberg-Finn and Coach Moeaki, the team challenged themselves to become the best. Junior Ryan Masschelin's effort paid off as he led the team in the singles matches for the varsity team.

As it came close to the end of the year, the height of the season was upon the Wildcats the Dupage Valley Conference tournament. The team ended with spirits and excitement for the coming year.

-Lilli Cassidy

Coach Moeaki shows the team how it's done.

ont: Gil Valenzuela, Julien Benter, Coach Lemberg-Finn, Coach ki, Coach Martin, Michael Weiss, and Eric Steere. **1st row:** y Benter, David Vann, Michael Kuzmicz, Jeff Burgess, Michael d, Cesar Nunez, and Peter Espinoza **Back:** Robert Conard, l Infanger, Eric Gotkowski, Reyes Gonzalez, Joe Blackburn, Maritote, Jeff Cisowski, Ryan Masschelin, and Brian Holt.

"Tennis just wouldn't be tennis, without Mr. Mo..."
-Cesar Nunez ('05)

"Tennis for Liiiffffel"
-Ryan Masschelin ('04)

"It's a very intense sport that requires lots of time and effort, but it's definitely worth it!"
-Robert Conard ('05)

"It's not the size of the dog in the match, it's the size of the match in the dog." -Brian Holt ('04)

Huddle up! The team gets pumped up and ready for the next match with encouraging advise from Coach Moeaki.

"Tennis rocks my world!"
-Joe Blackburn ('05)

"Tennis is the greatest sport ever!"
-Roger Maritote ('04)

"To be big, go big!"
-Mike Weiss ('05)

"I had an awesome trip being on the tennis team this year." -Julien Benter ('05)

Heading For Home

Dan Harris ('04) gets up on his toes and prepares to steal third.

Scott Sieder ('03) slides under the catcher's unsuccesful tag, and is safe at home.

Ted Gernand ('04) jumps ou[illegible] waiting for the pitch to go.

"The team was great. We always picked each other up if something went wrong."
-Tyler Dameron ('06)

Standing at the plate, the count is two and three. The pitcher winds up, his sweat trickling down his face and falling to the ground. Here it comes, the final pitch. Crack. There it goes, off into the wild blue yonder. This scenario happened at the Glenbard North vs. West Chicago game when Nick Nolte ('04) hit a massive triple.

Every great catch, double play, and ground out amplified the thrill that ran through the West Chicago Wildcat baseball team this Spring. Three teams trying to be the best that they can be made the 2003 season unforgettable.

"We started out in DVL not doing well, but then we broke loose and got a three game winning streak," said Kevin Grabe, a freshman baseball player.

For the first time, the varsity team played at the Joliet Jackhammer Stadium, at a fundraiser for the victims of the Columbia Space Shuttle crash. During the event, the Wildcats played Naperville Central, Joliet Catholic, and Benet. It proved to be a grueling set of games that dragged on late into the night. Despite the cold and harsh winds, the team continued playing. Throughout the games, friends and other lower level teams cheered the players on. While sitting (or standing) on the Jackhammer seats, the fans shouted out loud to support their team.

"It was my second year on the school baseball team, and it is even better a second time," said Steve Brell ('05).

Bob Vondrash

"Good luck, guys. I hope you do well in the future."
-Tony Balsman ('[illegible]

Two Wildcats listen to the umpire for the call on the play.

The varsity team gets up on the fence to support the batter, and watch the pitcher's move.

Andy Derringer ('03) asks advice [illegible] coach before stealing home.

"We did the little things to win."
-Joe Malandruccolo ('06)

"Our team worked together great and we look like we want to win."
-Chris Prochnow('06)

"We started slow but, in the end we came through for ourselves and the team."
-Larry Pope ('06)

"The season was gre[illegible] and I can't wait fo[illegible] sophomore year wh[illegible] get to go back!"
-Mike Tunk ('06)

Front: Tyler Damron, Dennis Rocha, Coach Bill Bicker, Coach Clay Reagan, Nick Nolte, and Tony. 2nd: Eric Brown, Ray Jerz, Kevin Grube, Chris Prochnow, Bob Vondrach, Jared Vasiliauskas, and. Middle: Dan Francik, Jason Jefferson, John Yedinak, Matt Rohn, Victor Salazar, and Brian Russell. Back: Milandrusolo, Dan Brogan, Matt Schneider, Larry Pope, Travis Saville, Mike Tonk, Tim Polacek.

Sophomore Front: Evan Skarin, Ryan Woodbury, Coach Eric Lasky, Danny Eckler, and Jonathan Leitherer. 2nd: Austin Curran, Mike Hanrahan, Danny Liszka, and Steve Ihcek. Back: Austin Monroe, John Gaede, Nick Lelito, Chris Jones, and Ryan Morris.

Kaylor ('03) chases a ...ler as shortstop for an out ...cond base.

Front: Assistant Coach Dan McCarthy, Frank Guerrero, Justin Taylor, Matt Peterson, TJ Shanahan, Andrew Hish, Scott Sieder, Coach Hugh Stott. **2nd:** Andy Denmger, John Weier, Mike Liszka, Head Coach John Walters, Arun Morris, Dan Kaylor, Dan Deutsch. **Back:** Sean Zieche, Ted Gernand, Luke Martin, Dan Harris, Tom Crove, Rich Miller, and Paul Majchrowski.

Scott Sieder ('03) holds tight for a hit to him, to make the final out.

...Shanahan ('04) awaits the call ...he wants from his cathcher.

TJ Shanahan ('04) throttles a high speed strike to the outside corner.

Scott Sieder ('03) goes for an easy scoop to complete the inning.

Scott Sieder ('03) makes the cut and whips the ball back to first for an out.

"...is baseball, what else can you say!"
-Matt Rohn ('06)

"My time in baseball has been very rewarding and I want to go on."
-Matt Schneider ('06)

This is just the start of things. Next year we'll be bigger and better."
-Nick Nolte ('06)

"Losers make excuses, winners adjust."
-Coach Bicker

Rebuilding the

"PLAY BALL!"

With these two words, the umpire signaled the start of the Lady Wildcats' Softball season, and the runs began to roll in. The Ladycats opened the season up with a slew of non-conference games before hitting the big time. All fired up and ready to go, Varsity came back, with a vengeance, wanting revenge from the disappointments of last season. They were ready to annihilate any team who tried to stop them from attaining the one thing they wanted most, the DVC Conference championship title. Striving to be the best team out there wasn't easy. These girls had just two weeks to test the waters before diving head first into a schedule of non-stop games. "A former coach once told us to play to win, not to not lose. This year we took the advice to accomplish what we could," said four year player Brandi Ruiz ('03)

The Varsity team had high expectations for the season with the nine returning players from last year. Players returning from last year include: Kelly McCarthy, Kristi Nickelson, Jessica Krueger, Brandi Ruiz and Kailey Rohrdanz who all brought experience and skill to strengthen the infield. Meanwhile, Heather Mosteller, Katie Walker, Heather Barron and Elyse Barron, all brought their speed, knowledge, and experience back to the outfield for their final season. Newcomers included Juniors Krista Johnson, Marissa Mendoza, Emily Ekstrom, Krissy Joy, Kim Rovtar and Sophomore Brandi Bodie.

"It really took a lot of time, and dedication to compete with the best teams in the conference. We won as a team and lost as a team, having faith in every player to get the job done!" said Kim Rovtar ('04)

-Krissy Joy

The Rules

1. Never hit the Coach (with a wild throw

2. Never spill the Coach's coffee.

3. Always use your mitt to stop the ba (not your face).

Road to Success

ot: Kailey Rohrdanz, Kristi Nickelson, Marissa Mendoza, Kelly McCarthy, Emily trom, Brandi Bodie **2nd:** Assistant Coach Laurie Davidson, Kristine Joy, Jessica ger, Heather Barron, Heather Mosteller, Head Coach Jim Schaudt **Back:** Krista nson, Katie Walker, Brandi Ruiz, Kim Rovtar, Elyse Barron.

Front: Kristin Borsodi, Heidi Colliander, Peggy Saul, Alyssa Claude, Jenny Robertson **2nd:** Volunteer Coach Tom Cheehy, Amanda Kennedy, Carolyn Wostratzky, Kari Johnson, Kayla Kramer, JV Coach Fred Ruiz **Back:** Chelsea Deitz, Bridget Rood, Dana Hernan, Kim Norman, Ashley Saville.

h a perfect stance, Junior Emily Ekstrom prepares for the play.

Front: Bethany Inch, Ashley Vargas, Freshman Coach Heather Goebel, Dana Smith, Eileen Reedy **2nd:** Katie Denson, Whitney Link, Marilyn Jacques, Danielle Romano, Carol Fortman **Back:** Veronica Beth, Krissy Zieche, Sara Gibbons, Jackie Boyd, Laura Conard, Katie Roberts.

"Wildcats' Softball Tearin' Up The D.V.C. In 2003!"

Heading into a Great Season

To the women of the Community High School's soccer team, playing soccer is the most wonderful thing in the world. For these midfielders, defenders, forwards, and goalies who have been playing soccer for years, the game is not just a sport, but life. During the 2003 season, these women kicked butt in the DVC and showed their competitors who's boss. Before the season even began, team members endured a grueling first week of practice, in which they had to report to school by 5:30 a.m. to stretch, run, and sweat. But the training paid off as they dominated their opponents with their moves on the soccer field.

Part of the soccer team's success stemmed from the camaraderie among the teammates. As the team rode on the bus to various matches, mischief reigned as the girls sang songs, chanted, and waved to strangers. But that wasn't the only thing wonderful about girls' soccer, it was the amount of effort and real bonds they shared as a team.

-Lettecia Cruz

Alyssa Campagnoni displays great ball handling skills as she traps a ball from a fellow team member.

Mandy Wessman shows great determination in getting the ball down the field to get the game going.

Front: Carlos Ramirez, Shana Galto, Ariana Robles, Courtney Voelz, Gilberto Calleros **2nd Row:** Stephanie Schwabe, Sara Kufta, Nicole Strayve, Asst. Coach Ceasar Gomez, Tami Kuta, Juana Montalvo, Ashley Lasiowski **3rd Row:** Mary Harms, Lena Gomez, Sammi Kufta, Brenda Calleros, Ashley Mazzola, Mandy Wessman **Back Row:** Rachel Kuna, Laura Gilbertsen, Andria Bernard, Alyssa Campagnoni, Hillary Lim, Lindsey Wonsowski, Jessica Crawford

What has been the funniest moment in soccer?

" Seeing Mary Hesterman kick Bruno with the soccer ball."
-Vicki Lawn ('05)

" It had to be when Nicole got her head stuck in the net!"
-Lindsey Wonsowski ('03)

...rnie Castillo, Maritza Mendoza, Ana Sazatzi, Maricela Ballines, Alyssa Santiago, ...le Vela, Katie Boland **2nd Row:** Leny Escobedo, Angie Losacco, Asst. Coach ...isco Sanchez, Coach Bruno Owens, Coach Bang Nguyen, Lettecia Cruz, Conches ...iz **3rd Row:** Daisy Chavez, Carissa Adamson, Vicki Lawn, Jill Musick, Yesenia ...ndez, Samantha Corriero **Back Row:** Dana Yormark, Stephany Vasquez, Sarah ...g, Amy Ackerman, Ceci Benitez, Eliza Hamilton, Katie Taylor.

After seeing a play go wrong Bruno is always there to tell the girls what they have done wrong and how to do the play right.

Front: Daisy Trujillo, Coach Bang Nguyen, Asst. Coach Bob Owens, Coach Francisco Sanchez, Melissa Pasindo **2nd Row:** Francisca Ramirez, Aida Hernandez, Taylor Alperin, Alany Santillan, Maria Cuevas **Back Row:** Maria Macias, Vareliana Ballines, Shannon Myers, Mary Hesterman, Haleigh Moreno, Nina Galto.

What's the best thing about girls' soccer?

" The best thing is that we all have a sister-like bond."
-Rachel Kuna ('03)

"We like to have fun! Rock onVarsity soccer!"
-Ashley Lastowski ('04)

Messages to Bruno...

-"It's been great to coach with you for the last few years. We had some great times. Good Luck!" **-Coach Antonio Del Real**

-"Sorry I was always late." **-Vicki Lawn ('05)**

-"You have been a great coach, an excellent teacher, and an inspiration to me. Your lessons in soccer will never be forgotton. Best wishes to you in your future." **-Kakie Taylor ('08)**

-"I love ya Dawg." **-Sam Corriero ('05)**

...uno and his JV girls sure know how to ...d their day with a "1...2...3 Wildcats."

Wow! Almost the whole JV girls' soccer team groups together for the end of the year photo .

Running Wild

Jason Becker(04') flies through the air trying to beat his opponent to the finish line

West Chicago's Boys' Track and Field Team went wild this season with enthusiasm and encouragement from the top Varsity athlete to the newest freshman. With a few key elements missing from last season, these boys gave it their all and carried West Chicago's name high in the air.

Not only were the practices different, but they had new coaches this year. Coach Paul Ford and Coach Mike Mittman joined the Wildcats for the first time and helped the team achieve its goals. Some of these accomplishments included winning the Geneva Invitational where they placed 2nd the previous year. Each member of the track team also worked to attain his own individual goals. Senior Mike Doll accomplished his personal best time in the 100m with a time of 14.5 seconds.

"It has been a good year, and we have done some things that I did not know that the track team could do," said Ryan Henning (04'). Although they had some changes on the team, this did not stop them from having a great season.

Wyatt Schuyler(03') led the Wildcats, being one of two returning state qualifiers along with fellow senior Joe Klingberg. Top performers on Varsity were Mike Savegnago (04') in the high jump, Mark Foote (03') in 400 m, and Mike Doll in hurdles.

"The best part of the season was winning high jump at County at 6'2", but my forgetfulness makes track fun – I almost missed my 100 m race and my 4x100 all at the same meet," said Savegnago .

The team fought hard to gain recognition in the DVC and respect at their own school, and they prevailed. Through sweat, strength, and speed, the 2003 Boys Track and Field Team made sure it was a season for the record books.

-Mercedes Castro

Senior Wyatt Schuyler flings the disk as hard as he can during a practice.

What are your individual goals for this spring season?

" Getting 3rd or better in conference, or being able to go to state for the high jump."
-Mike Savegnago(04')

"Having a great final season with the team."
-Mike Doll ('08)

What is your favorite memory from this past season?

"Mark Foote killed a baby squirrel"
-Derek Jensen ('08)

"Joe Klingberg tans"
-Mark Foote('08)

Front Manny Escobedo, Coach Paul Omi, Head Coach Paul McLeland, Coach Mittman, Coach Randy Zeitler, Coach Paul Ford, Manager Sam Kleczewski 2nd: Kevin Duffy, Mark Trygar, Joe Klingberg, Vicente Fernandez, Elliott Tinnes, Zach Farber, Mike Smolucha, Ryan Henning, Mike Savegnago Middle: Brad Bytof, Jeff Raymond, Pat Baur, Mark Foote, Wyatt Schuyler, Adam Vann, Emmanuel Camargo, Nick Bernard Back: Andy Kiger, Sean Reynolds, Derek Jensen, Mike Doll, Richard Visser, Zach Hedger, Jason Becker, Scott Storey, Tim Murney

Did any one lose his shoes?

With a little bit to go, Andy Kiger picks up his pace.

Adam Vann(03'), Rob Casey(04'), and Ryan Henning(04') look at how much potential their teammates have.

Nick Bernard ('03) flies toward his goal.

There goes Manny Escobedo('04) ! What a jump!

ek Jensen('03) heads toward the finish showing his determination.

One of the runners shows his teammates what a true Wildcat can do.

Senior Mike Doll jumps up and down while preparing to start his competition.

n Henning('04) measures the cus's distance.

Andy Kiger ('04) running head to head with his opponent,smiles as he approaches the finish line.

Fresh-Soph Front:Nathan Villegas, Bruce Guevara, Dung Nguyen, Jordan Meissner, Kyle Frank **1st Row**:Sam Kieczewski, Coach Paul Omi, Coach Mittman,Coach Randy Zeitler, Coach Jeff Ford, Head Coach Paul McLeland **2nd** : Tom Harwood, Erik Hernandez, Mike Casey, Chris Kane, Andrew Bass, Dale Staton **3rd**:Frank Anderson, Jim Siekmann, John Doeseckle, Seamus Joyce-Olson, Miles Lincoln, Anthony McNerney, Odilon Vicens **4th**: Joe Harte, Greg Callahan, Ken Tinnes, Chris Bodane, Ryan Funderburk, Dan Visser **Back**: Paul Flores, Brad Murison, John Jennings, Jeff Gilbert, Mike Liddicoatt, Eric Franckowiak, George Visser

Jennings('05) predicts how far will throw for a winner.

Mike Savegnago('04) carries the baton in one handto the finish line.

oking at his final steps Richard ser ('04) runs to meet his goal.

Dung Nguyen ('06) takes a wild leap into the air.

On the Right Track

Amanda Weier ('04) heads towards the finish of the 4x400 relay.

Rachel Slattery ('05) prepares to vault. She is a 2-year state qualifier in this event.

The Girls Track and Field team started their 2003 season off on the right track. With sixty-five members on the team, practically double from last year, the girls demonstrated significant improvements.

At the beginning of the season, Head Coach Katerina Claiborne was very eager for the competitions to begin. "I can't wait till the meets start. Last year we had an amazing season despite all of the illnesses and injuries, and this year our team has grown so much and already is looking so much stronger," said Claiborne.

Senior captains Katy Kostal and Jessica Cwiak led the team through the season. Numerous pasta parties and bonding events helped the girls get through the stress and exhaustion brought on by meets. Step by step, the running lady cats accomplished their goals.

The girls accomplished one major goal at Indoor DVC, by placing 4th on both levels and yielding many personal best performances. Both place finishes were improvements from the previous year.

Highlights from the outdoor season invitationals include the junior varsity team finishing first at the Raider Invite, while on the varsity level the team finished second at both the Raider and Ram Invites.

By the time the girls reached outdoor DVC, they were ready to put their months of training to use. The Varsity team finished in 5th place, while the Junior Varsity team finished in 6th place.

One week after the DVC Invitational, the Varsity team was ready for their peak meet, sectionals, which was held at Kaneland High School. The team qualified four individuals and one relay for the state meet held at Eastern Illinois University. The 800 Medley Relay team of DeAnne Fitzenrider and Jessica Cwiak along with Lauren Anders and Laura Baumrucker qualified with a time of 1:52.1 seconds. In addition to the relay, Anders qualified in teh 100m hurdlers and Baumrucker in the 400m dash. Distance runners Katy Kostal and Christy Adduci also qualified in the 3200m run.

Overall, the season proved to be exciting season on all levels. Many friendships, memories and records were made. All members fo the team deserve recognition for their stellar athletic abilities and abilities to work as a team.

-Jessica Cwiak

Madeline Foote ('05) forcefully throw the shot-put at the Raider Invite.

Lauren Anders ('04) leads the way to finish of the 100-hurdle race.

What's the best part about the track & field team?

"Being with other girls who take the sport sertously, yet let the fun times happen." -Lauren Buscemi ('06)

"Working hard for a good time and succeeding." -Amanda Weier ('04)

Why did you decide to join the track team?

"I joined because I like the challenges and wanted to meet new people." -Erica Liepins ('08)

"Because I like to run and wanted to get in shape!" -Vicky Moungkhounsavath ('05)

Drew Krecek ('05) hits the sand after long jumping against Wheaton North.

Head Coach Claiborne and Asst. Coach Cortinas take a break from timing races.

Megan Forbrook ('05) shows the proper high jumping form.

Dominique Scott ('03) follows through after throwing the discus.

What are some quotes that remind you of track?

"I could, I should, I will." -Abby Cole ('0

"The faster you run, the faster you'r done." -Katy Kostal ('08)

What was your favorite meet? Why?

"The Tiger invite because there are of good teams that we don't normal compete against." -Alyssa Gilberto ('

What was your favorite memory from the season?

"The midnight trips to Friday's." -Shelley Krueger ('05)

Baumrucker ('04) to the finish line.

Foreign exchange student Yuko Otsuka runs the mile.

A group of girls gathers after finishing second at the Glenbard East Invite.

Vicky Moungkhounsavath, Lesley Pfeifer, Natalie Russo, Stephanie Garcia, Julie Shah, Carmen do, and Leticia Acosta **2nd:** Laura Tan, Shelley Krueger, Asst. Coach Cortinas, Asst. Coach Holmes, Coach Claiborne, Asst. Coach Johnson, Manager Susan Lincoln, Brittney Peters, and Carolyn **3rd:** Kelly Wdowiarz, Megan Andracki, Hilary Tennant, Amanda Weier, Lauren Anders, Giliberto, Christy Adduci, Yuko Otsuka, Tracy Opel, and DeAnne Fitzenreider **4th:** Maricarmen Gwen Murphy, Bryce Wolfe, Katie Ulin, Jenny Wojcicki, Mallory Sanzeri, Jenna Bedard, Erica & Brianna Harte **5th:** Laura Steere, Katy Kostal, Kim Palka, Shannon Fleming, Mary Beth Selby, Mazzola, Tania Dorsey, Madeline Foote, Abby Cole, and Erika Kane **6th:** Kayla Halsall, Jessica Andelina Pazozzo, Lynn Mielke, Aimée Beutke, Kristy Skogsberg, Kadi Flagg, Cori Koeppen, and urphy **Back:** Carrie Gallimore, Kim Peterik, Amy Infanger, Jessica Cwiak, Laura Baumrucker, Drew Megan Forbrook, Lauren Buscemi, Rachael Slattery, and Kelly Mateas

"This has been one of the best seasons that I am aware of. There were so many upper-classmen with expierence, the team was a lot larger than in years past, and the girls showed a great deal of dedication. When you put those things together, a strong and successful team is formed."
-Head Coach Katerina Claiborne.

medley relay team of Baumrucker ('04), Cwiak itzenrider ('06), and Anders ('04) gather.

Lynn Mielke ('03) spins as she throws the shot put.

Christy Adduci ('04) escapes the pack in the 4x800.

Evaluating, Executing, Annihilating

Pablo Herrera ('03) takes a deep breath after releasing the ball on the serve.

After surviving grueling tryouts in March, the volleyball players went right to work. Training for the volleyball season began with two and a half-hour long practices every day. Their hard work paid off as they started the season with a amazing victories over West Aurora and Glenbard East at their conference games.

The team suffered a setback when outside hitter Jim Campbell ('03), sprained his ankle at one of their practices. He remained unable to play with the team for almost two weeks. Nevertheless, the boys continued to put their all into the game.

As the season progressed, the boys improved their blocking, hitting, and passing skills, none of which would have been possible without the great leadership of the coaches and captains. "The coaching staff is great. When we need to talk to them they are very open to talk to. They keep the team disciplined and organized. I wouldn't ask for different coaches," said Captain Tysyn Wyman ('03).

Varsity Head Coach Kristi Hasty, who has coached the team for nine years, said that "the competitive drive and fun loving spirit is the most enjoyable part of coaching" and of volleyball.

-Adriana Vargas

Tysyn Wyman ('03) goes for the block hoping to sc the victory point.

Bob Nagel ('03) waits patiently to execute the perfect return.

Front: Varsity Head Coach Kristi Hasty, Bob Nagel, Brian Calabrese, Pablo Herrera, JV Coach Kim Maloney **2nd Row:** Zachary Flagg, Steve Thomas, Derek Jensen, Brian Romanelli, Assistant Varsity Coach Steve Brugmann **Back:** Doug Boyd, Dan Callahan, Tysyn Wyman, Jim Campbell, Chris Vlasvich.

Doug Boyd ('04) turns as volleyball heads in his di tion.

Coach Kristi Hasty sets an example for her team as she prepares to set the ball.

Chris Vlasvich ('03) gets postion as the ball comes way.

nt: Jon Crotty, Manager David Bennett, Varsity Head Coach ti Hasty, JV Coach Kim Maloney, Manager Caroline Hein, o Saucedo **2nd:** Julio Velazquez, David Aguirre, Brian Means, n Roytik, Naman Patel **Back:** CJ Hinojosa, Matt Van Gorkom, e Vlasvich, Dieter Rudolph, Jon Kurtz.

d out for the volleyball team my freshman year. I fell in love with the intensity and of the game and tried out every year since." -Brian Calabrese ('03)

"Being a part of the Varsity team is great, and being friends with everyone on the team helps us stay focused and unified as a group." -Steve Thomas ('04)

Front: Coach Shannon Ptak, Chris Dolan, Dexter Gonzales, Derek Kogut, Head Freshman Coach Joe Foege **2nd:** Brian Brewster, Joel Barker, Tony McDaniel, Ryan Pinto **Back:** Nick Gorski, Adam Schumacher, Evan Serwinski.

Starting A Legacy

West Chicago begins its Water Polo story

Stroking in the water, running out of breath, striving to get to the goal. The ball is hit, hearts are beating hard, and water runs down into the pool. The goalie dives to block the ball. But splash, he hits the water hard and in goes the winning goal, Wildcats win! First years are always memorable, and the Wildcat Water Polo Team proved to be no exception to the rule.

"It was fun because no-one expected us to be great, since it was our first year," said Melissa Sheme ('03), a varsity captain for the girls' team.

During practices, the team would do warm-ups, lasting for about ten minutes and involving mainly swimming laps the length of the pool. Then the team would learn a few plays and finally have a scrimmage amongst each other. Once the team even challenged the boys' track team in water polo. The track team played valiantly against the water polo team, and took their beating like men, swallowing their pride at the end when they went down to the water polo team.

Swimming Coach Bryan Artel took his chance in a new sport, pounding plays, drills, and tactics into the players' heads. With each practice, he saw the players get a little bit better. And having great team captains like Elizabeth Drzal ('03), Melissa Sheme ('03), Joel Somers, and C.J. Wostratzky ('03), the players assured themselves success.

On stroked the water polo team, through their losses and their wins, forever swimming hard.

-Bob Vondrash

During time-out, Bryan Artel tells the girls what play to run next.

Rachael Slattery ('05) warms up in the cool pool.

Rachael Slattery ('05) and Lauren Koontz ('05) anxiously await to start.

Bryan Artel proudly shows his fabulous outfit.

Kristina Sedjo ('05) and Betsy Drzal ('03) stretch themselves out before a demanding game.

The boys water polo team watches and waits for the girls to apprehend victory from the opponents.

"In Water Polo I got to combine my swimming ability with my size and strength." -CJ Wostratzky ('03)

"I really can't say much, but atleast I can tell that we were all getting better as time progresses." -Ismail Hassan ('03)

Leaders of the Pack

What was the most memorable event planned by Student Council?

"It was a lot of fun doing the service project. I recommend underclassmen joining Student Council. It's a lot of fun."
-Rachel Rivera ('04)

"The most memorable event would have to be prom. Juniors planned it and this year I was a part of it."
-Patrick Virnich ('04)

Imagine all the stress and work that one suffers through planning out the perfect prom. Now try creating the perfect prom for an entire school. Welcome to Student Council. In addition to the main officers, the student council consists of ten representatives from each class. The council increased students' awareness over certain issues, such as school parking and current world events. Besides dances, Student Council's most daunting task is getting the students enthused and involved.

During Homecoming Week Student Council organized many activities to keep the students high spirited, with two pep assemblies. "The overall schedule was completely different, but it kept spirits high all week and went really well" said Senior Class President Maggie Wdowiarz (03). One assembly was hosted outside on the football field on a Wednesday night and another was in the Bishop Gym on Friday during the spirit week. Homecoming Chairs Maggie Wdowiarz (03) and Emy Krauspe (04) led the week with the entire council contributing.

Turnabout combined both dancing and live music provided by the performers of Battle of the Bands. Executive Board Vice President Ernesto Romo (03) came up with the new idea for Turnabout. The council wanted to find a way to bring in different groups of people. "We didn't have a lot of people show up, but there was certainly a variety. Considering that the dance was a total experiment, I would say that it went rather well" said Wdowiarz. Close To Home won Battle of the Bands and received $100 for their amazing performance.

Besides the new idea of Battle of the Bands, the council had other new events planned. The council sponsored a pledge against racism, held a Crush can fundraiser, and continued to keep Wildcat Pride alive.

-Erica Fotigato

What are you feelings about Student Council?

"This year we did a lot of great things. I am very proud of the Senior Class."
-Maggie Wdowiarz ('03)

"Student Council is fun and I got to meet a lot of new people. I enjoyed doing things for the school."
-Andrea Johnson ('04)

Executive Board Front: Andrea Johnson, Ernesto Romo, Emy Krauspe **Back:** Mr. Zimmermann, Jeff Cisowski, Jackie Vavrek, Nick Bernard.

Juniors Front: Rebecca Wilkening, Andrea Johnson, Ashley Rodgers, Patrick Virnich, Tyler Hempel, Jeff Hansen **Back:** Ms. Kairys, Tom Grove, Emy Krauspe, Jackie Vavrek, Richard Visser, Rachel Rivera.

Sophomores Front: Michelle Macrito, Lauren Bertram, Brianne Nadolny, Nicole [illegible], Jessica Boyd, Kristen Betts **2nd:** Ms. Gilbert, Jackie Gola, Jeff Cisowski, [illegible] Janek, Heidi Colliander, Ms. Marchiando **Back:** Danielle Freebern, Laura [illegible], Kaitlyn McAvoy, Valerie Cirone, Paula Mazzola, Katy Cloutier.

Seniors Front: Lynn Mielke, Ernesto Romo, Alex Baker, Carrie Gallimore **Back:** Jaclyn Demes, Nick Bernard, Gwenith Smith, CJ Wostratzky, Colleen Mathias.

On and Off Stage...

Discover hilarity at its finest

Thespians

What is more fun than acting like a totally different person, dressing up in strange clothes, or building a entire set for a play? NOTHING! To become a Thespian, all that is necessary to do is work with two or more school plays. Advisor Ms. Mary Hafertepe involves students in a variety of activities, keeps everyone in line, and makes every event a fun experience.

Most of the members were involved in multiple social activities including a pot luck dinner, a lock-in, a picnic, and a trip to see Second City. At these gatherings, the members played theatre games like Mafia, Freeze, Party Quarks, and Cranium. Kristin Koltz ('03) remarked that her favorite part of Thespians was "hanging out with all the thespians at cast parties and in Sean Warren's basement!"

The Thespians also participated in a huge theatre festival at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana in January. All of the Thespians learned more about each other, attended drama workshops, and watched many plays put on by other schools. This experience became unforgettable for all of the Thespians.

The number of Thespians doubled after the initiation of about 30 new members at the end of the school year.

- Christine Hendron

New Thespians Nathan Butters ('06) Deborah Corson ('05) stay involved in the through the spring musical *South Pacific*

What was your favorite part about Thespians?

"The endless games of Mafia and forcing people to wear masks." -Mike Giese ('04)

"All of the people. They are the ones who have kept me sane (as strange as that may seem) throughout high school." -Andy Dameron ('04)

"We Rock! And you get to meet a lot of cool people and act insane for no reason at all." -Kelly Karbach ('04)

"During Theaterfest, having Sean walk in our room while I'm asleep with the History channel on." -Kevin Roloff ('05)

"You meet some of the most outstanding characters in the school and learn many life and theatre lessons - all while having fun." -Jesse Lord ('03)

Thespians Front: Melissa Deutsch, Emily Krauspe, Mike Gie Andy Dameron, Christine Hendron. **1st Row:** Elyse Damsch, Brid Geraghty, Jesse Lord, Dana Grant, Sarah Hasse, Kristin Kolt Mary Hafertepe **Back:** Caitlin Riermaier, Mallory Russo, Dian Kevin Roloff, Monaca Thomas.

At the Thespian social, Andy Dameron ('04) looks for someone to eliminate in Mafia, as everyone else is asleep.

Elyse Damsch ('05), Jesse Lord ('03), and Bridget Geraghty ('05) ponder their memories from the past two years, while enjoying fun times.

Christine Hendron ('03), Sean Warren ('0 Dameron ('04), Kristin Koltz ('03), and Je ('03) remember their years working to plays.

FUN! EXCITEMENT! LOVE! FRIENDSHIP! EXUBERANCE

Speakers Unleashed!

A wonder of talent

Forensics

peaking about having a great experience, Forensics gives its members the confidence to face the number one ar in America. Speaking in front of a group of people is not for everyone, but for We-Go's speech team, it is piece of cake. Anf for the firts time a West Chicago student received first place at the regional level during the 02-2003 school year.

Four Forensic members did so well they advanced to the regional meet. The students included Emily Krauspe r prose reading, Stan Lemon for humorous interpretation, Dominique Scott for impromptu and Erin enmeyer for original oratory. Scott placed second and Krauspe placed first, qualifying them for the state petitions.

The Forensics Team perform a collection of their speeches and put them all into a show called "Verbally ours." The show was a hit with many original, humorous, and serious speeches. These speeches included one iece that used theatre in the round. "'Verbally Yours' was a terrific showcase of the talent, creativity, and energy ur students brought to every tournament," said Mr. Kling, who along with Mr. Kellner and Mrs. Norton tched the team.

-Christine Hendron

rensics **Front:** Bridget Geraghty, Jeff Hansen, Stephanie Neumann, rin Linsenmeyer, Elyse Damsch, Melissa Deutsch **1st Row:** Mr. Kling, Andy Dameron, Mike Giese, Mike Doll, Caitlin Riermaier, Mr. ellner **ack:** Becky Bonarek, Melissa Sheme, Summer Hassan, David Taylor, Dennis Savala.

What was your favorite part about Forensics?

"State fo' sho'! So many jokes, we just laughed the whole time! It is great being able to perform for others, and also getting to know some cool people from our school, and schools all over the state."-Emily Krauspe ('04)

"All of the free chocolate Yoohoo."
-Dave Taylor ('06)

"Kellner, Kling, Norton. Funnest people ever! Not to mention you learn how to speak good... well... yeah!" -Mike Giese ('04)

"I would tell people to join Forensics because it's fun and you can hang out, with someone like me!" -Elyse Damsch ('05')

rose readers Stan Lemon ('03) and Emily Krauspe ('04) show off their talents for all to e, no matter where the performance.

The Forensics team gets to know each other very well, as they all display a wacky sense of humor.

Dave Taylor ('06) jumps into Andy Dameron's ('04) arms in all of the excitement of "Verbally Yours," giving everyone's work a 'thumbs up.'

LAUGHTER! ORIGINALITY! HUMOR! BRILLIANCE!

VICA

VOCATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF AMERICA

Fifty VICA members attended the Springfield Conference, but only one will be going to Nationals in Kansas City, Missouri in June 2003.

With a focus on vocational talents, SkillsUSA-VICA (Vocatio Industrial Clubs of America) prepares students for future careers. VIC allows students to explore areas of their own interest. The club focuse occupations, including architecture, interior design, and pre-school teach Advisors Paul Junkroski and Patti Kozlowski play an active role in ensur that students excel, especially at the conference in Springfield every Ap

The Springfield winners include: Heather Coakley (1st place), Susa Lincoln (2nd place), and Carmen Saucedo (4th place) in Commercial Sewin in Interior Design, Kadi Flagg placed 2nd, Heather Coakley placed 3rd, an Kayla Kramer placed 6th; Stephanie Hendron placed 4th in Action Sk Demonstration; in Machine Drafting Board Dave Bennett place Elizabeth Diaz and Jessica Gallegos placed 6th in Preschool Bulletin Bo in Related Technical Math Bob McLaren placed 3rd; Alison Dahl placed in Internet Homepage Creative and 5th in Demonstration B; Chri Hendron placed 1st in Advertising Design. Hendron gets to compe nationals in Kansas City, Missouri in the summer of 2003.

VICA also had a successful food drive around the holiday seas setting a school record for the amount of food collected. The club colle over 5,200 items for the food pantry at St. Mary's Church.

-Christine Hendron, Brisa Mendez, and Maricarmen Os

Christine Hendron ('03) receives first place in Advertising Design.

What's On Your Mind

"I thought it was really cool because it was a good experience for my freshman year"
-Stephanie Hendron ('06)

"Going to Springfield was a great experience for me. I got to make new friends and talk to different people"
-Stephany Vasquez ('05)

"I got to meet new people and do some thing different"
-Elizabeth Diaz ('05)

Mrs. Clifford and Mr. Bardey eat breakfast before going to th Awards Ceremony in which students receive their prizes.

FBLA

Good leaders are made, but great leaders are inspired. With an immense demand for leaders in the business world, Ms. Blume and Mrs. Wirth devote their efforts to inspiring students involved in the Future Business Leaders of America to become the best that they can be.

Members of FBLA work on many levels to develop competitive business leaders and to raise money for the high school and the community. They sponsored this year's successful "We-Go Through the Emmys" Variety Show and served the West Chicago community with a variety of projects. From desktop publishing to public speaking, FBLA mentors members to expand their knowledge about subjects ranging from marketing to finance.

Is there a better way to start a business career than FBLA? These members are the future of America, and perhaps the next Bill Gates is among these talented students. "This year's group was just magnificent to work with," said Ms. Blume. "I will always remember their dedication, and I know their future careers will be successful."

-Brisa Mendez and Maricarmen Osorio

Nineteen individuals from the state competition are going to National Conference in June 2003 in Dallas, Texas.

Members of FBLA gather at the Northern Area Conference and show their pride along with their awards.

FBLA All The Way!

"FBLA has truly helped me come out of my shell and be more outgoing and sociable. I've always had my own opinions, but now I'm not afraid to express them."
-Tatiana Podstavkova ('03)

"FBLA is special because we are able to help out charities, as well as participate in activities to make our chapter in life better."
-Nicole Puccetti ('04)

Matt Shambo ('03) receives his award at Northern Area Conference.

Around The World International Club

The International Club looked into the holidays of different religions and a variety of cultures. Their activities involved going to the Art Institute of Chicago to look at paintings and sculptures. They were able to watch different cultural movies and sample types of food from around the world. By learning about other ways of life, members realized everyone is unique in his or her own way.

German Club

During the first month of school, the German Club had the pleasure of hearing a guest speaker who visited Germany. Other activities for this year included eating at a German restaurant, watching German videos and visiting the Art Institute for the unique arts of Germany.

Spanish Club

The Spanish culture is ever present at We-Go, as is the Spanish Club. In early November, the club decided to go to the Art Institute for a look at the Mexican fine arts exhibit. They also chowed down on Mexican food and were able to shop at Mexican stores. "I want them to expand the experiences to make the language and culture real," Ms. Junkroski, the adviser of the club, said.

French Club

"The best part of French Club is eating all the great food," Sean Warren ('03), treasurer of French Club, said. In 2003, French Club focused on learning the language and appreciating the culture. They once again had a potluck dinner in conjunction with the other clubs, went to eat at Suzette's Creperie in Wheaton, and engaged in many other French activities.

"Folk dancing was the greatest, although it almost killed me!" said Melissa Prusko ('04), a three year member. One of the highlights of the year included the annual folk dancing lesson. A teacher from Fermi Lab came for to the school to enlighten and update the movers and shakers of French Club on various cultural dances.

-Patty Carmona

What a man of mystery! Jeff Cisowski ('05) acts as Austin Powers during the 2003 German Plays.

Jeff Cisowski (05'), a member of the German Club, participates in a German play with his fellow classmates.

jorie Appel ponders the French cuisine at the final nch Club dinner.

What has the experience of the cultures taught you? How will you use the cultural knowledge in the future?

"To be more accepting to other people's difference. Just relax and don't pay much attention to them."
-Tatiana Podstavkova('03')

"To not look like a tourist when I go to Germany."
-Matt Timko ('03')

Carmen Saucedo ('03), president of French Club, takes a bite out of her meal at the final French Club activity.

t: Astrid Castillo, Melissa Prusko, Jackie Ruiz, Keri Sagen, Patricia rez, Alondra Hernandez **1st row:** Sean Warren, Katy Kostal, Hope ,Carmen Saucedo, Noemi Rodriguez, Denise Almaraz, Emily drabа **2nd row:** Michelle Losacco , Marjorie Appel, Luzmaria ehui, Lourdes Tlatehui, Nancy Ortega, Judith Reza, Kirsten ckhoff, Kristina Wanous, Seyda Lavariega, Ashley Rawls, idBriseno, **Back:** Justin Hoshaw, Leigh Hellman, Sarah ,Heather Coakley, Vicente Fernandez, Lorena Mansera, Alonso orres

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Why do you feel it's important for students to learn other cultures and languages?

"I believe that students should learn about other cultures because I believe they will learn to understand themself and their own culture and language better."
-Terry Strohm

nt: Jeff Burgess, Emily Krauspe, Jesse Lord, AndreaJohnson, any Boehm **Middle:** Erik Nelson, Melissa Sheme, Jason LeGear, lee McLeod, Tatiana Podstavkova, Summer Hassan **Back:** Dale Joffrey Benter, Harrison Kuras, Jeff Cisowski, Brian Youngberg, Cordina, Julien Benter, Matt Timko, Terry Strohm

Front: Jeff Raymond, Krista Johnson, Tyler Hempel, Courtney Mathias, Alyssa Campagnoni, Kim Rovtar **Back:** Sarah Bellis, Katie Walker, Katie Gehrke, Ashley Mazzola, Rachel Kuna, Katie Taylor, Summer Hassan

The Few, The Proud,

All eyes focus on Mr. Highland as he speaks.

Each year Community High School honors its students who excel academically and who demonstrate a commitment to the school by naming them to the National Honor Society and to the Foreign Language National Honor Societies. These students demontrate their commitment to their studies and to languages on a daily basis.

In addition to their academic success, members of the National Honor Society must perform several hours of community service and must be nominated by their teachers to receive this honor. With Ms. Daneels and Mrs. Laimins as their advisors, these students truly demonstrate the best of West Chicago. Their efforts are reflected each year at graduation by the gold tassles on their caps.

Lovers of languages and cultures are honored by being selected to become members of the Foreign Language Honor Society.Whether their fortes are Spanish, French, or German, these students have proven their commitment to excelling at academics, speaking other lanaguages, and learning about other nations and ethnicities.

-The *Challenge* Staff

Maggie Wdowiarz offers her appreciation for her award.

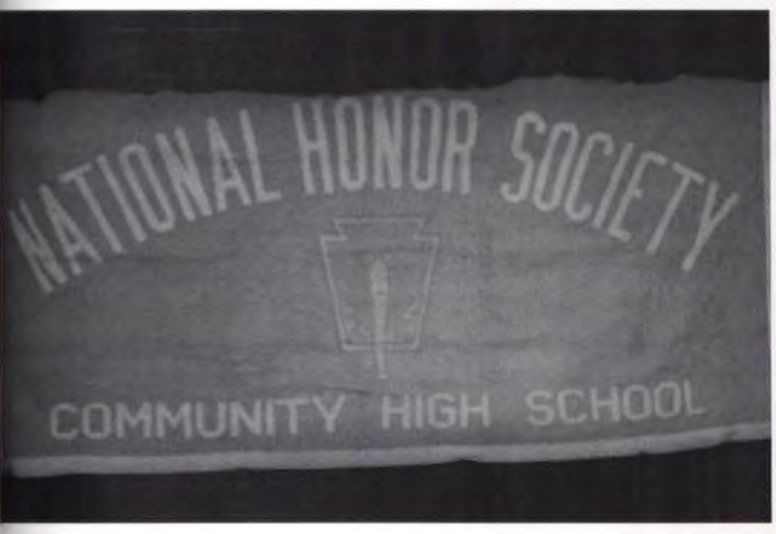
Members fo the German Honor Society displays their awards with pride.

Honor Society students are recognized for their ability to achieve beyond expectations.

Parlez-vous francias? These students do, and all of them recieved an A in French.

Spanish Honor Society members are recognized for excelling in the Spanish language.

The Honor Societies

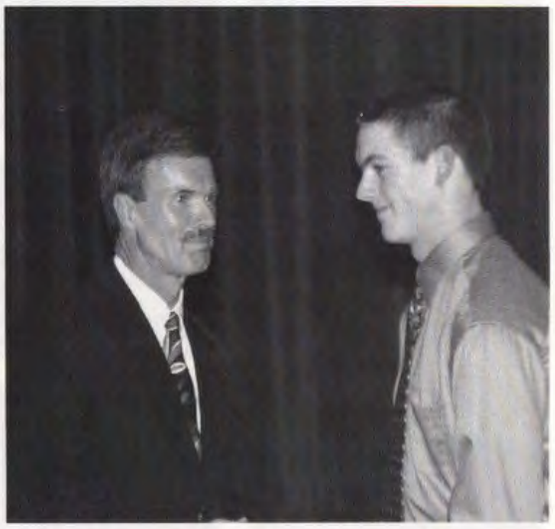


le-Go students proudly display their devotion to the National Honor Society.

Carrie Gallimore motivates students to excell in academics in the future.

Mr. Highland congratulates Jeff Hanson with an award.

Ms. Daneels expresses how impressed she is with all the students.



Junior Dan Harms is recognized by Principal Highland.

Beth Kipp finally recieves recognition for her hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Newly inducted NHS Members Brittany Boehm ('04), Lisa Martin ('04), Molly Knaak ('04), and Jill Novak ('04) celebrate.

Going Through The Motions

For three days each semester, the Government students of West Chicago turned into composed parliamentarians. What started out as just another government legislative simulation grew into a great way to experience democracy first hand. Students expressed their beliefs, opinions, and values during the legislative sessions.

Each semester, American Government students, taught by Ms. Daneels and Mr. Healy, declare their parties, pick bills, debate those bills, and vote on them. From amnesty, to the insanity plea, to the idea of ending Title IX, everything becomes fodder for debate – and these are just a few of the bills discussed this past year.

For students, the most exciting part of the Government sessions is the oppurtunity, but for Mr. Healy, it's "listening to one of my 'quiet kids' deliver a dramatic speech before more than two hundred of his peers."

To the students, none of the topics are too small, too big, too simple, or too complicated. When walking into a session, the heat of debate is felt. Democracy in progress. Please do not disturb.

-Melissa Prusko

Nick Bernard ('03) listens as the opposition speaks.

Scott Sicder ('03) delivers his opening speech for his bill.

Government

"It gives us a taste of how things are really run in OS Government and it gives students a chance to be heard as well as take responsibility in running things ourselves."
-Jim Oront ('08)

"It's going to be overwhelming at first, but everything will fall into place. Get involved. It goes faster."
-Kristin Nickelson ('08)

"We should have gone for getting rid of the 'present' vote ... and then vote 'present' on it!"
-Mike Peters ('08)

The best part about teaching Government is, "It allows me to convey my knowledge about Government to my students, enabling them to think and act as legislators."
-Mr. Healy

Brian Romanelli ('03) tells the opposition how it is.

Three Government students get to spend time with Representative Johnson.

Kelly Siekman ('03) points out why the opposition is wrong.

What is the most interesting bill to discuss?

"Debating the present vote, of all things. The one bill you would think would have a calm discussion and people were jumping out of their chairs."
-Maggie Wdowiarz ('08)

SEMESTER LEADERSHIP: Speaker Pat Baur, Chief Executive Dominique Scott, Majority Floor Leader Jeremy Jensen, Minority Floor Leader Paul Majchrowski, ity Whip Melissa Lund, Minority Whip Tony Reyes. **SECOND SEMESTER LEADERSHIP:** Speaker Brian Nelson, Chief Executive Carmen Saucedo, Majority Floor er Jason Adams, Minority Floor Leader Jeremy Rose, Majority Whip Mike Doll., and Minority Whip Becca Duran.

ul Majchrowski ('03) gets into the l of Democracy.

Bob Nagel ('03) studies the dictionary in hopes of understanding the issue.

Mike Paschke ('03) stands up to the the onslaught of Democratic voices.

in with an open mind and don't ke things people say personally. There is life outside of the Government simulation!"
-Maggie Wdowiarz ('08)

"Make sure you have dress clothes that fit!"
-Mike Peters ('08)

"I feel very adamant about the Death Penalty, and a lot of other people do too!"
-Theresa McEvoy ('08)

"Try to gain some knowledge on different possible bills before you start government so you can debate and know what you're talking about."
-Matt Shambo ('08)

Seminars 2003

"Keep up with world issues and make intelligent comments. 'Because I said so' doesn't work."
-Melissa Stevens ('08)

If you had advice for underclassmen before they reach government, what would it be? Why?

The 20th & 21st Legislative Sessions

Mayhem in the Middle East

When asked the following, We-Go's students were eager to respond...

What are your opinions on the war?

How has the war affected you?

Tensions were high: the UN was against U.S. actions dealing with Iraq, freedom fries were being served to the Senate, and suddenly everyone had an opinion about a Middle Eastern country whose leader had a history with America.

To some, the drama leading up to the war lasted longer than the actual conflict, but others will feel the repercussions of U.S. intervention for years to come. The soldiers that fought the war, the politicians who debated it, and the civilians caught in between were directly affected, whereas the rest of the world took a backseat.

A myriad of students were asked to comment on the war in Iraq. Here's what We-Go had to say.

-Katy Kostal

Melissa Stevens
Senior

"As a pacifist, I was completely against the U.S.'s actions in Iraq: We didn't just attack Saddam, we attacked innocent civilians. With attacks such as "Shock and Awe", I found myself disgusted with the people proud of such barbarism. The President claimed that it was intended to end terrorism, but it will only breed more of it. Every orphan, every person maimed in a U.S. bombing, will only cause more hate for the U.S."

Meghan Dalton
Sophomore

"I do not agree with the idea of war, but I'm glad that Iraq is liberated. I have close friends who are in the military and I'm worried for all our troops. I still think it'll be some time before Iraq is back on its feet. It feels good knowing we've eliminated one psycho as a world power, but it's scary to think of who might take his place."

Emily Biancalana
Senior

"I can't say I'm a fan of war because of what it entitles. But I do think that the war in Iraq and its goal were needed. If we are students of history, we have to look back and realize the repercusions of waiting around for things to fix themselves...because they won't. As the quote goes, 'With great power comes great responsibility.' We are that great power and should intervene when situations like this occur."

Jeremy Rose
Senior

"I think the war turned out better than we thought it would, but I think we are still waiting to see what the world-wide reaction will be. I don't think the bombing in Saudi Arabia is the last bombing we will see directed at American troops."

Jeff Hansen
Junior

"I really disagree with the U.S. invasion of Iraq, but I disagree even more with our ultra-patriotic and ignorant worldly-attitude that so many people show. This anti-France, almost anti-peace jingoism, is frighteningly common, and I'm afraid of what it may lead to in the end. In any case, I'm moving to Canada."

From "Shock & Awe"

Opinions on the Front

To Reconstruction

Gwen Geiger
Mathematics Teacher

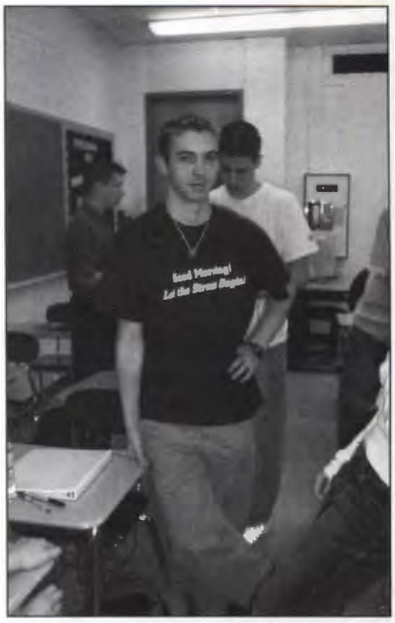
feel that the war has impacted my e in an economic sense, indirectly. As a result, home mortgage rates continue to decrease. I plan to pitalize on this fact by refinancing my mortgage. We're still seeing growth in the economy, but it is stagnant. The war resulted in a newhat more stable environment cause we don't have this wacko in he Middle East capable - or who ave been capable of - producing weapons of mass destruction."

Jason Kling
English Teacher

"I was firmly against the war - particularly U.S. intervention in Iraq without the support of the UN and its own population. As it progressed, I didn't waver from my opinion. I think we had good intentions in Iraq, but our methods were pretty questionable - the way the U.S. alienated the rest of the world and burned a lot of bridges with international allies and blatantly ignored a huge section of its population that was confused or basically against the war. I'd say the U.S. didn't really think through about what would happen after the fall of Saddam Hussein. The reconstruction of Iraq is going to take funds away from national programs that sorely need it."

Mike Peters
Senior

For two straight weeks, I couldn't watch 'That 70s Show' at 5:30. Seriously though, it was unfortunate ur soldiers lost their lives n Iraq, but I feel safer and nore secure knowing that ction was taken to bring wn a known terrorist and those who followed and upported him...besides, I iked watching the buildings explode."



Jason Adams
Senior

"I was behind the war with Iraq from start to finish. I believe that Saddam Hussein has been a threat to America for too long. President Bush has shown great leadership through these difficult times. He has had great success with the War on Terrorism. My family has been directly affected by going to war with Iraq. My brother has been serving in the Persian Gulf. Even with him so close to danger, my entire family is behind the decisions made by President Bush."

Bethany Inch
Freshman

"I have never agreed with war. War is violent and most times not needed. However, I agree with this war because Saddam is a crazy and brutal man that needed to be pulled out of office along with his sons. I'm happy Iraq is getting closer to freedom. I'm also worried for our troops, but we are close to the end."

Rick Camp
Junior

"Although I disagree with going to war, the outcome has been what was expected, but I think this might hurt us in the future. However the only good thing about the war was that it was very quickly done with. Like what we did with Japan, we'll have to give them money to rebuild and be their military because Iraq won't be allowed to have an army of their own. Thus we will be spending much more money than we need to to keep Iraq going."

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WESS JEANS
Wildcats

New Horizons

The class of 2003 struggled through the torment of ng underclassmen and the agony of junior year. As iors, the crowns for rulers of the school have been ned. The new year came with much anticipated perks: ter schedules, off-hours and a total disconcern for pearances.

Senior pride emerged in full force. Each morning Senior ll filled with music, friends, and the occasional catnap. e ins and outs of the whole school were known to all, d the best excuses to get one through each day.

As the class of '03 prepares to branch off on their own ferent journeys after We-Go, there's always that one last ok around everyone takes to realize what a fast and emorable four years it's been.

-Katy Kostal

A slew of seniors pose in their wildest Halloween costumes. "The funniest moment in my high school experience was Halloween 2002. Everyone dressed up. It was awesome," said Student Council President Nick Bernard.

Jim Rylowicz, Josh Kane, Chris Sanzeri, Matt Kallas and Mike Martinez throw traditional attire out the door and dress as comfortably as possible with "Best Homecoming Ever" written across their undershirts.

unniest Moment Of The High School Experience

tripping and twirling my shirt ove my head at our last home tball game in front of the whole school!"
-Liz Brosseau

"When I had the person running hall passes deliver a fake fart medication to Mr. Stark in a pharmaceutical bag and everything."
-Ashley Mazzola

"When I blew up the sink in Chemistry."
-Rachel Moguel
"Mr. Doll doing 'Particle Man'."
-Jeanine Macrito

"Doing donuts on the football field in a golf cart."
-Melissa Lund
"When Mr. B. slid into the wall in Adv. Algebra sophomore year."
-Matt Timko

rek Jensen juggles books and binders his first day as a senior.

Jessica Garcia smiles, thinking of her Variety Show performances.

During Homecoming the Senior banner is diplayed above the drinking fountains in Senior Hall represting the overflow of school pride and pep.

Roberto Acosta
Jason Adams
Thomas Aguirre
Sarah Altergott
Nicolas Alvarez
Thomas Amos
Jason Anthony
Gabriel Antonio
Erica Arevalo
Sarah Assian
Gladys Avila
Katherine Baginski
Alexander Baker
Jennifer Baker
Daniel Ballines
Elyse Barron
Heather Barron
Jackie Batty
James Bauler
Jeff Beeks
Matthew Benson
Joshua Bentham
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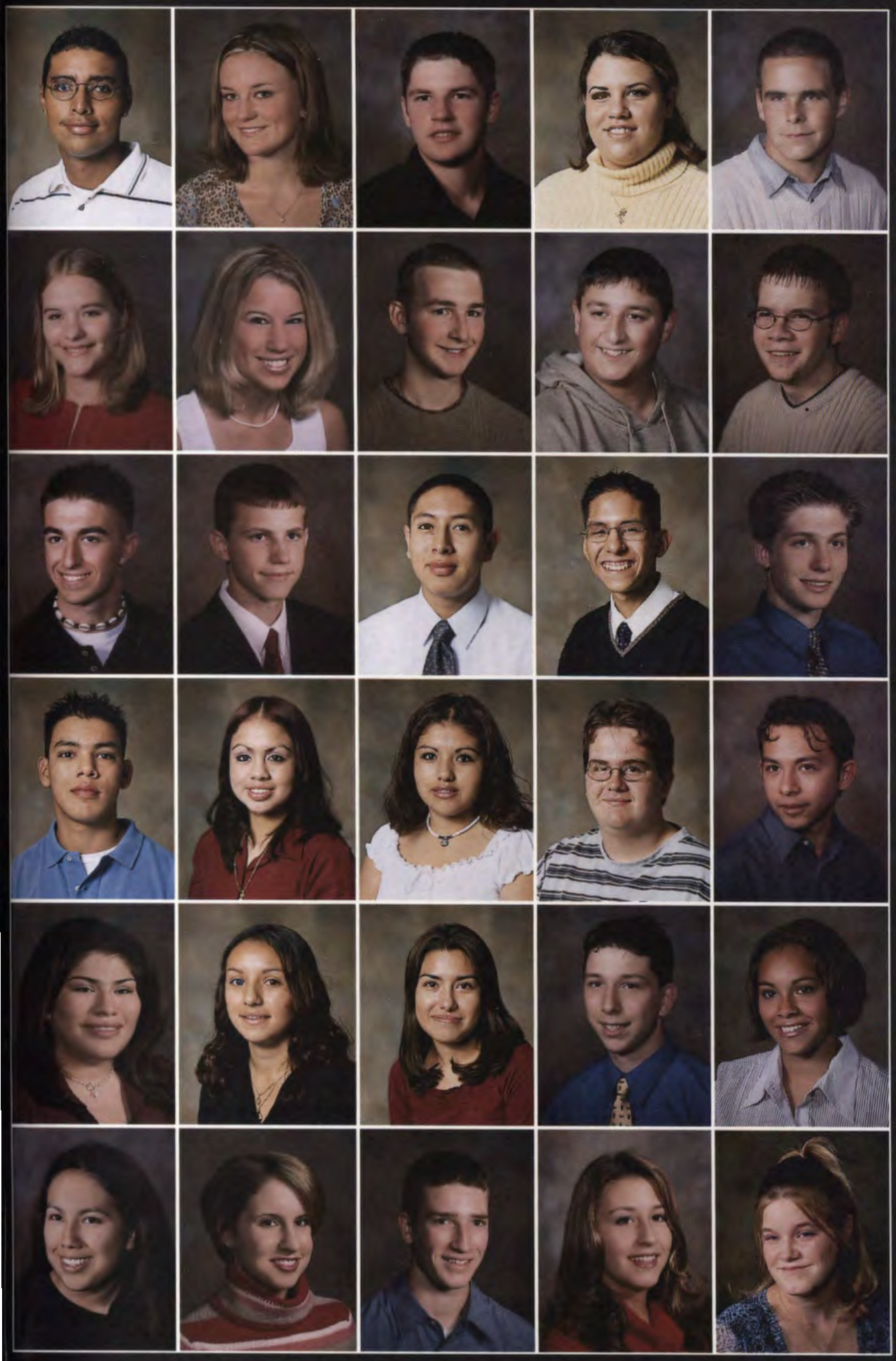

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Fernando Camargo
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Urias Carmona
Magdalena Carrasco
Claudia Carrillo
Phillip Carter
Jose Castellanos
Jasmeen Castillo
Marisol Castillo
Mercedes Castro
Sean Chapman
Daisy Chavez
Denise Chavez
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Nicholas Chillemi
Natalie Chudoba
Jenni Cieslewski

Heather Cirone
Charles Cloutier
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Hans Colliander
Geraldine Colorado
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Claudia Cortes-Reyes
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Javier Cruz
Marco Cruz
Jessica Cwiak
Leanna Czernik
Carmine D'Aversa
Alison Dahl
Neil Dannug
Jenny Davero
Melissa Davis
Michelle Davis
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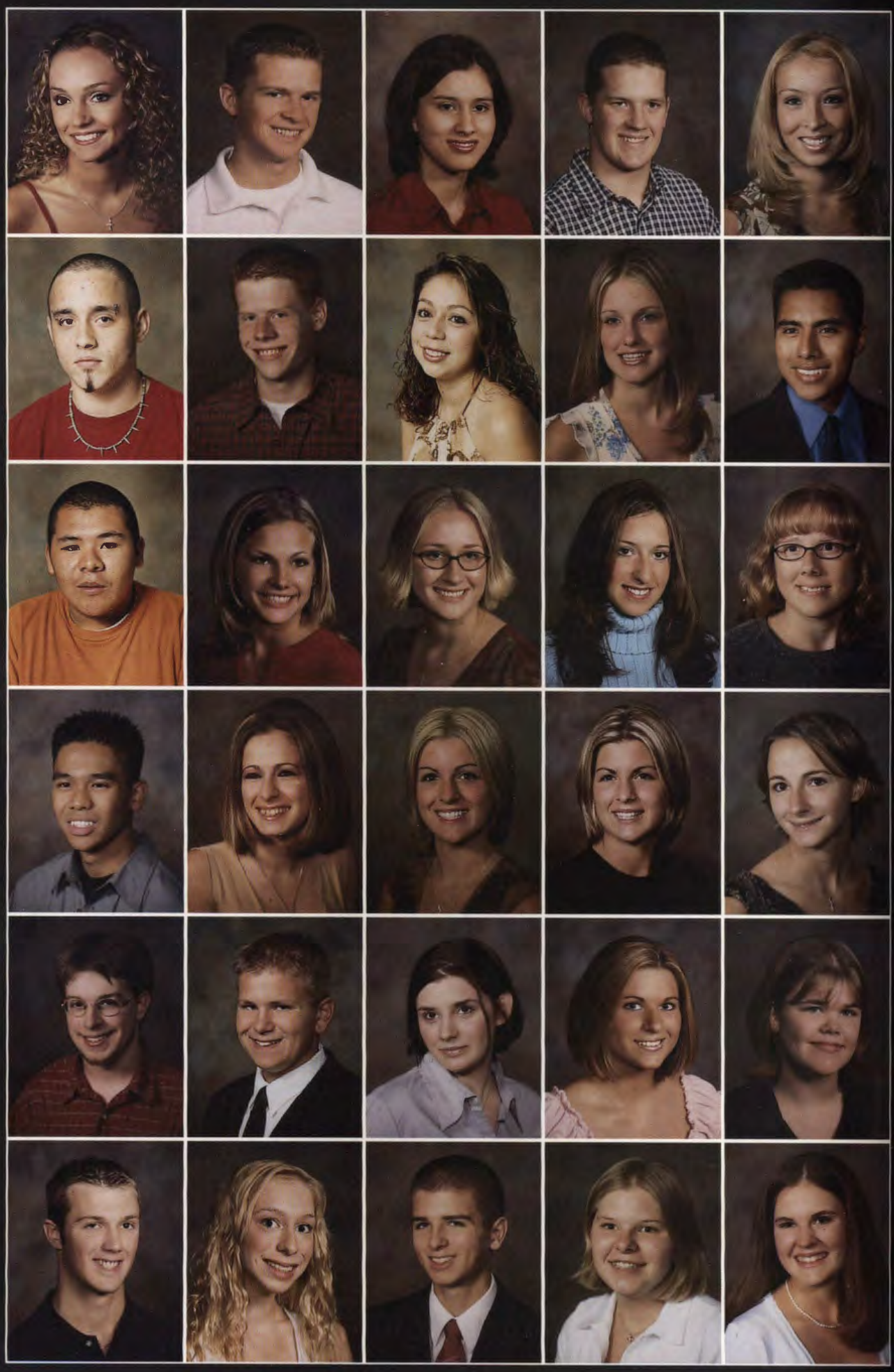

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Ismael Ferrer
Kori Flagg
Mark Foote
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Joshua Frederick
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John French
Jessica Gallardo
Carrie Gallimore
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Maria Garcia
Miriam Garcia

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Sergio Garcia
Xochitl Garcia
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Heather Goorley
Jose Granados
Lauren Gravenites
Jared Hall
Kayla Halsall
Sarah Hammer
Joshua Hartman
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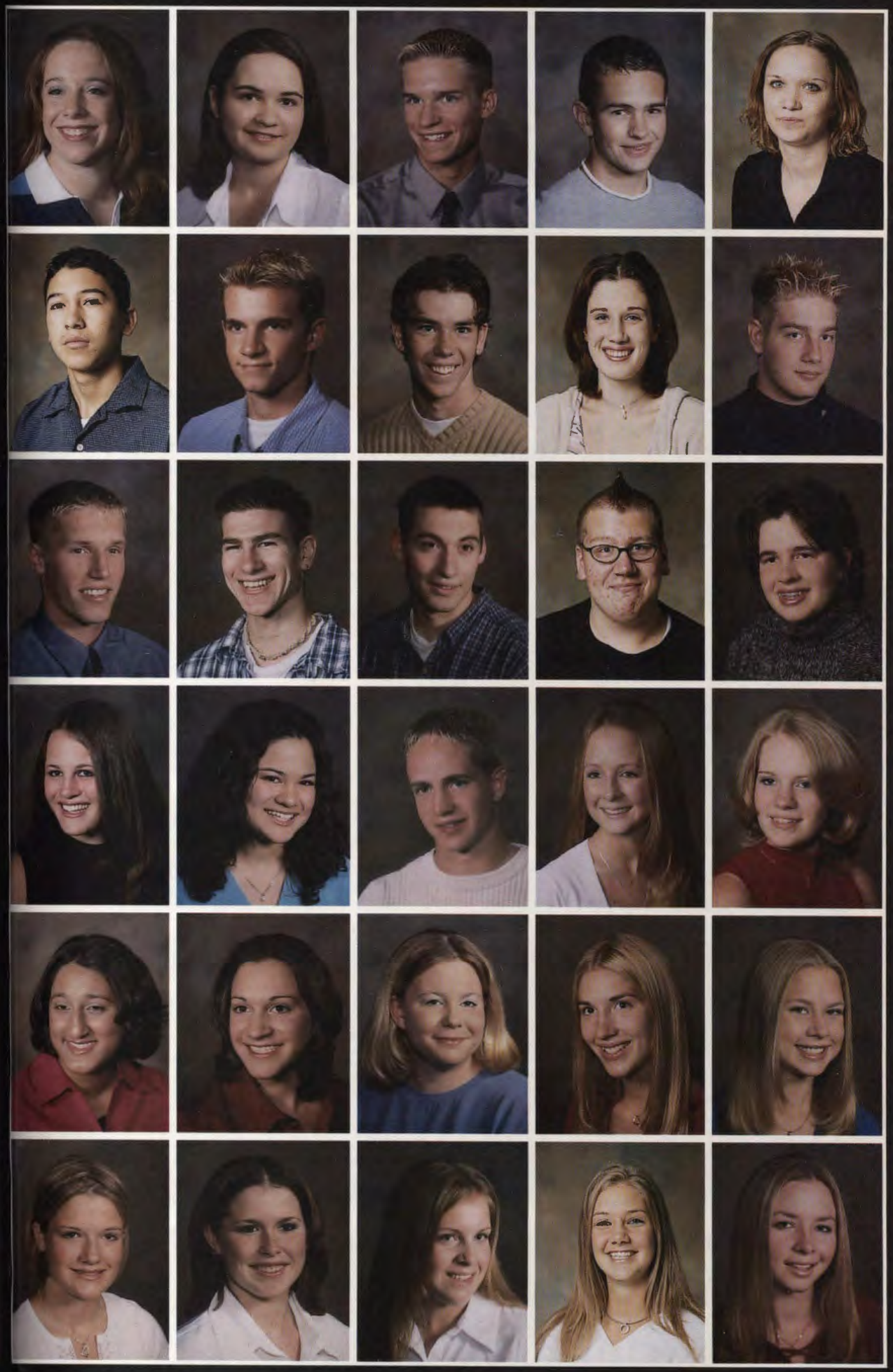

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Joseph Kelly
Samantha Kimber
Elizabeth Kipp
Lauren Kirby
Joseph Klingberg
Meredith Koch
Amanda Koester
Noorah Koita
Kristin Koltz
Dawn Konoff
Heather Koslow
Katy Kostal
Nicole Kovacevic
Luanne Kozlowski
Jessica Krueger
Brittney Ksepka
Jillian Kufta

Senior

Carmen Saucedo and Keri Sagen flex their muscles earned through cross country and swimming respectively.

Jackie Stentz, Nicole Lederman and Lauren Kirby sweat up a storm during the Homecoming dance.

Choirbirds Sean Warren and Michael Treachler pose for Mr. Fantozzi at a chamber choir party hosted by Warren.

Brian Steere takes a catnap during 7/8. AP English IV isn't exhausting - just really comfortable.

Class

Right: Melissa Stevens can't stand the smell of Joe Tumidalsky...or maybe it's just his feet.

Left: Jose Garcia, Josue Leon, Carmen Saucedo and Mercedes Castro hug in Commons during 5/6.

"Act like an idiot and don't care what others think - you'll never get the chance to again!"
-Theresa McEvoy
"Grades matter, work hard everyday so that you succeed for the rest of your life."
-Ernesto Romo

Patrick Baur

Joseph Cinquegrani

Christopher Jakubik

Liliana Marciano

Left: Alison Dahl, Katie Taylor and Heather Barron break the monotony of each morning however they can.

Right: Brian Romanelli cuddles with his girlfriend Jessica Cwiak, going strong for nine months and counting.

Freckled Natalie Chudoba and Jessi Crockatt do their best impressions of little children.

Jaclyn Demes and Dylan Swanner pause to smile between fire alarms and fog-machine disasters.

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Senior volleyball girls go crazy prior to their last home game against Wheaton North - the Wildcats won.

Jessica York smiles thinking of the hilarious things Mr. Courtney accidently said during AP English IV.

2003

Elisabeth Montenegro

Andrew Photopulos

Matthew Timko

"A year sounds like a long time. So four sounds like eternity, but it goes by in a flash. Enjoy your time here, and spend it with those that will too."
-Justin Hoshaw

"Work hard, party harder!"
-Al Baker

"Experience as much as you can, try things. If you don't like it, stop it. If you do like it, then you'll be glad you tried it."
-James Oroni

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Jeff Lenertz
Jessica Lesniak
Katie Leston
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Susan Lincoln
Lisa Lindner
Tyler Link
Errik Loosli
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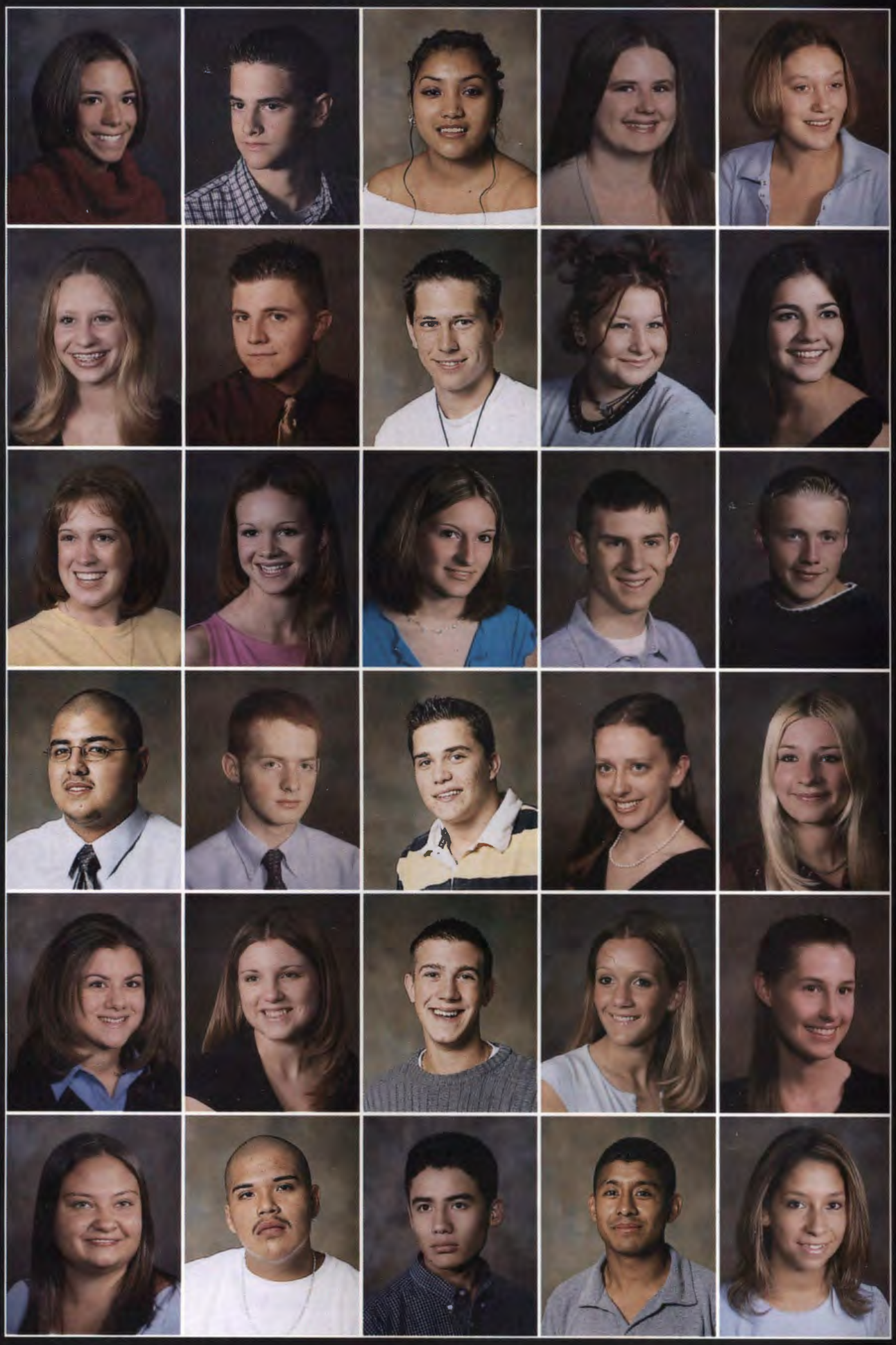

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Daniel Millard
Karen Miller
Richard Miller
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Dominique Mitchell
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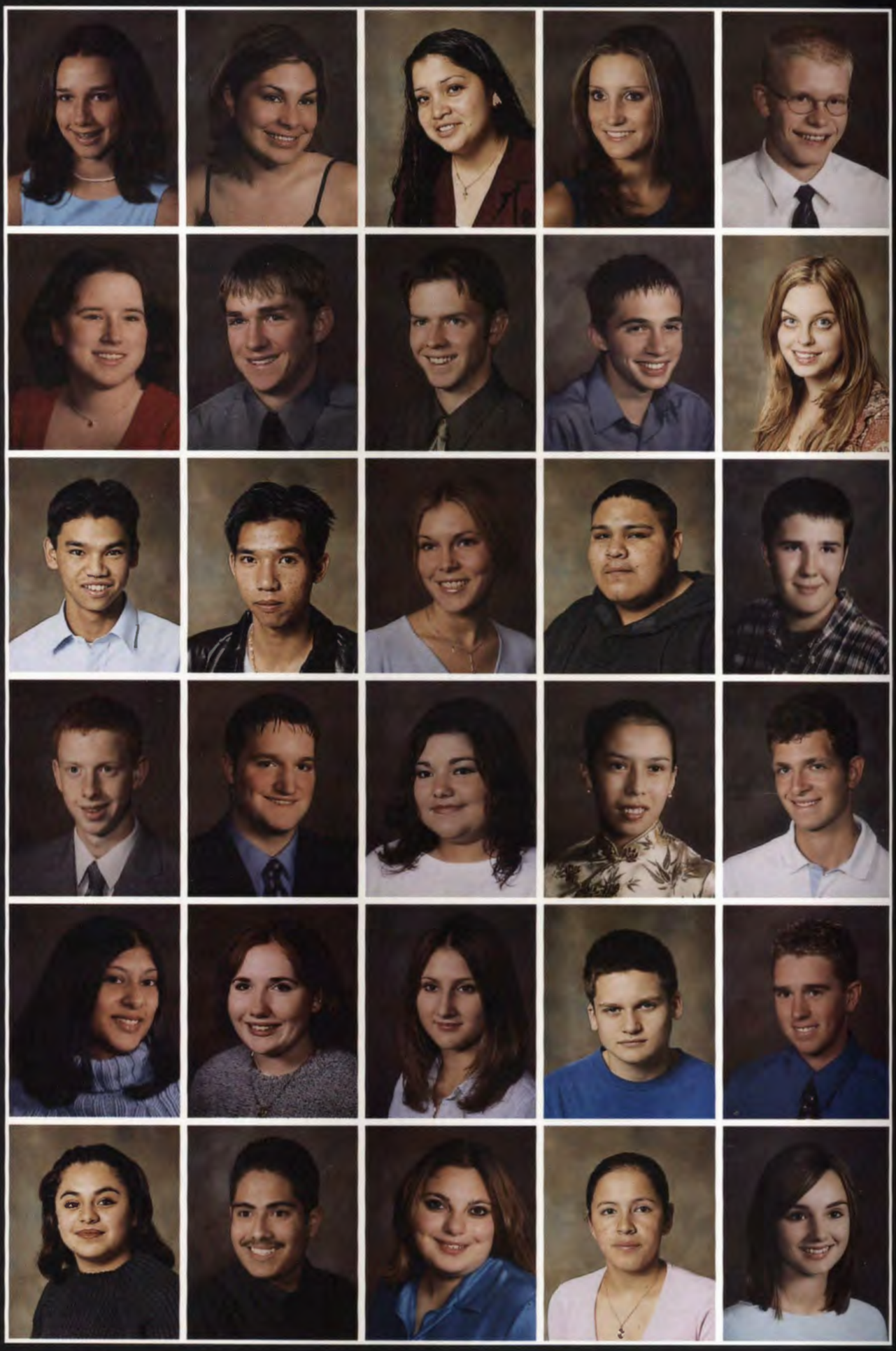

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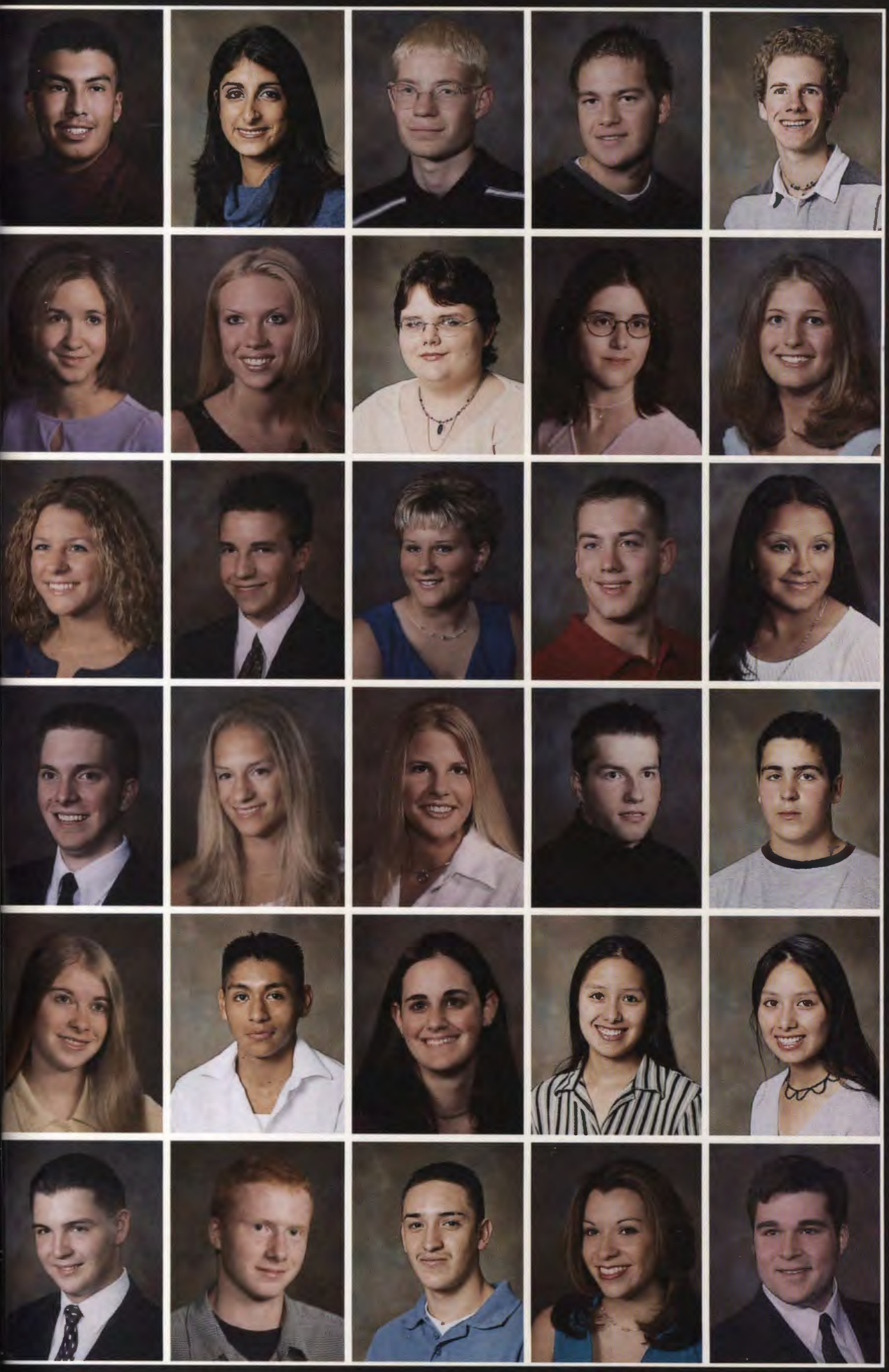

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Marybeth Stotz

Gregory Stranski

Nicole Strayve

Roger Strike II

Gina Svehla

Dylan Swanner

Brittany Swantek

Joanna Szeszycki

Marcin Szymoniak

Justus Taylor

Katie Taylor

Juan Tecuatl

Monaca Thomas

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Michael Treachler

Joseph Tumidalsky

Abel Valdez

Elizabeth Valdez

Adam Vann

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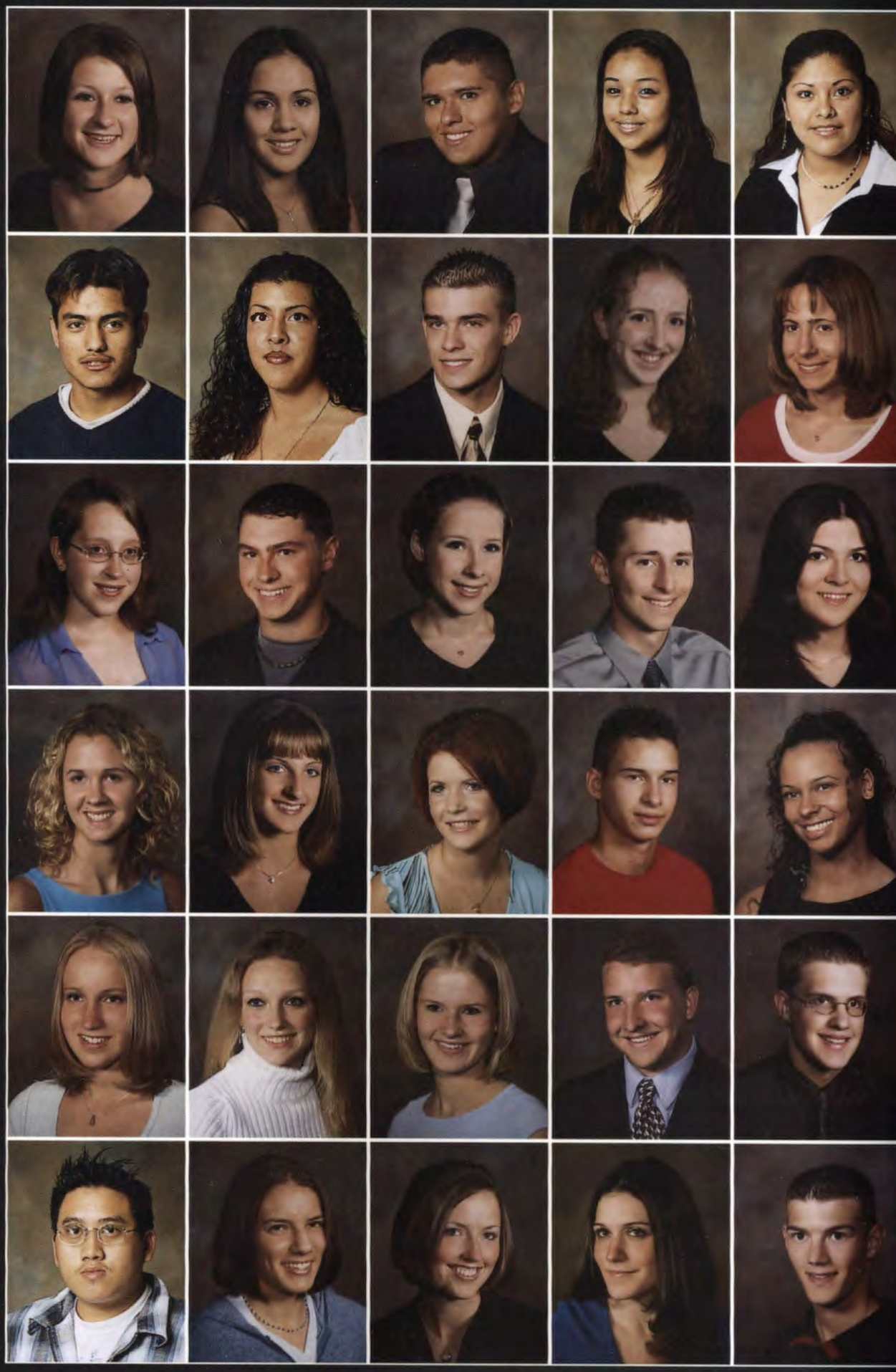


Honorable Thoughts

"I didn't expect any awards, but it's nice to realize I did a little more than other people and am being noticed for it."
-Heather Cirone ('03)

"I need someone to misbehave with."
-Mike Peters ('03)

"We took people's names, the first two letters of their first and last names, and created new names. Lymi (Lynn Mielke) was next to me, Ammo (Amanda Morrison) was a ways down, and Asma (Ashley Mazzola) was receiving an award at one point."
- Sean Warren ('03)

"It was hilarious when they were calling off the people for perfect attendance and the first four weren't there!"
- Sarah Hammer ('03)

Last Stop...

Before Graduation

Seniors Receive Recognition For Their Achievements

Before graduating seniors can throw their caps, their achievements must be noted. Senior Honors Night is an evening set aside for such an occasion, when the best of the graduating class gets a pat on the back and some extra compensation for all their hard work.

Several scholarships were handed out, as well as special awards of recognition. The recipients of the Wildcat Booster Club scholarship included Jessica Cwiak, Katy Kostal, Jami Murphy, Brian Romanelli, and CJ Wostratzky, and the American Legion Scholarships were presented to Elizabeth Brosseau, Rebecca Dennis, Rebeca Duran, Joshua Hartman, Justin Hoshaw, and Michael Peters.

The multitude of talent spanned across the Class of 2003, and such students as Brian Nelson and Matt Shambo received the Business Students of the Year.

The sound of the West Chicago choirs filled the auditorium between award presentations, making the transition between perfect attendance and National Merit Scholarship Award Winners as smooth as the sopranos' solos.

The National Merit Scholarship Award Winner was Patrick Baur. He is just a single example of how far the class of 2003 has come in the past four years, and serves to ensure that they will continue to go far.

-Katy Kostal

Lauren Mroz, Lisa Lindner, and Lauren Kirby rise for the President's Education Award.

The Concert Choir sings "Somewhere" from *West Side Story* before the ceremony.

Senior Surveys

Jason Adams-FBLA 4; National Honor Society 4; Boys Basketball 123; High Honor Roll1234.
Tom Aguirre-FBLA 4; Boys Volleyball 1234; Honor Roll 34.
Sarah Altergott-Band 1234; Ambassadors Club 4; German National Honor Society 234; Girls Basketball 12; Badminton 1234; Honor Roll 1234.
Sarah Assian-; Choir 1234; Concert Choir 34; Cheerleader 234; Math Team 4; Wildcat Chronicle 2; Spring Musical Crew 1; FBLA 4; Pep Club 1234; Key Club 12.
Katie Baginski- Key Club 2; German Club 123; SADD 2; Badminton123.
Alex Baker- FBLA1234; Student Council 34; Football2; Boys Soccer 1; Boys Tennis 4; Boys Track and Field 12; Honor Roll 1234.
Elyse Barron- Spanish Club 234; Art Club 3; Softball 1234; Honor Roll 1234.
Heather Barron- Spanish Club 34; Art Club 13; Softball 1234; Honor Roll 1234.
Jackie Batty- FBLA 34; Spanish Club 2; Homecoming Court 4; Girls Volleyball 1
Nick Bernard- FBLA 34; Junior State of America 4; Ambassadors Club 34; Student Council 234; National Honor Society 234; Boys Soccer 123; Boys Track And Field 1234; Honor Roll 1234.
Aimee Beutke- Cheerleader 3; Spanish Club 1; Art Club 34; Ambassadors Club 4; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Prom Court 3; Prom Queen 3; Girls Cross Country 4; Girls Golf 2; Girls Basketball 12; Girls Track and Field 1234; Honor Roll 1; High Honor Roll 234
Emily Biancalana- Band 12; Jazz Band 12; Math Team 4; National Honor Society 1234; Girls Swimming and Diving 1234; Girls Track and Field 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.
Simon Blanco- Choir 24; Concert Choir 4; Boys Ensemble 4; Key Club 1; French Club 234; SADD 4; Football 1234; Honor Roll 12
Stephanie Bodane- Wildcat Chronicle 234; Junior State of America 34; Girls Volleyball 1234; Honor Roll 1234; Powderpuff 3.
Rachel Borsodi- Pep Club 34; SADD 23.
Elizabeth A. Brosseau- Band 1234; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 34; Girls Volleyball 1; Badminton 1234; Honor Roll 1234.
Brittany Brown- Choir 1234; Concert Choir 34; Prom Court 3; Girls Golf 34; Girls Volleyball 1; Honor Roll 1234.
Chris Brown- Key Club 2; FBLA 4; Honor Roll 123; High Honor Roll 4.
Brian Calabrese- Math Team 1; Skills USA Vica 3; National Honor Society 34; Football 123; Boys Volleyball 1234; Boys Track and Field 3;Honor Roll 1234.
Jim Campbell- German National Honor Society- 2; Football 12; Boys Volleyball 134; Boys Basketball 123; Honor Roll 1; High Honor Roll 234.
Claudia Carrillo- Horticulture Club 3; Girls Soccer 23.
Magdalena Carrasco- Art Club 1; Honor Roll 2.
Jasmeen Castillo- Choir 3; Key Club 2; Spanish Club 1234; SADD 12 ; Girls Tennis 23; Honor Roll 234; High Honor Roll 1.
Marisol Castillo- Horticulture Club 34; SADD 4; Girls Soccer 1; Girls Tennis 2.
Mercedes Castro- Yearbook 4; Horticulture Club 4; Girls Soccer 2; Powder Puff 3.
Sean Chapman- Football 12; Boys Track and Field 1.
Angel Chiarito- Choir 2; German Club 2; SADD 12; Honor Roll 234; High Honor Roll 1.
Nick Chillemi- Band1234; Jazz Band34; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 23; Wrestling 12; Baseball 1; High Honor Roll 1234.
Natalie Chudoba- SADD 3; Student Council 2; Girls Tennis 3; Honor Roll 134; Peer Helping 234; SADD Treasurer; Peer Jury 34; Snowflake Volunteer 3; Debate Team 4; SQUAD Member; Leadership Conference 2; Voice of Democracy Speech Winner 34.
Charlie Cloutier- FBLA 4; Skills USA Vica 34; National Honor Society 23; French National Honor Society 234; Football 234; Boys Basketball 12; Honor Roll 124; High Honor Roll 3.
Heather Coakley- Color Guard 1234; Yearbook 1; Key Club 23; Forensics Team 1234; Thespians 1234; Fall Play Cast 24; Fall Play Crew 1234; Winter Play Cast 4; Winter Play Crew 1; Spring Musical Cast 4; Spring Musical Crew 124; Spring Musical Student Director 4; Skills USA-VICA 4; French Club 1234; Honor Roll 1234.
Matt Colley- Football 1234; Boys Baseball 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.
Geraldine Colorado- Key Club 1; FBLA 12; French Club 1; Girls Tennis 1.
Jeff Cordina- Key Club 2; Fall Play Crew 2; FBLA 134; German Club 4; Student Council 12; National Honor Society 34; German National Honor Society 234; Honor Roll 1; High Honor Roll 234.
Jessi Crockatt- Color Guard 1234; Fall Play Cast 2; Honor Roll 1234.
Jessica Cwiak- Yearbook 4 ; SADD 1; National Honor Society 34; Girls Cross Country 3; Girls Swimming and Diving 1234; Girls Basketball 1; Girls Track and Field 1234; Honor Roll 34; High Honor Roll 12.
Alison Dahl- Band 234; Color Guard 2; Skills USA-VICA 34; Spanish Club 234; Art Club 3; National Honor Society 34; Badminton 234; Honor Roll 1234; Third Place in Advertising Design VICA 3; Second Place Internet Homepage 3; Vice President- VICA 4; Secretary Spanish Club 4; Band Squad Leader 34.
Jenny Davers- Honor Roll 12.
Carmine D'Aversa- Honor Roll 1234.
Michelle Davis- Girls Soccer 2; Girls Tennis 12; Honor Roll 1234; Cosmetology 34.
Melissa Davis- Girls Soccer 12; Girls Tennis 12; Honor Roll 1234.
Luke Dean- National Honors Society 34; German National Honor Society 4; Football 1; Honor Roll 4; Bible Study Leader 1234.
Jaclyn Demes- Wildcat Chronicle-1; SADD-1; Student Council-2; Girls Track and Field- 1; Honor Roll-3; Senior Class Secretary; Snowflake Teen Director.
Amy Michelle Demitropoulos- Choir 12; Concert Choir 3; FBLA 4; Volleyball 1; Honor Roll 123; High Honor Roll 4.
Becky Dennis- Yearbook 123; Key Club 23; French Club 123; National Honor Society 34; Honor Roll 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.
Dan Deutsch- Boys Basketball 1; Baseball 1234; Honor Roll 1234.
Melissa Deutsch- Band 1; Cheerleader 34; Thespians 34; Fall Play Cast 2; Winter Play Cast 4; Pep Club 34; Art Club 4; Girls Swimming and Diving 23; Girls Track and Field 1234; Honor Roll 1234.
Cheryl Drenth- Pep Club 1; National Honor Society 34; Girls Volleyball 1; Boys Volleyball Manager 1; Honor Roll 12; High Honor Roll 34; Student of the Month at T.C.D.
Elizabeth Drzal- Orchestra 1234; National Honor Society 34; Girls Soccer 12; Girls Swimming and Diving 1234; Girls Track and Field 34; Honor Roll 1234.
Mike Doll- Scholastic Bowl 12; Math Team 234; Forensics Team 1234; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Boys Soccer 1234; Boys Track and Field 1234;

High Honor Roll 1234.

Beca Duran- Choir 234; Concert Choir 34; FBLA 234; International Club 234; Junior State of America 34; National Honor Society 34; Honor Roll 1234; Women's Choral 2; Parliamentarian of FBLA 34; Secretary JSA 4; Bible Study 34.

Sandra Edlund- Math Team 4; Spanish National Honor Society 34; Badminton 1234; Honor Roll 13; High Honor Roll 24.

Crushon Evans- Football 13; Boys Basketball 1234; Boys Track and Field 12.

Vicente Fernandez- French Club 4; National Honor Society 23; Boys Soccer 1234; Boys Track and Field 1234; Honor Roll 1234; Hosted French Student 24; Foreign Exchange Student to France 3; Who's Who of American Students.

Mark Foote- FBLA 4; Boys Soccer 1; Boys Track and Field 1234; Honor Roll 12.

Carrie Gallimore- Ambassadors Club 4; Student Council 34; National Honor Society 34; French National Honor Society 1234; Girls Soccer 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.

Katie Gehrke- Math Team 4; Spanish Club 4; International Club 4; National Honor Society 34; Honor Roll 234; High Honor Roll 1; Future Educators of America 4.

Laura Gilbertsen- Math Team 4; Girls Soccer 1234; Honor Roll 1234; Most Improved Player for Soccer 3.

Heather Joy Goorley- Choir 1; Pom Pons 12; Pep Club 1234; Ambassadors Club 4; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 34; Honor Roll 1234.

Kayla Halsall- Fall Play Crew 1; FBLA 1; Girls Cross Country 2; Girls Track and Field 2.

Sarah Hammer- Color Guard 1234; Yearbook 234; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 4; Honor Roll 2; High Honor Roll 34.

Joshua Hartman- Math Team 3; Skills USA-VICA 1; Junior State of American 4; High Honor Roll 1234.

Christine Hendron- Scholastic Bowl 234; Yearbook 24; Thespians 1234; Fall Play Cast 234; Winter Play Crew 1234; Spring Musical Cast 134; Spring Musical Crew 1234; Skills USA-VICA 1234; Horticulture Club 4; Art Club 34; Junior State of America 4; Ambassadors Club 4; National Honor Society 34; High Honor Roll 1234; Student of the Month November; Concert Choir 4.

Melissa Heron- Choir 1; Key Club 234; Forensics Team 2; Fall Play Cast 2; Spanish Club 12; Junior State of America 4; National Honor Society 34; Homecoming Court 4; Girls Tennis 3; Badminton 123; Honor Roll 1234.

Pablo R. Herrera- Choir 1234; Chamber Choir 34; Concert Choir 234; Boys Ensemble 4; Art Club 4; Football 14; Boys Volleyball 1234.

Greg Hodge- FBLA 234; National Honor Society 34; Prom Court 3; Boys Golf 1234; Honor Roll 234; High Honor Roll 1; All Academic DVC 1234; DVC All Conference Golf Team 34.; Sectional Qualifier 4.

Rachel Horvath- Ambassadors Club 4; National Honor Society 34; Girls Swimming 1234; Girls Track and Field 234.

Justin Hoshaw- Math Team 23; Yearbook 1; French Club 234; Horticulture Club 234; Junior State of America 4; Student Council 2; National Honor Society 34; French National Honor Society 1234; Boys Volleyball 1; Boys Track and Field 23; High Honor Roll 1234; Vice President of Horticulture Club 2; President of Horticulture Club 34; Speaker for Rube Goldburg Project 1.

Samantha Kimber- Orchestra 123; Badminton 1234.

Beth Kipp- Chior 1; Concert Choir 34; Cheerleader 234; Pep Club 234; Girls Volleyball 123; Softball 1; Honor Roll 1234.

Joe Klingberg- FBLA 34; Homecoming Court 4; Prom Court 3; Prom King 3; Football 1234; Baseball 12; Boys Track and Field 34; Honor Roll 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.

Noorah Koita- Math Team 4; Girls Tennis 234; Honor Roll 24; High Honor Roll 3.

Kristin Koltz- Choir 4; Chamber Choir 1; Concert Choir 2; Girls Ensemble 1; Fall Play Crew 1; Winter Play Cast 2; Spring Musical Cast 3; Junior State of America 2; Girls Soccer 1; Honor Roll 3.

Heather Koslow- National Honor Society 34; Girls Volleyball 1234; Boys Volleyball 2 (Manager); Softball 1; Honor Roll 1234.

Katy Kostal- Band 1234; Jazz Band 234; Yearbook 234; FBLA 4; French Club 1234; National Honor Society 34; French National Honor Society 234; Homecoming Queen 4; Girls Cross Country 1234; Girls Basketball 1; Girls Track and Field 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.

Nicole Kovacevic- Pep Club 34; SADD 234; National Honor Society 34; Girls Volleyball 12; Honor Roll 234; High Honor Roll 1.

Jessica Krueger- German National Honor Society 1234; Girls Volleyball 1; Girls Basketball 12; Softball 1234; Honor Roll 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.

Jill Kufta- FBLA 4; National Honor Society 4; Girls Volleyball 1234; Honor Roll 1234.

Christiana Lundquist- Skills USA-VICA 23; Softball 1.

Elaine Lauver- Choir 4; Concert Choir 1; Honor Roll 4.

Stan Lemon- Forensics 24; FBLA 4; Honor Roll 24; High Honor Roll 1.

Susan Lincoln- Band 1234; Chior 1234; Concert Choir 34; Thespians 4; Spring Musical Cast 234; SkillsUSA-VICA 4; National Honor Society 4; High Honor Roll 1234.

Lisa Lindner- Math Team 34; Key Club 2; SADD 23; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Honor Roll 1234.

Amy Lichtfuss- German Club 123; International Club 3; Pep Club 3; National Honor Society 34; German National Honor Society 3; Girls Soccer 123; Honor Roll 2; High Honor Roll 134.

Jesse Lord- Concert Choir 4; Literary Magazine 4; Thespians 34; Fall Play Cast 4; Spring Musical Cast 3; German Club 4; National Honor Society 4; German National Honor Society 34; Honor Roll 234; High Honor Roll 234.

Melissa Lund- Band 1234; Jazz Band 1234; Orchestra 4; Spring Musical Pit 1234; National Honor Society 34; German National Honor Society 234; High Honor Roll 1234.

Christiana Lundquist- Skills USA-Vica 23; Softball 1.

Jeanine Macrito- Wildcat Chronicle 4; Student Council 23; National Honor Society 34; Girls Track and Field 3; Honor Roll 1234.

Paul Majchrowski- FBLA 1234; Junior State of America 4; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Boys Basketball 1; Baseball 1234; High Honor 1234.

Liliana Mariano- Yearbook 4.

Jennifer Mark- Spanish Club 2; Pep Club 1; Art Club 1; Honor Roll 2; High Honor Roll 2.

Lauren Martinez- FBLA 1; SkillsUSA-VICA 24; Spanish Club 1; Horticulture Club 3; Homecoming Court 4.

Mike Martinez- Football 1234.

Pamela Martin- Band 1234; Math Team 23; Key Club 1234; SkillsUSA VICA 234; Spanish Club 4; Spanish National Honor Society 34; Badminton 34;

Drew Martino- Cherleader 23; Spanish Club 12; High Honor Roll 12.
Colleen Mathias- Pep Club 1; Student Council 34; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 34; Prom Court 3; High Honor Roll 1234.
Ashley Mazzola- Math Team 4; Spanish Club 4; Student Council 23; National Honor Society 234; German National Honor Society 234; Girls Soccer 1234; Girls Basketball 1; High Honor Roll 1234.
Shannon Mazzuca
Norah McAvoy- Band 1; Cheerleader 234; Pep Club 234; Ambassadors Club 4; National Honor Society 34; Honor Roll 1234.
Theresa McEvoy- Band 1234; Jazz Band 34; Math Team 234; FBLA 4; Spanish Club 234; National Honor Society 34; Spanish Honor Society 234; Girls Soccer 1; Girls Volleyball 23; High Honor Roll 1234.
Ashlee McLeod- Choir 2; German Club 24; German National Honor Society 234; Honor Roll 1234.
Kristen Mederich- Cheerleader 23; Skills USA-VICA 124; Pep Club 23; Ambassadors Club 4; National Honor Society 4; Girls Tennis 12; Honor Roll 34; High Honor Roll 12.
Nicole Melone- Math Team 12; Fall Play Crew 1; French Club 1; Pep Club 13; French National Honor Society 234; Girls Cross Country 3; Girls Basketball 12; Softball 1; Honor Roll 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.
McKenzie Maloney- Girls Golf 34.
Brian Nelson- FBLA 1234; Student Council 123; French National Honor Society 234; Prom Court 3; Boys Track and Field 1; High Honor Roll 1234.
Nick Michael- Boys Basktball 1234; Boys Track and Field 12; Honor Roll 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.
Lynn Mielke- Chior 234; Concert Choir 34; FBLA 1; Student Council 24; National Honor Society 34; Gilrs Basketball 1234; Girls Track and Field 34; Honor Roll 1234.
Karen Miller- Band 1234; Math Team 234; SADD 1; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Honor Roll 1; High Honor Roll 234.
Rich Miller- Football 12; Baseball 1234.
Rachel Moguel- Choir 1; Math Team 234; FBLA 34; International Club 34; Pep Club 34; SADD 23; Junior State of America 4; National Honor Society 4; Spanish National Honor Society 2; Honor Roll 34; High Honor Roll 12.
Elisabeth Montenegro- Horticulture Club 1234.
Greg Moore- Wildcat Chronicle 4; FBLA 1234; National Honor Society 34; Homecoming Court 4; Prom Court 3; Boys Cross Country 1234; Boys Basketball 1; Boys Track and Field 123; Honor Roll 1234.
Aron Morris- FBLA 234; National Honor Society 34; Homecoming Court 4; Prom Court 3; Football 234; Wrestling 1; Baseball 1234; Honor Roll 1234; Ambassadors Club.
Amanda Morrison- Choir 234; Concert Choir 34; SADD 12; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Girls Volleyball 123; Girls Track and Field 1234; Honor Roll 34; High Honor Roll 12.
Lauren Mroz- Cheerleader 234; FBLA 1; Pep Club 234; SADD 3; Spanish National Honor Society 234; High Honor Roll 1234.
Jami Murphy- Spanish Club 1; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Homecoming Court 4; Prom Court 3; Girls Volleyball 1234; Softball 12; High Honor Roll 1234.
Erich Musick- FBLA 234; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Boys Cross Country 4; High Honor Roll 1234.
Jessica Myers- Literary Magazine 234; Wildcat Chronicle 4; Girls Golf.
Christian Nelson- Math Team 23; SkillsUSA-VICA 234; Boys Swimming and Diving 1234;Boys Track and Field 1; Honor Roll 1234.
Kristin Nickelson- Basketball 12; Softball 1234; Dance Production 34; Academic All-Conference 234; Scholar Athlete 234; Academic Leadership Conference 3; Ambassador Club 4; Powderpuff 3; Honor Roll 1234; Excellence in Mathematics Award 1234.
James Anthony Oroni- Choir 234; Chamber Choir 34; Concert Choir 34; Boys Musical Cast 34; Spring Musical Crew 34; Art Club 34; Junior State of America 4; Boys Swimming and Diving 1234; Boys Track and Field 1; Honor Roll 1234; Water Polo 4.
Mike Paschke- FBLA; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 34; Boys Golf 1234; Boys Basketball 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.
Ruchita Patel- Math Team 34; Key Club 2; SADD 23; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; High Honor Roll 1234.
Queri Perez- Choir 4; Concert Choir 1; Forensics Team 1; Thespians 1; Winter Play Cast 1; Spring Musical Crew 3; SADD 2.
Kim Peterik- Band 1234; Math Team 1234; FBLA 4; Spanish Club 1234; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Girls Tennis 234; Girls Basketball 12; High Honor Roll 1234.
Michael Peters- Band 1234; Math Team 4; National Honor Society 34.
Matt Peterson- FBLA 4; SADD 4; National Honor Society 34; Football 12; Boys Soccer 34; Baseball1234; Honor Roll 23; High Honor Roll 1234.
Justin Pineda- Football 1; Boys Soccer 2; Boys Volleyball 34; Wrestling 124.
Catherine Platt- Band 124; Color Guard 124; French Club 12; SADD 12.
Nathaniel Roberts- Choir 4; Chamber Choir 4; Math Team 34; Winter Play Crew 4; Spring Musical Crew 34; FBLA 1; Ambassadors Club 34; Boys Volleyball 1.
Esmeralda Robles- FBLA 4; Horticulture 3; Pep Club 4; Girls Soccer 1; Girls Volleyball 1; Girls Basketball 1; Badminton 34.
Noemi Rodriguez- French Club 34; Horticulture Club 4; SADD 4; Girls Soccer 13.
Magen Rogers- Spanish Club 4; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Girls Basketball 1234; Softball 1; High Honor Roll 1234.
Brian Romanelli- Math Team 12; FBLA 34; VICA 1234; National Honor Society 34; Boys Soccer 1234; Boys Volleyball 1234; Boys Track and Field 3; Honor Roll 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.
Ernesto Romo- Student Council 34; National Honor Society 34; German National Honor Society 34; Boys Soccer 234; Honor Roll 12; High Honor Roll 3.
Jeremy Rose- Junior State of America 34; Student Council 12.
Courtney Rubin- Choir 2; Thespians 34; Fall Play Cast 2; Fall Play Crew 4; Spring Musical Cast 3; Pep Club 4; SADD3.
Brandi Ruiz- Art Club 3; Softball 1234; Honor Roll 3.
Jim Rylowicz- SkillsUSA-VICA 34; National Honor Society 34; German National Honor Society 1234; Football 1234; Boys Basketball 12; Boys Track and Field 3; High Honor Roll 1234.
Keri Sagen- French Club 1234; Girls Swimming 234; Honor Roll 1234; Peer Helping 234; Water Polo 4.
James Sallis- Football 1; Wrestling 1; Boys Soccer 2; Baseball 1234.
Betsy Santana- Honor Roll 12.
Chris Sanzeri- Football 1234; Baseball 1; Boys Track and Field 23; FEA President 4; Varsity Football Captain.
Carmen Saucedo- VICA 234; French Club 1234; Horticulture Club 34; National Honor Society 34; French National Honor Society 12; Girls Cross Country 1234; Girls Soccer 3; Girls Track and Field 124; Honor Roll 34; High Honor Roll 12; President of French Club 34; Secretary of VICA 3; Treasurer of Horticulture 4; Foreign Exchange Host Student 24; Powder Puff 3; Variety Show 3; Outstanding Performance in Math 1234; Diversity Club 2.
Nicole Schar- Cheerleaders 234; Pep Club 234; SADD 2; National Honor Society 34; French National Honor Society 234; Girls Track and Field 2; Honor Roll 3; High Honor Roll 12; Future Educators of America 4; Varsity Cheerleading Captain 4; Pep Club Vice President 4.
Wyatt Schuyler- Football 234; Boys Soccer 1; Boys Track and Field 1234; Honor Roll 1234; All Area Track 3; Football All Conference 4; Track All

Conference 3; Honorable Mention Football 3.

Margaret Schwartz- Choir 1234; Concert Choir 34; Cheerleaders 23; Spring Musical Cast 4; Girls Golf 4; Girls Volleyball 1; Girls Track and Field 4; Honor Roll 1234; Squad Member.

Alex Serrato- Choir 1; FBLA 3; Student Council 3; Boys Track and Field 12.

Melissa Sheme- Forensics Team 234; Fall Play Crew 12; Winter Play Crew 2; Skills USA-VICA 1234; French Club 3; German Club 1234; Girls Swimming and Diving 1234; Girls Track and Field 123.

Scott Sieder- Choir 1; FBLA 234; SADD1; Ambassador Club 4; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Homecoming Court 4; Football 1234; Baseball 1234.

Kelly Siekmann- Band 1; Cheerleaders 234; Math Team 2; Key Club 1; FBLA 12; Pep Club 1234; Key Club 1; Student Council 12; Honor Roll 1234.

Matt Shambo- FBLA 1234; Student Council 23; National Honor Society 34; Football 12; Baseball 123; Honor Roll 1234; FBLA Treasurer 2; FBLA President 34; Student Council Class Treasurer 23; Student Council Executive Board Treasurer 3; Squad Member 34; Water Polo 4; 1st Place State Entrepreneurship Team

Nicole Skala- Girls Volleyball 1234; Girls Basketball 1234; Softball 1.

Derek Smith- Chess Team 1234; Wrestling 12 ;Honor Roll 1234.

Brian Steere- Band 1234; Jazz Band 234; National Honor Society 4; Honor Roll 1234.

Jackie Stentz- SADD 1.

Melissa Stevens- Scholastic Bowl 34; Literary Magazine 234; Wildcat Chronicle 34; French Club 4; Horticulture Club 4; Junior State of America 4; French National Honor Society 1234; Honor Roll 1234.

Kirsten Stockhoff- Scholastic Bowl 34; Literary Magazine 1234; French Club 4; Horticulture Club 3; SADD 3; Junior State of America 4; Ambassadors Club 34; National Honor Society 34; Editor and Vice President of Literary Magazine.

Kayla Stoinski- Choir 1; International Club 3; Girls Track and Field 1; Honor Roll 1234.

Marybeth Stotz- FBLA 4; Key Club 1; Spanish Club 1; SADD 1; Girls Soccer 13; Honor Roll 1234.

Nicole Strayve- Pep Club 3; Girls Soccer 1234.

Roger Strike- Football 1234; Honor Roll 1234.

Brittany Swantek- Honor Roll 1234.

Joanna Szeszycki- Pom Pons 2; Yearbook 4; Pep Club 2; Girls Volleyball 1234; Honor Roll 1234.

Marcin Szymoniak- Choir 1234; Concert 123; Football 12; Honor Roll 1234.

Katie Taylor- Band 1234; Jazz Band 1234; Spanish Club 1234; International Club 4; Ambassadors Club 4; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society; Girls Soccer 1234; Honor Roll; Assist Drum Major 34; Solo and Ensemble 1; President of Spanish Club 4; Secretary of Spanish Club 23; Junior Class Representative For Band 3; Librarian For Band 23; Representative Band 1234; Marching Band 1234; Concert Band 1234; Outstanding Performance in Math 123; Exchange Student to Spain 2; Spain Exchange Host; Who's Who; Youth Industry Day 34.

Matt Timko- German Club 4; Junior State of America 4; Football 12; Honor Roll 1234.

Luzmaria Tlatehui- French Club 4; Spanish Club 4; French National Honor Society 234; Honor Roll 1234; Dance Production; Best Pronunciation (French Plays); "Who's Who".

Joseph Tumidalsky- Band 1234; Jazz Band 234; Literary Magazine 4; Spring Musical pit 34; Boys Tack and Field 1; Honor Roll 1234; Community Band 4; Jazz Combo 34; Solo and Ensemble 24 34.

Elizabeth Valdez- Jazz band 4; Choir 1234; Chamber Choir 1234; Concert Choir 34; Spring Musical Cast 24; Spanish Club 1; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Softball 1; Honor Roll 134; High Honor Roll 2; All District Choir 234; Choir Press 4.

Daliana Vargas- Art Club 3; French National Honor Society 3; Girls Basketball 12; Honor Roll 1; High Honor Roll 23.

Chris Vlasvich- Choir 1; Football 12; Boys Volleyball 1234.

Hope Vock- Pom Pons 234; Math Team 4; French Club 34; Pep Club 234; National Honor Society 34; French National Honor Society 234; High Honor Roll 1234; Peer Helping 23; Dance Production 234; Teens Against Tobacco Use 34.

Kathryn Walker- Spanish Club 4; International Club 4; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 34; Softball 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.

Kristina Wanous- Scholastic Bowl 34; Literary Magazine 1234; French Club 4; International Club 3; National Honor Society 34; French National Honor Society 1234.

Sean Warren- Choir 4; Chamber Choir 4; Concert Choir 4; Boys Ensemble 4; Math Team 1234; Yearbook 1234; Thespians 34; Fall Play Cast 4; Winter Play Cast 4; French Club 1234; Junior State of America 4; National Honor Society 234; Honor Roll 1234.

Margaret Wdowiarz- Band 1; Cheerleader 234; Pep Club 234; SADD 2; Student Council 234; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; German National Honor Society; Girls Cross Country 1; Girls Track and Field 1; Honor Roll 1234.

John Weier- Chess Team; Ambassadors Club 34; National Honor Society 34; Boys Basketball 1234; Baseball 1234; High Honor Roll 1234.

Michelle Weiss- Math Team 4; SADD 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Honor Roll 1234.

Laura Wheeland- Cheerleader 234; Pep Club 1234; SADD 1.

Kelley Whitman- Cheerleader 23; Pep Club 23; Girls Soccer 12; Wrestling Manager 12; Cosmetology School 34; Statewide Student; Competition for Cosmetology.

Lindsey Wonsowski- SADD 12; National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 23; Girls Soccer 234; Honor Roll 1; High Honor Roll 234.

Sarah Wood- Pom Pons 234; Math Team 2; Pep Club 234; National Honor Society 34; French National Honor Society 234, Pom Pon Captain 4; Squad 234; FEA Vice President 4; Pep Club Treasurer 4.

CJ Wostratzky- Band 1234; Math Team 1234; FBLA 1234; Student Council 1234; Boys Soccer 1234; Boys Swimming and Diving 1234; Boys Volleyball 123; Honor Roll 234; High Honor 1.

Jody Yednock- National Honor Society 234; Honor Roll 1234; High Honor Roll 1234; Gymnastics at Arerial Gymnastic Club 1234; Qualified for Level 10 Regional 1234; 2-Time State Bar Champion; Sunday School Teacher 1234; Full Athletic Scholarship to NIU.

Jessica York- National Honor Society 34; Spanish National Honor Society 234; Honor Roll 1234; High Honor Roll 1; Costa Rican Exchange Student Host 4; Costa Rican Exchange Student 3; NHS Executive Board Treasurer 4.

Jenn Zimmerman- Cheerleader 1; Softball 1; Honor Roll 34.

Senior Memories

Kristina Wanous

Dear Kristina,

You have filled our lives with such joy, love and pride. Your accomplishments thus far have been amazing, and you are destined for even greater achievements in the future. May your opportunities and successes have no bounds!

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Dear Sean,

It was just yesterday that you were staring at ants in the crack in the sidewalk. You have filled our hearts with joy. It is you we all talk like when we think of little boys. You had to be held facing the world instead of being cradled inward. You came into this world so fast and ready for anything. You have taken the time to help others and be a loyal friend. You have the ability to do whatever your heart yearns for. We love you and are proud of the young man you have become.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nick, and Katie

Sean Chapman

Lauren Kirby

We have always been proud of all your accomplishments. No matter what you do in life, we're sure that you'll exceed our highest expectations! We love you so much and we only wish the best in the world for you because you deserve only the best. Lauren, I just wanted to say you're my best friend and the one I will always count on. Sometimes we are the mirror image of each other and other times we couldn't be more opposite, but because of you, I know myself better.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, & Erin

Dear Jessica,

We are very proud of you. We wish you much happiness and success as you begin a new chapter in your life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jenny

Jessica Cwiak

Michael Paschke

Dear Mike,

We want you to know how proud we are of you. Your commitment to do your best, your efforts in sports, your strong beliefs and your great sense of humor--these are all important elements of your personality. Keep focused and be the best you can be.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Emily, and Toto

We are so proud of you. We know you will be successful in everything you do. Don't be afraid to shoot for the stars. Our love and support will always be with you.

Congratulations,
Mom and Dad

Nicholas Chillemi

Mike Doll

When U are U,
U R Unique.
We hope U know.....
We are so proud of U!

Love,
Dad and Mom

"You are one of a kind; therefore, no one can really predict to what heights you might soar. Even you will not know until you spread your wings!" -Gil Athinson

We are so proud of you. Good luck as you spread your wings!

Love you so much,
Dad and Mom

Carrie Gallimore

Dan Deutsch

Dan,

We are very proud of your accomplishments and your school spirit. Your character and charm are like no other. You certainly have what it takes to succeed. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Dear Beth,

We have been privileged to watch you grow from a baby into a beautiful young woman. You have made us very proud. You will always have our love and support.

Love you,
Mom and Dad

Beth Kipp

Katy Kostal

Katy,

You've gone from running "naked" as a two year old to running "in your underwear." We are so proud... Congratulations on all your achievements... May this only be the beginning!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Dear Sean,

You were always a good kid when you were little, but you have turned into a terrific young adult. Not only are you a great student, you are a kind and caring person, and we are so proud of you. We will miss you very much when you go off to college next year. But we are confident that you will succeed in anything you try! The years have gone too quickly, but we love the person you have become!

Mom and Dad

Sean Warren

Joe Klingberg

Joey,

We are so proud of you and your many achievements, including going downstate for track as a junior and making the playoffs in football as a senior. It has been a joy to watch you every step of the way. As you continue your journey through life, you'll always have our love and support.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jamie

Dear Laura,

It seems like only yesterday that you started your 1st day of kindergarten, and now you're graduating high school. You fill our days with love and laughter. May all your dreams come true!

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Laura Wheeland

Christine Hendron

Dear Christine,

You have brought a lot of happiness into our lives from the time you were conceived. Your accomplishments have been amazing in these 18 years. You are always caring for people and brighten all the lives you touch. We are very proud of you and wish the best of everything in your future.

We love you!

Ma, Pa, Michael, Julie, and Stephanie

Dearest Katie,

It can't be 18 years since you gave your mother so much trauma coming into this world. Just yesterday you would check my pockets every night looking for your present. Remember what's important in life: laughter, love, family, and friends. Be true to yourself: Listen to your heart; it will tell you what to do. We couldn't love you any more, and we'll always have your back. Look out world. Here she comes!!!

Love,

Mom and Dad

Katie Baginski

Ashley Mazzola

Dear Ashley,

We would like to thank you for filling our lives with much love, laughter, and happiness. There could not be any parents more proud of their child than we are. We are proud of your academic accomplishments and the wonderful young woman you have become. As you embark on your new adventure at college, remember our hearts are always with you and that you are still our "little girl."

We love you,

Mom and Dad

Dear Christopher,

We have watched you grow and grow and grow! How proud we are of everything you have accomplished. Keep setting goals and you will reach them. We will always be here for you! May your successes have no bounds and God bless you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Bridgette, Mallory, and Nick

Christopher Sanzeri

Jim Oroni

When you were young, we tried to imagine what you would be like when you were grown. We had hopes and we had dreams but no real vision of who you would become. We want you to know that you have surpassed those hopes and dreams and have given us the vision of the man you will be. We hope that you will someday know the immeasurable joy of bringing a life into this world that always affords you the opportunity to look upon him with pride to say, "That's MY son!" We wish you every happiness and as for your future success, please know that you already possess every quality you'll ever need. We love you!

Mom and Dad

Margy:

"If you want to see paradise simply look around and view it! Anything you want to do it! Want to change the world? There's nothing to it!"

-Willy Wonka

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jody, Em, Al, Jon, and Larra

Margy Schwartz

Alex Baker

Dear Alex,

To our favorite person, we wish you a lifetime filled with happiness and success. We love you.

Mom and Dad

Drew,

Congratulations! You have made us very proud of you. We know you will succeed in whatever future path you choose.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Leigh

Drew Martino

How did we go from Barbie Dolls and playing house to buying your own car and planning on college? I know that whatever goals you set for yourself, you will succeed.

Much love and happiness,
Mom

Angel Chiarito

Dan Boy-

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own and you know what you know. And you are the guy who will decide where to go."

-Dr. Seuss

We are proud of you-
Your family

Daniel Kaylor

Dear Wyatt,

To lead by example is the best legacy one can leave!

Forward Ho- Grandson.
Grandfather Lee Baker

Wyatt Schuyler

Wyatt, Wyatt, Wyatt-
Straight up- from this moment forward!
The Journey is the Reward!

We love you-Infinity's

Wyatt Schuyler

Dear Andrew,

We have watched with joy and delight as you've grown from a little boy to being the fine young man you are today. You are truly a blessing. May God watch over you as you continue life's journey. We're so very proud of you and love you with all our hearts. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dianna, and John

Andrew Photopulos

Dear Sarah,

Words cannot express how proud we are of you! We have watched you grow from a little girl into an outstanding young woman. You possess all the qualities we could ask for in a daughter: kindness, compassion, integrity, to name just a few. We know you will bezome a wonderful teacher and an excellent role model for all the children lucky enough to know you. We feel blessed every day to have you.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Jacki, and Ben

Sarah Wood

Dear Heather,

You are a sweet, beautiful, young lady, which we are so proud of. We know you have the brightest future ahead of you. We love you very much.

Dad and Mom

Heather Koslow

Elizabeth Christine,

We have seen you grow into a loving and caring person. Continue that journey personally and spiritually. We are very proud of you!

All our love,
Mom and Dad

Elizabeth Valdez

Stephanie Neumann

Dear Steph,

As you say so long, farewell to high school, we want you to know how proud we are of you. You're a beautiful young woman, both inside and out. "As sure as the stars shine above," we'll always love you!

Mom, Dad, and Allie

Brian,

Congratulations on your graduation!! We are very proud of your accomplishments and the person you've become. Don't be afraid to continue to reach for your dreams! Remember, the sky is the limit!

Love,

Mom and Dad

Brian Nelson

Jim Rylowicz and Matt Kallas

Dear Jim and Matt,

It's been a blast watching you grow up. Keep working hard and having fun!

Congratulations,

From All of Us

Dear Kayla,

From an adorable little girl to a beautiful young woman, we are very proud of you and your successes! Your future is limitless!

With much love,

Mom, Wayne, and Keith

Kayla Halsall

Adam Scardamaglia

Dear Adam,

From your first year and on, you've been a wonderful son and friend. We are so proud of you. Remember to always have a passion for what you do in life.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Sarah, and Andrew

Dear Sarah,

God has blessed us with a wonderful daughter who is gifted in so many ways. Congratulations on completing high school and we look forward to how you will use your God-given talents in college and beyond.

Love,

Mom and Dad

Sarah Hammer

Jaclyn Demes

Dear Jaclyn,

We love you very much and are so proud of you! As you face new choices in life, just remember that if a choice does not move you in the direction of your dreams, that choice is no longer an option.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Amanda, and Lynette

Dear Joey,

18 years ago, God blessed us with a beautiful baby boy who has brought nothing but joy and laughter to us and his brother and sister. We are so proud of what you have accomplished so far and can't wait to see how the next journey in your life begins. We wish you nothing but the best. Congratulations.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jorge, and Elisa

Joey Farelas

Rachel,

You've warmed our hearts and made us very proud of your accomplishments in high school. As you sprout your wings and move forward, always remember "There's No Place Like Home."

We Love You,
Mom, Dad, and Nick

Rachel Howath

Jenny,

Be all that you can be. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Jenny Bieniasz

Dear Stephanie,

We are very proud of you! Good luck to you in college. May your dreams come true.

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Family

Stephanie A. Bodane

Dear Catherine:

You have grown to become a loving, caring, strong, bright young lady. If you have a dream, strive to make it happen. You can do whatever your heart desires. We love you very much. You are the best daughter a parent could want. Congratulations.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Stephanie, BJ,
Christine, and Matt

Catherine Platt

Mercy,

You are an example for your brothers and sisters, showing them that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. We as your parents are very proud of you for accomplishing this first big goal in your life, and we hope that you accomplish many more goals. We are very proud of what you have accomplished already and we know that you will succeed in life. Good luck in this journey you are about to embark and remember that we will always be here for you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Mercedes Castro

Jackie,

Like a rose, you have blossomed from a sweet little girl into a beautiful young woman, inside and out. We are very proud of the person you have become and all you have accomplished.

Our wish for you is that all the dreams you hold in your heart come true!

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Jacquelyn Rose Stentz

Dear Lily,

We can't believe the time has gone by really fast. Just yesterday you were a little baby going through your first steps in kindergarten, to elementary school, middle school, and now you are graduating from high school. We want to wish you luck in the future and success in life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Erick

Liliana Mariano

Rachel,

We've always loved your big smile, your sense of humor, caring, and are still amazed with your talent and creativity. These qualities are your success for the future. We're so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Rachel Borsodi

Tour Guides

On any journey, one cannot go it alone. Scaling Everest, exploring the Amazon - most adventures require a guide. Without them, travelers are left to fend for themselves. Such dependence is similar to high school with the educators taking the place of the guides. Without teachers, students would be lost amidst a sea of algebra and essays.

"My teachers really helped me out when I was confused," said Jessica Robertson ('05). The appreciation was mutual according to her English teacher Ms. Kuehn.

When asked about her favorite part of her job, Ms. Kuehn said, "There are so many to choose from, but my favorite part of the job is the energy you get working with students. Each day is different!"

Welcoming 17 new teachers while bidding fond farewells to six "old guides" the 20022003 school year proved to be a standout time in the history of Community High School.

-Katy Kostal

Math teacher Mr. Doll shows off his super school spirit at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Forensics coaches Mr. Kling and Mr. Kellner take a break from the tournament.

Mrs. Claiborne tugs her hardest trying to defeat the Social Studies Department.

Mr. Highland sings to a maiden, Frau Strohm, in the Variety Show.

FACULTY

Diana Alcala
Marjorie Appel
Margaret Arnold
Gail Aronoff
Michael Assaf

Christopher Bardey
Cynthia Bedford
William Bicker
Teresa Blonda
Nancy Blume

Melissa Bortnick
Kimberly Brafford
Anne Branch
Linda Brandt
Maura Bridges

Zerrin Bulut
Susan Callahan
Nicholas Caltagirone
Patricia Clifford
Andrea Cobbett

2002/2003

Valerie Cook
Maria Correa
Cindie Cortinas
Timothy Courtney
Joseph Crickard

Mary Daneels
Julio Delreal
Lucila Delreal
Matthew Doll
Jodi Donovan

Megan Dulkinys
David Exner
Brandon Fantozzi
Angela Farmer
Brenda Frechmann

Left: Not only does Ms. Johnson help students in the guidance office, she is an active Snowball Advisor.

Above: Ms. Giron, Ms. Slobodecki, Mrs. Arnold, and Mrs. Lemberg-Finn show their Halloween Spirit.

Right: Community High School graduate Mr. Fantozzi returns this year as the choir director.

Amy Gibson
Kevin Gimre
Jessica Giron
Ildemaro Godinho
Heather Goebel

Deana Goodwin
Garrick Grizaffi
James Guter
Mary Hafertepe
Gregory Hansen

Mary Haskins
Kristi Hasty
Aaron Hayes
Robert Hein
John Highland

TOTALLY OUT OF CONTEXT

"You said muffin you...I'm gonna have to speak gouf" -Ms. Geiger

"I've bought make-up. I've bought feminine hygiene products, and it doesn't please me." -Mr. Hayes

Science teacher Ms. Gilgallon enthusiastically greets her students in Botany class.

Barbara Holmes
Patricia Horton
Lenore Hrejsa

Jeanne Hunt
Allison Ioli
Kristen Isacson

Ms. Laimins addresses the crowd during an afternoon pep assembly.

Social Studies and Government teacher Ms. Daneels shows off her "cheese head." She obviously is a big Packers fan.

On Halloween, Ms. Kairys salutes her fellow soldiers and their brave actions.

P.E. teacher Mr. McLeland gives his first day of school speech to first hour P.E. students.

Catherine Jaeger
Felecia Johnson-Ford
Katie Jones

Paul Junkroski
Susan Junkroski
Candace Kairys

Kevin Kane
Jeffery Kargol
Steven Kellner

Beverly Kilgallen
Dina Klancir
Jason Kling

Officer Quarto joins the party at the last home football game.

Mr. Maxson directs students to their classes on the first day of school.

Mrs. Zmrhal gets down with her dance classes and takes part in the Richard Simmons ABC tape.

Security guard Larry, a.k.a. Leslie Neilson look-alike, takes a break from checking passes.

Wayne Kosek
Michael Koulos
Patti Kozlowski

Scott Krebsbach
Patricia Kroger
Laura Kuehn

Guidance counselor Mr. Rau always has a visitor in his office. Perhaps it's his M&Ms.

TOTALLY OUT OF CONTEXT

"I'm going to slap you silly!" -Mr. Gallagirone "It is the chapter from hell!" -Ms. Tunk

TOTALLY OUT OF CONTEXT

"Don't get that boom-chaka feel" -Mr. Fanbozzi "Don't pump the audience." -Ms. Hafferkape

Nicole Kulik
Bradley Larson
Gregory Leitner
Terry Lemberg-Finn
Christopher Lukas

Judy MacDonald
Jill Marchiando
Barbi Mathews
Robert Maxson
Thomas McCann

D. Paul McLeland
Marianne Melvin
Judith Minor
Eduardo Montoya
Dianne Mueller

Left: Mr. Healy, a.k.a. Superman, "flies" in to crown We-Go's Homecoming Queen.

Above: Mrs. Bortnick patiently rests while donating her blood during the Key Club's blood drive.

Right: Mrs. Wilson can always shows her bright shining smile anytime of the day.

Tammie Murphy
Kristina Nuesser
Sarah Olsen
Carol Parks
Peggy Peach

Maria Perez
Jeanne Poe
Mark Poulterer
Austin Reagan
Leroy Rieck

Suzanne Roddy
Annette Rubino
James Rumberger
Patricia Santella
David Sayner

Constance Scandora
Lizabeth Schomig
Jill Sims
George Skertich
Amanda Slobodecki

Constance Stadler
Janelle Stefancic
Lee Steffanus
C. Streicher
Terry Strohm

Catherine Thielberg
Alicia Thomas
Michele Torres
Jo-Ann Tunt
Brian Turnbaugh

Left: Student assistant Mr. Pence expresses his Halloween spirit in physical science class.

Above: Volleyball Coach Hasty concentrates after the girls' first match against Naperville North.

Right: Mr. Courtney is proud to be back after he took a year off to go back to school himself.

Susan Turner
Rosaura Valencia
Aurora Velasquez
Timothy Walsh
Vivian Walsh

John Walters
James Watson
Lisa Willuweit
Sandra Wilson
Maria Wirth

Donald Zabelin
Tammie Zegar
Jay Zelman
Michael Zepeda
Helen Zmrhal

TOTALLY OUT OF CONTEXT

"We work above the crap level." -Mrs. Sandella "The hotel was pimp. Yeah that was ghetto." -Mr. Healy

Mr. Highland wakes up with an ever-present smile and his cup of coffee as he is spotted darting through Commons in the morning.

Suspenderless

Mr. John Highland, the new principal of Community High School, can be considered one of the school's most devoted faculty members for the past 28 years. He worked for five years at the junior high school and 23 years at the high school. Over this span of time, Highland has held multiple positions including: teacher, department chair of science and music, assistant dean, dean, guidance counselor, assistant principal, associate principal, and principal. "I've really enjoyed each position I've had. Each offered a different perspective on education," he said.

According to Highland, he "can never really relax" as principal. "There is a constant feeling of responsibility," he said. In fact, Highland added that he enjoys and appreciates all sports and activities at the high school, and if he could, he would be involved in each one.

Despite the responsibility, Highland said that he really had fun this year working with students and staff. Community High School is unique because the faculty connects with the students, he said, adding that "It is so important to talk to [the students] and know them."

Outside of all of the work at school, Mr. Highland enjoys spending time with his family. He travels and coaches his children's sports and activities. During his free time, he plays the guitar, piano, and sings.

-Christine Hendron

Five Facts About Mr. Highland

1.) He went to college on a football scholarship.

2.) He has worked in the West Chicago schools for 28 years.

3.)He has held multiple positons while working in the West Chicago schools.

4.) His favorite meal from the cafeteria is a "tuna fish sandwich and soup with a Coke."

5.)His favorite hobbies include playing tennis, golfing, and traveling.

Mr. Highland, dressed as the Phantom of the Opera, passionately sings "Music of the Night" during the Variety Show.

To foster school spirit at the Homecoming Pep Assembly, our "Old Man" proudly says a few words.

The staff members play a joke on the new head principal to welcome him into his new position.

Associate Principal Mr. McCann fills in for Mr. Highland at the Foreign Language Honors Society induction ceremony.

Mr. Highland's secretary, Lynn Knutson, said the secret to his success is sticking to a formula that works.

So What's It Like Working For Mr. Highland?

"He is a really easy guy to work for and not much has changed. He is always moving, always on the go, and gets things done."

-Mrs. Knutson
Mr. Highland's Secretary

Photography Club

With the click of many cameras, the Photography Club helped to capture the magical moments of the 2002/2003 school year. Serving as the advisor for this new club, Mr. Arroyo helped students to snap the photographs, develop them and organize them into portfolios. Whether they were shooting prom, sports, or just their friends hanging out, these students remembered their cameras and documented the social and athletic history of 2003. Their contributions are included in this yearbook, and the Challenge staff greatly appreciates their assistance this year and looks forward to their contributions in the years to come. Thanks for your help!

-Lilli Cassidy

Katherine Patnaude, and Gwen Smith prepare to take pictures with styles!

Nina Slater and Sarah Hasse show off their high tech cameras.

Front: Gwen Smith, Katherine Patnaude, Nina Slater, Sarah Hasse. **2nd row**: Mr. Arroyo, Adriana Ballines, Mike Savegnago, Maricarmen Osorio, Yesenia Fernandez, Jessica Martinez. **Back row**: Sara Earhart, Bob Nagel, Brooke Bachelor, Bryan Duffy

Heads above the Rest

Mr. Koulos teaches more than the regular curriculum, he teaches about the real world. Students in Mr. Koulos' classes don't just simply sit at desks and study from textbooks, they practice job interviews and other skills to help then with future employment. "The highlight of the year is the Annual Employee-Employer luncheon," said Mr. Koulos, explaining that it is a formal banquet where over 200 students and their employers have the opportunity to interact.

When asked what the most rewarding part of his job was, Mr. Koulos said it was seeing his students "being able to apply what they learn in the real world." Mr. Koulos places his students at a job site and loves to see that they keep the job, even when he is out of the picture.

However, before students in Mr. Koulos' classes gets into the real world, they have mock interviews in class. The students select the company and then research it. On the presentation day, they come dressed up and ready to be interviewed.

The students in Mr. Koulos' class have a great learning experience and are ready for the future.

-Lilli Cassidy

Kenny Yanez and Ryan Mims appear deep in thought over what Mr. Koulos just said.

"People with disabilities can make a difference in the world."

-Mr. Koulos

"My favorite part of Mr. Koulos' class is when I am the game show host for game day on Friday!"

-Jeff Linsenmeyer ('05)

Shawn Shumate gets excited as he listens to Mr. Koulos tell him about the mock interviews they would be doing.

Front row: Jason Slusar, Shawn Shumate, Jeannie Hunt, Vivianna Martinez. **2nd row**: Dan Delort, Jeff Linsenmeyer, Ryan Mims, Jaime Altamirano, Jennifer Thompson, Irene Vivaldo, and Jolene Whitlock. **Back row**: Valerie Cook, Joanne Martin, Rigo Flores, Kenny Yanez, Michael Koulos, Jessica Limbrick, and Shannon Ptak.

The Final Stretch

"West Chicago was very good to me. I'm sad to leave it, but in the same sense I'm looking forward to the future."
-Dan Deutsch

Mr. Healy stands with Mrs. Owens for singing of the national anthem.

It seemed like it would never end, but on June 1st, 2003, it culminated in one final ceremony. The Class of 2003 finished it's four year long journey through Community High School. From freshman year to the last day as seniors, these students worked and slaved to finally be able to toss their caps in the air and walk away with diplomas, as though one piece of paper could do justice to the four years of memories they each made.

"It's been 4 years - I'm finally free!"
-Elyse Schwinn

Senior Class President Maggie Wdowiarz sheds tears as she hugs Nicole Schar after gradutaing.

"I really wanted to wear nothing under my robe, then I was afraid I'd trip up the steps to get my diploma and changed my mind."
-Sean Chapman

"Advice to future grads: after you throw your hat, pick one up and run."
-Jessica Varble

"It's been a pleasure teaching some of you," said Commencement Speaker Mr. Healy.

It may have seemed like the end, but in every finale lies the opportunity for a more promising beginning. With the caliber of gradutes leaving, there's no doubt they will prove that phrase to be true.

-Katy Kostal

Amanda Koester, Kristin Koltz, Katy Kostal, Heather Koslow and Nicole Kovacevic await their final West Chicago ceremony.

Graduating senior Tom Aguirre waits with Officer Theodore.

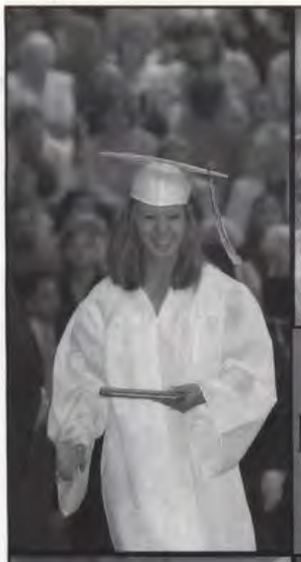
"I really don't have any graduation cliches for you about the road ahead or how this is the beginning of some journey. What I do have is a quote from Socrates that should be acted upon by all: 'An unexamined life is not worth living'."
-Joe Tumidalsky

Valedictorians
Patrick Baur, Mike Doll, Josh Hartman, Katy Kostal, Paul Majchrowski, Erich Musick, Kristina Wanous, and Jody Yednock
Salutatorian
Susan Lincoln

Nick Bernard shares a laugh with his coach Mr. McLeland.

Brittany Swantek beams after graduating.

Tony Reyes and Meredith Koch prepare to leave high school.



"It's time to reflect on the last 4 years...well I'm done."
-Jessica York

"I've learned that things always work out."
-Nick Bernard

"No matter how much I've complained over the years, I'm actually forever grateful for the people I've met and lessons I've learned."
-Hope Vock

"No more French for the rest of my life!"
-Jason Adams

Heather Cirone strolls in to "Pomp and Circumstance."

Japanese exchange student Yuko Otsuka said she'll miss We-Go.

Commencement

The scary day of freshman year~when all the faces weren't clear~ sights and sounds unlike before~engulfed us as we walked through the door~some old friends and familiar faces~led us for a few days through all the strange places~older souls we once had known~had new personalities that were brightly shown~soon came sports, clubs, and dances~new best friends, and romances~as well as studying with the masses~also pressure, no sleep and changes~for worse or better, companions became strangers~finals came and finals went~with some pain, relief, and sentiment~the past 12 years had been so quick~so seemingly endless, and now so tragic~we did not know what we had possessed~it was so much better than our newest best~but we grow social, strong and older~abolish fears, weakness and get bolder~settling into our first year~happened when we all feared~days 'tl the finale, and no more fun~ of daily seeing everyone~seniors are going and soon will be gone~reminding us of that vitamin song~we'll pray for the day when it's our turn~then cry when it comes through all we've earned~so take advantage of this precious time~where the memories will be yours and mine~we'll never have this experience again~so laugh it up with a friend~don't forget how it began~with a twisting stomach and a shaking hand~for soon those feelings will go through repetition~on the final day of graduation

Senior Superlatives

For The Class Of 2003

Most likely to become a Professional Athlete, Katy Kostal, gets ready to run at the 3200m at the State Track Meet.

Jamie Murphy shows off her award-winning smile at prom.

Most...

Changed: Scott Sieder & Kelly Siekmann
Confident: Tony Zumpano & Lindsay Paulsen
Creative: John French & Brandi Ruiz
Daring: Josh Hartman & Nicole Melone
Defiant: Joe Kelly & Jessi Crockatt
Easy Going: Justin Steck & Kristi Nickelson
Gullable: Wyatt Schuyler & Marybeth Stotz
Helpful: Jason Forbrook & Carrie Gallimore
Individualistic: Joe Kelly & Melissa Heron
Intelligent: Pat Baur & Jody Yednock
Mysterious: Matt Shambo & Dali Vargas
Organized: Jeremy Rose & Emily Biancalana
Outspoken: Tony Zumpano & Dominique Scott
School Spirit: Alex Baker & Maggie Wdowiarz
Trendy: Scott McKee & Natalie Chudoba
Understanding: E-man Vazquez & Beca Duran
Unique: Brad Sabathne & Melissa Heron

Best...

Dancer: Rich Miller & Hope Vock
Dressed: Alex Serrato & Lauren Martinez
Eyes: Brian Nelson & Kristi Nickelson
Hair: Alex Baker & Jill Kufta
Laugh: Matt Kallas & Elyse and Heather Barron
Looking: Aron Morris & Margy Schwartz
Musician: Tom Aguirre & Melissa Lund
Person to Copy Homework from:
"Mr. Intelligent" & Lindsey Wonsowski
Personality: E-man Vasquez & Lynn Mielke
Singer: Sean Warren & Elizabeth Valdez
Smile: Matt Coiley & Jamie Murphy

Extras...

Biggest Appetite: Dan Ballines & Aimee Beutke
Biggest Flirt: Simon Blanco & Lindsay Paulsen
Class Clown: Derek Jensen & Ashley Mazzola
Cutest Voice: Greg Moore & Nicole Kovacevic
Friendliest: Jake Delort/Josh Keeley (tie)
& Colleen Mathias
Life of the Party: Class of 2003
Loudest: Chris Sanzeri & Heather Koslow

Most Likely To...

Become Famous: Tom Aguirre & Erin Henry
Become A Game Show Host: Sean Warren & Ashley Mazzola
Become A Millionaire: Erich Musick & Drew Martino
Become An MTV VJ: Alex Serrato & Aimee Beutke
Become President: Jeremy Rose & Dominique Scott
Become A Professional Athlete: Rich Miller & Katy Kostal
Be On Jerry Springer: Chris Sanzeri & Nicole Melone
Be Late for Their Own Funeral: Greg Hodge & Norah McAvoy
Be On A Magazine Cover: Scott Sieder & Margy Schwartz
Be Married with 8 kids: Charlie Cloutier & Laura Wheeland
Be On SNL: Mike Martinez & Ashley Mazzola
Teach at We-Go: Nick Bernard & Maggie Wdowiarz
Travel the World: Joe Tumidalsky & Beth Kipp
Win A Nobel Peace Prize: Luke Dean & Beca Duran
Win An Oscar: Sean Warren & Kristen Koltz

Best personality E-man Vasquez and Lynn Mielke hang out with class clown Ashley Mazzola and friendly Jake Delort.

Prom Queen Aimee Beutke has the biggest appetite of the senior class.

(Left): Class Clown Derek Jensen is often caught amusing his classmates.

(Right): Most Organized Emily Biancalana takes a break from school.

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The Journey

As the Yearbook staff strived for a theme for the 2003 Yearbook, members argued for a theme that would continue to have meaning long after the 2003 school year came to a close. After days of debating ideas ranging from "Take a Walk on the Wildcat Side" to "If Walls Could Talk," one member suggested "Here We Go" – a phrase that serves as both a pun on the school's name and as a phrase echoed in the hallways of the high school at the start of school in August and at the conclusion of school in June.

This phrase "Here We Go" had special meaning for our staff and school. "Here We Go" certainly was muttered under the breath of the football and basketball players who led our teams to victorious seasons for the first time in decades. It was whispered by freshmen as they entered the halls of We-Go for the very first time. The deans spoke it as they dealt with whoever planted that tree on the football field. It was on the lips of those students who danced the night away at the prom. And it was certainly on the minds of West Chicago's alumni, families and friends who served in the Persian Gulf this spring as the United States invaded Iraq.

As the Class of 2003 left West Chicago after graduation this spring, one phrase summed up their plans and dreams. The journey of high school may have ended, but the journey of adulthood has just begun. Here We Go!

-Ms. Santella

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